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# are Griswold Coffee Mills

ithout question, one of the most interesting clamp on mill with a pivoting lid and measures about

and decorative items for a Griswold collector are the coffee mills or grinders. Usually found in red or black with gold pinstriping trim, acquisition of a Griswold No. 1 table model (fig. 2) is a real find. These coffee mills seem to be the most common. Some collectors are lucky enough to also have a wall mount coffee mill. The example with the large tin bin for the coffee beans is the one usually found (cat. pg. 63). The more rare coffee mill is the wall mount with the traditional iron compartment with the sliding door [cat. pg. 62 ].

Imagine the thrill experienced by Coffee Mill collector (not a Griswold collector) Donn Park to find an unusual coffee mill on ebay listed as follows: "Enterprise Coffee Grinder - Today we have up for auction a beautiful coffee grinder. I have been told that it is an Enterprise. The only markings on the grinder, is a

Fig. 1 Griswold "ERIE" No. 210 Table Mill made with clamp for fastening to table or shelf

patent date of December 27, 1898. It is a

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16" in length. Condition & is wonderful with 90%+ of the original paint with gold pinstriping. There are no breaks or repairs and it even works. Don't miss bidding on and own this beauty.' (figs. 1, 3 & 4).

Although the Enterprise coffee mill was unmarked as manufacturer, Donn, an experienced coffee mill collector, recognized the patent date of December 27, 1898 (fig. 3). This identified it to him that this piece was not an Enterprise but in fact was Griswold. He subsequently was the high bidder, paying \$1,200 for the mill. He knew he had an unusual item but he had no idea of its rarity. Donn contacted Roy Meadows and Jane Brymer who he had met at an ACME (Association of Coffee Mill Enthusiasts) convention. Roy and Jane are cast iron collectors (Roy collects nickel and chrome pieces) and are subscribers to KnC.

## FROM THE EDITOR

t is tough to believe that Christmas is just around the corner and that this year is almost gone. Good old vear 2002 has been a busy one for me. The Airstream has had a good many miles put on it. We towed it to the G&CICA convention, then on to Florida. We also towed to Brimfield a couple of times, and down to Connecticut to Bob Karle's to work on Book 3 which is coming along just fine. We have never enjoyed our Airstream so much in any past years.

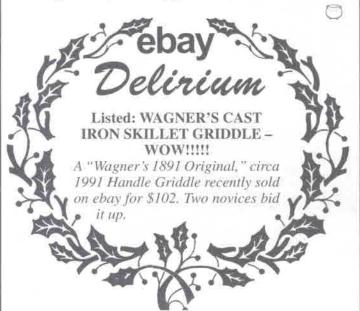
The iron market seems to be stable, not taking the drop that it did last year. I guess we could say that it has evened out. Sales, however, are reported to be slow, even on ebay. I guess it is the current economy of the country; the whole antiques market seems to be down.

I enjoyed the G\$CICA convention in Lafavette, LA, except of course for the rotten politics. I have never been a member of such a corrupt organization. There is light at the end of the tunnel, however. A new collector's organization is in the horizon, one with a strict ethics statement; one where the members truly count, one that will not be driven by greed and private agendas. More on the new organization in the Jan.-Feb. issue of KnC. And to answer your question, no, I am not the organizer.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who contributed to this year's KnC, those who wrote articles thank you, thank you, thank you; and those who contributed pictures, questions, comments, and those of you who responded to questions in the "Melting Pot." Kettles 'n Cookware was founded on the premise of sharing information to make collecting more enjoyable. You are the ones who have made KnC a success!

Enclosed in this issue of *KnC* is an update of the index for Volumes 10 and 11. For those of you who need the entire index, let me know.

Well, I have to get the snow tires on and the snow blower gassed up... so Happy Holidays! - Dave



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Patricia Young

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referred Donn to me (David Smith) for more information about the Griswold Coffee Mill.

The earliest reference I could find for this coffee mill was in a Griswold 1898 catalog [cat. pg. 64]. It is interesting that this is the same year as the patent date [fig. 5] of the same year. As you can see from the catalog pages, there were several variations of their coffee mills. The mill Donn Park found on ebay is most likely a No. 210. It is black which differentiates it from the No. 215 which is red. Also, there is no bracket for the glass measuring cup. Unfortunately the iron cup is missing.

Because I was doing this article about a rare coffee mill I thought it proper to include a couple of other rare Griswold coffee mills. Figure 2 and figure 6 are photos are from the new book, "Antique Coffee Grinders" by Michael L. White and Judith Sivonda. These photos appear in *KnC* by permission of Schiffer Publishing Ltd.

The "Antique Coffee Grinders" book is a beautiful 262-page hard-bound book and includes 600 color photos. It can be ordered from Schiffer Publishing, or from me, the Pan Man for \$69.95 including shipping. I don't know what Schiffer charges for shipping.



Fig. 3 Griswold "ERIE" Coffee Mill patent date marking

Comparing Fig. 2 to Fig. 6, you can notice that by simply changing the hinged door on the front, Griswold could market the No. 1 Table Model Grinder as an advertising piece. The Grand (Continued on Page 60)

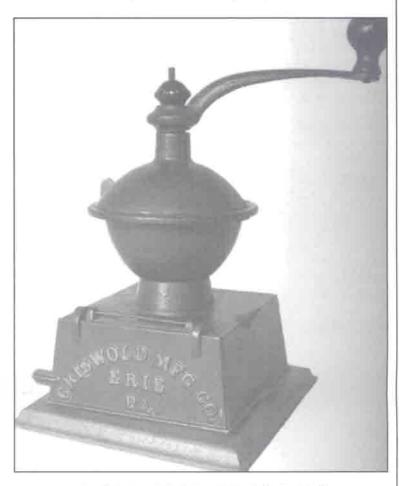


Fig. 2 Griswold "ERIE" No. 1 Coffee Mill



Fig. 4 Sliding cast dome houses coffee beans to be ground

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Union Tea Co. is occasionally found but this H.E. Hessler, Syracuse (fig. 6) is unusual, Another variation of the No. 1 Coffee Mill can be found in the "blue book," page 156, top left, notice the door to the compartment which receives the ground coffee has a knob. That is actually a drawer which pulls out. The No. 1 Coffee Mill with the lift up door, had a tin cup inside which could be removed.

It is interesting to notice that the illustration of the No. 1 Coffee Mill on page 61 of the 1898 catalog

> had a hinged door with a knob rather the the lift side tab.

> Another variation is evident when comparing the No. 1 Coffee Mills; some have "ERIE" cast into the dome cover on the top, some do not.

> With Griswold, it never ends...

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Catalog Page 61 (below)



Fig. 6 Griswold "ERIE" Coffee Mill with advertising hinged door

both are dropped into the case, and the shaft C, is then put through from the back, the The bursace put in the case as follows: part on shaft C, engaging in the square hole in the wheel bur A, and the crank is then placed on the shalt and firmly hold by two set nuts. casting by a spring cutch, and can never shake loose Another feature is our measuring glass. clean, and allow the bearings are machined to The wheel bur A is placed in the cup bur B, and of the finest adjustment. E .

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By far the Strongest, Neutest and Cheapest Mill made Well constructed Mill, grinds very fine or coarse. No wooden box and loose drawer to collect dust and dirt

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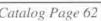
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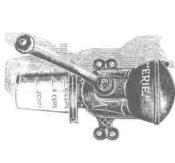
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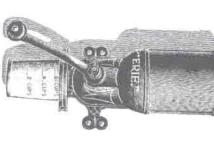
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WALL MILL Nos. 120 AND 125

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Nos. 140 AND 145 WALL MILL



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# Decorating Tip

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Are you tired of hanging those wonderful black iron pieces on chrome plated hooks which stick out like a sore thumb against the black iron? The solution is simple. Soak the plated hooks in white vinegar for 24 hours. When you remove them from the vinegar, the plating is gone.

Want to take it one step further? Paint the hook with a permanent black marker. It dries instantly and the hook will now be almost invisible against the iron.

Do you have a favorite tip or trick? Share it with other collectors by sending it to KnC.



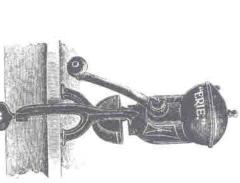
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> " ERIE " COFFEE MILLS. TABLE MILLS Nos. 210 AND 215.

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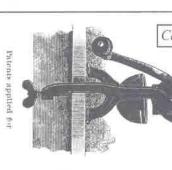
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Equipped with finely finished canister and our

TABLE MILL Nos. 240 AND 245.

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gets loose. Grinds extra fine Fine adjustment, held by two set nuts.

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"ERIE" COFFEE MILLS TABLE MILL Nos. 280 AND 235

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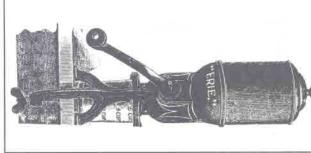
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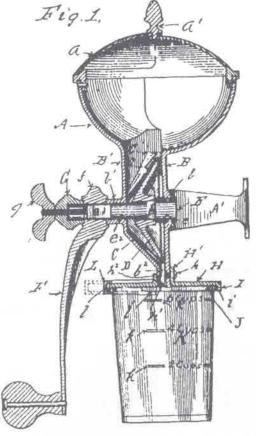
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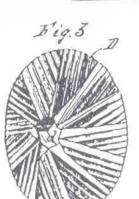




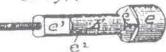


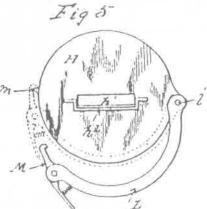
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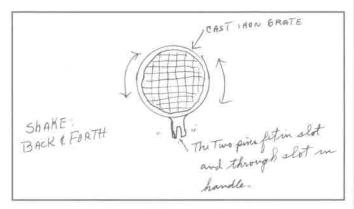
In October of last year, KnC subscriber Laura Griswold submitted the following question (Ref. vol. 10, #5, pg. 56).

Hi Dave: Speaking of excursions, I found a pan that I can't figure out. It looks and feels like a No. 22 Corn Bread Pan. As you can see by the photos attached it is smooth, clean and the lettering looks exactly like the other 22 pans that I have. The other difference besides the number being 2 instead of 22 and the lettering being placed on different "sticks" is that this one measures 14 inches from the tips of the handles instead of the 14.5 of the other ones. It weighs 4.4 ounces as opposed to 4.8 - 5.2 oz. of my other ones. The width is just under 7.5 inches, whereas the width of my other 22s are about 7-5/8. The width of the 2 is the same as the width of my 21 Corn Stick Pan. Any insights? Thanks.



Laura: I have just discovered that your No. 2 Bread Stick Pan was apparently made by the Crescent Mfg. Co. of St. Louis, MO. It is listed in an old catalog of theirs. -Dave

Dear Dave: In the latest newsletter, page 55 "What is it the handle is a "brooder stove" shaker handle. The stove is coal heated, and heated newborn baby chicks. The grate was round and the handle fit into an extension and moved the round grate back and forth, left to right. The stoves were small and had a tin hood to keep heat down. -Ted



Dave: It looks like prices are hanging in there. I am sorry I did not get the measurements of the skillet in the enclosed picture. It has a good smooth finish, good casing and is not new, I don't think. What do you know about this skillet? Note the handle shape. -James



James: The Chicago Hardware Foundry was in business for many years. They were very active in the 1920s-30s (Continued on Page 68)

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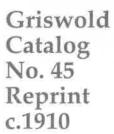
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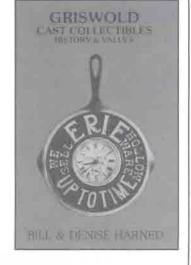
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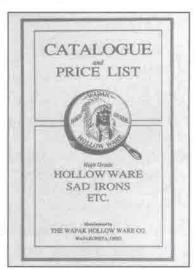
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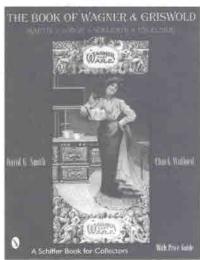
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256 pages (16 pages in color) of brand new material illustrated by 845 photos including 225 pieces of Griswold and 350 pieces of Wagner, not in Book One. Also included are chapters on Martin Stove, Lodge, Vollrath, and Excelsior Mfg. Co. (G.F. Filley). The format of this new book is basically the same as Book One and will seem very familiar to use.



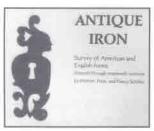


### Griswold 1890-91 Catalog Reprint 6" x 9"~77 pages

This catalog reprint is full of early unmarked pieces. Illustrations include such rare pieces as coal shovels, fireplace sets, stove pipe shelves, early trivets, cuspidors,

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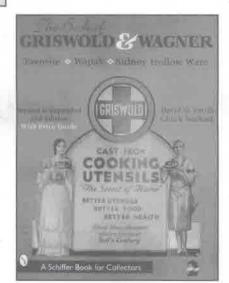
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### The Melting Pot

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manufacturing cookware. I don't know their dates of beginning and finish, or if they are still in business. This looks to me to be about a 1970s piece, or at least in a more modern time period. I base my opinion on the style of lettering and the modern-shape handle. Perhaps one of our readers can help. -Dave

Hello Dave, I have recently found an unusual #7 skillet. It looks like a Good Health skillet, however it doesn't have the writing on the bottom saying Good Health. In checking your book there is no number 657 listed. Again, though if there were a 657 it would fall between the #6 Good Health and #8 Good Health. The numbers 657 are exactly in the center and 1/2 inch tall. There are no other markings. Steve Stephens says he saw a picture of the same skillet in one of your back issues. Is this a Griswold and does it have a value? I am attaching several pictures of the skillet. Thank you, -Gary



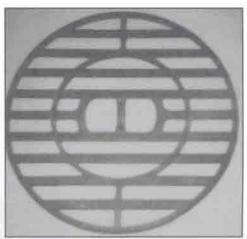
Gary: This is a very interesting skillet. I don't recall seeing this unmarked style skillet, particularly with the Good Health style handle. Has anyone else seen these? -Dave

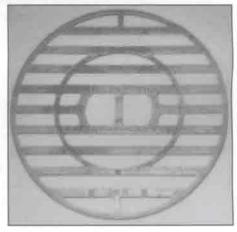




# Casting Call

Grady Britt submitted these photos of two Griswold Skillet Grills. Notice in the picture on the left the vertical reinforcement spans two horizontal rows, top and bottom. The grill on the right extends through only one row. Just another Griswold variation to look for.





If you have a piece you would like featured in "Casting Call," submit a clear, sharp photo and a brief description to *KnC*.

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