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A COLLECTION OF NINE INDIAN CARVED IVORY BOTANICAL MODELS OF EXOTIC FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

CIRCA 1870-80

SIZE: 11 CM LONG – 4¼ INS LONG (MAX) – 4 CM LONG – 1½ INS LONG (MIN)

SEE FINCH AND CO CATALOGUE NO. 8, ITEM NO. 22 FOR ANOTHER COLLECTION SCULPTED IN WAX

LITERATURE

BOTANICAL MODELS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES WERE ORIGINALLY MADE TO AID SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. THESE BEAUTIFULLY CARVED ELEPHANT IVORY EXAMPLES WERE ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO REPRESENTING EXOTIC, RARE VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN AND UNUSUAL SPECIMENS THAT COULD EXCITE VISIONS OF DISTANT LANDS. NOW THEY HAVE BECOME COMMONPLACE, EASILY OBTAINABLE, AND THE INGREDIENTS OF MANY RECIPES FROM THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT.