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GERMAN, PROBABLY BAVARIAN, SILVER WAISTCOAT CHAIN

AN UNUSUAL GERMAN, PROBABLY BAVARIAN, SILVER WAISTCOAT CHAIN DECORATED WITH A COLLECTION OF EIGHT INDIVIDUALLY SILVER MOUNTED HUNTING AMULETS 'CHARIVARI'
CONSISTING OF AN ERMINE'S TAIL, THE HORN OF A YOUNG ROEBUCK, TWO WOLVES TEETH, THE TUSK OF A WILD BOAR, AN OTTER'S PENIS BONE, AN AMETHYST CRYSTAL, A BADGER'S TAIL AND THE PENIS BONE OF A BROWN BEAR
MID 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 28.5CM LONG – 11¼ INS LONG
SEE FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO.11, ITEM NO.62, AND CATALOGUE NO.13, ITEM NO.96, FOR OTHER EXAMPLES

LITERATURE

'CHARIVARI' ARE HUNTING AMULETS THAT ARE MUCH PRIZED IN EUROPE FOR THEIR ABILITY TO BRING SUCCESS TO THE HUNTER. BY THE ACT OF WEARING THE MAGICAL CHARMS EACH ANIMAL WOULD SUPERNATURALLY GIVE ITS ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES TO THE HUNTER. 'CHARIVARI' ARE ALSO SUPPOSED TO NOT ONLY ADORN THE HUNTER AND SHOW HIS PROWESS, BUT ALSO PROTECT THE WEARER FROM BOTH ILLNESS AND DANGER.