

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Proof Coins Offer Fine Opportunity for Profit

A special opportunity for profit exists in the proof coin market, an opportunity that arises from a peculiar misapplication of the law of supply and demand.

As of now, proof coins—those made from polished metal on polished dies—do not have their values governed by their comparative scarcity. Instead they are governed by other factors, including the comparative scarcity of the uncirculated regular coins of which they are the proofs.

For example, the catalogue value of an 1883 proof \$20 gold piece is \$1,200. Only 92 of them were issued.

The value of the proof \$20 gold piece for 1874, however, is only \$300, even though there were only 20 such coins issued.

How does this anomalous condition come about in which one thing, four times commoner than another, is worth four times the price?

Apparently it comes mainly from a misapprehension of the nature of proofs. Such coins obviously were never meant to circulate as money, any more than medals or tokens were.

They were made generally as gifts or mementos. This misapprehension is further compounded by a confusion of the comparative scarcities of the regular coinage.

There were well over a million double eagles coined in both 1874 and 1883, the years for which the proof coin values are given above. Coins of those years are consequently very common.

But regular coins, in uncirculated condition—the nearest thing to proof conditions—are not. For whether a regular \$20 gold piece actually passed from hand to hand, or just sat in a bag in some vault, it got scratched and nicked through movement.

In fact, an uncirculated 1883 \$20 gold piece is so rare that its rarity has carried over to the 1883 proof.

And that's fine, for the smart collector with the 1883 proof today would be well advised to take his \$1,200 in cash and buy as many of the far rarer 1874 proofs as he could get. If he did so—and the same thing applies to all other coins between which comparable relations exist—he would certainly realize a substantial extra profit over the next few years.

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Take a cup each of buttermilk and apricot whole fruit nectar, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 1/4 cup sugar. Mix with electric blender for a most refreshing pick-me-up drink.

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Asters, Celosia, Dahlias Recommended to Gardeners

By EDNA KING MANDEVILLE
I wonder why it is that so many flowers of exceptional merit never seem to achieve the popularity they rightly deserve. I'm certain that in most cases their popularity would soon increase if only they were tried by more flower gardeners. So I am starting a one-woman campaign to put a few of these varieties in the limelight.

The little pompon aster, growing to a height of around 12 inches, is one variety that should be much more popular with flower growers. Its small, button-like flowers, measuring from 1 to 1 1/2 inches across, are produced in profusion on upright, growing plants. They are especially desirable for small bouquets, since they last from two days to two weeks after being cut. A planting on the way to your garage would entice the men in your family to have flowers in their buttonholes all day long.

Though asters in general are quite popular, it seems to me that the rainbow strain of single asters deserves much more popularity than it usually receives. The single, daisy-like flowers, measuring 2 1/2 to 3 inches across, are found in lovely shades of salmon, pink, rose, lavender, purple, blue and red. The colors in general are much richer than those found in the ordinary strains of asters and, in addition, the variety is unexcelled among asters for cutting, because of the long stems and unusual keeping qualities. Once a flower gardener plants this lovely variety, I feel certain that he or she will continue to do so.

On a recent visit to the trial grounds of a large seed company, I was accompanied by a number of lucky people who were being allowed to pick all the flowers they wanted. I was amazed to note that every single bouquet selected, from well over 300

varieties, contained either the feathered celosia or the cockscomb type. In the cockscomb type, toreador, a recent All-America selection, seemed to be the favorite. In the feathered varieties, the mixture of colors seemed to be most popular, with flame of fire a close second. Perhaps some of those selecting the celosias did so when they learned that both the feathered and cockscomb types can be dried and used for Winter bouquets.

Most everybody thinks of dahlias as being a variety that must be grown from tubers, and perhaps that is why more are not grown from seeds. However, the dwarf bedding types of dahlias, growing about 18 inches tall and producing both single and double flowers, are as easy to grow from seeds as are zinnias. A packet of dahlia seeds which will produce dozens of plants, usually sells for less than the price of a single tuber. Growing from seeds also avoids the necessity of digging up the tubers and storing them through the winter months.

Salpiglossis is a truly beautiful flower which would perhaps be helped by a more attractive name. No other flower has colors exactly like those found in Salpiglossis. Their depth and richness are enhanced by veins of gold in many of the flowers. It is one of the easiest annuals to grow, and for a really pleasant surprise you should try it this year.

Another flower that seems to be handicapped by its name is the scabiosa, commonly known as the mourning bride. What could be sadder than a mourning

Method to Restore Petticoats of Nylon Given by Specialist

Lincoln, Neb.—(U.P.)—A nylon "paper" taffeta petticoat that has lost its stiffness can be restored to its original crispness.

bride? If those responsible for its name had selected something like merry widow, this fine flower might have become a favorite. Its long stems make it most desirable for cutting, and, of course, continued cutting keeps the plant producing additional flowers. The scabiosa will continue to bloom until hard frost kills it, and the blossoms will range from a pure white to almost a black.

These are just a few of the unusual varieties most people overlook. Chances are you've never grown any of them yourself. We urge you to try them this year, for variety and added luster in your garden.

says Mrs. Gerda Peterson, extension clothing specialist at the University of Nebraska. She suggested the following methods:

For "stand alone" crispness, wash and iron the petticoat. When it is completely dry, spread it flat on a table and rub undiluted prepared liquid starch into it with your hands.

Dry the petticoat by pinning it to parallel clothes lines not more than 12 inches apart, making sure the portion of the petticoat pinned to the line is on the straight of the material. Allow it to dry thoroughly. If drying the petticoat outdoors, select a day that isn't windy.

For a little less stiffness, try a solution of one part water to one part liquid prepared starch. Another method is to use gelatin. Soak one package of gelatin in one cup of cold water. Dissolve with just enough hot water to wet the garment by dipping. Dry the petticoat in the same manner as outlined above.

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Youthful Rector To Read Service For Miss Truman

By MARGARET RICHARDS
United Press Correspondent
Independence, Mo. — (U.P.)—Father Hutton braced himself today for happy suffering of one more round in an onslaught that began March 12 when Margaret Truman announced her marriage plans.

Besieged daily by an army of reporters, news photographers, television cameramen and the just plain curious, the youthful rector of Trinity Episcopal church managed a friendly smile for all comers, but admitted the situation was "trying."

His wife was more emphatic. "He doesn't even have a moment for his own affairs," she said. Father Hutton, an amiable, handsome man with an esthetic face, said he was "honored" to be asked to perform the wedding ceremony. He has known Miss Truman as a member of his parish only since he became rector at Trinity last September, he said.

At Christmas time she sang with the choir in a midnight communion service. No, there was no solo. Only the regular liturgical music and carols, sung as hymns, by the entire choir.

The ceremony in which Miss Truman will marry Clifton Daniel will not differ by one word from the brief ritual contained in the Book of Common Prayer of the Protestant Episcopal church, Father Hutton said.

There will be pre-marriage instruction for the couple, in accordance with church law, but Father Hutton declined to reveal where or by whom it would be given. Episcopal law requires, he said, that each couple receive "full instruction in Christian marriage."

Miss Truman and Daniel will kneel at the same altar rail where her mother and father took their marital vows at 4 o'clock on a Saturday afternoon in June nearly 37 years ago.

Spread thin slices of sour dough French rolls with this mixture and serve with chilled tomato juice or cocktails. Combine softened cream cheese with finely chopped bits of crisp bacon, green pepper, peeled tomato and walnuts. Season if desired.

Make up a package of lime flavored gelatin adding a little vinegar, grated onion and a cup of chopped cucumber. Chill in Mary Ann molds. When firm, unmold on crisp greens and serve with a salad mixture of salmon, ripe olives, celery and mayonnaise.

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