

LOST & FOUND

[Right] GI-85a "Lafayette" Bust of Layette "Covetry" (sic) "C-T" - Stars and Liberty Cap "S&S" flask., Coventry Glass Works, 1824 - 1830. Aquamarine, sheared mouth, pontil scar, Pt; Extremely rare, only three known in aqua, with one of the other two being damaged. Variant with two rivet impressions in the shoulder. See the adjacent mold half.



[right] The mold half is probably for a "Lafayette" Bust of Layette "Covetry" (sic) "C-T" - Stars and Liberty Cap "S&S" flask. The mold was found in a river in Mansfield, Connecticut per legend years ago. See the adjacent GI-85a flask in aquamarine.



[above] Archaeologists from the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) have discovered ancient glassworks from the Late Roman period in the Jezreel Valley, Israel. IAA excavations were conducted as part of the Jezreel Valley Railway Project, where archaeologists uncovered the remains of ancient glass kilns which produced commercial quantities of raw glass around 1600 years ago. Image Credit: Israel Antiquities Authority



[left] This embossed "S.M. Kier Petroleum Pittsburgh Pa" bottle was recently auctioned by American Glass Gallery. It was described having a blowpipe pontil scar, 6 1/2" tall and, sparkling attic mint. A beautiful, exceedingly rare, possibly unique color for this mold. We have not seen another example in this, or similar color. In addition, nice character with plenty of tiny bubbles. Found in the wall of an old home in Waldron, Indiana, and came with a signed letter from the homeowner who found the bottle in his elderly parents home, circa 1870, and how they happened to find it.

[right] The holy grail of Western bottles, is the crudely made "cathedral" pickle embossed with the names of "Baker & Cutting, Pickle & Glass Mfgs, San Francisco." This bottle was known and lost and showed up at the recent 49er Historical Bottle Assoc. Show in Auburn, Ca. Lou Pellegrini will add to his great collection.



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[left] This labeled Elisha Waters blacking bottle was found in the attic of a hardware store in Hoosick Fall, NY nearly 50 years ago.

[left] A highway crew found a green bottle next to the remains of a hearth built by Union troops between 1862 and 1865 at Redoubt 9, near Williamsburg, Va., one of a string of mini-fortifications erected by Confederates, but later occupied by Federal troops. Back in the day (beginning around the Middle Ages), people in the British Isles and elsewhere would try to ward off evil spirits by filling jugs or other containers with bent pins, hair, urine, nail clippings or other items. The idea was the contents would draw in and trap a harmful spirit. The witch bottle tradition came to the US and was still in play in the mid-19th century, during the Civil War.

[above] Personal headquarters flag of Philip Henry Sheridan (1831-1888) used when he led the 2nd Michigan Cavalry, Spring–Summer 1862. Sold for over \$40k at Cowan's auction house in June 2021.

[below] Archaeologists were excavating an elaborate Roman villa complex when they uncovered a rare mosaic depicting scenes from Homer's Iliad. Excavations were conducted by the University of Leicester working in partnership with Historic England after the site was discovered by the landowner's son, who identified archaeological remains disturbed by ploughing and agricultural activities during the lock-down in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Image Credit: University of Leicester Archaeological Services

[above] This "Dr. Phelps Arcanum Genuine" was found in a house in Washington, New Hampshire. The woman who owned it remembered playing with the bottle as a child, when it wasn't on her grandmother's mantle! She was completely overwhelmed to know the value of her "childhood toy." The bottle is a dark reddish amber color, open pontil base, applied lip. It is considered to be one of the best colored pontilled medicine bottles.

