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CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

Waterford vase, starburst, footed, clear, glass, foil label, 10 x 6 3/8 inches, \$85.

Vase, fluted mouth, raised heartbeat pattern, light blue, speckled, Bodo Mans, Germany, 1950, 21 inches, \$180.

Boch Freres, vase, birds, flowers, C. Cateau, full mark, Belgium, 6 1/8 inches, \$245.

Jimmy Choo purse, python, clutch, gold tone hardware, suede lining, 9 1/2 x 6 inches, \$290.

Folk art, sculpture, cat, crouching, striped, tail up, Gregory Gorb, 22 inches, \$315.

Celadon umbrella jar, bamboo and birds, mint green, Japan, 24 1/2 x 12 inches, \$525.

Roof tile, deity, riding a ram, crown, multicolor, terra-cotta, 13 x 4 inches, \$575.

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The Yankee Schoolmaster

By Terry and Kim Kovel

A clever inventor made a rare toy now called "Alphabet Man" or "The Educator," although it was called "The Yankee Schoolmaster" in the original 1889 patent papers. The 10-inch-tall iron man had his right hand behind his back, his left near to his bow tie. He was started with a lever. He blinked. Then his left hand lowered to point to his bow tie. A letter would appear when he raised his arm. The child was asked to name the letter. No one is sure who made the toy, but a comparison of part shapes and colors suggests it was made by the J. & E. Stevens Co. of Connecticut. About 10 of these toys still exist in collections, and prices over the years have ranged from \$64,500 to \$23,600 in 2016 to the \$25,410 dollars paid for this example sold by James Julia in 2018.

Children had to learn to read. First came blocks with letters in 1693, then picture blocks in 1820 and cloth alphabet books with color pictures and cars printed with pictures of an object and a letter. This toy, which had a letter to display and name, recently auctioned for \$25,410.

Hobby Shop Memories

By Harry L. Rinker

September 7, 2018, email from Jane Sarsohn-Kahn, my good friend and sister in all but name, contained a graphic showing survey results from a question that asked former Toys 'R' Us shoppers where they will purchase their toys and gifts for Christmas 2018. Walmart gained 1%, Amazon 5%, and Target 4%. The battle between the Big Box stores and the Internet remains. What was surprising were the lost percentages—Dollar Tree 1%, Dollar General 1%, and Kmart 5%. I do not shop at any of these stores, albeit I occasionally buy on Amazon. I remain puzzled why eBay was not included in the survey mix.

Throughout my career writing about antiques and collectibles, I have and continue to hold firm to the belief that change is not an enemy.

Change is inevitable. Denying its existence by taking a negative position towards change solves nothing. As Clint Eastwood as Sergeant Thomas Highway in the movie "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986) noted, the key is to "adapt, improvise, and overcome." It is impossible to go back, albeit many movies suggest this is possible.

It is possible to reminisce about the past. When studying the results of where "Toys 'R' Us customers will turn now that this last "Big Box" toy store has gone, I returned to those "thrilling days of yesterday" when buying Christmas toys and gifts was very different.

There were stores such as F. A. O. Schwarz in the big cities. I never visited one. The first shopping malls in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley arrived when I was nearing the end of my teenage years. By

then, my interest had moved from toys to other things.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, the primary sources for Christmas toys and gifts were: (1) local merchants ranging from drug to hardware stores who added toys to their inventory in late November and early December, often via specialized catalogs from which toys could be ordered in time for Christmas, (2) "Santa's Workshop," one of a variety of names used, in urban department stores, (3) mail order catalogs from companies such as Montgomery Ward and Sears Roebuck, (4) five and dime stores (although in fairness, I do not have memories of major changes in merchandise for the Christmas season), (5) redemption of merchant/trade stamps, and (6) neighborhood mom and pop hobby shops.

People often reflect on how fortunate they are to have lived through a specific time period. My life would have been incomplete without Mac's, the mom and pop hobby shop in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

I am old enough to remember when collecting was a hobby rather than the serious endeavor it became in the 1970s and 1980s. A dictionary definition of hobby defines it as "an activity done in one's leisure time for pleasure." The pleasure was felt individually not collectively, albeit occasionally hobbyists would meet to share their accomplishments. The concept of financial gain was limited to select adults. Youngsters never entertained the thought. They traded and swapped, more often than not on a one for one basis.

In the 1950s, there was a clear distinction between hobbies and crafts. A dictionary definition of

craft is "an activity involving skill in making things by hand." My mother crocheted. It was not a hobby. She crocheted to relax and create things for her family or to use as gifts. In the mid- or late 1960s, my mother and her sister Jeanette became enamored with the creation of cracked/cooked marble jewelry. This a story best saved for another time. The good news is that none of their efforts appear to have survived in the family. The same cannot be said for some of the Prosser sisters' other craft craze artifacts, again a story for another time.

Some hobbies such as coins and stamps had their own specialized shops. The rest relied upon a neighborhood mom and pop hobby shop. An internet search for books or websites providing a history of hobby shops was unsuccessful. How is it

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS *By Terry and Kim Kovel*

Q: My felt Batman pennant is marked "National Periodical Publications Inc." from 1966. It pictures Batman and Robin swinging into action and is in good condition. I'm wondering how much it is worth.

A: Batman and Robin are characters created by Bob Kane. Batman first appeared as "Bat-Man" in a 1939 issue of "Detective Comics." The first Batman comic book was published in 1940. National Periodical Publications published several "Batman" comic books beginning in 1966, and the characters also became part of a television series that year. The pennants sell for about \$50 if in excellent condition.

Q: About 30 years ago, I bought an old organ at an antiques show. I want to sell it, but don't know how old it is. It is marked Archibald-Ramsden Leeds. Do you know the age?

A: Archibald Ramsden was in business in Leeds, England, from about 1864 to the 1950s. A branch store in London was opened later. The company sold organs, pianos, harmoniums and sheet music. The founder of the company, E. Archibald Ramsden (1835-1916), also was a performer and inventor who held several patents for improvements to organs and harmoniums. In 1872, the company moved into a new building that included

offices, warehouses and a "music saloon," where musical performances were held. After Ramsden died, his son, also named Archibald, took over the business in Leeds. Unless the organ has a serial number or patent number, there is no way to date it except by the style. Old organs don't sell very well. An Archibald Ramsden organ sold at an auction in 2016 for \$26, below the estimate for \$50 to \$100.

Q: I have a vase called "Three Graces, Diana." It's marked with a crown with the year 1891 above it, the letter "E" on one side and "S" on the other, and "Germany" below. Can

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COMING UP

OCTOBER

- 11-14** ..Expo Centers, Atlanta, GA
- 12-14** ..Augusta Expoland, Fishersville, VA
- 13**Stark County Fairgrounds, Canton, OH
- 19-21** ..Lakewood 400, Cumming, GA
- 20**Community Center, Kempton, PA
- 20-21** ..NY State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
- 27-28** ..AllStar Event Complex, Gettysburg, PA... Civil War
- 27-28** ..Twin Valley HS, Elverson, PA

NOVEMBER

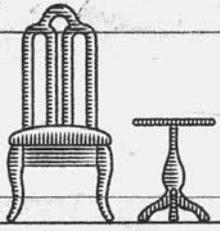
- 1**Park Expo Center, Charlotte, NC
- 2-4**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cherry Hill, NJ...Miniaturia

NOVEMBER

- 2-4**Expo Center, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
- 2**Agricultural Hall, Fairgrounds, Allentown, PA... Toy
- 3-4**Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly, VA
- 4**Singerly Fire Hall, Elkton, MD... Antique Bottle
- 4**Farm&Home Center, Lancaster, PA... Doll/Toy
- 8-11**Expo Centers, Atlanta, GA
- 9-11**Chase Center, Wilmington, DE
- 9-11**West End Plaza, Salisbury, NC
- 10**Stark County Fairgrounds, Canton, OH
- 10-11** ..Fire House, Oxford, MD

NOVEMBER

- 16-17** ..Expo Center, Carlisle, PA... Glass
- 16-17** ..Expo Center, York, PA
- 16-17** ..Lakewood 400, Cumming, GA
- 16-18** ..Renningers, Mt. Dora, FL... Extrav.
- 17-18** ..Fire Halls, Kimberton, PA
- 17-18** ..Cherry Street Pier (Indoors), Phila., PA
- 23-25** ..Washington College, Chestertown, MD
- 24**Penns Landing Caterers, Columbus Blvd., Phila., PA
- 24-25** ..Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, OH
- 24-25** ..NYS Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
- 25**Expo Center, York, PA...Toy
- 30 - Dec. 1** Lakewood 400, Cumming, GA



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This Pope Joan game board is carved from wood and painted. It sold for \$1,007 at auction in Maine. It is made from a cut-out wooden circle and is 12 1/2 inches in diameter.

Shapely Game Boards

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Antique handmade game boards are popular as decorations in homes filled with folk art. Most are for chess or checkers, and the square boards look important in a group on the wall. But there are also game boards that are other shapes. The game "Pope Joan" was popular in the 18th century and still is popular in some countries. The rules for the game first appeared in Hoyle's rule book in 1826. Three to eight people may play on a circular board with eight round "wells" surrounding a center well that holds game pieces. Four picture cards, plus four others called Matrimony, Pope, Intrigue and Game, were used. The winner was the player who ran out of cards first. An elaborate Pope Joan board was sold at a James D. Julia auction a few years ago for \$1,000. The board was 12 1/2 inches in diameter and was painted green and red. Playing cards were painted around the center well. Look for other game boards, even printed ones with interesting graphics, from the 1930s and after. Do not hang them in the sun because printing, especially from the 1940s and 50s, will fade to blue.

Mullica Hill Civil War History Weekend October 13-14

The leaves are starting to fall and a chill is in the air. You can almost smell the wood smoke of the fires and hear the canons – it is almost time! The 49th annual Civil War Living History Weekend and Fall Open House in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, begins Saturday, October 13, 10am to 7pm (or later) and Sunday, October 14, 10am to 4pm. Camp life, skirmishes, history and family friendly fun are all here. Many soldiers take on the role of an ancestor who fought in the war to preserve not only family history but to serve as a reminder of our nation's darkest time. General John Houke says: "We must remember the mistakes of the past, as to not repeat them again. It is important we teach future generations what not to do." Two camps are open both days with

medical and weapon displays as well as to talk history.

There is so much happening this year not to be missed – including battles each day, live music, food on the street, and many open house special sales and events. Many shops are offering 10 to 50% discounts in store specials.

The Parsonage, the newest, large antique co-op, will offer a fall sale, including sweets and treats and live music. Check out the Garage open with great deals. Across the street at Flossy's Boutique you will find so much to do with the children at Flossy's Kids Spot with Mona. Also, there will be sand art, face painting and the General Store for snacks and drinks. Cymlicity Soap will make an old-fashioned tallow and goat milk, that fits Civil War era. In addition, the Yellow Garage An-

tiques will be offering a store wide sale, serving light refreshments and hosting a wine tasting event all weekend.

Don't miss the 18th birthday celebration at Farm House Designs! Free pumpkin painting, live music and treats for all plus Pumpkin Patch in the back for photo spots and games for the kids. Mademoiselle Macaron will be open with sandwiches, tea and, of course, macaron. Call for reservations at 443-699-0769. The garden will be open for seating. Saturday only, as the sun sets, meet at 7pm at the North Camp, 39 S. Main Street for free lantern tour of the camps. A family friendly tour will end with the evening firing of the canons.

For more information call 856-223-5440 or go to www.mullicahill.com.

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Chrome pitcher, pinched edge, monogram "P" Peter Muller-Munk, 12 x 9 1/2 inches, \$935.

Marble sculpture, Aphrodite, fine, carved, unsigned, Italy, 21 1/2 inches, \$1,095.

Chandelier, 6-light, alabaster, carved flowers, 1925, 25 x 24 inches, \$2,560.

World's Fair needle case, 1892, Chicago, Columbian expo, barrel shape, 2 inches, \$70.

Cinnabar box, round, lid-

ded, fruit, insects, leaves, vines, 5 x 2 1/2 inches, \$125.

Cloisonne teapot, dragon, clouds, flowers, waves, swing handle, red, blue, 7 x 7 1/2 inches, \$195.

Coronation cup, Czar Nicholas
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Wherever your adventures take you this fall, the Grist Mill Antiques Center



in Pemberton, NJ invites you to stop in and stock up on all your fall décor and collectibles.

Whether you're looking for football memorabilia, vintage Halloween decorations, or autumn-inspired home décor, the store is full of all things that will brighten your life as the days grow shorter.

The Grist Mill invites you to its semi-annual Flea Market on Sunday, October 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This sale is always a great opportunity to find treasures as many dealers from both the Grist Mill and her sister store, Haddon Heights Antiques Center, participate.

If you're interested in setting up as a vendor, contact Barbara Lind for more in-

formation at (609) 726-1588 or via email at theplace@gristmillantiques.com.

Also, the store will be hosting their monthly Scavenger Hunt on Wednesday, October 26 with a prize awarded to the person who finds the most items. Lists are given out at 5 p.m. and light refreshments are served.

This multi-dealer shop is located at 127 Hanover Street (Route 616) in Pemberton, NJ and is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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olas II, enamel, crest, red, blue, 1896, 4 inches, \$285. Dresser, pine, stained, 3 banks of 9 drawers, turned knobs, 33 x 84 inches, \$375. Liverpool jug, Washington Memorial, winged eagle, grape cluster, ribbon, 9 1/2 x 10 inches, \$780. Quilt, appliqued, patchwork, North Carolina lily, red and yellow flowers, green stems, white ground, 81 x 63 inches, \$1,640. Kiddush cup, silver, tripod, round bowl, Kurt Matzdorf, 6 inches, \$2,880.



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Hobby Shop Memories

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possible that this important social institution has remained undocumented? Instead of finding a history of hobby shops, I found numerous references to family owned hobby shops going out of business. Those mid-twentieth century hobby shops that survived into the new millennium were devastated by the 2008-2009 Great Recession:

[Author's Aside: Some remain in roadside malls. Many have transformed into gaming stores. The Hobby Lobby and

Michael's chains are arts and crafts supply stores, not hobby stores. Crafters and hobbyist are not synonymous.]

Those fortunate to grow up with a neighborhood hobby store were blessed. I am one of them. From my childhood until I moved from Bethlehem to York, Pennsylvania, in 1972, and following my return to Bethlehem in 1977, I patronized Mac's Hobby Hall. Gertrude Goodman Makagon (1907-2001), known as Mrs. Mac, established Mac's Hobby Hall in 1946. Originally

located at 516 Broadway from 1946 to 1948, the store moved first to 315 West Forth Street in 1940 and in 1970 to 721 Linden Street until its close in 2012. It changed hands a number of times and did its best to change with the times. The sale of Dungeons and Dragons materials was its last great hurrah.

Just as Barbara Bel Geddes as Katrina remembers her mother played by Irene Dunn in the movie "I Remember Mama" (1946), I remember Mac's. I am astonished how

much I remember. The memories list I made filled a page. My difficulty is that I am having trouble ordering the memories chronologically. They keep wanting to blend into a single rather than separate memories. Hence, if what follows appears jumbled, I apologize.

When my family moved from Dundalk, Maryland to 717 High Street in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in early 1946, we lived with my Prosser grandparents. Readers are familiar with my fascination with my Uncle Bill's matchcover collection. Uncle Bill had another hobby, scratch building airplanes and assembling air-

plane model kits. Dozens of models hung suspended from his ceiling. I can envision him working on them.

Uncle Bill introduced me to the possibilities inherent in balsa wood. There appeared no limit to what could be built from it. I paid no attention to Uncle Bill's source of supplies. My High Street memories are more attic than hobby oriented. Uncle Earl's toy soldiers and Uncle Bill's chemistry set were among the many toys located there.

My Mac's memories start after the autumn of 1948 when my family moved to 50 West Depot Street, in Hellertown, Pennsylvania. My father and I visited Mac's to buy American Flyer train equipment and materials to build and use on our family train platform, an object which magically appeared the day after Thanksgiving on an annual basis until I left for college.

While a member of the Cub Scouts, Mac's supplied me with the materials to make and enter a car in the Pinewood Derby. I also became enamored with making Plaster of Paris figurines and painting them. I bought the rubber molds and supplies at Mac's. Mold subjects ranged from the head of an Indian to jewelry pins.

When paint by numbers kits became the range in the early 1950s, my father, and to a lesser extent I, took part. Mac's was our supply source. When I was 11 or 12, I built my own HO layout and scratch built several cars using materials bought at Mac's.

Following Uncle Bill's example, I tried my hand at building a few model airplane kits. I was tempted by the large scale, gasoline engine driven model planes but never

succumbed to the temptation.

The plastic model kit era arrived when I was a teenager. Again, I tried my hand at building a few battleships and cars. What I remember more than anything else is Testor's model cement, which managed to get on everything but where it should be and leaked incessantly from its tube, and Testor's butyrate dope paint, commonly referred to as "dope" by hobbyist. Time certainly has changed the meaning of that term.

My view of Mac's is shaped by my personal experiences. My recollection is that a mom and pop hobby shop was primarily male dominated. I question this. Neighborhood mom and pop shops must have had a female component.

Did you have a neighborhood mom and pop hobby shop near you when you grew up? If yes, please share your memories with me. Email them to harryrinker@aol.com.

Meanwhile, I have added a history of mom and pop hobby shops to my list of book titles I hope to research and write. All I need is time. As I now realize, time is a formidable enemy. I hope I have enough energy to keep fighting it.

Harry L. Rinker welcomes questions from readers about collectibles, those mass-produced items from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Selected letters will be answered in this column. Photos and other material submitted cannot be returned. Send questions to: Rinker on Collectibles, 5955 Mill Point Court SE, Kentwood, MI 49512. You also e-mail questions to harryrinker@aol.com. Only e-mails containing a full name and mailing address will be considered.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS *By Terry and Kim Kovel*

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you tell me who made this vase and how old it is?

A: This mark was used by Erdmann Schlegelmilch Porcelain Factory in Suhl, Thuringia, Germany. The factory was founded by Leonard Schlegelmilch in 1861 and named after his late father, Erdmann. Decorative and household porcelain, coffee and tea sets, and figurines were made. Porcelain bodies for perfume lamps also were made. Production declined during the Great Depression, and the factory closed in 1937.

Q: I was given a silver tray by a friend at least 25 years ago. It's marked "Rogers, Smith & Co., New Haven, Conn." and is 10 1/4 inches long and 7 3/4 inches wide. There are figural birds on all four corners, a flower design in the center, and a horse head on each side. They must mean something, but I can't figure out what. Do you have any idea?

A: Rogers, Smith & Co. was founded by William Rogers and George W. Smith in 1857 in Hartford, Connecticut. It merged with Rogers Brothers Mfg. Co. in 1861. The company made Britannia ware and silver-plated items. In 1862, after several sales and breakups, the hollowware division was moved to New Haven. The company became part of International Silver Co. in 1898. Your tray was made between 1862 and 1877, when the company was in New Haven. Your dish poses an interesting puzzle. Perhaps it is connected to a hunt, since it has horse heads and game birds. Perhaps it's a fancy serving dish. We welcome any suggestions from our readers. With no idea what it was used for, a silver plate dish is worth about \$100.

Q: My wife was a collector of mustache cups and she accumulated about fifty of them before she died. I'm not sure what to do with them and would like to know if they have any value.

A: Mustache cups were popular from 1850 to 1900 when large, flowing mustaches were popular. A mustache cup had a ledge of china or silver that kept the hair out of the liquid in the cup and kept the mustache wax from melting. Mustache cups have sold at auctions in the past year for about \$30 to over \$100. Left-handed mustache cups are rare but have been reproduced. Left-handed mustache cups have sold for over \$400. You can consign your collection to an auction house or contact an antiques store in your area to see what they will offer you for them.

Q: I have a large professional photograph of a group of Boy Scouts with the date 1911 written on the edge of it. My father is in the picture, but there are no names on the back. His family came from Germany in 1904 when he was six years old. They lived in Brooklyn, New York. I understand the Boy Scouts started in New York City

and wonder if this might be a picture of it.

A: The Boy Scouts of America started in 1910. The National Headquarters was in New York City from 1910 to 1927, when it moved to New Jersey. The National Council moved to Irving, Texas, in 1978. Your photograph may be of an early troop and might be of interest to the Greater New York Councils in New York City or to the National Council in Texas. You can find contact information online.

Q: I bought a rectangular glass dish with a lid at a garage sale. The owner said it came in a refrigerator she bought years ago. The sides are ribbed, and there are pictures of corn and other vegetables embossed on the lid. The dish is about 8 inches long, 3 inches wide, and 3 inches deep. What can you tell me about it?

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