

## PLATE 2.

A page from an 1894 Montgomery Ward retail catalogue refers to this pattern, "Ruby Thumbprint", as "Excelsior Ruby and Crystal Ware", and a four piece "table set", consisting of covered butter dish, covered sugar, cream pitcher and spoonholder sold for \$1.00 per set, and tumblers were \$1.50 per dozen! Today, many people erroneously think only of this pattern with the term "Ruby-Stained" is used. As illustrated in Plate 1 and 2, the same pieces differ greatly in details, indicating that different firms made this pattern.

*Top Row* — 1. Bulbous water pitcher,  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon size, 8 inches high. 2. Bulbous creamer,  $4\frac{7}{8}$  inches high. 3. Bulbous water or milk pitcher etched with stylized leaf design, 1 quart size,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. 4. Tankard pitcher,  $8\frac{3}{8}$  inches high. 5. Tankard pitcher, slightly bulbous sides, 7 inches high. 6. Tankard pitcher,  $11\frac{1}{4}$  inches high.

*Second Row* — 1. Open compote on high standard with flared, serrated top, etched in stylized leaf design,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches high,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter. 2. Large berry bowl, top scalloped with serrated edges, boat-shaped with ends pointed, etched,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches high,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  inches long. 3. Sauce dish or individual berry bowl, scalloped top with serrated edge, boat shaped, to match number 2 except not etched,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches high,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches long. 4. Small open compote, on high standard, serrated top, not etched,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches high,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter. 5. Cake plate on ruby-stained high standard, top edge serrated, bottom edge of top rim scalloped with serrated edge,  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches high,  $10\frac{1}{4}$  inches diameter.

*Third Row* — 1. Spoonholder, large serrated edge,  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches high. 2. Cup and saucer, smooth ruby-stained edge in both; cup  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, saucer 5 inches diameter. 3. Celery vase, serrated edge, not etched,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches high. 4. Tumbler, etched with stylized leaf design,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches high. 5. Wine, not etched,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches high. 6. Wine, not etched,  $4\frac{3}{8}$  inches high. 7. Goblet, not etched,  $5\frac{7}{8}$  inches high. 8. Cordial, not etched, 4 inches high. The tumblers, wines and goblets are popular reproductions today.

*Bottom Row* — 1. Bowl, flared top, serrated edge,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches high,  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches diameter. 2. Small bowl or sauce dish, belled top, scalloped edges,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, 4 inches diameter. 3. Pickle castor in original silver plated frame. Same glass insert as base to marmalade jar, Plate 1, row 1, item 7, except with silver cover. Entire castor  $8\frac{3}{4}$  inches high to top of handle, glass insert 4 inches high. 4. Small round bowl, belled top, etched with stylized leaf design, serrated edge,  $1\frac{7}{8}$  inches high,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter. 5. Oval relish or pickle dish, belled top with scalloped edges, oval shape is  $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches long,  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches wide. 6. Large, round berry bowl, flared top with serrated edge, etched with stylized leaf design,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches high,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter.

