

Antique Detective

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the name Jacques de Vaucanson that rates highest. Beginning in the early 18th century, Vaucanson created the most intricate automatons. One of his most famous pieces was a duck that quacked when corn was thrown in front of it, then, stretched its' neck and swallowed. The duck digested the corn by means of a chemical solution inside and finally "discharged it in biological fashion." It also flapped its' wings and played in water with its bill. Even more amazing it had to be wound only once.

Another masterpiece by Vaucanson was a figure that played a shepherd's pipe with one hand while beating a drum with the other.

Often the craft was carried out as a family business. The French Droz family is famous for two automatons. One figure, a writer, was said to have been able to write

a short letter. The other, "the designer," could allegedly draw. It has yet to be discovered. It is known however that the Droz family created lifelike automatons for the King of Spain, including a dog guarding a basket of fruit. When the fruit was removed the dog barked.

When you consider that these mechanical objects were operated not only by clockwork but water, wind, or mercury they seem all the more fantastic.

Another famous automaton maker was Jean Maillardet(1748-1834). One of his unique pieces was a kneeling boy who wrote English and French sentences with pen and ink, and drew landscapes. Another of his documented automatons was a lady pianist who played 18 pieces of music. She first bowed to the audience, then her eyes looked at the musical score while her fingers went through playing

motions on the keys.

By the 19th century famous doll makers such as Jumeau turned their talents to doll automatons. Some of these have sold for \$8,000 or more at auction.

CLUES: The old, rarer and more intricate the automaton the higher the price. Original clothing and parts add to the value.

20th century advertising automatons still sell for a few hundred dollars. Most common and least expensive are the tiny singing birds, mass-produced over the years in Europe and popular as souvenirs. The least expensive come in brass cages. The most expensive are in gold cages decorated with precious stones.

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TOOLS: Air Compressor, McCullough Chain Saw, Hyd. Floor Jack, Hyd. Bottle Jacks, Chains & Binders, JD Plow Clevis, Axes, Sledges, Scythes, Dozens Of Forks & Shovels, Flat Belting, Block & Falls, Old Wooden Brace, Hand Tools, & Much More

FURNITURE: Old Oak w/Inlay Bookcase/Writing Desk, Large Zinc Lined Drysink w/Cupboard Top, Hoosier Style Kitchen Cabinet w/Floor Sifter, Mahg. China Closet, Oak Serpentine Front Dresser, Cherry Dresser, Nightstand & Bed, Maple Dresser, Tall Chest & Bed, Cherry Drop Leaf Extension Table, One Door Wooden Cupboard, Several Old Trunks, Butter Churn End Table, 40's Bed, Dresser & Vanity, Cedar Wardrobes, Waterfall Cedar Chest, 40's Kitchen Table & Chairs, Misc. Plank Btm. Chairs, Glass Store Display Case, Great Old Carpenters Trunk, Old High Chair, Ball & Claw Piano Stool, Oak Dresser (As Is), Old School Desk, Tall Wooden Jewelry Cabinet, Lingerie Chest, Maple Table & Chairs, Modern Corner Cupboard, Sofa & Chairs, Clothes Trees, Perfection Kerosene Stove, Maytag Square Tub Wringer Washer, Kalamazoo Cookstove, Frigidaire Gas Dryer (L/N), Frigidaire 21.4 Cubic Ft Chest Freezer 5 Months Old

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