

### A Vase From French Indo-China

This small vase (you guessed it) was made of little china buttons. It came from French Indo China nearly forty years ago.

Mrs. N. R. Slossen was visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Reed near San Antonio, Texas during the Christmas season. "A darling little vase on a what-not shelf" attracted Mrs. Slossen's attention. It was ten inches tall, six-sided and made of small sized china buttons put together with raffia, causing an open work effect.

The bottom of this vase has a flared base, the top a flared lip and the sides were made to bulge slightly. Around

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the top, just under the flared lip is a row of decorations, made into rosettes with 3-hole diminutive china pie crust buttons.

Mrs. Reed's father and mother were missionaries assigned to Bangkok, Thailand. Incidentally they were prisoners of war when the Japanese went in there. When the family was on the boat going to Bangkok they met other missionaries going to French Indo China. After the friends returned from F.I.C., they stopped off in Bangkok to visit Mrs. Reed's family and brought this little vase with them which had been made in French Indo China.

How did little plain white sew-thru buttons get to French Indo China? Could they have been in Missionary barrels? Well, the vase is beautiful, demonstrating the handiwork of an artist. Wish it could be shown in color.

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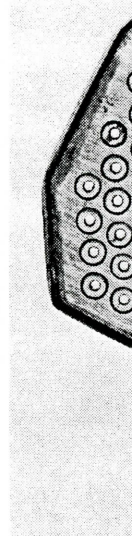
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