

## Calicoes

A recent find of a small store stock of calicoes gave opportunity for study. They were still on their original cards, row on row, definitely sewn on by hand, and one could easily imagine in homes by the women folks.

Of course all one color and design on a card, they were sewed in six rows of six buttons, a space and another group of thirty six as if it was expected the customer would buy three dozen at a time. There was no wasted space on the long narrow cards, no margins, no trade marks. On the back of the card Germany had been stamped. The same purple ink seen on boxes of Christmas ornaments and toys sold at the turn of the last century. Was that same purple ink used a hundred years ago as calicoes have been dated?

The patterns although not the most common designs are already included in our present collector catalogs of calicoes. Some of the buttons are imperfect, design not completely covering the buttons. Some are lighter than others and unless seen on the original cards would seem "tubbed" too much.

If sold in lots of thirty six the customer would have received light

### CALICOES

All Store Stock

25 all different — A1 condition

\$3.00

### JUST BUTTONS MUSEUM

Southington, Connecticut

and dark. If not seen mixed on cards in the same row, it might be assumed there were two or three shades of blue, or green or brown.

What can one actually know from this observation? Could these buttons have been a stable merchandise, manufactured for fifty years or more? Could they have been made in several countries? All this guessing is fun, may lead to more actual facts. Whether or not, they are dainty little buttons and probably the most popular of small chinas. The many patterns and colors in each, also sizes, rimmed, jewelled, causes the hunt for these buttons to be most exciting. Many patterns are very rare and truly hard to find. As we go to press we hear of two new classifications for mounting calicoes. Another challenging avenue in this broad hobby.



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