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Most people get chocolate bunnies or plastic candy-filled eggs as presents on Easter, but for Russian Tsars at the turn of the 20th century, gifts were lot more expensive. Master jewel Peter Carl Faberge was given complete artistic freedom and could design the eggs around any theme he wanted. But he had to abide by one rule : every egg had to contain a surprise.

The Russian Revolution of 1917 saw the end of this extravagant tradition, with the Tsars overthrown, the Faberge family fled Russia and many of the eggs confiscated by the Bolcheviks. Today, many eggs have found their way into collections, museums and institutions across the world. Not all of the eggs have been located.

Last year, a scrap dealer who bought an ornament from a bric-a-brac market to be melted down for its gold discovered it was a 20 million pounds Fabergé egg after finding a Telegraph article online.

The Imperial Easter Egg was designed by Peter Carl Faberge for Tsar Alexander III in 1887 and seized by the Bolsheviks during the Russian Revolution. The egg languished in his kitchen for years until one night in 2012, when he googled "egg" and "Vacheron Constantin", he found a Telegraph article published a year earlier, featuring a picture of his egg and the title : "is this 20 million pounds nest-egg on your masterpiece ?"

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