

A **BUTTON** enthusiast, Mrs. M. S. Carpenter of St. John, has more than 30,000 items which have a value of \$1,000. This hobby began eight years ago and since that time her collection has grown to include Gay Ninety specialties, calico buttons from the seventies, rubber buttons dating from 1851, seals of the 48 states made into buttons and buttons bearing the likenesses of famous persons. Mrs. Carpenter's most valuable button is one called "The Cat and The Mirror," which is worth \$30. It is the size of a silver dollar and shows a cat looking into a mirror of polished steel. Paper weight buttons of the Gay Ninety period are among this collector's most valuable varieties. One moss agate is worth \$8. . . Mrs. Carpenter belongs to the national and state button societies and is a member of the Hutchinson chapter.

