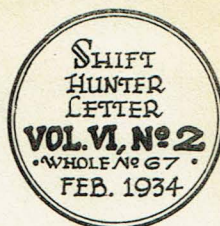


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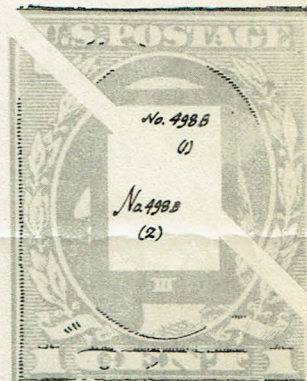
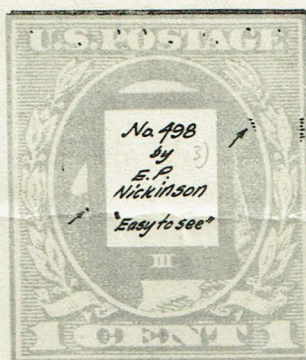
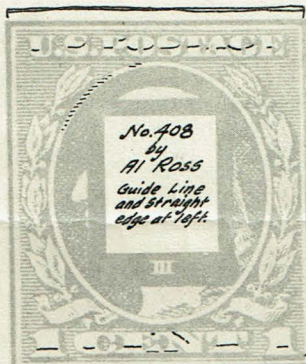
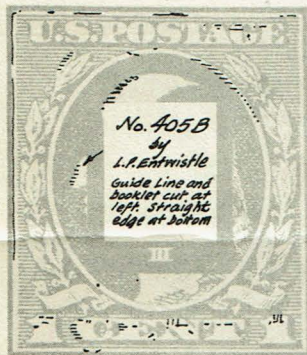


**CORRECTION!** ON SHL #66 the labels designating two of the positions of the 4c 1898 (#280) were reversed. Please correct your copy by reversing positions 8 and 41.

**NOTE:** FRANK REEDER Jr. calls attention to misleading information on SHL #58, relative to the "gash" on the TAG of POSTAGE on the 13c of 1908. This variety has been known for many years and was or is listed in Gibbons' catalogue. It comes from position 96 of a lower pane of plate 4948; probably the lower right. It is illustrated in King & Juhl, vol. I, and should be listed in Scott's S.U.S. catalogue.

At the left is a beautiful Twisted Transfer on the 1c sidewise coil #597, reported by BEV KING in Scott's Journal (March 1933) as having been found by L. D. SHOEMAKER. Solid lines indicate the displaced design, while dotted lines indicate the position of the transfer before erasure.

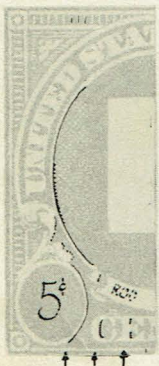
At the right is a "mystery" submitted by CHARLIE PALMER. The stamp is 1c #575 and the extra lines in the right numeral are very plain.



A group of new Double Transfers on the 1c 1912-21 — The last two at the right are both from booklet panes. (1) is from position 3 of the pane, and comes from Charlie Palmer. (2) is from position 4 of another pane, sent by Earl Dobson.



**HERE'S** a chance for some very valuable research work, particularly by the Plate Number collectors. At the left is a "Triple Strike" of the star on an upper pane of plate 5296. At the right is a "Double Strike" of the star at the top of the corresponding pane of plate 5299. In each case "A" represents the normal star, "B" the doubling and "C" the tripling. Which of the top panes are these from...right or left? THIS IS IMPORTANT, for these numbers and stars appear in the coil of #344 containing the famous "ONE-CENT ERROR OF 1908". Reliable information regarding either one will give the correct answer to both. WE NEED YOUR HELP!



The first Shifted Transfer on the 5c rotary #586 comes from TOM F. ROACH and is illustrated at the left. WATCH FOR SIMILAR SHIFTS IN ALL OF THE ROTARY PRESS ISSUES!

We wonder how many of you noticed the error which is corrected in our opening paragraph. GEORGE BRETT noticed it and notified us by return mail. We also wonder how many of you noticed that the illustration at the bottom of these letters shows the usual Shifted (not double) Transfer on the 12c 1914-17?

THANKS to E. P. NICKINSON for the beautiful Double Transfer on 2c sidewise coil #599, illustrated at the right. We believe that this is a case of ReEntry without erasure, and before hardening and curving the plate. Almost the entire design, including the lines on the neck, is displaced to the right.



Joint Line at left

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SUPPLEMENT TO SHIFT HUNTER LETTER NO. 67

TO THE OLD SHIFT HUNTER GANG:

There are still so many of you who have not yet said either "yes" or "no" to my appeal for your cooperation during this new Shift Hunter year, and I don't want to drop anyone from the list who would want to continue as a subscriber to the Shift Hunter Letters.

Consequently, I'm mailing this report to all of you who were on the roster last year, and asking that you PLEASE drop me a letter with your subscription.... or a card saying you want to continue and will remit later....or, if you must, a card or letter saying "no", so I will not have to use any more extra postage!

TO THE CURRENT SUBSCRIBERS:

I have been so busy during the past six weeks that I've acknowledged only the letters containing questions or suggestions requiring answer, and so I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prompt response. Now, let me hear from you often with varieties for report in future letters. I must have a constant supply of new data, and it must come from you!

SUGGESTIONS:

Lt. Col. C. H. Bonesteel suggests that we get all the notes of varieties on a particular stamp together, and publish one report listing these complete data for each stamp. His candidate for early action is the 1¢ of the Banknote issues. Who has such complete information on their favorite issue and will loan it for such a report?....and how do you like the idea?

J. C. Harrigan wants reports compiled of all varieties for which position data are known to be published for the exclusive information of the Shift Hunters. Sounds like a good idea, but just how will we work it in the reports?

A. A. Wasserscheid sends an extra cash contribution of \$5 "to help the fund along", and that gives me an idea. There are so many new mats needed, and so little, as yet, to produce them with....so....let each of you who can do so, advance \$5 in cash, designate one mat that you want made and stocked, and I'll make the drawing, have the plate made and the mats printed at once. Each donor will receive full credit for his contribution, to be used for anything we have to offer; mats of any kind, back issues, future subscriptions, or what will you! You can't lose, for you get any quantity of your desired mat almost immediately, and the remainder of your contribution is placed to your credit. You get 100% value received, and the Shift Hunters get some badly needed new mats. Who will be next?

These are your reports and I want them to reflect your wishes. Are there any more suggestions? Remember, the more subscribers, the more data.....and the more reports for your money.

MATS AVAILABLE:

So many subscribers have already asked for a list of available mats that



it is being published herewith as a matter of information to all:

Shift Hunter Mats, \$1.25 per 100, postpaid

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. Universal for 2¢ Civil War Revs.       | 44. 2¢ Columbian               |
| 2. Universal for 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20¢. | 45. 6¢ ditto                   |
| 3. 25¢ Civil War Revenues                 | 46. 8¢ ditto                   |
| 4. 50¢ Civil War Revenues                 | 47. 10¢ ditto                  |
| 5. \$1 Civil War Revenues                 | 48. 15¢ ditto                  |
| 6. 5¢ Inland Exchange                     | 49. 50¢ ditto                  |
| 6a 5¢ Inland Exchange 6" x 8" (15¢ ea.)   |                                |
| 7a \$1 Power/Attorney 8½" x 11" (15¢ ea.) | 51. 1¢ 1902                    |
|   | 52. 2¢ "Shield" 1903           |
| 11. Universal, Span. War, DOCUMENTARY     |                                |
| 12. Universal, ditto, PROPRIETARY         | 61. 1¢ 1908-10                 |
|   | 62. 2¢ ditto                   |
| 21. 1¢ 1851-57                            | 63. Universal, 1¢-7¢, 1912-21  |
| 22. 3¢ ditto                              | 64. Universal, Offset Prints   |
| 23. 1¢ Banknote                           | 65. Universal, 8¢-50¢, 1914-17 |
| 24. 3¢ ditto                              |                                |
| 25. 10¢ ditto                             | 71. 2¢ Hudson-Fulton           |
| 26. 5¢ Taylor                             | 72. 1¢ Pilgrim                 |
| 27. 2¢ Brown or Green, 1883-87            |                                |
| 28. 4¢ Green or Carmine, 1883-88          | 81. Universal, 1¢-15¢, 1922    |
|   | 82. Universal, 17¢-50¢ 1922    |
| 31. Universal, All values 1890-98         | 83. 10¢ Lindbergh Airmail      |
| 32. 1¢ 1390-98                            | 84. 10¢ Map Airmail            |
| 33. 4¢ ditto                              |                                |
| 34. 15¢ ditto                             | 91. 2¢ Red Cross               |
| 35. 30¢ ditto                             | 92. 1¢ Wash. Bicentennial      |
|   | 93. 3¢ ditto                   |
| 41. Universal (small) Columbians          | 94. 4¢ ditto                   |
| 42. Universal (large) ditto               | 95. 7¢ ditto                   |
| 43. 1¢ Columbian                          | 96. 2¢ Lake Placid             |

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| 101. 1¢ 1902                   | 110. Universal, 8¢-50¢, 1914-17 |
| 102. 2¢ "Shield" 1903          | 111. Universal, 1¢-1¢, 1922     |
| 103. 1¢ 1908-10                | 112. Universal, 1¢-15¢, 1922    |
| 104. 2¢ ditto                  | 113. Universal, 17¢-50¢, 1922   |
| 105. 1¢ 1912-21                | 120. 5¢ Jamestown               |
| 106. 2¢ ditto                  | 121. 2¢ Alaska-Yukon            |
| 107. 3¢ 1908-21                | 122. 2¢ Hudson-Fulton           |
| 108. 12¢ 1914-17               | 140. 3¢ Washington Bicentennial |
| 109. Universal, 4¢-7¢, 1908-17 | 142. 7¢ ditto                   |

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THE ROSTER will be issued with the March report, and it is hoped that the index will be ready to go with the April report. Hurry, and get aboard.....for we're under way!

AND PLEASE NOTE.....Our January and February campaign produced THIRTY-ONE new subscribers, never before on the mailing list! Tell your friends about the SHIFT HUNTER LETTERS, and get your club to take a subscription for its Library!

Cordially yours,

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