

# *Finch & C<sup>o</sup>*



## **ESKIMO INUIT ARCTIC WALRUS PENIS BONE CLUB**

AN ESKIMO INUIT ARCTIC WALRUS PENIS BONE CLUB THE END DECORATED WITH THE HEAD OF A POLAR BEAR CARVED  
IN WALRUS IVORY

LATE 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 58.5CMLONG – 23 INS LONG

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## **LITERATURE**

POLAR BEARS ARE OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH ESKIMO INUIT SUBSISTENCE, BUT WERE ONCE RARELY FOUND SOUTH OF  
NORTON SOUND PREFERRING TO STAY NORTH HUNTING SEALS ALONG THE ICE EDGE. SOMETIMES THEY WERE  
CARRIED DOWN THE COAST ON FLOATING ICE, BUT UPON REACHING LAND THEY WOULD ALWAYS INSTINCTIVELY BEGIN  
TO TRAVEL BACK TO THE NORTH. POLAR BEARS WERE THE CHIEF PREDATORS OF SEALS AND THE CARVING ON THIS  
CLUB IS INTENDED TO PROMDE A SPECIAL POWER TO THE HUNTER.