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ACROSS THE AUCTION BLOCK



Above: Musicians affectionately refer to their guitar as their "axe", but in this case it really was. This Gene Simmons Cort GS-AXE-2 bass stood out as a unique instrument which was claimed with a high bid of \$792.

Guitars rocked at Cryderman auction

BY NANCY KELLY

CAPAC, Mich. — Can bad weather affect an online auction? Yes, it can! When a brutal winter storm knocked out power across several states, Chuck Cryderman of Cryderman Auctions wisely postponed his auction for a couple of weeks to maximize his audience. The rescheduled event included 1,702 lots with electric guitars, posters, and shirts along with sports related items and much more. Prices here do not include the buyer's premium.

The auction featured a collection of familiar guitar manufacturer names such as Gibson, Cort, and Dean with an array of very colorful and wildly shaped solid-body electric

choices. Many displayed the names of rock legends on reproductions of the guitars played by them, diving deep into the realm of heavy metal. A reproduction of the same style bass that Gene Simmons (Kiss) plays on stage was offered. This Cort GS-AXE-2 bass stood out as a unique instrument. Musicians affectionately refer to their guitar as their "axe", but in this case it really was, with an axe blade body. It came with a Kiss strap and a soft case showing a customized image of Gene

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Right: The brilliant blue Dean-Dimebag Darrell electric guitar with white lightning bolts was eagerly claimed with a final bid of \$528.



Above: Legendary musician Les Paul consulted with Gibson Guitar since 1952. A more recent model with the name Les Paul was offered at this auction, earning a final bid of \$770



FEATURE

Pressed pennies are inexpensive zoo souvenirs

BY LARRY LEMASTERS

Zoological parks, better known as zoos, are facilities where animals are kept inside enclosures for public viewing and for breeding purposes to perpetuate the

species.

Historically, the earliest known zoos were created as private collections of animals by the wealthy. These early, private animal collections were called menageries, and the earliest menageries date to approximately 2500 BCE in Egypt and Mesopotamia. The oldest zoo in the world, still in existence, is the Schöbrunn Zoo in Vienna, Austria, which opened in 1752. The Philadelphia Zoo is considered "America's First Zoo," having opened on July 1, 1874.

Left: Toucan pressed penny from the Henry Dooley Zoo in Omaha, Neb. This elongated pressed penny is valued at \$6.

Right: Clown Fish design on Indianapolis Zoo elongated pressed penny. This smashed penny is valued at \$5.

According to PeekPro.com, over 180 million people visit zoos in the United States each year, and zoo visitors who collect zoo memorabilia most often collect wall-hanging pendants with the zoo's name on the pendant, refrigerator magnets depicting the zoo's name and a favorite animal, and zoo pressed pennies stating the zoo's name and image of an animal pressed into a copper penny.

Pressed or elongated coins are made when coins or blank planchets travel through a



machine called a jeweler's mill, which has mirror image designs cut into steel rollers, similar to wringers on an old-fashioned washing machine. The coins are run between the

rollers under tremendous pressure (about 20 tons), which presses the coin into the die and due to the immense pressure simultaneously stretches the coin into an oval shape,

resulting in elongated coins with etched or embossed images.

The first elongated coins, or pressed pennies since a penny is

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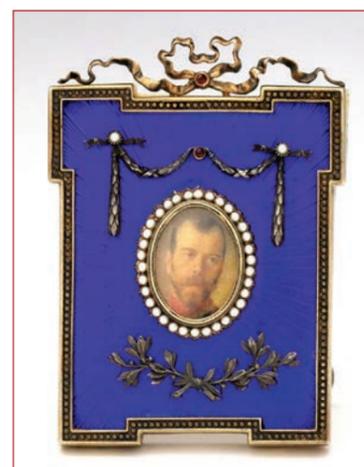
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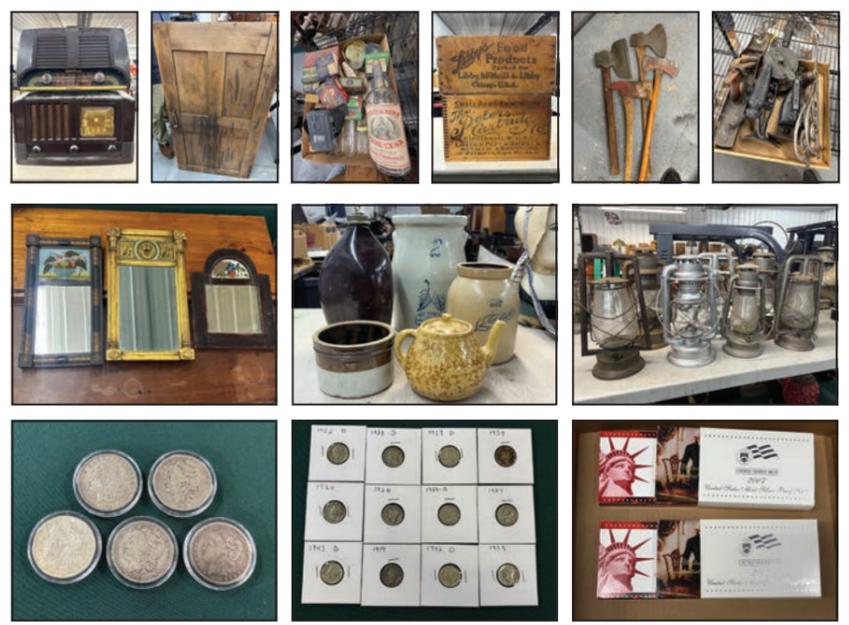
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Kraft Auction Services joins forces with Dennis and Jeff Polk

WALKERTON, Ind. — Kraft Auction Service is proud to announce a new partnership with Dennis and Jeff Polk to continue the Polk family's 40-plus year Labor Day auction tradition while significantly expanding Kraft's growing antique tractor and equipment division.

The Polk's, who founded the annual Labor Day auction more than four decades ago, are excited to begin a new chapter of this long-standing tradition at Kraft Auction Service's Walkerton yard. As part of the expansion, Kraft will grow the Walkerton facility to over 50 acres, creating a premier destination for hosting quarterly equipment auctions along with two annual antique tractor auctions.

Each antique tractor auction event held in Walkerton will be a two-day live event with day one offering two auction rings featuring tractor parts, memorabilia, and

farm-related collectibles. Day two will feature two rings dedicated to antique tractors, trucks, and farm equipment.

Celebrating 50 years of business in 2026, Kraft established their Antique Truck and Tractor Division in 2023 with the hiring of division leader Adam Floyd and through a strategic partnership with the team at JC Tractor Restoration. Over the past three years, Kraft has successfully hosted bi-annual live drive-through tractor auctions at its Valparaiso location, along with onsite collection auctions throughout the Midwest.

This new partnership with the Polk's strengthens Kraft's position as a national leader in antique farm and equipment auctions and ensures the continuation of a beloved Labor Day tradition.

Looking ahead, Kraft's expanded event calendar will include:

April 10-11: Two-day



Above: Dennis and Jeff Polk join Jonathan Kraft and Adam Floyd at the Kraft Auction Walkerton Facility

annual live drive-through auction in Valparaiso, Ind., featuring the Steve Justin John Deere collection

Sept. 2-3: Two-day antique tractor, equipment, parts and memorabilia event in Walkerton

Nov. 13-14: Two-day live drive-through auction in Valparaiso featuring pre-war tractors,



Above: These are two of the tractors that will be featured at the 2026 Labor Day Auction.

engines, and trucks

In addition to these marquee events, the team will host live simulcast and online auctions across the United States for individual collections throughout the year. Kraft remains committed to delivering high-energy live auction experiences while offering multiple online bidding platforms to accommodate bidders worldwide.

Live auction events continue to play a vital role in the tractor collecting hobby — offering

opportunities for friends and collectors to reconnect, share their passion, and acquire unique pieces. For sellers, live competitive bidding environments consistently provide the opportunity to maximize return on investment.

The Polk's and Kraft will also collaborate on late-model and farm retirement auctions.

The first event in this expansion will be a live farm retirement auction for Eaton Farms in Mentone, Ind., on March

30. The auction will feature a well-maintained line of John Deere equipment, with the full catalog to be released in the coming weeks.

Founded in 1976, Kraft Auction Service is a full-service auction company specializing in real estate, farm machinery, commercial assets, estates, and benefit auctions. Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the company remains family owned and operated, serving clients across the Midwest with a reputation for integrity, professionalism, and results-driven service. Over the past five decades, Kraft Auction Service has successfully conducted thousands of auctions, combining industry expertise with innovative marketing and personalized client support.

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Pennies

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usually the coin of choice for creating elongated coins, appeared at the World's Columbian Exposition (a World's Fair) held in Chicago in 1893. Over two dozen different designs were pressed into pennies at this Exposition, starting a new field of collecting.

Elongated coins come in all denominations (some people even run them on tokens or make foreign elongated coins), but by far the

American copper penny is the most common elongated coin design.

Such pennies offer the name of the zoo and images of lions and tigers and bears. Oh no! If you buy such a penny on the Internet, they usually cost around \$4.

Zoos have always offered pressed pennies for children or adults to collect since they are small and make the perfect collectible while on vacation. Elongated coins are initially inexpensive to purchase (usually just two quarters and a penny; although, some zoos

Right: Not all pressed pennies are in mint condition. This Lion smashed penny from the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago was offered on eBay for \$10.

now charge \$1 to press a penny), so they are a great way to collect souvenirs from personal travels as you build an interesting and sometimes valuable zoo collection.

If you are wondering how large a zoo pressed penny collection might get, the answer is found in zoo facts and statistics. For instance, there are over 430 zoos in the United States, including 230 accredited zoos. Every zoo may have a penny pressing machine in each "land" or zoo exhibit area, and each machine may have as many as eight or more separate designs. PennyPresses.com states, "Pressed pennies have become one of the most common souvenirs purchased from



zoos, and there are over 3,000 pressed penny machines in the United States." The Henry Doorly Zoo has 28 pressed penny machines with a total of 120 designs that may be pressed into pennies. A zoo pressed penny collection could easily be in the thousands.

Many people wonder if it is "legal" to elongate coins since all of their lives they have heard that it is illegal to deface money. The United States Criminal Code does not prohibit the mutilation of coins if done without fraudulent intent or use. So, in a nutshell, yes, it's legal to elongate coins.

Elongated coins have also been called pressed pennies, stretched, smashed, squished, rolled and mashed coins or pennies, but by any name, as long as a jeweler's mill magically transforms an everyday copper penny into a work of art by the turning of a handle, children of all ages will continue plucking down their money.



Above: This Black Bear elongated pressed penny was smashed at the Knoxville Zoo.



Above: Pressed penny from Binder Park Zoo in Michigan.



Above: This San Diego Zoo Anaconda penny is a retired image. This pressed coin is valued at \$9.



Above: This souvenir, Rhino pressed penny from the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans is valued at \$3.



Above: Rare, North Eastern Wisconsin Zoo pressed penny with image of a wolf on it. This elongated penny was offered on eBay for \$20.

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Mon., Mar. 16, Aaron Mast, Antq., Coll., Misc., Middlefield, OH

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Cryderman

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mes. It was claimed with a high bid of \$792. Another Cort Gene Simmons inspired bass, a jet black model called The Punisher is advertised to "deliver thunderous

tones". More traditionally shaped than the axe, it left with a high bid of \$418.

Gibson Guitar and legendary musician Les Paul have consulted together since 1952 when the first guitar that was created with input from and endorsement by Les

Paul was designed. A more recent model was offered on this auction, possibly made in 2010 based on the serial number. It featured a brown wood top, two pick-ups, and a tone and volume control. Along with a soft case, it earned a final bid of \$770. Not far behind, another desirable Gibson electric guitar, this one a warm-sounding SG model, stamped "2011" closed at \$616. Both Gibson guitars were stamped "Made in the USA" on the back of their head stock.

The guitar company Dean also proved popular. The brilliant blue Dean-Dimebag Darrell electric guitar with white lightning bolts commemorated American musician Darrell Lance Abbott, co-founder of heavy metal band Pantera. This V-shaped guitar body with an extra shoulder reproduced the



The Dean-Dave Mustaine Signature Zero body shape is unique, offering easier access to the high frets while also providing the ultimate look. A high bid of \$473 took this one home.

custom designed model he played and was eagerly claimed with a final bid of \$528. Three other Dean V-guitars bore the name

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Right: This limited edition silver medallion that commemorates the memorable back to back Stanley Cup wins by the Detroit Red Wings was taken with a final bid of \$165.

Left: A group of approximately 30 miniature guitars along with about 20 player plaques showing images of rock guitarists finished with a \$242 high bid.



Above: Familiar names of Detroit Tigers players including autographs from Al Kaline, Micky Lolich, and John Hiller plus more were featured on this vintage baseball that commanded a final bid of \$165.



WEEKLY Auction Calendar

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Every Wed.	9am	Shipshewana Shipshewana, IN	Antique, Miscellaneous	10

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of influential American musician Dave Mustaine, a heavy metal pioneer and frontman for the band Megadeth. The Dean-Dave Mustaine Signature Zero body shape is unique, offering easier access to the high frets while also providing the ultimate look. This one was tan with elaborate graphics including a skeleton face. A high bid of \$473 took it home. An orange V-shaped Dean-Dave Mustaine Signature model with a skeleton in a suit earned a \$462 high bid while another closed at \$308.

There were several more fascinating guitars, many bearing a reproduction of a musician's signature. But the B. C. Rich Kerry King model featured the actual autograph of the lead guitarist and songwriter of the band Slayer along with the letters "KKV" (for Kerry King V). The flying V-shaped guitar decorated in elaborate



Above: Wrestler Lex Luger was featured on a vintage red, white, and blue flag XL tee shirt that was picked up for a \$220 bid.

brown and tan graphics was signed in highly visible white ink, which helped drive the final bid up to \$440.

A selection of related collectibles was also available. A group of approximately 30 miniature guitars with exceptional detail included a model of the Gene Simmons axe. Offered along with about 20 player plaques showing images of rock and other guitarists, the entire group finished with a \$242 high bid.

Four vintage Harley Davidson men's size large colorful tee shirts with motorcycles, flames, a growling wolf face, and an Orlando, Florida souvenir shirt were claimed with a high bid of \$231. A vintage red, white, and blue flag XL shirt featuring wrestler Lex Luger was picked up for a \$220 bid.

In a completely different category, a Navajo woven rug was offered. It featured numerous birds in a variety of beautiful



The B. C. Rich Kerry King instrument featured the actual autograph of the lead guitarist and songwriter which helped drive the final bid up to \$440.

colors as they were either perched on a tree branch or flying. It came with a tag to authenticate it. This beautiful item was claimed with a final bid of \$462.

An unusual sport collectible was offered for Detroit Red Wing hockey fans. The team won the Stanley Cup two years in a row, 1997 and 1998. A limited-edition fine silver

medallion measuring one troy ounce was created to commemorate that memorable period. Sold with a certificate of authenticity and a protective case, it was taken with a final bid of \$165. Housed in a protective clear plastic box, a baseball stamped Detroit Tigers was signed by many of the team members, including Al

Kaline, Micky Lolich, and John Hiller. The ball was yellowed with age and some of the autographs were faded, but it still commanded a final bid of \$165.

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Red Hat Motor Oil Gasoline sign tipped its way to \$480,700

BY SUSAN EMERSON NUTTER

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Richmond Auctions celebrated its first event held at the firm's new facility by offering up wonderful advertising items. Their fabulous inaugural, three-day event held Jan. 29-31 saw more than 1,400 lots selling.

The auction included numerous items from the Sam McIntyre Collection. McIntyre was an icon where collecting Standard, Esso, and Exxon items were concerned. This is understandable considering he worked for the Standard Oil Company for more than 30 years. The David Webb Collection also played a role

during Richmond's January sale. Webb spent more than six decades as an active collector earning him the moniker "The One-Man Swap Meet."

Every day of the auction saw magnificent advertising items selling, but the third day; well prices realized were over the top.

An exceptionally rare Red Hat Motor Oil Gasoline double-sided porcelain logo sign earned top lot honors. A whopping 48 inches in diameter, collectors consider this one of the most difficult-to-find Red Hat signs. The color was exceptional as were the graphics which included both the Red Hat and Independent "Thunderbird" logos. When the dust settled, this beauty commanded a \$480,700 winning bid.

Left: This Frontier Gasoline "Rarin' To Go" 5-foot double-sided porcelain sign featured the harder to find gold horse and rider which helped it reach \$138,000.

Prices include a 15 percent buyer's premium.

A bid of \$138,000 won the scarce double-sided porcelain Frontier Gasoline "Rarin' To Go" 5-foot sign featuring the seldom seen gold horse and rider and red lettering. The more common version of this sign has a black horse and black lettering. Richmond's offered such an example which also sold strong making \$77,050.

And talk about color! The Musgo Gasoline "Michigan Mile Maker" double-sided porcelain sign with ring selling this day was a beauty! Featuring six colors of porcelain enamel and the great graphic of the Musgo Native American in full headdress, this sign was a head-turner. Measuring 48 inches high, and professionally restored, this sign realized \$115,000.

A diecut beauty that needs its due would have to be the Pioneer Stages "Depot - Express Office" double-sided porcelain sign



Above: Featuring neon animation that made it appear as if the greyhound was running, this Greyhound Bus Lines 5.5-foot double-sided porcelain neon sign was bid to \$74,750.



with a bracket. Featuring both a stagecoach and a bus, this sign was smaller measuring 19.75 inches by 17.25 inches, but the detailed graphics set it apart. It sold for \$71,875.

Neon signage was also in abundance throughout all three days. The top lot of this category was the "Genuine Chevrolet Parts" 42-inch double-sided porcelain factory example which brought \$235,750. With four-color neon while the porcelain enamel colors included red, white, blue, and yellow. The sign was

Above: Leading this three-day Richmond Auctions January event was this rare Red Hat Motor Oil Gasoline 48 inch double-sided porcelain logo sign with a metal ring. It was bid to \$480,700.

marked "Walker & Co., Detroit."

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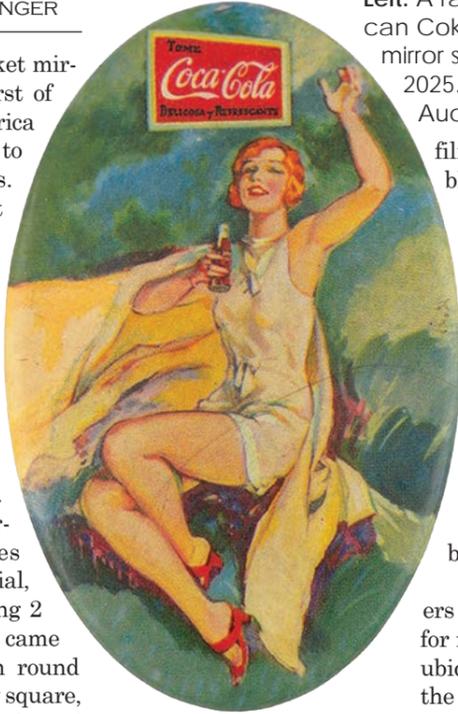
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Pocket mirrors offered advertising and a chance to check appearance

BY RICHARD JUNGER

Advertising pocket mirrors enjoyed a burst of popularity in America from about 1900 to the early 1930s. From Main Street tradesmen to the stirrings of a national consumer culture, each mirror and its colorful backside compressed an era of American history into the palm of one's hand.

The glass mirrors themselves were nothing special, generally measuring 2 by 3.5 inches and came most commonly in round shapes, followed by square, oval, softly rounded, and rectangular. All conveniently tucked into a purse or pocket. With turn-of-the-century advances in



Left: A rare circa 1931 Mexican Coke flapper girl pocket mirror sold for \$7,995 in 2025. [Courtesy Morphy Auctions]

film was highly flammable.

The first ad mirrors appeared around 1895, produced in the same way as the new celluloid advertising buttons. What made the pinbacks cheap and popular worked for small glass mirrors as well, which had been available in stores since before the ante-bellum years.

Patent medicine makers were always searching for new platforms for their ubiquitous messages and the new ad mirrors were cheap and well suited for their purposes. Consulted numerous times a day, they advertised everything from blood purifiers and

lithography, photography, and clear nitro-cellulose film, they were cheap to manufacture even if the

liver pills to nerve tonics and female remedies. Trade cards, also popular at the time, were paper and could be thrown away (or pasted and forgotten in scrapbooks). Mirrors in pants pockets or handbags.

Many sodas began as patent medicines and the most expensive antique advertising mirrors in the 21st century were for carbonated beverages. A rare Coca-Cola mirror pictured a flapper as a symbol of urban sophistication and sold for nearly \$8,000.

Not surprisingly, images on women's advertising mirrors often involved

Right: A temperance-era

Hires Root beer mirror with a woman's face sold for \$300. Fragile, paper-insert mirrors from the era almost never survived unlike more common lithographed mirrors. [Courtesy Morphy Auctions]



other women with only a few words of advertising copy. Food, cooking and household items were

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Below: Circa 1905 wagon works and streetcar fender company pocket mirrors were meant for male users. [Courtesy Morphy Auctions]



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Pocket Mirrors

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advertised to women on pocket mirrors as well. Every time a woman looked at herself, she received a message to buy ham “sweet, juicy, delicious,” use the “prize bead flour of the world”, or “get some” Van Camp’s pork and beans. “The preservation of life” was an exaggerated slogan that Lifebuoy used on their mirrors, a hand soap still sold in the 21st century.

Women were a natural market for chocolates, either as buyer or recipient. With developments in chocolate making, boxed candies first became a mass marketed item in the early 1900s and pocket mirrors instructed men to gift their woman, and often. Not to be outdone, some chocolate companies even distributed mirrors giving women “permission” to buy chocolates for them without guilt.

Women were prominent in at least one unexpected mirror category, work clothing. Companies employed pocket mirrors to sell men’s work pants, shirts, braces, and other industrial.

Men slipped advertising mirrors into their pants and coat pockets as well, mainly to help them look for missed spots or cuts from shaving.



Above: To induce women to buy their own boxed chocolates, Lowney Candies staged “field days” in northern industrial cities. A rare 1907 example from Mansfield, Ohio, sold for over \$500. [Courtesy Morphy Auctions]

Casinos, hotels and saloons were common destinations for early 20th century men, especially traveling salesmen, and advertising mirrors reminded them about such places. More risqué versions featured semi or fully nude women promoting a travel destination along with a promise to compensate any client who returned such a mirror.

Left: A circa 1910 mirror advertising Zymole Trokeys throat lozenges was auctioned for almost \$1,900. [Courtesy Morphy Auctions]

More commonly, the mirrors were kept and shown to other men in small groups, further spreading their messages.

Women also appeared on mirrors advertising tobacco products. A seminude woman with roses and tobacco leaves sold Surbrug’s pipe tobacco circa 1910 and a White Rolls cigarette mirror showed a lounging woman smoking, unusual in the early 1900s.

Transportation was another popular male category. Mirrors advertised carriages, wagons, automobiles, and their related parts, providers, and services. One mirror pictured a birds-eye view of the Studebaker factory in South Bend, Ind. Another advertised the Yellow Taxi Co., with the “lowest rates in Detroit” at the phone number 3333.

Still riding on a craze that began in the late 19th century, bicycle and early motorcycle makers distributed mirrors advertising



Above: A Shults mirror, circa 1910, reminded busy women to buy bread rather than bake it themselves. Shults was a forerunner of the nation-wide Continental Baking Co. [Courtesy Antique Advertising]

tires, lights, and other accessories. A Dietz bicycle lamp mirror sold for more than \$6,000 and a few other surviving mirrors advertised bike accessories or dealers. Harley-Davidson, Indian, and Cleveland distributed various celluloid advertising forms, including mirrors, in their earliest years.

An entire ecosystem of firearms and hunting related manufacturers and providers used pocket mirrors to promote their products and services. A rare circa 1905 rectangular mirror advertised Smith and Wesson revolvers with a gelatin silver print of a gunsmith making the weapons. Similar mirrors promoted other gun makers like Remington and Winchester and their shells and cartridges. Hunting outfitters used

Right: A 1922 Coke beach girl mirror sold for \$6,600. By placing a Coke girl in a swimsuit on a personal mirror, the company was suggesting that leisure, youth and refreshment all went together. [Courtesy Morphy Auctions]

mirrors to promote their services and locations, much as did the casinos and saloons.

Turn-of-the-century entertainers distributed pocket mirrors to drum up business for their acts. Turn-of-the-century Keith vaudeville circuit mirrors featured a fully-dressed showgirl with the text, “Mirth, song, and play; Girls, let’s all meet at Keith’s today!” The competing Orpheum circuit passed out mirrors with the telephone number of the nearest theater.

Comedians Weber & Fields dis-

tributed early 20th century gelatin silver mirrors of themselves, as did singers Eva Tanguay and Lillian Russell. Mirrors for burlesque performers such as Annette Kellerman, Sophie Tucker, and Gypsy Rose Lee (in the 1930s) were fairly common.

Magician mirrors were less common and more collectible. “The Great” Leon Hermann distributed photographic vanity mirrors in the early 20th century with built-on handles showing him with devils sitting on his two shoulders, a popular magician pose. Fellow magician Howard Thurston gave away mirrors with the same devilish pose and the admonition “Good Luck”.

Humor mirrors were almost as popular as nudes. One showed a boy urinating into a river with the text, “A quiet stream”. Another featured a cartoon of four working men standing outside a public toilet with the caption, “When a full house beats four of a kind”.

Compacts and automotive rear-view mirrors came into use to check one’s appearance by the early 1930s, but pocket mirrors remain advertising in its most intimate form. Kept in a pocket or purse, they were useful whenever pulled out, stared at, and then flipped over to see an advertising message on the back.



Below: A Tulsa, Okla., Dreamland Theatre mirror sold for \$1,200 in 2020. [Courtesy Cowan’s Auctions]

Below: A.W.E. Payne Jewelry hand-colored collotype mirror sold for \$1,937. [Courtesy Heritage Auctions]



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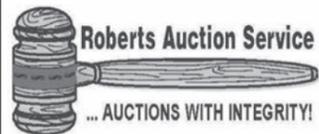


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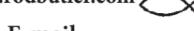
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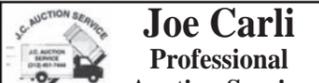


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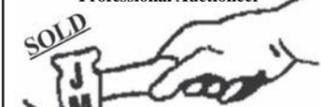
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