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SAILORS SCRIMSHAW TURNED AND CARVED MINIATURE WALRUS IVORY SAMOVAR

AN INTERESTING SAILORS SCRIMSHAW TURNED AND CARVED MINIATURE WALRUS IVORY SAMOVAR AND PAIR OF TEA BOWLS AND SAUCERS TOGETHER WITH A TEA-SLOP BOWL

PROBABLY AMERICAN

CIRCA 1850 – 75

SIZES: 13CM HIGH, 5 INS HIGH (SAMOVAR) – 6CM DIA. 2¼ INS DIA. (BOWL)

7CM DIA. – 2¾ INS DIA. (SAUCERS) – 3.5CM DIA. – 1½ INS DIA. (TEA BOWLS)

LITERATURE

A VARIETY OF TOYS WERE MADE BY SAILORS AND WHALEMEN ON BOARD SHIP AS GIFTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN UPON THEIR RETURN FROM SEA. IN NEW ENGLAND IT WAS COMMON PRACTICE FOR CARPENTERS TO CREATE WOODEN TOYS AS A SIDE LINE. YOUNG GIRLS WERE OFTEN ENCOURAGED TO PLAY WITH DOLLS AND DOLLS HOUSES AS IT WAS THOUGHT TO TRAIN THEM IN CHILDCARE AND HOUSEKEEPING. THIS SAMOVAR IS A WORKING MODEL IN MINIATURE, AND WHEN PLACED IN A DOLLS HOUSE COULD BE CONSIDERED BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND PLAYFUL.