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COLLECTION OF BALTIC AMBER IN ITS NATURAL STATE

A COLLECTION OF BALTIC AMBER IN ITS NATURAL STATE TOGETHER WITH ONE LARGE TRANSLUCENT POLISHED NUGGET CONTAINING INCLUSIONS OF PLANT MATERIAL

SIZE: APPROX: 7CM HIGH, 7CM WIDE, 3.5CM DEEP – 2¾ INS HIGH, 2¾ INS WIDE, 1¼ INS DEEP (LARGEST NUGGET)

SEE: FINCH AND CO CATALOGUE NO. 4, ITEM NO. 110, FOR ANOTHER COLLECTION FOUND ON THE BEACH AT SOUTHWOLD OVER A 30 YEAR PERIOD

LITERATURE

REGARDED AS A SEMI-PRECIOUS GEMSTONE, AMBER IS THE FOSSILISED RESIN OF EXTINCT CONIFEROUS TREES. IT IS FOUND IN 200 DIFFERENT PLACES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN VARIOUS FORMS AND COLOURS. THIS COLLECTION IS OF 'SUCCINITE' AMBER FROM THE BALTIC PRODUCED SOME 30-50 MILLION YEARS AGO. DURING HEAVY STORMS BALTIC AMBER IS TORN FROM THE SEABED AND CARRIED BY THE WAVES TO BE EVENTUALLY WASHED UP ONTO THE SHORELINE. THE ENGLISH EAST COAST IS A WELL-KNOWN SOURCE. AMBER FEELS SOFTER TO THE TOUCH THAN STONE AND APPEARS WARM WHEN HELD IN THE HAND, AND IF IT IS RUBBED IT SMELLS OF PINE. THE CLEAR, YELLOW PIECES THAT SHINE IN THE SUNLIGHT ARE THE EASIEST TO RECOGNISE, BUT PIECES IN OTHER COLOURS AND LARGER LUMPS CAN BE FOUND AT THE EDGE OF THE SEA.