

# *Finch & C<sup>o</sup>*



## **ANCIENT ROMAN EROTIC BRONZE PATERA HANDLE**

AN ANCIENT ROMAN EROTIC BRONZE PATERA HANDLE WITH A TERMINAL CAST AS A SATYRS HEAD SET UPON A  
CYLINDRICAL PHALLIC SHAFT

SMOOTH GREENISH / BLUE PATINA

1ST CENTURY BC – 1ST CENTURY AD

SIZE: 10CM LONG, 6.5CM WIDE – 4 INS LONG, 2½ INS WIDE

## **LITERATURE**

THE REFINED AND CAREFUL DECORATION OF THIS HANDLE ONCE JOINED TO A BRONZE SHALLOW DISH OR PATERA  
PRECLUDES IT BEING FROM A KITCHEN UTENSIL. DISHES WITH WELL CAST HANDLES FOUND AT POMPEII ARE  
SOMETIMES THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN USED IN A BATH CONTEXT, BUT IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THEY WERE USED IN  
TEMPLES AS SACRIFICIAL OFFERING DISHES.