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Dear Mr "Hunter":

At the request of Mr Beverly S. King and Mr A.D.Fennel, we have started the preparation of a Check List of the Double Transfers on the 20th Century U.S. Stamps. The assistance of every Shift Hunter is requested. Please look this list over and let me have your corrections and additions. I would like to see any unusual items not listed below.

300 Perf 12.

314 Imperf. 1¢-1902 The usual or more common shift on this stamp occurs in the bottom label in the "ST" of "POSTAGE" and in the white spaces at either end of the label. The best examples of the shift show also in "ONE CENT" and the finest shifts also have the lower frame line nicely doubled. Plate 3365 shows this type of shift in great profusion and it occurs on several other plates.

Eight unusual and rare shifts have been found to date. They occur in the top and bottom labels, in the white border around the vignette and in the margins above and below the stamp. One Twisted Shift is known, the misplacement of the relief being counter clockwise.

In this stamp we also find a "Double-Double Transfer" which is one form of a double transfer. In this stamp there is a Westward shift showing at both sides of the vignette, in both year dates, in the left numeral and in the left margin around the knee and arm of the child figure. In the same stamp there is a larger Downward shift showing in the lower label and in the margin below the stamp. By no stretch of the imagination can these two shifts in the same stamp be said to be produced by one placement of the relief.

301 Perf 12. 2¢-1902 Several small shifts are known in the lower portion of this stamp. The best ones show the lower frame line nicely doubled.

302 Perf 12. 3¢-1902 Not listed. One fine shift in the lower label has been found.. It shows in the bottom of "THREE CE-" and at the left of the label.

304 Perf 12. 5¢-1902 Not listed. A very fine shift has been found by H.M.Jones of Huntington, W.Va. It is found in the top of "FIVE" and the horizontal shading lines around the bust in the vignette are nicely doubled.

306 Perf 12. 8¢-1902 Not listed. Mr Jones also has this shift with the bottom frame line nicely doubled.

319 Perf 12. 2¢-1903

320 Imperf. Shield

The usual, but not common, shift is found in the lower label in the "T" and "S" of "TWO CENTS", in the "ST" of "POSTAGE" and in the white spaces just



inside the lower frame line. In better shifts it also shows in "Washington" and in the year dates as well as showing in the top of "POSTAGE" and "TWO CENTS". There are many varieties of this shift to be found, perfed, imperf and in booklet panes.

Five unusual shifts have been found in the perforated stamp and one exceptionally fine shift has been found on a booklet pane. In the lake shade a block of four has been found with one stamp showing a flaw or damaged plate with the adjacent stamp a fine shift. Shifts in the lake shades and on booklet panes are quite desirable. A shift is not listed on the imperforate stamp.

325 3¢-Louisiana Purchase In this stamp there are several minor varieties comprising a shift in the vertical frame lines at the left of the stamp.

328 1¢-Jamestown. There are many minor shifts in this stamp showing best as a doubling of the ornament inside the left numeral. They are quite common. The best of these shifts also show the doubling thruout the left side of the stamp such as one where the Indian Head and its oval are also doubled. The better shifts are far from common.

329 2¢-Jamestown. There are a number of good shifts on this stamp. The left and top frame lines are often doubled out into the margins and the vertical shading lines in the left shield are sometimes doubled.

330 5¢-Jamestown. There are several shifts in the ribbons and numerals at the right side and more rarely at the left side.

331 1¢-1908 Perf 12. D.L.Wmk. The usual shift on this stamp occurs with many minor variations and shows at the bottom of the vignette, in the top of "ONE CENT" and/or in the shading lines of the bust. A few of them are strong enough to be seen with the naked eye.

Five unusual shifts have been observed as entirely different from the usual shift and they seem to be very rare, only one copy of each having been found in a total of over 70,000 copies.

332 2¢-1908 Perf. 12 D.L.Wmk. The usual shift shows at the bottom of the vignette and in the top of "TWO CENTS" but not in the bust as in the One Cent stamp. Shifts showing in the shading lines of the neck are quite rare and are to be included among the unusual shifts. There are many variations of the usual shift, the best of which show a doubling of the horizontal shading lines under and around "TWO CENTS".

Shifts on this stamp are often accompanied by a DEFECTIVE TRANSFER usually of some portion of the frame lines. Further search may show that some of these shifts or recenteries were recut to correct the poor transfer as seems to be the case with the 3¢-Parcel Post.

333 3¢-1908 Perf 12. D.L.Wmk. Shift listed. No data.



334 4¢-1908 Perf 12. D.L.Wmk. Two different shifts have been found similar to the usual shifts on the 1¢ and 2¢ of this issue. A shift is not listed.

343 1¢-1908 D.L.Wmk. Imperforated. The usual shifts of the perforated stamp are also found on the imperforated stamp. One block of four shows four fine varieties.

344 2¢-1908 D.L.Wmk. Imperf. Many varieties of the usual shift of the perforated stamp are to be found imperforate. Several are found on Plate 5617.

Eight unusual shifts have been found, some of them very fine and all quite rare. Defective frame line transfers are also found on the imperf stamp.

345 3¢-1908 D.L.Wmk. Imperf. Shift listed. No data.

346 4¢-1908 D.L.Wmk. Imperf. Two shifts similar to the usual shifts on the One Cent and Two Cents stamps have been found. One unusual shift has been found on plate 5199.

348 1¢-1908 Vertical Coil. The usual 1¢-1908 shift has been found on this coil.  
Perf 12. It is not listed.

349 2¢-1908 Vertical Coil. An unusual upward shift has been found on this coil. It is not listed.  
Perf 12.

352 1¢-1908 Horizontal Coil. The usual 1¢-1908 shift exists on this coil.  
Perf. 12.

357 1¢-1908 Blue Paper The usual 1¢-1908 shift has been found on blue paper, but it is one of the minor shifts. Further search should bring to light one of the better shifts. Not listed.

370 2¢-Alaska Yukon. Perf 12. The usual shift for this stamp shows as a doubling of the left inner frame line with better copies also showing in the left side ornaments, in the ribbon and more rarely in "WILLIAM H. SEWARD".  
371 2¢-Alaska Yukon Imperf. There are many varieties and plate positions, some on plate 5257.

A larger and unusual shift is found in both numerals, in the right margin and in the lower label. Apparently it is the usual shift that is priced in the catalogue for the usual shift is quite common and this unusual shift is rarely found.

What is apparently a transfer roll variety, showing as white dashes in the frame lines and other irregularities, is often mistaken for a shift or double transfer. These are quite the usual thing on this stamp.

372 2¢-Hudson Fulton. Perforated. At least thirteen shifts exist in this interesting stamp. Two  
373 2¢-Hudson Fulton. Imperf.



are minor, two are small and nine are good shifts, easily seen and worthy of a place in any collection.

The two shifts that are most commonly known are Nos. 3 & 4 in the upper left pane of plate 5394. They are easily identified with the naked eye by a little red circle curving thru the top of the "6" in "1609" and a strong shift in the left numerals. No.1 from the same pane is a smaller shift showing in the top label and with a circle thru the "09" of "1909". A strip of stamps across the top of this pane shows all three of these shifts.

A very remarkable shift occurs in the upper right corner of an upper right pane of an unknown plate. It shows lightly in the upper labels and white internal margins but very heavily in the "0" of "TWO".

A vertical block of 4 from the upper left corner of a lower left pane in an unknown plate, shows No.1 as a minor and Nos. 7 & 8 as major double transfers. In position 7 the horizontal shading lines at the right side of the stamp are so doubled that this portion of the stamp appears to be heavily inked. Position 8 is a fine shift showing in the top and right margins, also in the upper labels and right numeral.

A vertical strip of 3 from an unknown pane shows the top and bottom stamps as very fine shifts. The top one is doubled westward thruout the left side of the stamp while the lower stamp in the strip is doubled downward into the lower margin, in the lower label and in the numerals.

Position 3 in an upper pane from plate 5388 is a good shift showing clearly in the upper labels.

A single, with guide line at the right, shows a nice downward shift into the lower margin and in many places thruout the entire stamp.

Position 6-UL-5393, the upper right corner stamp in the upper left pane adjacent the arrow, shows a strong downward shift in the lower margin as well as thruout the entire stamp. In addition to this it also shows an upward shift into the top margin which can be seen with the unaided eye. Apparently this is another "Double-Double Transfer" or one form of a "Triple Transfer".

Warning should be given against the many "slip" or Blurred Impressions which are so often mistaken for shifts on this stamp. If it is not a clear, clean-cut double, pass it by. This is easily determined with a good glass.

374 1¢-1910 Perf 12. S.L.Wmk. The usual shift of the 1¢-1908 is found on this stamp. No unusual shifts have so far been found but they probably will be.

375 2¢-1910 Perf 12. S.L.Wmk. The usual shift of the 2¢-1908 is found on this stamp. When they occur with Defective Transfers of the frame lines they are considered as unusual and rare.



- 377 4/-1910. Perf 12. S.L.Wmk. Shift listed. No data.
- 278 5/-1910. Perf 12. S.L.Wmk. Not listed. Two very fine shifts have been found in the upper label.
- 383 1/-1910. Imperf. S.L.Wmk. This stamp shows the usual type of shift for the 1/-1908-10. Plate 5651 shows at least one shift. Two small and unusual shifts have also been found.
- 384 2/-1910 Imperf. S.L.Wmk. Not listed. Usual shifts are found. Eight unusual shifts have been found on plate 5092, also several positions with a defective transfer of some portion of the frame lines, often a shift in the same stamp.
- 385 1/-1910 Vertical Coil Perf 12. The usual shifts for the 1/-1908-10 stamp are found. Several vertical paste-up pairs have been found with concealed plate numbers \*5159 and \*5179, with the stamp showing the plate number carrying the shift, therefore in an upper pane. Not listed.
- 387 1/-1910 Horiz.Coil Perf 12. S.L.Wmk. No shift listed and none found. Look for it as it certainly must exist.
- 390 1/-1910 Vert.Coil Perf 8 1/2. S.L.Wmk. Not listed. Four small unusual shifts have been found in one vertical strip of four. More should be found.
- 392 1/-1910 Horiz.Coil Perf 8 1/2. S.L.Wmk. Not listed. The usual shift has been found. The largest shift, so far observed in the 1/-1908-10, has been found in this coil. Three copies were found in a coil of 900. It shows in the left part of the upper label and is number 61 in a left pane of Plate 5567. There were concealed plate numbers at every paste-up in this one coil.
- 393 2/-1910 Horiz.Coil Perf 8 1/2.S.L.Wmk. Not listed. The usual shift for this stamp.
- 405 1/-1912 Perf 12. S.L.Wmk. Three shifts have been found in the lower label, one probably on a booklet plate.
- 406 2/-1912 Perf 12. S.L.Wmk. Two shifts have been found. They are similar to the usual shift on the 2/-1908-10.
- 408 1/-1912 Imperf. S.L.Wmk. Several small shifts on plate 6020.
- 416 10/-1912 Perf 12. S.L.Wmk. Not listed. A small shift very similar to the well known shift on the 12/- stamp of this series.
- 417 12/- 1912 thru 1917. Perf.12.S.L.Wmk. Plate 6900 was certified Feb. 13, 1914 and canceled Nov. 13, 1918. It was used thru three perforations and two papers.
- 435 Perf 10. S.L.Wmk.
- 436 Perf 10. Copper red.
- 474 Perf 10. Unwmk. 1913.
- 512 Perf 11. Unwmk. 1917.



12¢-1912-17 Continued. According to the Bureau records this plate was never reworked or reentered so the many shifts that occur were produced during the original rocking-in process. The finest shifts show the shoulder lines clearly doubled, also the bottom frame line of the vignette, the lower label and the numerals. There are many shifts less distinct. The upper left pane is said to contain 61 shifts. The same type of shifts also show on plate 6913 and other plates. Registered letters showing this shift on cover are desirable. Major shifts showing in the bust are far more rare than indicated by the list price according to my experience.

A Triple Transfer shows three lines at the bottom of the vignette where one line normally exists. They usually require a good glass. A triple is not listed for the 1917 series nor have I seen one. It should exist.

427 1¢-1914 Perf 10. S.L.Wmk. Shift listed. No data.

435 See 417.

436 See 417.

444 2¢-1914 Horiz.Coil Perf 10. S.L.Wmk. Not listed. Same as the usual shift on the 2¢-1908-10.

464 3¢-1916 Perf 10. Unwmk. Shift listed. No data.

474 See 417.

481 1¢-1916 Imperf. Unwmk. Shift listed. No data.

483 3¢-1916 Imperf. Unwmk. Plate 8131 shows three adjacent shifts in one of the upper panes. The doubling is in the lower portions of the frame lines. Two other positions next to the shifts, show light prints in one corner of the stamp indicating that part of these positions were tapped out partially when the reentries were made.

498 1¢-1917 Perf 11. One very fine shift showing in the front of the face and elsewhere.

499 2¢-1917 Perf 11. Usual shift at bottom of vignette and in lower label.

501 3¢-1917 Perf 11. The second stamp under an upper plate number 8129 shows a heavy double transfer. The shift shows over the entire stamp.

504 5¢-1917 Perf 11. Two strong, fine shifts in the upper label.

508 8¢-1917 Perf 11. Not listed. Small shift similar to the well known shift on the 12¢-1912-17.

510 10¢-1917 Perf 11. Not listed. Shift similar to the 12¢.

511 11¢-1917 Perf 11. Shift listed. No data.

512. See 417.



515 20¢-1917 Perf 11. Shift listed. No data.

517 50¢-1917 Perf 11. Shift listed. No data.

537 3¢-Victory. Not listed. Two fine shifts exist on this stamp. One shift is Eastward and one Westward, otherwise they are very similar, showing doubling of the cords which hold the scale pans as well as doubling in the two flags to the right of the Statue. These are very attractive as the center stamps in blocks of nine.

538 1¢-1919-21 Rotary Perf 11x10 A remarkable downward shift showing almost thruout the entire stamp. The normal dark, arched area over the head, shows doubled as a distinct arch thru the temple and side of the head.

548 1¢-Pilgrim. All the double transfers on this stamp would make a very interesting specialized collection. Plate 12418 seems to be one of the chief "offenders" with regard to plate errors. There are 3 good, 4 small and 1 minor shifts in the Upper Left Pane. The lower half of this pane has not been plated.

In the lower left pane there are 2 good, 2 small and 1 minor shift. Data complete.

In the lower right pane there are 1 good, 1 small and 1 minor shift. Data complete.

No data is available regarding the Upper Right Pane.

Plate 12420 contains at least 3 good shifts and 3 other shifts are still unplates with perhaps others still to be found.

The variety of shifts on this stamp are so varient that the only clue is "look every stamp all over". Too often the Shift Hunter in looking for a known shift, overlooks other unknown varieties.

552 1¢-1922 Perf 11. Shift listed. No data.

554 2¢-1922 Perf 11. There are at least two fine shifts in this common stamp but due to the large number of plates they are as hard to find as the haystack needle. One shift shows in the lower left margin and in the left numeral. It is No. 26 in an upper pane of Plate 14129.

558 6¢-1922 Perf 11. There are two fine shifts in a right pane of Plate 14169 in positions 50 & 60, adjacent to the plate number. The shift shows best in "STATES".

559 7¢-1922 Perf 11. Dr Robert F. Chambers finds a vertical block of six from the lower left corner of a lower left pane with the engravers initials, W. Mc. A. in the margin. Five of these stamps show a small but distinct double transfer, No. 71 being the best with the bottom and left frame lines nicely doubled.

560 8¢-1922 Perf 11. Shift listed. No data. Said to have been described in Scott's Monthly.



- 564 12¢-1922 Perf 11. An attractive shift showing in both numerals, in "CLEVELAND" and in "CENTS". The only copy I have seen is on a cover from the Philatelic Exhibition in Boston, March 20, 1923 and is addressed to Fred J. Melville, London.
- 565 14¢-1922 Perf 11. Not listed. Several small shifts have been found in Plate 14512.
- 567 20¢-1922 Perf 11. Not listed. "Heavy line thru "POSTAGE". A fine shift easily seen with the eye alone.
- 568 25¢-1922 Perf 11. Not listed. Several small shifts at the right side. 52-LR-14063 is one of the best.
- 569 30¢-1922 Perf 11. The S.U.S. lists a shift in "UNITED". The entire left side of this stamp is double showing in the numeral, in the corner ornament and the left frame is double. There are many smaller shifts in the same location as well as several minor ones.
- There is also a very heavy shift of the right side that deserves listing, since it is larger in misplacement than the left side shift and easily seen with the naked eye. It shows in "Postage", in the right numeral and in the lower right margin. It is No 52 in an upper right pane.
- One of the common left side shifts shows three lines where one line should be and is a **TRIPLE TRANSFER** of the same degree of visibility as the triples on the 12¢ of 1914-17. It was found by Mr A.P. Vestal of Indianapolis.
- 610 24¢-1923 Carmine Air Mail. Maj. C.H. Bonesteel of Wash., D.C. (1305) was probably the discoverer of this outstanding shift. It is in an upper pane of Plate 14814 in the top row just to the right of the plate number. The lower right corner is very heavily doubled, both numeral and frame.
- 611 2¢-Harding. Perf 11. The usual shift shows a doubling of the shading lines in the lower part of the bust. Better copies also show doubling above and below "Harding" and in the small squares at the lower corners. Plate 14852 shows many of these shifts. Also found on plates 14906, 15080, 15131 and 15137.
- 612 2¢-Harding Imperf. Not listed but should exist.
- 614 1¢-Walloon. Shift listed. No data.
- 615 2¢-Walloon. Shift listed. No data.
- 624 10¢-1926 Air Mail. Map. Not listed. 11-UL-18246 shows doubling on the tail of the airplane and the lower right corner frame is doubled downward into the margin. There are a number of other shifts.
- 646 "2¢-Burgoyne-Saratoga. Not listed. Shift in the left numeral and at the upper and lower left corners.
- 644 10¢-1927 Lindbergh. Several shifts have been reported. I have (1309) no data.



1450 1¢-Parcel Post. Shift listed. No data.

1452 3¢-Parcel Post. The RECUT at the lower righthand corner, as listed in the S.U.S. Cat. was apparently necessary due to a defective reentry since the same stamp shows a strong double transfer and so does the next stamp to the left. These two shifts are adjacent in the same horizontal row in plate 6257, both being downward shifts showing in "CENTS" and in the lower margin. A shift is not listed.

1453 4¢-Parcel Post. Not listed. A small shift of the left frame line.

1454 5¢-Parcel Post. Three very good shifts. A shift in both numerals and upper label comes from a top pane of plate 6215, it is in the top row just to the right of the plate number. A similar shift shows in both numerals and in the white internal margins at top and bottom. A third and strong shift shows only in and around the right numeral.

1635 2¢-1911 Perf 12. D.L.Wmk. Postal Savings. Two shifts have been observed in a block of four, showing in "Savings", "Official", "Mail" and in the right numeral. One of them also shows in "Postage" and the other in the "N" of "Cents".

1638 2¢-1911 Perf 12. S.L.Wmk. Postal Savings. Listed. No data.

1640 10¢-1911 Perf 12. S.L.Wmk. Postal Savings. Listed. No data.

1901 10¢-1922 Spl.Del. Postman & Motorcycle. Not listed. Mr Vestal of Indianapolis, finds several small shifts as a doubling of the vertical shading and border lines at the left side of the stamp. A block of nine from the lower right corner of plate 17638 shows eight small shifts, the largest showing a neat doubling of the left frame line.

2293 5¢-Parcel Post DUE. Not listed. Mr A.R.Davis of Harvard University finds a good double transfer showing as an Eastward shift in the left side of the stamp from top to bottom. It is easily seen without a glass.

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Unless otherwise stated, the above data represents first hand information and is incomplete in many ways. Kindly overlook all typographical errors.

Would you like to have a Check List(Temporary) of the shifts in the last part of the 19th century? A list with sketches of a number of the "DOUBLE\*Double Transfers" and the "Triple Transfers" that the Shift Hunters have in their collections? More detailed descriptions of the Defective Transfers that so often accompany the Double Transfers?

Yes!-you have me up in the air with requests for information and the time has come where the expense looks rather formidable



for 1930. I have enough data for a dozen Shift Hunter Letter and our number is now Twenty with Four new possibilities for "membership". I have at last accepted \$2.00 each from Mr Claff and Mr Wolcott altho in the past I have returned all checks. So from now on I will gladly share the expense with you-all whenever you feel so inclined. Thanks to all the Hunters for their kindly spirit of cooperation.

Dr E.M. Gearhart of Erie, Pa. has found many very strong and extensive shifts on the 2¢-Columbian that far excell anything I have ever seen on this stamp. Also DOUBLE-DOUBLES, Triple and ordinary doubles. He has expressed his intention of Specializing and Concentrating on the Shifts of the Columbian issue. Hurrah! for Dr Gearhart on the Columbians and Huntington ones on the 2¢-Greens. Here's hoping that every Shift Hunter will concentrate on some one stamp so that our total information will increase faster and be more complete and more accurate. My "Concentration" for 1930 will be on the 2¢-Shield of 1903.

Mr Vestal has many fine shifts on PROOFS. After spending an afternoon with him in Cincinnati, I am convinced that he is a real student of "Philatelic Plate Technology". Some of his double transfers on Department stamps "make your eyes water".

Please do not forget the Plating of the 5¢-Inld. Exchange. With the cooperation of all revenue collectors we should complete this work before the new year closes. To do this everyone must assist. Send me blocks, strips, pairs and marginal copies. Mount them on 4X6 Library Cards with your name and address on the back of the card. A receipt will be returned to the owner. We have already found what appears to be a beautiful Cracked Plate.

Dr Gearhart sends you data on a new shift on the 50¢-Columbian.

Stephen C. Lyon of Providence, R.I. sends this surprise on the 6¢-Bank Note of 1873. It is not listed, which means that new finds are still to be found among the early U.S.

W.E. Booker, Jamaica, Vt., Malcolm H. Ganster of Norristown, Pa. and Theo. L. Behr of Lindsay, Calif. are making inquiry about Shift Hunting. Looks like three new "Shift Hunters". To these new men we should repeat our biblical saying-"Give and ye shall receive". We find that the more information a Shift Hunter gives out, the more he receives in return.

Mr Caspar Dorer has made some new finds on U.S. Revenues. Watch Mr Kings revenue sketches in the American Philatelist for the data.

Did you note the changes in price of some of the Revenue shifts in the 1930 S.U.S. We wish to compliment Mr King on several wise readjustments in regard to list prices.

Cordially yours C.W. Bedford.

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