

ANTIQUE COLLECTIBLES

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Recently some bone chips have surfaced with old west saloon names hot stamped on them. One such chip is stamped with with the name of Wyatt Earp's Dexter Saloon in Nome, Alaska. A number of factors which are unusual about these chips have resulted in suspicions that the chips are not authentic or maybe at best they are commemorative chips like other commemorative saloon ivories made in the 1920's. Consequently, we are not assigning them a code or promoting, them as antique gambling chips. If the chips had been made of ivory and not bone, we might have placed them in the recent creation or commemorative category. We have not coded any bone chips.

When chips are promoted as rare and authentic, it is wise to do some serious investigating and extensive



communicating with long time collectors. When one thinks he's come upon a rare find, there is a risk in telling several others about it. He might lose the deal, but he could also get taken. Cavaet Emptor. As collectors, we need to pass the word and discourage counterfeiting whenever we can.

In a previous article we featured several cardboard chip boxes from various chip manufacturers and distributors. Some collectors value these boxes as well as the chips they hold.

Robert Eisenstadt (NY) has a rare wooden chip box which is to be envied. It is shown here and was the container for clay chips, Tiger Head (PB-TZ). This box probably cost the US Playing Card Co. more to manufacture than the chips it held. Possibly why they went to cardboard as a solution.

New finds by collectors are shown on the following two pages. Thanks to Eisenstadt, Ralph Strandwold (CA), Jim Myers (OH), Rich Hanover (NJ) and Harry McNear (MI) for sending in their recent finds.



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New Ivory Codes & Improved Graphics



ID-GJ
Horseshoe / v:k



ID-LO
Fleur-de-lis / v:k



ID-LP
Fleur-de-lis / v:k



ID-TC
Four Petals / v:k



ID-WQ
Four Leaves / v:k



IE-GW
Single Leaf / v:k



IE-JL
Three Leaves / v:k



IE-NI
Blossom / v:k



IE-PP
Blossom / v:k



IE-SZa
Flower / v:l



IE-UEb
Acorn / v:l



IF-CM
Four Straws / v:l



IM-JG
V (5) / v:o



IN-UK
3/F/3/2 / v:m



IO-Cla
8/3/S/3 / v:m



IO-IG
v:m

New Ivory Codes & Improved Graphics



IO-SH
3/F/2 / v:m



IP-CR(better graphic)
3/F/3/2 / v:m



IP-KP
S/U/U/2 / v:n



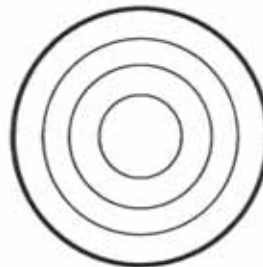
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IP-MR
v:0



IP-PJ
3/3/3/U / v:0



IX-VH
3B 3W (34/26) / v:i

New Clay Poker Chips



PD-CU Kite
Engraved / v:g



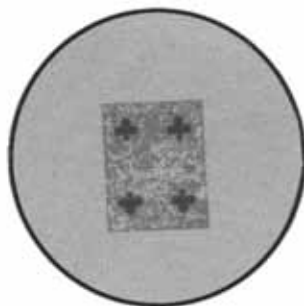
PD-KI Star
Embossed / v:f



PE-TR T. Roosevelt
Embossed / v:h



PS-GN Cap & Whip
Engraved / v:h



Examples of recently found chips. Personalized clay chips are not coded.