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THE FOLDING TRIGGER WITH TWO ATTACHED BAYONET BLADES AND A GERMAN SILVER BACK STRAP WITH A FLIP UP BREECH LOADING MECHANISM
30 CALIBRE FIRE. THE HANDLE OF POLISHED HORN. MADE BY UNWIN & RODGERS OF SHEFFIELD, THE LARGEST BLADE MARKED 'PROTECTOR'
IN FINE CONDITION
CIRCA 1860
SIZE: 17CM LONG – 6¾ INS LONG

LITERATURE

COMBINATION KNIFE PISTOLS WITH FOLDING BLADES WERE POPULAR WITH VICTORIAN GENTLEMEN IN ENGLAND IN THE MID-19TH CENTURY AS A MEANS OF SELF-DEFENCE. THEY WERE OFTEN ALSO USED BY SAILORS AS PROTECTION WHEN ASHORE IN FOREIGN PORTS. MADE BY UNWIN & RODGERS OF SHEFFIELD THEY USED BLACK POWDER AND WERE SOLD IN VARIOUS SMALL CALIBRES.