



## Beggar's coin

“all these marked at once a  
beggar by profession,”

- The Antiquary

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In the past, people had to have a coin if they wanted to beg.

- Q Look at the picture. Do you think the coin was heavy?
- Q How would you feel if you had to wear a beggar's coin?
- Q What strange things might a beggar see on their travels? Create a short story about them. What happens?





# Dagger

“Then gleam’d aloft his dagger  
bright!”

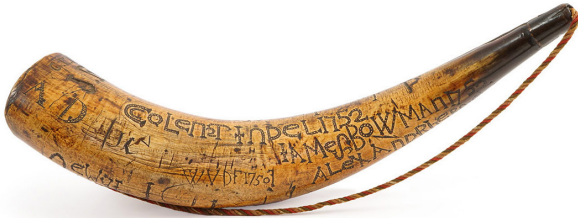
- The Lady of the Lake

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## People used daggers to fight.

- ① When do you think people used their daggers?
- ② Have you seen any films with fighting in them? Did you enjoy them?
- ③ Create a story which starts with a fight.





# Touting horn

“And faint, from farther  
distance borne,  
Were heard the clanging hoof  
and horn,”

- The Lady of the Lake

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## People would blow into horns to make loud noises.

- Q What do you think this horn sounds like?
- Q Why might someone have blown the trumpet?
- Q Someone blows a trumpet! Why? Create a story about what happens next.





# Sundial ring

“A sun-scorched desert, waste  
and bare,  
Nor waves nor breezes  
murmured there”

- Marmion

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This ring was used as a sundial. It used the sun to tell the time.

- Q How do you tell the time?
- Q What item would you love to wear?
- Q Create a story about a person wearing this ring. Where are they going? What happens on a cloudy day?







# Silver goblet

“Fill the bright goblet, spread  
the festive board,”  
- The Lord of the Isles

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## Rich people drank out of fancy goblets.

- Q What drink would you put in this goblet?
- Q Have you ever drunk from a special cup?
- Q Imagine you are at a fancy feast in the olden days. What happens next?





## Witch stone

“Her bower, that was guarded  
by word and by spell,  
Deadly to hear, and deadly  
to tell”

- The Lay of the Last Minstrel

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Witch stones were used to protect people from magic.

- Q Look at the stone. How do you think people wore it?
- Q What do you do to stay safe?
- Q Imagine a witch is coming after someone but they are wearing a witch stone. What happens next?





# A Sibyl

“There is auld Norna of Fitful-head, the most fearful woman in all the isles!”

- The Pirate

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Sibyls were people who could predict the future.

- Q Do you think the sibyl looks happy or sad?
- Q What do you think will happen in the future?
- Q Imagine a time traveller from the past visits you. What happens?





# Ladle

“If ye dinna eat instantly...  
I’ll put it down your throat  
wi’ the cutty spoon.”

- Guy Mannering

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Ladles are big, deep spoons.

- Q What do you think this ladle would feel like?
- Q Do you have a ladle at home? What material is it?
- Q Create a story in which a person uses a ladle to serve something magical.







# Chocolate stirrer

“the savour is sweet”

- Guy Mannering

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Hot chocolate used to be a thick, rich drink.

- Q What is your favourite drink? Describe it.
- Q What drinks do you enjoy?
- Q Create a short story that starts when someone gives someone else a cup of hot chocolate.





# Shoe buckle

“With foot in stirrup, hand  
on mane,  
Fierce Edward can scarce  
restrain,  
His own keen heart”  
- The Lord of the Isles

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This fancy shoe buckle was worn by someone a long time ago.

- Q What sort of shoes do you like?
- Q What do you think the person who wore this buckle was like?
- Q Imagine someone putting on their shoes. Where do they go? Create a story about them.





# Padlock

“The obstacle of the lock and bolts was soon overcome,”  
- The Heart of Midlothian

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Big locks kept prisoners in their cells and money in its box.

- Q What do you think this lock protected?
- Q How do we keep things safe today?
- Q Create a story about someone trying to protect something.





# Paper money

“Thou wouldst not yield, for  
wealth or rank,”

- The Bridal of Triermain

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This money is from a bank that failed so everyone lost their money.

- Q How does this money look different from today's?
- Q How do you think people felt when they lost their money?
- Q Imagine a person who has lost all of their money. What do they do next?







# Windmill vanes

“Thus while they strove with  
wind and seas,  
Borne onward by the willing  
breeze”

- The Lord of the Isles

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## Windmills turn in the wind.

- Q How windy is it today?
- Q What is the windiest day you've ever experienced?
- Q Imagine someone being blown about by the wind. What happens next?





## Model canoe

“And mid-way through the  
channel met,  
Conflicting tides that foam  
and fret”

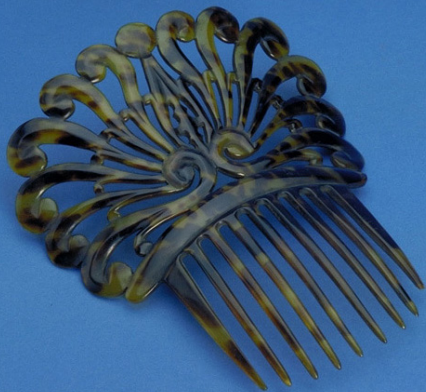
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There are different types of boats around the world but they all have one thing in common: they help people travel across water.

- 🕒 Have you ever been on a boat or ship? What was it like? Or, what do you think it would be like?
- 🕒 Where is the nearest sea or river to you?
- 🕒 Create a story about someone travelling by boat.





# Comb

“They praised the pearls that  
bound thy hair –  
I saw only the locks they braided;”  
- The Bridal of Triermain

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Combs were used to decorate long hair.

- Q What sort of person might wear this comb?
- Q In some stories, hair is magic. What magic could hair do?
- Q Imagine someone loses their favourite comb. Create a story about what happens next.





## Toadstool amulet

“Then framed a spell, when the  
work was done,  
And changed the willow-wreaths  
to stone.”

– The Lay of the Last Minstrel

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## Amulets are worn to protect people

- Q Who do you think wore this?
- Q What did they need protection from?
- Q Create a story about someone who uses an amulet to protect them.







# Salver

“We will go with them  
- food and fire  
And sheltering roof our  
wants require”  
- The Lord of the Isles

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Food and drink are sometimes served on a large salver.

- Q What drinks do you think were carried on this salver?
- Q What do you think the salver feels like?
- Q A servant carries drinks into a room and overhears a secret. What happens next?





# Scott and Burns

“The attributes of those  
high days  
Now only live in  
minstrel lays”

- The Bridal of Triermain

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In this painting, Scott is meeting the famous poet, Burns.

- Q Have you met anyone you admire?
- Q What do you think Burns will say to Scott?
- Q Create a story about a person who meets their hero. What happens next?





# Writing desk

“You have worked at the desk  
to please me”

- Rob Roy

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## This is Scott's travelling writing desk.

- Q What do you take with you when you're travelling?
- Q What do you think Scott had in his desk?
- Q Imagine someone travelling with important documents, which they then lose. What happens next?





# Scott's clothes

“the dress and cause are those  
of men of birth and honour.”

- Waverley

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These clothes belonged to Walter Scott. One shoe was higher than the other because one of Scott's legs was shorter than the other.

- Q What different types of shoes are there?
- Q Would you wear Scott's clothes?
- Q Imagine you've time travelled in your normal clothes. What happens next?







# Suit of armour

“I see the waving of a knight’s  
crest, and the gleam of his  
armour.”

- Ivanhoe

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Knights wore armour  
to protect them when  
fighting.

- Q What do you think the armour would feel like to wear?
- Q What weapons do you think the knight carried?
- Q Create a story about a knight on an adventure.





# Harp

“That, if she loved the harp to hear,  
He could make music to her ear.”

- The Lay of the Last Minstrel

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The harp is one of the oldest instruments in the world.

- Q What's your favourite instrument?
- Q Have you ever heard harp music?
- Q Create a story about someone who plays the harp.





# Hair

“Fair was his manly form,  
and fair  
His keen dark eye, and close  
curl'd hair,”

- The Bridal of Triermain

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## Walter Scott kept hair of famous people.

- ❓ Why do you think someone would keep hair?
- ❓ What other things do people keep to remind them of others?
- ❓ Create a story about someone who has lost a piece of hair.





# Basket-hilted sword

“Rush on with Highland sword  
and targe,  
I, with my Carrick spearmen,  
charge;”

- The Lord of the Isles

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## Swords used to be one of the most common weapons.

- Q How heavy do you think the sword is?
- Q Who do you think owned this sword?
- Q Create a story about someone who had this sword.







# Painting of Scott's son

“For the grey warriors prophesied,  
How the brave boy, in future war”  
- The Lay of the Last Minstrel

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## This is a painting of Walter Scott's son.

- Q Do you have many photos of your family and friends?
- Q What job do you think he did?
- Q Create a story about an older and young person having an adventure.

