Charles I. A very fine Bodkin made in London circa 1630 by William Maddox.

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Description

The Bodkin is of typical form, with an ear scoop at the end, and is plain in design. The bodkin is in excellent condition and bears a good maker's mark, this being of William Maddox. The main function of the Bodkin was to thread bands of yarn through all items of clothing. The ribbon, or cord, was threaded through the rectangular slit and the small eye was used to hang it up. The small hollow at the terminal was used to pick earwax out of the ear which was then used to facilitate the smooth running of the thread.William Maddox, London silversmith, was apprenticed to his brother John in 1599. He was turned over to John Cheeseman in 1600, free in 1606 and Livery in 1632. Records show that Maddox had twelve apprentices/freedoms, including his son John, during the years 1607-1638. Maddox specialized in small wares, including dishes. Jackson lists four dishes with this mark from 1630-34 (Revised Jackson, 1989, p. 115).Length: 5.9 inches, 14.75 cm.

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