

Finch & C^o



DECORATED BONE HAIR COMB AND ORNAMENT

AN INTERESTING DECORATED BONE HAIR COMB AND ORNAMENT
WITH A LARGE RED COTTON POMPOM WORN BY TIEN WOMEN, NORTH VIETNAM, UPPER TONKIN ON THE BORDERS OF
SOUTH YUNNAN, CHINA

DECORATED BONE, GLASS TRADE BEADS, WOOD AND COTTON

LATE 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 58CMLONG – 22¾ INS LONG (APPROX)

LITERATURE

MANY OF THE HIGHLAND FOREST TRIBES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA CUT OFF BY THE MOUNTAIN RANGES HAVE LIVED IN ISOLATION FOR CENTURIES. THESE REMOTE SCATTERED GROUPS OF NOMADIC CULTIVATORS BELIEVE THE HUMAN HEAD TO BE A SPECIAL REPOSITORY OF SPIRITUAL POWER AND DECORATE IT ACCORDINGLY.