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Thank you for your interest in my newsletter. If you are new, welcome! Please feel free to email suggestions for improvements and discussion topics. Please browse through the links in the right hand column. These links will connect you to a lot of very useful jewelry-related information.

I Bought it from a Friend of the Family...



The "friend of the family" deal is a very common scenario I have seen play out several times over the years. I am not implying this type of transaction is always a bad thing, but be careful. Think of it from the "friend's" perspective. These transactions are usually built around a steep discount, after all this is the reason you went to him in the first place. If you wanted to pay full price, you could have simply gone to a regular store. So, the big day comes and you show up at his store and talk with him

about what you would like to purchase. What do you think he is going to show you first? It probably won't be his best inventory. Why would he discount his best inventory? He knows he can sell the good inventory at full price. Most likely he will show you things he has had for a while and would really like to liquidate. As long as the details are accurately disclosed and properly represented, this deal may be good for both parties. Don't expect the "friend" to explain all the pros and cons of what you are buying, he might, but he mostly wants to make the sale. If you want to keep from spending more than you need to, you need to educate yourself. It is important to have a basic understanding of what you are buying. Many times people do not know much about the jewelry are buying or what separates one level of quality from another.

I recommend making your major jewelry purchases from a fine independent jeweler. They will take the time to educate you and when they sell something, it will be accurately represented. You may have to pay a little more, but the peace of mind is worth the price.

In closing, there are many, many resources on the web for jewelry

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education. In addition, I am only a phone call away for help and advice. Do your homework, don't expect something for nothing and remember "caveat emptor" still applies when dealing with a "friend of the family".

Faberge' Egg Found at Flea Market

Now *this* is the stuff that dreams are made of... According to Wartski, a London-based jeweler and antiques dealer specializing in Fabergé. A lost imperial Fabergé egg was found by a scrap metal dealer who purchased the egg for about \$14,000. The dealer found the precious egg in the U.S. at a Midwestern flea market and intended to sell it for its scrap value. But the stunning egg, which many consider priceless, has a provenance that one could only dream of, as it is one of eight missing imperial Fabergé Easter eggs and was created for a Russian empress.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul".

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