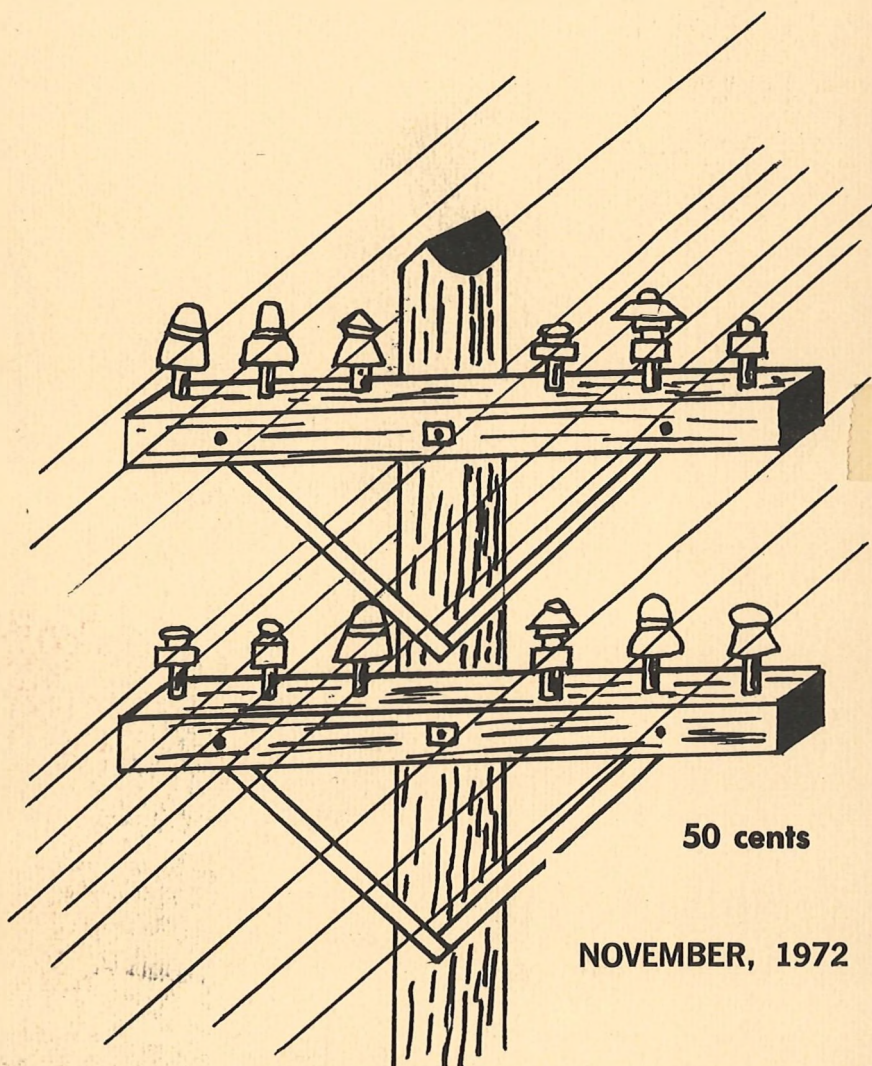


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CD of the month for December is 196.

Any information on our CD would be appreciated.

SHOWS AND SWAPS

This section is free of charge to anyone interested in having an announcement of their coming show published. We will be glad to print any information you would like to send to us. CROSS ARMS will furnish award ribbons to any show or swap meet that requests them. Any club or show host interested in awarding CROSS ARMS ribbons please contact us for particulars.

The guide for the calendar is as follows:

(B. S.) for bottle show.

(I. S.) for insulator show and swap.

(+) indicates more information is available on the following pages.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

5 (I. S.) (+) Vienna, VA. Eastern Insulator Club.
19 (I. S.) Georgetown, CA just off Highway 49.

'73 CALENDAR

JANUARY

13 14 (I. S.) (+) West Palm Beach, Florida.

FEBRUARY

4 (I. S.) (+) Bergenfield, N.J.

MARCH

3, 4 (I. S.) (+) Lubbock, Texas.

APRIL

14, 15 (I. S.) (+) Ithaca, N. Y. High School
29 (I. S.) (+) Rehoveth Beach, Del.

MAY

19 (I. S.) (+) Westerville, Ohio

JUNE

10 (I. S.) (+) Greater Harrisburg Area, PA.

JULY

7, 8 (I. S.) Hutchinson, Kansas. Sports Arena, Fourth
National Insulator Meet.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 5

Eastern Insulator Club 1972 Fall Show and Sale. Vienna
Vol. Fire Dept., 400 Center St. South, Vienna, VA.
Guests of honor will be Mr. & Mrs. Marion C. Mil-
holland. Contact: O. B. Crockett, 5710 Belfast Lane,
Springfield, VA. 22150. (703) 451-7555 or Jim Barron,
6815 Darby Lane, Springfield, VA 22150 (703) 971-1647.

'73

JANUARY 13 & 14

First Annual Gold Coast Insulator Meet, 501 Monceaux
Road, West Palm Beach, Florida. Contact: Charles
Glasgow, 3808 Pine Wood Ave, West Palm Beach, FL
33407 or A. W. Merrell, Jr., 501 Monceaux Road, W.
Palm Beach, Flroida 33405 (305) 833-9714.

FEBRUARY 4

A show and Swap will be held at Bergenfield, N.J. Ribbons will be awarded. Tables will be \$5 per table, \$3 for half table. Tables will be 8 foot. Contact: Jerry Wagner, 15 N. Demarest Ave., Bergenfield, N.J. 07621.

MARCH 3 & 4

An insulator show will be held on March 3 & 4 of 1973, at the "KOKO PALACE" on 50th Street and Avenue Q in Lobbock, Texas by the "Hub of the Plains Insulator Club." Contact: Herman Jacobs, 2213-59th St., Lubbock, TX 79412. CROSS ARMS ribbon will be awarded.

APRIL 14 & 15

Brad & Nancy Cook will again sponsor an insulator meet at the Ithaca High School, Ithaca, NY. For more information contact: Brad & Nancy Cook, 507 Ridge Road, Ludlowville, NY 14862. CROSS ARMS ribbon bill be awarded.

APRIL 29

First State Insulator Swap Show and Sale at Rehoveth Beach Convention Hall. 100 tables available. Opens at 6 a.m. for dealers and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for public. Admission will be free. Tables are \$7 and \$5 for 1/2 table. There will be door prizes and ribbons. CROSS ARMS ribbon will be awarded. Please have reservations in by April 15 to Charles Irons, Jr., No. 3, Elizabeth St., Milford, DE 19963.

MAY 19

The Mid-West Insulator Swap and Show will be held on May 19 in the Westerville, Ohio, Grange Hall, 15 miles northeast of Columbus, off I. S. 270. CROSS ARMS ribbon will be awarded. For more information contact: Don Bauman, 6706 Charles Rd., Westerville, OH 43081.

JUNE 10

First Pennsylvania Insulator Show June 10, 1973. Greater Harrisburg, Pa., Area. More information to follow. Ed. & Jeannie Szymala, 217 Spruce St., Cresson, PA, 16630.



Christmas is just around the corner. Time to think of giving a year's subscription of CROSS ARMS to a collector friend. Just send us \$5.00 and their name and address, we'll see that they receive a gift certificate with your name on it and come December they will start receiving CROSS ARMS.

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Notes of interest: Found in the HISTORY, THEORY, AND PRACTICE OF THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH reprinted by Frank Jones of Cottontown, Tennessee, pg. 265. Fig. 78 shows a machine drawing of a Wade type insulator. The difference is, instead of the sides of the glass cylinder being straight, the bottom is flared (which shows the beginning of a skirt.)

Fig. 79 also shows the 3 hook ring, patented by Samuel Chester in 1871 (see CROSS ARMS pg. 22, June) this brings forth a question, since the book was published in 1866.

Two and one half pages are devoted to the "Elliot" Flintstone insulator. The author feels the Elliot would work extremely well in the South and Western Prairies because of its inability to attract lightning.

The article tells of lines of "Elliot's" 40 to 60 miles long where the operators haven't experienced any difficulty in transmissions.

The article also trumpets the lower cost of the Flintstone as compared to the present "Iron protected" types now currently in vogue (1866).

8 ea. -- G. E. Cat. 17F198G2 Capacitor-electric .00794UF, 30KVDC, 3 glass stand-off threaded terminals, metal housing.

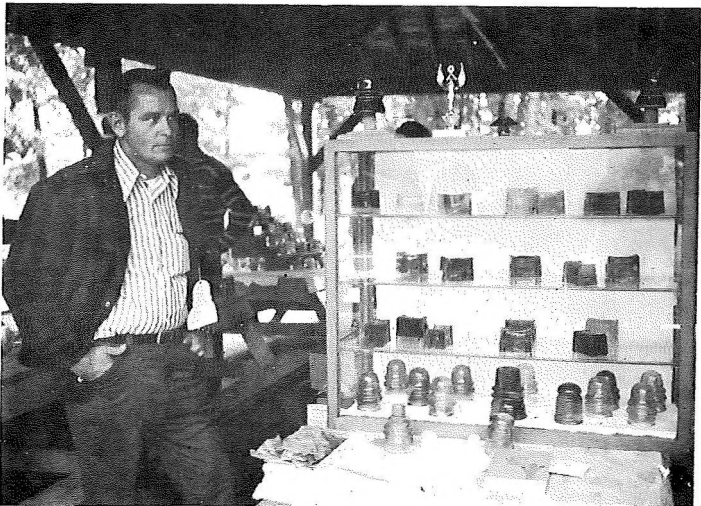
The above item is available for sale, (gov. surplus) at Defense Electronics Supply Center, Dayton, Ohio
The sale is sealed bid. Sale #27-3058.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y. , SHOW

October 1, 1972, B.&S. Enterprises held their fourth annual fall insulator show and swap meet in Middletown, NY.

Early morning temperatures of 35° didn't slow down anyone. 57 collectors set up tables and over 400 attending collectors registered with B. & S. A good time was had by all, since the show is an outdoor affair with the tables in covered pavilions and everybody can just wander back and forth dickering and exchanging information and insulators.

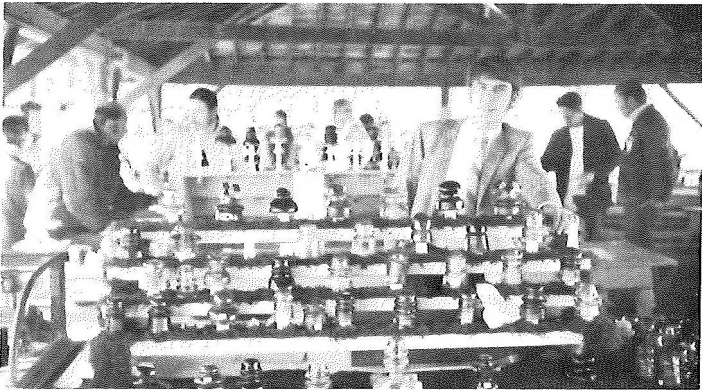
The following pictures show the award winners with the exception of Crown Jewels. Your, truly, CROSS ARMS won the Crown Jewels ribbon and everyone has already seen me.



Frank Jones of Cottontown, TN winner of the B. & S. trophy for "Most Informative."



Jerry Waehner of Webster, NY, receiving the B. & S. trophy for Best of Show. Jerry is shown receiving the trophy from Charles Breiner, the show host.

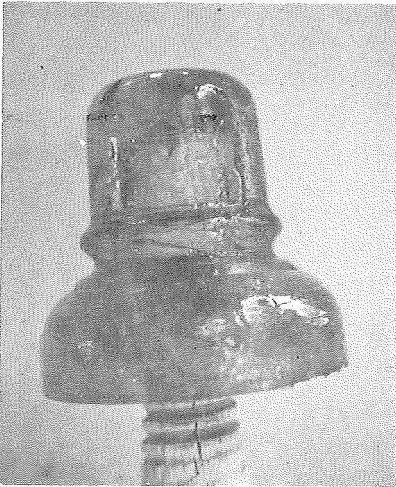


Barry Strickney of Middletown, NY, winner of CROSS ARMS award, First Place-Best in Show.

Middletown show.



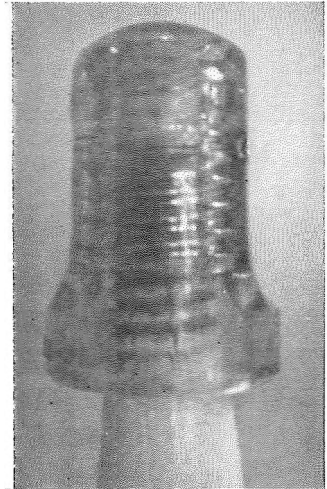
Brad & Nancy Cook of Ithaca, N. Y. winners of CROSS ARMS ribbon, second place.



left: a no name aqua threadless found in Bethel, Maine by Mike Evanko of Stradford, CT. It was uncovered during the process of laying a R. R. track, the line that the insulator was used on opened in 1845; right: an aqua CD 134 embossed C. E. L. Co. from Bob & Carol Mezaros of Titusville, N. J.

Middletown show.

The pictures show two views of this unique insulator. We have featured the Blackburn in our Patent Information this month. The pictures and patent information are courtesy of Arch Poeppel of Bridgeton, N. J. The insulator was patented without threads but as you can see it is a standard thread insulator, it's aqua colored and in mint condition. It was dug by a bottle hound in south Jersey.



This insulator also deserves special mention, it is a CD 127 cobalt blue & as you can see is embossed W. U. P. This "gem" was also at the show and belongs to Roy Licari of D. C. Roy purchased it from a bottle digger in Butler Co., PA. According to the digger he found the top only of another one--but he threw that piece away.

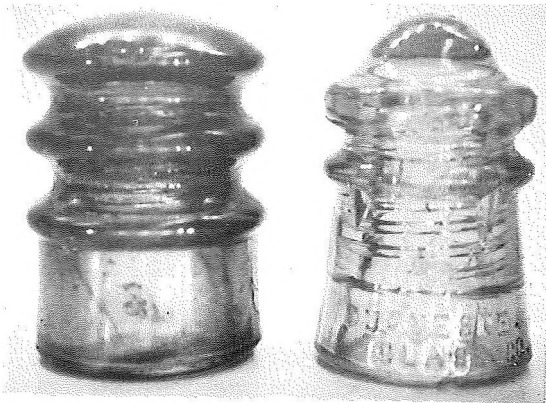


KNOW YOUR COLLECTOR

Collector of the month for November is O. B. "Davy" Crockett of Springfield, Va. Davy has been collecting for 1 1/2 years. He takes an active part in--and is the current president--of the Eastern Insulator Club. Davy works for Bell Telephone in Virginia so his attraction toward insulators is understandable.

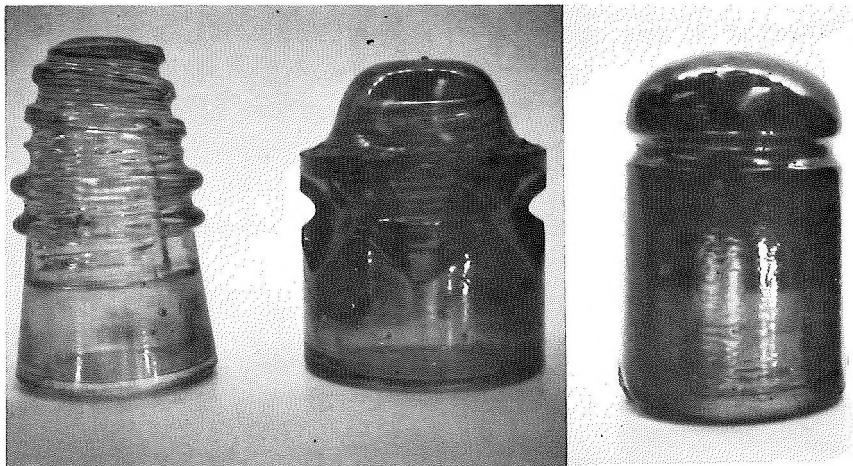


Davy with a CD 428.

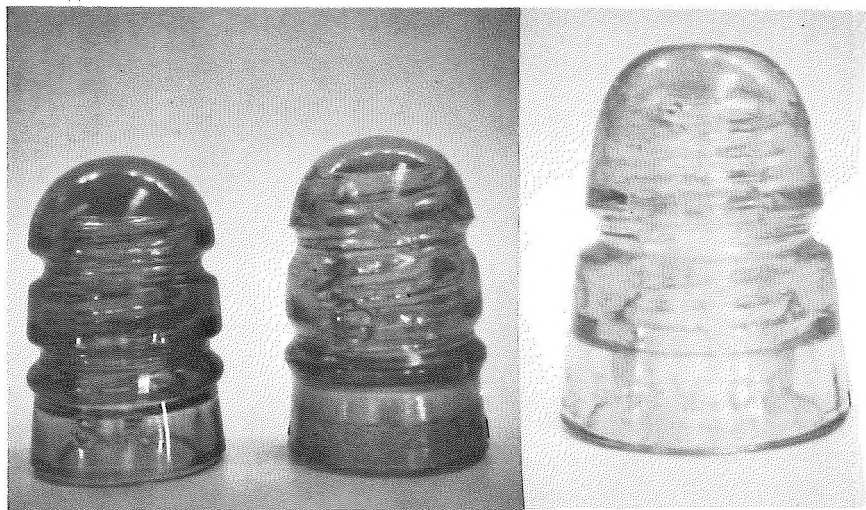


left to right:
CD 416 emb.
& Duquesne
"peak top."

Davy Crockett-collector of the month.



left to right: CD 410, base embossed "corkscrew";
CD 135 emb. Chicago Ins. Co. Patd Oct 16, 1883;
CD 127 Olive amber dome embossed Wl.



left to right: keg embossed S. F. ; Keg embossed
S. B. T. & T. CO; clear, embossed B. G. M. Co.

The insulator is in my opinion the classic one for any collection, being the Locke No. 1 and one of the very first types cataloged by him. As shown in my drawing here, it is a 2 piece glazeweld and is U-939 in the porcelain Universal Style Chart.

Of the 801 different shapes in the style chart, there were about half a dozen drawings in the catalogs, and the U-939 was one of them. That explains why the actual specimen drawing differs from the U-drawing in the style chart. Specimen drawings are replacing the others as they become available.

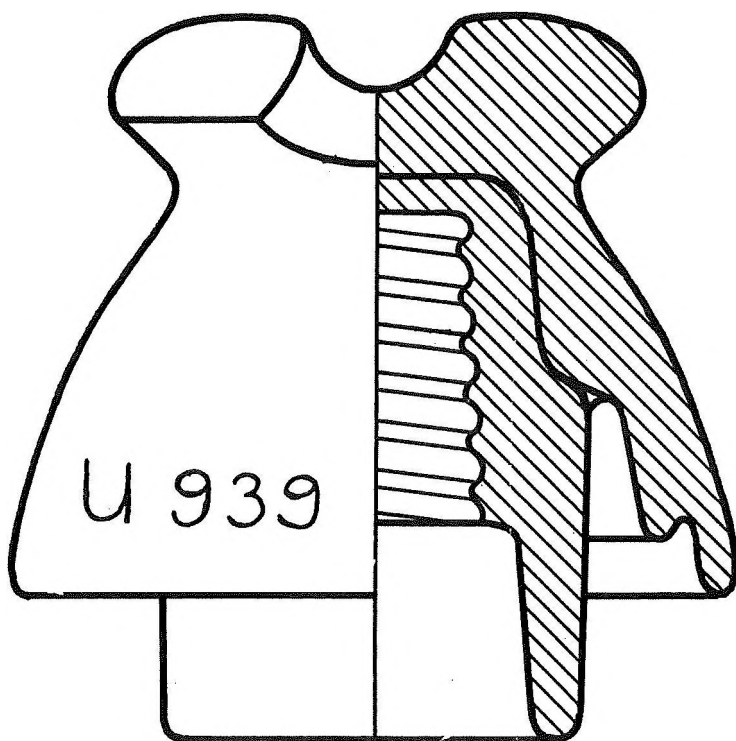
This insulator has an under-glaze marking (black ink) as follows:

FRED M. LOCKE, Victor, N. Y.
Pat'd. May 89, May 22-94
Nov. 24-96, Dec. 15-96 Sept. 28-97
Other Patents Pending

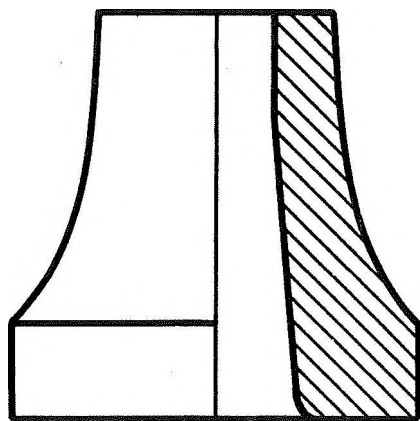
This marking shows up enough that I now call it the "5-date u-g" marking for the sake of brevity.

The porcelain base is a part of the complete "porcelain base pin" assembly. These are rather common items, but this one looks like serial number one --very crude as compared with all others I've seen. It is also the only unglazed one I've seen and has an incuse marking different from all others I've seen (Pat'd March 13 1893).

What a combination of goodies here--a scarce early Locke classic insulator, the rare underglaze marking, and obviously Fred's first crude porcelain pin base style.



$$3\frac{3}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$$



$$2\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$$

MARKET NEWS

HISTORY, THEORY and PRACTICE of the ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH. Published in 1866, and reprinted in 1972 by Frank Jones of Cottontown, Tennessee.

This reprint is a good book for the purest collector. It contains 513 pages of telegraph theory practice starting with the basic electric theory of static electricity, voltaic battery, magnetism, electric telegraph design, and extends to the problems that were encountered during the early days of the telegraph, i. e., poor insulation, wires crossing, lightning, trouble shooting broken wires, etc.

The book covers very thoroughly the different types of telegraph senders and receivers such as the Morse System, the needle system, the House Printing Telegraph, Bains Electro-Chemical Telegraph, the Combination System, Hornes Electrothermal Telegraph, Dial Telegraphs, etc.

Frank's reprint is a gold mine of information giving standard practice of pole distances when iron wire replaced copper.

To gain this information the book must be read word for word and studied very closely. Although the first half of the book deals with the deep and sometimes "stuffy" theory of electricity, the second half more than compensates for it by giving the collector actual stories and facts about the telegraph industry and its growing pains. A devoted digger will find the book very helpful and a "dyed in the wool" historian must have this reprint for his library.

Going Prices of Insulators-

Middletown and Chicago "Jumbo" Show

Manufacturer	CD	Condition	Color	Prices
Postal (ndp)	210	mint	green	5.00
Columbia	262	mint	aqua	150.00
Cable	261	mint	green	20.00
Brookfield	149	mint	green	20.00
Cable	<u>267</u>	mint	green	125.00
Cable	<u>254</u>	mint	green	20.00
N. E. G. M.	251	mint	bl. gr.	10.00

PORCELAIN INSULATORS PHOTOGRAPHED AND PRICED by Frances Ferrill.

A 5"X 8 1/2" soft back consisting of 116 pages of porcelain insulators. The book shows 354 pictures of porcelain insulators the majority of which are uni-pin type --but there is also an adequate amount of strains, knobs, lock tops, etc.

The pictures (although not true to scale) are excellent. Each insulator pictured has a caption stating make, color, size, and estimated value. The insulators are listed alphabetically by the manufacturers name.

The book can be summed up by a sentence from the preface: "This book, like all the rest of our books, is just meant to be a pleasant little book for your enjoyment."

LIST OF EMBOSSINGS:

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Back: MADE IN U. S. A. (A) Numbers. Smooth base.

Front: (A) ARMSTRONG T. W.

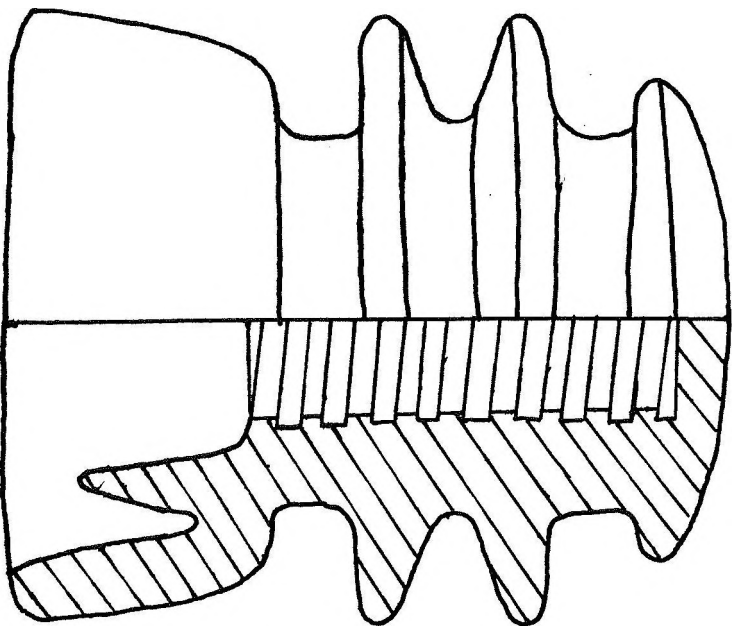
Back MADE IN U. S. A. Numbers. Smooth base.

Front: HEMINGRAY-56

Back: MADE IN U. S. A. Numbers under. Corrugated base.

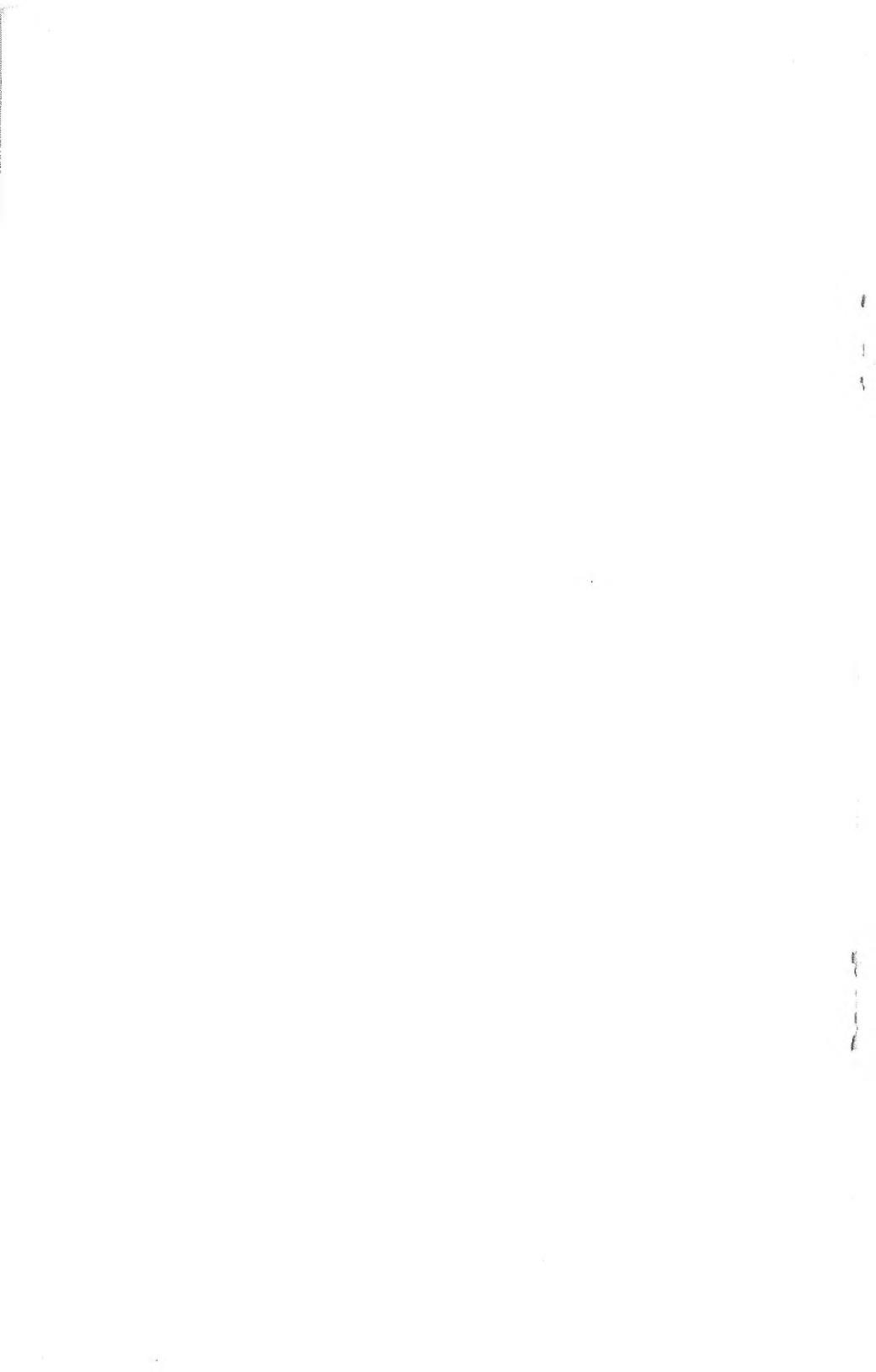
Front: KERR-T. W.

Back: MADE IN U. S. A. Numbers. Smooth base.



CD 203 is a one piece transposition insulator. This insulator is a youngster as far as age is concerned. It was manufactured in the early and mid-1900's by Armstrong and Hemingray, and at this printing is being manufactured by Kerr Glass Co. *"Florida Telephone" (an independent company) still uses the 203.

* Information courtesy of H. P. Gavan of Mount Dora, Florida.



PATENT INFORMATION

Patent No. 504,059, August 29, 1893 by George W. Blackburn residing at Palmyra, New Jersey.

This invention relates to insulators for electric conductors, and is especially applicable to telephone and telegraph lines, and has for its objects, the more secure holding of the wires, the avoidance of injury to the wire, so that the same wires may be repeatedly re-erected without impairment of strength or conducting capacity. My invention eliminates the manual operation of tying wires at the place of erection, greater certainty of secure and sound fastening is attainable.

The nature of this invention consists in a block of insulating material having a shoulder formed in it upon which the wire rests, in combination with a clamping jaw or bail operated by a lever, having a fulcrum in the insulated block.

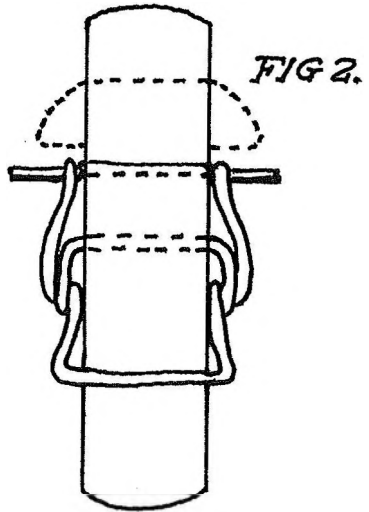
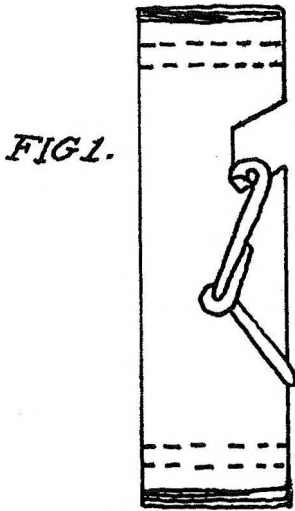
Figure 1 shows a side elevation. Fig. 2 shows a front elevation...

1 represents a block of non-conducting material which may be either of glass, earthen ware, india rubber, or wood saturated with resinous matter....

G. W. BLACKBURN.

No. 504,059.

Patented Aug. 29, 1893.



WITNESSES:

L. C. Page
A. J. Garton

INVENTOR:

George W. Blackburn
by Alby H. Regard atty

McKEE PATENT

Be it known that I, Samuel McKee, of the firm of S. McKee & Co., No. 62 Water Street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania have invented a new and useful Glass Insulator for Insulating Telegraph Wires.

The nature of my invention consists of a glass insulator for telegraph wires, said insulator being provided with two enlargements and a groove for the wire, and projections for turning it when screwing it into or unscrewing it out of its supports, said insulator being about a uniform thickness, for the more perfect annealing of the glass. . .

Figure 1 is a side elevation.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal and vertical section of the same.

"A" represents the body of the insulator. "B" represents screw-threads, which are arranged on the surface of the body "A".

These screw-threads are used for the purpose of securing the insulator in the telegraph-poles, its cross-piece, or in other place.

"C" represents a groove in the insulator, for holding the telegraph-wire. "D" are projections . . on the outer surface and are used in connection with a suitable wrench for turning the insulator during the process of screwing it into the opening. . . .

I do not claim an insulator with screw-threads on the body of it, nor with screw-threads in the interior of the body, such device being well know.

What I claim as of my invention is---

A new article of manufacture, viz: a glass insulator, the body "A" provided with two enlargements, x and x', and groove "C" and projections "D", the body "A" being of about a uniform thickness, the whole being constructed substantially as herein described and for the purpose set forth.

S. McKEE

No. 107,075

Patented Sept. 6, 1870.

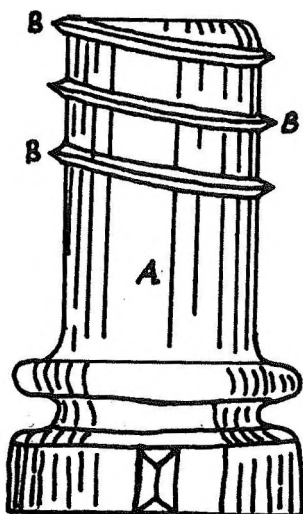


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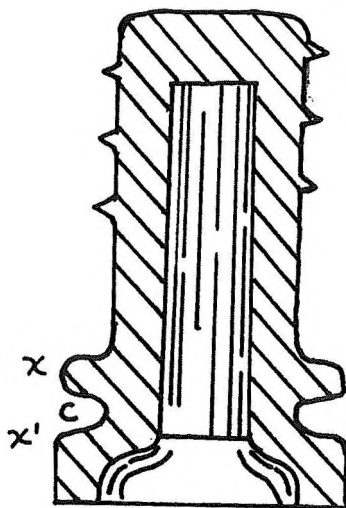


fig. 2.

Inventor

Samuel McKee

TEXAS LONGHORN BOTTLE CLUB

The Texas Longhorn Bottle Club held a show in Dallas, Texas. They sent along this picture of C. W. Halbert of Channelview, Texas.

He was the winner of the CROSS ARMS ribbon (best insulator display.)

The show had over 200 tables, 6 of which were devoted strictly to insulators--but almost every table had some insulators on it. One of the interesting tables was Eggs and Teapots that were recovered from Mobile Bay by a father and son scuba team.

Charlie is trying to organize an insulator club and hold a show sometime in the future. We'll keep everyone informed as the plans solidify.

C. W. Halbert winner of CROSS ARMS ribbon.



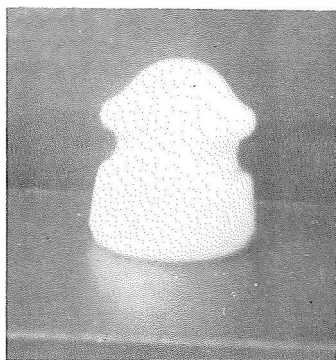
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Garrity:

Am enclosing some photos I have taken of the D-510 milkglass and Wades. As I haven't seen any report on the finding of the D-510 Milkglass (these look like E14B glass) I thought I would send it in. I have been fortunate in securing 2 of these. This in the only information I have on them. -- These were found in the Hemingray dump recently in one small spot. Only a few were found and further excavating on a large scale around the spot produced no more. All had cracks, seams & flaws which were reason they were dumped perhaps. Probably they were experimental?

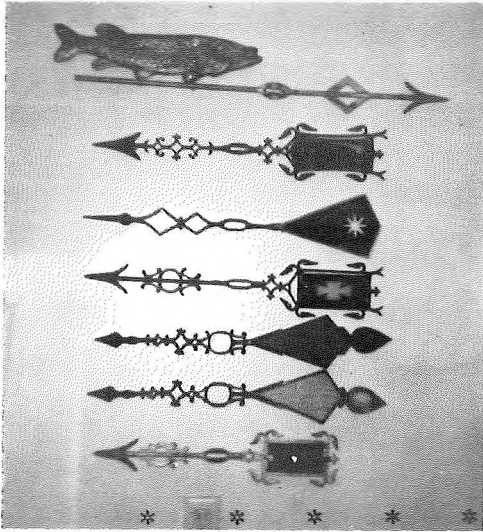


Resp. yours,
Forrest Jones



....Phone company in the 1890s had some wild printed instructions: "Don't use the wires for clotheslines; persons who eat onions must stand four feet from the transmitter.: And for folks who thought it total magic: "No mistakes in grammar will be rectified in transmission."

Courtesy of Peg Hotton



Here is a picture of some beautiful weather vanes Forrest sent us. We thought you might enjoy seeing them.

* * *

Dear Jim,

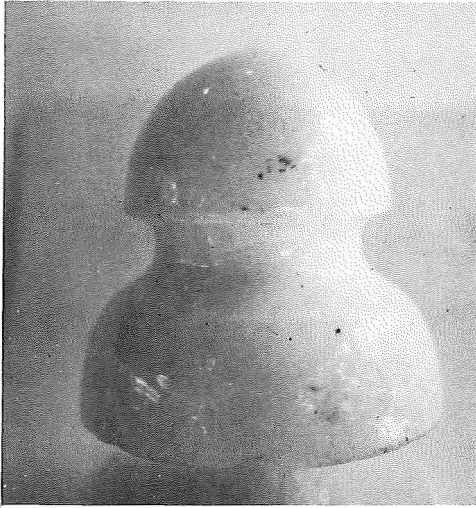
I'm enclosing a photograph (poor) of a threadless porcelain insulator I recently purchased from a bottle collector who "dug it up." Davy Crockett was unable to find out anything about it so I've written to several porcelain people. Any information you have will be appreciated, too.

Peg Hotton

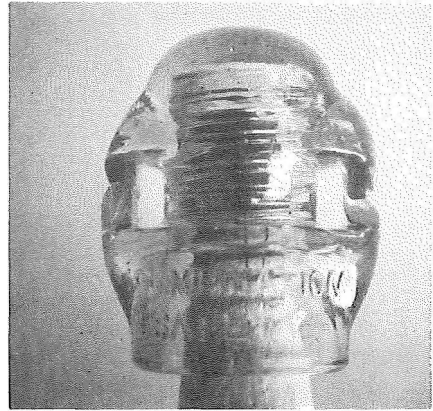


Thanks for the picture, Peg. Your insulator is shown in Frances Terrill's new book p. 69. Although Frances doesn't have any manufacturing info., possible the owner, Bill Kuhar of Bethlehem, Pa could fill you in. Let us know what the outcome is.

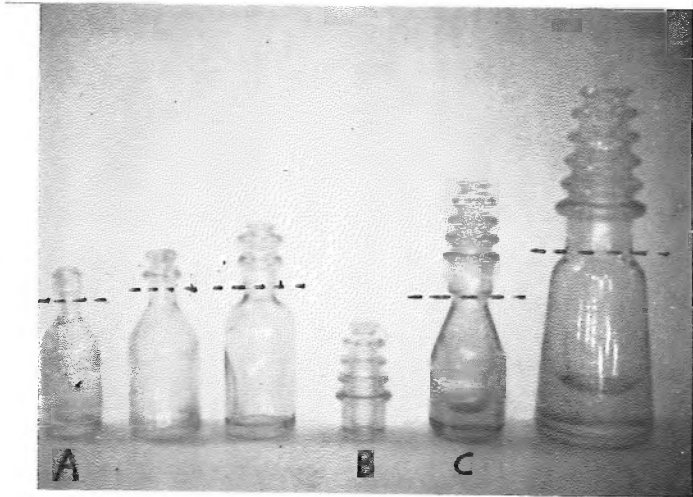
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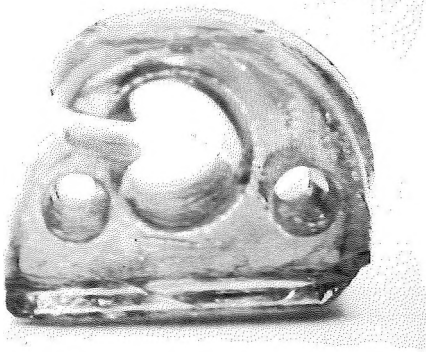
Left: white porcelain, dry type no name. This insulator found in Pa. is similar to a U 356, from Bob Van Ordon of Baskin Ridge, NJ; right a Lefferts Pat. rams horn. The owner wouldn't give his name.



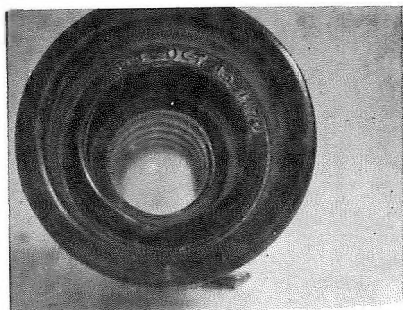
left: CD 178 embossed on flat dome BROOKFIELD from Larry Foehrenbach, Indiana, Pa. ; right: CD 139 embossed COMBINATION SAFETY PAT APPLIED FOR from Mark Ahoy, Upper Saddle River, NJ.



This picture shows capacitor bushings at an unfinished point during the manufacturing process. They are made in an automatic bottle making machine. The dotted line shows where they are later on, cut off the bottle. "B" is the finished product. "A" is top contender for "smallest glass insulator" as it is only $3/16$ " X $3/16$ ".



A "cutter" emb.
 PAT APRIL 25,
 04 (round bottom)
 courtesy of
 Charlie Irons of
 Delaware.



These two views of the same insulator help to strengthen the Oakman-American tie in theory. Pictures are courtesy of Charles Barnes of Elmira, NY. The insulator is similar to a CD 158, has American threads but is inner skirt embossed PAT OCT 15, 1872.



left: a porcelain cable top embossed LIMA NY-from Bill Kuhar of Bethlehem, Pa. ; right: CD 134 rim embossed OAKMAN PAT^d SEPT 13, 81 from Joseph Dally of Monroe, NY.

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NEW INTEREST-- Buying lightning rod balls and go withs (no plain milk glass or rounds unembossed) also all types arrows and weathervanes (animal); still paying top cash prices for rare insulators need glass Harloe, threadless, etc. Please send description and price first letter. L. Veneziano, 8310 Center St., Rivergrove, Ill 60171.

I specialize in threadless insulators and will buy, sell, or trade. Send S. A. S. E. for current list of threadless types for sale, including several nice Wades priced reasonable. Dennis Rogers, 1406 N. Amador, Ontario, Calif. 91764.

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