

Finch & C^o



AN AMETHYST SPECIMEN WITH TWO FINELY WORKED GOLD MINERS AT WORK

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GERMAN, PROBABLY NUREMBURG

LATE 17TH CENTURY - EARLY 18TH CENTURY

SIZE : 7 CM WIDE X 3 CM HIGH X 5.5 CM DEEP

2¾ INS WIDE X 1¼ INS HIGH X 2¼ INS DEEP

LITERATURE

THE HOHENZOLLERNS HAD A HABIT OF COLLECTING PRECIOUS OBJECTS AND SENT OUT AGENTS ACROSS EUROPE TO 'PURCHASE RARITIES AND STRANGE OBJECTS'. THE ORIGINS OF THEIR BRANDENBURG KUNSTKAMMER ARE NOW SHROUDED IN DARKNESS, LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT ITS LOCATION AND MOST OF THE ORIGINAL INVENTORIES WERE LOST DURING WORLD WAR II, ALTHOUGH A FEW OBJECTS REMAIN IN THE THE BERLIN MUSEUMS. THIS AMUSING GOLDSMITHS CREATION IS TYPICAL OF THE OBJECT SO DESIRED BY THE PRINCELY COLLECTOR FOR HIS KUNSTKAMMER.