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The Doorknob Collector



JAPANESE LADY WITH UMBRELLA
DESIGN PAT. #11191-MAY 13, 1879
BY HENRY E. RUSSELL, JR.
ASSIGNED TO RUSSELL & ERWIN MFG. CO.

Convention News

The ANTIQUE DOORKNOB COLLECTORS OF AMERICA will meet September 9, 10, & 11, 1983 at the Sheraton Naperville Hotel, Naperville Road & Diehl Roads - Naperville, Illinois. We urge all ADCA members to attend this gala memorable event.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

September 8, 1983
Thursday Evening

- Early arrivals - Cheese and Wine at Nemeč's.
(contact me upon arrival.)

September 9, 1983
Friday - Noon to 5:00

- Registration, Exhibit set-up, Visit fellow ADCA members, Rare and Foreign Knob set-up, display of various doorknob designs, logos, club color, motto, etc., plus various workshops.

Evening

- Personality Adjustment Hour, Dinner, Program, followed by question and answer.

September 10, 1983
Saturday - Morning

- Trading session members, buy, sell, trade.
Visiting other displays, Short workshops.

Afternoon

- Open to Public, Dealers, Newspaper, T.V. etc.

Evening

- Adjustment Hour, Banquet, Program, Grand Auction.

September 11, 1983
Sunday - Morning

- Dismanteling of displays, General Business Meeting all ADCA members, Election of Officers, Future club goals.

Afternoon

- Those planning on staying longer are welcomed to Nemeč's.

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Hope this weekend program is flexible enough to meet the needs of all members. A complete detailed itinerary will be available at registration to all conventioners.

Now is the time to plan your displays and organize your traders. You are welcome to bring your entire collection. We hope to attract several dealers who specialize in antique hardware, so those with few traders will be able to enhance their collection.

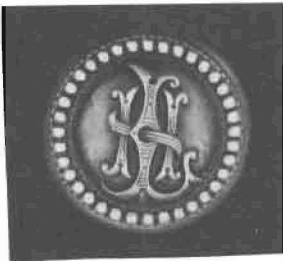
All convention brochures were mailed out. If you have not received your brochure feel free to use the enclosed registration form or contact me.

A-DOOR-INGLY YOURS,



Loretta Nemec,
Convention Chairperson

CORRECTION



In the last issue we incorrectly identified the knob at left as coming from the LaSalle Hotel.

The knob is actually from the Lexington Hotel, Chicago.

Al Capone at one time used two floors of the Lexington as his headquarters. The name was changed to The New Michigan Hotel after Capone's demise.

The knob pictured below is the correct LaSalle knob.

Thanks to Art Paholke of Chicago for straightening us out on this....Art has a number of the Lexington knobs available for trade.

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Fred Magnus of Fort Myers Beach, Florida is the owner of this most unusual Chinese doorknob. A friend acquired the knob some years ago in Tennessee and gave it to Fred for his collection.

The knob depicts the lotus blossom and the Chinese characters have been interpreted as "This doorknob is manufactured by (Name of Company) and is guaranteed to work perfectly. If it does not it will be replaced at no charge."



The above knob is from the Savoy Plaza Hotel. This NYC hotel, built in 1927, was located on 5th Avenue between 58th and 59th Streets.

The block was later cleared for the construction of the General Motors office building which opened in 1968.

This article was adapted from a newspaper account featuring Art Smith, of Seattle.

It's the first thing you touch when you get home and the last thing when you leave, but few people pay much attention to doorknobs.

Not so with Art who has been collecting for about nine years and has over 700 knobs in his collection. In addition to metal knobs, his collection includes wood, porcelain, iron, clay and glass.

Like most collectors, in the beginning Art thought his interest was quite unique. Catalogs were hard to find and there was little printed material on the subject of old hardware.

"I didn't know anything about 99% of my knobs. In the early days of my collecting there was not much competition in the Seattle area. Looking for doorknobs was like Christmastime, I was constantly running into new designs. I paid from 50¢ up to \$20. for a knob. Sometimes I could get brass doorknobs at a salvage yard for 60¢ a pound.....Those were the good old days."

"With the renewed interest in old things, some manufacturers are now reproducing old knobs, which complicates the situation for the collector."

As early as 1977 Art had decided it was about the 1870's when the state of the art became fully developed.

"It was during this period that the metal design renaissance took place, companies began to design doorknobs that were of good quality and functional that would blend into the purpose of the building in which they were located. Many of my knobs are absolutely beautiful works of art. Exquisite, yet functional."

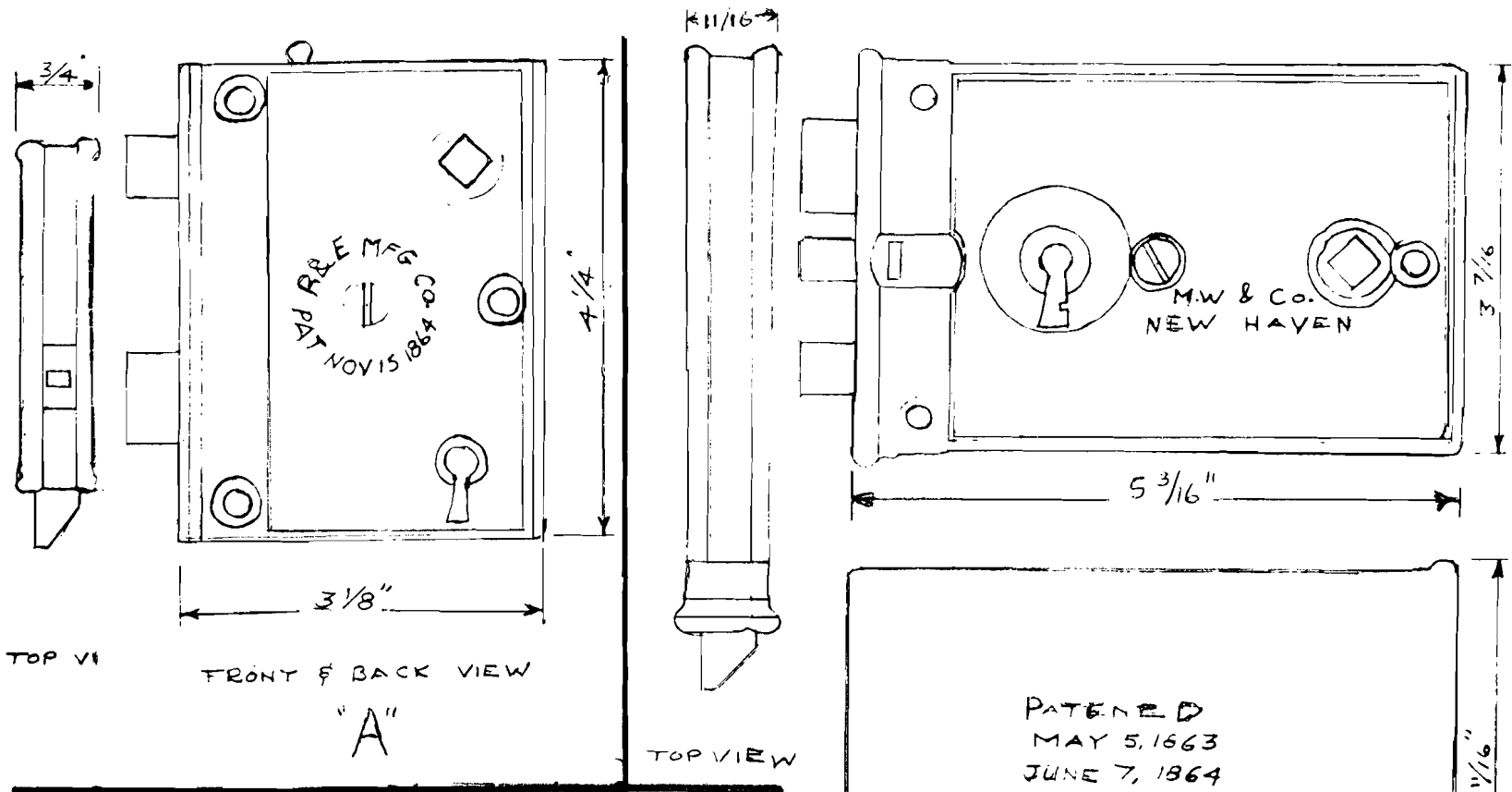
"By the 1920's most of the ornateness was gone from the metal knobs and they were getting shoddy - an end of an era."



News from Arizona: Marjorie Wiemer reports that her husband Emmet exhibited five plaques of his best doorknobs at the Verde Valley Fair in Cottonwood, Arizona. Emmet's knobs won the Best of Show Blue Ribbon and he won other blue ribbons for his lock and key collections,

The Wiemer collection was also featured on the Arizona Open Road Show on channel 10, Phoenix.

Marjorie states that their publicity has generated many questions and inquiries about the A D C A.



FRONT & BACK VIEW
"A"

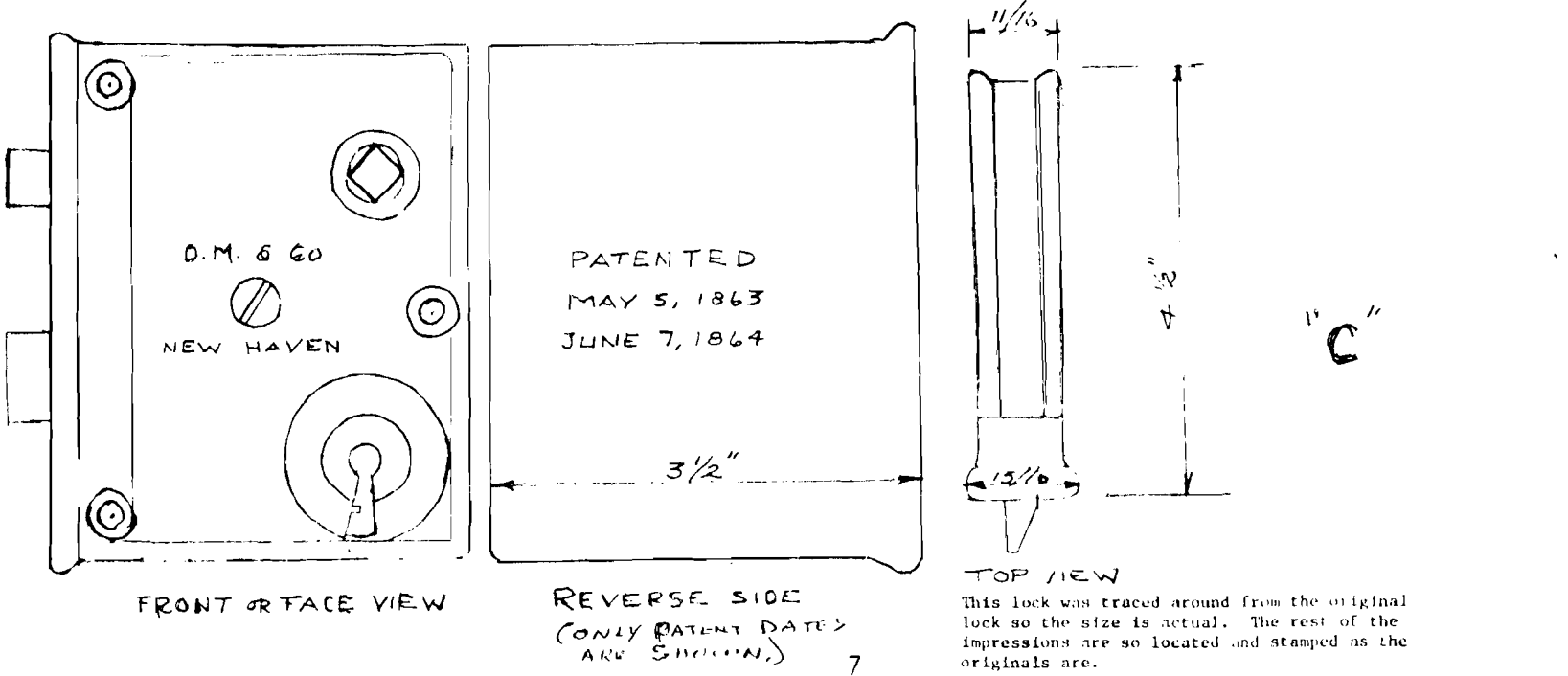
TOP VIEW

REVERSE SIDE
"B"

Communication from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Fort Larned National Historic Site. Rt. 3, Larned, Kansas 67550

I William Henry, Historian, is searching for certain pieces of hardware to restore nine historic military buildings at Fort Larned, Ka. A number of pieces have been located, Needed, still, a number of styles of A and C, and a few of B.

If anyone can assist Mr. Henry in completing the project, please contact him or Mandie Eastwood.



FRONT OR FACE VIEW

REVERSE SIDE
(ONLY PATENT DATES ARE SHOWN)

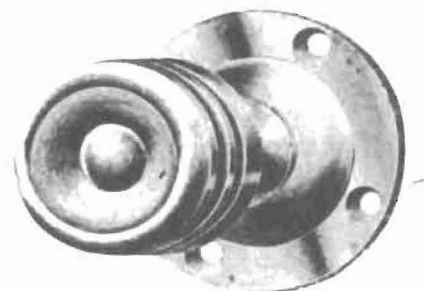
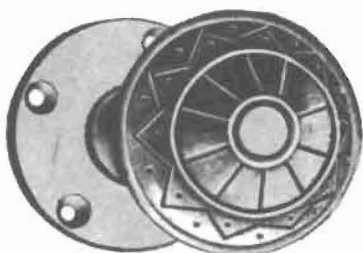
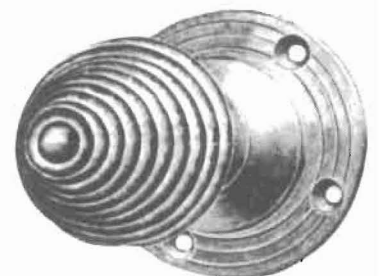
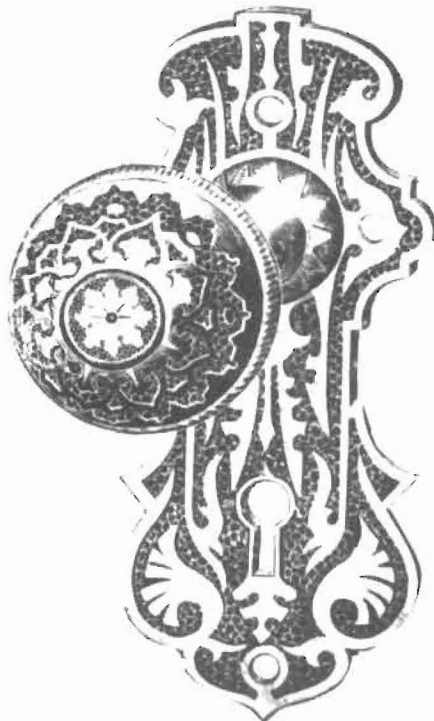
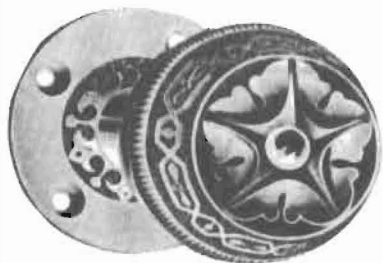
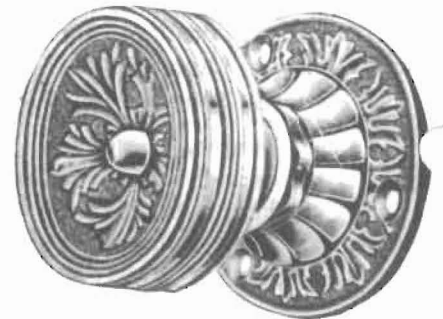
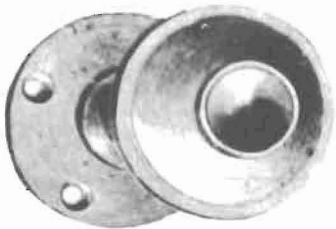
TOP VIEW

This lock was traced around from the original lock so the size is actual. The rest of the impressions are so located and stamped as the originals are.

THIS IS A SELECTION FROM A CATALOG OF RAILROAD HARDWARE AND FITTINGS. IT IS ESTIMATED THE KNOBS DATE FROM ABOUT 1875 TO THE DATE OF PUBLICATION, 1916.

Courtesy of Len Blumin

The Dayton Manufacturing Company



.....AUCTION NOTE.....

John Holland asks that you write to him (see directory - Arizona - for address) and describe what you plan to present for auction. Do not however, send the items to John - bring them to the convention.

.....REGISTRATION.....

Name _____ Address _____
 First Last

Name _____ City, State _____
 First Last

Phone () _____ Zip _____

I plan to attend and would like to register for the following:

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