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## **PAIR OF 'LUCKY' SHOES CARVED FROM SCOTTISH CANNEL COAL**

AN UNUSUAL PAIR OF 'LUCKY' SHOES CARVED FROM SCOTTISH CANNEL COAL

19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 8CM HIGH, 14.5CMLONG, 4CMWIDE – 3 INS HIGH, 5¾ INS LONG, 1½ INS WIDE

SEE: FINCH AND CO CATALOGUE NO. 17, ITEM NO. 32, FOR A PARROT COAL TABLE

## **LITERATURE**

CANNEL COAL IS FOUND IN LARGE MASSES IN THE COAL MEASURES OF NEWCASTLE AND SCOTLAND. IT WAS USED FOR CARVING ORNAMENTS AND FURNITURE AND THE VENEER OF FURNITURE. IT IS A SAPROPELIC COAL THAT IS COMPOSED LARGELY OF FINELY DISINTEGRATED PLANT DEBRIS. IT HAS MORE VOLATILE HYDROCARBONS THAN JET AND

FRAGMENTS BURN MORE EASILY WITH MORE FLAME AND LESS SMOKE.

IN 19TH CENTURY SCOTLAND THERE WAS A SMALL INDUSTRY MAKING SNUFFBOXES, MINIATURE TABLES AND SHOES SUCH AS THESE. JEWELLERY WAS SELDOM MADE. IN WHITBY THE 19TH CENTURY JET WORKERS SOMETIMES USED CANNEL COAL FOR LARGER SCULPTURES.