PIRATE OBJECTS

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Description
This is a Spanish ‘milled’ dollar. The edges have been patterned or ‘milled’ to stop silver being shaved from them, which would reduce their value. Spanish dollars were known as ‘pieces-of-eight’ because each one was worth eight reales - a common smaller Spanish coin.

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