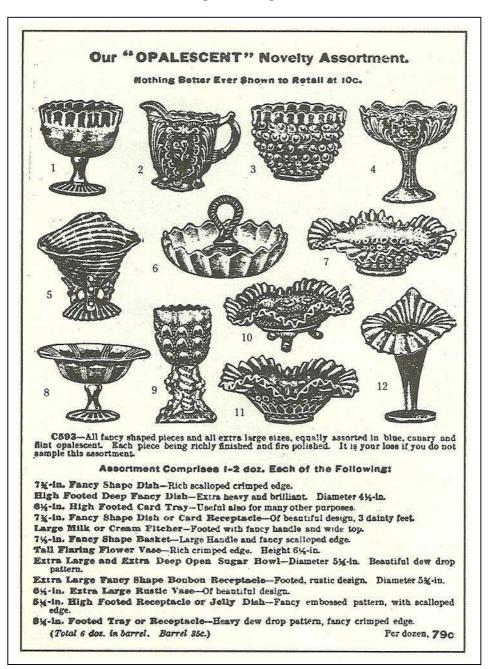
Northwood "Dew Drop"

Recently I saw a Hobnail patterned piece in Purple Slag. I knew Northwood made it, but it was not listed in the early Northwood **Mosaic** advertisement dated 1903. In a Northwood advertisement dated a year later in 1904, the piece was pictured in an Opalescent Novelty Assortment. So it became clear that Northwood did make it in Purple Slag. The company actually called it a deep Open Sugar Bowl in a **Dew Drop** pattern. In the same advertisement they show another shape opened up into a footed Tray or Receptacle in a heavy **Dew Drop** pattern with a fancy crimped edge. The **Dew Drop** pattern mentioned in the advertisement is clearly referring to their Hobnail design. What's exciting here, is until now, this **Dew Drop** Sugar Bowl has never been seen or identified in any Victorian Opalescent Glass reference books.

Number 3 and number 7 are the Hobnail pieces referred to as **Dew Drop** in this advertisement. See color photo comparison below



In this photo below, I'm showing the **Dew Drop** pattern by Northwood in Purple Slag, and quite possibly for the first time in Blue Opalescent. Both these pieces are considered very rare. The advertisement says the novelty assortment was made in Blue, Canary or (Vaseline), and Flint or (White) Opalescent. We now also know that all the pieces in the advertisement were made in Purple Slag by Northwood. Here's another mystery solved and one for the books. This new Opalescent pattern will be called, **Northwood Dew Drop**.

Good Hunting!

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Notice in the center of the base, there is a single hobnail. This is what distinguishes this piece as Northwood. The ruffled bowl shown in the advertisement will have the same single hobnail in the center of the base.

