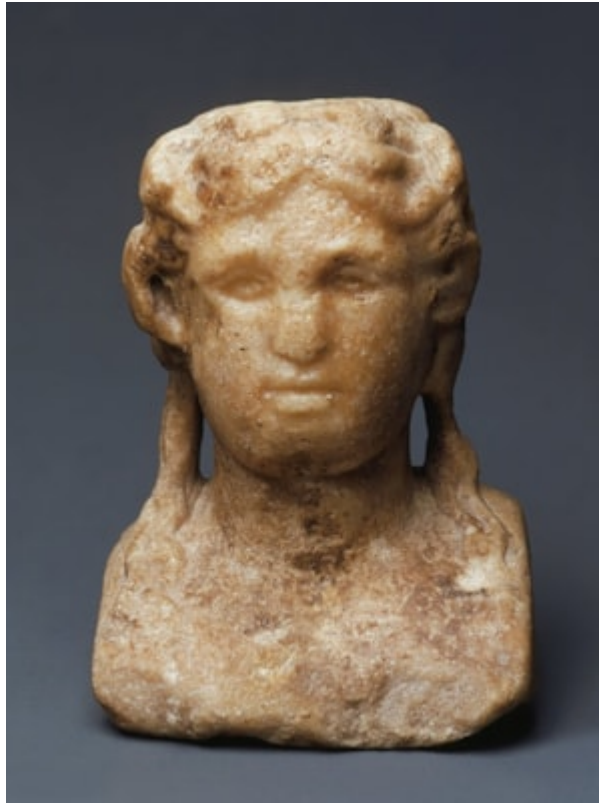


Finch & C^o



A ROMANO-BRITISH MARBLE HEAD OF BACCHUS OR DIONYSIS

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2ND – 3RD CENTURY AD

SIZE : 14 CM HIGH , 10 CM WIDE , 8 CM DEEP – 5½ INS HIGH , 4 INS WIDE , 3¼ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

BACCHUS WAS THE ROMAN GOD OF WINE AND INTOXICATION AND ENJOYED A CONSIDERABLE CULT FOLLOWING . THIS MARBLE HEAD IS REPUTED TO HAVE BEEN FOUND IN 19TH CENTURY BATH , A TOWN THAT IN ROMAN TIMES WAS SERIOUSLY DEDICATED TO HEALING AND RECREATION .