



Roach Spreader

Date

c. 1850

Primary Maker

Menomini

Medium

Elk antler, rawhide thongs, cartridge shell, wire,

Description

Roach spreader of elk antler, rawhide thongs, cartridge shell, and wire. On the cartridge shell: "BROOKLYN, N.Y., U. S.A./USA PAT: 4 3(in a circle) 907 9/ .5.16-11.2 8 17." The top of the roach spreader has the cartridge shell and wire sticking upwards for hair to go through. Below that is a small hole with leather thongs going around the antler and tied off to the side of the roach. The antler is rounded at the top and becomes wider towards the bottom. In the antler (at the top) there is an upside down heart surrounded by two swirls and moving downward another heart surrounded by two upwards facing hearts, and then a third upside down heart surrounded by two upside hearts. There is then a horizontal row of dots, three triangles beneath them and on the very bottom edge, two holes with leather thongs going through them.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 1/4 × 2 1/4 × 7 1/4 in. (5.7 × 5.7 × 18.4 cm)