



NEW OR OLD, it's often difficult to tell merely by looking. Anything over 100 years old may be considered a genuine antique.

Frequently available are pieces of furniture made out of inferior wood in which the finish is rubbing off. These can be purchased, usually at bargain prices and can easily be painted or antiqued to match a particular color scheme. Further embellishments to enhance such a Cinderella piece might include knobs or metal pulls, available in most hardware stores.

Ornately carved old picture frames can be used in a number of ways, also. Filled with heavy cardboard covered by felt they can do duty as bulletin boards, and they also make interesting mirror frames.

**OLD TRUNKS** --the humped variety are especially big --are being brightly decorated with decals and pictures for use as toy or blanket chests.

As musty, dusty and permeated with the smell of age as they are, antique shops have become increasingly popular with young people, especially hippy types.

"Old clothes are very big now with the younger set," explained one dealer. "They're often stained and smelly --dry cleaning was simply not done years ago --but young people, in their search for nostalgia, really go for them. Antique jewelry is another item that is popular with the young."

Many "junk" items -- ranging all the way from pieces of crockery to old canning jars and metal lanterns -- are being purchased by young marrieds who wish both to save money and lend to their homes eccentric touches of humor and surprise. While they're not valuable and certainly not "antique" in the true sense of the word, junk items are increasingly being shown by dealers.

"People love to browse through them," explained one dealer. "I think it's because most of us are bargain hunters by nature."

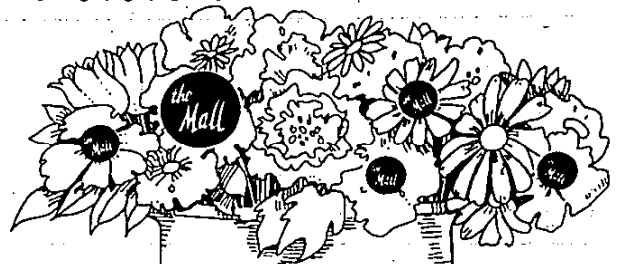
**OLD BOOKS**, many of which sell for well under one dollar, can be surprisingly worthwhile. Morallistic old children's stories are a literary collector's delight, and bargain hunters can purchase many a classic novel in the neighborhood of fifty cents.

Good for some nostalgic chuckles are outmoded school textbooks on such subjects as hygiene, etiquette and fashion. Even if the text is hopelessly banal, many old books feature elegant illustrations that are being used for decoupage and other craft activities by avid bargain hunters.



Old comic books and magazines can give collectors a unique insight into the popular idiom of the '30s and '40s. Because the demand for these is high, the prices for these items often exceed those of old, hard covered books.

Plan a browsing spree through nearby antique shops this summer. Your discoveries, and your sense of the aesthetic as well as your sense of humor!



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