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[Left] Stunning Gold Coins Reveal Glimpse of a Turbulent Age Life on the troubled frontier between Athens and Persia is reflected in a rare coin haul. Who buried the coins, and why were they never retrieved? What was it like to be sandwiched between two clashing powers during some of the most consequential wars in classical antiquity? A sensational stash of coins found in Turkey is furnishing some answers. Led by Christopher Ratté, professor of ancient Mediterranean archaeology at the University of Michigan, a team was excavating a house on the site of the harbor city of Notion, in western Turkey, when they struck gold: They found a pot containing Persian coins, all depicting a kneeling archer, buried years before the house was built. Artifacts found near the hoard create a picture of daily life in the city. Objects in the same layer as the hoard date the coins to the late fifth century b.c., when Notion lay in the buffer zone between Athens and Persia. Although full-scale Greco-Persian wars had ended by then, both continued to be enemies.

— *National Geographic*

[Left] Any idea where from and who used this bottle? The only embossing is "Taylor" on one panel and "Best" on another panel. I was initially thinking it might be a San Francisco, California bottle. I'm getting some more feedback and learning that it's a New York bottle 1840s, from Asher Taylor who later went to San Francisco where he held a patent for an improvement on a bottle machine. Looks like it might tie in with Taylor & Co out west.

— *David Kyle Rakes*

[Below] A crew exploring the USS Yorktown at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean recently came across the unexpected sight of a Ford automobile in the ship's hangar. The discovery was first made April 19 during an ongoing month-long expedition led by NOAA Ocean Exploration when the crew sent a remotely-operated vehicle to explore the iconic Navy warship in the depths of the ocean. USS Yorktown, which Japanese forces hit with torpedoes following the pivotal Battle of Midway in June 1942, has been explored several times since its final resting place was discovered in 1998. But the most recent operation was the first to delve into the ship's hangar. That's what allowed the explorers to identify the car as a black 1940-41 Ford Super Deluxe, colloquially known as a "Woody." On the front license plate were the words "SHIP SERVICE ____ NAVY," according to NOAA. That feature is what prompted the team of researchers to theorize that the car could have been reserved for Rear Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, as the Yorktown served as his flagship during World War II. Ship Captain Elliott Buckmaster or other ship crew could even have used it while Yorktown was docked at foreign ports, NOAA's team guessed. — *NOAA*



[Left] This extraordinary "Barkhouse Bros & Co Gold Dust Kentucky Bourbon John Van Bergan & Co Sole Agents" bottle surprised Jeff Wichmann when it came into the office as the Gold Dust whiskey bottles are a very popular western fifth. The example was especially nice as it was loaded with whittle, had a great strike and was blown in a light to medium amber. The bottle was found near a mine entrance in Utah years ago. The Gold Dust was partially buried and there was a faint level line where it lay with partial contents. It was ultimately purchased for a few bucks at an antique mall. The bottle sold for \$22k with the commission. — *American Bottle Auctions*

[Above] Brown gemstones are skyrocketing in popularity, with Mocha Mousse being named the Pantone "Color of the Year." — *Rock & Gem*



This image shows the car's body shape, canvas top, chrome bumper and a spare tire on the back.



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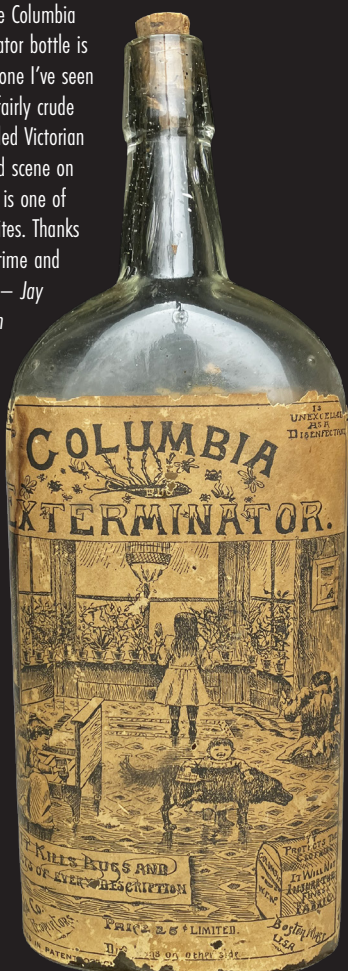
Read and see more in the FOHBC Virtual Museum.



[Left] The Antikythera mechanism is an Ancient Greek hand-powered orrery (model of the Solar System). It is the oldest known example of an analogue computer. It could be used to predict astronomical positions and eclipses decades in advance. It could also be used to track the four-year cycle of athletic games similar to an Olympiad, the cycle of the ancient Olympic Games. Captain Dimitrios Kontos and a crew of sponge divers from Symi island discovered the Antikythera wreck in early 1900, and recovered artifacts during the first expedition with the Hellenic Royal Navy, in 1900–01. This wreck of a Roman cargo ship was found at a depth of 45 metres off Point Glyphadia on the Greek island of Antikythera. The team retrieved numerous large objects, including bronze and marble statues, pottery, unique glassware, jewelry, coins, and the mechanism. In 1902, it was identified by archaeologist Valerios Stais as containing a gear. The device, housed in the remains of a wooden-framed case of (uncertain) overall size was found as one lump, later separated into three main fragments which are now divided into 82 separate fragments after conservation efforts. Four of these fragments contain gears, while inscriptions are found on many others. — *Wikipedia*

Editor: See *Shards of Wisdom*, this issue for another bottle picture from Jay.

[Below] The Dr. Beard's Bitters bottle—I've seen a few but not in the larger size with the portrait label (bottle is label only). The Columbia Exterminator bottle is the only one I've seen and the fairly crude yet detailed Victorian household scene on the label is one of my favorites. Thanks for your time and interest! — *Jay Thompson*



[Above] Scott #19 Mint 1857-61 1c Franklin, Blue, Type Ia, Perf. 15.5 selling for \$17,500. Used examples from \$6 to \$10,000. — *Mystic Stamp Company*

[Right] We will be selling a very rare Australian bottle in the upcoming ABCR Auction which is very closely linked to the US. Marked as follows: "A. P. Hotaling & Cos Old Bourbon Whisky (Kangaroo) Trade Mark Barron, Moxham & Co Sydney Sole Agents for Australasia." No base mark. Can you please let it be known in the US collecting community that this will be in our online sale ending on May 10th. I did have a keen US collector make contact years ago wanting one, but I cannot recall who it was all these years down the track. — *Travis Dunn, ABCR Auctions*

