

18th Century Material Culture

Knit Caps



Solid Wool Knit Caps



English Wool Knit Hat or Cap
16th Century
(Museum of London)



English Wool Knit Hat or Cap
16th Century
(Museum of London)



“Dutch” Knit Cap
Recovered from the Deposits of Spitsbergen, Norway c. 1650
(Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)



Dutch Knit Cap
Recovered from the Deposits of Spitsbergen, Norway c. 1642
(Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)



Knit Cap
18th Century
(Private Collection)



English Knit Wool Cap "Monmouth Cap"
Late 17th - 18th Century
(Private Collection)



English Knit Wool "Monmouth Cap"
16th - 17th Century
(Nelson Museum & Local History Centre - Monmouth Museum)

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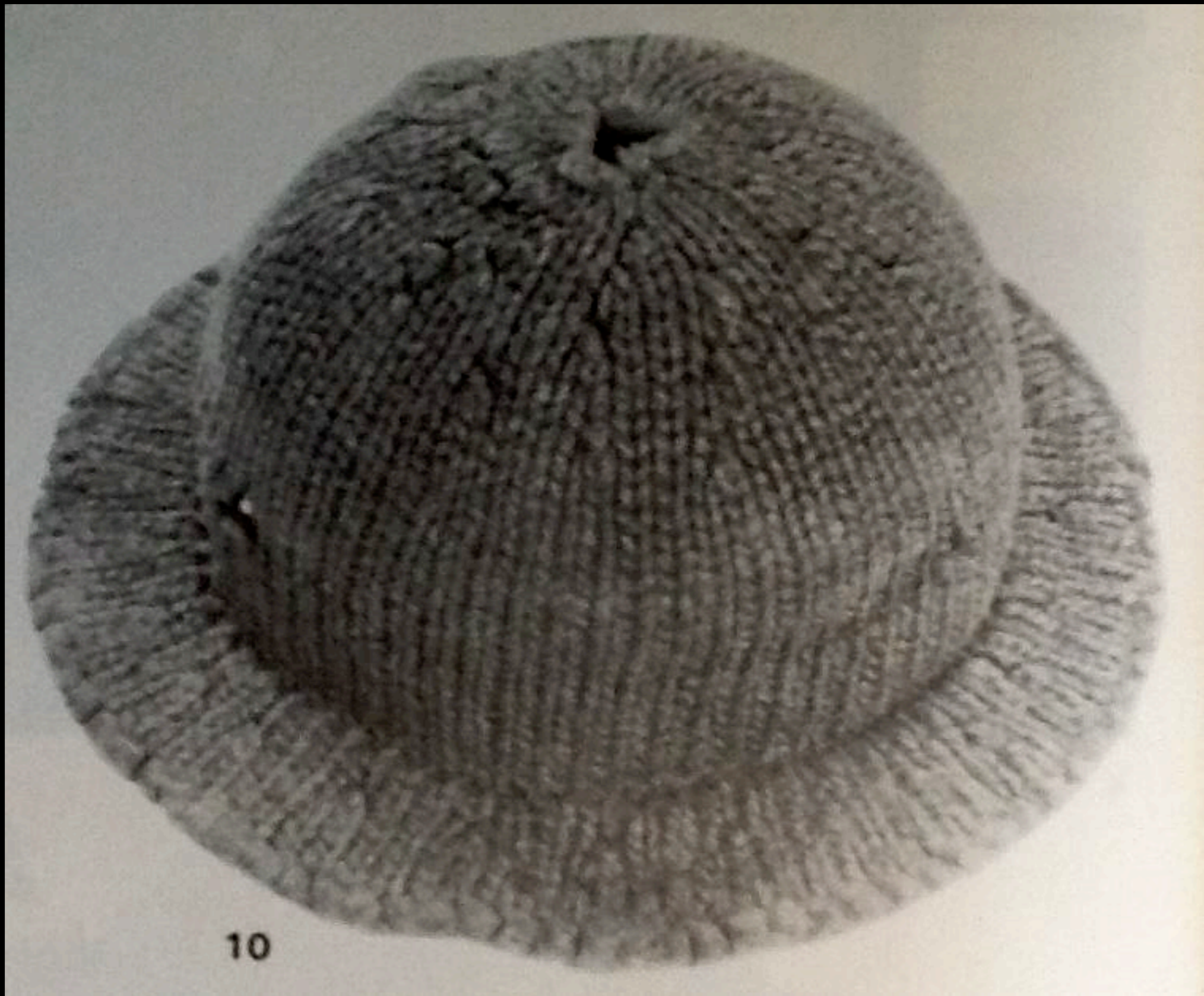
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LEONARD ECKSTINE.

RUN away from the Subscriber, about the Middle of last Month, a well made Negro Lad named JOE, about 5 Feet high, of a yellowish Complexion, about 19 Years old, has been subject to a scald Head, and shows some scars, is close knee'd in his Walk, and had on, when he went away, a Bearskin Waistcoat, *Russia* Drill Breeches, and a *Monmouth* Cap. Whoever brings the said Negro to me, if taken in any other County, shall have FIFTY SHILLINGS Reward.
Chesterfield, Sept. 28, 1776. JOHN JONES.

TAKEN up in *Albemarle* at the *Green Mountains*, a RED COW.

Runaway Advertisement - Virginia Gazette
October 11, 1776
(Public Domain - Courtesy Andrew Jay)



"(10) A knitted cap excavated from the New York waterfront; probably naval, it was originally tarred over the knitting." p. 138.
From: Neumann, George C., and Kravic, Frank; "The Collector's Illustrated Encyclopedia of the American Revolution", 1975



Scottish Light Brown Knitted Wool Cap
Discovered in the Clothing of a Man whose Body was found at Gunnister in Northmavine in Shetland
Late 17th Century
(National Museums of Scotland)



Scottish Light Brown Knitted Wool Cap
Discovered in the Clothing of a Man whose Body was found at Gunnister in Northmavine in Shetland
Late 17th Century
(National Museums of Scotland)



Scottish Light Brown Knitted Wool Cap
Early 18th Century
(National Museums of Scotland)



A Dutch Knit Cap - Detail: "The Smoker"
Adriaen Brouwer De roker c. 1630 - 1638
(Rijksmuseum Amsterdam)



Untitled
18th Century
(The British Museum)



“THE GAME OF PUT”

1764

(Lewis Walpole Library)



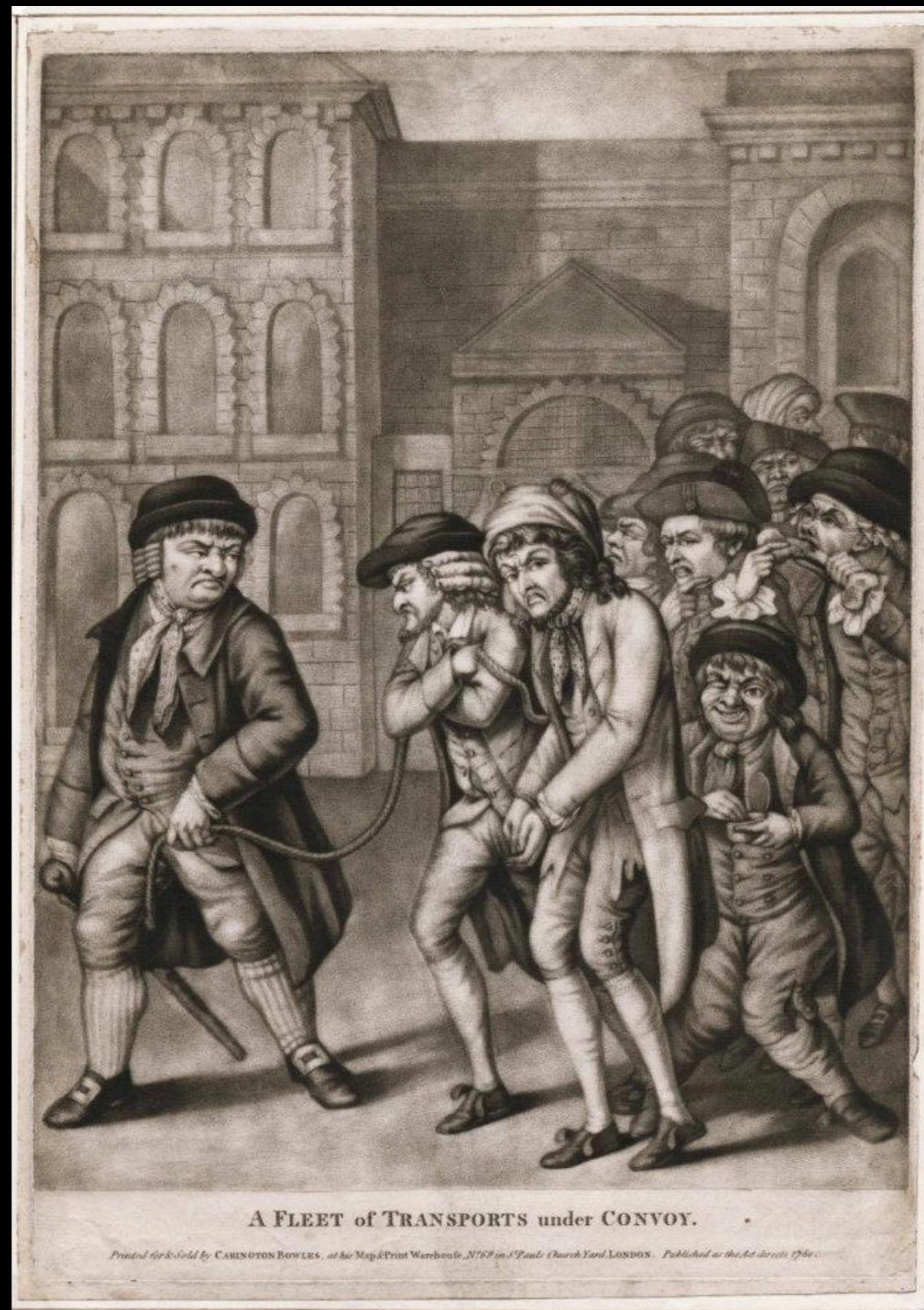
A FLEET of TRANSPORTS under CONVOY.

Printed for & sold by CARINGTON BOWLES, at his Map & Print Warehouse, N^o. 69 in St Pauls Church Yard, LONDON. Published at the Art & Book

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No. 5957

“A Fleet of Transports under Convoy” (Newgate Prison in Background)
by Carington Bowles after Robert Dighton 1781
(The British Museum)



“A Fleet of Transports under Convoy” (Newgate Prison in Background)
by Carington Bowles after Robert Dighton 1781
(The British Museum)



“The BOSTONIANS Paying the EXCISE - MAN, or TARRING and FEATHERING”
by Phillip Dawe 1774
(Colonial Williamsburg)



“The BOSTONIANS Paying the EXCISE - MAN, or TARRING and FEATHERING”
by Phillip Dawe 1774
(Colonial Williamsburg)



An English Sailor Fishing off a Gun of the Pallas
by Lt. Gabriel Bay - January 1775
(National Maritime Museum)



Sailor fishing off a gun on the Pallas Jan 7. 75

An English Sailor Fishing off a Gun of the Pallas
by Lt. Gabriel Bay - January 1775
(National Maritime Museum)



An English Sailor Leaning on a Gun of the Pallas
by Lt. Gabriel Bay - January 1775
(National Maritime Museum)



Published in the New York Journal 1774

A RESCUE or the TARS TRIUMPHANT,
From an Original Picture Painted by M. John Collett.

London: Printed for B. Franklin, at the Sign of the Flying Ship, in Pall Mall.

J. Collett fecit

“A RESCUE or the TARS TRIUMPHANT”



Knit Cap Recovered from the 1798 Wreck of the DeBraak Off the Coast of Delaware

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FIG 7. Fragment of the DeBraak knit cap brim demonstrating the two layer construction. Courtesy of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs/Delaware State Archaeological Collection, Dover, DE.

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Figure 19. Brunswick Cap before cleaning, side 1



Figure 20. Brunswick Cap before cleaning, side 2

Knit Cap Recovered from Brunswick Town / Fort Anderson, North Carolina
(Hannah P. Smith "Revisiting the Port of Brunswick..")



Figure 21. Brunswick Cap, after treatment, seam visible

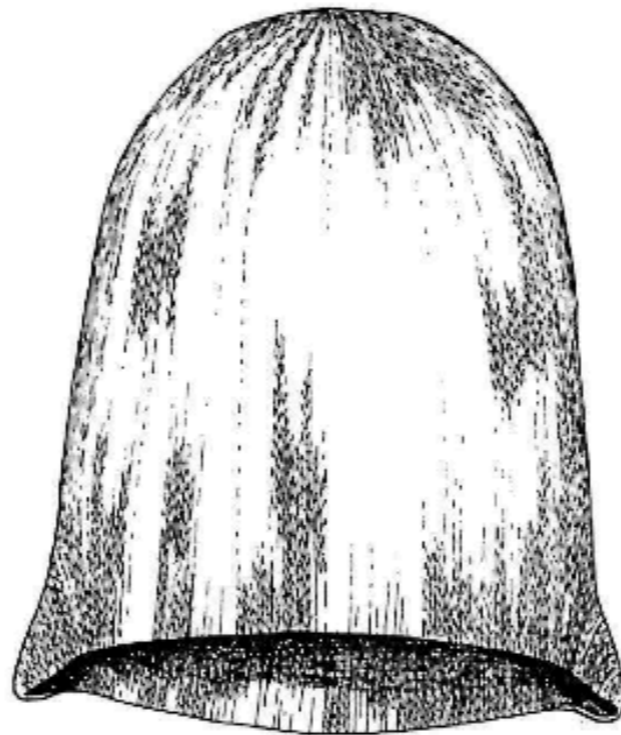


Figure 22. Brunswick Cap, after treatment, holes visible

*Knit Cap Recovered from Brunswick Town / Fort Anderson, North Carolina
(Hannah P. Smith "Revisiting the Port of Brunswick..")*



“The Child Œdipus Brought Back to Life by the Shepherd Phorbas, who Took Him off the Tree”
by Antoine-Denis Chaudet (1763–1810) c. 1799 - Exhibited in 1801
(The Louvre)



Wool tuque

French Knit Wool Tugue (A Seamless Tube, Closed at Both Ends & Folded Over Upon Itself for Double Layering)
From the Wreck of the Machault Sunk in the 1760 Battle of Restigouche in the Bay of Gaspé in Quebec Province

c. 1755 - 1760
(Parks Canada)



The Knit Hat Recreated
(Joel Bohy)

Striped Wool Knit Caps



Knit Caps Recovered from the Deposits of Spitsbergen, Norway
c. 1642
(Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)



Dutch Knit Cap
c. 1650
(Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)



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c. 1650
(Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)



Dutch Knit Cap
c. 1650
(Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)



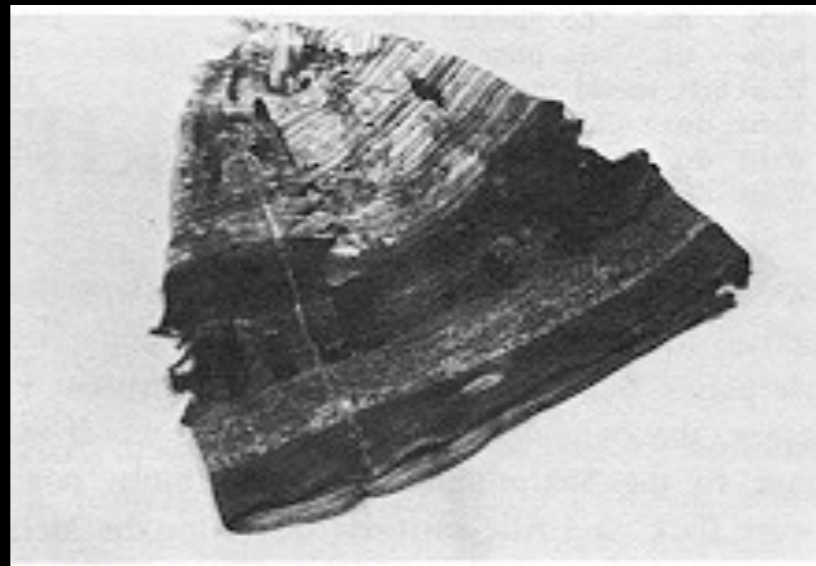
English Striped Knit Cap from the Wreck of H.M.S. Invisible
c. 1758
(Chatham Dockyard)



English Striped Knit Cap from the Wreck of H.M.S. Invisible
c. 1758
(Chatham Dockyard)



Dutch Frame Knitted Cap
c. 1740
(Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)



Knit Cap Worn by Guilford County Militia Officer Captain Arthur Forbis
Mortally Wounded at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in 1781
(Greensboro Historical Museum)



Dr. Oliver and Mr. Peirce Examining Patients at the Bath General Hospital
by William Hoare 1761
(Royal Mineral Water Hospital - Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases)



"The Porter and the Hare"
by Johann Zoffany 1768
(Ernest Edward Cook Collection - Herbert Art Gallery)



"The Porter and the Hare"
by Johann Zoffany 1768
(Ernest Edward Cook Collection - Herbert Art Gallery)



Detail: "The Idle Prentice at Play in the Church Yard, during Divine Service"
by William Hogarth 1747
(Private Collection)



“The Provok’d Wife” - Drury Lane 18 April 1763
by Johann Zoffany 1763 - 1765
(Wolverhampton Art Gallery)



“George Whitefield preaching”
by John Collett
(Private Collection)



The Striped Knit Hat Recreated
(Colonial Williamsburg - Joseph Privott)



“Le Marchand de Vin”
by Pietro Fabris c. 1770s
(Private Collection)



Andrew Wilkinson
by Andrew Wilkinson 1755
(National Portrait Gallery)



Andrew Wilkinson
by Andrew Wilkinson 1755
(National Portrait Gallery)



A Smoking Dutch Whaler Taking a Beer
18th Century
(Onno Van Seggelen)



The Striped Knit Hat Recreated
(Colonial Williamsburg - Jay & Lyndon Howlett)

Patterned Wool Knit Caps



Dutch Knit Cap
c. 1650
(Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)



English Knit Cap from the 1785 Wreck of the General Carleton of Whitby
c. 1785
(Cook Museum, Whitby)



Dutch Silk Diamond Pattern Knit Cap
17th Century
(Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)



Dutch Silk Diamond Pattern Knit Cap
17th Century
(Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam)



*The Diamond Pattern Knit Cap Recreated
(The First Oval Office - Colonial Williamsburg)*

Cotton Knit Caps



Dutch Cotton Knit Cap
18th Century

(Ex Collection of FIT, Brooklyn Museum, Mrs. DeWitt Cohen and Gertrude Whiting)



Dutch Cotton Knit Cap
18th Century

(Ex Collection of FIT, Brooklyn Museum, Mrs. DeWitt Cohen and Gertrude Whiting)

Period Accounts

Ran away from his Master, Capt. Henry Herrick of Beverly, on Friday Night last, a Negro Boy named *Jemmy*, about 19 Years old, and about 5 Feet 9 Inches high. He had on and took with him a dark grey Jacket, striped woollen Waistcoat and Shirt, black knit Breeches, a Pair of mix'd black & white and a Pair of light blue Yarn Stockings, a striped worsted and a blue mill'd Cap, and a Pair of plain Brass Buckles in his Shoes. ——— Whoever will take up the said Negro, and convey him to his Master aforesaid, or secure him in any of his Majesty's Goals, shall have **TEN DOLLARS** Reward, and all necessary Charges paid. *March 23. 1767.*

N. B. All Masters of Vessels and others are hereby cautioned against harbouring, concealing or carrying off the aforesaid Runaway Negro, as they would avoid the Penalty of the Law in that Case made and provided.

Advertisement from the Boston Evening Post of April 13, 1767

"a striped worsted and a blue mill'd cap"

(Image Courtesy Niels Hobbs)

Jonathan & John Amory

at their Store in King-Street Boston, are
now opening a large Assortment of Goods,
which they import from the first Hands, &
sell at the lowest Rate, by Wholesale only,

Among which are

CALICOES,	VELVETS
Pencasfoes	Silk Handkerchiefs
Ginghams	Grizetts
Gauzes	Broglios
Catgut	Milinetts
Parisnet	Poplins
Dimities	Allapeens
Fustians	Bombazecens
Jeans	Brilliant
Thickfets	Coloured Crape
Cotton Velvets	Mecklinburgs
Cotton Velverets	Dorssteens
Cotton Shapes	Incle Lutestring
Cotton Hollands	Ell-wide, Perfians
A large Assortment Fans	Muslins
Sagathies	Ribbons of all sorts
Daroy	Ferrets
Broad Cloths	Gallooms
Sergés	Cords
Flannels	Braids
Swanskins	Sewing Silks
Balzes	Tapes
Ratteen	Gartering
Ketseys & Plains	Qualities of all sorts
Embofs'd Serges	White and black Lace
Half Thicks	Stay Strapping
Blankets	Pins of all sorts
Duffels	Wax Threads
Coatings	Shirt Buttons
Bearskins	Knee Garters
Beaver Coatings	Necklaces
Camblets	Snail & Gloop Trimming
Calimancoes	Stay Laces
Tammies	Fringes
Ruffels	Gloves of all sorts
Worsted Damasks	Mens Butt Soles
Everlastings	Buckrams
Drawboys	Silk and Hair and Silk
Shalloons	Twist Buttons
Grograms	Silk Twist
Garlix	Mohair
Dowlafs	Black Crane
Pistol Lawns	Tiffanies
Tandems	Hat Caps
Ornabrigs	Canvas for Working
Ticklingburgs	Worsted for Quilting
Diapers	Crewelly
Russia Linnen	Metal Buttons of all sorts
Cambricks	Buttons of all sorts
Lawns	Ink Powder
Long Lawns	Chlp Bonnets & Hatts
Table Cloths	Striped Paper
Linnen Handkerchiefs	Kilmarnock Caps
Irish Linnens	White Threads
Irish Sheetings	Plaids
Printed Linnens	ALSO,
Ravens Duck	Nails
Yellow Hollands	Glass
Russia Drabs	Gun Powder
Checks of all sorts	Shot
Red Bunts	Snuff
Bed Ticks	Spices
Cotton Gowns	Wool Cards
Striped Linnens	Beaver, Beaverit, and It Hats
Plushes	Bohea Tea
Capuchin Silks	Writing Paper
Taffeties	Bibles
Sattins	And many other Articles.
Alamodes	

Advertisement from the Boston Evening Post of May 23, 1768
"kilmaramock caps"
(Image Courtesy Niels Hobbs)

Caleb Blanchard

Acquaints his Friends, Customers & Others,
That he is just arrived from LONDON, in the ship
Lydia, Capt. *Scott*, and has brought with him,

A general Assortment of Goods,

Which are now opened and ready for Sale,

At his SHOP in Union-Street,

Stiffed Chip Hats,	Book Muslin,
Mens and Womens white and black Gloves and Mitts,	Fine Muslin for Men's Stocks, Cambricks,
Carpets and Stair Carpeting,	Kenting Handkerchiefs,
Ticklingburg and Osnabrigs,	7-8, yard wide & Packet Lawns,
Ravens Duck, Russia Drabs,	Bengalls, Penniasoes,
Buckrams, Butt Soles,	Black, blue, green & cloth ell wide Persians,
Black and white Gauze,	Buttons & Twist,
Black Gauze Handkerchiefs,	3-4, 7-8 & yard wide Checks, Furniture Checks,
Catgut, Sailnet,	Cotton Hollands,
A variety of Ribbons,	Velverets, Jeans & Fustians,
Black, blue, green, and white Pelong Sattins,	White Dimothy,
White Spring'd Ditto,	Spotted & flower'd Bandannoes,
Narrow Allamode,	Silk Romalls, Cotton ditto,
Black and white fringed Bar- celona Handkerchiefs,	Kilmarnock Caps,
Green, yellow, rose and cloth colour'd Lutestrings,	Striped Caps,
Black, blue and cloth colour'd India Taffaties,	Men's and Womens worsted, thread & cotton Hose,
Black English ditto,	Silk Mitts of all colors, Worsted ditto,
Rich black Lutestring,	Black & white Silk Gloves, Open work Silk Gloves & Mitts,
Crimson & green India Damask,	White & black Silk Hose,
Stay Galloom, Cord & Shaping,	Pins, Cloathing Diaper,
White watered Tabby,	Black, blue, white, buff & cloth color'd Breeches,
Yellow Holland,	Knit Maceroid Waistcoats, Black, blue, green, white and cloth color'd superfine Cloths, Wilton Cloths,
Black Dons Lace,	Embossed Serges,
Wax Necklaces, Threads,	German Serges, Everlastings, Drawboys Balzes,
Ivory Combs,	Flannels, Plankets & Quilts, Bed Ticks,
Check Handkerchiefs,	Looking Glasses,
Gimps & Snails,	China & Queens Ware,
Cap Ware, Cap Skeleton,	Writing Paper,
Sewing Silks, Knee Garters,	Press & Bennet Paper,
Ferret, Fans,	Account Books,
Gilt & Twist Buttons,	Merry Andrew & Heary the 8th Playing Cards,
Gold & silver Thread ditto,	Nutmegs, Cranamon,
Camblet & Cambletcens,	Clove, Mace, Pepper,
Plain & flowered Ruffels,	A few Cases of Silver Handls Knives & Forks,
Callamancoes,	
Shalloons, Tammites,	
3-4, 7-8 & yard wd Irish Linnen,	
Sheeting, Dowlas,	
Huckabuck,	
White Russia Drab for Breeches,	
Pastwork Handkerchiefs,	
India Nankeens,	
Strip'd Cotton for Waistcoats,	

The above will be Sold at the lowest Rates by Wholesale
and Retail for Cash only.

Advertisement from the Boston Evening Post of May 3, 1771

"Kilmarmock Caps"

(Image Courtesy Niels Hobbs)

Joshua Gardner

Has received by Capt LYDE, and Capt. BRYANT,
a fresh Supply of Goods, which he will sell at his
Shop in Cornhill, at his usual low Price,
among which are a fine Assortment

HOSIERY from the Makers.

Such as white Breeches Patterns, black and coloured
ditto, Mens marbled, plain, and ribb'd worsted, Hose
Mens silk and worsted ditto, cotton and worsted ditto,
Womens worsted Hose, Womens black & coloured wor-
sted Mitts and Gloyes, Womens silk Mitts and Gloves,
Striped and plain worsted Caps, green and crimson mock
Velvet ditto, with a general Assortment of English Goods,
All which will be sold on the most reasonable Terms by
Wholesale or Retail for ready Money.

Advertisement from the Boston Gazette of May 7, 1771

"striped and plain worsted caps"

(Image Courtesy Niels Hobbs)

Now Opening,
 A fine Assortment of English and
 India GOODS,
 Imported in the last Ships, which will be Sold by
John Appleton,

At his Store,
 At the very lowest Rates by Wholesale and Retail:

Among which are,

<p>LOW and middling priced calicoes, dark and light English patches black and white gauze, white & col'd jeans, Man- chester velvets all colors, silk & worsted sagathes, black sattins, & alamode, narrow white persians brown padusay, col'd & changeable lutestrings color'd sattins, black, col'd and changeable taffeties India nankeens, taffells, nickanees, chints, patnas China silk handkerchiefs, cotton romalls, bengall & peneasoes all colours, black, col'd & change-ble persians; 7-8, 3-4 and yardwide Irish linens, fort- ed from 7s. 6d. to 45s. O T. 3 4 and 7-8 garlets, Irish sheetings 3 4 dowlassees for shoe- lining, black & col'd ca- lamancoes, broad & nar- row qualities of all co- lours; pompadore, choco- late, drab, col'd, light and dark, mixt, parsons gray and black superfine broad cloth; a fine assortment of middling & low-priced broad cloths, scarlet and crimson baize, ratteens of all colours, white stat. nels, kerfies and plains, embos'd serge, shalloons & tammies of all colours, everlasting, camblets stuff, double brown cam- blets, men's & women's cotton, thread & worsted hose of all sorts; women's black, col'd & white silk mitts; women's black & col'd worsted mitts, men's striped and mock-velvet</p>	<p>worsted caps, black and cloth colour'd 4 threaded breeches patterns, three- breaded ditto; a fine & full assortment of the new- est-fashion'd ribbons, Russia drabs, oznabrigs, Russia duck, clouting dia- per, table cloths of all sizes, 3-4 & 1-2 ell Rus- sia diaper, Russia linens, check handkerchiefs, & barcelona ditto, bunting, bed-ticks, checks of all widths and prices, grizets, muslinets, poplins, broglies, col'd crapes, bombazines, men's and women's white gloves, ditto black gloves, womens black silk gloves, women's black worsted gloves, black ferrits and ribbons, stay cord, braid and galloom, yellow hol- land, sewing silks, col'd threads, tapes, garters, pins, needles, fans of all sorts, very handsome ivory fans, blond lace, cam- bricks and lawns, 6-4 muslins, shirt buttons, knee garters, buckrams, buttons of all sorts, silk ivory and horn table knives and forks, cuttoes, penknives, an assortment of buckles, writing papers, account books, cod-lines & cod- hooks, twine, nutmegs, nutmegs, mace, peppers, loaf sugar, saith of all sizes, spruce & black, and bell and spanish indigo,</p>
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Advertisement from the Essex Gazette of May 28, 1771
 "striped and mock - velvet worsted caps"
 (Image Courtesy Niels Hobbs)

Caleb Blanchard

Informs his Customers and Others,
That he has just received in Capt. Scott & Symmes from London,
A large and general Assortment of

GOODS,

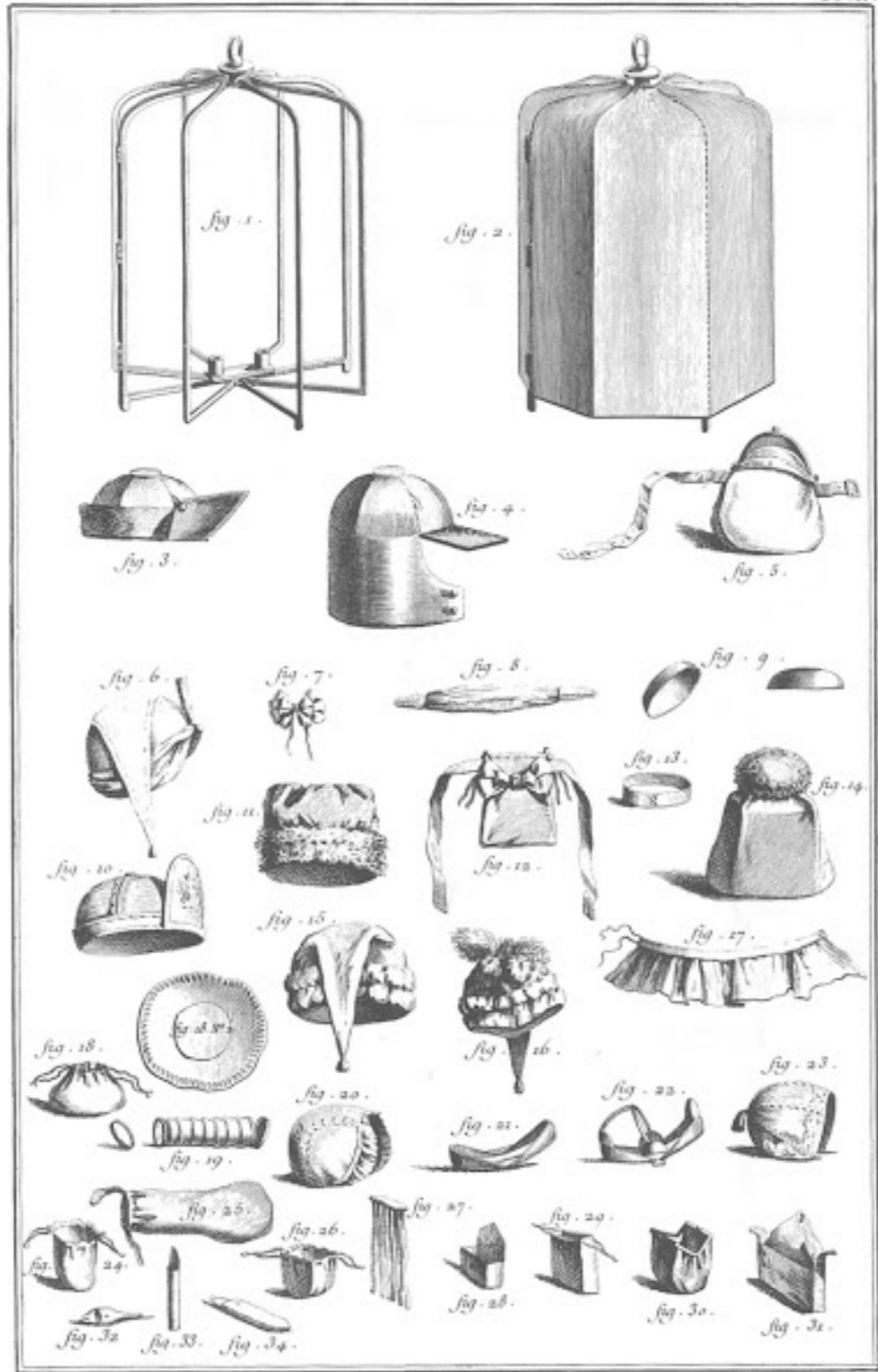
which he will sell at the very lowest Prices
by Wholesale and Retail for Cash only,
at his Store in Union-Street, BOSTON,

Superfine, middling and low-pric'd Broad-cloths of
all colours, Beaverskins, Rattens, plain and knapt
Hath Beaver, Serges, German Serges, Lambskins,
Drapery Baizes, 8-qrs. Baize, Duffels, Blankets,
emboss'd Serges, Flannels, Swanskins for Ironing-
Cloths, striped ditto, Kerseys, plain striped & mix'd
Cambleteens, fine broad double Camblets, Everlasting,
black, crimson and other coloured Drawboys, yard-
wide and Stan Carpeting, a fine Assortment of Hosiery,
as Mens and Womens worsted thread and cotton Hosiery,
Boys and Girls Hosiery, Socks, Patent ribbed mix'd and
white Silk Hosiery, Silk Mitts & Gloves of all colours,
worsted Mitts and Gloves, striped and scarlet Caps,
milled Caps, Macorina Waistcoats, Breeches Pieces of
all colours, Poplins, Shalloon, Tammy, Callamancoes,
plain and flowered Russels, Buckrams, Buttrons & Twilt
of all colours, a fashionable Assortment of Silver and
Gold and Thread Buttons, white and black fringed
Barcelona Handkerchiefs, spotted and flowered Ban-
danno Handkerchiefs, silk Romalls, linnen ditto of
all kinds, cotton Romalls, Catgut, Cap Wire, Skellin-
ton, white Gauze, Gauze Aprons and Handkerchiefs,
white, blue, grey and black spotted Sattin for Cloaks,
Pelong Sattins of all colours, very rich black India
Lutestring, English and India Taffety, Lutestrings,
narrow Alamode, Sirsnets, ell-wide Persians, plain
Bengals, Penialcoes, an Assortment of the newest
fashion Ribbons, Ferret, Snail, blond Laces, Gimp,
sewing Silk, Muffs & Tippetts and Furr Trimming of
all colours, HOSE'S Shoes, — A large Parcel of Irish
Linnen of all widths, as low as any that ever was im-
ported *directly* from Ireland or any other Place, —
Cambricks, Lawns, figured and plain yard-wide and
6-qrs. Book Muslin, sheer & thick Mullins, Dowls,
Ozinabrigs, Ticklenburg, Bed-tick, Huckabuck, 3-qf.
Diaper, clouting Diaper Checks of all widths, Furni-
ture Checks, Velyeret, and the best cotton Velvets,
Dimothies, striped Holland, chip Hats, Wax Neck-
laces, Tapes, Pins, black Pins for Hair, Pound Pins,
Tapes, Shoe and broad Quality, Coat-binding, Gar-
tering, metal Buttons, white plain ditto, Mens and
Womens white and black Gloves, Norway Doe & best
Buck Gloves, white Russia Drab, Ravens Duck, Nunt
Thread, fine Scotch coloured Threads, Knee Garters,
cotton Laces, Fans, Assortment of Callicoës & Chinces,
&c. &c.

A L S O,

Bohea and best Hyson T E A, Pepper,
Nutmegs, Mace, Cinnamon, Cloves, China Ware,
Paper, Account Books, Merry Andrew, Hairy 8th,
and the best Mogul Playing Cards, Bonnet and Press
Paper, Ink-powder, Butt Soles, Looking-Glasses,
Silver Handle Knives and Forks, in Shagreen Cases.

Advertisement from the Boston Evening Post of September 23, 1771
“striped and scarlet caps, milled caps”
(Image Courtesy Niels Hobbs)



Boursier,

“Boursier”
 From the Encyclopedia of Diderot & d’Alembert
 (University of Michigan)

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