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SAILORS SCRIMSHAW WALKING CANE

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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: 88CM LONG – 34½ 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.