

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage

Proper Display Quickly Sells Old Oak Sideboard

Place makes value almost as much as anything does, which is another way of saying that you have to bring a thing to its proper market in order to get what it's worth.

Some time ago a furniture dealer acquaintance of mine took an oak sideboard in on a trade. He didn't want to do it, but it was a question of selling \$1,500 worth of new furniture, so he allowed \$100 for the piece.

The piece was seven and a half feet high, six feet long and two feet wide. Its design and ornamentation were simple. The most salient thing about it was its massiveness — its air of heavy solidity.

There were three drawers in it and three little closets with paneled doors. The central door was ornamented with a carved bird and some fruit, the other

two had only fruit.

On the baseboard were two carved stands for vases flanking a figured central panel.

I first saw the piece ranged against the back wall of a huge room filled with the most modern furniture. The dealer told me it was a late Victorian piece he was holding for \$200.

I gave it no further thought until some weeks later, when I noticed it was gone.

"You should have bought it when you had the chance," he said. "But I'm glad you didn't. I sold it last week for \$850."

OLD TEAPOT GENUINE ANTIQUE

"To be absolutely frank about it, I bought it for two reasons," said Mrs. Wiseton lifting the teapot with both hands. "I had to get a large teapot and it had to be cheap."

Ned Forsythe, something of an amateur in oriental art, leaned over and turned the teapot around.

The sun glinted on the brass sheathing of its dome cover and gleamed along the copper neck. For a fraction of a second I had the illusion that the turquoise eyes on the monster whose arch body formed the handle actually blinked in the light.

"How long was it before you discovered it was a Tibetan ceremonial piece," Ned asked.

"About a week," replied Mrs. Wiseton. "When my husband saw it the night I brought it home, he right away began suspecting it was something important. I remember when I told him how ridiculous that it wasn't any more so than having a tea-

"What proved it was the real thing, so far as we were concerned," she went on, was the offer we got. We were very poor at the time, and the first man who came out to look at it wouldn't commit himself on its value but did offer us \$10 on it. Said he was willing to 'gamble' that amount.

"Fortunately my husband figured out that if he would gamble that much, others might gamble more, and by the time we had our third offer — about two months later — we didn't need the \$50 offered but enough to accept it."

"The top offer is just under \$200," said Mrs. Wiseton.

look each and everyone of them up in a catalogue. He found an envelope which proved to be one of the stamped variety issued in 1873 for the post office and war departments after the government had abolished franking privileges as an economy measure.

The stamp is a simple one, designed by George H. Reay, a name famous to philatelists. It is oval in shape. The legend in the upper part is Post Office Dept. Below, it reads Three Cents. In the center, flanked by the initials of the United States, is a large S surrounded by the words Official Stamp.

The color of the stamp is the main clue to its value. Had this one been black on canary, it would have been worth only 25 cents or so.

But being black on white it is so rare as to have a value of \$600.

BOY FINDS VALUABLE 'OFFICIAL' STAMP

Stamp collections that have been kept in a family only because of their sentimental value, or inertia, may prove to be veritable gold mines.

A case in point is that of one recently passed on to the 12-year-old son of an acquaintance of mine.

The collection, consisting of some 50 items, was begun by the lad's Great Uncle Andy shortly after he had received an appointment from President Grant as postmaster of a small town.

Recently the youngster's uncle came across the stamps in an old envelope and turned them over to his nephew to add to his collection. They had been kept intact during most of the intervening years by Great Uncle Andy's widow who died early in World War II.

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As We Live

By ELIZABETH MURLOCK, PH.D.

Immature Person Does Right Thing Out of Fear

A law-abiding citizen is not necessarily a morally mature person. His reason for being good is the key to his maturity.

The morally mature person does the right thing because he knows it is right and his conscience tells him it is the thing to do.

He makes the decision without having to be told or forced to do it. He wants to do what is right.

The morally immature person, on the other hand, may do the right thing, but he does so through fear of punishment or social disapproval. He is held back from doing what he would like to do because he is afraid of the consequences.

This distinction may seem unimportant, but it is far from that. Only when people are morally mature can you trust them to do what is right in the absence of some law-enforcing agency or of strong public opinion.

When there is a chance that no one will catch him, the morally immature person will break the law or the convention of society. The one thing that holds him back, fear of punishment, does not work when he thinks he has a good chance of "getting away with it."

Contrast this with the person whose attitude toward laws is mature. Even in the absence of any possibility of being caught, he will do the right thing if he is tempted to do the wrong one. He acts as he does because he knows it is the right thing to do and he does not permit his own wishes in the matter to dictate his actions.

LETTERS FROM READERS
Lateness: "I have always heard that you should not keep social engagements on time as it looks too unsophisticated. Is this correct?"

(A) All that being late does is to create the impression that the person is rude and ignorant of social conventions. Only when the invitation gives a leeway in time, such as 5 to 7 o'clock, can you arrive at your convenience. If you are asked to come to dinner at 6 o'clock, you should be there not a minute later than 6. Should something unexpected

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December Sky Review

By J. HUGH PRUETT
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There are only two naked-eye planets now in the evening sky. Around 8:30 p.m. ruddy Mars stands alone well up in the southwest. Although this old dog of war is greatly dimmed from his brilliance of last July, yet he still appears as a bright star.

At this hour Jupiter is just peeping above the horizon in the east-northeast. A little later when higher in the sky, Jupiter's great splendor will be very apparent. No star-like object in the evening heavens equals it in brilliance. It is now rated as of magnitude "minus 2.1."

The planet Mercury is rising only a short time before the sun and so is completely lost in the solar rays. Venus, the brightest of all the stars and planets, is easily spotted in the dawn, for it clears the horizon in the east-southeast fully two hours before sunrise.

Huddling fairly close to Venus is the planet Saturn. In a dark sky Saturn would appear as a fairly bright star, but in comparison with its extremely brilliant companion, it is rather dwarfed.

For our evening study, let us observe around 8:30 p.m. Starting due north we find our faithful Big Dipper right side up and quite near the horizon. It is now moving eastward as can clearly be detected after a short period of watching. Very high in the northeast the bright, yellow Capella is splendid. Beside it note the tiny triangle of dim stars which outline the Kids.

Two Bright Stars
Just above Jupiter and forming with it an almost upright line there are the two bright stars Pollux and—directly above it—Castor. These are the Twins, or Gemini, of classical mythology. Our light profanity, "by Jimmy," is a crude form of the ancient Roman oath referring to the Gemini.

Very high in the east a closely packed little group of small stars forms the tiny dipper of the Pleiades (PLEE-ya-deez). Below this cluster, a collection of stars, the Hyades (HIE-deez), mostly faint, form a letter V lying on its side with the point toward the right. The bright star Aldebaran tops the lower arm of the V.

Leans Over Backwards
Orion (accent second syllable), the mighty hunter, is leaning far over backwards near the horizon slightly to the right of due east. His belt, made up of three equally bright stars, evenly spaced in a short vertical line, instantly attracts our attention. Somewhat higher and northward from the belt, brilliant red Betelgeuse marks the hunter's right shoulder. On the other side of the belt, blue-white Rigel glitters in Orion's upraised shoulder. On the other side of the belt, blue-white Rigel glitters in Orion's upraised left foot.

In the west and well up, Altair in the Eagle shines brightly between two dimmer "guard" stars. In the northwest the still brighter Vega is conspicuous. These three bright stars form a large triangle between the west and northwest.

Alaska Rescue Operation Rewarded

Anchorage, Alaska — (U.P.)—The Army has announced the award of medals and citations to 11 persons who participated in the rescue of injured mountain climber George Argus from the icy slopes of Mt. McKinley last May.

The rescue operation for which the 11 received their awards was described as one of the most hazardous in mountaineering history. Argus, a soldier, was injured when his climbing party tumbled down a steep slope high on North America's most lofty peak.

One member of the party, Eldon Thayer, was killed in the fall, but two others survived and descended the mountain for help. Argus was left bundled in sleeping bags and was rescued from the peak in the hazardous operation for which the Army passed out the awards.

Entertaining: "We have to live on a strict budget as our income is not large and we have three small children. My husband is always at me to have people in for meals or to watch TV. This is an expense we cannot afford. Should I humor him?"

(A) Having company for dinner should be eliminated if you are living on a limited budget. You could, however, serve very simple, home-made refreshments in the evenings and, in the summer, have picnics with your friends by asking them to bring their own supplies.

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Bad Weather Cancels Inspections for CAP

Due to foggy weather here and in Portland, two inspections of the Medford Civil Air Patrol squadron have been cancelled, it was announced Saturday. The first inspection had been set for Nov. 22, and the second was planned for yesterday.

Senior members of the Medford CAP group met Friday at their building at the Medford municipal airport, and a new radio, delivered here by Oregon wing representatives, was used. The radio, brought here by Air Force truck, gives the Medford squadron contact with all CAP stations in the state.

4-H Club News

Eagle Point Clubs
Eagle Point 4-H Sewing Club met November 22 at the High school with six members present: Cathy Carroll, Lois Cunningham, Sally Mongold, Marianne Starkey, Susie Palm, and Celeste Huffman.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Cathy Carroll; vice-president, Lois Cunningham; ham, secretary, Sally Mongold; reporter, Marianne Starkey.

The leader, Mrs. John Huffman, told what each member would be required to make. No name has been chosen for the club as yet.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month. Next meeting will be December 6 at the home of Mrs. John Huffman.

Eagle Point Child Care club met November 23, at the home of the leader, Miss Leolyn Brock. Assistant leader is Mrs. Fred Farlow. Members present were: Sandra Farlow, Linda Nease, Donna Brock, Margaret Cearly, Leolyn Brock, and Marianne Starkey.

Officers elected were: President, Sandra Farlow; vice-president, Leolyn Brock; secretary, Margaret Cearly; reporter, Marianne Starkey; food and game chairman, Linda Nease and Donna Brock.

Next meeting will be at the home of Linda Nease, November 30, at 3:30 o'clock. Sandra Farlow will help the hostess refreshments.

Members hope that their child care club will encourage teenagers in other towns to start such a club because it is very interesting and educational. Marianne Starkey Reporter

Court Records

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