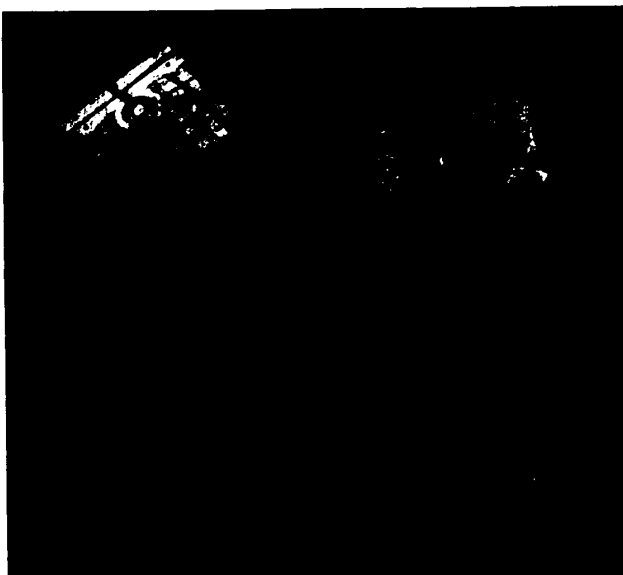




A sterling rooster snuff box



A Bilton enamel dog box



Jade, ivory and cinabar Oriental boxes

Boxes, boxes, boxes

By PATRICIA BEACH SMITH

One of the Night Visitors told little Amahl all about his treasure box in a famous aria from Menotti's opera.

Pandora was naughty enough to open hers and now look what's happened.

Delicate-natured persons carried boxes called vinaigrettes about with them to open and smell their contents to ward off the awful odors of 18th century streets.

The romance of boxes, plus their inherent beauty, have long interested collector/dealer Bruce Summerville of Green Vaults Gallery, Birmingham.

ABOUT FOUR years ago he started to seriously acquire the boxes in the collection currently on display at his gallery in Adams Square Arcade.

"But you can't collect and be a dealer, too, because then you're competing with your own customers, so everything is for sale," he said.

The shop is filled with everything from an authentic iron strapwork treasure chest, probably made between 1600 and 1750 in Europe, to silver snuff and sweetmeat boxes from England, France and the Netherlands.

"I have always liked boxes. At one time I even thought of having an antique shop with nothing but boxes," Summerville said.

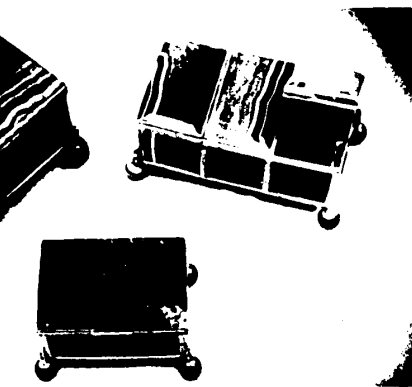
AMONG THE collection are silver patchboxes with mirrored lids used by ladies to carry their "patches"—little paper or silk shapes which women pasted over their smallpox scars.

Several Australian gilt silver cagework agate boxes dating from 1700-1880 gleam in one vitrine alongside the rare "solphide." Sulphides were boxes whose lids contained intaglio images of famous men or women, made generally from metal impressions. A layer of oxygen over chalk gives them their silvery appearance.

In the same case you can find an 18th century Japanese cinabar Inro. An inro was a case one carried in the obi (sash) which contained various compartments for sweetmeats, scents or perhaps tobacco.

OTHER ORIENTAL boxes include a bamboo-shaped jade prayer box about four inches long, a precious woven ivory inro and a carved jade cricket box.

A Dutch Bible box dated 1752 repotes in the window.



Ball-foot gilt silver boxes



Nutmeg grater boxes in varied materials

"This one is made of carved wood and carved into it are the initials 'H.G.' for Holy God, the sunflower which is the symbol of Holland and the Dove representing the Holy Ghost," Summerville said.

Another kind shown are the ram's horn snuff boxes from Scotland.

The gallery is open daily from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and the boxes will be on display until Feb. 1.

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