

Finch & C^o



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AN OLD INSCRIPTION READING : ' FIJI ISLANDS ARMLET – MISS VINCENT'

19TH CENTURY

SIZE : 10 CM DIA (MAX) 0.5 CM THICKNESS – 4 INS DIA (MAX) ¼ INS THICKNESS

LITERATURE

ALTHOUGH THE OLD INK INSCRIPTION STATES 'FIJI ISLANDS' AS THE ORIGIN OF THIS SHELL BRACELET, IT IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO HAVE COME FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA WHERE THESE ARMBANDS ARE OFTEN WORN SEVERAL AT A TIME. IT IS, OF COURSE, POSSIBLE THAT IT FOUND ITS WAY TO FIJI VIA AN OLD TRADE ROUTE.