Antique or Junque: Stickley speaking, cellaret is worth much more

by Anne McCollam

Q: I would like to know more about the Arts and Crafts oak cellaret seen in this photo. It belonged to my husband's parents. It was from a furnished beach cottage they bought in the 1950s. Behind the two doors are shelves and one drawer. Inside the drawer is a red and yellow paper label with the words "The Work of L. & J. G. Stickley." Above the doors is a pullout copper shelf. My husband wanted to preserve the wood from spilled drinks so applied polyurethane to the top only. Other than that, plus one missing ring pull from the door, it is in very good condition. I had a garage sale and a local auctioneer told me it would bring $1,000 to $1,500.

CELLARETTE - If this Arts and Crafts oak cellarette is a Stickley, it could sell for between $10,000 to $14,000. CNS Photo. GEROLD PORZELLEN MARK - The Gerold Porzellan Factory in Germany was founded in 1937. CNS Illustration. What can you tell me about our cellarette?

A: The projected figure of $1,000 to $1,500 that the local auctioneer quoted is low. There are records of sales of L. & J. G. Stickley cellarettes similar to yours selling from $10,000 to $14,000.

Leopold and John George were the younger brothers of Gustave Stickley. They founded the L. & J. G. Stickley Furniture Co. in 1902 in Fayetteville, N.Y. The company is still in business but is now located in Manlius, N.Y.

The arched backsplash, pullout copper shelf, hammered copper ring pulls and strap hinges are typical of L. & J. G. Stickley's Mission cellarette. The label you described was first used in 1912.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of a porcelain figurine that I bought at an auction about 30 years ago. The figurine is of a young shepherd boy and five white sheep and a black dog. The boy is wearing a dark blue jacket and light blue pants and hat. In his hand is a staff. I have no idea what I paid for it, not much, I'm sure. Can you tell me a little more about my figurine and its value?

A: Gerold Porzellan Factory in Bavaria, Germany, made your figurine. The firm was founded in 1937 and is still in business. They used the mark you provided from 1948 to 1981.

Your 20th century porcelain figurine would probably be worth $125 to $175.

Q: I have an amber-colored glass child's tea set that belonged to my grandmother when she was a little girl. The set includes four dessert plates, a cream pitcher, a sugar bowl, and four each cups and saucers. There also is a lid that must have belonged to a teapot that has been lost over the years. Each dish is marked in the center with a small bird.

I hope you will be able to provide some information on my tea set.

A: Akro Agate Co. made your child's tea set. They used a bird in flight against the outline of the letter "A" and were located in Clarksburg, W.Va., from 1914 to 1951. Akro Agate Co. started out making marbles and also produced children's dishes from 1932 to 1951.

Your set is an example of Depression glass and was made around 1932. Its value would probably be $150 to $225.

Q: What can you tell me about an advertising sign that I found at a yard sale? It is cardboard with an easel back and has the image of the cartoon character, Fearless Fosdick holding a gun.

In the dialog balloon above him are the words "Get Wildroot Cream-Oil Charlie!" The overall measurements of the sign are 30 by 30 inches.

Does it have any value?

A: Your advertising sign is very collectible. Fearless Fosdick was the creation of cartoonist, Al Capp. Your sign was made around 1954 and would probably be worth $275 to $375.

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