

# *Finch & C<sup>o</sup>*



## **AN IVORY CHINESE SCHOLAR'S PAPER WEIGHT**

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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 FROMCURLING 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 HIMFROMHIS 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 )