

Finch & C^o



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18 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 13 CM HIGH , 13.5 CM DIA – 5 INS HIGH , 5¼ INS DIA

COCONUTS , IN THEIR NATIVE LANDS WERE A NEVER ENDING CROP AND AS THE COMMONEST FORM OF EATING AND DRINKING VESSELS LITTLE LABOUR WAS USUALLY EXPENDED ON ORNAMENTING THEM . HOWEVER , AS EARLY IMPORTS TO EUROPE , JUST LIKE OSTRICH EGGS , THEY WERE GREAT RARITIES AND AS VALUABLE OBJECTS THEY WERE CARVED BY SKILLED CRAFTSMEN AND CONVERTED INTO SILVER MOUNTED GOBLETS AND CUPS , OR THE BODIES OF JUGS .