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VICTORIAN CASED COLLECTION OF OVER 200 GEOLOGICAL MINERAL AND SEMI-PRECIOUS GEMSTONE SPECIMENS

A VICTORIAN CASED COLLECTION OF OVER 200 GEOLOGICAL MINERAL AND SEMI-PRECIOUS GEMSTONE SPECIMENS CONTAINED IN FOUR TIERS OF NUMBERED SECTIONS WITH OLD LABELS WITHIN A WOODEN BOX

CIRCA 1860 – 1880

SIZE: 16CM HIGH, 39.5CM WIDE, 26.5CM DEEP – 6¼ INS HIGH, 15½ INS WIDE, 10¼ DEEP

SEE: FINCH & CO CATALOGUE NO.17 ITEM NO. 40 FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE

LITERATURE

THE FASCINATION WITH NATURAL HISTORY AND THE STUDY OF THE SCIENCE OF NATURE BEGAN IN THE 16TH CENTURY WITH THE RENAISSANCE. EXPLORATION AND THE DISCOVERY OF EXOTIC FAR AWAY LANDS SAW THE EMERGENCE OF AN INTELLECTUAL ELITE WITH A PASSION FOR 'NATURALIA'. BY THE 19TH CENTURY AMATEUR SCHOLARS TRAVELLED AND CORRESPONDED WITH ONE ANOTHER ON THE SUBJECT OF FOSSILS, MINERALS, CRYSTALS, GEMSTONES AND SHELLS, ALL OF WHICH WERE COLLECTED, CATALOGUED AND PLACED INTO 'STUDY CABINETS'. THESE FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE EDUCATIONAL AIDS USED TO TEACH VICTORIAN PUPILS THE RUDIMENTS OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES.