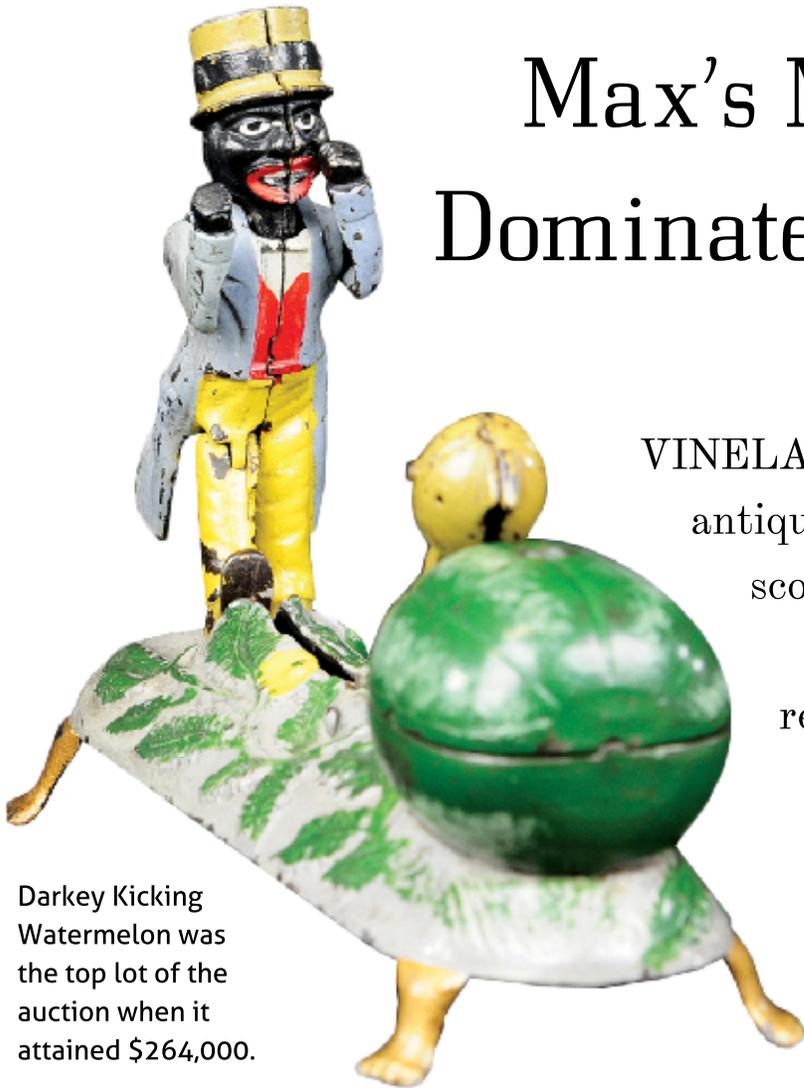


Max's Mechanical Banks Dominate Bertoia's Auction

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VINELAND, N.J. — Part II of the Max Berry antique toy and bank collection was eagerly scooped up by buyers at Bertoia's March 27–28 in a sale that will be long remembered. The sale featuring choice offerings from Berry's longtime collection, considered the best of the best, attained more than \$2.9 million and was dominated by mechanical banks, a category that saw some of



Darkey Kicking Watermelon was the top lot of the auction when it attained \$264,000.

the strongest prices of the sale.

“The sale was overwhelming and went beyond all our expectations,” said Jeanne Bertioia. Rich Bertioia noted that the sale brought out “a level of enthusiasm that we have not witnessed for a long time.” The sale

was on par with signature sales here like the Don Kaufman automotive toy auction and the Dick Claus toy boat sale. ([Continued on page 37 inside the E-edition](#))

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