# RARITIES OF THE WORLD



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BRITISH GUIANA 1856 "ONE CENT"

WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE STAMP



AT PUBLIC AUCTION
TUESDAY MARCH 24th, 1970
7:00 P.M.

AT THE WALDORF-ASTORIA HOTEL
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# THE WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE STAMP

The little piece of magenta-coated paper featured in this catalogue is, for its size and weight, the most valuable single object in the world. It is the British Guiana "One Cent" postage stamp issued in 1856 during an emergency shortage of regular stamps and is now estimated to be worth from twenty to fifty million times its original cost. No one has ever been able to suggest any other object in the history of the world which has had this great an increment in value.

British Guiana, now the Independent State of Guyana on the Atlantic Coast of South America, was formerly a small part of the once extensive British Empire and was important for its production of sugar and rum . . . the dark rum of Demerara being a favorite of connoisseurs and contributing to the wealth of colonial planters and distillers. By 1856 the colony had a well-developed postal service with its headquarters in the city of Demerara, now Georgetown, the capital. After an early, locally produced stamp issue in 1852 the colony was supplied with its postage stamps directly from England. Early in 1856 an emergency arose. A supply of stamps ordered from London failed to arrive and the local stock of postage stamps was being rapidly depleted. The Postmaster decided he must order provisional stamps, to be produced locally in order to meet the emergency. The publishers of the "Official Gazette" were ordered to print these provisionals, using a design approximating the Seal of the Colony which consisted of the design of a ship and the Latin motto "Damus Petimus Que Vicissim", which translates "We Give and Seek in Turn". These emergency stamps were rather primitively set in ordinary type. For the design of the ship the printers used the same cut which they ordinarily used to head the local column of shipping news. The words of the motto were placed above and below the ship and surrounded by a frame of ordinary printer's rules. Outside of the rules were the words "British Guiana", "Postage" and "One Cent". There was a similarly designed "Four Cent" stamp printed and issued at the same time. The "Four Cent" was printed on Magenta paper, like the "One Cent" and on a Blue paper. These "Four Cent" provisionals are very rare, but not in any way to be compared with the rarity of the unique "One Cent".

When the stamps were delivered to the Post Office the Postmaster was concerned that, being printed from ordinary type, they might easily be forged, so, to protect the postal revenue, he directed that all of these provisional stamps were to be initialed by one of four designated postal officials before being sold. The "One Cent" bears the initials "E.D.W." hand-written by Mr. E. D. Wight, an assistant postmaster. This was the device employed to protect the colony's first provisional issue, which came out in 1852, six years earlier.

The "One Cent", the only example which has ever been found, has been cut octagonally, the corners trimmed so that it forms an octagon. It bears the postmark of "Demerara, Ap. 4, 1856" in the characteristic rimless type then in use.

This "Rarity of All Rarities" has had the most careful scrutiny of leading students of the stamps of British Guiana, who through the Royal Philatelic Society of London, have pronounced and certified it to be genuine in all respects. The documentation

and certification will, of course, be furnished to the fortunate purchaser of the stamps, whoever he may be.

Tonight, through the facilities of the Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc., this celebrated stamp is to find a new owner. For the first time in 48 years it is being offered, without reserve, at public auction, to the highest bidder. Who the new owner will be and what price he must pay for it will be determined at the end of this sale, where it is being offered in company with a sensational galaxy of some of the rarest and most beautiful philatelic gems ever assembled in a single sale. The annual sales of "Rarities of the World" initiated and continued by the Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc. are events eagerly awaited by the philatelic world and bring together at one time a great number of serious buyers, both amateur and professional. Thus, it is quite logical for the famous British Guiana "One Cent" to be presented in this sale.

This great stamp is, of course, unique; no other example has ever been found. There are other unique stamps, it is true, some in this present sale, but the British Guiana has a quality of glamour which sets it apart from every other stamp in the world.

One important feature of this rarity is the fact that it has been completely "pedigreed" from its original discovery by L. Vernon Vaughan, of Demerara, British Guiana when he was a school-boy, barely of teen-age. It was approximately in 1873 when he unearthed it in some family correspondence, along with other British Guiana stamps. An avid collector, he was fascinated by some colorful sets sent him by a dealer and lacking funds to purchase them he offered his "One Cent" Black on Magenta to a collector named McKinnon, who first turned it down and then bought it for the sum of six shillings. McKinnon sold his collection in 1878 through Wylie Hill, of Glasgow, Scotland to Thomas Ridpath, a Liverpool dealer for a reputed \$600.00. Ridpath sold the stamp to Count Philippe la Renotiere von Ferrary, an Italo-Austrian nobleman of a family of immense wealth, who, for many years was the world's leading collector. He was born in 1848 and lived in a famous Paris mansion in which three rooms were devoted to his stamps. A small ante-room was reserved for business, and contained a curious contraption of nails or hooks on which French Bank Notes of varying denominations were placed. The money was for the Ferrary stamp purchases and a sum of 50,000 francs, then approximately \$10,000.00 was made available each week and if larger amounts were necessary as for the purchase of a large collection, payment was made by check. Two Philatelic secretaries looked after the collection, the stamps kept in one room while the other room was devoted to an immense collection of Postal Stationery and things of that nature. When World War I broke out, the Count was in The Netherlands. In 1916 he attempted to return to Paris, where his collection was, but the French Government refused to permit him to remain in France because of his Austrian paternity. He had become a Swiss citizen in 1908 so he retired to Lugano where he died in 1916. By his will, the collection had been left to The Imperial Postal Museum in Berlin. But the French Government seized the collection and ordered it sold at public auction with the proceeds being credited to the German War Reparations account. The collection was dispersed in a series of fourteen auction sales between June 1921 and November 1925. The amount realized was in excess of \$1,600,000.00, a huge sum for those days.

However, the greatest interest was evoked by the sixth sale, the one in which the famed British Guiana was offered. It has long been rumored that the late King George V,

of Great Britain, had an agent at the sale and was a bidder for this fabulous rarity, for it is reputedly the only British Commonwealth stamp needed in the Royal Collection. The rumor, as is customary in British Court circles, has never been confirmed nor denied. In any event, the principal competition was between Maurice Burrus, a wealthy Alsatian tobacco magnate and Hugo Griebert, a London dealer who acted as agent for Arthur Hind, a highly successful plush manufacturer of Utica, New York. The bidding between M. Burrus and Mr. Griebert brought the price to 300,000 francs (the franc then being valued at between 8¢ and 9¢). Both claimed the stamp at that price and after a short conference the two competitors reached agreement that Mr. Hind was to have it. The French Government then exacted a tax of 171/2% of the purchase price which brought the total cost to Mr. Hind to approximately \$32,500.00 plus whatever he paid Mr. Griebert for his services. The late Charles J. Phillips once wrote that Mr. Hind told him that he had instructed Mr. Griebert to go as high as \$60,000.00 for the stamp if necessary.

Arthur Hind enjoyed his ownership of the stamp and the publicity he derived from its purchase. He was very generous in permitting its display at important philatelic exhibitions and, as a result, many collectors had the opportunity to view it, up to the time of his death in 1933.

It was then learned that the British Guiana "One Cent" had been left to his widow, independently of the rest of his stamps.

The "Hind Collection", minus the "One Cent" British Guiana was sold in a series of important auctions in the mid-1930's.

After Mr. Hind's widow established her ownership of the stamp through court action she arranged for its private sale through Mr. Finnbar Kenny to a new owner for an undisclosed price, rumored to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00, then an unheard-of price for a single stamp. Mr. Kenny assisted and advised the present owner in the formation of the greatest collection of the stamps of British Guiana ever put together of which the famed "One Cent" of 1856 is the crowning piece. The other gems of this collection are to be presented at public auction on March 25th by Robson Lowe, Ltd. at the famed Christie Galleries.

But now, the eyes of the philatelic world are focussed on the Louis XVI Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, where Mr. Andrew Levitt, the auctioneer for the Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries will announce the lot, say "Gentlemen, What is your pleasure?" and within a few minutes, rap with his gavel, at which time this greatest of all rarities, the most valuable stamp in the world, the famed British Guiana "One Cent" Black on Magenta of 1856 will, after more than thirty years, find a new owner.

# RESERVATIONS

The outstanding importance of this sale is such that a reservation to attend is essential.

Only if your place is reserved can we guarantee that you will be seated and a reservation can be made by a phone call or letter to our office. It would appear that early reservation is advisable as seating is limited.

We take this opportunity to express our thanks to Mr. William Kahn of New York for the assistance rendered in the preparation of the color plates in this catalogue.

The Bid Sheet will be found at the end of the Catalogue, Pages 73 & 74.



# UNITED STATES

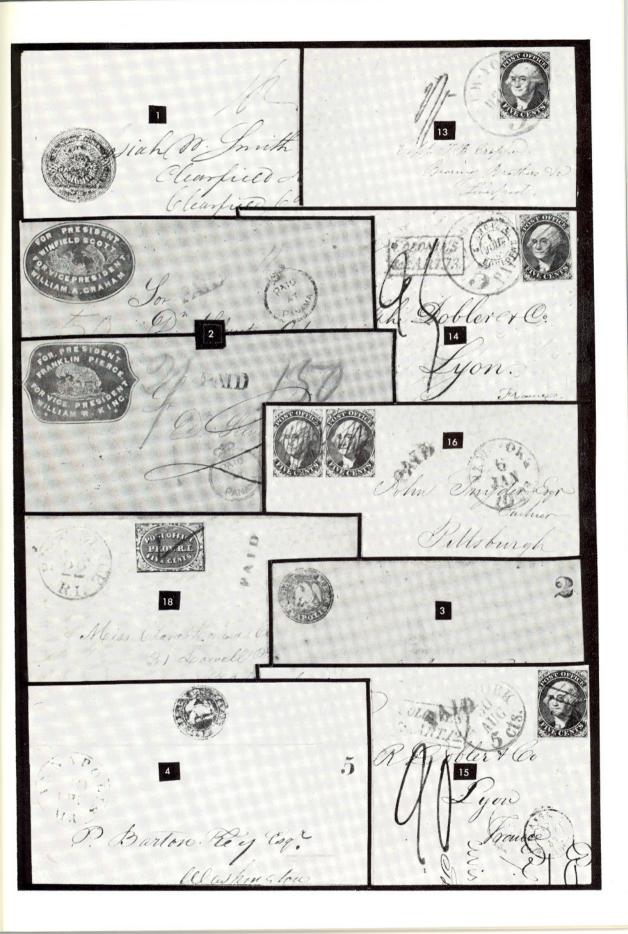
# STAMPLESS COVERS

1 🔀	N. L. (Northern Liberties) News Room, Sub Post Office, Fancy Negative imprint, Bold, sharp impression on fresh 1836 folded letter to Clearfield, Pa., ms. "18¾" rate, A Rare early local E.XIII
2 🔀	"Paid at Panama" in Red Crowned Circle; Two covers with embossed corner cards of the Presidential Election Campaign of 1852, one for Franklin Pierce & William R. King, picturing the Democratic "Rooster" beating the Whig "Raccoon"; the other for Winfield Scott and William R. Graham, picturing the "Raccoon" beating the "Rooster"; U.S. origin to Santiago, Chile, with "Paid" handstamp and various rate marks in Red Very Fine and of utmost historic value & interest; A handsome, matchless pair of covers E.XIV
	POSTMASTERS' PROVISIONALS
3 🔀	Annapolis, Md. Blue Handstamp, matching "2", Beautiful clear strikes on folded drop letter, Very Fine, Listed in Scott in footnote to #2XU1
4 🔀	Annapolis, Md., 5c Carmine Red (2XU1 var.). Bright handstamp on flap of 1846 folded letter to Washington, Red "Annapolis" pmk. & matching "5", Very Fine, Listed in footnote to #2XU1 in Scott
5 🗵	Baltimore, Md., 5c Black on Bluish (3X3). Frame lines on all sides incl. full Double Frame line at L., neat Blue "Paid" cancel, not tied, matching Baltimore pmk. on 1845 folded letter to Annapolis, Cover a trifle mended, Very Fine and Attractive
6⊠	Baltimore, Md., 5c Black on Bluish (3X3). Parts of Frame Lines on all sides, tiny nick at T., just tied by neat ms. "X", Blue "Paid" matching town pmk. on 1846 folded letter to Upper Marlboro, Md., Fine
7	Baltimore, Md., 5c Black on Bluish (3X3). Parts of Frame Lines on all sides, neatly tied by Blue "Paid", matching town pmk. on envelope to Washington, D.C., Stamp has been cut from cover and replaced, offered as a Choice off-cover single
8 🔀	Baltimore, Md., 5c Black on Bluish (3X3). Large side margins, slightly in T. & B., light Blue & ms. cancels affixed to cover front, offered as a Fine off-cover single

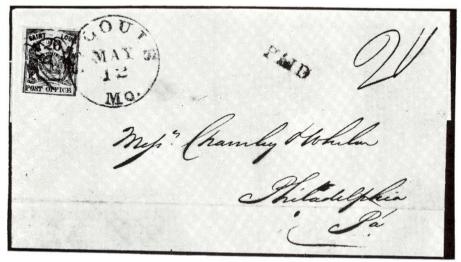
# LOTS ON VIEW:

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9 🖂	Baltimore, Md., 10c Red on Manila (3XU11A). Entire, readable handstamp, Blue pmk., with P.F. Certificate which states "cover restored and stained at left.", nevertheless quite attractive & Rare 8000.00
10 🔀	Baltimore, Md., 10c Blue on White (3XU12). Splendid impression, signature in Brown, on reduced cover to Huntsville, Ala., the reduction eliminated bad stains and tears and in its present state is Fine & entirely presentable, with P.F. Certificate, issued before reduction
11	New Haven, Conn., 5c Red on White (8XU1). Cut to shape, touching right frame line, Clear Impression, slight thinnings, Fine appearance, with P.F. Certificate, Catalogues as Entire, \$22,500.00
12	New York, N.Y., 5c Black, Signed "R.H.M." (9X1b). Margins all around, Very Fine
13 🗵	New York, N.Y., 5c Black (9X1). Large Margins, Nicely tied by the large Red "New-York, 5 Paid" Foreign Mail pmk. on 1845 folded letter to Liverpool; Bold English Due marking, Very Fine & Scarce, Ex-Newbury
14 🖾	New York, N.Y., 5c Black (9X1). Huge margins showing part of adjoining stamp at L., beautifully tied by the large Red "New-York, 5 Paid" Foreign Mail cancel & by Red French transit; Red "Colonies etc., Art 13" in box, ms. "p Str. Hibernia" on blue 1846 folded letter to Lyon, France, "25 decimes" due mark & various transits and receiving marks, Extremely Fine, A gorgeous and immaculate cover, Ex-Caspary
15 🗵	New York, N.Y., 5c Black (9X1). Huge margins all around, neat Blue ms. cancel, not tied on Aug. 1845 cover to France, Red N.Y. pmk. also Red "Colonies & c, Art. 12" in box; French and British transit pmks and bold "20 decimes" due mark, Very Fine E XIII
16 🔀	New York, N.Y. 5c Black (9X1). Horiz. Pair, Large margins all around, Tied by sharp Red Grids & neat Blue ms. cancels on Jan. 1847 folded letter to Pittsburgh, Pa., Extremely Fine
17★	Providence, R.I., 5c, 10c Black (10X1, 10X2). Complete sheet of Twelve, Fresh, large part o.g., couple of age spots in margin, otherwise Extremely Fine
18 🔀	Providence, R.I., 5c Black (10X1). Margins to barely touched at L., Usual neat Quill Pen cancel., Red town pmk., matching "Paid" & "5" on folded letter to Boston; ms "Penny Post" for Boston local delivery, minor scrape at T., otherwise Fine
19	St. Louis., Mo., 5c Black on Gray Lilac (11X4). Margins all around, Rich Vivid Color, light ms. cancel, Very Fine, an Unusually Choice example of this rare stamp, with P.F. Certificate

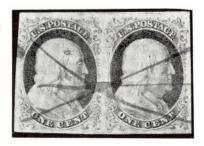






# 1847 ISSUE

22 ★	5c Orange Brown (1b). Horizontal Strip of Eight, From a new Original Find, Ample to Large Margins all around except B. line of one stamp partly shaved; Brilliant Color, virtually full o.g., some creases, A Magnificent Showpiece of Utmost Beauty & Rarity
23 🔀	5c Red Brown (1). Horiz. Pair, Large Margins, Rich Color, Tied by neat Red Grids, matching "U.S. Express Mail, Boston" and wide "10" on neat small envelope to Philadelphia, Very Fine 225.00+
24 🔀	5c Red Brown (1). Four Covers, All from same correspondence & paying 5c internal postage, Baltimore, Md., to Freiwalden, Silesia, Dec. 1850 to May 1851; Stamps with Large margins to just touched, two with Red "5" cancels, other tied by Red Grids; A wonderful array of Foreign Rate and Transit markings on both sides of the envelopes, An exceptional lot, Very Scarce E XV
25 🔀	10c Black (2). Huge margins, tied by Orange Red Grid, matching "Roswell, Ga.," pmk. on neat blue envelope to Darien, Very scarce small town pmk., Extremely Fine
26 🔀	10c Black (2). Large Margins, Nicely tied by Red Square Grid, matching N.Y. pmk. on Feb. 1851 folded cover to Bytown Canada, Red "Montreal, L.C." transit pmk., Extremely Fine, Scarce usage 235.00+
27 🔀	10c Black (2). Deep, Rich color, Proof-like Impression, Large margins, Tied by Red Diamond Lattice Grid, matching "Brunswick, Me." pmk. on Sept. 1847 folded letter to Ohio, Very Fine, Extremely scarce cancel
28 🔀	10c Greenish Black (2). Gorgeous color & impression, Large, Even margins, tied by neat Red "Saint Louis, Mo., 10" pmk., repeated on the fresh, bright envelope to So. Boston, Mass., tiny sealed cover tear, Extremely Fine
29 🔀	10c Black (2). Margins three sides, partly close at B., tied by unusual black bold circle pmk., Black "Steam" on folded cover with ms. "pr Alice", from St. Louis, to New Orleans, Fine and rare cover
30 🖾	10c Black (2). Fine color & Impression, Large to Huge margins; one of the finest "Wheeling, (W.) Va. Precancels" in existence; a Sept. 1, 1847 folded letter to Philadelphia, Interesting contents re transportation on the Ohio River, negligible crease from filing fold, otherwise Extremely Fine, an outstanding Rarity E.XV
31 🖾	10c Black (2). Horiz. Pair, Beautiful shade & impression, Ample to huge margins, showing parts of adjoining stamps at sides, tied by neat Red Grids, matching "U.S. Express Mail, Boston" pmk. on fresh Ludlow, Beebe & Co. cover to Philadelphia, Very Fine 650.00 +





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37 🔀 3c Red (11). Fine, Beautifully tied by "New Bloomfield, Pa., pmk. on Handsome, Illustrated "Ocean Penny Postage" Propaganda envelope, Extremely Choice & Attractive cover ...... E.XII



38 🖂 3c Red (11). Used in Combination with Canada 3p "Beaver" (4). Both tied by neat ms. cancel on 1853 folded cover Toronto, to N.Y. City, Str. Line Exchange marking and bold numeral "6", Both stamps with margins all around, the 3p Canada has a small hole in T. sheet margin. A Marvelous and Exceedingly Rare cover, signed "Ashbrook" ..... E.XVI

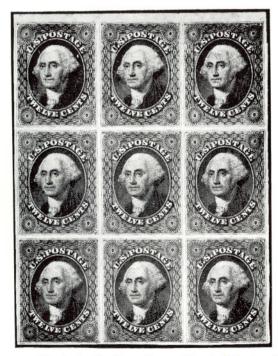
5c Red Brown (12). Ample to large margins except barely touched 39 \* at B., Deep, Rich color, Fresh & Fine, with P.F. Certificate ....... 1100.00

# **ESTIMATES**

Our sales contain many 19th Century covers and fancy cancellations. We have had many requests to give the estimated cash value on these lots. We are trying to place a fair net valuation on each lot as a guide for bidding when no catalogue value portrays the true value. The chart below will be used, for example E. IV means our estimated cash value on this lot is \$30.00 to \$40.00. Lots may actually realize more or less than these estimates and under no circumstances are these estimates to be considered reserves but merely a guide to bidding.

E. I	up to	\$10.00	E. IX	\$150.00 to \$200.00
E. II	\$10.00 to	\$20.00	E. X	\$200.00 to \$250.00
E. III	\$20.00 to	\$30.00	E. XI	\$250.00 to \$350.00
E. IV	\$30.00 to	\$40.00	E. XII	\$350.00 to \$500.00
E. V	\$40.00 to	\$50.00	E. XIII	\$500.00 to \$750.00
E. VI	\$50.00 to	\$75.00	E. XIV	\$750.00 to \$1000.00
E. VII	\$75.00 to \$	\$100.00	E. XV	\$1000.00 to \$2500.00
E. VIII	\$100.00 to \$	150.00	E. XVI	over \$2500.00



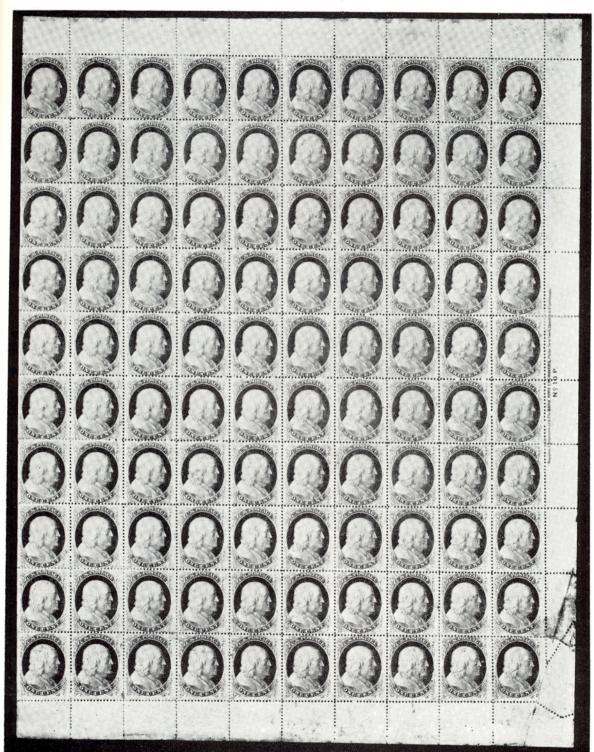


42 🔀	12c Black, Diagonal Half used for 6c (17a). U.R. half, perfectly
	tied by bold "San Francisco, Cal. Jan. 1" on cover to Sag Harbor,
	L.I., Extremely Fine, ex-Lehman, with P.F. Certificate 1400.00

	1857 ISSUE
43 ★⊞	1c Blue, Ty. I & II (18, 20). Combination Block, Two of each type, Fine, o.g. 550.00
44 ★⊞	1c Blue, Ty. II & IIIa (20, 22). Combination Block, incl. both types, Very Rare, listed but not priced, o.g., Very Fine
45 ★	1c Blue, Ty. V (24). Complete Sheet of 100, Unusually Well Centered sheet with full Right Imprint & Pl. No. 10., Full o.g., few tiny gum thins and tiny surface abrasions, freak "wild perfs" at R.B. corner, Handsome & Desirable sheet
46 🔀	3c Dull Red, Imperforate Horizontally (26c). Strip of Three, tied on legal size cover by "Griffin, Ga., pmks., Cover tears far from stamps which are well centered but have a few nibbed perfs., The catalogue listing made from this cover, which is probably a unique piece, with P.F. Certificate
47 🔀	10c Green, Ty. II (32). Very Fine, tied by perfect, bold "San Francisco, Cal." 1859 pmk. on a particularly handsome "Choo Choo" envelope, "Overland Mail, via Los Angeles", to Ohio, flap missing, Extremely Fine
48 ★⊞	30c Orange (38). Block, Beautiful, Deep color, fresh, o.g., tiny thin in one stamp, otherwise Very Fine, Handsome Piece
49 ★	3c Scarlet, Reprint (41). Bright Color, Exceptionally Well Centered, Extremely Fine example of this difficult stamp
50 ★	90c Deep Blue, Reprint (47). Gorgeous, Rich color, Well Centered, Extremely Fine Copy of this Rarity

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## 1861 FIRST DESIGNS



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30c Red Orange, "August" (61). Brilliant Color, fresh, o.g., Very 

90c Dull Blue, "August" Imperforate (62a). Beautiful Rich Color, Huge Margins, faint internal wrinkle, otherwise Extremely Fine, with P.F. Certificate 850.00

















# 1861 ISSUE

58 🔀	3c Pigeon Blood Pink (64a). Wonderful, Rich Color, Exceptional Centering, tied by neat, light grid, "Flushing, N.Y., Feb. 7, 1862" pmk., Signed "Ashbrook" as "No. 64 Pink" but in 1948 prior to the separate listing of the scarce deep "Pigeon Blood", A gorgeous, immaculate cover, Extremely Fine
59 ★	3c Lake (66). Lovely, Rich Color, fresh, o.g., centered slightly to U.R., Very Fine

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60 ⊠	90c Blue (72). Tied on neat blue envelope to Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, by edge of Boston "Paid" in frame, red "Boston' Mass." pmk. paying the 90c rate for a 4½ oz. letter; Negligible tiny white spot over "T" of "Postage", still Very Fine, and so far as is known, the only 90c used to Hawaii on record
61 🖂	90c Blue (72) Block, used with 30c Orange, Pair (71). all tied on legal size cover, N.Y. to Lyon, France, paying \$4.20 postage, 28 times the regular rate of 15c per quarter ounce. The block has a str. edge at R.; stamps & cover have some age stains, yet an attractive cover of utmost rarity, probably unique. Signed "Ashbrook" who writes "28X15c to France, via French Packet" and he affirms genuineness
62	2c Black, Laid Paper (73d). Strong Laid lines, centered to R. & tied on small piece, Rare variety, with P.F. Certificate E.XII
63 ★⊞	2c Black, Imperforate (73 unlisted type). Block, fresh, o.g., Extremely Fine, a Great Rarity, with P.F. Certificate which states "that it is not a variety of Scott #73 but is a Genuine Imperf. on experimental paper"
64 ★	3c Scarlet (74). Nearly full o.g., Fine & Fresh, with P.F. Certificate 900.00

# 1867 GRILLED ISSUES



66 ★⊞ 3c Rose, Grilled All Over, Imperforate (79a). Bottom Imprint Plate No. 52 Block of Twelve, Magnificent, Deep Color, Brilliant and Fresh, o.g., Extremely Fine, A Spectacular Showpiece ...... E.XVI



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67 ★⊞ 2c Black, "Z" Grill (85B). Block, Fresh, o.g., crease in top pair, others Very Fine, Exceedingly Rare block, with P.F. Certificate, unpriced in cat. E.XVI

68 ★⊞ 12c Black, "Z" Grill (85E) Block, Deep Intense Color, Fresh, o.g., only a couple of unused blocks known, as Fine a Block as may be found, Unpriced, ex-Lozier, Sinkler ...... E.XVI

69 ★⊞	15c Black, F. Grill (98). Block, Nicely Centered, nearly full o.g., tiny thins, bit reinforced, Very Fine Appearance 500.00
70 ★	30c Brownish Orange, Re-Issue (110). Wonderful Color, Fresh, Fine example of this rare stamp
71 ★	90c Blue, Re-Issue (111). Lovely, Rich color, fresh, o.g., centered slightly to U.L., Very Fine, Rare
	1869 PICTORIAL ISSUE
72 P	1c—90c 1869 "Atlanta" Trial Color Proofs, The Complete Set of 78, Very Fine
73 ★⊞	1c Buff (112) Block, Fresh, o.g., tiny corner perf. crease in one, otherwise Fine—Very Fine
74 ★⊞	2c Brown (113) Block of Six, Well Centered, Fresh, o.g., Very Fine
75 ★⊞	6c Ultramarine (115) Block, Nicely Centered, Bright Color, fresh, o.g., crease in L. pair, otherwise Very Fine
76 ★⊞	6c Ultramarine (115) Block of Twelve, Beautiful, Bright Color, fresh, o.g., crease in one vertical row, otherwise Fine, Handsome & Rare multiple
77 ★⊞	10c Yellowish Orange (116) Block of Six, Magnificent Color, fresh, o.g., light crease in two, otherwise Fine, Scarce and Handsome block
78 ⊞	10c Yellow (116) Used Block, Bright Color, Nicely Centered, faint thin in one, otherwise Very Fine
79 🖾	15c Brown & Blue, Type I (118). Well Centered, Beautifully tied by Rosette & edge of Red "New-Paid-York, 3" pmk. on small neat cover to France, Blue French transit pmk, Extremely Fine, An Outstanding cover

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80 ★⊞ 15c Brown & Blue, Type II (119) Block of Six, Gorgeous, Deep Rich colors, Brilliant & Fresh, o.g., Fine, a Beautiful piece ....... 980.00+



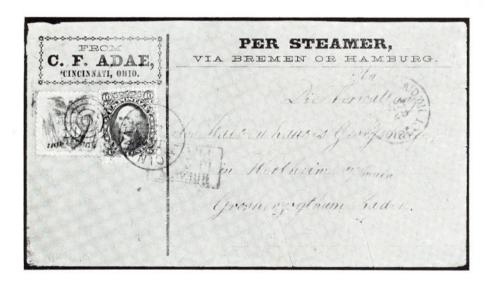
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- 85 24c Green & Violet (120). Fresh colors, Centered bit to R., tied by neat "Cross Roads" on folded letter to England, a multiple rate, heavy personal letter, Fine, Very Scarce usage, with P.F. Certificate 1500.00





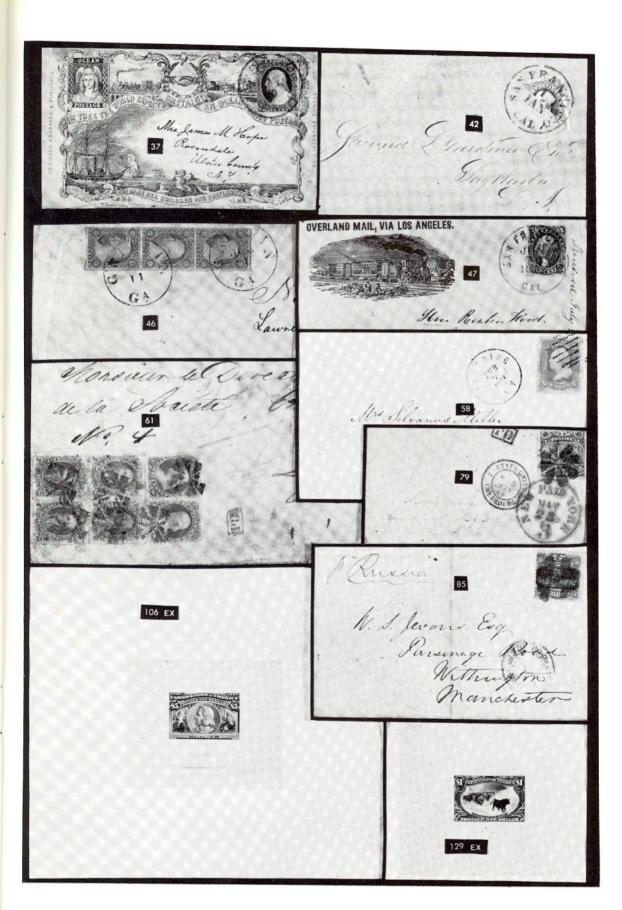
86★ 30c Blue & Carmine, Flags Inverted (121b). Wonderfully Well Centered, Beautiful Rich colors, fresh, tiny, negligible wrinkle, A Magnificent, Matchless example of this very great Rarity ....... 21500.00







95★	30c Blue & Carmine, Re-Issue (131). Brilliant Colors, Fresh, o.g., Extremely Fine 475.00
96★	90c Carmine & Black, Re-Issue (132). Wonderful Rich Colors, Fresh, o.g., Very Fine
97 ★⊞	1c Brown Orange, Re-Issue (133a). Bottom Sheet Margin Block, Well Centered, Fresh, Very Fine
	BANK NOTE ISSUES
98 ★	3c Green, Grill, Imperforate (136b). Mint Sheet Corner Pair, Large margins, Extremely Fine
99	24c Purple, Grill (142). Clear grill, light corner crease, Fine appearance, Attractive example of this Very Rare stamp, with P.F. Certificate
100 ★⊞	6c Carmine (148). Block of Six, Beautiful color, Nicely Centered, Fresh, o.g., tiny gum skip in one, Extremely Fine
101 ★⊞	2c Vermilion, Imperforate (178a). Block, creases, Very Fine appearance, with P.F. Certificate
102 ★⊞	6c Pink (186). Block, Fresh, o.g., Very Fine
103 ★	90c Carmine, Imperforate (191b). Horiz. Pair, Fresh, o.g., Extremely Fine
104★	7c Scarlet Vermilion, Special Printing (196). All perfs, intact, Centered to R., Fine for this Rarity
105 ★⊞	2c Pale Red Brown, Special Printing, Imperforate Between Vertically (211Bc) Block, Fresh, o.g., Very Fine signed "H.F.C. (olman)"
	COLUMBIAN ISSUE
106 P	1c — \$5.00 Columbian, Large Die Proofs on India (230P—245P). Complete Set on 9X6" cards, age spots, otherwise Very Fine 2060.00
107★	2c Columbian, Imperforate (231b). Vertical Pair, Large Margins, faults, as always, incl. closed tear in stamp at Top, Very Fine, as these come
108★	3c Columbian (232). Pane of Fifty, with Imprint & Plate No. Block at bottom, V.G. — V.F
109★	4c Columbian, Blue, Error of Color (233a). Beautiful, Rich Color, Fresh o.g., tiny hinge thin, Fine appearance, with P.F. Certificate 4000.00
110 ★⊞	50c Columbian (240). Block, Beautiful deep color, Fresh, large part o.g., light gum thin in one, otherwise Very Fine
111 ★⊞	\$1.00 Columbian (241). L. Sheet Margin Block with Imprint, Brilliant color, Well Centered, Fresh, o.g., Very Fine



112,★⊞	\$2.00 Columbian (242). Block, Rich Color, Fresh, o.g., Fine 1100.00
113 ⊞	\$2.00 Columbian (242). Used Block, neat Target cancel., Rich color, Very Fine
114★	\$3.00 Columbian (243). Four Gorgeous Shades, from a delicate, light shade to the rich, deep color, Fresh, o.g., Extremely Fine lot, a Choice and Most Unusual Offering
115 ★⊞	\$3.00 Columbian (243). Block, Beautifully Centered, Deep, Rich color, Fresh, o.g., light crease in B. pair, small thin in another, Extremely Fine Appearance





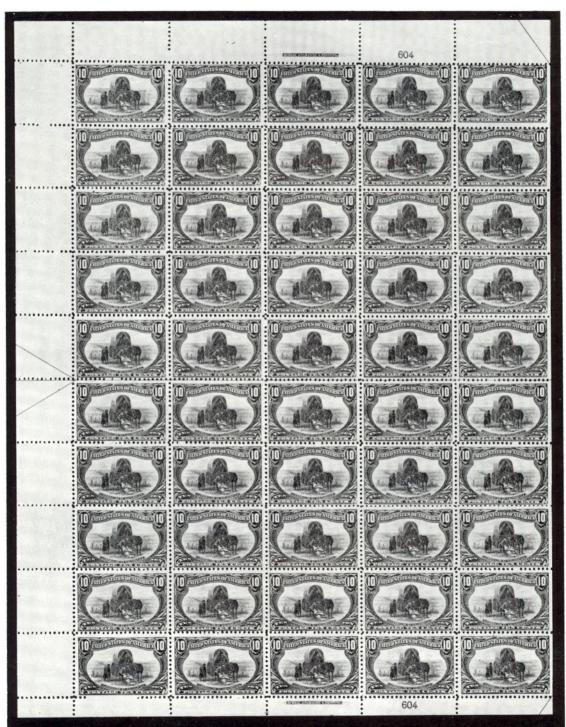


# 1894-1895 ISSUES

118 ★⊞	\$1.00 Black, Ty. I, Ty. II (261, 261A). Combination Block, the L. pair Ty. I, R. pair Ty. II, Fresh, o.g., Fine—Very Fine
119 ★⊞	\$2.00 Blue (262). Block, Fresh, o.g., light, negligible toning in gum, Fine & Scarce
120 ★⊞	\$5.00 Dark Green (263). Block, Fresh, o.g., Fine & Scarce 1950.00
121 ★	1c—\$5.00 1895 Issue, Imperforate (Betw. 264-278). Complete Set of Top Sheet Margin Singles, Huge Margins, Brilliant Mint, Extremely Fine
122 ★⊞	\$1.00 Black, Ty. I (276). B. Sheet Margin Block, with Pl. No. 76, Well Centered, Fresh, o.g., Extremely Fine
123 ★⊞	\$1.00 Black, Ty. II (276A). Block, Nicely Centered, Fresh, o.g., Very Fine
TRANS-MISSISSIPPI ISSUE	
124 P	1c—\$2.00 Trans-Mississippi, Large Die Proofs (285P-293P). Complete Set, Very Fine
125 ★⊞	10c Trans-Mississippi (290). Top Imprint Plate No. 620 Block, Well Centered, Fresh, o.g., Extremely Fine
126★	10c Trans-Mississippi (290). Complete Sheet of Fifty, Very Good —Very Fine
127 ★⊞	50c Trans-Mississippi (291). B. Imprint Pl. No. Block, Well Centered, a few perfs. disturbed where selvedge reinforced, tiny gum



128 ★⊞ \$1.00 Trans-Mississippi (292). Block, Gorgeous, Intense Color, Wonderfully Well Centered, Brilliant, Fresh, o.g., Extremely Fine 2250.00







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# PAN-AMERICAN ISSUE









135 ★ 1c Pan-American, Center Inverted (294a). Vertical Pair, gum creases, Very Fine Appearance, Very Scarce and Most Attractive 6000.00



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- 137 ★ 4c Pan-American, Center Inverted (296a). Regummed, Centered to B., A Fine and Attractive Example, with P.F. Certificate ....... 4750.00

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E. V	\$40.00 to \$50.00	E. XIII	\$500.00 to \$750.00
E. VI	\$50.00 to \$75.00	E. XIV	\$750.00 to \$1000.00
E. VII	\$75.00 to \$100.00	E. XV	\$1000.00 to \$2500.00
E. VIII	\$100.00 to \$150.00	E. XVI	over \$2500.00

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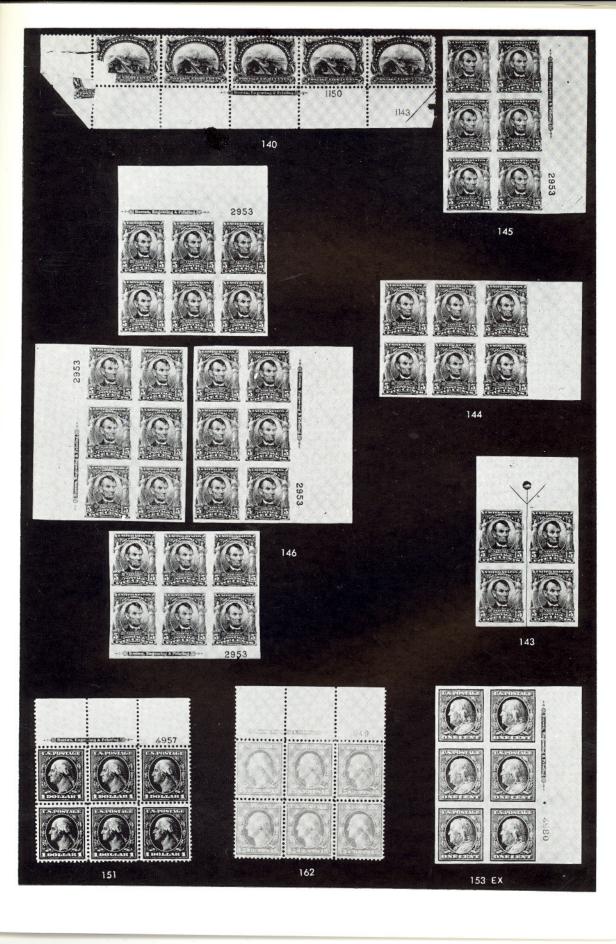
#### 1902-1908 ISSUES



143 ★⊞	5c Blue, Imperforate (315). Top Arrow Block, with Round Marker, faint natural gum wrinkle, Very Fine
144 ★⊞	5c Blue, Imperforate (315). Block of Six, with sheet margin, Mint, Very Fine
145 ★⊞	5c Blue, Imperforate (315). R. Imprint, Plate No. Block of Six, light natural gum wrinkle, Very Fine
146 ★⊞	5c Blue, Imperforate (315). Matched Set of the four Imprint, Pl. No. Blocks of Six, Very Fine
147 ★⊞	5c Blue, Imperforate (315). Block of Eighty, incl. Plate No. Blocks at right and bottom, few natural gum wrinkles, Very Fine 12985.00
148 ★	1c Blue Green, Coil (318). Pair, Mint, perfs. touch at right, Fine, rare pair
149 ★	1c—10c Louisiana-Purchase (323-327). Complete Set of Sheets of Fifty, Mint, Fine—Very Fine



150 ★⊞	2c Louisiana-Purchase, Imperforate Horizontally (324a). Left Pane Margin Block with Horiz. Guide Line, Extremely Fine, a Marvelous Showpiece of the Utmost Rarity		
151 ★⊞	\$1.00 Violet Brown (342). Top Imprint Plate No. 4957 Block of Six, tiny thin in one stamp, otherwise Very Fine with P.F. Certificate		
152 ★⊞	1c Green, Imperforate (343). L. & R. Imprint Plate No. 4980 Blocks of Six, with small Solid Star, Very Fine, Very Scarce		
153 ★	10c Yellow, Coil (356). Guide Line Pair, Very Fine 800.00		
BLUISH PAPERS			
154 ★	3c Deep Violet, Bluish (359). With R. Sheet Margin, Very Fine 375.00		
155 ★⊞	3c Deep Violet, Bluish (359). Block, Nicely Centered, Very Fine 1500.00		





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156★	4c Orange Brown, Bluish (36 tered to R.B., Attractive Exam Certificate	ple of this Rarity, Ex-Lil	ly, with P.F.
157 ★	5c Blue, Bluish (361). With tremely Fine		
158 ★⊞	6c Red Orange, Bluish (362 Fine	). Block, Well Centered	d, Extremely 1200.00
159 ★⊞	10c Yellow, Bluish (364). Blo	ock, Fine-Very Fine	1300.00
160 ★	13c Blue Green, Bluish (365). Fine, with P.F. Certificate	Unusually Well Centere	d, Extremely 675.00
161 ★⊞	15c Pale Ultramarine, Bluish otherwise Very Fine	(366). Mint Block, rej	perfed at L.,
162₁★⊞	15c Plate Ultramarine, Bluish Block of Six, Wonderfully W	(366). Top imprint and Vell Centered, Extremely	Pl. No. 4949 Fine 2300.00
	1909-19	017 ISSUES	
163 ★	1909-19 2c Hudson-Fulton, Imperfora 240, one corner stamp has te	te (373). Complete Un	cut Sheet of 2736.00
163 <b>★</b>	2c Hudson-Fulton, Imperfora	te (373). Complete Un ar, Very Fine	2736.00
	2c Hudson-Fulton, Imperfora 240, one corner stamp has te	te (373). Complete Unar, Very Fine	e example of 1000.00 single, Used,
164	2c Hudson-Fulton, Imperfora 240, one corner stamp has te 3c Deep Violet, "Orangeburg this scarce coil	te (373). Complete Unar, Very Fine	e example of 1000.00 single, Used, ate 1000.00 gum slightly
164 165	2c Hudson-Fulton, Imperfora 240, one corner stamp has te 3c Deep Violet, "Orangeburg this scarce coil	te (373). Complete Unar, Very Fine  "Coil (389). Very Fine  "Coil (389). Paste-uparance, with P.F. Certification.  Perf. 10 (404). Block, Sine	e example of
164 165 166 ★⊞	2c Hudson-Fulton, Imperfora 240, one corner stamp has te 3c Deep Violet, "Orangeburg this scarce coil	te (373). Complete Unar, Very Fine  "Coil (389). Very Fine  "Coil (389). Paste-uparance, with P.F. Certification  Perf. 10 (404). Block, Sine  Block, with Top Sheet Managin & P.  Top Sheet Managin & P.	e example of









5c Carmine, Error, Imperforate (485). Single Error in Block of Six, 174 ★ 2c Carmine, Coil, Ty. II (491). Joint Line Pair, Extremely Fine, 175 ★田 2c Deep Rose, Ty. Ia (500). Plate Number Blocks of Six, from the only two plates assigned to this scarce type. Bottom Pl. No. 10208, 8c Olive Bistre, Perf. 10 at Bottom (508 var.). Very Fine, Scarce, 176 Listed but unpriced ..... E. X 177 ★⊞ 11c Light Green, Perf. 10 at Bottom (511 var.). Top Plate No. 13467 Block of Six, the Bottom Row the varieties; one has short perf., Fine-Very Fine, an outstanding Showpiece of the Utmost Rarity, Probably Unique, with Friedl Certificate, The single listed

in Scott but unpriced ...... E.XV



180 ★⊞ 2c Carmine Rose, Ty. II (539) Block, Remarkably Well Centered, Extremely Fine and of the utmost rarity in this Beautiful Condition 2250.00

#### 1922 ISSUE TO DATE



181

181 ★⊞ 5c Dark Blue, Imperforate (557a) Block, Extremely Fine, signed "Ward" 800.00

182 ★⊞ 10c Orange, Imperforate (562b) Block, with R. Sheet Margin, without gum, as always, Extremely Fine 850.00



183 ★⊞	2c Harding, Imperforate Vertically (610a). Sheet Corner Block, Perfs. in as usual; As Fine as these come since only one off center sheet was found, signed "Ward"
184 ★⊞	2c Carmine, Ty. II (634A). Upper Left Corner Plate No. Block, Very Fine
185	10c Nebraska, (679). Horiz. Strip of Three, Used, Overprint almost completely missing on L. stamp and partially missing on center stamp. A newly recorded variety, possibly Unique, Small defects, Fine appearance, with P.F. Certificate E.XI
186 ★⊞	3c Deep Violet, "Stuart", Imperforate Between (720c). Block, Very Fine
187 ★⊞	5c Kosciuszko, Imperforate Vertically (734a). Block, Light natural gum crease, Fine—Very Fine
188 ★⊞	\$1.00 Presidential, Imperforate Between Horizontally (832 var.)  Mint Block of Six, the two L. pairs completely Imperforate Between, Extremely Fine, Unlisted Rarity E.XV
189 ★	\$5.00 Presidential, Red Brown & Black, Error (834a). Vertical Pair with Sheet Margin and "Top", Mint, Very Fine
190 🔀	4c Flag (1094). On First Official Missile Mail flight, tied "U.S.S. Barbero, June 8, 1959", enclosure signed by P.M. General, Extremely Fine & Scarce

#### LOTS ON VIEW:

Monday, Tuesday, March 23rd, 24th, from 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Also by Appointment at an earlier Date.

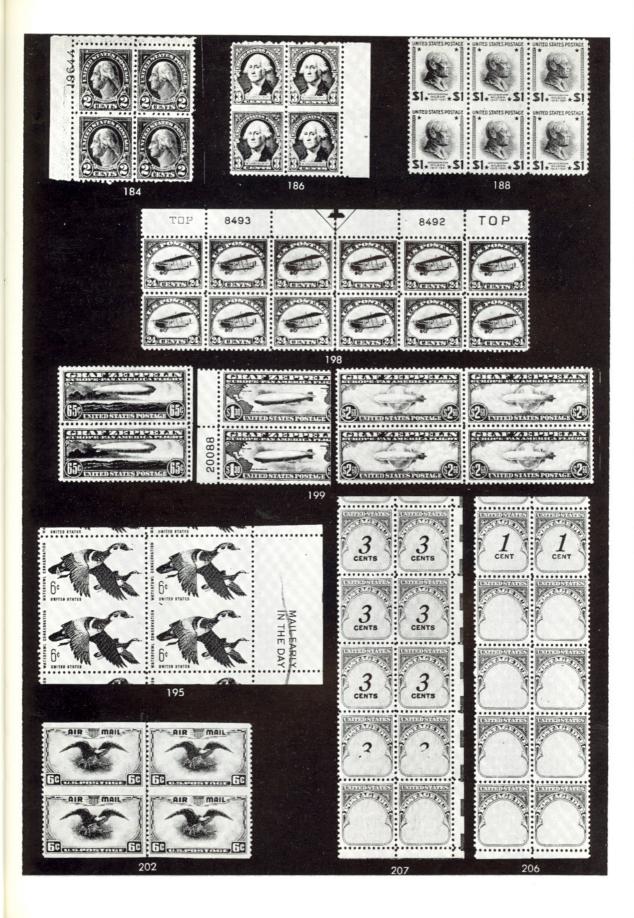


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8c Kossuth, Numeral "8c" and Blue Color Omitted (1118 var.). A 191 \* Spectacular Error occurring in the U.L. Plate Number Block of a complete sheet, caused by a fold-over of the sheet corner before the final printing in Blue; The gummed side of the fold-over (which runs through the corner of the U.L. stamp) shows the Blue Plate Number and that part of the Blue Ribbon and Olive Branches missing from the stamp; the numeral "8c" is entirely omitted from this stamp; the stamp immediately below has the Blue Ribbon and Olive Branches Entirely Omitted. A Major Error of the same nature and created in the identical manner as the famous 1931 2c Red Cross Issue with Red Cross omitted. Very Fine; This newly discovered error is a major variety of equal stature to the Red Cross Error, and so far as is known, this piece is Unique .... E.XVI 5c Blue, Coil, Imperforate (1304b). Horizontal Strip of Four, Mint, 192 \*

- 6c Gray Brown, Roosevelt Coil, Imperforate Error (1305a) Line 193 \* Strip of Four, Mint, Very Fine ..... E. XII
- 6c Waterfowl, Red & Dark Blue Omitted (1362b). Mint, with R. 194 \* Sheet margin, Extremely Fine. Only four stamps in a Plate Number block were found with the colors missing, this is the L.R. stamp of the discovery block ..... E.XIV
- 6c Waterfowl, Imperforate Between Horizonally (1362a) Error 195 ★田 Block, with Sheet Margin and slogan "Mail Early In The Day" in part sheet of twenty, Mint, Extremely Fine ..... E.XV
- 6c Christmas, 1968, Error, Yellow Plate Nos. and Light Yellow 196 \* Color Omitted (1363 var. ). Complete Sheet of Fifty, Very Fine .... E.XVI

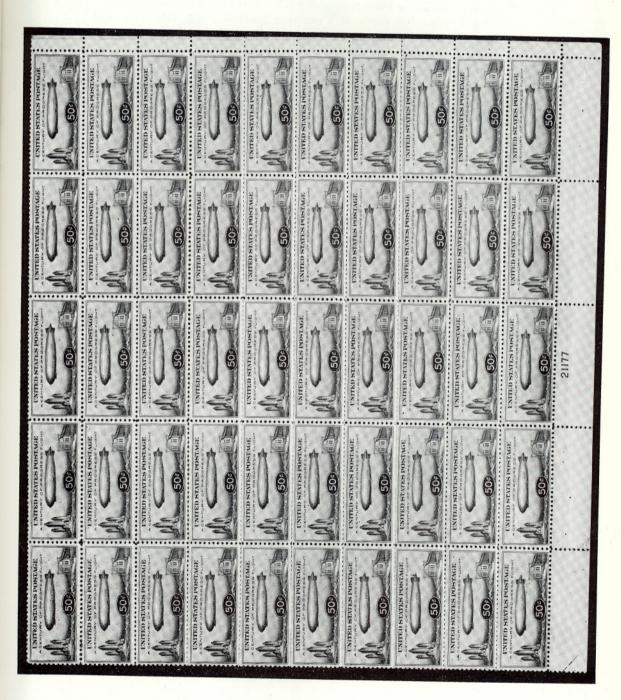


#### AIRPOST ISSUES



197 ★	24c Carmine Rose & Blue, Airpost, Center Inverted (C3a). Pos. #39, Wonderfully Well Centered, Fresh and Very Fine, a Beautiful Example of this most Famous and Popular U.S. Rarity 25000.00
198 ★⊞	24c Carmine Rose & Blue, Airpost (C3). Top Margin Plate No. Arrow Block of Twelve, Very Fine
199 ★⊞	65c-\$2.60 Graf Zeppelin (C13-C15). Blocks, Very Fine Set 2475.00
200 ★	50c Chicago Zeppelin (C18). Complete Sheet of Fifty, Fine—Very Fine
201 🔀	6c Dull Orange, Airpost (C19). Plate No. Block on First Day Cover, heavy "Baltimore, Md., June 30, 1934" duplex pmks., Very Fine Exceedingly rare EXIII
202 ★⊞	6c Dark Blue & Carmine, Imperforate Between (C23a). Block, Mint, Very Fine
203 🔀	10c Moon Landing (C76). "Shifted Earth" Variety, Dark Blue earth color shifted downward and appearing almost entirely on moon's surface, also part of the red color shifted downwards, most noticeably the Flag at the Astronaut's elbow. On unaddressed





#### SPECIAL DELIVERY, POSTAGE DUES

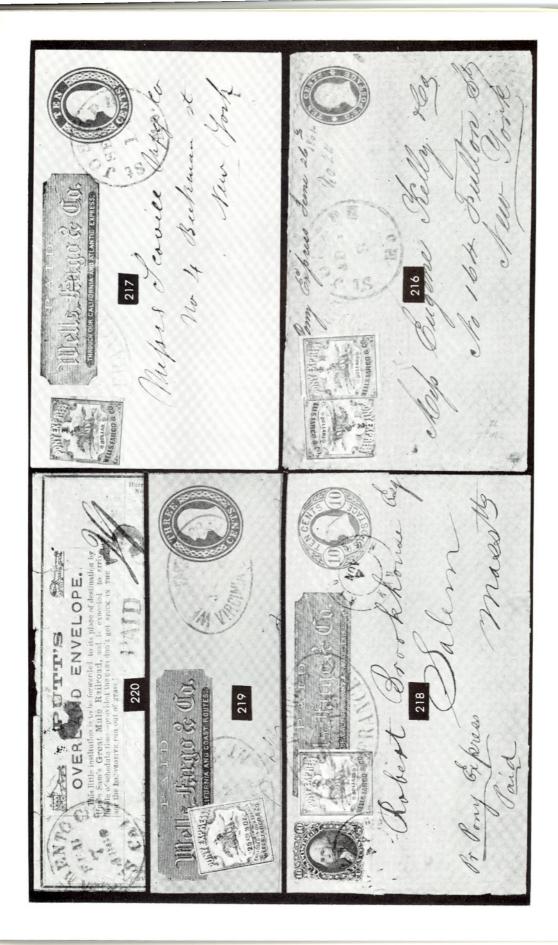
205 ★	10c Gray Violet, Special Delivery, Imperforate Between Vertically (E15c). Ten Error Pairs comprising two entire Vertical Rows, incl. the U.L. Plate No. Block, in a complete Sheet of Fifty, Very Fine E.XV
206 ★⊞	1c Postage Due, Error, Without "1 Cent" (J89b). Error Block of Eight in Mint Block of Twenty, Very Fine E.XIV
207 ★⊞	3c Postage Due, Error, Without "3 Cents" (J91a). Error Pair as part of Block of Twenty, comprising 16 normal, 2 errors and two showing only a part of the "3" and "Cents" entirely omitted, Mint, Very Fine
208 ★	Philadelphia, Pa., 1c Black on Yellow, Carrier (7LB9). Complete frameline at T and part at one side, Bright color, part o.g., Fine, with P.F. Certificate, unpriced
	POSTAL STATIONERY
209 🔀	3c Red on White, Die 1, Entire (U1). Unused, Size 3, with Nesbitt seal on flap, Very Fine, Ex-Barkhausen
210 🔀	6c Red on Buff, Entire (U31). Unused, Very Fine, Rare 750.00
211 🔀	3c Pink on Orange, Entire (U37). Unused, Size 3, Fresh, Extremely Fine, A Classic Envelope Rarity
212 🔀	2c Black on Orange, Die 2, Entire (U49). Unused, Extremely Fine 325.00
213 🔀	2c Brown on Orange, Die 1, Entire (U125). Unused, Size 4, Fresh, Extremely Fine, A Great Rarity
214 🔀	2c Vermilion on Manila, Die 1, Wrapper (W127). Unused, Fresh Very Fine, Ex-Barkhausen
	3c Green on Blue, Die 3, Cut Square (U170). Used, Very Fine, Rare, Ex-Green

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E. VI	\$50.00 to \$75.00	E. XIV	\$750.00 to \$1000.00
E. VII	\$75.00 to \$100.00	E. XV	\$1000.00 to \$2500.00
E. VIII	\$100.00 to \$150.00	E. XVI	over \$2500.00



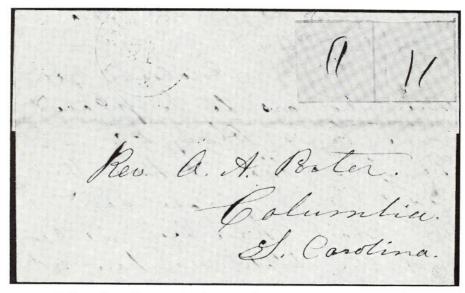
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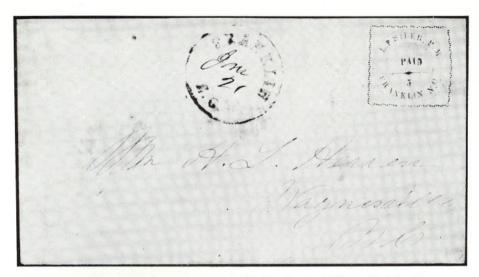
#### REVENUE STAMPS

221	3c Playing Cards, Imperforate (R17a). Large Margins, neat cancel., tiny pinhole, Very Fine Appearance
222	25c Blue & Black, Center Inverted (R112a). With P.F. Certificate which reads "slightly defective", nevertheless an attractive example of this Rarity
223	\$200.00 Blue, Black & Red (R132). Sheet Corner Copy with Imprint, Brilliant colors, neat magenta ms. cancel., tiny natural paper inclusion, Very Fine and Handsome
224	\$500.00 Black, Green & Red (R133). Beautiful, Rich colors, neat ms. cancel., couple of closed staple holes as often, otherwise a Very Fine example of the popular "Persian Rug."
225 🛨	\$5.00 Green & Black, Proprietary, Violet Paper (RB10a). Nearly full o.g., Small thin. Very Fine appearance, Rare unused, with P.F. Certificate
226	\$5.00 Green & Black, Proprietary, Violet Paper (RB10a). Rich colors, unusually fresh, neat ms. cancel., Extremely Fine 650.00
226 227 ★	

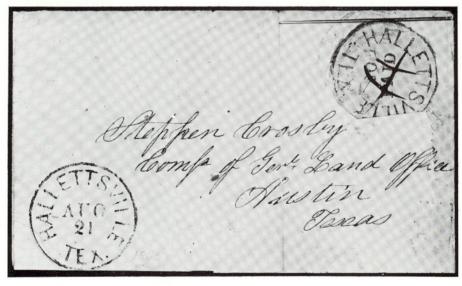
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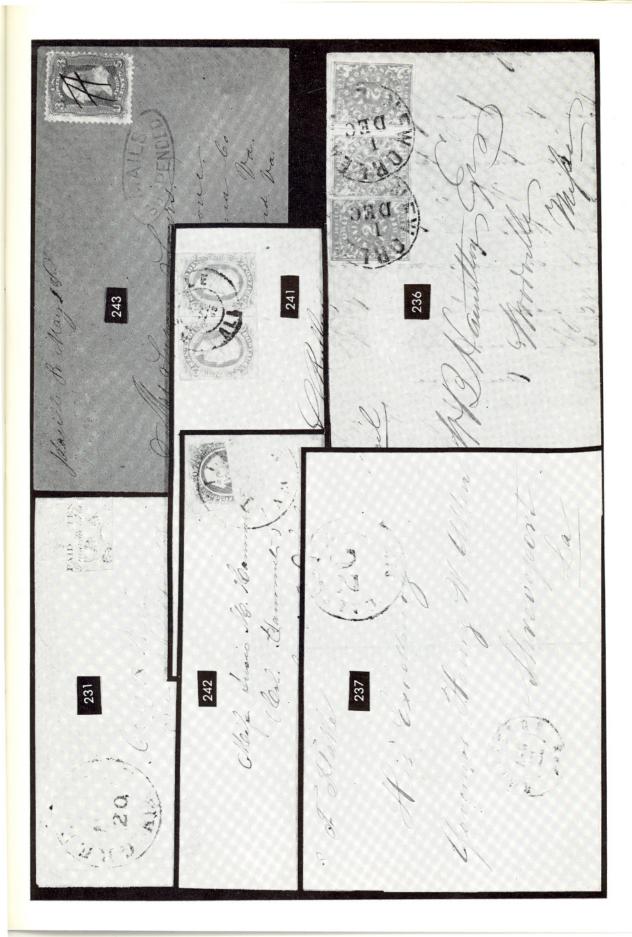


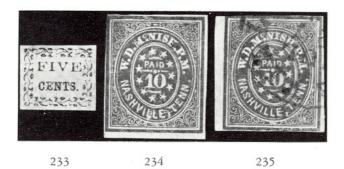


- Greenville, Ala., 10c Red & Blue, Ty. II (33X2). Variety "R" of "Greenville" Inverted, margins all around, uncancelled, minor gum soak, on small cover to Richmond, partly readable town pmk., Cover neatly mended. Fine & Rare, only one other cover believed known, also uncancelled, Ex-Caspary, Lilly, with P.F. Certificate which affirms stamp but declines opinion as to its use on the cover



232 Halletsville, Texas, 10c Black on Gray Blue (37X1). Cut circular, partly into at R., neat ms. cancel, Bold "Halletsville, Tex., Aug. 21, (1863) pmk. on folded letter to Austin, Texas. Unique, the catalogue listing made from this cover, Ex-Caspary, with P.F. Certificate 3750.





233 ★	Macon, Ga., 5c Black on Yellow, Laid Paper (53X6). Large margins, Fresh, trifling crease in corner, otherwise Extremely Fine, Ex-Lilly, Believed to be the only example known unused, with P.F. Certificate
234 ★	Nashville, Tenn. 10c Green (61X6). Large margins to barely shaved at T.L., Fresh, unused, Faint creases, otherwise Fine, A very scarce Provisional
235	Nashville, Tenn. 10c Green (61X6). Large margins to barely touched at T.L., Fresh color, neat blue town pmk., Fine 800.00
236 🔀	New Orleans, 2c Blue (62X1). Three singles, Two with margins all around, the other barely touched, tied on Nov. 30, 1861 "Prices Current" with letter to Woodville, Miss., a 1c overpayment of the 5c rate, Choice & Handsome cover, probably unique, Ex-Emerson, Caspary, with P.F. Certificate
237 🔀	Galveston, Texas, 20c Black on Blue (98UX8). Readable strike, neat Galveston pmk. on fresh folded cover to Shreveport, La., Fine, Unique, the catalogue listing made from this cover, with P.F. Certificate
238 ★⊞	2c Deep Green (3). Block of Eight, Rich, Bright color, Fine Impression, Large margins to barely clear at R., Fresh, o.g., couple of minor gum creases & small scissors cut in margin between stamps, A Choice & Handsome block
239 ★⊞	10c Rose (5). Block, Large margins, Rich color, Fresh, o.g., trivial thin and couple of gum creases, one breaking through on T.L. stamp, Extremely Fine appearance
240 ★⊞	10c Blue "T-E-N" (9). Block of Twenty, Large margins nearly all around, only the T.L. corner stamp being trifle in at T., o.g., Fresh color, Creased in margins only, between stamps, couple of negligible gum thins, A Marvelous Block
241 🔀	10c Blue, Frame Line (10) Horiz. Pair, Margins practically all around, L. stamp barely in at one point, Fine color, nicely tied by "Mobile, Ala., 1863" pmk. on Blue folded letter, Fine, Very Attractive, Plated, Pos. 15, 16, & signed "Ashbrook"

#### U.S. POSSESSIONS





- HAWAII, 1851-52, 5c Blue "Missionary" (2). Margins to just in, Bold Grid and light red cancels, some faults & U.L. corner restored, Looks Fine, A very presentable example of a very great rarity ..... 7000.00

251 🔀	— Gregory's U.S. & California Express, Thompson & Hitchcock, Agts., 149 Pearl Street, N.Y., in Three clear straight lines in Red. "K/T & H" in matching oval on neat folded 1850 letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Copenhagen to the "Danish Majesty's Consul" Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, minor aging, otherwise Very Fine	
	GENERAL FOREIGN	
252 ★	AUSTRIA, Lombardy-Venetia, 1850, 10c Black (3). B. Sheet Margin copy, Large margins, Fresh & Very Fine, Ex-Lilly 500.00	
253 ★⊞	BASUTOLAND, 1961, 2c on 2p Orange, Inverted Surcharge (63a).  Mint Block, Extremely Fine	
	BRITISH GUIANA	
	The incomparable 1c Black on Magenta of 1856, Scott #13 will be sold as the last lot in the sale, Lot No. 279.	
254	1856, 4c Black on Magenta (14). Huge Margins, Cut Square, Deep Color, initialed "E.D.W.", light "Demerara" pmk., Thin spot filled in, Extremely Fine appearance, with P.F. Certificate	
255 ★	BULGARIA, 1884, 5s on 30s Blue & Fawn, Black Overprint (20A).  Fresh, o.g., tiny, negligible thin specks, Very Fine appearance, signed "Bloch". One of Europe's parent stamps.	

#### CANADA



230 🛪	touched, Wonderful, Intense color, fresh, traces of o.g., strong laid lines, faint crease, Fine appearance, A handsome example of this famous classic rarity, with "Royal" Certificate
257 ★	1855, 10p Blue (7). Large Margins, Gorgeous Deep Color, Brilliant and Fresh, o.g., Extremely Fine, with "Royal" Certificate, A Beautiful Stamp
258 ★	1857, 7½p Green (9). Large Margins, Lovely Rich color, Very Fine, Handsome and Rare



















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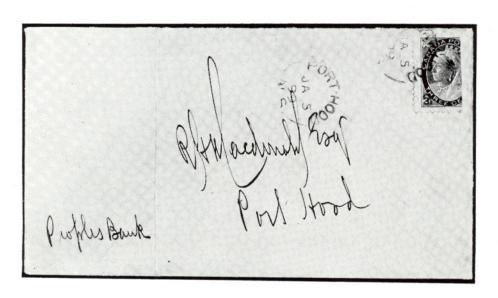








259 ★	1888, 6c Red Brown, Major Re-Entry (43 var.). An Extraordinary Double Transfer almost 3mm in extent., Fresh, o.g., Vertical crease, Fine appearance, Extremely Scarce unused	E.XII
260 S	1897, 20c — \$5.00 Jubilee (59S—65S). Mint Vertical Strips of Five with "Specimen" overprint, Fine—Very Fine, A wonderful lot of great beauty & rarity	E.XV



261 🔀	1899, 2c on Two-Thirds of 3c Carmine (88C). The Rare "Port Hood, N.S." Provisional, tied on neat cover by "Port Hood, N.S., Jan. 5, '99" pmk., Very Fine, Ex-Bingham, signed "Stanley Gibbons" on back
262 ★⊞	1934, 10c Olive Green, Imperforate (209a). Mint Block, Extremely Fine
263 ★	1959, 5c Red & Blue, "Seaway", Center Inverted (387a). Extremely Fine
264	1959, 5c Red & Blue, "Seaway", Center Inverted (387a). Tied on small piece, light corner crease, Very Fine appearing copy of this rarity
265 ★⊞	1935, 6c Red Brown, Airpost, Imperforate (C5b). Mint Block,
	Extremely Fine 400.00
266 ★	Extremely Fine
266 ★ 267 ★	Extremely Fine





269 ★	KENYA, UGANDA, & TANZANIA, 1922-27, £50 George V (41D). Very Fine, Exceedingly Rare
270 ★	LIBIA, 1921, 5c Black & Red Brown, Error of Color (22a). Fine 800.00
271 ★⊞	— 1921, 5c Black & Red Brown, Error of Color (22a). Block of Fifteen, Mint, Fine, Largest block known, Rare piece, all signed "Diena"
272 ★	NEW BRUNSWICK, 1860, 5c Brown, Connell (5) Very Fine, Scarce in such choice condition
273 ★	NEWFOUNDLAND, 1857, 1/- Scarlet Vermilion (9). Clear margins all around, Brilliant color and Impression, Fine copy of this rarity, with B.P.A. Certificate





- TRINIDAD, 1847 (5c). Blue, "Lady McLeod", Usual small margins, barely touching in couple of places, with B.P.A. Certificate which states "Genuine, heavily creased and cannot be passed as unused". Fine appearance and exceedingly scarce in any condition 2500.00



BRITISH GUIANA, 1856, 1c Black on Magenta (13). Unique, The Rarest and Most Valuable stamp in the World

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E. VI	\$50.00 to \$75.00	E. XIV	\$750.00 to \$1000.00
E. VII	\$75.00 to \$100.00	E. XV	\$1000.00 to \$2500.00
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#### 371st SALE

MARCH 24th, 1970

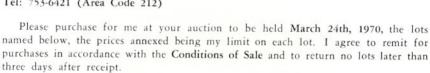
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#### 371st SALE

# List of Prices Realized RARITIES OF THE WORLD

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1c British Guiana



\$280,000.00

TUESDAY, MARCH 24th, 1970

Total Realization \$882,520.00

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Lot #	Price	Lot #		Lot #		Lot #		Lot #	
1	725.00	57	1250.00	113	700.00	169	450.00	225	625.00
2 3 4	800.00	58	800.00	114	2000.00	170	600.00	226	600.00
3	1600.00	59	475.00	115	2000.00	171	525.00	227	400.00
	3200.00	60	2100.00	116	5600.00	172	2100.00	228	625 00
5	2100.00	61	1500.00	117	3600.00	173	2800.00	229	6750.00
6	1900.00	62	525.00	118	525.00	174	1400.00	230	4250.00
7	1200.00	63	1500.00	119	525.00	175	850.00	231	1600.00
8	1200.00	64	900.00	120	1100.00	176	425.00	232	3400.00
9	2300.00	65	1600.00	121	1600.00	177	1350.00	233	1700.00
10	4250.00	66	5250.00	122	650.00	178	425.00	234	700.00
11	2200.00	67	3000.00	123	700.00	179	475.00	235	475.00
12	525.00	68	5250.00	124	850.00	180	3200.00	236	2400.00
13	800.00	69	475.00	125	625.00	181	600.00	237	1900.00
14	1500.00	70	1000.00	126	2300.00	182	675.00	238	725.00
15	400.00	71	1200.00	127	2600.00	183	675.00	239	725.00
16	400.00	72	4750.00	128	3600.00	184	600.00	240	1600.00
17	1000.00	73	375.00	129	3800.00	185	170.00	241	850.00
18	500.00	74	450.00	130	6750.00	186	280.00	242	625.00
19	1800.00	75	625.00	131	2800.00	187	850.00	243	625.00
	19,000.00	76	1200.00	132	2900.00	188	3400.00	244	2800.00
21	6750.00	77	1050.00	133	1900.00	189	380.00	245	600.00
22	3500.00	78	475.00	134	1600.00	190	325.00	246	625.00
23	650.00	79	525.00	135	4000.00	191	2000.00	247	575.00
24	950.00	80	2300.00	136	13,000.00	192	450.00	248	380.00
25	525.00	81	3400.00	137	3200.00	193	300.00	249	2900.00
26	400.00	82	950.00	138	1400.00	194	500.00	250	2900.00
27	525.00	83	7750.00	139	15,500.00	195	1500.00	251	550.00
28	400.00	84	1800.00	140	850.00	196	1050.00	252	320.00
29	400.00	85	1300.00	141	1100.00	197	34,000.00	253	625.00
30	2000.00	86	32000.00	142	8500.00	198	525.00	254	2700 00
31	900.00	87	6500.00	143	450.00	199	1900.00	255	200.00
32	4000.00	88	10,500.00	144	525.00	200	1700.00	256	7250.00
33	2100.00	89		145	1200.00	201	475.00	257	1500.00
34		90	16,000.00	145	4500.00	201	400.00	258	1150.00
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35	425.00 725.00	91 92	1100.00	147 148	9100.00 750.00	203	200.00	259	320.00
	475.00		950.00	148		204	2500.00	260	1250.00
37		93	700.00		4400.00		1050.00	261	1800.00
38	1800.00	94	725.00	150	6000.00	206	800.00	262	320.00
39	850.00	95	900.00	151	625.00	207	425.00	263	1350.00
40	5250.00	96	1100.00	152	625.00	208	675.00	264	900.00
	11,000.00	97	450.00	153	725.00	209	250.00	265	300.00
42	1350.00	98	725.00	154	500.00	210	425.00	266	525.00
43	625.00	99	3200.00	155	1400.00	211	425 00	267	320.00
44	1050.00	100	800.00	156	2900.00	212	180.00	268	360.00
45	1900.00	101	525.00	157	1600.00	213	2200.00	269	7500.00
46	2000.00	102	325.00	158	1400.00	214	220.00	270	280.00
47	800.00	103	1000.00	159	1000.00	215	375.00	271	4000.00
48	650.00	104	1250.00	160	800.00	216	4000.00	272	1250.00
49	800.00	105	1400.00	161	750.00	217	2000.00	273	1700.00
50	1250.00	106	1050.00	162	2100.00	218	11,000.00	274	3600.00
	11,000.00	107	475.00	163	1700.00	219	1300.00	275	340.00
52	575.00	108	400.00	164	850.00	220	250.00	276	600.00
53	5500.00	109	2800.00	165	850.00	221	725.00	277	7000.00
54	1050.00	110	425.00	166	800.00	222	850.00	278	900.00
55	725.00	111	1200.00	167	400.00	223	800.00	279	280,000.00
56	7000.00	112	850.00	168	475.00	224	1900.00		

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Lot#	Realized								
1	725	37	475	73	375	109	2,800	145	1,200
2	800	38	1,800	74	450	110	425	146	4,500
3	1,600	39	850	75	625	111	1,200	147	9,100
4	3,200	40	5,250	76	1,200	112	850	148	750
5	2,100	41	11,000	77	1,050	113	700	149	4,400
6	1,900	42	1,350	78	475	114	2,000	150	6,000
7	1,200	43	625	79	525	115	2,000	151	625
8	1,200	44	1,050	80	2,300	116	5,600	152	625
9	2,300	45	1,900	81	3,400	117	3,600	153	725
10	4,250	46	2,000	82	950	118	525	154	500
11	2,200	47	800	83	7,750	119	525	155	1,400
12	525	48	650	84	1,800	120	1,100	156	2,900
13	800	49	800	85	1,300	121	1,600	157	1,600
14	1,500	50	1,250	86	32,000	122	650	158	1,400
15	400	51	11,000	87	6,500	123	700	159	1,000
16	400	52	575	88	10,500	124	850	160	800
17	1,000	53	5,500	89	16,000	125	625	161	750
18	500	54	1,050	90	625	126	2,300	162	2,100
19	1,800	55	725	91	1,100	127	2,600	163	1,700
20	19,000	56	7,000	92	950	128	3,600	164	1,000
21	6,750	57	1,250	93	700	129	3,800	165	850
22	3,500	58	800	94	725	130	6,750	166	800
23	650	59	475	95	900	131	2,800	167	400
24	950	60	2,100	96	1,100	132	2,900	168	475
25	525	61	1,500	97	450	133	1,900	169	450
26	400	62	525	98	725	134	1,600	170	600
27	525	63	1,500	99	3,200	135	4,000	171	525
28	400	64	900	100	800	136	13,000	172	2,100
29	400	65	1,600	101	525	137	3,200	173	2,800
30	2,000	66	5,250	102	325	138	1,400	174	1,400
31	900	67	3,000	103	1,000	139	15,500	175	850
32	4,000	68	5,250	104	1,250	140	850	176	425
33	2,100	69	475	105	140	141	2,350	177	1,350
34	600	70	1,000	106	1,050	142	8,500	178	425
35	425	71	1,200	107	475	143	450	179	475
36	725	72	4,750	108	400	144	525	180	3,200

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181	600	217	2,000	253	625
182	675	218	11,000	254	2,700
183	675	219	1,300	255	200
184	600	220	250	256	7,250
185	170	221	725	257	1,500
186	280	222	850	258	1,150
187	850	223	800	259	320
188	3,400	224	1,900	260	1,250
189	380	225	625	261	1,800
190	325	226	600	262	320
191	2,000	227	400	263	1,350
192	450	228	625	264	900
193	300	229	6,750	265	300
194	500	230	4,250	266	525
195	1,500	231	1,600	267	320
196	1,050	232	3,400	268	360
197	34,000	233	1,700	269	7,500
198	525	234	700	270	280
199	1,900	235	475	271	4,000
200	1,700	236	2,400	272	1,250
201	475	237	1,900	273	1,700
202	400	238	725	274	3,600
203	200	239	725	275	340
204	2,500	240	1,600	276	600
205	1,050	241	850	277	7,000
206	800	242	625	278	900
207	425	243	625	279	280,000
208	675	244	2,800		
209	250	245	600		
210	425	246	625		
211	425	247	575		
212	180	248	380		
213	2,200	249	2,900		
214	220	250	2,900		
215	375	251	550		
216	4,000	252	320		