

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Mutilating Coin Destroys Its Value to Collectors

One should never mutilate a coin, not if he expects to get anything for it as a collector's item.

The reason is collectors just don't like such coins. Besides, mutilation of money is against the law.

And by the same token, mutilated money should not be bought, except for its bullion value — generally, that is — for it has no other, as a rule.

That was the way I reasoned when I saw a friend of mine one day buy a mutilated three-dollar gold piece.

The coin was in fine condition in every respect except one. It had a hole drilled in the upper edge, in the part above the Indian head on the obverse side. The hole was made for a tiny gold wire so that the coin could be hung in a pierced ear.

"Too bad, my friend said. 'Except for that hole, I could really give you money for it. As it is, it has value only as an ornament, except for the gold value, of course.'"

The owner started to protest, but thought better of it. "Give me \$10 for it and it's yours," he said.

"I'll give you \$15 more if you've got the other one. There must have been a pair." The seller took the \$10 and said he'd see if he could find it.

"It's really a shame," my friend continued as we studied the coin. "It's an 1854 piece and with that mint mark, it'd be worth \$100 at least."

On the back of the coin a wreath enclosed the legend "3 dollars 1854." Below was a tiny D for Dahlonega, the name of the Georgia mint.

"If I can get the other one I may give them to my wife as a present," he said.

When I called on him months later, there were two 1854 three-dollar gold pieces in his collection. They each had the D, and, so far as I could tell, had not been plugged. I asked how he got them.

"A lucky buy," he said. "Like those earrings my wife likes so much."

When I saw her a few days later she was wearing earrings of three-dollar gold pieces. But they were screwed on. Her ears were not pierced. I complimented her on them.

"My husband made them," she said. "He loves to work in precious metals. Are't they clever!"

LATTICE EDGE PLATES LOW ON UTILITY, HIGH ON VALUE

Plates with a lattice work edge — the kind with openings in the raised sides — should never have been invented.

They are no good for anything that drips, and of course they are no good for anything small enough to run through the openings.

In fact, looking at them from every angle, there's nothing a lattice work plate can do that a regular one can't do better.

But true as it is, I should not have let it blind me to the fact that some of these lattice work plates have considerable value.

Those made of marble glass are a top example. Worth quite enough so that if ever again I get a chance to buy a dozen at \$3 apiece, I'll grab it with jet speed.

I learned my lesson not so long ago when I saw an old acquaintance pay \$60 for a set of 12 lattice edge plates, salad size, in marble glass.

I had considered them earlier, rejecting them on the unchecked assumption that they were too high, because no sensible person would want plates of that type.

But later, when I got to thinking further about it and finally took the trouble to look the matter up, I was surprised to find the price was actually very low.

The plates, made from a glass that was produced mainly by a Pennsylvania firm, had a value of \$22 to \$25 each.

Their purple color with a wandering marbled streak of white is attractive, especially in sets, apparently.

For I later found my acquaintance had sold her dozen for a whopping profit, getting a total of \$420 for the set.

MAUGHAM FIRST EDITION PICK UP FOR A DOLLAR

My nephew was obviously elated.

"I came across what I thought was a first edition of Somerset Maugham, and I . . ."

"Where?" I demanded. "Where were you looking?"

He mentioned a well-known book store.

"But I told you to look in the out-of-the-way places," I said. "You can't find anything there that's a bargain. Why I myself have gone over the place with a fine tooth comb."

My nephew smiled.

"I'd been to the other places and they were picked clean. So I thought I'd go where you went and here's what I found."

"The book he showed me was a copy of Maugham's 'The Merry-Go-Round,' one of his lesser known, earlier works. It was in good condition, the green cloth of the cover being only slightly stained on the back.

"I got it for only a dollar," my nephew said.

"But is it worth it?" I asked. "And how do you know it's a first?"

"I know it's a first because of its color and it's being dated London 1904. The second issue was dated 1905 and was bound in dark blue cloth."

"And how much is it worth?" I asked.

"I checked the auction records," he replied. "The last mention shows \$12.50 . . . er, by the way Uncle Pinkney, could you lend me \$10? I'll give you the book as security." He grinned.

I gave him the \$10. I still have the book.

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BUSY, NOT MISSING

Carbondale, Ill. — An art student at Southern Illinois university who had been reported missing for two days turned out to be merely a diligent workman. He told officials he had several art projects to do and didn't want to leave the art department until he had finished.

PHOENIX Man Suffers Heart Attack

By LILLIAN KNIGHT

Phoenix—Mr. and Mrs. James G. Watson and family spent a few days of their month's vacation at Lake of the Woods and then went to Oakland, Calif., but their vacation was cut short when they were called home by the sudden illness of Watson's father, George Watson, of Medford, who had a heart attack. He is now recuperating in a Medford hospital.

Stewart Ditsworth returned home July 11 from his vacation in Alaska.

Mrs. Frank Ditsworth of Ashland, sister-in-law of Mrs. Guy Cobligh and Stewart Ditsworth,

is a patient in a Medford hospital after falling at her home and receiving severe fractures.

Mrs. Fred Bean and children have gone to Salt Lake City to see her relatives and Fred has gone to California, where he has work.

Mrs. Charlie Wright is recuperating at home after leaving the hospital Wednesday, where she was taken after she suffered a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Campbell and family are moving to Ashland Sunday, to be closer to his work at the Lithia Lumber co.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Steele and family, of North Bend, visited with the Clifford Wallace and Osa Waggoner families last weekend.

Mrs. W. A. Lowden, of Suncrest road, is still in Nampa, Idaho, where she was called when her husband, who was there visiting their daughter, fell and broke his hip. Lowden is 80 years old so there will be a delay in setting his leg which is in traction now.

Carol Ann is the name chosen for the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blank, born July 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Severe are also new parents. A girl was born to them July 9. They named her Christie.

Larry Lawrence is improving slowly after his heart attack July 5.

Editor of the abolitionist newspaper, The Liberator, was William Lloyd Garrison.

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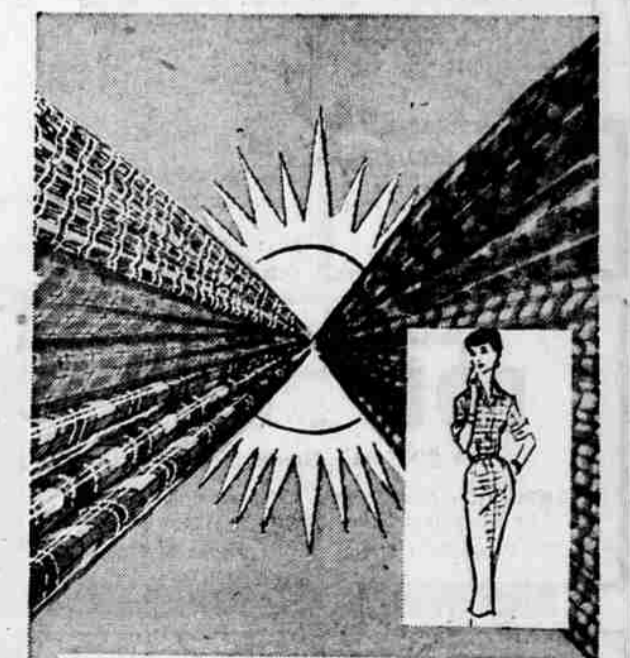
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