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THE TIP WITH A SILVER POINT

18TH CENTURY

SIZE: 179.5 CMLONG – 7³/₄ INS LONG

LITERATURE

ALL NARWHAL TUSKS ARE LEFT SPIRALLED AND SOMETIMES, ON VERY RARE OCCASIONS, TWO TUSK NARWHALS OCCUR AND ARE ALMOST ALWAYS FEMALE. HOWEVER, IN THE 1960'S OFF THE COAST OF GREENLAND A NARWHAL WAS NOTICED WITH THREE TUSKS. IT HAD TWO LONG AND SOLID TUSKS WHICH WERE THE SAME IN LENGTH AND SHAPE WHILST THE THIRD WAS SLIM AND LOCATED BESIDE THE LEFT TOOTH. THIS UNUSUAL ANIMAL WAS SEEN ON TWO SUCCESSIVE DAYS SURROUNDED BY SEVERAL OTHER PROTECTIVE MALES, AND WAS SO DISTINCT THAT NO DOUBT EXISTED ABOUT THE OBSERVATION OF ITS THREE SPIRALLING TUSKS.