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#### **Quarterly Meeting and Auction Preview**

by Lynn Welker, Auction Chairman

FEBRUARY QUARTERLY MEETING Friday, February 28, 1992 - 8 PM Shenandoah Inn, Old Washington, Ohio (I-70 & SR 286 - 6 mile east of Cambridge)

If you plan to attend the Auction, why not come a day early and attend our Quarterly meeting. An informative meeting and preview of the Auction glass will be presented. Be sure to bring your "Show & Tell" glass for identification.

1992 ALL-CAMBRIDGE GLASS AUCTION Saturday, February 29, 1992 Preview 9 AM - Auction 10 AM Shenandoah Inn, Old Washington, Ohio

This year's Auction contains a wide variety of patterns, colors, and shapes. Please refer to the Auction Catalog, included in the January CRYSTAL BALL, for the lot numbers referred to in this article. Full instructions for bidding procedures are included on the cover page of the catalog.

Several rare and hard to find Cambridge colors are represented this year. Among them are: Lot #97 Windsor Blue Seashell comport; #109 Avocado sugar and cream; #111 Violet Everglade vase; and #169 Sunset Ranch tumbler. The #132 Mardi Gras Ball vase is an ideal opportunity to own a piece from one of Cambridge's rarest production lines.

Lot #45 Ivory Wetherford berry dish and #104 Blue I basket, are shapes that are hard to find in these colors. #22 Mulberry and #23 Bluebell Georgian tumblers are both very hard colors to find in the Georgian Line. Star candlesticks are seldom seen in colors such as the #39 Amber pair in this year's Auction.

Various shapes seldom seen in Cambridge collections include: the #62 Lifesaver decanter; #67 Tombstone bookends; #137 Amber Everglade bowl; and the #198 Ebony matchbook holder. #136 is a most unusual example of a Cambridge twist stem lamp which is very tall and high quality crystal.

The #208 glass portiere chains (to hang in a doorway and make an arch out of a square door frame) are an extreme rarity, made as a whimsey by Cambridge workers for use in their own homes. A number of unusual Cambridge colors are represented in this chain. #210 Moonlight Blue Controlled Bubble paperweight vase is another excellent example of a worker's whimsey.

The #209 Dorothy Thorpe rose decorated bent glass tray is an opportunity to own a rare shape, as well as an unusual decoration. #51 Royal Blue vase with Sterling Vintage (grapes) decoration is a stunning combination of color and silver.

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#### President's Message

Christmas rushed by and 1992 is already one month old!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Did you make any resolutions for 1992? Could you make a late addition to your list and resolve to do a little something extra to help N.C.C. this year?

I know! You live across the country and can't help with all the hands-on work at the museum and storage building, But there are ways you can help.

- (1) Tell your glass collecting friends and acquaintances about N.C.C. That will help boost membership rolls.
- (2) Donations of Cambridge glass or dollars to boost the Museum fund are always welcome and genuinely appreciated. How about your income tax refund?
- (3) During your next trip to Cambridge, think about calling J.D. if you have some spare hours to donate. He could probably put your talents to work. J.D. and his committee spend countless hours to keep the Museum in order (Thanks J.D. for all those hours.)
- (4) Attend Quarterly meetings and special N.C.C. functions as often as possible. The fellowship is special and I guarantee you will add to your knowledge of Cambridge glass.

Enough of my soapbox. Now some business items.

Attend the N.C.C. Annual Auction. Quarterly meeting is Friday, February 28th and Auction is Saturday morning, February 29th. It is a well planned, well run event and you can add something to your collection. (Thanks Lynn for all your hard work to make the Auction such a great success each year.)

Committees responsible for Convention planning indicate everything is progressing. First mailing of Show contracts in done. Advertising has been ordered. A Flea Market site has been secured in Cambridge. Schedule your vacation and plan to attend the Antique Show & Sale and Convention June 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Lastly, don't be shut out with no place to stay when you attend Convention in June. Run to the phone and make your motel reservations now. Rooms are filling fast! (Motel listings are in your January issue of the CRYSTAL BALL.)

See you at the Auction!

JOY

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Lot #112 Ivory bowl has a beautiful enamel encrusted etching of a basket of flowers. The same decor is gold encrusted on #134 Light Emerald pen tray which is an unusual shape in itself.

The #140 Primrose basket is seldom seen in this color and size and also sports back enamel trim.

A Carmen Nautilus lamp, #211, with D1007/8 gold silk screen decoration rounds out the list of unusual decorations in the Auction.

This year's Nearcut listings are highlighted by three unusual pieces: #75 Marjorie large rose bowl; #78 Duchess miniature lamp; and #79 Nearcut toy mug in hard to find early Emerald green color.

A wide variety of figurals are to be found, among them: #135 Peachblo Cat bottle; #194 Smoke Nude comport; and #195 Pink Nude champagne.

A nice group of Cambridge swans are offered in Lots #107, #129, #182 to #188, and #213. A very unusual related item is the #119 silverplate  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " swan, an old duplication of the Cambridge Style I swan with the original Cambridge insert.

A nice group of etchings: Lots #273 thru #304 feature #294 Rosepoint honey dish and #297 Rosepoint Doulton pitcher.

An exceptional group of Caprice includes #240 celery and relish; #241 celery and relish; #245 sauce dish; #246 banana dish; and #247 goblet. An extremely scarce example of Topaz (vaseline) Caprice is Lot #258 14" footed plate.

This article has highlighted only a few of the wonderful pieces in the Auction.

Plan to attend or mail bid. Auction profits support the Museum Fund. See you there!

## EPERGNES & EPERGNETTES

PART III

by MARK A. NYE

In Part II of this series on Epergnes, published in the November 1991 issue of the Cambridge CRYSTAL BALL, the vase and candleholder arms #1436, #1437 and #1438 were discussed, as was the vase holder arm #1435. Mention was made of two other vase holder arms, but no specifics were given. Corresponding in size to the three vase and candle arms, the vase holder arms differ in that they lack the center candleholder; instead each of the three has a different style center knob.

Vase holder arm #1433, the smallest of the three with a width of  $7\frac{3}{4}$ ", has a round knob in the center and corresponds to vase and candle arm #1436. (I hope to have an illustration of this arm available for reprint within the next few months.)

Vase holder arm #1434, corresponding in size to vase and candle arm #1437, is 9" wide and can be seen on page 6, top row, as a part of the #1402/81-1434 and #1402/80-1434 epergnes.

The width of the #1435 vase holder arm is  $10\frac{1}{2}$ ", making it the largest of the three, and it is equivalent in size to the #1438 vase and candleholder arm. There are several examples of epergnes using this arm, shown on the next two reprinted catalog pages, and all are identified by the presence of the number "1435" at the end of the item number that indicates the arm used. This same format holds true for all the epergnes shown with this article.

Use of vase holder arms #1433 and #1434 apparently ceased sometime between 1935, the year the catalog pages shown here were probably issued, and 1940, as they do not appear in the catalog issued that year.

Looking carefully at those epergnes with bobeches, pictured here, the observer will note that the bobeches appear to be reversed or upside down. The reason or reasons why Cambridge used the bobeches in this manner is not clear. One possible reason is that when the bobeche is used in the upright position in conjunction with certain candleholders, such as the #3011 or Nude candleholder, the arms would not fit properly. Another reason is that

perhaps whoever was assembling the other epergnes prior to their use in preparing the catalog illustrations (and an illustration in a national magazine) saw those that required the reversed bobeche and set them all up that way.

It does appear that the bobeche used in the inverted position is the regular #19. The #1441/8 epergne shown in the 1940 catalog (refer to the November 1991 issue for an illustration of this epergne) has reversed bobeches and in the price list are stated to be #19 bobeches. The #19 bobeche is shown extensively elsewhere in the upright position, thus demonstrating it can be used in either manner. However, used in the inverted position does require the prisms to be rehung.

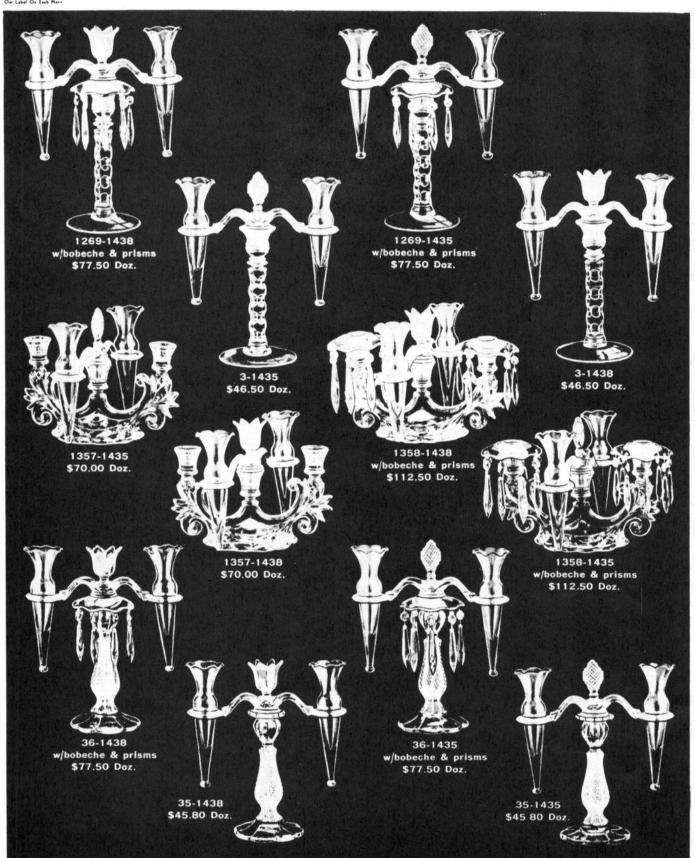
The top four epergnes on page 5 have as their base the Martha Washington #3 candlestick. (Note: The Martha Washington line was brought out in the mid-to-late 1920s as the Centennial line and in 1931 was known as the Victorian line. It wasn't until 1932 that it became known as Martha Washington.) With the addition of the bobeche collar, bobeche and prisms, this candlestick is known as the #1269. The Martha Washington #3 candlestick and its associated epergnes were discontinued prior to 1946.

Epergnes #1358-1438 and #1358-1435, shown in the middle of page 5, were discussed in Part II. There, they were referred to by their later item numbers, #1358/8 and #1358/5, and were illustrated with the bobeche in an upright position. The #1357-1435 and #1357-1438 epergnes lack bobeches and prisms, but otherwise are the same as the preceding two. All four epergnes use the #1357 3-light candle stick, dating to the early 1930s, as their base. (Remember that when bobeches were to be used, a collar was added to the basic candlestick.)

At the bottom of page 5 are seen four items that use the Mt. Vernon #35 8" candlestick as the basic unit. The Mt. Vernon #36 is simply the #35 with the addition of a bobeche collar, bobeche and prisms. The Mt. Vernon line was

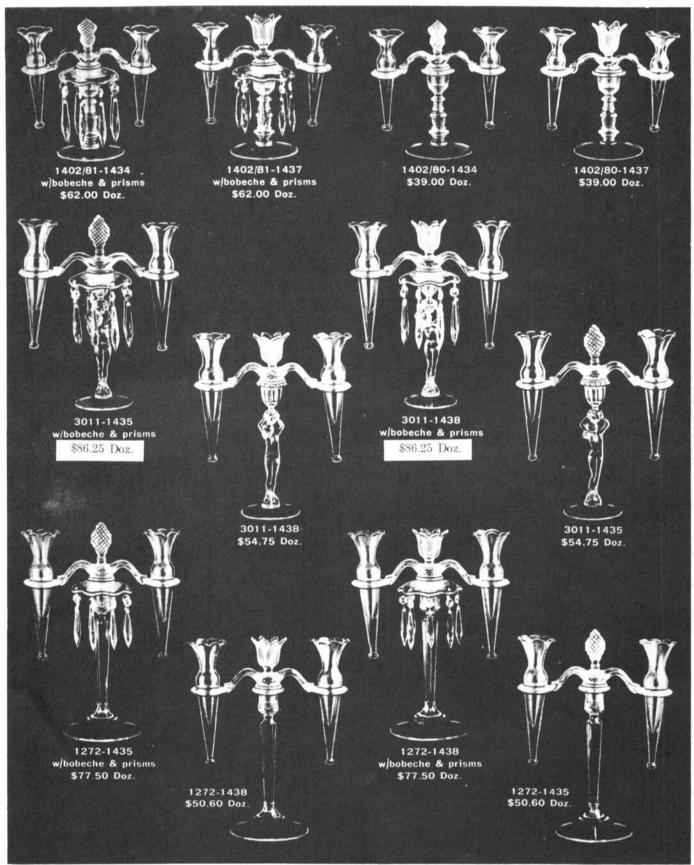


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brought out in 1932 and by 1946 the bulk of the line, including the four epergnes shown here, had been discontinued.

Seen in the top row of page 6 are four Tally-Ho epergnes based on the  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " #1402/80 candlestick. In these illustrations, the #1402/81 candelabrum appears to differ from the #1402/80; however, the only difference is the addition of the bobeche collar, bobeche and prisms.

The #3011 Nude Figure Stem line candlesticks, complete with bobeche and prisms, was shown in the October 1934 trade advertisement announcing the line's introduction. It is seen here, forming the basis for four epergnes, using arms #1435 and #1438.

The basic unit for the four epergnes whose numbers being with #1272 is the #636  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " candlestick, first seen as early as 1927. Addition of collar, bobeche and prisms turns this item into the #1272  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " candlestick with lustre cut prisms. As such, it was pictured on a supplemental page, issued in late 1930, to the 1930 catalog. At that time, the bobeche was shown upright and carried 10 prisms, thus being the #20 bobeche.

It is impossible to tell from these catalog reprints how many prisms there are on any of the items shown; and, unlike some other catalog pages Cambridge issued, the identity and quantity of the bobeche and prisms is not provided.

All twelve epergnes seen on page 6, as well as the basic candlesticks, were out of the Cambridge line prior to 1946.

With Best Wishes for A Happy and Prosperous 1992.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

#### Study Club News

STUDY GROUP #7 - EASTERN OHIO
"THE CAMBRIDGE BUFFS"
Phone: 416/432-5230

The Cambridge Buffs Study Group held their meeting November 30th at the home of Rich and Sally Bennett. There were 11 members present.

Rich Bennett showed a Video the Cambridge Cordials Study Group taped of former Cambridge Factory workers who had worked in the Mold, Cutting, Etching and Tour departments.

"Show & Tell" items were red & green Cambridge glass, in keeping with the Holiday season. Pieces in emerald or forest green were: Georgian basket; #1066 bowl; 2½, 7, 9, and 12 oz. Georgian tumblers; Martha Washington pretzel jar w/lid; 4-ftd. Dolphin cigarette box with Charleton and gold decoration; Inverted Thistle berry dish w/gold decoration; Everglade footed vase; demitasse cup & saucer with gold inside cup; and a Pressed Rosepoint cordial.

In light emerald green was a sundae and ice cream tray with gold decoration; decanter w/blown stopper, etched Hunt Scene; nut cup w/Gloria etching; a cordial etched Apple Blossom; and a #3400 ftd. sugar shaker.

Carmen pieces included: a #3900 flared salad bowl; Georgian basket w/crystal handle; Tally-Ho cordial; 2-hdld. dish with silver overlay; #3500 cordial w/gold etched Rosepoint; 2½, 5½, 9 and 12 oz. Georgian tumblers, and a sundae, sherbet and candy dish w/lid, all in the Georgian pattern. A Nude stem cordial; Tally-Ho cordial with silver overlay; and a 4-ftd. #3400 bowl with Sterling Silver overlay.

The December 15th meeting of the Cambridge Buffs Study Group was held in the home of Roy and Doris Isaacs. There were ten members present.

Doris led the discussion on "Gas, Electric and Oil Cambridge lamps." There were several lamps on display and they included: a Duchess night lamp; #2660 Near

#### WORKER OF THE MONTH

EDNA STEVENS NICHOLSON

by Lorraine Weinman

As a former packer and selector at the Cambridge Glass Company, Edna Stevens Nicholson recently shared some of her memories with us. Having worked there from 1929 to 1933 in these two very different positions, she was able to give us an idea of some of the responsibilities which she had.

At age 16, Edna had to get a work certificate in order to be employed at the Glass Company. She recalled that her mother went with her to sign up and that she was quickly hired.

Edna worked in the packing room preparing orders for shipment. Order boys brought the glass in to them on carts. There were benches on which the order boys would place the glass. At this point the orders were packed in boxes. The girls would then tape and stencil the boxes for shipment. They were responsible for cutting their own stencils and used a brush and ink to apply them to the boxes. Finally the boxes were sent down the chute to be loaded for delivery.



EDNA STEVENS NICHOLSON

Edna was a fast worker. Her department packed mainly dinnerware in the boxes. The glass was generally crystal. She recalled big orders such as 200 sets of dinnerware. Vases, goblets, etc., usually were packed in straw in barrels or wood crates. This was done by men in another section nearby.

When they weren't busy in the packing room, Edna would work in the front sample room. She found this to be an interesting job to do. In this position, she would select the ware to be displayed. There were several things that she had to check. The glass could have no bubbles and the pieces had to be perfect to display for the salesmen and buyers. For ex-

ample, the top edge of sherbets had to be smooth to the touch with no rough places. The stem had to be perfectly straight and the glass had to sit flat when placed on a table.

The front sample room was on the first floor by the office and displayed a piece of each item of glassware that the Cambridge Glass Company made. These samples were on shelves, which Edna stated had to be dusted every day. There also were approximately a half dozen round tables which were set with complete service. Table cloths were put on and a whole setting of a line and color, such as peach-blo or emerald, was set out along with silverware and other touches to make the table complete. Everything had to match. Colored table cloths were used with crystal, and white cloths were used with the colored glass. The settings on the tables were rotated every few days. Edna emphasized that the gold Cambridge stickers were put on all of the pieces of glass.

Edna Nicholson was both informative and interesting and it was obvious that she truly enjoyed working at the Cambridge Glass Company. We appreciate her taking the time to share this experience with us.

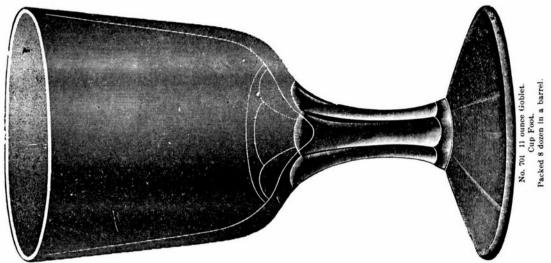
## Pressed Beer Goblets, Cup Foot.



No. 980 11 ounce Goblet. Packed 9 dozen in a barrel.



No. 700 11 ounce Medium Hotel. Cup Foot. Packed 9 dozen in a barrel.



## Pressed Beer Goblets, Cup Foot.



No. 707 13 ounce Heavy Hotel Goblet. Packed 8 dozen in a barrel.

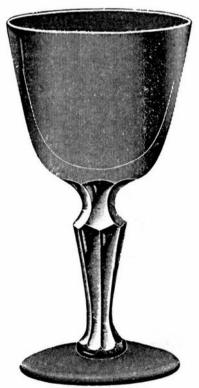


No. 984 10 ounce Special Beer Goblet. Packed 9 dozen in a barrel.

## Pressed Coektails, Cup Foot.



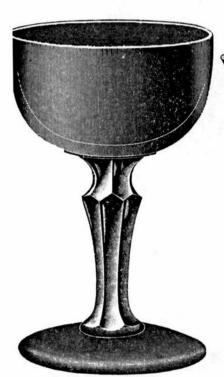
No. 760 21/2 ounce Cocktail. Packed 20 dozen in a barrel.



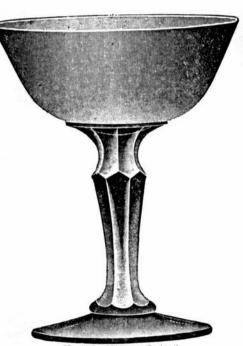
No. 761 3 ounce Cocktail. Packed 28 dozen in a barrel.



No. 762 3 ounce Cocktail. Packed 20 dozen in a barrel.



No. 763 3¼ ounce Cocktail. Packed 20 dozen in a barrel.

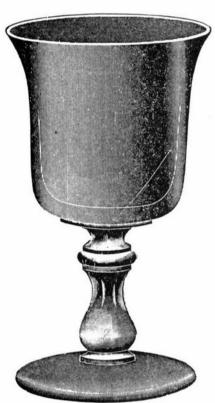


No. 7631/4 31/4 ounce Cocktail Packed 20 dozen in a barrel.



No. 764 3% ounce Cocktail. Packed 20 dozen in a barrel.

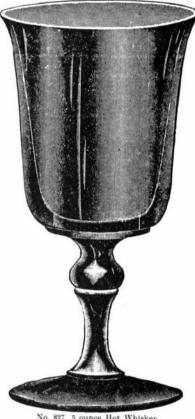
## Pressed Hot Whiskies, Cup Foot.



No. 825 4 ounce Hote Whiskey. Packed 20 dozen in a barrel.



No. 826 5¼ ounce Hot Whiskey. Packed 18 dozen in a barrel.



No. 827 5 ounce Hot Whiskey. Packed 18 dozen in a barrel.



No. 829 414 ounce Hot Whiskey. Packed 22 dozen in a barrel.



No. 828 434 ounce Hot Whiskey. Packed 18 dozen in a barrel.



No. 900 4½ ounce Rhine Wine. Packed 20 dozen in a barrel.



No. 901 41% ounce Rhine Wine. Packed 20 dozen in a barrel.



No. 679 4 ounce Claret, (Mitchel). Cup Foot. Packed 22 dozen in a barrel.

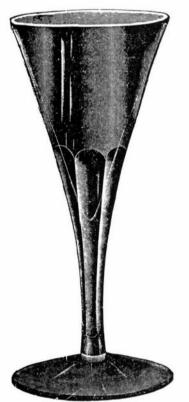


No. 902 41/4 ounce Rhine Wine, Packed 20 dozen in a barrel.



No. 903 4 ounce Rhine Wine. Packed 20 dozen in a barrel.

## Pressed Sherries and High Balls, Cup Foot



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No. 920 2 ounce Sherry. Packed 22 dozen in a barrel



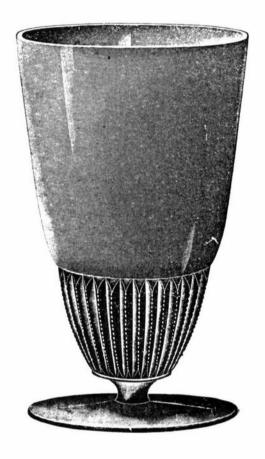
No. 921 1½ ounce Sherry. Packed 22 dozen in a barrel.



No. 922 21/2 ounce Sherry. Packed 30 dozen in a barrel.



No. 846 634 ounce High Ball. Packed 17 dozen in a barrel.



No. 758 Scotch High Ball, Straight Capacity, 9 ounce. Packed 10 dozen in a barrel.

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Cut base for a lamp; #2340 0il lamp shade. Two #2531C Stand lamps in amber and frosted amber. Doris talked about the alcohol lamps that are very rare to find. Other lamps included: the frosted Dresden Lady; crystal Draped Lady; Buddha in ivory, made around 1924-1926; ebony lamp with gold Rosepoint; and a crown tuscan vase bottom w/cut off top.

Games were led by Charles Upton, winners were Rich Bennett, Sally Bennett, Deanne Gray, and Mary Alice Upton. Christmas gift exchange of Cambridge glass was followed by a Buffet dinner served by our hostess.

submitted by Deanne Gray

#### STUDY GROUP #11 - ILLINOIS "THE CAMBRIDGE NUDES"

Our Christmas meeting was held December 14th. Beginning with hors d'oeuvres served at the home of Mary Sue Lyon, and the main course served at the home of Toby Macks. There were 11 members and 4 guests present.

Glass, in general, was discussed, followed by "Show & Tell." Many beautiful items were shown.

Glass items shared included: a light emerald cruet etched Gloria; #3400/1185 gold krystol console bowl etched Apple Blossom w/gold rim; light emerald 13" vase etched Chrysanthemum.

A Near Cut inverted Strawberry basket; a Yardley jar; light emerald 8" pedestal vase etched Martha; Cambridge 3" crystal bird; and a light emerald square cigarette box with intaglio etch Hunt Scene.

A light emerald Eagle flower holder on #1 base; #3400 7" light emerald vase etched Apple Blossom; carmen 8" plate w/Sterling decoration; carmen Pinch decanter w/Silver overlay decoration; and a crystal paperweight with Cambridge factory.

A 13" Draped Lady flower holder, tahoe blue #1 base; 13" Draped Lady flower holder, willow blue #1 base; 13" Draped Lady flower holder, alpine #3 base; and a carrara perfume, enamel butterfly decoration by Imperial. Also several other pieces of non-Cambridge.

submitted by Jane Kersey

#### GLASS THEFT REPORTED

During the month of December, N.C.C. member Melinda Thaxton had a quantity of Cambridge glass and other items stolen from her Fort Wayne, Indiana, storage garage. At the time of this printing a complete list of the stolen items is not available. However, a majority of the glass consisted of pieces from a Royal Blue dinner set and a box of Smoke glass. Also stolen were boxes of toys and several saddles.

If anyone has any information which may help to locate these missing items, please call Melinda's sister, Cindy Arent at 614/432-4582 (collect).

A partial listing of the stolen glass includes: in Royal Blue, #3122 7 oz. tall sherbets (8), 9 oz. goblets (8), and 12 oz. ftd. tumblers (8). A large Smoke bowl and underplate in the Modern line from the reopened period; Modern Smoke candlesticks; and an unknown quantity of Jefferson stemware in Smoke.

#### NOTES FROM A PENNSYLVANIA STUDY GROUP - STUDYING CAMBRIDGE GLASS!

Our November 10th meeting in Lansdale, Pennsylvania was a great hit! We chose a new name, outlined our objectives, saw a color which had been elusive to all members (even after ten years of collecting).

The members have voted in the name of "Elegant Glass Collectors Club." All members collect Cambridge and that will continue to be the majority of topics discussed. A number of the members collect other manufacturers of elegant glass. We realized we needed to address these other glass companies in an effort to specify what was truly Cambridge glass or another glass manufacturer.

The Elegant Glass Collectors Club would like to welcome Steve Taylor and his friend, Amy, to our meeting. All are welcome - especially if they have objects to show such as Steve. He brought to the meeting a beautiful Nautilus shell in the color Bluebell. If you have never seen this color, look it up. This color is beautiful in any piece, but was intensified in an object larger than 10". All jaws dropped to the floor when this beauty was unwrapped. Unfortunately (but very wisely) Steve did not succumb to the numerous bids for his glass.

#### Classified

FOR SALE: Cambridge Glass, etched Hunt Scene. Light emerald green, goblets, sherbets, cocktails, finger bowls, plates. 59 pieces perfect, 24 pieces imperfect. Make offer. Sylvia Huelsman, 1358 Goldsmith Dr., Westerville, OH 43081. Phone: 614/891-1076.

WANTED: Cambridge Rosepoint. Mint condition. Stem #3121. Send price list to: Jay Choquette, RR 1, Box 51, Upland, NE 68981.

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Our next meeting will be at the home of Diane and Ed Chamberlain on March 15, 1992. A suggestion brought up was to meet at an outside Flea Market that most members attend anyway. We will let you know when we are meeting, and if it is at Shupp's Grove, the Extravaganza, or another spot. This presents the opportunity to look at a wide array of glass, discuss its origin and price. We need this kind of input in the field. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

We also discussed having a Flea Market for those items we are willing to part with. This will include items bought years ago and changing tastes have ruled them out of our permanent collections, and items bought mistakenly, identified as Cambridge.

We look at this club as an opportunity to forge friendship with those who have a common interest (no matter what age). To see and appreciate glass that we may not be able to afford to collect (price & display space are both limiting factors), and to make a network of people who are on the lookout for patterns we collect. We can't go to every glass show or flea market, but if we have five friends who are looking for our particular design, then we've increased our possibilities for a full collection fivefold. We are also looking for their items, so this becomes a symbiotic relationship.

Considering the contacts we've made, friendships and knowledge we've gained, joining a Glass Club has been a fun way to learn and collect Cambridge glass.

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