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Billy Can

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An essential item

Although the billy-can had humble beginnings as a make-shift cooking tool for miners on the goldfields, it became a very common outdoor kettle, even for wealthy family picnics (as depicted in the below work by Frederick McCubbin). Although it might look slightly different today, the billy-can is still an essential part of camping and outdoor gear.



Frederick McCubbin

Picnic at Studley Park

1885, Oil on canvas. Private Collection, Melbourne

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