

# Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



## Arrowhead Collection Contains Valuable Piece

The boy had a usual collection of arrowheads—broken, chipped and whole—typical of those that hundreds of thousands of boys in rural America have made.

"And isn't this wonderful!" he said, drawing out a piece nearly buried by the others.

Indeed it was. I recognized it instantly as a splendid Yuma blade, so-called because the first one was found in Uma County, Colorado. No one could possibly mistake it. It was nearly six inches long, tapering from a width of not quite an inch at the shoulder to an almost needle point. It was of the oblique type,

from the flint's having been chipped obliquely across the blade-flaked rather.

"I found it on the edge of a mound down the valley," the boy said.

His eyes lit up, and so did his father's when I told them that the value of Yumas—used as knives or spearheads—ranged from \$15 to \$50, and this one was much nearer the latter figure, at the very least.

But the chief significance of the price to the youngster was not the money it might eventually mean. Instead, it was that the price was proof anyone could understand of the value of his hobby.

## GLORY OF OLD SARDINIA REFLECTED IN STAMP

"Sardinia is an island and always has been," Jim said. "I've been there and I know."

"It wasn't 80 years ago, it included part of Italy then, and I can prove it," countered Rex indignantly.

"I'll show you," Rex said, rushing out of the room. "Just a minute."

"Here you are," he said, placing an old Scott's stamp album open on the table. "Look at this."

He was pointing at the top of the page. Just beneath the title Sardinia was a statement that the Kingdom of Sardinia included the mainland cities of Genoa, Turin and Nice.

While Jim explained that he didn't realize Rex meant the political Sardinia, which became the Kingdom of Italy in 1861, rather than the geographical island, I became interested in the single stamp on the page.

It was unused, blue green in color, of a five centesimi denomination. In the center was a bearded bust of Victor Emmanuel II facing left. It was one of the 1853 issue.

I asked Rex if he knew what it was worth.

"Nah," he said. "Those old stamps can't be worth much."

But he sang a different tune about an hour later after I had learned that it catalogued at \$75 unused and \$50 used.

## DON'T JUDGE NOVEL BY ITS LITERARY MERIT

"Ramona"—my elderly hostess, an authoress of some note a generation ago, sniffed audibly. "I know it was very popular but have you ever read it?"

I replied that I hadn't.

"Well, you haven't missed much. Helen Maria Fiske Hunt Jackson was a highly overrated writer. I know her well. 'Ramona' is a saccharine tale."

As it reading my mind she went on, giving me no chance to put it into words.

"I am not worried about my place in literature," she said. "It is secure enough. I'll always have a place in good anthologies, but that woman, that . . ." At that point she rang a little silver bell on the table beside her. A maid appeared.

"Edith," my hostess said,

"fetch me the book 'Ramona' on the top shelf, left, of the west bookcase in my study."

"I am going to let you have this, Mr. Gage. It's a presentation copy Helen gave me years ago. I want you to read it."

I said I would be glad to and would return it promptly.

"No, you must keep it," she said. "If you don't, I'll give it to someone else, or just throw it away."

Well, I kept it, and just the other day in going through my books I came across it again. Curious as to its value, I looked it up to find that copies of the first edition, such as mine was, published at Boston in 1855, have sold at recent auctions for prices up to \$52.50.

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Richard De Groot underwent surgery recently in the Veterans' Hospital in Portland and Ethel Carr was reported ill.

Attendance pins were presented Delma and Ralph Swingle; Ethel and Charles Hocker-smith, Norman Nelsons and Myrtle Ferns.

H.E.C. will meet Feb. 9 at the Grange hall instead of the usual date due to the Credit Producers association dinner Feb. 18. All ladies are urged to be present and bring a sack lunch as this is to be a work day in the kitchen, also please bring any dish towels belonging to the Grange.

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