

## Coffee Grinders & Collectables

Over the years while on the hunt for more grinders, I've found several coffee grinder related items usually along the lines of advertising for the grinder manufacturer or coffee or grinders advertising coffee.

Wrightsville Hardware Co. has the No. 125 Premier wall mount coffee grinder, but they also had a poster advertising the grinder. Occasionally, you will find either of them, but the fun comes in trying to match up a set. Typically, I find a grinder that's complete with original receiver and hopper. I was lucky to get a Premier canister mill with the original glass receiver before finding the poster. Both the poster and label were eBay finds years ago.

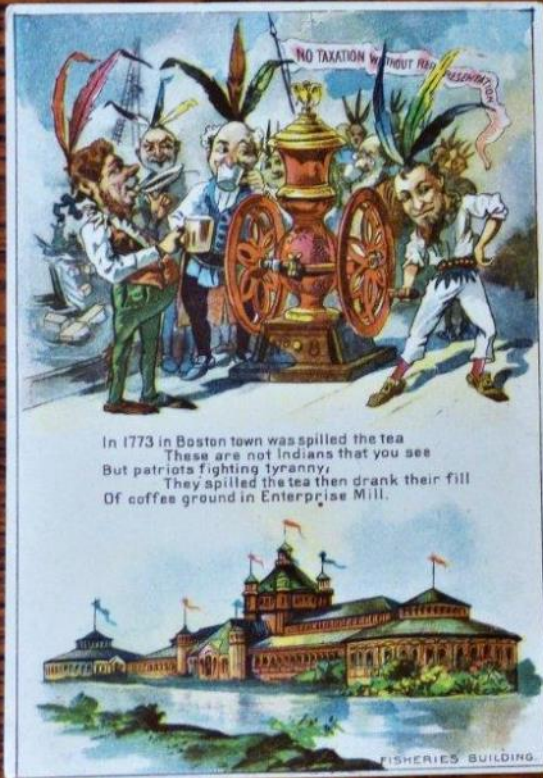


The next are a few Enterprise Manufacturing Co. trade cards. The first is strictly a No. 1 advertisement and the other two are of the No. 750 and the No. 8. Both look like they were part of a series. Recently there was an Enterprise Mfg. Co No. 7 trade card that sold for \$62.00 on eBay.

*See next page. The No. 750 and No. 8 cards have been enlarged for better viewing.*







## ✦ ENTERPRISE ✦ COFFEE, SPICE AND DRUG MILLS.

24 Sizes—\$1.25 to \$100.00.



THE excellence of our Coffee Mills has been recognized for years. This does not deter us, however, from constantly trying to make them still better, and it will be our earnest endeavor to maintain their high order of superiority.

For full information concerning sizes adapted to the store, household, etc., and prices, send for Catalogue.

For Sale by the Hardware Trade. Send for Catalogue.

The Enterprise M'fg Co. of Pa.  
Third & Dauphin Sts., Philadelphia, U. S. A.

## ✧ ENTERPRISE ✧ BONE, SHELL AND CORN MILLS. TWO STYLES.



It is a well-known fact that Bone Meal, Ground Shells, Cracked Corn, etc., are excellent for poultry. These mills are especially adapted to grinding Bones, Shells, Corn, Roots, Bark, Grain, Chicken Feed, etc. When it is considered that pure raw bone meal is one of the best fertilizers, they will soon pay for themselves for that purpose alone. The grinders are warranted as hard as and equal to hardened cast steel, and can be regulated to grind coarse or fine, by adjusting a thumb-screw near the centre of the fly-wheel. They are good general mills for farmers, poultrymen, etc., and for compactness, strength and durability we consider them unexcelled.

Our No. 650 commends itself to those who wish to save space. It is intended to be screwed or fastened to a wall, post, etc. Capacity of these mills, about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  bushels of corn per hour.

These mills are not intended for grinding "green bones," but can be used for that purpose after the bones have been dried.

### PRICES.

No. 650, - - - \$7.50 | No. 750, - - - \$7.50

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On the way to the ACME convention in St. Louis several years ago, I stopped at a place called Artichoke Annie's in Missouri. I found two unusual mills: a maroon Enterprise No. 1, marked "No. 101" on the drawer and an N.C.R.A. wall mill with the glass front marked: "Banker's Brand Coffee". The glass is etched and I thought someone did this after he got the mill, but years later, again in Missouri, I found an old coffee can with the same Banker's Brand Coffee markings. No surprise that Banker's coffee was produced out of St. Louis.

### Bottom Center

If you are interested in reading about Coffee, there is a book call Uncommon Grounds (The History of Coffee and How It Transformed the World) by Mark Pendergrast. In the book he mentions Alice Foote MacDougall as the owner of coffee houses in New York around 1900. At the time she was "the only woman coffee expert." I found an old coffee can and a small cardboard display piece. When she started out, she had a tough time selling her wares. She then starting brewing

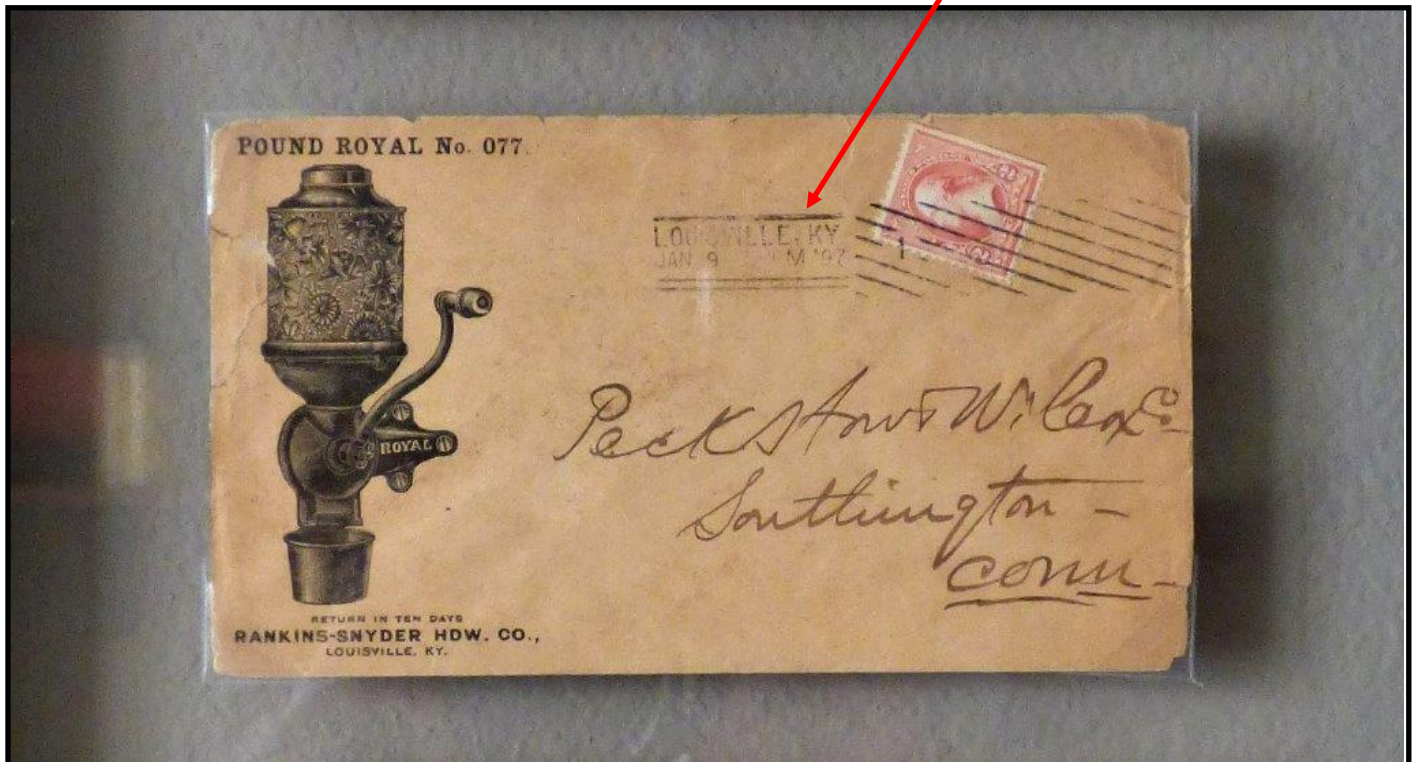
coffee so people could smell the aroma and then still having trouble getting customers, she began giving away waffles. The following week she started charging for them and waffles became a standard at her coffee house. When we lived in Lawrence, KS there was a coffee house that only sold blueberry waffles with their coffee. I asked if they got their inspiration from Alice Foote MacDougall? They looked at me like I was crazy....





**LEFT**—The ARCADE Royal with the metal cannister always fascinated me. I found one complete and in good shape and was happy with that. On another eBay search I found an envelope with the Royal imprinted on it with a return address of Rankins-Snyder Hdw. out of Louisville, KY.

**BOTTOM CENTER :** The interesting point is it is addressed to Peck, Stow and Willcox in Southington, Conn with a post date of Jan 9, 1897.







LEFT— Wrapping up, a Lion's Coffee Trade card I thought was interesting. The Lion's head at the top folds down between the two halves and then the two halves fold together and the result looks like a square box of the coffee.



MIDDLE RIGHT — The last two photos show a couple of Hoffman's "old Time" coffee cans.



LOWER LEFT - an Old Reliable Coffee poster and Hoffman's Old Time mill along with a couple of Swift mills on the floor.

*That's it for now. Enjoy the Grind!*