

Finch & C^o



BERING SEA ESKIMO INUIT CARVED WALRUS IVORY AMULETIC CHARM

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IN THE FORM OF A POLAR BEAR

18TH - 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 6CM LONG – 2¼ INS LONG

LITERATURE

THESE SPECIAL TINY WALRUS IVORY CARVINGS OF ANIMALS ARE WORN OR CARRIED BY HUNTERS WHO BELIEVE THAT THE AMULETS HAVE SUPERNATURAL POWERS TO SEE AND HEAR ROAMING POLAR BEARS THAT ARE FAR AWAY. THEY LEAD THE HUNTERS TO THE BEARS OR CALL THE ANIMALS TOWARDS THE HUNTERS, AND GUIDE THEIR ARROWS, LANCES AND HARPOONS WHILST APPEASING THE SPIRIT OF THE BEAR.