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## **SAILORS SCRIMSHAW WHALEBONE AND CARVED SPERM WHALE TOOTH WALKING CANE**

A SAILORS SCRIMSHAW WHALEBONE AND CARVED SPERM WHALE TOOTH WALKING CANE  
THE HANDLE A CARVED CUFFED AND CLENCHED FIST GRASPING A SNAKE WITH A LATER SILVER COLLAR HALLMARKED  
LONDON 1903.

BALEEN, WHALEBONE, SPERM WHALE IVORY AND SILVER

SMOOTH OLD POLISHED PATINA

CIRCA 1870 – 80

SIZE: 86.5CM LONG – 34 INS LONG

## **LITERATURE**

IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE CLOSED FIST WITH A CUFF AT THE WRIST SYMBOLISES THE FRIENDSHIP HAND AND THAT THE SCRIMSHANDER ON BOARD SHIP WAS CARVING A CANE FOR USE ON LAND THAT WOULD CONVEY FRIENDLINESS AND GOOD WILL.