

Finch & C^o



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EARLY 20 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 51 CMLONG , 20 INS LONG

LITERATURE

THE BEST MELANESIAN LIME SPATULA'S SEEM TO HAVE BEEN CARVED ON THE TROBRIAND ISLANDS. BOTH FIGURAL AND ABSTRACT IN DESIGN THEY HAVE BEEN COLLECTED BY TRAVELLERS AND MISSIONARIES SINCE THE 19 TH CENTURY .

WOMEN USED SPATULA SUCH AS THIS WITH GEOMETRIC FINIALS .

ALL LIME CONTAINERS HAVE A SPATULA AS A NECESSARY TOOL TO REMOVE THE CRUSHED LIME AND CHOPPED BETEL NUT . THE MIXTURE WOULD THEN BE TAKEN FROM THE END OF THE SPATULA .