

SA374102

Antique Framed Scrimshaw Whalebone Busk c.1850

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA374102****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Description

A charming and romantic example of a nineteenth century scrimshaw busk, perhaps a wedding gift given the scenes featured on this example. From the Late 17th Century to the Late 19th Century stay busks were used as stiffeners for inserting in a woman's corset or corsage and it continued to be the custom to carve and present stay busks as love tokens as long as the vagaries of fashion decreed a wasp waist accentuated by a long pointed bodice. Stay busks were popular with sailors as a scrimshaw item because, as they were shaped from the pan bone of a whale, they provided a flat even surface that could be easily engraved. Later framed. Dating to around 1850, a truly lovely example. The busk measures 5" in length and the frame measuring 10" x 8". Item: 37049

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