

Finch & C^o



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LATE 19TH CENTURY

SIZE : 20 CM HIGH

8 INS HIGH

LITERATURE

THESE HANDSOME COMBS ARE MADE FROM LENGTHS OF TREE FERN DECORATED WITH INTERWOVEN STRIPS OF ORCHID VINE AND COCONUT PALM. WORN AS HAIR ORNAMENTS BY BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, THEY COME FROM THE INTERIOR OF MALAITA AND ARE CIRCULATED BY EXCHANGE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE SOLOMAN ISLAND GROUP.