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VICTORIAN CASED HUNTING STOCK PIN DEPICTING A SILVER PEREGRINE FALCON

AN UNUSUAL VICTORIAN CASED HUNTING STOCK PIN DEPICTING A SILVER PEREGRINE FALCON WITH FINELY DETAILED FEATHERS AND RUBY EYES WEARING GOLD JESSES SEATED ON A PERCH THE WHOLE SET UPON A GOLD PIN
CIRCA 1860-1880
SIZE: 9CM LONG – 3½ INS LONG

LITERATURE

FALCONS CAN ONLY BE TRAINED THROUGH POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT. THEY MUST NEVER BE PUNISHED. THEY ARE SOLITARY CREATURES AND SO FAIL TO UNDERSTAND HIERARCHAL DOMINANCE IN A RELATIONSHIP, WHICH IS FAMILIAR TO SOCIAL CREATURES SUCH AS DOGS AND HORSES.
LORD TWEEDSMUIR REGARDED FALCONS AS AVIAN ARISTOCRACY: 'NO HAWK REGARDS YOU AS A MASTER. AT THE BEST, THEY REGARD YOU AS AN ALLY WHO WILL PROVIDE FOR THEM AND CARE FOR THEM AND INTRODUCE THEM TO SOME GOOD HUNTING. YOU ONLY HAVE TO LOOK AT THE PROUD HEAD OF THE PEREGRINE FALCON TO REALISE THAT. IN REALITY YOU BECOME THEIR SLAVE.' (TWEEDSMUIR, 'ALWAYS A COUNTRYMAN' PG 128)