

# U. S. PLATE VARIETIES SHIFT HUNTER LETTER

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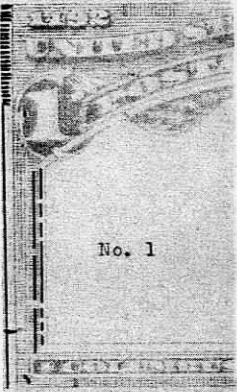
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G.C.BLACK, ----- TYRONE, PA.

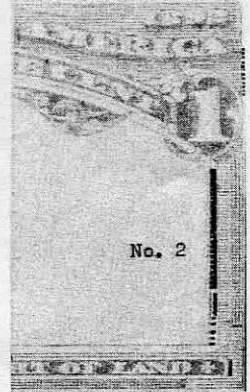
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Dear Mr. Shift Hunter:

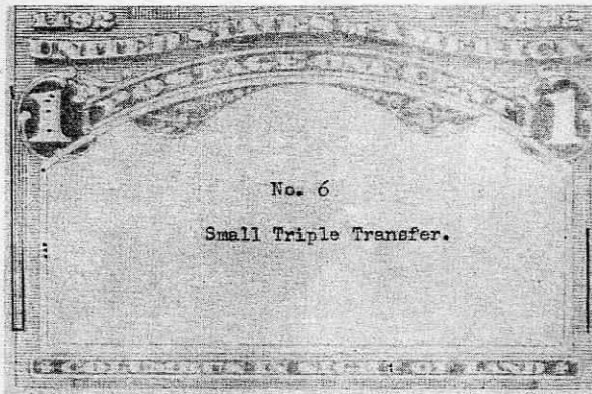
For your perusal a group of 1¢ Columbians which are good examples of Plate Varieties for this stamp. Illustrations 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 & 6 were in a mint block of six in C.W.'s work book. It is evident that good varieties are extremely scarce as only one was illustrated in the original letters and this was in S.H.L. #56 with the following description, "This is one of the really fine double transfers on the 1¢ Columbian and comes from the collection of P. M. Elsdon. There are many shifted transfers on this stamp but the Double Transfers are quite rare."



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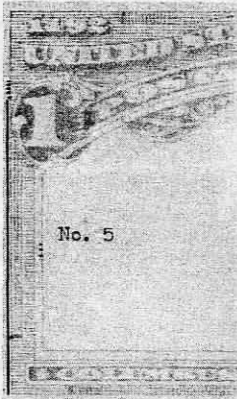


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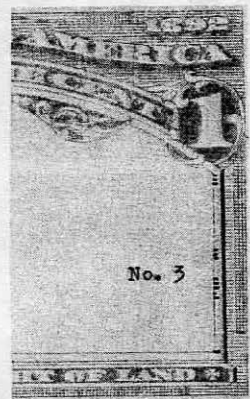


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Small Triple Transfer.



No. 5



No. 3

Had a personal visit from R.C.Martz #1208 Griswald St. Sharon, Pa. who specializes in the one and two cent Columbians. He sure has a nice collection of these stamps both on and off cover. Mr. Martz (lucky man) lives but a few doors from Leo J. Shaughnessy the 3¢ 1851 expert.

An exchange of correspondence with W.T.Kiepura (S.H. #37) Sioux City, Iowa discloses that he is a Master Shift Hunter. Five different plate varieties, one of which was the \$1.00 Foreign Exchange Revenue with extra lines on the outside of the upper left frame line. Best of all were the DOUBLE PERFORATIONS on this stamp which will be illustrated in the future.

Chas. D. Meservey (S.H. #211) #30 Broadway, Mystic, Conn. needs the 2¢ Offset Type IV showing guide lines thus.....

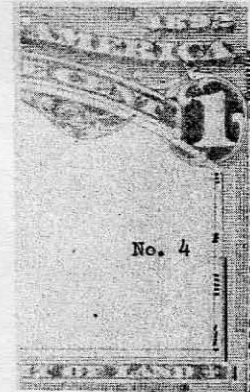


Can YOU give him any assistance? He also wishes to obtain the 3¢ Offset Type III showing guide lines thus.....



No. 7

Imperf. Pair on India Paper.



No. 4

A very interesting letter from Warren E. Booker (S.H. #20) Jamaica, Vermont who advises that he has been in the stamp game for over 58 years. Mr Booker furnished part of the data for the 1¢ Pilgrim (plate number 12418) which is scheduled for a later S.H.L.

Sincerely yours,

GEO. LACK