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DOUBLE SIDED SEYCHELLES COCO DE MER OF FEMALE FORM

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19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 28.5CM HIGH, 28CM WIDE, 15CM DEEP – 11¼ INS HIGH, 11 INS WIDE, 6 INS DEEP
SEE: FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO. 3, ITEM NO. 35, CATALOGUE NO. 15, ITEM NO. 31 AND CATALOGUE NO. 19, ITEM NO. 21, FOR OTHER EXAMPLES.

LITERATURE

REGARDED AS EROTIC OBJECTS FOR OVER THREE HUNDRED YEARS, COCO DE MER ARE THE LARGEST AND HEAVIEST KNOWN SEED IN THE WORLD. ORIGINALLY FOUND BY CHANCE DRIFTING IN THE CURRENTS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN THEY WERE BELIEVED TO BE AN APHRODISIAC BECAUSE OF THEIR CURIOUSLY SUGGESTIVE FEMALE FORM. EUROPEAN SAILORS AND MERCHANT VOYAGERS RETURNING TO PORT WOULD GAIN A HIGH PRICE FOR THEIR SHAPELY DOUBLE COCONUTS EAGERLY SOUGHT AFTER BY PRINCELY COLLECTORS.