

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage

Hunter Wants Best Gun So He's Given a Purdey

My favorite gunsmith, Tom, was busy with a customer. So I strolled over to the end of the next showcase and casually studied the display.

What I want is a double barrel 12-gauge shotgun," the man said. "The best there is."

Tom walked along the cases past the array of Winchesters, Leverages and others to a special cabinet, but of used guns, from which he made a quick selection.

"There you are," he said, handing it to the customer. "That's the one you want."

"It's nice," the customer replied, "but I'm afraid you don't quite get the idea. I want the best there is."

"I heard you the first time, mister," Tom said. "And that's it, there."

BLUSH TINT GIVES STAMP EXTRA VALUE

When I walked into his office, Larry was studying a British stamp, a rose-colored, five-shilling item with a slightly bluish tint. It was uncancelled.

He picked it up with a pair of tweezers and passed it to me, along with a magnifying glass. It was a square stamp, one with small letters in each corner and a circle in the middle, enclosing a portrait of Queen Victoria.

"I know this is the issue of 1882-83, but I can't be sure what the color is. What does it look like to you?"

I said I thought there was a bluish tint to it. Why? Had he sunk much money in it?

"None, as a matter of fact," he said. "I just want to get as much out of it as I can. An old fellow brought it in here this morning, and I kind of took a shine to him."

GLASS HATS AND SHOES MADE A-PLenty LAST CENTURY

Mr. Potter had just sold me his set of the ninth edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica at a price reasonable for each of us, and now we were seated in his study smoking cigars.

I looked about for an ashtray. "Here you are," he said. He snatched a receptacle from the mantelpiece and set it beside me on the table.

I say receptacle because it wasn't an ashtray, though it served as such. Instead, it was a glass hat.

Why the glassmakers of the 19th century went in so heavily for making glass hats and shoes, I'll never know. Maybe there's some Freudian significance to it. But if so, it certainly was not evident in the bit of multicolored glass Mr. Potter had brought out for my convenience.

As I flicked an ash into it, I suddenly realized that the hat was one with a patriotic motif. While there were only arabesques about the brim, designs that held no intelligible meaning for me, the crown was covered with facsimiles of the American flag. Very well done, too. Even though the colors weren't an exact duplicate of those in the Stars and Stripes, they were near enough.

"How odd," I said, picking up the piece. "Why, it looks like copper wheel engraving." Closer scrutiny showed that what it was.

Mr. Potter chuckled. "Read the legend," he said. It was "Bryan and Free Silver."

"I got it at a political meeting," he continued. "I treasure it as a memento of the first time I heard and met the Great Commoner."

"If you'd care to get rid of it," I said, "I might like to take it off your hands."

"You can have it for \$100," he replied.

I declined. Mr. Potter laughed. "I've been offered \$35, \$50 and \$80. Come to think of it, \$100 is a little too close. I think I'll raise it next time to \$125."

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By Jimmy Hatlo



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Stuart Chase presents a study of the great waste of our American resources in his book "Rich Land, Poor Land," particularly as it pertains to our soils. Because men do so destroy the soils they use, Paul Sears, in "Deserts on the March," shows us how the history of continents may be seen as a chronicle of deserts conquering over fertile lands.

"The Soils That Support Us" is Charles Kellogg's explanation of the origin and formation of soils, their classifications and chemical make-up, and his suggestions for their conservation. Analyzing the scientific problem of land, of wastage, and the task of recovery is Russell Lord's "Behold Our Land," while "Our Plundered Planet," by Fairfield Osborn shows how man is destroying his own life sources.

Readable As Novel

Sir Albert Howard, in "Soil and Health," establishes the thesis that most disease can be traced to impoverished soil. William Vogt warns us, in "Road to Survival," a book as readable as a novel, that without better conservation the earth will not be able to grow enough food to support its population.

Water, too, is an essential and precious, though common, element of life upon our earth. The story of what water has done to the world and life, and the story of what man has done with and to water is told by Thomson King in "Water, Miracle of Na-

ture."

The many purposes our trees and forests serve in erosion control, timber supply, recreation, and the preservation of wild life are described in W. Du Puy's book, "The Nation's Forests," "Our Living Forests," by Joseph Hozart, and "The Triumph of the Tree," by J. S. Collis.

"Forests and Men," by William Greeley, offers dramatic stories of men and events in forestry, and Stewart Holbrook's "Burning and Empire" tells us with suspense and action the

stories of historic American forest fires. These killed more pioneers than did Indian savages, he reports, and destroyed more forests than all the lumberjacks have cut.

The interrelationships of wild-life, water, soil, forests, and grasslands are explained in "Wildlife Conservation," by Ira Gabrielson, director of fish and wildlife service of the U. S. department of the interior. Our grave responsibility in building back our resources is outlined in Katherine Glover's "America Begins Again."

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