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Dear Mr. Shift Hunter:-

In the last letter, you received full details regarding the 6¢-Columbian Shifts with a note regarding the **MYSTERY OF THE UPPER PANE**. We have often commented that all the 6¢-Columbian shifts that have been reported, are platable in the **LOWER PANE**. **The MYSTERY IS SOLVED.**

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY BY MR. L. L. STEINLEY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS

- OBSERVATIONS:
1. The shifts or double transfers in the "Lower Pane" are found in exactly the same positions in the "Upper Pane".
 2. A large variegated plate crack in the right margin of the "Lower Pane" is found exactly reproduced in the right margin of the "Upper Pane".
 3. There is no **Center Line** and no **Arrows** for the 6¢-Columbian, such as found on the 1¢ and 2¢ between the upper and lower panes.
 4. Mr. J. G. Dorn, well known collector of Sandusky, Ohio, has mint, half sheets comprising the Right Half of the "Upper Pane" and the Right Half of the "Lower Pane", Plate 104, 6¢-Columbian. These two half panes are identical except in that -
The "Upper Pane" has a straight edge at the bottom.
The "Lower Pane" has a straight edge at the top.

MR. STEINLEY'S DISCOVERY:

THE 6¢-COLUMBIAN STAMP WAS PRINTED FROM A PLATE CONTAINING ONLY ONE PANE OF 100 SUBJECTS, THIS PANE HAVING TWO IMPRINTS AND TWO PLATE NUMBERS AT THE TOP AND TWO IMPRINTS AND TWO PLATE NUMBERS AT THE BOTTOM.

BEFORE THE SHEETS WERE DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNMENT, EITHER THE TOP MARGIN WITH ITS INSCRIPTIONS OR THE BOTTOM MARGIN WITH ITS INSCRIPTIONS WAS TRIMMED OFF, THEREBY MAKING THE SHEETS OF 6¢ STAMPS UNIFORM IN SIZE OF SHEET WITH THE REST OF THE COLUMBIAN ISSUE.

Coming as late as it does, this discovery becomes an outstanding tribute to Philatelic Research. It is a pleasure to pay tribute to the years of patient study by Mr. Steinley, who tells me that there are other Columbian plates that also have but 100 subjects on a plate.

We hope that Mr. Steinley publishes the complete data of the Columbian stamps as he has found it by replating with overlapping blocks and we are happy to have Mr. Dorn's timely corroboration of Mr. Steinley's discovery.

Mr. J. G. Dorn will exhibit his **TWO HALF PANES OF THE 6¢-COLUMBIANS** at the **ELEVENTH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE** of the **RUBBER CITY STAMP CLUB**, AT the Hotel Portage, Akron, Ohio, December 6th and 7th.

Mr. L. L. Steinley has been invited to be present and all visiting collectors will be welcome. If you can visit Akron on these dates, please drop me a line.