

# Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



## 1849 Stamp Rarest Treasure in Collection

"This," said Renzo, lifting a ragged, triangular piece of paper in his tweezers, "is the rarest treasure in my collection."

I leaned forward with interest. After just having examined three stamps with a combined value of over \$18,000, I didn't know what to expect. But what I saw was well outside the limits of conjecture.

The stamp was a simple, black oval containing a quadrifoliate design that in turn enclosed the numeral 2. Surrounding the quadrifoliate was the legend U.S. PENNYPOST CENTS.

The stamp had been in the upper right-hand corner of an envelope which had the right end slit open. Someone had

then torn off the end of the envelope so as to get a triangular piece of paper. The stamp was in the base of the triangle, and part of another stamp lay along its left edge. Pen and ink cancellation marks were visible on the torn stamp as well as on part of the whole one.

"How much is it worth?" I asked.

"This was put out in St. Louis, Mo., back in 1849," he said, as a stamp for local use. "Scott's lists it, unused, as worth \$1,000. It has no listing at all for it used. I value it at \$7,000."

I did not dispute his valuation. "Since it is apparently the only one in the country, it is undoubtedly worth \$7,000 if he says it is."

### EGG CUP COST \$60 TO REPLACE

It had been a long time since I had been confronted by an egg cup. I seized an egg, dropped it in the cup, picked up a knife and struck smartly at the target.

The stroke was a near miss—unfortunately on the cup side. A splintering, tinkling sound grated on my eardrums, and I noted that while the egg was unharmed, the cup would never be used again. So did my hostess.

"Bring Mr. Gage one of the metal cups, Phoebe," she said, addressing the maid.

Well, I put on as winning a smile as possible and insisted that Phoebe put the pieces in a paper bag so that I might duplicate the cup. Not that it would be an easy thing to do, I assured my hostess, but that it would eventually be done.

"I do hope you can, my hostess said with a rueful smile, "but don't worry about it if you can't."

I did worry about it. I worried about it progressively as the weeks went by and I tried to find a covered egg cup of what is known as a flat diamond and panel design, of a jade color.

The pattern, probably originated by the Boston and Sandwich Glass Co. back in the 1830s, is not too rare. The design consists of diamond shaped markings surrounding a vertical, oval panel that is pointed on both ends. It was made in a variety of colors such as the above, lime green, opaque blue, lemon yellow, translucent white and others.

But though egg cups of that design didn't seem too rare, the prices struck me as actually raw. They ranged from \$18 up, and mainly up.

So much so that when I did finally find the jade green duplicate of the one I broke, I didn't argue much about the price. Sixty dollars did not seem at all too much for bringing the search to a successful end.

### PARAGRAPHS SUPPRESSED IN LONDON FOUND IN N.Y.

I reached hastily for the two volumes of The History of Pennsylvania. They looked to me as if they might be the first edition of that famous work by William Makepeace Thackeray, but they weren't. The title page said they were published by Harper & Brothers, New York, in 1850.

I looked regretfully at the clean, black cloth binding with gilt lettering along the spine, glanced again at the price, \$20, and put them back on the shelf. My money would do much better elsewhere, and I started looking at the adjacent volumes.

I became aware that someone else had taken down The History of Pennsylvania. It was an acquaintance of mine, a man I had seen several times at book auctions.

He, too, glanced briefly at the title page and then turned swiftly to the middle of the book, the first volume, and proceeded to read. At first I thought he was browsing, but when he looked for another copy of Pennidensis,

found it and began to compare the two, I knew that it was something more.

I stopped him outside and asked why he had bought them. "I don't mind telling you now, Gage," he said. "It's because this 1850 Harper's edition contains certain paragraphs and illustrations that were suppressed in the first edition published somewhat earlier in London."

"You can find the suppressed paragraphs yourself by comparing Chapters 16 and 17 in this edition with those of any other. The sketches missing from other editions are those found in the 1850 Harper's on pages 157 and 158."

I could see no more was to be got out of him at the moment, and I went home to find out how much of a buy I had missed. It was enough. Considering their condition, the two volumes I had rejected at \$20 could easily have brought me \$60.

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### Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press Correspondent

Editor's note: Aline Mosby is on vacation. Today Kirk Douglas, who recently sued Walt Disney for showing a home movie of Douglas on television, explains why he prefers to stay off the new medium.

By KIRK DOUGLAS  
Written for United Press  
Hollywood—U.P.—How much can an audience stand of any one actor?

To me, that's the vital question that must be answered by every movie star as he decides what to do about TV appearances. I love television—as a viewer. As a performer I'm not so sure and I'll tell you why.

I have become a star as a result of work in motion pictures. I like it and I hope I'll be in demand for a long time to come. I feel if people can take a knob and see me in their living rooms every week, they will not leave the house to pay to see me in a film.

**Brutal Assignment**  
A lot of my friends in TV tell me weekly appearances make you an "old friend" to the audience. I disagree. A friend, new or old, does not have to entertain you. You enjoy being to-

gether. But anyone who takes money for appearing on TV can't trade on friendship. He must interest you, amuse you, merit your undivided attention. That's a brutal assignment.

I'm now involuntarily on TV more often than some regular performers. My old theatrical film, "Champion," is being shown regularly, and some other early movies are coming up.

**Early Competition**  
If I regularly appeared on other shows I'd be on the screen so often you'd think Kirk Douglas was a tooth paste or detergent. There's enough competition in this business without competing with yourself.

Also, TV is a cruel medium. It devalues its best people too fast. One year someone is way out on top and the next year they're knocked off. An actor's professional life is short enough, and uncertain enough, without assuming extra burdens. The old maxim had it that "familiarity breeds contempt." In the case of TV I think it breeds boredom, and an indifferent yawn from you does not spell success for me.

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## SHADY COVE-TRAIL Family Planning Second Trip

By EVALYN P. WATSON

Shady Cove-Trail—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Segessenman, who recently returned from a trip East, are leaving again on a trip to Canada. They plan to drive and will go through Yellowstone park and to Saskatchewan, where they will visit the home farm at LeRoy. They plan to be gone about a month.

On their trip East, they visited Segessenman's sister, Mrs. Anna Burnside, and her two sons, in Detroit, and talked with former Shady Cove residents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crean and family, who moved to Detroit last fall. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hammel of Shady Cove were just arriving for a visit with the Creans when the Segessenmans talked to them.

They made a side trip to Dearborn, Mich., visited the Ford Foundation and the Ford and Edison museums and took an 80 mile trip into Canada near Windsor, Ontario.

Mrs. Segessenman said the highlight of the trip was the visit to Boys Town at Omaha, Neb. They spent one day there, going on a conducted tour.

William MacDougall of Snow Creek, Calif., near Palm Springs, is visiting with his daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy and son, Bill, and Mrs. Eleanor Beattie of Shady Cove, for about two weeks. The Kennedys recently purchased Nutt's Market and postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kirby of Shady Cove have returned from a business and pleasure trip to Nampa and Boise, Ida. They spent a day or two fishing at Paulina lake, but the fishing there couldn't beat Diamond lake where they caught seven nice trout on their trip home.

John Collins of Shady Cove is now working at the Saw Shop for Carl Scott of Trail. Douglas Frisbie of Roseburg is visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burdett of Shady Cove, for a short time. His mother, Mrs. Millard Frisbie of Medford, underwent surgery the first part of the week and is progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cook of Medford were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Watson Aug. 13.

The Bloodmobile will again be in Shady Cove about the second week in October, and people of the community and outlying districts will be contacted by the chairman of the districts.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Pluke of Medford, daughter and son-in-law of the Segessenmans of Shady Cove, have returned from a trip to Redding, Calif. They left their 3 month old daughter, Jeanne Marie, with the Segessenmans.

Our Lady of Fatima club met at the home of Mrs. Harry Casabier of Elk Creek road, Trail, Aug. 16. Plans were made for a variety show to be put on by the Footlighters of Medford the latter part of September, and a luncheon and style show will be held the latter part of October.

Both events are being given to help meet the expenses of building the chapel in Shady Cove. The concrete floors have now been poured and are finished at the Chapel with work parties scheduled for each Saturday. The next step is the installing of the windows. Those in the community wishing to help by donating time would be greatly appreciated.

George Pfeifer of Shady Cove suffered a broken hip in a fall at his home and was taken to the Veterans' hospital in Portland, where he may be for three or four months. He appreciates receiving letters and cards from his friends. The Pfeifers' son, Jack, is now at Ft. Ord where he has been assigned to the tank corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Linder, Mrs. Marian Misbeck and Mrs. Catherine Craig of Ojai, Calif., are vacationing at the Craig cabin across the street from the Tom Kings.

Mrs. Ivas Rolland of Fenton, Mich., who has been visiting her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rolland, in Shady Cove for several weeks, plans to return home soon.

Randy and Steve McCready, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCready of California-on-the-Rogue, Trail, spent a week at the YMCA Boys camp at Diamond lake.

Spending several days vacationing at Diamond lake have been Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kirby, Jimmy Welch, all of Shady Cove, and Jimmy's uncle, Clayton Bartlett of Talent.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Quarton of Anahem, Calif., are visiting with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Casabier of Trail. They brought their granddaughter, Jolene Casabier, who had been visiting them in Anahem, home. They also have another daughter and family in the Trail area, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Porcher and son.

Mrs. Isabelle Wunderlich of Shady Cove is on trip to Dubuque, Iowa. District Governor Ambrose Brownell of Milwaukee, Ore., paid a visit to the Shady Cove Rotary club at a dinner meeting held at the Rogue River lodge Aug. 9. Mrs. Brownell accompanied her husband and was entertained at a dinner at the home of Mrs. Edwin Strother, with wives of the Rotary members attending. Mrs. Elizabeth Davis of Council Grove, Kan., who was visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Williams, was a guest at the dinner.

Mrs. Lyle Brown and children, Sheri Lynn and Craig of Medford, have been visiting with Mrs. Brown's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stelle of Shady Cove, for several days. Other recent guests of the Stelles have been Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Long of Chico, Calif.

Pam Vanderlip and Eda Larson of Shady Cove spent several days vacationing at Lake of the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ford and son, Henry, of Paradise, Nev., who visited with his mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Minor of Shady Cove, have moved to Butte Falls where Jimmy is employed by Medco.

Mrs. Buster Atkins of Shady Cove has been visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McGuire, in Ashland for a few days.

Johnny Minor of Shady Cove purchased a trailer from Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Crank and has moved it to the job where he and Buster Atkins are working.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stockstill and Mrs. L. Stockstill of Piquayune, Miss., have returned to their home after visiting with the Herbert Stockstills' daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jantzer. Mrs. L. Stockstill is a cousin of Mrs. Jantzer.

son, Monte. Mrs. Leona Sheppard and Mrs. Chester Sallee and children of Azalea were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sheppard. Mrs. Sheppard is Earl's mother and Mrs. Sallee a sister-in-law.

A group of Shady Cove people and visitors held a picnic party at Diamond and Crater lakes on Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jantzer and sons, Monte and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stockstill and children, Bennie and Patricia, Ronald Stockstill, all of Shady Cove, Mr. and Mrs. George Jantzer of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stockstill and Mrs. L. Stockstill of Piquayune, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vincent and children, Kenny and Marion, of Shady Cove made a trip to Gladstone, Ore., over the past week end where they attended the reception honoring the 25th wedding anniversary of Bob's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vincent, held at the Gladstone Christian church. The Vincents now have a guest, Homer Bowen of Yamhill, a long time friend, visiting with them for a few days.

Billy McDowell of Oakdale, Calif., has returned home after a 10 day visit spent with his aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Ferguson of Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Acton of Kellogg, Ida., are house guests of Mrs. Acton's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hopkins of Shady Cove. Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Kenneth Paulson of Shady Cove have been Mrs. Paulson's mother, Mrs. Eva McGilvray and her brother, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGilvray and children, Bobby and Sandra of Yreka, Calif., and another brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McGilvray and children, Kathy, Cary and Janice of Rio Dell, Calif.

Mrs. Aimee Milner of Monmouth, Ill., has gone to Beaver-ton, Ore., to visit her son after spending five weeks in Shady Cove visiting with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Stout.

Mrs. Carroll Watson and children, Sheri and Lane, of Shady Cove, made a trip to Portland last week end. They visited with Mrs. Watson's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ridenour of Hillsboro and Mrs. Watson attended a gift show. The children made a visit to the Portland zoo while there.

On Saturday, Sept. 29, the Shady Cove Grange is sponsoring a benefit card party for the Shady Cove-Trail fire department at the Shady Cove school gym. There also will be other entertainment and refreshments. On Wednesday evening, Aug. 22, there will be a potluck din-

ner and social meeting of the Shady Cove Grange at the home of members, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Littlefield on Rogue River dr.

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