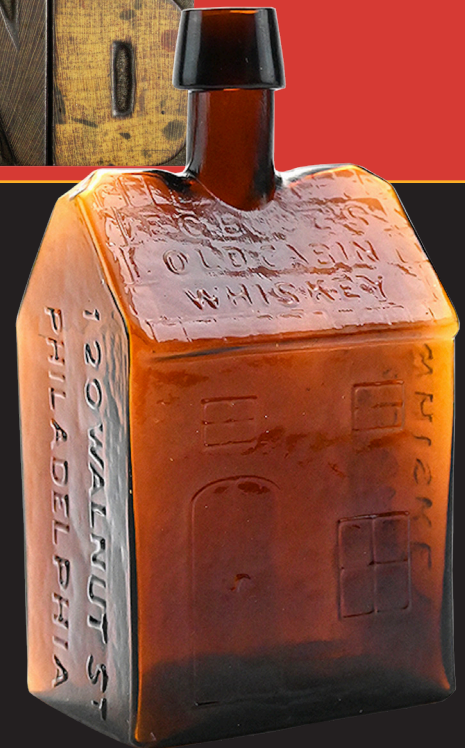


# LOST & FOUND



**[Above]** Geologists may have stumbled upon the largest gold mine in the world as \$83 billion has just been sitting there underground this whole time. A “supergiant” gold ore deposit under an existing gold mine in China could be the world’s largest gold ore deposit. Officials estimate that the extent of the find could be 1,100 tons stretching as deep as 9,800 feet below the surface. The find also shows promise as that of a high-quality producer of gold. Chinese experts claim it could be the largest deposit of any precious metal, not just gold ore, in existence today. — *Popular Mechanics*



**[Above]** According to the consignor, this “E. G. Booz Old Cabin Whiskey” was found in Glassboro, New Jersey in the Glasshouse District. It was owned by Glassboro’s, Marylin Plaskett, director of the Heritage Museum in Glassboro. Three Booz bottles reportedly linked to the Whitney estate, two beveled roof and one straight edge, were put in a sack with instructions for Marylin’s three daughters to each take a bottle as a keepsake. This is one of those bottles. — *Glass Works Auctions #178*

**[Below]** We dug this miniature Schroeder’s Bitters last Sunday December 29, 2024. Kind of a shocker for us as the hole did not appear to be that old. Either it was a late throw or it is not that old, late 1890s to early 1900’s. What would you date this bottle? We were in a very old neighborhood however. — *Mark Wiseman and Jimmy the Pup*



**[Above]** Greek: SICYONIA. Ca. 400-323 BC. Sicyon established a famous school of art that flourished in the 4th century BC, making the city an epicenter of Greek culture. Renowned for its sculptors and painters, the die engravers were not to be overlooked. This stater is a delightful example of this moment in history, earning both Fine Style and Star designations. The devices themselves are naturalistic and delicate, allowing the minute details of the monstrous chimaera to claim the spotlight fully. It is a genuinely stunning piece for any collector who covets ancient art, mythology, and culture. — *Heritage Auctions January 2024*

**[Right]** The bust of Queen Nefertiti is owned by the Egyptian Museum in Berlin. However, Egypt and France have been demanding its return since 1924. In 1912, German Egyptologist Ludwig Borchardt discovered the bust during excavations in Achet-Aton, which is now known as Amarna. James Simon, who funded the excavations, acquired the bust. In 1920, Simon donated the bust to the National Museums in Berlin. He also donated under the condition that if Egypt ever requested its return, the German National Museums would be legally obligated to repatriate it. However... — *Various news sources*

**[Right]** The Shenzhen Nongke Orchid is a completely man-made flower that was developed during eight years of research in agricultural science by its namesake Shenzhen Nongke Group in China. In 2005, the flower was sold at auction to an anonymous bidder for a jaw-dropping 1.68 million Yuan, or \$200,000. This completely unique Frankenstein flower remains the most expensive flower ever bought. — *Times of Agriculture*





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**[Above]** A nature-inspired Tiffany Studios stained glass window that broke records when it sold more than 20 years ago has done it again by almost doubling its expected sale price to fetch \$12.48 million, becoming the most expensive Tiffany piece ever auctioned. The Danner Memorial Window, a 16-foot-high leaded window previously owned by billionaire Alan Gerry, sold in a Sotheby's auction to an anonymous buyer. It shattered the previous auction record for a Tiffany Studios piece of \$3.37 million (a Pond Lily Lamp sold for that price at Christie's in 2018). It marks the second time the Danner window broke a Tiffany Studios record—it sold for \$2 million in 2000 and was, at the time, the most expensive piece ever from the creator. The window, which depicts blooming trees and a rolling river in vibrant colors, was made by Louis Comfort Tiffany and designer Agnes Northrop in 1913 as a tribute to John and Terressa Danner, founding members of the First Baptist Church in Canton, Ohio. The piece was called the "most significant and valuable Tiffany Studios work ever offered at auction" by Sotheby's and was sold from the personal collection of Gerry, who founded and sold Cablevision Industries to Time Warner for almost \$3 billion in the late 1990s. The work was expected to sell for between \$5 million and \$7 million. — *Forbes*



**[Above]** In July 2024, a large dinosaur's skeleton fetched \$44.6 million at a Sotheby's auction in New York City—the most ever paid for a fossil. The plant-eating stegosaurus—nicknamed Apex, is 11 ft tall and 27 ft long from nose to tail, and "ranks high among the most complete skeletons ever found", Sotheby's said. It was sold to an anonymous buyer, who said: "Apex was born in America and is going to stay in America"—in what is seen as a hint that it might be loaned to a US institution. Apex was discovered by chance by a paleontologist in 2022 near the suitably named town of Dinosaur in Colorado.— *BBC*

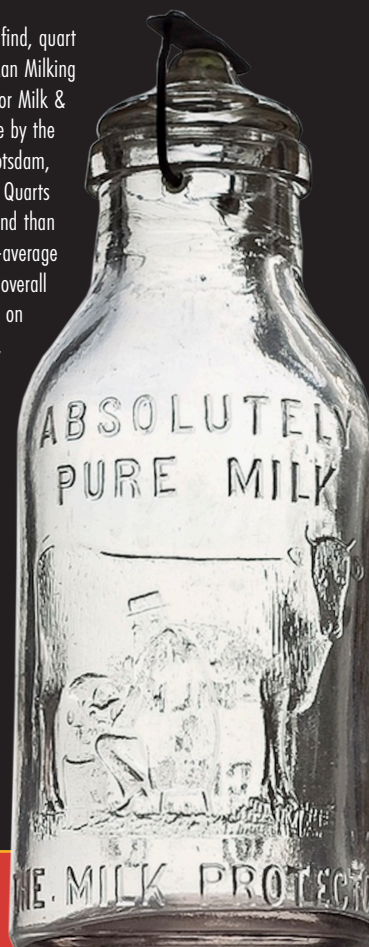


**[Left]** Baby Huey. The giant duckling was a popular cartoon star in the 1950s, and appeared on plenty of merchandise—including a now-pricey American Bisque cookie jar. This gem sold for \$1,200, which makes me wonder if crumbly cookies should be the last thing stored in here. — *AOL*

**[Right]** This tough-to-find, quart "Absolutely Pure milk" (Man Milking Cow) "The Milk Protector Milk & Cream Jar" was made by the Thatcher Mfg. Co. in Potsdam, N.Y., circa 1886 to 1892. Quarts are certainly harder to find than the pints, and this above-average

example with unusually strong embossing is in overall excellent condition. "Pat'd April 27 86" is embossed on the glass lid. Dr. Hervey D. Thatcher was a Potsdam,

New York druggist who was concerned about bringing sanitary practices to the milk industry. Although the first patented milk bottle appeared in 1875, it was not until Thatcher invented this milk jar that the delivery of bottled milk became practical. Thatcher's container became so popular that he has been called "the father of the milk bottle." — *American Glass Gallery*



**[Left]** Recently found in a Midwestern state, this outstanding Anna Pottery Stoneware Presentation Pig Flask with Incised Steamboat, is inscribed "Grayville and New Harmony Packet Capt Vandergrift Master makes regular trips on time in a hogs 1880," — *Crocker Auctions*