

# Buried Treasure

by Pinkney Gage



## Rare Weapon Discovered Among Props in Theater

To find an arms collector's item among the props of a little theatre seemed about as unlikely a thing as I could think of, but nonetheless that's what the snub-nosed little gun on the trunk seemed to be.

It had been around the place so long that it had been service in a dozen shows, and that was all anyone knew about it. Neither the director nor anyone else knew who owned it.

The revolver was a .31 calibre, single action six-shooter. It had a round, two-and-a-half inch barrel and a high, curved hammer. The barrel was so foul that it would be dangerous to attempt to fire it, but since it was a percussion piece, it easily detonated caps—fairly satisfactory for a little theatre so far as noise was concerned, although not quite so much as a gun that would fire blanks.

There was considerable engraving on the frame, and an

### BLOCK OF STAMPS MORE VALUABLE TO DEALERS

A block of four stamps usually has a somewhat greater value than four times the value of one stamp, but there are also differences in value between blocks that come from the same sheet. And the difference may amount to \$20 or more.

A good example of this is a "cross gutter block" of four three-cent stamps that I saw recently. "Cross gutter" means that the four stamps are separated from each other by blank spaces maybe a quarter of an inch wide. At the juncture of the gutter, there may be cross lines to be used as guides by those who cut up the sheets of stamps.

The stamps in the block I saw were the reddish-violet Farley issue put out in 1935. They carry the picture of Washington's headquarters at Newburgh, N. Y., where peace was proclaimed at the end of the Revolutionary War. Though the stamps are seemingly identical with another issue that was put out in 1933

### CONFEDERATE MONEY VALUED BY NUMISMATISTS

Confederate money is still plentiful in the country. There are undoubtedly thousands of households that still have some of the bills which came off the presses of the Confederacy by the million.

But though they are a drug on the numismatic market, don't think for a moment that all Confederate bills are worthless or nearly so.

Some of them have a pretty fair value. Take one of the \$100 bills issued at Montgomery, Ala., as a case in point. A friend discovered he had one the other day. It was among eight or ten other Confederate bills that aren't worth 50 cents apiece, but it's value makes it a worthwhile find.

The design of the bill shows the figure of the Goddess Minerva and the picture of a railroad train moving into a station with bales of cotton standing on the loading docks. The note has the printed promise

initial had been cut into the silvered triggerguard. Along the barrel were the words "Springfield Arms Company." "Curious as to whether there might be any other markings I examined the frame closely, finally picking out the words "Warner's Patent." I told the director that if he would like a gun that fired real blanks, I might be able to arrange a swap. He was agreeable.

But I was able to do better than that. The fact that the words "Warner's Patent" were on the weapon gave it extra value. They meant that the piece was one of those which had been sold by the Springfield Arms Co. to the government for use in either the Army or the Navy, back in the early 1950.

As such, and despite its condition, the weapon was rare enough to bring \$35—a sum that not only provided a satisfactory pistol for firing blanks but left a few extra dollars for the theater's treasury.

### THE FIRST UNDER PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

—there is a slight difference in the color. Also, those issued in 1933, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the end of the war, have much cleaner perforations.

Because the block of four stamps I was shown had both cross gutters and crossed center lines, it was a block that came from the center of the sheet. As such it carried a price of \$25, considerably more than ten times what it would have been worth if the block had come from elsewhere in the sheet of 400 stamps.

There are other differences in value in blocks that lie between the two extremes. Any block, for example, that has the number of the plate from which the stamps were printed is worth more than one without the number. The plate number is to be found along the edge of the sheet printed on the margin.

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when you see his freshness in doing the customary little things; his curiosity over the flutter of a leaf to the ground, his discovery of new pleasures along old paths.

Perhaps I am boring you Mr. Murderer?

But first I want you to know you did not kill my dog. The veterinarian saved his life.

I am looking forward to meeting you face to face one day.

Properly trained, a man can be a dog's best friend. Humane Joe

A dog, Mr. Murderer, can teach a man many things, if the man's observant. He has all of man's attributes with none of his vices. He has no pettiness, no ill will, no ego urges, no divided interests. He never gives less than his best, never less than his all, and he never cheats in matters of this kind. A dog, has one love, one God, one all consuming interest—his master. Even you will have to admit that is unique in these desperate times, won't you? Let me give you a few more reasons why the majority of us love dogs as we do.

The dog never lets you forget how to play, for he carries his puppy heart through the years when, all too soon, he is old and his muzzle is gray. He reminds you daily, in a manner of ways, that you and the animal kingdom are of the same group in the scheme of creation.

He makes you forget your daily cares when, upon reaching home each evening, you are greeted with delight by one whose existence, he believes cannot go on apart from yours.

He cures your boredom

There is something else I know about you, though your hatred of all dogs, you've missed a lot in life. Not everyone loves a dog as I do, to be sure, but only a very few, thank God, hate them as you do.

## 'Buttons' to Make Appearance Here Next Week End

"Buttons the Clown" for many years with Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey circus will make several public appearances in Medford this week. Saturday, June 6, he will hold an autograph party from 2 until 4 p.m. at Crater Lake Motors company.

Buttons, who will soon celebrate his 75th birthday, has been in show business since he was seven years old. He is the fourth generation of circus performers.

Famous for his clown suit and artificial feet, Buttons originated the acts of attempting to sweep up his shadow and for 24 minutes to climb out of an automobile.

Buttons, who is officially W. H. Simpkins, held his last performance in Pittsburgh, Pa., July 16, 1956, when the big top closed as a traveling circus.

Buttons in his clown suit will tour Medford Thursday and Friday, June 4 and 5. Simpkins has appeared in more than 100 films, from the "Greatest Show on Earth" to "Bus Stop," and has written several popular songs, among them "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

Mrs. Simpkins, who is also in Medford, appeared on Broadway as Wynnie Gallie. Simpkins has toured the United States making personal appearance since 1956 and considers his current tour his farewell trip.

The couple plan to make their home in Medford following their retirement.

## Bids Opened for Work at College

Ashland—Base bids for alterations to Susanne Homes hall and for the completion of the auditorium and other areas in the Britt Student center were received at Southern Oregon college Wednesday. Donald E. Lewis, college business manager, has reported.

Low bidders for the Britt building contract were the Salter and Klein company, Medford with a bid of \$50,320, followed by the Barnhart company, Medford, which submitted a bid of \$55,245.

For the Susanne Homes project, the D. M. Blickenstaff company, Medford, was low with \$36,301. Barnhart bid \$40,900, and the Loren Ritchie company, Medford, at \$44,750.

Lewis pointed out that bids would be considered, and if meeting specifications satisfactorily, would be awarded by order of the state board of higher education early in June.

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## The Family Council Court Records

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Marilyn J. — She should break clean. Doris T. — I can't live with or without him.

Marilyn J. — I have been trying to help my sister, who is a very unhappy woman because of an unfortunate marriage.

Doris is now 35. She was married at 20 to a man with no ambition and no desire to raise a family. George has a very poorly paid civil service job and refuses to do anything to advance himself although he has the education and ability. Unless Doris works their standard of living is very low.

Two years ago, Doris decided she had taken enough and got herself a divorce and set up a new home. A year later she started seeing George again and they have been keeping steady company. She cooks for him and takes care of his laundry although they keep their separate residences. I feel that she must break clean if she wants to save the rest of her life.

Doris T. — I know that what Marilyn says is true, but it is easy to say things and not so easy to do things.

I was in love with George when I married him and I have never stopped loving him. I know he must seem like a terrible person to an outsider, but he is really very sweet and good and has tried in his own way to make me happy. He even favored the divorce because he thought I'd be happier without him.

But when I started to set up my new life, I realized how important George was to me. It is not easy for a woman of my age to meet eligible men — and those who were eligible were nowhere near as good as George in so many ways that meant a lot to me. Yet I'm afraid that we'll be as unhappy as ever if we

marry again. It seems I can't live with or without him. The Council: It is not true that Doris "can't" live without George. As long as she tells herself this she will live in misery and turmoil. The fact is that she must live either with or without him, and once she has made a clear-cut decision and followed through with it, her suffering will be alleviated if not ended.

It hurts to make a decision because every decision involves a sacrifice. But surely a brief, sharp pain is preferable to the protracted anguish of indecision. Once the decision has been made Doris will be free to build a better life along whatever path she chooses.

On one hand, there is the relationship with George — childless and narrow — but undoubtedly strong and warm with the closeness of 13 years of married life behind it. Such a marriage has tremendous difficulties, but it is not necessarily hopeless.

Doris should recognize that she'll have to do something to bolster some of the weak spots of marriage to George. She should, for example, connect herself strongly with children in either a job or volunteer work in order to satisfy some of her maternal instincts. She should also try to cultivate good friends and vital interests that take up her excess time and energy and draw her beyond the narrow life with her husband. She should create goals for herself so that she'll always have something to look forward to and a sense of achievement when she gets there.

On the other hand, there is the possibility of a new life with a second husband and possibly the fulfillment of family life. This calls for courage. It isn't easy for a long-

DISTRICT COURT Michael F. Moffett, reckless driving, \$30. Betty J. Berg, violation of basic rule, \$15. Richard S. Hamilton, violation of basic rule, \$15. Maurice C. Clark, no operator's license, \$10. Frank M. Tucero, refuse to weigh, \$10. Dean W. Lewis, insufficient binder, \$15. William R. Hopkins, violation of basic rule, \$15. Melba L. Stevens, no operator's license, \$10. Keith D. Randall, failure to comply with license regulations, \$10. Simon Bauer, failure to make traffic stop, \$10. Brian R. Schauble, overlength, \$15. John B. Spain, no operator's license, failure to make traffic stop, \$10. Julia J. Tummers, failure to dim lights, \$7.50. Harlow R. Hasford, overload, \$33. Dean W. Chapman, violation of basic rule, \$15. Marjorie J. Meier, failure to make traffic stop, \$10. Gordon Mckelvey, violation of basic rule, \$15.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION James Albin Martolin, 519 Beekman ave., Medford, and Reida Sue Jenkins, 1111 Dakota ave., Medford. Richard Edsel Johnson, Bradenton, Fla., and Edith Myrtle Cady, route 3, box 668, Medford. Robert Brzustus, Bend, Minn., and Mary Catherine Robinson, Ashland.

Part of Virginia is farther west than Detroit.

married woman to throw herself into the cold waters of the husband-hunting sea. It is particularly hard if land and safety are not far — in the person of George. But the dangerous journey may bring a richer return.

Nobody can tell Doris which is the right decision. But she must make one — and the sooner the better.

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Builders of the sleek new 110-passenger Convair model 880-jet-liner, currently being tested, thought of that problem when they designed the craft.

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Normal cruising altitude of the 615-mile-an-hour craft will be between 30,000 and 40,000 feet.

## BARUCH PRAISES DULLES

Kingstree, S.C. (UPI)—Financier Bernard M. Baruch paid a final tribute Wednesday to his long-time friend, John Foster Dulles. Baruch, who was unable to attend the funeral, said, "If the spirit which moved so many millions of people from every land to pay tribute to John Foster Dulles could be kept alive around the conference table at Geneva, their hopes for peace and justice would be realized."

## METAL TAX HIKED

New York (UPI)—The city hoped to collect \$13 million a year under provisions of a law, signed Wednesday by Mayor Robert F. Wagner, boosting the three per cent tax on metals costing \$1 or more to five per cent.

## Safley Named Head Of Underwriters

Wayne H. Safley of the Aetna Life Insurance company office here was elected president of the Rogue Valley Life Underwriters association at a meeting recently at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Dave Cutting of Northern Life was elected vice president, and Jerry Gastineau, representative of Equitable Life, was named secretary-treasurer.

Named directors were William Caldwell, of Occidental Life, Fred Sears of Prudential Life, and Tom Teutsch of Mutual of New York. Curtis L.

Hopkins of Aetna Life will continue as national committeeman.

## BETTER TO GIVE

Dallas, Tex. (UPI)—Each of Mrs. J. Leonard Brewer's four-year-old twin sons, Freddy and Eddy, claimed the toy was his. Mrs. Brewer suggested they kneel and "ask God to make you tell the truth."

They knelt. Before he began the prayer, Eddy confessed the toy was Freddy's, and said "but let's ask Jesus to make him share."

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Unfortunately, I do not know the name of the person for whom this is intended, so I will have to address it:

To whom it may concern: Someday I will discover your identity, and then there will be no need for this. By other means I'll try to even the score with you for my dog, and the other little fellows who have fared worse than my dog has at your hands, and are dead today.

As I say I don't know who you are, yet, but I do know you are a murderer, a sly, sneaking murderer. You kill at night, promiscuously, despicably, with poison. You have never seen one of your victims die, have you? You should, you really should, Mr. Murderer. You might enjoy the sight. The dog is in torment with his insides a-fire. He has convulsions. He gags and gasps, and death comes very slowly.

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