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TROPICAL TALES: RARE 19TH-CENTURY FRENCH COLONIAL CARVED COCONUT FLASK

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

This rare mid-19th-century French Colonial carved coconut bugbear flask is a remarkable artifact that highlights the ingenuity and craftsmanship of sailors, soldiers, or prisoners of war during extended sea voyages. Carefully carved from a green coconut shell, which was easier to work with while still fresh, the flask features intricate scenes, including a man playing a drum and another climbing a tall coconut tree beneath the shade of its fronds. These depictions may reflect the artist's firsthand experience or vivid imagination, capturing the essence of life in tropical regions. The layered textures and detailed carvings bring these scenes to life, adding depth and movement to the composition. Often made during voyages to the East or West Indies in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, such flasks served both as practical vessels and as cherished mementos. This piece's rich patina and finely carved motifs underscore its cultural and historical significance, making it an extraordinary addition to any collection of maritime or colonial artifacts. Bug bear Bug-bear