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If you have a question for Mr. D'Imperio, write to him care of the **Susquehanna Times**, Box 75A, R.D.#1, Marietta, PA 17547.

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Flea Market Finds

Wooden swift brings $100

By Dan D'Imperio

Q. At a local market we acquired an old-fashioned swift. Aren't they perplexing finds?—Doris. Sonoma, Calif.

A. To the uninitiated a swift definitely qualifies for a spot on the "what-is-it" list. This lattice-work object was utilized by homemakers throughout the 19th century for winding thread and yarn. It could be expanded and contracted so that the circumference of the skein could be controlled. Most were crafted of wood. However, some intricately carved scrimshaw versions were fabricated by sailors on lengthy sea voyages. Swifts move swiftly from flea market table-tops, generally at prices hovering in the vicinity of $100.

Q. When were the Sunbonnet Babies introduced? I buy every item pertaining to them.—Jean, Louisville, Ky.

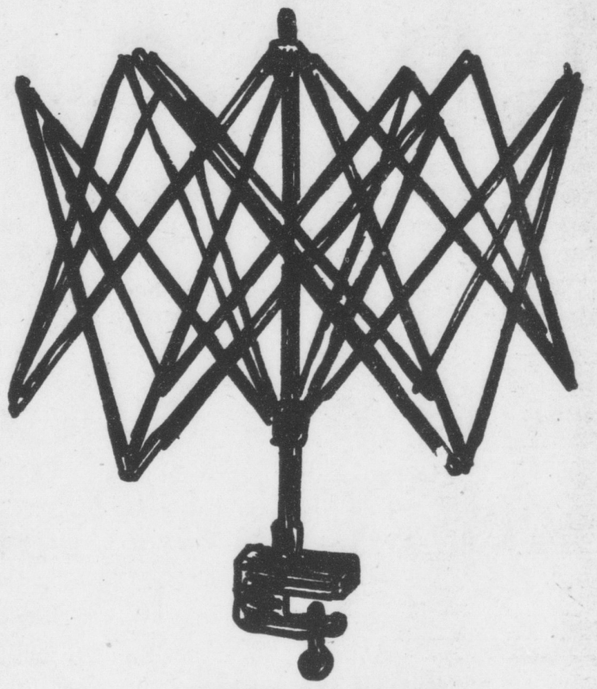
A. "The Sunbonnet Babies Primer", authored by Eulalie Osgood Grover and illustrated in color by Bertha Corbett, jumped onto juvenile best-seller lists upon its publication in 1902. Black and white drawings of the babies Mollie and May had appeared earlier. Their faces remained forever covered by protective sunbonnets. Sequels followed, along with a parade of novelties ranging from doorstops to dresser trays. Especially elusive are the china pieces bearing the Royal Bayreuth trademark. Within collecting circles, Mollie and May mementos mean money! Value guide: Book, "Sunbonnet Babies in Holland, 1915, $40.

Q. Would you please furnish me with a price guide on iron match holders?—Kenneth, Mobile, Ala.

A. During the 19th century when the so-called "barn-burner" matches were in general use, match holders appeared in designs ranging from amazing to amusing. Despite these steadily climbing prices, most are guaranteed to strike a collector's fancy: Bird, mechanical, picks up matches, $50; Boy on tree stump, $35; Dog decor, wall type, $35; Hunting scene, twin pockets, $40; Lady's high button shoe, $37; Rabbit, bird decor, double style, $50; Scroll design, ornate, $35.

Q. Have you any information on my aqua "Gilbreds Improved Jar"?—Maxine, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

A. Fruit jar fanciers scour the marketplace searching for this unusual fruit jar having a wire running entirely around it. The handmade "Gilbreds Improved Jar" possessing a ground lip was marketed in 1885, in aqua and green. The embossed motif features a five-pointed star with the word "Improved" lettered across it. The "Gilbreds name is above the star, and the word "Jar" appears beneath the central star motif. One is tempted to call it an all-star collectible, for seldom does one sell for under $160.



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