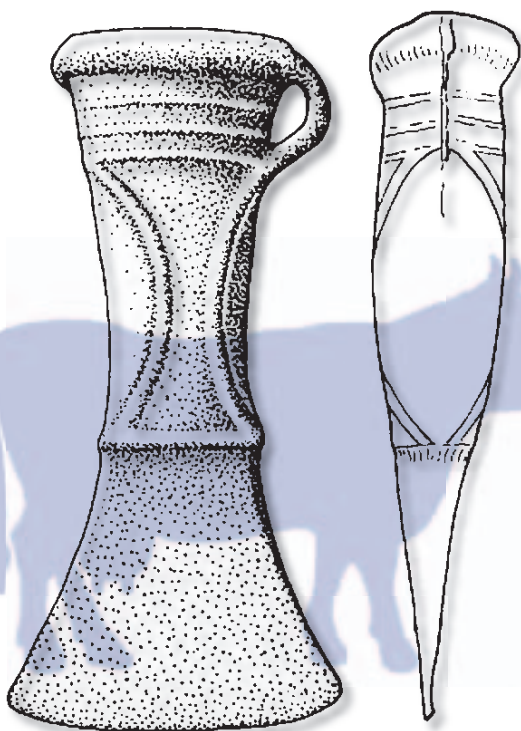


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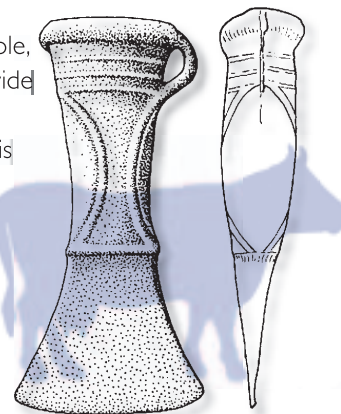


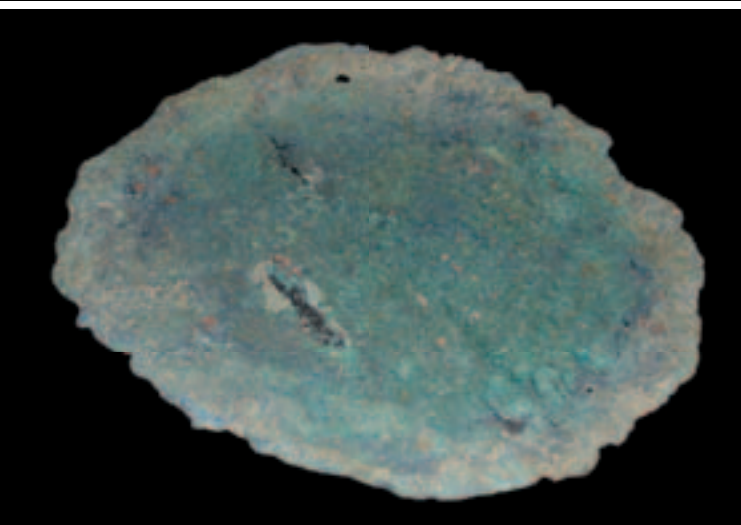
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Salt, axes and cattle – not your usual means of exchange. These barter objects are just three of a wide variety of early forms of money that may seem odd to us today, but that helped pave the way to a modern monetary system in Europe. The process began during the Early Stone Age with the simple exchange of sought-after commodities like flint or salt. The development of long-distance trading routes played a key role in promoting the exchange of experience and technologies, speeding cultural progress. Simple barter became inefficient once the division of labor began to take place in a more complex economy, and once more sophisticated social systems had evolved. Money was born as a neutral means of exchange. Before the days of money, however, specially manufactured objects (e.g. axes, jewelry) or natural products (e.g. hides, dried fish) were all used as means of payment, sometimes for centuries.

Until coins and much later banknotes were given this role, people resorted to a very wide range of sometimes quite peculiar forms of money. This exhibition provides an overview of the wondrous world of barter objects used in Europe from prehistoric times all the way up to the Middle Ages.





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