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19 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 51 CM WIDE , 23 CM DEEP – 20 INS WIDE , 9 INS DEEP

ANOTHER SPECIMEN SOMEWHAT SMALLER ;

SIZE : 13 CM WIDE 15 CM DEEP – 5 INS WIDE , 6 INS DEEP

## **LITERATURE**

IN THE EUROPEAN COLLECTIONS OF NATURALIA BEGUN IN THE 16 TH AND 17 TH CENTURIES UNUSUAL SPECIMENS OF FUNGUS WERE EAGERLY SOUGHT AFTER . THEY WERE AN EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENA , UNIQUE , SPRINGING MYSTERIOUSLY FROM THE EARTH . OFTEN USED BY APOTHECARYS THEY WERE ALWAYS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCHEMY AND MAGICAL POTIONS .

PUT INTO CABINETS OF CURIOSITIES AND ENDOWED WITH MEANING THEY BECAME OBJECTS TO BE DESIRED BY THE COLLECTOR .