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ILLUSTRATIONS OF PLATE VARIETIES

2¢-Red Brown-1883 This illustration shows the rare "Read Shift at Right" a Double Transfer that should catalogue at least \$10.00 in value. Note the row of dots in the white margin around the vignette at the lower right of Washington's shoulder, also the extra lines in "United States Postage". Dots in the beads at the left and in "Two Cents" do not show clearly in the photo.

6¢-Blue-1898 This major shift is found as NO. 11 in an upper right pane of a plate whose number is unknown. The shift shows as extra lines in both numerals and the heavy lines in the bust extend out into the white margin around the vignette at both left and right.

1¢-1908-1910 Two Double Transfers are illustrated. The major shift at top and left is position No. 63 in a left pane of plate 5567 and was found on the 1910 coil, perf. 8 1/2 vertically with the plate number concealed under the paste-up. The usual (not common) shift on the One Cent 1908-10 is poorly illustrated in the lower half of the illustration. The horizontal lines in the white vest of the bust are double and in the best of copies the bottom line of the vignette is double. In some stamps there is an extra line running thru the top of "One Cent".

2¢-1908 In this stamp there was a rosette crack in the plate before the stamp was "rocked-in from the transfer roll". The unevenness of the metal caused a "DEFECTIVE TRANSFER" of the right frame line which is easily seen with the naked eye altho the beauty of the cracks are best studied with a good glass. Plate cracks are valuable and interesting additions to any collection.

2¢-Shield-1903 In degree this is an enormous shift. The bust lines on each side of the white cravat in the bust are shifted up to the top of the stamp and extend out into the upper border. Outlines of the ribbon containing the word "Washington" are found showing in "UNITED STATES" and "AMERICA". A center line running thru the upper perforations and a straight edge at the right indicate that this shift comes from a booklet pane plate. Please look over your booklet panes and see if you can locate this wonderful double transfer.

2¢-1916-Rotary press This horizontal crack was probably made after the plate was completed and as it was being curved to fit the rotary press. It is No. 487, Type III.

24¢-Carmine-1923 Air Mail The illustration cannot do justice to this beautiful shift. Great spots of red appear in the right numeral, the right frame is heavily doubled at the lower right and the right end of the upper label almost closes the white margin under the "E" of "POSTAGE". This is a top row stamp just to the right of the plate number which is 14841. Only four plate number blocks have been found. Who will be lucky enough to be able to report another?

2¢-Valley Forge Stamp No. 33 in the lower left pane of plate 19496 (33-LI-19496) contains a plate defect in the triangle at the lower left corner. Perhaps "something dropped onto the plate" but at least the variety is constant. As it is found in the 3d vertical row it does not show in left plate blocks of 6.