

Finch & C^o



A RARE RUSSIAN MINERAL SPAR TOWER

A RARE MINERAL SPAR TOWER, SOME SPECIMENS MARKED WITH PAPER NUMBERS, TOGETHER WITH AN OLD LABEL
DETAILING THE MINERALS USED

LATE 19TH CENTURY

SIZE : 24.5 HIGH X 5 CM DEEP

9³/₄ INS HIGH X 2 INS DEEP

LITERATURE

ITEMS OF MINERALOGICAL INTEREST SUCH AS THIS SPAR TOWER WERE MADE AS COLLECTORS' ITEMS IN RUSSIA
THROUGHOUT THE 19TH CENTURY.

MANY PRECIOUS CUT AND POLISHED STONE OBJECTS WERE AVIDLY PUT INTO CABINETS OF CURIOSITIES AS
TREASURED POSSESSIONS. SUCH OBJECTS PROCLAIMED THEIR OWNERS PRESTIGE AND STATUS AND DISPLAYED
THEIR WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE WIDER WORLD.