

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



## **A MOCHE , PRE COLUMBIAN PERUVIAN BLACKWARE VESSEL**

A MOCHE , PRE COLUMBIAN PERUVIAN BLACKWARE VESSEL WITH STIRRUP RING SPOUT

CIRCA 200 – 800 A.D

SIZE : 21 CM HIGH , 14 CM DIA. – 8¼ INS HIGH , 5½ INS DIA.

### **LITERATURE**

POTTERY WAS THE CHIEF MEANS OF EXPRESSION OF ALL EARLY PERUVIANS AND STIRRUP RING SPOUT VESSELS WERE TYPICAL OF ALL THE VESSELS MADE ON THE NORTHERN COAST OF PERU . THE MOCHE ARTISTS WERE PARTICULARLY FOND OF USING PLANTS AS MOTIFS FOR THEIR POTTERY DECORATION . MORE THAN HALF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS USED IN THE WORLD TODAY WERE CULTIVATED BY THE INCA'S AT THE TIME OF THE CONQUEST INCLUDING MAIZE , NOW THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT FOOD CROP IN THE WORLD , AND POTATOES , TOMATOES , COCOA , CHILLI PEPPERS , TOBACCO AND MANY MORE . THIS VESSEL IS MODELLED WITH TWO HUMMING BIRDS PECKING AT THE TENDRILS OF WHAT LOOKS TO BE A TOMATO PLANT .