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SALE 1274

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

Morning Session—10:30 a.m.—lots 501-604—Proofs, 1c-90c Set, Agriculture to Interior

Afternoon Session—1:30 p.m.—lots 605-826—Justice to War

All lots sold subject to **18% buyer's premium** and applicable sales tax or customs duty

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Registering with Siegel Auction Galleries

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1. The highest bidder acknowledged by the auctioneer shall be the buyer. The term "final bid" means the last bid acknowledged by the auctioneer, which is normally the highest bid offered. **The purchase price payable by the buyer will be the sum of the final bid and a commission of 18% of the final bid ("buyer's premium"), together with any sales tax, use tax or customs duties due on the sale.**

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5. Subject to the exclusions listed in 5(A), the Galleries will accept the return of lots which, subject to the Galleries' sole judgment, have been misidentified or which have obvious faults that were present when the lot was in the Galleries' custody, but not so noted in the lot description. **All disputed lots must be received by the Galleries intact with the original packing material within 5 days of delivery to the buyer but no later than 30 days from the sale date. (5A) EXCLUSIONS: The following lots may not be returned for any reason, or may not be returned for the reasons stated: (i) lots containing 5 or more items; (ii) lots from buyers who registered for the pre-sale exhibition or received lots by postal viewing, thereby having had the opportunity to inspect them before the sale; (iii) any lot described with "faults," "defects" or a specific fault may not be returned because of any secondary fault; (iv) photographed lots may not be returned because of centering, margins, short/nibbed perforations or other factors shown in the photos; (v) the color of the item does not match the color photo in the sale catalogue or website listing; (vi) the description contains inaccurate information about the quantity known or reported; or (vii) a certification service grades a stamp lower than the grade stated in the description or on an accompanying certificate.**

6. Successful bidders, unless they have established credit with the Galleries prior to the sale, must make full payment in cleared funds before the lots will be delivered. Buyers not known to the Galleries must make payment in full within 3 days from the date of sale. **The Galleries retains the right to demand a cash deposit from anyone prior to bidder registration and/or to demand payment at the time the lot is knocked down, for any reason whatsoever.** In the event that any buyer refuses or fails to make payment in cash for any lot at the time it is knocked down to him, the auctioneer reserves the right to reoffer the lot immediately for sale to the highest bidder. **Credit cards (Visa, Mastercard and Discover only) can be accepted as payment, but will be subject to a 3% non-refundable Convenience Fee, which will be added to the total of the entire invoice (including hammer price, buyer's premium, shipping and transit insurance charges and any applicable taxes). The buyer waives the right to dispute all credit card charges.**

7. If the purchase price has not been paid within the time limit specified above, nor lots taken up within 7 days from the date of sale, the lots may be resold by whatever means deemed appropriate by the Galleries, and any loss incurred from resale will be charged to the defaulting buyer, and/or the Galleries may seek any other remedy prescribed by law to enforce payment. **Any account more than 30 days in arrears will be subject to a late payment charge of 1½% per month as long as the account remains in arrears. Any expenses incurred in securing payment from delinquent accounts will be charged to the defaulter.** A fee of \$250.00 will be charged for a check returned for insufficient funds.

8. All lots are sold as genuine. **Any lot accompanied by a certificate issued by The Philatelic Foundation or by Professional Stamp Experts within 5 years of the sale date is sold "as is" and in accordance with the description on the certificate. Such lots may not be returned for any reason, including but not limited to a contrary certificate of opinion or change in grade.** Buyers may request a certificate for a lot containing not more than one item, which does not have a P.F. or P.S.E. certificate (dated as above), provided that the following conditions are met: (i) the purchase price must be paid in full, (ii) if submitted by the buyer, the lot must be submitted to an acceptable expertizing service with a properly executed application form within 21 days of the sale, (iii) a copy of the application form must be given to the Galleries, (iv) the Galleries retains the right to resubmit the item for reconsideration, without time limit or other restrictions, for the purpose of obtaining a satisfactory opinion, (v) lots submitted for certification will be considered cleared 90 days from the date of sale, whether or not a certificate has been issued, unless the Galleries issues written approval of a further extension of return privileges, and (vi) in the event the lot is determined to be misidentified or misdescribed, pursuant to 5 and 5(A) of these Conditions, the Galleries will issue a refund to the buyer for the full purchase price and actual certification fees, but the reimbursement for certificate fees (and related costs) shall not exceed 10% of the hammer price of the lot. **Changes to a grade by the same certification service or a different grade from another certification service are not grounds for returning a lot.**

9. Until paid for in full, all lots remain the property of the Galleries on behalf of the seller.

10. Agents executing bids on behalf of clients may also be held responsible for all purchases made on behalf of clients, unless otherwise arranged prior to the sale.

11. **The buyer assumes all risk for delivery of purchased lots and agrees to pay for prescribed shipping costs. Buyers who receive lots in the U.S. are obligated to pay whatever sales tax or compensating use tax might be due, at any time, and buyers outside the U.S. are responsible for all customs duties.**

12. **The bidder consents that any action or proceeding against it may be commenced and maintained in any court within the State of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, that the courts of the State of New York and United States District Court for the Southern District of New York shall have jurisdiction with respect to the subject matter hereof and the person of the bidder. The bidder agrees not to assert any defense to any action or proceeding initiated by Galleries based upon improper venue or inconvenient forum. The bidder agrees that any action brought by the bidder shall be commenced and maintained only in a Federal Court in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York or the State Court in the county in which Galleries has its principal place of business in New York. The bidder agrees not to use a public conflict resolution service and not to use any form of social media to publish comments or information about the Galleries and its employees which might harm the Galleries' reputation or business. These Conditions of Sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New York, and shall constitute an agreement that shall be binding on the parties, and their respective heirs, administrators, distributees, successors and assignees.**

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Grades, Abbreviations and Values Used in Descriptions

Grades and Centering

Our descriptions contain detailed information and observations about each item's condition. We have also assigned grades to stamps and covers, which reflect our subjective assessment. For stamps, the margin width, centering and gum are described and graded according to generally accepted standards (an approximate correlation to numeric grades is provided at right). Although we believe our grades are accurate, they are not always exactly aligned with third-party grading terms or standards for all issues. **A lot may not be returned because a certification service grades a stamp lower than the grade stated in the description. Information from the P.S.E. Stamp Market Quarterly and P.S.E. Population ReportSM is the most current available, but lots may not be returned due to errors or changes in statistics or data.**

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.	ORIGINAL GUM (O.G.)				NO GUM
	 Mint Never Hinged <i>Free from any disturbance</i>	 Lightly Hinged <i>Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area</i>	 Hinge Mark or Remnant <i>Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining</i>	 Part o.g. <i>Approximately half or more of the gum intact</i>	 Small part o.g. <i>Approximately less than half of the gum intact</i>	 No gum <i>Only if issued with gum</i>
Catalogue Symbol:	★ ★	★	★	★	★	(★)
PRE-1890 ISSUES	<i>Pre-1890 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value</i>			Scott Value for “O.G.”		Scott “No Gum” Values thru No. 218
1890-1935 ISSUES	Scott “Never Hinged” Values for Nos. 219-771	Scott Value for “O.G.” (Actual value will be affected by the degree of hinging)		Disturbed Original Gum: Gum showing noticeable effects of humidity, climate or hinging over more than half of the gum. The significance of gum disturbance in valuing a stamp in any of the Original Gum categories depends on the degree of disturbance, the rarity and normal gum condition of the issue and other variables affecting quality. For example, stamps issued in tropical climates are expected to have some		
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)

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

United States Official Special Printings

In March 1875 the Post Office Department initiated a program to make reproductions, reprints, re-issues and special printings of all past and present issues available for purchase at face value through the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General in Washington, D.C.

Among the stamps to be recreated were the then-current Official issues, which were used by nine executive branch government departments on official mail. Since Official stamps were not intended for public use, the USPOD announcement of the stamp program stated:

"The official stamps cannot be used except for the official business of the particular Department for which provided... All of the specimens will be *ungummed*; and the official stamps will have printed across the face the word 'Specimen,' in small type. It will be useless to apply for *gummed* stamps, or for official stamps with the word 'Specimen' omitted." (March 27, 1875)

The 1¢ to 90¢ Official Special Printings were intended to be purchased in sets (with face value up to \$2), and the dollar-value State Department stamps were available individually. Other individual Official stamps could be purchased, subject to a minimum order of \$2.

To prepare for sales fulfillment the USPOD ordered and received 100 sheets of each of the 92 different Official stamps from the Continental Bank Note Company. The values from 1¢ through 90¢ were provided in sheets of 100 (10,000 total of each). The dollar-value State Department stamps were printed in sheets of ten (1,000 total of each). All of the stamps from this initial order were printed on hard white paper with a smooth surface, and they were sold without gum. With the exception of at least one set of imperforate sheets, the stamps were perforated.

Continental made a second printing of the Agriculture, Executive, Justice and State Department 1¢ stamps, using ribbed paper (100 sheets–10,000 stamps–of each). Additional printings of certain 1¢ departmental stamps were made by the American Bank Note Company, some of which were sold and survive as evidence that American used soft porous paper (1¢ Executive–O10xS, Navy–O35xS, and State–O57xS).

USPOD records show that additional 1¢ Agriculture and War Department stamps were also ordered, but the sale and destruction records indicate that only 234 of the

1¢ Agriculture stamps were needed in addition to the 20,000 from the two earlier Continental printings, and that none of the 5,000 1¢ War Department stamps printed by American were necessary to fill orders. Without examples of these two Official Special Printings, specialists can only speculate about the type of paper used or what they looked like.

An incomplete record of sales has been located in the government archives, dating from May 1879 through July 1882. The great majority of orders came from stamp dealers. Large quantities of the 1¢ and 2¢ values of all departments were purchased, including complete sheets. Orders of full sets, including the 3¢ to 90¢ values, were much more limited. The Executive Department stamps were the most numerous (the smallest number sold was 3,461 of the 10¢). The Treasury Department stamps drew the fewest orders among the 1¢-90¢ sets (only 72 of the 90¢ were sold). The State Department dollar values were evidently too expensive for most budgets, and sales were extremely small (only seven of the \$20 were sold).

The stamp program was discontinued on July 16, 1884. For many of the 138 years since the program ended the Official Special Printings were second cousins to their special-printing counterparts without the "Specimen" overprint, because stamps marked "Specimen" were usually discounted or given away. That was *not* the case with the Officials. As awareness of this fact has spread and appreciation of their significance has increased, the Official stamps have achieved equal status with special printings of the 1847 to 1883 regular postage, Postage Due and Newspapers & Periodicals issues.

Rear Admiral W. V. Combs published his important treatise on Official Special Printings in 1965 and lamented the lack of appreciation of the stamps. A few years later, Bill Mooz began forming the collection presented in this sale catalogue. He was actively collecting until he passed away on August 20, 2022, at the age of 93.

In 1994 and 1995, Bill published a series of articles on Official Special Printings in the U.S. Classics Society's *Chronicle* (Nos. 154, 166 and 168). His contributions in this subject area significantly advanced philatelists' knowledge of the production and distribution of these rare stamps.

The table that follows provides statistics for the manufacture and sale of Official Special Printings. The lot descriptions in this catalogue refer to the quantities sold and relative scarcity, based on the information in this table.

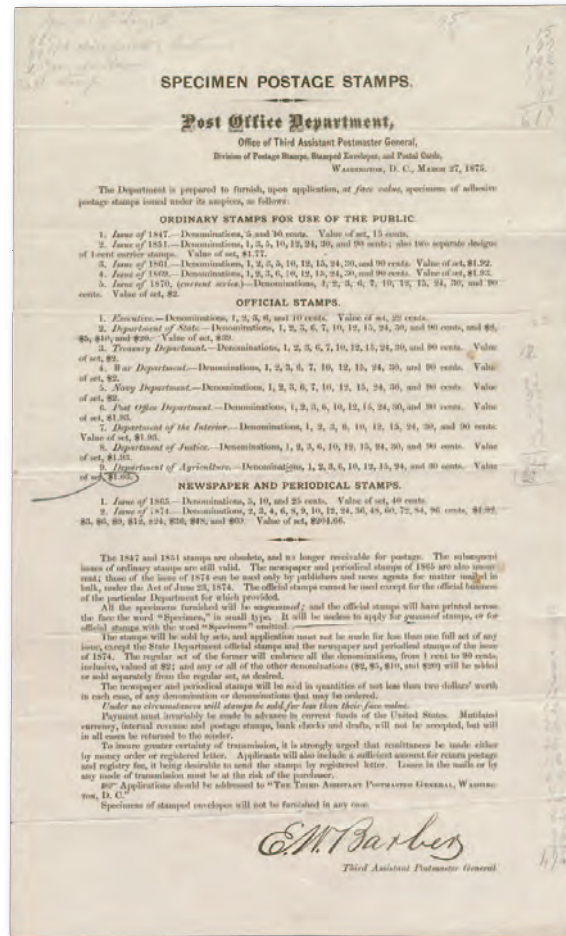
Department	Den ¢	Sc. No.	Plate # (Size)	1st CBNC Hard	2nd CBNC Ribbed	3rd ABNC Soft	4th ABNC Soft	5th ABNC Soft(?)	Total	Destroyed	Sold
Agriculture	1	O1S	65 (100)	10,000	10,000	0	0	5,000	25,000	4,766	20,234
Agriculture	2	O2S	64 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	5,808	4,192
Agriculture	3	O3S	57 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,611	389
Agriculture	6	O4S	72 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,627	373
Agriculture	10	O5S	114 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,610	390
Agriculture	12	O6S	73 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,621	379
Agriculture	15	O7S	105 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,630	370
Agriculture	24	O8S	145 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,648	352
Agriculture	30	O9S	100 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,646	354
Executive	1	O10S,O10xS	82 (100)	10,000	10,000	5,000	0	5,000	30,000	5,348	24,652
Executive	2	O11S	75 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	2,570	7,430
Executive	3	O12S	63 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	6,265	3,735
Executive	6	O13S	76 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	6,515	3,485
Executive	10	O14S	111 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	6,539	3,461
Interior	1	O15S	52 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	2,806	7,194
Interior	2	O16S	45 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	8,737	1,263
Interior	3	O17S	27 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,912	88
Interior	6	O18S	56 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,917	83
Interior	10	O19S	109 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,918	82

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Interior	12	O20S	49 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,925	75
Interior	15	O21S	93 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,922	78
Interior	24	O22S	104 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,923	77
Interior	30	O23S	95 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,925	75
Interior	90	O24S	108 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,923	77
Justice	1	O25S	85 (100)	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	20,000	271	19,729
Justice	2	O26S	90 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	6,605	3,395
Justice	3	O27S	28 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,822	178
Justice	6	O28S	77 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,837	163
Justice	10	O29S	97 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,837	163
Justice	12	O30S	91 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,846	154
Justice	15	O31S	99 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,843	157
Justice	24	O32S	115 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,850	150
Justice	30	O33S	110 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,850	150
Justice	90	O34S	113 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,848	152
Navy	1	O35S,O35xS	80 (100)	10,000	0	5,000	0	0	15,000	818	14,182
Navy	2	O36S	50 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	8,252	1,748
Navy	3	O37S	34 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,874	126
Navy	6	O38S	53 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,884	116
Navy	7	O39S	119 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,499	501
Navy	10	O40S	101 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,888	112
Navy	12	O41S	92 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,893	107
Navy	15	O42S	94 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,893	107
Navy	24	O43S	107 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,894	106
Navy	30	O44S	96 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,896	104
Navy	90	O45S	106 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,898	102
Post Office	1	O47S	43 (200)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	3,985	6,015
Post Office	2	O48S	37 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,410	590
Post Office	3	O49S	36 (200)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,909	91
Post Office	6	O50S	47 (200)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,913	87
Post Office	10	O51S	62 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,823	177
Post Office	12	O52S	71 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,907	93
Post Office	15	O53S	66 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,918	82
Post Office	24	O54S	74 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,916	84
Post Office	30	O55S	68 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,919	81
Post Office	90	O56S	88 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,918	82
State	1	O57S,O57xS	55 (100)	10,000	10,000	0	5,000	0	25,000	3,328	21,672
State	2	O58S	59 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	4,855	5,145
State	3	O59S	70 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,207	793
State	6	O60S	83 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,533	467
State	7	O61S	112 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,209	791
State	10	O62S	98 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,654	346
State	12	O63S	78 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,720	280
State	15	O64S	118 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,743	257
State	24	O65S	117 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,747	253
State	30	O66S	116 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,751	249
State	90	O67S	67 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,755	245
State	\$2	O68S	121 (10)	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	968	32
State	\$5	O69S	120 (10)	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	988	12
State	\$10	O70S	122 (10)	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	992	8
State	\$20	O71S	124 (10)	1,000	0	0	0	0	1,000	993	7
Treasury	1	O72S	44 (200)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	7,815	2,185
Treasury	2	O73S	42 (200)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,691	309
Treasury	3	O74S	29 or 33 (200)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,916	84
Treasury	6	O75S	51 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,915	85
Treasury	7	O76S	103 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,802	198
Treasury	10	O77S	58 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,918	82
Treasury	12	O78S	46 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,925	75
Treasury	15	O79S	84 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,925	75
Treasury	24	O80S	134 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,901	99
Treasury	30	O81S	69 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,926	74
Treasury	90	O82S	61 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,928	72
War	1	O83S	48 (100)	10,000	0	5,000	0	0	15,000	5,390	9,610
War	2	O84S	35 (200)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	8,382	1,618
War	3	O85S	32 (200)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,882	118
War	6	O86S	60 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,889	111
War	7	O87S	102 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,461	539
War	10	O88S	79 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,881	119
War	12	O89S	54 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,895	105
War	15	O90S	87 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,895	105
War	24	O91S	86 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,894	106
War	30	O92S	81 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,896	104
War	90	O93S	89 (100)	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000	9,894	106

MORNING SESSION (LOTS 501-604)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023, AT 10:30 A.M.

THE WILLIAM E. MOOZ COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS

U.S. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT NOTICE



501EX

501

Special Printing Post Office Circular. Several items related to the distribution of Special Printing stamps, including printed circular dated March 27, 1875 and titled "Specimen Postage Stamps", starts "The Department is prepared to furnish, upon application, at face value, specimens of adhesive postage stamps issued under its auspices", then lists the issues available, including regular issues, Officials and also Newspapers and Periodicals, it further notes that "The 1847 and 1851 stamps are obsolete and no longer receivable for postage. The subsequent issues of ordinary stamps are still valid.", also states sets must be ordered for all issues except State Department dollar values and Newspapers and Periodicals of which at least \$2.00 must be ordered, also states "it will be useless to apply for gummed stamps, or for Official stamps with the word 'Specimen' omitted.", also states how to order and forms of payment accepted (postage stamps not accepted), some pencil manuscript around edges, couple minor stained spots, hinge-reinforced along multiple folds, still Very Fine, a phenomenal collateral item for students or collectors of the Special Printings, also includes a letter from the Third Assistant Postmaster General to a customer related to purchase of the stamps and two registered Official Business envelopes from the same office's Division of Stamps, all wonderful collateral items.....
.....(Photo Ex) E. 400-500

PLATE PROOFS ON CARD WITH "SPECIMEN" OVERPRINT



502EX

502 P **1c-\$20.00 Officials, Specimen Ovpt., Plate Proofs on Card (O1SP4-O93SP4).** Complete set of all values mounted on album pages, overprints in black on Executive, Interior, Treasury and War, and in carmine on Agriculture, Justice, Navy, Post Office and State, bright colors, margins mostly to full

VERY FINE AND LIKELY UNIQUE SET OF CARD PROOFS OF THE OFFICIALS WITH SPECIMEN OVERPRINTS, CLOSELY RESEMBLING THE SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

What little is known about this set of card proofs is discussed in the Combs book (p. 46). It was believed by Falk Finkelburg to come from the 1879 printing of card proofs by American Bank Note Co. According to Finkelburg, no other subsequent emissions of card proofs included the Officials with Specimen overprints. The overprints are similar to those on the Special Printing overprinted stamps (which are themselves similar to Type D), but are wider (11.5mm vs. 11mm), very slightly taller and the letters are slightly thinner. This set was offered in a 1979 Simmy's sale (realized \$6,000 hammer) and discussions with leading essay-proof specialists failed to locate another set.

One or two from each Department are accompanied by 1979 P.F. certificates. Unlisted in Scott.(Photo Ex) E. 4,000-5,000

COMPLETE SET OF ONE-CENT TO 90-CENT VALUES



503EX

- 503 S **1c-90c Officials, Specimen Ovpt. (O1S-O67S, O72S-O93S).** Complete set of all 1c-90c Continental Bank Note Co. Officials Special Printings, without gum as issued, most sides with full perfs, some affected by the usual scissors separation, bright colors, some small flaws to be found but the stamps in this “super set” were individually selected from large groups of each Department owned by Mooz, picking attractive examples without major faults

FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE ONE-CENT THRU 90-CENT OFFICIALS SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

Although these stamps bear a “Specimen” overprint, they are in fact Special Printings and were issued at the same time and for the same reason as the other Continental Bank Note Co. Special Printings (Scott 167-177). The overprint was necessary for the Official stamps, as these were issued to the public and could only be used in an official capacity. Complete sets for several of these Department are scarce and seldom seen — especially the Interior and Treasury sets, which were sold in quantities mostly in the 70s and 80s.

Complete “super sets” of all departments as offered here are very rare.....
.....(Photo Ex) 91,846.00

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

- 504 S **1c-30c Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O1S-O9S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, attractive margins and centering, a couple small flaws may be found but this set was compiled by selecting top-tier examples from numerous sets owned by Mooz, overall fresh and Fine-Very Fine, of the 3c to 30c values a range of 352 to 390 each were sold, accompanied by an **original envelope** in which the Special Printings were sold, reading "United States Official Postage Stamps. 1873. Proof Specimens. Department of Agriculture".....**(Photo Ex)** 2,887.50



504EX



505EX

- 505 S **1c-30c Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O1S-O9S).** Complete set, each stamp from Position 91 with **bottom left corner selvage**, five stamps show a small portion of the imprint in the bottom selvage, without gum as issued, bright colors, scissors-separated at tops, a few stamps retain perfs at top, a few minor flaws, Fine-Very Fine or appear so, an attractive and rare set of position stamps that is clearly intact as originally sold, of the 3c to 30c values a range of 352 to 390 each were sold, see *Chronicle* 208 (pp. 305-306) for an article by Mooz about this set**(Photo Ex)** 2,887.00

- 506 S **1c-30c Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O1S-O9S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, mostly decent centering, a few small flaws may be found but this set was compiled by selecting attractive examples without obvious faults from numerous sets owned by Mooz, overall fresh and Fine-Very Fine appearance, of the 3c to 30c values a range of 352 to 390 each were sold**(Photo Ex)** 2,887.00



506EX



507EX

- 507 S **1c-30c Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O1S-O9S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, centering to touched and some scissors-separated perfs, a few small flaws to be expected, overall Fine or appear so, of the 3c to 30c values a range of 352 to 390 each were sold.....**(Photo Ex)** 2,887.00



- 508 S **1c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Small “S” (O1Sb var).** Without gum as issued, the “S” in “Specimen” noticeably shorter than the other letters, Fine and rare variety, Mooz recorded only two examples..... E. 200-300
- 509 田 **1c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O1S).** Top right corner selva block of four, without gum as issued, brilliant color, Fine-Very Fine..... 350.00
- 510 田 **1c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper (O1Sb).** Horizontal block of eight, without gum as issued, brilliant color and unusually well-centered, light vertical crease thru second pair from left, bottom stamp in that pair with couple short perfs at bottom, still Very Fine..... 850.00
- 511 田 **1c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper (O1Sb).** Horizontal block of eight, without gum as issued, bright color, top left and bottom right stamps some short perfs, Fine..... 850.00



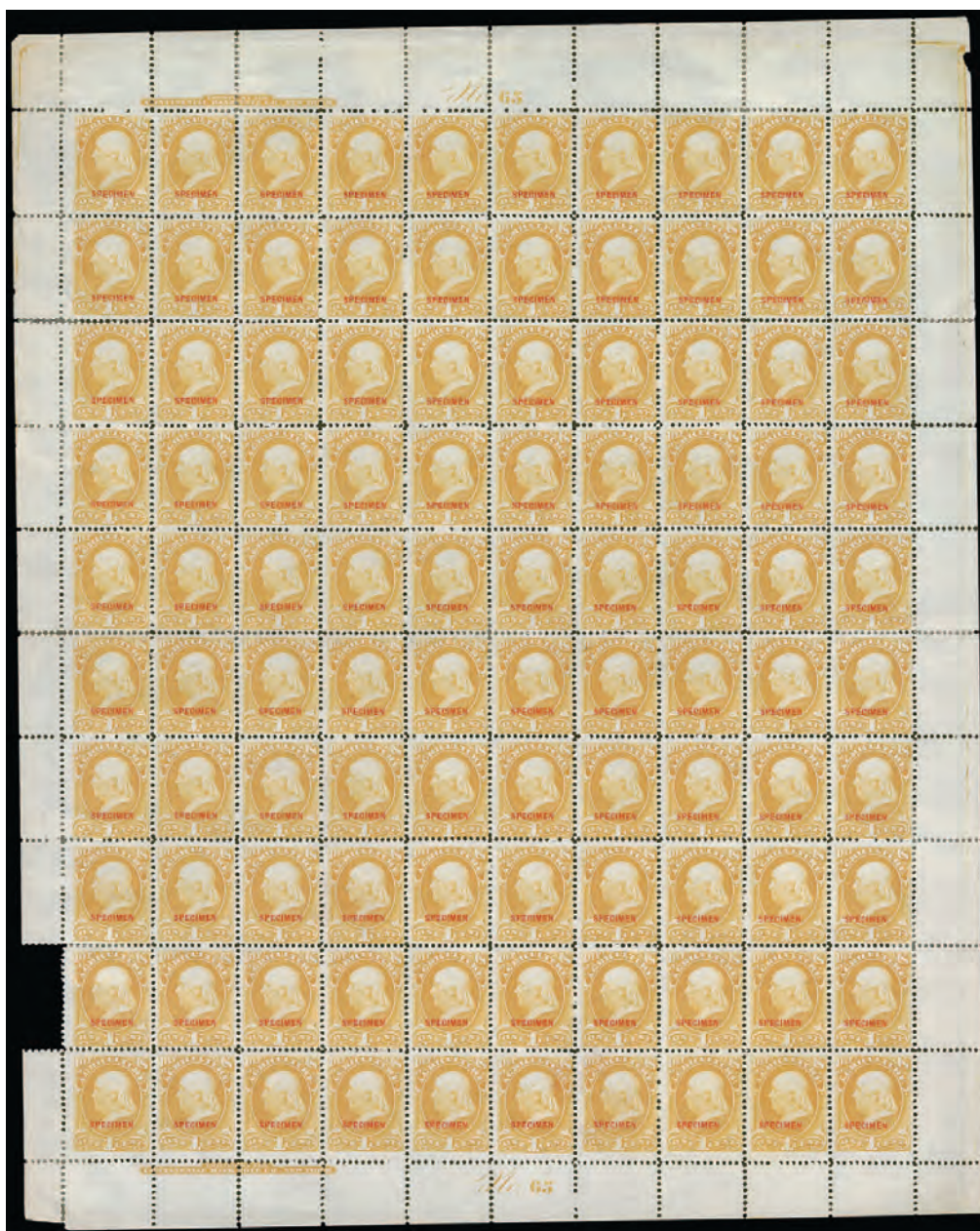
512EX

- 512 田 **1c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Small Dotted “i” (O1Sc).** Two multiples, without gum as issued, first block of 18 in 6 x 3 format, top right stamp the variety, others normal No. O1Sb, second is a block of ten with additional 11th stamp at top left, selvage at right, second stamp at top the variety, others normal No. O1Sb, some minor perf separations, both O1Sc stamps are fresh and Fine, Scott value as blocks and singles(Photo Ex) 3,112.50



513

- 513 田 **1c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Small Dotted “i” (O1Sc).** Block of eight with **top plate “No. 65”**, the third stamp from left in top row the variety, other stamps normal No. O1Sb, without gum as issued, vivid color, attractive centering and margins, pencil notation in selvage, Very Fine, a lovely and scarce plate number multiple with the Small Dotted “i”, Scott value is \$750.00 for a normal block of four without premium for the plate number E. 500-750




514

514 S 1c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Small Dotted "i" (O1Sb, O1Sc). Complete sheet of 100, without gum as issued, containing **two of the Small Dotted "i"** varieties in Positions 7 and 26 (first and third rows), both **top and bottom with imprint and plate "No. 65"** brilliant color, some perf separations as would be expected on such an artifact and piece of selvage at lower left missing, few minor selvage flaws

A SPECTACULAR COMPLETE SHEET OF 100 OF THE ONE-CENT AGRICULTURE SECOND SPECIAL PRINTING ON RIBBED PAPER, WITH TWO PLATE BLOCKS AND TWO EXAMPLES OF THE SMALL DOTTED "i" VARIETY.

All nine denominations of the Agriculture Issue were printed from plates of 100 subjects. 10,000 of the 1c Special Printing were sold from the 2nd Printing on ribbed paper. As can be readily seen on this sheet, the 2nd Printing received overprints that did not contain the "Specimen" error in Positions 21. This printing rather contains two of the desirable Small Dotted "i". varieties.

Ex Lewenthal. Scott value as blocks of four without premium for the imprints and plate numbers..... 11,275.00


- 515  **2c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O2S).** Horizontal block of six, without gum as issued, brilliant color and well-centered, small crease at bottom of center stamp in bottom row, still fresh and Very Fine 735.00



515




516

- 516  **2c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O2S).** Block of six with **top imprint selvage**, without gum as issued, brilliant color, Fine and attractive position piece, Scott value as block of four and singles without premium for the imprint .. 735.00



517

- 517  **2c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O2S).** Block of eight with **top part imprint and plate "No. 64"** selvage, without gum as issued, bright color and attractive centering, tear thru top of pos. 1, extending into pos. 2, appears Very Fine, Scott value as two blocks of four without premium for the position 1,250.00



518

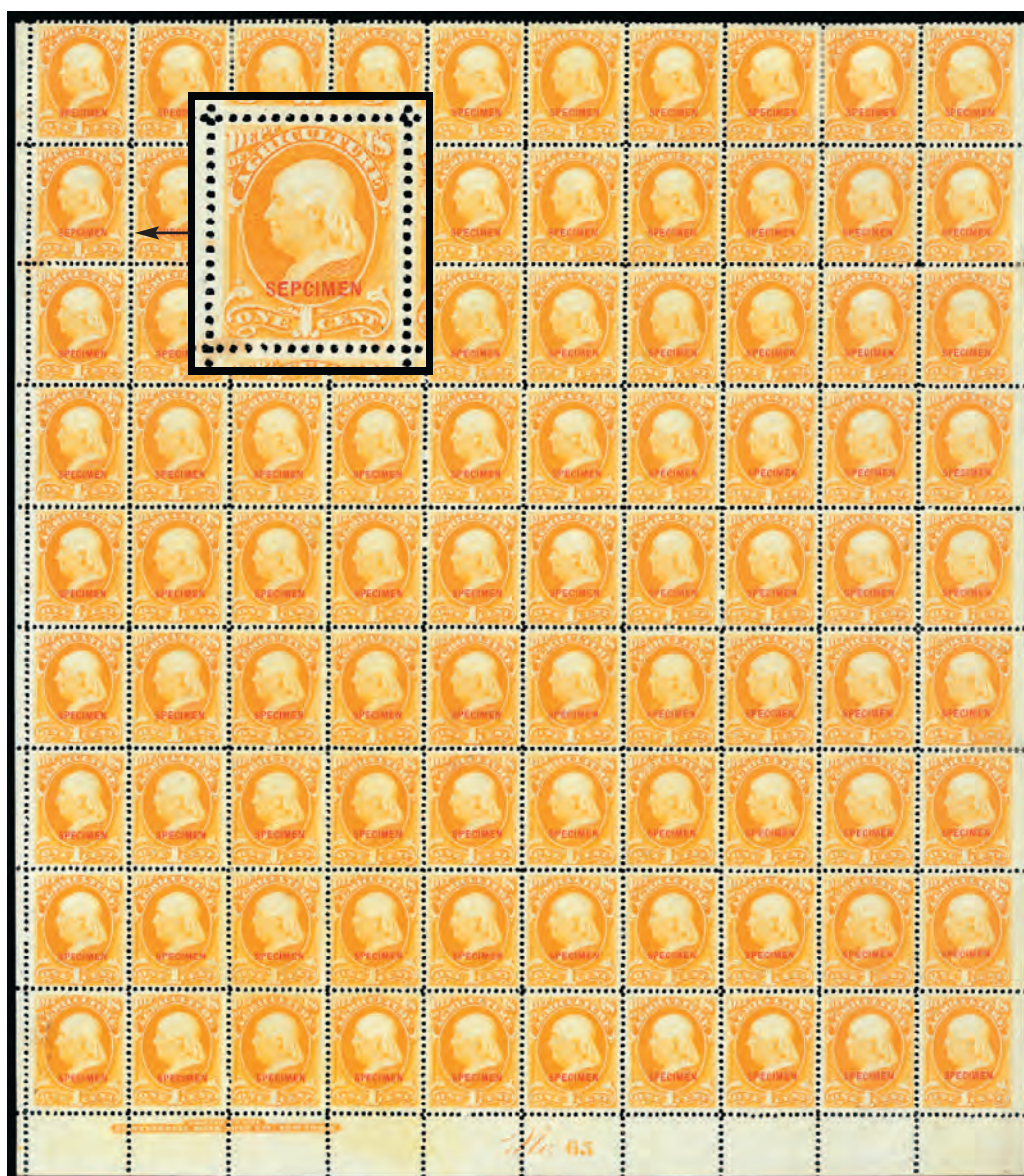
- 518 S **10c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O5S).** Strip of five with **part imprint and plate** “No. 114” top selvage, without gum as issued, light crease in second stamp, otherwise Very Fine and scarce, a maximum of eight can exist as only 390 stamps were sold, ex Sheriff, listed but unpriced in Scott, value as five singles 2,000.00




519

- 519 S **30c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O9S).** Without gum as issued, **dot in oval** to left of portrait, Fine, unusual plate variety, Scott value as normal 400.00

AGRICULTURE “SEPCIMEN” ERRORS



520

520  **1c Yellow, Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. and “Specimen” Error (OS1, O1Sa).** Block of 90, comprising the full sheet less the top row, the error in Position 21 (left stamp in second row of this block), without gum as issued, selvage at left, **bottom imprint and plate “No. 65”**, bright color, outstanding centering nearly throughout, a few lightly toned perfs including at the bottom of the error stamp, slight soiling bottom left stamp, some minor reinforced perf separations at edges

FINE-VERY FINE. THE LARGEST RECORDED MULTIPLE OF THE ONE-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING WITH “SEPCIMEN” ERROR IN POSITION 21.

All nine denominations of the Agriculture Issue were printed from plates of 100 subjects. 10,000 of the 1c Special Printing were from the 1st Printing with the “Specimen” error. Multiples from the 1st Printing showing the error are very rare. This is believed to be the largest extant. The complete sheet of 100 offered in lot 514 is on ribbed paper from the 2nd Printing and is without the “Specimen” error.

Ex Rep. Ernest R. Ackerman (noted in Combs booklet, page 16) and Golden. Scott value as blocks of four and singles, without premium for the imprint and plate number 10,997.50



521EX

- 521 S **1c-2c Yellow, Agriculture, "Sepcimen" Errors (O1Sa-O2Sa, O1Sc).** Six stamps, without gum as issued, includes the "Sepcimen" error for both the 1c and 2c, also four 1c on horizontally ribbed paper with Small Dotted "i" (O1Sc), all with margins to in on a side, faults including the 1c error with the overprint partially obliterated, 2c error with perf flaws, otherwise Fine(Photo Ex) 7,500.00



522

- 522 S **1c-2c Yellow, Agriculture, "Sepcimen" Errors (O1Sa-O2Sa).** Without gum as issued, both centered to a corner, 1c with small stain at top right, 2c with corner thin spot and ink in bottom perfs that matches the overprint ink, otherwise Fine errors 5,500.00



523

- 523 S **1c Yellow, Agriculture, "Sepcimen" Error, 1c Yellow, Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Small Dotted "i" (O1Sa, O1Sc).** One of each, without gum as issued, error stamp with soiling and small adherence, Small Dotted "i" stamp with perf flaws, otherwise Fine 3,000.00

- 524 S **1c Yellow, Agriculture, "Sepcimen" Error (O1Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, tiny corner perf crease, still Fine, scarce with approximately 20 known, many of which are faulty 2,500.00



524

- 525 S田 2c Yellow, Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O2Sa). Positions 11-12/21-22/31-32, vertical block of six, middle left stamp the error, without gum as issued, hinge-reinforced perf separations between the error and the stamp below, error with short perf at left ending in tiny thin spot, otherwise Fine, an extremely rare 2c Agriculture “Sepcimen” error in a block with normal stamps, Scott value as error block of four 7,250.00



525



526

- 526 S 2c Yellow, Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O2Sa). Without gum as issued, brilliant color, fresh and Fine, rare with only approximately ten known, signed George B. Sloane 3,000.00

- 527 S 2c Yellow, Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O2Sa). Without gum as issued, vivid color, decent centering for this difficult error, couple short perfs at right, appears Fine, rare with approximately ten known, ex Stone 3,000.00



527



528

- 528 S **3c Yellow, Agriculture, "Sepcimen" Error (O3Sa).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color, attractive centering and margins, tiny tear top left corner and couple nibbed perfs at sides
 VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN IMPORTANT OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTING RARITY. ONLY THREE EXAMPLES OF THE 3-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR ARE RECORDED.
 Only 389 copies of the 3c Agriculture Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then at most four errors were sold. We record only two others — one ex Sheriff and Markovits, and the other ex Inman. 19,000.00



529

- 529 S **6c Yellow, Agriculture, "Sepcimen Error" (O4Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, stains at top and bottom, nibbed perf at left
 A PRESENTABLE EXAMPLE OF THIS RARITY — ONE OF TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 6-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR.
 Only 373 copies of the 6c Agriculture Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then at most four errors were sold. The Combs book does not record an example. We record one other, ex Sheriff and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 594). This stamp was not known to us when we last offered the Inman example, nor is it contained in the P.F. records.
 Scott value \$22,500.00..... E. 3,000-4,000



530

- 530 S **10c Yellow, Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O5Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, wide margin at left (as does the only other recorded example)

FRESH AND FINE. ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 10-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. A PHENOMENAL RARITY.

Only 390 copies of the 10c Agriculture Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then at most four errors were sold. None were known to Combs. The other example known to us is ex Inman (Sale 1135, lot 595).

Ex Stone, Sheriff and Markovits. With 1958 P.F. certificate. 17,500.00



531

- 531 S **12c Yellow, Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O6Sa).** Without gum as issued, vivid color, small slightly soiled thin spot at top left

FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 12-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. FEWER THAN FIVE ARE KNOWN.

Only 379 copies of the 12c Agriculture Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then at most four errors were sold, the number of examples we record.

Ex Lewenthal and Huggins. 15,000.00



532

- 532 S **15c Yellow, Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O7Sa).** Without gum as issued, rich color and attractive centering, scissors-separated at top and left

FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 15-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. ONLY THREE ARE KNOWN.

Only 370 of the 15c Agriculture Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then four errors were sold. We record three examples—the others are ex Golden (Sale 1095, lot 522) and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 598).

Ex Lewenthal, Sheriff, “Lake Shore” and Markovits. 12,500.00



533

- 533 S **24c Yellow, Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O8Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, very fresh

FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 24-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. ONLY FOUR ARE KNOWN.

Only 352 of the 24c Agriculture Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then at most four errors were sold. We record four examples: 1) ex Golden, intact perfs, sound (Sale 1095, lot 523); 2) ex Inman, tiny corner perf tear (Sale 1135, lot 599); 3) ex Pickard, Stone and Sheriff, **the example offered here**; and 4) ex Markovits, reperfed at top, thins and tear, offered in lot 534.

Ex Pickard, Stone and Sheriff. 12,500.00



534

534 S **24c Yellow, Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O8Sa).** Without gum as issued, reperfed at top, slight oxidation, tiny thins at top, tiny tear at left center

FINE CENTERING AND VERY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 24-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. ONLY FOUR ARE KNOWN.

Only 352 of the 24c Agriculture Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then at most four errors were sold. We record four examples: 1) ex Golden, intact perfs, sound (Sale 1095, lot 523); 2) ex Inman, tiny corner perf tear (Sale 1135, lot 599); 3) ex Pickard, Stone and Sheriff, offered in lot 533; and 4) ex Markovits, reperfed at top, thins and tear, **the example offered here.**

Ex Markovits. With 2006 P.F. certificate 12,500.00



535

535 S **30c Yellow, Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O9Sa).** Without gum as issued, centered to right as usual

FINE. ONLY FOUR EXAMPLES OF THE 30-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR ARE RECORDED. A MAJOR SPECIAL PRINTING RARITY.


Only 354 of the 30c Agriculture Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then at most four errors were sold. We record four examples, including this stamp, the superb ex Golden and Inman copy (Sale 1135, lot 600), the ex Sheriff copy (Sale 752, lot 485) and an example from our 2017 Rarities sale (Sale 1159, lot 285).

With 2001 A.P.S. certificate 13,500.00


EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



536EX

- 536  **1c-10c Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S-O14S).** Blocks of four, without gum as issued, 1c (top) and 6c (bottom) part imprint selvage, bright colors, 1c with hinge reinforced perf separations between stamps and selvage, fresh and Fine-Very Fine, while the Executive set is the most common of the Official Special Printings, blocks are another matter entirely, Power Search does not list another set and Scott does not even price the 3c-10c as blocks, accompanied by an **original envelope** in which the Special Printings were sold, reading "United States Official Postage Stamps. 1873. Proof Specimens. Executive", Scott value for singles.....**(Photo Ex)** 1,710.00

- 537 S **1c-10c Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S-O14S, O10Sa).** 15 complete sets plus five additional sets missing a stamp or two, a few 1c are the 2nd Printing ribbed paper, without gum as issued, bright colors, some mostly minor perf flaws and a few with straight edge, plus a limited number of stamps that are truly faulty, overall Fine-Very Fine or appear so, while the Executive set is the most common of the Official Special Printings, one rarely encounters them in this quantity, Scott value exceeds**(Website PDF)** 5,200.00
- 538 S **1c-10c Executive, Specimen Ovpt., Varieties (O10S-O14S, O10Sa, O10Sb, O10xS).** 42 single stamps, without gum as issued, all values present but focus is on 1c-2c denominations, mounted on album pages showing a wonderful range of varieties, including ribbed paper (O10Sa), Small Dotted "i" (O10Sb, two examples, Scott value \$500.00 each), scratched plate, heavy overprints, defective entry, broken "I", dropped, tilted or raised "S", etc., also a group of stamps with the overprints in various stages of attempted obliteration (unlike most other Official Special Printings, the non-overprinted Executive stamps are much more expensive than the overprinted stamps), typical flaws to be found in such as study, overall a fascinating group for the specialist..**(Website PDF)** E. 1,000-1,500

- 539  **1c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S).** Block of 16 in vertical format with narrow left selvage, without gum as issued, rich color, well-centered, fresh and Very Fine, a premium quality larger block, ex Lewenthal and Huggins, Scott value as blocks of four 1,400.00



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541

- 540 S 1c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S). Vertical block of six with left selvage, without gum as issued, brilliant color, well-centered, fresh and Very Fine..... 415.00
- 541 S 1c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S). Block of six, without gum as issued, gorgeous deep color, well-centered, Very Fine and choice, an unusually high-quality block, ex Lewenthal..... 415.00



542

- 542 S 1c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S). Bottom left corner imprint and plate no. 82 block of 14, plate no. 81 scored out below, without gum as issued, brilliant color, well-centered stamps nearly throughout

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A RARE AND OUTSTANDING IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF 14 OF THE ONE-CENT EXECUTIVE WITH "SPECIMEN" OVERPRINT. A WONDERFUL SHOWPIECE.

After the plate number "81" was engraved on the 1c plate, it was realized that No. 81 had already been assigned to the 30c War plate. The number was scratched out and replaced with "82" above Position 7 and below Position 97.

Ex Huggins. 20,000.00



543



544 above and below



545EX

- 543 \square **1c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S).** Top plate “No. 82” block of four, without gum as issued, bright color, Fine, after the plate number “81” was engraved on the 1c plate, it was realized that No. 81 had already been assigned to the 30c War plate, the number was scratched out and replaced with “82” above Position 7 and below Position 97, Scott value as block of four without premium for the plate number 350.00
- 544 S **1c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S, O10Sa).** Two multiples without gum as issued, first No. O10S strip of four with **bottom left corner imprint selva**, hinge-reinforced perf separations mostly in selva, couple perf flaws in selva, appears Fine, second pair of No. 10Sa with **plate no. 82 selva** at bottom, “81” crossed out, Very Good..... E. 200-300
- 545 S **1c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Small Dotted “i” (O10Sb).** Three stamps without gum as issued, first two are O10Sb showing the overprint in different positions, Fine-Very Fine, third stamp is O10xS Soft Paper, showing broken “I” which mimics the dotted “i” of the other two, Fine and interesting trio.....(Photo Ex) 1,095.00



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- 546 S **1c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper (O10Sa).** Bottom right corner **imprint and plate “No. 82” strip of ten** with plate no. “81” scored out, bright color, few minor perf separations sensibly reinforced, faint vertical crease thru pos. 7
- VERY FINE. A RARE AND DESIRABLE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER STRIP OF TEN OF THE ONE-CENT EXECUTIVE SPECIAL PRINTING ON RIBBED PAPER FROM THE SECOND PRINTING.
- Imprint and plate number multiples are unlisted in Scott on ribbed paper. The plate block of 14 on hard paper from the 1st Printing, with the same quantity sold, catalogues \$20,000.00. Ex Golden. E. 2,000-3,000



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547 田 **1c Violet Rose, Executive, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O10xS).** American Bank Note Co. printing, **bottom imprint and plate “No. 82” block of 20 with selvage at sides, plate no. 81 scored out below**, without gum as issued, deep rich color, tiny piece of left selvage missing at top left, slight soiling in pos. 18

FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF 20 OF THE ONE-CENT EXECUTIVE AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. PRINTING ON SOFT POROUS PAPER WITH “SPECIMEN” OVERPRINT — COMPRISING THE FULL TWO BOTTOM ROWS OF THE PLATE. A MAGNIFICENT SHOWPIECE.

After the plate number “81” was engraved on the 1c plate, it was realized that No. 81 had already been assigned to the 30c War plate. The number was scratched out and replaced with “82” above Position 7 and below Position 97. The soft paper printing is more than twice as scarce as the ribbed paper printing (4,652 soft paper sold versus 10,000 for ribbed paper). This is the largest recorded multiple of the 1c Executive American Bank Note Co. Special Printing. 33,790.00

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- 548 S **1c Violet Rose, Executive, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O10xS).** American Bank Note Co. printing, horizontal block of 12, without gum as issued, vibrant color, well-centered nearly throughout, pos. 4 light horizontal crease, pos. 9 two small stain spots, overall Very Fine-Extremely Fine, ex Huggins, Scott value as three blocks of four 3,300.00

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- 549 S **1c Violet Rose, Executive, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O10xS).** American Bank Note Co. printing, blocks of four and six, without gum as issued, hinged together as a block of ten — imprecisely done but the two blocks do appear to belong together, rich color, faint staining in block of six, appears Fine-Very Fine 2,390.00

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- 550 S **1c Violet Rose, Executive, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O10xS).** American Bank Note Co. printing, block of 6, without gum as issued, rich color, fresh and Fine-Very Fine 1,290.00



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- 551 S **1c Violet Rose, Executive, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O10xS).** American Bank Note Co. printing, **top imprint and plate no. 82 strip of ten with plate no. 81 scored out**, without gum as issued, bright color, tiny hinge slivers reinforcing perfs but only preventively as there are few separations

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE TOP IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER STRIP OF TEN OF THE ONE-CENT EXECUTIVE SPECIAL PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER.

After the plate number "81" was engraved on the 1c plate, it was realized that No. 81 had already been assigned to the 30c War plate. The number was scratched out and replaced with "82" above Position 7 and below Position 97. The soft paper printing is more than twice as scarce as the ribbed paper printing (4,652 soft paper sold versus 10,000 for ribbed paper).

Ex Huggins. This strip is unpriced in Scott but the plate block of 14 contained in the block of 20 offered in lot 547 catalogues \$32,500.00. E. 3,000-4,000



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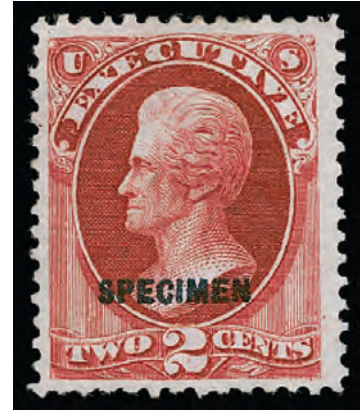
- 552 S **1c Violet Rose, Executive, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O10xS).** Strip of four with **top right plate no. 82 selvage**, without gum as issued, brilliant color and well-centered, small thin spot in selvage, top right corner of selvage partially torn away, the stamps and the plate number selvage are Very Fine and choice E. 300-400



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- 553 S **2c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O11S).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color, Jumbo margins, Extremely Fine, very unusual with such huge margins 55.00

- 554 S **2c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt., Foreign Entry of 6c Agriculture (O11S var).** Position 40, without gum as issued, showing vertical lines at top, diagonal line in "N" of "Cents" and dash at bottom of "2", brilliant color, light corner crease and reperfed at right, appears Very Fine, outside of the two in this sale, we have offered only three other examples since keeping computerized records 2,250.00



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- 555 S **2c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt., Foreign Entry of 6c Agriculture (O11S var).** Position 40, without gum as issued, showing vertical lines at top, diagonal line in "N" of "Cents" and dash at bottom of "2", natural straight edge at right, bright color, tiny corner perf crease at edge of sheet margin at bottom right, appears Very Fine, outside of the two in this sale, we have offered only three other examples since keeping computerized records 2,250.00

- 556 SE **2c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O11S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, gorgeous color, choice centering, Extremely Fine block, scarce in this quality 550.00



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557 田 2c Carmine, Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O11S). Top left corner imprint and plate "No. 75" block of twelve, without gum as issued, intense shade, scattered toning spots and two left stamps with manuscript line

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF THE 2-CENT EXECUTIVE SPECIAL PRINTING.

This is the only plate block of this issue we have ever encountered and it is unlisted in Scott. We have not even offered an imprint and plate number strip of six, which catalogues \$2,500.00 in Scott. E. 4,000-5,000

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Of the 3c to 90c values, between 75 and 88 were sold, for a total of 635 stamps, making the Interior Department set one of the two rarest of the 1c-90c Special Printings (the Treasury Department has 646 sold, excluding the 7c).



558EX

- 558 S **1c-90c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O15S-O24S).** Complete set of reconstructed **pairs**, without gum as issued, horizontal pairs of 1c (intact), 2c, 12c, 24c and 90c, vertical pairs of 3c, 6c, 10c, 15c and 30c, each pair except the 1c hinged together, vivid colors, the pairs are scissors-separated resulting in some straight edges on a side, otherwise perfs mostly intact, a few small flaws including one 6c with soiling
- FINE-VERY FINE. THE UNIQUE SET OF RECONSTRUCTED PAIRS OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.
- This set of reconstructed pairs is believed to be unique. While the Mooz collection also includes reconstructed pairs of several other values, outside of this set it lacks the 3c-6c, 12c and 24c.
- This set is accompanied by an **original envelope** in which the Special Printings were sold, reading "United States Official Postage Stamps. 1873. Proof Specimens. Interior Department".
- Scott value as singles(Photo Ex) 40,400.00

- 559 S **1c-90c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O15S-O24S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, only a couple scissors-separated sides with nearly all perfs intact, a few mostly small flaws, 12c with large sealed tears
- FINE APPEARANCE. THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SET IS ONE OF THE TWO RAREST OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTING SETS TO THE 90-CENT VALUE.
-(Photo Ex) 20,200.00



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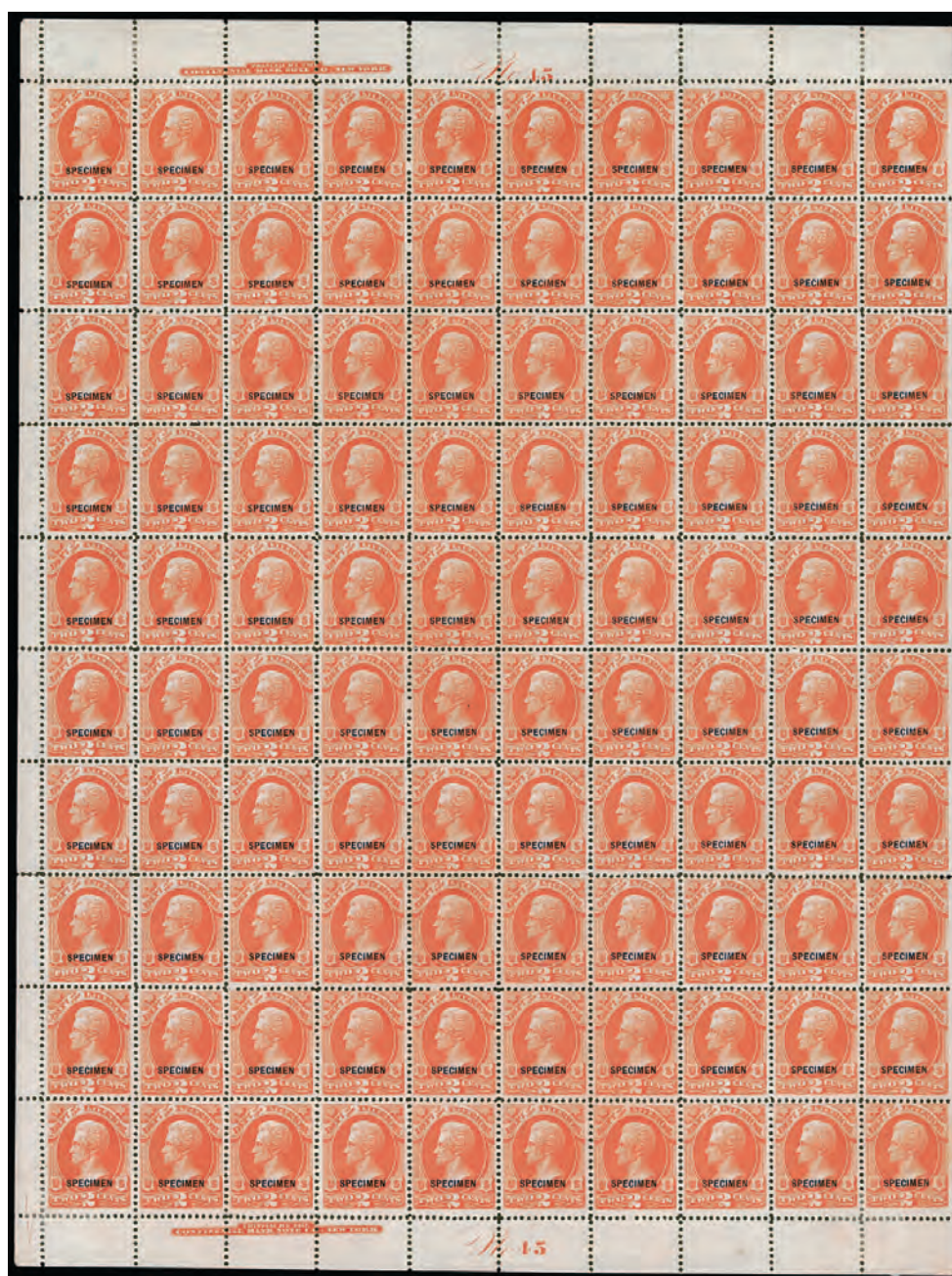
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- 560 S **1c-90c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O15S-O24S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, brilliant colors, some flaws including a few reperfed, very little scissors-separation with nearly every side appearing to have full perfs
- FINE APPEARANCE. THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SET IS ONE OF THE TWO RAREST OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTING SETS TO THE 90-CENT VALUE.
-(Photo Ex) 20,200.00


- 561 S **1c-90c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O15S-O24S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, scissors-separation affects perfs on a side or two of most values, some minor flaws and 6c with frayed perfs at left
- FINE APPEARANCE. THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SET IS ONE OF THE TWO RAREST OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTING SETS TO THE 90-CENT VALUE.
-(Photo Ex) 20,200.00



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562  **2c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O16S).** Complete sheet of 100, without gum as issued, showing “Specimen” correct spelling on Position 21, **imprint and plate “No. 45” at top and bottom**, remarkably pristine condition except for a few perf separations and few light bends on some stamps at right


VERY FINE. A PHENOMENAL INTACT SHEET OF 100 OF THE 2-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING, SHOWING THE CORRECT SPELLING OF THE WORD “SPECIMEN”. AN IMPORTANT SHOWPIECE.

When production of the Special Printings started, Position 21 of the “Specimen” overprint setting was misspelled “Sepcimen.” An article by Mooz in the *Chronicle* (No. 267, pp. 283-290) demonstrated that there were multiple overprint plates used, rather than the “Sepcimen” plate being corrected. Therefore, the overprints on this sheet came from a different plate.

Illustrated in *Chronicle* No. 267 (p. 288). Ex Golden. Scott value as two plate blocks of twelve and 19 blocks of four. 45,400.00



563


- 563  **1c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O15S).** Top left corner **imprint and plate "No. 52"** block of 20, comprising the top two rows of the pane, without gum as issued, brilliant color and beautifully intact

FINE-VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF THE ONE-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE WE HAVE OFFERED.

A Power Search review reveals that we have offered no multiples of this issue with any portion of an imprint or plate number. This top left plate block is a great rarity. ... 5,050.00



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- 564  **1c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O15S).** Block of 24 with narrow left selvage, without gum as issued, bright color, perf separations with substantial reinforcement, Fine-Very Fine and scarce large multiple, Scott value as blocks of four 3,900.00



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- 565 **1c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O15S).** Vertical block of six, without gum as issued, brilliant color, natural straight edge at right, minor perf separations in top row, fresh and Fine-Very Fine..... 770.00
- 566 **1c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O15S).** Strip of three with **bottom imprint selvage**, without gum as issued, vibrant color, fresh and Very Fine, pencil writing on back of selvage..... E. 200-300
- 567 **1c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O15S).** Strip of three with **bottom imprint selvage**, without gum as issued, bright color, faint diagonal creases and also corner selvage crease, still Fine and attractive position strip..... E. 150-200

- 568 **2c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O16S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, brilliant color, top left stamp thin manuscript line, few short perfs at lower right, overall Fine-Very Fine 1,600.00



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- 569 S 2c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O16S). Reconstructed block of 14, consisting of intact blocks of six, four and four, hinged together inaccurately and we are not convinced the blocks belong together — but somewhat immaterial as this piece still yields three intact blocks, without gum as issued, Fine-Very Fine, Scott value as three blocks of four and two singles 5,080.00



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- 570 S 3c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O17S). Without gum as issued, brilliant color, scissors-separated perfs but unusually well-centered, Extremely Fine for this, only 88 sold..... 2,500.00
- 571 S 3c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O17S). Without gum as issued, brilliant color, full perfs all around except reperfed at right, otherwise Very Fine, only 88 sold..... 2,500.00
- 572 S 6c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O18S). Without gum as issued, brilliant color, scissors-separated with perfs largely intact, choice centering, Extremely Fine for this rare stamp, only 83 sold..... 2,500.00
- 573 S 6c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O18S). Without gum as issued, vivid color, scissors-separated but perfs intact except at right where reperfed, unusually well-centered for this rare stamp, appears Very Fine, only 83 sold..... 2,500.00



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- 574 S **10c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O19S).** Without gum as issued, full perfs all around, brilliant color, fresh and Very Fine, this is the top stamp of a former strip of three — the remaining pair is offered in lot 558, only 82 sold..... 2,500.00
- 575 S **10c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O19S).** Without gum as issued, scissors-separated perfs largely intact, choice centering and bright color, Very Fine, only 82 sold 2,500.00
- 576 S **10c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O19S).** Without gum as issued, fiery color, well-centered with intact perfs but reperfed at right, appears Very Fine, only 82 sold 2,500.00
- 577 S **10c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O19S).** Without gum as issued, bright color, small tear at top left, appears Very Fine, only 82 issued..... 2,500.00



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- 578 S **10c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O19S).** Without gum as issued, bright color, well-centered but reperfed on two sides, appears Very Fine, only 82 issued..... 2,500.00
- 579 S **10c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O19S).** Horizontal pair, separated and hinge-rejoined, without gum as issued, bright color, fresh and Fine, a very rare reconstructed pair of the 10c Interior Special Printing, only 82 were issued, Scott value as two singles..... 5,000.00
- 580 S **10c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O19S).** Two singles hinge-rejoined to create a pair, done somewhat imprecisely and not originally contiguous, without gum as issued, brilliant color, scissors-separation blunts some perfs at top and upper right of right stamp, left stamp with short perf at right, otherwise Fine, only 82 sold, Scott value as singles..... 5,000.00



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581 S **12c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O20S).**
Without gum as issued, brilliant color, unusually wide margins and choice centering

EXTREMELY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST EXAMPLES KNOWN OF THE RARE 12-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

The 12c and the 30c are the rarest of the Interior Department Special Printings, with only 75 of each sold. This is one of the finest examples extant of the 12c. With 2006 P.F. certificate (XF 90)..... 2,500.00

582 S **12c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O20S).**
Without gum as issued, wide margins to huge at right where natural straight edge, brilliant color

EXTREMELY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE RARE 12-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

The 12c and the 30c are the rarest of the Interior Department Special Printings, with only 75 of each sold. This is a very choice wide-margined example, mercifully left in its natural state rather than being reperfed at right, as is the case with some other wide straight edge examples. 2,500.00



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583 S **12c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O20S).**
Without gum as issued, brilliant color, well-centered with complete perfs all around

VERY FINE AND CHOICE EXAMPLE OF THE RARE 12-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

The 12c and the 30c are the rarest of the Interior Department Special Printings, with only 75 of each sold. This is a fresh well-centered example. 2,500.00



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584 S **12c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O20S).**
Without gum as issued, vivid color, attractive centering and margins but reperfed at right, otherwise Very Fine, the rarest of the Interior Department Special Printings with only 75 sold..... 2,500.00



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- 585 S **12c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O20S).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color, full perfs but reperfed at right, appears Fine, the rarest of the Interior Department Special Printings with only 75 sold..... 2,500.00
- 586 S **15c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O21S).** Without gum as issued, bright color, short perf at right, still fresh and Fine, only 78 sold 2,500.00
- 587 S **15c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O21S).** Without gum as issued, fresh color, scissors-separated with intact perfs at right and partly blunted at bottom, Fine, only 78 sold 2,500.00



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- 588 S **15c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O21S).** Horizontal pair, scissors-separated and hinge-rejoined, without gum as issued, natural straight edge at right, scissors-separation trimmed the perfs at left, vivid color
- FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE RECONSTRUCTED PAIR OF THE 15-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.
- Only 78 sold. Scott value as singles 5,000.00

- 589 S **15c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O21S).** Vertical pair, scissors-separated and hinge-rejoined, without gum as issued, the bottom stamp retained nearly all the perf holes between and the rejoining is not perfectly precise but the two stamps do appear to belong together, Fine and rare reconstructed pair, only 78 sold, Scott value as singles..... 5,000.00



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590 S **15c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O21S).** L-shaped block of three, separated and hinge-rejoined, without gum as issued, trace of **plate "No. 93"** in perfs at top, brilliant color, the rejoining is not done perfectly precisely but all three stamps appear to belong in the multiple, left stamp small backstamp and pencil notations on back of all three

FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE RECONSTRUCTED MULTIPLE OF THE 15-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Only 78 sold. Scott value as singles.. 7,500.00

591 S **24c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O22S).** Without gum as issued, vibrant color, three wide and balanced margins but reperfed at right, otherwise Very Fine, scarce with only 77 sold 2,500.00



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592 S **24c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O22S).** Without gum as issued, bright color, full perfs with one slightly short at bottom left, Fine, only 77 sold 2,500.00

593 S **24c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O22S).** Without gum as issued, bright color, centered to right with three balanced margins, Fine, only 77 sold 2,500.00

594 S **24c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O22S).** Without gum as issued, attractive centering with scissors-trimmed perfs complete except at lower right, small faint stain at top right, otherwise Very Fine, only 77 sold..... 2,500.00

- 595 S **30c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O23S).**
Without gum as issued, vibrant color, complete perfs
all around without scissors-separation

VERY FINE FOR THIS DIFFICULT STAMP. A RARE
SOUND EXAMPLE OF THE 30-CENT INTERIOR DEPART-
MENT SPECIAL PRINTING WITH COMPLETE PERFS.

The 30c and the 12c are the rarest of the Interior
Department Special Printings, with only 75 of each
sold. Small red backstamp 2,500.00



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- 596 S **30c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O23S).**
Without gum as issued, nicely balanced margins, scis-
sors-separation but perfs are complete, bright color,
Very Fine example of this difficult Special Printing, only
75 were sold, tying it with the 12c for the fewest sold of
the set 2,500.00

- 597 S **30c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O23S).**
Positions 5 with trace of plate "No." (95) in perfs at
top, without gum as issued, centered to left with
three balanced margins and without scissors-separa-
tion, fresh and Fine example of this scarce stamp,
only 75 sold, tying it with the 12c for the fewest sold
of the set, with 2006 P.F. certificate..... 2,500.00



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- 598 S **30c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O23S).**
Without gum as issued, bright color, reperfed at right,
otherwise Very Fine example of this scarce Special
Printing, only 75 were sold, tying it with the 12c for the
fewest sold of the set 2,500.00



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- 599 S **30c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O23S).** Horizontal pair, scissors-separated and hinge-rejoined, without gum as issued, vivid color, perfs trimmed at left, right stamp with small filled thin at bottom right

FINE APPEARING AND EXTREMELY RARE RECONSTRUCTED PAIR OF THE 30-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

The 30c and the 12c are the rarest of the Interior Department Special Printings, with only 75 of each sold. Scott value as singles. 5,000.00

- 600 S **90c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O24S).** Without gum as issued, exceptionally wide margins and choice centering, scissors-separation with mostly full perfs, just blunted at bottom

EXTREMELY FINE FOR THIS SCARCE ISSUE. A SPECTACULAR EXAMPLE OF THE 90-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Only 77 examples of the top denomination Interior Department Special Printing were sold. This is certainly among the couple finest we have encountered. 2,500.00



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- 601 S **90c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O24S).** Without gum as issued, bright color and extra wide margins, scissors-separation trims perfs at bottom and partly at top, single nibbed perf at right, Extremely Fine appearance for this scarce issue, only 77 sold. 2,500.00

- 602 S **90c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O24S).**
Without gum as issued, vivid color and three wide to huge margins, scissors-separation trims or blunts perfs at bottom, natural straight edge at right, Very Fine and striking example of this scarce issue, only 77 sold..... 2,500.00



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- 603 S **90c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O24S).**
Without gum as issued, bright color, scissors-separation leaves full perfs except for a few blunted at upper right, fresh and Fine, only 77 sold 2,500.00



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- 604 S **90c Vermilion, Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O24S).** Horizontal pair, scissors-separated and hinge-rejoined, without gum as issued, vivid color, two sides on each stamp with blunted or trimmed perfs from the scissors separation, left stamp short perf at top
FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE RECONSTRUCTED PAIR OF THE 90-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.
Only 75 sold. Scott value as singles. 5,000.00

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AFTERNOON SESSION (LOTS 605-826)
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023, AT 1:30 P.M.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

- 605 S **1c-90c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S-O34S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, all stamps with full perfs without any scissors-separation, attractive centering and some with unusually wide margins, a couple small flaws may be found but the stamps in this set were selected from a substantial group owned by Mooz, picking the most attractive examples without obvious faults
OVERALL VERY FINE. A PARTICULARLY CHOICE COMPLETE SET OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

The sold quantities of the 3c-90c denominations in this set range from from 150-178. This set is accompanied by an **original envelope** in which the Special Printings were sold, reading "United States Official Postage Stamps. 1873. Proof Specimens. Department of Justice".....(Photo Ex) 10,887.00



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- 606 S **1c-90c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S-O34S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, all stamps with full perfs without any scissors-separation (3c natural wide straight edge), choice centering for these difficult issues, a couple small flaws may be found but the stamps in this set were selected from a substantial group owned by Mooz, picking the most attractive examples without obvious faults

OVERALL VERY FINE. A PARTICULARLY CHOICE COMPLETE SET OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

The sold quantities of the 3c-90c denominations in this set range from from 150-178. 3c with 2006 P.F. certificate.....(Photo Ex) 10,887.00

- 607 S **1c-90c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S-O34S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, mostly full perfs with a few sides impacted by scissors separation, a few of the usual small flaws but overall fresh and attractive appearance

OVERALL FINE COMPLETE SET OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

The sold quantities of the 3c-90c denominations in this set range from from 150-178.(Photo Ex) 10,887.00



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- 608 S **1c-90c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S-O34S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, nearly all sides with full perfs, two with natural straight edge, a few of the usual small flaws including short or nibbed perfs but overall fresh and attractive appearance

OVERALL FINE COMPLETE SET OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

The sold quantities of the 3c-90c denominations in this set range from from 150-178.(Photo Ex) 10,887.00



609EX

- 609 S **1c-90c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S-O34S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, most sides with full perfs and a few trimmed or blunted by scissors separation, some flaws including a couple with small stains, short or nibbed perfs

FINE APPEARING COMPLETE SET OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

The sold quantities of the 3c-90c denominations in this set range from from 150-178.(Photo Ex) 10,887.00

- 610 S **1c-90c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S-O34S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, a few sides trimmed or blunted by scissors separation, some of the typical flaws found on these difficult issues

FINE APPEARING COMPLETE SET OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

The sold quantities of the 3c-90c denominations in this set range from from 150-178.(Photo Ex) 10,887.00



610EX



611EX

- 611 S **1c-90c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S-O34S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, nearly all with perfs trimmed on a side or two by scissors separation, some typical flaws including short or nibbed perfs, Fine appearing set, the sold quantities of the 3c-90c denominations in this set range from from 150-178.....(Photo Ex) 10,887.00


- 612 S **1c-90c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S-O34S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, largely bright colors and a few slightly faded, most with a side affected by scissors separation, flaws including 12c clipped corner and overprint partly obliterated, 3c scoring lines, also some short or nibbed perfs, otherwise Fine complete set, sold quantities of the 3c-90c denominations in this set range from from 150-178.....(Photo Ex) 10,887.00



612EX



613

- 613  **1c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Small Dotted "i" in Specimen (O25S, O25Sc).** Top imprint and plate no. 85 block of 50 with selvage at sides, representing the top half of the sheet of 100, Positions 7 and 26 with Small Dotted "i" in "Specimen", without gum as issued, brilliant color, many well-centered stamps, perf separations as would be expected in such a large multiple as well as some "pinched" perfs between 8th and 9th vertical rows, Position 15 small stain


FINE-VERY FINE. A RARE HALF-SHEET OF THE ONE-CENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING ON RIBBED PAPER, SHOWING BOTH OF THE SMALL DOTTED "i" VARIETIES.

The 1c Justice Department was printed from sheets of 100 subjects. The Special Printing Small Dotted "i" occurs only on the 2nd Printing on ribbed paper and is found on Positions 7 and 26. This half sheet beautifully illustrates the two positions that furnished the variety.

Ex Huggins. Scott value as the listed plate block of 21, plus blocks and singles . 9,475.00



614

- 614  **1c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper (O25Sb).** Block of six with bottom "No. 85" plate number and small part of imprint, without gum as issued, brilliant color, faint vertical bend in left pair, Fine position multiple, Scott value as two normal blocks without premium for the plate number..... 1,100.00



615EX

615 S 1c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S). Two plate "No. 85" multiples, including bottom selvage block of six and bottom selvage strip of three with small part of imprint, without gum as issued, brilliant colors, both with choice centering, fresh and Very Fine, Scott value as a block of four and five singles (\$512.50) is fairly irrelevant

.....(Photo Ex) E. 500-750



616


616 S 1c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S). Block of 24 in 6 x 4 format, without gum as issued, brilliant color, a number of stamps with outstanding centering and wide margins, particularly toward the bottom, Very Fine-Extremely Fine, a choice multiple, Scott value as blocks of four and singles..... 2,100.00




617




618EX

- 617  **1c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S).** Block of 12 in 3 x 4 format, without gum as issued, bright color and well-centered, pos. 4 with small stain from hinge remnant, some minor perf flaws in bottom row at sides, still Very Fine and attractive multiple 895.00

- 618  **1c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper (O25Sb).** Group of eight blocks of four on album pages, without gum as issued, each identified by Mooz as ribbed paper, including ribbed on front and ribbed on back, two blocks with selvage including one with part imprint, some typical perf flaws, overall Very Good-Fine (Photo Ex) 4,400.00



619


- 619  **1c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Small Dotted “i” (O25Sc).** Positions 1-7/11-17/21-27, top imprint and plate “No. 85” block of 21 with left selvage, Positions 7 and 26 with Small Dotted “i” in “Specimen”, other stamps normal No. O25Sb, without gum as issued, deep rich color, tear in selvage at upper left extends into Position 1

FINE. A RARE PLATE BLOCK OF THE ONE-CENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING ON RIBBED PAPER, SHOWING BOTH OF THE SMALL DOTTED “i” VARIETIES.

The 1c Justice Department was printed from sheets of 100 subjects. The Special Printing Small Dotted “i” occurs only on the 2nd Printing on ribbed paper and is found on Positions 7 and 26. This plate block beautifully illustrates the two positions that furnished the variety..... 6,000.00




620

620  **2c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O26S).** Block of 36, consisting of a block of 32 with top part imprint and plate “No. 90” and strip of four at bottom, without gum as issued, natural straight edge at right, brilliant color and many well-centered stamps, some perf separations including between 4th and 5th rows where reinforced, Very Fine and impressive multiple, a full plate block catalogues \$5,500.00 in Scott but we have never offered one — nor have we offered any pieces with the plate number, Scott value for blocks and singles without premium for the part imprint and plate number 5,420.00




621

- 621  **2c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O26S).** Block of ten with bottom left corner **imprint selvage**, trace of "No." at right, without gum as issued, brilliant color and attractive centering, a few tiny toned spots in perfs at left of pos. 1, between pos. 4-5 and at bottom of pos. 9, still Very Fine, Scott value without premium for the imprint 1,410.00



622

- 622  **2c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O26S).** Irregular block of 22, consisting of a left selvage block of 18 (6 x 3) and a block of four rejoined to the larger multiple at right, without gum as issued, bright color, some separations in addition to the rejoining mentioned and telescoped perfs between top and second rows, overall Very Fine with many fresh and well-centered stamps 2,930.00



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- 623 S **15c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O31S).** Without gum as issued, **double transfer** at top, unusually well-centered with bright color, Very Fine and choice, only 157 sold, Scott value as normal 1,250.00
- 624 S **24c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O32S).** Two stamps which formed a vertical pair, without gum as issued, slightly different shades with the vibrant bottom stamp clearly spending less time in the light over the years, scissors-separated perfs on top stamp at left, Fine, with only 150 stamps sold pairs are very scarce..... 2,500.00
- 625 S **30c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O33S).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color and excellent centering seldom encountered, light corner crease at bottom right, appears Extremely Fine, only 150 sold 1,250.00



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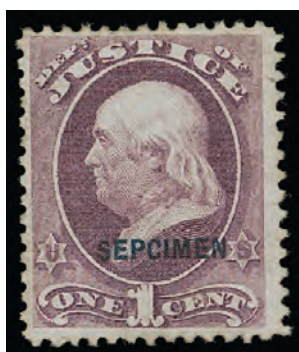
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- 626 S **30c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O33S).** Without gum as issued, **double transfer** at top, scissors-separated perfs at top and short perf at bottom, appears Fine, only 150 sold, Scott value as normal 1,250.00
- 627 S **30c Purple, Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O33S).** Without gum as issued, unusually choice centering, bright color, tiny pinhole at lower left, appears Extremely Fine, only 150 sold 1,250.00

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERRORS



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- 628 S **1c Purple, Justice, “Sepcimen” Error (O25Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, well-balanced margins, couple nibbed perfs at right, appears Very Fine 2,500.00
- 629 S **1c Purple, Justice, “Sepcimen” Error (O25Sa).** Without gum as issued, small thin spot and slight soiling, otherwise Fine 2,500.00
- 630 S **1c Purple, Justice, “Sepcimen” Error (O25Sa).** Without gum as issued, tear at lower left, otherwise Fine 2,500.00



631

- 631 田 **2c Purple, Justice, “Sepcimen” Error (O26Sa).** Positions 21-24/51-54, block of sixteen with selvage at left, top left stamp the error, without gum as issued, fresh color, few expertly rejoined or reinforced perf separations, error stamp with light crease at top


VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE LARGE MULTIPLE OF THE 2-CENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING, CONTAINING THE “SEPCIMEN” ERROR.

Although the volume of sales of the 2c Justice Special Printing (3,395) indicates that stamps from 34 sheets were sold, potentially equating to 34 “Sepcimen” errors, we actually do not know how sheets were separated or if an entire sheet was sold before the next sequential sheet. The rarity of the 2c Justice “Sepcimen” error — with probably fewer than ten examples known — does not accord with the quantity of stamps sold.

Ex Dr. Burrows. Scott value for a block of four with the error and twelve singles..... 10,410.00



632

- 632  **2c Purple, Justice, “Sepcimen” Error (O26Sa).** Positions 21-22/31-32, block of four with selvage at left, top left stamp the error, without gum as issued, bright color, some hinge-reinforced perf separations between the error and the stamp at right

FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE 2-CENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING, CONTAINING THE “SEPCIMEN” ERROR.

Although the volume of sales of the 2c Justice Special Printing (3,395) indicates that stamps from 34 sheets were sold, potentially equating to 34 “Sepcimen” errors, we actually do not know how sheets were separated or if an entire sheet was sold before the next sequential sheet. The rarity of the 2c Justice “Sepcimen” error — with probably fewer than ten examples known — does not accord with the quantity of stamps sold.... 9,750.00

- 633 S **2c Purple, Justice, “Sepcimen” Error (O26Sa).** Without gum as issued, nicely balanced margins, tiny bit of perf soiling at bottom right, appears Very Fine, the rarity of the 2c Justice “Sepcimen” error — with fewer than ten known — does not accord with the quantity of the 3,395 stamps sold, small purple backstamp, ex Ehrenberg (“Crystal”) 3,500.00



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- 634 S **2c Purple, Justice, “Sepcimen” Error (O25Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, single short perf at left, still Fine, the rarity of the 2c Justice “Sepcimen” error — with fewer than ten known — does not accord with the quantity of the 3,395 stamps sold 3,500.00

- 635 S **3c Purple, Justice, “Sepcimen” Error (O27Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, corner crease at top left and re-attached perf at bottom right, small natural inclusion at top

FINE APPEARING EXAMPLE OF THIS JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING RARITY. WE RECORD ONLY THREE EXAMPLES OF THE 3-CENT JUSTICE WITH “SEPCIMEN” ERROR.

Only 178 copies of the 3c Justice Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only two errors would have been sold, but we are aware of three: 1) ex Markovits and Inman, well-centered, small thin spot (Sale 1135, lot 622); 2) ex Sheriff, perfs to touched at right, crease and re-attached perf, **the example offered here**; 3) scissors-separated perfs, P.F. records (certificate no. 418588). An additional example from our 2007 Rarities sale was deemed not genuine. 11,000.00



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- 636 S **15c Purple, Justice, “Sepcimen” Error (O31Sa).** Without gum as issued, fresh color, scissors-separated but intact perfs all around

FINE. ONE OF TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 15-CENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. A GREAT RARITY.

Only 157 copies of the 15c Justice Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only two errors were sold, and that is the number recorded. The other known example is ex Stone, Lockyear and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 624, realized \$22,000 hammer).

Ex Hays, Lewenthal, Sheriff and Lockyear (sold privately to Mooz)..... 25,000.00



637

- 637 S **30c Purple, Justice, “Sepcimen” Error (O33Sa).** Without gum as issued, fresh color and attractive centering, scissors-separated with some clipped perfs at upper right, horizontal crease

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE WE RECORD OF THE 30-CENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES OF OFFICIALS COLLECTING.

Only 150 copies of the 30c Justice Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only two errors were sold. We record only this single example. The Combs book recorded none and the online P.F. records also contain none.

Ex Pickard, Stone and Sheriff, where Mooz acquired the stamp in Siegel’s 1993 offering of the Sheriff collection. The Scott value is \$10,000.00 less than the 15c offered in the previous lot, which does not make sense given the similar or greater rarity of this 30c. ...
..... 15,000.00

NAVY DEPARTMENT



638EX

- 638 S **1c-90c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O35S-O45S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, brilliant colors and attractive centering, all stamps with full perfs, a tiny flaw or two may be found but the stamps in this set were individually selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking from among the choicest examples of each denomination

FINE-VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Other than the 1c, 2c and 7c values, the Navy Department is very scarce, with sales of the 90c value limiting the possible number of sets to 102. This set is accompanied by an **original envelope** in which the Special Printings were sold, reading "United States Official Postage Stamps. 1873. Proof Specimens. Navy Department."(Photo Ex) 14,660.00

- 639 S **1c-90c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O35S-O45S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, bright colors, all but one side with full perfs, very minimal scissors separation in this set, some small flaws to be found but the stamps in this set were individually selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major faults

FINE AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Other than the 1c, 2c and 7c values, the Navy Department is very scarce, with sales of the 90c value limiting the possible number of sets to 102.(Photo Ex) 14,660.00



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640EX

- 640 S **1c-90c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O35S-O45S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, pastel colors — in fact the shades seem to differ from other sets in the Mooz collection — most sides with full perfs and a few sides affected by scissors separation, some small flaws to be found but without obvious or major faults

FINE AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Other than the 1c, 2c and 7c values, the Navy Department is very scarce, with sales of the 90c value limiting the possible number of sets to 102.(Photo Ex) 14,660.00

- 641 S **1c-90c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O35S-O45S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, a handful of sides affected by scissors separation and some flaws including 3c and 30c slightly toned

OVERALL FINE APPEARING AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.


Other than the 1c, 2c and 7c values, the Navy Department is very scarce, with sales of the 90c value limiting the possible number of sets to 102.(Photo Ex) 14,660.00



641EX




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- 642  **1c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O35S).** Block of 32 in 8 x 4 format, without gum as issued, natural straight edge at right, bright color, some staining or toning between perfs on a number of stamps, appears Fine, Scott value as blocks of four 3,000.00



643

- 643  **1c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O35S).** Block of 24 in 6 x 4 format, without gum as issued, natural straight edge at right, many stamps well-centered, toning spots between perfs affect most stamps, otherwise Very Fine, Scott value as blocks of four 2,250.00



644

- 644 田 **1c Gray Blue, Navy, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O35xS).** Complete sheet of 100 with **top and bottom imprint and plate "No. 80"**, full selva on all sides, without gum as issued, deep rich color, wonderfully intact with only minor perf separations, a few positions show varieties including Position 66 with Small Dotted "i", which is regarded as a printing flaw and not the listed constant variety found on the ribbed paper — but interestingly both of the other complete sheets we have encountered also have this flaw in same position, so we wonder (one is ex Huggins, Sale 1123, lot 6749), horizontal crease thru the top of the fourth row is no doubt production related


FRESH AND VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE FULL SHEET OF 100 OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT 1881 AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY SPECIAL PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER.

The 1c Navy Department on soft paper is found only with the "Specimen" overprint of the 1881 American Bank Note Co. Special Printing. 4,182 were sold, which represents just under 42 sheets.

Scott value as plate blocks and blocks. 37,850.00



645

- 645  **1c Gray Blue, Navy, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O35xS).** Bottom imprint and plate “No. 80” block of twelve, without gum as issued, rich color, slight toning between perfs affects several positions

FINE-VERY FINE APPEARANCE AND RARE PLATE BLOCK OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT 1881 AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY SPECIAL PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER.



The 1c Navy Department on soft paper is found only with the “Specimen” overprint of the 1881 American Bank Note Co. Special Printing. 4,182 were sold, which represents just under 42 sheets. Plate blocks are very rare and we have not offered another outside of two sheets of 100..... 8,000.00



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647

- 646  **1c Gray Blue, Navy, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O35xS).** Block of four, without gum as issued, deep rich color, outstanding centering with balanced margins, Extremely Fine block, wonderful quality 1,150.00
- 647  **1c Gray Blue, Navy, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O35xS).** Block of four, without gum as issued, deep rich color, Very Fine..... 1,150.00



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- 648 S **1c Gray Blue, Navy, Soft Porous Paper, Double Specimen Ovpt. (O35xSa).** Without gum as issued, clear second overprint slightly displaced from first, rich color, Very Fine, a rare variety 1,200.00
- 649 S **1c Gray Blue, Navy, Soft Porous Paper, Double Specimen Ovpt. (O35xSa).** Without gum as issued, clear second overprint well displaced from first, choice centering with balanced margins, large central thin spot, appears Extremely Fine, a rare variety..... 1,200.00
- 650 S **1c Gray Blue, Navy, Soft Porous Paper, Double Specimen Ovpt. (O35xSa).** Without gum as issued, clear second overprint slightly displaced from first, nicely centered, slight toning and thin spot, appears Very Fine, a rare variety..... 1,200.00



651

- 651 S **2c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O36S).** Bottom left corner imprint and plate "No. 50" block of 24, without gum as issued, brilliant color and attractive centering, a few slightly nibbed perfs at right and some minor separations at bottom
- VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE PLATE BLOCK OF THE 2-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Outside of the Mooz collection we have offered no other plate blocks of this issue since keeping computerized records nearly 30 years ago. Scott does not even list this as a full plate block, but only as an imprint and plate number strip. Scott value as the aforementioned strip, plus blocks and singles is \$4,750.00. E. 4,000-5,000



652

- 652 田 **2c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O36S).** Bottom left corner imprint and plate “No. 50” block of 12 with additional block of four hinge-rejoined at top (it appears to belong), without gum as issued, brilliant color, some reinforced perf separations in selvage thru “No.”

FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE PLATE BLOCK OF THE 2-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Outside of the Mooz collection we have offered no other plate blocks of this issue since keeping computerized records nearly 30 years ago. Scott does not even list this as a full plate block, but only as an imprint and plate number strip. Scott value as the aforementioned strip, plus block and singles is \$2,850.00 E. 2,000-3,000

- 653 田 **2c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O36S).** Bottom right corner selvage block of four, without gum as issued, wide natural straight edge at right, well-centered with the bottom stamps particularly wide margins, Very Fine and choice. 750.00



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- 654 S **7c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O39S).** Top left corner **imprint and plate “No. 119”** strip of seven, without gum as issued, brilliant color and attractive centering, top selvage is slightly trimmed but is still a full 10mm

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE TOP IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER STRIP OF THE 7-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING. THIS IS THE ONLY PLATE NUMBER MULTIPLE WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED.

Full imprint and plate number strips or blocks of any Official Special printing are rare and desirable. When they are found they are nearly always on the 1c or 2c denominations. This 7c Navy strip is in a different category of rarity. Only 501 stamps were sold, which equates to approximately ten possible imprint and plate number multiples, assuming full sheets were exhausted before breaking another sheet. That number also assumes the selvage was retained when the sheets were broken and sold — and since sets of singles were normally furnished that is an optimistic assumption. 11,100.00

- 655 S **7c Ultramarine, Navy, 7c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O39S).** Matching top selvage strips of three, without gum as issued, Navy strip with wide natural straight edge at right, brilliant colors, both strips with light diagonal bend at right, Very Fine and beautiful matched strips, Scott value as singles(Photo Ex) 2,175.00



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- 656 S **10c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O40S).** Without gum as issued, wide margins and outstanding centering, scissor-separated but perfs fully intact, Extremely Fine, very rare in this choice quality, only 112 sold 1,750.00

- 657 S **10c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O40S).**
Without gum as issued, brilliant color, nicely centered
with scissors-separated perfs which are fully intact
except at top, Very Fine, only 112 sold..... 1,750.00



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- 658 S **12c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O41S).**
Without gum as issued, bright color, well-centered,
scissors-separated but perfs are intact, Very Fine and
choice, only 107 sold 1,750.00

- 659 S **12c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O41S).**
Without gum as issued, fresh color, nicely centered,
scissors-separated but perfs essentially intact, Very
Fine and choice, only 107 sold..... 1,750.00



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660EX

- 660 S **15c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O42S).**
Two, without gum as issued, different shades,
brighter shade stamp with staining on back, duller
shade stamp with slightly blunted perfs at bottom
from scissors separation, both centered to left, Fine,
only 107 sold.....(Photo Ex) 3,500.00



661

- 661 S **24c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O43S).** Without gum as issued, exceptional depth of color, wide margins at top and bottom, Very Fine "tall" stamp, only 106 sold.
..... 1,750.00

- 662 S **24c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O43S).** Without gum as issued, deep rich color, filled thins, appears Very Fine, only 106 sold .. 1,750.00



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- 663 S **30c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O44S).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color, choice centering with wide and balanced margins

EXTREMELY FINE GEM. A STUNNING EXAMPLE OF THE 30-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Only 104 were sold and this is one of the two or three best examples we have offered..... 1,750.00

- 664 S **30c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O44S).** Without gum as issued, deep rich color, three wide and balanced margins, ample at left, fresh and Very Fine, only 104 sold 1,750.00



664

- 665 S **30c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O44S).**
 Without gum as issued, huge margins with natural straight edge at right, sealed tear at top, otherwise Extremely Fine, only 104 sold
 1,750.00



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- 666 S **90c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O45S).**
 Without gum as issued, bright color, well-centered with balanced margins
 EXTREMELY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 90-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.
 Only 102 sold. 1,750.00

- 667 S **90c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O45S).**
 Without gum as issued, bright color, well-centered with nicely balanced margins, Very Fine and choice, a beautiful example, only 102 sold 1,750.00



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668

- 668 S **90c Ultramarine, Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O45S).**
 Without gum as issued, bright color, nibbed perf at left, otherwise Very Fine, only 102 of the 90c Navy Special Printing were sold, making it the scarcest of the set 1,750.00

NAVY DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERRORS



669

- 669 S 1c Ultramarine, Navy, "Sepcimen" Error (O35Sa). Positions 21-22/51-52, vertical block of eight with selvage at left, top left stamp the error, without gum as issued, brilliant color, error with three wide margins

FRESH AND FINE. A WONDERFUL BLOCK OF EIGHT OF THE ONE-CENT NAVY SPECIAL PRINTING, CONTAINING THE "SEPCIMEN" ERROR.

Scott value as error block of four and normal block of four. 6,625.00



670

- 670 S 1c Ultramarine, Navy, "Sepcimen" Error (O35Sa). Without gum as issued, bright color, couple short perfs at upper left and tiny margin thin at lower right, appears Very Fine

..... 2,750.00

- 671 S 1c Ultramarine, Navy, "Sepcimen" Error (O35Sa). Without gum as issued, bright color, short perf at left, still Fine, with clear 1971 P.F. certificate..... 2,750.00



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672

- 672 S **2c Ultramarine, Navy, "Sephimen" Error (O36Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, attractive centering and margins

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE SOUND EXAMPLE OF THE 2-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR.

Although the sold quantity of the 2c Navy Special Printing would suggest a fair number of "Sephimen" errors were sold (1,748 stamps, or 18 sheets), the truth is this error is rare and most of the copies available to collectors have faults to varying degrees (two additional copies are in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library). 4,500.00



673

- 673 S **7c Ultramarine, Navy, "Sephimen" Error (O39Sa).** Without gum as issued, toning mostly along perfs

FINE CENTERING AND EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 7-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR.

Only 501 copies of the 7c Navy Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only five errors were sold. Robert Markovits reported four examples of this rarity (2004 Bennett sale), but we are able to locate only three: 1) slightly toned perfs, 1984 Rarities sale (Sale 632, lot 496), **the example offered here**; 2) few scissors-trimmed perfs, ex Lewenthal, Sheriff and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 637); and 3) ex Stone (Sale 728, lot 94) and Markovits.

From our 1984 Rarities sale. With 1967 P.F. certificate..... 10,000.00



674

674 S **10c Ultramarine, Navy, “Sepcimen” Error (O40Sa).** Without gum as issued, exceptionally well-centered, pretty color

EXTREMELY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF THE 10-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR WE RECORD. ONLY 112 STAMPS WERE SOLD IN TOTAL, MAKING THIS ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES OF THE OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

Only 112 copies of the 10c Navy Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. The “Sepcimen” errors come from Position 21 on the sheet, and if full sheets were used, then only two errors were sold. This is the only example we have encountered of this rarity and the P.F. records do not contain any.

Ex Clapp, Pickard, Stone and Sheriff (Sale 752, lot 497, the front cover item). Mooz acquired the stamp in the 1993 Sheriff sale. 17,500.00



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- 675 S **12c Ultramarine, Navy, “Sepcimen” Error (O41Sa).** Without gum as issued, rich color, centered to top right, light horizontal crease at bottom

FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 12-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. ONLY THREE ARE RECORDED.

Only 107 copies of the 12c Special Printing was sold. It is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then no more than two would have been sold, but we record three—the other two were offered in our Inman and Sheriff sales. The Combs book (p. 39) notes that the Worthington collection contained one with a dot in the “1” of “12” and a break in the fifth line of the upper right corner, traits that are exhibited by the example offered in our Inman sale (Sale 1135, lot 638). The book also notes a second example, centered to top right, was offered in a 1946 Harmer sale—it has traits that match both the stamp offered here and the Sheriff copy (Sale 905, lot 3405).

With 1979 P.F. certificate..... 21,000.00



676

- 676 S **15c Ultramarine, Navy, “Sepcimen” Error (O42Sa).** Without gum as issued, rich color, attractive centering and margins, couple slightly short perfs at right

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 15-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. ONLY TWO ARE RECORDED, MAKING THIS ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES OF THE OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

Only 107 copies of the 15c Navy Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. The “Sepcimen” errors come from Position 21 on the sheet, and if full sheets were used, then only two errors were sold, and that is the number we record. The other example is ex F. W. Gilbert (according to Combs book), Lewenthal (where illustrated on front cover), Sheriff (Sale 752, lot 499) and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 639).

With 1986 P.F. certificate..... 16,000.00



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677 S **24c Ultramarine, Navy, “Sepcimen” Error (O43Sa).** Without gum as issued, choice centering and deep rich color, scissors-separated at bottom slightly blunting a few perfs

EXTREMELY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF THE 24-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR WE RECORD. ONLY 106 STAMPS WERE SOLD, MAKING THIS ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES OF THE OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

Only 106 copies of the 24c Navy Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. The “Sepcimen” errors come from Position 21 on the sheet, and if full sheets were used, then only two errors were sold. This is the only example we have encountered of this rarity, and the P.F. records do not contain any.

Ex Clapp, Pickard, Stone and Sheriff (Sale 752, lot 500, where Mooz acquired the stamp in 1993). Pencil provenance notations and small backstamp..... 15,000.00



678

678 S **30c Ultramarine, Navy, “Sepcimen” Error (O44Sa).** Without gum as issued, deep rich color, full to wide margins all around without scissors separation

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF THE 30-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR WE RECORD. ONLY 104 STAMPS WERE SOLD, MAKING THIS ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES OF THE OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

Only 104 copies of the 30c Navy Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. The “Sepcimen” errors come from Position 21 on the sheet, and if full sheets were used, then only two errors were sold. This is the only example we have encountered of this rarity, and the P.F. records do not contain any.

Ex Clapp, Pickard, Stone and Sheriff (Sale 752, lot 501, where Mooz acquired the stamp in 1993). Pencil provenance notations on back..... 17,500.00

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Most of the values of the Post Office Special Printing above 2c were sold in quantities in the 80s and 90s, with the 30c sold in a quantity of only 81. This gives the Post Office set third-place ranking in rarity among the 1c to 90c complete set Official Special Printings.



679EX

679 S **6c-90c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O50S-O56S).** Set of the top seven denominations in **reconstructed pairs**, all horizontal except 12c vertical, without gum as issued, each hinge-rejoined, most sides with full perfs, a few sides affected by scissors separation and a few small flaws to be encountered

FINE-VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE GROUP OF RECONSTRUCTED PAIRS OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Scott value as singles**(Photo Ex)** 22,400.00

680 S **1c-90c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O47S-O56S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, crisp impressions and attractive centering, all stamps with full perfs, a tiny flaw or two may be found but the stamps in this set were individually selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking from among the choicest examples of each denomination

FINE-VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

This set is accompanied by an **original envelope** in which the Special Printings were sold, reading "United States Official Postage Stamps. 1873. Proof Specimens. Post Office Department."**(Photo Ex)** 12,570.00



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681EX

681 S **1c-90c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O47S-O56S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, detailed impressions and attractive centering, nearly all sides with full perfs, a few sides affected by scissors separation, 3c wide natural straight edge, a couple small flaws may be found but the stamps in this set were selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major faults

FINE-VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN ATTRACTIVE AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

.....**(Photo Ex)** 12,570.00

682 S **1c-90c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O47S-O56S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, most sides with full perfs, a few sides affected by scissors separation and a few small flaws to be encountered including 90c edge trimmed

FINE-VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN ATTRACTIVE AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.


.....**(Photo Ex)** 12,570.00



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- 683  **1c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O47S).** Horizontal block of 30 with selvage at left, without gum as issued, toning which is most evident in the top row, few other small faults, Fine appearing and scarce large block, ex Lewenthal..... 2,825.00



684

- 684  **1c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O47S).** Block of 20 in 4 x 5 format, without gum as issued, interpane straight edge at left, otherwise full perfs, intense shade, Fine-Very Fine and attractive large multiple, Scott value as blocks and singles 2,080.00



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- 685 S **2c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O48S).** Without gum as issued, intense shade, unusually choice centering, Extremely Fine 325.00
- 686 S田 **2c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O48S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, bright shade, fresh and Very Fine, ex Huggins 3,250.00
- 687 S田 **2c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O48S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, few perf separations at top hinge-reinforced, top left stamp couple small toned specks, the bottom left stamp is choice, overall Fine-Very Fine 3,250.00



688

- 688 S田 **2c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O48S).** Block of six with **nearly complete top imprint** in selva, without gum as issued, intact perfs at left, bright shade
FINE-VERY FINE. A RARE BLOCK OF THE 2-CENT POST OFFICE SPECIAL PRINTING, SHOWING MOST OF THE IMPRINT AT TOP.
Ex Golden. Scott value as block of four and two singles without premium for the imprint.
..... 3,900.00



689

- 689 S 2c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O48S). Bottom left corner imprint and plate "No. 37" block of 18, without gum as issued, intense shade, attractive centering throughout, bright and fresh

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND EXCEPTIONALLY RARE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF THE 2-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

It would be hard to overstate the rarity of this plate. We have not offered another in the past nearly 30 years of keeping computerized records or in our Rarities sales dating to 1964. The closest we have come is a block of six with most of the imprint that was part of the Golden collection and is offered in lot 688. Scott does not even list an imprint and plate number strip, much less this full plate block.

Scott value \$11,700.00 as ordinary blocks and singles..... E. 7,500-10,000

- 690 S 3c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O49S). Without gum as issued, unusually wide margins and choice centering, crisp impression on bright paper

EXTREMELY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 3-CENT POST OFFICE OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTING.

Only 91 were issued and this is the finest example we have offered since keeping computerized records nearly 30 years ago..... 1,600.00



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- 691 S **3c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O49S).** Without gum as issued, wide and well-balanced margins, scissors-separated at top but perfs fully intact, Very Fine and choice, rare in this condition, only 91 sold..... 1,600.00
- 692 S **6c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O50S).** Without gum as issued, intense shade, well-balanced margins with some slightly blunted perfs at bottom from scissors separation, Very Fine and choice for this scarce stamp, only 87 sold and this is certainly one of the best centered we have encountered 1,600.00
- 693 S **6c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O50S).** Without gum as issued, intense shade, centered to bottom right, fresh and Fine, only 87 sold 1,600.00



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- 694 S **10c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O51S).** Without gum as issued, choice centering and margins, full perfs, intense shade, Extremely Fine, very scarce in this quality, only 177 sold..... 1,000.00
- 695 S **10c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O51S).** Without gum as issued, well-centered, scissors-separated perfs slightly blunted at bottom, still Very Fine, only 177 sold 1,000.00
- 696 S **10c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O51S).** Without gum as issued, attractive margins and centering, single short perf at upper left, appears Very Fine, only 177 sold. 1,000.00

- 697 S **12c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O52S).**
Without gum as issued, huge margins and well-centered, intense shade on bright paper
EXTREMELY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL JUMBO-MARGINED EXAMPLE OF THE 12-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.
Only 93 sold and this is easily the widest margined example we have offered..... 1,600.00



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- 698 S **12c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O52S).**
Without gum as issued, intense shade, well-centered with wide margins, Very Fine and choice, wonderful quality for this scarce stamp, only 93 sold 1,600.00

- 699 S **12c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O52S).**
Without gum as issued, intense shade, attractive margins and centering, fresh and Very Fine, only 93 sold 1,600.00



699



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- 700 S **15c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O53S).**
Without gum as issued, essentially perfect centering, tiny corner repair at bottom right corner or this would probably be the finest example we have encountered, Extremely Fine appearance, only 82 sold, two small backstamps 1,600.00



701

- 701 S **24c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O54S).**
Without gum as issued, three wide and balanced
margins, reperfed at bottom, otherwise Very Fine, only
84 sold..... 1,600.00

- 702 S **30c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O55S).**
Without gum as issued, well-centered and intense
shade, reperfed at right, Very Fine appearance, only
81 sold — the scarcest value of the set 1,600.00



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- 703 S **90c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O56S).**
Without gum as issued, wide and nicely balanced
margins, scissors-separated at top but perfs essentially
intact

EXTREMELY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 90-CENT POST
OFFICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTING.
Only 82 sold..... 1,600.00

- 704 S **90c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O56S).**
Without gum as issued, attractive centering and
margins, two small tears at right, otherwise Very
Fine, only 82 sold..... 1,600.00



704

ONE-CENT POST OFFICE INVERTED OVERPRINT

This is the only invert error among the Officials Special Printings. Although the 1c Post Office stamps were printed from a 200-subject plate, the sheets were divided into panes of 100 before overprinting. Therefore, it is likely that only 100 of the inverted "Specimen" overprints were printed, and we do not know how many were sold. Only a small percentage of 100 have been located.

- 705 S **1c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt., Inverted Ovpt. (O47Sb).** Without gum as issued, decent centering for this with three balanced margins, Fine and attractive 2,500.00



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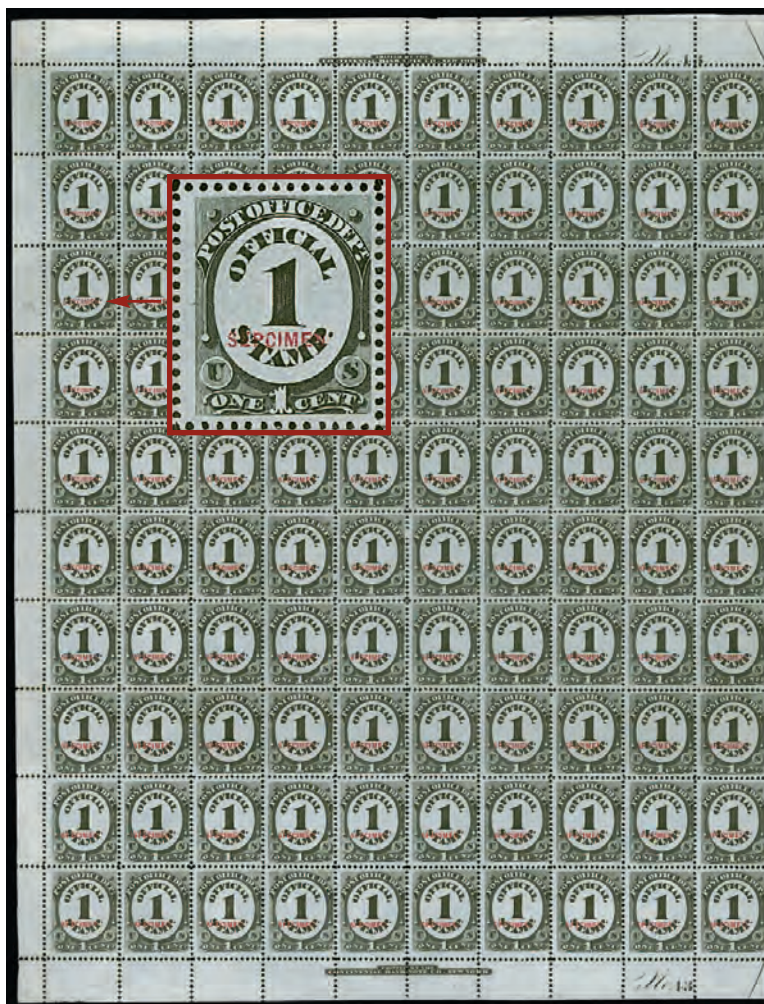
- 706 S **1c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt., Inverted Ovpt. (O47Sb).** Without gum as issued, nicely centered with attractive margins, light corner crease at top right, appears Very Fine..... 2,500.00



707

- 707 S **1c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt., Inverted Ovpt. (O47Sb).** Two stamps, without gum as issued, Mooz had these hinged together as a rejoined horizontal pair, they are close but we are not convinced they belong together, left stamp some extraneous black ink, right stamp thinned in top corners, otherwise Fine 5,000.00

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERRORS



708

708 S 708 1c Black, Post Office, Specimen Ovpt., "Sepcimen" Error (O47S, O47Sa). Complete left pane of 100 with top and bottom imprint and plate "No. 43", full selvage at left and guide line arrow and interpane straight edge at right, without gum as issued, Position 21 the "Sepcimen" error, remarkably fresh and intact

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR COMPLETE PANE OF 100 OF THE ONE-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING, CONTAINING THE "SEPCIMEN" ERROR IN POSITION 21.

According to Mooz, "When the overprint plate was typeset, the compositor made an error in Position 21, by setting the type to read 'Sepcimen' instead of 'Specimen.' Apparently all sheets of the Agriculture, Justice, Navy, Post Office, State and War Departments were overprinted with this plate, and each of these sheets contained the 'Sepcimen' error at Position 21" (*Chronicle* 267, p. 283). This full pane of 100 beautifully illustrates the nature of the error.

With a sold quantity of 6,015 of the 1c Post Office Special Printing, it is possible that 60 "Sepcimen" errors were released, but we do not know how the sheets were divided and sold, whether or not a complete sheet was exhausted before breaking another sheet, or even if stamps were taken from the top portion of the sheet first. Reports of known examples of the 1c "Sepcimen" error indicate a far smaller population than the potential 60 examples referenced above, though the Mooz collection added considerably to the fewer than a dozen we previously estimated.

Most Officials were printed from 100-subject sheets. The 1c Post Office was one of eight denominations across all departments printed from 200-subject sheets. This pane nicely demonstrates the format of the 200-subject sheet, which was divided by a knife between the left and right panes of 100.

Mooz acquired this in a 1986 Siegel sale (Sale 661, lot 1128). Scott value as plate blocks and blocks of four. 24,575.00



709

709 SE 1c Black, Post Office, “Sepcimen” Error (O47Sa). Positions 1-2/11-12/21-22, top left corner selvage block of six, bottom left stamp the error, without gum as issued, intense shade, multiple hinge remnants reinforce some minor perf separations which are mostly confined to the selvage

FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE ONE-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR IN A CORNER MARGIN BLOCK OF SIX.

With a sold quantity of 6,015 of the 1c Post Office Special Printing, it is possible that 60 “Sepcimen” errors were sold, but we do not know how the sheets were divided and sold, whether or not a complete sheet was exhausted before breaking another sheet, or even if stamps were taken from the top portion of the sheet first. Reports of known examples of the 1c “Sepcimen” error indicate a far smaller population than the potential 60 examples referenced above, though the Mooz collection added considerably to the fewer than a dozen we previously estimated.

Scott value as error block of four..... 7,000.00

710 S 1c Black, Post Office, “Sepcimen” Error (O47Sa). Positions 21/31/41, vertical strip of three, top stamp the error, without gum as issued, intense shade, interpane straight edge at left

FINE AND RARE EXAMPLE OF THE ONE-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR IN A MULTIPLE WITH TWO NORMAL STAMPS.

With a sold quantity of 6,015 of the 1c Post Office Special Printing, it is possible that 60 “Sepcimen” errors were sold, but we do not know how the sheets were divided and sold, whether or not a complete sheet was exhausted before breaking another sheet, or even if stamps were taken from the top portion of the sheet first. Reports of known examples of the 1c “Sepcimen” error indicate a far smaller population than the potential 60 examples referenced above, though the Mooz collection added considerably to the fewer than a dozen we previously estimated.

Scott value as single. 3,250.00



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712

711 S 1c Black, Post Office, “Sepcimen” Error (O47Sa). Without gum as issued, interpane straight edge at left, tiny toned spot, still Fine and attractive example of this error..... 3,250.00

712 S 1c Black, Post Office, “Sepcimen” Error (O47Sa). Without gum as issued, interpane straight edge at left, tiny corner perf tip crease at lower right, appears Very Good 3,250.00



713

713 田 2c Black, Post Office, “Specimen” Error (O48Sa). Positions 1-4/11-14/21-24, top left corner selvage block of twelve with “Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co. New York” imprint, bottom left stamp the error, without gum as issued, intense shade, exceptionally fresh and well-centered

EXTREMELY FINE. POSSIBLY ONLY SIX OF THE 2-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT “SPECIMEN” ERROR WERE SOLD. THIS CORNER MARGIN IMPRINT BLOCK OF TWELVE WITH THE ERROR IS UNIQUE AND ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES OF THE SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

The reported sold quantity of the 2c Post Office Special Printing is 590, which logically equates to only six sheets and six “Specimen” errors. However, we do not know how the sheets were divided and sold, or whether a complete sheet was exhausted before breaking another sheet, so the quantity of six cannot be proven. However, if our sale history is any guide, six examples may even be an overstatement, as this block and the single offered in lot 714 are the only examples contained in Power Search and our Rarities sales dating to 1964. The online records of The Philatelic Foundation do not contain any examples.

Ex Stone and Sheriff (Sale 752, lot 506, where acquired by Mooz in 1993). Scott value as error block of four, normal block and singles, without premium for the imprint..... 34,550.00



714

- 714 S **2c Black, Post Office, “Sepcimen” Error (O48Sa).** Without gum as issued, intense shade, three wide margins, small sealed tear at upper right and clipped corner perf at bottom left

VERY FINE CENTERING AND EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 2-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR.

The reported sold quantity of the 2c Post Office Special Printing is 590, which logically equates to only six sheets and six “Sepcimen” errors. However, we do not know how the sheets were divided and sold, or whether a complete sheet was exhausted before breaking another sheet, so the quantity of six cannot be proven. However, if our sale history is any guide, six examples may even be an overstatement, as this block and the single offered in lot 713 are the only examples contained in Power Search and our Rarities sales dating to 1964. The online records of The Philatelic Foundation do not contain any examples.

15,000.00



715

- 715 S **10c Black, Post Office, “Sepcimen” Error (O51Sa).** Without gum as issued, intense shade, three wide margins and just in at top

FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF THE 10-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR WE RECORD. ONLY 177 STAMPS WERE SOLD IN TOTAL, MAKING THIS ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES OF THE SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

Only 177 copies of the 10c Post Office Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. The “Sepcimen” errors come from Position 21 on the sheet, and if full sheets were used, then only two errors were sold. This is the only example we have encountered of this rarity and the P.F. records do not contain any.

Ex Clapp, Pickard, Stone and Sheriff (Sale 752, lot 503, where acquired by Mooz in 1993). 15,000.00



716

716 S **24c Black, Post Office, “Sepcimen” Error (O54Sa).** Without gum as issued, centered to bottom right, small faults including a light scuff at top right

FINE CENTERING. ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 24-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. ONE OF THE GREAT RARITIES OF THE ISSUE.

Only 84 copies of the 24c Post Office Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. Two examples are known, which supports the theory that in some instances sheets were cut apart in advance and were sold before each sheet was exhausted. The other recorded example of this error is ex Stone and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 653).

Illustrated in the Combs book. Ex Lewenthal and Sheriff (Sale 752, lot 505, where Mooz acquired the stamp in 1993) 22,000.00

STATE DEPARTMENT

- 717 S **1c-90c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S-O67S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, rich colors, all with full perfs and a number well-centered, a couple tiny flaws may be found including 90c small corner crease, but this set was compiled from a large group owned by Mooz, picking from among the choicest appearing examples of each denomination, Very Fine set.....(Photo Ex) 4,287.50



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718EX

- 718 S **1c-90c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S-O67S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, rich colors, all with full perfs and a number well-centered, a couple tiny flaws may be found but this set was compiled from a large group owned by Mooz, picking from among the choicest appearing examples of each denomination, Very Fine set.....(Photo Ex) 4,287.00

- 719 S **1c-90c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S-O67S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, rich colors, all with full perfs and a few well-centered, a couple small flaws may be found but this set was selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major flaws, Fine-Very Fine set(Photo Ex) 4,287.00



719EX



720EX

- 720 S **1c-90c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S-O67S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, rich colors, nearly all sides with full perfs and a few decent centering, some small flaws but this set was selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major flaws, Fine-Very Fine set....(Photo Ex) 4,287.00



721EX

- 721 S **1c-90c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S-O67S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, rich colors, nearly all sides with full perfs, some small flaws may be found but this set was selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major flaws, Fine-Very Fine set.....(Photo Ex) 4,287.00



722EX

- 722 S **1c-90c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S-O67S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, rich colors, all with full perfs and a few well-centered, some small flaws may be found but this set was selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major flaws, Fine-Very Fine set(Photo Ex) 4,287.00



723EX

- 723 S **1c-90c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S-O67S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, rich colors, all with full perfs and a few well-centered, 2c with Jumbo margins and selvage, some small flaws may be found but this set was selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major flaws, Fine-Very Fine set(Photo Ex) 4,287.00



724EX

- 724 S **1c-90c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S-O67S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, rich colors, mostly full perfs, some small flaws to be found, Fine set(Photo Ex) 4,287.00



725EX



726EX

- 725 S **1c-2c, 12c, 30c State, Varieties (O57Sc, O57xS, O58Sa, O63S, O66S).** 11 stamps, without gum as issued, solid range of varieties including 2c "Specimen" Error (O58Sa), five 1c Ribbed Paper Dotted "i" (O57Sc), three 1c Soft Porous Paper showing different varieties in the fonts (O57xS), also 12c double transfer, 30c dot under "T", faults essentially throughout or some of these would be individual lots, overall Fine and interesting group, especially desirable with the "Specimen" error, which is quite elusive by itself(Photo Ex) 7,440.00
- 726 田 **1c Bluish Green and Yellow Green, State, Hard Paper and Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O57s, O57xS).** Blocks of four of each, without gum as issued, nicely showing the very different shades of Green when placed side by side, few minor perf separations, Fine..(Photo Ex) 2,750.00



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- 727 田 **1c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S).** Block of 15 in 5 x 3 format, without gum as issued, brilliant color, a number of stamps choice centering, faint toning between perfs of pos. 2-3 and at top of pos. 5, the rest Very Fine 727.50
- 728 田 **1c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S).** Block of 12 in 3 x 4 format with selvage at left, without gum as issued, bright color, fresh and Very Fine multiple..... 640.00



729

- 729 S 1c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Dotted “i” in “Specimen” (O57Sb, O57Sc). Horizontal block of 18 with additional block of four hinge-rejoined at right (appears to belong), without gum as issued, sixth stamp in top row **Small Dotted “i” variety**, Fine, the Small Dotted “i” stamps come from Positions 7 and 26, this multiple is large enough to demonstrate that the “i” stamp here is from Position 26 2,240.00



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- 730 S 1c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Dotted “i” in “Specimen” (O57Sc). Without gum as issued, attractive centering, slightly nibbed perf at right, still Very Fine 650.00
- 731 S 1c Yellow Green, State, Soft Porous, Specimen Ovpt. (O57xS). Block of four, American Bank Note Co. printing with **mixed font**, including the bottom right stamp showing the last five letters of the overprint lower than the rest, without gum as issued, fresh color and well-centered, Very Fine-Extremely Fine, the top left stamp is particularly choice 2,500.00
- 732 S 1c Yellow Green, State, Soft Porous, Specimen Ovpt. (O57xS). Block of four, American Bank Note Co. printing with **mixed font**, including slightly different alignment of the letters of the overprint, without gum as issued, fresh color and well-centered, Very Fine. 2,500.00
- 733 S 1c Yellow Green, State, Soft Porous, Specimen Ovpt. (O57xS). Block of four, American Bank Note Co. printing with **mixed font**, showing quite different thicknesses of the letters than the previous lot, without gum as issued, fresh color, Fine 2,500.00



734

- 734 S **1c Yellow Green, State, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O57xS).** American Bank Note Co. printing, bottom left corner **imprint and plate "No. 55"** strip of eight, without gum as issued, mixed font with the overprint showing variation in the size of letters, rich color, perf separations reinforced including left stamp separated and rejoined to the strip, still Fine and very rare position multiple, ex Ehrenberg ("Crystal") and Sheriff..... 3,360.00



735

- 735 S **1c Yellow Green, State, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O57xS).** American Bank Note Co. printing, top left corner **full imprint block** of eight, without gum as issued, mixed font with the overprint showing variation in the size of letters, rich color, well-centered essentially throughout, couple small h.r. reinforcements, bottom right stamp faint corner bend, small thins, Very Fine appearance, ex Lewenthal and Huggins, Scott value as two blocks of four without premium for the imprint 5,000.00



736

736 田 **1c Yellow Green, State, Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O57xS).** Complete sheet of 100 with **top and bottom imprint and plate "No. 55"**, without gum as issued, deep rich color, mixed font of the overprint showing variation in letter size and position, some perf separations as would be expected, in particular between the 7th and 8th rows, some nicks or other faults at edges of selva

FINE-VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE COMPLETE SHEET OF 100 OF THE ONE-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. 1881 SPECIAL PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER.

The 1c State on soft paper is much more elusive than its counterpart on hard paper, with 1,672 soft paper stamps sold (O57xS) versus 10,000 hard paper (O57S) and 10,000 on ribbed paper (O57Sb). The choice imprint block of eight offered in lot 735 (ex Huggins) was until now the largest multiple of which we were aware. This complete sheet of 100 surpasses that by a substantial margin and is a great rarity of the Special Printings. 57,440.00



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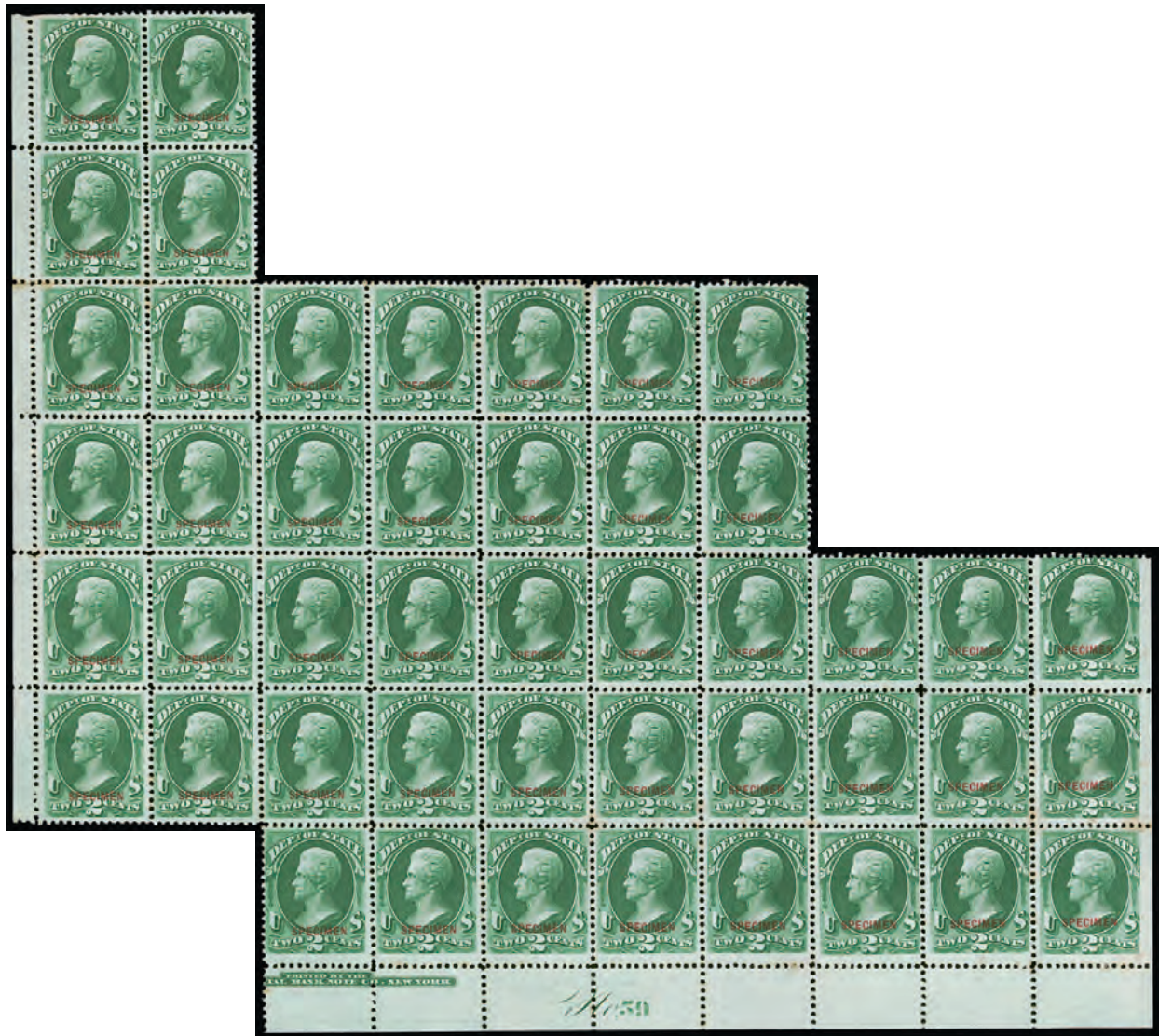
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- 737 S田 **2c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O58S).** Block of four with narrow left selvage, without gum as issued, bright and fresh, Very Fine, ex Huggins..... 850.00
- 738 S田 **2c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O58S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, fresh color and paper, nicely centered, Very Fine 850.00
- 739 S田 **2c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O58S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, fresh color and well-centered, Very Fine 850.00




740

- 740 S田 **2c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O58S).** Block of six with top plate "No. 59" selvage, without gum as issued, bright and fresh, Fine-Very Fine, a lovely and scarce block with plate number, Scott value as block of four and two singles without premium for the plate number 1,030.00



741

- 741  **2c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O58S).** Irregular block of 46 with **part imprint and plate "No. 59"** bottom selvage, without gum as issued, toning in a number of places between perfs but some stamps are unaffected, Fine-Very Fine appearance and rare, there are no known blocks of four of the regularly issued 2c State Department stamp (O58), Scott value as blocks of four and singles without premium for the part imprint and plate number (plate blocks for this issue are not even listed)..... 8,550.00



742

- 742 S **3c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O59S).** Bottom imprint and plate “No. 70” strip of five, without gum as issued, minor selva faults and selva perf separations between pos. 3 and 4, appears Fine, the 3c State was issued in higher quantities (793 stamps) than the other departments (apart from the common Executive) but is still very rare as an imprint and plate number multiple, this is the only example we have encountered, ex Sheriff, unlisted in Scott E. 500-750



743



744

- 743 S **3c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O59S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, bright color, couple short perfs at top right, still Fine, the 3c State was issued in higher quantities (793 stamps) than the other departments (apart from the common Executive) but is still rare as a block, outside of the Mooz collection we have not encountered any others, listed but unpriced in Scott, value as singles 560.00
- 744 S **3c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O59S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, bright color, fresh and Fine, the 3c State was issued in higher quantities (793 stamps) than the other departments (apart from the common Executive) but is still rare as a block, outside of the Mooz collection we have not encountered any others, ex Lewenthal, listed but unpriced in Scott, value as singles..... 560.00

- 745 S **7c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O61S).** Without gum as issued, with bottom plate no. 112 selva, tiny fault at upper left, Fine appearance and scarce with the plate number, Scott value as normal 175.00



745

NOTE CONCERNING 7-CENT STATE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER MULTIPLES

Full imprint and plate number strips or blocks of any Official Special Printing are rare and desirable. When they are found they are nearly always the 1c or 2c denominations. These 7c State multiples are in a different category of rarity. 791 stamps were sold, which equates to approximately 16 possible imprint and plate number multiples, assuming full sheets were exhausted before breaking another sheet. That number also assumes the selvage was retained when the sheets were broken and sold—and since sets of singles were normally furnished, that is an optimistic assumption. These are the only 7c State multiples of any kind we have offered with an imprint or plate number.



746

746 S **7c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O61S).** Top strip of six with imprint and plate “No. 112”, without gum as issued, brilliant color, tiny inclusion speck in left stamp mentioned for accuracy

FINE AND VERY RARE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER STRIP OF THE 7-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Unlisted in Scott... E. 3,000-4,000



747

747 田 **7c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O61S).** Block of 30 with imprint and plate “No. 112” block of 12 at bottom, without gum as issued, the block of 30 is separated and hinge-rejoined **above** the plate block of 12 — meaning the plate block is fully intact and complete, there is also an additional block of four hinge-rejoined at right which may or may not belong and is immaterial (we recommend removing it for a \$1,500.00 catalogue additional block), bright color, bottom selvage with light creases, top block of 18 with some faint toning between perfs—which is absent on the plate block—no doubt because these two pieces were long-ago separated and later reunited by Mooz

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF 12 OF THE 7-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING, WITH ADDITIONAL BLOCKS OF 18 AND FOUR.

This is the only plate block of this issue we have encountered and apart from the imprint and plate number strip offered in lot 746, this is also the only 7c State multiple of any kind we have offered with an imprint or plate number

Unlisted in Scott. Just the component pieces without regard to the imprint and plate number have a Scott value of \$11,550.00..... E. 7,500-1,000



748



749

- 748 S 7c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt (O61S). Block of twelve, without gum as issued, small bit of selvage at right, beautifully centered, top right stamp tiny tear, accompanying certificate also notes bottom right block of four with "small toned spots", which are limited to a single spot in the top right perfs of the top right stamp

EXTREMELY FINE AND RARE LARGE MULTIPLE OF THE 7-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

With 1997 P.F. certificate, Scott value as blocks and singles. 3,700.00

- 749 S 7c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O61S). Block of four, without gum as issued, bright color, Fine..... 1,500.00



750



751



752

- 750 S 24c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O65S). Without gum as issued, choice centering and margins, brilliant color, Extremely Fine, only 253 sold..... 600.00
- 751 S 24c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O65S). Without gum as issued, bright color, scissors-separated at bottom but perfs essentially intact, Very Fine, only 253 sold 600.00
- 752 S 90c Bluish Green, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O67S). Two stamps, without gum as issued, Mooz had these hinged together as a rejoined scissors-separated horizontal pair, they are close but we remain unconvinced they belong together, the left stamp repaired at top and some trimmed perfs, right stamp some blunted perfs from the scissors separation, otherwise Fine..... 1,200.00

\$2.00 STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING
ONE OF APPROXIMATELY 20 KNOWN EXAMPLES



753

- 753 S **\$2.00 Green & Black, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O68SD).** Unused (no gum), with wide margins and nicely centered, bright and fresh in every respect
VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF THE RARE \$2.00 STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING. ONLY 32 WERE SOLD.
Only 32 of the \$2.00 State Department Special Printing were sold. Markovits estimated that approximately 20 are known (Bennett sale).
With 1985 P.F. certificate. 15,000.00

\$5.00 STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING
ONE OF SEVEN RECORDED EXAMPLES



754

754 S **\$5.00 Green & Black, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O69S).** Without gum as issued, bright color and detailed impressions, margin faults at right with a couple pulled perfs and an enhanced perf tip

FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE \$5.00 STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING. ONLY TWELVE WERE SOLD AND OUR CENSUS CONTAINS ONLY SEVEN STAMPS, OF WHICH SIX ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS.

Only 12 of the \$5.00 State Department Special Printing were sold. Our census, available at <https://siegelauctions.com/census/us/scott/O69S>, contains seven stamps, including one in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library, leaving six available to collectors. Of those six, only one is sound (O69S-UNC-01).

Census no. O69S-UNC-06. With clear 1951 P.F. certificate issued to Edward Stern. 67,500.00



755

\$10.00 STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING ONE OF FIVE RECORDED EXAMPLES

755 S **\$10.00 Green & Black, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O70S).** Without gum as issued, bright color and detailed impressions, well-centered with attractive margins

VERY FINE. A PHENOMENAL EXAMPLE OF THE \$10.00 STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING WITH AN IMPECCABLE PROVENANCE. THIS EXAMPLE WAS PART OF THE SET PURCHASED FROM THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE BY PAUL LIETZOW OF GERMANY, AND WAS BOUGHT BY ROBERT LEWENTHAL IN 1953. ONLY EIGHT WERE SOLD AND OUR CENSUS CONTAINS ONLY FIVE, OF WHICH THREE ARE SOUND.

Paul Lietzow was a German collector/dealer who displayed his collection in one of the first philatelic exhibitions in Germany. The first was held in April 1870 and featured one person's collection. Lietzow exhibited his collection in July 1877 in Berlin for the benefit of wounded soldiers. His collection at the time comprised 6,200 stamps housed in six large volumes, quite an achievement for the time. In 1880 and 1882 he published handbooks on philately, one of which was a precursor to the Scott Catalogue. The idea of exhibitions and handbooks was to increase the appeal of stamp collecting, which was widely seen as suitable only for schoolboys and not worthy of serious pursuit.

Lietzow was an enthusiastic purchaser of high-denomination stamps through the Special Printing program. He is the only purchaser of the \$36.00 (two), \$48.00 and \$60.00 Newspaper Special Printings, and also purchased two each of the \$9.00 and \$12.00 values. The Combs book notes the Lietzow set of dollar-value State departments was purchased by Lewenthal from a German dealer in 1953. They were offered as single lots and then as a set in the 1978 Simmy's auction of the Lewenthal collection, where they were acquired by Leonard Sheriff. They were offered individually in the 1993 Siegel Sheriff sale, where they were dispersed to different buyers.

Only eight of the \$10.00 State Department Special Printing were sold. Our census shown below, available at <https://siegelauctions.com/census/us/scott/O70S>, contains five stamps. Of those, only three are sound, including the stamp offered here.

Census no. O70S-UNC-03. Ex Lietzow, Lewenthal, Sheriff and Markovits. Illustrated on p. 29 of *U.S. Departmental Specimen Stamps* by W. V. Combs. 100,000.00

CENSUS OF \$10.00 STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING (SCOTT O70S)



Census No. O70S-UNC-01
Sale History Christie's 6/12/1991
Certification Inman, RAS 9/15/2016
Petersen, RAS 4/29/2021
PFC 241741 "Genuine"



O70S-UNC-02
PFC 142612 "Genuine"



O70S-UNC-03
Paul Lietzow (purchased directly from Post Office)
Lewenthal, Simmy 1/18/1978
Sheriff, RAS 10/1/1993
Markovits, MBA 2/7/2004
Lot 755 in this sale



O70S-UNC-04
Sinkler, Ward 3/8/1940
RAS, 10/18/1972
RAS, 9/21/1983
RAS, 12/12/2005
PFC 125062 "Genuine, two small thin spots"



O70S-UNC-05
RAS 9/14/1990

\$20.00 STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING
ONE OF FIVE RECORDED EXAMPLES



756

756 S **\$20.00 Green & Black, State, Specimen Ovpt. (O71S).** Without gum as issued, scissors-separated at right trimming perfs, the paper is sound but the “Specimen” overprint has been removed (it is visible under ultraviolet light)

DESPITE THE REMOVAL OF THE “SPECIMEN” OVERPRINT, THIS IS STILL ONE OF THE RAREST STAMPS IN UNITED STATES PHILATELY. ONLY FIVE EXAMPLES OF THE \$20.00 STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING ARE RECORDED, FOUR OF WHICH RETAIN THE “SPECIMEN” OVERPRINT.

Official records note that seven of the \$20.00 State Department Special Printings were sold. Our census, available at <https://siegelauctions.com/census/us/scott/O71S>, contains five stamps. We record four examples of the \$20.00 with the “Specimen” overprint and this stamp with the overprint skillfully removed. Since the underlying stamp is on hard white paper without gum, it is still identifiable as one of the original seven 1875 Special Printing stamps sold. The word “Specimen” can be seen under ultraviolet light.

Census no. O71S-UNC-05. With 2019 P.F. and P.S.E. certificates. Scott value \$145,000.00
..... E. 15,000-20,000

STATE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERRORS

- 757 S **1c Bluish Green, State, "Sepcimen" Error (O57Sa).** Without gum as issued, deep rich color, centered to top as are many if not most examples, tiny corner perf tip crease at bottom left, still fresh and Fine example 2,500.00



757



- 758 S **1c Bluish Green, State, "Sepcimen" Error (O57Sa).** Without gum as issued, rich color, tiny narrow central thin evident only in fluid, appears Fine. 2,500.00

758



759

- 759 S **1c Bluish Green, State, "Sepcimen" Error and Dotted "i" in "Specimen" (O57Sa, O57Sc).** One of each, without gum as issued, the "Sepcimen" error actually quite well-centered for this (they are very often centered strongly to top) but overall light toning, Very Fine appearance, the Dotted "i" with a horizontal crease, Fine appearance 3,150.00



760

- 760 S **2c Bluish Green, State, "Sepcimen" Error (O58Sa).** Without gum as issued, quite well-centered for this, rich color, couple short perfs, appears Very Fine, a surprisingly scarce error given the 5,145 copies sold of the 2c State, Markovits estimated only 7 to 10 extant (2004 Bennett sale), we believe there are few more than that and there are also two copies in The New York Public Library's Miller collection 2,500.00



761

- 761 **2c Bluish Green, State, "Specimen" Error (O58Sa).** Positions 11-12/21-22, block of four, bottom left stamp the error, without gum as issued, rich color, the error with wide margins and centered a bit to top (as are most copies), h.r. reinforcing a couple minor perf separations

VERY FINE. A CHOICE SOUND EXAMPLE OF THE 2-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR. EXTREMELY RARE IN A BLOCK WITH NORMAL STAMPS.

Markovits estimated only 7-10 examples of this error extant (2004 Bennett sale), which probably does not include two copies in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library. We believe there are a few more than that. Most of the copies in Power Search have at least a small flaw and are centered to top or top right. This is the only block of four we have offered and it is extremely rare in this format (Markovits had a different block which he believed to be unique). The prices in the Scott Catalogue bear this out, as a single is valued at \$2,500.00, while the error block is valued at seven-times the price of a single.

Pencil notations on back indicating "W. H. Hays" collection. 17,500.00

- 762 **3c Bluish Green, State, "Specimen" Error (O59Sa).** Positions 1-2/11-12/21-22, block of six with corner selvage and **part imprint at top**, bottom left stamp the error, without gum as issued, bright color, error stamp with a couple slightly blunted perfs at bottom, light pencil numeral notation in selvage

FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE IF NOT UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF THE 3-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR IN A CORNER SELVAGE BLOCK OF SIX. ONLY APPROXIMATELY TEN EXAMPLES ARE KNOWN.

Only 793 copies of the 3c State Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only eight errors would have been sold, but we believe there are slightly more than that, lending credence to the theory that in some instances sheets were cut apart in advance and were sold before each sheet was exhausted. We are aware of at least ten copies, including one in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library, this block and the single offered in lot 763. Among the examples we record, about half have a small fault. We are not aware any other blocks.

Scott value for an error block of four, without premium for the additional stamps or part imprint. 11,000.00



762



763

- 763 S **3c Bluish Green, State, "Sepcimen" Error (O59Sa).** Without gum as issued, three extra wide margins to clear at top, deep rich color

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 3-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR. APPROXIMATELY TEN EXAMPLES ARE KNOWN.

Only 793 copies of the 3c State Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only eight errors would have been sold, but we believe there are slightly more than that, lending credence to the theory that in some instances sheets were cut apart in advance and were sold before each sheet was exhausted. We are aware of at least ten copies, including one in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library, this example and the block offered in lot 762. Among the examples we record, about half have a small fault.

Ex Lewenthal. With 1985 P.F. certificate..... 7,000.00



764

- 764 S **6c Bluish Green, State, "Sepcimen" Error (O60Sa).** Without gum as issued, rich color, centered to top right but complete perfs all around

FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 6-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR. WE RECORD ONLY FOUR EXAMPLES, INCLUDING ONE IN AN INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTION.

Only 467 copies of the 6c State Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only five errors were sold. We record four: 1) sound, ex Sheriff, Markovits and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 670); 2) sound, **the example offered here**; 3) apparently sound, Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library; and 4) apparently sound, P.F. certificate no. 4998. 12,500.00



765

765 S **7c Bluish Green, State, "Sepcimen" Error (O61Sa).** Positions 21-22, horizontal pair with selvage at left, left stamp the error, without gum as issued, bright color, error stamp with extra wide margins

VERY FINE AND CHOICE EXAMPLE OF THE 7-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR IN A PAIR WITH A NORMAL STAMP. ONLY SIX ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS.

Only 791 copies of the 7c State Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only eight errors were sold. We record seven, including the two offered in this sale and the stamp in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library.

Ex Stone. With 2004 P.F. certificate. Scott value for single error without premium for the pair format..... 9,000.00



766

766 S **7c Bluish Green, State, "Sepcimen" Error (O61Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, centered to left but all perfs fully intact, central thin spot

FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 7-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR. ONLY SIX ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS.

Only 791 copies of the 7c State Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only eight errors were sold. We record seven, including the two offered in this sale and the stamp in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library.

Ex Stone and Markovits..... 9,000.00



767

767 S **12c Bluish Green, State, “Sepcimen” Error (O63Sa).** Without gum as issued, rich color, centered to top left with scissors-separation slightly blunting some perfs at bottom and lower right

FINE. ONE OF ONLY THREE RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 12-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. A PHENOMENAL RARITY.

Only 280 copies of the 12c State Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only three errors were sold, the number we record: 1) small thins, ex Lewenthal, Sheriff, Markovits and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 673); 2) sound, **the example offered here**; 3) shallow thin spots (P.F. certificate no. 14827). The Combs book also mentions a second ex Lewenthal copy, which could be number 2 or 3 in this list. 19,000.00



768

768 S **24c Bluish Green, State, "Sepcimen" Error (O65Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, top perfs scissors-trimmed

FINE. ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 24-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR. A GREAT RARITY OF THE ISSUE.

Only 253 copies of the 24c State Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only three errors were sold. We record two examples. The other is ex Sheriff and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 674).

Ex Stone and Markovits. 25,000.00



769

769 S **30c Bluish Green, State, “Sepcimen” Error (O66Sa).** Without gum as issued, rich color, centered to top right, some scissors-separation but perfs intact

FINE. ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 30-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. A GREAT RARITY OF THE ISSUE.

Only 249 copies of the 30c State Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only three errors were sold. We record two examples. The other is ex Markovits and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 675).

Ex Stone. With 2003 P.F. certificate..... 27,500.00

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Only 72 of the 90c were sold—the lowest among all the 1c-90c Special Printings, meaning no more than 72 complete Treasury sets can exist. Between 74 to 99 of the other values were sold (excluding the common 1c and slightly more available 2c and 7c), for a total of 646 stamps. This makes the Treasury Department Special Printing one of the two rarest sets overall of the 1c to 90c, along with the Interior Department, of which 635 were sold.



770EX

770 S **1c-90c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O72S-O82S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, deep rich colors and choice centering for these difficult stamps, all with full perfs, a tiny flaw or two may be found but the stamps in this set were individually selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking from among the choicest examples of each denomination

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL COMPLETE SET OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING, INDIVIDUALLY SELECTED FROM A LARGE GROUP FOR CHOICE APPEARANCE. THE TREASURY SET IS ONE OF THE TWO RAREST OF THE "CENTS" VALUES AMONG THE OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

This set is accompanied by an **original envelope** in which the Special Printings were sold, reading "United States Official Postage Stamps. 1873. Proof Specimens. Treasury Department." ..(**Photo Ex**) 14,330.00



771EX

771 S **1c-90c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O72S-O82S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, deep rich colors, a few well-centered and all with full perfs, a few small flaws may be encountered but the stamps in this set were selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major faults

OVERALL FINE-VERY FINE COMPLETE SET OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING — ONE OF THE TWO RAREST OF THE "CENTS" VALUES AMONG THE OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

.....(**Photo Ex**) 14,330.00



772EX

772 S **1c-90c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O72S-O82S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, deep rich colors, a few well-centered and all with full perfs, a few small flaws may be encountered but the stamps in this set were selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major faults

OVERALL FINE-VERY FINE COMPLETE SET OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING — ONE OF THE TWO RAREST OF THE "CENTS" VALUES AMONG THE OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

.....(**Photo Ex**) 14,330.00



773EX

773 S **1c-90c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O72S-O82S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, deep rich colors, margins generally to in on a side but nearly all sides with full perfs, some flaws to be found which are mostly minor

OVERALL FINE APPEARING COMPLETE SET OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING — ONE OF THE TWO RAREST OF THE "CENTS" VALUES AMONG THE OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

.....(**Photo Ex**) 14,330.00

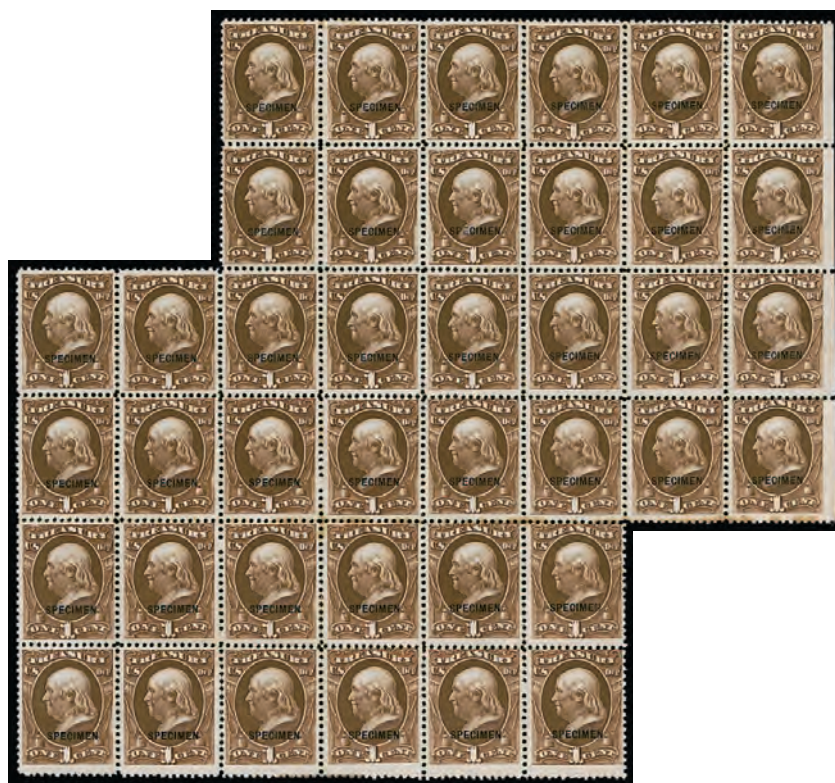


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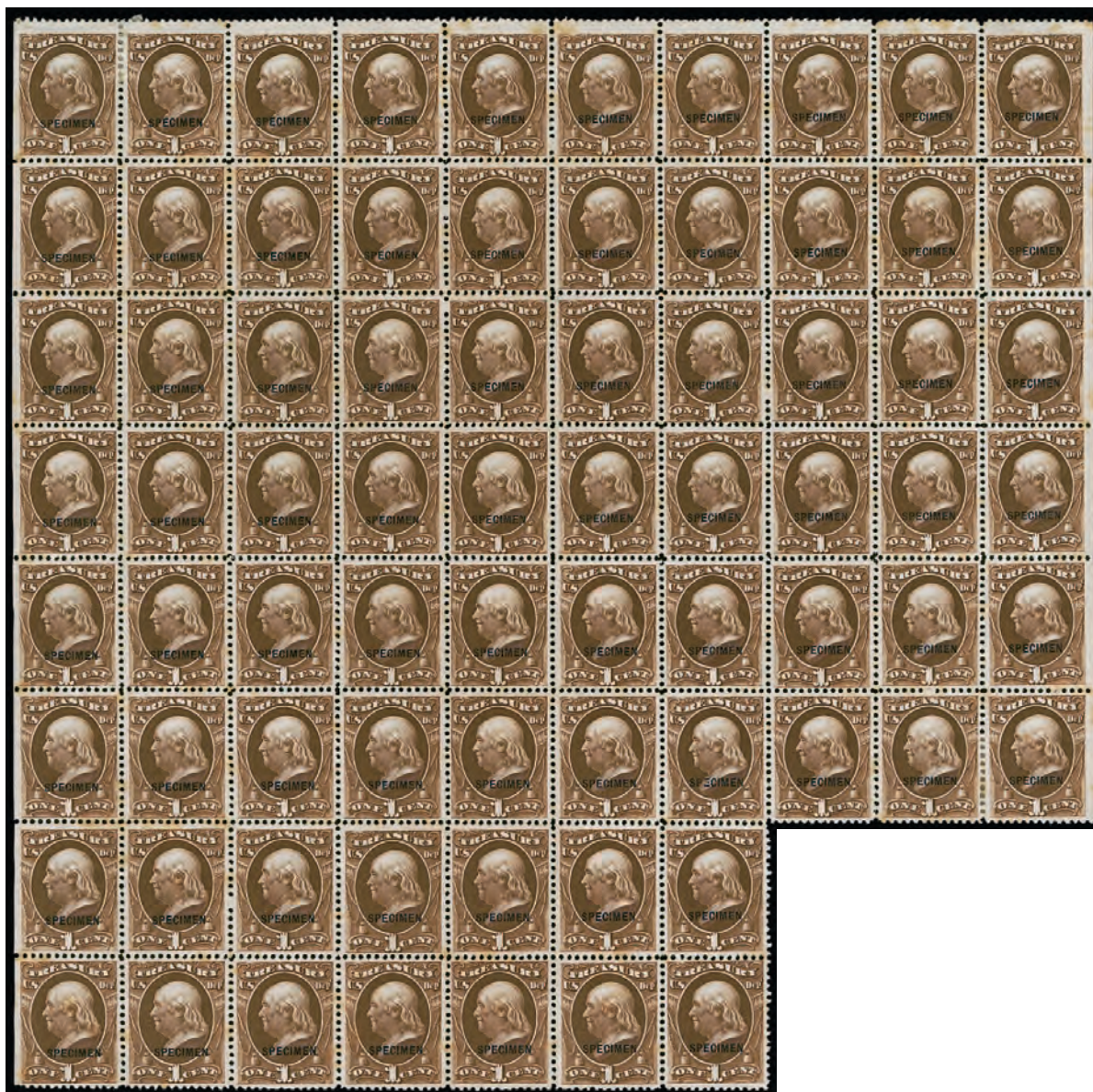
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- 774 S **1c-2c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt., Varieties (O72S).** Six stamps without gum as issued, five are 1c, each identified by Mooz as to the variety, in the linked PDF scan from left to right are (top row) — 1c double transfer at bottom, 1c double transfer at top (Pos. 92), 1c shifted transfer at upper left, 1c shifted transfer at upper left, 1c shifted transfer at bottom; and (bottom row) — 1c faint horizontal guideline in top margin, 2c double transfer at top, some perf faults or other small flaws, Fine appearing group, Scott lists but does not price the 1c double transfers, Scott value as all normal.....(Photo Ex) 850.00
- 775 田 **1c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O72S).** Block of four from the bottom left edge of the right pane showing arrow and guideline in margin at lower left, pencil notations for Positions 81-82R/91-92R, without gum as issued, rich color, some small toning spots in some of the perfs, appears Very Fine, nice position piece..... 975.00



776

- 776 田 **1c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O72S).** Irregular block of 40, without gum as issued, natural straight edge at right, rich color, staining in perfs in a few places but most evident in the horizontal perfs between the block of 12 at bottom and the block of 16 at middle, otherwise Very Fine, an impressive multiple, Scott value as ten blocks of four 9,750.00



777

777 田 **1c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O72S).** Block of 74, without gum as issued, rich color, straight edges at sides, scattered toned spots, most of which are small

FINE-VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A MAGNIFICENT AND EXTREMELY RARE BLOCK OF 74 OF THE ONE-CENT TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

When production of the Officials Special Printings started, Position 21 of the "Specimen" overprint setting was misspelled "Sepcimen." An article by Mooz in the *Chronicle* 267 (pp. 283-290) demonstrated that there were multiple overprint plates used, rather than the "Sepcimen" plate being corrected. None of the Treasury Special Printing values are known with the "Sepcimen" error, as this block containing Position 21 demonstrates. Therefore, the Treasury overprints were executed with a different plate.

Ex Golden. Scott value as blocks of four and singles..... 16,735.00



778



779

- 778 S田 **2c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O73S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, radiant color, straight edge at right, few shortish perfs at left, appears Fine-Very Fine, blocks of this issue are rare, ex Golden..... 3,250.00
- 779 S田 **2c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O73S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, separated and hinge-rejoined, full perfs all around, Fine, Scott value as a block of four is \$3,250.00, value as four singles 1,800.00



780

- 780 S田 **7c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O76S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, deep rich color, some perf separations at top reinforced with h.r. and some slight gum soaks in top perfs from this (could be soaked), nevertheless this is a truly intact block
- FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE 7-CENT TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.
- Many of the multiples in the Mooz collection for denominations above 2c were reconstructed. With the volume of stamps that Mooz amassed over the decades, it was possible in some cases for him to hinge together stamps that had been separated long ago — most likely when the Special Printings were sold. A truly intact block of any denomination above 2c is a rarity for most Departments (the 7c State and War are a bit more available as blocks). This is the only multiple of the 7c Treasury of any size listed in Power Search.
- 9,000.00



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- 781 S **12c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O78S).** Three singles, without gum as issued, Mooz had these hinged together as a reconstructed strip of three but we are not convinced they belong together (the center and right perhaps do), deep rich colors, some scissors-trimmed perfs, still Very Fine trio even as singles**(Photo Ex)** 4,800.00
- 782 S **15c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O79S).** Without gum as issued, wide to huge margins including natural straight edge at right, deep rich color, Extremely Fine, very unusual Jumbo of this issue, only 82 sold 1,600.00
- 783 S **24c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O80S).** Two singles, without gum as issued, Mooz had these hinged together as a reconstructed pair but we are not convinced they belong together, deep rich colors, right stamp thin spot, Fine or appear so 3,200.00
- 784 S **30c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O81S).** Without gum as issued, Jumbo margins and well-centered, full perfs all around, deep rich color
EXTREMELY FINE. AN INCREDIBLE JUMBO EXAMPLE OF THE 30-CENT TREASURY SPECIAL PRINTING.
This is easily the widest-margined example of this scarce stamp we have encountered. Only 74 sold, which is the second lowest of any of the 1c-90c Officials Special Printings (the 90c Treasury has 72 sold). 1,600.00



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- 785 S **90c Dark Brown, Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O82S).** Three stamps hinged together to make an irregular strip, without gum as issued, the hinging is not perfectly precise but it does appear they belong together, faults including right stamp deep thin, bottom stamp several nibbed perfs, top stamp odd ink irregularity at top might be from production, otherwise Fine, only 72 sold, the lowest number of all 1c-90c Special Printings, Scott value as singles 4,950.00

WAR DEPARTMENT

Other than the 1c, 2c and 7c values, between 104 and 119 copies of the War Department Special Printings were sold (the 30c has the smallest sale quantity with 104).

- 786 S **1c-90c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S-O93S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, deep rich colors and choice centering for these difficult stamps, all with full perfs, a tiny flaw or two may be found but the stamps in this set were individually selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking from among the choicest examples of each denomination

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL COMPLETE SET OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING, INDIVIDUALLY SELECTED FROM A LARGE GROUP FOR CHOICE APPEARANCE.

This set is accompanied by an **original envelope** in which the Special Printings were sold, reading "United States Official Postage Stamps. 1873. Proof Specimens. War Department."

.....(Photo Ex) 11,785.00



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- 787 S **1c-90c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S-O93S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, fresh colors, several with good centering and all with full perfs, a few small flaws to be found but the stamps in this set were individually selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major faults

OVERALL FINE-VERY FINE COMPLETE SET OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

.....(Photo Ex) 11,785.00

- 788 S **1c-90c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S-O93S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, rich colors, several with good centering and all with full perfs, a few small flaws to be found but the stamps in this set were individually selected from a large group owned by Mooz, picking examples without obvious or major faults

OVERALL FINE-VERY FINE COMPLETE SET OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

.....(Photo Ex) 11,785.00



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- 789 S **1c-90c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S-O93S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, rich colors, generally Fine centering and with full perfs, some flaws to be found but most are non-obvious

FINE APPEARING COMPLETE SET OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.


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- 790 S 1c-2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S). Horizontal pairs with plate no. selva, without gum as issued, 1c with full bottom "No. 48" plate no., small thin at top, appears Fine, 2c with top "No. 3(5)" plate no. and half arrow, rich color quite different from the 1c, Fine..... E. 200-300
- 791 S 1c-2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S). Blocks of four, without gum as issued, distinctly different shades, 1c bright color and Extremely Fine, 2c natural straight edge at left, much darker rich color and Very Fine 1,775.00
- 792 S 1c-2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S-O84S). Blocks of four, without gum as issued, distinctly different shades, Fine(Photo Ex) 1,775.00
- 793 S 1c-2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S-O84S). Blocks of four, without gum as issued, distinctly different shades, multiple h.r. which could easily be soaked off, Fine(Photo Ex) 1,775.00
- 794 S 1c-2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S-O84S). Blocks of four, without gum as issued, distinctly different shades, 2c bottom stamps with light bend, Fine(Photo Ex) 1,775.00



795


795  **1c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S).** Bottom imprint and plate “No. 48” block of 20, without gum as issued, bright color, couple very light creases and also a natural paper wrinkle extending from imprint selvage into stamp above

FINE. A RARE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF THE ONE-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Ex Combs and Sheriff. Unlisted in Scott as a plate block. E. 2,000-3,000




796

796  **1c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S).** Irregular block of 36, consisting of a horizontal block of 40 with left selvage and missing a block of four at bottom, without gum as issued, rich color, a number with decent centering, perf separations including hinge-rejoined in several places, few other minor flaws, Fine large multiple, Scott value as nine blocks of four 3,375.00




797

- 797  **1c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S).** Horizontal block of 24 with left selvage, without gum as issued, bright color, minor separations, Fine-Very Fine, a beautiful show-piece, ex Sheriff and Dr. Lobdell..... 1,780.00



798


- 798  **1c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S).** Horizontal block of 15, without gum as issued, brilliant color which is a distinctly lighter shade than the other large blocks in the Mooz collection, choice centering, Very Fine-Extremely Fine, an attractive multiple..... 890.00



- 799 ☐ **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, deep rich color, well-centered, fresh and Very Fine 1,400.00
- 800 ☐ **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, pretty pastel color, choice centering, some perf separations at top, Very Fine, ex Lewenthal and Huggins..... 1,400.00
- 801 ☐ **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, rich color, quite well-centered, some perf separations at bottom, still Very Fine 1,400.00
- 802 ☐ **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, rich color, scissors-separated at right with fully intact perfs, separations at top, Very Fine 1,400.00
- 803 ☐ **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, rich color, fresh and Fine 1,400.00
- 804 ☐ **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, rich color, fresh and Fine 1,400.00
- 805 ☐ **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, deep rich color, attractive centering, Fine..... 1,400.00
- 806 ☐ **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Vertical block of six, without gum as issued, deep rich color, Fine-Very Fine 1,650.00



807


- 807  **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Horizontal block of eight, without gum as issued, gorgeous rich color and very choice centering, scissors-separated at right with fully intact perfs

EXTREMELY FINE BLOCK OF EIGHT OF THE 2-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING. RARE IN THIS WONDERFUL QUALITY.

Scott value as two blocks of four 2,800.00



808

- 808  **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Bottom imprint and plate "No. 35" block of 14, natural straight edge with part arrow at left, without gum as issued, bright color and attractive centering

VERY FINE. A FRESH AND BEAUTIFUL IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF THE 2-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Imprint and plate number blocks of any Official Special Printing are rare and this 2c War example is particularly choice. Ex Dr. Burrows..... 9,250.00



809

- 809 S田 **2c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Block of 40 with **bottom imprint and plate “No. 35”** selvage, comprising the bottom four rows of the pane, natural straight edge with part arrow at left, without gum as issued, bright color, choice centering, scissors-separated at right with intact perfs, some perf separations sensibly reinforced along edges, pos. 6 at top natural inclusion which slightly breaks the paper, bottom left stamp tiny corner crease

EXTREMELY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE LARGE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF THE 2-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Ex Lewenthal, Sheriff and Dr. Lobdell. Scott value as plate block of 12 plus blocks of four and singles. 18,150.00



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- 810 S **3c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O85S).** Separated horizontal pair, without gum as issued, full perfs all around, Fine, scarce as any kind of multiple — even a separated one, only 118 sold, Scott value as singles 2,800.00
- 811 S **7c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O87S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, bright shade, Fine-Very Fine and rare block, ex Golden 2,750.00
- 812 S **7c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O87S).** Two blocks of four, first with selvage at left, second with natural straight edge at right, without gum as issued, Fine-Very Fine and nice complementary appearance on a page, blocks of this issue are rare..... 5,500.00



813

- 813 S **7c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O87S).** Block of ten, without gum as issued, radiant color
FRESH AND FINE. A VERY RARE LARGE MULTIPLE OF THE 7-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING. THIS BLOCK OF TEN IS THE LARGEST WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED AND MAY WELL BE THE LARGEST EXTANT.
Ex Dr. Lobdell. Scott value as two blocks of four and two singles..... 6,350.00

- 814 S **10c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O88S).** Without gum as issued, with bottom **part imprint selva**, rich color, Very Fine, only 119 sold..... 1,400.00



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815

- 815 S **10c-12c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O88S-O89S).** Two reconstructed vertical pairs, without gum as issued, each hinged together slightly inaccurately but they both appear to belong, slightly different shades, couple small flaws including bottom 10c stamp pulled perf at bottom, top 12c stamp small stain on back and perf crease, Fine appearance, very scarce multiples — even as reconstructed ones, only 119 and 105 sold respectively, Scott value as singles 5,600.00



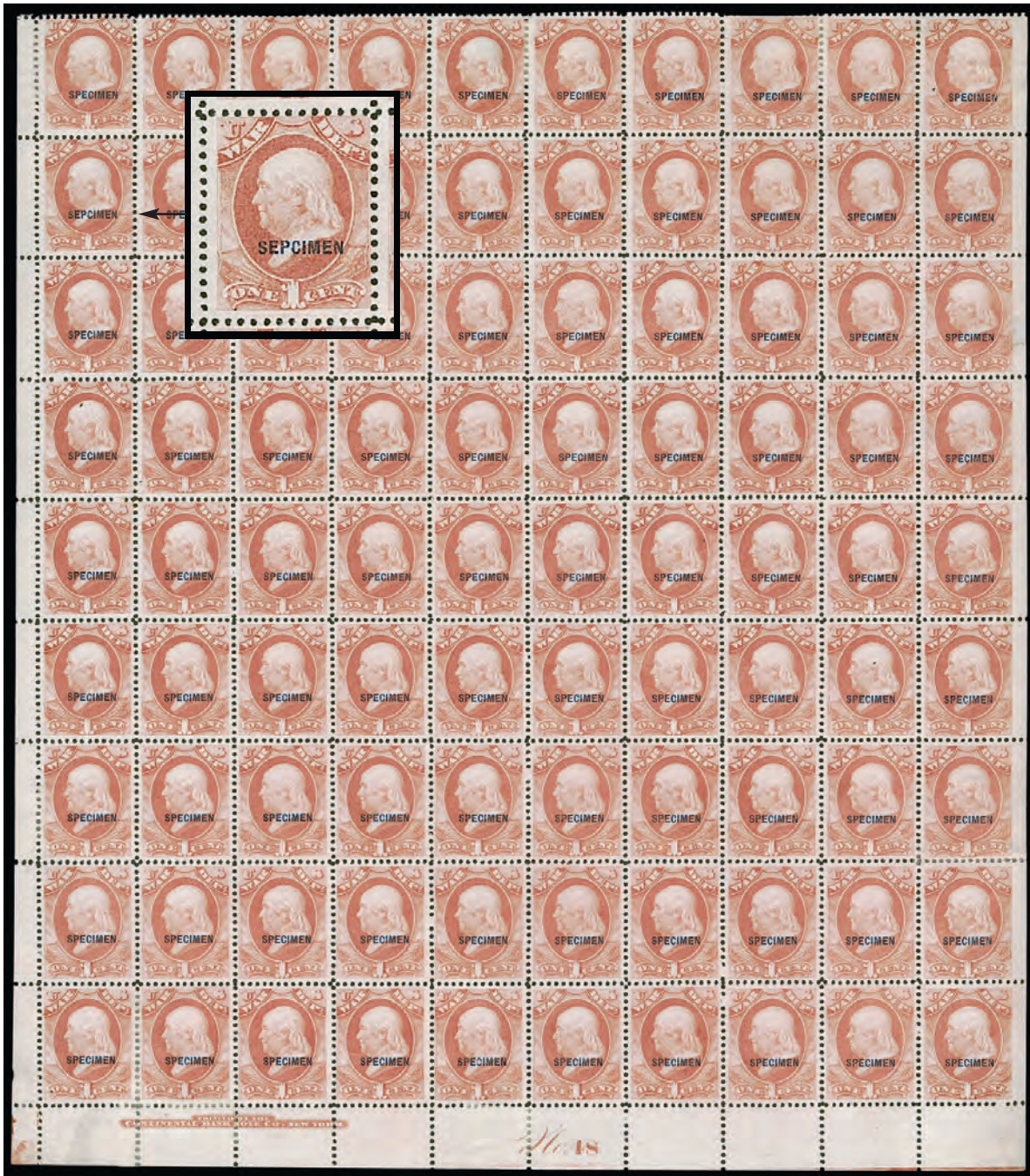
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- 816 S **24c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O91S).** Without gum as issued, dramatic **pre-printing paper fold**, couple short perfs at left, still Fine appearing and unusual variety, only 106 sold..... 1,400.00
- 817 S **90c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt. (O93S).** Two, without gum as issued, Mooz had these hinged together as a rejoined horizontal pair, they are close but we are unconvinced they belong together, also different shades, couple small faults including left stamps small thin spot and right stamp couple short perfs, appear Fine, only 106 sold 2,800.00

WAR DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERRORS



818

818  **1c Deep Rose, War, Specimen Ovpt., "Sepecimen" Error (O83S, O83Sa).** Block of 90, lacking the top row to be a complete sheet, **imprint and plate no. 48** at bottom, Position 21 of the pane the **"Sepecimen" error**, without gum as issued, bright color, choice centering, few reinforced perf separations, few small flaws including one stamp at right sealed tear

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN OUTSTANDING BLOCK OF 90 OF THE ONE-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING WITH THE "SEPCIMEN" ERROR IN POSITION 21.

Ex Dr. Lobdell. Scott value as plate number strip, blocks and singles. 16,065.00




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- 819  **1c Deep Rose, War, "Specimen" Error (O83Sa).** Positions 11-12/21-22, block of four, bottom left stamp the error, without gum as issued, bright color, couple light toned spots including at bottom left of error stamp, which also has a slightly pulled perf at left, otherwise Fine, very rare as a block of four with three normal stamps, we have not offered another block and none are listed in the P.F.'s online database 7,500.00
- 820 S **1c Deep Rose, War, "Sepcimen" Error (O83Sa).** Without gum as issued, selvage at left, pastel color, pulled perf at bottom, appears Fine 3,000.00
- 821 S **2c Deep Rose, War, "Sepcimen" Error (O84Sa).** Without gum as issued, wide natural straight edge at left (stamp comes from Position 21 in the right pane), couple slightly nibbed perfs at top, Fine and rare, it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheet or whether a full sheet was exhausted before starting a new sheet, if full sheets were used then only 16 of this error were sold 3,500.00

- 822  **2c Deep Rose, War, "Sepcimen" Error (O84Sa).** Positions 1-3/11-13/21-23/31-33 from the right pane, block of twelve with **top plate "No. 35" and half arrow selvage**, error stamp is Position 21, without gum as issued, natural straight edge at left, bright color, few h.r., bottom row with horizontal crease not touching the error stamp

FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE BLOCK OF TWELVE OF THE 2-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT "SEPCIMEN" ERROR, INCLUDING THE FULL PLATE "NO. 35" AT TOP.

The 2c and 3c War Department stamps were printed from plates with two panes of 100 subjects, side by side. A straight edge is therefore possible if the error stamp comes from the right pane of 100, as with the example offered here. The other War Department values were printed from plates of 100 subjects and are perforated at the left edge. This is the only example of the 2c "Sepcimen" error listed in Power Search or in the P.F. online records with the full plate number at top. We sold a similar appearing block of eight in our Sale 1003, but it was lacking the right vertical row so the plate number was incomplete (realized \$8,500 hammer).

Scott value as error block of four, plus normal block of four and singles, without premium for the plate number 11,650.00



822



823

823 S **3c Deep Rose, War, “Sepcimen” Error (O85Sa).** Without gum as issued, soft pastel color on fresh paper, centered a bit left but perfs clear, completely sound

FINE. ONE OF TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 3-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. ONE OF THE GREAT RARITIES OF THE OFFICIALS SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

The 3c War Department Special Printing was made from printed sheets of 200, which were divided into panes of 100 before overprinting. Position 21, the “Sepcimen” error, could conceivably come with or without a straight edge, depending on whether the underlying stamp was in the left or right pane (Position 21 Right has a straight edge at left).

Only 118 copies of the 3c War Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only two errors were sold, and that is the number we record. The other example, which has a straight edge at left, is ex Markovits and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 698).

Ex Lewenthal, Sheriff and Dr. Lobdell. With 2010 P.F. certificate. 30,000.00



824

824 S **7c Deep Rose, War, “Sepcimen” Error (O87Sa).** Without gum as issued, well-centered with complete perfs, one nibbed perf at left and color a bit faded

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 7-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING WITH “SEPCIMEN” ERROR.

Only 539 copies of the 7c War Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then only seven errors were sold. We record only three examples, and that is the number listed on the P.F. website as well. The other two are from our 2021 Rarities sale (Sale 1239, lot 654) and ex Inman (Sale 1135, lot 700).

Ex Ehrenberg (“Crystal”). With 1981 P.F. certificate..... 17,500.00



825

825 S **10c Deep Rose, War, “Sepcimen” Error (O88Sa).** Without gum as issued, attractive soft color, wide margins at top and sides, close to barely touching at bottom, slightly shorter perf at left

FINE. AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 10-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING WITH “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. WE RECORD ONLY ONE OTHER EXAMPLE.

Only 119 copies of the 10c War Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then no more than two were sold, the number we record. The other example is ex Inman (Sale 1135, lot 701).

Ex Stone and Dr. Lobdell. With 2010 P.F. certificate. 27,500.00



826

826 S **30c Deep Rose, War, “Sepcimen” Error (O92Sa).** Without gum as issued, rich color, centered slightly to left and tiny thin spot

FINE APPEARANCE. ONE OF TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 30-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. AN IMPORTANT OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTING RARITY.

Only 104 copies of the 30c War Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. If full sheets were used, then no more than two errors were sold, the number we record. The other example is ex Dr. Lobdell and Inman (Sale 1135, lot 705).

Ex Lewenthal and Sheriff (Sale 752, lot 519, where Mooz acquired the stamp in 1993).
With 1993 P.F. certificate 30,000.00

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