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DEPICTING THREE DOCUMENTARY VIGNETTES; THE FIRST WITH A WELL DRESSED COUPLE ARM IN ARM, THE SECOND SHOWING HIM PLAYING A WIND INSTRUMENT WHILST SHE SEWS AND EMBROIDERS SEATED ON A CHAIR, THE LAST WITH TWO GIRLS DANCING WHILE TWO OTHERS HARVEST FRUIT FROM A TREE

PROBABLY AMERICAN

MID 19TH CENTURY

SIZE : 13 CM LONG, 9.5 CM DIA. – 5¼ INS LONG, 3¾ INS DIA.

LITERATURE

COCONUT SHELLS HAVE FOR MANY CENTURIES BEEN USED FOR ALL KINDS OF TREEN. THEY HAVE BEEN CARVED INTO FLASKS, BOWLS, CUPS, SPOONS AND BOXES, AND AS EARLY IMPORTS INTO EUROPE THEY WERE GREAT RARITIES AND COSTLY OBJECTS CARVED BY SKILLED CRAFTSMEN FOR MANY OF THE COURTLY 'WONDER' CABINETS.