

# The Siegel Despatch

WINTER 2023



## SALES PREVIEW

The MAGNOLIA Collection—Classic Uruguay, Japan Foreign Mails, India and more

The WILLIAM E. MOOZ Collection of U.S. Official Special Printings and Newspaper Issues

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The CHARLES COOK Collection of U.S. Air Post and Official Stamped Envelopes and Postal Cards

The ADVENTURER Collection of United States Stamps

The FRANK A. LANZA Collection of United States, Canada and Newfoundland

The RICHARD CHAMPAGNE Stock of United States Stamps, Covers and Postal Stationery

SHOWN ABOVE: URUGUAY TÊTE-BÊCHE PAIRS FROM THE MAGNOLIA COLLECTION



COMMENTARY SCOTT R. TREPEL

# World-Class Rarities

**R**are philatelic items are not necessarily scarce, and scarce ones might not be particularly rare. The distinction is more than semantic parsing. How many times have we heard a collector say that the Inverted Jenny, of which 100 were sold, is not as rare as an obscure stamp—which, of course, that particular collector happens to own. The Jenny sells for \$200,000 or more, while the collector’s much rarer stamp sells for a tiny fraction of that price. The Jenny might not be as rare, but the limited demand for an obscure stamp makes it not nearly as scarce.

Then there are the *world-class* rarities, the Aristocrats of Philately—the Two-Cent Hawaiian Missionary, the Blue and Red “Post Office” Mauritius, the British Guiana One-Cent Magenta, the Moldavian Tête-Bêche Bulls, the Baden 9-Kreuzer Green, the Swedish Treskilling Yellow—these and other titled rarities are stamps most collectors will never see, let alone own. They are both quantitatively rare and perpetually in demand.

Pictured on the cover of this *Siegel Despatch* are the undisputed highlights of an auction season featuring many rare and scarce items. They are two of the world’s greatest philatelic rarities: the Uruguay 1858 120c and 180c tête-bêche pairs. In each pair one stamp is inverted relative to the other. The error resulted when one or more positions were inadvertently transferred upside down on the printing stones. Only three 120c pairs exist, two of which are in private hands. Two 180c tête-bêche pairs exist, but only one is in private hands, which makes it unique from a collector’s perspective.

Both pairs are universally recognized as Aristocrats of Philately and were pictured in color in the 1954 *Life* magazine feature story on the world’s rarest stamps. The 120c is ex T. W. Hall, Pack and Lichtenstein. It is the finer of the two pairs in private hands. The 180c pair is ex Ferrary and Lichtenstein. The third 120c pair and the other 180c pair are both in the Tapling collection at The British Library and can never be sold.

The two tête-bêche pairs were part of the pseudonymous Gordon N. John Uruguay collection, which was dispersed by the Siegel firm in recent years. The pairs were sold privately to the pseudonymous Magnolia collector, whose Classic Uruguay and other collections will be offered in March on behalf of the deceased gentleman’s trust, with the proceeds pledged to charitable organizations. This is the first time these two pairs have been sold at auction since the Dale-Lichtenstein sales held by Harmer in 1970.

In the same month the Siegel firm will offer other truly rare stamps from the William E. Mooz collection. Bill was 93 when he passed away in August last year, but he was a vigorous individual who led Grand Canyon rafting excursions well into his 80s. He and I used to meet for lunch and dinner in Santa Monica, and his intellect and humor always kept me captivated.

Bill Mooz focused on the Official Special Printings, which are easily distinguished by their “Specimen” overprints, and on the Newspapers & Periodicals stamps issued to post offices for receipt of publishers’ payments of bulk mailing postage. Among these issues are some of philately’s rarest stamps.

As Bill liked to point out, the Official Special Printings are rare not just because they survived; they are rare because so few were sold, as documented in official U.S. Post Office Department sale records. In the case of the “SEPCIMEN” errors, which occurred in only one out of a hundred printed, there are some stamps of which less than a half-dozen or even just one or two are recorded. Bill’s collection offers collectors an opportunity to own a stamp as rare as the Uruguay tête-bêche pairs, but perhaps not as scarce.

Keep all of this in mind as you peruse the highlights in this edition of the *Despatch*. With \$1,000 or \$1,000,000, you can buy things only the few or the one can possess.

# THE MAGNOLIA COLLECTION

Over the next year, Siegel International will have the honor of offering outstanding items from The Magnolia Collection, on behalf of the deceased collector's trust, with proceeds pledged to charitable organizations.

The principal areas to be offered are:

- Classic Uruguay
- Japanese Foreign Mail & Post Offices
- India Postal History & Stamps Used Abroad
- French Indochina
- Netherlands East Indies
- Middle East

The collector who formed each of these important collections was a knowledgeable postal historian and philatelist. Over the past 25 years his acquisitions were made from dealers and auctions throughout the world.

None of the collections were exhibited, but all are of International Grand Prix quality and content. In some cases the collector acquired entire exhibits, including the spectacular India exhibit formed by the late Dr. Paul J. Kornan.

Siegel International will offer the Uruguay, Japan, India and French Indochina collections in their own special sale catalogues (India in more than one sale). Other areas will be featured in U.S. and Worldwide sales.

The collections of China and certain other Asian areas will be offered by Ava Auctions of Hong Kong.

The Magnolia Collection previously sold by Siegel in 2021 and 2022 will give collectors a feel for the scope and character of the sales to come. We believe they will take their place in the pantheon of the greatest worldwide postal history collections ever sold.

SEE MAGNOLIA HIGHLIGHTS ON PAGES 12-17





## THE WILLIAM E. MOOZ COLLECTION



### UNITED STATES OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS AND NEWSPAPERS & PERIODICALS ISSUES

For the past 50 years Bill Mooz was the leading collector and specialist in Official Special Printings and Newspapers & Periodicals stamps. He passed away in August last year at the age of 93.

Bill's research helped advance our knowledge of these fascinating stamps. Now, the dispersal of his collection in two special single-owner sales on March 1 and 2 will give collectors the opportunity to acquire some of the rarest stamps in the world, including the Official "SEPCIMEN" errors and the Newspapers & Periodicals 1875 and 1894 Special Printings and 1894 Unwatermarked Bureau issues.





High values from a complete set of Panama-Pacific small die proofs (PR9P2a-PR32P2a)



\$60 from a set of 1894 Spec. Ptg. pairs



High values from a complete set of the Imperforate 1875 Continental Special Printing



\$6 1875 Spec. Ptg. (PR50)



\$3 1894 Unwmk. (PR100)



\$6 1894 Unwmk. (PR101)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE  
WILLIAM E. MOOZ  
OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS  
AND  
NEWSPAPERS & PERIODICALS  
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# THE CHARLES COOK COLLECTION

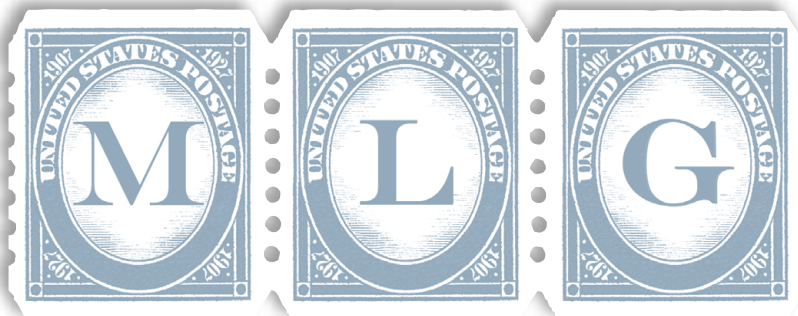
## Air Post and Official Stamped Envelopes and Postal Cards

This extraordinarily complete and high quality collection will be offered  
on March 2 in its own special sale catalogue



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# THE MELVIN GETLAN COLLECTION



UNITED STATES VENDING AND AFFIXING MACHINE PERFORATIONS

## PART 3 ON FEBRUARY 28

The third and final sale of the renowned collection of Vending and Affixing Machine Perforations formed by the late Melvin Getlan will be held on February 28. It is the largest and most important collection of these fascinating 20th century stamps ever assembled.



**Highlights from the Getlan collection—for online listings and internet bidding, go to [siegelauctions.com](http://siegelauctions.com)**

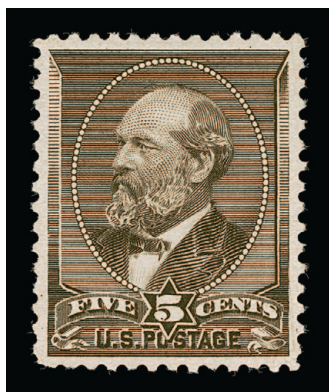


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MARCH 7-8—A SINGLE-OWNER SALE





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# Siegel's spectacular March sale of United States stamps features the Frank A. Lanza collection of Gems and the Richard Champagne stock, plus much more...



1 Used PSAG 95J



2 Used PSE 95



5A Used PSE 90



8 Used PF 90



12 Used PF 95



13 Used PSE 95J



16 Used PF 95



85C OG PF 90



113 NH PF 90



119 Used PF 95XQ



122 Used PF 95



128 Used PF 95



244 OG PSE 95



309 NH PF 98



311 NH PF 95XQ



312 NH PF 95



318 OG pair PF



356 LH PF 80



363 OG PF



404 NH PSE 98



475 NH PSE 98



534B Line Pair NH PF



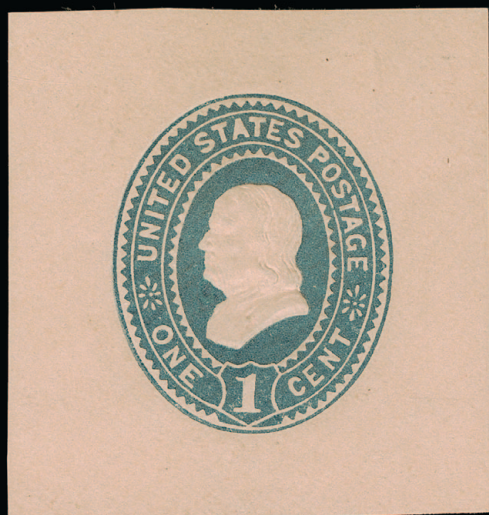
J58 OG PF



K16 NH PSE 95



C15 Used PSE 100



U298 PF



Richard and Suzanne Champagne with son David seated at a show booth—a familiar sight for decades

# THE MAGNOLIA

COLLECTION

## CLASSIC URUGUAY STAMPS AND COVERS

The classic issues of Uruguay have been avidly collected since philately's earliest days. The Magnolia collection features stamps and covers, including the 120c and 180c tête-bêche pairs and beautiful frankings from the Diligencia through the Sun issues.





CLASSIC URUGUAY STAMPS AND COVERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023



# THE MAGNOLIA COLLECTION

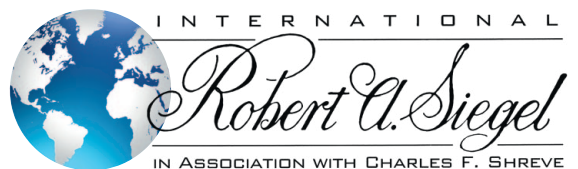
## JAPANESE FOREIGN MAIL AND POST OFFICES

In a sale of unprecedented depth, the Magnolia collection features a breathtaking array of covers sent through the French post office in Yokohama, including spectacular Degron-kun covers and covers addressed to Japan from other countries.





JAPANESE FOREIGN MAIL AND POST OFFICES  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023



# THE MAGNOLIA COLLECTION

## INDIA POSTAL HISTORY & STAMPS USED ABROAD

This collection is one of the largest holdings of Indian postal history to ever come to market. It will require at least two sales to disperse, the first of which will be held in May 2023. It features all of the highlights shown here and many more wonderful covers.





INDIA POSTAL HISTORY & STAMPS USED ABROAD  
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

INTERNATIONAL  
*Robert A. Siegel*  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH CHARLES F. SHREVE



# The Frank A. Lanza Collection

PREMIER QUALITY CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

Siegel International is privileged to offer the Frank A. Lanza collection of Canada and Newfoundland in an unreserved auction on March 30. The late Mr. Lanza collected stamps of exceptionally choice quality, as well as select covers and proofs. All items are accompanied by Vincent Graves Greene certificates.



Scott 3-used



Scott 2-unused



Scott 10-used



Scott 13-OG



Unitrade 16i-unused



Scott 30c-OG



Scott 31-used



From a set of matching covers with Diamond Jubilee machine cancels



1sh on vertically laid-OG



Scott 15-used



From a set of Jubilee large die proofs



Scott 65-Mint NH



Scott C1-Mint NH



Scott C4-OG



Scott 12a-Mint NH

## Siegel 2022 sales total \$25.6 million

The Siegel firm recorded a sale total of \$25.6 million for 2022, including the 18% buyer's premium. 24 auctions were held and 11,527 lots were sold, including 16 single-owner sales. Individual sale totals are listed below (adjusted for returns and after-sales).

Sale	Date	Lots	Hammer
1249 Hope Newspapers & Periodicals	3/1/22	144	351,585
1250 Magnolia, Part 2	3/1/22	264	590,395
1251 Field U.S. Stamps	3/2/22	734	1,840,600
1252 Griffith-Jones Uganda	3/15/22	239	561,100
1253 Getlan VAMP, Part 1	4/5/22	393	1,121,160
1254 U.S. Stamps	4/6/22	671	1,300,025
1255 Gorham U.S. Stamps	5/17/22	1,233	2,276,400
1256 Great Point U.S. Stamps	6/8/22	302	707,320
1257 Walker C.S.A.	6/9/22	386	468,185
1258 Prager Hunting Permits	6/14/22	176	562,315
1259 Worldwide Stamps & Postal History	6/21/22	1,330	2,536,570
1260 2022 Rarities of the World	6/28/22	181	1,517,700
1261 Magnolia, Part 3	6/29/22	279	1,170,905
1262 U.S. Stamps & Postal History	7/26/22	1,210	1,194,835
1263 Kramer Telegraphs	9/28/22	97	170,565
1264 Rose 2c 1869	9/28/22	183	284,580
1265 Classic U.S.	9/29/22	493	625,360
1266 Getlan VAMP, Part 2	10/19/22	356	334,240
1267 Venn Postal Stationery	10/20/22	274	442,040
1268 U.S. Stamps	11/16/22	665	825,175
1269 Alan B.N.A.	12/6/22	58	403,345
1270 Worldwide Stamps & Postal History	12/6/22	906	1,254,510
1271 Magnolia, Part 4	12/13/22	384	480,605
1272 U.S. Postal History	12/14/22	569	747,575
			\$21,767,090
Jan-Dec 2022 Total Lots and Sales (w/premium)		11,527	\$25,685,166

Scott R. Trepel commented on the results:

"The Siegel firm ended 2022 with a 12% increase over the prior year in lot volume, but 42% decline in dollar sales, which means we moved a lot more lower priced material into the hands of average collectors. The decline in sales dollars was to be expected after a year like 2021, our best ever, but we maintain dominance and are starting the new year with an astounding series of sales in our new office. We also have exciting news to announce... soon."

## Trans-Mississippi's in Rarities Sale

The nine commemorative stamps issued 125 years ago for Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition in Omaha are beautiful examples of the engraver's art. A small group of outstanding stamps and covers will be featured in the 2023 Rarities of the World sale in June.



# 2023 Sales Events

## February 28-March 2

The Getlan Collection of U.S. Vending & Affixing Perfs-Part 3

The Mooz Collection of U.S. Official Special Printings and Newspapers & Periodicals Issues (2 catalogs)

The Cook Collection of Air Post and Official Stamped Envelopes and Postal Cards

## March

The Adventurer Collection of United States Stamps

The Magnolia Collection of Classic Uruguay and Japan Foreign Mails (2 catalogs)\*

The Lanza Collection of Premium Quality Canada and Newfoundland\*

United States Stamps, featuring the Lanza Collection, the Champagne Stock and more

## May

The Magnolia Collection of India Postal History and Stamps Used Abroad\*

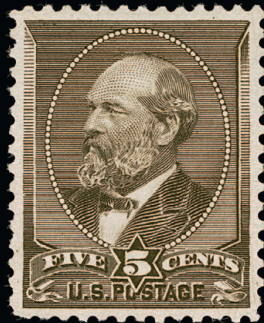
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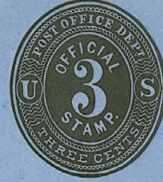
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Highlights from the extraordinary collections to be sold by Siegel in the New Year

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