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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" D M 4 1/2" D B 5 11/16" Mark C References E.S. No. 37
mouth *base*

~~No. 37~~ ^{then} Owner Mrs. Rosamond L. Round *IC I S* 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.