

Finch & C^o



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18 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 23 CMLONG , 9.5 CMWIDE – 9 INS LONG , 3¾ INS WIDE

THE SIMPLEST OBJECT IN THE SCHOLAR'S STUDIO IS THE PAPER WEIGHT . ITS FUNCTION WAS TO KEEP THE PAPER FROM CURLING UP OR MOVING WHILE THE CALLIGRAPHER OR ARTIST WAS WORKING . A SCROLL THAT WAS OPENED FOR VIEWING WOULD ALSO CLOSE UP AGAIN IF THE ENDS WERE NOT HELD IN PLACE WITH A WEIGHT . THIS BEAUTIFUL POLISHED RECTANGULAR IVORY SLAB IS A PURE AND SIMPLE SCHOLAR'S OBJECT , THAT WHEN IN USE WOULD NOT DISTRACT HIM FROM HIS ARTISTIC PURPOSE .

LITERATURE

A SIMILAR IVORY SCROLL WEIGHT CAN BEEN SEEN NEXT TO THE THE ROOTWOOD VASE FILLED WITH SCROLLS IN THE RIGHTHAND PAINTED WALLPAPER PANEL NOW SOLD (ON VIEW ON OUR ONLINE GALLERY)