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THE WHOLE MOUNTED ON A CARVED APRON SET ON FOUR IVORY-CLAWED PAW FEET

CIRCA 1840-60

SIZE: 9.5CM HIGH, 15CM DIA. – 3¾ INS HIGH, 6 INS DIA.

SEE FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO.16, ITEM NO.19, FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE

LITERATURE

SOLITAIRE, AS ITS NAME IMPLIES, IS A GAME FOR ONE PLAYED ON A BOARD WITH PEGS, WHICH CAN VARY IN NUMBER. MOVES ARE MADE BY JUMPING, AND THE PEG WHICH IS JUMPED OVER IS THEN REMOVED, THE OBJECT BEING TO LEAVE THE LAST ONE IN THE CENTRE. THE GAME REACHED BRITAIN FROM EUROPE IN THE 18TH CENTURY AND THE COLONIAL BRITISH INTRODUCED SOLITAIRE AMONGST OTHER GAMES, SUCH AS BRIDGE, TO INDIA IN THE 19TH CENTURY WHERE IT QUICKLY BECAME A POPULAR COURTLY PASTIME.