

Finch & C^o



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19 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 21.5 CMLONG – 8½ INS LONG

WIND PACKED SNOW IS DIFFICULT TO SHOVEL BUT CAN BE EASILY CUT AND SHAPED WITH A WALRUS IVORY 'KNIFE' .
SNOW BLOCKS WERE ALSO CUT AND USED TO MAKE WINDBREAKS AND STORAGE PLATFORMS LONG BEFORE THE
'IGLOO' OR SNOW HOUSE WAS INVENTED .