

# Finch & C<sup>o</sup>



## **A COLLECTION OF FIVE SOLOMON ISLANDS CLAM SHELL SPINNING HOOKS**

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THE SHANKS WITH SERRATED EDGES, CARVED SHELL HOOKS, COCONUT FIBRE SNOODS, TIED WITH HEMP  
LATE 19TH CENTURY  
SIZE: 15CMLONG – 6 INS LONG (MAX)  
11.5CMLONG – 4½ INS LONG (MIN.)

## **LITERATURE**

IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS THE BONITO, A PREDATORY FISH RELATED TO THE TUNA IS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOOD. THE PRESENCE OF A SHOAL IS INDICATED BY SEA BIRDS WHICH FOLLOW THE SMALL FISH ON WHICH THE BONITO FEED. THE BONITO ARE CAUGHT WITH UN-BAITED SPINNING HOOKS THAT ARE TOWED BEHIND CANOES, AS THE BONITO MISTAKE THESE SHELL HOOKS FOR SMALL FISH.