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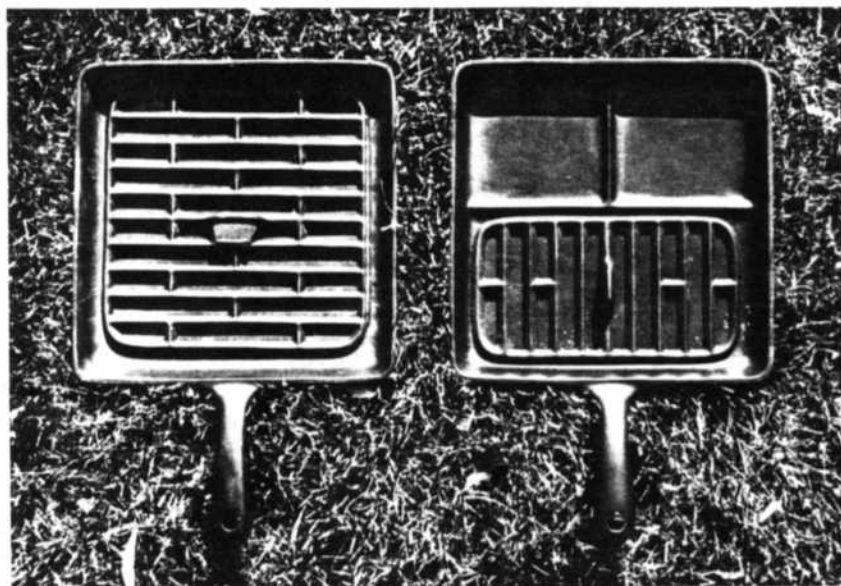
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### From the Editor...

I wonder how many collectors are reluctant to do business by mailorder for fear of getting taken? Will the piece I get be satisfactory to me? Will I get my money from that guy on the other side of the country I just shipped my No13 skillet to? What if it gets broken?? Well, I guess I just won't bother. A few precautions on your part will save you from later grief. Ask the person you are buying from, in detail, the exact condition and description of the piece. If not as represented can you return it? You can ship COD if you do not want to send it off without payment. Ask other collectors or me if the other person deals fairly. My own experience has been very good so far. And to avoid breakage and to protect yourself against a later claim be sure to pack very carefully, and insure the piece. Buying, selling, and trading by mailorder can be a rewarding experience. Give it a try!

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Above, right Griswold Heat Regulator, pattern # 300. This piece appears in a 1942 Griswold catalog which says "used on stove top to prevent food scorching or burning". This particular version has a reverse side which is smooth except that the same writing is duplicated and the pattern number appears above the slotted hole used to lift the regulator from the hot stove. An earlier version has both sides as in the picture but without the lifting slot and the bottom line of print reads THE GRISWOLD MFG. CO. ERIE, PA., U.S.A. A third version is reported to have a completely smooth reverse side.



Left Wagner bacon fryer on the left; catalog #1101 appears on both the pan and the bacon press. Wagner "Bacon And Egg Breakfast Skillet", catalog #1103 on the right. Both pans are fairly early, probably about 1920, and have the early round hole handle. The divided breakfast skillet is far more common with the later handle which is of a completely different shape. This is the only bacon press the editor has seen on one of these skillets so it is probable that the press was not offered with the later version. The 1101 pan has not been seen with the later style handle.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In response to the letter from Polly Stark (CICN p.16): The muffin pans marked "N. Waterman - Boston" were patented by Nathaniel Waterman, of Boston Mass. He was a tinware manufacturer and operated a Kitchen Furnishing Co.. I cannot find anything to indicate that a foundry was involved so I doubt he actually manufactured the muffin pans which bear his name. My research has indicated a strong possibility, in fact it is probable that the Waterman pans were manufactured by the Russel & Erwin Manufacturing Company (R&E Mfg Co) of New Britain, Conn.. The muffin pans marked Waterman are nearly identical in design and casting quality to the muffin pans marked R&E Mfg Co, both which bear the patent date Apr. 5, 1859.

Just a note regarding repros: Bogus items I have seen in the past few months are: #262 Cornstick, #27 Wheat & Corn, and a #14 skillet. Nothing is sacred!

David G. Smith, New York

Thanks, Dave, for the information on the Waterman pans. Nathaniel Waterman was granted the patent, No.23,517, for his "Improved Egg Pan" (patent drawing shows a gem pan) with open spaces between the cups "in order to allow the currents of heat to pass upward between them, so as to equalize the heat against their surfaces". I had a bogus (I thought) No28 Whole Wheat Stick Pan a few years back which looked as if it had been cast years before. I am wondering how you know the #14 skillet was a repro?

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A full set? A collector in North Carolina has Favorite Pigua Ware skillets from size 0-14 including #1 and #13. A California collector has Wapak Indian skillets from size 3-12 including #11. A #2 has been reported but cannot be substantiated. Wagner skillets sizes 0 and 2-14 are confirmed.

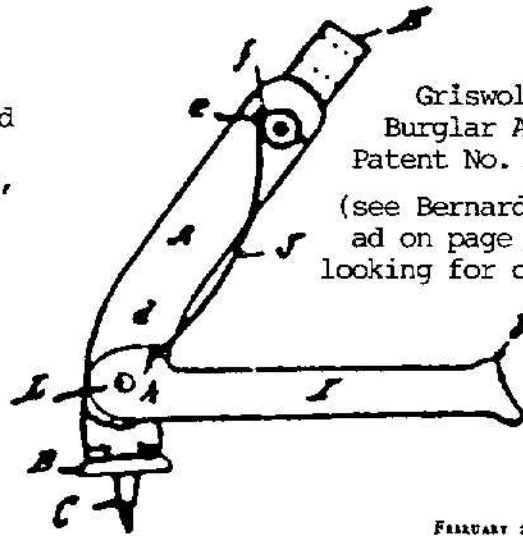
BUY-SELL-TRADE cont'd from pg.26

WANTED Iron muffin pans marked Griswold or Erie #'s 2,4,5,7,13,20,50,2800; G.F.Filley #'s 6,7 & 9 (if they made one).

FOR TRADE Griswold sundial (mint), Santa, Rabbit, muffin pans #'s 11,15,17,18,100,240 & Puritan 1270; 3-tier dutch oven rack; 5-tier dutch oven rack; Erie toy skillets, Erie teakettle. Dave Smith, Bx B, Perrysburg, NY 14129 (716) 532-5154

WANTED TO BUY Griswold Santa Claus mold in black iron finish. Please, not cracked or badly pitted. Send price information to: Chuck & Charlotte Horn, 71 Clavela Ave, Sacramento, CA 95828 (916) 682-7779

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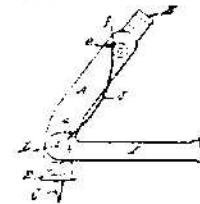


Griswold  
Burglar Alarm  
Patent No. 515,677

(see Bernard Stoltie's ad on page 26. He is looking for one of these.)

FEBRUARY 27, 1894.

515,677.



Claim.—The combination in a portable burglar alarm, of a laterally curved frame having a central longitudinal recess therein, a pointed screw at the base of said frame adapted to be screwed into a door casing, and a transverse opening adapted to receive a blank cartridge in the upper end of said frame, with an arm I pivoted in the base of the recess in said frame and a rivet L and having a notch A located therein eccentrically to the rivet L, and a curved thrust spring J, one end of which enters a notch in the upper end of said frame, and the other the eccentric notch A in said pivoted arm, whereby the spring J operates tangentially to the rivet L with a constant tension upon said lever, not only in one direction to hold it open, but also in the opposite direction both during its traverse in striking the cartridge and afterward, substantially as set forth.

from the Official Gazette  
U.S. Patent Office

I saw one of these several years ago in the Erie, Pa. area at an antiques shop but was refused permission to photograph it. The alarm is not marked but its original box was marked, if I remember right, "Columbian Burglar Alarm, The Griswold Mfg. Co. Erie, Pa. U.S.A." Box was about 4" long, long,  $\frac{3}{4}$ " high, and  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " wide. -ed.

# FAVORITE HOLLOW WARE

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Beautiful lithographed display cards, booklets, folders and electrotypes for newspaper advertising are furnished without charge by our Advertising Department, as effective aids to the sale of Favorite Ware.



A copy of a copy from an original FAVORITE HOLLOW WARE catalog, date unknown but possibly in the 1920's. Many of the cast iron cookware manufacturers offered various display racks to their dealers, often at no cost.



GRISWOLD MUFFIN PAN LIST (see page 25)

Here is a listing of all the different Griswold muffin, gem, corn bread, and similar types of baking pans such as bread loaf, aebleskiver, and plett pans. Included are those early pans made and sold by Griswold but marked, usually, with only the pattern and trade numbers. To the best of my knowledge this list is complete. Any reader who knows of a pan that I have not included or notices a mistake please let me know.

The first column of the list gives the No. (trade number) of the pan which is usually, but not always, cast on the pan. You will notice duplications of numbers (No.6, 10, 14, 26 and 28). They can be differentiated from one another by their different pattern numbers and shapes. No.(34) is shown in parenthesis because I have not seen one with No.34 on it and am only assuming that this would have been the number given to this pan by Griswold as it is nearly identical to the marked No.34 pans but has a different pattern number.

Pattern Numbers are shown in the second column. They will be cast on all pieces except for the very early (pre-1890?) ones. You will notice that there are duplications of some of the pattern #'s. This occurred when a pan was discontinued, leaving that number available for use on a new pan.

The third column of the list is self-explanatory. The fourth column shows what markings each pan was made with. Early Griswold pans will probably be marked only with the pattern # and No. number. Most of the early Nos. 8, 10, 22, 24, 32 and possibly others are also marked ERIE. For pans with the above markings I have used an "E". If a "G" is in the fourth column the pan will be a later one and marked with either the Griswold name or the Griswold trademark. Pans with "EG" enjoyed a long production run and may appear with any or all of the markings.

The number of variations of each pan that I have seen is shown in the fifth column. This number is approximate, although accurate for many of the pans, as it would be impossible for one person to see or know about every variation ever made. In general I consider the following to count as a distinct variation: different shape of pan; cutouts or no cutouts; more than a minor difference in the amount of markings

on a pan including those marked Griswold as opposed to those pans marked only with the pattern and trade numbers. Minor differences such as on the No27 and 28 wheat stick pans may or may not be counted as a variation: One pan is marked Wheat & Corn Stick Pan and has the patent number on it while the other version is marked Whole Wheat Stick Pan and does not have the patent number cast on it. Otherwise the two versions are identical.

I have listed my estimate of rarity in the sixth column. Depending on what part of the country you live in you may or may not agree with me. Certainly, in New England, you will find a lot of french roll pans, while they are not so common in other parts of the country. My estimate is based on many miles of collecting around the country during the past 10 years; from seeing what is in others' collections; and from discussions with another Griswold muffin pan fanatic, Mac McClendon. On the list 1 is most common and 10 the rarest. A pan might easily be moved up or down two numbers while still giving a close approximation of its rarity. I would term 1-2 as common; 3-5 as uncommon; 6-8 rare; and 9-10 very rare. Value is not determined only by rarity but also by desirability and, thus, demand.

The last column lists the shape of the cups and a few other notes. For those of you who would like to make an extensive collection of Griswold muffin type pans this list should be helpful. There are very few collectors who have seen more than, say, a dozen of the different pans. It is hard, but still possible, to find the less common pans. Be careful of the following reproductions: No50 is easily recognized as it has no markings; No27 and/or 28 wheat pans have been reported; No262 is commonly reproduced in various qualities.

Do any collectors have all the muffin pans? Not yet. Several have come to within 3 to 5 pans of having them all, myself included with over 80 variations and 48 of the 53 numbers listed.

Can any reader supply me with the pattern number of the No28 single loaf pan?

Steve Stephens

## GRISWOLD MUFFIN, CORN BREAD AND SIMILAR BAKING MOLDS

No.	Pattern #	no. of cups.	markings	variations	rarity	cup shape
1	940	11	EG	2	5	round, shallow, square bottom corner
2	941	11	E	1	5	round, shallow, larger than No1, round bottom corner
3	942	11	EG	2	6	round, shallow
4	957	4	E	1	10	vienna roll
5	943	8	EG	2	6	oval, shallow
6	944	12	EG	2	6	rectangular with rounded corners, shallow
6	958	6	EG	3	4	vienna roll (same as No26 958)
7	945	8	E	1	7	rectangular with rounded corners, shallow
8	946	8	EG	3	4	round, shallow
9	947	12*	EG	4	4	round, hemispherical (* early pans had 10 cups)
10	948	11	EG	5	1	round, deep
10	949	11	EG	3	1	round, deep
10	2010	11	G	1	6	round, deep (top surface is hammered)
11	950	12	EG	4	2	french roll
12	951	11	EG	3	7	round, shallow
13	640	6	G	1	10	turk head
14	641	12	G	1	9	turk head
14	952	12	E	2	9	rectangular, shallow
15	6138	12	G	2	7	french roll, large
16	6139	6	G	2	8	french roll, large
17	6140	6	G	3	4	french roll
18	6141	6	G	3	3	round, deep
19	966	6	E?G	2?	8	round, hemispherical
20	953	11	EG	2	9	turk head, swirled
21	961	7	G	1	5	bread stick
22	954	11	EG	3	2	bread stick
23	955	22	G	1	5	bread stick, divided down center
24	959	6	E	1	9	bread pan, cakes
26	958	6	G	1	4	vienna roll (same as No6 958)
26	960	2	E	1	10	bread pan, loaves
27	638	6	G	2	7	head of wheat
28	?	1	E	1	10	bread pan, loaf
28	639	6	G	2	6	head of wheat, large
31	963	7	EG	1	5	round, hemispherical; Danish Cake Pan, no top rim
32	962	7	EG	4	1	round, hemispherical; Apple Cake Pan, has top rim
33	2992	7	(G)	1	6	round, hemispherical; Monk Pan, top rim, no side skirt
(34)	969	7	G	1	8	round, shallow; Plett Pan; earliest version of No34?
34	2980	7	G	3	2	round, shallow; Plett Pan
50	959	7	G	1	9	6 hearts surrounding 6-pointed star
100	960	6	G	1	7	5 hearts surrounding 5-pointed star
130	634	6	G	1	9	turk head
140	635	12	G	1	6	turk head
240	631	12	G	1	8	turk head; rim around top, cups bigger than No130 or 140
262	625	7	G	1	3	corn cob, small
270	636	7	G	1	9	corn/wheat combination cob; ears alternate directions
272	629	7	G	2	5	corn/wheat combination cob; ears point same direction
273	930	7	G	1	1	corn cob
273	2073	7	G	1	6	corn cob (top surface is hammered)
280	637	7	G	1	10	corn/wheat combination cob, large; alternating ears
282	630	7	G	2	8	corn/wheat combination cob, large; ears same way
283	931	7	G	1	5	corn cob, large
2700	632	7	G	1	8	head of wheat
2800	633	7	G	1	10	head of wheat, large

53 pans

95 variations (approximate)

BUY-SELL-TRADE

Advertising is free to subscribers. Please limit length of ad for next issue to 24 lines @ 42 spaces per line plus name, address and phone. Deadline: Aug. 28

WANTED: Griswold No.11,12,13 Dutch Ovens w/large block letters; top marked Tite-Top Dutch Oven. Would appreciate trivets if possible. No broken, badly pitted or cracked pieces. Send price to Dick & Esther Miller, RD#2 Box 172, McConnellsburg, PA 17233 Call evenings 717-485-3412

WANTED: Griswold Loaf Pan with cover, or just the cover; #7 French Waffle Iron; #5 or #9 waffle iron with base (editors note: to my knowledge there is no #5 waffle iron. Maybe Carolyn meant a #6); #13 and #14 waffle irons. Carolyn Nelson, 775 Quincy Dr., Roselle, IL 60172

WANTED: Griswold Burglar Alarm  
FOR SALE: #3, #4 Griswold pans; #10 ERIE pan; #8 dutch oven; #10 muffin; #1 food chopper; #18 Grill; #34 Plett Pan. Bernard Stoltie, 157 Old Dyke Road, Trumbull, CT 06611 (203) 878-2828 (days), (203) 375-0682 (eves)

REWARD: \$100 reward for information leading to the purchase of: #2800 wheat stick pan; #28 single loaf bread pan; #50 Hearts Star pan. C. McClendon, 11233 SW 114 LA. Cir., Miami, FL 33176 (305) 253-8035

note: more ads on page 22

FOR SALE: The following items have been sold from my list mailed with the last CICN: #'s 16,18,41,56,64,67,68,83,90,105,128,131,148,191,209,218,220-222,224,227,229,237,238,241,243,245,260,266,268-271,276,281,287,292,293. All other items are still for sale. This is very nice stuff so check you list again. Your satisfaction is guaranteed and you may return anything you are not satisfied with. Rabbit, \$225.  
WANTED: G.F.Filley No1 and No2 muffin pans; Favorite Piqua Ware "Corn Bread Pan"; Wagner 3-cup fluted, handled gem pan (may be unmarked); Griswold No4 skillet cover, 463; No6 skillet cover, 1046, black; muffin pans Nos. 13 and 280; loaf pans Nos. 26 and 28 (marked or not) and any other iron loaf pans from any maker.  
TRADE: Griswold Santa cake mold; No15 Oval Skillet; No7 Oval Roaster. Steve Stephens, 28 Angela Ave, San Anselmo, CA 94960 (415) 453-7790 early or late, 6AM-11PM

FOR SALE: Griswold Table Service Casserole chrome dish, pattern #853, \$55.00.  
Griswold WANTED: Cowboy hat ashtray; cast iron #30 pup. Gene H. Corral, 209 Sierra Blvd., Roseville, CA 95678 (916) 782-6351

Editor's note: A relatively low number of subscribers has been taking advantage of the free want ads. Come on, just a few minutes of your time and a 25¢ stamp will let your wants, or excesses to sell, be known to over 80 subscribers.

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Manufacturer's label on bottom of Griswold "Safety Cooker". Pot has slant TM/EPU and May 10, 1921 patent date on bottom.

-DIRECTIONS-

Before washing place utensil over gradual fire until thoroughly heated. Then cut bits of fat or mutton, BEEF SUET PREFERRED, into same and allow to simmer, WITHOUT BURNING, for several hours. Occasionally rub fat around inner sides, INCLUDING COVER (if utensil has one.) After fat has been absorbed wipe out utensil with tissue paper or cloth and set aside in warm place until used. For griddle heat as above noted and grease thoroughly several times before using.

