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LOCATING ANTIQUES

In a New Treasure Land.

A COLLECTOR'S ADVENTURES IN SEEKING VALUABLE OLD FURNITURE AND CHINA AMONG THE FISHER FOLK IN THE WILDS OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

Every profession has its secrets; perhaps that of the collector of antiques possesses more than its share. The collector's secrets do not always relate to authenticity. Take, for instance, the matter of locality. The collector who discovers an unexplored region takes as much pains to hide his foot tracks as the man who has discovered a gold mine and has not yet staked his claim.

About five years ago a collector appeared in New York, opened a small shop and sent out pamphlets to private collectors and dealers announcing that his stock "represented part of an important English collection formed in places hitherto unexplored." The word "English" possibly misled his readers; at any rate few of his rivals suspected the source of his wares. Now the collector in question, John Murray Anderson, having made his last trip to the treasure land he discovered is willing to tell everybody that it is Newfoundland.

A Canadian by birth, a cosmopolitan by profession and American by affiliation, he tells an interesting story of his finds. He did not go to Newfoundland as a collector, but he became a collector by the natural course of events.

His first trip to Newfoundland was made as a fisherman in the days when salmon fishing was not restricted and when a catch of fifty a day was not extraordinary. His fad for the time was the collection of postage stamps and he stumbled across whole sheets of an issue catalogued as worth a shilling or so a stamp. He took the entire lot of 22,000, paying about \$1,200, and knowing that he could dispose of them advantageously he went to England, opened an office on the Strand and finally sold them complete to a German collector.

This episode was merely preliminary, for during that summer excursion, hobnobbing with fishermen and other native folk, he located many antiques worth having. Chippendale, Adam and Sheraton furniture, hob grates, Bow and Staffordshire ware, silver, lacquer. He watched the old wives making the famous "hook" mats from inherited designs, and became convinced that if it had not been for the disastrous fire of 1892, which ravaged St. John's and left 30,000 homeless, Newfoundland would have been unique in the history of antiques, particularly of the Colonial periods.

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Nor was Newfoundland entirely undeserving of the suspicion that fell upon her in the days of smugglers and professional wreckers. Certain it is that many of its unearthed treasures bear out the idea that there was a reason for keeping their whereabouts secret for many years. Some of the stories told emphasize the fact that collecting antiques, like collecting orchids, is a profession often hazardous to life and limb.

There was, for example, one story persistently prevalent when Mr. Anderson first went to Newfoundland. It related to the loss of the steamer Anglo-Saxon. Rumor had it that 400 bodies were washed ashore and rifled of jewels by the wreckers, after which they were buried on the beaches of that part of the coast called Seal Cove, near Cape Race. In the fishermen's huts along the coast, rumor said, were still to be found some of the Anglo-Saxon's spoils.

Mr. Anderson determined one winter to find out the truth of this story and made a journey to Seal Cove on a catamaran, which he describes as a biscuit box on runners. He was under the convoy of Larry O'Rourke, an Irish guide, who made through a beard dripping with icicles one remark on the twenty mile ride. That was merely to inquire if his passenger was warm enough, and the remark was later accompanied by a friendly gesture of rubbing snow on the frostbitten nose of his face. After changing horses and substituting one reticent guide for another the journey was completed. All that was left of the settlement was two fishermen's huts and the story of the rifled bodies resolved itself into the fact that the 400 passengers were poor emigrants, coming to the island without a penny.

In every settlement, no matter how unpromising at first sight, there was usually to be found one family of prominence, comparatively speaking. A wonderful block desk was found at Topsail which is an almost exact double of the one presented by Mrs. Russell Sage to the Metropolitan Museum. This he sold to a Madison avenue dealer for a large sum. Vincent Lockwood, an authority, said that it was probably an early American piece and was possibly made in Newport. The one time owner contends that it is superior to the Metropolitan Museum piece, for while that has the carved birds on the small top shelves, his had the original brasses and the blocking of the front. He found it in a very humble home in two pieces, one in the kitchen and the other in the bedroom.

When he inquired concerning the fate of the birds which should perch on the places intended for them, the owner said that they "kept 'em until they began to moult." Later it was discovered that the carved birds had been replaced by a stuffed owl and penguin, which explains the remark quoted.

At Ferry Landing descendants of Admiral Carter sold Mr. Anderson a fine Queen Anne table. In one place a rosewood sideboard inlaid with silver was sold for \$3.50, and in another a family sold to a native dealer, from whom Mr. Anderson secured them, a set of bronzes inlaid with gold for \$7. Sometimes the collector dealt with the people direct, sometimes through middlemen. One of these he considered so unusual a character in a place prolific of types that he has kept record of many of his sayings. When he spoke of a bargain his native friend invariably announced it as "clewing it up to a fine crest," and when it was suggested that he was perhaps dickered too closely, he would answer with "Christen your own child first."

"What's the use," the middleman, Benny, would say to a refractory possessor of some treasure he desired, "or you holding on to this old gear? First thing you'll die and then you'll be sorry you missed a chance."

"But, Benny," would answer the owner, "if I get the money I spend it and then I ain't anything." Benny's arguments usually prevailed over indifference or antagonism, except in the case of a wonderful Charles II. punch-bowl, which is still on the island, to Mr. Anderson's regret. The fisher folk took the collector for a "fine fool" at first and laughed at the bargains they had made, but they could not understand why he despised the rubber overshoes, clothes and boots they offered with the old gear.

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Sir William Morris is the present Premier of Newfoundland and "any money" is the term the native folk use to express munificence, for which they sometimes substitute forty dollars, their imagination never wandering to loftier flights.—N. Y. Sun, April 6.

[The Mr. Murray Anderson referred to above is a native of this city, and eldest son of the Hon. John Anderson.]

TRAGEDY OF VANITY.
A tragic ending to a young girl's objection to an unbecoming hat was disclosed at the Westminster inquest held recently on the body of Madeline Berthel, aged 15, an Italian lace-worker in London, who committed suicide after quarrelling with her mother. Her body was found in the Thames.

A friend of the girl's stated that deceased had a "liff" with her mother over a black hat. The mother insisted on the girl wearing it at a funeral, and the fact that the hat belonged to the mother, and was unsuited to the girl, apparently worried her very much. She became very depressed and morose.

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