

# Top 10 Auction Finds of 2015

With the New Year just days away, we thought we'd look back on the top 10 items bargain hunters, collectors and dealers, just couldn't live without in 2015. *(Prices given are hammer prices and do not reflect buyer's premium)*

**10. Large Clam Shell:** Decorating on the half shell – the shape, size, and color of this beauty was something collectors simply couldn't pass up. This item sold for \$350!



**9. Vintage Columbia Bicycle:** Since its founding in 1887 by Colonel Albert Pope, Columbia has been credited with many firsts in the biking industry. This item sold for \$530!



**8. Twin Engine Bomber Model Plane:** The first model aircraft found to date was unearthed during an Egyptian excavation in 1898. This model plane sold for \$675!



**7. Brass Searchlight:** During the First World War, searchlights were used to create “artificial moonlight” to enhance opportunities for night attacks. This particular searchlight sold for \$975!



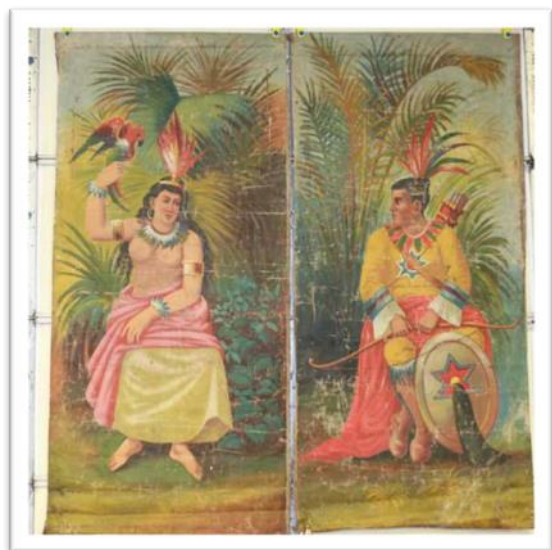
**6. Root Beer Barrel:** Sassafras root beverages were made by Native Americans for culinary and medicinal reasons before the arrival of the Europeans in North America. Root beer was sold in confectionery stores since the 1840s, and written recipes for root beer have been documented since the 1860s. Taken from the now defunct Snak Shak, this sold for \$1,200!



**5. Lionel Amtrak Acela Set:** Admired since the beginning of their production in 1900, Lionel trains have been admired by model railroaders across the globe. During its peak in the 1950s, the Lionel Corporation sold \$25 million worth of trains each year. In fact, in 2006, Lionel’s electric train became one of the first two electric toys to be inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame. A perennial favorite, this Lionel train sold for \$1,300.



**4. Carousel Panels:** Carousel makers put lots of time and effort into creating new and fun designs for their rides to attract children and people of all ages. This oil on canvas sold for \$2,000!



**3. Saxophone:** The saxophone family was invented by the Belgian instrument maker Adolphe Sax in 1840. This instrument sold for \$4,000!



**2. 1952 Topps Mickey Mantle Rookie Card:** Nicknamed “The Commerce Comet” or “The Mick”, Mickey Mantle played in Major League Baseball for the New York Yankees from 1951 to 1968. This item sold for \$47,000!



**And at spot number one...**

**1. 1952 Topps Set (minus Mantle):** In 1951, Topps became a permanent fixture in America’s favorite pastime with its release of its first series of baseball cards. This collection of cards sold for \$54,000!

