Finch & Co

GERMAN OR AUSTRIAN SILVER MOUNTED HUNTING AMULET 'CHARIVARI'

A RARE GERMAN OR AUSTRIAN SILVER MOUNTED HUNTING AMULET 'CHARIVARI' MADE FROM THE JAWS OF A WOLVERINE.
WITH JEWELLED GREEN PASTE EYES
18TH CENTURY
SIZE: 3CM HIGH, 5CM LONG, 4CM WIDE – 1¼ INS HIGH, 2 INS LONG, 1½ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

THE WOLVERINE IS A SOLITARY, GROUND LIVING FOREST ANIMAL FOUND IN NORTHERN EUROPE AND SIBERIA AND IS RENOWNED FOR ITS THICK AND LUXURIOUS FUR. IT IS HEAVILY BUILT AND IS IMMENSELY STRONG FOR ITS SIZE, CAPABLE OF KILLING ANIMALS MUCH LARGER THAN ITSELF. THE WOLVERINE ALSO HAS AN ABILITY TO RUN AT HIGH SPEED OVER FROZEN SNOW ENABLING IT TO CATCH PREY SUCH AS REINDEER WHICH CAN OUTPACE IT DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. BY WEARING THIS AMULET THE HUNTER BELIEVED HE WOULD GAIN THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE ANIMAL AND THE WOLVERINE IS A VERY SUCCESSFUL AND POWERFUL HUNTER.