

Finch & C^o



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AN OLD LABEL TO REVERSE : THE JUNGLE (TRADE MARK) ROWLAND WARD , PICCADILLY , LONDON
19 TH CENTURY

SIZE : 76 CM HIGH , 63.5 CM WIDE , (MAX) 30 INS HIGH , 25 INS WIDE

LITERATURE

IN SUBZERO ANTARCTIC WEATHER CONDITIONS SUPERB INSULATION KEEPS THE BODY TEMPERATURE OF THE
EMPEROR PENGUIN AT AN ALMOST CONSTANT 40 °C .

THE LARGEST OF ALL PENGUINS THE EMPEROR HAS HIGHLY UNUSUAL BREEDING HABITS . IN WINTER THE FEMALE LAYS
ONE EGG AND GOES TO SEA NOT RETURNING UNTIL THE SPRING . THE MALE CARRIES THE EGG ON HIS FEET AND
PROTECTS IT WITH A 'POUCH' OF FEATHERY SKIN . WHILST GUARDING THEIR EGGS THEY DON'T ATTEMPT TO FIND FOOD .
THEY HUDDLE TOGETHER IN LARGE INCUBATING COLONIES ON THE ICE THROUGH THE LONG NIGHT OF WINTER AND GO
WITHOUT FOOD UNTIL THE SPRING . THE FEMALE RETURNS JUST AS THE CHICK HATCHES AND THE MALE EMPEROR
THEN GOES TO SEA TO FORAGE FOR FOOD RETURNING LATER TO HELP REAR THE CHICK .
EMPEROR PENGUINS CAN DIVE TO A DEPTH OF 530 METRES (1750 FEET) FOR AS LONG AS 20 MINUTES AND TRAVEL UP
TO 1000 KM (625 MILES) ON FEEDING TRIPS .