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THIRTEEN INDIAN CARVED IVORY BOTANICAL MODELS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

A COLLECTION OF THIRTEEN INDIAN CARVED IVORY BOTANICAL MODELS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES INCLUDING BRINJAL (AUBERGINE) PAHARI MIRCH (CHILI) BHINDI (OKRA) AND THE LABLAB BEAN
CIRCA 1870-80

SIZE: 10CM LONG – 4 INS LONG (MAX) – 3CM HIGH, 1¼ INS HIGH (MIN)

SEE: FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 9, ITEM NO. 18, FOR ANOTHER COLLECTION

LITERATURE

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES HAVE FORMED THE BASIS OF THE HUMAN DIET FOR MILLENNIA, THEIR ESSENCES HAVE BEEN USED AS PERFUMES AND THEY HAVE HELD SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE FOR MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES AND RELIGIONS.

ORIGINALLY MADE TO AID SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THE 19TH CENTURY THESE CARVED IVORY BOTANICAL MODELS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES REPRESENTED EXOTIC, UNUSUAL AND RARE SPECIMENS THAT WERE ONCE VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN IN WESTERN CULINARY AND GARDENING TRADITIONS. TODAY THEY ARE READILY AVAILABLE AND EASILY OBTAINABLE AND HAVE BECOME FAMILIAR AS INGREDIENTS IN THE RECIPES OF THE INDIAN SUB CONTINENT.