

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Savage Automatic Turns Up in Africa

Portuguese West Africa seems an unlikely place for a man to find one of the rarer weapons produced by the Savage Arms company, especially when he's a merchandise buyer for gift shops. Nonetheless, it is because of a merchandise buyer's African trip that an arms collector I know came into possession of one of the rare 1905 Model 45 Savage automatics. Why the buyer bought it was only because of its carved ivory grips. He felt, and quite justly, that the craftsmanship of the unknown native artist was easily worth the \$100 price, regardless of the value of the pistol itself. The collector bought the gun primarily for its rarity as a weapon. Only a few hundred were produced. It is a blue weapon with a five-inch barrel on which are stamped the words "Savage Arms Co. Utica, N.Y. U.S.A., 1905 Cal. 45." Its magazine capacity is eight pounds.

LOVE LETTER IS HIGHEST PRICED COLLECTOR'S ITEM

Though the world's highest priced and most rarely quoted collector's item is the indiscreet love letter, the completely proper, fully discreet love letter may sometimes have a monetary value, too. I learned this recently when a stamp dealer showed me 10 envelopes he had purchased, each one bearing a 50-centavo Mexican air mail stamp. They were postmarked over a two-week period in Mexico City in late September, 1929. The stamp, printed in a dark blue and claret red, showed an eagle flying over a mountain-edged plain. Above him were the words CORREOS AERROS, Spanish for air mail. On most of the envelopes the stamp was only lightly cancelled. "But why so many?" I asked. The stamp dealer grinned. "That was what I asked the lady who brought them in," he said. Her story was that her fi-

CURRIER & IVES FOX HUNT PRINTS FIRM'S BEST

Though fox hunting with horse and hounds is scarcely a popular American pastime, there seems to be a never-ending market for mementoes of the sport and books and pictures dealing with it. An indication lies in the number and value of the Currier & Ives prints dealing with the subject. So far as I have been able to find, there are from 12 to 15 fox hunting pictures put out by the famous firm, and their values range from \$75 to \$250. One set of four—and it may be five—is made up of small prints, each one measuring about 8 by 12 inches. They are dated in 1848 and they bear the imprint of Nathaniel Currier. The first line of the title on each one is "Fox Chase." The second lines differ, including "Throwing Off," "Gone Away," "In Full Cry," and "The Death." Their values range from \$90 to \$125. A still more valuable series consists of four undated

Pleas Innocent To Homicide Charge

Colfax — (UPI) — Walter Payne, 27, Spokane, Thursday pleaded innocent in Superior court here to a charge

of negligent homicide. Payne is accused in connection with the traffic death of David Shaughnessy, 17, Clarkston, who was a passenger in Payne's car at the time of the accident.

About 9.5 Million Seedlings Used For State Planting

Salem—Nearly 9.5 million forest tree seedlings which were provided by the state forestry department went into the reforestation of approximately 12,000 acres of forest land, largely in state and private ownership, according to Assistant State Forester Don Maus. The forester stated that approximately 5.6 million of the seedlings went into the reforestation of 7,100 acres of state-owned land, most of it under the rehabilitation project which is being carried out by the department. Other

state planting included state parks, state game commission areas and various public lands which were planted by the various schools and youth organizations. Forty acres were planted in the Medford municipal watershed. **Balance of Acreage** The balance of the acreage consisted of privately owned forest land, including woodland areas planted by the farmers, industrial plantations and those areas reforested under the Oregon conservation act. In all it is estimated that nearly 4,900 acres were planted on the private lands, Maus stated. "Demands for planting stock far exceeded available seedlings in spite of the fact that we were able to secure 200,000 from a California state nursery and an additional 600,000 from the state of Washington," Maus stated. "The balance of the trees came from the Oregon forest nursery near Corvallis." **Species Planted** From the standpoint of species planted, the Douglas fir headed the list with 7,575,173 seedlings. More than five mil-

lion of these went into the state's forest rehabilitation project, largely in the Tillamook burn, Maus added. Other species in the higher brackets included white fir 452,371, grand fir 341,901 and ponderosa pine 277,486. Maus pointed out that the demands for the fir came from the individuals either establishing or maintaining Christmas tree plantations. "Last year the state established a new nursery near Elkton and the first of the two-year-old seedlings will be available for distribution this fall," Maus stated. "This will bring the production of the two nurseries up to approximately 15,000,000 trees and we expect a material increase in production for the following planting season."

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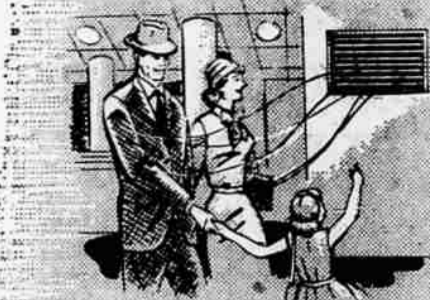
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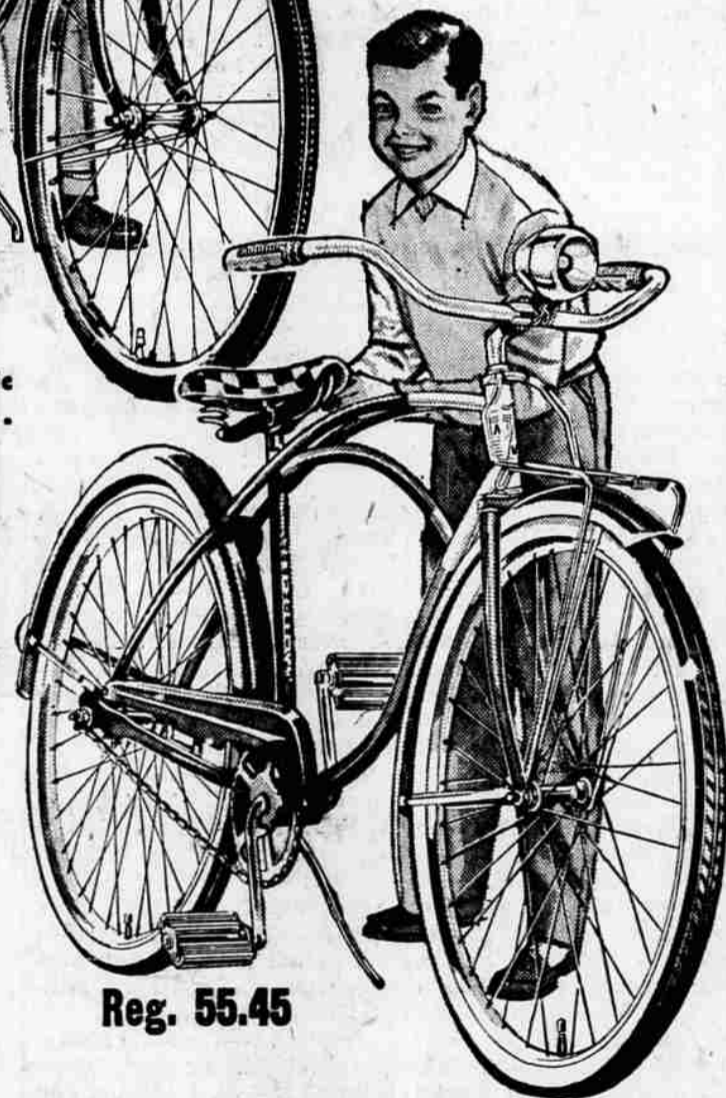
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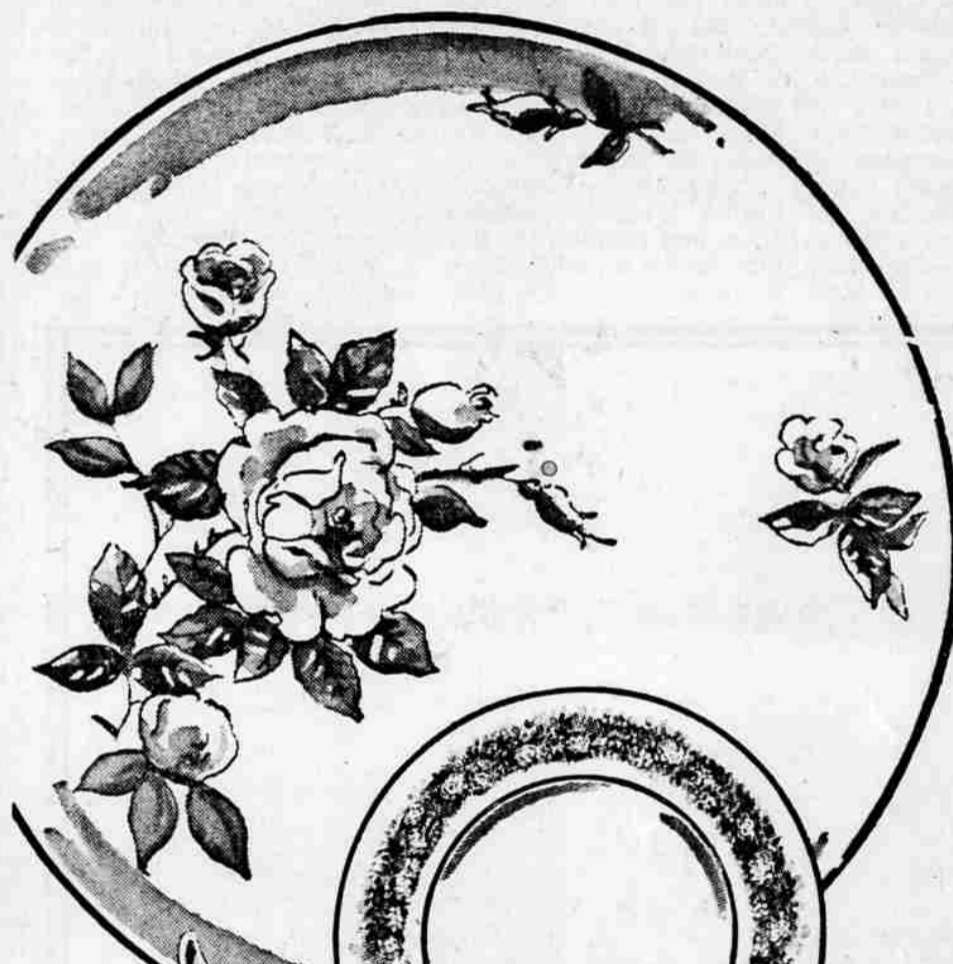
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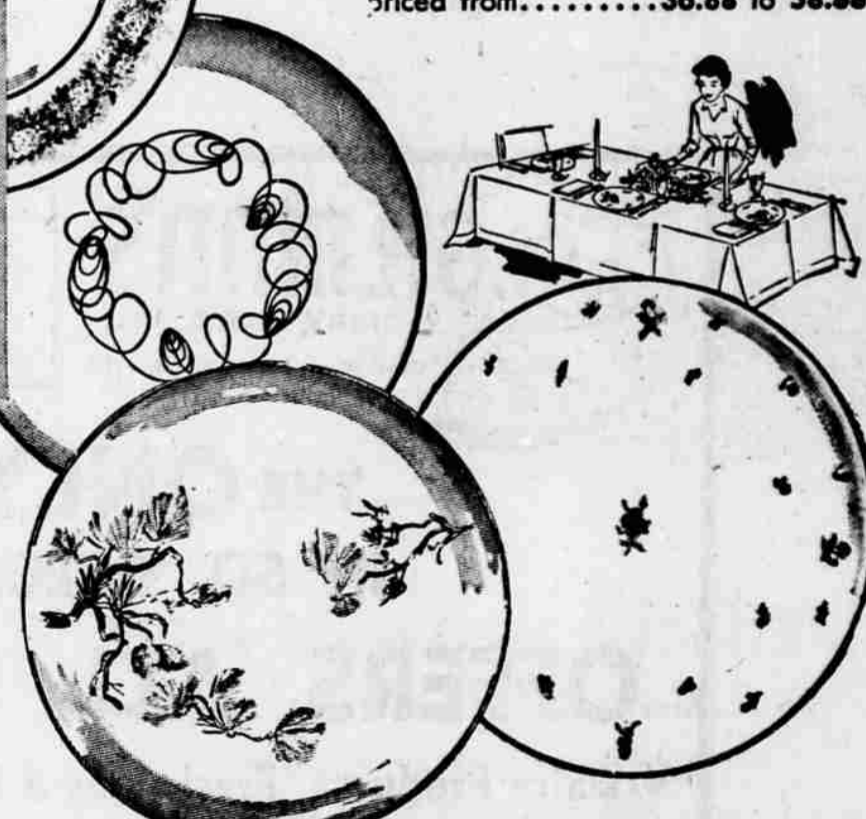
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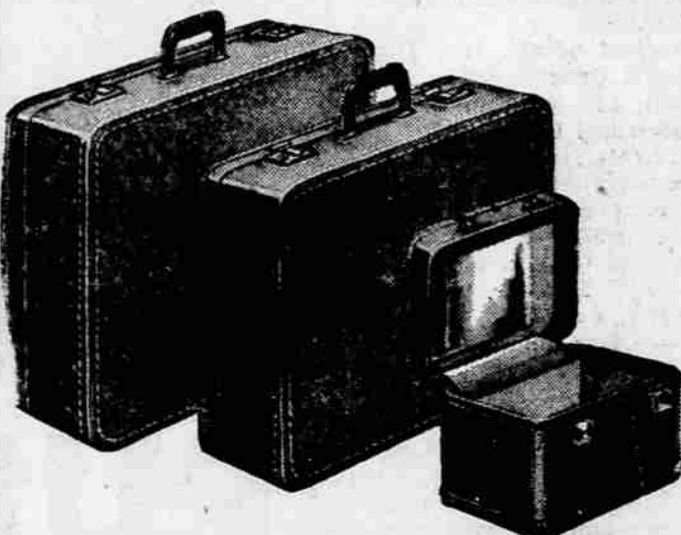
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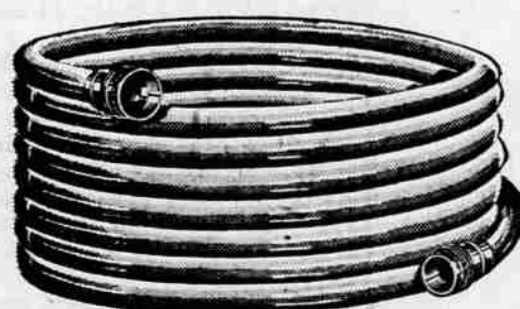
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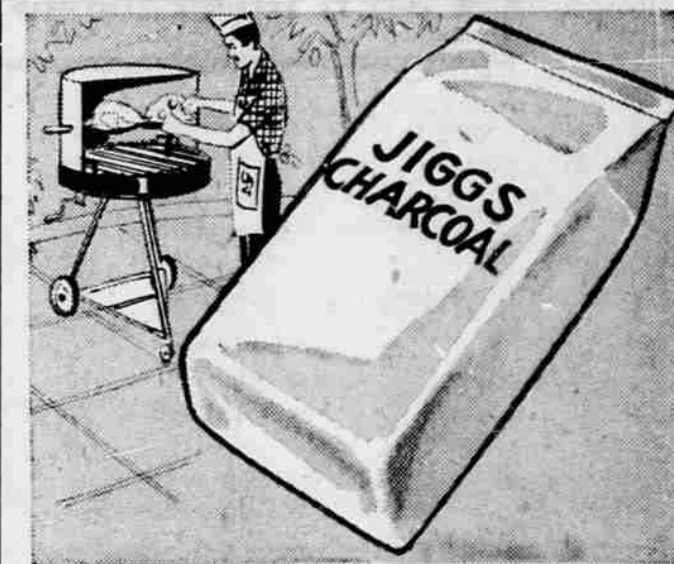
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