

Finch & C^o



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19 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 19 CMHIGH , 20 CMWIDE – 7½ INS HIGH , 8 INS WIDE

LITERATURE

THE CONICAL BASE AND CRESCENT HEAD OF THIS HEADREST SUGGEST THE SHAPE OF AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ONE .

HEADRESTS ARE OFTEN USED IN SOUTHERN ETHIOPIA TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO SLEEP WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH THEIR ELABORATE HAIRSTYLES WHICH ARE POWERFUL PERSONAL SYMBOLIC ACCOUTREMENTS AND THEREFORE MUST BE PROTECTED .