

Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



Surcharged Penny Post Cards Bring High Price

Since history does repeat itself, through postal rates have just gone up, they will come down again. And when they do, the post office will undoubtedly surcharge unused special values to stamp collectors. An example is when postage rates were cut in 1920-21. On that occasion the government lowered the rate on two-cent postal cards to one cent. In the interests of economy the post office surcharged their two-cent postal card stocks with the lower rate, thereby creating some extraordinary values. One of the biggest is that of the surcharged two-cent card issued in 1911 and carrying a portrait of President Grant. The card is cream-colored, the printing in red ink. How many of them were left in post office stocks when the surcharge order came, I don't know, but there were enough of them so that they were in fairly common use for a while. One man I know found one two or three years ago. It was unused. He figured it might not go through the mails since it was overprinted "1 cent." A stamp dealer gave him \$40 for it, but its retail value today, as listed in the Scott's Catalogue, is \$75. Such a card, bearing a cancellation mark of the early 1920s, has a value today of \$150. As for those that carry advertising matter, and postal cards then were often used in direct mail advertising campaigns, they are so rare as to be unlisted in the catalogue, I've seen. Hence one that is cancelled should command a still higher price.

EARLY SILVER COMMUNION CUPS IN ANTIQUE SHOPS

Metal cups that look like communion cups, whether covered or not, and regardless of how badly they may be tarnished or dented, should always be examined with care. In fact, if they are priced at only a dollar or so—as they usually are in salvage shops—it is probably a safe rule to go ahead and buy them anyway. Once thoroughly cleaned they are always ornamental enough to be worth more than the price, and besides, in many cases, it is impossible to tell how valuable one may be until it is thoroughly cleaned. The reason is that without cleaning you may not be able to see the maker's mark. Of course, not every piece that is valuable has a maker's mark, but most of them do, and since many of the larger libraries in the country have books listing the various known marks of silversmiths, right back to the days of Paul Revere and beyond, it isn't too difficult to run one down.

HISTORY OF 1840s PRESERVED IN ASHBURTON GLASS

One of the oldest designs in pressed glass and one that was popular for around 40 years in the mid-1800s is what is known as the Ashburton or colonial design. Whatever the name, it doesn't matter. The design is so simple almost any other designation would do. What it consists of is a series of ovals—like thumbprints except that they are perfectly plain—and a series of loops below the ovals. In addition to its simplicity the design also has a certain crudity. In part that is probably due to the fact that this type of glassware was produced by various companies each of which was evidently in a hurry to beat the others in filling the popular demand. Not only did the companies compete in producing the traditional objects, but they also vied with each other in thinking up new kinds of objects in which pressed glass of this design would sell. For example, as the California gold rush of the 1850s got into high gear, there was scarcely a drink that a miner

could think of that didn't have a special type of glass for it in the Ashburton design. In fact, as the records of the time indicate, eastern manufacturers must have relied heavily on orders from California. But those from the rest of the country were important, too, and what has brought all this to mind is a friend's purchase of a celery vase in this old design. Usually the celery vase is found in clear glass, and in that case it generally sells for a price from \$15 to \$30. But this one, bought for \$40, was of a gold color. Since much of the glassware in this design that was shipped to California in the early 1850s was of that color, it is quite possible that the celery vase made the trip around the horn or across the Isthmus of Panama. In any event, the price was not unreasonable. The piece is also known in several other colors, the rarest being a deep violet. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

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He paid \$2 for it. When he got it cleaned, he was delighted to find a small oblong mark on the base containing the initials "I.T."

A return to the shop and an hour or so spent in hunting through boxes of odds and ends resulted in the discovery of a cover that fitted the cup and obviously had originally gone with it. Restoration of the piece required a good 15 hours of concentrated labor, but it was worth it. Whether or not the piece had been a communion cup cannot be determined, but it is a thing of beauty, an example of the silversmith's art that would easily command a price of \$200.

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Cannery Workers Oust Bargain Agent

Portland - (UPI) - Employees at the Libby McNeill & Libby cannery here Thursday ousted their bargaining agent of the past 21 years in favor of a Teamsters union local. Vote in the election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board was 400 to 236 in favor of the Teamsters over the International Woodworkers of America which has acted as bargaining agent at the plant for the past two decades.

Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Charles H. Johnson, no operator's license, \$10.
Guy Anderson, parking in a restricted zone, \$8.
John M. Bauer, no clearance lights, \$10.
Barbara Oakes, inadequate muffler, \$15.
Jack Lee Haring, shooting on a public highway, \$30.
George Holbertson, following too closely, \$15.
Jack Herbert McCandless, following too closely, \$15.
Tait Florey, failure to make a traffic stop, \$10.
Chauncey Robert Beck, overweight, \$10.
Dwight L. Edwards, overweight, \$15.
Chester W. Bennett, overload, \$125.

CIRCUIT COURT
Charles DeLorme vs. Myrna Lee DeLorme, divorce decree.

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16-oz. head. 14 inch handle, claw model _____ \$2

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