

Finch & C^o



A ROMAN MARBLE FRAGMENT DEPICTING MERCURY HOLDING HIS STAFF

A ROMAN MARBLE FRAGMENT DEPICTING MERCURY HOLDING HIS STAFF , THE CADUCEUS . PROBABLY FROM A
SARCOPHAGUS PANEL

1 ST CENTURY AD

SIZE : 9.5 CM HIGH , 15 CM WIDE – 3¾ INS HIGH , 6 INS WIDE

LITERATURE

MERCURY WAS THE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD'S AND MORTALS , A MESSENGER BETWEEN THE DEAD AND THE LIVING
AND ALWAYS IN MOTION . KNOWN AS THE GOD OF CIRCULATION HE WAS ALSO THE PATRON DEITY OF SHOPKEEPERS
AND TRANSPORTERS OF GOODS , PARTICULARLY GRAIN .