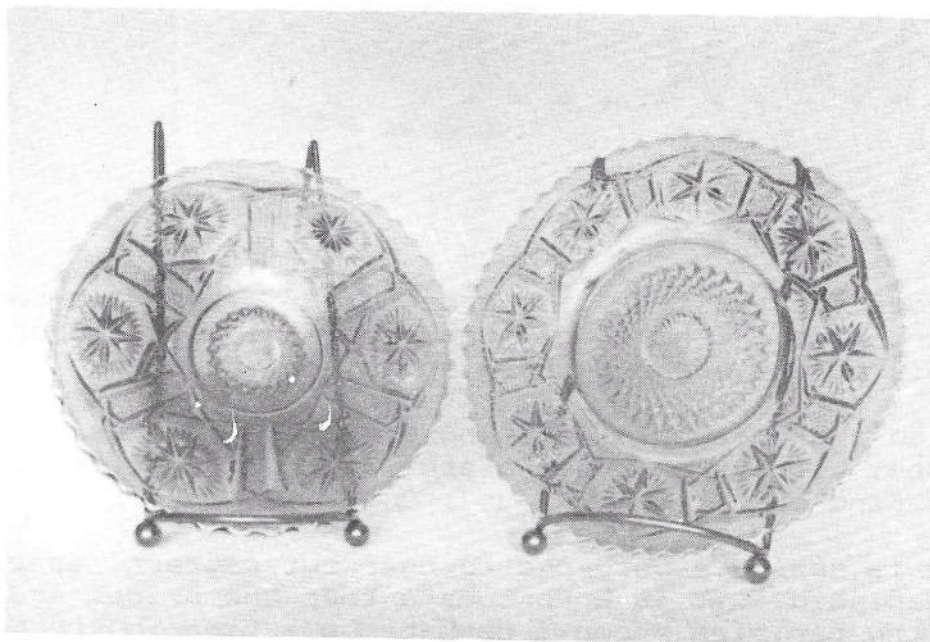


## RARITIES IN STAR AND FILE CARNIVAL GLASS

Although Star and File is a very common pattern in Carnival Glass, there are some very rare pieces that are seldom seen. Not generally known, even to many advanced collectors is Imperial's use of the under plate with some of its small shapes. Of the two small plates made in Star and File, it is the larger (6 1/4") plate that is used as the underplate for the ice tea or lemonade tumbler, the short and tall stemmed ice cream dishes, the cone-shaped fruit salad and the goblet. The smaller (5 3/4") plate which is more difficult to find is the true small plate in this pattern as distinguished from the so-called under plate. In the absence of a ruler to measure when you see one, the small plate has 6 hobstars on the reverse side, whereas the under plate has 8 hobstars.



Shown in picture #1 are the two sizes of Star and File plates. The hobstars on the reverse side show through for easy counting. No large (8 1/2") plate in Star and File is known at this time.

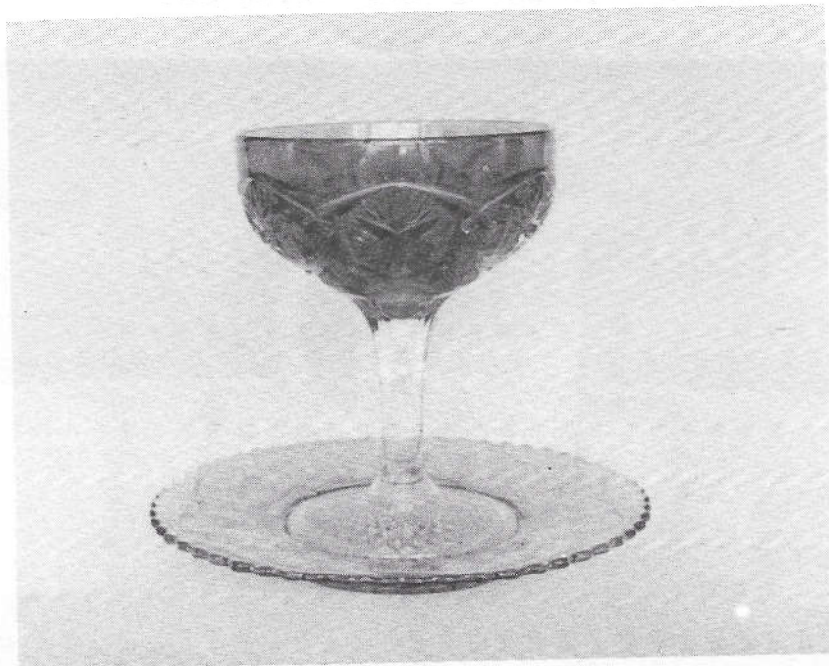
Shown in picture #2 is the extremely rare large ice tea or lemonade tumbler on its under plate. At this time, this is the only known large tumbler. It measures 4 3/4" high, whereas the water set tumbler also quite scarce, measures 4 1/4" high. The top opening of each size is approximately the same on both.



Picture #3 shows the tall (5") ice cream dish. These two ice cream dishes are very rare. I have only seen one small and two of the taller ones. Probably others are out there someplace, however.

The fruit salad and the goblet must be extremely rare as I have never seen either one. I have an under plate waiting for either one when and if I can ever find one.

Star and file is really a very pretty near cut pattern, especially in the dark marigold. It is unfortunate that the prices are generally low, even on the rarities shown. Perhaps some time in the future when collectors realize how rare these pieces are, and when they tire of aqua opalescent, red and electric blue, the prices may rise. As for me, these are very prized items in my collection. If you don't think so, try to buy them from me, at least at this time.



Originally, Imperial called Star and File by the letter-number-M 612.

In the next issue of the A.L.G.A. Newsletter, I will continue the discussion of other pieces using under plates and other small rarities in common patterns.

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