

# Antiquing with

## Joel Sater

Over 1000 Early American Silversmiths —  
100 American Silver Manufacturers

Every field of collecting has its classic, definitive work. Today's collectors of silver owe much thanks to Col Robert Alan Green for his magnificent reprint of Ernest Currier's MARKS OF EARLY AMERICAN SILVERSMITHS

Currier, himself a world famous worker in silver and gold who designed and executed the Bobby Jones Golf Trophy, spent years researching the lives and markings of American silversmiths

At his death his wife arranged in 1938 to have his notes organized and published in book form. It was a handsome volume limited to only 750 copies. "When one turns up today the price runs into the three figures," says the Colonel

Col Green has reproduced this original volume with loving and meticulous care. His edition too is limited to 1000 copies, \$27.50, published by The Colonel's Hobby, 8 Shawnee Trail, Harrison, N.Y. 10528. The marks of over 1000 American Silversmiths are shown, most of them concentrating on smiths of the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries, though some silversmiths listed died as recently as 1890

Though we all would love to own American silver from the 18th century,' says Judith Amdur, silver collector and dealer who was displaying at the National Antiques Show at Madison Garden, "there's very

little of it around to be bought. Most is owned by museums, churches or wealthy private collectors

But there's plenty of fine silver American, European and English from the 19th century within reach of most pocketbooks"

Early American Silver can only be exactly dated by researching the dates of the maker and analyzing the technique of design.

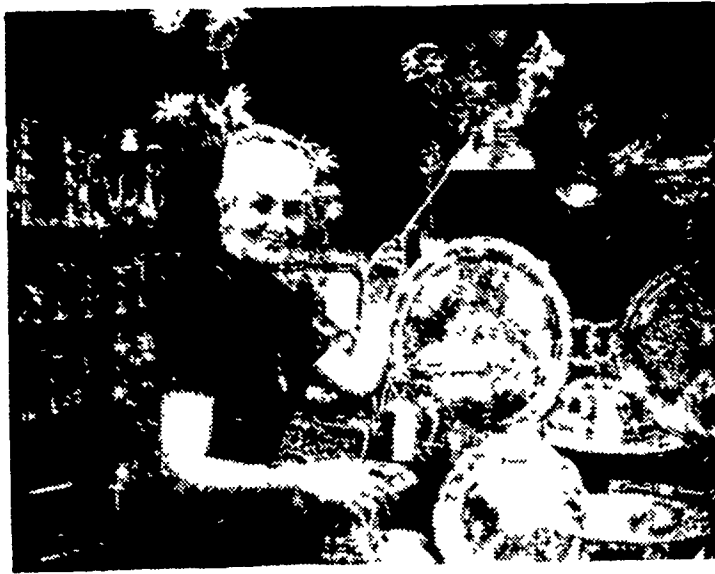
Though most American silverworkers are known, a few markings still remain unidentified.

English silver has always been carefully marked and dated. "French and German silver is usually well marked but the date must be determined by certain tricks of the maker like turning his hallmark in a certain way for a particular year," Judith states

I get many inquiries about the markings on silver pieces owned by my readers. Most frequently they are post 1850. A very fine reference for this late silver is AMERICAN SILVER MANUFACTURERS by Dorothy Rainwater, Everybody's Press, Hanover, Pa. \$10. It traces the histories of over 100 American silver manufacturers

I think anyone interested in silver should own a copy of both books mentioned in today's column. Between them you'll find the answers to most of your questions about who made it and when.

Joel Sater send large self addressed envelope with 12c stamp for free list of hundreds of good books on antiques. Write c/o this newspaper.



Judith Amdur, Riverdale, N.Y., collects old silver year round. Once every six months she places about 10,000 pieces on sale in a dramatic exhibit at the National Antiques Show, Madison Square Garden.



Jane Elizabeth Logan, 20, Mount Gilead, Ohio, was crowned American Dairy Princess for 1970-71 at the 16th annual contest held in Boston July 1 in conjunction with the 85th convention of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

Named as her alternate was Debbie Huffman, Minnewaukan, North Dakota.

A sophomore at Ohio State University, the new princess is 5'6" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. She received a \$2,000 cash scholarship to further her education; her alternate, \$500.

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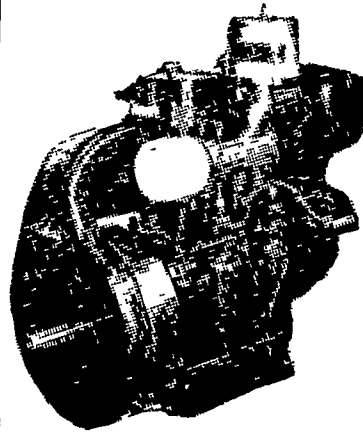
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