

Finch & C^o



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CIRCA 1784 – 1789
SIZE : 11CM HIGH , 7.5 CM DIA – 4¼ INS HIGH , 3 INS DIA

LITERATURE

MOUNTED CUPS , JUGS , AND BOWLS WERE POPULAR FROM EARLY MEDIAEVAL TIMES . WOOD , COCONUTS , OSTRICH EGGS , ROCK CRYSTAL , MOTHER OF PEARL , SERPENTINE AND RARE PORCELAIN FROM THE EAST , WERE ALL MADE INTO USEFUL OR ORNAMENTAL VESSELS BY THE ADDITION OF BRASS , SILVER OR GOLD MOUNTS . OFTEN HIGHLY PRIZED AS MAGICAL OBJECTS MADE OF RARE MATERIALS FROM FAR AWAY LANDS THESE ITEMS SURVIVED THE CENTURIES IN CABINETS OF CURIOSITIES .