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LITERATURE

POWDER FLASKS WERE USED FOR CHARGE POWDER AND WERE OFTEN MADE OF HORN AND SO REFERRED TO AS 'POWDER HORNS'. WHETHER MADE OF WOOD, LEATHER, METAL OR SHELL THEY ALL HAD A DEVICE FOR MEASURING THE CHARGE OF POWDER ATTACHED TO THE OUTLET. THEIR SIZE AND SHAPE VARIED ACROSS THE WORLD, BUT GENERALLY THE OLDER ONES ARE LARGER AS GUNPOWDER WAS MUCH LESS POWERFUL THAN LATER ON.