RECENT ACCESSIONS

Mahogany chest of drawers, very similar to two other known examples in the Henry F. du Pont Winterthur Museum and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The leaf-and-dart carving on the applied moldings of the top, the floral and leaf festoons on the quarter columns, and the fine, rich patina transform an otherwise simple chest into a piece of first-rate importance. It is the work of a Philadelphia cabinetmaker, in the Chippendale style of the day, 1760-1770.

The recent accessions illustrated on the following pages were formerly in the collection of the late Mrs. J. Insley Blair. They are selections from a gift of furniture made in 1952 to the Museum by Mrs. Blair's daughter, Mrs. Screven Lorillard, and from a large collection of Bristol glass which was bequeathed by Mrs. Blair in 1952. These objects and other pieces from Mrs. Blair's collection of furniture may be seen in the Room of Recent Accessions.
High chest of drawers on cup-turned legs, a small example of this type, made in New England, 1700-1710. The drawer fronts are matched veneer of burl walnut.
Quillwork sconce, one of a pair. This elaborate type of wall light, made of wax, mica, and colored rolls of paper, is generally found in New England. About 1725
Maple bannister-back side chair, with Flemish-scroll cresting and Spanish feet. The black paint and the rush seat, covered by a cushion of later date, are original. New England, 1700-1720
Vase with cover, tea caddy, and beaker. This type of exceedingly rare opaque white glass was made in Bristol, England, in the third quarter of the xviï century, these pieces being from the early part of this period. The skillfully applied enamel decoration in the form of flowers, insects, birds, and figures in chinoiserie style is more or less typical. The vase and tea caddy are each one of a pair. The caddy and its companion were formerly owned by William Edkins, a descendent of Michael Edkins, the famous ceramic colorist. They have long been key pieces in attributing similar pieces to this artisan. Bequest of Mrs. J. Insley Blair, 1952