

Finch & C^o



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PROBABLY BLACKFOOT

CIRCA 1860-1870

SIZE: APPROX: 50CM LONG

LITERATURE

CEREMONIAL OBJECTS HAD TO BE ACTIVATED TO CONVEY THEIR SYMBOLIC ASSOCIATIONS. THE LIGHTER THE OBJECT THE EASIER IT WAS TO HANDLE TO INVOKE THE SPIRITS AND SPACE OF THE BEYOND. ROACHES AND HAIR ORNAMENTS WERE LIGHT ENOUGH TO BE BLOWN BY THE WIND WHEN WORN. DYED DEER HAIR HEAD DRESSES WERE TRANSFORMED AND ANIMATED BY DANCERS WHO WORE THEM.