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## **Persian Peshkabz with Walrus-Ivory Grips**

Persia, 18th century

Steel and marine ivory

38 cm long

Stock no.: A3592

The *peshkabz* (dagger) has a sharp, slightly curving steel blade partly decorated with a tapering floriated scrolling design on both sides. The border underneath the grip (hilt) has an alternating floral design in carved and engraved steel with very few gold overlaid designs. The carved walrus-ivory grip has a metal strip around it, which is decorated at intervals with Arabic inscriptions set in cartouches.

For similar examples, see a 19th century Iranian peshkabz, which has an inscription on the decoration on the blade, Accession number 36. 25. 721 and an 18th-19th century Afghan peshkabz, with inscriptions on the both sides of the grip, Accession number 36.25.715a, b. at the Metropolitan Museum of Art New York; and one at the Victoria & Albert Museum, Museum number 716&A-1889.