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# U. S. PLATE VARIETIES

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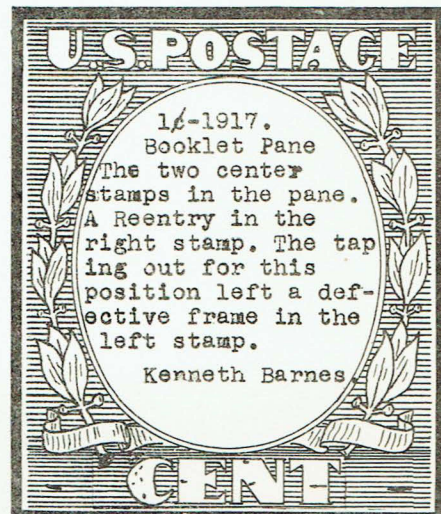
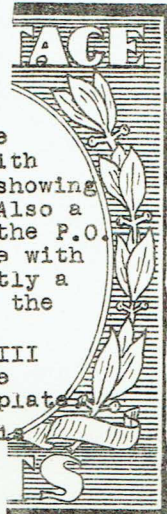
1922  
Coil.

Gerald  
Burgess.

Plate  
18757.

Crack in  
adjacent  
coil?

Gerald Burgess finds a plate crack adjacent the center line on the 2¢ end-wise coil of the present issue with Plate No. 18757 showing in the margin. Also a second coil in the P.O. at the same time with what is apparently a continuation of the same crack. This is a Type III crack due to the bending of the plate.



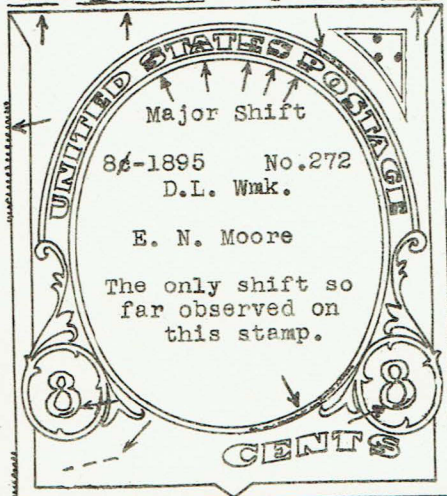
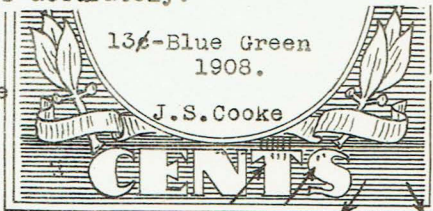
See SHL No. 42 for types of cracks. Perhaps this crack continues on further in the plate. Look over your centerline pairs on this stamp.

Here is a MAJOR PLATE VARIETY on a BOOKLET

PANE PLATE just discovered by Kenneth Barnes. Booklet varieties are infrequently found and this one is well worthy of comment. The right center stamp was evidently entered too far to the right and tapped out before reentering. In the tapping the right frame line of the left stamp seems to have been also tapped out in part leaving only a thin line except at the upper and lower corners. The double transfer of the right stamp shows only by faint lines in "1 CENT 1" and in the right margin but the defective frame of the left stamp is plainly visible to the unaided eye. It is possible that the right stamp is a triple entry but the lines are so faint that we cannot determine this accurately.

Several years ago I observed a very minor shift on the 13¢ Blue Green of 1908. J.S. Cooke now finds a good shift on a mint copy that is worthy of listing. It is illustrated at the right.

Mr. Cooke also has found a number of upper right panes of the present 30¢ Buffalo showing a constant but very peculiar variety as shown at the lower right. A triangular gash that is rather faint but still very clear seems to repeat across the top row in a sort of sequence as if some sharp instrument had dropped onto the plate and traveled in leaps across the surface leaving its mark on four of the stamps. Your guess is as good as mine. What do you think it is? It sure seems to be constant.



It is customary to say that duplicate copies of a plate variety must be found before it can be considered as constant. There are many outstanding varieties, however, that show unquestionable characteristics, that do not require a duplicate for the purpose of authentication. Mr. Moore's shift on the 8¢-1895 is one in this class. It is better than an average shift and his copy is the only one yet observed. See illustration at the left.

Parker Haydon reports a variety on the 2¢-1922, Star Plate 17385. The 8th stamp in from a right plate number shows a distinct lack of detail in the large foliate ornament above the left numeral. The entire left side of the stamp is also defective. Probably a defective transfer. This should be checked by other copies.

