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WITH PLATE NUMBERS



EDWIN C. MADDEN
THIRD ASSISTANT P.M. GEN'L.

Post Office Department
Third Assistant Postmaster General
Washington

March 23, 1903.

Mrs. G. W. Chaffin,

Evanston, Ills.

My dear Lottie:

I recently sent you some specimens of United States postage stamps, Series of 1902. Herewith I send you one specimen each of the 3, 6 10, 15 and 50 cent, and the 1, 2 and 5 dollar stamps of the same series. This completes the number, and you now have one of each. The only thing that makes these stamps of special value, over those purchased in the regular way at a post-office window, is the fact that they are taken from the first sheets printed, and are so certified to me by the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The sentiment in this is entirely in that fact, and this special value is apparent only to those who are interested in stamp collecting.

Very truly yours,

Edwin C. Madden.

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October 26, 1903.

Mr. J. William Hoban,
Post Office,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Hoban:

I take pleasure in enclosing to you herewith one specimen of the new design of the 2-cent postage stamp, taken from the first sheet printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The original design of the 2-cent stamp in the Series of 1902 was not satisfactory to the Department. This stamp will replace it, and will soon be on sale at all postoffices.

This completes the set of the 1902 Series, all of which have been sent you.

Respectfully,



Third Assistant Postmaster General.

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Post Office Department,
Office of the
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

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Mr. J. William Hoban,
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Detroit, Michigan.