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A PAIR OF BLACK FOREST WHIP HOOKS

Dimensions: H: 13.5 in / 34 cm

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A Pair of Black Forest Coat Hooks

Carved from solid Lindenwood, the cross-legged fox and rabbit dressed in Alpine garb, each having two horns acting as functional coat hooks.

Brienzen Area, Circa 1890

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Literature:

Brienz, in the Bernese Oberland, Switzerland was remarked upon in Baedeker's Travel Guide, as having a population of 2400, of whom 600 persons were employed as woodcarvers, to supply the tourist trade to Switzerland with mementos of the tour. A museum devoted entirely to the art of wood carving may be visited today.

References:

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