

Finch & C^o



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ENGRAVED WITH SCENES OF A SLAVE BOY SMOKING AND DREAMING OF HIS MISTRESS, AND ON THE REVERSE WITH A
SCENE OF A PROPOSAL BY THE YOUNG SLAVE TO HIS SWEETHEART

CIRCA 1860 – 1870

SIZE : 16 CM HIGH, 6.5 CM DIA – 6¼ INS HIGH, 2½ INS DIA

LITERATURE

FOLK ART HAS BEEN RECOGNISED AS AN AMERICAN ARTISTIC TRADITION FOR OVER 80 YEARS AND IN THAT TIME HAS
COME TO REPRESENT THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE AND SPIRIT. THE ARTISTS WERE THE SOCIAL HISTORIANS, AND THE
UNACKNOWLEDGED DOCUMENTERS, OF A WAY OF LIFE THAT SHOULD NOT GO UNRECORDED OR BECOME FORGOTTEN.

OBJECTS SUCH AS THIS EXEMPLIFY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ART OF THE EVERYDAY IN AMERICA