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MAJOLICA!

Majolica prices are up, just as we predicted. In our July 1979 issue, we alerted readers that majolica was "available, affordable, and one of today's bargains." Prices then were \$10 to \$280. This fall, prices were in the \$100 to \$3,800 range at two majolica auctions.

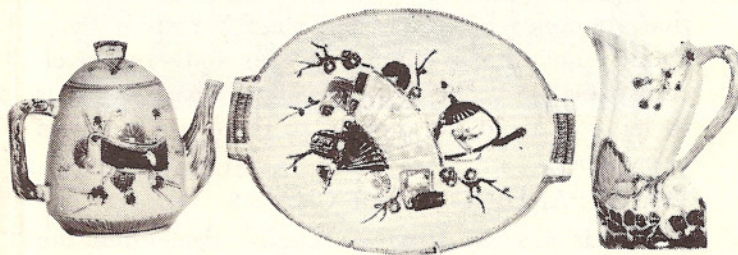
Pieces illustrated are from the Isabelle Flax collection of American and European majolica, 1850-1915, sold by Phillips, N.Y. Top price was \$2,310 for a rare American Etruscan humidor, 6 in. h., shell and seaweed pattern. Important English pieces were a Minton game pot with liner, lid molded with rabbit and birds, pot in the form of a basket, 13 in., \$2,090; George Jones server in the form of a squirrel sitting on a leaf, 10½ in., \$1,430; George Jones platter, basketweave with butterfly and insect, 12 in., \$1,375; and a Copeland pitcher, Egyptian lotus pattern, 8¾ in., \$1,210.

Other prices for English majolica: Holdcroft footed bowl, lily pond pattern, 10 in., \$220; Holdcroft pitcher decorated with raised fish, 8 in., \$550; Wardle & Co. sugar bowl and creamer, bird and fan, \$308; and a Wardle & Co. teapot and underplate, bird and fan, 5½ by 12 in., \$308.

Another well-known collection was that of the late James Beard, "Dean of American Cookery." His majolica, which had been pictured in food magazines, was auctioned in October by William Doyle, N.Y.

19th century English majolica included a Minton wine stand, two putti carrying bucket, \$770; punch bowl molded with pond lilies and ferns, \$1,430; covered game dish, lid with a squab, cobalt ground, flowers, \$2,310; asparagus stand and drainer in the

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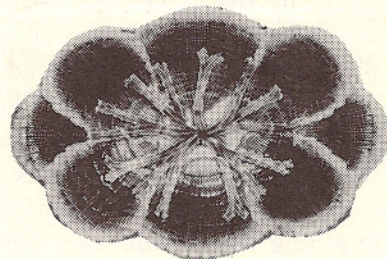
Left to right: rustic handled teapot, attributed to Fielding, fan and scroll pattern, cobalt and purple on cream ground, 7½ in., \$143; Fielding oval platter, turquoise, cobalt and brown on yellow ground, impressed shield mark, 13½ in., \$187; Fielding pitcher, in form of a snail, shell and wave pattern, green, turquoise, blue and rose on white ground, painted artist's initials, impressed maker's mark, 8½ in., \$440.



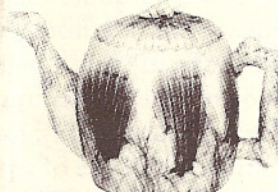
Pitcher, American, lily-of-the-valley on bark pattern, brown and white on turquoise, 7½ in., \$209.



Cider jug, attributed to Phoenixville pottery, bamboo and rope pattern, brown and yellow, 9 in., \$121.

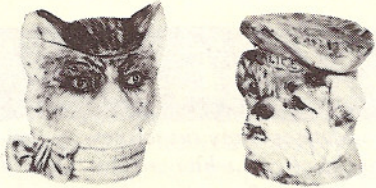


Etruscan cake platter, shell and seaweed pattern, pink, brown, and green, molded mark, 13¾ in., \$715.



Etruscan teapot, shell and seaweed pattern, pink, green and brown, molded mark, 5½ in., \$385.

Note: Prices include 10% buyer's premium. Photos are from Phillips.



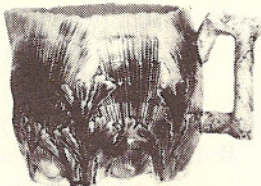
Two tobacco jars, American, left, cat with bow; right, terrier smoking cigar, both in blue, cream and brown, 5 in., \$330.



Three tobacco jars, American, left to right: elephant, bulldog and duck, each glazed in gray, blue and rose, 7 in., \$440.



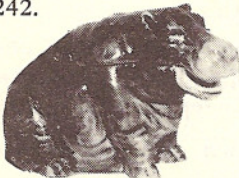
Left to right: three Fielding pieces in snail, shell and wave pattern, cup and saucer, rose, turquoise and blue on yellow fishnet ground, initials, registry mark, and maker's mark, \$99; pitcher, turquoise, brown and rose on white fishnet ground, artist's initials and registry mark, 7 1/4 in., \$264; covered sugar bowl and creamer (not shown), turquoise, brown and rose on white ground, maker's, artist's and registry marks, \$286.



Etruscan pitcher, shell and seaweed pattern, pink, green and brown, molded mark, 6 in., \$242.



Etruscan humidor shell and seaweed pattern, brown, blue and pink, molded mark, 5 1/2 in., \$2,310.



Tobacco jar, hippopotamus, gray, 5 1/4 in., \$275.

form of a molded basket with asparagus fern, \$550; covered game dish, lid modeled with a hare and two ducks, basket base, \$3,850; shell form compote supported by three entwined dolphins, \$1,210; jardiniere molded with a snake invading a bird's nest amid cattails and mushrooms, \$1,650; and an unusual trophy modeled as a boar's head mounted on a board, \$1,100.

For more information, see: *Majolica Pottery* by Mariann K. Marks) Collector Books, Paducah, KY, c1983); *American Majolica* by M. Charles Rebert (Wallace-Homestead, Lombard, IL, c1981); and *Minton Majolica* by Victoria Cecil (Jeremy Cooper Ltd., 9 Galen Place, Bury Place, London WCIA 2JR, England, c1982). See also KOVELS, July 1979, April 1982 and December 1983.

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