

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Juge



Unmarked Glassware Could Prove To Be of Top Value

Despite the growing emphasis on collections of glassware produced by various firms, the collector should never lose sight of one most important fact.

That fact is this: a beautiful, unmarked piece, for which there is no clue as to origin, may well prove of top value.

A case in point is that of a trumpet or lily vase the wife of a friend of mine had the good fortune to acquire recently.

It stood a little over 18 inches high with a width of slightly better than four inches at the lip. The diameter of the vase where it joined the base was only half an inch, though the base itself was a good quarter of an inch thick and a full two inches in over-all width.

But, the gracefully tapering shape of the piece was not its principal attraction. Of equal importance was its color.

The base itself was a rich amber shot through with flecks of gold. The amber color, as it moved up the stem, almost imperceptibly changed into shades

of fuchsia that finally, at the lip, was so rich that it almost seemed to breathe.

There was no ornamentation whatsoever on the piece, except for a delicate fluting that was slightly apparent at the lip and a little below. Otherwise its beauty depended on its shape and color.

There was one other thing about it, however, that surprised me. It was so surprisingly heavy at the base that it seemed weighted. Furthermore, though there was no maker's mark in the glass, there was the symbol "Aur. 18K," evidently indicating that 18-carat gold had been used in the mix.

Be that as it may, the main thing about this piece of art glass was that it possessed great beauty. That its origin will probably never be known is only of the most minor consequence.

It commands one's admiration and compels the desire to possess it.

For that reason it was well worth the \$150 that my friend's wife paid for it.

MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT MORMON COINS ARE

A Mexican saddle richly ornamented with silver is almost as much of a standard prop for horse operas and western stories as the six-shooter.

But almost never does one hear of Mexican or any other saddles ornamented with gold as well. There are some, however, and last summer one was purchased in Guadalajara for \$1,500.

The purchase was made not by a horse fancier but by a coin dealer friend of mine. And the principal reason he made the buy was that the four gold coins set into the leather on the sides of the saddle were Mormon coins.

A contributory reason was that the silver tracery connecting the coins was of a heavy metal and fine design. In addition, the carved leather of the saddle itself, was an over-all weight of slightly better than 40 pounds, made him feel the purchase would be profitable.

quite aside from the coins.

He snapped it up when it dawned on him that most Americans wouldn't know what a Mormon coin was.

After all, those in the saddle were set with their obverse side out, the side that is adorned only with a lion, an inscription in the unreadable characters from the golden tablets revealed by the angel Moroni, and the date 1860, set in Arabic numerals which alone would be intelligible to the average non-Mormon.

On the reverse is an eagle over the symbol "5D," for \$5, and the legend "Deseret Assay Office Pure Gold."

Value of the coins the last produced by the Mormon mint in Salt Lake City, is now listed as \$300 each. As for the value of the saddle itself, with other gold coins substituted at a cost of under \$100, my friends tell me he has already received an offer of \$2,200.

PRINTING DISPARITY AUTHENTICATES FIRST EDITION

Frank was quite elated over his find, and though I was never wild about the works of James Russell Lowell, I could understand why.

The three volumes—almost pamphlets, you might say—were in virtually mint condition.

The title of the books was "The Biglow Papers, Second Series"; they were published in three parts.

"They are cut," said Frank, handing me Part I. "and they've been read, but very carefully, and certainly not more than once or twice."

Part I, I noticed, was printed in gray wrappers and trimmed on three sides. A notice on the cover said it was the authorized edition and had been published by Trubner & Co., London, 1862.

Parts II and III, however, were printed on pink wrappers. In addition, each one bore across the top of the front wrapper, and in small type, "Originally published in the Atlantic Monthly." Furthermore, at the foot

of the cover was another small type line, "Price one shilling."

"Maybe this is a cannibalized set," I said, "made up from the first and second issue. Looks to me as if the difference in stock and printing between Part I and the other two means you don't have a complete set of either the first or second issues."

Frank laughed, "Not at all. In fact those differences are the sign of authenticity. The points. When you find a set of the first edition of the second series, that's how you tell it. Why, do you realize this didn't come out in book form in America for years after 1862?"

I shook my head. "What's it worth?"

"I would have paid \$45 for the three and felt I was lucky to get them. That's why I didn't let them go for less than \$80."

He still has them, but it is only a question of time before he accepts the \$50 offer of another admirer of Lowell's.

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Examinations Announced For Civil Service Jobs

Civil service examinations have been announced for several positions in the Pacific northwest states and California. They include telephone operator, guard, meat inspector and internal revenue agent; electronic, mechanical and aeronautical engineers, electronic scientists and physicists; and for student trainees in accounting, agricultural economics, biological, plant sciences, entomology, home economics, plant pest control and statistics.

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ILLINOIS VALLEY Snake Control Urged

By HELEN BOTTEL
Cave Junction—After little Kraig Davis of Cave Junction was bitten by a baby rattler last month, several Valley people decided the time had come to organize against this menace. Correspondence with Robert M. Storm, associate professor of Zoology, Oregon State college, reveals several methods of deterring the rattlesnake population in mountainous areas. Says Storm, "Oregon rattlesnakes typically congregate at denning sites in the winter, usually to the extent of several dozen at one den. On warm sunny days in April, they come out and sun at the mouth of the den, where they can be either shot or trapped." He also suggests cleaning out heavy brush, and other spots where snakes might come for shade on hot days. To snake-proof yards, two feet of 1/4 inch hardware cloth nailed around the outside of an ordinary fence, with the lower two or three inches buried, will do the trick, Storm said.

see her son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lillich and their young son about Jan. 1. The young couple own a farm in New Zealand but write that they plan to sell out and return to the United States.

Russell Doran, who was recently transferred to the Redwood Highway Inspection station from Dorris, Calif., plans to bring his wife to the Valley early in December. Mrs. Doran has been recovering from major surgery at Lawndale, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Doran own a ranch near Cave Junction.

An estimated \$150 was cleared by the Evergreen school PTA from its "round-the-world" dinner last Thursday evening. Following the repast, teachers entertained at open house in their various rooms.

General chairman for the dinner was Mrs. Mike Nicholson. Mrs. Ralph Millard took charge of the Italian cooking. Mrs. Vern Larson planned the Scandinavian food; Mrs. Robert Steimer headed up the American hot dogs and apple pie section, while Mrs. Les Basham made arrangements for the Japanese dinner, with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Teneyck doing the actual cooking. Part of the proceeds will go toward a teaching scholarship.

Future Farmers of America gave a demonstration of their work at the Illinois Valley Farm bureau meeting held Nov. 15 at the high school v.o.g. building. President Les Archer introduced the boys. The next meeting will be held Dec. 20.

At impressive joint installation services for all Josephine county Granges, new officers of the Illinois Valley Grange took their chairs Thursday night. The ceremony was conducted at the Rogue River Grange by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Boehl and a team of installing officers.

Expected home from OSC for the Thanksgiving holidays are Allan Burr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Burr; Darlene Wheeler, daughter of the Wilmer Wheelers, both of Selma; and Ken Rosenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rosenberg of Cave Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breckenridge and family and Mrs. Breckenridge's mother, Dr. June Wilson, plan to spend Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Turner at Florence, Ore. Mrs. Turner is Dr. Wilson's daughter.

Next meeting of the Illinois Valley Mineral Hobbies club is announced for Dec. 4 and will be held at the James Boys home in Bridgeview.

Dolly Duncan, who admits to be 80, is on the mend this week, after a fall in her home at Kerby Nov. 4. Although no bones were broken, Mrs. Duncan is still unable to operate her magazine shop, and is recuperating at the home of her son, Alton Duncan, at Kerby. A friend, Anna Maxon, opens the shop next door to the Kerby Library each day from 2-4:30 p.m. Mrs. Duncan, who was born in Phoenix, Ore., has lived most of her life in the Illinois Valley. She helped to run the telephone exchange at Kerby for 25 years.

Art Cribb and Cliff Phillips are sharing honors on a spike elk which they bagged in the Wallowa country recently. The two returned last week with tales of drifting the Grand Ronde river in a rubber boat through some 35 miles of primitive area.

Puerto Rico is the theme for the Cub Scout Pack 20 monthly meeting to be held at Kerby school Wednesday, Nov. 28. A planning session for the Pack meeting was held at the Kerby

The Jim Childs family has moved from O'Brien to Yreka.

Two new members, Ida Neil of Takilma and Flossie Hamilton of Selma, were initiated into the Illinois Valley Blue Star Mothers group at a meeting held Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the home of Lucille Arnold. Cookies, jello and coffee were served by the hostess.

President Louise Woodbury asked members to bring cookies, candy, Christmas cards, wrapping paper and ribbon to the next meeting, Dec. 11, at the home of Grace Causey. These will be used for Camp White Christmas gifts.

A film describing insect pests will be seen by the local Future Farmers of America group Dec. 10. Robert Bottel, inspector at the Redwood highway, California plant quarantine station will explain the film and will afterwards discuss various phases of quarantine work with the boys.

The Zuleima Illinois Valley Nile club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Theima Blue in Selma. Members brought contributions to send to the Shrine hospital for Christmas.

Eleanor Lillich is expecting to

Poyer Owner of Top Dairy Herd in Oct.

A 12-cow herd owned by E. B. Poyer was the top herd last month in the Jackson County Dairy Herd Improvement association summary. The herd produced an average of 784 pounds of milk with an average of 44.5 pounds of butterfat.

Other top herds were owned by R. L. Blanche Wyant, Glenn and Edna Chase, J. E. Parsons, and James A. and Neola Edge. Claudia, a cow owned by R. L. and Blanche Wyant, was the top cow during October. She produced 1,249 pounds of milk with 96.2 pounds of butterfat in the 55 days she was in milk.

Other top cows were owned by Gilman's Dairy farm, J. H. Stanley, James A. and Neola Edge, E. B. Poyer, J. E. Parsons, Ed Ramsay and Don Geren.

The Medical Roundup

by Walter Alvarez
Emeritus Consultant in Medicine, Mayo Clinic
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New Light on Multiple Sclerosis

Multiple or disseminated sclerosis is a miserable disease of the nervous system which starts usually in young people and slowly cripples them in one way or another. Because we do not know the cause of the trouble, we have not had any good and certain cure for it.

All we have known is that in many parts of the body little bits of the myelin sheathing of the nerves seem to be eaten off.

Now, out of St. Louis come hopeful news that with the help of the exceedingly powerful electron microscope, Dr. Sarah A. Luse has found the myelin coating of the nerves coming from the glial or supporting cells of the nervous system, and it is these glial cells that first break down. Dr. Luse has shown, also, that the myelin sheath is made up of many extremely thin

lamina—like shingles on a roof. Unfortunately, we do not yet know the cause, but it helps to know so much more about the disease and how and where it strikes. Very important is the George Clark's discovery that, with the help of electric currents, he can produce in animals a disease resembling multiple sclerosis. Important, also, is Dr. P. J. Harman's success in breeding strains of rabbits and mice which spontaneously develop changes in the nerves like those of multiple sclerosis.

Feeble-mindedness

As I said recently in this column, Dr. Linus Pauling of Caltech is convinced that many types of mental deficiency—perhaps most of them—are the result of hereditary or inborn abnormalities in the body chemistry of the child—abnormalities inherited from one or both parental stocks. He believes that during its life in the womb, the infant's brain may have been injured by some poisonous substance left in his body because it was not normally split and changed into several harmless chemicals that could then be excreted through the kidneys. Dr. Pauling hopes that the time will come when physicians can give to the affected child a synthesized enzyme or ferment which will enable him quickly to split and destroy the chemical that is harming him.

The time may come when we doctors can implant into the child's body a pellet of the synthesized ferment which will keep dissolving slowly to supply him with the chemical that he needs. Perhaps this chemical will make it possible for his brain to develop normally. In this wonderful work Dr. Pauling, one of the world's greatest biologic chemists, is being backed by my good friend, Mr. H. Rowan Gaither, of the Ford Foundation.

Another objective of Dr. Pauling's research will be to develop tests which will show when a man is carrying the inherited factor that could produce a form of feeble-mindedness in his child. Then, such a man, if wise, will take care not to marry a woman who carries the same defect. As even laymen know, if both parents carry latent a certain defect, 3 out of 4 of their children could get the full-blown disease.

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