

Finch & C^o



REMARKABLE BUTCHER'S STEEL, THE HANDLE WITH A FINE CARVING IN IVORY OF A PRIZE BULL'S HEAD

A REMARKABLE BUTCHER'S STEEL, THE HANDLE WITH A FINE CARVING IN IVORY OF A PRIZE BULL'S HEAD WITH INLAID

GLASS EYES

THE STEEL SHAFT MARKED 'HERBERT & SONS 6 & 7 WEST SMITHFIELD'

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 54CM LONG – 21¼ INS LONG

LITERATURE

DURING THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES TRAVELLING BUTCHERS WERE TO BE FOUND IN EVERY VILLAGE WHERE THE COTTAGERS KEPT A PIG, LARGELY FED FROM SCRAPS, CHICKENS AND SOMETIMES A FEW SHEEP, GOATS AND OFTEN A COW FOR MILK THAT WOULD ALSO PRODUCE A CALF ONCE A YEAR. THE TRAVELLING BUTCHER CARRIED MOST OF HIS OWN TOOLS WITH HIM, BUT THE COTTAGERS WOULD PROMDE THE BRITCHER USED FOR PROPPING UP THE CARCASS OF A BULLOCK, HOG STOOLS AND BENCHES, AND GAMBRELS, A CURVED BAR USED FOR STRETCHING THE CARCASS OF A HOG OR CALF.