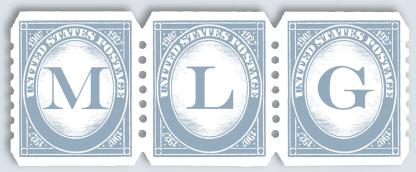
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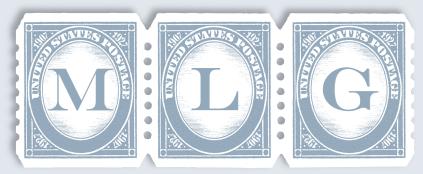






PART 1—SALE 1253—TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

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### **SALE 1253** Offered at unreserved public auction

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

Session One — 10:30 a.m. — lots 1-135 — Attleboro to Farwell Session Two — 1:30 p.m. — lots 136-380 — Int. Vending to U.S. Automatic

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### **Grades and Centering**

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**Extremely Fine Gem (90-100):** The term "Gem" describes condition that is the finest possible for the issue. This term is equivalent to "Superb" used by grading services.

**Extremely Fine (80-90)**: Exceptionally large/wide margins or near perfect centering.

**Very Fine (70-85):** Normal-size margins for the issue and well-centered with the design a bit closer to one side. "Very Fine and choice" applies to stamps that have desirable traits such as rich color, sharp impression, freshness or clarity of cancel.

**Fine (60-70):** Smaller than usual margins or noticeably off center. Pre-1890 issues may have the design touched in places.

**Very Good (below 60):** Attractive appearance, but margins or perforations cut into the design.

#### Guide to Gum Condition

Gum Categories:	MINT N.H.		NO GUM				
	Mint Never Hinged Free from any disturbance	Lightly Hinged Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area	Hinge Mark or Remnant Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining	Part o.g. Approximately half or more of the gum intact	Small part o.g. Approximately less than half of the gum intact	No gum Only if issued with gum	
Catalogue Symbol:	**	*	*	*	*	(★)	
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1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for "Unused"						

### Covers

Minor nicks, short edge tears, flap tears and slight reduction at one side are normal conditions for 19th century envelopes. Folded letters should be expected to have at least one file fold. Light cleaning of covers and small mends along the edges are accepted forms of conservation. Unusual covers may have a common stamp with a slight crease or tiny tear. These flaws exist in virtually all 19th century covers and are not always described. They are not grounds for return.

### Catalogue Values and Estimates

Unless otherwise noted, the currently available *Scott Catalogue* values are quoted in dollars with a decimal point. Other catalogues are often used for foreign countries or specialized areas and are referred to by their common name: *Stanley Gibbons* (SG), *Dietz, American Air Mail Catalogue* (AAMC), *Michel, Zumstein, Facit*, etc. Estimates are indicated with an "E." and reflect our conservative valuation in dollars. Reserves will never exceed the low end of the estimate range; they will sometimes exceed Scott Catalogue value for stamps in Extremely Fine condition.

Because of certain pricing inconsistencies in the *Scott Catalogue*—for example, blocks that have no gum, the absence of premiums for Mint N.H. items, etc.—we cannot guarantee the accuracy of values quoted for multiples, specialized items and collection lots. We generally try to be conservative, but buyers may not return a lot because of a discrepancy in catalogue value due to Scott pricing inconsistencies.

#### Symbols and Abbreviations (see chart above for gum symbols)

$\blacksquare$	Block	E	Essay	pmk.	Postmark	No.	Scott Catalogue Number
$\boxtimes$	Cover	P	Proof	cds	Circular Datestamp	hs	Handstamp
FC	Fancy Cancel	TC	Trial Color Proof	var.	Variety	ms.	Manuscript

### Mechanical Philately

ELVIN GETLAN OPERATED A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS IN AMUSEMENT GAMES and coin-operated slot machines. Over a lifetime of collecting, he formed an extremely important collection of "coin op" machines, which was sold at auction after his passing in March 2020. It is fitting that one of his philatelic interests—probably his favorite collection—was United States vending and affixing machine perforations (VAMPs). This sale is the first in a series of three that will bring to market the truly legendary Getlan collection.

The history of VAMPs is closely tied to the development of mass marketing and mechanized *everything* at the start of the 20th century. Coin-operated machines delivered products to the public, and machine inventions were designed to automate and speed up a wide range of labor processes. To understand how mechanization played a role in philately, it is helpful to separate the machines' functions of vending and affixing.

Vending machines were designed to store and dispense stamps. The customer inserted one or more coins into the slot and received the denomination or number of stamps corresponding to the amount paid. The first stamp-vending machine was patented in 1889, but it was not until 1905 that U.S. Post Office Department officials began showing interest in placing vending machines in post offices and other public locations. They tested a number of machines in early 1908 and produced the first government coils for this specific purpose (Scott 316, 317, 318, 321 and 322). The five cities where vending machines were tested are Baltimore (International Vending Machine Co.), Indianapolis (The Parkhurst Co.), Minneapolis (Thexton Stamp-Vending Machine Co., which used small envelopes containing stamps), New York City (U.S. Automatic Vending Machine Co.), and Washington D.C. (American Stamp and Ticket Vending Co.). In the end, the USPOD decided not to purchase and distribute machines, leaving it to the private companies to market their products. Some of these firms used government coils, while others applied perforations specifically designed for their machines.

Affixing machines—also known as envelope sealing and stamping machines—were designed to automate and speed up the process of preparing stamped and addressed envelopes for mass mailings. The first stamp-affixing machine was invented in 1858, but in 1906 Joseph Schermack patented the first modern machine that could seal the envelope and apply a stamp. Schermack worked for the Detroit Mailing Machine Co., which changed its name to the Schermack Mailing Machine Co. in 1908 and then, after his departure in 1909, to the Mailometer Co. (later Mail-o-Meter). The earliest Schermack machines were displayed at a business event in Madison Square Garden in October 1906. One year later Schermack started selling machines which had a speed of 150 envelopes a minute. The stress of the mechanism made 12-guage government perforations unsuitable for use, because the strips broke apart too easily. Schermack experimented with Type I and Type II perforations—the Type I stamps are the first true United States coils—but he finally settled on the hyphen-hole Type III perforation invented by an employee. The notches were not designed for separation, but rather allowed the fingers of the machine to correctly align the stamps as they advanced at 250 envelopes per minute. The Type III perforations were also used in vending machines in 1910 and 1911 by Joseph Schermack after he left the affixing-machine enterprise to focus on his Schermack Vending Machine Co. (see lot 227).

Vending and affixing machine perforations are listed in the Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue, but two of them have full status as imperforate stamps, because they are only known with Schermack Type III perforations: the 4¢ 1908 Imperforate, Scott 314A (lots 271-272), and 2¢ Type Ia 1920 Imperforate, Scott 482A (lots 297-298). These stamps have the highest values because they are needed to complete a collection of basic U.S. stamps. However, there are many stamps in this collecting field which are much rarer, such as the 2¢ Attleboro, Scott 344 (lot 9) and 5¢ Schermack Type II, Scott 315 (lots 257-259).

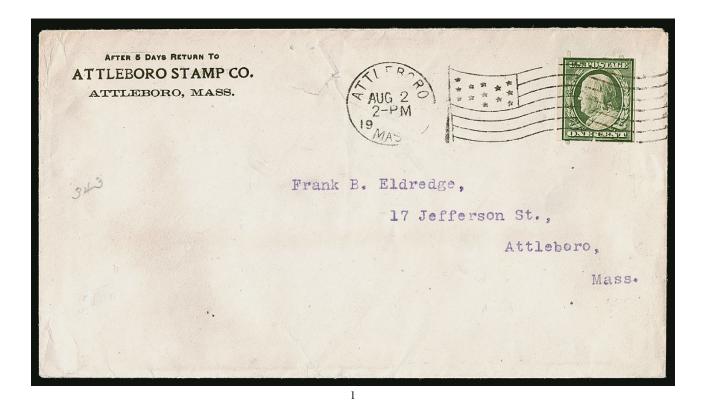
To describe the Getlan collection as "comprehensive" or "major" fails to capture the breadth and depth of this collecting achievement. Collectors who acquire the rare stamps, multiples, varieties and covers in these sales are participating in a rare event in philatelic history.

### SESSION ONE (LOTS 1-135) TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022, AT 10:30 A.M.

# THE MELVIN GETLAN COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES VENDING AND AFFIXING MACHINE PERFORATIONS

### THE ATTLEBORO STAMP COMPANY—ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

In 1909 the Attleboro Stamp Co. employed a stamp-affixing machine to apply postage to bulk mailings of its price lists and editions of the *Attleboro Philatelist*. Although the company served stamp collectors, the Attleboro coil appears to have been a purely utilitarian product, limited in its scope to the basic 1c and 2c stamps necessary for mailing and not intended to create new varieties for collectors. According to Collingwood's statement in *The Attleboro Philatelist* (No. 1, Sep. 1909). he began using the machine to affix stamps to envelopes containing his Monthly Bargain List in August 1909. The 1c Attleboro was typically used on wrappers with the printed *Attleboro Philatelist* corner card.

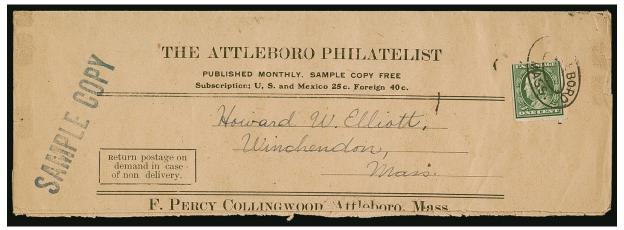


1 ⊠ 1c Green, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (343). With paste-up at bottom, three perf teeth intact and most of fourth visible, characteristic notch at bottom and level cut, tied by "Attleboro Mass. Aug. 2 2-PM 1909" flag machine cancel on unsealed Attleboro Stamp Co. corner card cover to Frank B. Eldredge in Attleboro (a collector and contributor to *The Attleboro Philatelist*), small puncture and tear at top center of cover

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE COVER WITH THE ATTLEBORO STAMP COMPANY PRIVATELY PERFORATED ONE-CENT 1908 ISSUE AND THE EARLIEST RECORDED DATE OF USE OF ANY ATTLEBORO PERFORATION.

According to Collingwood's statement in *The Attleboro Philatelist* (No. 1, Sep. 1909). he began using the machine to affix stamps to envelopes containing his Monthly Bargain List in August 1909. This unsealed envelope with the August 2, 1909, postmark date is recorded by Belasco as the earliest use of any Attleboro perforation. There is one other reported cover with this date. Both have the waving flag machine cancel. They are probably "first days" of the Attleboro perforation.

Ex Cohen. With 2000 A.P.S. certificate. Scott value \$12,500.00...... E. 4,000-5,000



2 ⋈ 1c Green, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (343). Three perf teeth intact, characteristic notch at bottom, cut slant to lower right, tied by "Attleboro Mass" double-oval handstamp on "The Attleboro Philatelist" wrapper addressed to Howard W. Elliott, Winchendon Mass., handstamped "Sample Copy", receiving datestamp on back

VERY FINE. ONE OF TWO RECORDED WRAPPERS BEARING THE ONE-CENT ATTLEBORO PERFORATION. AN OUTSTANDING EXHIBITION ITEM.

In 1909 the Attleboro Stamp Company employed a stamp-affixing machine to apply postage to bulk mailings of its price lists and editions of the *Attleboro Philatelist*. Although the company served stamp collectors, the Attleboro coil appears to have been a purely utilitarian product, limited in its scope to the basic 1c and 2c stamps necessary for mailing and not intended to create new varieties for collectors. The 1c Attleboro was typically used on wrappers with the printed *Attleboro Philatelist* corner card. Two are reported—the cover offered here and another addressed to W. C. Stone, Springfield Mass. (ex Belasco, Sale 990, lot 778). Three or four commercial covers are also known.

Scott value \$5,500.00 for wrapper use..... E. 3,000-4,000



detail

3 \*\* Ic Green, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (343). Vertical strip of four with Mint N.H. guide line pair at center, top stamp lightly hinged, other three Mint N.H., choice centering for this private perforation, all perf teeth intact, characteristic notches at bottom of each stamp and cut slant to lower right

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE ONE-CENT ATTLEBORO STAMP COMPANY PRIVATE PERFORATION, CONTAINING A MINT NEVER-HINGED GUIDE LINE PAIR.

A strip of four listed in Scott but unpriced; guide line pair is \$2,750.00 and two ordinary pairs \$3,300.00.....

..... E. 2,000-3,000





4 ★★ 1c Green, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (343).

Vertical strip of four with Mint N.H. pair at center, choice centering for this private perforation, all perf teeth intact, characteristic notches at bottom of each stamp and cut slant to upper right (rare)

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE ONE-CENT ATTLEBORO STAMP COMPANY PRIVATE PERFORATION CONTAINING A MINT NEVER-HINGED PAIR.

A strip of four listed but unpriced in Scott; two pairs \$3,300.00 without premium for Mint N.H... E. 2,000-3,000



5 ★ 1c Green, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (343).

Vertical pair, original gum, small h.r., all perf teeth intact, characteristic notches at bottom of each stamp and cut slant to lower right, Very Fine, with 1974 A.P.S. certificate.. 1,650.00

6 \* 1c Green, Attleboro Stamp Co.
Private Perforations, Imperforate
Between (343). Pair with Attleboro
perfs at top and bottom (all but one
intact), imperforate between, notch
at top of top stamp and bottom of
bottom, indicating this pair was
from a multiple fed thru perforator
in opposite directions, original gum,
single h.r. at center, bottom stamp
small thin spot

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE ONE-CENT WITH ATTLEBORO PERFORATIONS WHICH IS IMPERFORATE BETWEEN. ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES OF THE ISSUE.

Ex Belasco. With 1995 P.F. certificate. Unlisted in Scott...... E. 2,000-3,000





8 **1c Green, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (343).** All perf teeth intact, characteristic notch at bottom and level cut, cancelled by Attleboro Mass. machine datestamp, slight thin, Very Fine appearance, with 2009 P.F. certificate ..... 1,000.00



# THE ONLY RECORDED UNUSED 2-CENT 1908 ISSUE WITH ATTLEBORO PERFORATIONS



9 ★ 2c Carmine, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (344). Pair, original gum, top perf teeth intact, characteristic notch at bottom and cut slant to lower right, paste-up at bottom, centered to left

FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED UNUSED EXAMPLE OR MULTIPLE OF THE 2-CENT CARMINE 1908 ISSUE WITH THE ATTLEBORO STAMP CO. PRIVATE PERFORATIONS. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RARITIES OF ALL VENDING AND AFFIXING MACHINE PERFORATIONS.

In 1909 the Attleboro Stamp Company employed a stamp-affixing machine to apply postage to bulk mailings of its price lists and editions of the *Attleboro Philatelist*. Although the company served stamp collectors, the Attleboro coil appears to have been a purely utilitarian product, limited in its scope to the basic 1c and 2c stamps necessary for mailing and not intended to create new varieties for collectors.

Although the company's proprietor, F. Percy Collingwood, reported that he only applied perforations to the 1c Franklin (Scott 343) and 2c Alaska-Yukon (Scott 371), the survival of this pair and a cover with a single is evidence that Collingwood also perforated the 2c Washington Imperforate, Scott 344. According to Belasco, a past owner of this pair reported that he acquired it directly from Collingwood's estate. Mr. Getlan acquired it in the pair's only auction appearance in a William Weiss sale.



10 ★ 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (371). Guide line pair, original gum, h.r., remarkably choice centering, all perf teeth intact, characteristic notches at right, cut slant to lower right

EXTREMELY FINE. A VERY RARE GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE 2-CENT ALASKA-YUKON WITH ATTLEBORO STAMP CO. PERFORATIONS.



11 ★ 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (371). Strip of four, original gum, h.r., all perf teeth intact, characteristic notches at right, cut slant to lower right, bright color and very fresh

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE 2-CENT ALASKA-YUKON ISSUE WITH ATTLEBORO STAMP CO. PERFORATIONS. THIS IS THE LARGEST SIZE MULTIPLE OF THIS ISSUE.



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12 ★ 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (371). Strip of four with paste-up pair at center, plate number 5249 on paste-up selvage tab, original gum, hinge remnants across perfs, all perf teeth intact, characteristic notches at right, cut slant to lower right, bright color and very fresh

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE PASTE-UP STRIP OF FOUR OF THE 2-CENT ALASKA-YUKON ISSUE WITH ATTLEBORO STAMP CO. PERFORATIONS. THIS IS THE LARGEST SIZE MULTIPLE OF THIS ISSUE AND POSSIBLY THE ONLY ONE WITH A PASTE-UP.



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13 \* 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (371). Pair, original gum, h.r., all perf teeth intact, characteristic notches at right, cut slant to lower right, bright color and very fresh

VERY FINE. A RARE PAIR OF THE 2-CENT ALASKA-YUKON ISSUE WITH ATTLEBORO STAMP CO. PERFORATIONS.



2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (371). Guide line pair, each stamp with clear strike of "Attleboro Mass." double-oval cancel, two of four perf teeth intact at sides, characteristic notches at right, cut slant to lower right, small hinge reinforcements along perfs

FINE. AN EXTRAORDINARILY RARE USED GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE 2-CENT ALASKAYUKON ISSUE WITH ATTLEBORO STAMP CO. PERFORATIONS.

With 1989 P.S.E. certificate. Listed but unpriced as a used line pair...... E. 4,000-5,000



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15 **1c Green, 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (343, 371).** Tied together on piece by Attleboro Mass. duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel, indistinct date and in our opinion used about 30 years after issue, 1c one or two intact perf teeth, characteristic notch at bottom, cut slant to lower right, 2c three intact perf teeth, notch at right and cut slant to lower right, Very Fine, both the rate paid and style of datestamp point to a late use, ex Belasco, with 1991 P.F. certificate..... E. 1,000-1,500



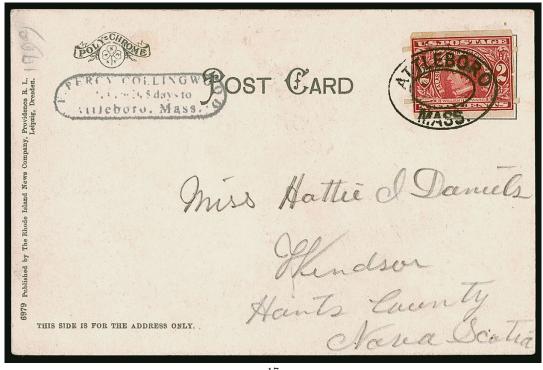
2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (371).

Characteristic notch at right and partly intact perf teeth, cut slant to lower right, used with Nos. 308, 331 and 332, each stamp tied by "Attleboro Mass." double-oval cancel, purple "Attleboro Mass. Registered Jan. 24, 1910" double-circle datestamp on blue registered cover with F. Percy Collingwood corner card, addressed to E. Tamsen in Nylstroom, Transvaal, South Africa, New York registry label, New York, Pretoria and receiving backstamps, slightly toned at bottom

VERY FINE. A UNIQUE COVER TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE 2-CENT ALASKA-YUKON ATTLEBORO PRIVATELY PERFORATED ISSUE.

In 1909 the Attleboro Stamp Company employed a stamp-affixing machine to apply postage to bulk mailings of its price lists and editions of the *Attleboro Philatelist*. Although the company served stamp collectors, the Attleboro coil appears to have been a purely utilitarian product, limited in its scope to the basic 1c and 2c stamps necessary for mailing and not intended to create new varieties for collectors.

From our 2004 Rarities of the World sale. With 2003 P.S.E. certificate. Scott value \$10,000.00 on cover. ..... E. 10,000-15,000



17 © **2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Attleboro Stamp Co. Private Perforations (371).** Choice centering, all perf teeth intact, characteristic notch at right, cut slant to lower right, tied by bold "Attleboro Mass." double-oval cancel on Bates Block photo postcard to Miss Hattie Daniels, **Windsor, Nova Scotia,** F. Percy Collingwood handstamped return card

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB EXAMPLE OF THE 2-CENT ALASKA-YUKON ATTLEBORO PRIVATELY PERFORATED ISSUE ON A POSTCARD TO NOVA SCOTIA.

In 1909 the Attleboro Stamp Company employed a stamp-affixing machine to apply postage to bulk mailings of its price lists and editions of the *Attleboro Philatelist*. Although the company served stamp collectors, the Attleboro coil appears to have been a purely utilitarian product, limited in its scope to the basic 1c and 2c stamps necessary for mailing and not intended to create new varieties for collectors.

Scott value for a cover or wrapper is \$10,000.00 — this use on a postcard is believed to be unique and, in our opinion, this stamp is one of the finest used examples extant. .....

E. 5,000-7,500



# THE BRINKERHOFF COMPANY SEDALIA, MISSOURI AND CLINTON, IOWA

The Brinkerhoff Company, founded by F. H. Brinkerhoff, was active from 1909 to 1915 and again briefly in 1922 in several midwestern and western states. The company made two different stamp vending and coin changing machines, and produced for these machines two different groups of perforated coils, listed in Scott as Type I and Type II (with Type IIa and IIb subtypes). Covers with Brinkerhoff coils are scarce, with fewer than 80 recorded for all stamp issues and all types of perforations.

F. H. Brinkerhoff filed for bankruptcy in 1922, listing among his assets ownership in various defunct corporations, including the Brinkerhoff Stamp Machine Co.

#### THE BRINKERHOFF COMPANY TYPE I PERFORATIONS

19 ★ 1c Green, Brinkerhoff Ty. I (314). Pair with bottom plate no. 3228, original gum, small h.r. at top, Mekeel backstamps as often seen and bottom stamp with tiny spots of that ink on Franklin's face, still Very Fine and rare plate number pair, with 2010 P.F. certificate...... E. 400-500



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20 \*\* 1c Green, Brinkerhoff Ty. I (314). Centerline block of four, original gum, h.r., deep rich color, folded along vertical guide line (which is how this was produced), couple small faults including crease at top right and small thin spot at bottom right

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED BLOCK OF ANY BRINKERHOFF STAMP, AND AS SUCH IS A WONDERFUL EXHIBITION ITEM.

The Brinkerhoff machine was designed to perforate only strips of stamps, so this block had to be folded between stamps in order to fit into the machine. According to the Belasco book this is the only recorded block of a Brinkerhoff stamp.

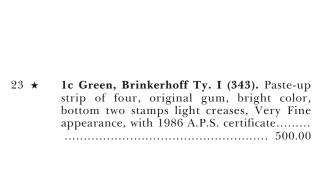
Ex Col. Green and Belasco. ..... 4,000.00



21 \* 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Brinkerhoff Ty. I (320). Guide line pair, original gum, h.r. and slight creases in top stamp, perfs slightly trimmed at top, pencil initials on gum of bottom stamp, appears Very Fine, with 1988 P.F. certificate.. 475.00



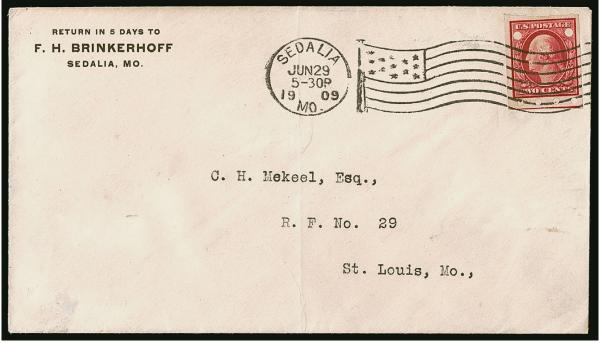
22 **★ 2c Lake, Ty. II, Brinkerhoff Ty. I (320A).**Guide line strip of four, original gum, top and bottom stamps lightly hinged, guide line pair Mint N.H., deep rich color, fresh and Very Fine, with 1999 P.F. certificate .. 750.00







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25 © Carmine, Brinkerhoff Ty. I and Ty. II Combination (344). Ty. I perforations in bottom margin as normal along with Ty. II perforations near the top, tied by "Sedalia Mo. Jun. 29, 1909 5-30P" waving flag machine cancel on cover to stamp dealer C. H. Mekeel in St. Louis Mo., F. H. Brinkerhoff return corner card, Very Fine, this is the only recorded Brinkerhoff Ty. I Scott 344 cover, this combination of Brinkerhoff Ty. I and Ty. II perforations likely occurred during testing of the second type of perforations — not wanting to waste money, Brinkerhoff used Ty. I perforated stock on hand to test the Ty. II perforations, illustrated in Belasco book (p. 122) ........................ E. 1,000-1,500





- 27 (\*) 3c Deep Violet, Brinkerhoff Ty. I, Imperforate Between (345). Strip of four, unused (no gum), top pair with guideline and imperforate between, bottom pair and top of top stamp normal Ty. I perforations, small scissors-cut between middle stamps, Very Fine and rare variety, ex Sheldon and Grunin ...... E. 200-300

29 ★ 5c Blue, Brinkerhoff Ty. I (347). Guide line pair, original gum, bright color, Very Fine ..... 625.00



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30 ⋈ 5c Blue, Brinkerhoff Ty. I (347). Clear perforations, used with 1c Blue Green, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I Perforations (314) and also 2c Shield Imperforate (320) and 2c Alaska-Yukon, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (371), tied by "St. Louis Mo. Dec. 20, 1909" circular datestamps on registered 2c entire with Mekeel return address to Charleston S.C., purple "Pine Lawn Mo. Registered Dec. 20, 1909" circular datestamp, receiving backstamp, some trivial soiling

VERY FINE COVER BEARING THE PERFORATIONS OF TWO DIFFERENT COMPANIES. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED USE OF THE 5-CENT BRINKERHOFF TYPE I ON A COVER, AND ONE OF ONLY SIX RECORDED TYPE I COVERS IN TOTAL. IN ADDITION, ONLY SIX COVERS ARE RECORDED WITH THE 2-CENT ALASKA-YUKON WITH BRINKERHOFF TYPE IIa PERFORATIONS. A PHENOMENAL USE.

According to the Belasco book, in early 1909 Brinkerhoff perforated 8,000-10,000 stamps with Type I or Type II perforations for St. Louis stamp dealer Charles H. Mekeel, who advertised them for sale and used a variety of them on his mail. Of the six recorded covers bearing a Brinkerhoff Type I perforation, this is the only cover with the 1909 5c No. 347 stamp. The mixed use of the Brinkerhoff Type I with the Type IIa and the U.S. Automatic Vending Machine Co. Ty. I perforation adds an additional element of rarity to this cover.

Ex Belasco... E. 2,000-3,000





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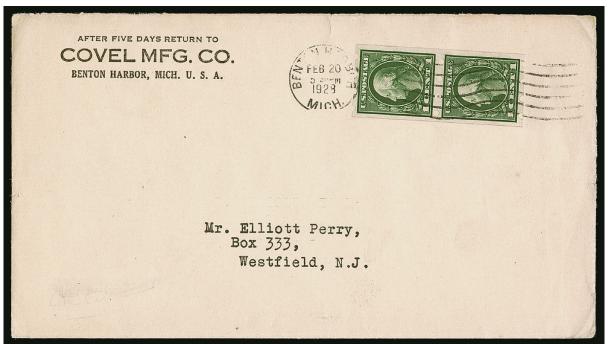
- 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Brinkerhoff Ty. I (371).
  Mint N.H. guide line pair, brilliant color, outstanding centering, Extremely Fine Gem, with 1962 and 1995 P.F. certificates, Scott value as hinged....... 1,150.00

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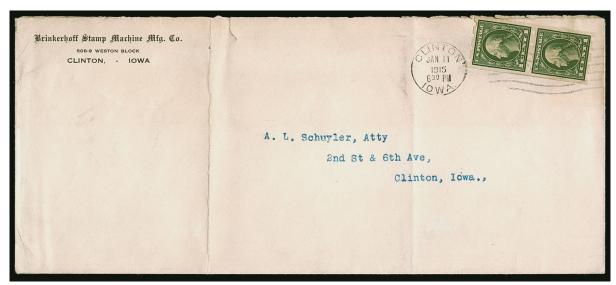
- 1c Green, Brinkerhoff Ty. I (383). Guide line pair, original gum, bright color, Extremely Fine and very scarce, with 1989 P.F. certificate, listed in Scott but unpriced, Scott value \$550.00 as normal pair...... E. 500-750



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1c Green, Brinkerhoff Ty. I (408). Pair, tied by "Benton Harbor Mich. Feb. 20, 1928" machine cancel on Covel Manufacturing Co. corner card cover to Elliott Perry in Westfield N.J., fresh and Extremely Fine, very late use, the Belasco book records only three covers with Brinkerhoff Ty. I perforations on Scott 408, Scott value \$1,400.00 ......

F 500-750





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1c Green, 2c Carmine, Brinkerhoff Ty. I (408-409). Rich colors, tied by "Saginaw Mich. Jan. 9, 1918 930 PM" machine cancel on cover to Covel Manufacturing Co. in Benton Harbor Mich., bright and fresh in every respect

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED COVER BEARING THE 2-CENT 1912 ISSUE WITH BRINKERHOFF TYPE I PERFORATIONS.

This cover paid the 3c emergency rate and was prepared by Alvin W. Filstrup. This is the only reported on-cover use of the 1912 2c Brinkerhoff Ty. I and one of three covers with the 1c.

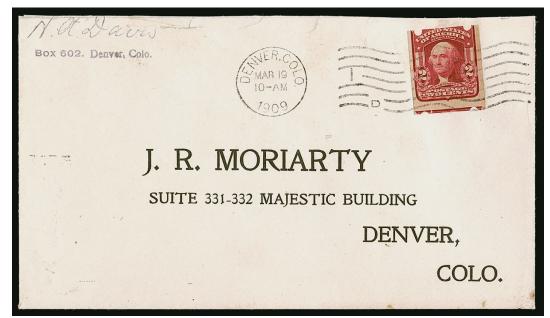
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### THE BRINKERHOFF COMPANY TYPE II PERFORATIONS



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41 \to 2c Lake, Ty. II, Brinkerhoff Ty. II (320A). Tied by "Denver Colo. Mar. 19, 1909 10-AM" wavy-line machine cancel on cover to J. R. Moriarty in Denver, manuscript "N.A. Davis" return address, cover with some minor nicks at top, still Very Fine, the earliest recorded use of a Brinkerhoff perforation, one of only two recorded covers with any date (illustrated in Belasco book, p. 127), with 2003 P.F. certificate...... E. 1,000-1,500



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42 **C Lake, Ty. II, Brinkerhoff Ty. II (320A).** Two, affixed slightly overlapping, used with **strip of four of 1c Blue Green, Schermack Ty. III,** pair of 2c Hudson-Fulton (373) and two 1c Green (405), tied by blurry strikes of "Pine Lawn Mo. Jul. 30, 1913" grid duplex datestamps on registered cover to Chicago, C. H. Mekeel St. Louis return corner card, purple "Registered No." boxed handstamp with manuscript "108", green registry number, Pine Lawn and Chicago backstamps, one of the No. 405 stamps affixed over top of cover and with hole punch, Very Fine appearance, a striking cover with a rare combination of the Brinkerhoff Ty. II and Schermack Ty. III perforations, paying double the 2c rate plus 10c registration fee, with 2003 P.F. certificate ................... E. 1,000-1,500



5c Blue, Brinkerhoff Ty. II (347). 43 ★ Guide line pair, original gum, h.r., rich color, Very Fine and choice ...... 450.00

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5c Blue, Brinkerhoff Ty. II (347). Strip of four, unused (no **44** (★) gum), small stain between middle two stamps, otherwise Very Fine, with 2014 P.F. certificate................................. 500.00



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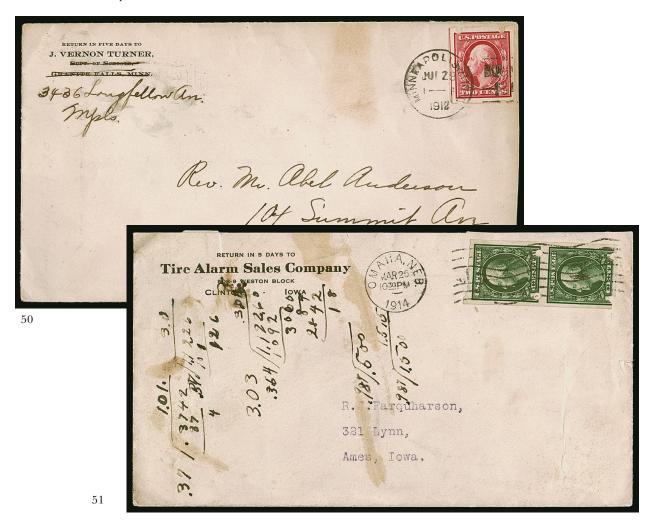
2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Brinkerhoff Ty. II, Coiled Sideways (371). Two items, pair 45 ★ with right plate no. 5249 and guide line pair, original gum, Very Fine, ex Belasco, with 









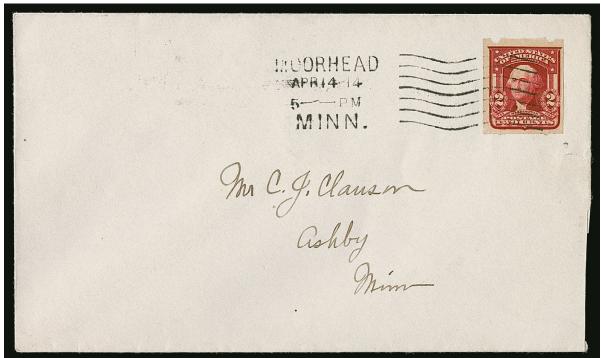


- 2c Carmine, Brinkerhoff Ty. II (384). Tied by "Minneapolis Minn. Jul. 29, 1912" duplex datestamp on commercial cover to Montevideo Minn., stamp with small scrapes at right from cancelling device, lifted to determine watermark and re-affixed, Very Fine appearing and extremely rare on-cover use of this issue with Brinkerhoff Ty. II perforations, the census in the Belasco book lists only one example but the text mentions a different cover used in Clinton Iowa and a third cover in the Miller collection at The New York Public Library, with 2013 P.F. certificate, Scott value \$950.00................... E. 300-400
- 1c Green, Brinkerhoff Ty. II (408). Pair, bottom stamp shows paste-up at bottom, tied by "Omaha Neb. Mar. 25, 1914" machine cancel on Tire Alarm Sales Co. return address cover to Ames Iowa, the pair does not show the slits that should have been cut by the machine (as with Ty. IIa and IIb) and so roughly torn from the machine, cover with some soiling, still Very Fine, this is the only reported commercial use of this issue among three total covers recorded by Belasco, ex Belasco, Scott value \$1,650.00 .............. E. 200-300

### THE BRINKERHOFF COMPANY TYPE IIa PERFORATIONS



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53 ⋈ **2c Lake, Ty. II, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (320A).** Tied by "Moorehead Minn. Apr. 14-14 5—PM" machine cancel on cover to Ashby Minn., Very Fine, Scott value \$600.00 ....... E. 200-300



2c Lake, Ty. II, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (320A). Four singles, one with rounded corner, used with strip of four of 1c Blue Green, Schermack Ty. III (314), tied by partial strikes of "Pine Lawn Mo. Aug. 1, 1913 AM" grid duplex datestamp on C. H. Mekeel corner card registered cover to Wausau Wis., purple "Registered No." boxed handstamp with manuscript "121", complete strikes of the Pine Lawn datestamp on back and arrival backstamp

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR COMBINATION COVER WITH FOUR EACH OF THE ONE-CENT AND 2-CENT 1906-08 ISSUE WITH BRINKERHOFF TYPE IIa AND SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS.

This correctly pays the 2c domestic letter rate plus 10c registration fee. Ex Dr. Agris. With 1991 A.P.S. certificate...... E. 1,500-2,000



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2c Lake, Ty. II, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (320A). Rich color, tied by "Douglas Ariz. May 27, 1914" duplex datestamp on cover to C. H. Mekeel in St. Louis, also with Mexico 5c Coat of Arms (369) tied by "Nacozari, Sonora 26 May 1914" origination datestamps, light vertical file fold well clear of stamps, Very Fine, a unique use of a Brinkerhoff stamp originating outside of the United States, sent during the Mexican Revolution, ex Belasco (illustrated in his book, p. 128), with 2002 P.F. certificate ............................... E. 500-750



1c Green, 2c Carmine, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (343-344). Pairs of both used with pair of 1c Blue Green, Schermack Ty. III (314), tied by "Pine Lawn Mo. Jun. 25, 1909 A.M." grid duplex datestamp on 2c registered entire with C. H. Mekeel illustrated corner card, addressed to Chicago Ill., magenta "Chicago Ill. Reg. Div. Jun. 26, 1909" double-circle datestamp on back, fresh and Very Fine, a colorful and rare Brinkerhoff-Schermack combination use paying the 2c domestic rate plus 8c registration fee...... E. 1,000-1,500



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2c Carmine, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (344). Tied by wavy-line machine cancel on cover with printed address to F. H. Brinkerhoff, Sedalia Mo., accompanied by a proxy for the Nebraska-Iowa Stamp Vending Company dated Dec. 31, 1909 as well as three other documents headed "The Brinkerhoff Stamp Seller and Money Changer", one describing advances in the business and soliciting additional investors, another related to the 1910 annual meeting and a third a subscription to buy shares in the Mississippi Valley Stamp Vending Company, Very Fine, Belasco records only nine covers with Type IIa perforations on Scott 344, Brinkerhoff used various companies to carry out his activities, the Nebraska-Iowa Stamp Vending Co. was the licensee to sell Brinkerhoff vending machines in 11 central and western states, investors in the company were given options to buy shares in any future operating companies established by Brinkerhoff............(Photo Ex) E. 500-750



4c Orange Brown, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (346). Used with singles of 2c Carmine, Ty I, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (320) and 2c Lake, Ty. II, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (320A), also normal No. 373, tied by "Pine Lawn Mo. Dec. 24, 1909" grid duplex datestamp on C. H. Mekeel registered 2c entire (U411) to Hay Springs Nebr., purple "Pine Lawn Mo. Registered Dec. 24, 1909 A.M." circular datestamp, transit and receiving backstamps of Dec. 25 and 27, 4c stamp with small corner tear, still Very Fine and rare use, the Belasco book records only two covers with Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa perforations on Scott 346 (both are stamp dealer uses), with 1989 P.S.E. certificate........................ E. 750-1,000



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59 Sc Blue, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (347). Two singles, tied by "Pine Lawn Mo. Dec. 13, 1909 PM" grid duplex datestamp on C. H. Mekeel registered 2c entire to St. Paul Minn., two registration numbers including handstamped "35157", watery strike of magenta receiving backstamp

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED COVER BEARING SCOTT 347 WITH BRINKERHOFF TYPE IIa PERFORATIONS.

According to the Belasco book, in early 1909 Brinkerhoff perforated 8,000-10,000 stamps with Type I or Type II perforations for St. Louis stamp dealer Charles H. Mekeel, who advertised them for sale and used a variety of them on his mail. Like the Type I 5c Scott 347 cover offered in lot 30 and the 5c Type IIb cover offered in lot 73, this is the only cover bearing the 5c 1908 Issue with Brinkerhoff Type IIa perforations. This is a wonderful rarity from the Mekeel group.

With 2000 P.S.E. certificate..... E. 1,500-2,000



- 61 **2c Carmine, Lincoln, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa (368).** Showing extra Ty. IIa slit across the center of the stamp, tied by "Fergus Falls Minn. Mar. 14-14 9-30 AM" machine cancel on small cover to Ashby Minn., Extremely Fine, only three covers are recorded in the Belasco book, with 1989 P.S.E. certificate, Scott value \$1,500.00 ...... E. 400-500





- 64 ⋈ Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa, Coiled Sideways (371). Used with pair of 4c Orange Brown (346), tied by "Pine Lawn Mo. Dec. 15, 1909 P.M." duplex datestamps on registered C. H. Mekeel 2c entire (U411) to Sheldon Iowa, purple "Pine Lawn Mo. Registered Dec. 15, 1909 P.M." circular datestamp and registration number, Sheldon receiving backstamp, slightly reduced at left, Very Fine, the 2c Alaska-Yukon with Brinkerhoff Ty. II or IIa perforations is very scarce on cover, all the known examples are stamp dealer uses, with 1989 P.S.E. certificate............................... E. 500-750



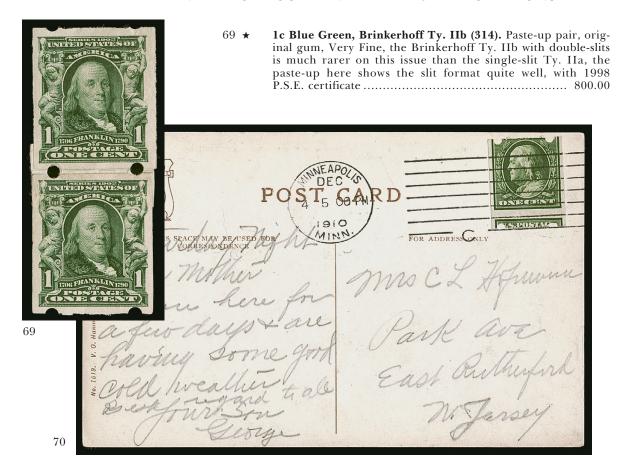


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#### THE BRINKERHOFF COMPANY TYPE IIb PERFORATIONS







72 Ac Orange Brown, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIb (346). Pair, tied by "Pine Lawn Mo. Oct. 5, 1909 P.M." grid duplex datestamp on C. H. Mekeel registered 2c entire to Chicago Ill., purple "Pine Lawn Mo. Registered Oct. 5, 1909 P.M." circular datestamp and red "97297" registration number, Oct. 6 receiving backstamp, stamps with light vertical crease, cover with minor toning stripe down center, still Very Fine and rare, no commercial uses of this issue are known and this is one of only two recorded Mekeel covers ................. E. 750-1,000



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73 Sc Blue, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIb (347). Used with 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Brinkerhoff Ty. II (371) along with normal 2c Hudson-Fulton (373) and 1c and 5c Washington-Franklin imperforates, tied by "Pine Lawn Mo. Dec. 20, 1909 PM" grid duplex cancels on C. H. Mekeel registered 2c entire to Boston Mass., purple "Pine Lawn Mo. Registered Dec. 20, 1909 P.M." circular datestamp, two registration numbers including handstamped "58357", Boston receiving backstamp

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED COVER BEARING SCOTT 347 WITH BRINKERHOFF TYPE IIb PERFORATIONS.

According to the Belasco book, in early 1909 Brinkerhoff perforated 8,000-10,000 stamps with Type I or Type II perforations for St. Louis stamp dealer Charles H. Mekeel, who advertised them for sale and used a variety of them on his mail. Like the Type I Scott 347 cover offered in lot 30 and the Type IIa cover offered in lot 59, this is the only cover bearing the 5c 1908 Issue with Brinkerhoff Type IIb perforations. This is another wonderful rarity from the Mekeel group.

With 1991 P.S.E. certificate. Scott does not list this on cover but values the equally rare Ty. IIa at \$3,500.00...... E. 1,500-2,000



74 **\* 2c Carmine, Lincoln, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIb** (368). Strip of four, original gum, h.r. including a few sensible reinforcements, bright color, Extremely Fine, ex Belasco, with 1989 P.S.E. certificate ...... 650.00

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75 **Carmine, Lincoln, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIb** (368). Pair, used with vertical pair of 4c Parcel Post (Q4), tied by indistinct Pine Lawn Mo. duplex datestamp and grid cancels on registered cover with Mekeel return address to Mt. Vernon Wash., purple "Registered No." boxed handstamp with manuscript "370", "Pine Lawn Mo. Sep. 30, 1913" and receiving backstamps, top 2c stamp defective VERY FINE APPEARANCE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED ON-COVER USE OF THE 2-CENT LINCOLN

WITH BRINKERHOFF TYPE IIb PERFORATIONS. A WONDERFUL PRIVATE PERF RARITY.

E. 1,500-2,000



76 ⋈ **1c Green, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIb (408).** Pair, tied by "Fenton Mich. Aug. 29, 1929" machine cancel on cover to Coleraine Minn. with handstamped address, trivial edgewear

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED ON-COVER USE OF THE 1910 ONE-CENT WASHINGTON WITH BRINKERHOFF TYPE IIb PERFORATIONS.

The Brinkerhoff Ty. IIb perforations have the same measurements as Ty. IIa but show two slits of 2.5mm and 3mm length between the holes, instead of the continuous 9.7mm slit of the Ty. IIa.

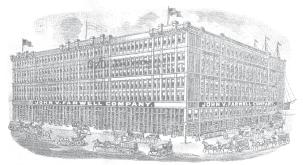
Ex Belasco. Scott value \$3,750.00 ..... E. 1,000-1,500



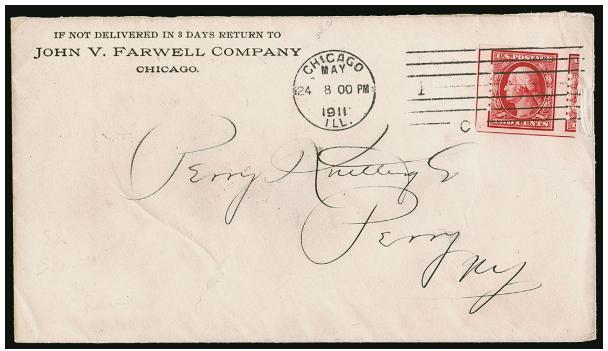
77 © **2c Carmine, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIb (409).** Pair, tied by indistinct 1914 Aurora Minn. duplex datestamp on **misfolded 1c Green entire** to Fresno Cal., label on back for sixth annual Aurora Firemen's Tournament, minor edgewear, Very Fine and a most unusual use, ex Belasco, Scott value \$750.00 as a single on normal cover...... E. 400-500

## THE FARWELL COMPANY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The John V. Farwell Company was a large wholesale dry goods firm based in Chicago. In 1908 it began using a Schermack stamp-affixing machine for its extensive commercial mailings. In 1911 the company decided it could save money by making its own proprietary coils and avoid paying an extra 50c per roll for Mailometer coils (successor to Schermack). The Farwell groups of coils are very distinct with one or two groups of perf holes, ranging between two and five holes in each group, separated by short or longer spaces. Various combinations abound, including very rare items, making collecting this company challenging as well as rewarding.



### THE FARWELL COMPANY GROUP 1 PERFORATIONS



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2c Carmine, Farwell Group 1, Seven Holes (384). Large margins with portions of adjoin-78 ⋈ ing stamps at sides and two complete rows of seven perforations, tied by "Chicago Ill. May 24, 1911 8 00PM" machine cancel on John V. Farwell Company corner card cover to Perry N.Y., receiving backstamp, small cover tears at right not affecting the stamp

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE ON-COVER USE OF THE 2-CENT 1910 ISSUE WITH FARWELL GROUP 1 SEVEN-HOLE PERFORATIONS. THIS IS THE EARLIEST KNOWN USE OF A FARWELL STAMP.

The Farwell Group 1 perforations, with one row of six or seven holes on each side, originate from May 1911 during Farwell's first commercial tests to develop a proprietary perforation to replace the Schermack Ty. III coils it was using in its affixing machines (and paying Mailometer an extra 50c per roll). This seven-hole variety on cover is a great rarity, and this May 24, 1911, cover is the earliest reported use of any Farwell stamp.

Illustrated in Belasco book on p. 88. Scott value \$5,000.00..... E. 2,000-3,000

79 ★ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 1, Six Holes (384). Pair with 2.4mm spacing, original gum, bright color

FINE AND VERY RARE UNUSED PAIR OF THE 2-CENT 1910 ISSUE WITH FARWELL GROUP 1 SIX-HOLE PERFORATIONS.

The Farwell Group 1 perforations, with one row of six or seven holes on each side, originate from May 1911 during Farwell's first commercial tests to develop a proprietary perforation to replace the Schermack Ty. III coils it was using in its affixing machines (and paying Mailometer an extra 50c per roll). This six-hole variety is very rare in any format.

With 1962 P.F. certificate ...... 5,000.00



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80 \* 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 1, Six Holes (384).

Pair with 3mm spacing and perforation shift, middle and right rows of perfs progressively lower than the left row, original gum, h.r., bright color

FINE AND VERY RARE UNUSED PAIR OF THE 2-CENT 1910 ISSUE WITH FARWELL GROUP 1 SIX-HOLE PERFORATIONS, SHOWING A PROGRESSIVE PERFORATION SHIFT FROM LEFT TO RIGHT.

The Farwell Group 1 perforations, with one row of six or seven holes on each side, originate from May 1911 during Farwell's first commercial tests to develop a proprietary perforation to replace the Schermack Ty. III coils it was using in its affixing machines (and paying Mailometer an extra 50c per roll). This six-hole variety is very rare as an unused pair and the perforation shift adds to its desirability.

2c Carmine, Farwell Group 1, Six Holes (384). Perforations shifted up at right versus the left, rich color, Chicago machine cancel, couple small faults including small tears and thin spot, tiny stain at top

FINE APPEARING AND EXTREMELY RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 2-CENT 1910 ISSUE WITH FARWELL GROUP 1 SIX-HOLE PERFORATIONS

The Farwell Group 1 perforations, with one row of six or seven holes on each side, originate from May 1911 during Farwell's first commercial tests to develop a proprietary perforation to replace the Schermack Ty. III coils it was using in its affixing machines (and paying Mailometer an extra 50c per roll). This six-hole variety is very rare unused and is unlisted as used in the Belasco book.



## THE FARWELL COMPANY GROUP 2 PERFORATIONS



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84 **t 1c Green, Farwell Group 2, 3A2 (383).** Strip of four with 3mm spacing, original gum, h.r., bright color, right stamp light vertical crease

VERY FINE APPEARING AND RARE ORIGINAL-GUM STRIP OF FOUR OF THE ONE-CENT 1910 ISSUE WITH FARWELL GROUP 2, 3A2 PERFORATIONS.





- 86 ★ 1c Green, Farwell Group 2, 3A2 (383). Pair with 3mm spacing, original gum, lightly hinged, rich color, fresh and Very Fine, Scott value for pair with 2mm spacing... 1,500.00



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## THE FARWELL COMPANY GROUP 3 PERFORATIONS



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95 **Carmine, Farwell Group 3, 3B4 (384).** Guide line pair, original gum, lightly hinged and pencil notation on gum, bright color, Very Fine, with 1994 P.F. certificate.. 1,350.00



- 97 © **2c Carmine, Farwell Group 3, 4B3 (384).** Affixed upside down as often seen, tied by "Chicago Ill. Oct. 25, 1911 7-PM" machine cancel on John V. Farwell Company corner card cover to Wayside Wis., Very Fine, ex Howard, Scott value \$875.00 ...... E. 300-400

## THE FARWELL COMPANY GROUP 4 PERFORATIONS





100 ★⊞ 1c Green, Farwell Group 4, 4A4, 4B4 (383).

Block of four, combination perfs with Ty. 4A4 in left margin and the balance 4B4, original gum, h.r. and large paper adherence, still Very Fine, a scarce combination block, for an unknown reason parts of the sheets of 400, including the left margin, were perforated differently from the rest of the sheet, producing multiples that can show two different perf spacings, with 1989 P.S.E. certificate ........ 1,250.00



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101 ★⊞ 1c Green, Farwell Group 4, 4A4, 4B4 (383). Left imprint, plate no. 5679 and letter "A" block of four, 3mm spacing, combination perfs with Ty. 4A4 in the top row and the bottom two rows 4B4, original gum, stamps lightly hinged and h.r. in selvage where a pre-printing paper wrinkle is present, Very Fine, a scarce combination plate block, for an unknown reason parts of the sheets of 400, including the left margin, were perforated differently from the rest of the sheet, producing multiples that can show two different perf spacings, with 1998 P.S.E. certificate (cosigned Belasco), unlisted in Scott as a plate block .....

..... E. 1,000-1,500



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102 ★ 1c Green, Farwell Group 4, 4B4 (383). Guide line strip of four, original gum, heavy h.r. on center stamps, outer stamps Mint N.H., well-centered, Very Fine........................... 600.00





- 104 ★⊞ 1c Green, Farwell Group 4, 4B4 (383). Bottom imprint, plate no. 5715 and letter "A" block of eight, original gum, h.r., pretty color, few small thin spots mostly between stamps, Very Fine appearance, a rare plate block, very few are known, ex Belasco, unlisted in Scott ....... E. 1,000-1,500



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☐ 1c Green, 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 4, 4B4 (383, 384, 408, 409). Pairs, last with preuse crease between stamps, affixed to black backing and tied by "Chicago Ill." oval registry handstamps on registered legal-size cover to La Porte Ind., red "Chicago Ill. Registered Dec. 11, 1912" backstamps, Very Fine, a very rare use paying the 10c registry fee plus 2c postage using four pairs of Farwell Group 4 coils, the sender, Thomas Hunter, is the stamp dealer Farwell & Co. retained to sell its stamps to collectors, ex Belasco...... E. 500-750



106 ★ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 4, 4A4 (384). Guide line strip of four, original gum, h.r., brilliant color, Very Fine, ex Sheldon and Grunin, with 2009 P.F. certificate....... 450.00



107 ★⊞ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 4, 4A4, 4B4 (384). Block of eight with vertical guide line, combination perfs with Ty. 4A4 in the top strip and the bottom strip 4B4, original gum, bottom strip Mint N.H., top strip with one section of gum soaked perfs and a broken perf hole (not mentioned on accompanying certificate), Very Fine appearance, a scarce combination guide line block, for an unknown reason parts of the sheets of 400, including the left margin, were perforated differently from the rest of the sheet, producing multiples that can show two different perf spacings, with clear 2014 P.F. certificate....... 1,000.00

108 ★⊞ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 4, 4A4, 4B4 (384). Right imprint, plate no. 5608 and star block of six, combination perfs with Ty. 4B4 in the top two rows and 4A4 in the bottom row, original gum, one stamp and selvage h.r., Very Fine, a scarce combination plate block, for an unknown reason parts of the sheets of 400, including the left margin, were perforated differently from the rest of the sheet, producing multiples that can show two different perf spacings, with 1987 P.F. certificate, unpriced as a plate block ..... E. 1,000-1,500





- 110 ★⊞ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 4, 4B4 (384). Left imprint, plate no. 5624 and star block of six, 3mm spacing, original gum, couple h.r., brilliant color, Very Fine and scarce plate block, with 1998 P.S.E. certificate (co-singed Belasco), unpriced in Scott ...... E. 750-100
- 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 4, 4B4 (384). Perforated to the left, tied by "Chicago Ill. Oct. 11, 1911 4-PM Canal Station" machine cancel on John V. Farwell Company corner card window envelope to Grimms Wis., backstamped at Grimms Oct. 12, forwarded to Greenleaf Wis. where backstamped on Oct. 13 and then back to Grimms, the Oct. 19 circular datestamp of which ties the stamp, reduced at left into the corner card, otherwise Very Fine, the earliest documented use, ex Dr. Agris............... E. 500-750
- 112 ★★⊞ 1c Green, Farwell Group 4, 4A4 (408). Mint N.H. top arrow block of four, hinged only in ungummed portion of selvage, deep rich color, Very Fine, with 2009 P.F. certificate ...... 600.00

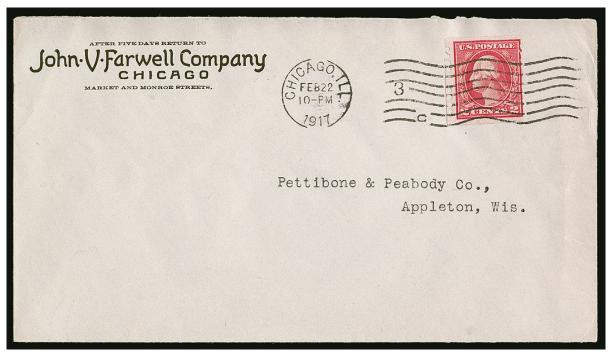


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  ☐ 1c Green, Farwell Group 4, 4A4 (408). Tied by "Chicago Ill. May 17, 1912" machine cancel with manuscript date on John V. Farwell Company corner card cover to Fostoria O., scuffing on back, still Very Fine, ex Dr. Agris, Scott value \$500.00...... E. 200-300
- 115 ★⊞ 1c Green, Farwell Group 4, 4A4, 4B4 (408). Left plate no. 6041 block of six, combination perfs with the top two rows Ty. 4A4, the left stamp of the bottom row also 4A4 and the bottom right stamp 4B4, original gum, four stamps Mint N.H., Extremely Fine, a very unusual configuration with only one stamp in the plate block showing different perf spacing, with 1984 P.F. certificate misdescribing both stamps in the bottom row as Ty. 4B4...... E. 750-1,000
- 116 ★⊞ 1c Green, 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 4, 4A4, 4B4 (408-409). Centerline blocks of four, combination perfs with both showing 4B4/4A4 configurations, original gum, lightly hinged, fresh and Extremely Fine, if broken these would yield two guide line pairs for each value in the wide and narrow spacing, both with 2003 P.F. certificate. E. 750-1,000



- 118 ★⊞ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 4, 4A4, 4B4 (409). Block of six with plate no. 6151 in sheet margin at top right, combination perfs with Ty. 4A4 in top two rows and 4B4 in bottom row, original gum, h.r. at top, bottom four stamps Mint N.H., vivid color on bright paper, Very Fine and choice, an attractive multiple, ex Belasco ...... E. 500-750





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2c Carmine, Ty. I Farwell Group 4, 4B4 (482). Brilliant color, tied by "Chicago Ill. Feb. 22, 1917 10-PM" machine cancel on John V. Farwell Company corner card cover to Appleton Wis., bright and fresh, Very Fine, this issue was produced near the end of the Farwell Company's activities in perforating its proprietary coils, it had limited commercial use and covers are very rare, with 2000 P.F. certificate, Scott value \$1,500.00 ........

E. 400-500

## THE FARWELL COMPANY GROUPS 4 AND 5 COMBINATIONS



123 ★ 1c Green, Farwell Group 5, 4A5 (383). Strip of four with 2.6mm spacing, combination perfs with Group 4, 4B4 in left margin and Group 5, 4A5 along the rest of the strip, original gum, h.r. on outer stamps, rich color

VERY FINE. A RARE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE 1910 ONE-CENT ISSUE WITH A COMBINATION OF FARWELL GROUP 5 AND GROUP 4 PERFORATIONS.

As discussed in the Belasco book, the Farwell Group 5 perforations are not easy to explain and likely resulted from errors in the company's production of its coils, rather than an intentional 4 over 5 hole or 5 over 4 hole perforation design. This strip shows Group 5 perforations throughout except in the left margin, which has Group 4 perforations.

Unlisted in Scott, which prices a normal Group 5, 4A5 strip at \$3,000.00..... E. 1,500-2,000



124 ★⊞ 1c Green, Farwell Group 5, 4A5 (383). Right margin block of four with 2.8mm spacing, combination perfs with Group 5, 4A5 in top row and Group 4, 4A4 in bottom row, missing perfs in the right margin, original gum, lightly hinged, Very Fine and rare, a wonderful combination block showing perforations from two different groups, including the enigmatic and scarce Group 5, with 1991 P.S.E. certificate, unlisted in Scott as the combination .................. E. 1,000-1,500

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125 ★ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 5, 4A5 (384). Paste-up strip of four, combination perfs with Group 5, 4A5 on left and right stamps, Group 4, 4B4 at paste-up joint in middle, original gum, lightly hinged, rich color

VERY FINE. A RARE PASTE-UP STRIP OF FOUR OF THE 1910 2-CENT ISSUE WITH A COMBINATION OF FARWELL GROUP 5 AND GROUP 4 PERFORATIONS.

As discussed in the Belasco book, the Farwell Group 5 perforations are not easy to explain and likely resulted from errors in the company's production of its coils, rather than an intentional 4 over 5 hole or 5 over 4 hole perforation design. This paste-up strip showing Group 5 perforations on the outer stamps and Group 4 along the paste-up joint is a great rarity of the Farwell Company.

With 2006 P.S.E. certificate. Unlisted in Scott, which prices a normal Group 5, 4A5 paste-up strip at \$3,500.00 ...... E. 3,000-4,000



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126 ★ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 5, 4A5 (384). Left margin pair with 3mm spacing, combination perfs with Group 5, 4A5 at left and Group 4, 4A4 at center and right, original gum with light pencil notations on gum, fresh and Very Fine, a scarce combination of Group 5 and Group 4 perforations, with 2008 P.F. certificate, unlisted in Scott ....... E. 500-750



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128 ★ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 5, 4A5 (409). Left margin pair with 3mm spacing, combination perfs with Group 5, 4A5 at center and right and Group 4, 4B4 in left margin, original gum, Very Fine and very scarce combination of Group 5 and Group 4 perforations, manuscript Chambers Hunter guarantee written on back of selvage, unlisted in Scott .....

E. 750-1,000

#### THE FARWELL COMPANY GROUP 5 PERFORATIONS



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132 ★ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 5, 4A5 (409). Guide line strip of four, original gum, lightly hinged, brilliant color

VERY FINE AND VERY RARE GUIDE LINE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE 2-CENT 1910 ISSUE WITH FARWELL GROUP 5 PERFORATIONS.

133 ★ 2c Carmine, Farwell Group 5, 5A4 (409).
Guide line pair, original gum, h.r., brilliant color and excellent centering, bright and fresh

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB AND VERY RARE GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE 1912 2-CENT WITH FARWELL GROUP 5, TYPE 5A4 PERFORATIONS. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED.



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## END OF SESSION ONE

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## SESSION TWO (LOTS 136-380) TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022, AT 1:30 P.M.

# INTERNATIONAL VENDING MACHINE COMPANY BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The International Vending Machine Company was organized in 1906 to develop a stamp-vending machine. The perforations on International Vending Machine Co. stamps are distinct among private vending and affixing machine coils due to their approximately 12½-gauge continuous perforations, which are similar to the government Perf 12 coils of the time. All are scarce to rare.



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# THE MAILOMETER COMPANY DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The Mailometer Company was the successor to the Schermack Mailing Machine Company in 1909 and continued to produce Schermack affixing machines and Schermack Type III coils until 1927 (it changed its name to Mail-O-Meter in 1922). In an effort to convince postal authorities to make and sell nationally coil stamps that could be used in its machines, Mailometer created several different groups of their own coils, listed in Scott as Types I-V. Ultimately, the company was not successful in getting any of its coil designs approved for government issue, but the numerous varieties it produced make for a fertile collecting area among private vending and affixing machine enthusiasts.

## THE MAILOMETER COMPANY TYPE I PERFORATIONS

A footnote in the Scott Catalogue explains that the Mailometer Ty. I perforations come in two different lengths, 17.45mm and 17.7mm, though in the listings these types are combined. Belasco lists these separately in his book as Ty. Ia and Ty. I respectively. The 17.7mm Belasco Ty. I was used for commercial purposes and is scarcer than the 17.45mm perforation, which was produced for collectors.



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143 ★ 2c Lake, Ty. II, Mailometer Ty. I (320A). 17.7mm perf length (Belasco Ty. I), guide line strip of four, original gum, couple h.r., deep rich color

EXTREMELY FINE AND SCARCE GUIDE LINE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE 1908 2-CENT LAKE TYPE II WITH MAILOMETER TYPE I, 17.7MM PERFORATIONS.



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2c Lake, Ty. II, Mailometer Ty. I (320A). 17.7mm perf length (Belasco Ty. I), used with 2c Carmine, Lincoln, Mailometer Ty. I, 17.7mm perf length (368, Belasco Ty. I) and 3c Deep Violet, Brinkerhoff Ty. II (345), tied by St. Louis Mo. oval cancels on registered 5c Columbian entire (U350) to Cleveland O., W. A. Sisson St. Louis return label, magenta "Merchants Sta. St. Louis Mo. Registered Oct. 28, 1910" double-circle datestamp, purple "Return Receipt Requested" straightline ties label, Cleveland registered backstamp of Oct. 29

VERY FINE. A COLORFUL AND BEAUTIFUL COMBINATION COVER BEARING TWO STAMPS WITH MAILOMETER TYPE I PERFORATIONS AND ONE WITH BRINKERHOFF TYPE II PERFORATIONS.

The Belasco book states that Scott 368 is known only with 17.45mm length Ty. I Mailometer perforations. However, the 2c Lincoln on this cover is clearly the 17.7mm length variety. This is an outstanding combination of issues on a colorful stamp dealer cover...... E. 2,000-3,000



- 145 ☑ 1c Green, Mailometer Ty. I (343). 17.7mm perf length (Belasco Ty. I), rich color, tied by "St. Louis Mo. 1910" machine cancel without date on Central National Bank return address cover to Columbus O., light cover soiling line well away from stamp, Very Fine, this is the only documented commercial use of this issue, the 1c was used for the circular rate and most were discarded, ex Belasco and illustrated in his book on p. 65, Scott value \$775.00 ........ E. 300-400

- 5c Blue, Mailometer Ty. I (347). 17.45mm perf length (Belasco Ty. Ia), pair, used with pair of 2c Carmine, Mailometer Ty. I, 17.45mm perf length (409, Belasco Ty. Ia), tied by "Irvington, N.Y." boxed handstamps on light green registered cover to Chatanooga Tenn., purple "Registerd No." boxed handstamp with manuscript "1340" number, Irvington N.Y. and Chattanooga Ten. registered backstamps dated Nov. 17, 1919 and Nov. 19, 1919, also with block of four of "Half of your letter postage is a tax" propaganda stamps on back (tied), one of the propaganda stamps with a nick and cover with small piece out of bottom left corner, otherwise Very Fine, this is the only reported use of the 5c 1908 with Mailometer Ty. I perforations, ex Belasco........... E. 500-750





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  2c Carmine, Mailometer Ty. I (384). 17.7mm perf length (Belasco Ty. I), pair, used with 10c Yellow (381), tied by "St. Louis Mo." registry ovals on Wm. A. Sisson corner card cover to Gamelin, Quebec, Canada, red "Saint Louis Mo. Registered Nov. 8, 1911" and Montreal backstamps, Very Fine and scarce use to Canada, ex Belasco ....... E. 300-400

## THE MAILOMETER COMPANY TYPE II PERFORATIONS



- 158 ★ 3c Deep Violet, Mailometer Ty. II (345). Pair with 2mm spacing, selvage at right, original gum, lightly hinged, deep rich color, Very Fine, with 1998 P.F. certificate..... 350.00







- 160 (★) **5c Blue, Mailometer Ty. II (347).** Pair with 2mm spacing, unused (regummed), rich color, Extremely Fine, with 1989 P.S.E. certificate, Scott value as original gum.... 950.00







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164 ★★ 2c Carmine, Hudson-Fulton, Mailometer Ty. II (373). Mint N.H. pair with plate no. 5392 left selvage, brilliant color, Very Fine and choice, a scarce and desirable Mint N.H. plate no. pair, with 2014 P.F. certificate, Scott value for normal hinged pair ...... 600.00



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## THE MAILOMETER COMPANY TYPE III PERFORATIONS











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- 173 ★ 4c Orange Brown, Mailometer Ty. III (346). Pair with plate no. 5199 with star selvage at right, 3mm spacing, original gum, Very Fine, scarce and especially desirable with the plate number, ex Belasco, Scott value for normal pair ................. 550.00



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178 ★ 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Mailometer Ty. III (371). Pair with right selvage showing extra row of Ty. III perforations, original gum, h.r., Fine, Scott value for normal pair... 925.00



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## THE MAILOMETER COMPANY TYPE IV PERFORATIONS





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- 182 ★ 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Mailometer Ty. IV (320). Paste-up pair, original gum, lightly hinged, stamps are slightly different shades, Fine, with 1989 P.S.E. certificate..................... 500.00





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186 ★★⊞ 3c Deep Violet, Mailometer Ty. IV (345). Mint N.H. centerline block of four, rich color, wide margins, Extremely Fine and attractive block, scarce in Mint N.H. condition, with 2014 P.F. certificate, Scott value as hinged............ 1,500.00



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192 ★⊞ 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon,
Mailometer Ty. IV (371). Centerline
block of four, original gum, minor
h.r., perfs at upper right shifted down
significantly, bright color, choice
centering and margins, small thin spot
at top right, Extremely Fine appearing position block, with 1981 P.F.
certificate, unlisted in Scott, value for
two guide line pairs.................. 1,400.00



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195 ★⊞ **2c Carmine, Hudson-Fulton, Mailometer Ty. IV** (**373**). Bottom right corner imprint and plate no. 5392 block of eight, original gum, natural gum creases, rich color, margin tear at bottom left thru the imprint, appears Very Fine, a rare plate block, unlisted in Scott, four pairs catalogue \$1,600.00 ...... E. 1,000-1,500









198 ★⊞ 1c Green, Mailometer Ty. IV (383). Wide top imprint, plate no. 5494 and star block of six, original gum, hinged only at top center, natural gum creases, Very Fine and scarce plate block, unlisted in Scott...... E. 750-1,000



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- 202 ★⊞ **2c Carmine, Mailometer Ty. IV (384).** Right imprint, plate no. 5516 and star block of six, original gum, h.r. at top, brilliant color, Very Fine, a scarce plate block, with 1989 A.P.S. certificate, unlisted in Scott ...... E. 750-1,000





- 204 ★⊞ 1c Green, Mailometer Ty. IV (408). Left plate no. A 5828 block of six, original gum, bright color, few light natural gum creases, Very Fine and scarce plate block, ex Belasco, unlisted in Scott ...... E. 500-750



205 ☑ 1c Green, Mailometer Ty. IV (408). Strip of three, used with 1c, 2c and 3c pairs of Nos. 392-394 (3c guide line pair), tied by "Detroit Mich." registry ovals on registered cover to Vienna, Austria, "New York Reg. Div. Foreign 7-10 1913" and receiving backstamps, manuscript "K. Koslowski Detroit" on back (stamp collector of Scott 314A fame), minor wear

VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF THE ONE-CENT TYPE IV MAILOMETER, SCOTT 408, ON A COVER TO GERMANY, WITH THREE WASHINGTON-FRANKLIN PERF 8.5 COIL PAIRS.

Covers with this issue are very scarce, and this use to a foreign destination is especially desirable. The three Washington-Franklin coil pairs should also be considered desirable — the 3c alone catalogues \$650.00 as used off cover.

Ex Belasco. E. 2,000-3,000



206 ☑ 1c Green, Mailometer Ty. IV (408). Horizontal strip of five, horizontal strip of three and horizontal pair, tied on back of yellow cover by New York registry ovals or by purple "New York City Rec'd (28) Reg'y. 12-17-1912" oval datestamps, to Baton Rouge La., receiving duplex also ties strip of three, front side with 2c Washington perfin also tied by registry oval, Stanley Gibbons New York return address, some soiling, nicks in three stamp and small tears, still Very Fine, a rare franking .............................. E. 1,000-1,500



- 207 1c Green, Mailometer Ty. IV (481). Bold "St. Louis Missouri" two-line precancel, minor corner crease at bottom right, appears Very Fine, there are two types of St. Louis precancels known on this issue (two-line and three-line) and they are both very scarce, with 2007 A.P.S. certificate ...... 208 ★★
- 209 ★⊞ 2c Carmine, Mailometer Ty. IV (482). Paste-up block of eight, original gum, barely hinged on one stamp at bottom if at all, the two blocks are noticeably different shades, fresh, Fine-Very Fine, with
- 210 ⋈ 2c Carmine, Mailometer Ty. IV (482). Perfs mostly trimmed at left, intact at right with part of adjoining stamp, tied by "St. Louis Mo. Central Station Aug. 29, 1917 6-PM" machine cancel on light blue cover with National Lead Company corner card and illustrated design depicting the "Little Dutch Boy" paint logo, addressed to Osborne Kan., Very Fine and also a fascinating artifact from a time when emphasizing the lead content in paint and other products was seen as a good thing, Scott value \$350.00 ..... E. 150-200







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213 ⋈ 3c Violet, Mailometer Ty. IV (483). Tied by "St. Louis Mo. Mar. 22, 1918" machine cancel on legal-size glassine window cover with Central National Bank return address, vertical file fold well away from stamp and markings, cover nick where opened at top right, Very Fine, scarce use of the 3c paying the war rate, ex Belasco, Scott value \$575.00...... E. 200-300

#### THE MAILOMETER COMPANY TYPE V PERFORATIONS

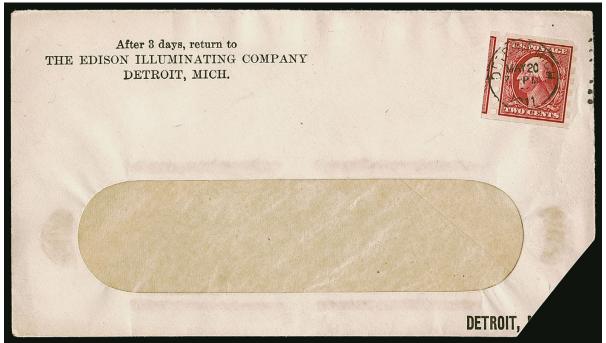


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- 215 2c Carmine, Mailometer Ty. V, Six Hole Control Perfin (384). Full perfs and guide line at right, trimmed or cut at left, pefin with Howard pattern 56 (meaning holes 5 and 6 are unpunched in the grid of 9), this pattern used by the Chalmers Motor Co. of Detroit Mich. in 1911 (Chalmers merged with Chrysler in 1923), fresh and Fine, very scare, with 2010 A.P.S. certificate, unpriced used or with perfin ............................... E. 500-750



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# THE PARKHURST COMPANY INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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217 ★ 5c Blue, Coil (317). Vertical strip of four with Mint N.H. guide line pair at center and with Parkhurst vending machine feeder indentations in three lower stamps, choice centering for an early coil issue, bottom stamp has a minor diagonal crease

VERY FINE. A UNIQUE 5-CENT 1908 COIL MULTIPLE CONTAINING A MINT NEVER-HINGED GUIDE LINE PAIR AND THREE STAMPS WITH THE PARKHURST VENDING MACHINE FEEDER INDENTATIONS. ONE OF THE GREATEST ITEMS OF UNITED STATES 20TH CENTURY PHILATELY.

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Mint Never-Hinged examples of Scott 317 are very rare. Power Search and a review of The Philatelic Foundation's online records located the following:

- 1) Pair, 1992 Rarities (Sale 745, lot 729)
- 2) Single, 2006 Rarities (Sale 913, lot 816), 2003 PFC
- 3) Pair, ex Hoffman (Sale 956, lot 301), 2004 PF
- 4) Single, ex Whitman (Sale 968B, lot 399), 2004 PF
- 5) Pair with plate no. 2952, hinged in selvage only (stamps NH), ex Whitman (Sale 968B, lot 397), 1970 and 2004 PF
- 6) **Guide line pair**, ex Col. Green as strip of 4, Whitman as line pair (Sale 968B, lot 396), 1945 APS and 2004 PF
- 7) Pair with NH single at top and PH at bottom (paste-up), ex Hall (Sale 1096, lot 558), 1977 PF
- 8) Single, 1958 PF and 2017 PSE graded 85, Sale 1212, lot 65
- 9) Strip of four with NH guide line pair at center, top and bottom stamps hinged, Parkhurst feeder indentations lower 3 stamps, 1997 PF, the strip offered here
- 10) Pair with NH single at bottom, PF 319462
- 11) Pair, PF 330125
- 12) Pair with NH single at bottom, PF 334041

As the list above shows, there are only two recorded guide line pairs in Mint N.H. condition: the pair from our sale of the Whitman collection (no. 6 above) and the strip offered in this sale (no. 9). The pair realized \$125,000 hammer in the 2009 Whitman sale.

With 1997 P.F. certificate. Scott value for Mint N.H. pair is \$160,000.00 and two hinged singles is \$12,000.00, for a total of \$172,000.00 ...... E. 50,000-75,000



218 ★ 5c Blue, Imperforate (315). Vertical strip of four from a hand-stripped imperforate coil roll with five distinct Parkhurst vending machine feeder holes located at center between the stamps and at top and bottom, additional small holes at left and right are machine produced, slight thin at bottom, pencil note on back "Parkhurst Vending Machine"

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN IMPORTANT MULTIPLE FROM THE EARLIEST YEARS OF MACHINE-VENDED POSTAGE. ONLY A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE 5-CENT 1908 IMPERFORATE WITH PARKHURST PERFORATIONS ARE KNOWN, INCLUDING STRIPS IN THE MILLER COLLECTION OWNED BY THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Very few examples of the 5c 1908 Imperforate with Parkhurst perforations are known, including unused and used strips of three in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library (the used strip has an Indianapolis Nov. 8, 1908, duplex datestamp). This strip of four from the Dr. Joseph Agris collection sold by Shreves in 1997 is the largest recorded multiple.

Ex Dr. Agris. Illustrated in Belasco book (p. 193). With 1989 P.F. certificate stating "vertical strip of four, Parkhurst Co. private vending machine perforations" (issued to Dr Agris) and 2009 P.F. certificate which inexplicably states genuine but "decline opinion with respect to whether this was vended by a Parkhurst machine" (there can be no other source)....... E. 5,000-7,500

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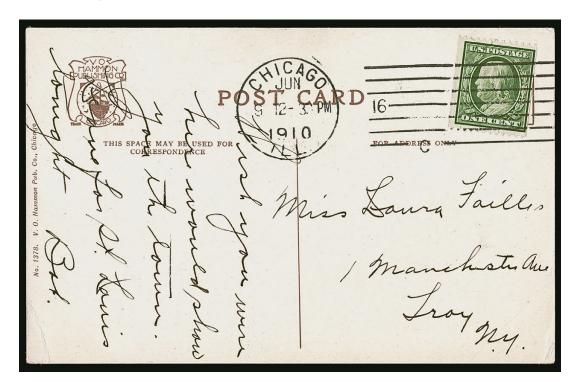
219 \* 5c Blue, Imperforate (315). Vertical pair with three Parkhurst vending machine feeder holes spaced 6.5 millimeters apart between stamps and between top stamp and part of adjoining stamp at top, original gum, centered to left, horizontal crease between stamps and a slight bend in bottom stamp

FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 5-CENT 1908 IMPERFORATE WITH PARKHURST VENDING MACHINE PERFORATIONS.

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1c Green, Coil (348). With Parkhurst vending machine feeder indentations, 4 holes with 5mm spacing at top and bottom, centered slightly to right, tied by "Chicago Ill. Jun. 9 12-30PM 1910" machine cancel on the Auditorium Hotel photo postcard to Troy N.Y., Very Fine, an extremely rare example of a coil dispensed by Parkhurst's vending machine, which was probably located in the Auditorium Hotel for the convenience of guests..... E. 1,000-1,500



222 **\* 2c Carmine, Coil (349).** Vertical pair with **Parkhurst vending machine feeder indentations,** 4 holes with 5mm spacing at top of each stamp, centered slightly to left, original gum, h.r., rich color, top stamp has slight crease

FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE PAIR OF THE 2-CENT 1908 COIL WITH PARKHURST VENDING MACHINE FEEDER INDENTATIONS. ONE OF THE RAREST OF ALL EARLY VENDING AND AFFIXING MACHINE VARIETIES.

The stamp-vending machine invented by Layton M. Parkhurst of Indianapolis utilized imperforate and perforated government coils, including the 1908 Washington-Franklin designs. The machine worked by advancing the roll of stamps one at a time, using pins that punctured or indented the paper. Examples of 1c and 2c vertical coils showing Parkhurst feeder marks are exceedingly rare.

Light red "GPH" backstamps (George P. Howard). Accompanied by copy of a letter from George P. Howard on Bureau Issues Association letterhead, dated June 3, 1947, offering Scott 349 pair with "4 punctures made by the Parkhurst machine" (presumably this pair). .... E. 2,000-3,000



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2c Carmine, Coil (349). With Parkhurst vending machine feeder indentations, 2 holes with 10mm spacing at top, paste-up at top, centered slightly to right, tied by "Detroit Mich. Jun. 25 4:30PM 1910" wavy-line machine cancel on cover to Waverly Iowa, about one-third of cover at left reduced, but word "Company" of corner card and illustration of an addressograph machine on backflap, opening slit at top and two folds at left

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#### SAN FRANCISCO ROULETTE

There are three distinct imperforate errors in the 1908 2c Shield Issue, listed in Scott as Nos. 319d (imperf horizontally), 319e (imperf between) and 319r (rouletted between). The imperforate-horizontally multiples (Scott 319d) come from a block of 25 purchased from the Washington D.C. post office. All known examples of Scott 319d are printed in a deeper shade of Carmine than 319e or the San Francisco Roulette.

The rouletted multiples come from a small number of sheets received by the San Francisco postmaster that were missing a line of perforations between the first and second rows at top. Rather than destroy or return the problem sheets, the postmaster applied his own roulette for separation. The existence of top position blocks confirms the position of the error stamps in the sheet.



224 ★⊞ 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Vertical Pair, San Francisco Roulette (319r). Block of ten, the top block containing two error pairs, mostly unpunched perforations the next two rows, all perfs punched out between bottom stamps, showing vertical guideline at right, original gum, lightly hinged, brilliant color

VERY FINE. AN IMPRESSIVE MULTIPLE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ROULETTE. VERY FEW BLOCKS ARE KNOWN.



225 ★ 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Vertical Pair, San Francisco Roulette (319r). Vertical strip of three, top pair the error, unpunched perforations between bottom two stamps with one perf that has been punched out, original gum, h.r., radiant color

> FINE. A RARE MULTIPLE CONTAINING A PAIR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ROULETTES AT TOP AND SHOWING UNPUNCHED PERFS BETWEEN THE BOTTOM STAMPS. A WONDERFUL RARITY.

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> With 1988 P.F. certificate...... 4,000.00

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226 (\*) 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Vertical Pair, San Francisco Roulette (319r). Unused (no gum), bright shade, attractive margins and centering

> VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THIS FAMOUS AND FASCINAT-ING BUREAU ISSUE PERFORATION VARIETY.

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> Signed twice in pencil, including by Sloane. Scott value \$4,000.00 with gum ..... E. 500-750



# THE SCHERMACK COMPANY DETROIT, MICHIGAN



The Schermack Mailing Machine Company is the best known of the private vending and affixing machine companies. It manufactured stampaffixing and envelope-sealing machines and produced three different types of coils, listed in Scott as Types I-III. The Type III perforations were also used to make coils for Joseph Schermack's independent vending machine company in 1910 and 1911.

Some of the greatest rarities of not only private vending and affixing machine coils, but of 20th century philately in general, exist because of Schermack. These include the Schermack Type III perforations on the 4c 1908 Imperforate, Scott 314A, and the 2c Type Ia 1920 Imperforate, Scott 482A. Both of these imperforate stamps exist only with Schermack Type III perforations. The two other types of Schermack perforations also produced rarities, including the 5c 1908 Imperforate, Scott 315, with Type II perforations.



227 ⋈ Joseph J. Schermack, Solicitation to Invest in Stamp Vending Machines. Two 1c singles with Schermack Ty. III perfs (314), tied by "Detroit Mich May 31, 1909, 8:30 PM" machine cancel on cover to Mrs. T. S. Farquharson in Des Moines Iowa, marked "Personal", three original enclosures: a letter dated May 29, 1909 with another 1c Schermack Ty. III affixed, discussing the Detroit Mailing Machine business and an enclosed proposal to invest in the Schermack Stamp Vending Machine Company, signed by Schermack; a multi-page typed background and proposal to sell capital stock in the company for the purpose of distributing stamp vending machines to large cities across the country, also signed by Schermack; finally an illustration of a Schermack counter-top vending machine showing several of the advertising cards from which revenue was to be derived as well as a strip of Schermack Dummy stamps, Very Fine and fascinating group from this early stamp affixing and vending machine pioneer, these letters were sent to members of the APS shortly after Schermack joined the Society, see Steven Belasco's book (Chapter 11) for a detailed discussion of this second venture by Schermack, ex Curtis..... (Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 1,500-2,000

## THE SCHERMACK COMPANY TYPE I PERFORATIONS



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228 ★⊞ 1c Blue Green, Schermack Ty. I, Eight Holes (314). Centerline block of 16, original gum, few minor h.r., brilliant color, creased along the vertical guideline where previously folded, third row with horizontal crease

OVERALL VERY FINE CONDITION FOR SUCH A REMAKABLE MULTIPLE. THIS IS THE LARGEST RECORDED BLOCK OF THE ONE-CENT 1906 ISSUE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE I PERFORATIONS.

While this is obviously a request item, it is remarkable nonetheless as a large centerline block.

With 1982 P.F. certificate. Unlisted in Scott as a block. ..... E. 2,000-3,000



229 ★⊞ 1c Blue Green, Schermack Ty. I, Eight Holes (314). Top imprint and plate no. 3119 block of eight, perfs extend into sheet selvage, original gum, top stamps minor h.r., bottom stamps Mint N.H., light gum creases, Fine and rare plate block with only two or three known, ex Belasco, with 1998 P.F. certificate...... E. 1,000-1,500

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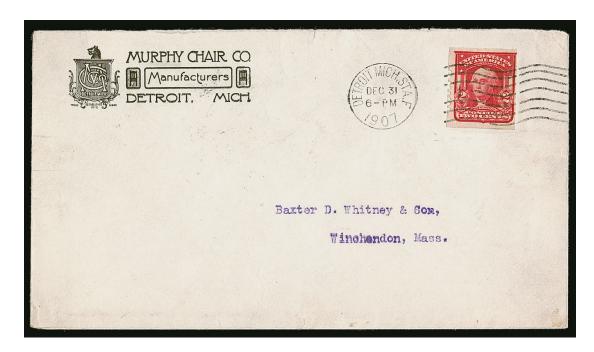
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231 **\* 1c Blue Green, Schermack Ty. I, Six Holes** (314). Guide line pair, original gum, "HHH" handstamps and pencil writing on back of both, deep rich color

VERY FINE. A LOVELY GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE 1906 ONE-CENT ISSUE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE I SIX-HOLE PERFORATIONS.



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2c Carmine, Ty. I, Schermack Ty. I, Eight Holes (320). Clear perfs at left and trimmed at right by affixing machine, tied by "Detroit Mich. Sta. F. Dec. 31 6-PM 1907" wavy-line machine cancel on Murphy Chair Co. corner card cover with typewriter address to Winchendon Mass., receiving backstamp (Jan. 2, 1908), choice condition

VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY EARLY USE OF A COIL STAMP ON A COVER, BEARING THE 2-CENT 1906 ISSUE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE I EIGHT HOLE PERFORATIONS.

The sender was one of five Detroit commercial companies to use the Schermack Type I stamps. By 1915 they were employing 1,000 workers and producing 7,000 chairs a day. As the auto industry grew, competition for workers became intense, and by 1919 they moved to Kentucky. The recipient, Baxter D. Whitney and Sons, began building woodworking machines in 1837 and was run by the founder's son from 1900 to 1953.

With 1989 P.S.E. certificate. Scott value \$2,500.00 ...... E. 1,000-1,500



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233 ★⊞ **2c Carmine, Ty. I, Schermack Ty. I, Eight Holes (320).** Centerline block of 16, original gum, second row from bottom plus a few others Mint N.H., six with h.r., brilliant color, three stamps with inconsequential small thin spots

OVERALL VERY FINE CONDITION FOR SUCH A REMAKABLE MULTIPLE. THIS IS THE LARGEST RECORDED BLOCK OF THE 2-CENT 1906 ISSUE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE I PERFORATIONS.

While this is obviously a request item, it is remarkable nonetheless as a large centerline block.

With 2013 P.F. certificate. Unlisted in Scott as a block. ..... E. 2,000-3,000





235 ★ 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Schermack Ty. I, Combination Seven and Eight Holes (320). Paste-up strip of four, combination Ty. I perforations with the right three stamps eight holes and the left paste-up stamp seven holes, original gum, faintly hinged if at all, truly appears Mint N.H.

VERY FINE. A UNIQUE VARIETY OF THE SCHERMACK TYPE I PERFORATIONS, WITH A COMBINATION OF BOTH SEVEN AND EIGHT HOLES.

This was originally part of a 25-stamp strip of Schermack Ty. I that was purchased in 1907 — consisting of a seven-hole strip of 20 with an eight-hole paste-up strip of five.

Ex Belasco. With 1995 P.F. certificate which fails to note the perf combination (calls it seven holes). ..... E. 3,000-4,000

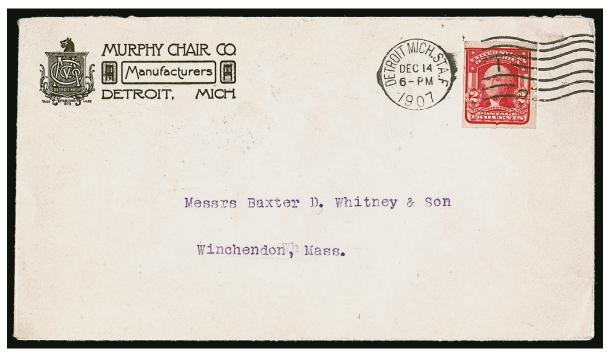




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237 ★ 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Schermack Ty. I, Seven Holes (320). Strip of five with paste-up at left of pos. 1, original gum, middle three stamps Mint N.H., outer stamps h.r., brilliant color on bright paper

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE LARGEST RECORDED MULTIPLE OF THE 2-CENT 1906 ISSUE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE I SEVEN-HOLE PERFORATIONS.



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2c Carmine, Ty. I, Schermack Ty. I, Seven Holes (320). Showing clear Schermack Type I perforations at right, perfs trimmed at left by affixing machine, tied by "Detroit Mich. Sta. F. Dec. 14 6-PM 1907" wavy-line machine cancel on Murphy Chair Co. corner card cover with typewriter address to Winchendon Mass., receiving backstamp (Dec. 16), immaculate condition

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST RECORDED USE OF THE TYPE I SEVEN-HOLE SCHERMACK PERFORATIONS. A WONDERFUL COMMERCIAL USE FROM MURPHY CHAIR COMPANY TO A WOODWORKING MACHINE MANUFACTURER.

The sender was one of five Detroit commercial companies to use the Schermack Type I stamps. By 1915 they were employing 1,000 workers and producing 7,000 chairs a day. As the auto industry grew, competition for workers became intense, and by 1919 they moved to Kentucky. The recipient, Baxter D. Whitney and Sons, began building woodworking machines in 1837 and was run by the founder's son from 1900 to 1953.

This hand-stripped 2c Shield coil has Schermack Type I perfs designed to advance the roll of stamps one at a time for automated affixing purposes. It was used on this commercial cover in December 1907, making this is one of the earliest uses of *any* United States coil stamp and the earliest of the Schermack Type I Seven Holes. At this point, collectors were generally unaware of the existence of machine-fed coil stamps, and so few were saved.

Ex Dr. Agris. Described in an article by Donna O'Keefe in the Philatelic Gems column of Linn's Stamp News (Sep. 21, 1992, p. 22). Illustrated in the Belasco book on p. 20 where described as "Extremely Rare". With 1991 A.P.S. certificate. Scott value \$8,750.00........

E. 2,000-3,000





- 240 **\* 2c Lake, Ty. II, Schermack Ty. I, Eight Holes (320A).** Strip of four, original gum, h.r., rich color, Very Fine, with 2002 P.S.E. certificate (co-signed Belasco)..................... 800.00

241 ★⊞ 2c Lake, Ty. II, Schermack Ty. I, Eight Holes (320A). Top imprint and plate no. 4686 block of six, perfs continue into the top selvage, original gum, few h.r., fresh deep color, Fine-Very Fine and very scarce, only two or three plate blocks are known, ex Belasco and illustrated in his book on p. 20, with 2000 P.F. certificate... E. 1,500-2,000









245 ★ 1c Green, Schermack Ty. I, Eight Holes (343). Pair with 3mm spacing, original gum, wide margins, Very Fine, with 2014 P.F. certificate, listed but unpriced as a 3mm pair ...

E. 500-750



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247 **2c Carmine, Schermack Ty. I, Eight Holes (344).** Guide line pair, bright color, light machine cancel, small thin spot at left of right stamp

EXTREMELY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE USED GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE 2-CENT 1908 ISSUE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE I EIGHT HOLE PERFORATIONS.

This is the only used line pair of this issue we have encountered. None are known on cover. With 1998 P.S.E. certificate (co-signed Belasco). Unlisted in Scott.. E. 1,500-2,000

248 ★ 3c Deep Violet, Schermack Ty. I, Eight Holes (345). Guide line pair, original gum, minor h.r. at bottom, rich color, well-centered

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. AN EXTREMELY RARE GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE 3-CENT 1908 ISSUE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE I PERFORATIONS. THIS IS THE ONLY GUIDE LINE PAIR WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED.

The 1908 3c is one of the rarest issues to find with Schermack Ty. I perforations, particularly as a guide line pair. Outside of this sale we have not offered another example in any format since our 2010 sale of the Belasco collection.



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250 ★⊞ **2c Carmine, Lincoln, Schermack Ty. I, Eight Holes (368).** Bottom imprint, plate no. 4979 and small solid star block of six, original gum, few h.r., bright color, Very Fine and scarce plate block, each stamp with Mekeel backstamp, unlisted in Scott.. E. 1,000-1,500





- 252 ★ 2c Carmine, Lincoln, Schermack Ty. I, Seven Holes (368). Pair with 3mm spacing, original gum, bright color, Extremely Fine, scarce, with 1995 P.S.E. certificate (co-signed Belasco), listed but unpriced as 3mm spacing pair, Scott value as 2mm pair ..... 1,150.00
- 253 ★ 2c Carmine, Lincoln, Schermack Ty. I, Six Holes (368). Guide line pair, original gum, h.r. and with pencil notation on one, deep rich color, choice centering and margins

EXTREMELY FINE GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE RARE 1909 2-CENT LINCOLN WITH SCHERMACK TYPE I SIX-HOLE PERFORATIONS.

This is the only guide line pair of this issue we have offered since keeping computerized records 30 years ago.



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254 ★⊞ 2c Carmine, Lincoln, Schermack Ty. I, Six Holes (368). Left imprint and plate no. 4982 block of six with string of pressman's initials, original gum, lightly hinged, bright color, choice centering and margins

EXTREMELY FINE AND VERY RARE PLATE BLOCK OF THE 1909 2-CENT LINCOLN WITH SCHERMACK TYPE I SIX-HOLE PERFORATIONS. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED.

The 1909 2c Lincoln is very scarce with Schermack Ty. I six or seven hole perforations. This is the only plate block with six or seven holes we have have offered since keeping computerized records 30 years ago. While obviously a request item, it is a remarkable showpiece.

With 1985 P.F. certificate. Unlisted in Scott. ..... E. 2,000-3,000

### THE SCHERMACK COMPANY TYPE II PERFORATIONS



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#### 5-CENT 1908 IMPERFORATE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE II PERFORATIONS

# ONE OF THE RAREST OF ALL VENDING AND AFFIXING MACHINE PERFORATIONS



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257 ★ 5c Blue, Imperforate, Schermack Ty. II (315). Guide line pair, original gum, extraordinarily choice centering, deep shade on bright fresh paper

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF TWO GUIDE LINE PAIRS OF THE 5-CENT 1908 WITH SCHERMACK TYPE II PERFORATIONS REPORTED IN THE BELASCO BOOK. A MAJOR RARITY OF EARLY 20TH CENTURY PHILATELY.

The 5c Blue (315) with Schermack Type II perforations, produced at the request of collectors, is one of the rarest of all vending and affixing machine varieties. A review of The Philatelic Foundation records and auction catalogue listings located approximately six ordinary pairs. There is one ordinary pair in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library. The Belasco book (p. 23) reports two guide line pairs — we believe the other line pair is the one offered in Sale 28 of the Col. Green collection (Costales, 10/28-11/1/1946, lot 1307).

"CHM" (Charles H. Mekeel) initials in ink on back. With 1994 P.S.E. certificate (cosigned Belasco). Guide line pair listed but unpriced in Scott — value for a pair is \$9,000.00). ..... E. 10,000-15,000



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258 ★ 5c Blue, Imperforate, Schermack Ty. II (315). Pair, original gum, well-centered, perfs either trimmed at left or a natural straight edge, deep shade on bright fresh paper

VERY FINE. ONE OF APPROXIMATELY SIX AVAILABLE PAIRS OF THE 5-CENT 1908 WITH SCHERMACK TYPE II PERFORATIONS.

The 5c Blue (315) with Schermack Type II perforations, produced at the request of collectors, is one of the rarest of all vending and affixing machine varieties. A review of The Philatelic Foundation records and auction catalogue listings located approximately six ordinary pairs. There is one ordinary pair in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library. The Belasco book (p. 23) reports two guide line pairs, one of which is offered in lot 257.

"CHM" (Charles H. Mekeel) initials in ink on back. With 1982 P.F. certificate... 9,000.00



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5c Blue, Imperforate, Schermack Ty. II (315). Well-centered, deep shade, tied by Saint Louis Mo. double-oval cancel on small piece, tiny brown inclusion in top margin

VERY FINE. POSSIBLY THE ONLY USED EXAMPLE OF THE 5-CENT 1908 WITH SCHERMACK TYPE II PERFORATIONS IN EXISTENCE.

The 5c Blue (315) with Schermack Type II perforations, produced at the request of collectors, is one of the rarest of all vending and affixing machine varieties. A review of The Philatelic Foundation records and auction catalogue listings located approximately six ordinary pairs. There is one ordinary pair in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library. The Belasco book (p. 23) reports two guide line pairs (one offered in lot 257). This is the only used example of this rarity we have been able to locate (Belasco stated that no covers are known). The Saint Louis cancel points to Charles H. Mekeel as the likely source of this stamp.

Hinge attached with pencil note "May 51 25.00 G. P. Howard #315 Sh II Only Known Used Copy". With 1977 P.F. certificate. Scott value \$1,900.00 for a used pair is evidently not based on any actual item or sale record...... E. 2,000-3,000





- 261 ★ 2c Lake, Ty. II, Schermack Ty. II (320A). Guide line pair, original gum, h.r., tiny nick in margin at top left, appears Very Fine, backstamp of undetermined origin ......... 525.00





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- 262 ★ 1c Green, Schermack Ty. II (343). Two pairs showing 3mm and 2mm spacing, 3mm original gum, lightly hinged, wide margins, fresh and Extremely Fine, 2mm original gum with slight disturbance not mentioned on certificate, Very Fine, with 2006 P.F. certificate ................................(Photo Ex) 1,700.00
- 263 ★ 2c Carmine, Schermack Ty. II (344). Pair with 3mm spacing, original gum, rich color and nicely centered, fresh and Very Fine, ex Belasco, with 1981 P.F. certificate....... 1,100.00









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2c Carmine, Lincoln, Schermack Ty. II (368). Clear perfs at left, trimmed or cut at right, used with four additional 1c-2c stamps with Schermack Ty. I or Ty. II perforations, including Ty. I eight holes (314, 320A) and Ty. II (314, 320A), tied by "Pine Lawn Mo. Registered Jul. 27, 1909 P.M." circular datestamps on registered 2c buff entire to St. Paul Minn., C. H. Mekeel return handstamp, Saint Paul receiving backstamp, some minor edgewear, 2c Lincoln with small margin scuff at top

VERY FINE. A COLORFUL AND EXCEPTIONAL FRANKING WITH THE 1909 2-CENT LINCOLN SCHERMACK TYPE II, ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER TYPE I OR TYPE II STAMPS.

The Belasco book states that no covers are known with the 2c Lincoln Schermack Ty. II — only a piece of a Mekeel cover with a pair dated Oct. 11, 1909, which Belasco called the earliest known use (the piece is in the Getlan collection). We presume Belasco was not aware of this cover, which pre-dates the piece by more than three months and which may well be unique...... E. 2,000-3,000

#### THE SCHERMACK COMPANY TYPE III PERFORATIONS



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269 ★ 1c Green, Schermack Ty. III (314). Block of four with plate no. 4498 sheet margin at left, original gum, h.r., large margins, manuscript writing in margin, Very Fine.. 800.00



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# 4-CENT BROWN, IMPERFORATE, SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS SCOTT 314A

#### ONE OF TWO RECORDED GUIDE LINE PAIRS

271 ★ 4c Brown, Imperforate, Schermack Ty. III (314A). Guide line pair, original gum, each stamp with small hinge remnant, deep rich color, full and intact Schermack perforations

VERY FINE. ONE OF TWO EXTANT GUIDE LINE PAIRS OF THE RARE 4-CENT 1908 IMPERFORATE — ONLY FOUR PAIRS, TWO LINE PAIRS AND NINE SINGLES ARE KNOWN IN UNUSED CONDITION.

Our census of unused Scott 314A, available at https://siegelauctions.com/census/us/scott/314A, records four intact pairs, two guide line pairs and nine singles, for a total of 21 unused stamps. One of the singles is in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library. There are only 32 used singles (two on piece), two used strips of three (one in NYPL collection), a used pair and four covers (one of which bears a strip of three), for a total of 46 used stamps.

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The two recorded guide line pairs have both been sold by the Siegel firm in their last auction appearances. The other pair was sold for \$400,000 hammer in our sale of the Alan B. Whitman collection (Sale 968B, Sep. 22-25, 2009, lot 388). The pair offered here was acquired by Mr. Getlan in our sale of the Drucker Family collection (Sale 851, Oct. 9, 2002, lot 1291, realized \$200,000 hammer).



272 (\*) 4c Brown, Imperforate, Schermack Ty. III (314A). Unused (no gum), deep rich color, full Schermack perfs at right just barely in, two visible notched perfs at left, beautifully centered top to bottom

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Census no. 314A-UNC-09. Ex Koslowski. With 1975 P.F. certificate. Scott value \$100,000.00 with original gum...... E. 30,000-40,000



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273 ★★ 5c Blue, Imperforate, Schermack Ty. III (315). Mint N.H. horizontal strip of four with "Bureau, Engraving & Printing" imprint and plate no. 4073 in wide top sheet margin, centered slightly to right but large bottom margin, fresh and bright color

VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER MULTIPLE OF THE 5-CENT 1908 IMPERFORATE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS. A MAGNIFICENT 20TH CENTURY PHILATELIC RARITY.

This phenomenal imprint and plate number strip of the 5c 1908 Imperforate with Schermack Type III perforations was offered at auction in a Suburban Stamp Co. sale (November 24, 1984). According to the firm's principal, Larry Bustillo, it came from a collection in Evanston, Illinois, but he has no other information concerning its provenance. We searched the run of Colonel Green sales and did not locate it among his private perforation items.

With 1984 P.F. certificate (issued to Suburban/Bustillo). Scott value as a strip of four is \$17,000.00 (presumably for an ordinary strip)...... E. 15,000-20,000



274 ★ 5c Blue, Imperforate, Schermack Ty. II (315). Horizontal strip of five, original gum, lightly hinged, rich color and very fresh, centered slightly to left but top and bottom margins are balanced, vertical crease between two stamps at left, which leaves the Scottlisted strip of four completely untouched

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE AND IMPRESSIVE MULTIPLE OF THE 5-CENT 1908 IMPERFORATE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS.

With 1983 P.F. certificate. Scott value for strip of four is \$17,000.00..... E. 7,500-10,000

275 **2c Lake, Ty. II, Schermack Ty. III, 6-Hole Control Perfin (320A).** Full Ty. III perfs on both sides,
Howard perfin pattern 137 (meaning holes 1, 3 and 7 are unpunched in the grid of 9), deep rich color, New York machine cancel, certificate mentions a tiny perf crease at right which is all but invisible

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 1908 2-CENT LAKE TYPE II WITH SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS AND 6-HOLE CONTROL PERFINS. ONLY TWO OR THREE ARE KNOWN.

The table in the Belasco book lists the no. 137 control perfin as being used by only three entities — Cosmopolitan Magazine, Motor Boating and National Magazine of Motor Boating — all from New York.

With 2002 A.P.S. certificate...... 3,500.00



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276EX

276 **2c Lake, Ty. II, Schermack Ty. III (320A).** Two guide line pairs, first with Pine Lawn Mo. grid cancel, deep rich color, trimmed perf at left, Very Fine appearance and scarce used, second original gum, barely hinged, large margins to full with portion of adjoining stamp at right, Very Fine ...............................(Photo Ex) 552.50



277

277 ★ 2c Carmine, Ty. II, Schermack Ty. III (320Ad, formerly 320d). Guide line strip of four, complete Ty. III perfs on both ends, original gum, lightly hinged in middle, end stamps Mint N.H., bright color

VERY FINE AND RARE GUIDE LINE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE 1908 2-CENT CARMINE TYPE II. THIS ISSUE IS ONLY KNOWN WITH SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS.

The Scott Catalogue notes that "No. 320Ad was issued imperforate, but all examples were privately perforated with large oblong perforations at the sides (Schermack Type III)." In this respect it is similar to its more famous and expensive counterparts, Scott 314A and 482A.

With 2002 P.S.E. certificate (co-signed Belasco). 2,000.00



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2c Carmine, Ty. II, Schermack Ty. III (320Ad, formerly 320d). Guide line pair, large margins all around with full Ty. III perfs and portion of adjoining stamp at right, light Pine Lawn Mo. grid cancel, thin spot at bottom right

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE USED GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE 1908 2-CENT CARMINE TYPE II. THIS ISSUE IS ONLY KNOWN WITH SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS AND VERY FEW USED GUIDE LINE PAIRS ARE KNOWN.

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With 2013 P.F. certificate. ..... 6,000.00



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2c Carmine, Ty. II, Schermack Ty. III (320Ad, formerly 320d). Pair, full Ty. III perfs, left stamp with nick at upper left and small perf tear, tied by Seattle Wash. slogan machine cancel dated Sep. 21, 1920, encouraging joining the (rapidly shrinking post-World War I) U.S. Army, on cover with printed address to Covell Manufacturing Co. in Benton Harbor Mich., Very Fine and scarce on-cover use, the 2c 1908 Ty. II in the Carmine color, which is only known with Schermack Type III perforations, we have encountered only approximately six covers, with 2011 P.F. certificate, Scott value \$2,500.00...... E. 500-750



282

282 ★⊞ 3c Deep Violet, Schermack Ty. III (345). Block of ten in 2 x 5 format with horizontal guide line, 2.5mm spacing, original gum, Mint N.H. except where a small sealed tear is present at upper right, deep rich color, appears Very Fine-Extremely Fine, ex Dr. Agris ...... E. 150-200



3c Deep Violet, Schermack Ty. III (345). Wide top imprint and plate no. 4927 block of six, original gum, top center stamp h.r., others Mint N.H., Very Fine and rare, only a handful of plate blocks exist and this is a particularly choice example, ex Belasco, unlisted in Scott... E. 1,000-1,500

283

284 ★⊞ 4c Orange Brown, Schermack Ty. III (346). Top arrow block of four, original gum, large h.r., rich color, Very Fine ...... 500.00



284



285 ★⊞ 4c Orange Brown, Schermack Ty. III (346). Bottom imprint, plate no. 5212 and star block of six, original gum, side pairs Mint N.H., Fine-Very Fine and rare, only a handful of plate blocks exist, ex Belasco, unlisted in Scott ..... E. 1,000-1,500

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES



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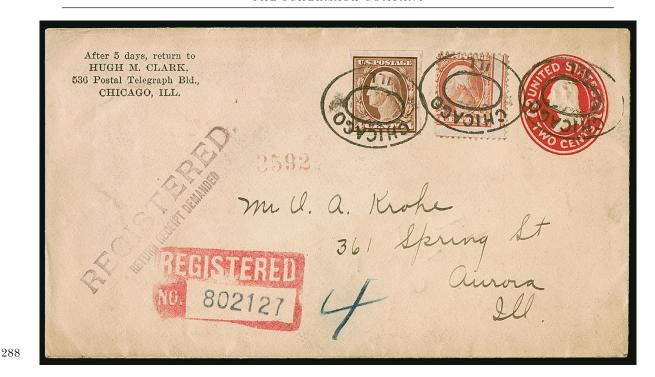
4c Orange Brown, Schermack Ty. III (346). Two singles, used with normal 2c (375) and 1c Green Panama-Pacific (397), tied by "Keswick Va. Oct. 14, 1910" duplex datestamps on registered 1c Blue on blue entire to Volant Pa., Albermarle Stamp Co. handstamped corner card, purple "Registered No." boxed handstamp with manuscript "261", matching "Return Receipt Required" handstamp, receiving backstamp, slightly reduced at left

VERY FINE AND SCARCE ON-COVER USE OF THE 1908 4-CENT ORANGE BROWN WITH SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS.

This correctly pays the 2c domestic letter rate plus 10c registration fee, with no fee for return receipt service. Ex Belasco. Scott value \$3,000.00..... E. 1,500-2,000



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288 ⋈ 4c Orange Brown, Schermack Ty. III (346). Full perfs on both sides, used with 6c Red Orange (379), wildly misperfed, tied by "Chicago Ill." double-oval cancels on Hugh M. Clark stamp dealer corner card registered 2c entire (U406) to Aurora Ill., magenta "Registered No. 802127" boxed handstamp, purple "Registered/ Return Receipt Demanded" handstamp, matching "Chicago Ill. Registered Nov. 14, '11" double-circle datestamps tie "Clark's Auctions Chicago" label to back, receiving backstamp

VERY FINE AND SCARCE ON-COVER USE OF THE 4-CENT 1908 ISSUE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS.

This correctly pays the 2c domestic letter rate plus 10c registration fee, with no fee for return receipt service. Scott value \$3,000.00...... E. 1,500-2,000



289 ★⊞ 5c Blue, Schermack Ty. III (347). Block of 25 with vertical guide line between second and third rows, original gum, most are Mint N.H., second row was stuck down to something in the past and removing it disturbed the gum in that row and caused thin spots, also small faults at upper right, overall Very Fine appearance and an impressive block which is the largest recorded multiple, with 2004 P.S.E. certificate, Scott value as four guide line strips of four, without premium for the other five stamps or the block format..... ......2,000.00

5c Blue, Schermack Ty. III (347). Wide top imprint and plate no. 4931 block of six, original gum, side pairs Mint N.H., center pair h.r., Fine-Very Fine and rare plate block, only a handful are believed to exist, and as a bonus, this plate block has a multitude of fine plate cracks in and around the imprint and plate number, ex Belasco, Scott lists plate crack but does not give a value and this Schermack Ty. III plate block is unlisted ...... E. 1,000-1,500



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2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Schermack Ty. III (371). Full Ty. III perfs, tied by partly clear strike of Brooklyn N.Y. 1911 duplex datestamp on legal-size cover to 5th Ave. Manhattan N.Y. street address, "W. Peters" Brooklyn return address handstamp, stamp with small tear at top right, cover with file fold at left and missing backflap

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE ON-COVER USE OF THE 2-CENT 1909 ALASKA-YUKON ISSUE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS.

The size of the 2c Alaska-Yukon stamp made it impossible to apply from a Schermack affixing machine. Therefore, examples of this stamp with Schermack Ty. III perforations are request items for collectors. There are no demonstrably commercial uses known of this stamp and philatelic uses are also extremely rare. This is the only example we have encountered.

With 1997 P.F. certificate. Scott value \$4,000.00 ..... E. 1,500-2,000



294 **2c Carmine, Schermack Ty. III, Compound Perfs 11.25 (409).** Guide line pair, normal Schermack Ty. III perfs with additional perfs measuring approximately 11.25, "Madison (Square Sta.") double-oval cancel, Fine and rare, these varieties are discussed in the Belasco book (pp. 52-53), there are varying theories as to why or how they were produced, but whatever the correct explanation they are rare ............... E. 500-750





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## 2-CENT DEEP ROSE, TYPE Ia, IMPERFORATE, SCHERMACK TYPE III SCOTT 482A

#### THE ONLY RECORDED MULTIPLE

2c Deep Rose, Ty. Ia, Imperforate, Schermack Ty. III (482A). Horizontal pair, with Schermack Ty. III perfs as all of the imperforate 2c Type Ia stamps must have, bold strike of "Chicago Ill. Apr. 20" duplex datestamp cancel, rich color, centered to left as are most examples, showing full Schermack Type III perfs all around, small break in paper at the top of the upper left hyphen hole, but this is outside the boundary of this pair and not considered a flaw

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. THIS IS THE UNIQUE PAIR AND THE ONLY RECORDED MULTIPLE OF THE 2-CENT TYPE Ia IMPERFORATE. AN OUTSTANDING RARITY AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS OF 20TH CENTURY UNITED STATES PHILATELY.

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2c Deep Rose, Ty. Ia, Imperforate, Schermack Ty. III (482A). With Schermack Ty. III perfs as all of the imperforate 2c Type Ia stamps must have, lightly applied wavy-line machine cancel, rich color, centered to one side as usual, showing guideline and full Schermack perfs at right, ample margin at left

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299 ★ 3c Violet, Ty. II, Schermack Ty. III, Control Perfins (484). Paste-up strip of four, original gum, lightly hinged, left stamp the paste-up with an unpunched Schermack Ty. III perf, "\$" symbol perfins between the margins of each stamp associated with the Southern Pacific Steamship Line, Galveston Tex., Very Fine and nice combination of elements ......

E. 400-500





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303

303 ★ 2c Carmine, Ty. I, 2c Carmine, Ty. VI, Schermack Ty. III, Paste-Up Combination (482/534A). Paste-up strip of six, left strip of three is the 1916 2c Ty. I (482), right strip of three is the 1920 2c Offset Ty. VI (534A), creating a combination pair in the middle, original gum with small pencil notations, Very Fine, an outstanding and rare variety, unlisted in Scott, which does list the similar combination with Nos. 482/532 (priced at \$2,250.00, see lot 296 for an example)................................... E. 1,000-1,500



304



305 ★ 2c Carmine, Ty. VII, Schermack Ty. III (534B). Strip of four, original gum, few h.r., fresh and brilliant color

FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE 2-CENT IMPERFORATE TYPE VII WITH SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS. THIS IS THE LARGEST RECORDED MULTIPLE.

The Belasco book lists a strip of four as the largest recorded multiple of this issue. Apart from offering this strip in one of our 2004 sales, we have not offered another since keeping computerized records 30 years ago. With 2004 A.P.S. certificate. ................................. 3,000.00



306

307 ★⊞ 1c Deep Green, Schermack Ty. III (575). Wide top plate no. F14159 block of six, original gum, lightly hinged, deep rich color in a distinctly darker shade than the guide line strip offered in lot 306, top left stamp tiny toned spot in margin, light thinning around two perf holes at top (natural production flaw?), appears Very Fine, a rare plate block with only two or three known, ex Belasco, with 1992 P.F. certificate, unlisted in Scott ...... E. 1,000-1,500





308 ★⊞ 2c Carmine, Schermack Ty. III (577). Wide top plate no. F14197 block of six, original gum, hinged only on bottom center stamp, beautiful margins and centering, some natural gum wrinkles or creasing, still Extremely Fine and rare with only two or three plate blocks known, ex Belasco, with 1992 P.F. certificate .... E. 1,500-2,000

308

309 ★★⊞ 2c Black, Harding, Schermack Ty. III (611). Mint N.H. centerline block of four, huge margins all around showing full Ty. III perfs throughout, Extremely Fine Gem position block, with 2014 P.F. certificate, Scott value as hinged ................ 1,750.00



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310 ★★⊞ 2c Black, Harding, Schermack Ty. III

(611). Mint N.H., bottom plate no.
15025 block of six, light gum creasing along center vertical row and small toned spots on gum of pos. 4, Very Fine appearance, an extremely rare plate block of the 2c Harding with Schermack Ty. III perforations, this is the only example we have encountered, ex Dr. Agris, with 1992 P.F. certificate, unlisted in Scott ....... E. 1,500-2,000



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2c Black, Harding, Schermack Ty. III (611). Horizontal pair, tied by "Detroit, Mich. Aug. 22 10:30PM 1924" machine slogan cancel on cover to Michigan Stamp & Coin Co. in Detroit, addressed in the hand of Karl Koslowski, famed philatelist and discoverer of Scott 314A, about one-third of cover at left reduced, small tear at top

VERY FINE PAIR. ONE OF TWO MULTIPLES AMONG THE SEVEN OR EIGHT REPORTED COVERS WITH THE 2-CENT HARDING TYPE III SCHERMACK PRIVATE AFFIXING MACHINE PERFORATIONS.

Used examples of the 2c Harding with Schermack Type III perforations are extremely rare, with seven or eight covers reported by Belasco. The Schermack stamps were intended to be used in affixing machines, which applied a single stamp to each envelope. However, all of the known 2c Harding covers were prepared by manually attaching the stamps. This cover was addressed by Karl Koslowski, who gained fame for his discovery and acquisition of the 4c 1908 Imperforate with Schermack Type III perforations (Scott 314A), one of the great rarities of United States philately.

With 2009 P.F. certificate. Scott value for a single on cover is \$6,000.00. E. 5,000-7,500

# U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING COMPANY NEW YORK, N.Y.

The U.S. Automatic Vending Company was active from 1907-1915 and produced machines to vend stamps and paper tickets. It was the most successful vending machine company to use proprietary coils in its machines, placing them in banks, stores and hotels along the East Coast and upper West Coast. The company produced three different groups of coils as well as stamp vending pockets.



#### **TEST COILS**



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### EXPERIMENTAL COIL



### U.S AUTOMATIC VENDING COMPANY TYPE I PERFORATIONS







- 1c Blue Green, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (314). Guide line 317 ★ strip of four, original gum, h.r, deep rich color, Very Fine and
- 318 ★ 1c Blue Green, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (314). Guide line pair, original gum, h.r., Very Fine and choice ...... 110.00
- 1c Blue Green, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (314). Mint N.H. 319 ★★ pair with top plate no. 4559, beautiful rich color, Extremely Fine, a scarce Mint N.H. example, with 2009 P.F. certificate ..... E. 400-500





320

1c Blue Green, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (314). Tied by bold strike of "Passaic 320 ⋈ N.J. Feb. 2, 1909" duplex datestamp on picture postcard addressed locally, Very Fine and very rare commercial use, only a few commercial covers are recorded with Scott 314 and U.S.A.V. Ty. I perforations — the known uses are from Madison Square Station N.Y. and Passaic N.J., offered here, Scott value \$3,000.00 ..... E. 1,000-1,500 321 ★ 5c Blue, Imperforate, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (315).
Guide line strip of four, original gum, small h.r. between each stamp, deep rich color

EXTREMELY FINE AND VERY RARE GUIDE LINE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE 5-CENT 1908 IMPERFORATE WITH U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING CO. TYPE I PERFORATIONS.

A strip of four is the largest recorded multiple and this is the only guide line strip of this issue we have offered since keeping computerized records 30 years ago.

With 1990 P.S.E. certificate. Scott value as a guide line pair is \$2,250.00 ...... E. 2,000-3,000





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# ONE OF THREE RECORDED SCOTT 315 COVERS WITH PRIVATE VENDING MACHINE PERFORATIONS

324 

5c Blue, Imperforate, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (315). Pair, used with 2c Carmine, Ty. I, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (320), tied by "New York N.Y. Sta. W Jan. 10 (1909) 12 PM" duplex datestamps on Special Delivery cover to the 3rd Assistant Postmaster General's office in Washington D.C., purple "Fee Claimed at Washington D.C. Jan. 11, 1909" double-circle datestamp, back with two additional Washington D.C. Jan. 11 datestamps, one a wavy-line machine cancel and the other a purple Special Delivery clock-style datestamp, some very slight soiling is inconsequential but mentioned for accuracy

VERY FINE. THIS IS ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED SCOTT 315 COVERS WITH PRIVATE VENDING OR AFFIXING MACHINE PERFORATIONS AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS, AND THE ONLY RECORDED ON-COVER PAIR. ONE OF THE GREATEST COVERS OF PRIVATE VENDING AND AFFIXING MACHINE PERFORATIONS AND 20TH CENTURY PHILATELY.

The U.S. Automatic Vending Co. used the 1908 5c Imperforate for a brief period of time to make its Type I coils (Type II and III Scott 315 coils were made only for collectors and are not known on cover). However, there was apparently too little demand for the 5c denomination and it was superseded by the 5c stamp pockets, with two 2c and one 1c stamp.

There are only three recorded on-cover uses of Scott 315 with private vending and affixing machine perforations, each with U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Type I perforations. One of these is in the Miller collection at The New York Public Library, leaving only two available to collectors. In addition, there are only three recorded covers bearing the underlying 5c Scott 315 without private vending machine perforations. The six recorded covers are as follows:

#### **Scott 315:**

- 1) Vertical pair, December 20, 1908, from Indianapolis to Arthur M. Travers, Washington D.C. with 2c vertical coil, Scott 321; the pair was separated from the cover some time after 1954 and has recently been reunited; the 5c pair has few tiny surface scrapes on the top stamp and the 2c has a tear and a crease, 2020 Rarities Sale 1224, lot 190
- 2) Horizontal pair, April 10, 1909, registered cover from Boston to New York, ex Wagner, Ainsworth and Gross, Sale 1211, lot 551
- 3) Horizontal pair, April 20, 1917 (out of period use), with two pairs of 2c Hudson-Fulton, 5c pair partly lifted and one thinned with diagonal crease, yeardate of backstamp altered, 1996 Rarities sale

#### Scott 315 with U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Type I perforations:

- 4) Pair, used with 2c Carmine Shield, Ty. I, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I, Jan. 11, 1909, on Special Delivery cover from New York to 3rd Asst. PMG office, Washington D.C., earliest documented use of the 5c U.S.A.V. Ty. I perforations, **the cover offered here**
- 5) Single, Sep. 25, 1914, on 1c Green entire from Fresno Cal. to Bovey Minn., ex Golin, Sale 812, lot 265, currently in the Getlan collection
- 6) Single, Dec. 18, 1910, used with pair 2c Carmine Shield, Ty. I, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I, plus 3c in other normal postage, on U.S.A.V. corner card cover from New York to Portland Ore., Miller collection at The New York Public Library

The address on this cover appears to read "Mr. Travers, Secretary to 3rd Asst. Postmaster General, Washington D.C." Travers was also the recipient of the cover listed above (no. 1) with a pair of Scott 315 and single Scott 321.

From our 1987 Rarities sale...... E. 20,000-30,000





2c Carmine, Ty. I, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (320). Block of ten in 2x5 format with full bottom imprint, original gum, six stamps Mint N.H., four others h.r., brilliant color, Very Fine and exceedingly rare, the U.S. Automatic Vending Co. perforating machines could not handle blocks, so this request item was folded vertically in order to be fed through the machine, this is believed to be the largest known multiple of the 2c Shield with U.S.A.V. Ty. I perforations, ex Dr. Agris, with 1997 P.S.E. certificate, unlisted in Scott as a block ..... E. 1.000-1.500

326 ★ 2c 1906-08 Shield Issues, Ty. I-II, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (320, 320b, 320c, 320A). Assortment of five original gum items with Ty. I perforations, including guide line pairs of Tv. I Carmine (320) and Tv. I Scarlet (320b), block of four of Ty. I Carmine Rose (320c), pair and guide line strip of four of Ty. II Lake (320A), fresh and Very Fine group, one line pair with P.F. certificate ...... .....(Photo Ex/Website PDF) 1,060.00



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**2c Carmine, Ty. I, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (320).** Bright color, tied by "Brooklyn N.Y. Sta. S Feb. 25, 1909 1230 AM" wavy-line machine cancel on buff cover  $327 \bowtie$ with printed address for George S. Dana, Commercial Travelers Mutual Accident Association of America in Utica N.Y., receiving backstamps, central file fold was long ago reinforced by some scotch tape at top into the postmark, still Very Fine and very rare oncover use of the 2c Shield with U.S.A.V. Ty. I perforations, with 1991 A.P.S. and 1997 P.F. certificates, Scott value \$4,250.00 ..... E. 1,000-1,500



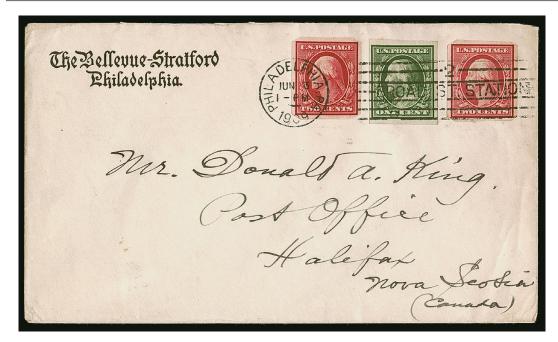
328 ★ 1c Green, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (343). Mint N.H. paste-up strip of four with huge leader at top, the size of seven additional stamps, showing part imprints in three places in the leader as well as a trace of a plate number and plate printers' initials, Very Fine and striking piece..... ...... E. 200-300



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329 ⋈ 1c Green, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (343). Tied by "New York N.Y. Sta. O Jan. 4, 1909 1-PM" wavy-line machine cancel on Bronx River picture postcard to Bellport N.Y., Very Fine, the earliest documented use of Scott 343, obviously also the earliest documented use of a private perforation on this issue, ex Belasco, with 2014 P.F. certificate ..... E. 1,000-1,500



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2c Carmine, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (344). Two, used with normal imperforate 1c Green (343) and tied by "Philadelphia Pa. Jun. 3, 1909" machine cancel on "The Bellevue-Stratford Philadelphia" hotel corner card cover to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Very Fine, a colorful and attractive use from this famous hotel, which was the site of the discovery of Legionnaires' disease in 1976, when 29 people died after exposure to Legionella bacteria at an American Legion conference at the hotel, ex Belasco.................. E. 300-400





334 ⋈ 3c Deep Violet, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (345). Pair, used with pair, 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, Brinkerhoff Ty. IIa, Coiled Sideways, tied by "Pine Lawn Mo. Jan. 3, 1910" grid duplex datestamps on registered C. H. Mekeel 2c entire to Hay Springs Nebr., purple "Pine Lawn Mo. Registered Jan. 3, 1910 P.M." circular datestamp, Hay Springs receiving backstamp, fresh and Very Fine, the 3c 1909 issue with U.S.A.V. Ty. I perforations is very rare on cover and is known only as stamp dealer uses, the 2c Alaska-Yukon with Brinkerhoff Ty. II or IIa perforations is also very scarce on cover, again with all known examples stamp dealer uses, ex Howard ................. E. 1,000-1,500





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336 ★⊞ 4c Orange Brown, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (346). Block of four, original gum, central h.r., rich color, Very Fine and very rare block, the U.S. Automatic Vending Co. perforating machines could not handle blocks, so this request item was folded vertically in order to be fed through the machine, ex Dr. Agris, with 1989 A.P.S. certificate, unpriced in Scott ...... E. 750-1,000





338 

5c Blue, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (347). Pair, used with pair 2c Carmine, Hudson-Fulton, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. II (373), tied by blurry strike of New York duplex cancel on 1920 legal-size Special Delivery cover to William Street address in New York City, receiving backstamp dated Dec. 6, 1920, certificate notes 2c stamps with small faults but we see only a crease, cover with spindle hole at top and minor edgewear

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE COVER BEARING A COMBINATION OF THE 1909 5-CENT WASHINGTON AND 2-CENT 1909 HUDSON-FULTON ISSUES WITH U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING CO. PERFORATIONS.

The Belasco book notes that Scott 347 with U.S.A.V. Ty. I perforations is extremely rare on cover and known only as a philatelic use. The 2c Hudson-Fulton Ty. II is also very rare, and the combination of stamps on this cover is probably unique.

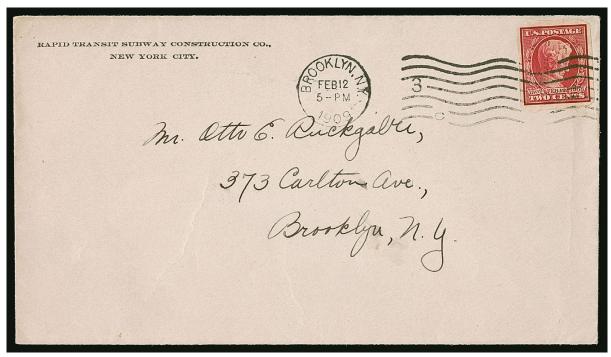


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5c Blue, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (347). Two, used with 2c Carmine, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (344), tied by "Washington D.C. Mar. 4, 1909 730 PM" duplex datestamp on Special Delivery cover to Savannah Ga., 5c stamps with small faults and 2c defective, missing backflap, otherwise Fine and scarce use, Scott retail \$2,250.00 . ..... E. 1,000-1,500



- 340 ★⊞ 2c Carmine, Lincoln, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (368). Block of eight in 2x4 format with plate no. 4976 and small star bottom selvage, original gum, bottom six stamps Mint N.H., Very Fine and very rare block with plate no., the U.S. Automatic Vending Co. perforating machines could not handle blocks, so this request item was folded vertically in order to be fed through the machine, with 2006 P.S.E. certificate, unpriced in Scott...... E. 1,000-1,500
- 341 ★ 2c Carmine, Lincoln, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (368). Strip of four, unused (no gum), bottom pair normal Ty. I perforations and top pair missing perforations, just some evidence of the edges of the slits present but without any notches, Fine and interesting variety, ex Grunin, accompanied by normal paste-up strip of four for comparison .....(Photo Ex) E. 200-300



342 

2c Carmine, Lincoln, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (368). Tied by clear "Brooklyn N.Y. Feb. 12, 1909 5-PM" First Day of Issue machine cancel on cover with Rapid Transit Subway Construction Co. corner card to local address, fresh and perfect condition

EXTREMELY FINE. AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE FIRST DAY COVER OF THE TWO-CENT IMPERFORATE LINCOLN CENTENARY ISSUE WITH U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING CO. PERFORATIONS. ONLY THREE ARE RECORDED.

We record only three First Day Lincoln imperforate covers with private vending and affixing machine perforations, each with U.S.A.V. Ty. I perforations. All three were postmarked in Brooklyn on Feb. 12, 1909. On that date an advertisement was placed in the *New York Times* by Frederick Loeser & Co. stating that three vending machines would be selling the new Lincoln stamps in their Brooklyn N.Y. store. In addition to the three mentioned covers, there are only seven First Day covers recorded with the underlying Scott 368 issue.

Scott value as No. 368 First Day cover is \$14,500.00..... E. 5,000-7,500



343 ⊠ 2c Carmine, Lincoln, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (368). Used with pair 4c Orange Brown, Schermack Ty. III (346), tied by "Chicago Ill." oval cancels on 2c entire to Des Moines Iowa, Hugh M. Clark stamp dealer corner card, bold purple "Registered/ Return Receipt Demanded" handstamp and magenta "Registered No. 802167" boxed handstamp, magenta "Chicago Ill. Registered Nov. 14, '11" double-circle datestamp on back tie a "Clark's Auctions" label

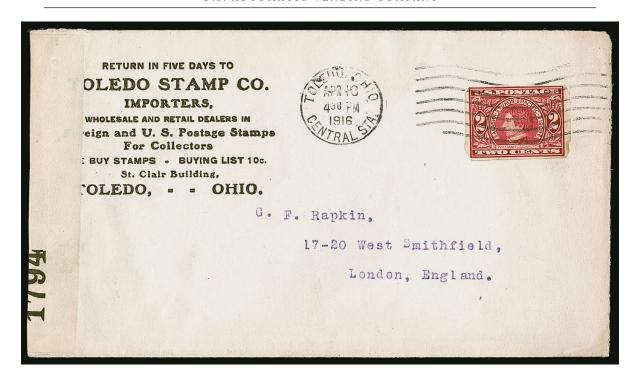
VERY FINE. A RARE COMBINATION USE OF THE 2-CENT LINCOLN WITH U.S.A.V. TYPE I PERFORATIONS AND THE 4-CENT 1908 ISSUE WITH SCHERMACK TYPE III PERFORATIONS.

Both Stanley Gibbons and Scott Stamp & Coin Co. advertised U.S.A.V. coils for sale and used some on their mail. This dual use with U.S.A.V. and Schermack perforations from Hugh Clark is a wonderful example.

Scott value \$2,250.00 ..... E. 1,500-2,000



344



2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. Ia (371). Narrow margins and dark color associated with the Ty. I coils stripped for the machines at the Alaska-Yukon Exhibition, tied by "Toledo Ohio Central Sta. Apr. 18, 1916 430 PM" wavy-line machine cancel on Toledo Stamp Co. corner card cover to London, England, with "Opened By Censor. 1794" label wrapped around left edge, fresh and Very Fine, despite the modest catalogue value this coil is very scarce on cover and is known only on late-use stamp dealer/philatelic covers, Scott value \$675.00........................ E. 200-300



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347 ★ 1c Green, 2c Carmine, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I (408-409). Guide line strips of four, original gum, 1c h.r., 2c Mint N.H., fresh and 

### U.S AUTOMATIC VENDING COMPANY TYPE II PERFORATIONS



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- 348 ★ 1c Blue Green, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. II (314). Strip of four, original gum,
- 349 ★ 5c Blue, Imperforate, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. II (315). Guide line pair, original gum, minor h.r., even margins and bright color

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE AND CHOICE GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE 5-CENT U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING CO. TYPE II COIL.

With 1988 P.F. certificate .... 2,500.00





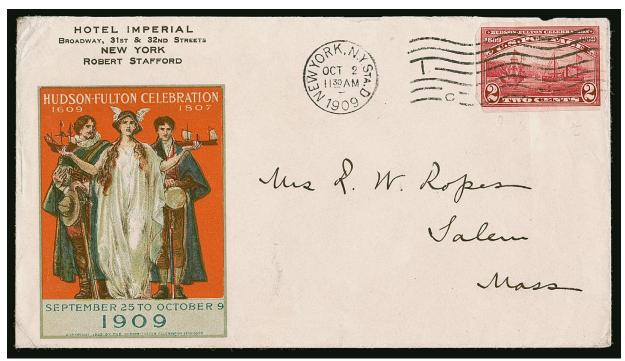


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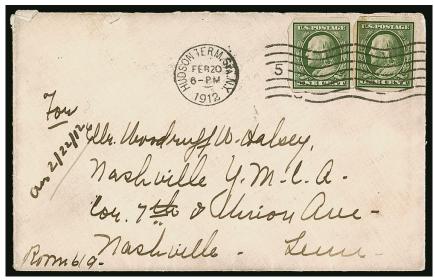




- 353 ★ 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. II (371). Strip of three with guide line pair at left, original gum, h.r., large margins, Very Fine and choice, with 1991 P.S.E. certificate, Scott value as guide line pair without premium for the third stamp......
- 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. II (371). Large margins and rich color, tied by "Hudson N.Y. Jan. 21, 1913 730 PM" machine cancel on stamp dealer corner card cover to Beaver Dam Wis., Extremely Fine, despite the modest catalogue value the 2c Alaska-Yukon with U.S.A.V. Ty. II perforations is "extremely rare on cover" according to the Belasco book, and is known only on philatelic covers, Power Search does not list another example, with 1988 P.S.E. certificate, Scott value \$650.00...... E. 200-300
- 355 \*\* 2c Carmine, Hudson-Fulton, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. II (373). Mint N.H. strip of six with sheet margin leader at left, bright color, Very Fine, the largest recorded multiple according to the Belasco book, Scott value as a strip of four and a pair. 500.00



2c Carmine, Hudson-Fulton, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. II (373). Tied by "New York N.Y. Sta. D Oct. 2, 1909 1130 AM" machine cancel on Hotel Imperial Hudson-Fulton Celebration multicolored illustrated cover to Salem Mass., receiving backstamp, bright and fresh, accompanying certificate calls a "light horizontal crease" on the stamp at right, which is tiny and all but invisible and frankly ludicrous to mention on such a cover, Extremely Fine, this issue is very rare on cover and this use with the Hudson-Fulton illustrated design is extraordinary, with 2010 P.F. certificate, Scott value \$2,750.00...... E. 1,000-1,500



359 
☐ 1c Green, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. II (383). Two, tied by "Hudson Term. Sta. N.Y. Feb. 20, 1912 8-PM" machine cancel on cover to Nashville Tenn., stamps lifted and replaced to confirm the watermark, small cover nicks and staining at left of right stamp not mentioned on certificate, half of backflap missing, Very Fine appearance and very scarce on-cover use, with 2010 P.F. certificate, Scott value \$1,100.00 ....... E. 400-500



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360 **a 2c Carmine, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. II (384).** Tied by "Brockton Mass. Oct. 28, 1912 1-45 P" machine cancel on knitting company corner card cover to Milford N.H., receiving backstamp, stamp with minute tear at left, cover with small edge tear at right

VERY FINE AND RARE ON-COVER USE OF THE 2-CENT 1910 ISSUE WITH U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING CO. TYPE II PERFORATIONS.

The "Two Cent" Washington imperforate with U.S.A.V. Ty. II perforations is very rare on cover, either as the single-line watermark stamp (384), or as the earlier double-line watermark (344). According to the Belasco book, some of the covers identified as Scott 384 based on the date they were postmarked are in fact Scott 344, as U.S.A.V. had not exhausted its supply of that stamp. This is offered as Scott 384 but has not been lifted to confirm. It is immaterial which stamp is correct as both are equally rare and Scott value is the same.

With 2004 P.F. certificate. Scott value \$3,000.00 ..... E. 1,500-2,000

#### U.S AUTOMATIC VENDING COMPANY TYPE III PERFORATIONS









364 ★ 2c Carmine, Lincoln, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. III, Experimental Perf 11.75 (368 var). Guide line pair, original gum, h.r., rich color

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE 2-CENT LINCOLN U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING CO. TYPE III WITH EXPERIMENTAL GAUGE 11.75 ROSBACK PERFORATIONS.

According the to Belasco book, the 2c Lincoln experimental coil was made from imperforate sheet stamps, with 11.75 gauge perforations applied by a Rosback machine. U.S.A.V. also used the Rosback machine on some of its test coils, as demonstrated in lot 314.



365 ★ 2c Carmine, Lincoln, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. III, Experimental Perf 11.75 (368 var). Pair, original gum, lightly hinged, bright color, left stamp minor gum bend

VERY FINE. A RARE PAIR OF THE 2-CENT LINCOLN U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING CO. TYPE III WITH EXPERIMENTAL GAUGE 11.75 ROSBACK PERFORATIONS.

According the to Belasco book, the 2c Lincoln experimental coil was made from imperforate sheet stamps, with 11.75 gauge perforations applied by a Rosback machine. U.S.A.V. also used the Rosback machine on some of its test coils, as demonstrated in lot 314.



366 ★ 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. III (371). Strip of four with top imprint and plate no. 5236, original gum, several small h.r., tiny thin spot in plate number and horizontal crease in selvage, these are inconsequential issues on this Extremely Fine and striking position piece, with 2017 P.F. certificate ....... E. 300-400



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☐ 1c Green, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. I, II, III (383). Three strips of four of the same underlying stamp showing all three U.S.A.V. perforation types, Ty. I and Ty. II are guide line strips, Ty. III is a normal strip, tied by indistinct cancels on Oct. 25, 1913 registered 2c entire from Bovey Minn. to New York, purple "Registered No." boxed handstamp with manuscript "298", five separate registered backstamps from Bovey and New York struck between Oct. 25 and Oct. 28, unusual over-inked indicia, minor edge wear touches one stamp at bottom and one stamp in Ty. II strip with light crease

VERY FINE. A FANTASTIC EXHIBIT COVER SHOWING ALL THREE TYPES OF VENDING MACHINE PERFORATIONS USED BY THE U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING COMPANY.

While pure "commercial" covers are desirable to many postal history collectors, we are grateful to stamp dealers for creating some of the most striking rarities in the area of vending and affixing machine perforations. W. H. Mackie, a stamp dealer from Bovey Minn., created this cover and was also the addressee on one of the three recorded 5c Lincoln U.S.A.V. Ty. I covers. This cover is almost certainly unique...... E. 2,000-3,000

## ONE OF THREE RECORDED UNUSED PAIRS OF THE 2-CENT CARMINE, TYPE III, SCOTT 459, WITH U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE PERFORATIONS



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370 ★ 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Imperforate Coil, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. III (459). Pair, original gum, h.r., rich color

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE PAIR OF THE 2-CENT SCOTT 459 WITH U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE COMPANY TYPE III PERFORATIONS. ONE OF THE RAREST OF ALL PRIVATE VENDING AND AFFIXING MACHINE ISSUES. ONLY THREE UNUSED PAIRS ARE KNOWN.

The Belasco book (p. 161) states that only two or three unused pairs exist and that no used pairs are known. We are aware of three P.F. certified unused pairs, two of which are sound. The unused pairs are as follows:

- 1) Original gum, sound, ex Lilly, Voit, Dr. Agris and Belaso, Sale 990, lot 737, 1986 Rarities sale
- 2) Original gum, h.r., sound, ex "Christopher" collection (1990 Ivy, Shreve & Mader sale), the example offered here
- 3) Original gum, left stamp tiny thin spot, 2016 Rarities Sale 1129, lot 423

## ONE OF TWO RECORDED USED EXAMPLES OF THE 2-CENT CARMINE, TYPE III, SCOTT 459, WITH U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE PERFORATIONS



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371 **2c Carmine, Ty. I., Imperforate Coil, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Ty. III (459).** Deep rich color, wavy-lines machine cancel

FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE 2-CENT SCOTT 459 WITH U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE COMPANY TYPE III PERFORATIONS. ONE OF THE RAREST OF ALL PRIVATE VENDING AND AFFIXING MACHINE ISSUES. ONLY TWO USED STAMPS ARE KNOWN.

The Belasco book (p. 161) states that only two or three used examples exist of Scott 459 with U.S.A.V. Ty. III perforations. We are aware of only two P.F. certified examples, with the stamp offered here the only sound example. The used stamps are as follows:

- 1) Single, wavy-line machine cancel, sound, the example offered here
- 2) Single, wavy-line machine cancel, small corner crease, PF 293385

#### U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING COMPANY POCKETS





372 front and back

372 \*\* It Blue Green, 2c Scarlet, Ty. I, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Pocket Ty. 1-2 (314, 320b).

One of first and two of second, Mint N.H., green "Patents Pending/ Patents Pending" with wording at bottom reading upside down, back with "U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Pioneer Stamp Pocket 1 Madison Ave. New York City" and numbered "246"

VERY FINE. A RARE EXAMPLE OF THE U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING COMPANY TYPE I POCKET.



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375 ★★ 1c Green, 2c Carmine, Alaska-Yukon, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Pocket Ty. 2-1 (343, 371). Strip of six, containing one and two respectively in each, Mint N.H., handstamp "Patent Applied For" and numbered "192-197" on back



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376 \*\* 1c Green, 2c Carmine, Hudson-Fulton, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Pocket Ty. 3-1A (343, 372). Strip of 12 pockets, each with one 1c Green and two 2c Hudson-Fulton perforated, four pockets show the 1c stamp in front and eight show the 2c stamps in front, red "Patents Pending/ Patents Pending" and numbered "113-124" on backs, strip is folded into thirds

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE STRIP OF 12 OF THE U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING COMPANY TYPE 3 POCKETS. ALMOST CERTAINLY THE LARGEST RECORDED MULTIPLE.







378 front and back



379 \*\* 1c Green, 2c Carmine, U.S. Automatic Vending Co. Pocket Ty. 4-1 (343-344). Pair of pockets with one of first and two of second in both, Mint N.H., without inscriptions and numbered "174-175" on reverse, Very Fine, Scott value as two single pockets ..... 650.00



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Lot #	Bid \$	Lot #	Bid \$	Lot #	Bid \$

## **Shipping & Insurance**

We will be pleased to arrange for shipping and transit insurance for purchases in this sale, except for lots marked or announced as "floor sale only." To expedite billing and delivery to hundreds of buyers in each sale, we use standard charges for postage and insurance under our policy. These charges are based on the package weight and mailing requirements, according to the schedule shown here. Our standard charges do not include a fee for our services, and they may be slightly more or less than the actual postage or Fedex fee. We ask all buyers to remit the invoiced amount for shipping and insurance.

Transit insurance is provided in all cases, except when the buyer has furnished us with documentation that insurance is effective under the buyer's own policy.

There will be no added insurance charge for shipments of less than \$75,000 value. Shipments valued in excess of \$75,000 may require supplemental insurance and/or special courier service, the estimated cost of which will be furnished to the buyer prior to shipment. If the buyer refuses to pay the estimated charges or furnish proof of self-insured coverage, the buyer will be responsible for picking up the lots at our office and any resulting sales tax.

## **Bidding Increments**

The auctioneer may regulate the bidding at his discretion. However, to assist absentee bidders in establishing their maximum bids, the increments shown here will be used in most cases. We recommend that written bids conform to these increments-bids that do not will be reduced accordingly.

#### **Standard Shipping Charges**

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 $<sup>^*</sup>$  Up to \$75,000 value and up to 5 lbs; additional charge may apply to packages exceeding limits

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Bid	Increment	Bid Increment
Up to \$200	\$10	\$20,000-30,000 \$1,000
\$200-500	\$25	\$30,000-70,000 \$2,500
\$500-1,000	\$50	\$70,000-140,000 \$5,000
\$1,000-3,000	\$100	\$140,000-500,000 \$10,000
\$3,000-7,000	\$250	\$500,000-\$1m \$25,000
\$7,000-20,000	\$500	Above \$1m Discretionary

<sup>\*\*</sup> Buyers outside United States are liable for any applicable customs duty and clearance charges. An accurate declaration of contents and value will be made on all packages and import/export documents. Siegel may refuse to ship lots to certain countries with a high risk factor.