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IVORY WALKING CANE HANDLE IN THE FORM OF A HUMAN HEAD WITH 36 PHRENOLOGICAL MARKINGS

AN IVORY WALKING CANE HANDLE IN THE FORM OF A HUMAN HEAD WITH 36 PHRENOLOGICAL MARKINGS FOR THE MENTAL AND MORAL FACULTIES ACCORDING TO THE SYSTEM OF DR FRANZ JOSEPH GALL
ON AN EBONY SHAFT
19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 90CM LONG – 35½ INS LONG

LITERATURE

PHRENOLOGY IS THE STUDY OF THE NATURAL LANGUAGE OF THE MENTAL ORGANS SITUATED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE BRAIN. MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL QUALITIES WERE SUPPOSEDLY ASCERTAINABLE FROM A STUDY OF THE EXTERNAL CONFIGURATION OF THE SKULL. BEGUN BY DR FRANZ JOSEPH GALL (1758-1828) IN VIENNA AND ELABORATED TO EXTREME LENGTH BY HIS FOLLOWERS, PHRENOLOGY WAS VALUABLE IN DEMONSTRATING FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE BRAIN MIGHT SERVE SPECIFIC PURPOSES, AND FROM IT DEVELOPED THE SEMINAL CONCEPT OF CEREBRAL LOCALISATION.