

Finch & C^o



VICTORIAN GENTLEMAN'S WALKING CANE

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THE HANDLE OF CARVED MOTHER OF PEARL SHAPED AS A LADY'S LEG WEARING A HIGH-BUTTONED BOOT SET ON AN
EBONY SHAFT WITH A GOLD COLLAR

CIRCA 1860

SIZE: 86CM LONG – 34 INS LONG

LITERATURE

FROM THE 16TH CENTURY AND POSSIBLY EARLIER MEN OF MEANS AND STATUS, WHEN HAVING TO MOVE AMONG THE
MASSES, CARRIED CANES WITH A POUNCET BOX KNOB WITH A GOLD AND SILVER OUTER COVER AND A PERFORATED
INNER ONE CONTAINING A SPONGE SOAKED IN AROMATIC VINEGAR. DESIGNED TO WARD OFF EVIL SMELLS AND
DISEASES, THESE POMANDER STICKS SOMETIMES HAD A SECOND CAVITY THAT WAS USED FOR CARRYING MONEY. THUS
WAS THE FASHION FOR WALKING CANES BEGUN.