

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage

Wood Chests for Trinkets Sold for Good Profit

Miss Janet's camphor wood chest might just as well have been a battered footlocker for all the consideration she gave it. "That old thing," she said. "I got that from a native cabin on Kona. A Chinese-Hawaiian had it. It was under his porch and he sold it to me for \$10. The chest was just under three feet long, 17 inches high and 16 inches wide. The boards were a good three-quarters of an inch thick, and the uprights at the corners were a full inch and a half on either side. In addition to being held together by what appeared to be a tongue and groove technique, all four corners were bound along their entire length by good stout brass. Furthermore, brass strapping ran completely around the chest in such a way that when the strapping was padlocked, it would be virtually impossible for the chest to break open. The brass was not oriental. Most likely it was the product of some New England foundry and had been applied to the chest by a seaman on a long voyage across the Pacific as the ship carried a consignment of coolie laborers to Hawaii. At any rate, the brass had been decorated by a nail punch in designs that were distinctly nautical and typical of New England. "Can't you see that this is something of an antique," I asked Miss Janet. "It certainly smells like it," she sniffed. "Well, I'll see what I can get for it," she added. A few days later she sold it for \$150.00, a price that was much too low, I felt.

BUTTON MOLD UNSIGNED, BUT PROVES VALUABLE

"What do you think of this, Uncle Pinkney, said my niece Judith offering me a strange looking object. At first glance, I thought it was some kind of an old compass. There were two arms extending from a central hinge, each tapering to a rather rough point. They were open at nearly a 90-degree angle, but since a third arm extended midway between the other two, but behind them, it was clearly not a compass. Also, the third arm had two circular depressions in it, of two sizes. "It's a button mold," said my niece excitedly. "You'd never guess what it is otherwise. It was used for molding pewter buttons."

WANTS TO GET BETTER PRICE FOR GOLD DOLLAR

"This is one of the few gold dollars put out by the Confederacy. How much will you pay for it?" The customer held out a small, velvet-lined, jewel box in which lay a tiny coin. Fred picked it up and began to examine it carefully, while I wondered how long it would be before he came out with some cutting remark to the effect that the coin of top value put out by the Confederates was a half dollar. The coin was a beauty, an example of the United States gold dollar that was coined over a period of years starting in 1856. On the obverse side was the head of an Indian Princess, left, surrounded by the legend United States of America. "Where do you get the Confederate business," I asked, turning the coin over. "See the little 'D' on the reverse," said Fred. The "D" was quite clear beneath the wreath of cotton and wheat that enclosed the date 1861. "Well," he continued. "Every gold dollar struck off in 1861 was done by the mint at Dahlonega, Ga., and all of them were struck after the mint had been seized by the Governor of Georgia on April 8. "Unfortunately, the mint record of operations under the Confederacy has been either lost or destroyed, so we don't know just how many of these coins were made. "How much will you offer?" the customer said again. "Two hundred and fifty dollars," Fred replied. "Nothing doing," said the owner, putting the tiny piece back in its box. "I know it catalogs high as \$400, and I expect to get a lot nearer that than \$250.00. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate, Inc.)

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On The Side

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Note it currently reported that "women are going brunette." Our ever alert Horses and Women Department reported that over six months ago. Right now the situation is that only one woman in ten is asking for a red-haired coloring job. Only three in ten prefer to be blondes. All the rest want to be brunettes. That is not because gentlemen are now preferring brunettes. It is because a brunette hair coloring looks more natural than the others. Most red, silver blonde, platinum blonde, straw blonde hair coloring jobs look so phony they don't even deceive men. Few things cheaper than a woman's appearance more than a phony looking hair dyeing job.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q.—My dear fellow, don't you know that "Take Back the Universe and Give Me Yesterday" is a song, not a line in a play? A.—It was a song title, but also a line in the play, "The Silver King." Q.—What's the easiest job you ever had? The hardest? A.—Easiest was as a baseball writer. A soft touch. But it does get monotonous. Hardest? I worked on a farm in New England for three weeks. That was really rugged. Q.—Was Pearl White, the serial queen, star of "The Perils of Pauline," born in Poland? A.—I have heard that claimed but my understanding is that Pearl was born in Glen Ridge, Mo.

A 'Bill Daly'

No doubt you have heard the turf expression "off on a Bill Daly." Are you clear as to what it means? Well, sir, if you saw the Swaps-Nashua match on television you saw a perfect example of it. Eddie Arcaro really got Nashua off on a Bill Daly. That means to get a horse off in front and to try to stay in front throughout the race. "Father Bill" Daly, picturesque owner and trainer of the yesteryear, the inspiration of the term, always gave the following instructions to his jockey: "Lead, get this horse off in front, and try to stay there. If ye die, die in front."

Long Titles

That long film title, "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing," may have started a trend. Now there is a stage play titled "Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?" Of course, insofar as the stage is

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concerned, long titles are not new. There was a Broadway hit titled "The Mummy and the Humming Bird." John Drew starred in that. Also, one called "A Butterfly on the Wheel," starring Madge Titherage. Many novels have had long and peculiar titles. For example, "The Rivet in Grandfather's Neck," by James Cabell. Then there was the best seller titled "They Shoot Horses Don't They?" Speaking of titles I note Sophia "The Sizzler" Loren is to appear in a film titled "Too Bad She's Bad." That's quite an eye catcher. However, my favorite title of all titles of films, plays or novels is that of the mystery novel titled "The Corpse in the Derby Hat."

4-H Club News

Talent Horizon Club
The Talent Horizon 4-H club held a meeting on Oct. 4 at Inez Tyckson's house. Eight girls were present. The girls discussed the possibility of making booklets for the hospital. They also discussed plans for a food sale Oct. 8. The girls were going to have a slumber party but the weather was too cold so they spent an evening at Mrs. Christian's house. The president, Doris Bench, brought the meeting to a close.

Gail Carter, Scribe
Corvallis — (U.P.)—A million dollar program for construction of a junior high school for Corvallis has been approved by the Corvallis school district board.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

Ball of Fire Seen In Sky Over Texas

Edinburgh, Tex.—(U.P.)—More than a dozen persons and weather bureaus of at least three cities have reported seeing a flaming ball of fire sweep across the sky in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

At about the same time, the sheriff's office at Anahuac, Tex., said it had a report of a jet plane exploding and crashing "somewhere in the county." Residents along the seaway at Galveston reported seeing a "long trail of fire" over the Gulf of Mexico. They said it exploded and disintegrated in black smoke.

The mysterious flaming object was reported seen by weather bureaus in Galveston, Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

It apparently was traveling at extremely high altitude, making it visible over a large section of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Salem — (U.P.)—Representatives of log haulers have questioned the competency of weighmasters operating under the State Highway Department.

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