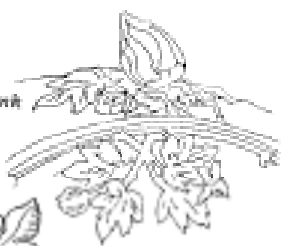


Joseph Clementson produced another botanically embossed body style, **PRAIRIE SHAPE**, in the 1860's. His motif was the Teaberry and the embossment contains wheat stalks, leaves, poppies and poppy foliage. Wheat, *Triticum*, seems to have originated in western Asia and has been through the years, our source of wheat flour and has long been the symbol of prosperity. The poppy is also native to Europe and Asia. The flower buds from both annual and perennial varieties are on solitary stalks and are in a nodding position while in bud but straighten proudly as the flower opens. *Papavar* is the classical Latin name of the poppy.



Top left: *The Iceland poppy, a beautiful hardy perennial from the Far North*; right; *drawing of Clementson's Teaberry teapot with "Prairie Shape" embossment*; left: *Clementson Teaberry shaving mug in Prairie Shape, circa 1862*

Right: sketch of pink lustre foliage on covered sassa-
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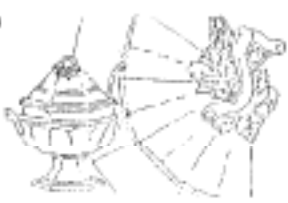


Left: *Ficus Carina*
from Taylor's Ency-
clopedia of Gardening



A botanical embossment of the 1870's is **Davenport's FIG COUSIN**. Records show that Davenport used the Fig body shape style as early as 1856 but applied the Tea Leaf with pink lustre outline between 1871-80. The *Ficus Carina*, common fig, is the only tree from this large family which bears edible fruit. Davenport seems to have used the common fig as his botanical example for embossment.

Above left: *Pink lustre outline shows shape and details of fruit and foliage on Tom Chadwick's creamer*;
right: *close up of large Fig Cousin water pitcher showing outline of fruit and foliage in pink lustre, handle has likeness to bent branch, from collection of Eleanor Washburn.*



GRAPE OCTAGON, an early body style of the late 1840's, was decorated with many different motifs by many different potters, but it wasn't until the 1860's that the Teaberry motif was used on this beautiful body style by J. Clementson and J.F. The handles of this body style have the look of sturdy or twisted grape vines and the cluster of grapes on the front of the lower spout is easy to identify, as is the grape cluster finial. The *Vitis Vinifera*, grape, comes from a European or Persian species, *Vitis Vinifera* meaning wine-bearing. Grapes, as you know, have long been used for food and beverages and continue to be cultivated in many areas as a very profitable commercial commodity.



Above left: *Fox Grape*; right: *sketch of Grape Octagon embossing*; below; *unmarked Pinwheel coffeepot and Walley Pomegranate coffeepot.*