

Ancient Silver Cup Located in Cyprus Puzzles Scientists

London - (Science Service) - The restoration of a corrosion-encrusted silver cup made with pride by some unknown silversmith over 3,000 years ago raised a problem which is puzzling scientists. The cup was buried in the ground of Enkomi in the island of Cyprus, where it lay hidden until modern times.

The problem concerns the decoration on the cup. As a result of laboratory work, the decoration was first reported to be an inlay of a substance called niello. Niello is a mixture of the sulfides of silver and copper and is the basis of jewelry which has been made for many hundreds of years by a very tricky process handed down from father to son in Siam (Thailand) and other parts of southeast Asia.

The Enkomi cup is dated at 1,400 B.C. If the niello decoration was used in Cyprus at that early date, it is a discovery of great importance to archaeologists.

But Drs. G. R. Claringbull and A. A. Moss of the department of mineralogy of the British Museum here report they believe that the evidence suggesting the decoration might be niello is not conclusive. They consider the evidence is that the Enkomi cup was inlaid with copper.

When first excavated, the cup was covered with green

corrosive products. Preliminary examination showed the presence of gold and a black powdery substance. When the black powder was analyzed spectrographically, the results indicated that it might be niello. The next problem was how to remove the corrosion results of some three thousand years in the ground without destroying either the gold or the niello. Laboratory experiments with niello showed that it would resist being soaked in hot formic acid. The hot acid was therefore used to wash off the incrustation. Beneath, "the original decoration was revealed in a surprisingly fresh condition."

Feeling Explained

Dr. Harold J. Plenderleith of the International Centre for the study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property in Rome explains why he feels the Enkomi cup was decorated in niello. The perfection of line and luster survived immersion for 20 minutes in commercial formic acid at boiling temperature without any sign of loss. The black patterns were "lustrous or splendid and enamel-like" and, where undamaged by time and the soil, the material formed a perfect tracery of shiny jet-black-mass-and-line ornament in the bright silver ground-work.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mrs. L. P.—He'll regret this step.
Peter P.—I never loved my wife.

Mrs. L. P.—I am a widow with only one son and I am bitterly disappointed in him.

Peter is 26 and he married a perfectly wonderful girl three years ago. They have no children yet. I love Eunice as I would a daughter of my own. But now I have learned something terrible about my son. He is involved in an affair with Eunice's "best friend."

Eunice doesn't know this yet. I found out by accident. Peter admitted everything to me. He told me he wants to be divorced. This is madness because his wife is everything desirable — attractive, good-natured, a perfect homemaker and has the sort of personality that makes everyone love her. This other girl isn't nearly as pretty and is spoiled. I don't know how to stop him from taking a step he'll regret all his life.

Peter P.—Eunice is all that my mother says she is. The only trouble is that I have never been in love with her.

I went out with her for about three years mainly because she was such a good companion and because my mother kept throwing us together. Then mother started campaigning for marriage. She said I couldn't go on keeping Eunice on the string forever. I told mother I wasn't in love with her, but she said that would come.

Immediately after our marriage I began to feel terribly trapped. Eunice and I suddenly seemed to have nothing in common. Her friend Janice kept coming around and suddenly I found it more fun to talk to her than any girl I'd ever known. At last I realized that this was the real thing. Janice admitted she had cared for me a long time. I can't go on with my wife.

The Council: There is more than one woman too many in this picture. There are two. Painful as it is for Mrs. L. P., she must accept the fact that she cannot do anything about this matter. She can, of course, give her son her advice and opinion, but that is all.

Peter's problem is more one of immaturity than anything else. A grown man ready to take on as important a responsibility as marriage simply doesn't let his mother pressure him into the step. He doesn't marry a woman he is not prepared to love.

Now, however, Peter is looking for an easy way out of his situation. Instead of attempting to build love and understanding with his wife, he immediately looked for an "out." The nearest one to hand—a girl, who evidently intruded herself between the young couple—looked like an ideal escape route.

This relationship, built on an ugly deception, can have few of the elements involved in real love. Peter wishes to rebel against his mother and the dominant role she has played in his marital life. Unfortunately, like most violent rebellions, this one would probably succeed simply in replacing one tyranny with

another. The girl, capable of getting involved in an affair with her best friend's husband, must be a highly unprincipled aggressor. Peter would merely find himself in a new, perhaps more powerful "trap."

There is no quick, easy way out of Peter's problem. But the solution is within him. When he gains the strength and insight to see himself clearly, he will reorganize that love, unlike infatuation may be built through effort and good will.

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Child Molester Added to FBI's Most Wanted List

Washington - (UPI) - Donald Leroy Payne, 42, a rapist and child molester, was placed on the FBI's list of 10 most wanted criminals today.

The fugitive has a history of vicious sex attacks on women and children dating back 23 years. He is currently sought for the rape of an 18-year-old girl and perversion committed against a 12-year-old boy in Houston, Tex., in July, 1959.

Described as Dangerous

Payne, whose nose is misshapen from an accident, has been described by a judge as a dangerous criminal "who would not hesitate to kill." The FBI cautions that he should be considered "armed and dangerous."

Payne served his first penitentiary sentences in New Mexico for the rape of a 15-year-old girl and sex perversion against a woman victim. He was sentenced to San Quentin prison in California in 1950 for sex attacks on a 9-year-old girl and her 10-year-old brother whom he had picked up near their home at Monterey, Calif.

The fugitive was wanted by California authorities as a parole violator at the time of the Houston crimes.

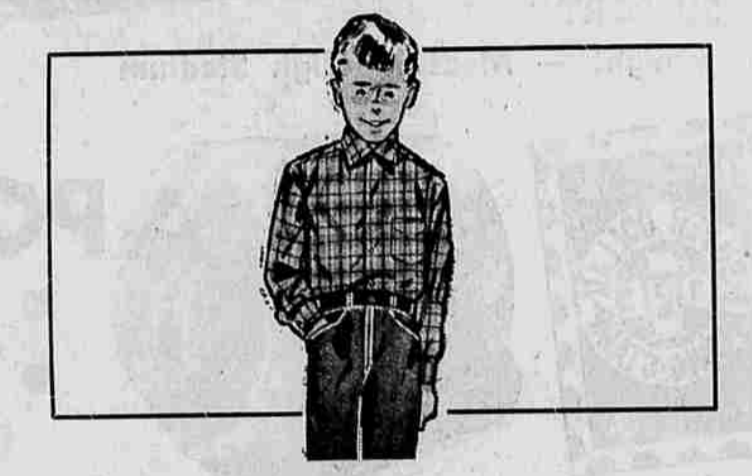
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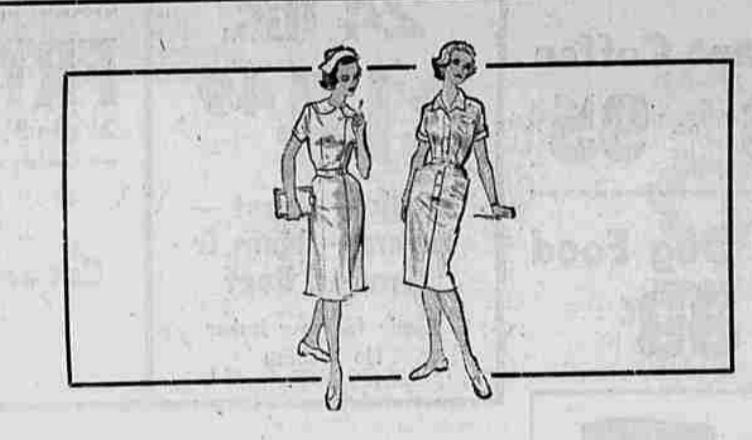
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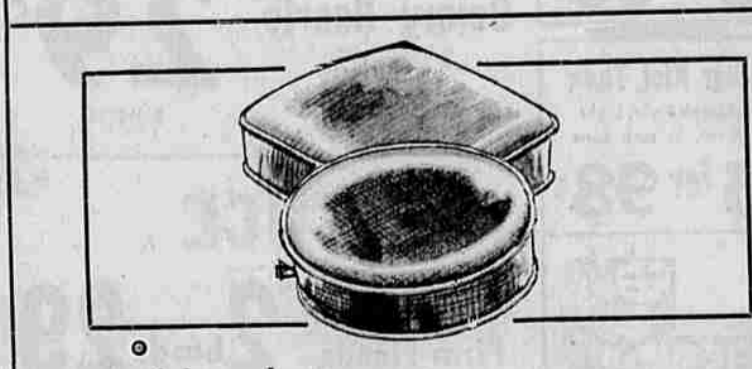
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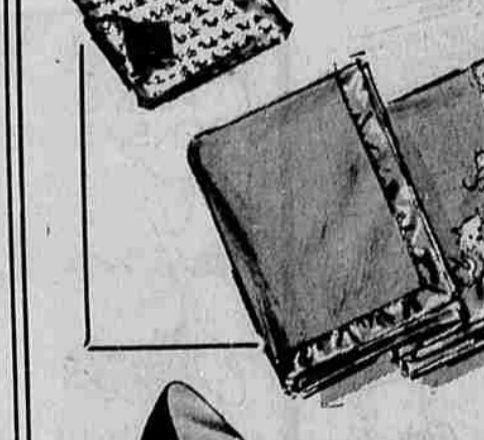
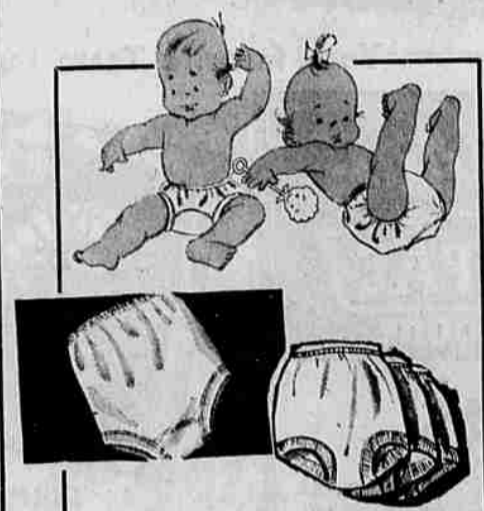
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