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" L x " W x 1" H

Maker unknown c.1890-1910

Known colors: Clear, amber, blue, milk white, opaque tan

Note: Original use not known. Possibly cigarette holder and ashtray, new and used toothpick holder, new and used matches or toothpick and open salt.



Frog Toothpick & Salt Set

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Manufacturer Unknown

The sets are constructed so that two separate oval parts are fashioned so they nest together. They are not attributed to a manufacturer, but probably date ca 1890-1910.

The toothpick holder, upper part, has a smooth surface embossed with leaves and branches, and small frogs and a lizard. The bottom part has leaves, branches, and only frogs. The underside of the top has a small lip which fits down into the matching bottom holder. The top is 2" tall, the bottom 1" tall. They are known in milk glass and the clear colors of crystal, light blue, and amber.

These pieces have been seen more often in either salt cellar or



toothpick holder collections than together as sets. Some collectors say the set may have been a cigarette container and ash tray set. However, most salt dip and toothpick holder collectors consider it a very desirable addition to their collections.

The only publication known showing this item is the *Milk Glass Book*, by Frank Chiarenza and James Slater (1998) where it is listed as "rare."

