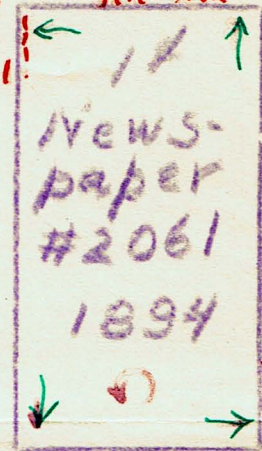


Dear Mr Shift Hunter:

319 Vaniman Street,
Akron, Ohio.
1-18-30

Thursday the 16th., I had the pleasure of meeting Mr Vestal of Indianapolis at the S.F.A. Club meeting in "Cinci". He sure has a fine lot of Doubles on the Department proofs and stamps. Nothing ever gets by that eagle eye. With a good glass he found a TRIPLE on one of my 30¢-1922 shifts (the usual shift at the left but there are three lines instead of two). Be sure and look yours over carefully.

Meet Mr Perry Hobbs of 598 Sheridan Square, Evanston, Ill. Mr Hobbs is the 19th Shift Hunter "and how". Here is a beautiful "TWISTED" shift on one of the Newspaper stamps, the best one on any newspaper stamp that I have seen (I've only seen about 20). Perry should be proud of it.

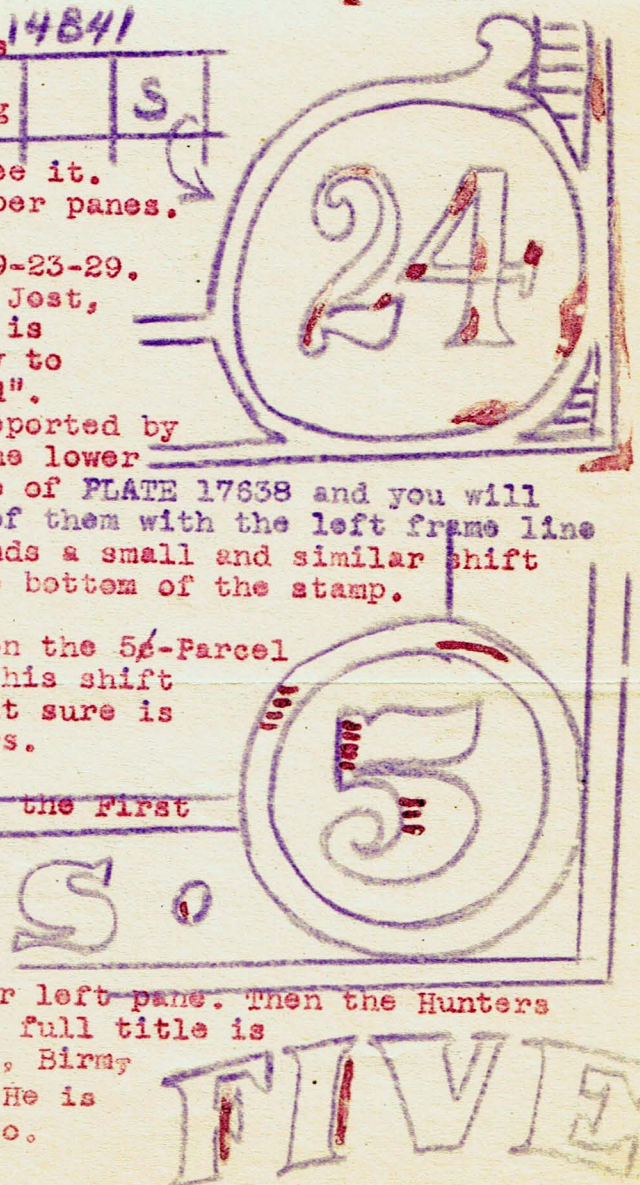


Here is one of the favorites ¹⁴⁸⁴¹ of Major Bonesteel of Washington, and you can't blame him for thinking thus. Its on the 24¢-Airmail, 1923 #1305. You do not need a glass to see it. Plate number 14841, in one of the upper panes.

Look up your S.H. Letter of 9-23-29. and then get acquainted with Mr. E. Jost, Box 340, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr Jost is S.H. #18 and has the following to say to the others who are "in the same ward". 10¢-Spl. Del., Postman & Motorcycle reported by Mr Vestal. Find a block of 9 from the lower right corner of the lower right pane of PLATE 17638 and you will have 8 of these small shifts, some of them with the left frame line clearly double. Mr McAlpin also finds a small and similar shift with plate No. 17640 attached to the bottom of the stamp.

Here is a very clear shift on the 5¢-Parcel Post. Can't find any indication of this shift except at the lower right "5", but it sure is there. There are at least two others.

McAlpin wants you to turn to the First S.H. Letter and correct one of my errors. The shift given as 51-LR-12418 should be 46-LR-12418. Thanks "Mac", very much. Now who will find the upper right pane of this plate and the lower rows of the upper left pane. Then the Hunters will have this plate complete. Mac's full title is Frederic R. McAlpin, 627 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., and he is S.H. No. 17. He is Optometrist for the B. & S. Optical Co.



One of our Hunters finds extra lines in "FI" of "FIVE" on the 5¢-Forn. Exchange Civil War Revenue as shown on the previous page. Is this a shift? Is it found on all copies? Here is one that I was once fooled on. The 6¢-Dpt. of the Interior. The upper label is nicely doubled clear across the stamp. I thought it was a shift but soon found that "they are all like that". Two others have been "caught" the same way. Let me know about your copies of the 5¢-Forn. Exchange.

Mr Oliver Wolcott, 890 Stadlerman Ave., Akron, Ohio collects shifts on cover and he sure "has them". He is President of the Rubber City Stamp Club and is S.H. No. 16.

Mr W.F. Goerner, famous for 3¢-1851's lives at 7 Birchfield Road, Edgewood, R.I. "W.F." just can't stick to the 1851 shifts when there are so many floating around on 20th Century U.S. We welcome him as Hunter No. 14.

Several have asked for a list of the Mats that are available for illustrating and mounting shifts. Here is the list. Please order by number at 1 and 1/2 cents each plus postage.

1. 2¢-Civil War Revenues. Bottom label is blank to fit any stamp.
2. Spanish War Documentaries. Any denomination on the same mat.
3. Civil War Revenues. 3¢, 4¢, 5¢, 6¢, 10¢, 15¢, & 20¢ all on one mat.
4. Spanish War Proprietaries. Any denomination on same mat.
5. One Cent, 1851 or 1857.
6. Three Cent, 1851 or 1857.
7. One Cent Bank Notes.
8. Three Cent Bank Notes.
9. Ten Cent Bank Notes.
10. Two Cent. 1883-Red Brown or 1887-Green.
11. Four Cent. 1883-Blue Green or 1888-Carmine.
12. A universal mat for all the 1890 to 1898 issues.
13. Fifteen Cent 1890, also the Triangles.
14. One Cent 1890 also used for the Triangles.
15. Four Cent 1890 and Triangles.
16. Thirty Cent 1890 and Triangles.
17. A universal mat for all the Columbians.
18. One Cent 1902.
19. Two Cent 1903. Shield.
20. "One Cent" 1908-10.
21. "Two Cents" 1908-10.
22. Two Cent Hudson-Fulton.
23. 1912 thru 1917. Universal mat for 2¢ to 7¢ inclusive.
24. 1912 thru 1917. Universal mat for 8¢ to 50¢ inclusive.
25. One Cent Pilgrim.

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our Central I hope for
an opportunity to see
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of Guadianaapolis.
Every year
I will not
be with us
in Cincinnati
C.W.*

Had a very pleasant visit with Editor A.D. Fennel of the American Philatelist. Another Shift article in the Feb. number we hope. How did you like Mr King's revenue data in the Jan. number? He wants to "write up" all the data on 20th Cent. U.S. A big job and much needed. When it comes to Shifts he will have at least 19 Hunters to help, I am sure.

Sorry that "Shifty" Jones and Dr. Gearhart missed the Cincinnati "get-to-gether". Thanks Mr Jones for the telegraphic greetings. Hope all the Hunters will remember to "look up" the other Hunters when you pass thru their city. The biggest part of collecting is the friends you make.