

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Mohammedan Stamp Found To Have Monetary Value

The argument was hot and heavy as to whether the stamp was Turkish, Egyptian or what.

Tom, who had just returned from a year's visit in the Near East, maintained it was Turkish. His cousin denied it. They appealed to me. It was a gift to me, and I was supposed to know about such things.

The stamp was unused, slate blue in color and quite good looking in a way. But for one ignorant of oriental languages, as I am, it was impossible to tell its origin. All I could be sure of was that it came from some Mohammedan country, and at a period when the religious laws were carefully observed.

This was evident from the fact that the design on the stamp carried no indication of any liv-

ing things. In keeping with the strictures of the Prophet, the design consisted solely of an oval which contained writing in what seemed to be Arabic. In one set of opposite corners of the stamp were the Arabic numerals 10. In the other were the letters PE, in our alphabet, evidently an abbreviation for piastre, a coin equal to our quarter.

As it turned out, the stamp was both Egyptian and Turkish. The former because it was put out for use in Egypt; the latter because the Turks had been ruling the country for better than 500 years when the stamp was produced way back in 1866.

I was delighted to note that the stamp had a value of \$45, used or unused.

AQUARIUM CLEANER COLLECTS 'GATORS' COINS

"I know of only three others of these—but only one is of silver. The other two are white metal."

The coin Fred put in my hand as he spoke was silver, what is known as a trial piece for a gold coin that was to have been a dollar.

It was a good-looking coin. On the obverse side was a Liberty cap in what looked like a combined star and sunburst.

On the reverse was the traditional United States eagle, wings raised as if it were about to take off. Around the edge were the words PACIFIC COMPANY CALIFORNIA. The date 1849 appeared beneath.

"The owner happens to be the man who cleans out the pool at the aquarium, the alligator pool," Fred said.

"What's that got to do with it," I demanded.

"Merely this," Fred replied. "A lot of people think it brings good luck to toss money to the alligators. At least, I guess they must, because almost any day you go out to the aquarium, the floor of the pool is littered with coins."

"Well, the caretaker is no dummy. He learned a long time ago that some coins are valuable. So I made a deal with him. I got him to see all the coins he finds, and if there's anything of real value we go 50-50."

"And how much are you asking for this Pacific Company gold dollar in silver," I asked.

"Merely \$1,000," Fred replied.

FIRST EDITION OF TROLLOPE SELLS FOR DOLLAR

I was busy looking for some books, so I didn't pay much attention when Jack shoved a volume under my nose and exclaimed that he had just gotten it for a dollar.

"It's one of the best of Trollope's I ever read," he said, "and I'll be glad to lend it to you, once I've finished with it."

I was mildly astonished to see that the book he was reading had the unusual title of "The Struggles of Brown, Jones, and Robinson," by one of the firm. On the lower line appeared the words by Anthony Trollope.

What struck me even more was the fact that the book was a paperback, being bound in buff colored wrappers.

I asked if I might handle the copy. Jack gave it to me. On the front cover was the statement that the book was No. 220 of the

Library of Select Novels, that it sold for 25 cents, and that it was published by Harper & Brothers, of Franklin Square, New York, 1862.

"Do you realize this is quite possibly a first American edition?" I asked.

"It's not only that," Jack said. "It happens to be the first edition, period. An English edition wasn't published for years afterward—until 1870, to be exact. And of course, now that I've found this out, I simply won't be able to lend you this copy. You'll have to wait until I get another one."

"So you got it for a dollar," I said, trying to appear offhand.

"Quite," he replied. "And copies in nowhere so good condition have brought \$100 in recent years."

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BUTTE FALLS Nighttime Prowlers Sighted

By MARY JO HARRIS

Butte Falls—During the past fortnight prowlers have been reported in the community from midnight on. It is believed they are strangers, as they have been seen but not recognized.

Cars have been entered, parts taken, wires and sparkplugs torn out, and money and jewelry stolen.

Several families have reported prowlers around their homes with flashlights shined in windows. By the time property owners could get outside only footprints remained.

Recent visitors to Portland were Mrs. Alva Webster and daughter Linda. They attended the ice follies and did some shopping.

Mrs. Virgil Conley and Mrs. William L. Harris held a birthday party for their daughters, Kathy and Pam, in the city park Aug. 15. Games were played, balloons and suckers given to each guest, and gifts were opened. Guests attending were Greg Joliffe, Carey and Mike Backlund, David Ferguson, Terry Lou, Susan, and David MacDonald, Jesse and Nancy Smith, Gary and Cindy Sheppard, Joe Fuiten, Johnny and Jimmy Rodgers, Sherry and Steve Tuggart, Ray and June Rydell, Daphney McComb, Tommy and Barbie Finch, Jerry and Paul Conley, and Roger Harris.

In addition to the two hostesses ladies present were Mrs. Arthur (Art) Backlund, Mrs. Bruce MacDonald, Mrs. Henry (Hank) Tygart, Mrs. Jack Rodgers, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, and Mrs. Gerald (Jerry) McComb.

Mrs. Virgil Conley was guest of honor at a birthday party given Aug. 16 at Willow Creek dam.

Among the guests were Mrs. Alva Webster, Mrs. Charles (Red) Capello, Mrs. Donald (Porky) Smith, Mrs. Hank Tygart, Mrs. Jack Rodgers, Mrs. Dan McKeen, Mrs. Ed Wolfe, Mrs. Art Backlund, and Mrs. William L. Harris.

Recent visitors to Detroit, Ore., were the Phil Bringolf family.

The Butte Falls Lions club gave a card party Aug. 10 in the Union hall. Auxiliary members sold refreshments. These were both profitable projects.

Lion auxiliary members held a combination rummage, food, and white elephant sale Aug. 15 in the Union hall. This, too, proved profitable.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin (Ed) Malloy and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Black, residents of Medford, recently motored to Crater lake. Mrs. Malloy, a daughter of the Blacks, said it was the first time in 17 years her parents had visited Crater lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Manford (Max) Richmond, former residents now of Redding, Calif., are parents of a daughter born Aug. 15 at Mercy hospital, Redding. The baby weighed 8 pounds and has been named Kathy Anne.

The Richmond children, other than the new baby, have been visiting relatives here the past two weeks. Mary and Shera Lynn have been staying with grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Brown, David and Deborah have been visiting grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richmond. An aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edmondson, have Judy.

Mrs. Brown received a note from their son, Pvt. Warren Brown of the U.S. Army. Warren left Ft. Lewis, Wash., by plane Aug. 21 for Korea.

Mrs. Edmondson, recently quite ill, has been reported to be well on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Edmondson had visitors from Medford Aug. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Albert and daughter, Miss Pat Albert, and Mrs. Lloyd Albert and baby daughter, Carla Lee. The Alberts spent the afternoon and had dinner with the Edmondsons. Miss Albert, a former teacher in our high school, has returned to Redding where she will teach high school this year.

Changeable weather the past month has resulted in many colds, flu, sore throats and dizzy spells.

Pvt. Eleanor Sheppard of the Women Marines was recently transferred from Jacksonville, Fla., to the Olathe Air Station in Olathe, Kan. Miss Sheppard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sheppard and her most recent furlough home was during early summer.

A birthday party in honor of Henry (Hank) Tygart was held Aug. 17 at Willow Creek dam. A potluck supper was served and topped off with homemade ice cream and cake. The evening was spent with swimming and singing around the campfire. Among those present were Mr.

HORNBROOK Season Found Good on Farm

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN

Hornbrook — This is one of the seasons of the year when living in the country is most satisfying.

Crops are being harvested, neighbor trades with neighbor of the bounty of their gardens, the nose-tickling aroma of pickles and relishes, jams and jellies drifts out of the kitchen, and housewives complain that "their hands look awful" with the stains of fruit juices and vegetables. But they are inwardly and secretly glowing with pride and a feeling of accomplishment as the display of their handiwork mounts up in family larder or freezer.

Especially luscious and plentiful are the wild blackberries this year as a result of the spring and winter rains. And, with an eye on his savings account, young Gary McMaster has worked up a thriving business selling blackberries this summer. Gary sells them for \$1 per gallon, which anyone who has braved the brambles of a blackberry patch will agree is pretty reasonable.

At last report Gary, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McMaster, is well on his way toward becoming a budding financier.

Doug Bennett, older son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bennett, spent last week at the Seventh Day Adventist camp at Milo, Ore.

The Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Titus and three children are at the Community Bible camp at Lake of the Woods this week.

Mrs. Bertha Bradley, accompanied by Dan Maplesden of Klamath River, drove to Napa, Calif., last week where they visited her son, Jack, and his family.

Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Parshall were her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simon, Miss Effie Tomoni and her sister, and the Rev. Edward Hargreaves, all of Montague, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clark and daughter Barbara of Roseville, Calif., were visitors last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Elmore, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Elmore are half-sisters.

Mrs. Clara Howard spent a recent week end at the home of her son, Otto, in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watt Jr. and two sons made a trip to Crater lake and Portland for a few days' vacation recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams and children Carl Jr., Patty and Mike enjoyed a three-day camping trip down the Scott river last week.

The Women's Society of the Hornbrook Community church Aug. 22 gave a bridal shower honoring Miss Joyce Rimell of Canyonville, Ore. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Floyd Burns. Present besides Miss Rimell were her mother, Mrs. Charles Rimmell, of Canyonville Mrs. Frank Graves of Hill, Mrs. Lester Spearin of San Mateo, Calif., and from Hornbrook, Mrs. Alice Burns, Mrs. Kate Smith, Miss Dorothy Smith, Mrs. Bertha Bradley, Mrs. Ruth Cummins, Mrs. Helen Cummins, Mrs. Mary Bear Mrs. George Sloan, Mrs. Frank Burkhardt Jr., Mrs. Dorothy Van Orsdal, Mrs. L. C. Walsh and daughter Sharon, Mrs. Lester Nye, Mrs. S. D. Haworth, Mrs. Tom Watt Jr., Mrs. Minnie Bloomingcamp, Mrs. Eunice Adams, Mrs. Vera Gowing, Mrs. Alice Rutledge and daughter Mary Lee, Mrs. Gladys Jones and Mrs. Harry Chapman. Several other friends who were unable to attend sent gifts. A feature of the refreshment table was a large heart made of orchid lace which served as a background for a bride-and-groom centerpiece of white, and scattered about on the table were several orchid flowers. The honored guest was presented an orchid corsage and her mother and Mrs. Chapman, mother of the groom-to-be, were given white corsages. The decorations and corsages were all made by Mrs. Floyd Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Spearin and two sons of San Mateo, Calif., arrived Aug. 22 to spend a few days at the home of her

family, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon (Bud) McComb, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Irwin. A hunting license was presented to Tygart from the group.

Butte Falls' Mt. Pitt club members and husbands celebrated the seventh anniversary of the club Aug. 18. Dinner was served in the banquet room at Mon Desir, Central Point.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 21 - APR. 20	1-10-21	37-78-84-89
Taurus APR. 21 - MAY 21	20-36-37-40	42-59-61-68
GEMINI MAY 22 - JUNE 21	7-12-14-25	69-75-77
CANCER JUNE 22 - JULY 21	14-23-25-26	44-45-47-59
LEO JULY 22 - AUG. 21	2-25-52-61	62-65-66
VIRGO AUG. 22 - SEPT. 21	23-24-56-67	74-76-79-82
LIBRA SEPT. 22 - OCT. 21	31-32	33-34
SCORPIO OCT. 22 - NOV. 21	41-42	43-44
SAGITTARIUS NOV. 22 - DEC. 21	49-51-53-54	71-72-73
CAPRICORN DEC. 22 - JAN. 21	4-5-46-48	50-70-80-90
AQUARIUS JAN. 22 - FEB. 21	6-11-19-20	29-35-85-86
PISCES FEB. 22 - MAR. 21	8-9-13-15	24-57-60
ARIES	1-10-21	37-78-84-89
Taurus	20-36-37-40	42-59-61-68
GEMINI	7-12-14-25	69-75-77
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Good Adverse Neutral

Portland—(U.P.)—Federal Mediator Elmer Williams said that efforts to settle a strike of steelworkers at the Hanna Nickel Smelting plant in Riddle, Ore., have been "recessed indefinitely."

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