

“Who Knew” You Could Reroute a Post Office Priority Package

A Connecticut corkscrew dealer gets an awesome Buy-It-Now on eBay for \$25.00. As he is paying the seller online, she tells him her mailman is outside dropping off mail. She gets the mailman to wait while she prints the label and gets the priority box ready. Notice she offered free shipping to boot.



Antique Vintage Mechanical Corkscrew

Condition: Used

Sold for: **US \$25.00** Add to list

Shipping: **FAST N FREE**
 Guaranteed by Sat, Oct 31 | See details
 Item location: Geneva, New York, United States
 Ships to: United States and many other countries | See details

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Returns: 30 day returns. Buyer pays for return shipping | See details



The buyer is watching the tracking the next day and notices the package has been “re-directed”. The following day he sees it has gone back to the seller. He asks her what is going on? We had a deal. She says someone offered her \$10,000! They go back and forth and the buyer works a deal to get it for \$8,000. Needless to say it is a rare corkscrew and most likely an American piece but could be German.

The buyer being a dealer listed it on eBay for \$15K and then on the ICCA Fixed Price Auction site for \$18K. He had stopped both auctions and listed in the regular ICCA Auction in November, 2020.

Not a story you hear every day. I learned you can “re-direct” priority packages (for a fee). In the end the dealer got \$8,500.00 in the ICCA Auction so he made \$500.00.

ANTIQUÉ CORKSCREWS > Mechanicals

Rare Snail Face Mechanical Locking Shaft Corkscrew w/ Legs
 Listing # 26871

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Listing Format:	Auction
Current price :	\$8,500.00 (Reserve met)
Starting bid:	\$4,000.00
# of bids:	4
Closes:	Auction is closed
Location:	Bethel, CT
Started:	11/6/2020 EDT
Ended:	11/15/2020 3:11:37 PM EDT

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IMAGE THUMBNAILS



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DESCRIPTION

This is an exceptionally rare piece. Per World-Class Corkscrews (found on page 210) “Corkscrew (Pictured above) with the “snail faces” lock on the shaft and hinged legs to rest on the bottle neck. The corkscrew has resemblances to Friedrich Kummer’s German patent, 14,531, December 3, 1880, or to the legs of Ernest Steinfeld’s registration 28,204, June 15, 1894. There also seems to be a connection to the “snail faces” of Charles Chinnock’s American patent, 38,147, April 14, 1863.

CONDITION

Excellent condition overall. Wood handle shows no signs of cracks splits or chips. The helix tip is complete and sharp. The legs are not loose and dangling but rather tight. Original plate appears intact.

SHIPPING AND PAYMENT DETAILS

Shipping Cost: Free Global Shipping
 Seller accepts PayPal payments
 Payment Details: Payment due upon receipt of final invoice.