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Fanciful "Indent" Ornaments from Germany and Poland!

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One of the more popular types of vintage ornaments that we offered last year was the so called "nipple" ornament. One look at the ornament and the origin of the nickname will be apparent. These are some of the more fantastic ornaments we have offered and I have diligently searched

to find some that we can offer you at reasonable prices. I hope you like them as much as I do. The ornaments were made in both Germany and Poland; their caps are sometimes stamped with the country of origin. These tend to be some of the larger ornaments we have found. Most are 3-4" tall, but the largest is about 6.5" tall, including the metal cap.



The most common shape is rounded, but some are elongated. The "nipples" also vary in size and shape---some are finial-like. Because of the size of these ornaments, there is plenty of room for the artists to create colorful designs on them, some of which are quite fanciful.



To top it off, nearly all of these are "indent" or "reflector" ornaments, which adds to their beauty. All have two or three elaborate indentations, and some have multiple colors of paint in the indentation. A real feast for the eyes. These range in value from about \$10-14.

We have other non-figural ornaments that are highly decorative, but I don't

know that any of them have colloquial names. They are also all indents from Germany or Poland. Some have three or four indentations, and some have very large indentations. A few of these have a glass dome configuration, with a small stem coming out the bottom. I have heard this type referred to as "mushrooms," but



to me that name is a bit of a stretch. The ornaments with the elongated stems are of uncertain origin, and are usually unmarked. We do have one with a cap that says "West Germany," but I have seen others of this type with "Japan" stamped on the cap. Of course, the caps can be switched, so I am always wary of that. No matter where they were made, they are interesting and beautiful.



At my house, I always try to have my pine cone tree up before Thanksgiving. I am okay with putting it up in November because it has only pine cones on it, and also the tree itself doesn't look very Christmassy. It holds several hundred antique glass pine cones. Here is a photo.

