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## **SAILORS SCRIMSHAW CARVED WHALEBONE FID**

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OLD SMOOTH PATINA

CIRCA 1850-60

SIZE: 21.5CMLONG – 8½ INS LONG

SEE FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 12, ITEM NO. 70, CATALOGUE NO. 15, ITEM NO. 13, FOR OTHER EXAMPLES

## **LITERATURE**

THE 19TH CENTURY WHALE MEN CARVED FIDS FROM THE PAN-BONE OF CAPTURED WHALES TO USE ON BOARD SHIP FOR INSERTING THIMBLES INTO PREPARED ROPE, REAMING OUT GROMMETS, SPLICING ROPE, WORKING KNOTS AND ESPECIALLY FOR OPENING HOLES IN A CANVAS SAIL, AS THE SAIL MAKER PREFERRED SPREADING THE THREADS OF THE CANVAS RATHER THAN CUTTING A HOLE IN IT.