

# Tin Milk Pail



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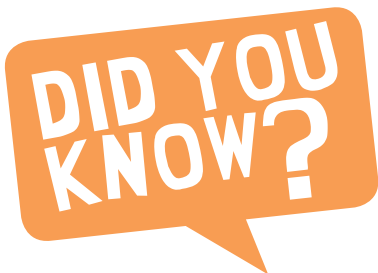
## What is it?

Tin containers were used in the kitchen and farmyard. They were made by a metal craftsman known as a Tinsmith.

## What was it used for?

Tinsmiths made tin containers and repaired damaged ware such as saucepans and buckets, using sheets of tin or reusing materials such as old biscuit tins.

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The tinsmith worked at the side of the road making and repairing, while his wife or daughter would sell his tin vessels to local women. He was a welcome and valued visitor providing much needed goods, as well as bringing news.



## Brief History

The tinsmith travelled with his family from place to place on a small cart or wagon, which carried his tools, items for sale, and personal effects. The tinsmith carried his tools around with him in a 'budget', which was a bag or a box carried over his shoulder.



Tinsmith Bernard Mongan working at his roadside encampment, Cahermorris, Co Galway, 1965

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Tinsmiths made a stock of tin containers in the winter and took to the roads in the summer selling their wares. Each year the tinsmith would return selling new goods and repairing damaged saucepans or buckets and other items. They sold their goods door-to-door and also to local shops.

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# Buicéad Stáin Bainne



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## Céard atá ann?

Baineadh úsáid as coimeádáin stáin sa chistin agus i gclós na feirme. Is ceardaí miotail ar a dtugtar Gabha Stáin a rinne iad.

## Cén úsáid a mbaintear as?

Rinne Gaibhne Stáin coimeádáin stáin agus dheisigh siad earraí damáiste, amhail sáspain agus buicéid, ag baint úsáide as leatháin stáin nó ag athúsáid ábhar amhail seanstán brioscaí.

D'oibrigh an gabha stáin ar thaobh an bhóthair ag déanamh agus ag deisiú, agus dhíolfadh a bhean nó a iníon na soithí stáin le mná áitiúla. Ba chuirteoir luachmhar ar cuireadh fáilte roimhe a sholáthair earraí an-riachtanach, mar aon leis an scéala a thabhairt leis.

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## Stair Ghairid

Thaistil an gabha stáin lena theaghlach ó áit go háit ar chairt bheag nó ar vaigín beag, ina raibh a chuid uirlisí, na míreanna le díol agus míreanna pearsanta. D'iompar an gabha stáin a chuid uirlisí leis i 'dtiach', ar mhála nó bhosca é, a iompraíodh ar a ghualainn.



An gabha stáin Bernard Mongan ag obair ag a champa taobh an bhóthair, Cathair Mhuiris, Co na Gaillimhe, 1965

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Rinne gaibhne stáin stoc de choimeádáin stáin sa gheimhreadh agus bhuaill siad na bóithre i rith an tsamhraidh ag díol a gcuid earraí. Gach bliain, thiocfadh an gabha stáin ar ais ag díol earraí nua agus ag deisiú sáspain, buicéad damáiste agus míreanna eile. Dhíol siad a gcuid earraí ó dhoras go doras agus le siopáí áitiúla freisin.

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