

Hardware Auction Set for Day after Thanksgiving

By Web Wilson

Web Wilson (#266) has set up an antique doorknob and builders' hardware auction which will end on November 25, the day after Thanksgiving.

The catalog will be on line and open for bidding at LiveAuctioneers.com beginning on Tuesday, November 15. The auction will close live, on line, on Friday, November 25, beginning at 8 p.m. EST.

More than 125 lots will sold. Highlights including Holly pattern, War Department, Robinson, Mallory Wheeler, Russell & Erwin., huge Columbian PUSH plates, early styles, quality glass, several large lots of matching knobs and plates, plus numerous scarce and unusual pieces.



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Compression Casting Story

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Just Found: A Rare Example of Compression Cast Bronze

Web Wilson recently pulled a fascinating piece of compression cast bronze out of an antiques shop in Delaware. It is a ruler/paperweight, most likely part of a group of desk items made for the upscale businessman of the 1870s.

As the photos show, the scrolling, floral design almost certainly originates with either MCCC/R&E or the Boston Metallic Art Works (who were actually the original owners of MCCC).

Besides the flowers and swirls, also note the little lift knob with the especially well-cast bull standing in strong relief. Only compression casting can create such convincing detail. And also note how this lift knob is peened through to the bottom of the ruler; proof of age and quality construction.

This fine and rare example of compression casting will be one of more than 125 lots in Web Wilson's Thanksgiving 2016 On Line Auction.

