



# Dummy News and Views

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## Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Sixty-fifth Newsletter

This newsletter is produced quarterly by the United States Stamp Society's Dummy Stamps Study Group for your information and pleasure. We hope that the information included in this newsletter will be informative, useful and encourage your enjoyment of collecting dummy/test stamps. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date with the latest information available to our group. Questions, comments and articles proposed for publication should be directed to Terry R. Scott, Chairman of the United States Stamp Society's Dummy Stamps Study Group at [terryrscott@comcast.net](mailto:terryrscott@comcast.net)

## Thank You to James E. Kloetzel and Scott Publishing

by Terry R. Scott and Michael O. Perry

As reported in the last issue of *Dummy News and Views* we typically meet with Mr. James. Kloetzel, Editor Emeritus of the Scott Catalogues, at the annual WESTPEX Stamp Show in San Francisco that is usually held the last week of April.

WESTPEX was cancelled in 2020, and in 2021 it was rescheduled for July 30 - August 1. Because of this change, Jim was unable to attend the show since he was in the final stages of completing changes to the various Scott Catalogues that he is assigned to work on.

Because we were unable to meet with Jim at WESTPEX, both Mike Perry and I worked with Jim online to finalize our suggestions for the 2022 *Scott Specialized*. While it was not as satisfying as meeting with Jim as usual, we did manage to get things changed and added that we hoped to achieve.

We will mention a few of these changes (but not all of them, and not all the details). We strongly encourage you to purchase a 2022 *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers* so you can see the changes in detail.

With new information found at the web site [www.gbstamprolls.com/affixing-vending/](http://www.gbstamprolls.com/affixing-vending/) several of the dates previously assigned to some of the test stamps listed in the Scott Specialized Catalogue were revised. Examples include TD31 to TD36A, TD37, TD38, TD53 and TD54, TD61, TD64 and TD65, TD66, TD69A and TD69B,

TD70A, TD73, TD78, TD78A, TD78B, TD91 to TD93.

TD46 had a footnote added about a paste-up strip that has double perforations between one pair. A new listing was added for TD57B, a Mail-O-Meter violet stamp with Schermack Type III perforations. A footnote was added to the TD90 listing to describe a strip of 4 with a "gap" in the stamp printing and then an "overlap" print. This strip is shown below.



TD94a and TD95a were clarified to better describe the stamp image sizes to avoid confusion between these two test stamps.

Information was added to several listing of test coils to indicate the distance between the joint lines or the plate numbers since they do vary on several issues.

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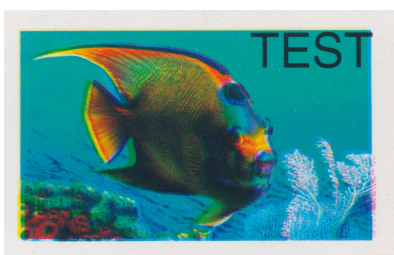
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Several new listings were added this year. Interestingly a new listing was added for TD123A - a self adhesive Flag Over Porch test coil that looks similar to Scott 2915A or 2915C which are normal coils. There is a lengthy description detailing this new listing. It is shown below.



Values were added for the TD130G Tropical Fish test stamp which is shown below.



A new TD136A For Testing Purposes Only coil with a vertical line between the “N” and “L” of “ONLY” but without the light blue masking ink since this test stamp was printed on paper that was not pre-phosphored. It is shown below.



A new TD141 For Testing Purposes Only coil printed for Kirk-Rudy was added. It is shown below.



In the Test Booklets section, several listings had information added to indicate that “Some panes show joint lines.”

Several of the Test Booklet listings had the catalogue values revised, usually downward, to reflect current auction realizations and reduced selling prices.

A new listing for TDB49, a booklet with two For Testing Purposes Only panes, was added. The pane is illustrated below.



In the Test Stamp Essays section there were several new listings added to the previous two listings, all for the George Clinton essays. Details of each of them were added to describe the differences. See the next page for an example of a Clinton essay that was sold in June in a Cherrystone auction.

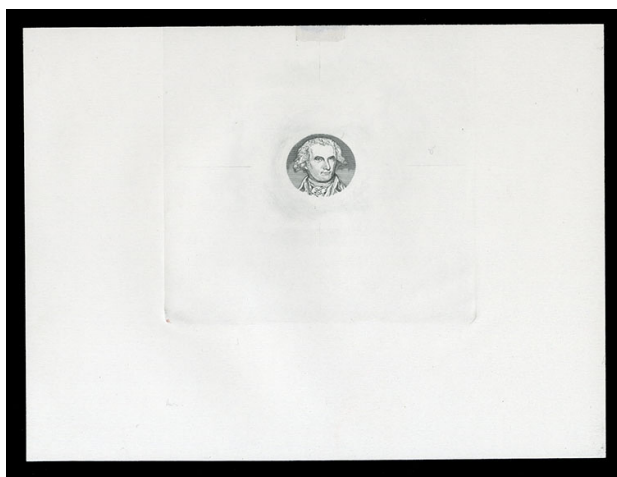


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## Recent Auction Results

On June 29-30, 2021 Cherrystone Auctions held Sale #0621 that contained the following test stamp. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



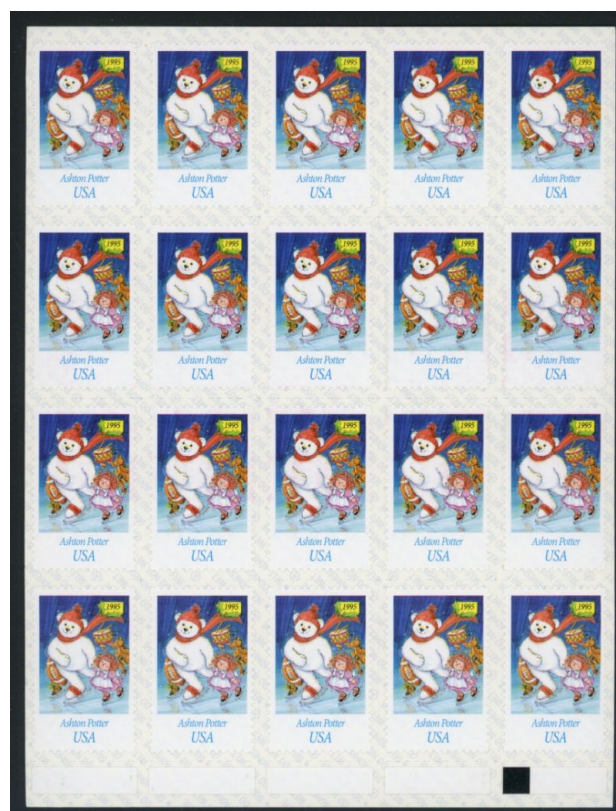
Lot 176 P TD130FP 1993 George Clinton, vignette only, die proof on thin card, hinge toning at top, otherwise v.f. Photo. Cat No. TD130FP (*Ed. Note: This is listed as TD130F-E1 in the 2022 Scott Specialized Catalogue*) Cat. — Realized \$210.00.



On July 13-15, 2021 Dutch Country Auctions held Sale #335 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 498 \*\* VF TD127A VF TEST STAMP Polar Bear Ice Skating, 1995, printed by Ashton-Potter, sheetlet of (20), self adhesive, vertical & horizontal gutters w/ paper removed between the stamps. Photo. Cat. \$15,000.00. Not sold. See the top of the right column on this page.

Lot 499 \*\* VF TD127B VF TEST STAMP Polar Bear Ice Skating, 1995, printed by Ashton-Potter, sheetlet of (20), self adhesive, w/o horizontal & vertical gutters between stamps. Photo. At. \$15,000.00. Not sold. See the bottom of the right column on this page.



Lot 498 - Shown above.

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On July 28, 2021 Vance Auctions Ltd. held Sale #351 that contained the following test stamp. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



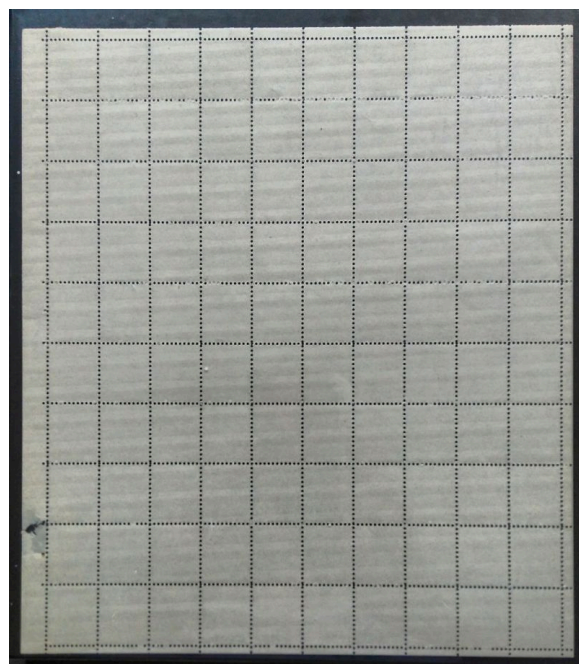
Lot 462 \* TDB92a, Self-adhesive TEST BOOKLET pane of 18, VF, NH. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Not sold.

On September 12-13, 2021 Ocean Park Stamp Auctions held Sale #55 that contained the following test stamp. There was a 10% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

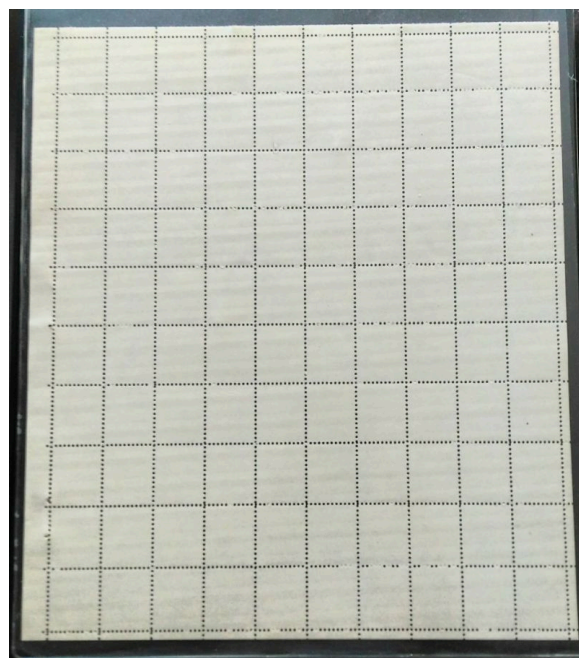


Lot 1207 "FOR TESTING PURPOSES ONLY" Mint coil strip of 4, NH. *(Ed. Note: This is a line strip of 4. No estimate given)* Photo. Realized \$2.00.

On September 14-16, 2021 Dutch Country Auctions / The Stamp Center held Sale #336 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 510 \*\* TD84A VF NH complete pane of (100) c. 1956 test stamp, blank definitive type w/ gum breaker ridges 5mm to 6.5mm apart, perf 11 1/4 x 10 1/2, thin in margin where staple was applied by printer, (CV for singles). Photo. Cat. \$1,000.00. Realized \$150.00.



Lot 511 \*\* TD84A VF NH, complete pane of (100) c. 1956 test stamp, blank definitive type with gum breaker ridges 5mm to 6.5mm apart, perf 11 1/4 x 10 1/2, small paper adherence in margin where staple was applied by printer, small indents between position #15 & 25, (CV for singles). Cat. \$1,000.00 Not sold.

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On September 14-17, 2021 Daniel F. Kellerher Auction, LLC held Sale #760 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.




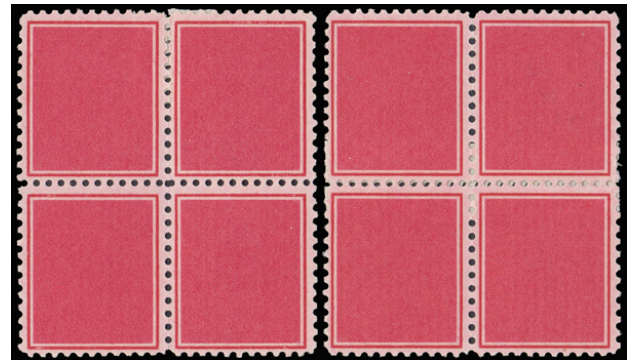
Lot 2146 \* Test Booklet, 1970s, Avery-Dennison, Eagle self-adhesive test pane of 8, Very Fine. *Unlisted. Said to be one of only three panes known. Photo. Realized \$850.00. (Ed. Note: these are not "test stamps" and no provenance has ever been documented.)*




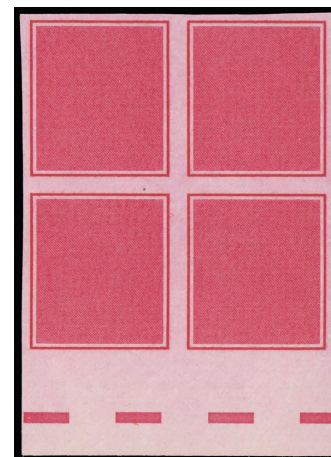
Lot 2147 \* TD27 Test Stamp, 1909-10, Simplex Stamp Affixer, red (Scott TD27), vertical pair, o.g., large balanced margins, Very Fine. *Very rare; a pair is unpriced by Scott. Photo. Scott \$1,000.00+. Realized \$700.00.*




Lot 2148 \*  TD51 Test Stamp, 1912, Bruckmann A.G. (Washington design), brown (Scott TD51), blocks of 4 & 6 and two pairs, one horizontal pair and a vertical pair in the block of 6 are Very Fine; the rest are heavily creased. Photo. Scott \$1,500.00. Realized \$250.00.



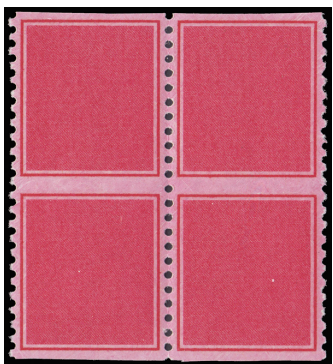
Lot 2149 \*\*  TD94 Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design, carmine, perforated (Scott TD94), two blocks of 4, o.g., never hinged, each has P.O.D. rejoined separation - one vertically, one horizontally - with a strip of perf 11 blank paper; one block has one stamp thin, otherwise Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$600.00. Realized \$275.00.




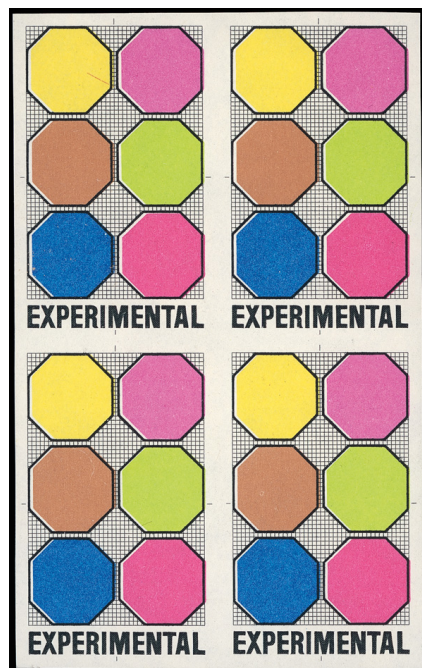
Lot 2150 \*\*  TD97a Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, carmine, imperf (Scott TD97a), top sheet margin block of 4 with Electric Eye markings, o.g., never hinged. Photo. Scott \$600.00+. Realized \$550.00. *(Ed. Note: The*


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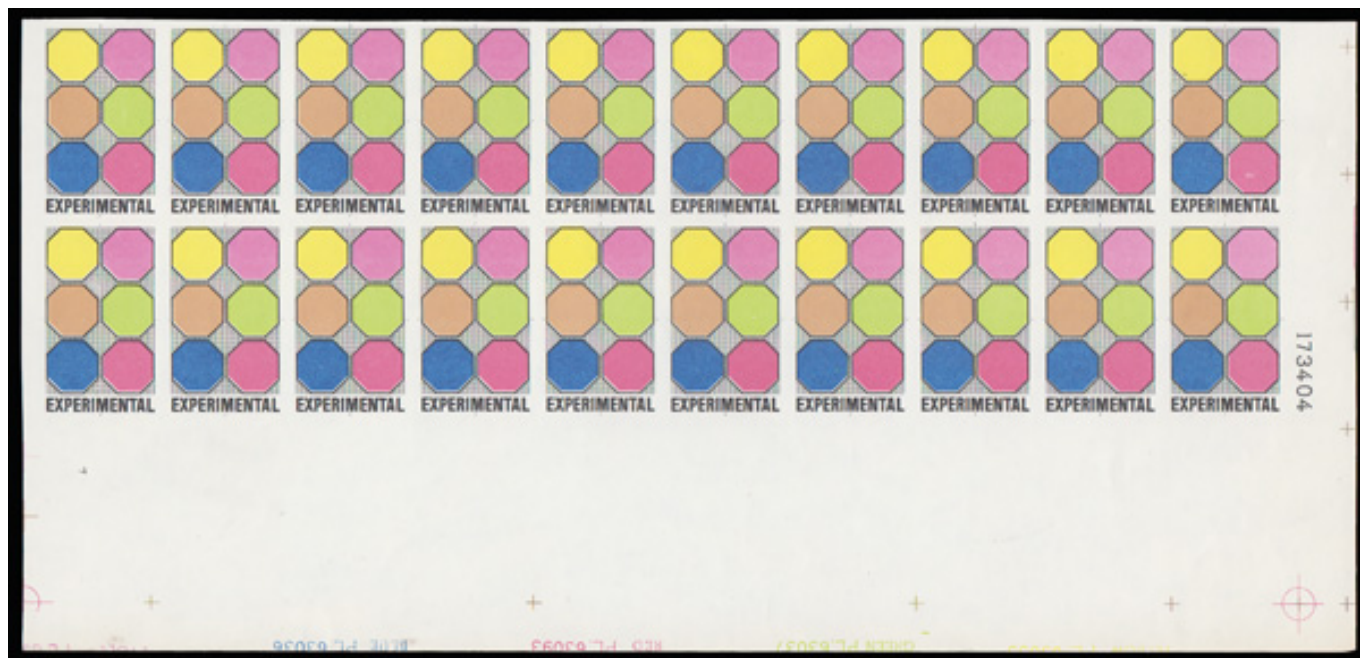
Lot 2150 image above has been rotated 180 degrees since the description is wrong - this is a bottom sheet margin block of 4 with EE Dashes at the bottom.)




Lot 2151 \*\*  TD97 Var. Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, carmine, perf 9¾ vertically (Scott TD97 var.), block of 4 *unslit horizontally*, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Vertical pairs are listed but not priced. Photo. Scott \$400.00++. Realized \$325.00.



Lot 2153 \*\*  TD118 Test Stamp, 1979, B.E.P. "Experimental", multicolored (Scott TD118), block of 4, o.g., never hinged, very rare, Very Fine. Scott \$600.00. Photo. Realized \$325.00.




Lot 2152 \*  TD118 Test Stamp, 1979, B.E.P. "Experimental", multicolored octagons (Scott TD118), a pristine lower right plate no. 173404 block of 20 with wide bottom margin showing individual color plate numbers and registration marks, Extremely Fine. *An exceedingly rare - perhaps unique - large multiple.* Photo. Scott \$3,600.00++. Realized \$1,500.00.

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Lot 2154 (\*)  TD118 Test Stamp, 1981, "B" Test Stamp, red Bee, left sheet margin block of 4, line perf 11¾ ungummed, Very Fine. *Said to be only 14 examples known*, Photo. Realized \$500.00. (Ed. Note: This is not TD118. This item is not listed in the Scott Catalogues.)



Lot 2155 \*\* TD127B Test Stamp, 1995, Christmas issue (Ashton-Potter printing), serpentine die cut 11x11.5 (Scott TD127B), o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$750.00. Realized \$375.00.



Lot 2156 \* TD128 Test Stamp, 1996, B.C.A. Perf Test (Scott TD128), mounted on an Exhibition

page that states, "less than 10 distributed to collectors.", Very Fine. *Very rare - the few that reached public hands were distributed at a seminar at NAPEX in 1996*, Ex-L. Weiss. (Ed. Note: Several sheets are known in collector's hands.) Two photos in catalog. Scott \$450.00. Realized \$350.00.



Lot 2157 \*\* TDB13 - TDB15 1960s-72, "For Testing Purposes Only", \$1 & \$2 booklets (Scott TDB13-TDB15), each complete and unexploded, containing the proper number of full panes of "stamps", #TDB14 panes with no perforated stapling tab, #TDB15 with panes inverted; each cover handstamped "Dummy"; #TDB13 with hand-applied multicolor edge markings for machine adjustments, #TDB14 with black felt pen lines on back cover as usual, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, an interesting trio. Two photos in catalog. Scott \$500.00. Realized \$325.00.

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Lot 2158 (\*) TDB84Bc, TDB84De Test Booklets, 1994, NCR/USPS Flag - two types - booklet panes of 12, ATM format (Scott TDB84Bc, 84De), without gum as issued, Very Fine. *Unpriced by Scott, Ex-Undersander.* Two photos in catalog. Realized \$550.00.




On September 15, 2021 Downeast Stamps held Sale #334 that contained the following test stamp. There was a 12% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



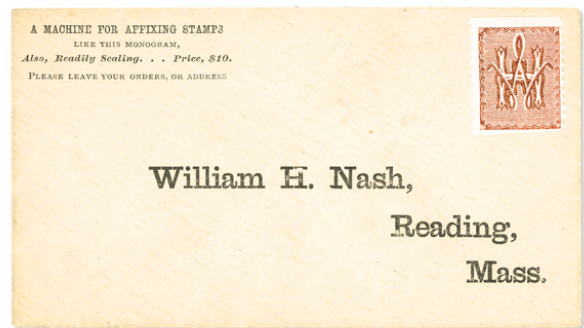
Lot 0555 \*\* TD85, blank, Commemorative Test Stamp, VF, OG NH. Photo. Cat. \$50.00. Realized \$40.00.



On October 26-28, 2021 Daniel F. Kellerher Auctions, LLC held Sale #761 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.


Lot 1591 \*  Test Stamp, c. 1900, Nash Co., uncanceled and affixed to an entire, addressed to Nash, Very Fine, a scarce item that is Scott unlisted. Photo. Realized \$450.00.

*See the photo at the top of the right column.*



Lot 1591 - Shown above.



Lot 1592 (\*)  TD29 Test Stamp, 1910, B.E.P. Harris Offset Press (text reversed) (Scott TD29), block of 4, unused without gum, large margins all around, Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$2,600.00. Realized \$1,500.00.



Lot 1593 \*\* TD107 Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, untagged, shiny gum (Scott TD107), complete roll of 3000, still taped closed; uncounted but looking like a 3000-

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stamp roll; Post Office fresh, the outer band showing a slight vertical miscut with the bottom frame at the top of the stamps, o.g., never hinged, Fine to Very Fine, a great opportunity for the Test Stamp or EFO dealer. Photo. Not sold.



Lot 1594 \*\* TD108 Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum (Scott TD108), o.g., never hinged, Post Office fresh with sharp lines and infused color; nicely centered with perforations intact, Very Fine, with 2021 P.S.A.G. certificate. Two photos in catalog. (*Ed. Note: TD108 always has shiny gum.*) Scott \$800.00. Not sold.

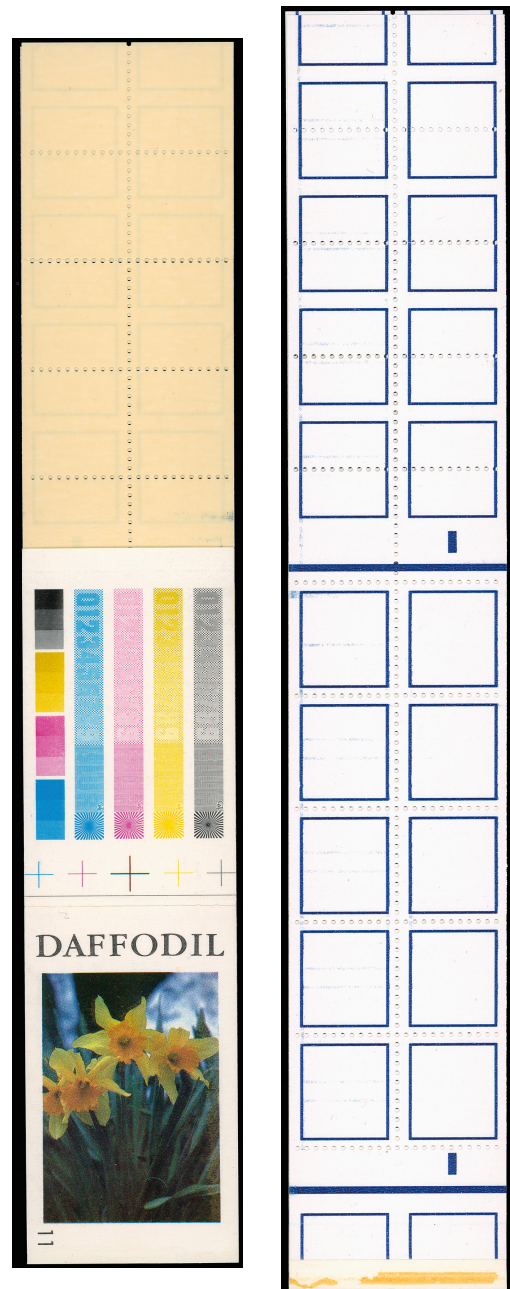


Lot 1595 (\*) TD114D Test stamp, 1966, Jefferson Memorial Experimental (Scott TD114D), unused without gum, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,000.00. Realized \$650.00.



Lot 1596 \*\* Pictorial Permit, self-adhesive test stamps by Vermont Stamp, two different designs in coil strips of 3, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, Ex-Undersander. Photo. *These Pictorial Permits were developed by Vermont Stamp, of Hartford CT, to enhance the mailings that were regularly sent to their collector clients. They added decorative design elements to the normal USPS wording required on mailing permits and were created in 500-unit rolls to give commercial*

*mailing firms an opportunity to confirm that Pictorial Permits could be applied with their automatic label affixing equipment.* Not sold.



Lot 1597 BK \*\* TDB45b 1990s, Daffodils booklet, shiny gum (Scott TDB45b), complete unexploded booklet, o.g., never hinged, opened but intact, with two panes of 20 with rectangle over left column; printing on inside of booklet cover, number 11 on front, Very Fine, unpriced in Scott. Two photos in catalog. Realized \$750.00.

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Lot 1598 BK \* TDB80a 1989, "00" Eagle & Flag self-adhesive booklet pane of 12 (Scott TDB80a), four half panes of 6 from an uncut sheet with wide horizontal & vertical gutters between and full sheet margins at the left and right; folded vertically in the center, Very Fine. Two photos in catalog. Scott \$4,500.00. Realized \$1,000.00. *(Ed. Note: The items shown in lots 1598 and 1599 were once connected.)*



Lot 1599 BK \* TDB80a 1989, "00" Eagle & Flag self-adhesive booklet pane of 12 (Scott TDB80a), two panes and two half panes from an uncut sheet with a wide horizontal gutter between the two panes and the two half panes and a full sheet margin at the left; folded vertically slightly to the left of center, barely affecting the three right stamps in the left pane-and-a-half. Two photos in catalog. Scott \$3,000.00 for normal. Realized \$1,600.00. *(Ed. Note: The right sheet margin has been trimmed off of the above item.)*

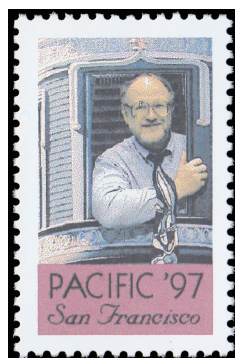
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Lot 1600 \* TDB100a, TDB101a 2005-09, "For Testing Purposes Only" self-adhesive ATM-format booklet, two panes of 18 (Scott TDB100a & TDB101a), Avery-Dennison and Ashton-Potter, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$220.00. Realized \$130.00.

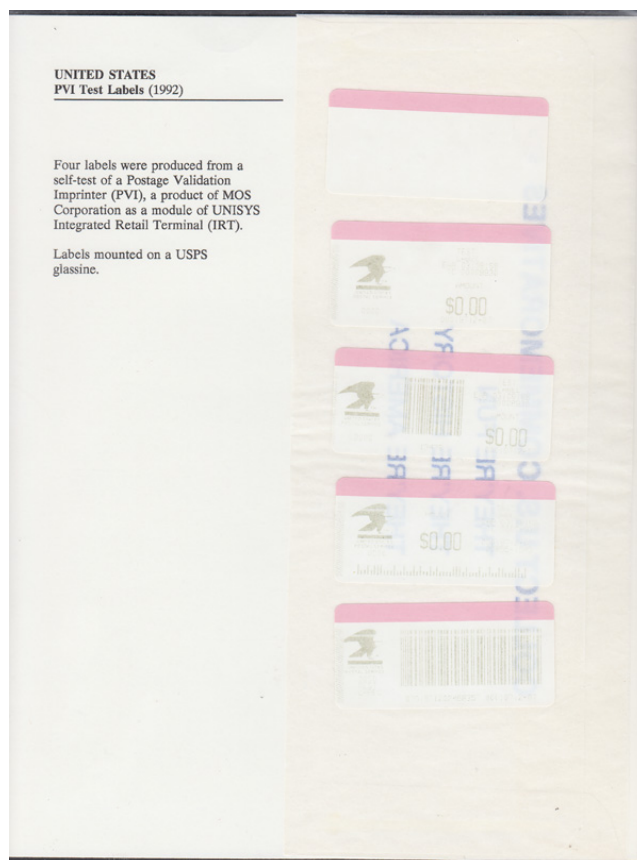
On November 7, 2021 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Weekly Online Sale #5149 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 7110 \*\* Dummy stamp, 1997, Sennett Security Products, Computer-generated design, single stamp created at PACIFIC 97 featuring a picture of a local collector, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine, Ex-Undersander. Photos. Not sold. (Ed. Note: This stamp shows John Larson, one of the original members of the Dummy Stamps Study Group. John passed away on September 19, 2018)

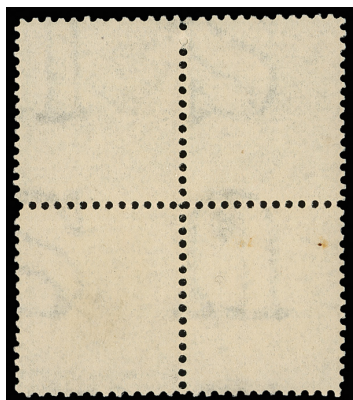



Lot 7111 \* Pictorial Permit, self-adhesive test stamps by Vermont Stamp, two different designs in coil pairs, Very Fine. Photo. *These Pictorial Permits were developed by Vermont Stamp, of Hartford CT, to enhance the mailings that were regularly sent to their collector clients. They added decorative design elements to the normal USPS wording required on mailing permits and were created in 500-unit rolls to give commercial mailing firms an opportunity to confirm that Pictorial Permits could be applied with their automatic label affixing equipment. Not sold.*



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Lot 7112 \* Test Stamps, MOS Corporation Computed Vended Postage, two sets of five labels generated by a self-test of a MOS Postage Validation Imprinter; the two sets are, printed in 1992 and 1997, contain four differently formatted labels plus a blank, the four with printing - three with \$0.00 denominations, and one only a bar code - all include "Test Label", and the main difference between the two sets is that the 1997 set features the redesign of the USPS logo; each set is affixed to the back of a large USPS glassine, the 1992 set being partly faded, otherwise Very Fine. Quite rare., Ex-L. Weiss. Two photos in catalog. Realized \$75.00.



Lot 7113 \*\*  TD10 Test Stamp, 1907, B.E.P., blank (Scott TD10), block of 4, o.g., never hinged. Photo. Scott \$300.00. Not sold.



Lot 7114 (\*) TD14 Test Stamp, 1906-09, "Mail-O-Meter Stamp", brown, Schermack Type III perforations (Scott TD14), unused without gum, F.-V.F. Photo. Scott \$150.00. Realized \$84.00.



Lot 7115 \*\* TD23 Test Stamp, 1914, B.E.P. (numerals & Hamilton design, litho.) coil, deep red, perf 10½ horizontally (Scott TD23), o.g., never hinged, Fine for this. Photo. Scott \$400.00. Not sold. *(Ed. Note: TD23 was not produced by BEP.)*



Lot 7116 (\*) TD23 Test Stamp, 1914, B.E.P. (numerals & Hamilton design, litho.) coil, deep red, perf 10½ horizontally (Scott TD23), pair, unused without gum; small faults, Very Good-Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$800.00. Not sold. *(Ed. Note: TD23 was not produced by BEP.)*



Lot 7117 \*\* TD37 Test Stamp, 1910-20, Multipost Co. coil, red, perf 9½ vertically (Scott TD37), pair, o.g., never hinged, F.-V.F. Photo. Scott \$10.00. Realized \$6.00.



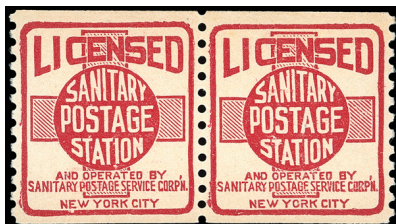
Lot 7118 \*\* TD38 Test Stamp, 1910-20, Multipost Co. coil, carmine, perf 10¼ vertically (Scott TD38), pair, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$50.00. Realized \$27.00.



Lot 7119 \*\* TD40 Test Stamp, 1911-13, Extensive Mfg. Co. coil, carmine & black, perf 10¼ vertically (Scott TD40), pair, o.g., never hinged, F.-V.F. Photo. Scott \$75.00. Realized \$27.00.

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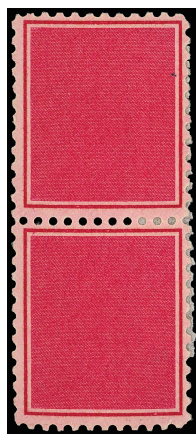
Lot 7120 \*\* TD65 Test Stamp, 1920's, Licensed Sanitary Postage Corp. coil, red, perf 10¾ vertically (Scott TD65), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$35.00. Realized \$27.00.



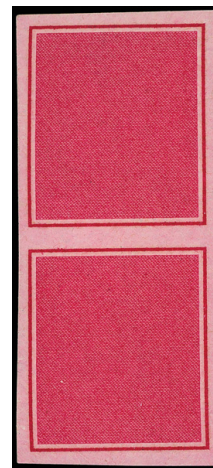
Lot 7121 \*\* TD91 Test Stamp, 1920's-30's, Stampmasters Inc. coil, violet (Scott TD74), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$30.00. Not sold.



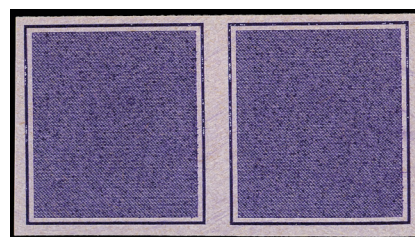
Lot 7122 \*\* TD91 Test Stamp, 1944-49, Multipost mailMaster Commercial Controls coil, purple (Scott TD91), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine to Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$50.00. Not sold.



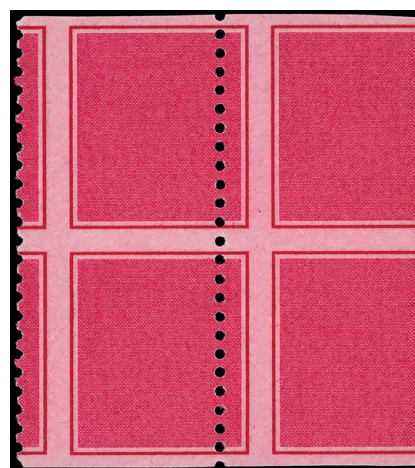
Lot 7123 \* TD94 Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design, carmine, perf'd (Scott TD94), vertical pair, government tape slice at side; small thin on one stamp, Fine. Two photos. Scott \$150.00 as singles. Realized \$105.00.




Lot 7124 \*\*/ TD94A Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design, carmine, imperf (Scott TD94A), o.g., vertical pair, one stamp never hinged / one stamp lightly hinged, Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$225.00. Realized \$130.00.



Lot 7125 \*\* TD95a Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, purple, imperf (Scott TD95a), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$125.00. Realized \$70.00.



Lot 7126 (\*)  TD97 Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, carmine (Scott TD97), vertically perforated and imperforate horizontally block of 4, misperforated vertically, listed only with a dash in Scott, unused without gum, F.-V.F. Photo. Not sold.

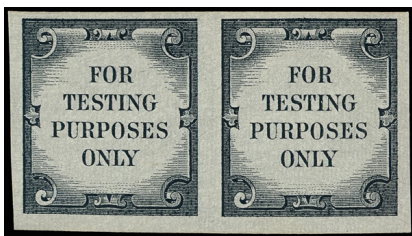
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Lot 7127 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), line pair, with red defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Realized \$100.00. *(Ed. Note: This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by American Philatelic Society Expertising.)*



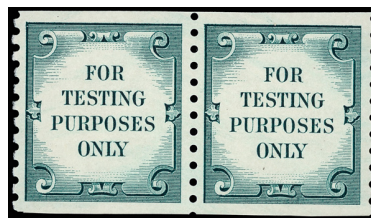
Lot 7128 \*\* TD107b var. Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b var.), joint line strip of 6 with thin red defacing lines, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Not sold.



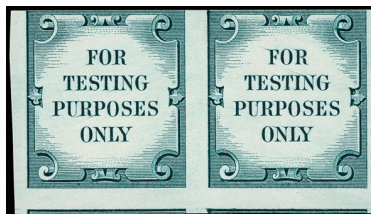
Lot 7129 \*\* TD107c Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum, imperf (Scott TD107c), pair, o.g., never hinged, F.-V.F. Scott \$250.00. Realized \$120.00.



Lot 7130 \*\* TD108 Test Stamp, 1970, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", carmine, untagged, dull gum (Scott TD108), o.g., never hinged (gum crease), Extremely Fine. Photo. *(Ed. Note: TD108 always has shiny gum.)* Scott \$800.00. Not sold.



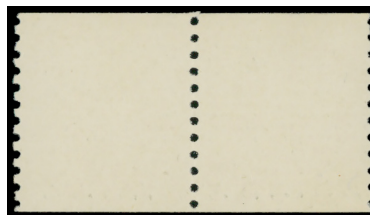
Lot 7131 \*\* TD109 Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum (Scott TD109), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$150.00. Realized \$50.00.



Lot 7132 \*\* TD109a Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum, imperf (Scott TD109a), pair, o.g., never hinged, V.G. Photo. Scott \$350.00. Realized \$50.00.



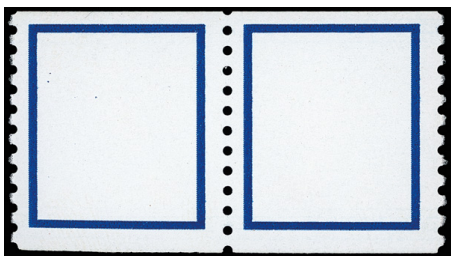
Lot 7133 \*\* TD109b Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum, imperf horizontally (Scott TD109b), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$200.00. Realized \$50.00.



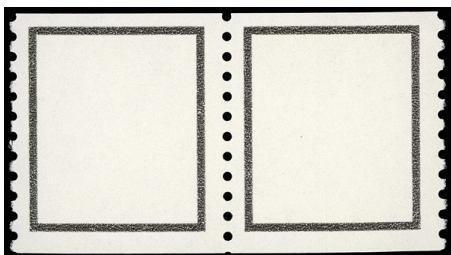
Lot 7134 \*\* TD122 Test Stamp, 1990's, B.E.P. blank design, blank, coated paper, shiny gum (Scott TD122), pair, o.g., never hinged, Superb. Photo. Scott \$20.00. Not sold.

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Lot 7135 \*\* TD124 Test Stamp, 1996, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, blue (Scott TD124), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$100.00. Not sold.



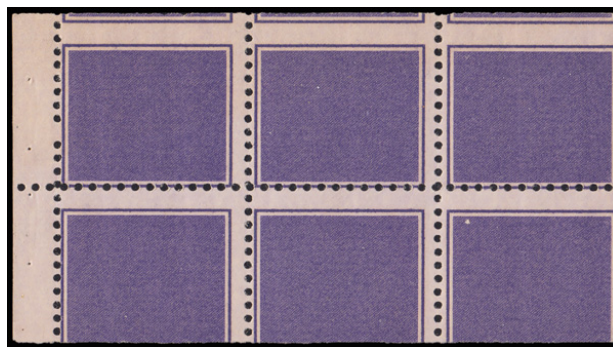
Lot 7136 \*\* TD125 Test Stamp, 1996, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, gray black (Scott TD125), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$250.00. Not sold.



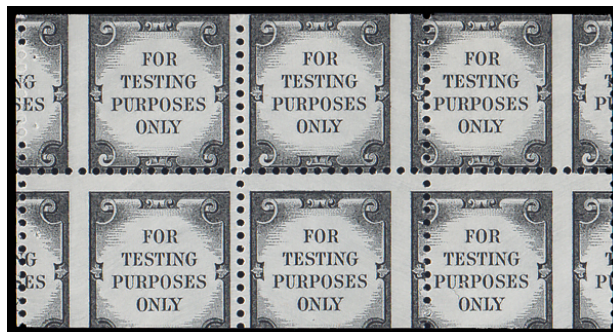
Lot 7137 \*\* TD128 Test Stamp, 1996, B.C.A. Perf Test (Scott TD128), o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$450.00. Realized \$100.00.



Lot 7138 Test Stamp, 1998, "Not For Postage" coil (Scott TD130A), o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$35.00. Not sold.



Lot 7139 \* TDB3a Test Booklet, 1940, violet pane of 6 (Scott TDB3a), o.g., lightly hinged, typical centering, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$175.00. Realized \$150.00.



Lot 7140 \*\* TDB14a Test Booklet, 1997, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", booklet pane of 6 (Scott TDB14a), o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$35.00. Not sold.

On November 13-14, 2021 Rasdale Stamp Company held Sale #449 that contained the following test stamp. There was a 16% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



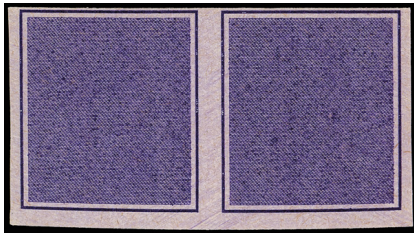
Lot 1047 \*\* TD45A 3¢ "Dummy Test" coil. Complete roll of 500. Photo. Owner's catalog. \$2,500.00. Realized \$180.00.

On November 14, 2021 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Weekly Online Sale #5150 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

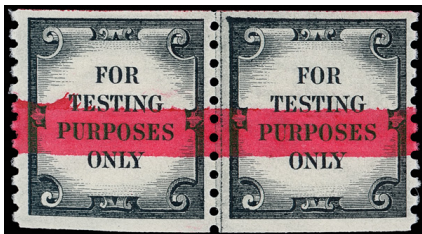
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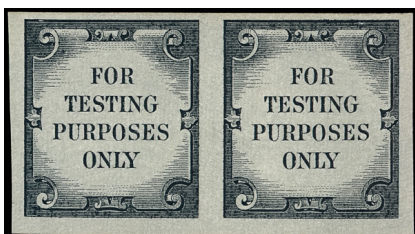
Lot 8878 (\*) TD23 Test Stamp, 1914, B.E.P. (numerals & Hamilton design, litho.) coil, deep red, perf 10½ horizontally (Scott TD23), pair, unused without gum; small thins, Very Good-Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$800.00. Not sold. *(Ed. Note: TD23 was not produced by BEP.)*



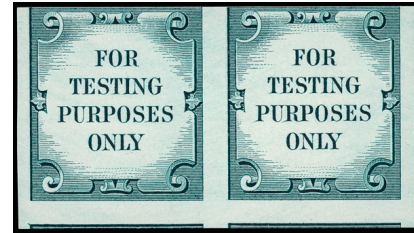
Lot 8879 \*\* TD95a Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, purple, imperf (Scott TD95a), pair, o.g., never hinged, Fine. Photo. Scott \$125.00. Realized \$60.00.



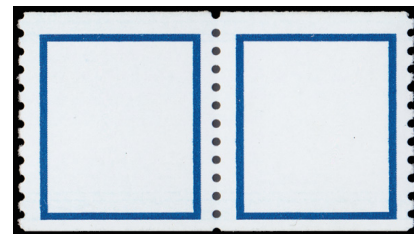
Lot 8880 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), line pair, with red defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Realized \$100.00. *(Ed. Note: This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by American Philatelic Society Expertising.)*



Lot 8081 \*\* TD107c Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum, imperf (Scott TD107c), pair, o.g., never hinged, F.-V.F. Photo. Scott \$250.00. Not sold.



Lot 8082 \*\* TD109a Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum, imperf (Scott TD109a), pair, o.g., never hinged, V.G. Photo. Scott \$350.00. Realized \$50.00.



Lot 8083 \*\* TD124 Test Stamp, 1996, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, blue (Scott TD124), pair, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$100.00. Realized \$80.00.



On November 16-18, 2021 Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries held Sale #1245 that contained the following test stamps. There was an 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



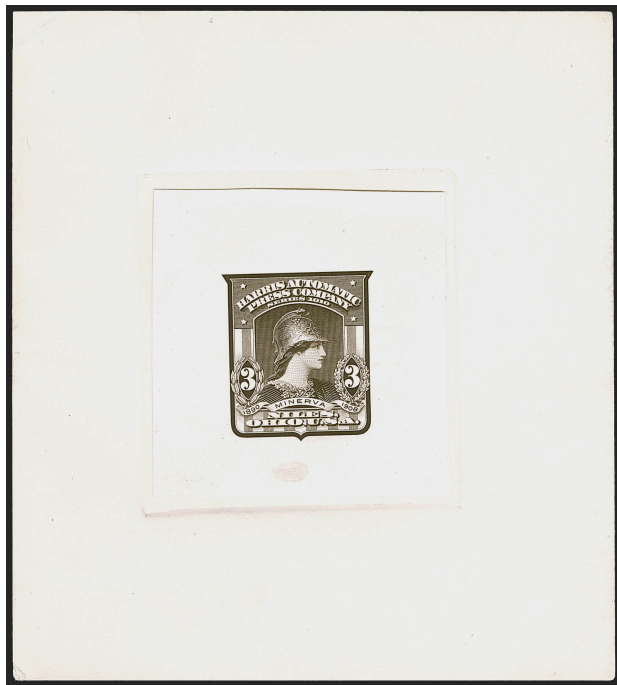
Lot 2238 \* (no value) Red, Perf 12 Vertically, Test Stamp (TD20). Without gum as issued, bright color, horizontal crease, Fine appearance and extremely rare, with 2005 P.F. certificate as No. 1-E1f. Photo. Catalog \$3,000.00. Realized \$3,750.00. *(Ed. Note: This stamp was printed on a letterpress (typography) and has a different design than TD19 and TD23. TD20 was produced by the BEP.)*

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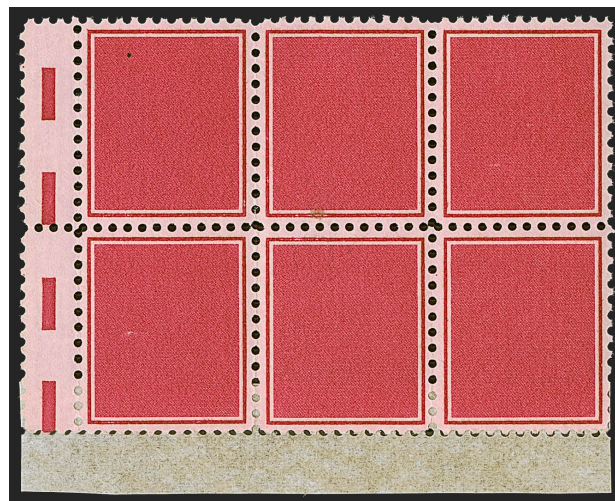
Lot 2239 \* (no value) Deep Red, Perf 10.25 Horizontally, Test Stamp (TD23). Vertical pair and single (which at one time was the bottom stamp in a pair), bottom stamp of pair Mint N.H. but with light pencil notation, top stamp and single small h.r., perfs cut into the two bottom stamps as always (see footnote in Scott), bright and fresh, Fine and scarce. Photo. Catalog \$800.00. Realized \$275.00. *(Ed. Note: TD23 was not produced by BEP.)*




Lot 2240 E 3c Minerva, Harris Automatic Press Company Offset Test, Dark Violet Brown Large Die Essay on India (TD28TC1ai). Die sunk on 119 x 132mm card, slight wrinkling of the India paper and small water stain at bottom not affecting the design, card with light corner crease, appears Very Fine, a very rare die essay, ex "Lake Shore". Photo. Catalog \$1,000.00. Realized \$950.00. *(Ed. Note: This is an intaglio die proof, not offset.)*



Lot 2241 E 3c Minerva, Harris Automatic Press Company Offset Essay on Hard White Wove Paper, Watermarked (TD28-TD29). Horizontal pairs, without gum as issued, Minerva facing both right and left, right facing (TD28) with large top left corner sheet margins, minor wrinkling at top of margin and small tear in left margin -- both far from design, left facing (TD29) with right sheet margin, few creases, both pairs with clear "Hampden" watermark in sheet margin (brand logo used by American Writing Paper Co. of Holyoke Mass.), Extremely Fine appearing pair of these scarce designs, No. TD29 ex "Lake Shore", Scott value as four singles. Photos. Catalog \$2,600.00. Realized \$3,250.00.

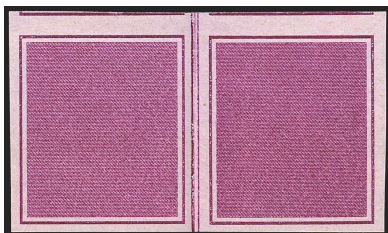


Lot 2242 \*\*  (no value) Carmine, Perf 11.25 x 10.5, Test Stamp (TD94). Positions 41-43/51-53, Mint N.H. block of six with electric eye left selvage, splicing tape at bottom, natural inclusion

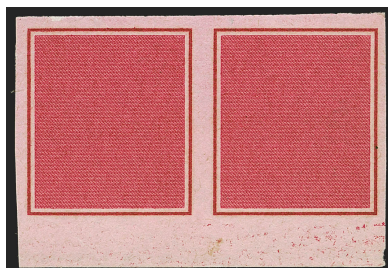
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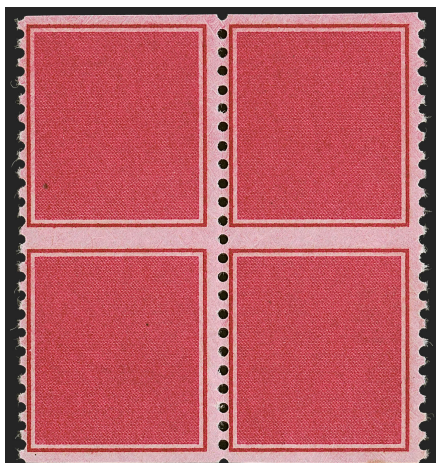
in top middle stamp and tiny inclusion speck in top left stamp, Very Fine and rare, with photocopy of the unique pane from which it originated, Scott value as block of four and two singles. Photos. Catalog \$450.00. Realized \$450.00.




Lot 2243 \*\* (no value) Red Violet, Imperforate, Test Coil (TD97a). Mint N.H. joint line pair, large margins with portion of adjoining stamps at bottom, Very Fine and choice, scarce. Photo. Catalog \$950.00 Realized \$500.00. *(Ed. Note: This is Scott TD96a. The Lot 2243 image above has been rotated 180 degrees since the description is wrong - the portions of the adjacent stamps are from the coil strip above this pair.)*



Lot 2244 E (no value) Carmine, Perf 9.75 Vertically and Imperforate, Test Coils (TD97, TD97a). Mint N.H. multiples, strip of three of the perforated TD97, bottom margin horizontal pair of the imperforate TD97a, fresh and Very Fine. Photo. Catalog \$900.00. Realized \$275.00.



Lot 2245 \*  (no value) Carmine, Perf 9.75 Vertically, Test Coil (TD97). Block of four, left stamps lightly hinged, right stamps Mint N.H., brilliant color, top left stamp with small natural inclusion, Fine and scarce, Scott value as two pairs. Photo. Catalog \$800.00. Realized \$225.00.



Lot 2246 \*\* (no value) Orange on Gray, Test Stamp (TD110). Mint N.H., brilliant color, nicely balanced margins, fresh and Very Fine. Photo. Catalog \$1,000.00. Realized \$225.00.



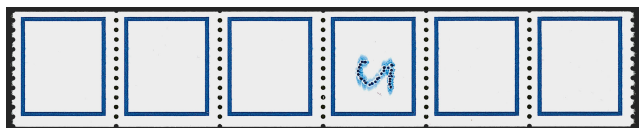
Lot 2247 \*\* (no value) Orange on Gray, Test Stamp (TD110). Mint N.H. pair, bright color, Very Good, with 2003 A.P.S. certificate stating "yellow-green tagging variety". Photo. Catalog \$2,000.00. Realized \$400.00.



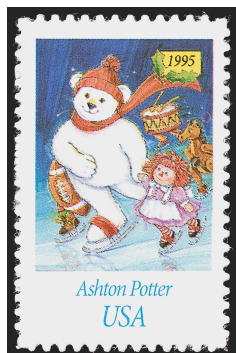
Lot 2248 \*\* (no value) Black, Perf 10.5 x 11.25, Test Stamp (TD112B). Mint N.H., Very Fine, striking and rare, this test stamp was perforated to a commemorative stamp size, of the original pane of 50 it is estimated that ten or fewer have survived, listed but unpriced in Scott. Photo. Catalog \$— . Realized \$400.00.

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Lot 2249 \* no value) Blue, Perf 9.25 Vertically, Strip of Five with One Stamp With Crudely Etched Reverse "2", Test Stamp (TD124). Middle pair with the "2" lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., fresh and Very Fine, very few are known, ex "Lake Shore", with 2006 P.F. certificate stating "Mint N.H.". Photo. Catalog \$1,500.00+. Realized \$1,500.00.

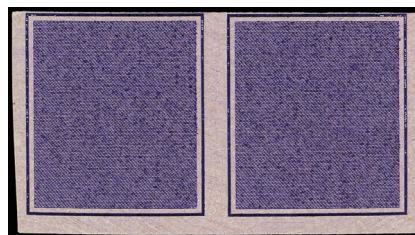


Lot 2250 \*\* (no value) Polar Bear Ice Skating, Perf 11.5 x 11.75 and Perf 11 x 11.5, Test Stamps (TD127A, TD128B). Both Mint N.H. on original self-adhesive backing, Very Fine and scarce. Photo. Catalog \$1,500.00. Realized \$425.00.

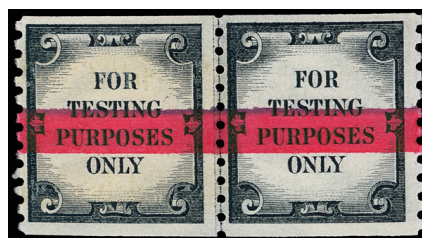
On November 21, 2021 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Weekly Online Sale #5151 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



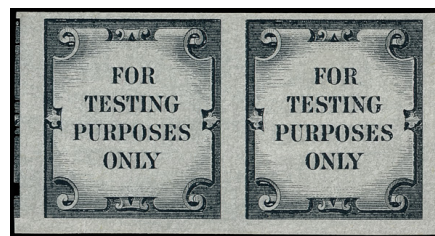
Lot 6562 \* / (\*) Test Stamp, 1915-30, group of 8 different (Scott TD32//54), includes TD32, TD34, TD35 var (alternating perf 11/10½), TD28, TD39a, TD43 pair, TD54 var (purple), and an unlisted *Edison Dictating Machine* promotional coil inscribed "I Pay Your Postage", most o.g.; first & third numbers faulty, otherwise Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$180.00+. Not sold.



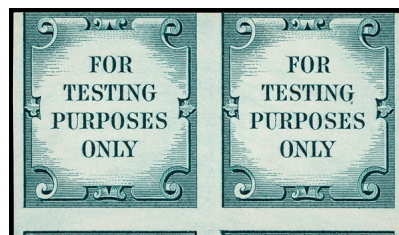
Lot 6563 \*\* TD95a Test Stamp, 1954, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, purple, imperf (Scott TD95a), pair, o.g., never hinged, Fine. Photo. Scott \$125.00. Not sold.



Lot 6564 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), line pair, with red defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Not sold. *(Ed. Note: This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by American Philatelic Society Expertising.)*



Lot 6565 \*\* TD107c Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum, imperf (Scott TD107c), pair, o.g., never hinged; tiny tear at bottom of left stamp, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$250.00. Realized \$76.00.




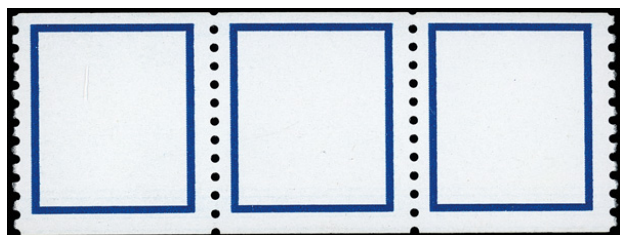
Lot 6566 \*\* TD109a Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum, imperf (Scott TD109a), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Good. Photo. Scott \$350.00. Realized \$130.00.

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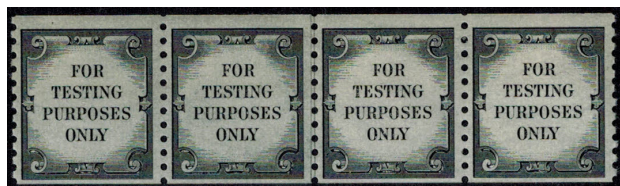


Lot 6567 \*\*  TD107b Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum, imperf horizontally (Scott TD109b), pair, o.g., never hinged; minor wrinkle upper left stamp, otherwise Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$400.00. Not sold.



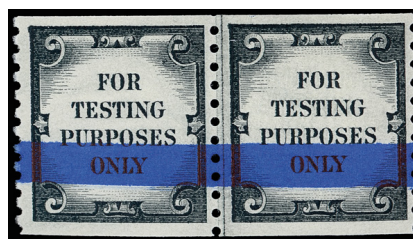
Lot 6568 \*\* TD124 Test Stamp, 1996, B.E.P. framed rectangle design coil, blue (Scott TD124), strip of 3, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$150.00. Not sold.

On November 21-22, 2021 Ocean Park Stamp Auctions Sale #56 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 10% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 1499 For Testing Purposes Only The USA Testing coil of 4, Mint NH. Photo. *(Ed. Note: This is a line strip of 4)* No estimate. Realized \$7.00.

On November 28, 2021 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Weekly Online Sale - #5152 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 8005 \*\* TD107b Test Stamp, 1962, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", black, tagged, pebble-surfaced gum (Scott TD107b), line pair, with blue defacement line, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Realized \$60.00. *(Ed. Note: This is a fake and examples have been certified as fakes by American Philatelic Society Expertising.)*



Lot 8006 \* TD130B Test Stamp, 1998, Star Spangled Banner coil, miscut & misperforated (Scott TD130B), eight singles on the back of a legal size 32¢ Liberty Bell entire (U632) with pre-printed address and corner card to Hartford CT, uncanceled, Very Fine. Two photos in the catalog. Scott \$125.00. Not sold.



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Lot 8007 \* TDB100a + TDB101a Test Stamp, 2005-09, "For Testing Purposes Only" self-adhesive ATM-format booklet, two panes of 18 (Scott TDB100a & 101a), Avery-Dennison and Ashton-Potter, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$220.00. Realized \$70.00.

On December 20-22, 2021 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #763 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

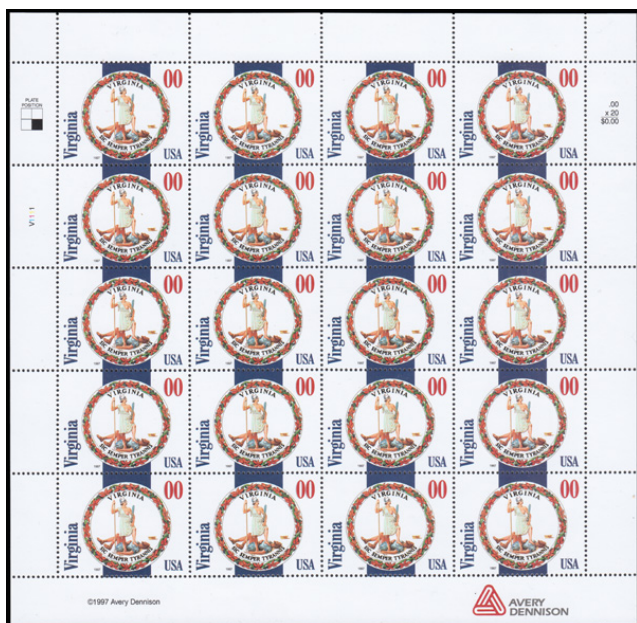



Lot 4337 EP TD28-E1 Test Stamp, 1910, B.E.P., "Minerva" vignette essay (Scott TD28-E1), large die proof die-sunk on card, 113x160 mm, Very Fine. *Listed but not priced.* Photo. Realized \$350.00.



Lot 4914 BKE 2593 var. 1992, 29¢ Flag & Pledge, black "USA 29", imperf self-adhesive (Scott 2593 var.), what appears to be a booklet pane of 8 with blank backing paper having "DO NOT WET" in a repeated pattern on the inside surface, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. *Unlisted.* Apparently, a Post Office trial never went into production. Realized \$1,000.00. (*Ed. Note: This item will be presented to Scott for listing in the 2023 Scott Specialized Catalogue in the Test Stamps Section).*

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Lot 5089 \*\*  Test Stamp, 1997, Avery-Dennison Virginia State Seal, "00/USA", perf 13½ dry gum, o.g., never hinged, Extremely Fine. *Unlisted*. Photo. Realized \$350.00.



Lot 5090 \*\* TD27 Test Stamp, 1909-10, Simplex Stamp Affixer, red (Scott TD27), vertical pair, o.g., never hinged, with perfect impression and rich color; a few thins at the left margin, horizontal crease affecting top stamp, Fine, an uncommon stamp, especially as a multiple. Photo. Scott \$1,000.00 as singles. Realized \$350.00.



Lot 5091 (\*)  TD51 Test Stamp, 1912, Bruckmann A.G. (Washington design), brown (Scott TD51), large part-sheet of 138 (6x23) with

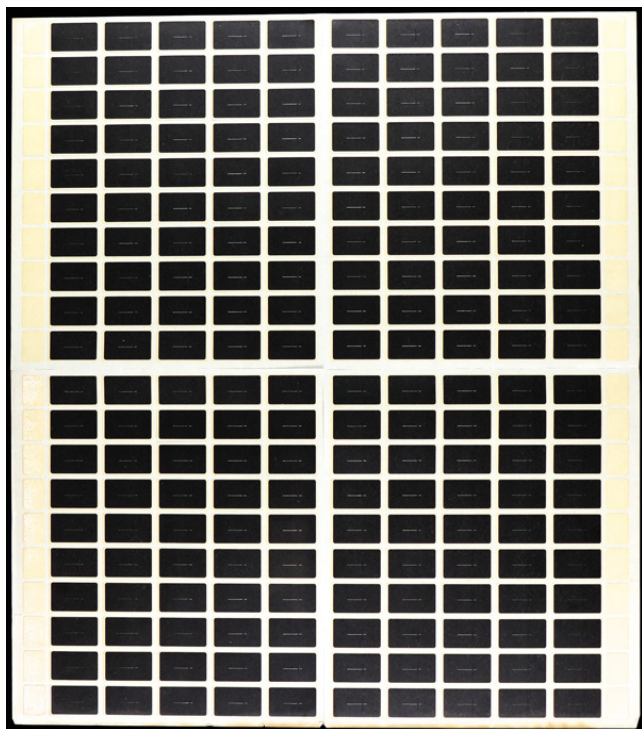
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wide selvage on the right, without gum as issued, bright and fresh, dated in the selvage, 10 Jan 1912; folded three times horizontally, each fold through a row of stamps (one fold partly separated), pre-printing vertical natural paper wrinkle affecting four stamps at the top, otherwise Very Fine. *Catalog value as 23 sound blocks of 4; there are also 18 creased and 12 uncreased singles. A very rare - perhaps unique - large multiple.* Two photos in the catalog. Scott \$12,150.00 ++. Realized \$3,000.00.



Lot 5092 \*\* TD60A Test Stamp, 1922, Mail-O-Meter ("10,000 Envelopes Per Hour") coil, red (Scott TD60A), pair, o.g., never hinged, Post Office fresh and bright with intense color and clean impression, Fine to Very Fine, unpriced in Scott, with 2021 P.F. certificate. Two photos in catalog. Realized \$450.00.



Lot 5093 \*\* TD117 Test Stamp, 1973, Christmas issue, black, self-adhesive, on rouletted backing paper (Scott TD117), complete sheet of 200, part of preproduction work for America's first self-adhesive, printed by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing for Avery Products Corp. to add die cutting; fascinating, o.g., never hinged, Fine to Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$750.00. Realized \$300.00.



Lot 5094 \* TDB93 Test Stamp, 1998, "00" George Clinton "Experimental" self-adhesive booklet pane (Scott TDB93), eight stamps - a strip of 3, a pair, and three singles - on the back of a legal size 32¢ Liberty Bell entire (U632), sent as part of a test mailing from Fayetteville, AR to Hartford, CT Dec 4, 1988, Very Fine. *According to Scott, this is the only form in which stamps from this pane are known in collector hands. Unpriced.* Two photos in catalog, both shown above. Realized \$250.00.



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## Proposed Future DSSG Projects

You may have noticed a change in the title of the project that Mike Perry and I have been working on. At the WESTPEX 2019 stamp show in San Francisco, California Mike and I met several times to discuss and to show both Roger Brody and Nick Lombardi the latest draft of a project that was previously known as the updating of *Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets*.

After several discussions, Roger decided that it would be in the best interest of the *United States Stamp Society* to make this project an actual published book. In making it a book, it was also decided that the title would be changed to *Dummy Booklets Guide*. Needless to say that Mike and I were very pleased at this decision and are working to make it the best possible publication on this interesting subject of dummy stamp books.

## Dummy Booklets Guide

The last update by Earl McAfee, Dummy Booklets Study Group Chairman, was in 1998. Since then there have been many new discoveries. Many of them have been written up in articles in *The United States Specialist*. Now the time has come to document and illustrate them in a new *Dummy Booklets Guide*.

I ask all of you to join Mike Perry and myself in this project as we are not able to do it all, nor would you want us to do it all. It is a Dummy Stamps Study Group project and all members have a chance, and are greatly encouraged, to provide their input. Any information on new items or any items not listed in the previous 1998 edition of *Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets* would be appreciated. While we believe we have most everything necessary to complete this book to include currently known dummy booklets, we may be missing important information that you can provide. This publication will be in full color. □

## Requests for Articles for *The United States Specialist*

Martin Kent Miller, the new Editor of *The United States Specialist*, is always looking for articles of interest for inclusion in our society's monthly publication. The type of articles Martin needs most are the shorter ones, one or two-page articles. If you are considering writing an article for *The United States Specialist*, please contact him for instructions. If the article is regarding

dummy stamps, I would appreciate knowing about it also. Many members of the DSSG have written articles on dummy stamps and other stamps for this publication. It is rewarding and other USSS members benefit greatly from the information that is published in *The United States Specialist*. Martin Kent Miller can be reached by e-mail at: [editor@usstamps.org](mailto:editor@usstamps.org) □

## The Other Projects

There are several other projects currently being worked on by various members of the DSSG. They are as follows:

- Compiling a complete and comprehensive list of dummy test stamp roll sizes, box and roll labels. There are many different styles of labels sometimes found on the same test stamps. This is especially true of Bureau of Engraving and Printing products
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive record of auction appearances and prices realized for test stamps
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive listing of references for test stamps
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive list of plate numbers printed on test stamps and the frequency in which they appear and the frequency of joint lines on test coils when they appear. □

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