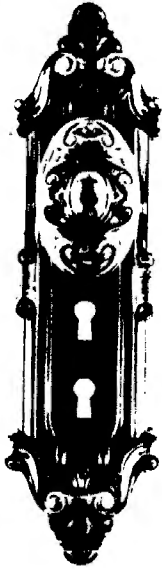


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The Doorknob Collector

EDITOR'S NICHE

After the July newsletter we received many notes and letters. We would like to have answered them all, but our apologies are extended to those we missed. We appreciate the correspondence, bits of news and information so keep them coming.

The readers of the July newsletter represented 40 states. Our newsletter was mentioned by George Doyle in the November issue of Yankee Magazine, in an article about himself and his collection. Recently, we were also listed in the Locksmiths of America, Inc. Newsletter.

We are wishing you a happy holiday season.

Rich and Faye Kennedy

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Fred Mangus of Fort Myers Beach, Florida has an interesting story to tell about his collection. About three years ago he stumped the panel on "What's My Line?" and enlightened them that people do collect doorknobs. He is semi-retired and has been an avid collector for 38 years.

One of Fred's 300 knobs was manufactured in China or Korea. It is round, of light metal, appears like tarnished brass; is etched and scrolled around the outer edge and comes with a written guarantee in three characters. He had the characters translated by the head of the Dept. of Oriental Languages at Edison Community College in Ft. Myers. In translation: "This doorknob made by _____, guaranteed to function properly, if not it will be replaced at no charge".

He also mentions a flower shaped knob with eight blunt points, and an inscription knob with the seal of the County of Union, N.J.

CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

In September, Pat Cody (Holmes, PA) stopped by for a visit on his way to the Brimfield, Conn. flea market. His collection of knobs, letterbox plates and escutcheons are outstanding. Pat has some very unusual knobs, one of which rings a bell when you turn the knob.

In a recent letter from Charles Wardell (Trinity, N.C.) he states that his 15 year old collection includes knobs, door butts, knockers,

doorbells and other artistic builders hardware. He has had part of his collection in the Hallmark Galleries in N.Y.C. He also said anyone is welcome to his home by appointment to visit with him and see his collection.

Barb Schwietzer (Lake Bluff, Ill.) wrote that her cleaning lady arranges her knobs on her coffee table according to the season. A Christmas tree, Easter egg, turkey, etc. It is always a surprise!

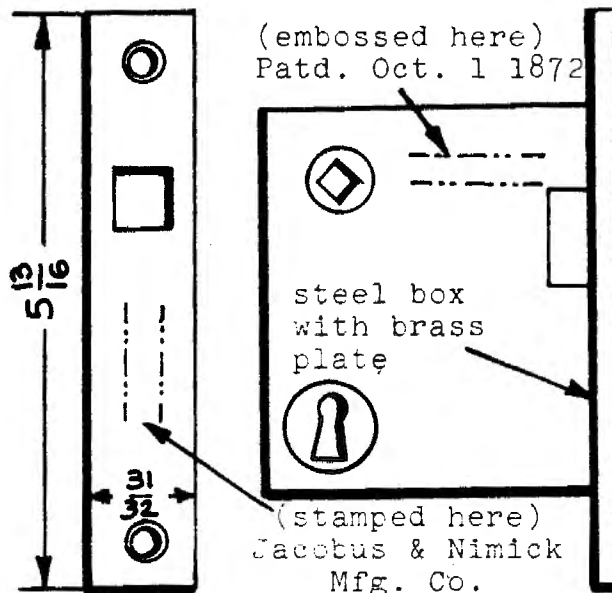
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Scott Klem (Rialto, CA) wants to know the age and origin of the knob pictured below. It's solid brass with a threaded shank.



Another reader is interested in any information on the knob and plate used on the top of our newsletter. It is a Yale and Towne knob #862. I might just add, the reason for the double key hole was one hole was for the maid, the other for the owner.

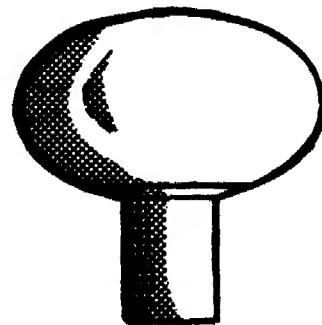
Raymond McGeary (Sewickley, PA) in his last note to us is frantically looking for a mortise lock assembly marked "Jacobus & Nimick", a Pittsburgh manufacturer. Also, he is looking for fancy knobs and lock assemblies of red brass on bronze marked "Ramapo".



Margaret Puccini (Oak Park, Ill.) is interested in knowing if there is a source for European door-knobs or catalogues in this country.

Back in August we received an interesting letter from Lombard Pozzi, a restoration architect from Bristol, R.I., who is in the midst of restoring a 1908 Colonial Revival home for Senior Citizens. He needs thirty sets of wooden birch knobs, although maple is acceptable. The knobs are $2\frac{1}{4}$ in diameter with brass shanks (pictured below). They are also pictured in Maude Eastwood's book at the bottom of page 60. He would be grateful for lesser quantities as they become available. If you can help him in his search contact him directly.

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NEXT ISSUE

Several inquiries have come to us concerning displaying of knobs and carrying cases. We would like to share your ideas on the subject. Specific construction plans would also be appreciated. How do you show off your collection?

The deadline for our next issue is February 15, 1979

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