

Finch & C^o



VICTORIAN SPECIMENS OF BRACKET FUNGUS (GANODERMA RESINACEUM)

TWO LARGE VICTORIAN SPECIMENS OF BRACKET FUNGUS (GANODERMA RESINACEUM)

BOTH WITH OLD PAPER LABELS READING: 'FUNGI CAB. NO. 4'

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: APPROX. 18CM HIGH, 29CM WIDE – 7 INS HIGH, 11½ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

FUNGUS HAS LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ALCHEMY AND MAGICAL POTIONS. SPRINGING MYSTERIOUSLY, OFTEN OVERNIGHT FROM THE EARTH OR FROM TREES THEY ARE UNIQUE AND EXTRAORDINARY PHENOMENA. AS A SOURCE OF WONDER THEY WERE OFTEN COLLECTED AND PUT INTO CABINETS OF CURIOSITIES.