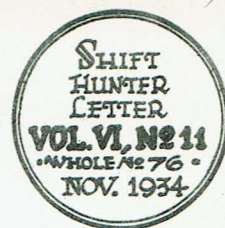


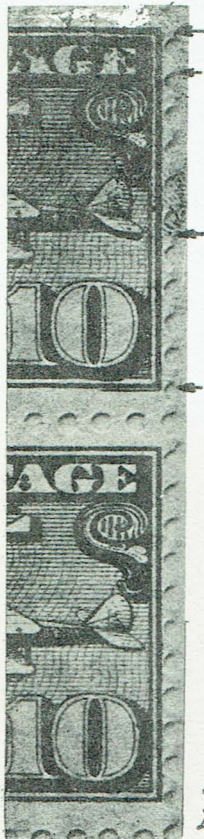


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No. 1306  
Double  
Transfer

The entire right  
end of the design  
is doubled down-  
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Position  
18246-U1-11

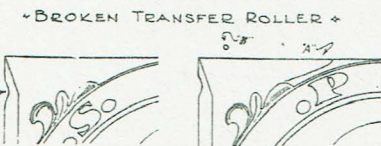
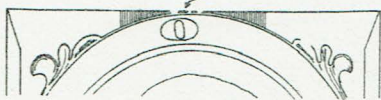
Illustration from  
The American  
Philatelist

Note →  
Not a  
"Shift" but  
a "Double  
Transfer"

This  
illustration  
and copy  
are from "The American Philatelist"  
of a couple of years ago; hence  
the "loose" terminology which at  
that time permitted almost any  
plate variety to be called a "shift."



The illustration is made from a copy of the 10c 1851 recently discovered by E. R. Jacobs of Chicago and has created a furor in U. S. specialist circles. It is a remarkable example of a shift and opens an entirely new and undreamt of field of inquiry in connection with the study of the 10c 1851 stamp. Note the extreme doubling in the upper label, the reduplication of the outer lines of the figures X and formation of a colon after the U. and S. by reason of the duplication of the periods. The ten cent stamp of the '51 series has been a popular field for research by specialists for many years and in view of the intensive study given it Stevenson, Perry, Ashbrook and Dr. Chase it almost seems unbelievable that an unknown variety turn up at this time.



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every variety ever known

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is a reproduction  
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used in our file,  
and represents  
the method of  
numbering the  
positions of the  
usual 100-subject  
pane... Such a  
card is filled out  
for each pane  
studied. We will  
appreciate any  
help in completing  
our Plate Variety  
Records ---

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100



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