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## **AMERICAN SAILORS SCRIMSHAW PATRIOTIC STAYBUSK**

AN INTERESTING AMERICAN SAILORS SCRIMSHAW PATRIOTIC STAYBUSK  
ENGRAVED WITH SCENES OF A PADDLE STEAMER FLYING A RED COLOURED REPUBLICAN FLAG AND WITH TWO  
IMPOSING URBAN AMERICAN BUILDINGS  
PROBABLY BASED ON ILLUSTRATIONS FROM JOHN WARNER BARBER'S BOOK 'THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL  
COLLECTIONS' PUBLISHED IN NEW HAVEN IN 1838  
CIRCA 1845 – 50  
SIZE: 40CM WIDE, 4CM HIGH – 15¾ INS WIDE, 1½ INS HIGH

## **LITERATURE**

SEE: FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 15, ITEM NO. 39, FOR ANOTHER SCRIMSHAW STAYBUSK  
INTENDED AS A STAY IN FRONT OF A WOMAN'S BODICE OR CORSET THESE BUSKS ARE MADE OF PAN BONE, THE LOWER  
JAW OF A SPERM WHALE, WHOSE FLAT SURFACE WAS FAIRLY EASY TO INSCRIBE WHEN 'GREEN' EVEN WITH A SAILORS  
JACK KNIFE. POPULAR AS LOVE TOKENS THEY WERE USUALLY 10 TO 12 INCHES LONG AND WERE INSERTED IN A  
VERTICAL POCKET IN THE FRONT OF THE CORSET TO KEEP THE GARMENT FROM BUNCHING WHEN TIGHTLY LACED.