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### **Bilboquet Ammassalik Game**

A bilboquet (or pin and ring game) known as ajagak carved in the stylized shape of an animal's rear leg. Made of a seal's radius, the bone retains its natural shape but is slightly recarved on the smallest end to symbolize a hoof. The body of the bone is pierced all-over and the needle of the bilboquet also made of bone is attached with a natural braid. It is an ajagak –of type 3b in the Gessain typology (see pp. 246/247 & pl. XIX, Gessain, 1952).

Ammassalik (Angmassalik) population, east coast, Greenland. Seal bone and natural fibers (old break at the foot). 11,5 x 5 cm for the pierced bone and 11 cm for the needle. XIX/XXth century. Collected in the field by Swiss glaciologist and geologist Michel Pérez (1909-1994) during the French Expedition to the East Coast of Greenland (E. F. G.) in 1934/35.