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# In the country auction ro

While country house sales are increasingly popular, the bulk of any auctioneer's calendar continues to be based around the saleroom, where a larger selection of items can be more easily shown and sold.

An added attraction is the location of the salerooms: many firms, like H C Chapman & Son, situated in the lovely old spa town of Scarborough, were founded at the turn of the century in picturesque, often historic, towns and villages. Working out of old warehouses or purposebuilt rooms, they are easily accessible

for vendors and buyers alike, and a trip to the sales is still a highly enjoyable day out for the whole family.

Chapmans is able to combine several house content sales at one time in its Victorian rooms in North Street, offering an eclectic mix of pieces, like this set of Arts & Crafts tiles with sporting scenes (far right) and pair of spelter candlesticks modelled as Egyptian figures. And afterwards, you can promenade along the seafront. Chapmans' next house contents sale will be held on 27 October.

### ▼ Loving cup

A Stuart, two handled, wrigglework engraved loving cup, circa 1680, made of pewter. Sold by Sotheby's, Sussex, for £6,440 (£6,000-£9,000)

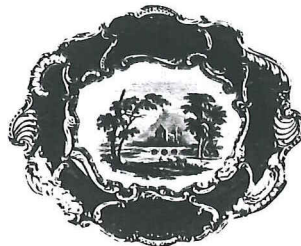


### ▲ Cards on the table

Late 19th century satinwood, D shaped foldover card table, the top decorated with swags of flowers. Sold by Dreweatt Neate, Banbu £2,500 (£1,000-£1,500)

### ► Country idyll

English porcelain 26 piece dessert service, circa 1830, decorated with rural scenes surrounded by a green ground. Sold by Phillips, Edinburgh, for £2,668 (£1,500-£2,000)



### ► Garnet and gold

Gold, enamel and garnet oval locket, circa 1840, with a fine portrait. Sold by Phillips, Edinburgh, (£400-£600)



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