

# KETTLES 'n COOKWARE®

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## Wagner 100th Anniversary Toy Set

The name Wagner, in relation to cast iron cookware came into being in 1891 in Sidney, Ohio, when two Wagner brothers ventured into the foundry business. With the desire to succeed, combined with a cunning business sense, Wagner Ware became known world wide. This major industry became one of the largest house ware producers in the world. After being owned by three generations of the Wagner family, the Wagner Manufacturing Company was sold in 1953 to the Randall Company which was also a family owned business. The Wagner Division of Randall purchased all of the rights to the housewares division of the Griswold Manufacturing Company in October 1957. Thus the beginning of the story of the Wagner Anniversary Toy Set.

Griswold and Wagner became a marriage of sorts. Griswold products were produced in the Wagner factory; the Griswold office was on one side of the hallway, the Wagner Ware office on the opposite side. Also, Griswold products continued to be produced with two more polishing steps than Wagner.

In 1959 the Textron Corporation purchased the Randall Company, including all rights to the products and



*Griswold Mother and Daughter Toy Set*

trademark rights of both Griswold and Wagner. Subsequently, Textron sold the business to the General Housewares Corporation in 1969. General Housewares perpetuated the Griswold/Wagner marriage. From 1970 to 1975, prior to discontinuing the Griswold line, pieces

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## From The Editor

The Book...certainly has brought notoriety for me this summer. I was invited as the guest special exhibitor at the Onondaga Antique Fest in Liverpool, near Syracuse, in the central part of New York State. Only catch-I couldn't sell any merchandise except The Book... My wife and I really enjoyed this experience. It gave me the opportunity to display pieces from my collection of muffin pans and broilers. Of course, I chose some of the more unusual, but also included a few more common items to round out the display. The theme was kept to an educational one so I also displayed photos of foundries, and a few advertising prints. It also gave me an opportunity to display the GACICA banner which was loaned to me by Paul and Bunny Baker. This banner was on display at Baker's booth at the GACICA Convention in Erie, and did not receive the recognition there that it deserved.

At the Onondaga Show I appeared on the three Syracuse TV Stations including a live appearance on the six o'clock news. The live TV appearance was certainly a new experience. I found it fascinating seeing what goes on behind (actually in front of) the scenes.

As this goes to print, I will be appearing on a radio show with the renowned antiques expert and columnist, Harry Rinker. This interview is being conducted via a telephone link from my residence, to Mr. Rinker, to a radio station in South Dakota. I'll let you know at a later date how that went. It will give me another opportunity to promote the GACICA.

I intended that this issue would be back on the schedule I wanted, but I am just too busy this summer to speed it up. Hopefully next time. Thanks for your patience.

- Dave



For those of you who have Patty Molds but no recipe, here is a recipe provided by Paul and Bunny Baker.

### Recipe For Making Patties

2 Eggs	1/4 Teaspoon of Salt
1 Teaspoon of Sugar	1 Cup of Milk
1 Cup of Flour	

Above amount will make about forty patties.

Beat the eggs slightly, add sugar, salt and milk. Stir in flour gradually, and beat until smooth.

Screw handle into mold. Dip iron into hot lard or oil, then into batter, not allowing batter to come over top of the iron. Fry for at least 20 seconds but not more than 35 seconds. Remove from iron with a clean piece of cheesecloth, and allow to cool before serving.

## GRISWOLD & CAST IRON COOKWARE ASSOCIATION

### News from the '96 Convention Committee

Plans for the '96 Convention are falling into place nicely. The response has been great and we want to urge you to make your reservation early. Cost of registration including the banquet, swap meet, etc. is \$30 per person. Cost of tables for the swap meet is \$15 for first table and \$10 for additional table(s) with a maximum of three. Make checks payable to GACICA and mail to:

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The Committee plans to have our second newsletter in the mail by early October. In the meantime, if you need more information, please call or write Bill or Barbara Champion.



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## The Melting Pot

Hi Dave: I have a question for you. My husband found this skillet for me at an auction—I want to keep it but hope you can give me some idea what it's worth?!? It appears to be nickel-plated cast iron. Bottom marks are a large "8", large cross logo (3 1/4"), slant-lettered "GRISWOLD," then "ERIE," then "704" with "N" below. Really rough shape and I've tried everything. Finish is worn off bottom down to the cast iron. Inside of pan is badly discolored. I've scrubbed it with oven cleaner, fine steel wool, even muriatic dilution (which neither hurt nor helped). All of the above were suggested by a local "pan fan." A real learning experience—I won't risk spoiling other treasures by cleaning them! Dare I season the pan to keep it from rusting (inside and/or out)? I'd really like to save this and use it myself. - Beth M.

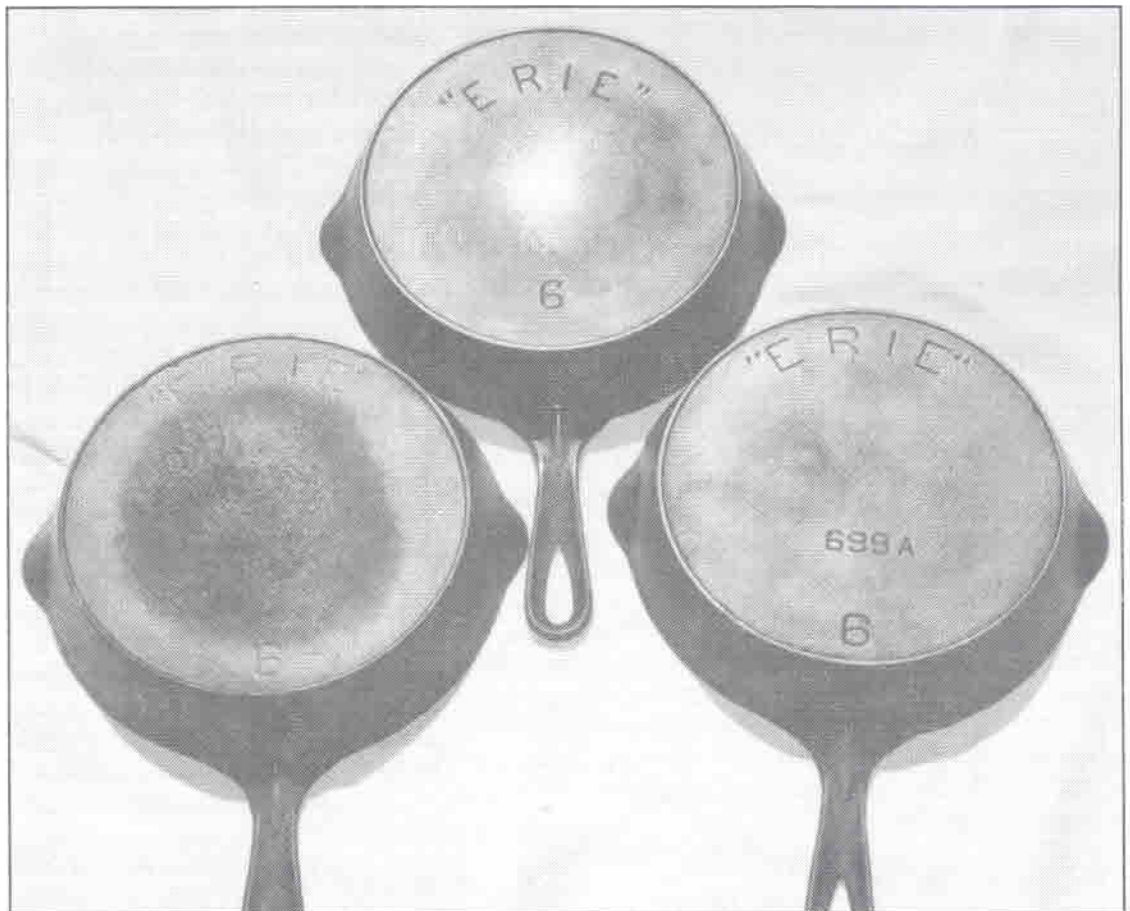
*Beth: You have discovered one reason why many collectors are not interested in nickeled or chrome pieces. They were nice when they were new however, after years of use the bright finish wore off leaving them looking terrible. I would value a piece like yours at about \$10. Although not so beautiful anymore, it certainly is very usable. The easiest way I have found to clean a single piece is to spray/apply oven cleaner over the entire surface (inside and outside) and place the piece in a plastic garbage bag. The bag will prevent the oven cleaner from drying out, thus it keeps working. Leave there for 24 to 48 hours. Remove the piece from the bag and rinse off the oven cleaner and its residue. If the pan needs another application, repeat the process. You cannot use this*

*process on porcelain or aluminum. The oven cleaner will dull porcelain and eat the aluminum. After the oven cleaner process, scrub the pan with a wire brush to remove rust. Do not use steel wool because the steel wool is abrasive and will ruin the patina or finish on the pan! To season, I apply solid Crisco to the piece and put it in the oven at 220 degrees for a half hour. I then wipe the piece almost dry and cook it for another half hour. This process should work very well on your pan. - ed.*

Dear Dave: Could you comment on the market value of less than perfect skillets? I've enclosed a photo of three #6 Erie skillets (from left to right) pitted, warped and cracked (next to handle). Thanks! - Patrick B.

*Patrick: Damage to any cast iron piece certainly diminishes the value. Pitting on the bottom was caused by using the skillet, etc. over a coal or wood stove with the stove lid off, exposing the cookware directly to the fire box and fuel. I believe the outside bottom pitting was caused from the chemicals in the fuel, sulfur, etc. It is not a burn. If a skillet was that severely burned, the inside would be damaged also. Pitting does not reduce the value as significantly if it doesn't interfere with the marking. Warping has about the same diminishing effect as pitting. In my opinion, warping or pitting reduces the value about half. This can also be influenced by the rarity of*

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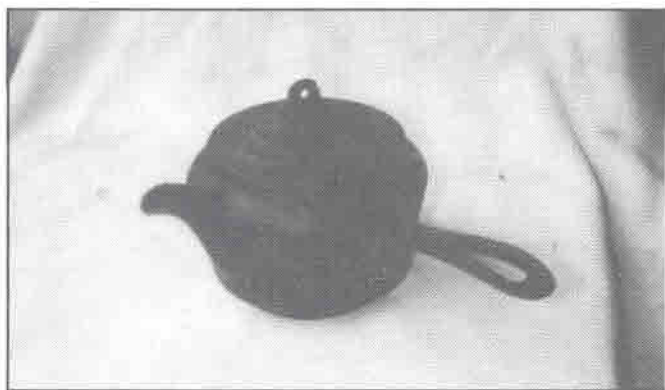


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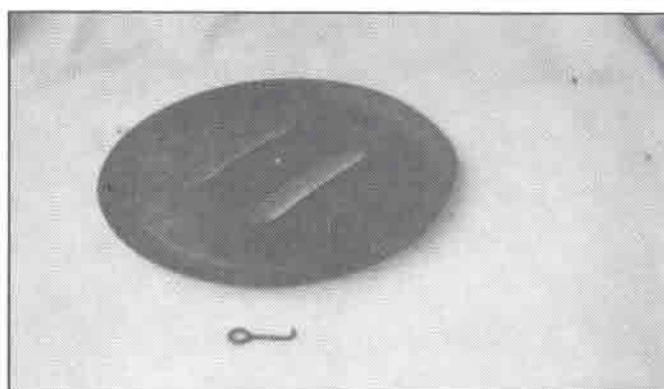
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*the piece. A more desirable piece will not be as negatively influenced as a common one. A crack creates horror among collectors. This is an interesting phenomenon. Stoneware collectors will pay big money for decorated pieces even if it is cracked or chipped. Cast iron collectors view a cracked piece as if it has leprosy. This Erie skillet would lose 75% of its value. - ed.*

David: Enclosed are photos of items you might be able to shed some light on for me and possibly others. First is a side spout tea kettle. Both base and lid have gate marks in the center similar to older pieces. The only marking is "S P" on the underside of the lid. Its capacity is no more than a scant quart. The other is probably a bacon grill with a tin cover. The cover has a cast handle. It has a heat deflector on the underside held on through the center with an "L" shaped hook. I do not think it had a second grill on the top, like a greaseless steak grill, as there are no raised ears to locate it. The deflector acts as a grease catcher also. Any information on a possible manufacturer and value would be appreciated. - Arnold R.



Arnold: I guess I can't be of much help on either piece. The tea kettle has great lines and probably dates about 1850 (based on the gate marks and handle shape). I have seen the "S P" mark but know nothing about it. Perhaps one of our readers can shed some light.



*What you call a bacon grill is more likely to be called a broiler. This style broiler is probably one of the more common found, but it is unusual to find it with the tin deflector. I have one with the deflector in my collection. It is very unusual to find the cover. If you happen to find a duplicate, I would certainly be interested! I don't know the maker of this piece. - ed.*

Dear Mr. Smith: ...I have an item I need help with: Dutch oven-double logo, P. 246, your book, except Wagner Ware is in oval. The cover is iron with "International Chili Society"-"Official Chili Kit" in raised letters, Wagner Ware inside cover. Any help, value, etc.? Also, I have been under the impression that Wagner's cookware doesn't have Sidney -0 on it after sale to Randall Corp. in the 1960s. Circa dates on Angus broiler & chef skillets say different. Am I wrong? Information from *KnC*, Volume 2, No. 5, Dec. '93. Thanks for your help. - Dwight C.

Dwight: I guess I can't help you with information about the Dutch oven with cover marked "International Chili Society." It apparently was made on special contract. I haven't seen the piece. Hopefully, one of our readers can help. The double logo with Wagner Ware in the oval is interesting. That would lead me to believe the piece was made in the late 50s, early 60s. My research has established information contrary to your impression that Wagner cookware did not have Sidney-0 on it after sale (Continued on Page 30)





# The Swap Shop

## KEY:

p/n	=	pattern number
w/	=	with
SR	=	Smoke Ring
HR	=	Heat Ring
TM	=	Trade Mark
Btm	=	bottom
EPU	=	Erie, Pa. USA
var	=	variation

**GRISWOLD FOR SALE:** #12 Skillet, lg Blk, HR, \$100; #7 Skillet lg Blk, HR \$65; #9 Skillet, lg Blk, HR, w/low dome lid \$115. **WAGNER:** Wagner Ware #0 Skillet, HR \$95; Wagner Ware #1103 Shallow Skillet \$30; "Wagner" Sidney O #12 Skillet, HR \$90; #4248 Magnalite Roaster w/ trivet and booklet, like new \$60. **WAPAK:** #11 B.L., HR \$90; Sad Irons #7, #9, \$75 for both. All prices are nego. Doug Brown, 8520 McDougal, Thornton, CO 80229 (303) 288-5910

**TRADE ONLY:** Griswold #15 Oval Skillet Cover. Looking for Griswold Gem Pans 3 & 5 w/logo, 6,7,13,14,24,26,50,100; Viennas 1,2,4. **FOR SALE OR TRADE:** Griswold #8 French Waffle w/web pattern (\$850). Dave Smith, (716) 532-5154, 5 to 9 PM EST.

**GRISWOLD WANTED:** #5 Skillet lid, black iron low dome/raised letter, p/n 465; Also #11,13,14 in same series; Griswold Lids with logo on top #4 thru #7, #9, #10; Iron Mountain Skillets #14 p/n 1085, #10 p/n 1083, #5 p/n 1030, and #4 p/n 1029; Iron Mt. Skillet Lids; Skillets or Lids marked Best Made, Best Made S.R. + Co, Merit or Puritan. John and Donna Myers, 215 W. Washington Ave., Mampa, ID 83686-2721. (208) 466-2935

**GRISWOLD FOR SALE:** Erie Wax Ladle \$125; No. 1 Ice Shaver \$200; Bundt Pan \$1,000; 3 Teir Dutch Oven Rack (restored) \$1,150; No 19 Golfball Pan, \$450; #12 Skillet (Eagle Stove Works) \$300; #10 Erie Skillet Griddle \$250. Reference book, Hotel & Resturant Equipment, only a few left, on sale \$15. includes postage. All items guaranteed. Col. Richard Miller, RR #2 Box 172, McConnellsburg, PA 17233. (717) 485-3412

**FOR SALE:** reprint of Griswold Catalogue—S, which is a 20-page catalogue, dated November 1,1895. It contains information regarding the origin of many items we have not seen in catalogues previously known. In addition, information is revealed which specifically dates the "World's Fair" griddle. Copies are available from

Grant & Pat Windsor, P.O. Box 3613, Richmond, VA 23235-7613 (804) 320-0386. The price of each copy is \$11.50 which includes shipping and handling.

**GRISWOLD FOR SALE:** 772 Colonial Smoke Set Pc \$60; 773 Colonial Smoke Set Pc \$60; #8 Wide Band, p/n 946 Var #4 \$150; #18 Popover, Var #4 \$100; #10 D/O Trivett \$60; Set of Coffee Pot Trivets 1738-1739, \$250; Cliff Cornell Breakfast Skillet \$175; #12 Skillet Lid, Low Dome, smooth \$150; Puritan Waffle Iron \$75; #1 Gem Pan, p/n 940, Var #3, \$150; #23 Divided Breadstick \$95; #272 Cornstick, Var 1 \$225; #17 French Roll, Var 5, \$250; #0 Colonial Tea Kettle, mint, chrome \$600; #8 Yellow Porcelain Lid, raised letters \$100; #848 Steak Plates \$65, (1) 849 \$70; #17 French Roll, Var 2, \$200; #2 Tea Kettle, Salesman Sample chrome, mint \$400; #27 Whole wheat stick Pan \$350. All trades welcomed and preferred. Call Dave at (814) 899-7926 between 7PM - 10PM. Several other items available, call or send want list to Dave Lange, 3118 Bird Ave, Erie, PA 16510

**GRISWOLD FOR SALE:** #8 Skillet Grill p/n 299, \$170; #18 Ret Griddle or Cookie Sheet \$110; #12 Skillet, lg Emb, slant/ERIE (rusty needs cleaning) \$30; #12 Skillet, sm emb. \$50; Skillets, Lg Emb w/SR: #8 slant Erie \$25, #12 Block EPU, \$85, #11 slant ERIE (has hairline crack) \$35, #8 slant EPU \$25; #8 Alum Skillet, wood handle, Lg Emb/block w/lid \$65, extra lid \$25; #8 Skillet Lid, Iron Mountain p/n 1035 \$20; #18 Muffin Pans, Var 4 or 6, \$55 each; #10 Dutch Oven p/n 495 & p/n 492 w/trivet p/n 190, unused/excellent \$120; Safety Kettle #8, wood handle variation w/o tin lid \$55; #23 Divided Breadstick pan \$85; #21 Bread Stick Pan \$155; #19 6 cup Golfball Pan, fully marked \$475. **WAGNER FOR SALE:** #6 Dutch Oven p/n 1266, smooth lid \$90; Double Skillet \$85; Letter C Turk Muffin Pan \$125; 1326 E Bread Stick Pan \$30; #10 Dutch Oven, raised letters, \$90. Bob Karle, 344 Rt 147, Middlefield, CT 06455. (203) 349-1212. Best time 8-9 PM Eastern Time

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**FOR SALE OR TRADE:** **Wagner:** #8 Drip Drop "Skillet Roaster" lid p.n 1081 \$35; #11 "Wagner" Sidney O skillet \$90; #10 "Sidney" Flat Top Dutch Oven \$90; **Griswold:** #1 Gem Pan (mkd No 1, 940) \$90; #10 popover pan (marked "USN") p/n 948 \$135; #262 Corn or wheat stick pan p/n 625 \$70; #272 Corn or wheat Stick Pan p/n 629 \$175; #0 Porcelain Skillet (red/cream) \$50;

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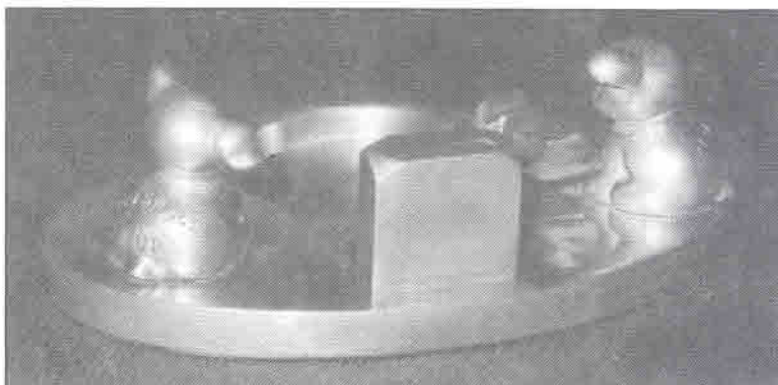
## Casting Call

This ashtray was brought into the Folly Antique Mall in Erie PA. The photos were submitted by the shop owners, Joe and Joannie Baldini.

Joanie states, "The father of the man who brought this into our shop worked at Griswold. I don't know if he made this or if they produced this ashtray, but it was very well made."

The only thing marked was the pup, not the ashtray itself. The ashtray was molded, and the pups were drilled and screwed on—a piece of felt was on the bottom. It looks like a glass insert would go in the circled spot.

**If you have a piece you would like to share with our readers, send it to *KnC* with a brief description or caption.**



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#8 Iron Mountain Skillet Lid p/n 1035 \$35; #4 slant EPU Skillet w/HR \$70; #8 Victor Skillet (var #5) \$40; #9 Griswold's Erie Skillet \$45; #9 slant Erie Skillet \$35; #10 slant Erie skillet \$55; #10 lge block skillet w/HR \$60; #90 Double Skillet top p/n 1022 (nickle finish) \$20; #10 Erie Dutch Oven \$90; #9 Tite Top Baster (no trivet) \$60; Andresen Heart Waffle Iron \$70; #866 Lamb Cake Mold p/n 921, 922 \$100. **Wapak:** #7 Wood handle skillet \$30; #8 Round Griddle (Z logo) \$30. **FOR TRADE ONLY:** Wagner #14 pie logo, skillet w/HR p/n 1064; Wagner #2 3-cup gem pan (unmarked); Griswold 5 burner Hotel/Restaurant Gas Stove w/no. 260 Cake Griddle p/n 1305. **GRISWOLD PANS WANTED:** Gem #3, #4, #6, #12, #14, #19 Turks Head #14, #20; Erie Bread #4, #24, #26; #6 Vienna #28 Wheat or Corn. Patrick Bedwell, San Jose, CA (408)280-5487 eves.

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**DEADLINE FOR ADS FOR NEXT ISSUE  
OCTOBER 7th**  
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### The Melting Pot (Continued from Page 28)

to Randall. Randall purchased Wagner in 1953 (not the 60s); when Wagner was still strong. Wagner continued to function under Textron, a holding company, as it had under Randall. As near as I can determine, the Sidney -O- was dropped a few years after the purchase by General Housewares in 1969. -ed.

## Wagner Ware Display Rack

Holds 17 kettles & pans, all arms marked "Wagner Hollowware," 53" tall, old repainted finish. Shown in "The Book of Griswold & Wagner," page 251.

**To be sold by phone auction. Minimum bid \$350**

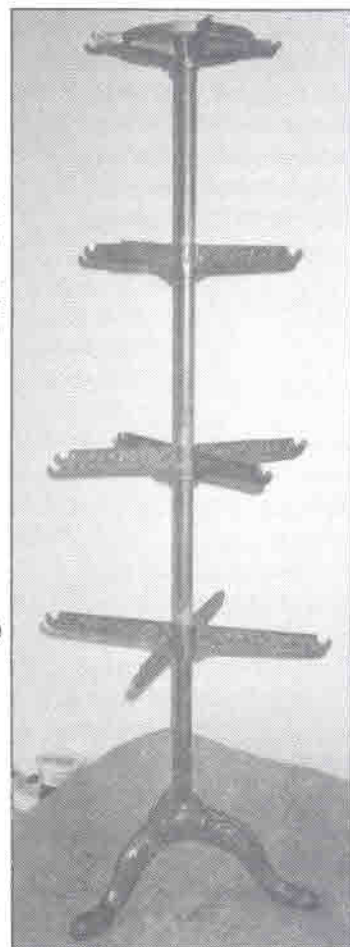
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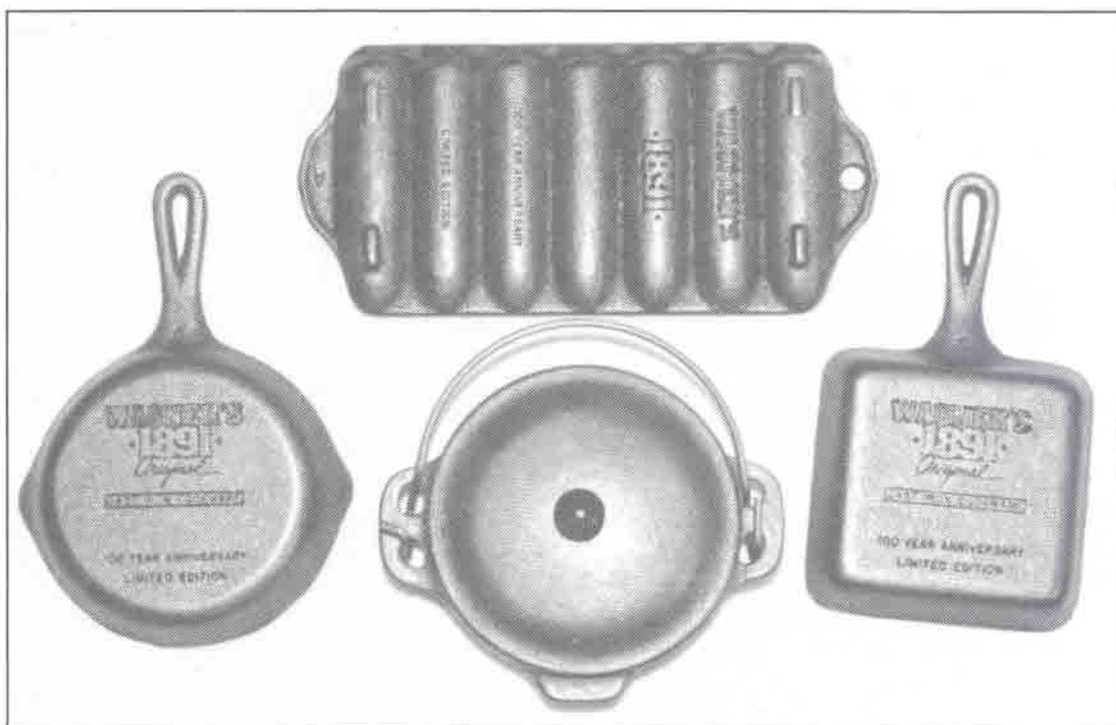
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were double marked with both the Griswold and Wagner logos. General Housewares continued making cookware bearing the Wagner Ware mark until about 1990, when the mark was dropped.

In recognition of the Wagner 100th Anniversary, General Housewares wanted to produce a piece in recognition of that

milestone. What would be the best item? General Housewares consulted the Canal Pattern Company, the company that had been making patterns for Wagner Ware for two generations. After much discussion, a toy set was decided upon. Now to find a Wagner Ware Toy Set to copy. They searched for a Wagner Toy Set but none could be found. Here fate comes in to play.

Roger Aschenbach, the second generation owner of Canal Pattern, whose father had made patterns for Wagner Ware, had purchased a Griswold Mother and Daughter Toy Set at an antique market a short time prior. It was decided that being that they could not find a Wagner Toy Set, why not use the Mother and Daughter Set as the pattern for the Anniversary Set? Have you ever wondered why the Wagner Ware 100th Anniversary Toy Set has a square skillet? Now you know the rest of the story.



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## Reproduction Alert!



This skillet is of fairly good quality. The identifying factor that this is a reproduction is that the word FRY is misspelled to read ERY with an "E." Also, the quality is not up to Griswold's standards.

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