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SAILORS SCRIMSHAW CARVED WALRUS IVORY SEAM RUBBER

A SAILORS SCRIMSHAW CARVED WALRUS IVORY SEAM RUBBER, A SAIL MAKER'S LINER
ENGRAVED WITH A HEART MOTIF AND THE INITIALS 'JR'
FINE OLD GOLDEN COLOUR AND SMOOTH PATINA
MID 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 11CM LONG – 4¼ INS LONG
SEE FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 16, ITEM NO. 35, FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE

LITERATURE

THESE IMPLEMENTS WERE MADE IN THE DAYS OF SAIL BY WHALERS AND USED ON BOARD SHIP FOR SMOOTHING THE SEAMS IN CANVAS SAILS. THE SHAPED END OF THE LINER WAS PUSHED AND PRESSED AWAY FROM THE USER FLATTENING THE DOUBLE LINE OF WAXED TWIN STITCHES INTO THE CANVAS, MAKING A ROW OF 'DEAD MEN'.