

Detective

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Nineteenth century game boards were usually made of maple and pine by untrained amateurs as well as skilled artisans. They were rarely signed or dated. "They were yet another way for artists to express themselves," said Hamilton.

Playing board games goes back to antiquity. In those days lines were probably drawn in the earth and instead of checkers, bones,

stones, and shells would have been used. The earliest board games documented go back to the reign of Amenemhet 111 in Egypt (1841-1797 BC). Their boards were of ivory and other luxurious materials.

The checkerboard is one of the earliest board designs — in fact, one of the earliest designs other than scrollwork and floral motifs. The charm of the early checkerboards, Parcheesi and backgammon, is their primitive, "handmade" look. When bold colors and geometric forms are com-

bined in a Parcheesi or backgammon board the initial reaction is that they look like an example of modern abstract art. Maybe they are what inspired artists Piet Mondrian and Paul Klee?

Commercially made games became popular after 1850. As a result, fewer were made by hand. However, many handmade game boards were handsomely made into the early 19th century. They can fetch top dollar.

Most game boards were painted. However, an interesting addition to a game board collection

would be a carved checkerboard. These sometimes turn up and were made for blind players.

Some game boards were painted on both sides. Because they are less common, even the least interesting are seriously collected.

CLUES: As Martha Hamilton pointed out, "there are reproductions of checker and Parcheesi boards. A careful examination of the paint can determine age. However, the fakers these days are very skilled at aging."

A beginning collector should look for a signature or date incised or painted on the back. Color is important and adds to the value. Boards with blue or red painting sell for more common black and white examples. Look for fine details and unusual and aesthetically appealing designs.

The original design should be in good condition with minimal, if any, restoration.

Antiques Questions And Answers

Can you give me an idea of value for this eight-piece "Seller's" kitchen cupboard set that included cupboard, two side cabinets, table and four chairs. They are dated on the back "1936." The cupboard has a flour bin, porcelain pull-out work surface, tin lined with tin pull lid in bottom drawer. In good shape.

J.B. - Danville, IA

Price depends a lot on where you live. At auctions outside of large cities, your set could find a buyer for \$800 to \$1,500.

These armchairs, with backs with a carved man's head, smoking a pipe, were brought from England by my great grandmother approximately 160 years ago. Similar pieces were written about in Hobbies magazine in 1969, and referred to as tavern chairs. They were in the Falstaff Museum in St. Louis that no longer exists. Since I would like to sell them, I'd like an idea of value.

A.S. - Naples, FL

Your 19th century pub chairs could sell at auction for \$700 or more apiece. Send photo to Furniture Expert, Slogan's Auctions, 8861 NW 18th Terrace, Sloan's Miami, Suite 100, Miami, FL, 33172.

I have a ceramic vase shaped like a pitcher. The background

color is in gold with a light coat of pale blue over it. It is marked on the bottom "Stangl Pottery, Trenton, NJ." Is it worth anything?

F.G. - Hollywood, FL

Collector interest in pottery from the 1940s, 50s continues to grow. Stangl Pottery produced bird and animal figurines as well as dinnerware and accessories. Your decorative pitcher could sell in a shop for \$50.

I am wondering if my old black metal stove is worth anything. It is stamped 1900 on the inside and Thatcher on the outside. It has lots of gilt trim.

A.D. - Staten Island, NY

Your highly decorated c.1900, wood-burning stove would have collectors fighting over it for several thousand dollars.

I have this document signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, to Anning Prall of New York, when the Senate appointed him a member of the Federal Radio Commission in 1934. Is it of any value?

A.J.F. - Staten Island, NY

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PUBLIC SALE
OF
ANTIQUES - HOUSEHOLD GOODS - FINE FEDERAL CHEST of DRAWERS - GLASSWARE & CHINA - OLD TINWARE & COOKING UTENSILS - POST CARDS - YORK SAFE - GUNS - PISTOLS - GERMAN P-38
SAT., SEPT. 22, 2001 AT 9:00 A.M.
Loc. 1198 Lampeter Road, West Lampeter Twp., Lancaster Co., PA (Along road leading from Lampeter to Bridgeport)
Guns & Pistols To Be Sold at 1:00 P.M.
SALE BY:
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2001
5:30 PM
Location, Lesh Auction Co., 1/2 mile south of Newport just off Rt. 34 on Rt. 849, adjacent to the former LESH MOTORS BUILDING Watch for signs. Inside. Heated. Inspection one (1) hour before sale.
*** COLLECTIBLES * HOUSEHOLD * NEW ITEMS * FURNITURE * CHANDLER BOOKS * MF 135 TRACTOR * FARM MACHINERY * EARLY PINE FIRE PISTOL***
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PUBLIC AUCTION
ANTIQUES, TRACTOR & PERSONAL PROPERTY
Saturday, September 22, 2001 at 8:30 a.m.
Directions: From Exit 23 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, take Rt. 100 North for 3 4 miles to left on Cedar Lane to property on right. West Vincent Township, Chester County.
Furniture: Dry sink w/lid, softwood blind Dutch cupboard, 2 curio cabinets, plank bottom chairs, 2 oak drop leaf ext table, cherry drop leaf, needlepoint chairs, 3 drawer cabinet, 4 marble top tables round and oval, **early two drawer side table**, carved side chairs, rocker, marble top washstand with splash, **Morris chair**, decorated doll cradle, stack tables, wing-back chair, large round butcher block, cedar chest, bent oak chairs, plank table, mirror on stand, cherry vanity and dresser with carved drawer pulls, cherry bed, mahogany chest of drawers, maple chest of drawers, matching chest of drawers, jelly cupboard, corner chair, old feed box, walnut drop leaf with drawer, brass bed, youth pressed back chair, iron child's bed, painted wash stand, hoosier type cabinet and many others not listed
China, Glassware and Collectibles: 170+ pieces of Wedgwood Jasperware, many other pieces of Wedgwood including calendar plates, 100+ pieces of Haviland & Co Limoges, **Flow Blue creamer**, pattern glass, cut glass, stemware, Ruby Flash, cobalt pitcher, **Lalique compote**, Stangl birds, Ironstone jardiniere, Jasperware lamps, **Royal Doulton Andrew Wyeth bowl with certificate**, Lefton Christmas china, 30+ pieces of Fostoria Century, **21 Bossons wall masks**, Adams collector plates, Fiesta platter, Fire King bowls, beer steins, **Revere mantle clock**, Agate berry bucket, 2 old baseball mitts, Christmas decorations, **oriental noddies**, wooden press, many trunks, egg scale, tin wash boilers, iron horse tie, crocks, saddlebags, old oil painting and frame, many nice lamps, sleigh bells, one man band, old wooden checkers and pocker chips in boxes, wooden rake, **iron kettle**, pump and trough and many other items not listed
Tractor and Tools: Ferguson TO-20 tractor good condition and good tires, Woods brush mower. 3 pt. Flail mower, Mighty Mac sprayer, rototiller, mowers, **2 Stihl weed eaters**, Poulan chainsaw, air compressor, small - Sunfish sailboat, hand tools, ladder jacks, axes, ladders, fishing rods, tackle boxes, mowers and other items.
Terms: Cash or Pennsylvania Check - No out of state checks accepted.
Note: This is a large estate with many quality pieces. We will be selling with 2 Auctioneers. Bring a friend - plenty of parking and food available. Bring your chairs for under the tent.
Preview of Antiques:
Friday, September 21, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and morning of sale 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
House will be closed after 8:00 a.m.
Tracey L. Jones, Auctioneers (610) 286-7834 AU-3607-L
Terms by: Estate of Edgar S. Haldeman Doris H. Frame, Executrix

PUBLIC AUCTION
ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES
MON., SEPT. 17, 2001 @ 8:30 AM
Murry Auction Emporium
23 N Water Street, Lititz, PA 17543
717-626-2636
Feature: Brass stencils made specifically for Animal Trap Company of Lititz, PA
Crystal: stemware, cocktail set, large punch bowl w/cover, vases (silver overlay & silver plate flower frog insert), depression glass (yellow-pink/including pink perfume bottle), moonstone creamer & sugar, com dot vase, green glass canisters, Fostoria, Heisey, Candlewick
China: tea pots, tea cups, 37 pcs. Blue Ridge, 62 pcs Homer Laughlin (It blue), 47 pcs. Russel Wright (brown & blue), German stems & floral plates, Fiesta, creamer collection, Lenox, Hummel figurines, majolica, copper luster, Chinz creamer and sugar, Hull, redware, Syracuse china, transfer plates
Primitive: all wool hand hooked rug, coffee can, kitchen scales, recipe books, variety of metal items (banks), cast iron (door stops), Hubley Scottie book ends and model kit, walking sticks decorated w/travel medals, crocks (#8), jugs, brass ladle, milk can, coffee mill, brown glass bottles, oil lamps and lanterns, finials, burners, shade holders, sockets, ceiling mounts, prisms, wall scones (electric and gas), electrified gas and regular chandeliers, door knobs, antique buttons, glass drawer pulls, door hardware, hooks, pin cushions, thimbles, sewing notions, hat pins, Singer leather lite, Singer pinking machine, doll, cradle and chair, dentist tools, Motorola radio
Textile: linens, hand work, quilts (Swanger-1913), handkerchiefs, comfort (flag), coverlets, top hat, Rocky Springs pennets
Jewelry: rings, pocket watches, fine Hamilton watches (railway special), mirrors, sterling flatware, silver plate coffee pot-sugar-creamer, anniversary clock, frames and framed prints, music boxes, glass pens, books, agate pieces, Christmas items
Furniture: Ridgeway Grandfather clock w/3 chime settings, secretary desk, high dry sink, jelly cupboard, plank chairs, oak side by side, 2 oval oak china cabinets, hall rack, decorated plank chairs, various small tables, bedside commode, 4 ladder back chairs, depression bedroom furniture, oak wash stand, round oak extension table, mahogany corner china cupboard, card-coffee table, oak cupboard base, sectional bookcase, millers desk, magazine racks, cedar chests (1 w/cabriolet legs), cane side and Windsor type side chairs, drop leaf table w/4 chairs, sewing cabinet, wicker sofa and chair
Outside: Bicycles, oil pump, swing, kitchen cabinet w/enamel top, wheelbarrow parts, scales, wood jack, hobby horse swings, iron horse head ties, cherry seeder, sprinkling cans, bait bucket, milk bucket, sleds, Rocky Springs chair springs
Many other items of value to numerous to mention.
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