

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Never Remove a Stamp From an Old Envelope

It is a well known fact that Great Britain abolished slavery throughout its empire a good generation before it ended in the United States, and so I was surprised to hear a friend maintain it existed in Gambia long after our Civil War.

Gambia is a British Colony and Protectorate on the West African coast. It extends for 200 miles up the Gambia River from its mouth and for six miles on either side.

My friend produced an old letter he had acquired, written from Gambia in the early 1870's. When I dismissed its gossip about up-river slave traffic as non-essential, he cited a passage from the Encyclopedia Britannica that stated slavery was abolished in Gambia by ordinance in 1906.

The explanation was that though slavery had been illegal in the Crown Colony along the coast, it had not been in the Protectorate—in

the interior—until 1906. I turned my attention to a stamp, enclosed with the letter and evidently from the original envelope. It was a blue, four pence item. Across the top in block letters was the word GAMBIA. The main part of the design consisted of a circle in the center of which was a profile portrait of the young Queen Victoria. The cancellation was in black ink, not heavy.

The stamp is a fairly common one, either with a watermark or without a watermark and perforations along the edges. This one, however, had neither.

The stamp, cancelled, has a catalogue value of \$45, according to Scott's catalogue. Had it been left on the envelope, the value would have been at least twice as much.

In other words, anyone who finds an old envelope with a stamp on it should not under any circumstances remove the stamp.

Students To Leave For JESSI Program

Eight Medford High school students planned to leave today to attend the Junior Engineer Science Summer Institute at Linfield college, McMinnville, and Oregon State college, Corvallis.

They are Sandra Hess and Lynette Shaw, who will attend the girls' classes at Linfield, and Keith Harrison, Bob Pond, Brian Jefferson, Frank Peterson, Robert Allen and Robert Steele, who will go to OSC. All will be seniors next year.

Five of the group are attending the two-week session on scholarships provided by the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

During the session they will attend engineering and science classes taught by college professors, according to Ryder Berg, head of the science department at Medford High school.

The institute is sponsored by Oregon industries to acquaint the high school students with careers in science and engineering fields.

Governor to Take Washington Trip

Salem—(UPI)—Both Gov. Robert D. Holmes and Mrs. Cecilia P. Galey, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation commission, will fly to Washington, D. C. this week to give testimony at a congressional hearing on pending social security and unemployment compensation measures.

The Governor said he and Mrs. Galey were invited to appear at the Ways and Means committee hearing by its chairman, Wilbur D. Hills (D-Ark.) and were scheduled to present statements Wednesday.

Several engagements were cancelled by the Governor to make the trip.

SEWING STANDS ARE TYPICAL PERIOD PIECES

A common piece of furniture up to the advent of the sewing machine in the mid-1800s was a sewing stand.

It is found in various shapes and sizes, but one of the easiest to spot, and one of the more desirable both from the utilitarian and collector's point of view, is one that has a basket device beneath the top.

arms terminated in six-inch posts of hickory or some other tough wood which supported the stand.

The purpose of the basket was to hold balls of yarn for the housewife as she knitted. The top was suitable for use as a candlestand. Because of its lightness, the piece could be moved about easily as required.

One that I saw recently had a circular top, about a foot in diameter, centered on a lathe-turned post with a maximum thickness of an inch and a half. A good foot down from the top was a funnel-shaped basket with slatted sides. The lip of the basket had a ten-inch diameter; the bottom, a solid piece of wood through which the post passed, was six inches across.

From the bottom of the post, which did not reach the floor, extended three arms at angles of 120 degrees. The

And since it was a well turned piece of wood, with a fine grain and good finish on the top, it would be suitable for use on the most formal occasions when there would be no sewing or knitting.

As for the age of the piece, one guess is as good as another. It was probably made not much after 1850 or much before 1750.

But because it was typical of that period and was of excellent craftsmanship, it sold readily at \$75.

MANY VALUES IN GLASS MATCH HOLDERS

For a full half century after the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition of 1876 one of the more common American souvenir items was the match holder.

Glass manufacturers turned them out by the thousands and in multitudes of designs. As a result, they form today one of the more interesting categories of collectors' items and one in which there are many surprising values.

Some weeks ago I saw the replica of a cannon in green glass.

The piece, with an over-all length of about five inches, was a miniature of one of the cannons used on the Constitution and other famous early American ships. As usual with such pieces, there was no identifying mark on it, but very likely it was made by one of the scores of glass firms that turned out sou-

venirs for the 1876 Exposition. Usually they are found in clear glass, occasionally in blue or amethyst, but very rarely in green.

The \$10 price seemed to me to be a steep one, but a glass collector friend of mine made no attempt to get it at less. He bought not only that but an elephant of clear glass with a howdah on top that would hold the contents of at least two penny boxes of matches. The price for that was \$12.

The price for the elephant was only average, he said, but that for the cannon represented a bargain.

He had paid \$25 each for both the blue and amethyst matchholder cannons he had acquired and would have been willing to pay at least that much for any other color. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

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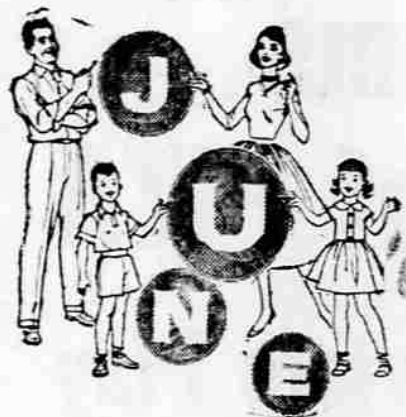
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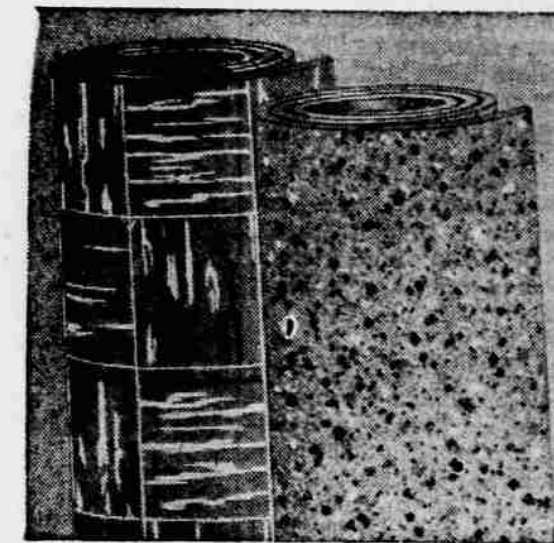
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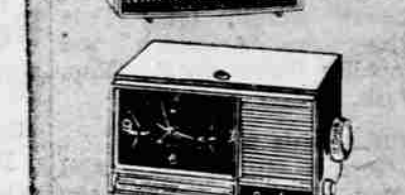
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