

HIDDEN WEALTH IS FOUND IN ODD SPOTS

Valuable Antiques and Other Priceless Relics Often in Queer Places

Those who think the days of hidden treasure are past will get a swift awakening at a list of valuable articles which have been turned up unexpectedly during the past few years. The list, compiled by E. Alexander Powell, includes paintings, tapestries, statues, rugs, jewels, furniture and porcelains, and Mr. Powell solemnly insists that plenty more still lie hidden away, in this country and abroad—artistic and historic treasures with a dollars-and-cents value many times that of all the loot taken by Captain Kidd, Bluebeard, Morgan and other buccaneers of free-booting days.

These treasures lie concealed in the most unexpected places—in the musty

garrets of New England farmhouses, in decaying mansions on Southern plantations, on the upper shelves of crossroad stores and city pawnshops, in fisherman's shacks, English taverns, German castles, French chateaux, even beneath the sand of African deserts and in native huts on South Sea Islands.

Some Examples

Here are a few examples of recent "finds," as compiled by Mr. Powell for the American Magazine:

A country store in New England yielded some rolls of eighteenth century scenic wall-paper, printed from wooden blocks by hand, which brought the finder a small fortune.

A Californian discovered one of the greatest of Murillo's paintings amid the discarded rubbish in a Paris store-room, where it had lain unrecognized for generations. It is valued at \$100,000. A traveler in the South Seas found painted on the doors of a native hut in Tahiti a priceless group of primitives by Paul Gauguin, the ec-

centric French artist who exiled himself to the Pacific islands.

A ragged Arab in the bazaars of Beirut offered a curiously shaped urn of ancient glass to an English sea captain for a pound. He declined to buy it because he had only a sovereign in his pocket at the time and preferred to spend it on a bottle of champagne. His description of the piece has led experts to believe that he held in his hand for a moment the twin of the Portland Vase, one of the greatest treasures in the British Museum.

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