

# Buried Treasure

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## Style Variety Made Colt Peacemaker Versatile

The famous Colt "peacemaker" revolver is usually shown as a long-barrelled, .45 caliber six-shooter, but it is also to be found as a short-barrelled job in various other calibers - and without any lessening of value.

A case in point is one that I saw recently with only a three-inch barrel. It had no hand-ejector, such as is found on the peacemakers that were issued to the cavalry. But otherwise it was a typical single-action weapon with a walnut stock and a blued barrel and cylinder, the latter being fluted for half its length.

This type can be recognized even without the ejector through the markings. Along the barrel are the words "Colts Pt. F. A. Mfg. Co. Hartford, Ct." and the patent dates stamped on the frame cover the years 1871 to 1875.

The same markings are to be found on the peacemakers made for the military, the

commonest having a seven-and-a-half-inch barrel. But some of the kind issued to artillery and infantry units have somewhat shorter barrel lengths.

Despite the age of these weapons, their shooting qualities are still an important factor in determining their value. And since, as a general rule, the longer the barrel the better the gun will shoot, one would expect those with the seven-and-a-half-inch barrel to have the greatest value. Other things being equal, however they do not. Those with the shortest barrel usually bring a higher price.

One of these six-shooters with a three-inch barrel and of only .38 caliber sold recently for \$200. It was in excellent condition, but so was a long-barrelled cavalry model that took considerably longer to find a buyer and brought only \$150.

### FOUR MISSING BANK NOTES MAY PROVE RICH FIND

The National Gold Bank Notes of California all have a substantial value to collectors, but one of them is so rare that whoever finds one could just about name his own price. That one is for \$500. None of these \$500 notes, issued by two San Francisco and one Sacramento banks, is known to exist today. Not even the banks have one. But since four of those originally issued have never been redeemed, it is quite possible that one is still lying around somewhere, locked in a safety deposit vault or stuck away in some old desk.

All National Gold Bank Notes were redeemable in gold and secured by U. S. bonds that had been deposited with the Treasury at Washington.

The \$500 item states that consideration on the face of the note between two vignettes, one showing a woman with a sword seated on a gun carriage and the other depicting the arrival of a steamship

in New York harbor. There are also a red treasury seal and the signatures of John Allison, Register of the Treasury, and F. E. Spinner, Treasurer of the United States.

On the reverse, the design consists of an oblong panel with rounded ends containing a collection of gold coins ranging from the \$1 piece to the \$20.

The names of the San Francisco banks were the First National Gold Bank, and the National Gold Bank and Trust Company. The Sacramento bank was the National Gold Bank of D. O. Mills and Co. The values of other National Gold Bank Notes are high, even the smallest-for \$5-carrying a price of better than \$100 today-provided it is in good condition.

But whether in good condition or not, one of the four missing \$500 notes would command a price well into the thousands for whoever was lucky enough to find it.

### WAR II SAVINGS STAMPS RETURN HIGH DIVIDEND

Anyone who has some postal savings stamps that were issued early in World War II will get much more out of them if he does not turn them in to the government for redemption in either cash or bonds.

In some cases, the value of these stamps has soared in a way that makes other examples of inflation seem conservative.

An acquaintance, who put part of his shipyard pay into the stamps before entering the Army, came across a block of six recently in going through some old papers.

The stamps were of the 50-cent denomination and of a dark blue-green color. The legend was "United States Postal Savings," and the amount was printed diagonally across the face.

Though the owner knew that postage stamps sometimes have a large premium value, he didn't realize that there were also premium values for practically every other kind of stamp the government has ever issued. Luckily for him, the postal clerk, when the stamps were offered for redemption, suggested that he find out about their collector's value first.

It was easy enough to do. By checking one of the major stamp catalogues, he quickly learned that the value of the plate block of six that originally cost him \$3 was now \$50.

While the values of postal savings stamps have by no means risen proportionally in other denominations, virtually all of those issued during the war years have a market value today that is higher than the value of the stamp plus the nominal rate of interest paid by the government. (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

### State Commission Opens Tax Office

The state department of employment has opened a tax division office at 1508 North Riverside ave., according to D. H. Cameron, commissioner of the department.

The office will be manned by Robert W. Denker and J. Ward Gardner, field auditors, assisted by Mrs. Rosemary C. Thompson.

The office will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for the convenience of employers in this area. The staff will answer questions or problems in regards to the tax phase of the law by telephoning SPring 2-4774.

The department was formerly the state unemployment compensation commission.

### INSULT PLUS INJURY

St. Catherine's, Ont. (AP) - William Hodge was fined \$100 for striking his wife after she complained that not only did he hit her, but even brought his girl friend to the coffee shop where she worked and insisted she wait on them.

### Grange News...

**Butte Falls Grange**  
The regular meeting of the Butte Falls Grange will be held Monday, July 6, at 8 p.m. in the Community hall. All members are urged to attend.

**Gold Hill Grange**  
Vacation time is not helping the attendance at Gold Hill Grange meetings, it was reported.

At the regular meeting of the Grange Thursday, July 2, many officers as well as other members were out of town thus bringing the attendance below average. However, the meeting was very successful.

A. A. Walker reported on flood control. The decorating committee, Josephine Loeffler, Mildred Wright, and Willie McLean, had renovated the flower baskets which the Grange has been using for many years. These and some beautiful new baskets were filled with flowers and made a lovely display.

Refreshments were served by Dale Collins and Grace Bruce. Those in charge of the program for the next meeting, July 16, request all participants to be at the hall at 7:30 p.m., Monday evening, July 6, for rehearsal.



# NATION-WIDE VALUE MONTH

# WARDS

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GET THE WARD HABIT  
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THE THRIFTY WARD WAY

Bigger-than-ever values for smarter-than-ever shoppers! Wards tremendous nation-wide buying power brings you a store-full of sensational buys—shop now and SAVE! Remember you may use your Wards Credit Account

## DON'T MISS WARDS TERRIFIC JULY SAVINGS



Regular 16.25  
luggage rack!

**13<sup>95</sup>**

Big, all-metal rack with rubber suction cups and web hold-down straps. 42 by 37 by 7 inch size.



Regular 3.98  
utility throws  
SALE **2<sup>99</sup>**

60x72"—use for picnic tool Solid color or print cotton bark. 72x108" size.4.99



Women's  
**OXFORDS**  
SALE **1<sup>99</sup>**  
FABRIC

Comfort, perfect playshoes. Cotton duck, rubber soles. 3 1/2 to 10.



**POWERFUL 6-transistor pocket portable radio**

**27<sup>88</sup>**  
sale price compare of 39.95

6 transistors at a price usual for 4. Everything you want in a low-priced radio - power, shirt-pocket size and economy of operation. Plays on one low-cost battery. FREE earphone and leather carry case. High-impact cabinet.



**SPECIAL PRICE! Men's short sleeve shirts**

SMALL MEDIUM LARGE **1<sup>66</sup>**

What a buy at this low price! Casual sports shirts in colorful washfast patterns that you'll be wise to scoop up by the armful. Tailored with cool-as-a-pool short sleeves, are completely Sanforized.\* \*Max. shrink. 1%



**SPECIAL! Short-sleeve no-iron shirts for boys**

USUALLY 1.29 **86<sup>c</sup>**  
SIZES 6 TO 18

Rush in for an armful of his favorite cotton foulards and all-over prints in light and dark tones. Man-tailored with convertible 2-way collar, cool short sleeves. Machine washable, little or no-iron.



# SALE!

5-pc. set tri-ply stainless steel—**Ekco Flintware**

USUALLY 42.50 **28<sup>88</sup>** \$3 DOWN

- Self-basting—seals in flavor, vitamins
- Bright finish won't ever rust or stain
- Cleans easy as a dish with soap, water

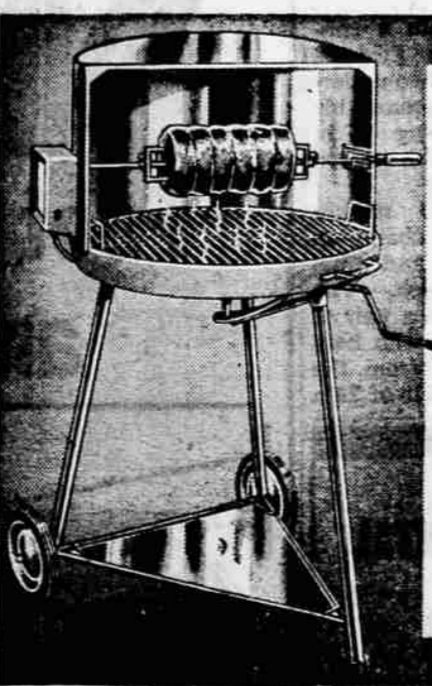
Ekco tri-ply saves time, fuel and space—"low" heat is all you need for quick, perfect cooking results. Self-nesting covers store easily. Hang-up handles oven-proof to 375°. Wonderful gift.



**SALE! First quality 80 sq. percale prints**

USUALLY 39c YD. **4 YDS. \$1**

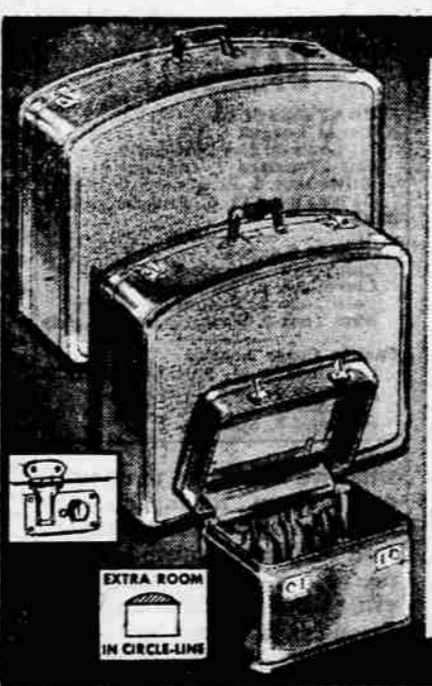
Washfast designs are so right and pretty for school apparel; decoratively right too for vanity skirts, dust ruffles, curtains. Thrifty firm-bodied texture is woven for long wear. 36 inches wide.



**SALE! 24" grill usually 39.95**

2.50 DOWN **24<sup>88</sup>**  
Housewares dept.

- 12" stainless steel hood
  - Bright blue firebowl guaranteed never to burn out
  - UL approved motor turns spit
- Everything you want—beauty, strength, big cooking capacity. Chromed spit and adjustable grid, easy-roll rubber-tired wheels.



**Ladies' luxurious Circleline luggage**

YOUR CHOICE **7<sup>88</sup>**  
\*Plus 10% F.E.T.

- Circle top for extra space
  - Lasting vinyl grain covering
  - Rugged frame with rayon lining
  - Choice of light blue or tan
- Yes, choose from a Circleline train case with mirror, 20" weekend case, or 24" Pullman. All with polished locks, easy-grip handles.



**SALE! Outdoor living fun!**  
3-pc. redwood barbecue set  
Big 6' table, 2 benches. Weather and warp resistant kiln-dried redwood. Rugged construction. Seats 8 in comfort. Easy set-up. 1.50 DOWN **13<sup>88</sup>**

**SALE! 10 lbs. charcoal**  
Reg. 98c. Big 10-lb. bag briquets add real outdoor tang to any barbecue. Easy to light even burning, almost smokeless. Save now. **88<sup>c</sup>**

**SPECIAL! CAR WASH BRUSH**  
Rubber head with horsehair blend bristles swivels to any position to fit your job. 30" aluminum handle with rubber hand grip. **1<sup>99</sup>**

**Wash and wear prints**  
79c yard quality drip-dry prints shun the iron because they're crease-resistant. Scoop them up in striking washfast designs. 36 inches wide. **1<sup>c</sup>** per inch