

Egg stand was stylish serving dish

The Victorians liked to serve each type of food in a special dish. From 1861 to about 1900, George Jones, a prominent English maker of majolica wares, made special dishes for table use. Along with sardine dishes, figural teapots, Stilton cheese dishes, game-pie dishes and oyster plates, his firm made egg stands.

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Boiled eggs had long been a popular breakfast food. The elaborate stand had six re-

movable egg cups set into a tray. A tripod of tree limbs held a flower-decorated, larger bowl at the top for sauce. The 10-inch-high stand was made to look as realistic as possible, with tan branches and light-blue glaze as trim.

George Jones & Sons remained in business until 1951, although the firm made very little majolica after 1914.

Q: I am coming across glassware marked "E.O. Brody — Cleveland, O." I can't find the name in any books on glass. Are Brody pieces collectibles?

A: The E.O. Brody Co. was founded in Cleveland in 1958. Ernest Oscar Brody started the



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Easter eggs will look elegant if served in a rare egg stand like this English majolica stand by George Jones. It brought \$1,792 at a Michael G. Strawser auction in Wolcottville, Ind.

company to sell utilitarian glass floral containers to wholesalers. In 1971, the firm was taken over by Lancaster Colony Corp. of Columbus, Ohio. Lancaster moved Brody to its housewares

division in Cincinnati in 1988. New Brody glassware is still being made, and pieces are being sold on Internet auctions.

Q: I have a small paperback cookbook titled "Media Rare: A Collection of Favorite Recipes from Dallas Personalities." It's 5½ by 8¼ inches and has 74 pages. Inside are photos of Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach, team coach Tom Landry and Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, among others. Each personality submitted a recipe for the book, which was published by the Dallas chapter of Women in Communications. There's no publication date. The latest date I can find in the book is a reference to Staubach's winning the Brian Piccolo Award in 1979. The cookbook's introduction starts with this sentence: "If you have purchased this

cookbook, it is possible you have acquired ... a valuable collector's item that by the year 2004 is expected to fetch up to \$300,000 at auction, enough for 10 gallons of gas." So, I'm wondering — since it's 2004 now — am I rich?

A: You have a collectible cookbook that could sell for what 10 gallons of gas costs today. The fact that the cookbook pictures football stars helps its

Current prices

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

- Bugs Bunny 'What's Up, Doc?' figural bank, vinyl, 1972, 5½ by 12½ inches, \$40.
- Chicken candy container, on basket, oblong, Victory Glass Co., 1930s, 3 by 2¼ inches, \$65.
- Cowan Pottery bookends, Sunbonnet, green crystalline glaze, c. 1925, 7½ inches, \$490.
- Baker's table, possum-belly curved drawer, two breadboards, c. 1860, 29 by 48 inches, \$700.

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value, especially in Dallas. Staubach's last season with the Cowboys was 1979, so it is likely that the cookbook was published in 1980.

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