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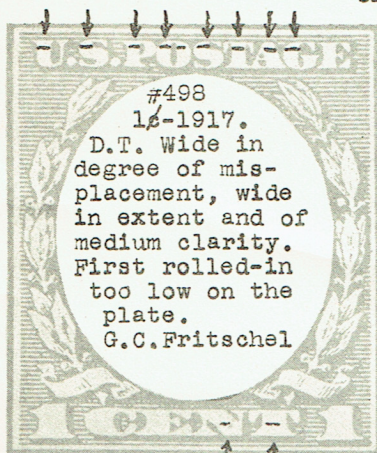
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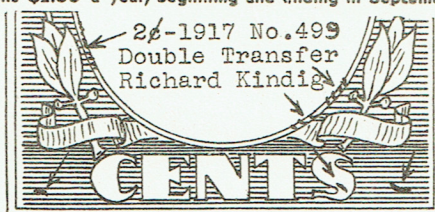
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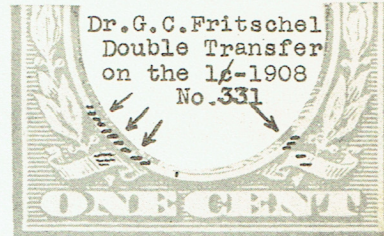
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#498
1¢-1917.
D.T. Wide in
degree of mis-
placement, wide
in extent and of
medium clarity.
First rolled-in
too low on the
plate.
G.C. Fritschel

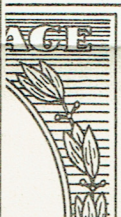


2¢-1917 No. 499
Double Transfer
Richard Kindig



Dr. G. C. Fritschel
Double Transfer
on the 1¢-1908
No. 331

SURFACE CRACKS
2¢-1912 No. 406
C. S. ERNST



Between Dr Fritschel and Monroe Smith we have quite a report on the 1¢ stamp of 1917, Scott's No. 498. Dr Fritschel's variety, as shown at upper left is on one of the many regular plates. Mr Smith's six varieties are to be found on booklet pane plates of No. 498 and probably all six varieties come from the same plate, as is usually the case when one finds several of them.

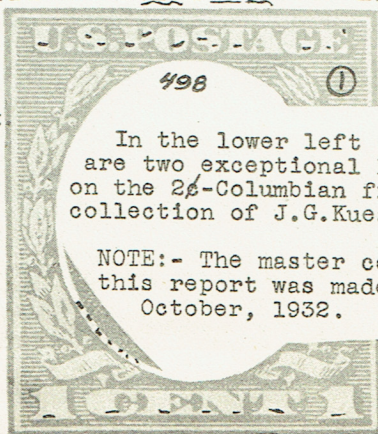
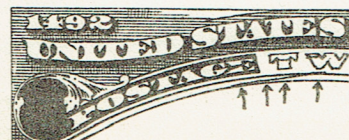
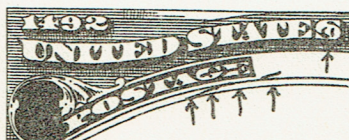
The item in the lower right corner is the fifth stamp in a pane with a center line at the left edge. It is similar to a major Shifted Transfer in the lower label but even the shading lines at the top show double, so with the other five larger Double Transfers probably from the same plate we may call this a real Fresh Entry. In another pane the third stamp shows the heavy double as is illustrated in the triangular cut above. The three illustrations marked 1, 2 and 4 are the first, second and fourth stamps in another pane and all of them are remarkable examples of fresh entries, where they were first entered improperly as to spacing, eradicated and then fresh entered in the proper location. The unnumbered illustration shows a doubling of the upper shading lines so that this portion of the stamp seems to be a darker shade and is found on still another pane. These booklet varieties write a new chapter for the Shift Hunters as few have previously been reported.

Richard Kindig is editor of a stamp column in the Denver Post and is interesting his readers in plate varieties. His double on the 2¢-1917, No. 499 is shown above.

L.M. Ryer is editor of a stamp column in the Western Stamp Collector and from one of his readers he received the radial surface cracks on the 2¢-1912 as shown at the upper left. Mr Ryer's readers are strong on plate varieties also. The 1¢ mats used for this report were made by him

Dr Fritschel's double on the 1¢-1908, No. 331, shown at upper right, is one of the best yet reported on this stamp. Shifts are quite common on this stamp but major double transfers are hard to find.

There are many of them, however, as there were many plates, a complete list of which recently appeared in King & Johl's serial in the Collector's Club Philatelist.



In the lower left corner are two exceptional DTs on the 2¢-Columbian from the collection of J.G. Kuespert.

NOTE:- The master copy for this report was made in October, 1932.

