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Roman Bone Hair Pin



An ancient Roman bone hair pin with a finial in the form of a clenched fist with thumb between first two fingers symbolizing female genitalia (mano fica).

Ca. 1st - 3rd century AD.
Length: 5 3/4 in. (14.6 cm).

cf.: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 27.122.24 for a similar bone hairpin.

Formerly in a New York private collection.

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