

Finch & C^o



SRI LANKAN CARVED COQUILLA NUT TUMBLER CUP

A SRI LANKAN CARVED COQUILLA NUT TUMBLER CUP WITH SILVER ARMORIAL AND INITIALS 'W.H.W.'

LATE 18TH – EARLY 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 6.5CM HIGH, 7CM DIA – 2½ INS HIGH, 2¾ INS DIA

LITERATURE

DECORATED WITH TYPICAL DELICATE SCROLLING FOLIAGE MOTIFS, THE FORM OF THIS TUMBLER CUP RESULTS FROM COPYING MODELS OF SMALL EASILY TRANSPORTABLE EUROPEAN EXAMPLES. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE SINHALESE CRAFTSMEN WORKING IN VARIOUS MATERIALS USED IMAGERY DIRECTLY DRAWN FROM EUROPEAN MEDIEVAL BESTIARIES, AS WELL AS LATER ENGRAMNGS, TO RICHLY CARVE AND DECORATE OBJECTS DESTINED FOR THE PORTUGUESE, DUTCH AND BRITISH MARKETS.