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Â€˜SIZE: 90.5CM LONG - 35½ 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

IN HIS 1851 EPIC ‘MOBY DICK OR THE WHALE’ HERMAN MELVILLE DESCRIBED HOW THE WHALERS WOULD OBTAIN THE MATERIALS THEY USED FOR SCRIMSHAW WORK: ‘IN MOST CASES THE LOWER JAW – BEING EASILY UNHINGED BY A PRACTISED ARTIST – IS DISENGAGED AND HOISTED ON DECK FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTRACTING THE IVORY TEETH, AND FURNISHING THE SUPPLY OF THAT HARD WHITE WHALEBONE WITH WHICH THE FISHERMAN FASHION ALL SORTS OF CURIOUS ARTICLES INCLUDING CANES, UMBRELLA STOCKS, AND HANDLES TO RIDING WHIPS.’