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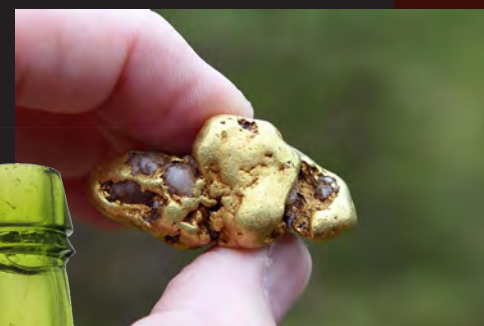
[left] GXV-21 Extremely rare “Good Samaritan Brandy — “Gentry, Slote & Co. New York” plump chestnut form with large red iron pontil. The bottle was a barn find at the historic Darlington Farm (Delaware County, PA), in 2017. The farm property was purchased by William Penn in 1682 and granted to John Sharpless. In 1797 it was purchased by the Darlington family by virtue of Amy Sharpless’s marriage to Jesse Darlington. The farm had its own post office and people came from far and wide to have their mail, especially Valentines cards, stamped “Darlington, Pa”. In 1922, the farm was bought by Charles Wood the founder of Wawa Dairy. —

John Pastor, American Glass Gallery



[above] Tom Bender’s renewed enthusiasm for the hobby evolved into one of the finest collections of U.S. coins — a trove that includes the finest PCGS Registry Set of Carson City coinage, the finest complete certified \$3 Gold Proof set ever assembled, an Indian Cents Basic Proof set that is ranked No. 2 all-time finest in the PCGS Set Registry, and a Lincoln Basic Circulation Strike set that is ranked No. 3 current finest and No. 5 all-time finest. More than 300 coins from Bender’s extraordinary collection were offered in Heritage Auctions’ Aug. 22-28, 2022 sale.

[right] During what is called “The Big Dig,” a cache of Pacific Congress Waters came from a single location in a downtown San Francisco dump. The dump was not a dump but a bottle-recycling plant from an earlier time. The bottles found were all oddballs, misfits that weren’t the regular shape of a generic bottle, a whiskey or soda, for instance. In other words, non-reusable. Instead, there were things like the Pacific Congress Springs, some without the running deer and some with, too distinct to re-use. Also found was the Bryant’s Stomach Bitters cone, Cassin’s Stomach Bitters, a new find in the name of AT&Co., the beautiful and elusive V. Squarza, the incredibly wonderful Dr. Parker’s Indian Tla-Quillaugh’s, and many, many more. All rare, with San Francisco heritage, exotic, and mostly very valuable.



[above] Golf-ball-sized pure gold nugget is “biggest ever found in UK waters.” So rare is the find, the exact location and person who made the discovery has not been disclosed to prevent treasure-seekers flocking to the area. The 85.7g nugget was discovered by a man in Scotland while lying face down in a river in a process known as “sniping,” where people use snorkels to search riverbeds.



[above] A millennia-old Egyptian canopic jar lid was found in a shipment to the port at Memphis, Tennessee on August 17, 2022. Experts dated the lid back to the Egyptian Third Intermediate Period. This period fell between 1069 BC and 653 BC, so the lid is potentially as old as 3,000 years. Canopic jars, also known as jars of the old kingdom, were the containers used to hold the internal organs that were removed from the dead body before mummification.

[below] Rare early 12-cent U.S. postage stamp with bust of Washington brings \$19,520 at Holabird's Wild West Auction, July 21-24, 2022.



[left] I was very excited to get the Dierker & Speck California Herb Bitters from Pittsburgh. The bottle was found in a shed in Ohio. The thing that's neat is this is the only one known and is the first listing for California Herb Bitters in the Pittsburgh directory. — Chip Cable



[right] "DR DEGURLEY'S HERB BITTERS MANUFACTURED BALTIMORE, MD (Pictorial image of 5-story building), possibly Baltimore Glass Works, 1865 — 1870. Extremely rare. The bottle was found in the cupboard of an old one-room-farmhouse shack, in northeastern West Virginia. — American Glass Gallery Auction 14

