

# Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



## Zachary Taylor Stamp Worth \$50 Used or Not

I sat down opposite a man who was reading Scott's Stamp Catalogue. I leaned forward in an attempt to see the section he was consulting. Mr. Marx—for so I shall call him—did not raise his head, but he did lift his eyes and fix them on mine. "I was wondering about your stamp," I said. "Without taking his eyes off mine he extended his hand holding the stamp. It was a light green item with an oval portrait of Zachary Taylor surrounded by the words 'Rough and Ready.' About the oval was the legend 'Swartz' City Dispatch Post.' I thanked him. He said nothing further, looked again briefly at the catalogue and left. I seized the catalogue. The value of the stamp was \$50 used or not.

**OLD SHAVING BUREAU GOTTEN AT BARGAIN**  
It was the first night I had spent in the house, and because it had been a comfortable one I looked lazily about the room before getting up. There was something about the bureau that didn't seem quite in keeping with the rest; it seemed older. I got up to examine it. It wasn't the bureau itself, as it turned out, but something on top of it that I had assumed was part of the whole. In effect it was a small bureau 21 inches wide, one drawer high and about ten inches deep. Mounted on it near the rear was an oblong mirror in a frame that was quite simple, except that the top of it rose into a low pitched peak which was ornamented with an inlaid fan, probably of sumac wood, judging from its contrast with the rest which was obviously mahogany. I pulled open the drawer. It was divided on the inside into three compartments one of which contained shaving materials. I reached forward and topped the mirror. It moved through a small arc. At breakfast I mentioned the find to my host. "Sure. It's an old-fashioned shaving glass. I picked it up not long ago at a country auction in Utah. Probably was brought across the plains by some early Mormons." He had paid \$25 for it, and he didn't seem at all excited. I explained that he had undoubtedly got a real bargain. That might be, he agreed. An interior decorator his wife had brought out from the city to do one of the rooms had offered him \$175 for it, but wasn't interested in selling it for three times that sum.

**WORD DOUBLES VALUE OF MAUGHAM FIRST EDITION**  
Doug is a great admirer of Somerset Maugham. He had driven the 40 miles to see me because someone had told him I had just got a first edition of Maugham's "Liza of Lambeth." It was a good clean copy of the work published in Maugham's youth, in the London of 1897, when he was a medical student, and for that reason quite aside from my having got it for a dollar, I rather expected Doug to examine the book carefully and critically. But he didn't. He flipped the pages rapidly until he got to page 124, read it briefly, banged the book shut and gave it back to me. "What's the idea?" I demanded. "I'll have you know this is a fine copy—one that is worth \$75 of anybody's money." "Yes, yes," he said. "I know. I have one exactly like it, for which I paid \$80." "Well, why are you so inter-

The moon in its elliptical orbit around the earth every four weeks (27.3 days) travels an average distance of 238,900 miles or equivalent to 30 times the diameter of the earth.

**Examinations Announced For Civil Service Job**  
The civil service commission has announced examinations for communications coding clerk for filling positions in various federal agencies in the Washington D.C. area and in the signal corps in the Winchester, Va., area. Application forms may be obtained from Chester W. Silliman, U.S. post office, Medford. The lack of a satisfactory inking device caused the first cylinder printing press to be regarded as a failure.

**Snow Course Taken On Page Mountain**  
Cave Junction — The first snow course of the year, taken Jan. 31 for the forest service, indicates from three to 10 inches more snow in local mountains last month than in January, 1936. Dave Chamberlin, timber management assistant at the Illinois Valley Ranger station, and Ralph Huber, traveled 10 miles on skis last week to measure snow depth and water content at Page mountain and Althouse. Snow at Page mountain was 24.2 inches, with five inches of water content in 1937, compared to 14.4 inches, and 1.6 inches of water in 1936. At Althouse there was 19.5 inches of snow, containing 3.9 inches of water this year, while in 1936 snow measured 16.2 inches, with 2.7 inches of water.

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## News About Books From the Library

Announcement of 42 "Notable Books" of 1936 has been received by the Medford Public Library, according to Librarian Helen Webster. The list, covering books published through Nov. 30, 1936, was compiled by the Notable Books Council, a special committee of the Public Librarians Division of the American Library Association. Thirty-five public libraries participated in the selection. According to Bernard W. Van Horne, Librarian of the Library Association of Portland, and chairman of the council, the listed titles are particularly valuable for their contributions to understanding a mong individuals and groups, their originality of fine writing, and their genuine interest and appeal for the general reader who seeks to broaden and deepen his understanding of himself, his world, and his society. Four novels are included in the selections. Books on the list include the following, all of which are available through any agency of the Jackson County Library: "My Lord, What a Morning," Anderson; "Helen Keller," Brooks; "Through These Men," Brown; "This Hallowed Ground," Catton; "The Secret of the Hittites," Ceram; "A History of the English Speaking Peoples," Churchill; "Eisenhower: the Inside Story," Donovan; "The Age of Fighting Sail," Forester; "Youth: the Years from 10 to 16," Gesell; "A Single Pebble," Hersey; "The Nun's Story," Huxley; "Profiles in Courage," Kennedy; "Behind the Mountains," La Farge; "Harry of Monmouth," Maughan; "Olympio; the Life of Victor Hugo," Maurois; "Arms and Men," Millis; "The Earth We Live On," Moore; "The Last Hurrah," O'Connor; "The American Presidency," Rossiter; "Autumn Across America," Teale; "Three Saints and a Sinner," Tharp; "An Historian's Approach to Religion," Toynebee; and "Segregation: The Inner Conflict in the South," Warren. Isthmus of Panama is 31 to 118 miles in width and about 425 miles long. It contains 32,380 square miles which is about equivalent to the area of the state of Maine. Soft coal deposits underlie 57 of Missouri's 115 counties.

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