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[left] My son and I dug this past weekend in Galveston. I'll get you some photos once cleaned but as I am sure you can imagine I'm over the moon. Von Harten & Nichols Deveraux Cordial Gin, Galveston. Advertised in 1870 only so far as I can find. - Brandon DeWolfe, P.E. *Go to FOHBC.org for more pictures.



[left] 10 to 12 years ago, I saw a tiny sign and stopped at a garage sale in a trailer park here in Oceanside, Ca. on a Saturday. I don't know why as it's not something I normally do. It was all typical old folks stuff not worth much. For some reason I opened the little kitchen cabinet above the wall oven and there were three bottles.

At the time I didn't collect bottles and knew nothing about them, but I do re-enacting and the Clasp Hands flask looked like I could use it as a whiskey bottle. I took it up front. It was marked "300" on the bottom so she charged me \$3. I went home, did some research and realized it was real. The next morning (Sunday), I went back and grabbed the scroll flask. It had "600" on the bottom and being Sunday and half off, I paid \$3 for it as well. Sadly, I passed on the third bottle, a Fisch Bitters that was there, thinking it was an Avon bottle. - Brian Bingham



[left] Dr. Warren's Universal Tonic Bitters Fond Du Lac Wisconsin. Extremely rare, attic mint, smallish, colorful. One of many unicorns that changed hands at the recent Wisconsin Antique & Advertising Club's fall show - Steven Libbey

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[left] Sheboygan Mineral Water Codd bottle - Slightly lip chipped, example is the only Sheboygan Mineral Water Wisconsin Codd. Patent confirmed to exist over 35 years. Amazing upgrade found by a picker at a Michigan estate sale. - Steven Libbey



[above] Coins worth up to \$290,000 found under kitchen floorboards. September 2022: A house refurbishment in northern England has uncovered a trove of gold coins, which could be worth up to £250,000 (US\$290,000). The discovery is one of the biggest hoards of 18th century English gold coins ever uncovered in Britain, according to auction house Spink & Son. While renovating their kitchen in July 2019, residents unearthed a salt-glazed earthenware cup burrowed underneath the concrete and floorboards of their home in Ellerby, North Yorkshire.



[above] 1897 Red Revenue small figure surcharge selling for more than \$12,000 recently in Dallas.

[below] Nov. 2022. A British man found a near-perfect gold ring from the 14th century in a field using his metal detector. Historians think it was given to a wealthy bride by her husband in 1388. - Noonans



[below] A beautiful grouping of early Cornucopia-Urn Flasks. All three were found locally at estate—farm sales in north-central Ohio. - American Glass Gallery, Auction #33



[above] A priceless fossil destroyed in WWII has resurfaced in an unusual way. A little over 200 years ago, this ichthyosaurus was found in Lyme Regis, almost certainly by Mary Anning. It was described in 1819 and named 'Proteosaurus'. Sadly, it was destroyed in London in 1941, during WWII. This illustration (top) was the only evidence until recently when two plaster casts of the specimen were discovered. The casts are at the Peabody Museum, Yale University, and the Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, Germany. Significantly, these verify the accuracy of the published drawing of the specimen, and clarify morphologies of some of the bones. Discrepancies between the drawing and the casts are mainly in the details of the forefins and hindfins. The specimen can be assigned to Ichthyosaurus, but the species cannot be determined. This case illustrates the importance of old casts in museum collections. Additional, yet unrecognized, casts of this specimen might exist in the UK or elsewhere. - The Royal Society Publishing