Three Vaseline Honey Pots, Maker Unknown, Probably England

Similars in a Catalogue from Sowerby, ca. 1885, and Silver & Fleming, ca. 1890

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Honigtöpfe mit Unterteller, uran-gelbes Pressglas, H 5 to 5 1/2 inches / 12,7 - 14 cm, Unterteller D 5 inches / 12,7 cm
Sammlung Peterson, Hersteller unbekannt, England, um 1885-1890

Dave Peterson: Dear Siegmar,

I am hoping you might be able to help. I now have three of these little pots. All three are canary / uranium / vaseline glass. All three have these things in common: they are flint glass, have a slot for a spoon on the lid, and have attached underplates. Each is approximately 5 to 5 1/2 inches tall. Each attached underplate is approximately 5 inches in diameter. Internal volume is approximately 1/2 cup of fluid. I believe these are most likely European or possibly English, about 1860-1870. I am hoping you might have an old manufacturer's catalog illustration showing this general shape. Ideally, I would like to know what company made each one, but at this point, I would settle for finding out what a glass house might have called this shape. Possible answers are honey pot, marmalade, sweetmeat, mustard, etc. Now having found three of them, all slightly different, I am hoping there is literature somewhere to give a name to this general shape. It must have been a part of the table service to have found three different versions! The right one looks like a bee hive [Bienenkorb]!

Regards, Dave Peterson

SG: Hello Dave,

congratulations to this find of three honeypots and by Sid Lethbridge of a Sowerby catalogue of about 1885 and a Silver & Fleming catalogue of about 1890. I would not have been able to help you: I never saw such glasses - neither real nor in a catalogue - and I did not know for what purpose they should have served!

With best regards, Siegmar