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Deckeldosen „Rabbit ...“, „Lion on a Picket Fence Base“, „Lamb ...“, Sammlung Chiarenza  
Westmoreland Specialty Co., Grapeville, PA, ca. 1900 - 1915  
von Lamm und Kaninchen Reproduktionen bis 1982, Ende von Westmoreland Specialty Co.  
s.a. Frank Chiarenza, Felis Leo in Glass, Glass Collector's Digest Juni / Juli 1998, Löwe S. 85, Abb. 9

Frank Chiarenza, SG

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## „Lion on a Picket Fence Base“, Westmoreland Specialty Co., ca. 1900 - 1915

Dear Siegmur,

I greatly enjoyed your recent PK 2006-3 issue which, as usual, contains so much new and interesting material. It was very good to find additional information about some of the older companies, such as the Radeberg Glassworks, and to be reminded once again of what we sometimes forget. I am speaking in particular of how many of the glassworkers were such young men, really hardly more than children, as we see in the photographs on page 413.

Now, concerning the Lion figure that was sold on eBay FR:

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eBay FR, Art.Nr. 280017087182, € 101,00

„lion allongé, opaline blanche peintures polychromes“  
H 7 cm, B 8 cm, L 12 cm

**PK 2006-3, SG:** Hersteller unbekannt, Frankreich, um 1900  
kein Paperweight, sondern ein Deckel ohne 6-eckige Dose!  
**PK 2006-4, Chiarenza: 8-eckige Dose** Liegender Löwe auf einer Wiese, Unterteil mit Zaunlatten, H 10,2 cm, B 9,5 cm, L 16,7 cm (die Maße des Dosendeckels sind kleiner!)

Deckeldose „Lion on a Picket Fence Base“

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s.a. Chiarenza 1998-2, S. 85, Abb. 9



You are correct, of course, in noting that the Lion figure is not a paperweight but the lid for a covered dish used

as a container for mustard, and other condiments. It is, however, a **product of an American manufacturer**. I included an example of this Lion in my article in Glass Collector's Digest, („Felis Leo in Glass“, June / July 1998, page 85, siehe auch PK 2000-2, S. 139 ff., deutsche Übersetzung). As I indicated there, it was created by the **Westmoreland Specialty Company, Grapeville, Pennsylvania (PA), circa 1900 to 1915**.

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I was surprised to see that the cover alone sold for 110 EUR, because it is not so scarce and the entire piece in good condition usually can be bought for about US \$ 50 or less. The base is an octagonal, 5 3/8 inches long and 3 11/16 inches wide, with the sides modeled in the shape of a picket fence. Often several of the vulnerable pointed tips are chipped or missing, so it is difficult to find these bases in perfect condition.

The same base was also sold by the Westmoreland Specialty Company with two other animal covers - a

tall-eared Rabbit and a gentle Lamb. The **Lion** is probably the more difficult to find because it was **made only during the earlier years**, and the mould appears not to have survived. The **Lamb** was reintroduced only in limited amounts in iridized butterscotch slag during 1982, the final year of the company's production. Because the **Rabbit** proved to be popular as an Easter item, it was reintroduced by the company in 1979. Thereafter, it was continued in production right up to the factory's closing in 1982. In fact, the mould for the Rabbit still exists, and reproductions continue to be made to the present time.

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Dose Liegendes Lamm bzw. Kaninchen auf einer Wiese  
Unterteil mit Zaunlatten, H 10,2 cm, B 9,5 cm, L 16,7 cm

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Westmoreland Specialty Co., Grapeville, PA, ca. 1900 - 1915

Lamm: Reproduktionen bis 1982

Kaninchen: Reproduktionen 1979 bis 1982

1982 Ende von Westmoreland Specialty Co.



I am attaching photographs of all three of these animals on "picket fence" bases if you think your readers may be interested to see them.

Very kind regards, as ever,  
Frank Chiarenza

SG: Dear Frank,

I am very glad to read from you again and to read that you enjoyed my last PK 2006-3 issue.

Thanks for your hint about the lion from Westmoreland - of course I will report your hint in the next issue!

Your article was translated and published already in PK 2000-2 together with pictures - but I was blinded by this lion's announcement in eBay France and as I am getting older and getting more and more pictures I did not remember this American lion.

I wish and hope that You are well and enjoy beside reading PK also a golden Indian summer!

With best regards,  
Siegmar

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Deckeldose „Lion on a Picket Fence Base“

weiß-opakes Glas, H 10,2 cm, B 9,5 cm, L 16,7 cm

Hersteller Westmoreland, USA, frühe 1900-er Jahre

aus Frank Chiarenza, Felis Leo in Glass, Glass Collector's Digest Juni / Juli 1998, Löwe S. 85, Abb. 9



Siehe unter anderem auch:

PK 2000-2 Chiarenza, Felis Leo in Glass

PK 2000-2 Chiarenza, Der Britische Löwe (und andere Löwen aus Pressglas)