

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

Our "OPALESCENT" Novelty Assortment.
Nothing Better Ever Shown to Retail at 10c.



C592—All fancy shaped pieces and all extra large sizes, equally assorted in blue, canary and flint opalescent. Each piece being richly finished and fire polished. It is your loss if you do not sample this assortment.

Assortment Comprises 1-2 doz. Each of the Following:

- 7½-in. Fancy Shape Dish**—Rich scalloped crimped edge.
- High Footed Deep Fancy Dish**—Extra heavy and brilliant. Diameter 4½-in.
- 6¼-in. High Footed Card Tray**—Useful also for many other purposes.
- 7½-in. Fancy Shape Dish or Card Receptacle**—Of beautiful design. 3 dainty feet.
- Large Milk or Cream Fitcher**—Footed with fancy handle and wide top.
- 7¼-in. Fancy Shape Basket**—Large Handle and fancy scalloped edge.
- Tall Flaring Flower Vase**—Rich crimped edge. Height 6¼-in.
- Extra Large and Extra Deep Open Sugar Bowl**—Diameter 5¼-in. Beautiful dew drop pattern.
- Extra Large Fancy Shape Bonbon Receptacle**—Footed, rustic design. Diameter 5¼-in.
- 6¼-in. Extra Large Rustic Vase**—Of beautiful design.
- 5¼-in. High Footed Receptacle or Jelly Dish**—Fancy embossed pattern, with scalloped edge.
- 8¼-in. Footed Tray or Receptacle**—Heavy dew drop pattern, fancy crimped edge.

(Total 6 doz. in barrel. Barrel 35c.) Per dozen, 79c

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.

