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Dear Clients and Friends:

Somewhere in the world, there are people right now who are making a go of it in the wilderness. We all know someone who takes camping to the extreme, backpacking to a lonely spot just to get away from civilization for a while.

Turn the clock back not so very far, and you could find hunters and trappers who knew how to survive for long periods in the wild without resupply. Many of them did business with the world's oldest trading corporation, the Hudson's Bay Company, which had been given a large portion of this continent by royal charter.

Drawing on some three hundred years of experience in remote areas, the trading company prepared a watertight emergency kit weighing eleven pounds, about a foot square by four inches deep, capable of floating. With a bit of luck, some industry and common sense, they estimated a healthy man or woman should be able to last at least a week, and maybe a month using these limited tools and provisions.

Flip this page over and you'll find what the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay chose to include, and the reasons why.

Henry David Thoreau wrote, "Man's capacities have never been measured; nor are we to judge what we can do by any precedents, so little has been tried. What people say you can not do, you try and find you can."

Regards,



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ITEM	QUANTITY	PURPOSE
Tea Bags.	28	Making of tea
Vitamin Pills	50	Making up for diet deficiency
Pilot Bread.	30 oz.	Food
Butter.	16 oz.	Food
Strawberry Jam	14 ½ oz.	Food
Klik	12 oz.	Food
Condensed Milk.	14 oz.	Food
Chocolate Bars.	10.5 oz.	Food
Matches	100	Lighting of fires
Knife	1	Multiple purposes
Spoon.	1	Eating, fish bait, scoop, or shovel, etc.
Whistle.	1	Signaling
Double-faced mirror. . .	1	Signaling
Fishing line.	1	Fishing, snaring, wick, string, etc.
Fishhooks.	4	Fishing, catching birds
Snare Wire.	1 oz.	Setting snares and various other uses
Candles.	2	Cooking, light, etc.
Kleenex	Small amt.	Multiple purposes
Camphor.		Mosquito bites, cuts, chapped lips