



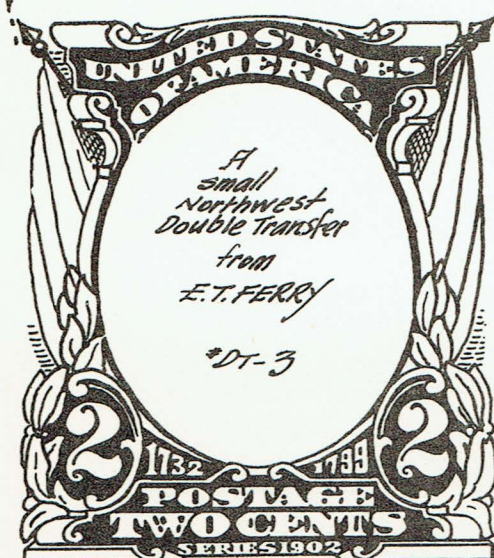
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FALL SPECIAL



A small TWISTED SHIFT



No. 114, 34-1869



The stamp from which this illustration was made is on the original cover with postmark "Cornwall Landing, N. Y.," and is the finest example of shifting the writer has ever seen.

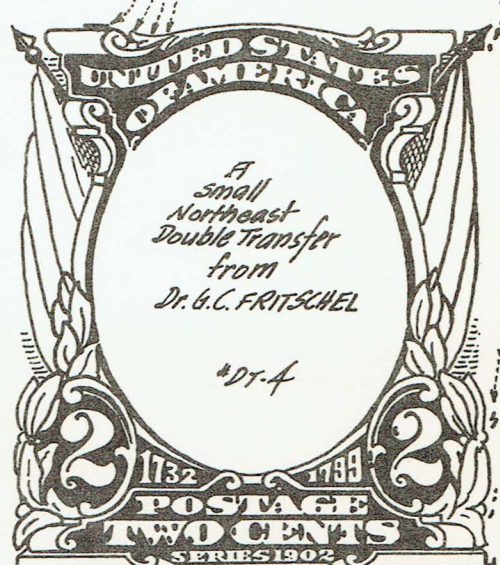
From The Collectors' Journal Vol. VII No. 21, June 1917 Notes by G.B. Sloane - still a Shift Hunter!

These four additional varieties complete our records on this stamp. We would like to have any members who have made a study of this stamp send in any additional varieties that they may have, or any position data on those illustrated so far.

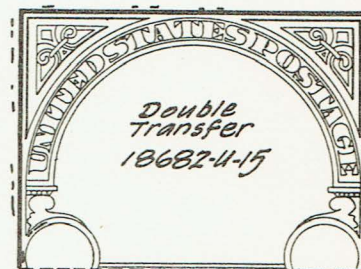
NOTE:

These are the only two Shifted Transfers we've ever found on this stamp - and both are at the top.

Doesn't the usual shift at bottom occur on this issue?



Upward SHIFTED TRANSFER



These nice varieties in #571, #1-1922, are the discovery of Charles L. Palmer. The illustrations are from the advance copy for Vol. III of JOHN'S "U.S. Stamps of the Twentieth Century", published in the COLLECTOR'S CLUB PHILATELIST for April 1935.

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SN 1812
Seattle, Washington, August 25, 1935 X

Dear Collector:

The demands of the "bread and butter" producing job has kept my philatelic activities to a minimum again this past six months, but without being too optimistic I believe I can safely undertake to continue the work I like so well --- namely, that of acting as the clearing house for plate variety information and the results of your research. It is too bad that we just can't quit our jobs and retire to spend all our time browsing among our stamps and keeping up with the ever increasing correspondence!

In spite of the press of more vital work, the Shift Hunter Letters reached you on time for the first four months of the year, and the special "dividend" memorial edition for May was prepared and made ready for the Printer on May 1. A short delay there held up production until June and then came further demands on my time that have held me up until now ---- and here comes May, June, July and August with the two "dividend" issues and two reprints from the BUREAU SPECIALIST. Since the delay occurred during the vacation period when few of us really want to pore over stamps anyhow, I believe that you will appreciate the fact that all of this data reaches you at the start of a new "philatelic season" so that you can give it your renewed interest and attention.

I can readily understand how many of you must feel about the slow action you are getting, but I sincerely hope that you will all bear with me until the present "jam" has been cleaned up and I can again settle back to an uninterrupted schedule of reports and correspondence, and I sincerely believe that it "can't be long now" before that time comes.

Only about half of our subscribers have come in with the necessary cash to keep the wheels turning and we believe that we can rely on you not to let us down now. However, for the benefit of those who HAVE paid their dues, I want you to know that the reports will be continued and the weekly reports in W.S.C. will be resumed as soon as time again permits. To those of you who responded to the special offers the first of the year which included a subscription to W.S.C. as a premium, I want to say that your subscriptions will be renewed starting with the resumption of the "U.S. COLLECTOR" column in that paper.

We badly need the outstanding unpaid subscription money to carry out our program, so help us all you can. From here on your correspondence will receive IMMEDIATE attention. How's about it?

We have received a number of subscriptions since our last tabulation, and also a number of resignations; and we are grateful that the latter are still fewer than the former. A list of the new subscribers, changes of address, etc., will be included with an early report, but the latter are being ignored --- meaning the resignations ---- and they will continue to receive the reports for the remainder of the year in the hope that they may forgive us for our unintentional inattention and that their interest and cooperation may be regained. We again thank those of you who have "stuck by the ship" for your cooperation.

Just one thing more ---- because we believe that the preparation and mailing of these reports to the paying members is of first importance, we have given it priority over the correspondence. In order to give us a chance to clean that up as quickly as possible, please "go easy" on letters requiring answer for a few weeks.

Most cordially yours,
