

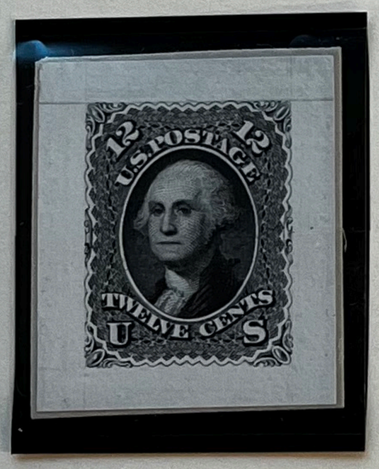
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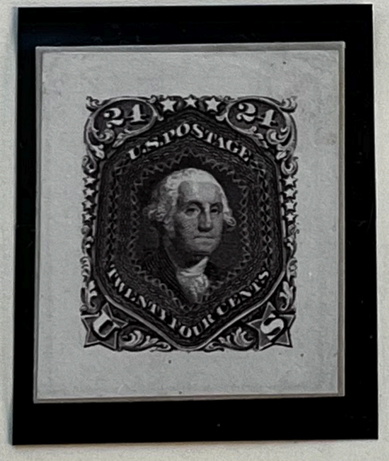






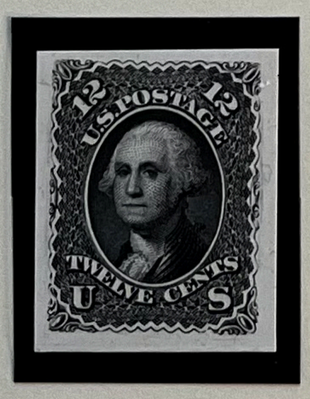






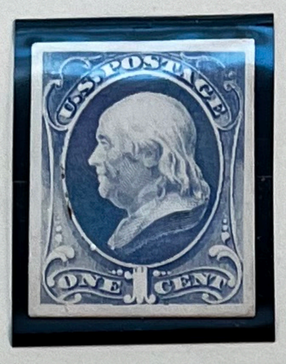


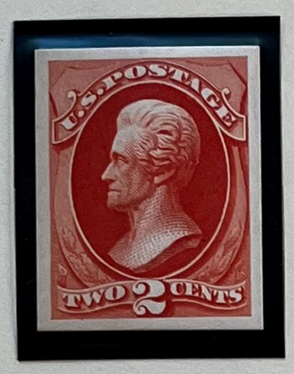


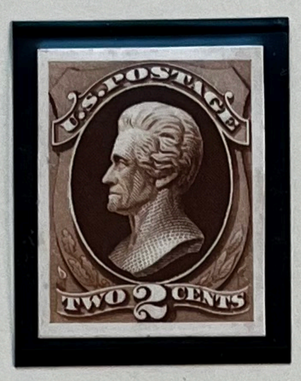


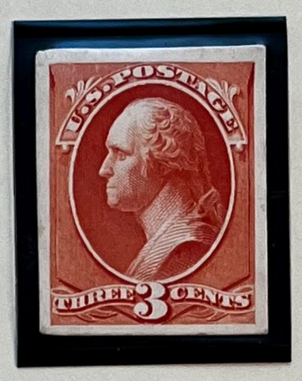


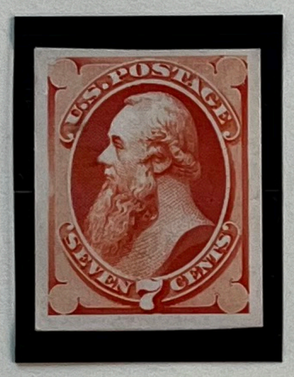
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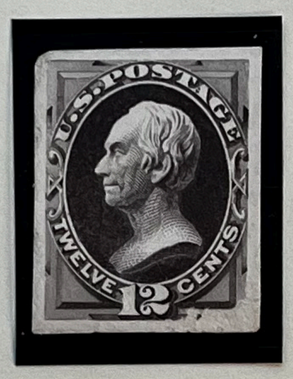




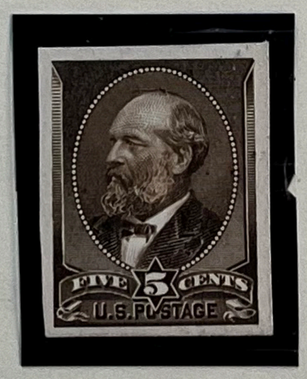










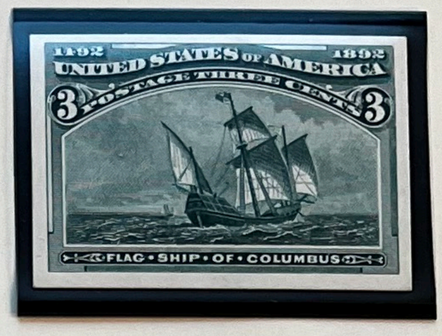


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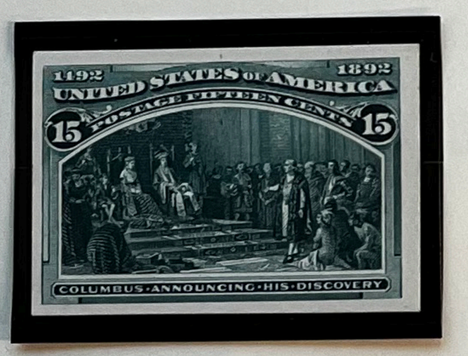


























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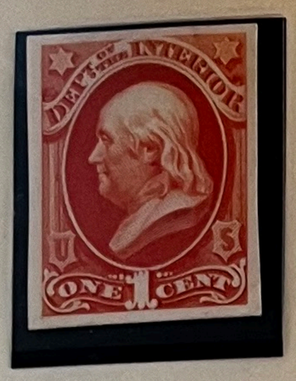

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AUTOMOBILE
POSTAGE FOUR CENTS
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POSTAGE FIVE CENTS
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COMMEMORATIVE SERIES 1901
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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8
CANAL LOCKS AT SAULT DE STE MARIE
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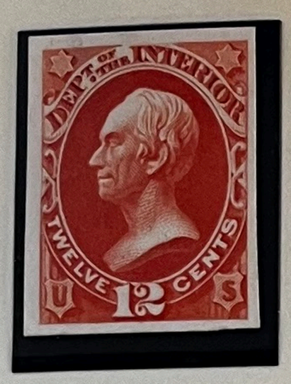


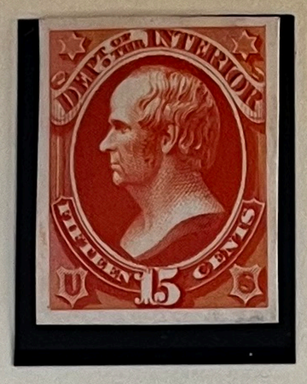


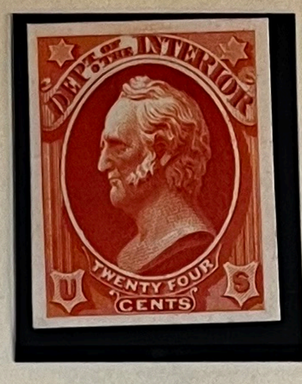






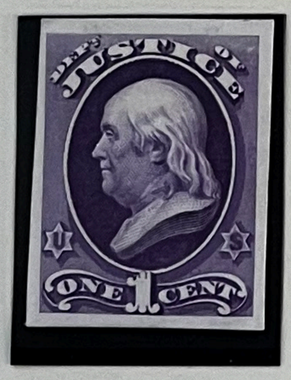


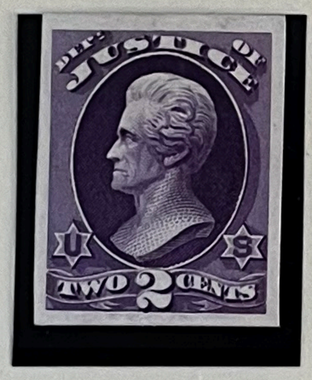


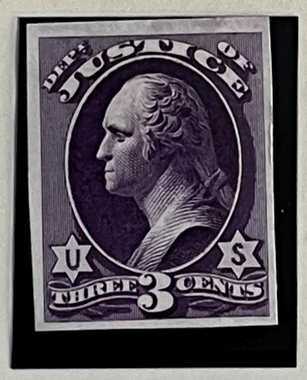


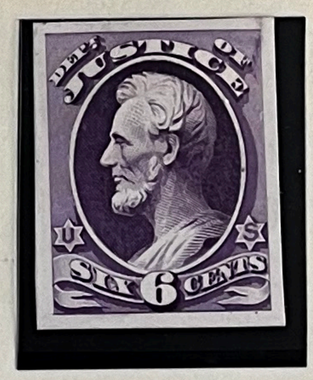




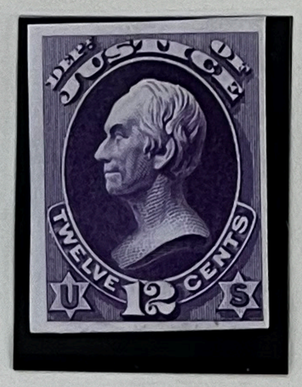


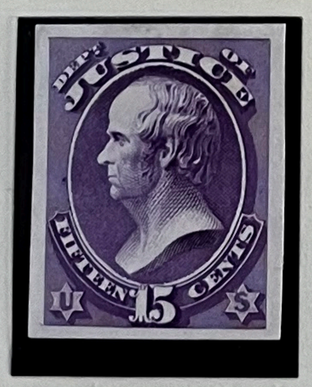


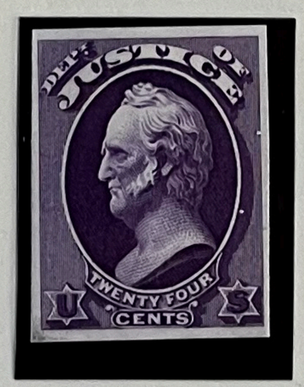


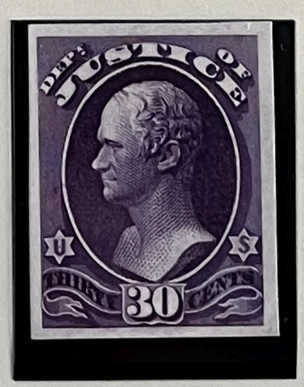












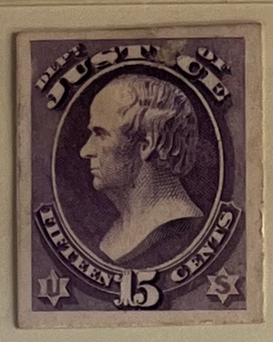


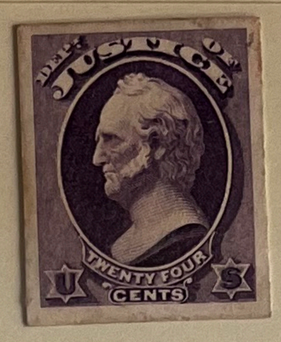


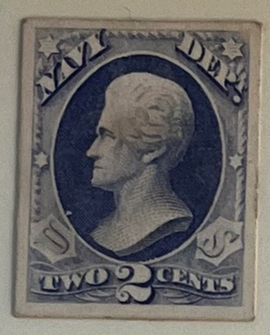


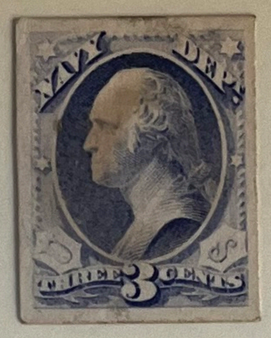


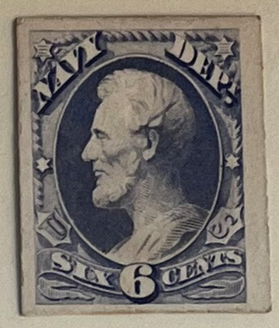


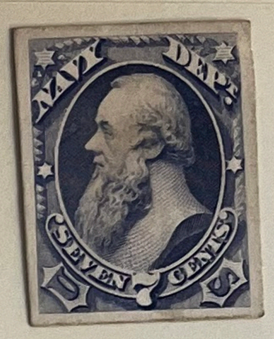


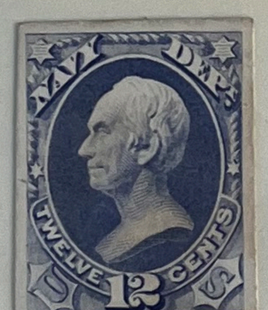


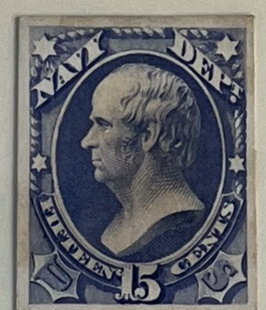














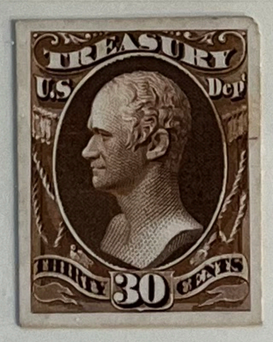
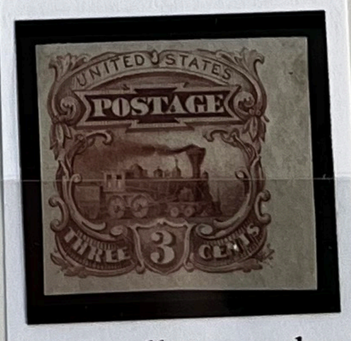




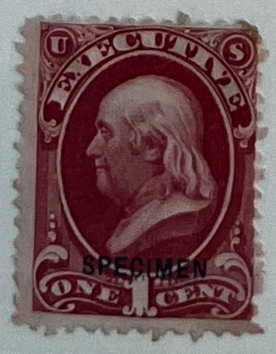


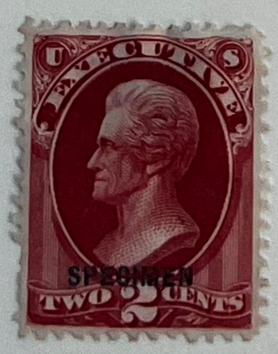
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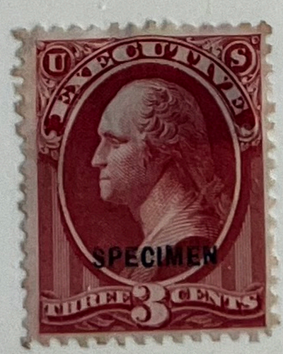


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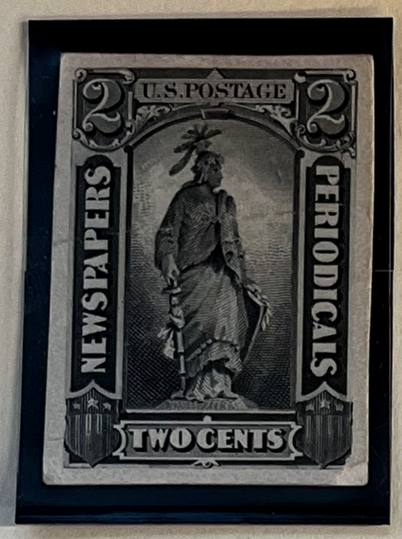




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Bowlsby Patent Coupon Essays

George W. Bowlsby designed a two-part item consisting of a gummed stamp with an ungummed coupon above. The customer was to affix the stamp with the coupon extending above the envelope, and the clerk would "cancel" the stamp by tearing off the coupon and discarding it. The Post Office Department rejected the idea as impractically labor-intensive.





The design incorporated the
One-cent Franklin stamp of 1861

1867 Essays
Henry Lowenberg



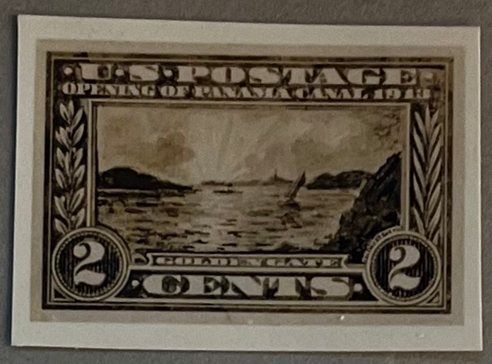


Washington vignette printed in
reverse on back of onionskin paper.

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ESSAY

Photo of ink & wash drawing of Golden Gate with 2¢ frame design (36x24mm), designed by C. A. Huston, mounted on card with "Stamp Division P. O. Dept. Feb. 21, 1912" stamped on back.



Essay—The Panama Pacific 5c blue, issued Dec. 26, 1912, was prepared by the P. O. designers originally as a 2c stamp, but the 2c being the most used denomination it was thought best to show the Panama Canal, as the opening of that man-made strait was the principal item to be commemorated, so the 2c and 5c designs were transposed and while the essay had lettering "Opening of Panama Canal 1913" this was changed to more important wording, as far as the local Exposition was concerned, to "San Francisco, 1915."

The 1c, 5c, 10c, were issued Dec. 26, 1912, but because of the switch in plans, the 2c did not appear until Jan. 18 of the following year.

It should be born in mind that while it is illegal to reproduce U. S. postage stamps, this essay is not a stamp —being merely a drawing or a sketch of a proposed issue—a stamp that died a-borning.

The 3-cent Locomotive of 1869



The 3-cent locomotive paid the ½ ounce domestic letter rate in effect from 1st July 1863, at which time the distance differential was eliminated.

Small numeral die essay
9x9 mm grill
114-E6d





Misperforated



Split Grill – stamps show portions of two grills, a result of the sheet being fed off-center under the grill roller.


1492 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1892
POSTAGE ONE CENT
1
COLUMBUS IN SIGHT OF LAND


1492 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1892
POSTAGE EIGHT CENTS
8
COLUMBUS RESTORED TO FAVOR


1492 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1892
POSTAGE FIFTEEN CENTS
15
COLUMBUS ANNOUNCING HIS DISCOVERY

COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION ISSUE

2-cent Landing of Columbus

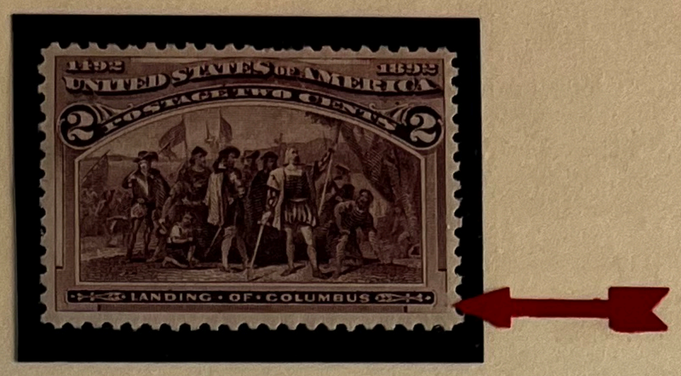






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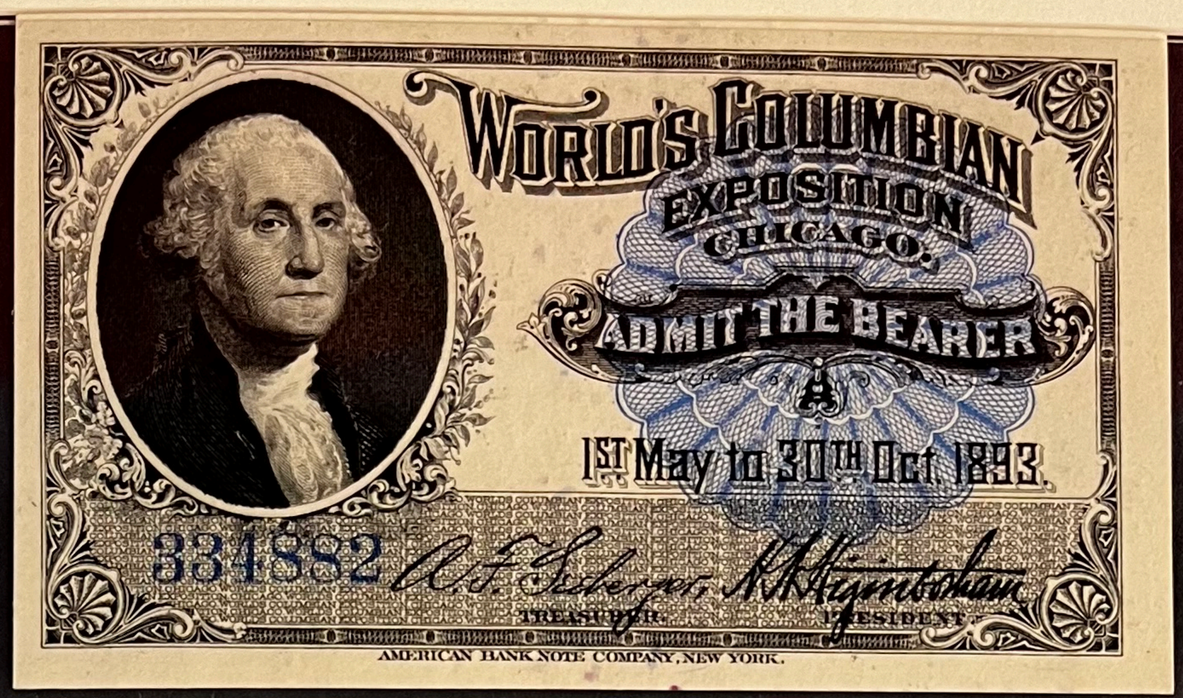
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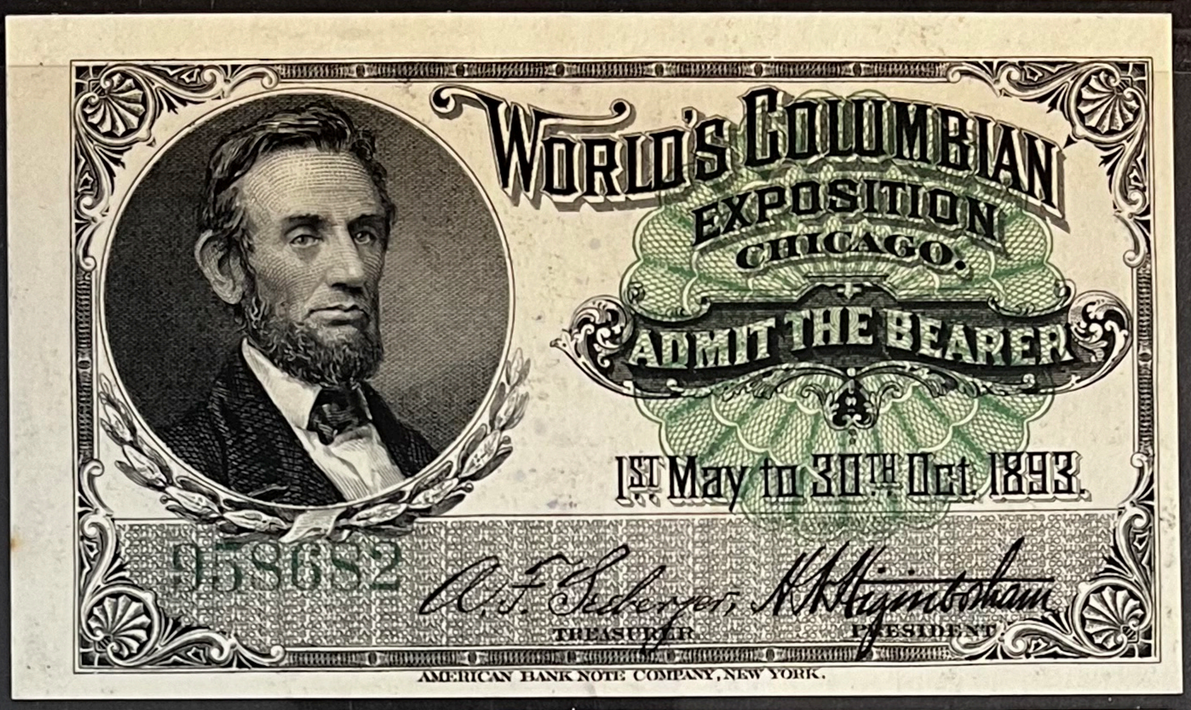


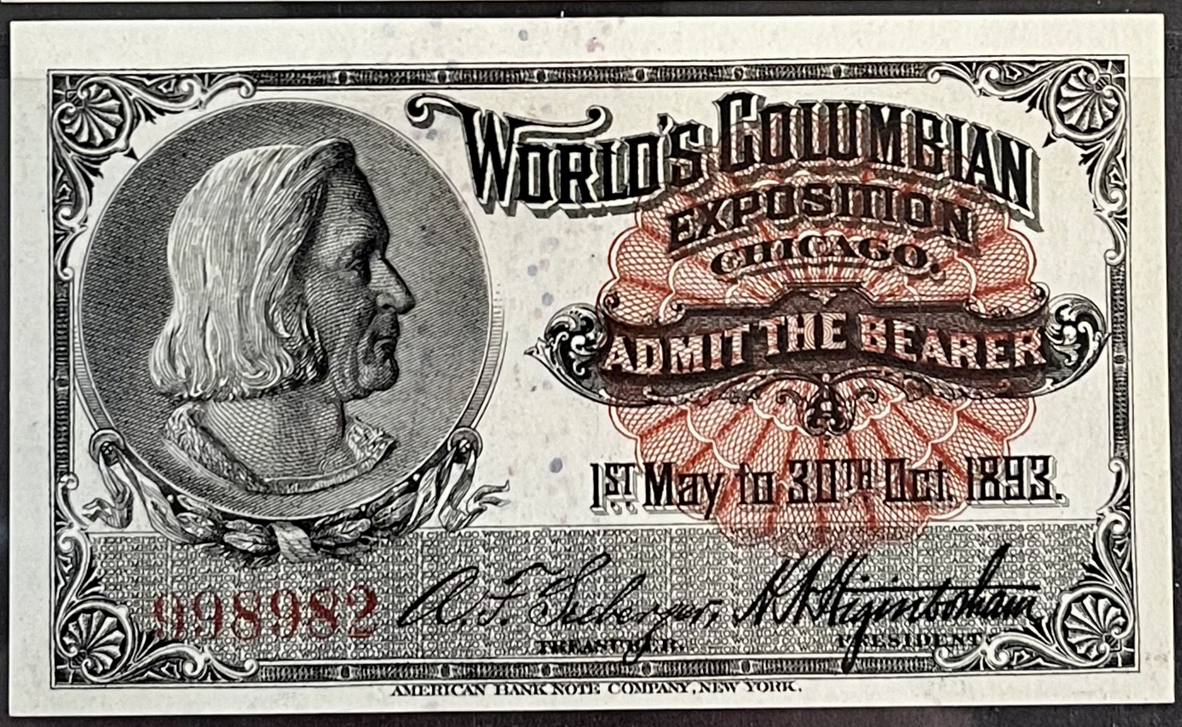
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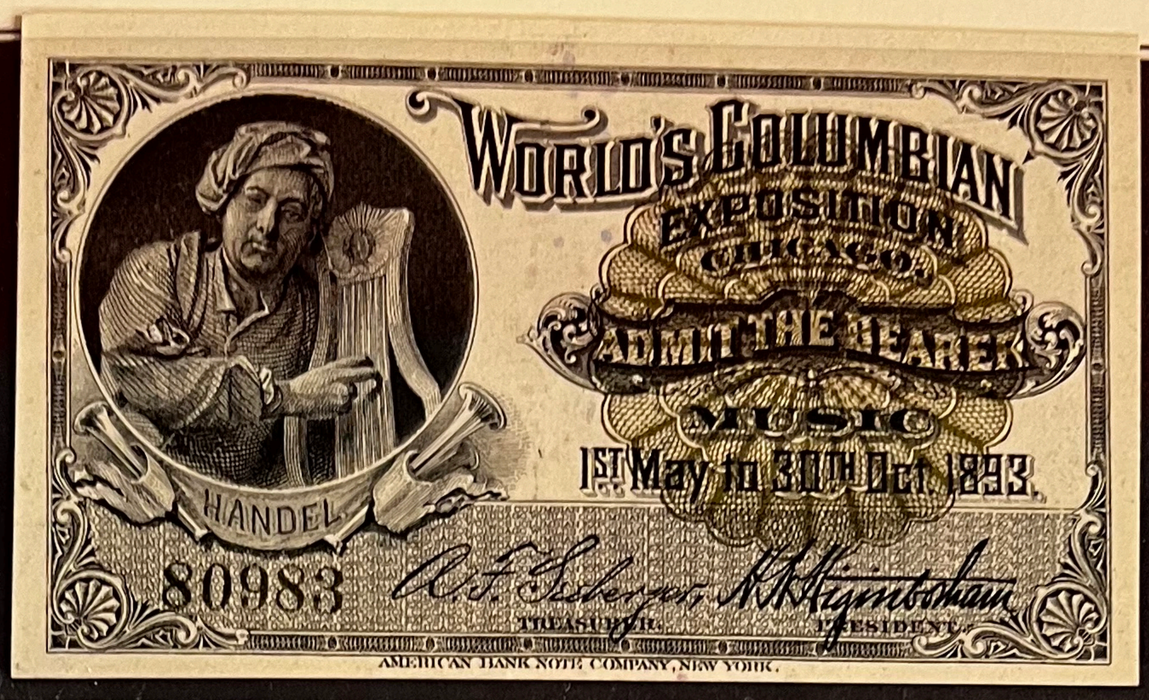


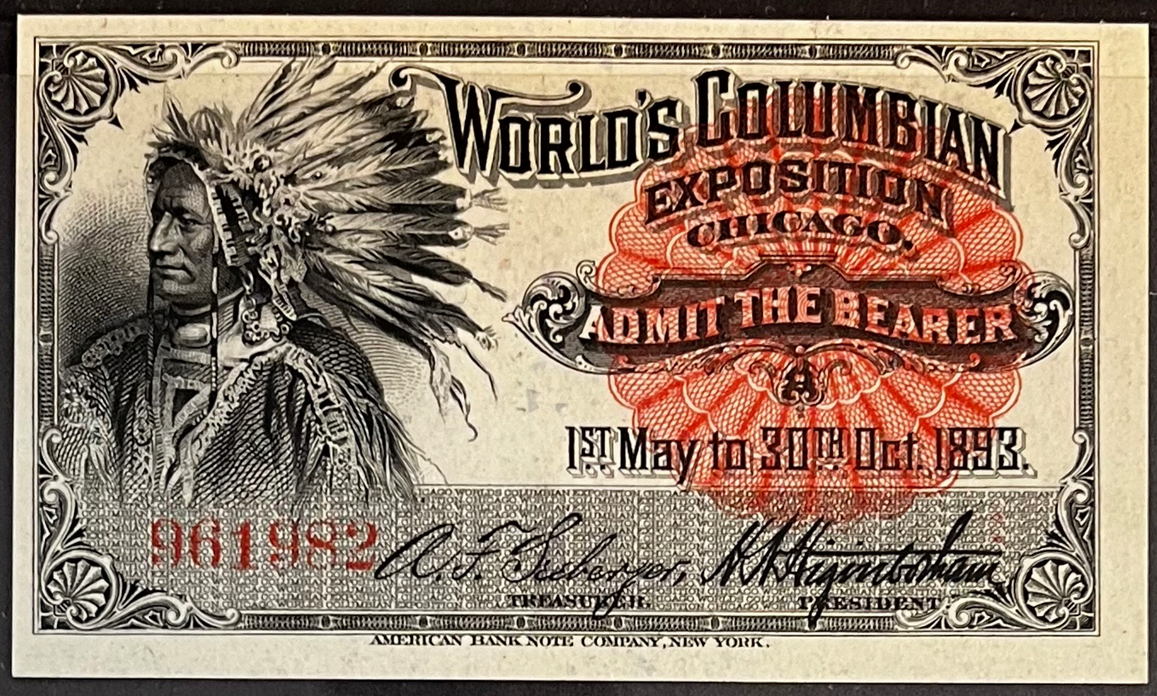
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ADMIT THE BEARER
1ST May to 30TH Oct. 1893.
334882
TREASURER.
PRESIDENT.
AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY, NEW YORK.


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Thanking you for this order and hoping to be favored with a continuance of your patronage, I am

Very truly yours,

Mrs. O. H. Dockery,
Fort Egbert
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Form 2257.

The Regal Shoe
MAIL ORDER DEP'T.
Ⓔ WHITMAN, MASS.



Mrs. O. H. Dockery,
Fort Egbert/
Alaska.

Backstamped "SEATTLE, WASH. AUG 12 930 AM 1905" and "EAGLE, ALASKA AUG 23 7AM 1905 REC."

August 9, 2004

Forged 37¢ Flag stamp triggers facer-canceler

By Charles Snee

The first-reported, postally used forged example of the United States 37¢ Flag stamp with small "2002" year date and microprinted "USPS" came to light in late March.

The forged example of Scott 3635 is affixed to a plain No. 6¾-size envelope that was machine canceled March 22 in Detroit.

The cover, mailed from one collector to another, bears a machine cancel with a wavy-line killer. The stamp's paper seems to trigger the U.S. Postal Service's facer-canceler machinery, but it took a second pass through the mailstream for the stamp to be canceled.

A close-up of the forged Flag stamp, cropped from the intact cover pictured on page 58, is pictured above, to the left of a real 37¢ Flag stamp, the version Banknote Corporation of America printed in 2002 in self-stick panes of 20.

Linn's carefully examined the on-cover forgery and noted several differences compared with a real stamp.

Most notably, the forged stamp does not show any tagging when exposed to shortwave ultraviolet light. A real stamp exhibits a yellow-green glow under shortwave UV light.

Under longwave UV light, the paper of the forged stamp glows bright white, whereas the paper of a real stamp is nonreactive, what collectors call "dead."

Under 30X magnification, the design of the forged stamp is much coarser compared with the design of a real stamp.

Real examples of Scott 3635 also bear a microprinted "USPS" near the top-right corner, at the top of the topmost red stripe in the flag. The forged 37¢ Flag stamps do not have this microprinting.

Several readers contacted *Linn's* in the weeks following *Linn's* March 15 story about the appearance of forged 37¢ Flag stamps on eBay, claiming that they had found an example of the suspect stamp.

In each case, what was thought to be a bogus stamp turned out to be a real 37¢ Flag stamp.

Most readers mistook two 37¢ Flag stamps with a large "2002" year date, Scott 3634 (from pane of 10, printed by Avery Dennison) and Scott 3636 (from double-sided pane of 20 or vending booklet of 20, both printed by Sennett Security Products), for a forged stamp.

This is because both of these stamps, which were printed using gravure (multicylinder recess), do not bear any microprinting. In contrast, the BCA-printed Flag stamp was produced using offset lithography, a surface-printing method.

Offset is more prone to counterfeiting, so the U.S. Postal Service often incorporates microprinting in the designs of its offset-printed stamps.

Gravure is a more secure method of printing. Therefore, the Postal Service does not use microprinting in conjunction with this technique.

Another source of confusion was the Ashton Potter-printed 37¢ Flag stamp with small "2002" year date. This stamp bears a microprinted "USA" in the upper-right corner of the design, at the bottom of the topmost red stripe in the flag.

Despite these differences, which stamp collectors know to look for, the forged 37¢ Flag stamp looks like a real postage stamp, especially to the untrained eyes of those who don't collect stamps.

But in features that matter, features that won't lead a noncollector to think something is wrong, the forged stamp is a ringer for the real thing.

The colors are very close to those of a real stamp.

The serpentine die-cuts on the three edges of the forged stamp are a near match compared with a real stamp, both in appearance and gauge.

Real 37¢ Flag stamps have die cuts that gauge 11.4 by 11.3, using a Scott Multi-gauge. The die cuts of the on-cover forgery measure 11.4 by 11.4.

A *Linn's* editor attending the March Party 2004 stamp show March 26-28 in Cleve-

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The on-cover stamp pictured at the left (shown graphically cropped) is a good forgery of the stamp on the right, the 2002 United States 37¢ Flag stamp with small "2002" year date and microprinted "USPS" that Banknote Corporation of America printed in panes of 20, Scott 3635. The forgery seems to trigger postal canceling equipment.

Fake 37 hammer

This unassuming cove
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stamps from a dealer," he said. "So I asked my friend to send me a cover.

"I received the cover March 20, but it did not bear a postmark. This did not surprise me, because the forged stamps are not tagged and thus would not activate a facer-canceler machine to receive a postmark.

"So I dropped the envelope in the mail March 22, and it arrived in my mailbox the next day, this time with a clear machine cancel."

sued in 2002 that was printed in panes of 20 that can be folded in half by removing a peel-off selvage strip, Scott 3635.

An actual 2002 37¢ Flag stamp, which has a small "2002" year date at its bottom left and a microprinted "USPS" near its top-right corner, is illustrated above.

Also pictured are highly magnified close-ups of a genuine Flag stamp, top, and what is believed to be a forged Flag stamp, bottom. Note that the bottom image does not bear a microprinted "USPS."

Linn's learned of the bogus 37¢ Flag stamps Feb. 23 from Dave Cockrill, a part-time stamp dealer who lives in Washington state and who supplied *Linn's* with the close-up images shown here.

Cockrill said that a stamp dealer for whom he works made a number of purchases on eBay seller bear plate No. B5555 on the selvage strip that runs horizontally across each pane.

some of the stamps to plate-number coil dealers, one of whom contacted Cockrill with some concerns.

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They contacted eBay immediately, which meant that the dealer was still covered under eBay's 30-day buyer protection provisions, because the first purchase had been made Jan. 23.

Cockrill also notified the U.S Postal Inspection Service and was eventually put in contact with inspector Tony Robinson in Los Angeles.

Robinson told *Linn's* Feb. 25 that he could not discuss specifics regarding the investigation, which began at the end of January. "I want to

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Hi Jim.

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SPECIAL PRINTINGS.

I.E. FORGERIES.

On cover use and a partial booklet pane of the forged 37¢ flag stamp

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Plymouth, MI 48170

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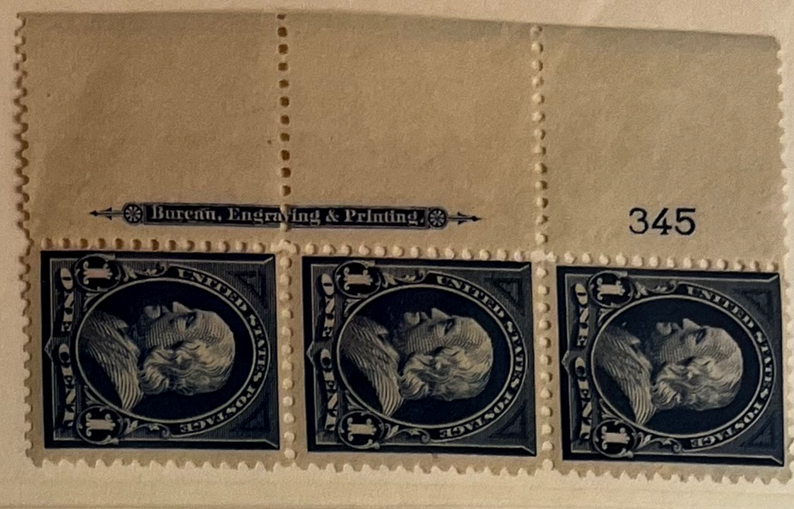
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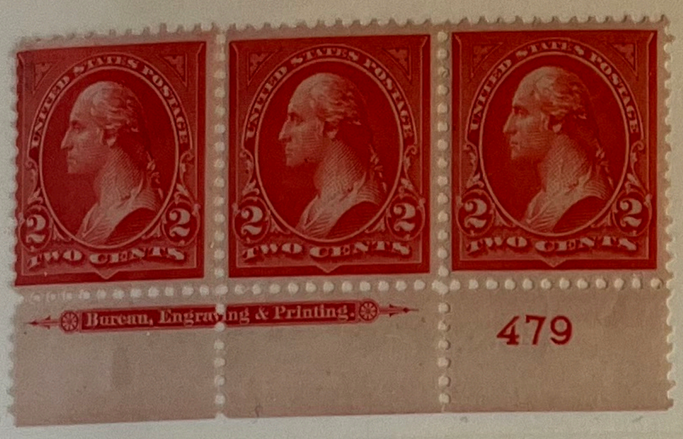
B5555 • Peel here to fold • Self-adhesive stamps • DO NOT WET • © 2002 USPS

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Genuine Scott 3635a (BC181)


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ONE CENT
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98


Bureau, Engraving & Printing.
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ONE CENT


UNITED STATES POSTAGE
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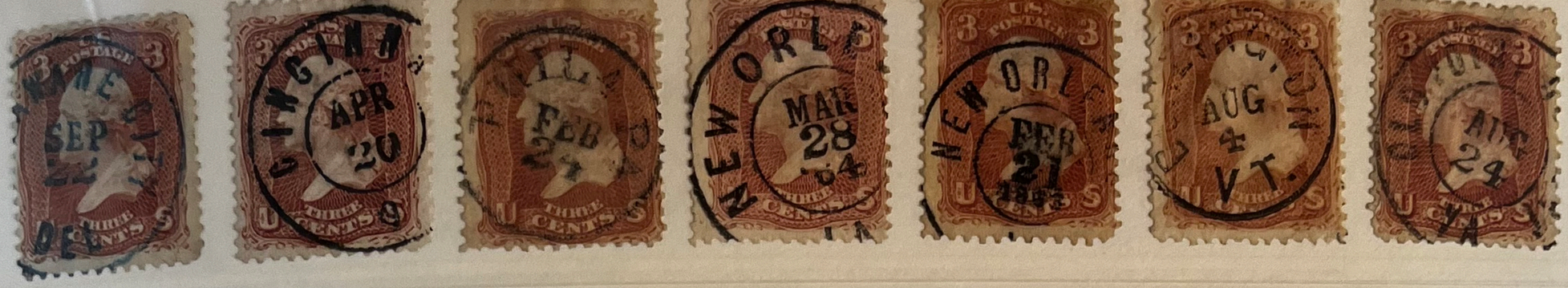

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ONE POSTAGE ONE CENT


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TWO POSTAGE TWO CENTS
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Bureau, Engraving & Printing.
409
UNITED STATES POSTAGE
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THREE CENTS


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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAGE TWO CENTS
LANDING OF COLUMBUS

UNITED STATES POSTAGE
ONE CENT

UNITED STATES POSTAGE
TWO CENTS


U.S. POSTAGE 3
THREE CENTS


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UNITED STATES POSTAGE
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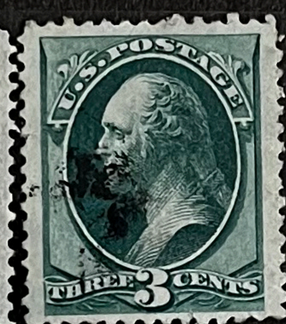
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70 Springfield, MASS.
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Split grill





National Bank Note
issue of 1870, grilled.
Scott 136

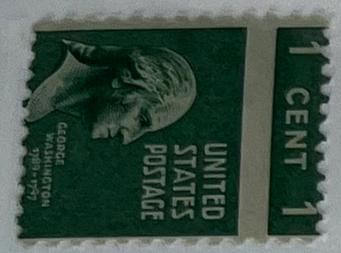
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Wheel Of Fortune
Violet 10/26/86

WILLOW SPRINGS, ILLINOIS. APR 28 1888


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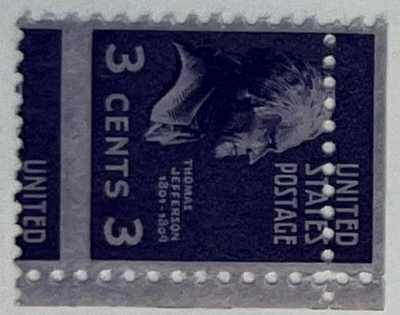

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blue green





deep blue green

rose brown





brown carmine

pale brown red





brown red

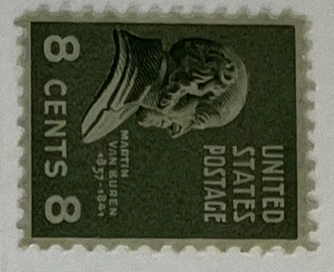
ultramarine





bright ultramarine

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pink





rose pink

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rose violet





rose carmine





red violet

light green

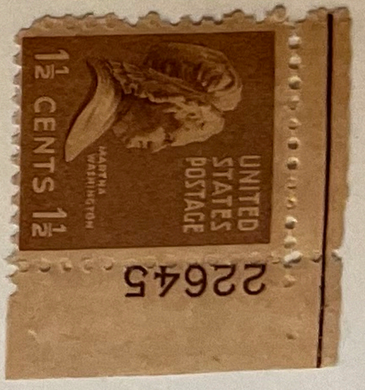




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Paste-up pair





Mail-O-Meter Co.
Type IV



U.S. Automatic
Vending Machine
Type I



The Schermack Co.
Type III









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COIL STAMPS



The First World War caused a shortage of red dyes used in printing the 2¢ Washington definitive, resulting in a variety of shades due to attempts to replace the German inks formerly used.



Deep Carmine



Bright Carmine



Rose Carmine



Lt. rose Carmine



Deep Carmine Rose



Bright Rose Red



Rose Red



Rosy Red



Dull Rosy Red



Red



Scarlet



Scarlet (Pink Back)



Deep Scarlet

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3¢ OFFSET PRINTING

1918

Type III







Double impression



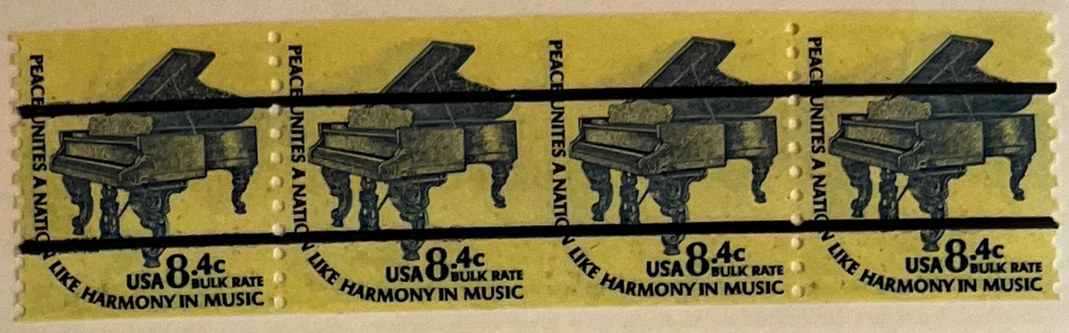
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Type IV

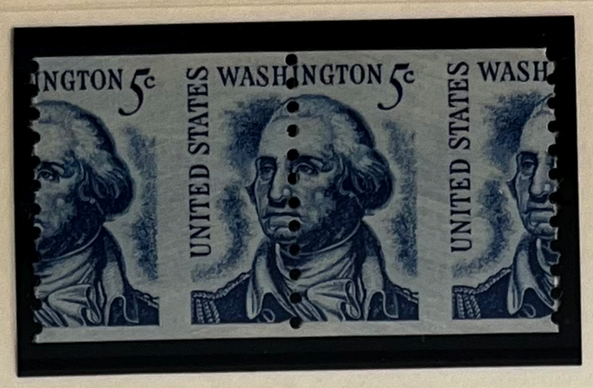


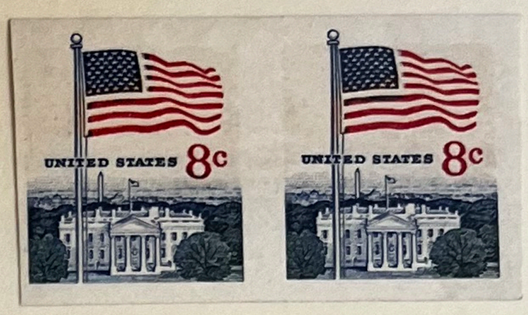


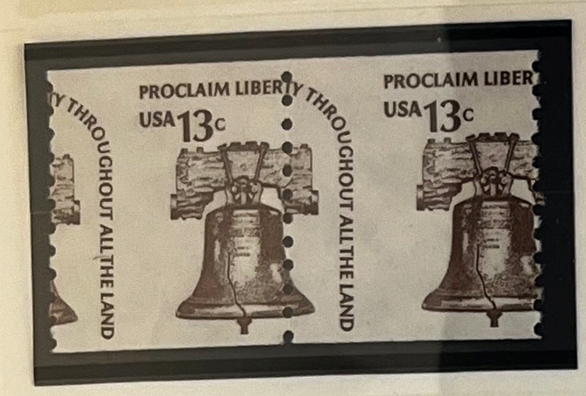
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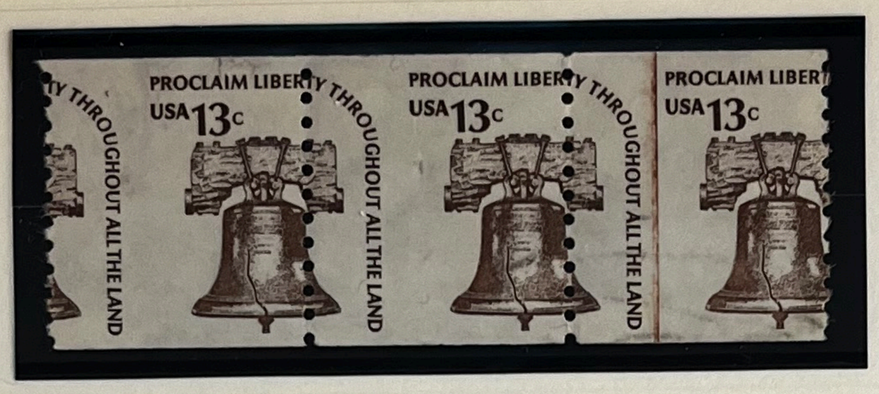


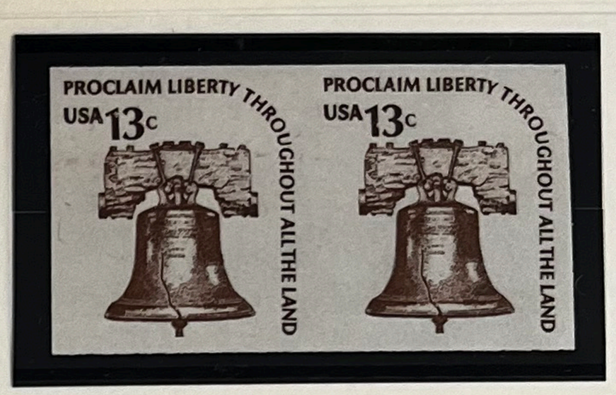


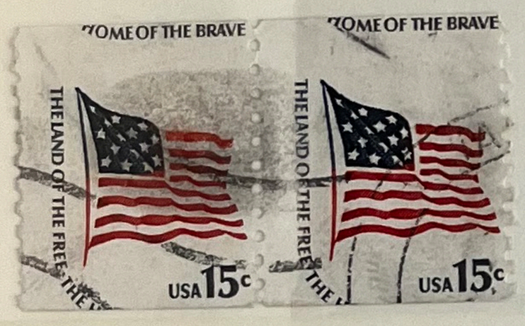




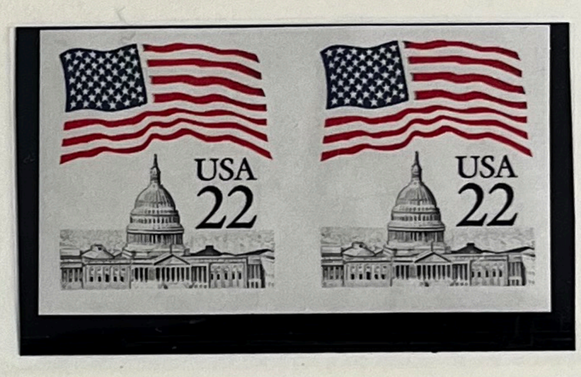










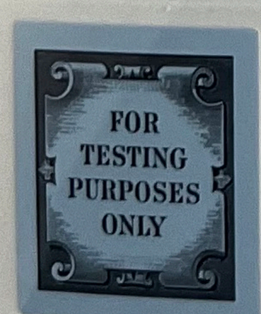


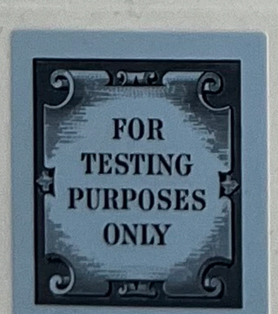


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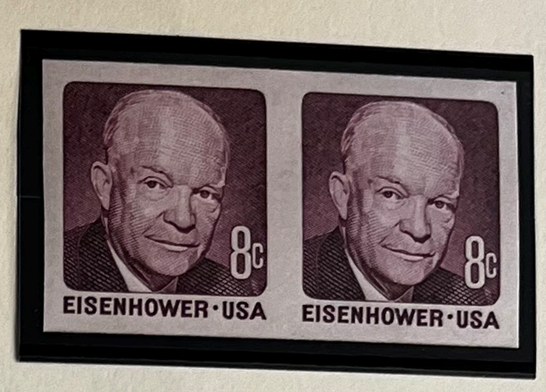


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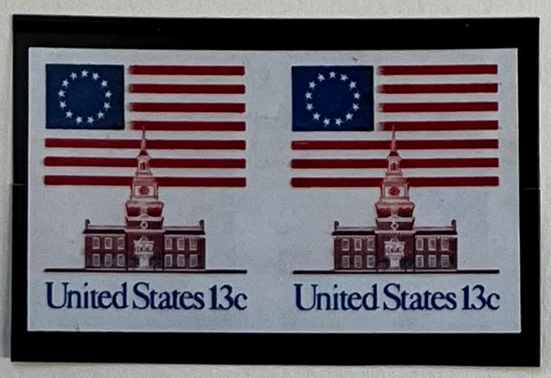










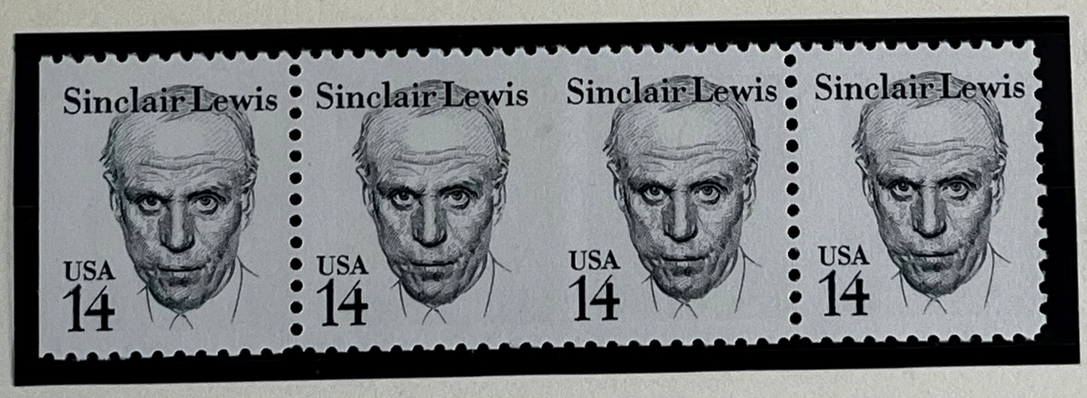


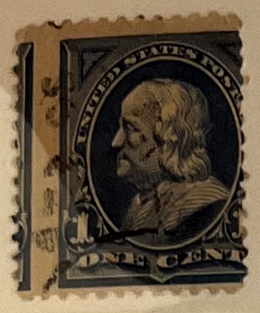


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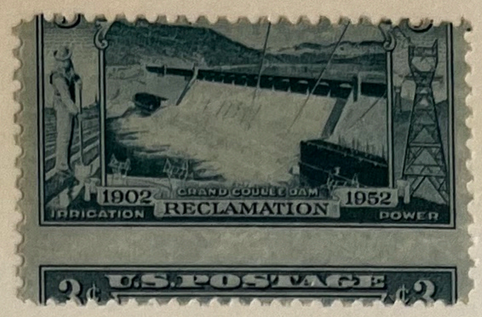


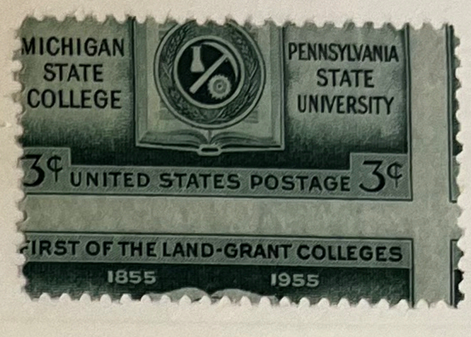




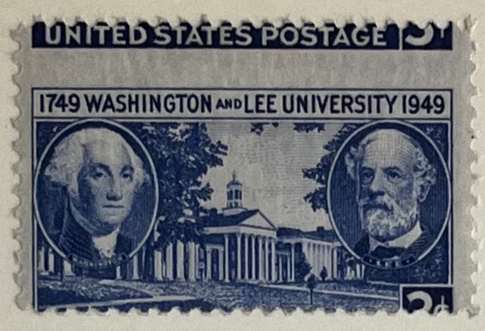








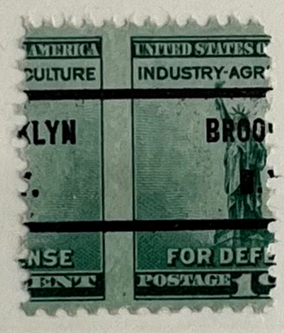


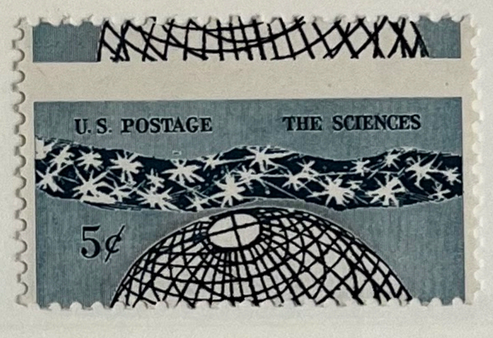


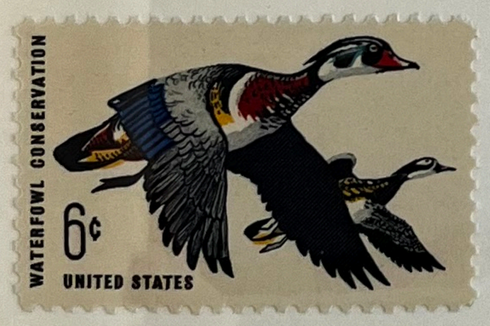


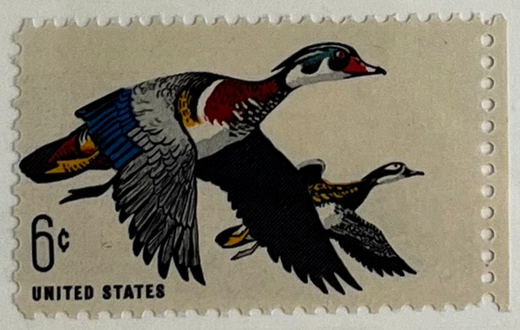


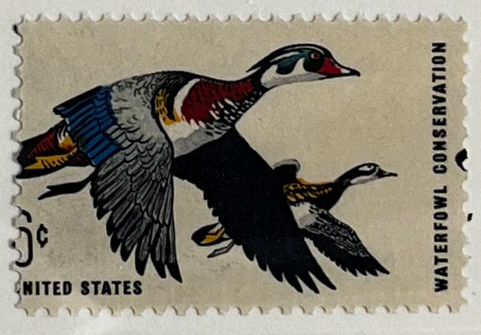






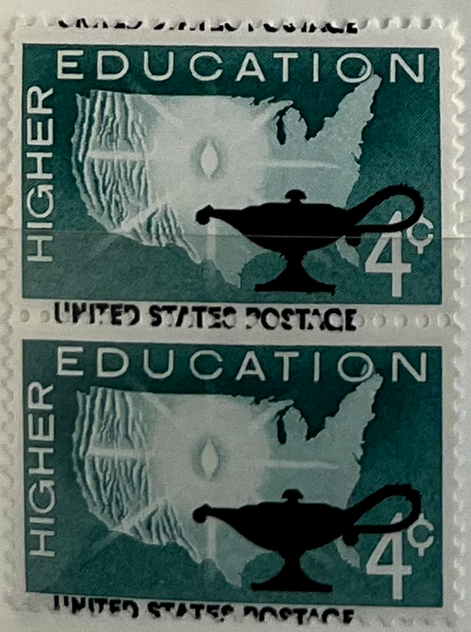






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