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Form: Circular shell medal with hole at 12 o'clock for a ring to a crimp bar for a dark red ribbon.

By: ?

Date: 1900

Ref: Laidlaw: 0088;

Variations:

Size	Metal	Mass	Value
36.5 mm	Aluminium Shell	5.3 gm	\$40

Edge: Upright reeded.

Obverse: Britannia holding the British Union flag on a raised dais surrounded by nine maidens, five on the left and four on the right bearing banners named with countries of the Empire. From left to right: Queensland, Victoria, West Australia, Canada (lowered) South Australia, India (banner lowered) New Zealand, South Africa, New South Wales. In the exergue: "THE / EMPIRE (in an arc)".

Reverse: Within a beaded border and a wreath from the cocoa plant tied at the bottom, the trade mark of James Epps & Co and "UNITED / UNDER ONE FLAG / ALSO IN DRINKING / EPPS'S COCOA / 1900".

Notes: James Epps (1821-1907) was homeopathic chemist and founded the Epps cocoa business in 1839 with plantations in Jamaica. His cocoa was successfully marketed worldwide as a health-giving drink containing homeopathic minerals.