

Finch & C^o



**A PAIR OF PLAINS BEADED HIDE NATIVE AMERICAN MOCCASINS
A PAIR OF PLAINS BEADED HIDE NATIVE AMERICAN MOCCASINS WITH A
RADIATING FLORAL SPRAY ON THE VAMP AND LONG HIDE STRAPS ON HIGH
BUCKSKIN CUFFS, PROBABLY CROW**

CIRCA 1880-1890

SIZE: 26CMLONG

LITERATURE

IN TRADING POSTS SUCH AS BENT'S FORT IN COLORADO AND FORT STILL, OKLAHOMA, OLD GLASS BEAD SAMPLE CARDS WHICH WERE USED BY THE TRADERS BEFORE 1900 HAD MORE THAN 80 COLOURS OF SEED BEADS FROM WHICH THE NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN COULD CHOOSE. IT WAS SAID THAT CROW WOMEN 'GENERALLY EMPLOYED ONLY SEVEN COLOURS IN THEIR WORK' AND THAT THEY SHOWED LITTLE DISPOSITION WITH DIFFERENT COLOUR COMBINATIONS. CROW WOMEN ALSO DID A LIMITED AMOUNT OF FLORAL BEADWORK DURING THE LATE 19TH CENTURY PARTICULARLY ON MOCCASINS, AS WELL AS LEGGINGS, WAISTCOATS, BELT POUCHES AND GAUNTLETS. THE PATTERNS WERE CONVENTIONALISED REPRESENTATIONS OF LEAVES AND STEMS AS WELL AS FLOWERS SUCH AS ON THIS PAIR OF MOCCASINS.