



STORIES FROM THE SEA

EXPLORATION OBJECTS



MEAT SAMPLE

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1845

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Description

This strange object is from Sir John Franklin's tragic last expedition between 1845 and 1848. It is a sample of tinned meat preserved in alcohol in a rectangular glass container. The tin of meat was found by a rescue party searching for Franklin and his men after they vanished into the Arctic. The brass label says: 'TINNED MEAT SUPPLIED TO THE FRANKLIN EXPEDITION 1845. FOUND BY RESCUE PARTY ON A SLEDGE. TIN OPENED - APRIL 1926'. While it was previously in the Royal Naval Museum, Greenwich (to 1936), it was removed from the tin to find out whether Franklin's party had been poisoned by lead in the tin.

Questions

Make a list of all the things that you would take on an expedition to the Arctic. Remember that you have to carry it all! When have you packed food for a journey? What did you take?



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