

Finch & C^o



SAILORS SCRIMSHAW WHALEBONE WALKING CANE

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WITH A CARVED SPERM WHALE TOOTH IVORY HANDLE FORMED AS A RUFFED CLENCHED FIST HOLDING A SNAKE

THE TIP WITH A METAL FERRULE

CIRCA 1840 – 50

SIZE: 81.5CM LONG – 32 INS LONG

LITERATURE

THE AVAILABILITY OF UNLIMITED HOURS ON BOARD THE WHALING SHIPS ENABLED THE SCRIMSHANDER THROUGH EXTRAORDINARY PATIENCE TO DEVELOP HIS SKILLS AND CREATE HIS OWN STYLE OF CARVING. THE HAND SYMBOLISED PROTECTION, JUSTICE AND POWER, AND THE SNAKE PRECEDES THE AMERICAN EAGLE AS THE SYMBOL OF UNITY OF THE COLONIES OF THE UNITED STATES.