

A Nimble Taskmaster

Designer W.A.S. Benson's decorative ambitions might have been fueled by the Arts and Crafts movement, but the Englishman didn't shun technological wins of the day—especially if they helped amplify elegance. Case in point, his innovative elbow joints brought agility of form to lighting, reimagined today in Hector Finch's lithe Aubrey desk lamps. To the trade; hectorfinch.com

Romantic Reflections

Recalling the humble beauty of flickering tapers that once illuminated 18th-century American homes, the **Ancram Double sconce** (opposite) celebrates the masterful handiwork of colonial metalworkers; forged iron arms extend from hand-hammered brass plating, easily holding a candle to their historic muses. \$869; ralphlauren.com

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