TREASURE SEARCH

Child's chair takes from many



HANCY AND FRANK BOOS

Frank

My grandparents came from Finland and I remember this chair as a small child. I'm now 55. Can you tell me about this chair? Sandra Strubel,

Romulus

We don't believe this chair is of Finn-We don't believe this chair is of Finn-ish heritage. We think this chair is of the "Heinz 57" variety regarding heri-tage. We don't wish to hurt your feel-ings, but this chair has charm and whimsy in that it isn't purebred but a combination of many hereditary charac-

For instance, the legs appear English in style, the arms similar to country American or a variant of English William and Mary, the back reminiscent of a ladderback chair (although ladder-backs usually have at least three cross members), and the top backsplat carved with a grotesque face reminds us of what's called "fantasy" or "grotesque" furniture.

Fantasy furniture is basically Vene-

tian in style and bears a profusion of grotesque masks, heavily carved evil-looking creatures and exotic sculptural motifs. Great fun!

But don't consider your chair as unwanted or unappealing because it's not aristocratic lineagewise. There is a specific market out there composed of people who love the unexpected, non-conforming and less than traditional. This is also the kind of heirloom your family will enjoy.

We think your chair is newer, possibly turn of the century, and therefore not antique. The definition of "an-tique" for furniture is at least 100 years old. We feel that it could possibly be found in a retail shop for around \$300 to \$400.

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Charming chair: This chair combines many characteristics, giving it charm and whimsy.



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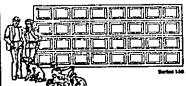
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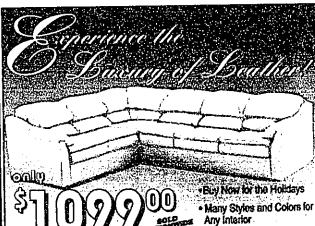
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