



STORIES FROM THE SEA

EXPLORATION OBJECTS



MEDICINE BAG

Date made

c.1850 - 1900

Object ref.

GRYEH: 2015.3

Credit

Great Yarmouth
Museums

Description

This medicine bag is from Africa and was bought back to Great Yarmouth by a sailor. This sailor had clearly upset someone as the note attached explains that it was placed under his mattress as a curse. This was certainly bad news for any sailor as many believe in bad luck curses and superstitions.

Questions

1. Who do you think placed the curse on the soldier?
2. Why do you think they wanted to curse the sailor? What had he done to deserve a curse?
3. Write a short story about the sailor and what happened to him after he had been cursed.