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[Left] Construction workers recently unearthed eight catapult stones from a 13th-century siege at an English castle by Amber Morgan. In 1266, Kenilworth Castle was the site of what's believed to be the longest siege in the history of medieval England, and these catapult shots were fired during the violent event. — *Smithsonian Magazine*



[Above] Hundreds of historic English coins from the extensive and unprecedented Tyrant Collection (TheTyrantCollection.com) were displayed at the American Numismatic Association's 2023 Pittsburgh World's Fair of Money. The 300-coin exhibit included a rare surviving example of England's first gold coin, a Henry III 1257 gold penny (above) as well as one of the few known 1656 Cromwell 50 Shillings pattern gold coins, and the only privately-owned complete King Edward VIII pattern proof set produced in 1937 by the Royal Mint (below left).

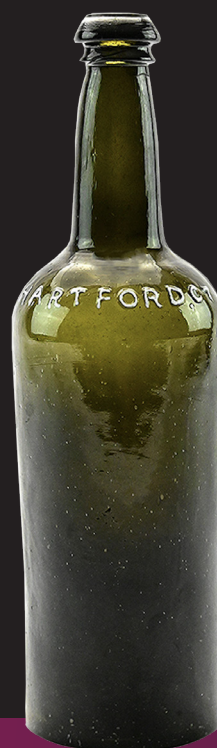
[Below] This fine example of a GII-62 "Liberty Eagle" (Willington Glass Works, West Willington, Connecticut) was recently unearthed in a privy in central New York. Privy digger Fred DeCarlo explains that you need to learn patience in this hobby. After over 500 privies and countless trash pits this was his first unbroken historical flask. "I have dug well over 100 broken historical flasks of all varieties" he explains, "This is my first pristine one and I can't believe its beauty." — *Fred DeCarlo*



[Right] The Penny Black, the world's first postage stamp, covered the cost of letters up to half an ounce (just over 14 grams) in weight. For letters between that weight and 1 ounce the cost was twopence. A two penny stamp was produced, called the Twopenny Blue, which was in use from 6 May 1840 along with the penny Black. The Twopenny Blue stamp is extremely similar to the Penny Black except 'TWO PENCE' appears at the bottom instead of 'ONE PENNY'. — *U.S. Postal Museum*



[Below Left] "J. & T. FARWELL - HARTFORD, CT" (around the shoulder), English for the American market, ca. 1850-1860, deep olive green, 10 3/4"h, smooth base, applied double collar mouth, blown in a three-part mould. Perfect condition, numerous air bubbles. Records show that John and Thomas Farwell were prominent land-owners in Mansfield, Connecticut. Both died in 1823. Eventually their land became part of the site of the University of Connecticut, where the original barn and remains of the Farwell House still exist. This bottle was made for Asa Farwell a younger brother who was a prosperous merchant and importer of rum (probably from England and in this bottle). He owned a sizable warehouse in Hartford, Connecticut on Commerce and Ferry Streets. This is a new find, fresh to the market and with an interesting history. — *Glass Works Auctions*



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[Above] Since last issue, more bottles of cherries have been found at George Washington's Mount Vernon home in a "spectacular" discovery. Buried in the cellar, a treasure trove was waiting to be discovered—an enormous amount of preserved cherries. Archaeologists discovered 35 glass bottles with cherries, Mount Vernon officials announced, just a few weeks after two bottles were found in April. *"Never in our wildest dreams did we imagine this spectacular archaeological discovery,"* said Mount Vernon President Doug Bradburn. — *Wine Spectator*



[Above] I found your name on a Peachridge Glass post, and I wonder if you might be able to help me identify the bottle fragment in the photos attached here. I found this piece of glass yesterday in the ocean off of Long Beach Island, New Jersey. Looks similar to the Gordon's Gin boar in your post—but not quite the same. Very curious to know more. Any ideas? All best, Whitney. Answer: Yes. Gordons London Dry Gin and its boars head motif. A member of the Gordon clan saved the King of Scotland from a wild boar on a hunting trip. After this the symbol was added to the Gordon coat of arms.

[Right] Ferdinand, I made it out for a dig yesterday with my son, Grayson, (pictured on AB&GC cover) and we made an awesome discovery...a blob "American Brewing Association" beer bottle from Houston, Texas. Although split-sized crown top bottles from this brewery are fairly common, this very cool blob top example is (so far as I can ascertain) the first example known to collectors. Just goes to show that there are still bottles out there to be discovered!

— Brandon DeWolfe



[Left] The jersey that legendary New York Yankees player Babe Ruth wore when he hit one of baseball's most famous home runs sold for \$24.12 million recently—making it the world's most valuable sports collectible. Dallas-based Heritage Auctions said the jersey achieved the record—previously held by a 1952 Mickey Mantle baseball card (pictured above) that fetched \$12.6 million in August 2022—after a "thrilling bidding war" that lasted over six hours. Ruth was wearing the road gray No. 3 jersey when he played against the Chicago Cubs in the 1932 World Series. He appeared to gesture toward something in center field just before hitting a fifth-inning home run into the bleachers. Over the last 92 years, the "Called Shot" has become infamous in baseball lore, being "endlessly celebrated, imitated and replicated," the auction house said in a press release. However, where Ruth was actually pointing—at something deep in the field, like the flagpole, or at the Cubs pitcher—has been contested over the years — ESPN

