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# U. S. PLATE VARIETIES

Shift Hunter Letter No. 56

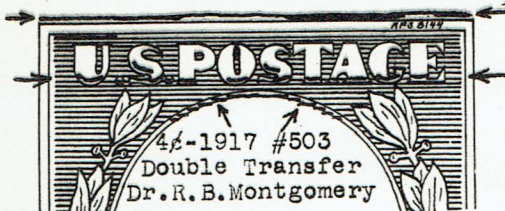
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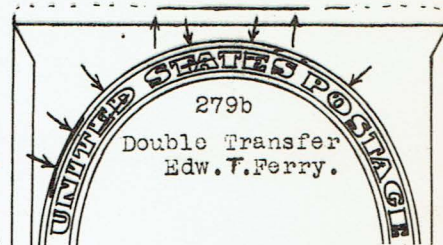
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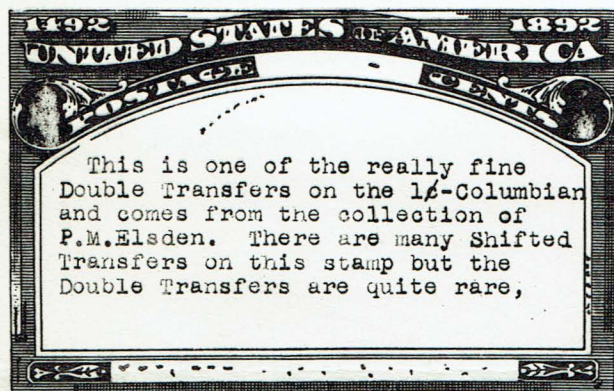
Dr. R.B. Montgomery's big Double on the 4¢-1917 is a fine addition to the data on 20th Century U.S.

E.T. Ferry's big Double on the 2¢-orange red of 1898 is a display piece when mounted on an illustrated mat.

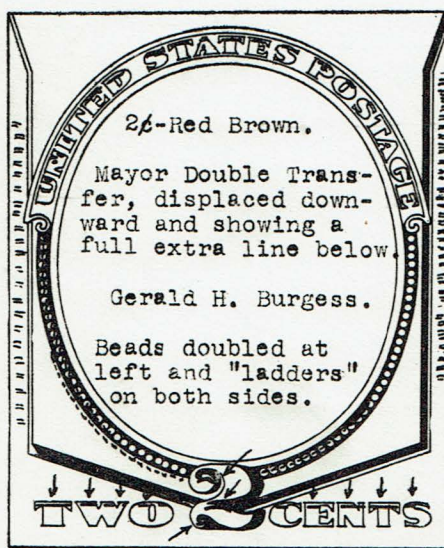
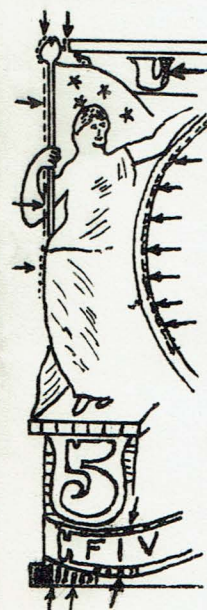
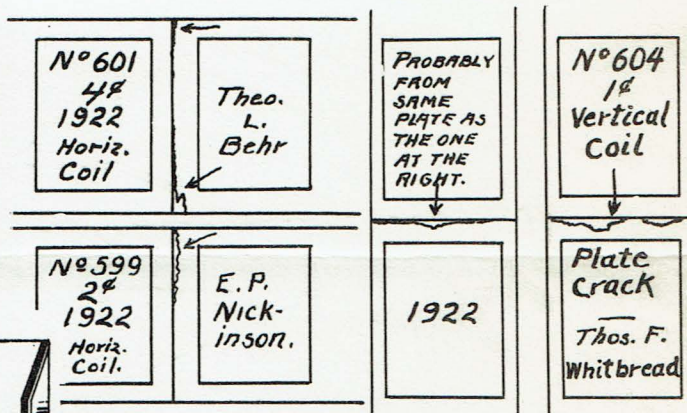


CRACKS AT THE EDGES OF ROTARY PLATES. The so called "Center

Lines" on our present coil stamps are due to the joints between the two plates on the rotary press cylinder. Very frequently these joints gap a bit, thereby giving a very wide center line. Also there are frequent plate cracks



This is one of the really fine Double Transfers on the 1¢-Columbian and comes from the collection of P.M. Elsdon. There are many Shifted Transfers on this stamp but the Double Transfers are quite rare,



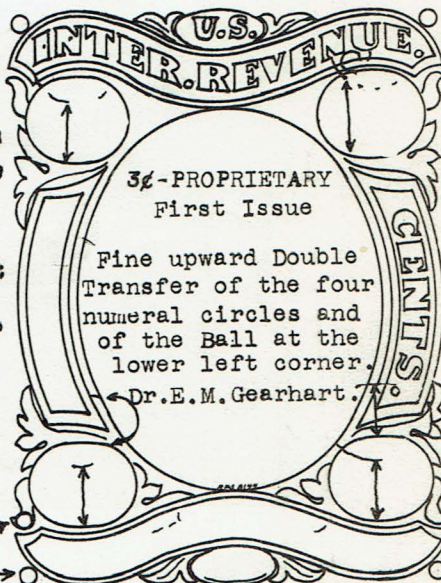
Gerald H. Burgess.

Beads doubled at left and "ladders" on both sides.

at the edges of the plate that follow along the center line. The above four illustrations show four of these cracks as found in four different post offices. This type of crack seems to be quite common.

Gerald H. Burgess adds another big DT to the 2¢-Red Brown

Dr Gearharts 3¢-Prop. is large in degree of misplacement but medium in strength,



3¢-PROPRIETARY  
First Issue

Fine upward Double Transfer of the four numeral circles and of the Ball at the lower left corner.

Dr. E.M. Gearhart.

The first contribution from Mr. A. Ondik is a new Double Transfer on the 5¢-1902 as shown by the hand sketch above. This copy has a straight edge at the top. Those who have kept their straight edges should look over their stock. If you find this Double, perfed all around, it is a reperfed copy.



E.P. Nickinson has this interesting Double on the 5¢-1917, perf. 11. The lower frame is heavily doubled downward.



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Report for November, 1932

No. 486, 1¢ Coil of 1916. Dr G. C. Fritschel finds a coil in the vending machine at the hospital with a double transfer repeating just under every other plate joint or center line. The horizontal shading lines pass thru the leaves of the right wreath and appear in the white border around the medallion at the right. Double transfers from a vending machine--- how many nickles to get them all?

Dr Fritschel also sends us some of the rare and really big doubles on the 2¢-1908-10 that we have been distributing in original unpicked bundles. He also has found several of the major doubles on the 2¢-triangles. It takes very little cash but plenty of patience to obtain a very fine showing on many of the common U. S. stamps. They make a fine display in any collection.

No. 344. 2¢-1908 Imperf. A large DT showing in lower margin and thru the top of the stamp. Its outstanding feature is that it is a "twisted" double and very badly twisted at that. We cannot imagine how the plate or the roll could have been twisted around so as to make the original entry "cat-a-corner" as this stamp shows. G. C. Fritschel.

No. 499. 2¢-1916, booklet pane. Refer to SHL 44 and the missalignment in a booklet pane. C. L. Messer, Jr. has a pane with plate No. 10793 at the top in which the sixth stamp is twisted to the right in the same manner. Not a twisted double transfer but a twisted transfer.

(#E5) No. 1894. 10¢-Special Delivery of 1895. Georges Creed finds a real variety on this stamp. A Double Transfer, nearly all over. To the left in the left margin, in "United States". Traces in the right end of the stamp. Its just a bit nicer because it has the red GUAM overprint.

AS YOU RECEIVE YOUR PLATE VARIETY REPORTS? WHY NOT MARK THE NEW ITEMS IN YOUR SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE?

S.T.-L for Shifted Transfers, Large.  
M for medium  
S for small

DT.-L for Double Transfer, Large.  
M for medium  
S for small

BR. for Broken Relief  
C. for Crack

DF. for Defective Transfer.  
R. for Recut.

We are starting to prepare an index of plate varieties and will use the above simple code. Other code may be added later.

PLEASE CHECK . # 325- 2¢-1910. Double Star. J. C. Schenk.  
Reported in September.

Probably should have been # 375 and did not come from Schenk. Mou plate No. 4968 is not listed for the 2¢-1910. Will the owner please submit this item again. The Plate Number Committee is asking for a careful check on this item.

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