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One Hundred Thousand More British Residents Benefit from July 2

ALIENS ALSO

Ten Shllings Receive Weekly Under Contributory Pensions Act

About 100,000 people additional to the present old age pensioners became entitled to draw 10s. weekly from The Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Act, 1925, then came into operation for those of

70 years and over. This is the second portion of the Act to come into operation. The first, applying to widows and orphans, came into effect on January 4, and it was recently stated in the House of Com-

mentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, that 124,500 applications had been granted to widows, while 20,470 were still under consideration.

The final application of the Act. which extends old age pensions to persons 65 years of age, does not come into operation until January 2, 1928.

TWO YEARS RESIDENT Those who now receive the benefits include all septuagenarians, aliens as well as English, and those living in Northern Ireland, who are insured under the National Health Insurance

Those who have hitherto received now entitled to the full amount of 10s. There is, however, a qualification which stipulates that the claimant must have been resident in Great Britain or Northern Ireland for two years immediately before the date on which the pension became payable. The wife of an insured person is

When the widows' pensions became operable in January the Ministry of Health was inundated with applications. Applications for old age pensions under the new Act, however, have had to pass through the local pensions offices, and it is impossible to state at this stage what percentage of those entitled to the benefits have applied

FOXHUNTING ON

Supposed "Cat" Had Fatal Penchant for Chicken Feed

Miles away from the nearest covert, in the back garden of a house in Loughborough road, Brixton, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Heath, there have been two exciting fox hunts, Mrs. Heath was in a back room when she saw a "ginger-colored cat" sitting on a rockery at the end of her garden. Night after night it appeared, sometimes prowling about the lawn and sometimes sitting on its haunches and howling. In the morning chickens were missed and feathers found on a nearby lawn. At last, Mr. Kearey, a neighbor,

surprised the "cat" on the lawn, and, to his amazement, found it was a young fox. The fox dashed into a front garden, where a number of passers-by joined in the case. Hard pressed, it leapt into an area, where, armid great excitement, it was caught and handed to a coalman, who took it

A few nights later another fox appeared on the lawn. A search was de, and a hole was found beneath the summer house. The hole was stopped, a neighbor's dog was requisi-tioned, and the business of smoking out the fox began. idenly the animal emerged from

seneath the floor boards. The dog gave chase, drove the fox into a corner, and a kill was effected. "They were extremely pretty ani-nals, and obviously young," said Mrs. leath. "How they came into the garden is a mystery."

Old People Pass Declining Years in Idyllic Village "Twenty years ago, when a gentle-man with large bushy whiskers asked me to be trustee for £5,000,000, I litle thought the Whiteley village was Fishporter Put Classic Poser to oing to be what it is today," said the nop of London when speaking to 00 villagers and guests at the village, near Walton-on-Thames, when the trustee gave a garden party.
Within the village old people pass

their declining years amid most de-He added that he was extraordinarily proud of the place, and when

Veteran Thief Gets Sentence Doubled at Own Request

"I like living in prison," said John Walterson, aged 70, to the magisrates at Newtonards. He was concted of thefts and sentenced to three

POLLY'S PHRASE WAS APPROPRIATE AT BLACKBURN PARTY.

Customs were enjoying re-treshments in an establishment at Blackburn, when they were suddenly overwhelmed with soot, accompanied by mysterious flutterings. O
Diligent search was in propress when a parrot unexpectedly poked its head from a O pile of soot, exclaiming, "Well. I'll be blowed." Provided with a cage now, Polly readily answers to

mous by Sir Kingsley Wood, Parlia- Ex-Inmate of Workhouse and Brother to Share Fortune

GOLDEN HOARD

Weigh Thousands of Coins

Claimants to the fortune of Miss only a portion of the pension through Clara Alice Jones, the Manchester rebeing in receipt of a certain income, or cluse whose estate was proved at have received no pension at all, are nearly £47,000, numbered a thousand. The successful applicants are two sizes brothers named Higgins, one of whom, William Frederick, was until recently an inmate of a Manchester workhouse, while the other, Henry, lives in Lon-They have established their

William Frederick is a bachelor, 65 also entitled to the pension, providing years of age. He was at one time she is 70 and was married before April employed by an insurance company. 29, 1925. Otherwise she will have to but a breakdown in health in 1908 compelled him to seek refuge in the workhouse. Recently, however, he moved to comfortable lodgings. "I'm very pleased," he confessed. 'I look upon the money as a trust, and it will not change my mode of

WEIGHING HER GOLD.

Miss Jones died in apparent poverty in a squalid house in Hulme, Manchester; but stacks of gold coins were found hidden there, and amongst her possessions was a delicate machine for AULD LANG SYNE.

The small scale was worn thin with privacy of her locked and barred dwelling. Miss Jones had been in the habit of weighing her hoard to as- sweet public, all these years. certain if there were any deficiency in the actual weight of gold.

Seven Disappeared in One Day from London Suburbs

sented a problem for Scotland Yard to tackle recently. One girl is Elsie Baker Birchington, who lives in Roundwood road, Willes, den, and was employed as a messen-

ger in a local office. Another strange case is that of Sunearly five feet in height, and is well developed. She has gone away with her brother, who is slightly older than herself. They have little money. Miss Lillian Lawrance, living in Stratford House, in Chelsea, aged fourteen, a fair-haired bobbed girl with deep brown eyes, has disappeared. She was smartly dressed in

Sarah Bridget Dashwood, of Hay road, Plaistow, a fair-haired and blueeyed girl of seventeen, is missing. She should be easily identified by a scar on Others in the Scotland Yard list

Bessie Capon (25), a housekeeper, who lives in Newick road, Clapton. Iris Hamlet, a young married woman, of Sibley Grove, East Ham. Rachel Evans, of Queen's road. West Croydon, who is twenty years

Kingston Magistrate

"Can any of your gentlemen tell me the psychological difference between Plato and Socrates and Hercules and So asked William Wright, 42, a fish porter, when he was charged at Kings- Wormlike Appendage ton with obtaining a meal at a res-

taurant and not paying for it, and the King and Queen saw it they were also with breaking a pane of glass at Wright admitted that he did not pay a somnambulist, and awoke to find his boots outside the cell and the window broken. It was not his act, he asserted, but an act of God. The Clerk: I have never heard of wanton act of that description being described as an act of God Wright: I have, sir, and I have read Disraeli, Plato and Socrates, and other

He was remanded

famous classical writers.

FORTUNE FOR PAIN Walterson then said he preferred six months to three months, and the sentence was accordingly increased. He amployes £100 each and a line annuity of £100 (under certain conditions), when fire broke out at the sentence was accordingly increased.

Ten Thousand People Pay Artiste Great Tribute

DARLING PUBLIC Dame Nellie Thanks Them for Their Loyalty and

Mme. Melba has said farewell to the concert world-as she had previously done to the operatic stage two weeks previously—at the Albert Hall,

Never has the great hall held more wonderful audience, one which packed the hall from floor to ceiling.
In the Royal box, as the King's guests, were the Australian cricketers.
In other boxes one saw many tiaras, giving a gala atmosphere to the con-

Mme. Melba herself seemed in radiant spirits as she came on to the platform for her first song, a queenly figure in white, with head-dress and corsage literally blazing with magnificent dia-

Her solo was the familiar Mozart air "L'amero sara constante," sung Royal Albert Hall Orchestra, under Delicate Machine Used to Sir Henry Wood) and viola obligato from Lionel Tertis.

> MOCK DISMAY. Beautifully the great singer gave it with that finish and grace of style that have always been particularly

As the music ended a procession of attendants started for the platform with floral tributes of all shapes and

Mme. Melba held up her hands in mock dismay, but courageously insisted on receiving each personally, although nearly overwhelmed by some of the largest. One, a beautiful wand tipped with flowers, she waved trium-It was announced that all the floral

gifts would be sent immediately to St.

George's Hospital. In the middle of the program Mme. Melba sang those two arias with which country through the night and nearly she recently thrilled the opera audience all of them had seen the sun rise for -Verdi's exquisite "Ave Maria" the first time in their lives. "Otello") and "Addio" ("Boheme"). flowers and trophies to the platform, a spirit of high adventure. This parone from the Australian cricketers. tracted a flower and gave it to the a.m., when the rambiers, who had

At the close came, a speech from in mass down a dark alley. I do not regret it, because you have raise the ghosts of Squerrys Court, been so loyal to me, my darling, who, when humored on a moonlight "Perhaps you will soon be idolising give shricks free of charge. new stars in the future. I do not mind at all if you will only say to

turning round to the audience, led wore a rucksack and their shrieks Park and the afternoon by a walk them, with the help of the orchestra, echoed over the Weald. Shortly afterward the party emerged Hever. And there in the early evening.

The sight and sound of an audience from a pine wood into an impressive 24 hours after they had left Victoria.

of over 10,000 thus greeting the great silence of grey dawn. The nightjars they took the train to home well conprima donna were most impressive. The audience itself next set the tune of "For he's a jolly good fellow," which ended in the usual tumultuous

which ended in the usual tumultuous heers.
Finally, Mme. Melba's voice was FARL JELLIGOE'S ast heard leading everyone in

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Unpleasant Ending Mothers' Union Party from Manchester Eleven women and two children

members of a Mothers' Union party from Manchester) who had been on a trip on the River Dee, had an alarming experience at Chester. belonging to the Dee Steam and Motor Boat Co., and on the stage were a birthday. number of passengers waiting to go on In spite of her great age, her death the boat. The combined weight was was unexpected, for although very too great, and the stage sank, throw- frail, she had appeared to be in ing the whole party into the water, normal condition when she partock of which at this point is 9 feet deep. | an early breakfast. Lifebuoys were thrown to the strug- At 7 o'clock she felt a pain in the gling people in the water. Rescuers chest, and a doctor was sent for, but arrived in boats, and after an exciting she passed away before he arrived. few minutes, the whole of the party were saved. Several of the more eld- family remarkable for its longevity. erly were in a state of collapse, and Her cousin, Miss Grace Whalleywere able to journey back to Man- of 105.

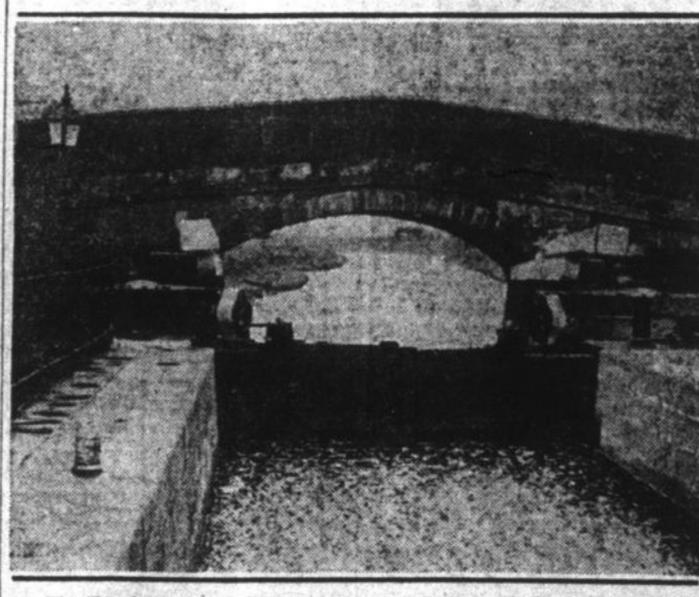
Ant-Eaters Excite Interest at Zoo One of the sights at the Zoo is to see Packet Co., and was the father of ed they are," he said, "they will still

They are probably the only animals 100th birthday she was able personally that could do so, thanks to their to acknowledge messages of congratu-worm-like tongue, which can be pro-lation which reached her from all parts one family behind him, he founds an-another elsewhere. Like the proverthat could do so, thanks to their to acknowledge messages of congratu- these conducted tours, and having left truded from their long tabular muz- of the world. zles to a distance of 18 inches. Ant eaters, which are toothless and spare time in making useful articles of call." have a mouth so small as merely to for the men of the Grand Fleet. In allow for the extrusion of the sticky her latter years, whenever her strength tongue, use the latter organ for sweeping up ants and termites.

Though the Zoo specimens—to be found in the Rodent House—are not Among the letters which she cherten. provided with ants, they keep in prac- lahed greatly were two from the

FIRE EXTINGUISHER ORANGES SELL AT When fire broke out at the Talbot TWELVE FOR PENNY

BRITAIN'S OLDEST CANAL



The Fossdyke Canal which runs from Torksey to Bardney, between the a pound, and the mand the Wash, was built by the Romans. It is the oldest navigable much as 30s a day. canal in existence. Photograph shows Torksey Lock and the old Roman arch.

SEE SUNRISE FOR FIRST TIME IN THEIR LIVES

Ramblers Make Ten Mile Walk Raising Tudor Ghosts two drifts are driven - the "Intake Who Obligingly Shrieked in Tower of Squerry's Court After Singing of Dirge

20 young men and women members of the London C.H.A. Rambling Club tramped into Penshurst, a peaceful cream, the trampers were in single nook of Kent in a state of mental and line on Crockham-hill Common, eager-

physical breathlessness. They had walked ten miles across . There are few more thrilling ex-Then came another procession of periences than a night walk treated in ticular one, anticipated for months, From one bouquet Mme. Melba ex- actually began at Westerham at 3 conductor (Sir Henry Wood) as a been resting in armchairs in a private house, astonished four village policemen basking in the full moonlight by filing into the street and disappearing

The trampers, as a prelude to great-

RAISED GHOSTS. Melba."

At the end of her speech Mr. John Brownlee sang the first verse of "Auld Lang Syne." Then Sir Henry Wood, window. Each ghost appropriately the speech of the spee

ceased their rattling, the nightingales | tent.

proaching Her 105th

Birthday

DID WAR WORK

Remarkable Record for

Longevity

her maternal side her grandfather was

ham, Hants.

tice by sweeping up the sawdust in King and Queen, conveying their con-the approved fashion of their kind. gratulations on her 101st and 104th

CHERISHED LETTERS

Sir James Whalley-Gardiner, of Fare-

Miss Catherine Jellicoe, aunt of Earl

At 8 o'clock on a recent morning their melodies, and a sparrow hawk uncannily glided around alone. As the clear sky freshened and its neutral eastern horizon gave place to ly pressing their way through bracken, shoulder high and dew-dripped, to Toys Hill. A deafening chorus of

The famous beauty spot was reached dead on sunrise 4.55 a.m. summer by the extraordinary spectacle of a purple sun arising from a purple mist. At first it was almost imperceptible above the hill, a faint mauve disc. whose top was delicately tinged pink. GOLDEN GLORY

In 20 minutes it had changed to carmine, bright cherry red, vivid orange, and, finally, as it majestly "I am sorry to go," she said. "but er exhibitation, proceeded south to swept above the haze, to a golden glory impossible to gaze at. The ramblers passed on to Ide Hill, night by proper ritual and respect, saw the Weald bathed in early sunshine and blessed the National Trust who saved the view-point. Then down they tramped into Penshurst for yourselves: But we used to love Solemn singing of a dirge around a breakfast-a mountain of rolls and

through picturesque Chiddingstone to

Passes Away When Ap-Lecturer from College of Pestology to Give Demonstration

BUS CARRIERS

Member of Family With Public Conveyances Male to Establish New Families

We have had the nightingale's song

Jellicoe, has just passed away at her mosquitoes, who, when proficient, will even if the colliers have to carry it nulment of the curatorship now ruling broadcast that high-pitched metallic on their backs. They are as honest Lady Houston's affairs, ping so familiar to most of us at this as the sunlight

ranged, in which Felice and Antoine Issued under his supervision :-Mosquito will give their inimitable clog dance. That is what it will sound | conveying coal. Miss Jellicoe was a member of a like when they run riot on the microphone disc, with amplifications. But by special permit, for taking coal to were taken by ambulance to hospit- Smythe-Gardiner, who was her life- be the howl of the sticken victim and (8) Men with sufficient the wail of the stuck mosquito crying their own cellars must give way to for its mate.

Miss Jellicoe was born near South- for its mate.
ampton on September 8, 1821, and on AT REHEARSAL.

Felice and Antoine are showing re-She was one of a family of seven, getting spiteful.

and her only sister, Miss M. L. Jellione, who died in 1921, reached the age of 90.

Mr. Hogarth, who has made a special study of mosquitos and is engaged in a campaign against them, points age of 90.

Mr. Hogarth, who has made a special study of mosquitos and is engaged in a campaign against them, points way. They tell him that they "saw betted on his own account. His aver-John Jellicoe, who for many years was deposit en route.

"No matter how carefully disinfect-

the ant eaters lapping up milk from Earl Jellicoe, reached the age of 90. carry mosquitoes, because they offer the bottom of an ordinary narrow For some years Miss Jellicoe had harbor for them. In this way they of the world.

During the war she spent all her bial sailor, he has a wife at every port Demonstrated Safety Suit 50,000. He had backed 22 seconds

ISLE OF MAN MOST

PROSPEROUS LAND Miss Jessie Downey, a Weish girl, who declared that she had never been more prosperous condition than those She drifted up-stream with

Coal Under South Wales Court Rules Expert F Runs in Shape of Basin

ACCIDENTS

face Working Cause of Fatalities

Despite stringent regulations of the officials of the South Wales Miners, many workmen are digging and selling many workmen are digging and selling coal from outcrops. The average price for a ton of such coal is about a pound, and the men are making as pound, and the men are making as much as 20 a day.

much as 80s a day.

Coal runs under South Wales in the shape of a basin. The Rhondda Valley is the bottom of the basin, and the edge is the outcrop. To win coal of the eminent doctors who, it was from the bottom of the basin means stated, declare that Lady Houston is the sinking of shafts and the expendi- sane. ture of a good deal of money. It is not so with outcrops. These the multi-millionsire and

face, even though the inclination of verdict of the court with obv the seams is acute. To work these seams successfully air" drift and the "return air" drift. the medical statement, Lady Houst

If the outcrop were opened to its that was a matter for the curator pre-whole length accidents would soon viously appointed by the court to suit occur to buildings, and surface rights would be infringed Once down 200 to 300 yards the workings are developed as in a big colliery, and are opened out right and left off the main "drivage." It has long been the custom in coalstrife periods to allow miners to "nibble" at the length of coal which

awakening birds presently accompan- is exposed at or near the surface. Given half a dozen good miners, used to these "pitch" seams, large quantities of coal are easily obtained. time—and 20 Londoners stood thrilled They will go down a considerable depth with only a pick and shovel. They have no mechanical method of 'raising' the coal to the surface once they got down any distance.

BURIED ALIVE. Two poor fellows were overwhelmed when several feet down recently. The sides caved in, and they were found in an upright position, as when they were caught, but, alas, dead. Two other colliers, at Pontycymmer, seeking coal for the children's soup

kitchens, were also killed. Most of these accidents are caused by the absence of timber. All miners cannot take advantage of these outcrops. Mr. Cook, for instance, would not be in charge of an "outcrop." He is a Rhondda miner, where seams are in many cases as flat as a table and quite incapable of

working an outcrop, which requires A dozen miners joined together in working a claim will arrange to work in two or three shifts. If there are three shifts, the night shift will act as watchers over the "outcrop." If two, they will work six in each shift. Then some one must sell the coal-

highly skilled job - for the disposal of the outcrop bristles with dif-The colliery manager has his jealous eye on you all the time, while the REPORT USELESS. mineral agent is also watching carefully. The police are active, and pay Houston urged that on her husband's

If the commercial manager of the jaundice, and sorrow, consequent on "outcrop" is successful and gets orders, his death, aggravated her condition." the next difficulty is the delivery of It was also declared that her health the coal, and there are such things has been completely restored since the as Emergency Regulations and Coal court's previous decision. Orders to be avoided. Much coal is delivered by night, de- on the curator obtaining skilled medi-

for the miner to own an "outcrop" and sell the product.

GOOD WEIGHT.

season. Their musical turn will Mr. Noah Ablett, the joint author accompany a lecture on the insects by of "The Miners' Next Step," has be-A mosquito cabaret has been ar- Here are some of the regulations UILLIANU (1) No lorries are to be used for (2) No carts are to be used, except

> (8) Men with sufficient coal to fill Run of Bad Luck in Betting Defending these regulations, Mr.

Ablett says, "Ingenious attempts are week-were referred to at the examinsometimes made to evade them." He ation in bankruptcy of Thomas Reece, markable talent at rehearsals, but being temperamental, like most artists, precautions are taken against their precautions are taken against their a table and a few chairs on top, with nil.

Although She Could Not Swim

Sir Claude Hill, Governor of the Isle in the water before, jumped from the of Man, in presenting his Budget, said roof of the pier-keeper's hut into the men and women of a mixed jury have the finances of the island were in a Thames at Lambeth. strong tide, and was hauled into She undertook the adventure duties as England so as to prevent show her complete confidence in a ladies did not win the day, however, smuggling, the reserve fund is £200,- safety suit, in which, bobbing about for after a further adjournment the 1000 and there is a surplus on the year in the water, she resembled a seal.

dence Must Be Heard in Person

DELAYS VQYAGA

Absence of Timber on Sur- Magnificent Yacht Liberty Waited in Vain for Mistress

> Lady Houston, a strikingly handsome woman, in deep mourning, made

Lady Houston, who is the willow can be entered at once from the sur-

"It is not fair," she ejaculated. Her advocate asked that, in view of Coal is only extracted sufficiently to should be allowed to leave Jarsey durenable it to be brought out and to allow the workers to travel. The aver-age width of a working is twelve feet. of the bailiff and jurats, ruled that

The Attorney-General of Jersey who made the application, hopes to Saturday to give the expert evidence that is intended to restore to Lady Houston liberty to control her affairs. QUAINT COURTROOM.

Her magnificent yacht Liberty which was bequeathed to her with fortune of nearly £6,000,000, awaited her in the bay near the court house during the hearing. The waiting yacht typified the confidence felt by Lady Houston that her petition would be successful. Her disappointment in the week's adjournment was keen. She stumbled as she left the court. Lady Houston had sat for two hours in the quaint old court, listening quietly to arguments concerning her sanity. All the leaders of fashion in

Jersey attended the court to see this grief-stricken woman make her bid for liberty. The proceedings were carried on half in English and half in French. The scarlet-clad denunciator carried before the judge's desk a mace, the gift of Charles II., and from the walls looked down a Gainsborough valued at

Investigations to date show the Houston fortune to be at least £6,000. Mr. Cecil Houston Smerdon Skinner, a grandnephew of Sir Robert Houston, estate should be put into the estate of the "Vicomte," or chief executive for

Jersey. Mr. George Appleton, apart from Lady Houston the sole executor, unsuccessfully applied for an appeal from this decision. This romance of millions will now be made the subject of an appeal to a higher tribunal. The petition on behalf of Lady death "she was seriously ill from

It was stated that she had insisted spite the vigilance of the miners' cal advice from England, and had agents, to whom coal "outcrops" are been examined by Sir Arbuthnot Lane, anathema. They think it is wrong Sir T. Horder, Sir Maurice Craig, Dr. Buzzard, and Dr. Hind, who gave a

combined report that Lady Houston was now capable of managing her af-If haulage is easy, a pound will buy They added that her convalescence broadcast-now we are to have the a ton, with the advantage that the would be favorably influenced by her They were disembarking on to a floating stage from a motor launch belonging to the Dee Steam and Motor.

Jellicoe, has just passed away at her mosquito's.

Mr. Moore Hogarth, of the College you may get 22cwts. Once you have ton, within a few weeks of her 105th of Pestology, is training a family of paid, you will certainly have delivery.

Beat Thomas Reece

Losses on betting-£8,000 in one

One of her brothers, Rev. G. Jellicoe, out that buses are a known carrier who died about a year ago, was 95 of mosquitoes, which they unavoidably years old, and another brother, Capt. collect at their stopping places and since then £150 In June, 1924, he was worth 17,400 and in that month he borrowed 1600

to settle debts, having lost in one week £8,000. The Official Receiver remarked upon the exceptional loss in one week, and Reece explained that he suffered from "short heads" and "necks" at Manchester. If they had only been the

WOMEN JURORS WOULD GIVE CHANCE arrived at opposite conclusions oc-curred at Bucks Quarter Sessions. The jury failed to agree, and a jury-

has spent 32 years in [ail.]

ENGRAVING WHICH

BROUGHT BIG PROFIT

With such skill did the late Henry

Horns, the great art autherity, choses has collection of messaciant engravings that for the part of his collection sold at 600-400 and there is a surplus on the year and at autherity, choses has collection of messaciant engravings that for the part of his collection sold at 600-400 and there is a surplus on the year at the substitute of the buyer still had six good at 600-400 fits collection sold at 600-400 fits part of his collection sold at