

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



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AMERICAN OR ENGLISH

MD 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 88CM LONG - 34<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> INS LONG

NOTES REGARDING SHIPPING: THIS CANE CAN BE LEGALLY IMPORTED TO THE USA TOGETHER WITH THE APPROPRIATE

CITES EXPORT CERTIFICATE  
PLEASE CONTACT FOR DETAILS AND SHIPPING QUOTES

**LITERATURE**

SOME OF THE SHAFTS OF WHALEBONE WALKING CANES ARE CARVED OR ENGRAVED IN SPIRALS OR DIAMOND SHAPES. AS DESCRIBED BY FRANK T BULLEN IN HIS 'THE CRUISE OF THE CACHALOT' 1899: 'OUR CARPENTER WAS A FAMOUS WORKMAN AT 'SCRIMSHAW' AND HE STARTED HALF A DOZEN WALKING STICKS FORTHWITH. A FAVOURITE DESIGN IS TO CARVE THE BONE INTO THE SIMILITUDE OF ROPE, WITH 'WORMING' OF SMALLER LINE ALONG ITS LAYS. A HANDLE IS CARVED OUT OF THE WHALE'S TOOTH AND INSETS OF BALEEN, SILVER, COCOA TREE OR EBONY, GIVE VARIETY AND FINISH'.