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FOURTH EDITION OF SPRINGER'S CATALOG

The fourth, 1966, edition of Springer's Handbook of North American Cinderella Stamps Including Taxpaid Revenues has been issued. It has expanded to 56 pages from the forty of the third edition. According to the editor's figures, it has gone from 210 illustrations and 1803 prices to 254 illustrations and 3318 prices.

The major additions to the listings in the new addition are 3 pages of Cigar listings and $3\frac{1}{2}$ of Tobacco Strips. Also rather extensive additions appear in the sections on License and Royalty Stamps, U. S. A. Fantasies and Express Franks.

New sections appearing for the first time in this latest edition are Distillery Warehouse, Process or Renovated Butter, Process Butter, Mixed Flour, Telephone and Express Company Money Packages.

In addition there is a description of the plate layouts used by Samuel Alan Taylor in his work.

All in all, we find this to be an amazing work. The amount of time and effort involved in these efforts is almost beyond imagination. The revenue fraternity owes a deep vote of thanks to Mr. Springer for his production of this series of splendid catalog.

If you have never seen one of these catalogs, you should get one of the latest. If you have all of them, you still will want the new one for the up-to-date information on the listings in the others, as well as the new listings.

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BROKEN E VARIETY FOUND ON \$2 FUTURE DELIVERY

It would appear that the missing center bar of the first E of DELIVERY on the overprinting plate used for RC10, as illustrated on page 21 of our February 1966 issue, is a true example of a broken letter in the overprinting plate, as another copy of the \$1 value has been seen, and the identical variety has also been noted on a copy of the \$2 value, Scott's No. RC11. Because the variety has been now found on two values of the overprinted Documentaries, there is the distinct possibility that the same plate was used for all of the \$1 to \$20 values. Collectors are urged to closely examine their copies for more examples. If more can be located, an attempt will be made to secure catalog listing.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

One of the more esoteric forms of philately is that of plating, the reconstruction of a complete printed sheet from multiples, using the small differences in each position as a guide. Solution of these large "jig-saw" puzzles is a real challenge and the satisfaction of completing a plate is one that must be experienced to be properly appreciated. Plating seems to be a dying art, perhaps due to the fact that most of the possible, and popular, U. S. stamps have been done and re-done.

In the late 1920's and early 1930's there was much effort in this direction under the stimulation of the Revenue Unit of the American Philatelic Society and the general guidance of C. W. Bedford. Unfortunately, Mr. Bedford passed away at the height of his work, after the group had published but one plating on the 5c Inland Exchange, Scott's R27. A few members of this group remain and some are still active in the work. We have several members who continue to plate, but little of this work is reduced to the printed page for the edification of all. Our early revenue stamps still offer an opportunity and a challenge. Could not this phase of philately be revived?

Again members are reminded that in the next few months new officers must be nominated, elected and take over operation of our Association. Repeated calls for volunteers have brought forth no replies and the present Board of Directors is working on a slate. The attention of members is directed to Article 5 of our Constitution for nomination and election procedures and it is my sincere hope that some of the membership will avail themselves of the opportunity to serve their fellow revenue collectors by standing for office in the ARA.

—Robert M. Leard

THE EXCELSIOR MATCH CO.

Syracuse, N. Y.

Bruce Miller, ARA #732

The Excelsior Match Co. of Syracuse, New York, was almost certainly named after its stamp (RO82) rather than vice versa, in order to save the expense of altering the die unnecessarily. This bit of parsimony is, as far as I know, unique.

There had been at Watertown, New York, a match factory operating from May 1872 until about July 1874 under the name of The Excelsior Match Co. This concern was sold out to the Barber Match Co. of Akron, Ohio, and among the left-over debts was one to Judson, Williams & Co., lumber manufacturers of Constantia, New York, with offices in Syracuse. Edward B. Judson, Jr., was connected with this firm (of which his father was the principal owner), and was also a partner in a newly-organized Syracuse match company. Desiring a private die for his own company, Judson accepted the die of the defunct Watertown firm (RO81) as payment for its owner's outstanding (and probably long over-due) obligation. The firm name was left unchanged and the city name altered to Syracuse.

The Syracuse Factory was built in December 1874 at East Water and Chestnut Streets (not far from Henry Stanton's Novelty Match Works), and got into operation March 25, 1875.

In addition to Judson, the partners were Frank P. Ryder (1854-1905) and one H. Darwin. The latter dropped out sometime prior to 1878, at which time the firm was known as Judson & Ryder. Ryder's father, Nehemiah C. Ryder, was a partner in the short-lived firm of Ryder, Crouse & Welch, who were in the match business at Syracuse early in 1882.

In 1878 the Excelsior Match Co. was producing 140-160 gross boxes of matches per day and seems to have been a successful venture. Like so many others, it disappeared into the maw of the Diamond Match Co. sometime prior to June 1882, when the last stamps were issued.

Judson went on to become manager of the Syracuse Glass Co. (of which his father happened to be president), while Ryder, a lawyer by profession, did very well for himself with residential real estate investments.

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Carter Litchfield
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Flaw Series On the 25c Second Issue

Frank Q. Newton, Jr., ARA #856

With the rich philatelic heritage we enjoy, one seldom has the opportunity to enhance our knowledge of a listed and well scrutinized stamp in the regular series of revenues. At least, the information presented herein is not commonly known and may, in fact, have eluded a majority of collectors.

This article should prove of particular interest to those exponents of variety chasing who prefer flaws discernable by the unaided eye.

The primary evidence is presented by photographs which provide a graphic description.

The subject involves a series of "cusps" shown in sequence of degeneration by Figures 1 thru 4 and Figure 5 which shows a normal upper right corner of the 25c Second Issue, Scott's No. R112. The plate has been identified as No. 21.

Figure 6 is a diagram of the upper left corner of the plate layout with portions of the positions annotated to further aid visualization of the location of the series of flaws and support the theory of occurrence.

The stamp shown in Figures 4 and 7 is Position 57, the Scott listed Double Transfer which exhibits the last discernable vestige of the flaw series.

The plate, a 17 by 6 layout, must have been rocked in from top to bottom as is evidenced by Figures 1 thru 4.

Notable is a crescent shaped mark to the right of the pointed design in each corner enlargement and further detailed by the views associated with each photograph. The detailed drawings were traced from greatly enlarged photographs. The mark can be seen as being quite prominent in Figure 1 and covers progressively less area in higher numbered positions.

Thus, the vertical row under discussion was entered in sequence from Position 6, to 23, to 40, to 57, etc. It is postulated that the flaw was caused by a chip picked up by the relief roll starting with Position 6 and

due to the heavy pressure employed it eventually flattened out. After the fourth entry it was no longer of sufficient magnitude to cause a further plate impression. This would indicate that all four positions were entered from the same relief on the transfer roll. This differs from our understanding that a number of the plates used for our early issues had multiple reliefs which were successively used to rock in positions. By coincidence, the point where the flaw diminishes is Position 57, the well known Double Transfer. While this suggests interesting possibilities, there is insufficient information to speculate about any relationship between the flaw and the reason for the shift problem with Position 57.

For those who have not previously seen an example, Figure 7 is a partial view of Position 57 to show the Double Transfer. It is most easily identified by the extra lines in the upper right "25" and vertical lines in the "S" and period of "U. S." There are numerous lesser lines but the presence of silk threads, shadings in design, and variations in printing quality from stamp to stamp demands more careful study before they can be readily seen.

As an indication of possible scarcity, the illustrated series of four were found among some 250 copies from one lot, a number of which appeared to have come from a relatively few sheets. What, to the writer, had previously been a group of stamps having strange marks suddenly became interrelated, leading to a detailed study.

This puzzle was unraveled through the help of George T. Turner who located the positions on a proof sheet in the Morton Dean Joyce collection. Robert M. Leard lent encouragement during the study. Those who have comments are encouraged to contact the writer. Additional information of note will appear as a sequel in a future article.



Fig. 1, Position 6

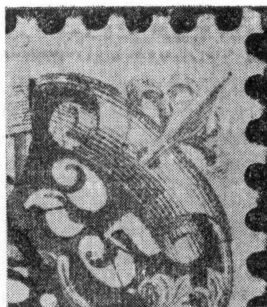


Fig. 5, Normal



Fig. 2, Position 23



Fig. 3, Position 40

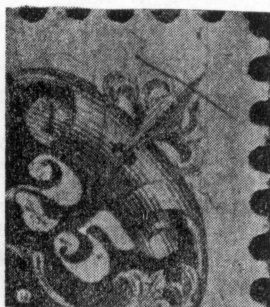


Fig. 4, Position 57



1	2	3	4	5	6
					23
					40
					57

Fig. 7, Position 57



Fig. 6 — Plate Layout

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary-Treas. Frank Q. Newton, Jr.
6730 N. Temple City Blvd.
Arcadia, California 91007

New Members

1066 Mussen, Harold J.
1067 Gary, Douglas
1068 Baron, John F.
1069 Wiggins, Irving A.
1070 Brenner, Solis J.

Reinstatements

997 Fuerst, Robert L.
379 Mozian, Herant

Dropped for non-payment of Dues

496 Vigano, Enrico (Italy)

Applications Received

Usdin, Eugene, 4946 E. 26 Pl., Tulsa, Okla. 74114, by F. Newton, Sec.-Treas. Collects U. S. Private Die Medicine, 19th Century Rev., Tax Paid.

Smith, Samuel S., 407 Lincoln Rord, #9A, Miami Beach, Fla. 33139, by Rev. John C. Ruback. Collects U. S. Scott and non-Scott, Tax paid, Savings, Rev. Paper.

Weeks, Spencer M., 1401-6th St. S. E., Minneapolis, Minn. 55414, by Roy E. Hansen, collects M & M, Canadian, Ducks.

Previous membership total	369
New Members	5
Reinstatements	2
Dropped for non-payment of dues	1
Current Membership Total	375

Notes and Comments

Since this Report is prepared and mailed close to the first of each month and prior to the receipt of the March issue of The American Revenuer, I have not had the opportunity to see the results of the efforts of those who did all the work, but it should be the best ever.

Your Secretary had a very minor role in the final product. A large

vote of thanks must go to Bob Leard's wife, Letty, and Bob himself, Honer Webb for the Library list, Josef Schonfeld for once again preparing an up-to-date index to the A. R.'s and several others.

I am glad to report that Application Blanks are now in very good supply, the new revised forms having been received.

It is expected that there will be a few members listed under reinstatements as a result of our Roster cut-off date, the dues being received too late for inclusion. Of course we would like nothing better than to have a long list of reinstatements, both very current members and some previous members who may be returning to revenues once again.

Semi-annual Financial Report to March 1, 1966

Balance Forward		\$710.59
Income:		
Dues	1211.40	
Ads and miscellaneous	142.85	
Total	1354.25	1354.25
		20.64.84
Expenses:		
Miller Print Shop—		
American Revenuer	472.88	
Other Expenses	86.41	
Advertising	25.00	
Total	584.29	584.29
Total cash and deposits		1480.55

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2c Certificate, orange	---	.70	50c Life Insurance	1.35	.70
2c Express, blue	---	.08	50c Mortgage	1.30	.10
2c Express, orange	---	.40	50c Original Process	.20	.10
2c Playing Cards, blue	---	.40	50c Passage Ticket	5.50	.25
2c Playing Cards, orange	---	1.10	50c Surety Bond	9.50	.40
2c Proprietary, ultramarine	12.50	---	60c Inland Exchange	4.25	.60
2c Proprietary, orange	2.50	---	70c Foreign Exchange	22.50	.60
3c Foreign Exchange	---	.25	\$1.00 Conveyance	.60	.25
3c Playing Cards	8.00	---	\$1.00 Entry of Goods	1.75	.10
3c Proprietary	---	.25	\$1.00 Foreign Exchange	5.25	.15
3c Telegraph	2.75	.30	\$1.00 Inland Exchange	.90	.10
4c Inland Exchange	---	.20	\$1.00 Lease	1.85	.15
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4c Proprietary	---	.35	\$1.00 Passage Ticket	11.00	20.00
5c Certificate	.25	.05	\$1.00 Power of Atty.	3.00	.15
5c Express	.30	.08	\$1.00 Probate of Will	5.00	2.25
5c Foreign Exchange	---	.08	\$1.30 Foreign Exchange	125.00	4.30
5c Inland Exchange	.50	.05	\$1.50 Inland Exchange	1.50	.25
5c Playing Cards	---	.45	\$1.60 Foreign Exchange	---	8.00
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6c Proprietary	135.00	---	\$2.00 Mortgage	4.00	.30
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10c Inland Exchange	5.00	.10	\$2.50 Inland Exchange	---	2.25
10c Power of Atty.	37.50	.12	\$5.00 Charter Party	11.00	1.10
10c Proprietary	---	2.00	\$5.00 Conveyance	2.00	.50
15c Foreign Exchange	---	1.25	\$5.00 Manifest	5.00	7.50
15c Inland Exchange	1.75	.25	\$5.00 Mortgage	6.25	1.75
20c Foreign Exchange	4.00	2.50	\$5.00 Probate of Will	---	2.25
20c Inland Exchange	1.25	.10	\$10.00 Charter Party	---	2.25
25c Bond	---	.30	\$10.00 Conveyance	7.50	6.75
25c Certificate	.60	.05	\$10.00 Mortgage	---	2.50
25c Entry of Goods	1.50	.25	\$10.00 Probate of Will	---	2.00
25c Insurance	.80	.10	\$15.00 Mortgage	---	17.50
25c Life Insurance	3.00	.70	\$20.00 Conveyance	6.00	3.25
25c Power of Atty.	.45	.10	\$20.00 Probate of Will	120.00	125.00
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25c Warehouse Receipt	1.65	2.50	\$50.00 U. S. I. R.	17.50	10.00
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