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## SAILORS SCRIMSHAW WHALEBONE AND SPERM WHALE TOOTH WALKING CANE

AN EXCEPTIONAL SAILORS SCRIMSHAW WHALEBONE AND SPERM WHALE TOOTH WALKING CANE THE HANDLE CARVED AS A TURKS-HEAD KNOT THE OCTAGONAL SHAFT DECORATED WITH DIAMOND AND ROUNDEL MOTIFS OF TORTOISESHELL INLAY  
FIRST HALF 19TH CENTURY  
SIZE: 89CMLONG - 35 INS LONG

## LITERATURE

CHARLES MURPHY, THIRD MATE ON A WHALING SHIP WROTE A POEM ABOUT A WHALING VOYAGE OF THE YEARS 1820 TO 1823. ENTITLED 'A JOURNAL OF A WHALING VOYAGE ON BOARD SHIP DAUPHIN OF NANTUCKET' HE EXPRESSED IN TWO SHORT STANZAS THE ANTICIPATION EVERY CREW MEMBER FELT REGARDING THEIR LONG VOYAGE HOME

“AND HAVING FITTED WELL OUR SHIP  
TO PASS CAPE HORN AGAIN,  
EACH MAN THEN FORE AND AFT THE SHIP,  
SCRIMSHAWING DID BEGIN.  
THEN KNITTING-SHEATHS AND JAGGING-KNIVES  
WERE CUT IN EVERY FORM,  
AND OTHER TRINKETS FOR THE GIRLS,  
AS PRESENTS FROM CAPE HORN.’