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## SAILORS SCRIMSHAW WALKING CANE

A SAILORS SCRIMSHAW WALKING CANE THE TAPERING WHALEBONE SHAFT CARVED TO RESEMBLE THE TUSK OF A NARWHAL. THE SPERM WHALE TOOTH IVORY KNOP INLAID WITH A RED SEALING WAX ROUNDEL ON A BALEEN COLLAR CIRCA 1850 SIZE: 88CMLONG – 341/2 INS LONG

## LITERATURE

A NAUTICAL SAILORS CANE WAS NOT MADE FOR USE ON BOARD A WHALE SHIP, BUT THEY WERE POPULAR ITEMS FOR THE SCRIMSHANDER TO MAKE, AS THERE WAS A READY MARKET FOR THEM ONCE BACK IN PORT AND IT WAS A WAY FOR SKILLED CRAFTSMEN TO SHOW OFF.