



*Your #1 Source for Ventriloquial Books, DVDs, Collectibles & More!!!*

Welcome to my temporary website! While my "regular" site is being constructed, please take a few moments to see what I have to offer you via this temporary .pdf site. And please remember to check back from time to time....I'm always adding new goodies!

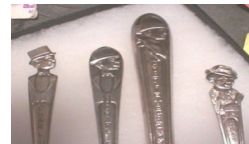
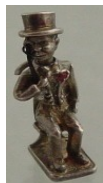


I'm one of those *very* lucky guys...my hobby eventually became my business and my business became my hobby! You may have seen me performing my comedy magic and ventriloquism at any one of hundreds of venues around the country. Or...you may have met me at one of the magic conventions...or perhaps at the annual Vent Haven ConVENTion for ventriloquists. I'm lucky enough to be able to squeeze in those convention visits between my performing schedule. And when I'm not working...what do I do? *I collect VENTRILOQUIANA, of course!*

And now, I'm making some of it available to YOU! In addition to the booklets and DVDs I've produced especially for my fellow vents, I'm also offering vent-related material that I've managed to acquire "extras" of. In some cases, quantities are extremely limited. Don't hesitate to order something you want...it may be gone tomorrow!

On the following pages, please check out the following categories: **G.O.G. Books – G.O.G. DVDs – Other Books – Vintage Ventriloquiana – Miscellaneous.**

The “**G.O.G.**” (“Gottle o' Geer”) books and DVDs are books and DVD titles I personally produce. “**Other Books**” are vent-related titles that I didn't produce, but that I heartily endorse. “**Vintage Ventriloquiana**” is just that...original collectibles that I've managed to acquire in quantity. Sometimes the quantity is one only...maybe I've just upgraded an item in my own extensive collection. And “**Miscellaneous**”....well, that's the stuff that simply doesn't fit into any of the other categories!



# ***Gottle O' Geer Productions Books***

## **"THE VENTRILOQUIAL SCRIPT SOURCEBOOK"**

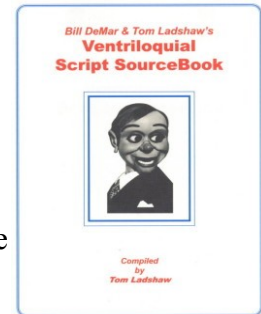
by Bill DeMar and Tom Ladshaw. Compiled and Edited by Tom Ladshaw

It's been said that this is the **BEST** compilation script book ever written. Well, I wouldn't have the chutzpah to say that myself (at least not out loud!), but I will say that, without doubt, it's certainly the **very first book of its kind!**

I'd had this crazy idea brewing in my fevered brain for some time...then I finally got up the nerve to approach my good friend and long-time professional vent, Bill DeMar to discuss it. The essential idea of the project is that I would take some of the scripts Bill had used professionally for many years and Bill would take some my my scripts. Then, each of us would review the other's material, adapting it and re-writing in the way we would have used it.

The result? This **BIG** book of **100% COMMERCIAL ventriloquial comedy material!**

You actually get BOTH versions of each script. Thus, you get not only the wonderful material, but by comparing them, you get a valuable lesson in how to adapt and re-work material to fit your own situation. When I designed the physical layout of the book, I did it in such a way that the scripts are side-by-side on facing pages. This way, it's easy to see how each of us adapted the other's material.



There are twelve scripts presented in this unique "two-up" fashion, which is actually a total of 24 scripts.

But I knew you wanted **more!** So... There are also 9 additional complete individual scripts.

**That brings the grand total to 33 scripts!**

And STILL...there's even MORE! Also included are a few of what I termed, "classic exchanges". These are short "bits" between well-known ventriloquists and their partners. You'll find these accompanied by wonderful vintage photos of the performers. There are also heckler stoppers (gotta have 'em!), some wonderful selected "short bits" and finally, interspersed throughout the book are some words of sage wisdom from "Uncle" Bill DeMar.

Now remember: Many - if not MOST - script books available today contain out-dated material, or stuff so "corny" that you'd be lucky to find even ONE good joke or line in the whole book. I'm proud to say that "The Ventriloquial Script SourceBook" is **FILLED TO THE BRIM with LOTS of extremely funny, commercial, up-to-date material.**

I know of one cruise ship vent who bought this book...worked up one of the routines in it...had his act filmed...then sent out this new video to a few of the "better" cruise lines. You guessed it...he got on with a much better line than the one he'd been working. Now...did this material get him a better job? Well, I can't say that for certain...but I CAN say...it sure didn't HURT!

**This book is one of the finest values in the vent community today.** In fact, one of the scripts I contributed was written especially for me by a well-known New York comedy writer...at a cost of \$300.00. If you had to pay comedy writer rates for all of the material in this BIG book, it'd likely cost more than your car! But... today's your lucky day! You can own this BIG compendium of professional comedy material for the paltry sum of only **\$25.00!**

## **"THE MAGICAL VENTRILOQUIST"**

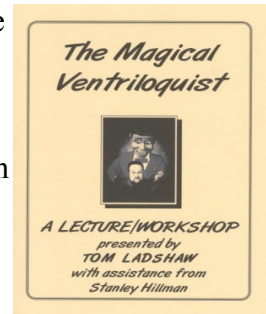
by Tom Ladshaw

Several years ago, I presented a "Magic for Ventriloquists" workshop at the annual Vent Haven ConVENTion. This booklet was the "workbook" for the workshop, but it is complete unto itself. You do not have to have been at the workshop to get full value!

If you've been wanting to incorporate a bit of magic into your vent act, then this is the booklet for you! This volume is packed with 32 easy to perform tricks and bits you can do to enhance your vent act. First I explain the "effect" (what it looks like to the audience), then I teach you the "method" (the "secret" - how it actually works). Finally, I'll offer some helpful suggestions on how to properly present the trick.

Includes: Magic with Ventriloquism - A Brief Overview. A Simple Magic Glossary. The Ventriloquist Figure Does the Magic Tricks. The Figure "Helps" the Ventriloquist Do the Magic Tricks. The Ventriloquial Voice is Used in a Magic Trick. The Ventriloquist Secretly Utilizes a Magic Principle.

You'll also find a listing of sources where you can find the necessary apparatus to perform the tricks (some which you may already have). **As with all of my books... NO filler here.** This is all audience tested material that will really enhance your existing act. 25pp, 8-1/2" x 11" format, comb-bound. Fully-illustrated. **Lots of GREAT material** for only **\$15.00!**



## **"Bill DeMar's Grasping at Headsticks"**

by Tom Ladshaw

Subtitled: **"The Fine Art of Ventriloquial Figure Manipulation"**.

When Bill DeMar told me he was going to present a workshop on **"Ventriloquial Figure Manipulation"** at the 2007 Vent Haven ConVENTion, I was excited! I knew he hadn't done one of these workshops since the early 80's and there was a new generation of vents who had no inkling of the **pure puppet artistry** of which Bill is capable.

When I asked Bill if he would have some sort of lecture/workshop notes available for those who wanted a souvenir of the event (or for those unlucky folks unable to attend), he said in that "Bill way" of his, "Uhhh..... No."

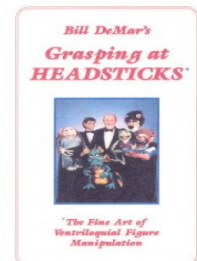
I asked him why not, and he said that he'd never gotten around to writing down all of the fantastic advice on manipulation that he'd dispensed to so many over the years. That's when I stepped in and offered to turn Bill's little scraps of paper, miscellaneous loose leaf notebooks sheets, in-person visits, telephone discussions and e-mailed thoughts - all concerning manipulation - into an actual booklet.

When other ventriloquists heard I was helping Bill with this project, the accolades poured in. Glowing tributes to Bill fill the first few pages. **He's not only held in high esteem by his audiences, but by his peers. I firmly believe that the material in this booklet is pure GOLD.** Read it, digest it, then read it again. It makes no difference whether you're a beginner or a professional, **there's something in here for you.**

It's not JUST about figure manipulation, either. It's about manipulation of the AUDIENCE: How to be seen at your best advantage. How to be properly heard. How to get the most impact from the least effort, etc. **If you're serious about your ventriloquial talent, this slim little volume is an absolute MUST for you.**

Do you want to be the absolute best ventriloquist you can be? **The lifetime of wisdom shoe-horned into this 24 page booklet will help make you a consummate pro.**

With a Foreword by Jimmy Nelson. Buy the "smarts" earned over a 60 year professional career for the paltry sum of only **\$10.00!**



## **"Ventriloquism...and Related Subjects"**

by Bill DeMar. Revised edition edited by Tom Ladshaw

Even if I hadn't been part of helping Bill produce this newly revised edition of his classic book, I'd still say it's unquestionably **one of the greatest values in ventriloquism today!** This book reveals the secrets that only Bill DeMar - "*The Master of Sight and Sound*" - can teach you with his 60 years of entertaining experience! **Virtually every aspect of ventriloquism is covered in this must-have book!**

This newly revised edition includes many photos from Bill's fabulous career, plus LOTS of additional photos not seen in the original limited edition of the book. **As an added bonus, the book now also includes a very special DVD: "The Bill DeMar Sampler".** This wonderful DVD contains clips of some of Bill's greatest bits!

Here are just some of the subjects covered in this amazing volume by one of ventriloquism's legendary practitioners: Anxiety/Nervousness – Comedy – Lighting – Material – Breathing and The Breath – Manipulation – Variety/Versatility – Staging – Timing/Speed – Practice – Repertoire – Voice/Distant Voice – and much, much **MORE!** There's even a complete script for you to use!

68pp, comb-bound to lie flat for easy study. **Includes DVD.**

Learn this wisdom gained over a lifetime of practical performance...for only **\$25.00!**

## **Ventriloquism** ...and Related subjects



by Bill DeMar  
"Master of Sight and Sound"

## **PUNCH!**

### **"Six Sure-Fire Techniques to Add Punch to Your Comedy Material"**

by Tom Ladshaw

This booklet was the basis for my S.R.O. lecture/workshop at the 2009 Vent ConVENTion. In it, I reveal six excellent techniques that will enable you to either **make your existing material funnier or create funnier material to begin with.**

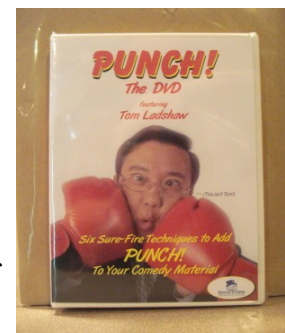
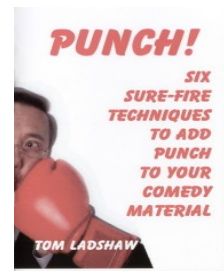
The techniques themselves are relatively simple, yet SO powerful! Utilizing any of the six techniques, you'll be able to increase the "comedy quotient" of your material. Using ALL six, you'll be able to **build a WORLD CLASS comedy act!**

For those serious about learning to develop their own comedy style and material, this is **absolutely one of the best investments you'll \*ever\* make!**

I persuaded my good friend and top-notch videographer Lee Cornell to videotape my presentation at the 2009 convention. I knew that there would be questions asked and ideas given that weren't covered in the booklet. And there were! So what began as a single booklet has blossomed into **a booklet/DVD combination package.** Yes, you'll get not only the booklet, but a 45+ minute DVD of the presentation as given at the 2009 Vent Haven ConVENTion. You'll enjoy an enhanced version of the Power Point presentation I gave including all of the laughs, fun and – most important of all – **valuable information!**

Go ahead...make an **investment in your future** as a comedic entertainer! The small price charged for this booklet/DVD package will **repay you many times over** in increased bookings!

**Booklet/DVD Combo** -- A STEAL at only **\$34.95.**



## [The Vent Material Yearbook Series](#)

Throughout most of the 1990's, **Col. Bill Boley** annually produced a wonderful dialog booklet, "*The Yearbook of Ventriloquist Dialogs.*" Each of these 20- to 24 page booklets was eagerly anticipated by those vents looking to add a new routine or looking for material that they could rework to fit into their existing acts. Each of Bill's booklets usually contained from four to six complete dialogs. One of the later ones had a brief section of one-liner insults.

With Bill's untimely passing in December of 2000, the vent community lost not only an important friend, but a steady source of comedy material! Part of Bill's legacy is those booklets...much of that material is just as good today as it was when it was written. But what about those vents looking to add new material **today**? And what about those vents who aren't necessarily looking for a complete routine, but for "bits" and "bits of business" that can be inserted into their existing acts?



In the spring of 2003, I decided that someone should pick up where Bill left off...that someone should carry on the "tradition" of an annual "yearbook" of vent material. Well, you know the old adage, "*If you can't get it done by someone else, do it yourself!*"? (No, I don't know that adage, either.) At any rate, I decided to "pick up the gauntlet" and start producing my own annual comedy material booklets, the "Vent Material Yearbook" series.

My booklets are slightly different from Bill's. Instead of creating standard dialogs, I also wrote gags - bits of business - one liners - insults - put downs, etc. I call these booklets, "*A compendium of gags, lines, bits of business, patter and selected dialog...*" So...each booklet not only contains several complete routines, but each also contains many, **MANY** shorter bits than may be used to enhance what you already present.

I honestly believe that my comedy material booklets represent some of the greatest value on the "vent comedy material market" today. My Vent Material Yearbooks have **USABLE, commercial material for the PROFESSIONAL entertainer**. You don't even have to be a vent to use the material in these booklets... much of it lends itself to emcee work and even to comedy monologues.

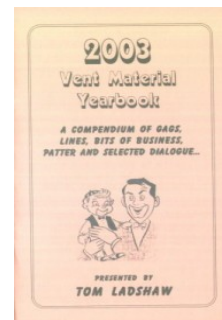
So...with all of that said.... Below is a listing of my "Vent Material Yearbooks" with a breakdown of the contents of each individual title. Each book contains DIFFERENT material.

**Each of my booklets is 24 pages of usable, practical comedy material -- dialogs, gags, bits, heckler stoppers, etc., - with NO filler.**

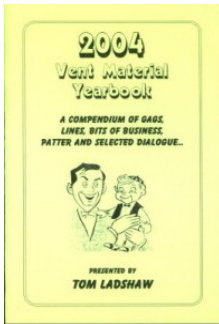
***Vent Material Yearbooks are \$6.00 each. But two or more volumes for only \$5.00 each!***

### ["2003 Vent Material Yearbook"](#)

"Adding Apples" -- Dummy has problems at school  
"Girlfriend Skit #1" -- Dummy's got a new gal...and she's a BIG girl!  
"A Chip Off the Old Block" -- Dummy talks about his humble beginnings.  
"Opening Skit" -- Good general opening for vent and character.  
"Another Girlfriend Skit" -- Dummy talks about his latest lady friend!  
"The Math Lesson" -- Dummy has problems with math...and his teacher!  
"The Name Skit" -- Dummy has trouble remembering his own name!  
"The Dummy Vent" -- Dummy teaches vent how to be a ventriloquist!  
Plus -- Assorted gags, bits, heckler stoppers, etc.



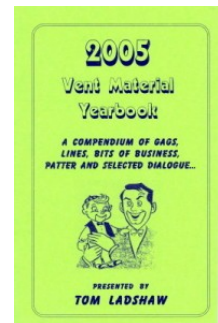
## **"2004 Vent Material Yearbook"**



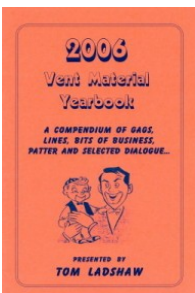
“Great Closing Bit” -- Dummy proves he's a ventriloquist, too!  
“Girl Trouble” -- Dummy's got yet another new gal!  
“The Wife” -- Dummy's got a wife...and family trouble!  
“Job Hunting” -- Dummy can't find the right job!  
“The Flop House” -- Dummy lives in a terrible place!  
“Back on a Diet” -- Dummy gives the ventriloquist grief about his weight!  
“The Calamity” -- Dummy's friend has BIG trouble!  
Plus -- Assorted gags, bits, heckler stoppers, etc.

## **"2005 Vent Material Yearbook"**

“The Girlfriends” -- Dummy talks about his various girlfriends!  
“Assorted Baseball Bits” -- Assorted material on America's Favorite Pastime!  
“Yet Another Girlfriend Skit” -- Dummy tells about about his latest girlfriend!  
“All About Ventriloquism” -- Vent tells about ventriloquism - Dummy gets the laughs!  
“Opening Lines & Quick Cracks” -- Assorted material to fit your act!  
“A Short School Bit” -- Funny short bit to fit into your existing routine!  
“The Dummy's Brother” -- Another short bit to fit into a longer routine!  
“The Magician” -- Dummy has another career!  
Plus – Assorted gags, bit of business, ideas, etc.



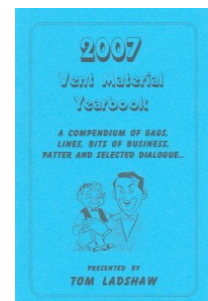
## **"2006 Vent Material Yearbook"**



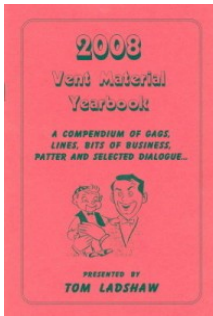
“The Vacation” -- Dummy visit his family...down on the farm. A complete act!  
“The Football Team” -- Dummy's a sports nut!  
“Material for an Old Man Character” -- Complete act for an “old coot”!  
“A Short Doctor Bit” -- Dummy's ill...and a visit to the doctor doesn't help!  
“The Christmas Routine” -- Complete act for Christmas...ends with a song!  
Plus – The usual assorted gags, bits, heckler stoppers, etc.

## **"2007 Vent Material Yearbook"**

“The Magician” -- Dummy claims to be a magician...and eventually disappears!  
“Bear Necessities” -- Cute routine for bear figure or female character!  
“Who's On First?” -- Re-examination of the Abbott & Costello classic!  
“Another Christmas Routine” -- A complete act including closing song!  
“Short Routine for a Bird Puppet” -- Excellent material for you and your bird puppet!  
Plus – The usual short bits, gags and ideas, etc.



## **"2008 Vent Material Yearbook"**



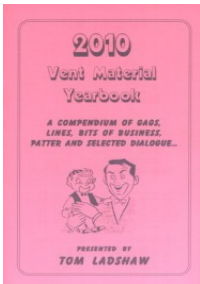
"Jerk and the Beanstalk" -- A complete act based on the classic fable!  
"Routine for Young Children" -- Just the thing for 3-5 year olds!  
"Fourth Grade...and Counting!" -- Dummy has school and girl problems!  
"A Visit to the Hospital" -- Complete act with dummy visiting a hospital!  
"Brief Routine for a Senior Citizen Puppet" -- Great "oldster" material!  
"Gags & Short Bits for a Senior Citizen Puppet" -- Assorted "oldster" material!  
"A Final Senior Citizen Bit" -- Still more great "oldster" material!  
Plus -- The usual assorted, gags, bits, etc.

## **"2009 Vent Material Yearbook"**

"Uncle Cletus" -- Dummy has car trouble...and learns how to fix it!  
"Teacher's Pest" -- Dummy has more problems at school!  
"The Blue & Gold Skit" -- A complete act for Scout banquets and show!  
"The Automobile Wreck" -- Dummy has a wreck in his car...and pays the price!  
"Set-Up for Figure to Sing Closing Number" -- Dummy sing a closing song!  
"Brief Routine for Family Audience" -- Excellent general routine!  
Plus -- The usual assorted gags, bits, ideas, etc.



## **"2010 Vent Material Yearbook"**



"The Early Years" -- Dummy talks about growing up!  
"The New Girlfriend" -- Dummy's got a new gal...and she's a doozy!  
"Tobacco -- The Evil Weed" -- Dummy gets caught smoking...and pays the price!  
"The Flirt" -- Dummy writes a song about a girl in the audience!  
"The Cow Deal" -- Dummy learns a lesson in horse-trading...with a cow!  
"A Classic Fable" -- Dummy learns about kindness repaid...with lots of laughs!  
"Chewing Gum" -- A fantastic opener for your act!  
Plus -- The usual assorted gags, bits, ideas, etc.



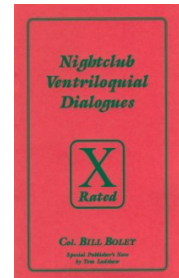
*My dealer booth at the Vent Haven ConVENTion one year...*

## **“Nightclub Ventriloquial Dialogues”**

*by Col. Bill Boley*

**Latest Edition!** This is a “Gottle O’ Geer Productions” re-issue of one of Col. Bill’s long out-of-print booklets. This one covers the material you’d use on a midnight show...or for a stag party, etc.

OK, truthfully, these aren’t truly “X-rated”...the level is really more “PG-13”. Still, you’ll find **lots of usable material** if you work the type of venue where you occasionally need “adult” material. Only **\$10.00**



## **“Performing on Cruise Ships”**

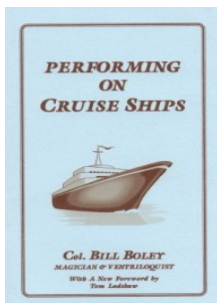
*by Col. Bill Boley*

**Latest Edition!** This classic primer on cruise ship work has been updated and contains a new foreword by yours truly.

Col. Bill worked the cruise lines for nearly 20 years...he knew what it took to be a commercial cruise ship “ventertainer”! In this info-packed little booklet, he shares with you many of the insider tips it took him years to learn.

If you’re interested in this exciting and lucrative field, **THIS jam-packed little book will tell you what you need to know!**

Retail price: **\$10.00**



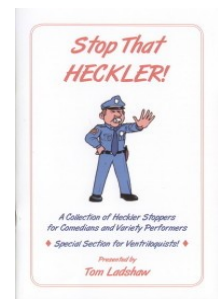
## **“Stop That Heckler”**

*by Tom Ladshaw*

A **COMPLETE SELLOUT** two years in a row at the Vent Haven ConVENTion!

This is THE book to buy if you want to “arm” yourself against hecklers! A brief discussion on the psychology of hecklers, some advice on how to handle them, and then the heckler stopper lines! LOTS of ‘em.

Nearly **400 heckler stopper lines**, including an entire section devoted specifically to vents! Hopefully you’ll never have a heckler...but if you do...? Finally back in print! Only **\$10.00**



David Copperfield pays a visit to the “Gottle O’ Geer Productions” headquarters...

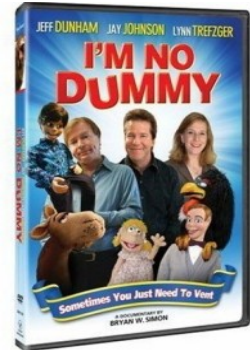
# ***Gottle O' Geer Productions DVDs***

## ***"I'm No Dummy"***

(OK, I know ***"I'm No Dummy"*** isn't actually a ***"Gottle O' Geer Productions"*** release. But...since I was the associate producer of the documentary, I thought I'd take the liberty of putting it right up here on TOP of the **G.O.G. DVDs!**)

Here's some of the "official" ad copy:

*"Whimsical and insightful, this film examines the fun and entertaining world of ventriloquist comics including two-time Comedian of the Year Jeff Dunham, Tony Award-winner Jay Johnson ( 'Soap' ) and cruise and college entertainer Lynn Trefzger. Full of hilarious stand-up routines, 'I'm No Dummy' shows audiences that ventriloquism is not just a novelty act but a world-renowned art form enjoyed by people of all walks of life."*



But it's **so much more** than just the above. You'll see **vintage film clips** of the legendary vents of yesteryear. You'll see up-and-coming vents...the **stars of tomorrow**. You'll even see a bit of the fantastic **Vent Haven Museum!** And you'll learn lots of fascinating, little-known facts about vents and ventriloquism. How can you lose?

Several years in the making, this is "the little documentary that could." We had wonderful showings at several film festivals where it was always extremely well-received.

**You'll NEVER find another deal like the one I'm going to offer here!**

Due to my "connections", I've been able to put together a package deal of "I'm No Dummy" goodies that'll make you the envy of all of your friends! (Well, at least all of your friends who're interested in ventriloquism!)

These extra promotional pieces are **UNAVAILABLE ANYWHERE ELSE**.... you can get them **ONLY** from me!

OK, here's what you get:

- ***"I'm No Dummy" - the DVD***
- ***11" X 18" promotional poster, autographed by many of the folks involved!***
- ***Souvenir postcard #1 (Seattle Film Festival poster design)***
- ***Souvenir postcard #2 (Seattle Film Festival – Tom Ladshaw card)***
- ***Promotional Broadside (DVD jacket design)***

***"I'm No Dummy" DELUXE Souvenir DVD Package -- only \$15.00***

## [The Col. Bill Boley DVD Series](#)

Beginning in the early 1980's, Col Bill Boley produced a number of educational videos teaching various aspects of ventriloquism. His "general" vent teaching video was "*How to Become a Ventriloquist*", produced by Stevens Magic Emporium as part of their "Great Magic Video Library" series.

For the vent community in particular, Bill himself produced quite a number of more "*niche-oriented*" videos... Videos that would specifically address one aspect or phase of our Art and delve into it more deeply than a "general" video would allow.

It's been my privilege and honor to know Bill's lovely widow, Charlene. Through special arrangement with her, I've acquired the rights to all of Bill's videos and books. Over time, I'll eventually re-release all of Bill's prodigious output in updated form.

My first order of business when I'd gotten the rights to the original Bill Boley videos was to **update** them. All of Bill's "homegrown" productions were just that: Filmed by himself with a home video camera. Needless to say, the production values were a bit on the "short" side. Not that it particularly mattered...the persons interested in buying Bill's videos wanted the **information**...not necessarily fancy sets, special visual effects or commercial packaging. BUT...I made the decision to have the original VHS videos digitally remastered and put on DVD. The "new" Boley DVDs have all new titling and music. Some have even been re-edited.

Let me just mention here that the painstaking work done on these too-good-to-miss videos was done by my good friend (and fellow vent), Lee Cornell. Lee operates a video business and understood what needed to be done with these videos, not only technically, but from a teaching standpoint. He worked tirelessly on this project and the end result is beneficial to us all.

While the Boley DVDs are not "broadcast quality", they are still much better than they were when on VHS video. And the bottom line is, you'll not only learn from watching them, you'll ENJOY watching them.

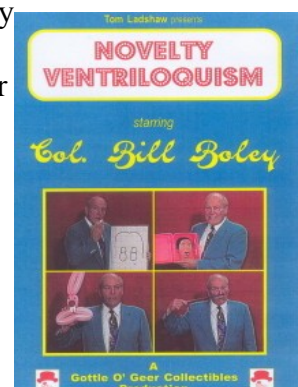
***Following is a listing of the Col. Bill Boley DVDs and their contents....***

### ["Novelty Ventriloquism"](#)

Join Col. Bill in his world-famous "Dummy Den" as he gives you literally **dozens of ideas** to use in your show. Plus, you'll also see **video clips of Bill** during actual shows performing some of the very same ideas he demonstrates for you. A few of the ideas Bill "tips" are: Talking Cane, Talking Mop, Talking Bowls, Talking Handbag, Head in the Box, Bird Warbler, Voice in the Cup, Genie Vase, Fall Apart Dummy, Rabbit in The Basket, Invisible Dog, Human Dummy, Big Mouth and much, much more.

If you're looking for a clever novelty bit or brief interlude for your act, THIS is the DVD for you!

This DVD runs 65 minutes. It's yours for only **\$19.95**.



## ***“The Baby Cry / The Distant Voice”***

This was the first Bill Boley video title that I re-released on DVD...and over the last few years, it's proven to be a **BEST SELLER**. Let's face it...if you can't produce a passable distant voice, can you really call yourself a ventriloquist? On this best-selling DVD, Bill teaches you the **REAL secrets** of two important skills that make you a complete ventriloquist.

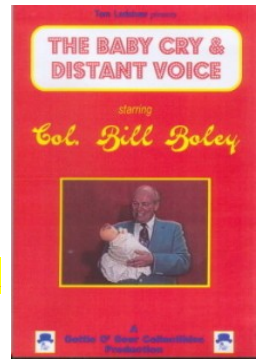
The Baby Cry is one of those fantastic techniques that you can use anytime, anywhere to create an impromptu performance sensation. For your more formal shows, simply grab a small blanket and a baby bottle and you've got **a five to seven minute segment of SOLID ENTERTAINMENT**.

You'll also learn the correct production technique of the amazing DISTANT VOICE. Make a voice appear to come from the basement...the attic...or even a box on stage!

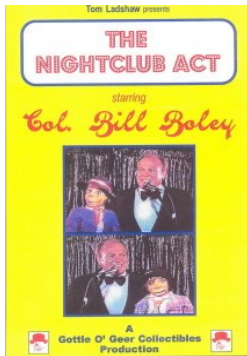
In addition to Bill's in-depth explanations and demonstrations of these amazing techniques, you'll also see **vintage video footage** of Bill presenting his classic Baby Cry routine during a live school show performance.

Finally, as a special bonus, Bill takes you on a tour of his world-famous "Dummy Den." You'll see vent figures and novelties spanning many decades and by many makers.

This DVD represents **TOP VALUE** for your hard-earned buck. It runs 50 minutes and may be yours for only **\$19.95!**



## ***“The Nightclub Act”***



Join Col. Bill aboard the Carnival Cruise ship T.S.S Festivale as he introduces his two most famous characters, "Aunt Fanny" and "Willie" to the midnight show audience. You'll have a front row seat for his "midnight set" and you'll discover for yourself just why Col. Bill Boley was so well-known as one of **the most in-demand cruise entertainers ever**.

If cruise ships are a market you're interested in, then you can do no better than to **buy this volume and study it!** *[Please note: If this video were rated, it would fall into the 'PG-13' or 'R' rated category. There is some adult language and innuendo. This is NOT a DVD for the kids!]*

This video runs 25 minutes. It's yours for only **\$19.95**.

The Boley DVDs listed above represent **TOP VALUE for money**. Bill was a generous teacher and one of those rare souls who enjoyed giving every bit as much as he did receiving. These DVDs are like a long-overdue visit with a favorite uncle. An uncle who knows how to do some really cool stuff and doesn't mind teaching it to you! **You'll watch and enjoy any or all of these DVDs again and again.**

If you'd like to buy the three volumes of the **"Col. Bill Boley DVD Library"** listed above as a set, you'll get a discount! They sell individually for \$19.95 each, but you may purchase all three Boley DVDS listed above for only **\$50.00**.

## *“The Schoolshow Set”*

WOW! This is the DVD set to buy if you want to **learn about performing school shows!** Now you can **watch and LEARN** from Col. Bill as he presents five different school show programs. See Bill’s complete school shows from the years 1991, 1992 (the "Just Say No!" show), 1993 and 1994 on two DVDs!

Special Bonus: A 3rd DVD is included; a **RARE school show video** from 1979! Home videotaping technology was in it's infancy then, so it is a rare treat indeed that this video recording even exists. It is believed that this 1979 show is the first school program Bill ever videotaped.

Here's your **once-in-a-lifetime opportunity** to watch and listen to a master at school shows. The kids fall out of their seats with laughter as Bill performs a wide variety of vent routines and magic.

Here are just a few of the "bits" (with Bill's unique spin) you'll see on this must have DVD collection:



Vent routine with Freddy Q. Owens -- Vent routine with Charlie in the bottle -- Vent routine with JoJo the Monkey -- Vent routine with Timex the Dog -- Vent routine with Mr. Bones -- Distant voice routine -- Baby cry routine -- The Magic Drawing Board -- Human Puppets.

Also features: Sympathetic Silks -- Knife Thru Coat -- Hippity Hop Rabbits -- Cut and Restored Rope -- Mismade Flag -- Sword Thru Neck -- Miser's Dream -- Balloon to Dove -- Dove Thru Glass -- Balls from Mouth -- Professor's Nightmare -- Sucker Silk to Egg -- Torch Thru Arm (just watch the expression on the volunteers face!) -- Egg Bag -- Card Duck -- Torn and Restored Newspaper -- Bongo Hat -- And much, much more!

This newly re-mastered THREE DVD set features **FIVE complete school shows**. That's more than **FOUR and a HALF HOURS of fun!**

This amazing set may be yours for only **\$29.95!**

## *“Charlie McCarthy, Detective”*

Starring Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd.

This is the **CLASSIC Charlie McCarthy film** that's never been released for mass market video or DVD sales. This film is an enjoyable 70 minute romp with our favorite vent figure detective, Charlie McCarthy!

You'll find copies of this film on eBay, but they are almost universally BAD second-, third-, and even FOURTH generation dubs! In many (if not most) cases, part of the opening credits and/or closing scene is missing on the "eBay bootlegs".

After spending several years and a great deal of money, I was finally able to locate a near-PRISTINE 16mm print of the film, with the COMPLETE opening sequence and the COMPLETE ending. Again, at my own expense, I had the 16mm print professionally transferred to digital DVD. **This is IT, folks...** this is the one you've been looking for!



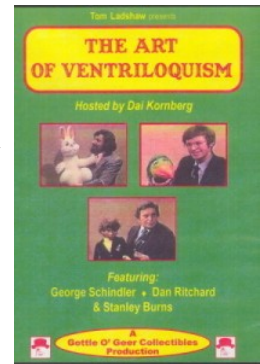
I GUARANTEE you won't find a better print than this one! And, the best part? You won't spend \$19.95 on it...you won't even spend \$14.95! Nope...I offer it on a “Collector-to-Collector” basis for a small fee that helps to defray my efforts in obtaining the original and having the digital DVD transfer made... **ONLY \$10.00!**

## ***"The Art of Ventriloquism"***

Hosted by Dai Kornberg and featuring George Schindler, Dan Ritchard and the legendary Stanley Burns!

This fascinating talk show/documentary was produced in 1979 as a part of New York University's "University Broadcast Lab." It was originally distributed by WNYC-TV and WNET-TV, both New York Public Television affiliates. Broadcast in the New York area only four times over the course of 1979, this program has been unavailable for many years.

The original videotape master was destroyed, but a good copy was located, digitally re-mastered and "cleaned up" for this **exclusive re-release on DVD**.



Join host Dai Kornberg and his guests Dan Ritchard (author of *"Ventriloquism for the Total Dummy"*), George Schindler (author of *"Ventriloquism: Magic with Your Voice"*) and the legendary Stanley Burns (author of *"Other Voices: Ventriloquism from B.C. to T.V."*) as they discuss and demonstrate "The Art of Ventriloquism."

Folks, this one is **a real collectors item**. Stan Burns relates a brief history of ventriloquism while giving practical demonstrations with his talking hand, his figure "Bruce" and "Bruce's" figure, little "Cecil". George Schindler - now Dean of the Society of American Magicians! - also demonstrates a number of vent novelties from his unique vent business, "Show Biz Services". Finally, Dan Ritchard "bats them in" with his by-play with his bird character "Conrad" and his amazing telephone voice technique! You'll be amazed to hear the person on the other end of the imaginary phone call tap-dancing!

**This one will be enjoyed by ventriloquists and laymen alike.** And it's so good to see dear old Stan again! This outstanding program runs 25 minutes. You may own it for only **\$19.95!**

[ **PLEASE NOTE:** All DVDs listed above are only available in the US format, which is NTSC. The DVDs are DVD-R format, REGION 1 (U.S. and Canada). Not all DVD players play DVD-R discs (though most newer ones do)...so please make sure yours does! These DVDs may not play in DVD players manufactured before 2001, though they will play in virtually all computer DVD drives. ]



Here's a photo of "Thelonius" and me with the cast of *"The Bob Rivers Show"* of KZOK Radio in Seattle, WA (102.5 FM!). What? A vent on RADIO? Hey...it worked for Bergen!

We were in town for *The Seattle International Film Festival*. *"I'm No Dummy"* was featured for three screenings. Jay Johnson, Lynn Trefzger and I were there along with the Executive Producer & Director and Producer: Bryan Simon and Marge Engesser.

*Yes, I know the following has already been listed under “G.O.G. Books”....but since it's a combo book and DVD set, I thought I'd list it here, too. You know...just in case you missed it the first time around!...*

## **PUNCH!**

### **“Six Sure-Fire Techniques to Add Punch to Your Comedy Material”**

by Tom Ladshaw

This booklet was the basis for my S.R.O. lecture/workshop at the 2009 Vent ConVENTion. In it, I reveal six excellent techniques that will enable you to either **make your existing material funnier or create funnier material to begin with.**

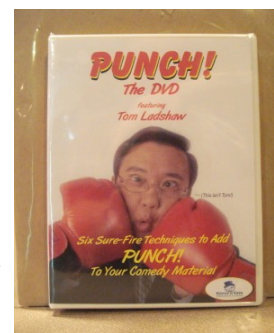
The techniques themselves are relatively simple, yet SO powerful! Utilizing any of the six techniques, you'll be able to increase the “comedy quotient” of your material. Using ALL six, you'll be able to **build a WORLD CLASS comedy act!**

For those serious about learning to develop their own comedy style and material, this is **absolutely one of the best investments you'll \*ever\* make!**

I persuaded my good friend and top-notch videographer Lee Cornell to videotape my presentation at the 2009 convention. I knew that there would be questions asked and ideas given that weren't covered in the booklet. And there were! So what began as a single booklet has blossomed into **a booklet/DVD combination package.** Yes, you'll get not only the booklet, but a 45+ minute DVD of the presentation as given at the 2009 Vent Haven ConVENTion. You'll enjoy an enhanced version of the Power Point presentation I gave including all of the laughs, fun and – most important of all – **valuable information!**

Go ahead...make an **investment in your future** as a comedic entertainer! The small price charged for this booklet/DVD package will **repay you many times over** in increased bookings!

**Booklet/DVD Combo** -- A STEAL at only **\$34.95.**



*In NYC for Jeff Dunham's appearance on the first “Ventriloquist Week” on “The Late Show” with David Letterman.*

*After the taping, we went to see Jay Johnson's show, “The Two and Only”.*

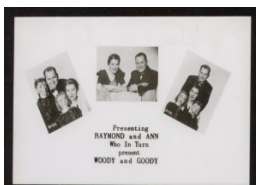
## *Other Books*

### *"Memoirs of a Ventriloquist"*

by John R. Schaibley

This is one of my **all-time favorite** autobiographies! Vaudeville-era vent John R. Schaibley (known variously as Johnny Raymond, Ray Raymond, Raymond & Ann, etc.) kept meticulous notes and diaries during his long career. Once retired, he went back through his archives and produced this fascinating account of he and his wife's careers as vaudeville ventriloquists from 1918 through 1958.

This is not a story of fame, but rather an autobiographic account of the harsh realities of "the road" and of making a living as a professional entertainer during the first half of the last century. This is a **truly personal, engaging read** about a slice of Americana that's seldom documented. Lots of black and white photos, etc. This is the first (and only) edition, published in 1985. Softcover. 227 pages.



**BONUS** – While they last, I'll include a very special “bookmark” with your order of *"Memoirs of a Ventriloquist"*. It's **an original, vintage advertising postcard** from *"Raymond and Ann"*....featuring them and their characters, *"Woody"* and *"Goody"*. Postally unused, this wonderful vintage piece of ventriloquiana is worth the price of the book all by itself!...but you'll get it for **FREE** with your order of *"Memoirs of a Ventriloquist"*. (Postcard

measures 3-1/2" x 5-1/2").

This outstanding book always gets **my highest recommendation**! Now out of print. You'll read it again and again and enjoy it each time! **Limited supply.** While they last, only **\$10.00**.

### *"The Little Book of Ventriloquism"*

by Terri Rogers

Terri Rogers was an amazing ventriloquist...not only was she technically skilled, she was a creative genius. Her creations for magicians are well-known around the world. The world of entertainment lost her - as well as her little friend "Shorty Harris" - all too soon.

This little volume is Terri's legacy to her fellow vents everywhere. While small in size, the **information contained in it is priceless**. Terri had a way of packing in lots of valuable information in an economy of pages. **You'll get ideas from this booklet that you absolutely won't find elsewhere.** Much more than just a simple "how to" booklet, this is a manual of “how-to” advice from a professional's perspective. Terri was one of the best, and it always pays to listen to those who lead the way!



*"The Little Book of Ventriloquism"* features a Foreword by Val Andrews and additional material from Geoff Felix.

Extremely limited supply. A steal at only **\$10.00**.

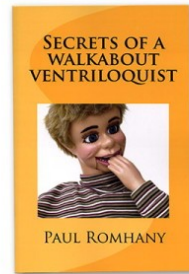
## *"Secrets of a Walkabout Ventriloquist"*

*by Paul Romhany*

Paul Romhany reveals the **real secrets to making extra money** as a walk-about ventriloquist. This book looks at different venues. How to get the work, types of puppets to use and even has a chapter on jokes that you can use. If you are a part time ventriloquist or full time professional you will definitely get something out of this book.

"It is rare to find a book that tells you **everything you need to know to get started** and become successful in a given field, but this book does exactly that. If you learn and apply the information Paul so generously provides there is no reason why you can't be successful in this little known-field, but highly lucrative, niche market." - Richard Webster.

This wonderfully little book is 85pp; softbound with full color cover. **\$19.95**.



## *"Inner Voice – World of Ventriloquism in India and Abroad"*

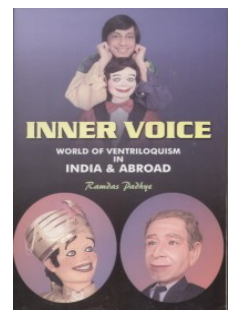
*by Ramdas Padhye*

This is the first fully researched Indian book on Ventriloquism. This book - which is written in English language - traces the history of Ventriloquism in INDIA.

Ramdas Padhye, India's best-known vent, is at his best in this book, unfolding the **treasure trove of tricks and secrets** of this ancient Art. Using eloquent references of popular folk tales and anecdotes from mythology, history of Indian Ventriloquism and liberal introduction of well renowned ventriloquists from around the globe, Ramdas creates **a fascinating portrait of ventriloquism** that is truly international.

This book is a treasure, based on deep study and performing experience and will prove to be a **goldmine of information** to all ventriloquism lovers from novice to professional. LOTS of B& W and color photos.

Book is 88pp, full color cover, etc. Extremely limited supply. **\$10.00**.



*Entrance to the "Gottle O' Geer Productions" office....with some of the vintage vent toys on display...*

## *Vintage Ventriloquiana*

### *Jerry Mahoney / Knucklehead Smiff Pencil Toppers*

These were issued in the early to mid-60's when Winch's "Winchell-Mahoney Time" TV show was at the height of its popularity. Winch was a genius at marketing to kids, and what kid could resist his own little "Jerry" and "Knuck" characters that would fit right on the top of his pencil? These were toys that you WANTED to take to school and show off!



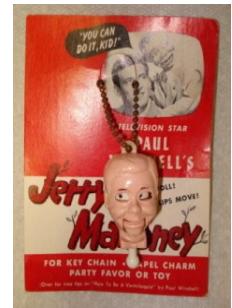
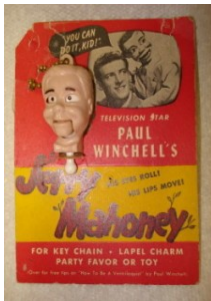
You'll receive an original set of two pencil toppers...one "Jerry" and one "Knuck". They will fit onto most any #2 pencil. OR...if you're the artistic type, you can put them on little pedestals and paint them (see photo at left)!

A vintage find....and a real bargain! Get your set today for only **\$5.00!**

### *Jerry Mahoney Talking Keychain*

Another great vintage Winchell/Mahoney toy circa mid-1950's. If you were a Winchell/Mahoney fan during that period, you just HAD to have one of these cool keychains... even if you had no keys to put on it!

Several different styles of the back cards were issued over the years...two different styles are pictured here. There's no photo of the backs of the cards, but the back of each card is covered with "how to be a ventriloquist" instructions from Winch himself.



I almost always have several of these in stock. The keychain heads all work...the mouth opens and closes and the eyes move side-to-side. The cards will vary in condition and style. If you're interested in one of these, I can send photos of what I have currently available. I also usually have some of the keychain heads only (without a backing card). The cards – frankly – are much more rare than the keychains. The kids threw the cards away and kept the toy!

These vary in price from **\$15.00** (head only) to **\$20.00** to **\$25.00**. E-mail me for further details!

### *"Raymond and Ann" Souvenir Promotional Postcard*

You may have noticed the offer for one of these when you purchase a copy of John R. Schaibley's autobiography, *"Memoirs of a Ventriloquist"*. I have just a few more of the postcards than I do the books, so I'll go ahead and offer the 3.5" x 5.5" postcards separately.

While they last....you may have a vintage 1950's "Raymond and Ann" promotional postcard in mint, unused condition for only ...**\$5.00!**

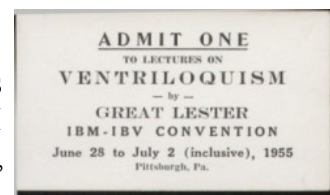
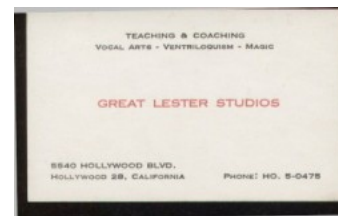


## [Great Lester Business Card / Lecture Ticket Combo](#)

Here's a great little “twofer” combo package! I've acquired a small quantity of original “Great Lester” business cards from his later years. This is when he had his coaching studio on Hollywood Blvd. I also have a small quantity of original tickets for the lecture “The Great Lester” gave on ventriloquism at the 1955 International Brotherhood of Magicians convention in Pittsburgh, PA.

Not many of these have survived over the 50+ years. This is the sort of stuff that gets tossed out when cleaning out a desk drawer, etc. To find a small quantity of one of these cards was lucky...to find some of the other was lucky, too. And now YOU can take advantage of my luck in locating them! I have an extremely limited supply of both of these cards....if you're interested, don't hesitate!

You'll get one business card and one lecture ticket... both for only **\$5.00!**



## [Charlie McCarthy / Mortimer Snerd Good Luck Coin](#)

This is the item that got Bergie into trouble with the Secret Service! Seems they had a slight problem with Charlie having his own coin, so many of these never got into “circulation”.

This is a cute item... it's a Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd 75 cent coin/Good Luck piece! The front of the coin has a portrait of Charlie with his name across the top and “75c” off to one side. Underneath Charlie reads, “With this coin goes good luck”. On the back of the coin is Mortimer Snerd's portrait with his name across the top. Underneath Mort reads, “Yup – That's the way it goes”.



These coins are highly prized by both Bergen/McCarthy collectors and token collectors. I always have a small quantity in stock.

I seen these sell on eBay in the \$75.00 range. Order one from me for only **\$50.00!**

## [“Bergen's Better Bubblegum” Wrappers](#)

I've got a small quantity of the original 1950's vintage gum wrappers available. They originally held a chunk of bubblegum, so they are wrinkled. A good friend of mine has informed me that he had great success ironing his perfectly flat, but I've never tried that.

Artwork features Charlie saying, “It's simply delish!” and “It's tops, Mortimer!” Mortimer says, “Sure is swell bubble gum, huh, Charlie?” and “Boy, oh boy, Charlie I like this bubble gum”.

Wrapper measures approximately 3-3/4” x 4”.

Great vintage ephemera...and you can one one for only **\$5.00!**



### [Charlie McCarthy Mazuma](#)

Here's an original package of play money from the Bergen merchandising machine, circa 1950's. Just imagine hanging out with your pal Skinny Dugan and playing one of the Whitman Publishing Charlie McCarthy games, and wagering...using official Charlie McCarthy "Mazuma"! What a treat that would be!

I've got some original unopened packages of this great play money available. I love the artwork on these bills...Charlie on the front as George Washington, with Bergen, Mortimer and Effie Klinker on the back! The fun continues with phrases on the bills such as "As good as any dough...unless you try to spend it." My favorite is, "If you try to pass this bill, allow yourself plenty of time – at least 20 years!"



Lots of GREAT detail on these bills...you really have to look carefully to get all of the jokes!

These packages of 20 bills are unopened...they are still sealed in the original cellophane packages with cardboard header, just as you would bought them from the "five and dime" 60 years ago.

It's tough to get a decent photograph of the bills themselves with the cellophane covering them...there's always a glare. But you can get a better look at the actual bills below....

One unopened original vintage package of Charlie McCarthy Mazuma -- **\$10.00.**

### [Charlie McCarthy Mazuma](#)



So maybe you bought an unopened package of the Charlie Mazuma (above) and want to display it, but don't want to open the original package? Not to worry! I've got a small stack of loose bills and can provide you with a set of two so you can frame them, showing the front and back. Or maybe you just want a couple of the bills without buying an entire package. Either way...I can fix you up!

Set of two loose bills in mint condition – only **\$5.00.**

### [Charlie McCarthy Fur Clip](#)

These show up on eBay from time to time and almost always bring a hefty price, particularly when they're in good condition. These lovely pins were made by Coro (Cohn & Rosenberger Co.) in 1937. Although usually described on eBay as "lapel pins", they are, in fact, fur clips. This is what a woman would use to secure her fur stole around her shoulders when going out for an evening's entertainment, circa late 1930's.



These lovely little pins are articulated....the mouth moves via a small lever under the shoulders. On the back is a "vampire" type clip to secure the fur in place. The back is marked with Bergen's licensing and patent #. They are individually hand-painted and the monocle is a separate piece. If these were being manufactured today – in this quality – they'd cost a small fortune.

These novelty clips were first advertised in "Women's Wear Daily" magazine in the October, 1937 issue. Bergen says in the ad, "My Diminutive Little Chum Enters Jewelry!"

These were listed in Kovel's Guide to Antiques about ten years ago as being valued at \$650.00! Well, they may be....but you may buy one from me for only **\$50.00!**

## *Charlie McCarthy Bakelite Lapel Pin*

Several different types of Charlie lapel pins were produced from the 1940's into the 1950's. They were cast in Bakelite, which was the "modern miracle plastic" of the time. Today, there are avid Bakelite collectors...folks who specialize in collecting jewelry (and other household items) made from Bakelite.

I always have plenty of these Charlie figural lapel pins in stock. The most common type is pictured here. It measures approximately 1-1/8" high by 3/4" wide. I also usually have a few of the scarcer small ones in stock...those are the same design but measure only 3/4" high x 1/2" wide.



Prices for the large size are **\$10.00** each. The smaller size is somewhat harder to find. I sell those for **\$15.00** each.

**I've got LOTS more stuff to list! I'll try to update this list at least once a week, if not more often. Here is a partial listing of items I'll be listing soon....**

Charlie McCarthy "Top Hat" Spoon -- Charlie McCarthy "Detective" Spoon -- Charlie McCarthy Knife -- Charlie McCarthy Fork -- Charlie McCarthy Complete Flatware Set -- Charlie McCarthy vintage games -- used vintage vent books -- vintage 8x10 PHOTOS -- vintage vent albums -- vintage vent toys -- vintage vent magazines -- and much, MUCH MORE!!!!

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*(just mention it when ordering)*

***For ordering and payment information, e-mail me:***

**[GottleOGeer@aol.com](mailto:GottleOGeer@aol.com)**

I accept checks, money orders, PayPal and credit cards for payment. Contact me with the items you wish to order and I'll get back to you promptly with a total including shipping, etc.

Thanks for taking a look at this temporary site, and be sure to check back often for additional listings. And sooner or later, the "real" site will appear!

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