


# LOST & FOUND

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[left] I dug this transferware pitcher last weekend in a Des Moines outhouse pit. Bottom says "FARM" (pattern) British Registry mark date is December 15, 1882. This dated the hole as well. An unusual find, and whole! — Mark Wiseman



[above] Here is my newest postal cover. Are you familiar with this Dr. Houck? He has a middle initial of F, so is not the Baltimore Houck. — Ben Swanson

[below right] Said to be very rare and hard to find, this 1926 Turner pressed steel bus found a buyer at \$5,520. With a six-window body, full running boards, front bumper and headlights, it sported original light blue paint with a gold stripe and was 28½ inches long. - Weissman collection, *Antiques And The Arts Weekly*. June 2021



[left] This label-only ink bottle reads "Premium Cold & Steel Pen Black Ink. Manufactured By Edward Allen. Hartford, Ct." The octagonal, rich olive-yellow ink has a pontil scar and was found in a Westbrook, Connecticut attic in the 1980s. Edward Allen lived and worked at a number of different addresses in Hartford, Connecticut from 1852-1875. He was also enlisted in the United States Army during the Civil War years of 1862-1865. — Heckler



[below] I found this in a garage sale. The guy said he got it from an old store in Evansville, Wisconsin that was remodeling their front entry. He removed the sign and was always going to put it up somewhere but didn't have a place for it. I purchased it for \$200. It probably should go to a cigar collector but I kind of like it. I told the guy I collected old patent medicines and he said "Like Warner's Safe Cure?" I said exactly and we started up a lively discussion. He found one while cleaning out his store! — Michael Seeliger



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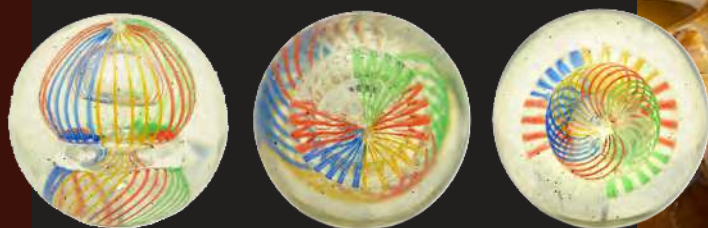


**[right]** Over the summer, an amateur historian in Newfoundland unearthed a 600-year-old gold coin. According to government officials, who announced the find in a statement earlier this month. The Henry VI quarter noble was minted in London between 1422 and 1427—and it may be the oldest English coin ever found in Canada. Courtesy of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. —

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**[left]** I read your blog post about these (Old Sachem) bitters bottles. I just came across one for \$3 at a thrift store! — *Matthew Waxman*



**[above]** This Pontil Birdcage was handmade with glass and five different colors that swirl from the same pontil end of the marble. It is no surprise that the Chinese 5-color Pontil Birdcage was sold in the auction from the Morphy Auction House for \$7,670 in 2012, in nearly perfect condition. This marble has one controlled bubble inside the birdcage shape, hence the name.



**[left]** Brobst & Rentschler flask: My digger partners and I unearthed this flask in the Wilmington, Delaware, area this past year. This would otherwise have been an ordinary amber strap flask except for the angled slug plate spelling error embossing of Brobs & Rentschler of Reading, Pennsylvania. Brobst is spelled wrong by omitting a "T." Read the rest in Member News this issue. — *David Smith*

**[below]** A miner who discovered the largest tanzanite gems ever has now found a third—and it's worth millions. A Tanzanian miner made another discovery of one of the rarest gemstones on Earth, possibly earning the small-scale miner millions of dollars—again. Saniniu Laizer, 52, recently discovered the rare, dark violet-blue tanzanite gem, weighing 14 pounds. Tanzanite is only found in northern Tanzania and is valued based on its rarity, color and clarity. The gem is valued at 4.7 billion Tanzanian shillings, or \$2 million, the BBC reported, and is among the dwindling number of Tanzanite left in the world.

