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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

"Test Stamps" that are no longer listed in the Scott Catalogue

by Michael O. Perry

Several members of the Dummy Stamps Study Group (DSSG) have wondered why some stamps are listed in the *Scott Specialized Catalogue* as test stamps, while others may wonder why items they think are test stamps are not listed. It can be difficult to know why various "experimental" or "test" stamps were created. There were many "specimen" stamps created in the late 1800's and early 1900's that, at first glance, might look like test stamps. One of the DSSG's goals is to learn who produced the "candidate" test stamps, and why... what were they used for.

We all know the *United States Post Office* issued their first postage stamps in 1847. Most collectors know that in 1906 the *Bureau of Engraving & Printing* began selling imperforate 400-subject sheets of postage stamps so the private companies could apply their own unique perforations to the coil rolls they manufactured for their stamp affixers and coin-operated vending machines. Some collectors know the BEP began producing limited quantities of 500 and 1,000 subject imperforate and perforated coil stamps in 1908. But very few collectors know that stamp affixing machines were invented 50 years before that. You might be surprised to learn that, in the

United States, the first known stamp affixer was patented in 1858 - just eleven years after the government issued its first postage stamps. Other inventors tried to build a better "mouse trap", and by the 1880's there were many such stamp affixers available.

By 1906, patent applications had been filed for over a hundred different stamp affixing and vending machines. The early stamp affixers didn't use rolls of coil stamps; instead, the user had to break down sheets of 100 fully perforated stamps in order to fill up a "box" or "magazine" with a vertical stack of individual stamps (see the stamp image on Page 2 that shows Burt & Tobey's stamp affixer with four separate stamp magazines). The users had to push a plunger or a lever to moisten the corner of the envelope just before the pile of stamps came into contact with the envelope; when the plunger or lever was

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raised, the bottom stamp in the stack was attached to the envelope. Evidence indicates some of the stamp affixer companies had dummy or test stamps made to use in the stamp affixers to show people how to use them... after all, wasting perfectly good postage stamps while learning how to use the affixers made no sense. A few of those early test stamps with perforations on all four sides have survived, and some of them are listed in the Test Stamp Section of the *Scott Specialized Catalogue* (for example, TD6, TD7, TD8, TD8A, TD8B, TD9 and TD69). Others undoubtedly exist and may eventually be listed in the Scott catalog.



Some test stamps were totally imperforate since perforations were not necessary in the feed boxes or magazines on the plunger style affixers. Examples of those early imperforate test stamps listed in the Scott catalog include TD24, TD24E, TD25, TD26 and TD27 (some of those may just have been cut from partially processed sheets).



In 1889, a patent was granted for the first stamp affixer that used stamps in coiled form. By 1906, at least 27 different affixing machines were using rolls of stamps rather than stacks of individual stamps. Those coiled stamps were actually strips of ten regular fully perforated sheet stamps that were joined together and wound up into coil rolls. In 1906, the Post Office agreed to sell 400-subject sheets of imperforate stamps to allow the private companies to apply their own unique perforations... one big benefit was the outside edges of the coil stamps they produced were straight, without the unnecessary perforations that tended to cause feeding problems in some affixers. Again, some of the stamp affixer and vending machine companies

produced rolls of test or demonstration coils for customers and/or salesmen to use when teaching people how to use the new equipment. Wasting postage stamps was not practical.

Coin operated stamp **vending** machines were not invented until 1887.

There are over a hundred privately produced test stamps listed in the Scott catalog. Some of those are exceedingly rare and next to nothing is known about them. In many cases, the company named on many of them only existed for a couple years, and nobody has found records that would show if their so-called test stamps were indeed test stamps - or perhaps just advertising labels. Have some private test stamps been included in the catalog that shouldn't be there? Possibly... maybe "probably" is a better word. But, an effort has been made to weed out stamp-like labels that were most likely never used as "test" stamps. And, in a few cases, some listings have been removed after it was agreed they were likely not intended to be dummy postage stamps.

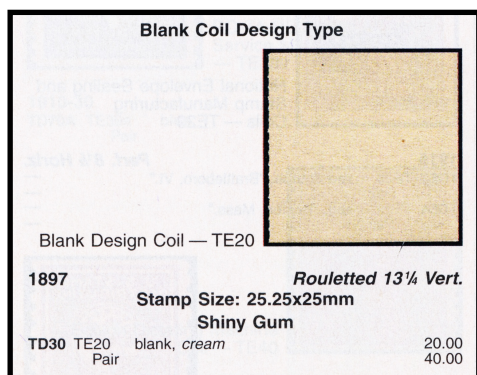
Research is an important part to any effort to get a potential test stamp listed or delisted in the catalog. Sometimes mistakes are made and stamps are included that shouldn't be, and other times stamps are not listed until enough evidence can be put together to show how and why they are "test" stamps worthy of catalog listing. This article will discuss why a few "test" stamps have been removed from the catalog over the last few years.

A little background first. The *Krause-Minkus Catalog* was the first to list test stamps, and their 2003 catalog had 20 pages of test stamps and dummy booklets (however, approximately 50 of those were not actually test stamps). Surprisingly, there were no test stamp listings in the *Scott Specialized* until 2004. In 2004 there was just one page of test stamps in the Scott catalog. By 2007, the Scott catalog's test stamp listings had grown to 12 pages (the 2023 Scott Catalogue had 25 pages of test stamps). In the last twenty years, it has been a privilege for members of the DSSG to have worked with the editors at the *Scott Publishing Company* each year to add new test

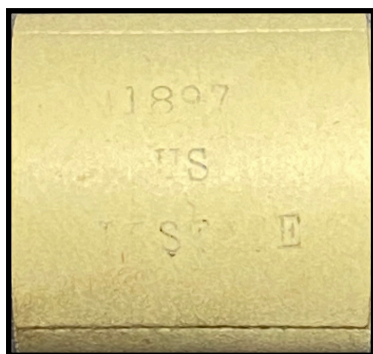
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stamps and to make corrections to existing listings. And, as I will describe in this article, a few “test” stamps have been removed from the catalog.

The first stamp I want to discuss was once listed as TD30 in the Scott Catalog. It is a blank 25.5 x 25.75 mm gummed coil “stamp” with 13.25 gauge roulettes (surprisingly, the 25.25 x 25 mm measurements in the catalog were wrong).



The roll these “test” stamps came from had “1897 / US / POSTAGE” printed on the outside of the coil leading some people to believe it was created in 1897 for use in one of the early stamp affixers that used rolls of stamps rather than magazines filled with individual stamps. Stamp affixing machines that used coiled rolls consisting of ten or more strips of ten fully perforated sheet stamps that were joined together were first produced in the late 1880’s. Could coil rolls of TD30 have been made for use in one of the early experimental affixers? While rolls of postage stamps in coil rolls weren’t produced by the *BEP* until 1908, the private affixer companies tried all sorts ways to get their affixers to work. It is possible TD30 was made to test vending or affixing machines that could disperse coil postage stamps. However, the size of these blank labels is unlike any stamps produced at that time. No information about such a machine is known to me. Clearly someone made the coil roll of rouletted, unprinted but gummed square labels for



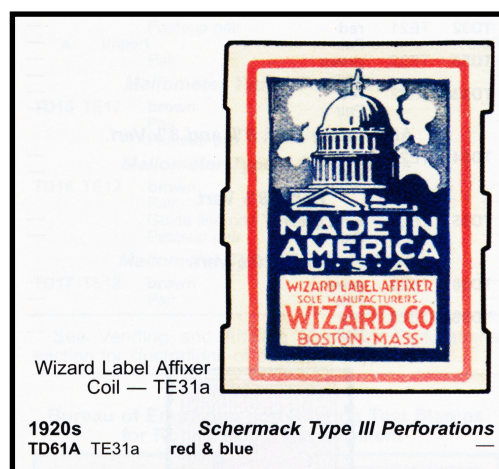
some purpose, but no evidence has ever been found linking them to being used to test postage stamps. So, in 2019 this so-called test stamp was delisted and vanished from the test stamp listings.

Another so-called “test” stamp that was delisted in 2020 was TD71, an “Edison Dictating Machine” coil stamp. The image in the Scott catalog showed this stamp to be the same size as other regular test coils. However, as can be seen in the adjacent image, the Edison stamp was bigger than the standard size Multipost test stamp (which is the same size as a definitive size postage stamp). What does the “I PAY YOUR



POSTAGE” slogan at the top of the “stamp” refer to? It is uncertain what the Edison coil stamps were used for, but it was almost certainly not a test stamp for any postage stamp affixing machine.

Another “test” stamp that was removed from the Scott Catalog in 2016 was TD61A. The image in the catalog looked like a test stamp with Schermack Type III perforations. The image of the Wizard label shown in the catalog was larger



than actual size, but since there were no measurements given, the reader might well have assumed it was just a mistake (many test stamps were illustrated larger or smaller than actual size,

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so it is easy to understand how readers could have been confused). Most stamp illustrations have been corrected to “normal” size.

The removal of the TD61A Wizard Label Affixer stamp allowed for a new test stamp to use the Scott Catalogue number TD61A. The Kendall Stamp Affixer test stamp was listed as TD61A.



As can be seen in the TD62 and TD62A images (from the 2023 Scott Catalog), they are two smaller stamps with a similar design made by the Wizard Company. A key point is that on the removed large TD61A stamp, it said “WIZARD LABEL AFFIXER” while on the two smaller coil stamps it says “WIZARD STAMP AFFIXER.” The two smaller stamps are the same size as regular definitive coil stamps, so it seems likely they were actual test stamps whereas the big “stamp” was likely used in a hand held label affixer.

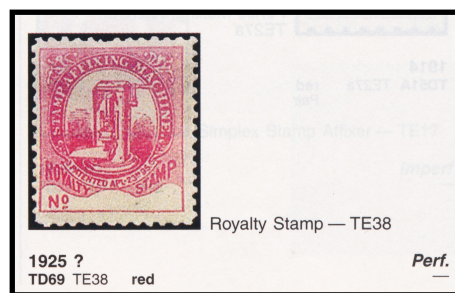


Another large Wizard label similar in size to the deleted TD61A exists, but was never added to Scott catalog’s test stamp listings.



Both the previously deleted TD61A WIZARD STAMP AFFIXER stamp and the THE WIZARD CO. green stamps had a design that measured 28 x 41 mm with the overall dimension of the stamps measuring 33½ x 44½ mm.

The final “test” stamp that was delisted from the Scott Catalog is TD69. James N. Drummond wrote an excellent article in the Winter 2008-2009 issue of the DSSG Newsletter titled, “*Should it stay or should it go?*” He discussed TD69 and why he felt it was not a test stamp and why it should be removed from the test stamp listings. Several of his points were hard to argue with. The text on the stamp said it was a “ROYALTY STAMP” and there was a blank space at the bottom of the stamp design to allow a number to be written or stamped on it after the word “NO” at the lower left corner. Royalty stamps were used by various manufacturers to show that they had paid a fee to the person who had invented the item they were manufacturing. They also showed that a license had been obtained from the patentee. The design of TD69 shows a stamp affixing machine (it includes the words “STAMP AFFIXING MACHINE” around the image). The text under the image of the stamp affixer says it was “PATENTED APL 23rd 95” but efforts to find the patent in the U.S. Patent Office were fruitless. This might indicate this stamp affixer (and the Royalty Stamp) were not connected to the United



States - it is possible this stamp originated in Great Britain. Only one example of TD69 was known. Drummond felt that TD69 had a purpose similar to other royalty stamps and that it should be removed from the test stamp listings... which is what happened in 2017.

So, those are four “test” stamps that are no longer listed in the Scott catalog. Are there more that need to be weeded out? Perhaps. For example, should TD116 be delisted? Several collectors don’t

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think it was a test stamp. Who printed it? When? Why? Was it a “specimen” produced by a private printer in 1976 to show the Post Office they could produce colorful stamps cheaper than the BEP? Nobody seems to know anything about this stamp other than it was printed in sheets of 50. For now, I feel it should stay in the test stamp listings, but that might change in the future if someone can find out who produced it... and why.



Recent Auction Results

On February 2 & 3, 2023, Raritan Stamps, Inc. held Sale #95 that contained the following test stamps. There was a Buyer's Premium of 15% for this sale.



Lot 274 SB TDB13 1967-68, intact booklet of \$2, brown cover with "DUMMY" handstamp in purple, 5 panes of 8 test stamps separated by 5 silicone interleaves, usual alignment markings at top and bottom, still VF. Photo. C.V. \$200, Est. \$100.00 - \$150.00. Realized \$100.00.

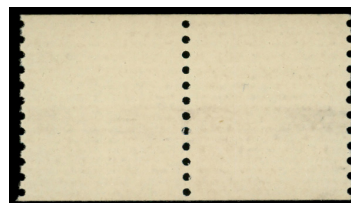


Lot 275 SB TDB14 1960's-72, intact booklet of \$1, brown cover with "DUMMY" handstamp in purple, 4 panes of 6 test stamps separated by 4 silicone interleaves, fresh and VF with usual black alignment markings on reverse. Photo. C.V. \$150.00, Est. \$100.00 - \$150.00. Not sold.



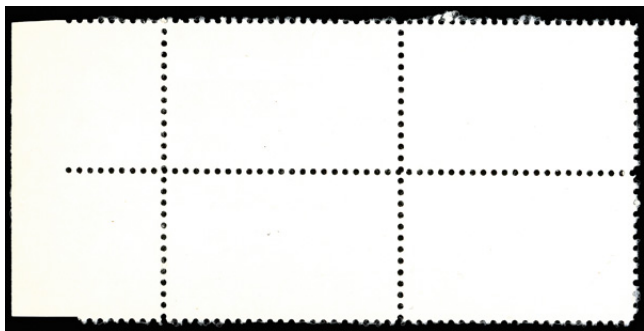
Lot 276 SB TDB17b 1960's-72, intact air mail booklet of \$1, carmine cover with large "DUMMY" handstamp, containing 2 panes separated by 2 silicone interleaves, fresh and VF. Photo. C.V. \$300.00, Est. \$250.00 - \$300.00. Not sold.


On February 12, 2023, Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5184 that contained the following test stamps. There was a Buyer's Premium of 20% for this sale.

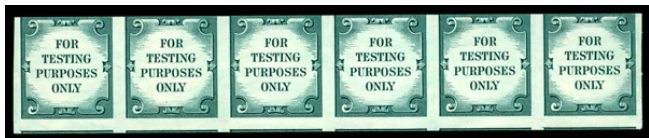


Lot 5835 **/* TD75 **Test Stamp, 1927-30, B.E.P., blank on cream (Scott TD75)**, pair, o.g., lightly hinged (1 stamp never hinged), Superb. Photo. Scott \$85.00. Realized \$25.00.

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Lot 5836 **  TD85A 1930s, Blank Commemorative, gum breaker ridges 11mm apart (Scott TD85A), marginal block of 4, o.g., never hinged, clean and fresh; light crease in top selvage tab only, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$200.00. Realized \$52.00.



Lot 5837 ** TD109a Test Stamp, 1980, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", green, untagged, dull gum, imperf (Scott TD109a), strip of 6, o.g., never hinged; thin far right stamp, Very Good. Photo. Scott \$1,050.00. Realized \$98.00.

On February 16, 2023, Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5185 that contained the following test stamps. There was a Buyer's Premium of 20% for this sale.



Lot 7487 ** TD91 Test Stamp, 1944-49, Multipost mailMaster Commercial Controls coil, purple (Scott TD91), pair, o.g., never hinged (full offset on gum), Extremely Fine. Photo. Scott \$50.00. Realized \$13.00.

On February 21 - 23, 2023, Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #779 that contained the following test stamps. There was a Buyer's Premium of 20% for this sale.



Lot 1395 ** TD110 Test Stamp, 1975, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", orange on gray, tagged (Scott TD110), a choice, well centered pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$2,000.00. Realized \$650.00.



Lot 1396 ** TD110 Test Stamp, 1975, B.E.P. "For Testing Purposes Only", orange on gray, tagged (Scott TD110), strip of 5, o.g., never hinged, with vivid color and intact perforations; miscut vertically, the right stamp with penned reviewer's mark, cut short and with edge dimple, Fine to Very Fine, an intriguing Test EFO. Photo. Scott \$5,000.00. Realized \$700.00.

On February 26, 2023, Weekly Online Sales - a Division of Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions held Sale #5185 that contained the following test stamps. There was a Buyer's Premium of 20% for this sale.



Lot 8298 ** TD91 Test Stamp, 1944-49, Multipost mailMaster Commercial Controls coil, purple (Scott TD91), pair, o.g., never hinged, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$50.00. Realized \$16.00.

On February 28, 2023, Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc. held a sale of The Melvin Getlan Collection of U.S. Vending & Affixing Machine Perfs - Part 3 that contained the following test stamps. There was a Buyer's Premium of 18% for this sale.



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Lot 253 * **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, first with natural paper creases and with vertical crease and toned spot on left stamp, second with light internal natural paper crease at bottom, still Very Fine and scarce pairs of these scarce designs, Scott value as singles. Photo. Catalog \$3,400.00. Realized \$450.00.



Lot 254 * **3c Minerva, Harris Automatic Press Company Reverse Offset on Hard White Wove Paper (TD29).** Horizontal pair, without gum as produced, large margins all around, faint toned spot in the left margin and trivial corner crease at top left, Very Fine appearance, these were printed in June 1910 from a 192-subject plate to test a Harris press at the BEP, offset presses were not introduced until later (Harris presses were used in 1918-20), Scott value as singles. Photo. Catalogue \$1,700.00. Realized \$225.00.

Lot 255 * **Coil Test Stamps Collection.** 29 homemade album pages containing a wide range of issues, including blank designs with Schermack Type III perforations (unlisted), TD13 pair, TD14 pair, strip of three, paste-up strip of four and guide line strip of three, also TD14 affixed to Chicago Business Show cover, TD14C strip of three, TD15 pair, TD23 pair, TD24,

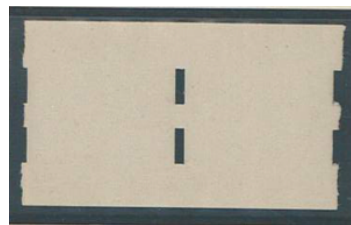
TD24E, TD26, TD27 pair, TD38 strip of six, TD38A, TD51 pair, TD60A single and pair, TD61A strip of four (faults), several, other better, several listed but unpriced, few faults to be expected but overall a Fine-Very Fine and impressive collection, Scott value for items that are priced approximately \$9,500.00. *(Ed. Note: Please note that the individual stamp images shown in this newsletter for Lot 255 were cropped from the full page scans that contained these test stamps.)*

The full page photos are located here: <https://siegelauctions.com/2023/1273/pdf/255.pdf>.

Estimate \$9,500.00. Realized \$5,750.00.

We will show the images from each of the 29 pages that contained test stamps and a description of each item.

Page 1 - Schermack Type III Perforations:



TD46 - Blank Coil Pair with Schermack Type III Perforations.



TD46 - Blank Coil Pair with Schermack Type III Perforations - Possible Starter Strip.



TD46 - Blank Coil Paste-up Strip of 8 with Schermack Type III Perforations.



TD46 - Blank Coil Strip of 8 with Schermack Type III Perforations.

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Page 2 - Applied At The Rate of 250 Per Minute



TD13 - Applied At The Rate of 250 Per Minute
Coil Pair with Schermack Type III Perforations.

Page 3 - Mail-O-Meter Type I & Type 1a Perforations and Blank Coils



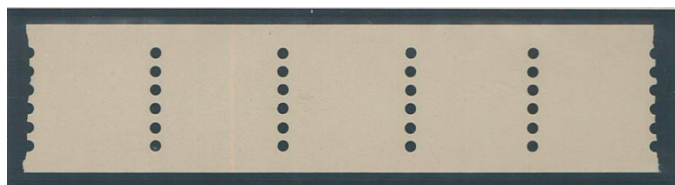
TD14C Var. - Applied At The Rate of 250 Per
Minute Coil Strip of 3 with Mail-O-Meter Type
Ia Perforations.



TD15 - MAIL-OM-ETER Coil Pair with
Mail-O-Meter Type I Perforations.



TD47 - Blank Coil Pair with Mail-O-Meter Type I
Perforations.



TD47 - Blank Coil Strip of 5 with Mail-O-Meter
Type I Perforations.

Page 4 - Mail-O-Meter Type II Perforations + Mail-O-Meter Stamps



TD16 - MAIL-OM-ETER Coil Strip of 3 with
Mail-O-Meter Type II Perforations.



TD60 - Mail-O-Meter Coil Single. Perforated 10 1/2.



TD60A - Mail-O-Meter Coil Pair. Perforated 10 1/2.

Page 5 - MAIL-OM-ETER with Schermack Type III Perforations



TD14 - MAIL-OM-ETER Coil Strip of 3 with
Schermack Type III Perforations.



TD14 - MAIL-OM-ETER Coil Guideline Strip of
3 with Schermack Type III Perforations.

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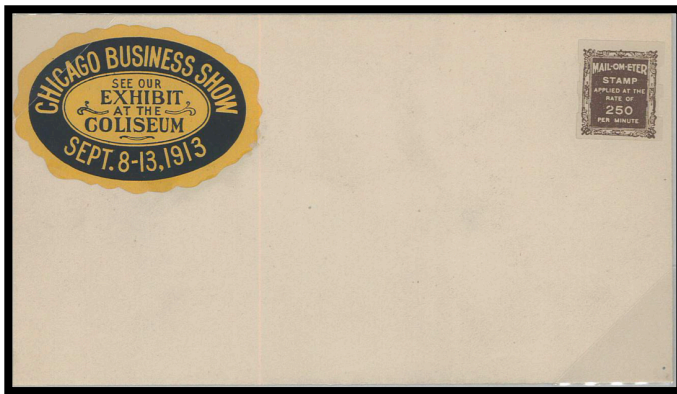


TD14 - MAIL-OM-ETER Coil Pair with Schermack Type III Perforations.



TD14 - MAIL-OM-ETER Coil Paste-up Strip of 4 with Schermack Type III Perforations.

Page 6 - Mail-O-Meter Company - Schermack Type III Perforations



TD14 - MAIL-OM-ETER Coil Single w/Schermack Type III Perforations on an Exhibit Envelope.

Page 7 - United States Automatic Vending Company



TD24 - United States Automatic Vending Co. Single. Imperforate.



TD24E - United States Automatic Vending Co. Single. Imperforate.

Page 8 - Hamilton Head B.E.P. Stamps



TD23 - Alexander Hamilton & Numerals Vertical Coil Pair. Perforated 1 1/4 Horizontally.

Page 9 - Multipost Company and Midland Supply Company



TD37 - Multipost Co. Coil Pair. Perforated 1 1/4 Vertically.



TD37 - Multipost Co. Coil Strip of 3. Perforated 1 1/4 Vertically.



TD38 - Multipost Co. Coil Pair. Perforated 1 1/4 Vertically.



TD38 - Multipost Co. Coil Strip of 6. Perforated 1 1/4 Vertically.

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TD38A - Midland Supply Co. Coil Single.
Perforated 10 ½ Vertically

Page 10 - Simplex Manufacturing Company



TD26 Simplex Manufacturing Co. Single.
Imperforate.



TD27 Simplex Manufacturing Co. Vertical Pair.
Imperforate.

Page 11 - Standard Stamp Affixer



TD32 - Standard Stamp Affixer Boston, Mass.
Coil Single. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.



TD32 - Standard Stamp Affixer Boston, Mass. Coil
Single, Color Variety. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.



TD33 - Standard Stamp Affixer Everett, Mass.
Coil Pair. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.

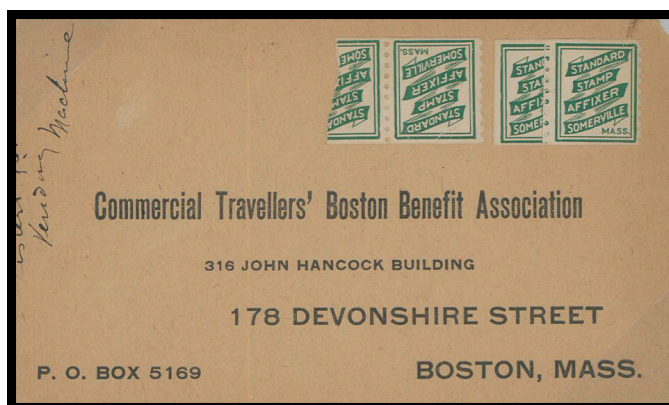


TD34 - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville, Mass. Coil
Pair. Alternating Perforations 8 ¼ & 8 ½ Vertically.



TD34 - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville, Mass.
Coil Strip of 5. Alternating Perforations 8 ¼ &
8 ½ Vertically.

Page 12 - Standard Stamp Affixer



TD35 - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville, Mass.
3 + ½ Coil Singles Affixed to an Envelope.
Perforated 8 ½ Vertically.

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TD35 - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville, Mass.
Coil Pair. Perforated 8 ½ Vertically.



TD35 - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville, Mass.
Coil Strip of 4. Perforated 8 ½ Vertically.

Page 13 - Standard Stamp Affixer



TD36 - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville, Mass.
Coil Pair. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.



TD36A - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville, Mass. Coil Pair. Alternating Perforations 11 & 10 ¼ Vertically.

Page 14 - Extensive Manufacturing Company



TD39A - Extensive Manufacturing Co. Coil Single. Perforated 8 ½ Vertically.



TD39 - Extensive Manufacturing Co. Coil Strip of 4. Perforated 8 ½ Horizontally.



TD40 - Extensive Manufacturing Co. Coil Pair. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.



TD40 - Extensive Manufacturing Co. Coil Strip of 4. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.



TD41 - Extensive Manufacturing Co. Coil Single. Perforated 10 ¾ Vertically.

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**Page 15 - Standard
Mailing Machine Company**



TD43 - Standard Mailing Machine Co. Coil Pair.
Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.



TD43 - Standard Mailing Machine Co. Coil
Single. Color Variety. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.



TD43 - Standard Mailing Machine Co. Coil
Single. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.

**Page 16 - New Jersey
Vending Machine Company**



TD52 - New Jersey Vending Machine Co. Coil
Pair. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.

Page 17 - Wizard Stamp Affixer



TD61 - Wizard Stamp Affixer Coil Pair.
Perforated 10 ¼ Vertically.

**Page 18 - National Envelope Sealing
and Stamp Manufacturing**



TD53 - National Envelope Sealing and Stamp
Manufacturing Coil Single. Color Variety.
Perforated 8 ½ Horizontally.



TD53 - National Envelope Sealing and Stamp
Manufacturing Coil Single. Perforated 8 ½
Horizontally.

Page 19 - Postage Stamp Machine Company



TD63 - Postage Stamp Machine Co. Coil Single.
Perforated 8 ½ Vertically.

Page 20 - Kendall Stamp Affixer



TD61A - Kendall Stamp Affixer Coil Strip of 4.
Surface Scraping on Left Stamp. Alternating
Perforated 10.4 & 10.6 Vertically.

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**Page 21 - Security Sealing
and Stamping Machine Company**



TD63B - Security Sealing and Stamping Machine Co. Coil Single. Perforated 8 ½ Vertically.

Page 22 - Licensed Sanitary Postage



TD65 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Coil Pair. Perforated 10 ¾ Vertically.



TD65 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Coil Strip of 8. Perforated 10 ¾ Vertically.

**Page 23 - Vidaver Mailing
Machine Company, Inc.**



TD67 - Vidaver Mailing Machine Company, Inc. Coil Pair. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.

**Page 24 - Molyneux Automatic
Mailing Machine**



TD69A - Molyneux Automatic Mailing Machine Single. Perforated 11 ¾ x 12.

Page 25 - Puritan Mailing Machine Co.



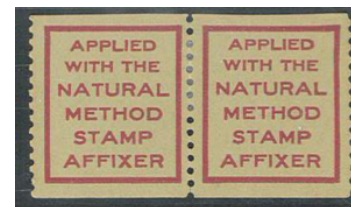
TD78 - Puritan Mailing Machine Co. Coil Single. Perforated 9 ¾ Vertically.

Page 26 - The Postamper Company



TD78A - The Postamper Co. Coil Strip of 3. Perforated 10 ½ Vertically.

Page 27 - Natural Method Stamp Affixer



TD63A - Natural Method Stamp Affixer Coil Pair. Perforated 11 ¾ Vertically.

**Page 28 - Bruckmann A. G.
of Munich, Germany**



TD51 - Bruckmann A. G. of Munich, Germany Horizontal Pair With Full Width Right Sheet Margin. Imperforate.

Page 29 - Burt and Toby's Stamp Battery



TD8 - Burt and Toby's Stamp Battery Light Green Single. Perforated 12.

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TD8B - Burt and Toby's Stamp Battery Lavender Single. Perforated 12 1/4 x 12.

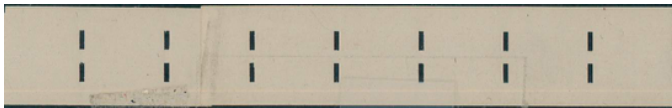
Lot 256 * **Coil Test Stamps.** Several dozen items, singles and strips of various sizes, mostly private companies, many are listed in Scott, includes No. TD27 in vertical pair, also Nos. TD52 and TD63A which are listed but not priced in Scott, a few dummy private perf coils, some duplication, most Fine-Very Fine. *(Ed. Note: Please note that the individual stamp images shown in this newsletter for Lot 256 were cropped from the full page scans that contained these test stamps.)*

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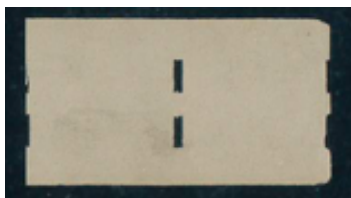
Estimate \$400.00 - \$500.00. Realized \$350.00.

We will show the images from each of the 31 pages that contained test stamps and a description of each item.

Page 3 - Schermack Type III Perforations



TD46 - Blank Paste-up Coil Strip of 8 with Schermack Type III Perforations.



TD46 - Blank Coil Pair with Schermack Type III Perforations.

Page 4 - Mailometer Type I Perforations + Licensed Sanitary Postage Station



TD47 - Blank Coil Single with Mailometer Type I Perforations.



TD65 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Coil Pair. Perforated 11 & 10 3/4 Vertically.

Page 5 - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville & Schermack Type I 7-Hole Perforations

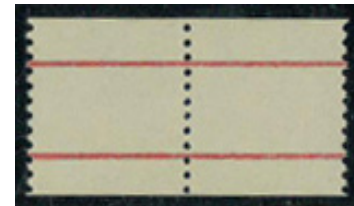
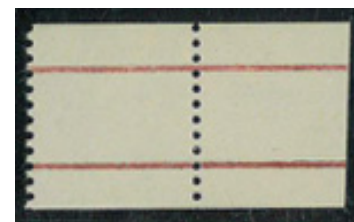


TD36A - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville Coil Pair. Perforated 11 & 10 1/4 Vertically.



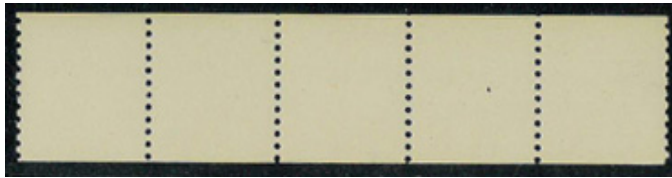
TD50A - Blank Schermack Type 1 7-Hole Coil Strip of 3. Perforated 10 Vertically.

Page 6 - Blank Coil Design Type



TD76 - Blank - Two 2 Coil Pairs with Red Horizontal Lines 13 1/2 mm Apart. Perforated 9 3/4 Vertically.

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TD75 - Blank Coil Strip of 5. Perforated 9 ¾ Vertically.

Page 7 - Multipost Commercial Controls + Simplex Manufacturing Company



TD90 - Multipost Commercial Controls Coil Pair. Perforated 9 ¾ Vertically.



TD27 - Simplex Manufacturing Co. Vertical Pair. Imperforate.

Page 8 - Multipost mailMaster Commercial Controls + Multipost Commercial Controls



TD91 - Multipost mailMaster Commercial Controls Coil Single. Perforated 9 ¾ Vertically.



TD89 - Multipost Commercial Controls Coil Pair. Perforated 9 ¾ Vertically.

Page 9 - Multipost Commercial Controls



TD90 - Multipost Commercial Controls Coil Pair. Perforated 9 ¾ Vertically.



TD88 - Multipost Commercial Controls Coil Pair. Perforated 9 ¾ Vertically.

Page 10 - Multipost Commercial Controls



TD88 - Multipost Commercial Controls Coil Strip of 6. Perforated 9 ¾ Vertically.



TD88 - Multipost Commercial Controls Coil Single. Perforated 9 ¾ Vertically.

Page 11 - Multipost Commercial Controls



TD88 - Multipost Commercial Controls Coil Strip of 4. Perforated 9 ¾ Vertically.

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TD88 - MultiPost Commercial Controls Coil Strip of 4. Perforated 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ Vertically.

Page 13 - MultiPost Commercial Controls

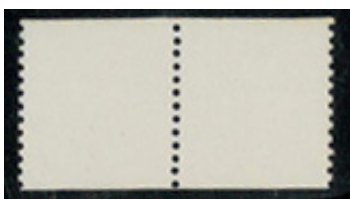


TD89 - MultiPost Commercial Controls Coil Pair. Perforated 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ Vertically.

Page 14 - Blank Zeigle Coil + Blank Coil



TD79 - Zeigle Blank Coil Pair. Perforated 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Vertically.



TD45 - Blank Coil Pair. Perforated 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Vertically.

Page 15 - MultiPost mailMaster Commercial Controls Coil + Standard Stamp Affixer Coil



TD92 - MultiPost mailMaster Commercial Controls Coil Pair. Perforated 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ Vertically.



TD32 - Three Standard Stamp Affixer Coil Singles. Perforated 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Vertically.

Page 17 - Mail-O-Meter 10,000 Envelopes Coil + Standard Mailing Machine Co. Coil



TD60A - Mail-O-Meter 10,000 Envelopes Per Hour Coil Pair. Perforated 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Vertically.



TD43 - Two Standard Mailing Machine Co. Coil Singles. Perforated 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Vertically.

Page 18 - Natural Method Stamp Affixer Coil + New Jersey Vending Machine Co. Coil



TD63A - Natural Method Stamp Affixer Coil Pair. Perforated 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ Vertically.



TD52 - New Jersey Vending Machine Co. Coil Pair. Perforated 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Vertically.

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Page 19 - Multipost mailMaster Friden Coil



TD93 - Multipost mailMaster Friden Coil Strip of 4. Perforated $9\frac{3}{4}$ Vertically.

Page 21 - Standard Stamp Affixer Coils



TD33 - Standard Stamp Affixer Everett, Mass. Coil Single. Perforated $10\frac{1}{2}$ Vertically.



TD36 - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville, Mass. Coil Single. Perforated $10\frac{1}{2}$ Vertically.

Page 22 - Standard Stamp Affixer Coils



TD34 - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville, Mass. Coil Strip of 3. Alternating Perforations $8\frac{1}{4}$ & $8\frac{1}{2}$ Vertically.



TD34 - Standard Stamp Affixer Somerville, Mass. Coil Pair. Alternating Perforations $8\frac{1}{4}$ & $8\frac{1}{2}$ Vertically.

Page 23 - Multipost Co. Coils + Extensive Manufacturing Co. Coil



TD38 - Four Multipost Co. Coil Singles. Perforated $10\frac{1}{4}$ Vertically.



TD40 - Extensive Manufacturing Co. Coil Pair. Perforated $10\frac{1}{4}$ Vertically.

Page 24 - Blank Coil Design Type Coils



TD47 - Blank Coil with Mailometer Type I Perforations, Strip of 4.



TD46 - Blank Coil with Schermack Type III Perforations, Strip of 8.

Page 25 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Station + Blank Coil Design Type Coil



TD65 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Coil Pair. Perforated $10\frac{3}{4}$ Vertically.

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TD46 - Blank Coil with Schermack Type III Perforations. Paste-Up, Strip of 6.

Page 26 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Station



TD65 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Coil Strip of 8. Perforated 10 3/4 Vertically.

Page 27 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Station



TD65 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Coil Strip of 3. Perforated 10 3/4 Vertically.



TD65 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Coil Strip of 3. Perforated 10 3/4 Vertically.



TD65 - Two Licensed Sanitary Postage Coil Pairs. Perforated 10 3/4 Vertically.



TD65 - Licensed Sanitary Postage Coil Pair. Perforated 10 3/4 Vertically.

Page 28 - FOR TESTING PURPOSES ONLY

Coil

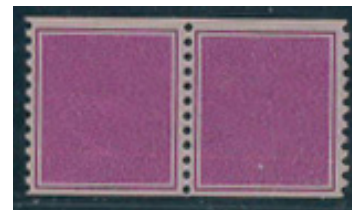


TD107 Type - For Testing Purposes Only Coil Strip of 6. Perforated 9 3/4 Vertically.

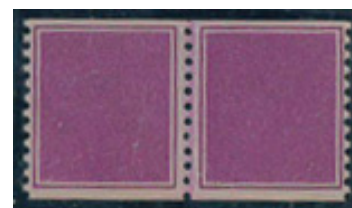
Page 30 - Framed Rectangle Coils + FOR TESTING PURPOSES ONLY Coils



TD95a - Violet Framed Rectangle Coil Pair. Imperforate.



TD96 - Red Violet Framed Rectangle Coil Pair. Perforated 9 3/4 Vertically.



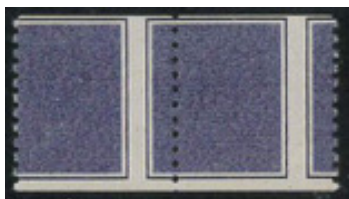
TD96 - Red Violet Framed Rectangle Coil Joint Line Pair. Perforated 9 3/4 Vertically.



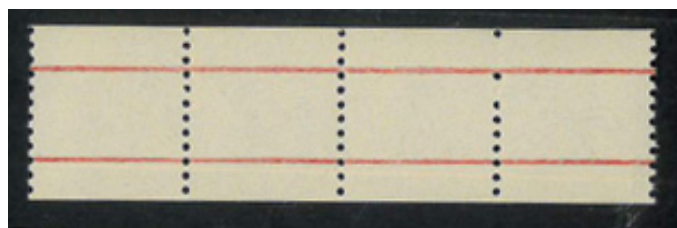
TD107 Types - For Testing Purposes Only Coils. Three Pairs - One with Defacement Lines. One Strip of 3. One Strip of 4. Perforated 9 3/4 Vertically.

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**Page 31 - Framed Rectangle Coil +
Blank Coil Design Type Coil**



TD95 - Violet Framed Rectangle Coil Pair. Mis-perforated 9 3/4 Vertically.



TD76 - Blank Coil Strip of 4 with Red Horizontal Lines 13 1/2 mm Apart. Perforated 9 3/4 Vertically.

On March 22, 2023, Vance Auctions Ltd. held Sale - 361 that contained the following test stamps. There was no Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 3694 * TDB92a, Self adhesive TEST BOOKLET Pane of 18. VF, NH. Photo. Cat. \$250.00. Realization unreported.

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 □

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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