

Antique or Junque: Old electric light is a heavyweight

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Q: Enclosed is a photo of an electric table lamp with a leaded glass shade that belonged to my great-aunt. The finish on the base is the original, but somewhat worn off. Marked on the bottom are the letters "B & H" which I assume stands for Bradley and Hubbard. There are four sockets for light bulbs each with a pull chain. The overall height of the lamp is 26 inches and the shade is approximately 20 inches in diameter. I'm not certain how old it is, but my mother who was born in 1909 can remember it from when she was a child.

BRADLEY AND HUBBARD LAMP - Bradley and Hubbard Manufacturing Co. of Meriden, Conn., made this electric lamp around 1915. It would probably be worth from \$1,200 to \$1,800. CNS Photo.
NORTHWOOD GLASS CO. MARK - The Northwood Glass Co. of Indiana, Penn., was founded in 1896. CNS Illustration. What can you tell me about my lamp?

A: Bradley and Hubbard Manufacturing Co. was in existence in Meriden, Conn., from the 1850s to the 1940s. The firm flourished in the late 1800s and early 1900s and was recognized as one of the leading manufacturers of exceptionally high quality lamps.

Your lamp was made around 1915 and would probably be worth \$1,200 to \$1,800.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of a green opalescent footed bowl that I have. It is decorated with a Greek key motif, has a basket weave pattern in the center, a scalloped serrated edge and gold trim. It is 8 inches in diameter, 3 inches tall and is in perfect condition.

What is it worth?

A: Northwood Glass Co. used the mark you enclosed. The glassworks was founded in Indiana, Pa., by Harry Northwood in 1896, and he opened a second one in Wheeling, W.Va., in 1902. The factory made a variety of

glass including custard, carnival, opalescent, pressed, and art glass. Northwood died in 1919 and by 1925 the factory ceased operations.

Your green footed bowl would probably be worth \$150 to \$175.

Q: I have what I believe to be a bread cupboard. It has a metal label with the words "Nappanee - Coppes Inc." The original painted finish has been stripped, but it still has the original hardware. The top working area looks like porcelain. There are two drawers on the left and a bread drawer on the right, below which is a long horizontal door. It also has a pull out cutting board. Most similar cupboards that I have seen have top portions, but it doesn't appear there ever was one.

I don't really use it and am wondering if I should chuck it or keep it.

A: Judging from your description, you have a Hoosier Cupboard. It was made in Nappanee, Ind., by Coppes Inc. Hoosier Cupboards were designed to be efficient and save homemakers steps running around their kitchens. Most of what they needed was at their fingertips plus it provided counter space to work. Coppes Inc. is well-known and one of the leading kitchens cabinets manufacturers. They are still in business. Although most cupboards included a top with storage, many were available without the top portion. Your cupboard was made in the early 1900s and would probably be worth \$400 to \$600.

Q: Recently I bought a set of pink glass refrigerator containers at an antiques mall for \$30. The set consists of two small dishes and a larger one. They all have clear glass lids and can be stacked. Each is marked "Pyrex - Made in U.S.A." and all are in mint condition.

What can you tell me about my containers?

A: Pyrex glass was made by the Corning Glass Works in Corning, N.Y. Your refrigeration dishes were made in the 1960s and 1970s and were available in a variety of colors. They coordinate with other kitchen bowls. Pink examples are not common; most pieces that are seen today are primary colors or a blue rooster against a white background.

Your set is worth the \$30 you paid, a few dollars more than the more common sets.

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