

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



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There's a big demand for American primitive paintings on any subject and by artists who may be known or unknown, and so we were looking through the attic of a friend's house for some that he recalled seeing there years before.

We didn't find any, but we did come across an old still-life—a picture of a glass vase filled with flowers and with a bunch of grapes hanging over the side above which fluttered a butterfly.

My niece Judith wiped the dust off it. "Who's Nigg," she asked.

"I haven't the faintest idea," Mrs. Smith said, scowling at the artist's signature. The following day my niece called me.

'BLACKBERRY' PITCHER UNHEARD OF CLEAR GLASS

Scattered here and there through the maze of stuff in the window were three or four glass pitchers, good enough as pitchers go but not extraordinary, so far as I could see.

In fact, I would have paid no attention to them except for the explosive remark of the only other customer in the place. "You mean to tell me you want \$500 for that pitcher?" he asked.

"I'm sure you're aware the blackberry design is a valuable one. Otherwise, the chances are you wouldn't have asked about it."

The customer admitted that he was but continued to insist that the \$500 price was outrageous.

"Maybe so," the proprietor said. "But that's the price, and here's why. The only kind of glass I've ever heard of the pitcher being in is the milk white type. And since the blackberry design pitcher in milk white is worth from \$200 to \$300, I'm sure that \$500 is not too much for the same thing in clear glass."

While the customer continued to argue, I went over to examine the piece. From the lip nearly half way down the side of the pitcher the sides were plain, but from just above where the handle joined the belly of the piece the design began. It consisted of a band of blackberries, leaves and stems extending down the side almost to the base. It was thoroughly representational. The blackberries, though in clear glass, looked almost real enough to pick. The design, as I later learned, was a patented one invented by a glassmaker of Wheeling, W. Va. back in 1870.

As for the pitcher in question, the proprietor later told me that he sold it for \$450.

DAMAGED BINDING DOESN'T HURT BROWNING BOOK

The book was bound in a badly scuffed leather, but the title, "Bells & Pomegranates," above the name Browning impelled me to take it down.

I rifled through it. It was a book of poems by Robert Browning, the famous English poet. Furthermore, it seemed to be a collection of several pamphlets, eight in all, because it was published in eight sections, or parts, most of them bearing different dates from 1851 to 1856 inclusive.

I turned to the inside back cover for a glance at the price. It was \$20. I started to put it back.

The clerk opened the book to the flyleaf and held it out to me. There, high up on the page in a somewhat angular hand was the signature "Lew Wallace."

"I think that gives it an extra value as an association piece," the clerk said.

"But how do you know that is actually Lew Wallace's signature?" I asked.

"I don't," the clerk said. "I just know that it happens to look like it. It came in here that way, and because we have no proof that the book actually belonged to the author or of 'Ben Hur,' we don't feel justified in asking a higher price."

I bought the book, and while I still don't know whether the signature is really that of Lew Wallace, I do know that the value of the eight parts of "Bells & Pomegranates," even though bound in badly scuffed leather, is worth a good \$30 to \$40 now, and will continue to increase over the years.

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