


# THE ANTIQUE DETECTIVE

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## Christmas Stocking Stuffers For Antiquers

Got an antiques lover on your Christmas list?

There's still time left to find an imaginative antique gift to put in a Christmas stocking. There are plenty of small treasures and collectibles at affordable prices, which could turn a young collector or teen-ager into a future collector.

Begin by looking in the glass display cases in antique shops where small oldies are kept. Tell the dealer you are looking for small, interesting pieces and set a price. You'd be surprised at what you can turn up!

The secret of finding the right antique or collectible gift starts with planning. Even if no one on your list collects antiques or collectibles, most will collect something such as pipes, toys or perfume bottles.

For instance, with the popularity of wines, consider old pressed glass wine decanters. They can be had for \$25 up, depending where you find them. A unique gift would be one or more glass bottle stoppers. Some with colorful glass overlay designs have the beauty of paperweights at a fraction of the price. They were made in porcelain, cut glass and pressed glass as well.

Also compatible are wine labels. They can be silver plate, sterling, ceramic or copper.

A single label can set them on the road to serious collecting.

Shopping for the men in your life is a creative challenge. For the pipe smokers, it's easy.

There are some novel Victorian pipe holders of gilded metals from \$25 up. Cigar smokers may

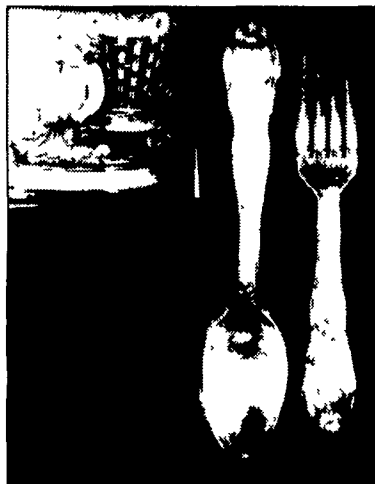
enjoy a metal carrying case, circa 1900s priced under \$35. Antique cutters from the early 20th century often had interesting figural motifs. You can usually find them in antique shop display cases, along with odds and ends.

Cigarbands were collected in the early 20th century, and used to decorate objects.

There are cigarband decorated ashtrays and paperweights under \$25, even in shops. The colorful cigarbands were pasted on the underside of the glass.

Unusual items can perk up any sterile office and needn't take up much room. Late 19th century letter openers, often part of writing sets, had fancy handles.

Some were of pearl, sterling silver, even jade. Other writing set possibilities are metal embossed rolling blotters and stamp boxes. If you can find them, sets made by Louis Comfort Tiffany would be an ultimate office stocking stuffer.



Cut overlay cologne stoppers, sandwich glass, 19th century. Photo credit: Private collection.


A single flatware serving piece, be it sterling or silver-plate, from the late 19th to early 20th century can be useful and decorative. Never mind if its original purpose as fish server or asparagus tongs has long been out of fashion. 19th century fish carvers are a work of art with scenes engraved on their blades. They are just one type of collectible carving knives. Their handles were of ebony, stag horn, ivory, silver and wood.

Souvenir spoons have long been collected with engraved scenes or heads of famous people on the handles. They were made in both sterling silver and silver-plate. Some had Christmas subjects.

Around the turn of the century "gift" cups with such sayings as "A present" and "Remember Me" were given for special occasions. Made of inexpensive china, in Germany, they were embellished

with gilt and floral motifs. Costs vary from \$40 up in shops.

CLUES: A single, handblown, old tree ornament or a figural, Christmas tree light bulb could be the perfect stocking stuffer. Still affordable are small ornaments in the shape of fruit clusters and bells. If you plan to put them in a stocking be sure they are carefully wrapped, and marked fragile.



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### HOUSEHOLD GOODS ANTIQUES

### SAT., DEC. 20, 2003

**9:00 A.M.**


Located at 633 East Maple Street, Palmyra, Pa. (turn off Rt. 422 at Friendly's Ice Cream) Watch for sale arrows

**FINE OAK BEDROOM SUITE**  
with bed, dresser & high chest of drawers, Square oak china closet. Old night stand. Art deco dining room suite, Art deco bar cabinet, Oak table, Victorian bed, Oak dropleat extension table, Henredon & '50s bedroom suites

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## LARGE SATURDAY TOY AUCTION

### SAT., DEC. 27th, 2003

**9:00 A.M.**

Located at the Bareville Fire Hall,  
211 East Main Street, Leola, Pa.  
6 miles east of Lancaster along Rt. 23

Starting with cases of Hot Wheel cars, many 1960's children's books like Lone Ranger, Gene Autry, Leave it to Beaver, Tom Sawyer, Sea Hunt, Little Brown Koka, Smokey the Bear & lots more Trucking memorabilia - Give-aways, routing guides & more

Cataloged toys at approx 10:00 a.m. to include Early Winross trucks like dumptruck, crane, log truck, Firestone, Hood's, Swift's, Hertz & many freight trucks, 35 Penjoy trucks; Dale Earnhardt & Tony Stewart Action cars; Hess trucks inc 1977 tankers, Texaco banks, Ralston trucks, UPS trucks, Nylint trucks, C F airplanes, Fisher-Price cement truck & others, Matchbox cars, trucks & catalogs, Metalmasters bus; Hubley truck & car, assted marbles, Texaco banks #3-#19, 300-10 cent comic books; Plastic Renwal vehicles; Tootsie cars, Buddy-L Coke truck & Woody wagon; Buddy-L Texaco tankers, Texaco tilt cab; Nylint Power & Light truck, Tonka & Structo trucks; Remco Rudy the Robot; Fort Apache set; Lone Ranger figure; Tom & Jerry figures; Bugs Bunny alarm clock; Mattel Matt Mason set; Plastic spaceman; Gunfight at O.K. corral; Johnny West figure; Space boy & vehicle; Meccano highway set; cap guns; G.I. Joe including older dolls, Atv, Sea Wolf, Secret of Mummy Tomb, Adventure Team, Mouth of Doom, White Tiger Hunt, Boat, Foot locker; 1962 Ken case; Mattel space crawler; Roy Rogers ranch set; Gunsmoke lunchbox; Walt Disney records; View Master & extra reels; Texaco gumball machine; Harley Davidson banks & motorcycle w/sidecar; C.I. trucks & Arcade car; Hallmark ornaments; 50 farm toys inc A.C., 190, D-14, D-15, "G", WD-45, 7045, 8010, 8030, 8550, I.H. combine, Case 9150, 4890, 4894, 4994; Versatile 256; White 160, 170, 180, 700, 8710, 6195, Field Box, 2-135, 2-155, American 60 Murray pedal tractor & wagon Great auction with lots of neat character items

(Another large all day Auction)

Our next toy auction will be held on Thursday, January 1, 2004 at 8:30 A.M.

**Auctioneer's Note:** If you are considering selling Winross Trucks, Farm Toys, Trains, Nascar or any other toys please give us a call  
Preview at 7:00 a.m.  
No out of state checks


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### Christmas and The New Year Are Fast Approaching

Deadline for the  
DECEMBER 27TH ISSUE IS  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 5 PM**

Deadline for the  
JANUARY 3RD ISSUE IS  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 5 PM**  
Don't Be Late!

## "Horst Auction Center"

### PUBLIC SALE

### TOYS, COLLECTIBLES, HOUSEHOLD GOODS & TOOLS

### SAT., DEC. 20, 2003

**AT 9:00 A.M.**

Sale to be held at the Horst Auction Center, located at the corner of Rt. 322 & Durlach Rd. (approx. 2 1/2 miles west of Ephrata), Ephrata, Lancaster Co., PA.

**TOYS:** Trains - O scale engines, automated cars, & rolling stock, N-scales, Many Lionel engines, American Flyer & Lionel train yard acc., Early Lionel catalogues, Marx train sets, HO gauge train sets **Metal toys** - Hubley cars, trucks, & airplanes, Danbury & Franklin Mint cars; Banks; Tonka trucks, Dolls - Danbury Mint, Eftanbee & other dolls; Teddy bears, Viewmaster Building Sets - Erector set, Marbles

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES:** Hummel figurines, Transfer china, Collection of S&P shakers, Pressed & pattern glass; Danbury Mint figurines, Collector plates; Early beer, soda & collector bottles; Bells; Music boxes, Christmas collectible; Cast iron bookends; Sterling silver; Jewelry; Cigar holder, Hatpins & holders; Political pins; Coins.

**BEER & BAR ADV.:** Signs; Clocks; Old Reading print; Madge Smith watercolor; Kerosene lamp; Gone With The Wind lamp; Wyeth pictures; Mantel clock; Banjo clock; Accordion; Books - Children's books; Stamp collection; Advertising items; Sports & trading cards, Magazines; Postcards

**HOUSEHOLD GOODS:** Linens; Cookware

**TOOLS:** New Holland 2hp Hit & Miss engine; hand planes; Hand tools; Machinists tools; Power tools, Fishing rods; Bows & arrows

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** This is a very brief listing of a large variety of collectibles, toys, household goods & tools Main hall at 9:00 A.M. Outside & garage area at 10:00 A.M. Check for photos on our website [www.horstauction.com](http://www.horstauction.com) No out of state checks without prior approval.

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