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WHEN COCONUTS WERE FIRST INTRODUCED TO EUROPE IS UNKNOWN BUT IN 1259 A BISHOP OF DURHAM
BEQUEATHED HIS SILVER MOUNTED COCONUT 'INDIES' VESSEL TO AN ABBOTT . BY THE 15 TH AND 16 TH CENTURIES
REFERENCES IN ENGLAND TO COCONUT CUPS , JUGS , AND FLASKS , OCCUR FAIRLY FREQUENTLY IN THE INVENTORIES
OF THE NOBILITY . IN THE 18 TH CENTURY SAILORS WERE CARVING EXAMPLES ON THEIR LONG VOYAGES HOME .

LITERATURE

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