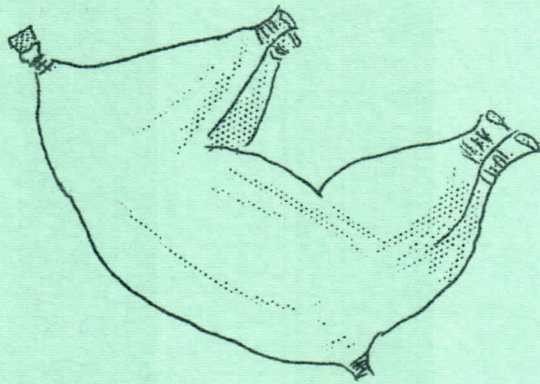


GOAT SKIN BAGS

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The skins of animals were used for bags to carry large amounts of water. Goatskins were used to hold grapejuice or to store milk.

The holes of the legs and the tail were tied or sewed shut. A stopper was placed in the neck opening.



These skins were sometimes called "bottles". They were very tough. But when they got old, they began to crack. That is why Jesus said that you do not put new wine into old wine skins. The skin would be apt to crack open.

The people who live in this area today, turn the hairy side of the goatskin inside when they make these bottles.

Often in a one-room house you will see several of these skins hung from the rafters of the house along with bunches of vegetables that are drying.

