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- A. SHAPED AS A PROSPECTING MINERS PICK AND SHOVEL BOUND TOGETHER AROUND A GOLD NUGGET WITH A ROPE FROM WHICH TWO MINERS BUCKETS ARE SUSPENDED. THE SHOVEL MARKED TO THE REVERSE '18CT'
- B. SHAPED AS A PROSPECTORS SHOVEL WITH A FOUND NUGGET OF PURE GOLD TIED TO THE HANDLE WITH A GOLDEN ROPE

CIRCA 1850 – 70

SIZES: 4.5CM WIDE – 1¾ INS WIDE (EACH)

## **LITERATURE**

IN AUGUST 1848 COLONEL R B MASON, MILITARY GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA WENT TO WASHINGTON AND SHOWED THE SECRETARY OF WAR A TEA-CADDY HE HAD BROUGHT WITH HIM FULL OF LUMPS AND NUGGETS OF CALIFORNIAN GOLD.

THE GOLD STRIKE OF 1848 THEN CEASED TO BE SOLELY A CALIFORNIAN CONCERN AND BECAME THE 'GOLD RUSH' ATTRACTING OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE TO SAN FRANCISCO IN SEARCH OF EL DORADO DURING 1849 ALONE.