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ONE FORMED AS A HUMAN FIGURE THE OTHER AS A FOX WITH A FORKED TAIL
18TH - 19TH CENTURY
SIZES: A: 3CM HIGH – 1¼ INS HIGH (MAN)
B: 5CM LONG – 2 INS LONG (FOX)

LITERATURE

ESKIMOS HAVE MADE CARVINGS OF SMALL ANIMALS AND HUMAN FIGURES FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS AND OFTEN THEY SHOW ONLY MINOR CHANGES IN FORM THROUGH TIME. THESE CARVINGS PROBABLY DEPICT A SHAMAN'S HELPING SPIRITS WHO FLOAT NOISELESSLY THROUGH THE NETHER WORLD AND WHO HAVE SACRED, PROTECTING POWERS.