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INDIAN MOGHUL CARVED AND STAINED IVORY BARREL SHAPED EIGHT SIDED GAMBLING DICE

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EARLY 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 8CM WIDE, 2.5CM DIA. – 3 INS WIDE, 1 INS DIA.

LITERATURE

DICE HAVE BEEN USED FOR GAMBLING FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES. DICE OF BAKED CLAY, STONE AND IVORY HAVE BEEN FOUND IN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN TOMBS. HERODOTUS MENTIONS DICE AMONG THE GAMES PLAYED BY THE LYDIANS AND DICE HAVE BEEN EXCAVATED FROM NUMEROUS SITES OF OTHER EARLY CIVILISATIONS. DICE WERE, AND STILL ARE, USED FOR DECIDING MOVES IN THE PLAY OF A GAME.