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On the cover

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The Cheshire Collection of United States 1902-08 Issues



THE 1902 SERIES WAS THE FIRST SET OF REGULAR ISSUES DESIGNED by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. In 1894, when the Bureau took over stamp production, they had simply modified the existing American Bank Note Company designs by adding triangles to the framework. Eager to impress the public with its own definitive series, the Bureau created an entirely new set of sixteen designs, each entitled "Series 1902". The stamps' creation coincided with the start of a new century, the Theodore Roosevelt administration, the emergence of the United States as a global power, and the spread of technology in everyday life. All of these circumstances influenced the design and use of the 1902-08 Issues.

Fourteen regular-issue designs and one special-delivery design were produced for the original 1902 Series. Only the 8c, 13c and 10c Special Delivery were actually issued in 1902. The other values were not released until early 1903. The new designs were generally well-received, but the 2c was harshly criticized, because the highly-detailed engraving was poorly conveyed by the Carmine color. In response to the unfavorable reviews, the Bureau redesigned the 2c and issued the Shield stamp in late 1903. The 1902 Series remained current until late in 1908, when the first stamps of the Washington-Franklin series were issued.

The 1902 Series is a fertile field for stamp and cover collectors. In addition to the basic stamps issued in sheet form, supplies of imperforate sheets and coils were sent to vending- and affixing-machine manufacturers for use in their popular stamp-dispensing equipment. Booklet panes, which debuted in 1900 with the 2c 1898 design, gained in popularity with the 1902-08 Issues. Overprints were applied to sheets for distribution to the Canal Zone and the Philippines during the period when these territories fell under United States control. The U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai also received supplies of the 1902 Series for use by local residents and businesses in China.

The Cheshire collection succinctly and successfully tells the story of the 1902 Series, beginning with the development of the designs and carrying on with a diverse display of philatelic varieties and postal usages. Assembled anonymously under the guidance of the late Lynne Warm-Griffiths, the Cheshire collection was exhibited a few times in the early 1980's. Since then, it has not been seen, and its existence was known only to a small group of specialists. With the emergence of the Cheshire collection comes the opportunity to acquire unique die essays, extremely rare large die proofs and dollar-value covers that have been unavailable to the market for 20 years or more.

We applaud the collector behind the Cheshire collection, and we pay tribute to Lynne Warm-Griffiths, whose knowledge and keen eye for the unusual so obviously influenced the formation of this significant collection.

AFTERNOON SESSION (LOTS 3001-3123) FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2004, AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M. (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SALE 872)

THE CHESHIRE COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES 1902-08 ISSUES

ESSAYS AND PROOFS



3001 E 1c Black, Large Die Essay on India (300-E1). Die sunk on 90 x 105mm card, incomplete engraving of vignette and lower part of frame

VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAY.

3001

3002 E 1c Black, Large Die Essay on India (300-E2). Die sunk on 90 x 105mm card, unfinished design lacks shading lines in frame, neckpiece and vignette background

VERY FINE. ONLY ONE IMPRESSION OF THIS INCOMPLETE DIE IS REPORTED TO EXIST.





3003

3003 E **2c Washington, Preliminary Pencil-and-Ink Drawing for Frame Design (Unlisted in Scott; should be 301-E1B).** 77 x 82mm yellowish wove paper, folded vertically, half of reverse with ink tracing of frame only

A UNIQUE ARTIST'S SKETCH OF THE LETTERING AND FRAME AS INTENDED FOR THE 2-CENT 1902 ISSUE.

A similar pen-and-ink sketch for the 1c 1902 is listed in Scott as 300-E4 and was offered in Shreve's Brody sale (realized \$2,700 hammer). This 2c sketch is not listed in Scott, but would logically follow the pencil sketches listed as 301-E1 and E1A. E. 2,000-3,000



3004

3004 E **2c Black, Large Die Essay on India (301-E3).** Die sunk on 92 x 105mm card, incomplete design with head unfinished, missing horizontal background lines, unfinished frame and lettering

VERY FINE. THIS THE THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE 2-CENT FLAGS DIE ESSAY.

The corresponding 2c Shield progressive die essay realized 4,000 hammer in the Shreve's Brody sale. The current Scott value for 301-E3 seems inadequate. ... 1,250.00

3005 E 2c Washington, Photographic Essay of Unaccepted Design (301-E unlisted). Directly on 45 x 50mm photo-sensitive paper, significant differences incl. lettering and use of laurels around portrait instead of flags, slight crease above image, otherwise Very Fine, extremely rare...... E. 300-400



3005



3006 E

2c Washington, Photographic Essay of Unaccepted Design (301-E unlisted). Directly on 45 x 48mm photo-sensitive paper, striking essay with Washington vignette from 1894-98 series (lettering and frame identical to essay in lot 3005), numerous tiny pinholes within image, unnoticeable and otherwise Very Fine, extremely rare..... E. 300-400

3006

3007 E

2c Washington, Photographic Essay of Unaccepted Design (301-E unlisted). Directly on 45 x 50mm photo-sensitive paper, flags around vignette but differences in portrait size and lettering, Very Fine, a striking and rare essay

E. 300-400



3007



3008

3008 E 2c Washington, Photographic Essay of Unaccepted Design (301-E unlisted). Directly on 44 x 50mm photo-sensitive paper, Washington vignette from 1894-98 series, surrounded by flags but other differences in lettering, Very Fine and extremely rare...... E. 300-400



3009

3009 E **3c Black, Large Die Essay on India (302-E1).** Die sunk on 90 x 105mm card, unfinished design lacking horizontal background lines in vignette, missing shading lines in neckpiece and figures at sides, Bureau blue control no. 66218 on back

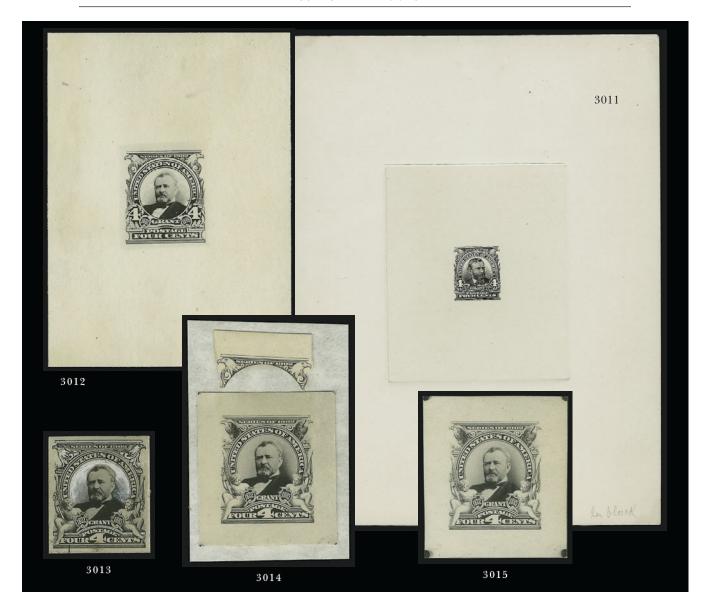
VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE 3-CENT PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAY.



3010

3010 E **4c Black, Large Die Essay on India (303-E1).** Die sunk on 90 x 105mm card, unfinished design lacking shading lines in portrait and frame around vignette vignette, Bureau blue control no. 58920 on back

VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED 4-CENT PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAY.



3011 E 4c Black, Large Die Essay on India (303-E unlisted). Die sunk on 150 x 200mm card, engraving almost complete as issued except for shading lines in top of frame, Bureau blue control no. 60085 on back VERY FINE. AN UNLISTED AND SIGNIFICANT PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAY FOR THE 4-CENT 1902 ISSUE. The subtle difference between this progressive die essay and the issued design is found in the frame just above "Series 1902" at top, where the tiny vertical shading lines are omitted...... E. 2,000-3,000 3012 E 4c Grant, Photographic Essay of Unaccepted Design (303-E unlisted). Directly on 58 x 80mm photo-sensitive paper, Grant portrait facing left and differences in frame, Very Fine, extremely rare E. 300-400 3013 E 4c Grant, Photographic Essay of Unaccepted Design with Pen-and-Wash Drawing (303-E unlisted). Stamp size photo-sensitive paper, white wash inside vignette, eagles at corners drawn in pen over erased portions of photo, stray ink line at bottom, Very Fine, certainly unique..... E. 750-1,000 4c Grant, Photographic Essay of Unaccepted Design, Additional Overlay of Top of Frame (303-3014 E E unlisted). Directly on 27 x 31mm photo-sensitive paper, Grant's portrait facing left, additional cut-out photo-essay of top portion of frame with eagles as drawn on previous essay, both affixed to paper, Very Fine, a unique composition, illustrated in Johl E. 500-750 3015 E 4c Grant, Photographic Essay of Unaccepted Design (303-E unlisted). Directly on 30 x 33mm photo-sensitive paper, position dots at corners, Grant's portrait facing left and different frame design, Very Fine, extremely rare E. 300-400



3016



3017

3016 E

8c Martha Washington, Pencil Drawing of Left Side of Frame by R. Ostrander Smith (306-E1). 95 x 200mm tracing paper, lower left corner with numeral and outline letters, laurel to left of vignette, Very Fine, a unique drawing signed by the designer of the 1902-03 Issue, R. Ostrander Smith, illustrated in Johl... 500.00

3017 E **8c Black, Large Die Essay on India (306-E2).**Die sunk on 93 x 105mm card, incomplete engraving of vignette and numerals

VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAY.

This striking essay is the least complete of the 8c 1902 progressive die states....... 2,000.00

3018 E 13c Black, Large Die Essay on India (308-E1). Die sunk on 85 x 105mm card, unfinished design with blank "Harrison" label, incomplete shading and other differences, Bureau blue control no. 57796 on back

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE 13-CENT PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAY.



3018



3019

3019 E **50c Black, Large Die Essay on India (310-E1).** Die sunk on 90 x 105mm card, incomplete engraving of entire design with many lines missing in vignette, frame and portrait, two small scuffs in India paper at upper right

VERY FINE. THE ONLY KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THIS SPECTACULAR PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAY FOR THE $50\text{-}\mathrm{CENT}$ 1902 ISSUE.

There are two progressive die essays for the 50c 1902 Issue (Scott 310-E1 and E2). This is the less complete state; the other is offered in the following lot. Each is unique. 2,000.00



3020

3020 E **50c Black, Large Die Essay on India (310-E2).** Die sunk on 89 x 103mm card, almost complete engraving — we note shortened shading lines in leaf ornaments at upper right and left — small piece of bottom right corner of India paper torn off

VERY FINE. ONE OF TWO SCOTT-LISTED PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAYS AND THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS NEARLY-FINISHED STATE.



3021

3021 E **\$2.00 Dark Blue, Large Die Essay on India (312-E1).** Die sunk on 90 x 105mm card, numerous lines absent from frame and portrait

VERY FINE. AN EXTRAORDINARY AND UNIQUE PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAY OF THE $\$2.00\,1902$ ISSUE. ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING OF ALL BUREAU ISSUE ESSAYS AND PROOFS.



3022

3022 E **\$5.00 Dark Green, Large Die Essay on India (313-E1).** Die sunk on 94 x 105mm card, significantly incomplete engraving with blank ovals at top, many shading lines absent in frame and vignette

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE UNIQUE PROGRESSIVE DIE ESSAY FOR \$5.00 1902 ISSUE AND ONE OF THE MOST DESIRABLE BUREAU ISSUE ESSAYS EXTANT.



3023EX

3023 P 1c-\$5.00 1902-03 Issue, Large Die Proofs on India (300P1-313P1). Each die sunk on 5¾ x 7¾ in. card, fresh and bright, slight abrasion along left edge of each card (probably from removal of protective tissue), a few cards with mounting scuffs or remnants on back, several have transparent scotch-tape remnants that have not stained the card but should be removed for conservation purposes

VERY FINE. ONE OF THREE RECORDED COMPLETE SETS OF 1902-03 ISSUE LARGE DIE PROOFS.

The Bureau control number backstamps (in blue) are as follows: 1c—348932, 2c—348953, 3c—349943, 4c—349070, 5c—349738, 6c—349099, 8c—349130, 10c—349153, 13c—349179, 15c—349196, 50c—349219, \$1.00—349243, \$2.00—349259 and \$5.00—349279.





3025

3025 P **\$1.00 Black, Panama-Pacific Small Die Proof (311P2a).** 24 x 27mm, intense shade on unusually bright paper for a Panama-Pacific proof, faint translucent spot in lower right margin mentioned only for total accuracy

EXTREMELY FINE. ONLY THREE TO FIVE SETS OF 1915 PANAMA-PACIFIC SMALL DIE PROOFS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MADE.

This is possibly the finest example of the \$1.00 1902 Issue Panama-Pacific small die proof in existence. 1,750.00



3026

3026 P **\$2.00 Dark Blue, Panama-Pacific Small Die Proof (312P2a).** 24 x 27mm, very faint overall toning as usual for a Panama-Pacific proof, tiny nick in right margin

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE \$2.00 1902 ISSUE PROOF MADE FOR DISPLAY AT THE 1915 PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION. ONLY THREE TO FIVE OF EACH VALUE ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PRODUCED.



3027

3027 P **\$5.00 Dark Green, Panama-Pacific Small Die Proof (313P2a).** 24 x 27mm, rich color on yellowish wove paper but free of usual toning

EXTREMELY FINE. THE FINEST KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THE RARE 1915 PANAMA-PACIFIC SMALL DIE PROOF OF THE \$5.00 1902 ISSUE. ONLY THREE TO FIVE SETS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PREPARED.



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3029 TC

10c Special Delivery, Rose Red Trial Color Large Die Proof on Card (E6TC1). Die sunk directly on 107 x 93mm card (without India paper), intense shade, bright and fresh card extremely fine. Only two examples of the rose red trial color proof of the 1902 10-cent special delivery issue are reported to exist. A spectacular proof and of interest to both the 1902 and special delivery collector.

ISSUED STAMPS









3031

- 3031 \boxplus **2c Carmine (301).** Block of four tied by "Woodward, O.T." and "Feb. 28, 1903" straightlines on piece, Fine-Very Fine E. 100-150



3032

3032 (*) 2c Carmine, Imperforate (301 var). Unused (no gum), enormous margins incl. huge top right sheet corner margins and part of adjoining stamp below, rich color, creases not readily apparent on face

EXTREMELY FINE APPEARANCE. ONLY THREE EXAMPLES OF THE 2-CENT 1902 IMPERFORATE ERROR ARE RECORDED. THIS IS THE ONLY CORNER SHEET-MARGIN POSITION.

All of the three known examples of this error — the only major error found on any of the values of the 1902-03 Issue — are unused without gum and similarly creased. The Brody copy realized \$5,500 in the Shreve sale of his collection.

With 1954 P.F. certificate..... E. 5,000-7,500



3033

3033 ★⊞ 4c Brown (303). Complete pane of 100 from lower right corner of sheet with full plate selvage at right and normal narrow selvage at bottom, original gum with 61 Mint N.H. stamps, one stamp in side plate block hinged, stamps in bottom plate block Mint N.H. but tiny hinge-sliver reinforcements in selvage, small faults in two s.e. stamps at top left and thins in two others at left center (not the best centered portion), extraordinarily rich color, some perf separations and tiny reinforcements, minute tear in extreme edge of margin of side plate block

VERY FINE TO EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE COMPLETE PANE OF THE 4-CENT 1902 ISSUE, CONTAINING AT LEAST 37 MINT NEVER-HINGED STAMPS IN EXTREMELY FINE GRADE.

Very few complete panes of the 4c 1902 have survived, and they probably remain intact because of typically poor centering. This pane of 100 is remarkable for its centering and condition. It contains no less than 37 stamps conservatively graded Extremely Fine in Mint N.H. condition. In addition, there are 24 Mint N.H. stamps (without straight edges) about half of which grade Very Fine. Both plate blocks have Extremely Fine centering, and the bottom plate is, for all practical purposes, Mint N.H. (with tiny hinge reinforcements along the outer edge of selvage).



3037 ★⊞ 10c Pale Red Brown (307).

Bottom imprint and plate no.
block of six, three Mint N.H.,
others lightly hinged, rich color,
fresh and Very Fine for this 1902
value, which is one of the most
difficult to obtain in well-centered
plate block form 1,100.00











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3042 **15c Olive Green (309).** Strips of three, four, a pair and single used with 10c 1902 on piece, tied by purple "**Transito Colon 24 Nov. 1903**" circular datestamp and target, 10c tear, one 15c corner off, otherwise Fine, unusual ship-mail usage cancelled on arrival at Colon E. 200-300

3043 ★ **50c Orange (310).** Block of four with horizontal guide line, lightly hinged, remarkably vibrant color on bright white paper, precise centering

EXTREMELY FINE BLOCK OF THE 50-CENT 1902 ISSUE. BLOCKS OF THIS QUALITY ARE RARELY ENCOUNTERED.

With 1978 P.F. certificate...... 2,000.00





3044

3044 ★⊞ \$1.00 Black (311). Block of four, bottom stamps Mint N.H., top stamps lightly hinged, deep shade, beautifully centered with wide margins

AN EXTREMELY FINE BLOCK OF THE $\$1.00\ 1902$ ISSUE CONTAINING TWO MINT NEVERHINGED GEMS.



3045

3045 ★⊞ \$2.00 Dark Blue (312). Block of four, top pair lightly hinged, no trace of a hinge on bottom pair, some horizontal perf separations have been delicately rejoined, perfectly centered, intense shade and proof-like impression on bright paper

EXTREMELY FINE GEM BLOCK OF THE \$2.00 1902 ISSUE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE ANY FINER MULTIPLE OF THIS SCARCE DOLLAR VALUE.





3047

\$5.00 Dark Green (313). Block of four with horizontal guideline, h.r., intense dark shade and proof-like impression, bright and fresh, nibbed perf at top right

FINE-VERY FINE. A RARE AND IMPRESSIVE ORIGINAL-GUM BLOCK OF THE \$5.00 1902 ISSUE.

The Scott value for a block carries a small premium over the \$11,600 total for four singles. 13,500.00





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4c Brown, Imperforate, Schermack Ty. III Private Perforation (314A). Large margins and perfectly centered, full Schermack perforations on both sides, deep rich color, very lightly cancelled by datestamp, tiny insignificant corner crease and minute thin specks at left

EXTREMELY FINE GEM APPEARANCE. ONE OF THE THREE OR FOUR BEST-CENTERED USED EXAMPLES OF THE 4-CENT 1908 IMPERFORATE.

With the rising popularity of vending and affixing machines, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing received numerous requests from manufacturers for supplies of imperforate stamps, which could then be privately perforated to conform to each firm's machine. In May 1908, a supply of 25 sheets (400 stamps per sheet) of the 4c 1902 Issue, without perforations, was delivered to the Schermack Mailing Machine Co. in Detroit. The entire supply was cut into coils with Schermack Type III perforations, designed for the firm's patented affixing machine and delivered to the Winfield Printing Co. for use on mass mailings of advertising material. Approximately 6,000 were used on a mailing for Hamilton Carhartt Manufacturer, and almost all of the 4,000 balance were used on a mailing for Burroughs Adding Machine Co.

Our unpublished census contains 44 used examples, including three strips of three (one on cover), three singles on separate covers, and 32 single used copies (four are or were at one time on piece, including one of the sound copies with full margins). All three strips of three and two covers were used by Karl Koslowski, who was the only person able to acquire some of the 4c Imperforates. He is also the source for the only known unused copies. Our published census (updated) contains four pairs, two guide line pairs and nine singles, for a total of 21 unused stamps.

This stamp is without question one of the finest used examples extant, despite the tiny flaws in the left margin, which are of little significance and not even mentioned on the accompanying certificate. The centering in relation to the Shermack perfs and overall margins, combined with the light cancellation, are attributes rarely seen among examples of the 4c 1908 Imperforate.



3051 ★★⊞ 5c Blue, Imperforate (315). Mint N.H. block of ten with vertical guide line, large margins, dark shade and proof-like impression, both the paper and gum are bright and fresh

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB MULTIPLE OF THE 5-CENT 1908 IMPERFORATE.

3051

3052 ★⊞ 5c Blue, Imperforate (315).

Bottom imprint and plate no. block of six, lightly hinged on top center stamp and bottom selvage, others Mint N.H., large margins, remarkably deep rich color

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB 5-CENT 1908 IMPERFORATE PLATE BLOCK.

This block is bright and fresh, unlike so many of the 5c 1908 multiples that have brownish toned gum and yellowish paper... 2,600.00



3052



3053 ★ 1c Blue Green, Coil (318). Horizontal pair, almost perfectly centered, rich color VERY FINE AND CHOICE. PAIRS OF THE 1908 ONE-CENT HORIZONTAL COIL ARE EXTREMELY RARE IN THIS GRADE OF CENTERING AND CONDITION.



3054



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3055 ★ 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Vertical Pair, San Francisco Roulette (319e var). Vertical strip of three with huge sheet selvage at left containing plate letters, pair at top with roulette, lightly hinged on top stamp only, pencil note indicates sheet was from plate 3292

VERY FINE FOR THIS MAJOR BUREAU ISSUE PERFORATION VARIETY. THIS MULTIPLE WITH PLATE LETTERS IN THE SELVAGE IS BELIEVED TO BE UNIQUE.

There are three distinct imperforate errors in the 1908 2c Shield Issue, listed in Scott as Nos. 319d, 319e and a sub-variety of 319e, the San Francisco Roulette.

The imperforate-horizontally multiples (Scott 319d) come from a block of 25 purchased from the Washington D.C. post office. All known examples of Scott 319d are printed in a deeper shade of Carmine than 319e or the San Francisco Roulette. The two multiples in the Brody collection (Shreve lots 105 and 106) show that the original Scott 319d multiple came from the upper half of the lower right pane of 100.

The imperforate-between multiples (Scott 319e and San Francisco Roulette) come from two sources, according to research by Roger Brody. All multiples listed as Scott 319e (without roulette) have very faint blind perf holes between the stamps; the shade and centering of all Scott 319e's are identical, but as a group they differ from the rouletted examples. The ex-Brody bottom imprint and plate no. 4475 block of four (lot 108) proves that the *bottom* two rows were imperforate between.

The third error — imperforate-between with roulette — should be separately listed in Scott, but it is identified as a sub-variety of 319e, which confuses the two unrelated sources. The rouletted multiples come from a small number of sheets received by the San Francisco postmaster that were missing a line of perforations between the first and second rows at top, unlike No. 319e without roulette, which comes from the bottom two rows. Rather than destroy or return the problem sheets, the postmaster applied his own roulette for separation. The top imprint block in the Zoellner sale confirms the position of the error stamps in the sheet. The strip offered here has wide selvage showing the string of plate letters entered on the plate by the siderographer. The pencil notation identifies Plate 3292 as the source, possibly based on the plate letters, because we have been unable to locate a plate number on any of the multiples appearing in auctions over the past 60 years. To the best of our knowledge, the strip offered here is a unique position multiple.





PRIVATE VENDING AND AFFIXING MACHINE PERFORATIONS







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3061

3061 ★ 1c Blue Green, Shermack Ty. I Perfs, 6 Holes (314 I). Guide line pair, lightly hinged, rich color, superb centering

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE GUIDE LINE PAIR OF THE ONE-CENT WITH SHERMACK TYPE I 6-HOLE PERFS.



- 3065 ★⊞ 2c Lake, Shermack Ty. I Perfs, 8 Holes (320a I). Bottom imprint and plate no. block of six, deep shade, remarkably choice centering for such a multiple, Very Fine and scarce, with 1976 P.F. certificate...... E. 500-750
- 3066 ★ 1c Blue Green, Shermack Ty. III Perfs (314 III). Strip of three and guide line strip of four, former lightly hinged and Very Fine, latter shifted up to show horizontal guide line in bottom margin (consequently grades Very Good)......(Photo Ex) 33.00





- 5c Blue, U.S. Automatic Vending Ty. I Perfs (315 I). Pair, h.r., remarkably choice 3068 ★
- 3069 ★ 5c Blue, U.S. Automatic Vending Ty. II Perfs (315 II). Pair, lightly hinged, intense shade and proof-like impression, perfectly centered, Extremely Fine Gem pair of this

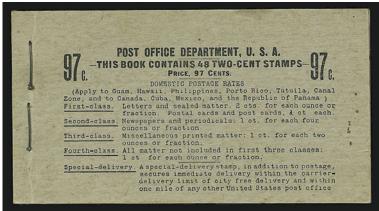
BOOKLET PANES



- 3070 ★ 1c Blue Green, Booklet Pane of Six (300b). Very lightly hinged, deep shade and fresh, Extremely Fine pane 600.00
- 3071 ★ 1c Blue Green, Booklet Pane of Six (300b). Position D with plate no., small h.r., Fine
- 3072 ★ 2c Carmine, Booklet Pane of Six (301c). Position A, lightly hinged, bright color, slight crease at bottom appears to be caused by gum, otherwise Fine-Very Fine....... 500.00



- 3074 ** 2c Carmine, Ty. I, Booklet Pane of Six (319g). Position C, Mint N.H., deep rich color, choice centering except trimmed slightly into design at bottom, Fine-Very Fine. 550.00



3077



3078 ★ 10c Ultramarine, Special Delivery (E6). Eight plate no. singles incl. four with "09" reissue numbers, h.r., all are at least Very Fine, the 1902 10c Special Delivery was re-issued from new plates in 1909, and the special "09" numbers were added to appease collectors who wanted a way to distinguish the re-issues from the originals...(Photo Ex) 1,200.00

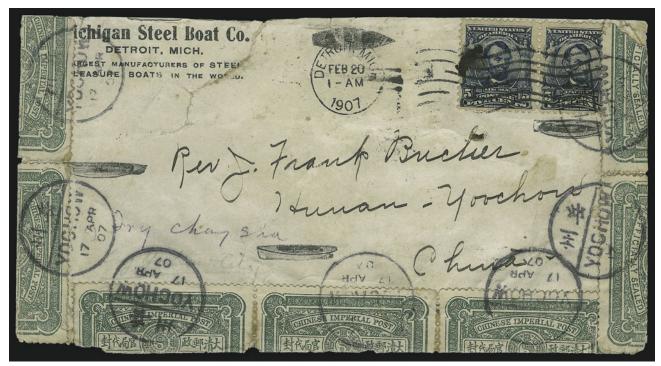
STAMP GROUP LOTS

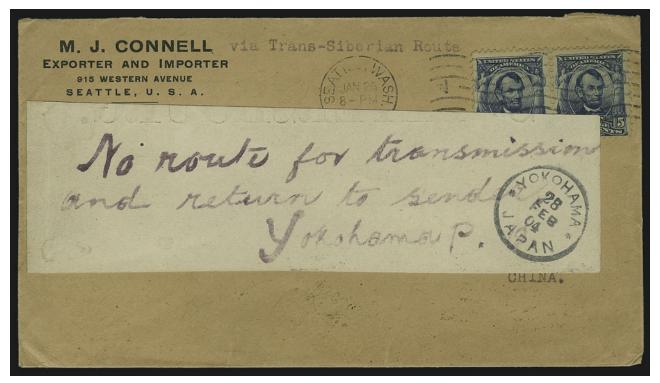
- 3079 ★⊞ 1c-10c 1902-03 Issue (300/307). Blocks of four incl. 1c (Mint N.H.), 3c, 5c (two), 10c (slight crease in one) and No. 319f, most stamps lightly hinged, a few with h.r., almost all Very Fine(Photo Ex) 1,148.00
- 3080 ★ 1c-8c 1902-03 Issue (300, 301, 303, 306). Two imprint and plate no. strips of three of Nos. 300, 301 and 303, one of No. 306, both 2c strips and the stamps in 4c strip are Mint N.H., others lightly hinged or small h.r., Fine-Very Fine(Photo Ex) 995.00
- 3081 ★⊞ 1c-4c 1902-08 Issue (300, 301, 303, 314). Imprint and plate no. blocks of six, 4c h.r. and exceptionally choice centering, others lightly hinged, Very Fine....(Photo Ex) 1,470.00
- 3082 ★ 2c, 8c 1902-08 Issue Balance. Incl. 8c h.r. and Fine, Nos. 319, 319b, 319f, 319k and 320a pair, most lightly hinged, Very Fine-Extremely Fine......(Photo Ex) 232.00

1902-08 ISSUES ON COVER



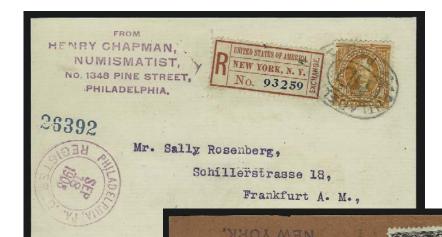
3083 ⊠	1908 machine cancel on Christmas postcard, Very Fine E. 75-100
3084 ⋈	2c Carmine (301). Bottom imprint and plate no. strip of three used with 10c Orange Brown, Ty. II (283), tied by "Manchester Wis. Oct. 17, 1903" duplexes on registered cover to La Canee, Crete, New York label and transit backstamps, stamps toned and one 2c has tear, still Fine and attractive
3085 ⊠	1c Blue Green, 3c Bright Violet (300, 302). Two 1c and three 3c tied by Boston ovals on 2c registered entire to Beirut, Syria, purple Boston Aug. 10, 1903 registry datestamp, "Old Home Week" label and London transit on back, few toned perfs, Very Fine E. 100-150
3086 ⋈	2c Carmine, 3c Purple (301, 302). 3c strip of three, used on 2c registered entire to Greece, marked "not known" and returned to Dead Letter Office, purple Davenport Ia. Jun. 29, 1903 registry datestamp, 2c tied by target, 3c tied by New York oval transits on back, label on front, numerous transits on both sides, opened up for display, Very Fine and unusual E. 100-150
3087 ⊠	5c Blue (304). Perfs in, tied by Canandaigua N.Y. Jul. 29, 1907 machine cancel on cover to American Consulate in Jerusalem, blue consul handstamp for forwarding to Andover Mass., note on back "I found out that this can go in this letter without an extra stamp", slightly toned, Fine







- - Nov. 29 2PM 1904" duplex datestamp and grid on W. Blacklock registered corner card cover to Johannesburg, South Africa, "Pago Pago, Tutuila, Samoa, registered, Nov. 29, 1904" datestamp, New York registry label partially removed, transit backstamp, two stamps have s.e., Very Fine, a colorful and very scarce cover E. 500-750
- 3093 ⋈ 15c Olive Green (309). Horizontal strip of four, used with 10c Louisiana Purchase (327), tied by New York Dec. 2, 1904 duplexes on legal-size blue cover with printed address to Berlin, Germany, fold at center, opened at ends, stamps have faults, still a Fine appearing cover and impressive high-value franking...... E. 200-300



3096



- \$1.00 Black (311). Used with 6c and 8c 1902, tied by bold strikes of New York registry oval on dark buff cardboard package front only from American Ex. National Bank to another bank in Milwaukee Wis., New York registry office utility label with magenta datestamp (Sep. 14, 1905?) and control number, marked for first-class mail, Fine, scarce use of dollar-value 1902 to pay \$1.06 postage (3.3 pounds) and 8c registry fee for a bank transfer of currency, Scott Retail for full cover is \$1,500.00 E. 300-400



3097

3097 ⋈ \$2.00 Dark Blue (312). Centered to left, tied by lightly struck Boston Mass. Mar. 3, 1907 duplex datestamp and oval grid on greenish-blue linen-lined folded package wrapper to Jerusalem, Palestine, H. W. Dunning & Co.'s purple return-address handstamp at top, two faint waterstains at sides and minor wear along folds, adhesive residue on back only A FINE AND TRULY OUTSTANDING SINGLE-FRANKING USAGE OF THE \$2.00 1902 ISSUE, PAYING THE 40-TIMES U.P.U. RATE TO PALESTINE.

A similar but somewhat lesser-quality cover to the same addressee (forwarded to Beirut) realized \$4,250 hammer in the Brody sale held by Shreves. To the best of our knowledge, these two covers are the only examples of the \$2.00 on mail to Palestine.

Scott Retail on cover \$2,500.00..... E. 3,000-4,000



3098

3098 ⋈ \$2.00 Dark Blue, \$5.00 Green (312, 313). Both have choice centering and rich colors, \$5.00 wide natural s.e., tied by bold New York registry ovals on manila cover to Lucerne, Switzerland, New York Oct. 3, 1904 oval registry datestamp and label, receiving backstamp, slightly reduced at top, each stamp with corner perf fault

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A SPECTACULAR REGISTERED COVER WITH THE TWO HIGHEST DENOMINATIONS OF THE 1902 ISSUE USED TOGETHER. VERY FEW \$2.00 OR \$5.00 1902 ISSUE COVERS ARE KNOWN.

From the same correspondence as lot 3095. Scott Retail \$2,500.00 for \$2.00 on cover and \$5,000.00 for \$5.00 on cover...... E. 7,500-10,000



- grid cancels, purple Coleraine Minn. Sep. 16, 1913 registry backstamp on cover to Victoria, British Columbia, evidently damaged in transit with U.S. official seal on back and Victoria B.C. "Received in damaged condition" handstamp, creased thru block causing tears at bottom, otherwise Fine

 E. 200-300
- 3102

 10c Ultramarine, Special Delivery (E6). S.e. at left, used with Canada 2c Edward VII on Windsor Hotel illustrated advertising cover to Everett Mass., backstamped with two different Alburg & Boston R.P.O. datestamps (one with agent's name), purple fee-claim handstamp, 2c corner fault, otherwise Very Fine, scarce mixed franking with 10c Special Delivery used from Canada to pay fee in the U.S...... E. 200-300
- 3104

 1902-03 Issues on Advertising Covers. 22, almost all are better illustrated designs, many in color or multicolor, wide range of subjects incl. tobacco, hotel, St. Louis World's Fair, equipment, collar ad, agricultural, flag, and food products, condition generally Very Fine, average retail value is \$50-75...

 Not illustrated E. 1,000-1,500
- 3105

 1c-15c 1902-03 Issue Foreign Usages. 61 covers or cards, chosen for frankings and destinations, incl. wide range of European and Scandinavian countries, as well as Australia, Egypt, Haiti, Japan and Korea, many registered covers incl. one to Tasmania with Seattle registry label, forwarded and postage due usages, a small number of postcards incl. one forwarded with French stamp, generally Very Fine and of exhibition quality, average retail value \$50-75........Not illustrated E. 2,500-3,500

OFFICES IN CHINA



3107

3106

3c-10c 1902 Issue (302, 304, 307). Used with six China 1897 ½c-20c Imperial Post (98, 100, 102, 104) issues, former tied by targets, latter by "Foochow 4 Jan. 06" circular datestamp on registered cover to Moudon, Switzerland, purple "Registered/Jan. 10, 1906/U.S. Postal Agency, [Shanghai, China]" four-line datestamp with bottom line off cover, handstamped Foochow registry box and number, backstamped Shanghai (Jan. 10), New York (Feb. 7) and Moudon (Nov. 18), faint toning around a few perfs

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR MIXED FRANKING FROM FOOCHOW WITH CHINESE IMPERIAL POST ISSUES AND THE UNITED STATES 1902 ISSUE CANCELLED AT THE POST OFFICE IN SHANGHAI.

NEW YORK, N

The Chinese stamps pay the 30c rate for internal postage and registration. The U.S. stamps pay the double 5c rate and 8c registry fee. E. 1,500-2,000

- 2c Carmine, 4c Brown (301, 303). 2c used with 4c block of four plus three, tied by "Shanghai, China, U.S. Post. Agcy. Nov. 18 4PM 1903" duplex datestamp and oval on registered cover with printed address to New York, U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai registry label tied, blue "U.S. Postal Agency Reg. Div. * Shanghai, China * Nov. 18, 1903" oval backstamp, San Francisco and New York transits on back, small piece torn from one 4c at left (not readily apparent), otherwise Very Fine cover E. 400-500

CANAL ZONE



3109EX

3109 ★⊞ CANAL ZONE, 1904, 1c-10c Overprints (4-8). Complete set in horizontal blocks of ten (8c and 10c are actually non-contiguous blocks of four and six hinged together), tropicalized gum, 10c Extremely Fine, others Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail as blocks and singles(Photo Ex) 5,845.00

PHILIPPINES







3114

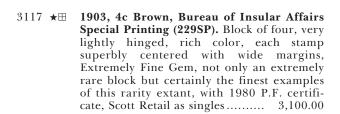
3115 ★⊞ 1903, 1c Blue Green, Bureau of Insular Affairs Special Printing (226SP). Block of four, choice centering, rich color, some perf separations rejoined with hinges, Very Fine, with 1979 P.F. certificate, Scott Retail as singles 3,100.00



3115



3116







3118



3119 ★⊞ 1903, 15c Olive Green, Bureau of Insular Affairs Special Printing (235SP). Block of four, very lightly hinged, well-centered, rich color on bright fresh paper, Very Fine and rare block, with 1980 P.F. certificate, Scott Retail as singles... 3,100.00

3119



3120

3120A **Lots 3115 thu 3120 offered as one lot,** if the bidding exceeds the total realization of the previous six lots.



3121 ⊠ **1903, 6c Brownish Lake (231).** Vertical pair tied by "Manila P.I. Dec. 10 1PM 1906" duplex on registered cover to Baltimore, magenta Manila registry division datestamp, receiving backstamps, Fine pair on a fresh and attractive cover E. 150-200



3122

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3003	R	3045	5,250	3090	325
3003	R	3046	1,000	3091	500
3004	3,625	3047	5,250	3092	950
3005	210	3048	950	3093	230
3006	325	3049	3,500	3094	260
3007	210	3050	42,500	3095	2,200
3008	290	3051	4,250	3096	375
3009	2,900	3052	2,000	3097	2,300
3010	3,250	3053	8,500	3098	16,000
3011	1,800	3054	525	3099	350
3012	500	3055	3,750	3100	450
3013	800	3056	2,600	3101	450
3014	1,000	3057	200	3102	280
3015	475	3059	350	3103	1,400
3016	2,000	3060	135	3104	800
3017	4,750	3061	2,400	3105	R
3018	3,500	3062	1,150	3105	R
3019	3,750	3063	650	3106	2,700
3020	3,250	3064	1,200	3107	1,200
3021	4,250	3065	2,000	3108	160
3022	7,500	3066	55	3109	1,900
3023	26,000	3067	250	3110	525
3024	3,500	3068	600	3111	260
3025	2,900	3069	1,500	3112	1,350
3026	2,100	3070	1,050	3113	750
3027	3,000	3071	475	3114	1,500
3028	750	3072	270	3120	16,000
3029	3,750	3073	220	3121	850
3030	2,800	3074	210	3122	375
3031	220	3075	625		·
3032	4,750	3076	675		
3033	8,500	3077	2,100		
3034	425	3078	800		
3035	550	3079	450		
3036	625	3080	375		
3037	800	3082	90		
3038	200	3083	110		
3039	850	3084	500		
3040	1,900	3085	230		
3041	1,050	3086	350		
3042	115	3087	85		