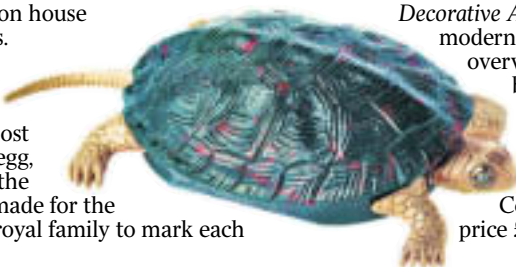


A decorative guide to the hunt for Fabergé treasures

This gold-mounted turtle from the imperial collection of the Russian jeweller Peter Carl Fabergé, manufactured in St Petersburg in about 1890, is featured in a new book by Cynthia Coleman Sparke, a specialist in Russian art at the auction house Bonhams.

After the find a month ago of a lost Fabergé egg, seven of the 50 eggs made for the Russian royal family to mark each



Easter are still unaccounted for. Ms Coleman Sparke said: "Some lucky person is going to pick up a decorative Easter egg at a car boot sale one day and find they have won the arts lottery when it sells for £20 million." Her book, *Russian*

Decorative Arts, is the only modern English language overview of the years before the revolution. It is published next month by the Antique Collectors' Club, price £55.

