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Dear Mr Shift Hunters

The beautiful shifts on #63 and #146, described in the last letter, were sent in for your benefit by Mr LeGrande Payne of Indianapolis. Mr Payne is President of the Indiana Stamp Club.

We have a newcomer among our little bunch of Shift Hunters. Mr Beverly S. King, head of the Revenue Unit of the A.P.S. says "count me in with the gang and I'll help a bit". Mr King is a well known Shift Hunter - more about him later.

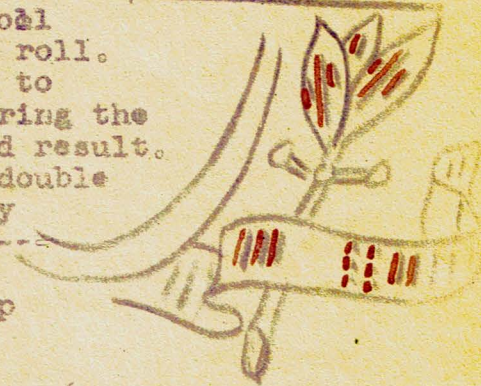
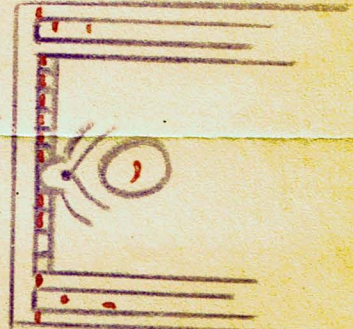
Mr A. R. Davis finds this new variety on the 5¢ Parcel Post Due stamp. It also shows with many dots and dashes elsewhere on the stamp. The position is in a left pane adjacent to the plate number.

We have all agreed that a Double Transfer is impossible on the offset prints of 1918. That is, the usual double transfer from transfer roll to plate is impossible. There was no transfer roll. Transferring was done by light from a negative to the plate. Should the negative be shifted during the exposure, a DOUBLE PHOTOGRAPHIC TRANSFER would result. Mr A.R.Davis sends a 2¢ Offset that is NOT a double impression. Many of the fine lines are neatly doubled (under a glass) as shown here in part----- This may be a real find. A Double Photo Transfer. Let's look over our stocks and keep our eyes open for further information.

Here are two new found shifts on the 10¢ Brown, Type II, of 1898. One at the top in "STATES" and the other in "CENTS" and in the lower medalion margins. There is one very similar to the last in the 10¢ green, 1894-5.

Mr King has requested that "The Shift Hunters" assist in the replating of some of the Civil War revenues. The writer is starting work on the 5¢-Inld.Exchange and I understand that Mr Robt.F.Chambers is working on the \$1.00 Power of Atty. Blocks, strips, pairs and marginal copies are needed. Look for them, let us know who has them. Your copies will be safely returned or paid for if you prefer. Plating is for the benefit of all collectors and your assistance is needed.

The present 25¢ stamp has several shifts, two of which may be found at the Post Office today. 52LRI4063 and 62LRI4063 are the best ones. Also get the block of six (horizontal) from the lower right pane of plate 14062. Not necessary to broadcast this data outside of the "Shift Hunters".



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One of our "gang" writes that the Shift Hunter letters is the best philatelic publication that he receives and sends a self imposed "subscription" for 1936. Now what can you do with a fellow like that. Seriously, the gang is growing, even though we try to limit our "membership". Postage, etc. gets bigger but it's been a pleasure with no intention of financial gain. Thanks, Mr Davis, but as yet I can't take the cash. If the "burden" gets too heavy I will "squeeze". Lets put it this way.

When "you all" send shifts for inspection and for S.H. Letters just inclose return postage, and we will all be happy. Buy all the mats to mount your shifts that you can use at cost (one and a half cents each) and keep dues, subscriptions and especially organization out of "THE SHIFT HUNTERS". I think our motto is the best yet--

**Membership in the Shift Hunters is
ATTAINED and MAINTAINED
by COOPERATION.**

For your information, I have only broadcast the big or unusual shifts which you have sent in. I have, however, made a mat drawing of nearly every new shift and placed the owners name on it. These will be held for publication if our articles in the American Philatelist prove popular, or for future S.H. letters.

I am still hoping to see every Shift Hunter specializing in one of the commoner U.S. stamps which are available by the tens of thousands. We cannot all look over all the common varieties nor do we have the cash. One stamp to a man and a few dollars now and then will work fine. I now have 100,000 of the 2¢ Shield of 1903 so that will be my share for 1936. Jones has taken the 2¢-Green. Who will go after the 2¢-1908-10, the 1¢-1912-17 or the 2¢-Omaha perhaps? There are many others such as the 2¢-Jamestown that are full of fine shifts that few people knew about.

Here's to a Shifty New Year.

C.W.B.

*Inclosed shift
with New Year
greetings.*

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comprises a "curiosity circuit" and a descriptive letter which was routed in turn to those Shift Hunters who were on the mailing list at that time.

As the letter is of no value without the circuit, it will not be reproduced.