

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Navy Single Shot Pistol Has Value to Collectors

The trigger was missing, and though the pistol appeared in good condition, I could see nothing about it to justify a price of \$20. Even if it had its trigger, such a price seemed unreasonable for a single shot.

But Charles, a gun collector, thought otherwise.

"I'll buy it," he said, after a brief examination. "It's worth \$20 if only because it forms such a classic example of the senseless conservatism of the military mind."

He pointed to the patent dates on the pistol. The second one was April 17th, 1866. I noted that the maker was Remington, of Ilion, N. Y.

"This is a pistol made for the U. S. Navy," Charles said, pointing to an anchor and initials,

"and it's only a single shot. The revolver had been in use for over 20 years."

I asked what he thought of the piece as a firearm. How did it rank among single shot hand guns. In short, wasn't there something special about it to justify its manufacture?

Charles peered down the seven-inch, rifled barrel, hunting for corrosion marks.

"It's just another .50 caliber pistol in performance," he said. "Nothing special."

"But luckily for me there are plenty of collectors who don't feel that way. I've got another one of these at home. A wreck of a pistol, but it has a trigger. And when I transfer it to this, I'll have no difficulty at all in getting \$75 for it."

MEXICAN AMELIA EARHART

My cousin Jeanne was visiting Mexico in April, 1935. And though knowing her to be a most impressionable 16-year-old, I was quite unprepared to get a letter from her announcing her determination to become a flier — like Amelia Earhart.

Had she said she had decided to marry a Mexican general and settle on a hacienda, I'd have thought nothing of it.

But to become a flier... She had seen the welcome the Mexicans gave Miss Earhart when she flew in from California after her famous solo flight from Hawaii, and the enthusiasm of the Latins had captured her imagination.

I thought of this recently as I prepared to go to meet her at the airport. She had never got off the ground once, except

STAMP WORTH FROM \$300

as a passenger in an airliner, and she never would.

I thought it would be fun to find the letter she had sent me in 1935 and give it to her. Within the hour I came across it, neatly tied up with all the other letters I had received that year.

My cousin was not only delighted to get the letter, she was actually overwhelmed with pleasure.

I swallowed hard and looked at the cover again. It carried merely an ordinary blue, 20-centavo Mexican air mail stamp of the regular 1934-5 issue, and overprinted on it, in violet ink, were the words Amelia Earhart vuelo de buena voluntad Mexico 1935.

"With the stamp alone," Jeanne continued, "worth \$300, have it on the cover should certainly boost it by a third."

CURRIER & IVES WHALING

The auctioneer knew his business.

He held up a perfectly blank piece of paper, about 12 by 9 inches. "This is a print," he said. "A Currier and Ives print. It has a picture on the side facing me. What am I bid?"

"Five dollars," one man said as the auctioneer started to snicker. Someone else said \$7.50.

The auctioneer held up his hand. "I'll tell you one thing more about it. It's a picture of a whaling scene."

"Twenty-five," said the original bidder. The second man upped it to \$35 and a third bid \$50.

The auctioneer grinned as the bidding rose by constantly lessening margins to \$100 when the first man jumped it to \$140. Not to be outdone, the third bidder raised it to \$180 and won.

Well, it was an excellent print — one of the finest the famous firm put out. So good, in fact, that I couldn't understand why the man who had lost out with the \$140 bid had looked so happy. I asked him why.

PRINT ENLIVEN'S AUCTION

"It's this way," he said. "Just as I made that bid, I realized that the print couldn't possibly be either of the two I was hoping for. Each of them is catalogued at \$1,000. They're titled the Whale Fishery and one shows an attack on a sperm whale and the other an attack on a right whale. And how I knew this couldn't be either one is that I remembered each is about 16 by 24 inches."

In other words, your memory came to your rescue just in time. If this other fellow hadn't jumped you, you would have been stuck.

"Not at all," he replied. "I wouldn't have been stuck at \$140. I'm not fool enough to bid sight unseen without knowing its possible value."

"But how could you...?" I began.

"It's this way," he said. "There happens to be 13 Currier & Ives whaling prints, and except for the two worth \$1,000 each, they all catalogue at from \$150 to \$200 apiece."

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N. I. Belyayev, a member of the party's ruling Presidium and a party secretary as well, will become first secretary of the local Kazakhstan party.

Belyayev's prior assignment as a secretary of the U.S.S.R. party Central Committee enhanced the significance of his dispatch to Kazakhstan, the largest of the Soviet republics outside Russia proper and one of the richest in resources.

Apparently his new mission involves trouble shooting. No explanation was given in Friday's Soviet press announcements for the removal of the incumbent first secretary, I. Yakovlev, and the second secretary, N. I. Zhurin.

Kazakhstan strategically borders on Mongolia and Communist China. Until recently it was largely desert wasteland inhabited by nomad Moslem tribes.

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