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79 Chestnut Street Boston 8, Mass.

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Mr. Cornelius C. Moore  
112 Bellevue Avenue  
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Coney tankard is priced \$11,000.00, was still available this week.

I would say a cash purchase could trim about \$550.00 off the price.

I know the tankard, had appraised the estate in which it came down, had it here on consignment a few years back and was prevailed upon by a dealer to let him have it (who would not have known) had it but a museum director to whom I had supposedly confidentially mentioned it had tactlessly supposing he was only being helpful informed him, regretfully for my part but it was a cash deal, and meant an immediate turn for the benefit of the heirs. The price I got was actually only half the present price, but it was one of those potentially higher value items I knew should go at least for \$7,500.00, and of course I knew the purchasing dealer saw it as a profitable holding and his cash was being favored.

Number 88 in Clarke's book it is described as follows:

Description

Tankard

Plain body with straight sides tapering to the mouth, moulded base and lip, flat cover with a serrated edge, corkscrew thumb-piece, scroll handle, with a shield-shaped tip.

H 6 1/2" <sup>mouth</sup> D M 4 1/2" <sup>base</sup> D B 5 11/16" Mark C References E.S. No. 37

~~No. 37~~ <sup>then</sup> Owner Mrs. Rosamond L. Round <sup>IC I S</sup> Engraved  
E. S. - Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, "Exhibition of Silversmithing  
by John Coney", 1932.

It certainly would be a prize item to add to your Boston pieces, since your collection has expanded from the Newport scene.

Very truly yours

GEBELEIN SILVERSMITHS, INC.

*Herbert Gebelein*

*This is the first shield mark, plain de his below is shaped heart.  
The one with the corky seems to have dated from after 1705.*