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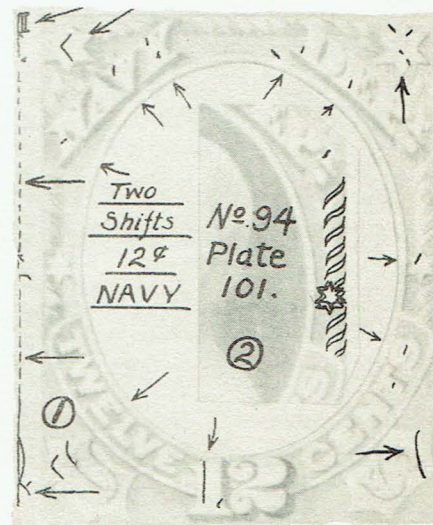
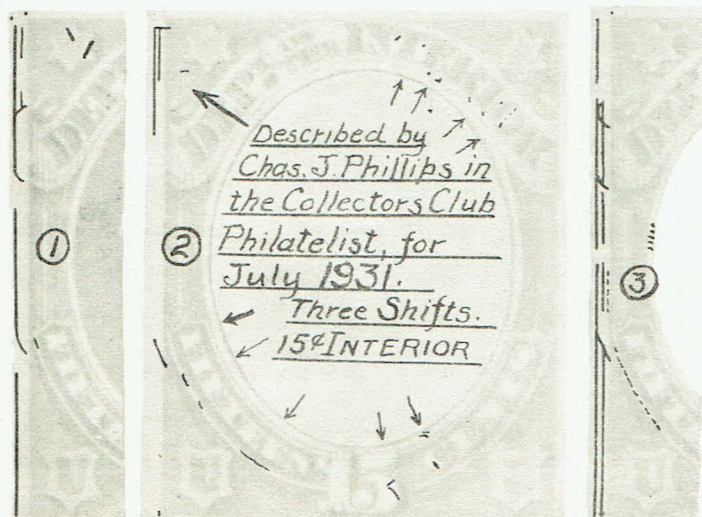
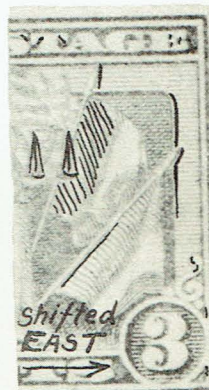
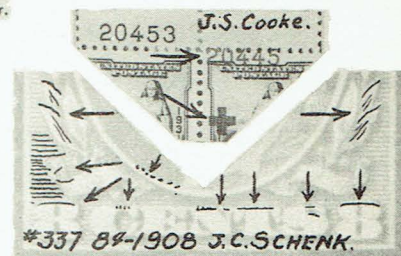
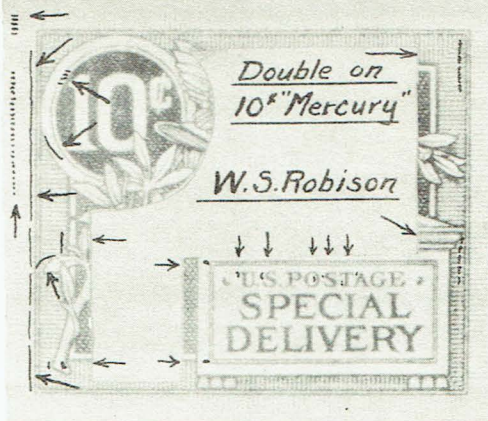
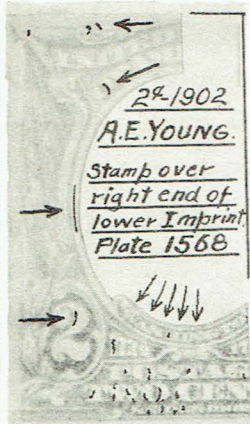
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Shift Hunter Letter No. 43

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Dear Mr. Shift Hunter:-

This is our first attempt at an illustrated report prepared entirely from retouched photographs, the reproduction being by the Half Tone process. The full stamp design shows in the half tone shadows with the shifted lines standing out in strong contrast. Not a perfect product but we often learn by experience.

A. E. Young sends you the largest shift yet found on the 2¢-1902. As "One Illustration is worth a Thousand Descriptions" we need talk no more about it. Look through your plate number strips for it. The smaller shifts on this stamp show the bottom frame line, etc., double.

W. S. Robison's shift on the Mercury Special Delivery is a beauty. The only one reported to date and it is in a block of four.

The off-register impression of the 2¢-Red Cross by J. S. Cooke was so attractive that we found an unused corner to show it. Note the Plate Number touching the stamp design.

Few Shift Hunters have seen the two best shifts on the 3¢-Victory. We cannot afford to make plates for mats to illustrate only two shifts so we have held this data until we could illustrate from photos.

Here also are the three best shifts we have seen on the 5¢-Parcel Post and they are all fine examples of a misplaced transfer. There are over six smaller shifts on this stamp that are known to us but none of them have been plated. DEFECTIVE TRANSFERS often are noticed in connection with Double Transfers. In the lower illustration the left frame line was not rocked-in properly in the last entry. It always shows on this stamp.

H. M. Jones is perhaps the "Shift Hunter Supreme" as he collects "Nothing else BUT". He even finds a fine over-all shift on an old Canadian Post Card. The illustration shows one of his M. & M. shifts that should stimulate other M. & M. collectors to renewed activity. There are many fine plate varieties on the Match & Medicine stamps that only the owners ever heard of.

Whenever an uninitiated collector asks to see "what a double transfer is" I always show the three BIG left side shifts of the 15¢-Dept. of Interior or the similar BIG left side shift on the 12¢-Navy. The three Interiors at first seem to be the same but a careful study shows their difference. Their plate positions are very probably adjacent on the plate.

Mr. Creed finds the big 12¢-Navy shift on a PROOF and what a beauty is with the clear print and white card background. The small insert inside the large illustration shows a small but clear right side shift taken also from a proof. Plate position noted.

J. C. Schenk is the first to find the shift on the 8¢-1908 and small as it is it is easily seen and worthy of listing or looking for.

If we have counted correctly the new S.U.S. catalogue lists 29 new plate varieties this year. Many Shift Hunters will be pleased to see their varieties listed, especially those who paid me \$7.50 for the 1¢-1908 Error which now sells for \$50.00

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