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LITERATURE

THE CARVED NUT (COCONUT SHELL) DEPICTING ON ONE SIDE A GOLDEN EAGLE WITHIN A FOLIATE BORDER, TO THE CENTRE OF THE EAGLE A SMALL 'SHIELD' SHAPED GILT-SILVER BADGE. THE DOUBLE SIDE LOCKET IS HINGED TO REVEAL AN OPENING AND EMPTY INTERIOR TO HOUSE A 'KEEPSAKE' OF A LOVED ONE. THE EXTERIOR BORDER HAS A ROPE WORK DESIGN FURTHER ENHANCING THE ORIGINAL ARTISAN OF THIS SMALL EXQUISITE LOCKET BEING A SAILOR, WHO WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE BEEN FAMILIAR WITH AND OBTAINING COCONUT SHELL BUT ALSO LIKELY AN ACCOMPLISHED 'SCRIMSHANDER' IN HIS OWN RIGHT.

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