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- the certificate. The expert (committee) must be acceptable to David Feldman
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Australia



20000 →** Important Airmail Rarity

1919 England to Australia flight by Ross and Keith Smith, the blue vignette with full margins, unmounted mint sheetlet, small natural inclusion mentioned for accuracy only, Very Fine, signed Turpin.

Estimate: \$7,000 - \$9,000



Austria



20001 Mixed Franking with Lombardy Venetia

1850 3kr Red together with Lombardy Venetia 15c red, type II, tied by TRIESTE 15 MAR 1852 on folded cover to Venice, backstamped VENEZIA 16 MARZO on reverse, both stamps with clear to good margins, Fine and rare franking, Fiecchi and Oliva certificates. (Ferchenbauer € 27,000; Sassone € 50,000)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$6,000



Austrian Levant (Bulgaria)

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20002 I876 Postal receipt for a sending to Constantinople bearing Ottoman fiscal tied by thimble VARNA 14/10 c.d.s., Very Fine and scarce.

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500

Batum - British Occupation



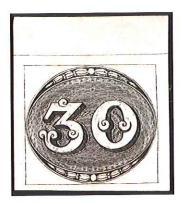
20003 ⊙ 1920 50r on 5k surcharge, issued under the authority of the British Occupation of Batum, with part of a double circle datestamp, corner crease at lower left, Very Fine, 2009 Sismondo certificate, a scarce stamp of which only 120 made. (Scott 49, \$1,650; SG 40, £1,500)

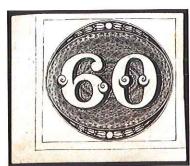
Estimate: \$600 - \$750

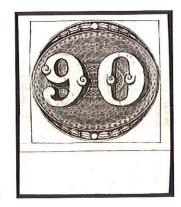


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Brazil





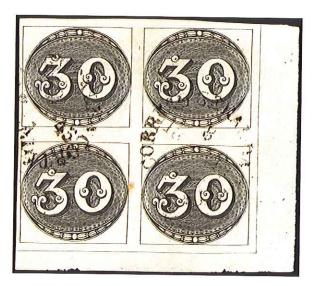


20004 (*) First Issue: Magnificent Unused Set

A pinnacle of Brazilian philately, the set of three fine impressions with pane or corner margins, with full marginal border lines and out-sized sheet margins beyond, fresh with full black color and only a hint of plate wear. Plating: - 30r value: 2nd composite plate, state B, pos. 4 (illustrated by Napier) - 60r value: 1st "Large" plate, state A, pos. 55 - 90r value: 1st composite plate, state B, pos. 17; signed A. Diena. Ex Meyer

Rare opportunity to obtain an unused set of the finest quality. Superb in all respects.

Estimate: \$20,000 - \$30,000



20005 ⊙⊞ Corner Margin 30R Block of Four

30r Fine impression, the highly important used block of four with sheet margins at right and at bottom, printed from the third (bottom) pane of Napier's "3rd Plate" (of three panes of 18 of the 30r, with more even spacing in both directions of the subjects than the composite plates or the plate of 60), a spectacular and very rare multiple (in fact one of the few blocks from any position of the "3rd Plate"), trivial toned spot else Superb, signed A. Diena and Calves.

Estimate: \$7,000 - \$10,000

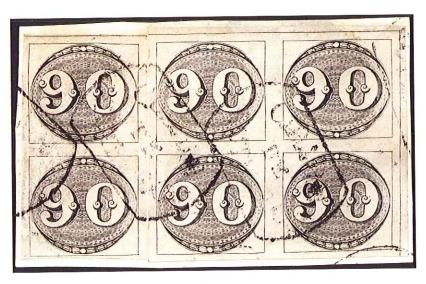


20006 (*) # 60R Unused Block of Four

60r Intermediate impression, impressive unused block of four from the right edge of the sheet (trace of outer frame line), 1st "Large" plate, state B, pos. 23-24/29-30, faint horizontal crease through lower pair else Very Fine, very rare. (Scott 2a)

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$8,000





20007 AH Remarkable 540R Franking on Piece

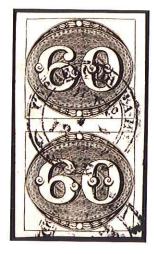
90r Intermediate impression, marginal block of four and vertical pair lightly tied to fragment by CIDADE DE NICTHEROY cancels, from Napier's 2nd composite plate, state A, pos. 4/10 (pair) and 5-6/11-12 (block), pane marginal lines complete at top and right, slight soiling and fold between pair and block of no significance, a superb and important showpiece, signed Fulpius. (Scott 3a)

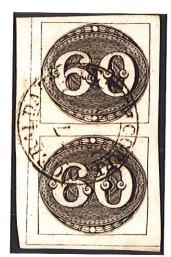
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Estimate: \$12,000 - \$18,000







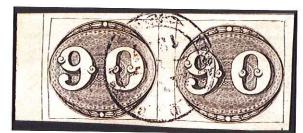


20008 A Group of Choice Bull's Eyes Multiples

Excellent group of used multiples comprising 30R vertical pair with fancy CORR° DE PERN. shield d.s., 60R vertical pair with CORREIO GERALDA double-circle d.s. as well as another 60R vertical pair and a 60R vertical strip of three with double-circle PORTO ALEGRE d.s., overall the quality is Very Good, some signed Diena. (Scott 1 & 2)

Estimate: \$2,500 - \$3,500







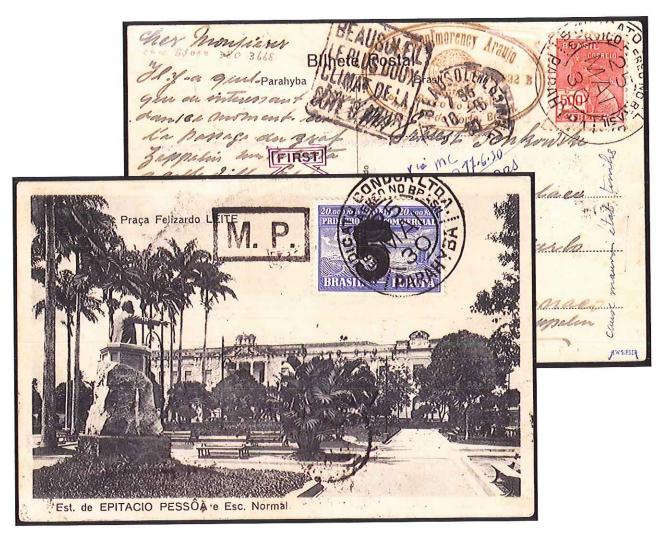
20009 (*)⊙ Select Group of Bull's Eyes

1843 Used selection of 39 examples plus two unused (60R and 90R) showing various printings, positions, cancellations, etc., with many better items including eight 30R incl. two with corner margins; twenty-four 60R incl. strip of three, five pairs, two rare Semi-Xifopagos from the fine impression, various marginal examples with dividing line, green cancel, straight-line cancel, Pernambuco shield datestamp on fantastic corner pair, etc.; and seven 90R incl. rare Semi-Xifopago from the intermediate impression.

A solid basis for expansion or investment.

Estimate: \$20,000 - \$30,000





20010 → The Famous and Elusive Parahyba Provisional

1930 Graf Zeppelin Pan American Flight postcard franked with the Parahyba Provisional (20,000r blue Zeppelin stamp with bold "5" handstamped surcharge) on front & 500r Mercury stamp on reverse, addressed to Monte Carlo, each tied by "Sindicato Condor Ltda. / Parahyba / Servicio Aereo No Brasil" 25 May, 1930 c.d.s., violet American flight cachet, Friedrichshafen & Beausoleil transit postmarks on reverse, Very Fine.

Although the origin of this famous stamp remains controversial, it is thought that the Condor agent in Parahyba, Brazil handstamped a small number of 20,000r stamps with a black "5" numeral because his supply of 5,000r stamps had become exhausted. To date three examples are known unused, seven items have been recorded on cover or card with usages at both Parahyba and Recife, and one on a piece. (Sieger 59K, € 65,000; Michel Zp. 9)

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Expertise: 1960 Sieger certificate

One of the greatest rarities of aerophilately.

Estimate: \$30,000 - \$40,000



Bulgaria



20011 Extremely Rare Error of Color on Cover

** * 1882 **5s Rose & Pale Rose error of color** plus normal 5s Green & Pale Green tied by Varna c.d.s. dated 7 III 88 on registered cover to Vienna, additional 10s and 30s similarly tied on reverse, WIEN backstamp, trivial envelope faults, an extremely scarce franking, Very Fine. Offered with the two mint complete sets of 1879 and 1881 and additional 1879 10c mint never hinged, Very Fine. (Scott 13a, plus 1-11)

Expertise: Signed Calves

Estimate: \$7,000 - \$10,000



Canada













Lifetime Collection of Match Tax Revenues 20012

1918-49 Match Tax collection, a very interesting holding comprising of 132 match boxes & 19 matchbooks, ranging in tax values from 1/5c to 8c, many samples and proofs are present incl. a very rare 1/2c matchbox proof pair & 3/16c matchbook proof pair, 3c silent match (proof) complete box covers, 4c Bulldog proof, 6c Dominion Silent match, 8c Eddy's unfinished proof without striking surface but with guide creases, also three very rare examples where the tax stamp is printed in French and several overprinted stamps when the rate was reduced from 4c to 3c for boxes of 300 wooden matches. The condition is, overall, pristine for the proofs and samples. The items that were actually used are Fine-Very Fine. This material is almost never seen on the market, much of it having been destroyed during the paper drives of WWII. The collection was assembled over 35 years and cannot be duplicated. Excellent opportunity to research, study and exhibit a largely unknown area of Canadian Philately.

Estimate: \$7,500 - \$10,000



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Ceylon

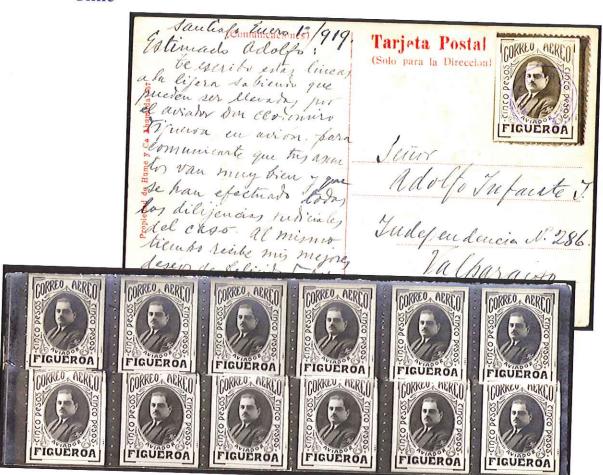


20013 • Exceptional Example of a Scarce Classic

1859 2sh Blue, full to large margins all around with a complete design plus a small portion of adjoining stamp at top, lovely pastel shade on bright white paper, neat barred cancel, Extremely Fine, a beautiful stamp. (SG 12, £1,200; Scott 13)

Estimate: \$1,200 - \$1,400

Chile



20014 → ™ "Figueroa" Flight Card and Unused Block of 10 ** ⊞

1919 (1 January) "Figueroa" Flight from Santiago to Valparaiso, postcard bearing special Vignette on address side and 1918 Columbus 4c Brown (crease) on picture side. Lot also includes mint block of ten of the vignette, each signed by Figueroa, also signed Forester, Very Fine and scarce. (Müller 20,000 points for the flight)

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000





Important First Issue Cover to Venezuela 20015 🗷

1859 Folded cover to Maracaibo in Venezuela franked by 1859 5c blue (Pos. 34 from stone B), fresh color and large margins all around and sheet margin at left, tied by two pen cancels, rare usage to Venezuela, Extremely Fine, Brian Moorhouse certificate. (Scott 2)

Estimate: \$7,000 - \$9,000



First Issue Two-Color Franking 20016

1860 Entire letter to Mompos franked by 1859 5c gray-lilac and 10c dull orange, deep shades, both with clear to very good margins, tied by oval CARTAGENA / FRANCA cancel in blue, "15c" endorsement at left, Very Fine and extremely rare entire letter, Brian Moorhouse certificate, ex Londoño (Scott 3 & 4) Estimate: \$20,000 - \$25,000

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20017 🗷 Unique First Issue Cover to Ecuador

1859 Folded cover to Ecuador franked by 1859 10c orange-red (barely touched at bottom), tied by oval PASTO / DE / OFICIO cancel, Fine and extremely rare, and so far the only recorded first issue cover sent to Ecuador, Brian Moorhouse certificate. (Scott 4)

Estimate: \$20,000 - \$25,000



20018 🗷 First Issue Cover to Venezuela

1859 Folded cover to Maracaibo in Venezuela franked by 1859 10c ochre, fresh shade with clear to very good margins, tied by S.JOSE / DE CUCUTA / FRANCA oval cancellation, rare usage to Venezuela, Fine, Brian Moorhouse certificate. (Scott 4)

Estimate: \$7,000 - \$9,000

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Colombia



20019 Mulique Usage of a Pair of the 10c First Issue on Cover

1859 Folded entire to Medellin franked by horizontal pair of the 1859 10c orange-yellow, tied by a good strike of the oval SANTA MARTA / FRANCA cancellation in blue, the pair with fresh color and large margins all around, Very Fine, Brian Moorhouse certificate. (Scott 4)

Provenance: Neuberger and Hubbard

Estimate: \$25,000 - \$30,000



20020
1859 Folded cover to Bogota franked by 1859 10c dull orange, large margins all around, pen-cancelled "La Mesa," one of only three covers known from this correspondence, Very Fine and rare, Brian Moorhouse certificate. (Scott 4)

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$7,000



20021 Second Issue Showpiece

1860 Folded cover to Ambalema franked by 1860 Second Issue 10c yellow, fresh shade and huge margins, superb oval BOGOTA cancel in black, an exquisite item, Brian Moorhouse certificate. (Scott 11). Provenance: Hubbard

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000



1860 Folded cover to Bogota franked by 1860 Second Issue 10c yellow, fresh shade and 20022 huge margins, scarce and attractive oval LA MESA / FRANCA cancel, a Superb and most decorative item, Brian Moorhouse and BPA certificates. (Scott 11)

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000



Second Issue High Value Cover 20023 🗷

1860 Folded cover to Ambalema franked by 1860 Second Issue 20c blue, fresh shade and large margins, neatly cancelled by oval BOGOTA in black, sender's cachet at top left, Very Fine and rare, Brian Moorhouse and BPA certificates. (Scott 12)

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Provenance: Hubbard and Wickersham

Estimate: \$7,000 - \$9,000



20024 M One of the Best UNITED STATES OF NEW GRENADA Covers

Undated folded cover from Salinas to Bogota franked by a horizontal pair of the 1861 5c pale yellow, neatly cancelled by double-oval CHITA/FRANCA cancellation. Salinas and Chita are the same location.

An exceptional item and one of only four letters known from this correpondence, this being the only one franked with a 5c pair and the only one with the CHITA / FRANCA cancellation. Acknowledged as one of the finest of the very few known "New Grenada" covers, Brian Moorhouse certificate. (Scott 14)

Provenance: Londoño

Estimate: \$30,000 - \$40,000



20025 • Scarce Error of Color

1863 50c red ERROR OF COLOR caused by use of 50c transfer in the stone of the 20c value, red "0" cancel, Very Fine, rare, Scheller certificate. (Scott 26b, \$5,500)

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000



Cyprus



* 1880 1/2p Rose plate 19, stamp affixed by hinge to small card, unused, original gum, Very Fine for the issue, 1960 Royal Philatelic Society certificate, a very scarce stamp overprinted at the Government Printing Press in Nicosia (SG 1, £5,000)

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000

Danish West Indies



20027 🗷 British Post Office.

Two stampless folded letters to **Santo Domingo**, each with red ST. THOMAS / PAID / JA 16 / 68 c.d.s. of the British Postal Agency, endorsed "Por Vapor" and "4" indicating pre-payment of postage, Very Fine. Each with 2008 PF certificate. Sent by same sender on same day but to different addressees.

The British Postal Agency at St. Thomas opened in January 1809 and by 1825 was the office around which many of the packet routes were organized. Great Britain stamps were introduced in 1865. Following a hurricane in October 1867, the main British packet office was moved to Colon in Colombia and that is probably the reason no stamps were available at the time (1868) these covers were dispatched.

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000

Dominican Republic



20028 🗷 1864 Cuba / Puerto Rico Issue used in the Dominican Republic

Folded entire from Puerto Plata to Santo Domingo franked by Cuba 1864 1r dull blue on plate brown and tied by clear PUERTO PLATA 21 MAY 1864 c.d.s. in blue with another strike alongside (and strong offset of same on reverse). Though the use of the 1855 issue of Cuba / Puerto Rico in the Dominican Republic is well known, this is the **only recorded item to bear the 1864 issue**; described in the Kohl handbook (1928), volume II, page 228. Very Fine

Unique exhibition showpiece.

Estimate: \$40,000 - \$50,000

Dominican Republic



20029 Rare Use of First Issue on Cover

1865 Coat of Arms 1/2r Black on Rose, large margins, tied on folded letter by two strikes of Santo Domingo Jan. 5, 1868 double-ring c.d.s., repeated alongside, sent to General Jose Hungria in Santiago. Cover fold clear of the adhesive, Very Fine, 2009 PF certificate. General Hungria participated in the Dominican Restoration War, a guerrilla war between 1863 and 1865 between local nationalists and Spain, which had recolonized the country 17 years after its independence. (Scott 1)



Presidential Letter - Stampless letter with Santo Domingo May 12, 1868 double-ring c.d.s. and blue Nunes Fils & Co. St. Thomas oval handstamp, addressed to Buenaventura Báez in Dos Hermanos, Santo Domingo. File folds clear of the postmark, Very Fine, 2008 PF certificate. The letter was datelined May, 8, 1868 in St. Thomas and transported privately to St. Domingo, where it entered the mails. Buenaventura Báez Méndez (1812-84), President of the Dominican Republic for five nonconsecutive terms, is known for trying to annex the Dominican Republic to other countries on several occasions.

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000

Egypt



20031 → ™ 1914 Khartoum-Cairo Flight by Marc Pourpe

Variety of Pictorials tied by 25.I.14 Cataract Hotel c.d.s. to Ligue Nationale Aérienne / Section d'Egypte cover with large circular L.N.A. / Marc Pourpe cachet, 27.I.14 Cairo backstamp, top flap missing, only a few carried, Very Fine. (Müller 5; 60,000 points). See also lot 20157 (the flight in the reverse direction)

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$7,000



Finland



20032 → ™ Rare "1830" Error on Zeppelin Flight Cover

Graf Zeppelin flown cover franked by two 10M Zeppelin stamps, one showing error "1830" instead of "1930" se-tenant with normal, additional 1M Arms pair, all tied by multiple Helsinki - Helsingfors 24. IX. 30. 14 bridge cancels, "Suomi Finland" type II flight cachet in violet on bottom left and Friederichshafen backstamp, Very Fine. (Sieger 89D, € 8,000)

The stamps were overprinted for use on mail carried by the airship on the return flight from Finland to Germany on Sept. 24, 1930, after which the stamps ceased to be valid for postage.

Expertise: 1995 Arthur Falk certificate

An outstanding and exceedingly rare exhibition item.

Estimate: \$6,000 - \$8,000



20033 * Rare Shade Variety

1849-50 Ceres 15c Light Green on greenish paper, large to ample margins, unused, original gum, minor natural paper inclusion in left frameline not mentioned in certificate, Very Fine, signed Calves, Roumet & Diena, 2007 Calves certificate. A rare shade variety listed in Maury, Ceres & Dallay as part of the first printing. This stamp rarely appears on the market in sound unused condition. (Yvert 2a; Scott 2 var)

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000



20034 Wery Scarce Lozenge Cancel On 20c Black

1849-50 20c Black Ceres Issue tied by extremely rare lozenge cancel on folded entire from Mamers 19.06.56 to Fresnay (arrival backstamp 20.06), von der Weid certificate, a **very late usage** as the 20c Black was withdrawn in 1850, with only a handful of covers known. (Scott 3)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$6,000

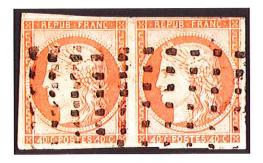




20035 ⊙ ⊓ Rare Tete-Beche Pair

1849-50 Ceres 25c Blue TETE-BECHE pair with fine to huge margins, with Saumur lozenge of dots cancel, light vertical fold on the left stamp (very difficult to see from the front), otherwise Very Fine, signed Calves, Scheller certificate. (Scott 6c)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$6,000



20036 © Extremely Rare "Retouched 4" in Pair

1849-50 Ceres 40c Orange showing variety "Retouched 4" (type II) in PAIR, just touched to large margins, cancelled by large dots, Very Fine, extremely rare, signed Calves and J. F. Brun. (Scott 7b)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$6,000



20037 🗷 Rare Bright Vermilion Shade on Cover

1849-50 Ceres 1F Bright Vermilion on yellowish paper, large to ample margins, tied on cover by well-struck grid of diamonds cancel, sent from Toulouse to Toulon with part of receiving backstamp, missing one flap and with some minor cover faults, signed Roumet and Calves, 2007 Calves certificate. The shade is unlisted by Scott, and is one of the rarest of the issue. (Maury, Ceres & Dallay 7a; Scott 8 variety)

Estimate: \$20,000 - \$30,000







Attractive Franking to the USA 20038

1849-50 Ceres 1F Carmine and Napoleon Presidence 10c Bister strip of three tied on entire to New Orleans by Cognac lozenge of dots cancels, with c.d.s. adjacent, New Orleans receiver on front, Paris backstamp, some small faults on the franking, a very attractive cover, ex Loeuillet. (Scott 9 & 14)

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Estimate: \$3,000 - \$5,000



20039 Rare Double Rate 3-Color Franking to the USA

1852 Folded letter to New York franked at 2F60 by two Ceres 1F Carmine, pair of 25c Blue and single 10c Bister, tied by "DS2" losenges, franking faults not detracting from this very rare and colorful franking, Calves certificate. (Scott 1, 6 & 9)

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$8,000





Detail of the Tete-Beche

20040 🗷 👊 Rare Tete-Beche to Venezuela

1853 Napoleon 80c Rose TETE-BECHE in strip of five on restored folded cover to Venezuela, Paris 30.11.62 c.d.s. and London 01.12 transit, blue arrival backstamp (20.12), unique franking, Scheller certificate. (Scott 20a)

Estimate: \$8,000 - \$12,000





20041 * Wery Rare Block of Four of the 1F Empire

1853 Napoleon 1F Carmine in fresh mint block of four with very good margins, a very rare and Extremely Fine multiple, J. F. Brun & Calves certificates, ex Loeuillet. (Scott 21)

Estimate: \$30,000 - \$40,000



20042 ① One of the Largest Multiples of the 1F Empire

1853 Napoleon 1F Carmine in STRIP OF SEVEN, cancelled by roller of dots, some faults (fold between 4th and 5th stamps, slit on the 3rd, very light thin on two stamps) barely detracting from the appearance of this significant and very rare multiple, signed Behr and A. Brun, with Scheller certificate. (Scott 21)

Estimate: \$8,000 - \$12,000



Superb Mint 1F Carmine 20043 *

1853 Napoleon 1F Carmine on yellowish paper, large to ample margins, wonderfully fresh, unused, original gum, Extremely Fine, signed A. Brun, 2007 J. F. Brun certificate. This stamp rarely appears on the market in sound unused condition as most examples are used and faulty; this example is in an excellent state of preservation. (Yvert 18; Scott 21)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$6,000





Superb Mint Marginal 1F Carmine 20044 *

1853 Napoleon 1F Carmine on yellowish paper, large to ample margins incl. sheet margin at right with frame line, wonderfully fresh, unused, original gum, Extremely Fine, signed Calves, 2009 Scheller certificate. This stamp rarely appears on the market in sound unused condition as most examples are used and faulty; this example is in an excellent state of preservation. (Yvert 18c; Scott 21 var.) Estimate: \$7,500 - \$10,000



Attractive Cover to the USA 20045 🗷

1853 Napoleon 1F Carmine and three 10c Bister (one 10c just touched) tied on envelope to New York by dotted roller cancel, Paris and Boston Packet c.d.s. adjacent, an attractive and scarce franking of only Empire stamps, Very Fine, signed Calves, with Behr and Goebel certificates. (Scott 21 & 14)

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Estimate: \$3,000 - \$5,000





20046 O ru Rare Tete-Beche Pair of the 1F Empire

1853 Napoleon 1F Re-issue in TETE-BECHE pair, good margins, non contemporary cancel, light thinning, very rare, Calves certificate. (Scott 21d)

Estimate: \$7,500 - \$10,000



20047 * ~ Rare Mint Tete-Beche Pair

1862-71 80c rose in mint TETE-BECHE pair, usual centering for this tete-beche, Very Fine, very rare, signed A. Brun and Calves, with J. F. Brun certificate. (Scott 28c)

Estimate: \$7,500 - \$10,000



20048 Maritime Cover to Italy

1867 Folded cover to Civita Vecchia franked by Laureated Napoleon 20c and 30c, cancelled on arrival in Livorno by five-bar obliterator, boxed BASTIMENTI / MERCANTILI / ESTERO handstamp alongside, LIVORNO 17 DIC 1867 transit and CIVITAVECCHIA 18 DIC 1867 arrival backstamps, Fine and scarce ship letter.

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



France









20049 > 🗷 Fascinating "Ballon Monté" Selection

1870-71 Selection of 25 Balloon Mail covers sent during 1870 and 1871 when the Prussians had besieged Paris. The selection comprises the following items: Balloon "Les Etats Unis" cover to Haute Saône, "L'Armand Barbes" to London, "Le Jules Favre N° 1" to Toulouse, "Le Garibaldi" to Aube, "Le Ville de Châteaudun" to Toulouse and another to Laon, "La Gironde" to Cher, "Le Jules Favre N° 2" to Calvados, "Le Franklin" to Rome, "Le Denis Papin" to Laon, "Le Ville de Paris" to Geneva, "Le Davy" to Niort, "Le Lavoisier" to London and another to La Vendée, "La Délivrance" to Brussels, "Le Tourville" to Brighton, "Le Bayard" to Boulogne-sur-Mer, "L'Armée de la Loire" to Morlaix, "Le Newton" to Landes, "Le Kepler" to Boulogne-sur-Mer, "Le Général Faidherbe" to Boulogne-sur-Mer, "Le Richard Wallace" to Calvados, "Le Général Daumesnil" to Brussels, "Le Lavoisier" to Jersey, "Gazette de Absents N° 14" to London, a wonderful lot. (25)

Estimate: \$12,000 - \$14,000

French Colonies - Congo

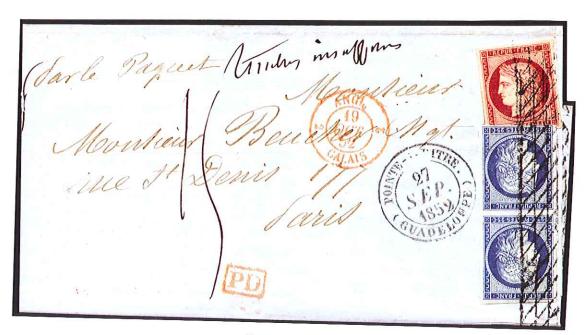


20050 🗷 Rare Example of the Red Overprint on Cover

1891 5c on 1c Black on lilac blue, RED SURCHARGE, tied by very neat LIBREVILLE / CONGO FRANCAIS 17 NOV 91 c.d.s. on small envelope to Ste Marie du Gabon, stamp lifted and replaced with a hinge, stamp signed A. Brun, Calves certificate. (Scott 1, \$8,000)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$5,000

French Colonies - Guadeloupe



From Lot 20051



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20051 **Exhibition Quality Group of French Stamps Used in the Colonies** *

Group of four covers to France comprising:

The unique First Day usage of French stamps in the colonies: Entire from Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, to Paris, with 1F carmine and 25c blue pair (light fold affecting right example), cancelled on arrival by "endless grill" roller cancel, Calais transit and Paris backstamps, Very Fine and unique (see H. Tristant "L'émission métropolitaine française de 1849-1850 aux colonies" p. 20), signed Calves, 1999 Roubineau certificate, ex Grabowski.

The largest multiple franking of 25c Ceres in Guadeloupe: Folded cover to Paris franked with eleven examples of the Ceres 25c blue (strip of five, strip of four, pair) tied on arrival by dots, signed Calves, Robineau certificate.

Simple rate folded cover to France franked at 1F50 with three pairs of Ceres 25c, signed Calves, Robineau certificate.

The nicest of the four known covers insufficiently franked at 1F50 by Ceres 1F carmine and 25c blue in pair and rated "15" decimes manuscript, Roumet certificate.

Unique holding.

Estimate: \$30,000 - \$40,000





Extraordinary "Eagle" Franking 20052

5c Yellow Green on greenish, vertical pair and horizontal strip of four, mostly clear to large margins, used with 40c Orange, mixed margins, tied on folded letter to Granville, France, by lozenge of dots cancels, bearing red boxed "PD" and "Colonies Fra. V. Angl." Dec. 31, 1865 c.d.s., black Guadeloupe Point-a-Pitre Dec. 11, (1865) dispatch c.d.s. and endorsed "Voie d' Angleterre" at top left, Paris transit & receiving backstamps, horizontal & vertical file folds affecting one stamp in the strip, otherwise Very Fine, signed Calves. (Scott 2 & 5)

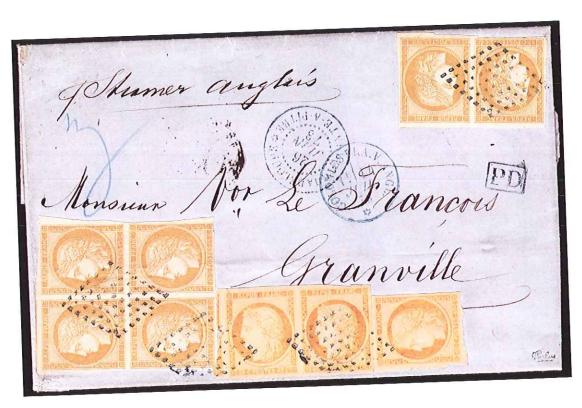
Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



20053 🗷 Rare Four-Color Franking

15c Bister with 5c Green, 40c Orange and 80c Rose, mostly clear to large margins, tied on folded cover to Gironde, France, by lozenge of dots cancels, bearing Guadeloupe Point-a-Pitre Sep. 26, 1872 dispatch c.d.s., boxed "PD" and blue Colonies Fra. V. Angl. indistinct c.d.s., endorsed "Packet Anglais" at top left, transit & receiving backstamps, a Fine and very attractive four-color franking. (Scott 10, 14, 15 & 19)

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000



20054 🗷 🗄 Scarce Franking Full of Character

15c Bister, block of four and horizontal pair, used with 40c Orange horizontal pair & single, mostly clear to large margins, tied on folded cover to Granville, France, by blue lozenge of dots cancels, blue Guadeloupe Point-a-Pitre Jun, 26, 1873 dispatch and Colonies Fra. V. Angl. Jul. 14, 1873 c.d.s. alongside, also boxed "PD" and manuscript "P Steamer Anglais," Paris-Granville R.P.O. & receiving backstamps, horiz. file fold affects two stamps of the block, left stamp of the 40c pair with diagonal scissors cut into design, otherwise Fine, signed Calves. (Scott 10 & 14)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500





20055 🗷 Rare Multiple as Part of Franking

5c Green, horizontal strip of eight and two singles, mixed margins, used with 20c Red Brown, clear to large margins, tied on cover to Chavagnes-en-Paillers, France, by several Guadeloupe Basse Terre Jun. 11 (1878) c.d.s., with red Calais R.P.O. transit c.d.s. and manuscript "2D2" in red crayon adjacent, Paris backstamps, small cover faults, a dramatic showpiece. Large strips of the 5c Ceres used in Guadeloupe are very scarce on cover and are rarely offered. (Scott 19 & 34)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



French Colonies - New Caledonia



20056 (*) ⊞ The Famous "Primitive" in Full Sheet

1859 10c Black in complete sheet of 50, unused, ungummed as issued, usual creases and staining, very rare, 1978 Friedl Expert Committee certificate. (Scott 1)

Estimate: \$7,500 - \$10,000

French Colonies - Reunion



20057 (*) Important Unused First Issue

1852 15c black on blue, unused, very good margins to touched at left, light thinning, a Fine example of this very rare stamp, signed Forbin, Stanley Gibbons and Miro, with Calves certificate. (Scott 1)

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Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000



German States - Hannover



20058
1859 2gr Blue pair overlapped by 1860 1/2gr black with white gum, large to clear margins, tied by "Hannover / 2" cds in blue on 1863 (19 Oct.) envelope (with original enclosure) to Paris, blue "Franco" and red "P.D." handstamps, blue "Prusse / Erquelines" cds, rated "2 1/2" (or 30 centimes) for France's share of postage, fascinating contents with evidence of espionage at work, very fine and highly important. (Scott 18 & 20)

Estimate: \$1,500 - \$2,000

Germany



20059 → ™ Hindenburg Crash Mail

Cover posted and cancelled on board the airship on its First 1937 North America Flight, stamps tied by two "Deutsche Luftpost / Europa-Nordamerika / - 5. 5. 1937" circular "bordpost" datestamps, recovered and delivered to the addressee in cellophane wrapper with three U.S. Post Office "Officially Sealed" labels, Very Fine, 1979 PF certificate.

On landing at Lakehurst on May 6, 1937, the airship burst into flames and was destroyed in about 34 seconds. Thirteen passengers, 22 of the airship's crew and one ground crew died while 61 passengers and crew members survived. Of the 17,609 pieces of mail on board, only 358 pieces were salvaged in burned or singed condition; of these, 176 were uncanceled, awaiting cancellation on the return voyage to Europe. The 147 covers addressed to persons in the U.S.A. were forwarded to the Foreign Airmail Division in New York, who sent the items to the addressee's Postmaster with a request to secure a registered receipt. (Nierinck #370506)

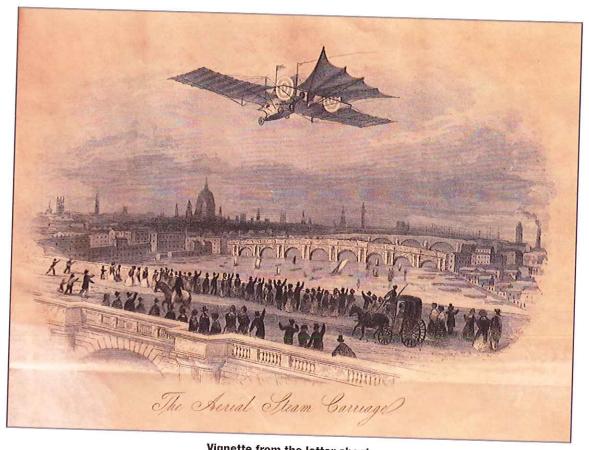
One of the key Zeppelin exhibition items.

Estimate: \$8,000 - \$10,000



WORLD RARITIES

Great Britain



Vignette from the letter sheet

20060 + Milestone in Aviation History - Forerunner of the Air Letter Sheet

Henson's "Aerial Steam Carriage" unused 2-page lettersheet, 185 x 228mm, with 130 mm high design printed in black showing the Aerial Steam Carriage in flight over the River Thames, strong toning at edges with small tears at left confined to toned area, couple of minor horizontal file folds, still Fine and very rare. According to Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aerial_Steam_Carriage), the Aerial Steam Carriage, also named Ariel, was a flying machine patented in 1842 that was supposed "to convey letters, goods and passengers from place to place through the air." William Samuel Henson, John Stringfellow, Frederick Marriott, and D.E. Colombine, incorporated as the "Aerial Transit Company" in 1843 in England, with the intention of raising money to construct the flying machine. Henson built a small scale model of his design, which made one tentative steam powered "hop" as it lifted or bounced off its guide wire. In an attempt to gain investors and support in Parliament, the company engaged in a major publicity campaign using images of the Ariel in exotic locales, but the company failed to gain the needed investment. The reality was that the plane was incapable of flight since it had insufficient power from its heavy steam engine to fly. A more successful model was built in 1848 which was able to fly for small distances within a hangar, but it was too late. Looking back, the Aerial Steam Carriage was significant because it was a transition from glider-based flight to powered flight, 60 years before the Wright Brothers. Extremely rare.

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$7,500



Great Britain



Early Valentine Letter Sheet 20061 🗷

1851 Valentine, gorgeous printed multicolored two page lettersheet with man holding a hunting rifle with Valentine verse below, bearing Great Britain 1p Red (3, SG 8) tied by grid cancel, red "Feb. 14, 1851" fancy datestamp to Surrey, sealed tear in top backflap from opening barely extends onto front, still in an exceptional state of preservation and Very Fine and rare especially showing a rifle, ex Lillian Newton Stone.

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$7,500



Great Britain



20062 M Attractive Franking to Uncommon Destination

1856 Folded entire letter from Bishops-Castle **to Madeira** franked by 1854 Embosed 6d in L-shaped "block of three" plus 1856 4d Rose on bluish paper, all tied by oval of bars, with blue Portuguese "160" accountancy marking at left, small peripheral faults not detracting from this attractive franking to a quite unusual destination.

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$5,000

20063 No Lot

Greece



20064 (🗷) Extraordinary 390 Lepta "Large Hermes Heads" Franking

1871-72 Cleaned Plates 20L Blue, nineteen examples comprising two strips of five, two strips of four and a single plus a single 10L Orange, totalling 390 Lepta, all tied by scarce 1872 (22 Dec.) SKIATHOS cds on registered cover front to Napoli. While there are a few faults as could be expected, the whole is full of character and comprises one of the most important & spectacular frankings of Greek philately. Outstanding exhibition showpiece & one of the highest Large Hermes Heads frankings recorded. Rate: 390 Lepta for triple weight registered letter, valid from 1865. Three times the 65 Lepta single weight rate = 195 Lepta; registered letters were to be charged double the amount due for ordinary ones. Although the 1865 treaty between Greece and Italy provided for a 55 Lepta universal registration fee, it seems that in this case this was ignored, and the general rule of double postage was applied.

Estimate: \$22,000 - \$26,000



20065 → ⊙ Italian Occupation of Corfu

1941 50l to 100d Greece airmails with "C O R F U" overprints, issued during the Italian occupation of the island, the set of eleven stamps with Kerkyra bridge datestamps, Fine to Very Fine. (Scott NC1-11)

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Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500

India



1854-55 Issues on Cover 20066

Eight useful covers comprising: two with 1/2a blue horizontal pair frankings tied by rhombus of dot or diamonds, one to Loodiana; 1/2a blue single tied by cork; 2a green with neat rhombus of dots cancel; two 4a cut to shape tied on 1857 cover Edinburgh, Scotland with red boxed "India Paid"; 4a cut to shape (head die III, frame die II) on 1857 cover to Devon, England; 4a cut to shape tied by barred diamond cancel and manuscript "Steamer" to Singapore; 4a tied in combination with 1a red vertical pair to Colchester, England endorsed "via Marseilles" and with red boxed "India Paid" cancel. Mixed condition but overall Fine, an outstanding group.

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$7,500



Ionian Islands





20067 🗷 Incoming Mail via Austrian Steamer

1863 Stampless envelope from Monza to Zante in the Ionian Islands, MONZA 18 AGO 63 despatch c.d.s., boxed PIROSCAFI / POSTALI / AUSTRIACI in red alongside, reverse bears Milano and Corfu transits plus blue ZANTE 23 AUG 63 arrival, Fine and scarce.

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000



Italian States - Lombardy-Venetia



20068 🗷 UNIQUE 70 Cents Registered Franking

1850 10c Gray-black, vertical and horizontal strips of 3, nearly all with generous margins, plus 30c type I, all on hand-made paper, tied to front or backflap of 1852 registered folded wrapper from Mantova (boxed d.s.) to Padova (2-line backstamp), RACCOMANDATA handstamp and manuscript "Urgente" plus list numbers, trimmed at left, UNIQUE franking and a dramatic and spectacular showpiece. Unrecorded by Ferchenbauer, who prices six 10c on cover as "LP" and a simple 10c + 30c franking at $\in 10,000$. (Scott 2 & 5)

A wonderful showpiece of great rarity and visual appeal.

Expertise: signed A. Diena & Russo, 1976 Fiecchi certificate

Estimate: \$12,000 - \$15,000



Italian States - Lombardy-Venetia



20069 * 1854 45c Blue, Machine Paper, type III, mint with a few natural gum creases, large margins all around, fresh and Very Fine, Oliva certificate. (Scott 6d, \$14,000)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$5,000



20070
1850 45c Blue tied by BRESCIA c.d.s. on beautiful 1857 Valentine envelope addressed to Vienna, Austria, incl. contents showing flowery design, Very Fine and scarce.

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500





* 1861-62 5s Red and 10s Brown, perf. 14, both unused with original gum, the 5c has slightly redistributed gum, each signed Diena, the 10s has Diena certificate, a Very Fine and very rare duo in mint condition. (Scott 13 & 14, \$12,500)

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000

Italian States - Lombardy-Venetia



20072 * 1863 10s Blue, perf. 14, mint with only a light hinge trace, splendid example in excellent condition, A. Diena and E. Diena certificates. (Scott 18, \$8,900)

Estimate: \$1,200 - \$2,000



20073 Mixed Issues Franking

1863 3s Arms small-format entire uprated with 1863 2s Arms (perf. 14) adjacent to imprinted frank and 1864 10s (perf. 9 1/2) on reverse, all tied by light Villafranca c.d.s. on registered cover to Verona, boxed RACOMMENDATA handstamp, one flap opened and folded for display (not reduced), Very Fine, a magnificent showpiece of the utmost rarity. E. Diena states no other similar franking known.Expertise: signed E. Diena with his 1988 certificate

Estimate: \$12,000 - \$14,000

WORLD RARITIES

Italian States - Naples / Napoli



20074 ☑ Unique Use of 50gr Strip + 20gr Postal Forgery to Paris

1858 50gr Lilac Rose, vert. strip of three plus 5gr and 20gr Postal Forgery (type VI), all with boxed "ANNULLATO" cancels, on folded letter from Naples (10 NOV. 1860 c.d.s. on reverse) to Paris (Marseille entry c.d.s. of 12 NOV. 60). The combination of the postal forgery used with the rare strip is believed to be **unique**. The strip and the 20gr are in perfect condition, with large margins. (Scott 4e, 7 & Sassone F6)

Expertise: signed by Emilio Diena, Enzo Diena (with 1988 cert.), Renato Mondolfo and G. Colla (with 2003 cert.)

An important showpiece.

Estimate: \$40,000 - \$60,000

Italian States - Neapolitan Provinces



20075 🗷 Superb 50gr Usage on Cover

1861 50gr Slate Blue plus 10gr Ocher on folded cover from the port of Naples to Rome, sent on the sea route (manuscript "Via di Mare" at top left), three-line CIVITAVECCHIA / DALLA / VIA DI MARE handstamp alongside, ROMA 17 APR 61 arrival backstamp. The rare 50gr has fantastic margins all around, the 10gr is just barely touched at top. Acknowledged to be one of the most beautiful 50gr slate blue covers in existence. (Scott \$170,000; Sass. € 320,000+)

Expertise: A. Diena, E. Diena and G. Colla certificates.

Provenance: Achillito Chiesa

Estimate: \$70,000 - \$80,000

Italian States - Roman States



Important Bisect Usage 20076 🗷

1852 3b on brown, DIAGONAL BISECT used as 1 1/2b value together with 1/2b on grayblue, tied by lozenge grill on reverse of folded cover from Ferrara (dated May 2, 1853) to Mesola, both stamps with good to large margins, Very Fine and scarce, A. Diena and Colla certificates. (Scott 4j, \$14,250+; Sassone 1a-4, € 60,000+)

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Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000

Italian States - Roman States

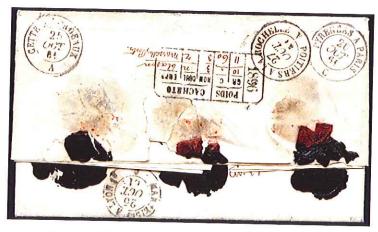


20077 🗷 Important 80 Bajocchi Registered Cover to France

1852 50b Blue, 6b on Greenish Gray and 8b on White pair and single, comprising a three-color franking totalling 80b for a registered letter from Rome (22.10.61) to France (blue "E. Pont. / Marseille" exchange office c.d.s.), "Assicurata" and "Chargé" handstamps, red and black "P.D." etc. plus numerous transits. The cover is in the best possible condition, and is a valuable and exceptional showpiece. (Scott 7, 9 & 10)

Expertise: signed Raybaudi with his certificate

Estimate: \$6,000 - \$8,000



Reverse of Lot 20077 (reduced to 75% of actual size)



Italian States - Parma



20078 Rare Newspaper Stamp Mixed Franking with Modena

1853 9c on Blue, sheet margin at right, central small grill cancel of Piacenza, applied on arrival to journal "Messaggere di Modena" dated 26 August 1853 and franked on departure with Modena 5c (period after value; Sass. 7) tied by 6-bar grill, all margins clear to large, small part of journal cut away at top edge (probably where addressed), an exceptional, attractive and extremely rare showpiece, Extremely Fine. (Sass. € 87,500; Scott PR2 + Modena 6)

Expertise: signed Sorani with his 2002 certificate

Italian States - Romagna



20079 ⊙ 1859 6b Black on yellow-green, lightly used with diamond-shaped grill in black, clear to large margins, Very Fine and rare, A.Diena and E. Diena certificates. (Scott 7, \$8,000)

Estimate: \$1,500 - \$2,000

Estimate: \$30,000 - \$40,000



Italian States - Sardinia



20080 🗷 Bisect Used from Papal States

1862 40c Light Rose diagonal bisect tied to cover from Orvieto (29 GEN. 63 c.d.s.) to Viterbo (30 GEN. 63 backstamp), large margins on uncut sides, a great rarity both of usage and condition, Extremely Fine. (Sass. 16Ea, € 125,000+; Scott 13h \$72,500)

Expertise: Signed A. Bolaffi, Alberto Diena, Emilio Diena, Enzo Diena (with 1990 cert.), Raybaudi (with 1990 cert.) & G. Colla (with 2000 cert. stating: "della pochissime lettere note...una delle più belle..." - "of the very few letters known... one of the most beautiful...")

Estimate: \$40,000 - \$50,000



Italian States - Sardinia



20081 M Inverted Embossed Center Used on Cover

1855-63 10c Dark brown with inverted center, 1858 printing (Sass. Chocolate-brown), tied by LIVORNO 20 DEC 61 c.d.s. on folded entire letter to Florence, transit and arrival backstamps from the same day, the "head" is upright on the cover with the frame inverted, margins are just touched to good, very rare especially in this shade, Diena certificate. (Scott 11k, \$32,000)

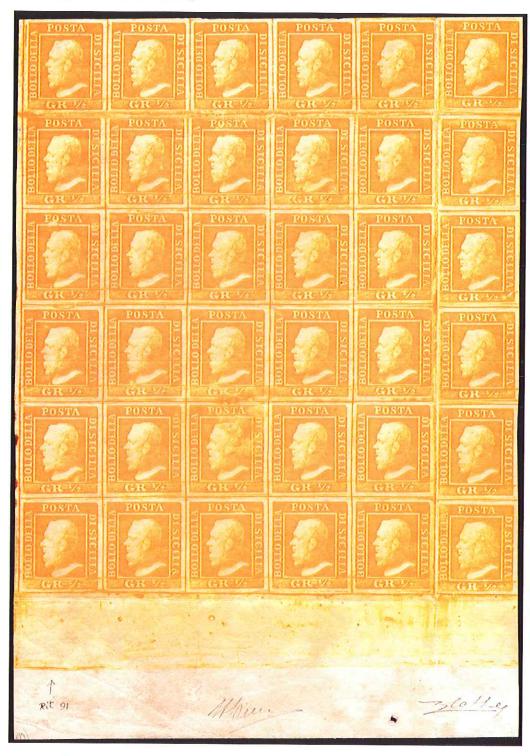
Estimate: \$6,000 - \$8,000



Detail of Lot 20081



Italian States - Sicily



20082 ** * 🗄 1859 1/2gr Orange, type I, in a mint marginal block of 36 from the bottom left of the sheet of 100, full original gum, noted retouch on design in position 91, some creasing but almost only between rows, an exceptional multiple in a deep fresh shade, Very Fine and very rare, Colla certificate (Scott 10, Sassone 1a, € 74,250 as 9 blocks of four)

Provenance: Achillito Chiesa

Estimate: \$15,000 - \$20,000



Italian States - Sicily











20083 * (*) An Important Holding

 \odot \boxplus 1859 Attractive and valuable selection with the following values, often showing a range of shades: 1/2gr Orange (one mint and four used examples), 5gr Carmine (mint block of four, two mint pairs, four mint singles and eight used singles), 10gr Dark Blue (three mint singles, one used single and one used pair), and 10gr Dark Gray-Violet (mint strip of three, three mint singles and six used singles). All items with Colla certificates stating "Perfetto" apart from the 5gr block of four which has a horizontal crease along the top pair. (Sassone € 91,700; see enclosed list). A Very Fine group.

Estimate: \$15,000 - \$20,000



Italian States - Tuscany



20084 * The "Retouched Mane" Variety

1857-59 1cr Carmine, with "retouched mane" variety , just touched at top right otherwise large margins all around, wonderful deep shade, mint with fresh original gum, Very Fine and rare, Sorani certificate (Scott 12 variety, \$16,500)

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000



20085 * 1857-59 2cr Greenish Blue, a remarkably fresh example, just touched at left to huge margins with part of adjoining stamp at top, fresh original gum, Diena certificate. (Scott 13a, \$5,000)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



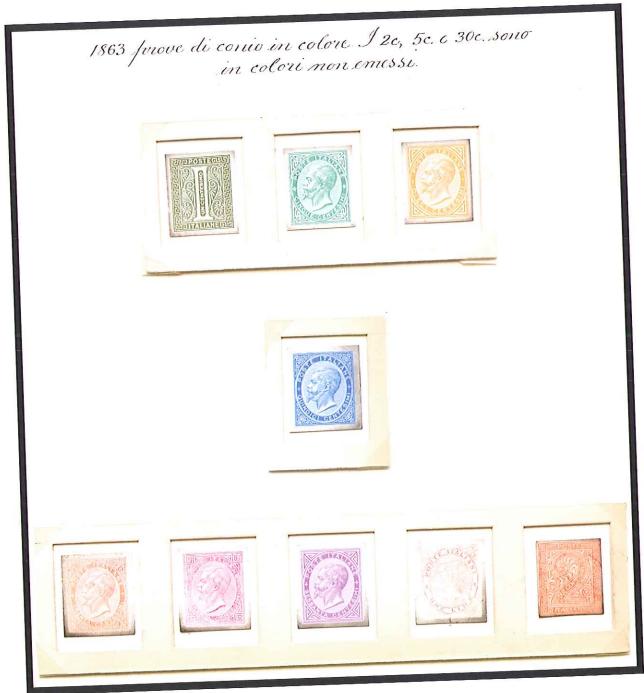
20086 • The Fabled 3 Lire with Cancel Free of the Value

1860 3L Yellow Ochre, an attractive example with c.d.s. cancel at top right, leaving the value and the central Arms clear, slightly mixed margins and very unobtrusive thin speck, on thin paper showing the watermark clearly. (Scott 23, \$135,000)

Expertise: signed Mohrmann, Richter and Colla (with 2008 cert.)

Estimate: \$12,000 - \$14,000

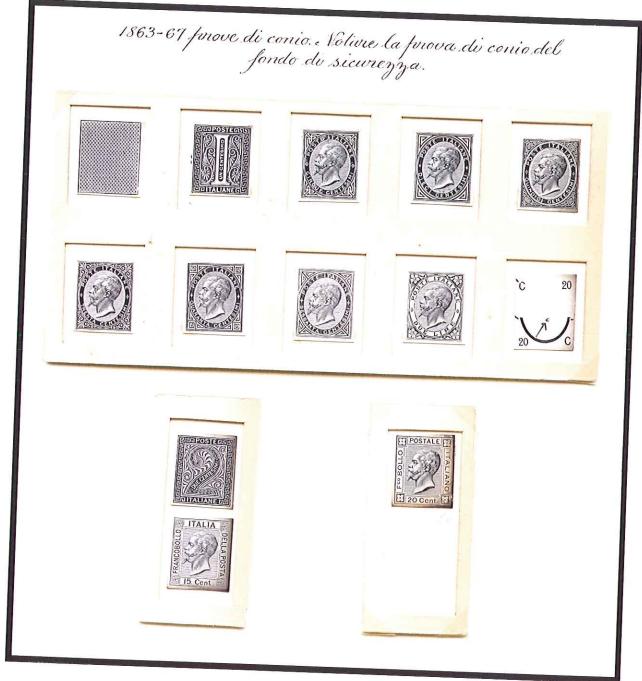




Trial Color Proofs from the De La Rue Archives 20087 P

1863-65 King Victor Emmanuel II: Group of nine die proofs on coated cardboard paper from the De La Rue archives, neatly mounted on three presentation cards - 1c, 5c, 10c, then 15c, and finally 30c, 40c, 60c, 2 Lire and 2c. The 2c, 5c and 30c have been printed in green, orange and vermilion respectively, different from the issued colors, Very Fine and extremely rare, E. Diena certificate.

Estimate: \$15,000 - \$20,000



Original die Proofs from the De La Rue Archives 20088 P

1863-67 King Victor Emmanuel II: Group of thirteen die proofs on coated card from the De La Rue archives, neatly mounted onto presentation card and comprising 1863 security underprint plus 1c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 30c, 40c, 60c and 2 Lire values, also proof of the 20c overprint (January 1, 1865 provisional) showing arrow pointing to secret mark. Then on two other presentation cards, the 1863 2c and the 1867 designs for the 15c and 20c, Very Fine and extremely rare, E. Diena certificate.

Estimate: \$15,000 - \$20,000





20089 ** F Aquila Postal Forgery

1863, 15c Slate-Gray, from position 12 in the block of 14, large margins all around, never hinged original gum, an exceptional example of this recess printed copy to defraud the post, with Diena, Raybaudi and Colla certificates. (Sassone F8, \leqslant 9,000+)

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000



20090 © Scarce Imperforate Variety

1863-77 King Victor Emmanuel II 30c Brown, De La Rue printing, IMPERFORATE, lightly cancelled by dotted grill and part of a foreign entry c.d.s. in red, good to large margins all around, Very Fine (Scott 30a, unpriced; Sassone L19c, € 11,000)

Expertise: Bolaffi and Colla certificates

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000



20091 🗷 Rare Destination & Franking

1863 40c & 2L horizontal strip of four, De La Rue printings, tied on cover to Mauritius by multiple rectangle of rhombus cancels, adjacent Roma 20 GEN 72 dispatch c.d.s, "PD" boxed & "voi postali francesi" straight-line handstamps, latter probably applied in Alexandria, sent via Brindisi & Suez with Italian Post Office in Alexandria c.d.s. on reverse, and having Alexandria-Egypt, French Packet & Mauritius backstamps, Very Fine. (Sassone L20 & L22; Scott 31 & 33). See also lots 20118-20125A

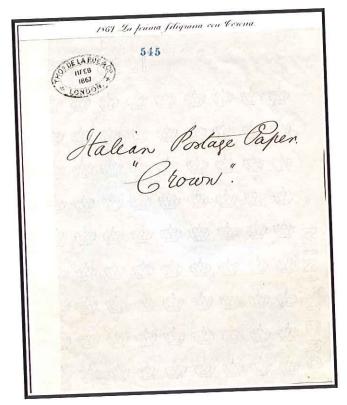
A very rare franking and worthy of the most advanced collection.

Expertise: 1975 A. Diena, 1977 E. Diena and 1982 Sorani certificates and signatures

Estimate: \$30,000 - \$40,000



1865 King Victor Emmanuel II die essay in black with legend "VITTORIO EMANUELE II. RE D'ITALIA" by Messrs. De La Rue, dated May 9, 1865, on card size 92 x 61 mm, 20092 E Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000 Very Fine and scarce.



20093 EP Rare Watermark Proofs

1867-69 King Victor Emmanuel II issue watermark proof group on three pages: First page with sketch of new crown plus three "dandy-roll" elements sown onto a cardboard signed by Berrutti (the Italian official sent over to De La Rue), then two watermark proof papers showing current (stamped Thos. De La Rue 1867) watermark and new unadopted watermark also signed by Berrutti (1869), extremely rare, E. Diena certificate.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000



20094 (*) Scarce Mint Inverted Surcharge

1877 Official Stamp 2c on 20c Lake with inverted surcharge in blue, unused with small traces of gum on reverse, an extremely rare stamp in unused condition, Very Fine (Scott 39a, \$45,000)

Expertise: Bolaffi and Colla certificates.

Estimate: \$6,000 - \$8,000



20095 🗷 Inverted Surcharge on Cover

1877 Official Stamps 2c on 20c Lake inverted surcharge in blue, tied to **printed matter** from COLOGNA VENETA (11.6.1880) to Lonigo, same-day arrival backstamp, Very Fine and rare, Colla certificate. (Scott 39a, \$9,500)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$5,000





Extremely Rare Use of King Humbert 2 Lire on Complete Cover 20096

1889 Registered envelope paying the 10-fold letter rate to France franked by 1879 King Humbert 2L, 50c and 25c accounting for 10 times 25c plus 25c registration. All tied by NAPOLI 19.5.1889 c.d.s., registration label alongside, reverse bears various Italian and French TPO pmks plus two THOMAS / DEUX SEVRES 22 JU 89 arrival c.d.s., E. Diena certificate. The King Humbert 2 Lire stamp is a great rarity on a complete cover (Scott 51, \$120,000, Sass. 43, € 165,000)

Estimate: \$40,000 - \$50,000



20097 🗷 Christmas Day Local Drop Cover with High Franking

1889-96 10c to 5L Humbert I & 1896-97 1c to 5c Arms of Savoy, tied on cover by multiple Milano Dec. 25, 1900 squared circular datestamps on Christmas Day, Very Fine, 2006 Raybaudi certificate (Sassone 45-47, 60-65, 67; Scott 53/75)

A very rare local drop cover.

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000



20098 > ** "Balbo" Set in Sheets

* 🖽 1933 5.25L + 19.75L & 5.25 L +44.75L Balbo "Crociera Nord Atlantica" set of two post office fresh sheets of 20 triptychs each, both folded horizontally across the perforations at center and with two stamps lightly hinged, 5.25L + 19.75L sheet with a couple of minor toned spots affecting few stamps, Very Fine, rarely found in this beautiful condition. (Sass. Estimate: \$5,000 - \$7,500 PA51-52; Scott C48 & C49)

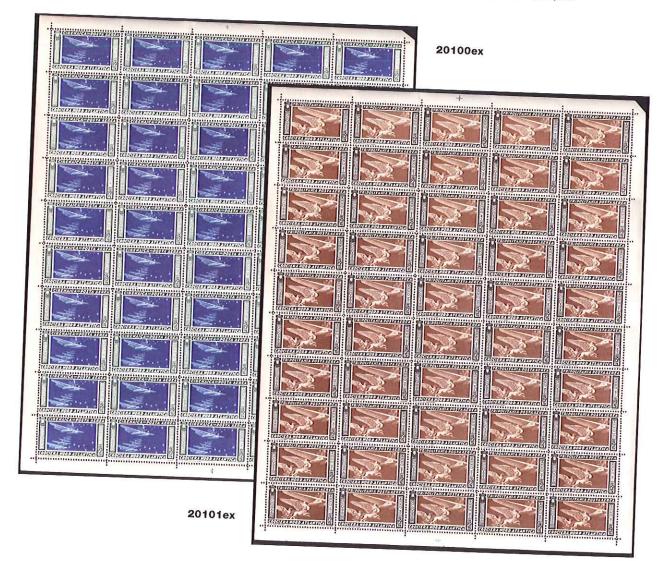




20099 → ** "Balbo" Airmail Official

1933 5.25L + 44.75L Balbo "Crociera Nord Atlantica" triptych with "Servizio di Stato" overprints and bottom right sheet corner margin, showing "filigrana lettere 10/10" watermark variety, Never Hinged, Extremely Fine, 2009 Gino Biondi certificate. Only three examples are known to exist. (Scott CO1)

Estimate: \$7,500 - \$10,000





20100 + ** CIRENAICA - "Balbo" Set in Sheets

1933 19.75L and 44.75L Balbo "Crociera Nord Atlantica," set of two post office fresh sheets of 50, the 44.75L sheet with small tear in bottom selvage not affecting stamps and mentioned only for accuracy, Never Hinged, Very Fine. (Scott C18 & C19)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500

20101 + ** TRIPOLITANIA - "Balbo" Set in Sheets

1933 19.75L and 44.75L Balbo "Crociera Nord Atlantica", set of two post office fresh sheets of 50, Never Hinged, Very Fine. (Scott C27 & 28)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



20102 (*) Major Post-War Variety Showpiece

1944 50c Bari Wolf, **imperforate sheet of 150 on watermarked paper**, printed on both sides, one with double impression, security background only on the side with normal impressions and slightly shifted from stamps, the sheet has been folded into quarters and the horizontal fold affects ten stamps in the center row, other small faults mostly affecting margins, unused, no gum as issued, Very Fine, 2006 Raybaudi certificate stating "a rare sheet." (Sassone 515; Scott 439 variety) **Estimate: \$6.000 - \$8.000**



20103 → ™ Two "Gronchi Rosa" Souvenir Covers

1961 205L "Gronchi Rosa," two registered covers to Lima, Peru, one with Great Britain 1sh3d & 1sh6d stamps, used with 205L rose lilac error, tied by Registered Threadneedle St. B.O. E.C. Apr. 10, 1961 oval datestamp, other with France 5c, 10c, 50c & 1Fr stamps, used with 205L rose lilac error, tied by Paris 108 Haussmann Apr. 10, 1961 circular datestamps, both with receiving backstamps and light folds not affecting stamps, Fine-Very Fine

Expertise: each accompanied by 2002 Raybaudi certificate stating the "Gronchi Rosa" is not part of the franking and constitutes an improper usage of the stamp, but it is **interesting and rare**. (Scott 834a)

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$7,500





20104 Scarce Origin and Rare Postage Due Franking

1870 2L Postage Due block of four tied on reverse of cover sent to France via Genova, with May 19, 1872 receiving c.d.s., front with "F.56" boxed handstamp, St. Thomas 29/4/1872 c.d.s., two strikes of "St. Thomas / Paq. Fr. B No. 4 - 29 Apr. 1872" octagonal postmark and "8.00" partial tax marking. The corner card on backflap affirms that the cover originated in Santo Domingo (**Dominican Republic**), but was posted in St. Thomas (**Danish West Indies**), where it was carried to St. Nazaire by a French steamer, Very Fine and very rare franking, 1992 Sorani & 1994 Sottoriva certificates. (Sassone 12; Scott J15)

Estimate: \$15,000 - \$20,000



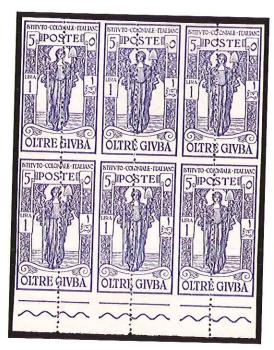
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20105 * Parcel Post Set

1946-54 25c to 1000L Parcel Post complete set, lightly hinged, Fine to Very Fine. (Scott Q61-76)

Estimate: \$1,500 - \$2,000

Italian Colonies - Oltre Giuba





From Lot 20106

20106 P⊞ From the Archives of Oltre Giuba

1924 & 1926 Archive proofs in blocks of six with vertical perforations across stamps, comprising Italian Jubaland 1926 40c Map, 20c + 5c & 1L + 5c Colonial Institute, Somalia 1924 30b on 1L surcharge & 1926 60c + 5c Colonial Institute, unused, no gum, Very Fine, all except Somalia 30b on 1L surcharge are accompanied by photocopies of 2007 Raybaudi certificates for sheets of 50 (5 blocks total)

Jubaland was ceded to Italy on June 29, 1925, purportedly as a reward for joining the Allies in World War I, and had a brief existence as the Italian colony of Trans-Juba (Oltre Giuba). It was incorporated into the neighboring colony of Italian Somaliland on June 30, 1926.

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500

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Italian Colonies - Eritrea



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20107 ⊞△ Rare Use of High Values in Multiples

1903 5L Victor Emmanuel III horizontal pair and single plus 1L value in block of eight, horizontal strip of three and pair, all tied on large piece of registered cover or parcel by multiple Asmara ERITREA Feb. 20, 1906 postmarks, 1L block with small nick at top, otherwise Very Fine, signed Raybaudi.

5L frankings on any kind of correspondence are very rare.

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500

WORLD RARITIES

Italian Colonies - Fiume









20108 ** Island of Arbe (Carnaro) Issue

1920 (Nov 13) 5c to 25c set of four, mint nh, only 450 printed of the 20c and 750 of the others, Very Fine and rare. (Sassone 1-4, \in 5,500)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500

Italian Colonies - Tientsin (China)



20109 ** 1918-21"2/dollari" (small "d") surcharge on 5L ultramarine and rose, mint Never Hinged, Fine and very rare, only 300 printed, 1999 Raybaudi certificate. (Sassone 24, € 33,000)

Estimate: \$6,000 - \$10,000

Italian Colonies - Fezzan



20110 * 1943 (June 9) 1F on 25c blue, large part og, Very Fine and rare, only 569 printed and very few mint remain, 2008 Sorani certificate (Sassone 12, € 11,000)

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000

Italian Colonies - Libya (Cirenaica)



20111 → ■ Rare Airmail Semi-postal Official on Cover

1934 25L + 2L Roma-Mogadiscio Flight semi-postal with "Servizio di Stato" overprint, tied on registered cover by Tobruk Posta Aerea Speciale 9.11.34 crowned datestamp, with "Per Posta Aerea" straight-line handstamp and neat strike of the flight cachet, Tobruk airmail & registration labels, receiving backstamp, Very Fine and very scarce, 1989 E. Diena certificate. (Scott CBO1)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$5,000



Italian Colonies - Somalia



20112 → ■ Rare Airmail Official on Cover

25c Air with "11 Nov. 1934-XIII / Servizio Aereo / Speciale" overprint, with 75c pair and 1932 10L, all tied on reg'd airmail cover to Rome by "Mogadiscio Posta Aerea Speciale 14.11.34" crowned c.d.s., registration handstamp (label on reverse), backstamped, Extremely Fine. (Scott CO1, 147 & 153)

Estimate: \$2,500 - \$3,500







20113 ** 1906 Postage due 5c to 10L set of 11, mint never hinged, Fine and rare, only 1,000 printed of the high values, 1995 Raybaudi certificate. (Sassone 1-11, € 13,200)

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000

Italian Colonies - Trieste Zone A





20115

Rare Inverted Overprint 20114 **

1949 E.R.P. 5L green with inverted overprint, mint never hinged, Very Fine and rare, only 50 known, 1998 Raybaudi certificate. (Sassone 43a, € 3,750)

Estimate: \$700 - \$1,000

Rare Perforation Variety 20115 **

1952 Leonardo da Vinci 80L carmine comb perf. 14, mint never hinged, Very Fine and scarce, 2002 Raybaudi certificate. (Sassone 146a, € 8,500) Estimate: \$1,500 - \$2,000

Italy - Occupation of Montenegro









1942 "Legionari" set with red overprints, never hinged, the 1L with a small adherence at 20116 ** the bottom of the stamp; extremely rare as only 200 sets were produced and mostly issued in poor condition. This set is one of the few in Very Fine condition, Raybaudi certificate. Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000 (Sassone € 10,000)

Italy - Occupation of Zante



1941 Surcharge on 1913-35 Greek of 1d Light Blue due stamp, never hinged (tiny adherence on reverse), an exceedingly rare stamp of which only a few are known, A. Diena certificate (Sassone 2, € 48,000 for never hinged) Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000



20118 \triangle The "Post Paid" Issue - Earliest Impression

2d Indigo Blue on grayish paper, position 2, tied to small fragment by boxed INLAND cancel, large even margins, octagonally cut with corners well clear, **absolutely Superb**, RPS certificate (Scott 4, \$21,000; SG 4, £18,000)

Provenance: ex Hind, Caspary, Kanai

Brilliant example with outstanding impression. The ultimate "Première Gravure" state (per A. Rudge)

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$12,000







20122

20119 • The 1d "Post Paid" Issue - Early Impression

1d Orange Vermilion on yellowish white paper, position 3 / 6 in vertical pair cancelled by boxed INLAND cancel, large margins all around, Very Fine, signed Holcombe. (Scott 3a, \$14,500; SG 7, £12,000)



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20120 • The 2d "Post Paid" Issue - Early Impression

2d Blue on yellowish white paper, position 5, light boxed INLAND cancel, large margins all around, small thin at top and filing crease at bottom. (Scott 4a, \$8,000; SG 8, £7,000)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500

20121 • The 2d "Post Paid" Issue - Intermediate Impression

2d Blue on yellowish white paper, position 11-12 in horizontal pair, each shows numeral cancel, large margins all around, horizontal crease otherwise Very Fine. (Scott 4b, \$7,500; SG 14, \pounds 5,500) **Estimate:** \$1,500 - \$2,000

20122 • The 1d "Post Paid" Issue - Worn Impression

1d Red Brown on gray paper, positions 1 / 4 in vertical pair cancelled by boxed INLAND cancel, large margins all around, light thin spot above bottom example in margin (outside design), Very Fine. (Scott 5c, \$1,300+; SG 17, £1,400+)

Estimate: \$400 - \$500



Detail from Lot 20123

20123 Superb "Post Paid" Set on Cover - a "Crown Jewel" of Philately

Early Intermediate Impression 1d Dull Vermilion (Position 9) & 2d Deep Dull Blue (Postition 6), both with good to large even margins all round, rich deep color and clear sharp impressions, neatly tied by "3" in circles with octagonal boxed "Souillac DE 18 1851" & "MAURITIUS / DE 19 1855" crowned c.d.s. below, on folded inland cover to Port Louis.

This is a magnificent item for any collector of superb world rarities; most certainly it is one of the most beautiful & important items of classic Mauritius.

Rate: Holcombe certificate states, "The 3d. rate was a charge for a letter between branch offices (2d.) but if the letter was to Port Louis and had to be delivered a further charge of 1d. was made. Such letters are extremely rare, especially so bearing the two different values."

Expertise: 1999 Peter Holcombe and 2008 David Brandon certificates

Provenance: Maurice Burrus (1963), Raymond H. Weill (1975), Weill Brothers' Stock (1989, realised CHF 202,500, bought by Peer Lorentzen)

Estimate: \$300,000 - \$400,000

You may participate directly in the auction and bid by internet at www.davidfeldmanusa.com or www.davidfeldman.com

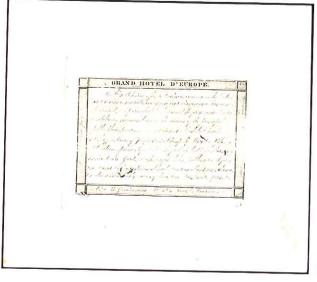


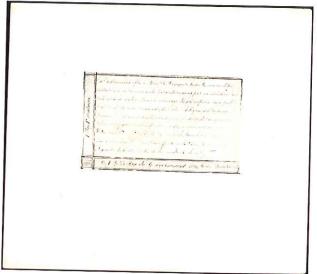
A "Crown Jewel" of Philately



Lot 20123









Rare Reprints of the October 1859 "Sherwin" Issue 20124 🖽

Reprints made by the Royal Philatelic Society of London of the defaced original plates used to print the 1859 "Sherwin" 2d stamp and the unissued 1d stamp, in black on thin paper and affixed to cards, plus two other items showing prints from the reverse of these plates, bearing advertisements of "The Grand Hotel Europe" in Port Louis (the 1d being engraved on the reverse of the advertisement in French and the 2d on that in English), slight toning, nevertheless a rare set of reprints of which only a few are known.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000





20125 🗷 "Dardenne" Issue (December 1859) - Attractive Multiple on Cover

2d Blue on white laid paper, vertical pair in deep fresh shade, good to large margins all around, cancelled by two target cancels on folded cover to Bordeaux, French entry c.d.s. in red alongside, taxed 8 décimes on arrival, transit and arrival markings on reverse, filing crease along bottom example, showing interesting litho ink flow varieties on both top and bottom examples, signed Calves. (Scott 17b, SG 43a)

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$5,000





20125A Mauritius Used From Reunion

1861 Folded letter from St. Denis, Reunion, to Calcutta, India, with Mauritius 1860 4d Rose (SG 48) horizontal pair with gutter margin at left tied by two blue lozenge of dots cancels with adjacent blue St. Denis / Ile de la Reunion Avril 7, 1861 c.d.s., "PD" framed handstamp in red overstruck with same in blue, and endorsed "Per Str. Nepaul to Aden," with Aden Str. Point Apr. 17, 1861 c.d.s. and "(Calcutta Steamletter) 1861 May 11 Steam Bg. Indian Do. 4" (Giles postmark #SR50) marking (both on reverse), missing part of one flap on reverse (affecting Calcutta Steamletter marking), otherwise Very Fine.

Expertise: Signed Holcombe, with 2004 Sismondo certificate stating, "A very rare cover. I do not have any record of other covers with this exceptional franking posted at St. Denis."

Estimate: \$20,000 - \$30,000

See also lot 20091 for a cover from Italy to Mauritius in the same period.

March 4, 2011



New Guinea (New Britain)









20126 • NEW BRITAIN - The rare Setting 9(A)

1914, Seven used singles: 1d on 5pf (2), 1d on 3pf (2), 2d on 10pf, 3d on 25pf and 2 1/2d on 10pf, all with the very rare setting 9(A), the 2 1/2d on 10pf with the variety "hyphen between 1 and 2 omitted," all cancelled STEPHANSORT 13, on four fragments (probably from the same correspondence), minor perf. toning else Fine, Holcombe certificate.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000







20127

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* 1914 G. R. I. 1s on 1M red of German New Guinea, 3 1/2mm spacing, setting 3, position 2, stop replaced after "I," original gum, light staining at lower right, Extremely Fine centering and scarce, Holcombe certificate. (Scott 12; SG 12)

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000

* 1914 G. R. I. Is on 1M red of German New Guinea, 3 1/2mm spacing, setting 3, similar to position 3 except that the "I" has a complete serif at top left, original gum, small thin otherwise Fine, Holcombe certificate. (Scott 12; SG 12). Setting 3 is normally only found on Marshall Island stamps but is recorded on a few high values of German New Guinea, all of which are very rare.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000

20129 (*) 1914 G. R. I. 1s on 1M red of German New Guinea, 3 1/2mm spacing, setting 7, unused, Fine and scarce, Holcombe certificate. (Scott 12; SG 12). Positions of the stamps from setting 7 are unknown, as horizontal multiples are unrecorded.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000



New Guinea (New Britain)



20130 * NEW BRITAIN - Rare Use of Setting 3 on New Guinea

1914 G. R. I. 2s on 2M blue of German New Guinea, 3 1/2mm spacing, rare setting 3, position 4 (short curl on "R"), small part original gum, Fine and scarce. (Scott 14; SG 14) Setting 3 is normally found on Marshall Islands stamps, rarely on New Guinea.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000



20131 * NEW BRITAIN - Rare Use of Setting 7 on Marshall Islands

1914 G. R. I. 2s on 2M blue of the German Marshall Islands, 4mm spacing, rare setting 7, mint, Very Fine and scarce, Holcombe certificate. (Scott 40; SG 60)

The positions of the stamps from setting 7 are unknown, as horizontal multiples are unrecorded so far. This type is number 3. A rare stamp.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000



20132 (*) NEW BRITAIN - Rare Use of Setting 4 on Marshall Islands

1914 G. R. I. 2s on 2M blue of the German Marshall Islands, 3 1/2mm spacing, rare setting 4, position 4, unused, Very Fine and scarce, Holcombe certificate. (Scott 40; SG 60)

Setting 4 was probably only used to overprint New Guinea stamps, but Gibbs states that Marshall Islands stamps overprinted with setting 4 could exist. A great rarity.

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000

Newfoundland



20133 → ☑ Finest Known Cover with the Famous "Manuscript Martinsyde"

Uncommon small-size cover to **Ireland** franked with 3c Caribou with superb manuscript "Aerial Atlantic Mail" and initialed "JAR", tied by St. John's machine cancel of April 19, 1919 and endorsed for carriage on the abortive Aeroplane "Raynor" flight of pilots Morgan & Raynham. Only some 12 to 15 intact covers are now known, many in museum collections, and this is certainly the finest by virtue of its compact size and condition. (SG 142a)

With original enclosure, a letter written on a calendar leaf (for Tuesday, April 15, 1919) stating in part, "I am sending this by aeroplane thru the kindness of Major Morgan, navigator on the Rolls-Martinsyde - making the attempt for the first flight across the Atlantic. I do hope he succeeds - as he deserves to. He is a Navy man - or was when the war started & he did good work for our side..."

One of the pinnacles of world-wide pioneer aerophilately.

Estimate: \$30,000 - \$40,000

Newfoundland



20134 > In 1919 Handley Page attempt, Harbour Grace mail, \$1 on 15c single tied by black obliterator, HARBOUR GRACE JU14 19 / NEWF'D c.d.s. alongside, reverse bears special cachet ATLANTICAERIALMAIL/JUN 14 1919/HANDLEY PAGE, small cover faults, scarce. (Scott C2)

Estimate: \$1,500 - \$2,000

Palestine - Use of Lombardy-Venetia from Austrian Levant



20135
1864 3s, 5s & pair of 15s Coat of Arms, tied by three "Gerusalemme 10/5" c.d.s. on cover to Padova, Italy, transit & receiving backstamps, 5s stamp defective, otherwise Very Fine, rare and attractive three-color franking, 1997 Sorani certificate. (Scott A21-22,24)

Estimate: \$6,000 - \$8,000

WORLD RARITIES

Palestine - Use of Austrian Levant



4s postal card (with "4" showing narrow foot) used from the Austrian Post Office in Jerusalem, "Gerusalemme" 9/10 dispatch c.d.s. (Steichele 542), sent to Trieste with Oct. 23, 1874 receiving postmark, Very Fine. (Michel P1b, Ferchenbauer 1b)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500

Panama

20137 Isthmus of Panama historical documents, two manuscript letters relating to postage of letters overland from the Atlantic to the Pacific, both in Fine condition.

One is datelined in Panama May 27, 1843 and explains the postal laws of New Granada (corresponding mainly to modern Colombia and Panama), that all correspondence arriving at Chagres from foreign countries and destined for Panama or other parts of the Pacific must be delivered in Chagres to the collector of customs in the absence of a postmaster, who sent the letter bags up to Panama City where they were carried to the post office and transit postage charged at the rate of one and a half reals per single letter. Signed by William Nelson (U.S. Consul) who offered himself as a mail agent in Panama.

The second is datelined August 19, 1843, regarding the receipt of the previous letter from W. Nelson and stating "The Department has been engaged from some time in making arrangements for establishing a regular communication between the two oceans via the Isthmus of Panama; and contemplates sending a packet from some port in the United States to Chagres, on the 1st. of every month. I shall be happy to receive any suggestions which you may think proper to offer, with a view to extend the facilities of this line of communication to our citizens..." Signed by David Henshaw (Secretary of the Navy under President Tyler),

Two important and useful letters relating to the transport of mail across the Isthmus of Panama.

Estimate: \$750 - \$1,000



Panama

Navy Departments August 19, 1843. Sino I have the honor to enclose a copy of a communication, received at this Department, from mmelson Egg. Us Consul at Panama, in relation to the fostage on letters overlands from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Department has been engaged for some time in making arrangements for establishing a regular communications between the two Oceans via the Isthmus of Panama; and Contemplates Lending a facket from Some fort in the United States to Chagres, on the 1st of every mouths. I shall be happy to receive from you any suggestions which you may thinks proper to offer, with a view to actend the facilities of this line of communication to our Citizens; and also what port in the United States you would recommend as most suitable to depart from O. I have the honor to be x? How CAWiekliffe David Venshaw Port master Gen.

From Lot 20137

Peru



20138 Scarce Use to Foreign Destination

1863 1 Peseta Brown tied by LIMA 29 AGO 63 c.d.s. on folded cover to Bordeaux, endorsed "Via Panama," GB / 2F87 / 5c/10 accountancy marking and French entry c.d.s. ANGL. / AMB CALAIS alongside, taxed 24 décimes on arrival, reverse bears Callao (British P.O.) and UK transits plus BORDEAUX 1 OCT 63 arrival, Very Fine usage of the 1P on a cover going abroad.

Estimate: \$1,200 - \$1,500

20139 Extraordinary Usage of the "Llamita" Stamp

2c Llamita, TWO examples used on cover from Lima to Florence together with 5c Trencito, tied by LIMA 27 ABR 874 c.d.s., plus a matching cover from the same correspondence dated a month previous and bearing two 5c Trencito singles. Each has been charged 23 decimes due for sea and Italian postage and bear postage due stamps for the equivalent, 2.30L. Reverse bears Callao and London transits. With Brian Moorhouse and Holcombe certificates.

The usage of the two 2c Llamitas on cover is quite extraordinary, and full documentation regarding the passage of these covers is included in the lot. As there are **only two recorded usages of the Llamita on cover**, this ranks as one of the top items of Peruvian Philately.

Estimate: \$40,000 - \$50,000



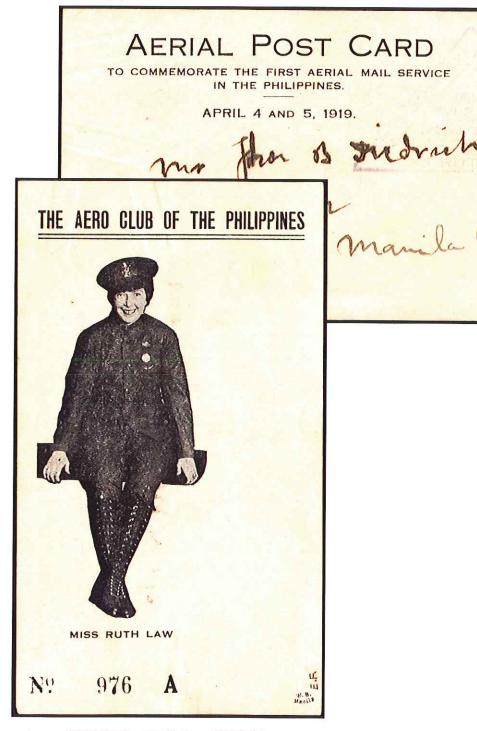
Peru





Lot 20139

Philippines



20140→ Miss Ruth Law" Flight

Official postcard commemorating the **first Aerial Mail Service in the Philippines** bearing special triangular cancel tying 26c definitive, Very Fine and scarce. (Müller 30,000 points)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



Polish Levant



20141 Margistered & Military Censored Cover During Russo-Polish War

1919 50f "LEVANT" overprints in pair tied to small cover by 1-III 20 Polish Post in Constantinople c.d.s., sent registered to Bielsko-Biala (Galicia) and showing several different censors: octagonal handstamp tying franking; small circular W / 12 applied in Warsaw and tying label (at left) indicating the cover was opened and resealed there; large red & white seal at top with red serifed "CENZUROWANO" handstamp on the reverse portion. The handstamped registry box has manuscript "119" indicative of the low annual use of this service.

Very few registered covers from this Office are known. With the additional censor markings, this is **one of the most important covers known** from this rare Levant office.

Expertise: signed and certified by Mikulski (1980) who writes, "Sehr seltener Postbeleg..." and "sehr schön."

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$6,000

Polish Levant





Extremely Rare Non-Philatelic Use of the "P.P.C." Overprints 20142 💌

1920 5f, 25f & 50f values with well-struck overprints tied by single-circle Polish Post c.d.s. dated 2 XII 1920 to gorgeous hand-painted picture postcard sent REGISTERED to Warsaw, backstamped with (16 XII 20) and circled "Wr 1" censor handstamp as well as bold registration box handstamp.

Perhaps the most outstanding, and certainly the most beautiful, item from the Polish Post Office in Constantinople, and a fantastic showpiece for the Levant Foreign Offices collector. Sold by our company in 1993 for CHF 16,000 + buyer fee.

Note: the translated message reads, "Sending you a Constantinople beauty. Kissing you strongly. Towards seeing each other quickly. Your sister Janka", dated "29/XI 1920" and addressed to "Wlodzimierz Rachmanoff" (later a celebrated philatelist and author)

Estimate: \$7,000 - \$10,000



WORLD RARITIES

Polish Levant



20143 Extremely Scarce Use of Polish Stamps from Constantinople

March 4, 2011

Pair of 1920-22 1M Eagles and strip of three 6M Uhlan on Horseback all tied by three strikes of the Polish Post Constantinople single-circle c.d.s. of 7-IV. 1921 to registered cover sent to Krakow and received there on 12 April (backstamp). Reportedly the only such cover known to Krakow, and a superb small-format showpiece. Also shows faint censor handstamp on front. Signed Ryblewski and L. Schmutz.

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$6,000

Portugal - Madeira



From Lot 20144

Portugal - Madeira



20144 Marked 1873-80, Selection of six covers addressed to either France, Germany or the UK, all franked by King Luiz 1871-80 issue: 1875 cover to France with the rare 240r violet, another 240r on cover to the UK, two covers each with a pair of the 80r orange going to Germany, 50r blue on cover to France, and 50r green on cover to London.

A very rare group, mostly Fine or Very Fine condition.

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$12,000

Portuguese India



20145 🗷 Scarce Multiple Franking

1881 Cover to Bombay franked by Crown-type 1881 1 1/2 on 20r in **strip of four** tied by barred "A" obliterator, departure and BOMBAY OCT 6 arrival c.d.s. alongside, cover slightly soiled, a rare franking. **Estimate:** \$700 - \$1,000

Rhodesia



20146 * "Double Head" Error Of Color

1910-13 £1 Queen Mary & King George V, error of color in Scarlet and Reddish Mauve on white wove paper, showing the variety "Line in King's eyebrow," which corresponds to position fifteen of the plate, unused with original gum and lightly hinged, few minor imperfections in the gum, as is the case with nearly all regular examples of the £1 stamp, Very Fine, 2010 Sismondo certificate, stating that only two sheets of fifty stamps were printed using the "hook plate" so only two examples can exist with this plate variety. (SG 166b, £10,000+)

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000

Romania



20147 O A Beautiful "Bull"

1858 27 Parale black on rose, large margins, neatly cancelled by blue-green double-circle "BERLAD 11/8 MOLDOVA" cds, two light corner creases well outside design, Very Fine and rare. Only 5 examples are known used from Berlad.

Expertise: Heimbüchler certificate

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000



20148 © Exceptional Used Example

1854 54 Parale green on blue green, a superlative example with outsized even margins and partial face-free "FOKSCANI / MOLDOVA" double-circle d.s., excellent fresh color and essentially sound (trivial imperfections at extreme edges, faint trace of horizontal bend), Extremely Fine and with distinguished provenance.

Background: Heimbüchler census 316/1 (wrongly attributed to Caspary)

Expertise: Signed Friedl, A. Diena, E. Diena, Sorani and others, with Heimbüchler certificate

Provenance: A. Rothschild (1948), Amundsen (1969, described as "truly a 'Connoisseur's' stamp")

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$8,000



Russia



20149 Rare Incoming Mail from Occupied France

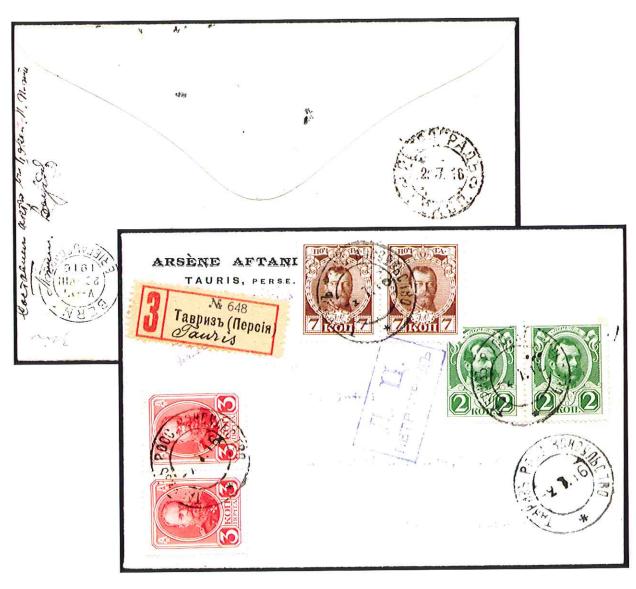
1871 Cover from Prussian-occupied France (Chalons sur Marne) to St. Petersburg franked at 80c rate with Alsace-Lorraine 25c dark brown in pair + 20c blue + 10c bister, all tied by clear strikes of scarce German Feldpost-relais n° 19 c.d.s., "Franco" handstamp, with clear St. Petersbourg 16.02.71 backstamp.

These stamps were used only during 16 months and foreign destinations are always very rare; only a very few covers are known to Russia, and they are much rarer than Balloons from the Paris Siege, almost unique.

Expertise: Signed R. Goebel, Roumet

Estimate: \$8,000 - \$10,000

Russia Used Abroad



20150 🗷 Used Abroad from Tauris, PERSIA

1916 Registered cover from Tabriz to Switzerland franked with pairs of the 1913 Romanov 2k, 3k and 7k values, all tied by TAVRIZ ROSS. KONSULSTVO 2.7.16 c.d.s. (Tchil. fig. 303), Petrograd censor marking alongside, BERN 23 VIII 16 arrival backstamp, Very Fine and scarce.

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Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,200

Russian Levant



1863 - 1866

Issued in Black Sea towns for correspondence to the East. Inscribed as 'Dispatch under crossed band to the East, 6 kop. per lot'. Typographed at St. Petersburg. No cover has been recorded up to date.



6k. pale blue, thin paper



6k. blue, medium paper



6k. indigo, chalky paper



RUSSIAN POST OFFICES

in OTTOMAN EMPIRE

1865

HORIZONTAL NETWORK





2pi. pale blue and rose



1865 (April 9th) Cover from Smyrna to Tripoli franked with extraordinarily 1865 2pi deep blue&rose and 2pi pale blue&rose of horizontal network cancelled by ROPIT/SMYRNA single ring ds. Both stamps are first printings. *Ex. Caspary*

VERTICAL NETWORK



10pa. rose and blue



20i, blue and rose



IN OTTOMAN EMPIRE

USAGE OF HANDSTRUCK STAMP BY ROPIT



1860 (11.5) Prepaid stampless entire from Smyrne to Chios tied by boxed P.P. (Port Paye) and rectangular COMPAGNIE RUSSE – SMYRNE handstamp. These cachets were used on most Levant ports until stamps issued by the Company.

1865

RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM SHIPPING AND TRADE (ROPIT)

Stamps issued by this Company which had an agreement with the Russian Postal Administration under which the offices of the Company's Agencies in the Levant acted as postal branches. Imperforated, lithographed at Odessa.







2pi. blue and red



IN OTTOMAN EMPIRE

1876

SURCHARGED PROVISIONALS

8k on 10k HORIZONTALLY LAID PAPER







1876 (21. October) Entire letter from Istanbul to Taganrog tied by pair of black surcharged 8k on 10k and cancelled KONSTANTIN (abbreviated form of Konstantinopol) single circle alongside 26. October arrival cancel. Reverse Odessa transit datestamp. Ex. Wiesenthal

Russian Levant



20151 (*) © Excellent Comprehensive Exhibit Collection

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1860-1921, Impressive exhibition collection beautifully mounted on 120 pages showing a wealth of stamps, cancels and usages, including:

- 1863 6k comprising the three different papers
- -ROPIT 1865 10pa unused and 2pi used, horizontal network 2pi (2) on cover **ex-Caspary**, 1876 & 1879 surcharges incl. covers, later issues showing a wealth of frankings, cancels, destinations, reg'd, etc.
- Wrangel Army: four covers
- The various **agencies** with a wealth of cancellations incl. Rize (Tchil. Type 1), Giresun (ex Lipschutz), Ordu cover to Trabzon with 7k tied by (Tchil. 1), believed to be unique, Samsoun, Sinop postal card with Tchil. 1 (no document recorded) ex Kuyas, Inebolu 1899 cover (ex Lipschutz), complete 1899 newspaper franked by 2k (ex Lipschutz), rare mixed franking of Russia postal stationery and Russian Levant, Postal receipts, scarce usages of town ovpt. issus, 1892 cover from Odessa to Mount Athos with Russia 1882 7k and Turkey 1892 1pi postage due, 1869 Iskenderun to Beyruth, useful Jaffa & Jerusalem usages, etc. **A solid foundation** which is very seldom encountered or available intact.

Estimate: \$20,000 - \$30,000



Russian Levant



20152 Malexandretta Cancel Unlisted in Tchilinghirian

1871 Folded entire from Alexandretta to Genova, franked by Russian Levant 1868 1k and 5k on horizontally laid paper, perf. 11 1/2, and tied by blue "782" in dotted lozenges, large circular ALEXANDRETTA AGENCY ROPIT, 6 AUG. 1871 on reverse, sent through the Italian P.O. in Alexandria to Genova where an Italian 60c postage due was applied and cancelled GENOVA 13 AUG 1871, Holcombe certificate.

An extremely rare example of an Alexandretta postmark which is unlisted in Tchilinghirian

Estimate: \$6,000 - \$8,000



Samoa - New Zealand Occupation



20153 * 1914 G. R. I. 3s on 3M dark violet of German Samoa, mint, small stain spot on reverse otherwise Very Fine and scarce, signed Hoffmann-Giesecke. (Scott 112; SG 113)

Estimate: \$600 - \$800

Auction Bids

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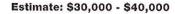


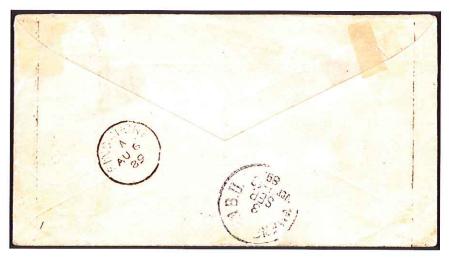
Sarawak



20154 M The Unique First Issue Cover

1869 First Issue James Brooke 3c brown on yellow in combination with 1871 Charles Brooke 3c brown on yellow and 1875 8c bright blue on blue, all neatly tied by either SARAWAK / 4 AUG 89 c.d.s. or boxed SARAWAK POST OFFICE / REGISTERED LETTER / DATED 4 AUG 89 handstamp. Though clearly a late usage when later issues were available, this is the only known cover with the first issue as franking. An extremely attractive, most important and unique exhibition showpiece.





Reverse showing transit & backstamp (75% actual size)

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Serbia





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50CAHCKA BJECTHAK.

Вјестник излави сваке Суботе. Цјена лу годину 60 гроша турских ван поштамска такса у овом вилајету изпоси за цјелу оша. Предбројницима у Аустрији или з овај лист s фор. у банкнотама заједно с но без штемила.

Број 19.

Предплату прима Сопронова Печатња у Сарајеву за сву Босну, Херцеговину и Стару Србију. За Бугарску, Влашку и Аустријску царевину: Сопронова Печатња у Земуну. За Србију: књижара гг. Велимира Валожића и А. Добровојевића. Огласи примају се и на турском језику по 1 грош од стубног реда.

Сарајево, 13. Августа.

ије закључено је и између Италије. Оно гласи на сље, то јест до двадесетгуста, али ће непрекидно съед новог образовање и повећања у сили пруске државе Те новине нагађају, као да постоје о том предмету договарања између владе пруске и француске, а неке иду још даље, на веле, да се гроф Бис-

се да богме великим силама, које су подписале уговор, дужност и жеља, да би се та питања донијела пред велики европски рјешавајући суд." "... За сад прво затим стоји, да ли ће интереси образованости и подписа

20155 M The Famous 2 Para Used on Bosnian Newspaper

1866 2 Para Red Lilac Brown on lilac gray, second printing (Scott 3a), very fresh and tied by very clear framed NAPLACENO of Karantin Raca border post office to "BOSANSKI VJESTNIK" newspaper of 13 August 1866. The framed paid cancellation NAPLACENO is distinctive to the KARANTIN RACA Post Office. Karantin Raca (also Ratscha) is on the border between Bosnia and Serbia, at the extreme north-west of the country, on the confluence of the Drina and Sava rivers. The newspaper was printed in Sarajevo, and thus had to bear a 2 Para stamp for transmission in Serbia. This handstamp is also known used on other single stamps of this issue, including a 1 Para (Brodtbeck 8071, expertised Velickovic) and a 2 Para (Rasic p.33, fig. NS. 10). The handstamp was delivered to Karantin Raca on 18 June 1866, eight weeks before this newspaper was printed. The stamp is clearly tied to the newspaper, and examination at 50x magnification reveals the ink to be consistent both on the stamp and the newspaper. The newspaper probably bore an address label originally, which has since been removed (traces of a bluish-green label can be seen at top left). Included with this lot is a 2pa red lilac brown on lilac-gray, plate pos 9, very wide margins all round, cancelled by the boxed "NAPLACENO" of the Karantin Raca post-office (only a few used examples recorded) with Velickovic certificate which states "one of the finest" single examples. This stamp is definitive proof of the general use of the Karantin Raca cancel on this issue.

This franked newspaper is considered the most important rarity in Serbian philately

Background: Illustrated by Rasic, pp. 33-34, and Kardosch, p. 126

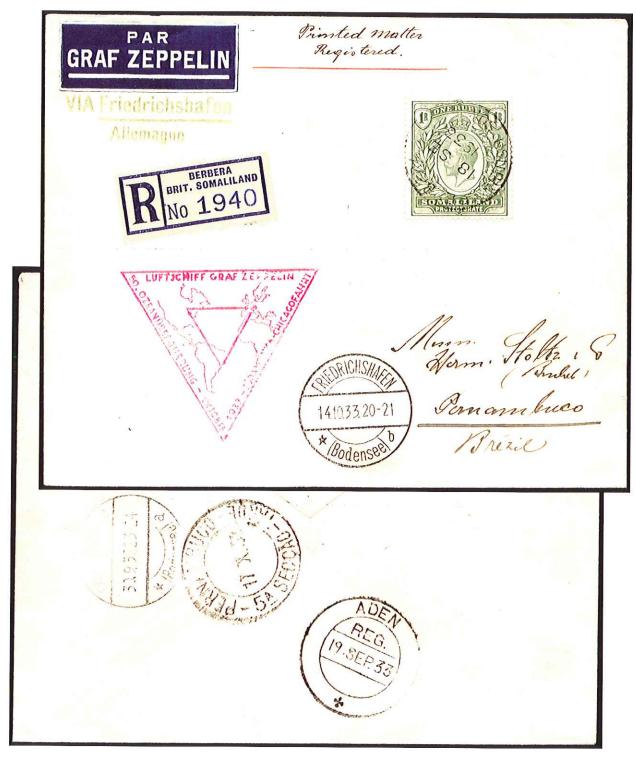
Expertise: Signed Bloch, Calves, Kardosch; RPS certificate

Provenance: Alphonse de Rothschild, John Boker Jr., Colin Barrand & Velizar Kardosch

Estimate: \$30,000 - \$50,000



Somaliland Protectorate



20156 → № 1933 Registered Zeppelin cover from Berbera to Pernambuco, Brazil, with 1921 1r value cancelled at BERBERA / BRITISH SOMALILAND 18 SE 33, Friedrichshafen transit below, Aden transit on reverse as well as PERNAMBUCO 17 X 33 arrival, scarce.

Estimate: \$1,500 - \$2,000



Sudan



20157 → ™ The Famous 1914 Marc Pourpe Khartoum-Cairo Flight

1914 (17 January) 5M postal stationery entire bearing extra 1903 3M and 5M adhesives tied by KHARTOUM 17 JAN 14 c.d.s. on envelope to Cairo, large POSTE AERIENNE / L.N.A / MARC POURPE / 1913-14 / CAIRE - KHARTOUM cachet alongside, reverse bears CAIRO 21 JA 14 arrival c.d.s., Very Fine, E. Diena certificate. See lot 20031 for a Marc Pourpe cover flown in the other direction.

An exceedingly rare airmail item (Müller 60,000 points!),

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$6,000



ZURICH - Scarce Cancel 20158 ①

1843 4r Zurich Numeral, type IV, with full to large margins all around, showing complete dividing lines at left and bottom, with rare black rosette cancel (usually used in Winterthur or a peripheral area of Zurich), the red vertical lines have faded, Very Fine, accompanied with 1993 A. von der Weid certificate. (Scott 1L1) Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000



20159 🗷 **ZURICH - Plate Variety on Cover**

1843 4r Zurich Numeral, type V, with full to large margins all around, showing complete dividing lines at left and right, tied by red rosette cancel to local folded cover, the stamp presents the plate variety "black line inside the figure 4," lifted for examination and replaced, red cancel "Boite" on reverse, Very Fine, accompanied with 1996 Trüssel certificate. (Scott 1L1)

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000







ZURICH - Attractive Classic Variety 20160 ①

1846 4r Zurich Numeral, type II, with full to large margins all around, visible red horizontal lines and light rosette cancel, Very Fine, signed A. von der Weid, with 1949 A. Fiecchi, 2006 Marchand and 2006 Roumet certificates. (Scott 1L3)

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000



GENEVA - the "Double Geneva" 20161 ①

1843 10c Double Geneva with large margins, showing complete dividing line at right and portions of dividing lines on top and bottom sides, detailed impression and nicely cancelled on center by bright red rosette, Extremely Fine, 2006 Berra-Gautschy certificate. (Scott 2L1)

One of the rarest stamps of classic Switzerland, in an excellent state of preservation and Estimate: \$20,000 - \$25,000 exceptionally attractive.



GENEVA - the "Double Geneva" 20162 ①

1843 10c Double Geneva with large margins (except at top), detailed impression and nicely cancelled by two bright red rosettes, Very Fine and quite attractive, 1988 Weid and 1970 Hunziker certificates. (Scott 2L1)

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One of the rarest stamps of classic Switzerland.

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$15,000





20163 🗷 GENEVA - the "Double Geneva" on Cover to Dardagny

1843 10c Double Geneva with large margins on three sides and just barely touched at top right, showing portions of dividing lines at right and bottom sides, detailed impression and nice centered bright red rosette cancel, on small folded letter bearing red Geneva Feb. 14, 1844 double-ring c.d.s., addressed to the distant suburban village of Dardagny. The cover has a horizontal central fold well clear of the adhesive, a Fine and rare stamp on cover, 2006 M. Eichele certificate. (Scott 2L1)

Estimate: \$20,000 - \$25,000





20164 BASEL - the "Basel Dove" on Local Cover

1845 2 1/2r Basel Dove with large margins on two sides and clear to just touching on the other two, tied on folded letter by two red Basel May. 22, 1849 double-ring c.d.s., stamp with strong embossing and good colors, addressed to local destination in Basel with distribution backstamp, Very Fine, excellent state of preservation, 2006 Raybaudi certificate. (Scott 3L1)

The stamp features a white embossed dove and is the world's first tri-colored stamp. A local rate of 2 1/2 Rappen was introduced for letters weighing up to 1 lot (15 1/2 grams) to be carried within the city of Basel.

Estimate: \$15,000 - \$20,000



20165 BASEL - the "Basel Dove" on Local Cover

1845 2 1/2r Basel Dove with large margins nearly all around and showing traces of adjoining stamp at top, tied on folded letter by red Basel Jun. 7, 1848 double-ring c.d.s., stamp with strong embossing and good colors, addressed locally with receiving backstamp. Cover has two file folds clear of adhesive, stamp has minor tear entirely in the bottom selvage not mentioned in the certificate, Very Fine, signed by Champion and Fulpius, accompanied with 1972 A. Nussbaum certificate. (Scott 3L1)

The stamp features a white embossed dove and is the world's first tri-colored stamp. A local rate of 2 1/2 Rappen was introduced for letters weighing up to 1 lot (15 1/2 grams) to be carried within the city of Basel.

Estimate: \$15,000 - \$20,000

Togo - Anglo-French Occupation



20166 • A British Africa Rarity: "Occupation" Double

1914 2M Blue, wide setting overprint, with variety "OCCUPATION" double, lightly cancelled with clear 1914 c.d.s., Very Fine, RPS certificate. (Scott 45b, unpriced; SG 11a, £13,000)

March 4, 2011

Provenance: Marquis of Bute

Estimate: \$7,000 - \$8,000



Turkey - Cilicia

Divided into two parts and comprising 198 postal history items neatly mounted and described. The first part shows the usage of handstamped Cilicie, T.E.O. Cilicie overprinted Ottoman stamps and O.M.F. Cilicie surcharged French stamps or the combination of both and the second part shows the usage of E.E.F. stamps in the region.

Better items from the first part include a parcel card franked with Turkey 1pi (3) and 25pi, tied by Feb. 2, 1919 datestamps and possibly representing the latest postal document recorded from Cilicia under Ottoman rule; a censored cover franked with various T.E.O. Cilicie overprinted stamps and large script T.E.O. Cilicie handstamped 10pa, which is one of two known non-philatelic usages of the large script handstamp and considered as one of the great rarities of Cilician postal history; a registered cover franked with four of the very rare 1pia on 25c (Paris Print) on front & six 70pa tobacco tax stamps on reverse; registered-insured cover with very rare combination franking of T.E.O. overprinted 1pi French Levant and thin O.M.F. Cilicie overprinted (Paris Print) 1pi on 25c & 5pi on 40c. Also included are a cover from the headquarters of Col. Bremond and franked with eighteen stamps on front & reverse, all tied by Adana 4.3.19 postmarks, representing the earliest Cilicie cover recorded and considered as first day cover (ex Mayo, Ozand); a cover from Bekaa to Zahle franked with pair of 20pa on 10c, which represents a rare usage of Cilician stamps in Syria; a cover believed to be unique from Mersine to Marseilles franked with two 70pa tobacco tax stamps and tied by boxed "Controles Interallies en Turquie Mersine Le Cabotage" and bearing "Marine Nationale Base Naval de Mersina" anchor cachet; airmail mixed franked cover with 5pi Egypt Expeditionary Forces (E.E.F.), two 10pa on 5c & two blocks of six 1pi on 25c French stamps on reverse, which is probably the only properly used airmail mixed franking cover recorded; registered cover with 50pi solo franking, showing partially double handstamp variety and representing a very rare usage; unique 1pi registry entire franked with block of six 20pa (less than 100 issued), showing two stamps with double handstamps and one with handstamp on bottom; another unique 1pi registry entire franked with block of six 20pa (less than 100 issued), showing one stamp without handstamp and three stamps with handstamp on bottom.

The second part shows the usage of E.E.F. stamps in the region, and better items include a unique philatelic commemorative sheet with most of the E.E.F. issues tied by 17.04.20 Djey-Han c.d.s.; parcel card franked with E.E.F. 9pi, three 2pi on 50c Merson type and T.E.O. overprint 1pi on 25c, the earliest recorded usage of the latter stamp; a registered cover franked with E.E.F. 2pi, 1pi on 25c first Beyrouth print & 70pa Ottoman tobacco tax stamp with misplaced overprint variety (triple mixed frankings are very rare); a registered cover with E.E.F. 9pi, 10pi & 20pi stamps (highest franking recorded); picture postcard with E.E.F. 4m tied by Alexandrette c.d.s. and showing alongside an unrecorded (and only known) Sandjak Alexandrette censor hs; two censored covers, each franked with E.E.F. 1pi and bearing a very rare Cilicie censor oval hs (one of only three known covers). Also includes probably unique registered cover with 2 annas Indian stamp with I.E.F. (Indian Expeditionary Force) overprint tied by F.P.O. No. 310 circular hs of the Indian 19th Brigade, 7th Division, that occupied the Adana region in 1919; India 2 annas registered entire cancelled by F.P.O. No. 7 circular hs of the Indian 5th Cavalry Unit of the 13th Brigade, located in Amanous Camp in Aintab in 1919 (only recorded postal stationery item).

Very Fine throughout. Most covers are very fresh and in an extraordinary state of preservation. An outstanding collection in a very interesting area of philately which includes many early and probably unique uses and would be extremely difficult to duplicate.

Estimate: \$30,000 - \$40,000



WORLD RARITIES



USA - Brattleboro, Vermont Postmaster's Provisional

20167 🗷 The Unique Double Franking

Background

Between the establishment of uniform national postage rates in 1845 and the issue of national adhesive postage stamps in 1847, postmasters could mark letters as "paid" or indicate the amount due from the recipient. Since prepayment was finally an option, postmasters in several towns found ways to indicate this: handstamps on mail handled at the post office, envelopes with pre-payment shown for posting outside of normal hours, and - in only 8 different towns, by means of adhesive postage stamps.

New York was first in 1845, and its stamps were considered a trial for the national issue of 1847. In Brattleboro, Vermont, a small town on the Connecticut River in the southeast corner of the state, postmaster Frederick N. Palmer, a young music teacher, issued stamps for the 5 cents letter rate. These were produced from a plate of 10 subjects (two rows of five) engraved and printed by Thomas Chubbuck of Brattleboro. Official records are silent, but it is likely based on surviving items that the stamps were issued during the summer of 1846.

Only some 400 - 500 stamps were sold, at 5 cents each. Dr. Palmer's out-of-pocket cost for their production, \$9, was not reimbursed by the national Post Office Department. His initials, "FNP," were the central feature of the design. The printer retained one sheet which he sold, and it belonged to dealer J.W. Scott in 1870. Though the stamps were cut apart and sold to various collectors, the original plating of the stamp, including many of the Chubbuck stamps, was finally accomplished in the 1920s by R.W. Lapham, with the help of dealer and scholar Warren H. Colson. The reconstruction remained intact until it was sold in the 1989 auction of the Weill Brothers' stock.

The soft, porous paper used for these stamps has meant that nearly all the surviving examples show scuffs or thins to some extent; sound examples are among the rarest of the rare. In addition, the somewhat tight spacing on the printing plate meant that stamps having four margins are the exception.

The Brattleboro stamps became obsolete with the appearance in mid-1847 of the first government issue, the 5 cents Franklin and 10 cents Washington designs.

The Unique Double Franking

Double letter sheet with one leaf being a letter from Hannah Wells to her brother (the addressee), with the outer leaf having a letter from the addressee's friend H. Freme. Written and posted on February 17, 1847.

The writer states, "I received the inclosed letter yesterday..." indicating a third sheet was enclosed, so the combined letter exceeded the half ounce single weight letter rate.

At the post office counter, first one stamp was applied and struck by red "PAID" cancel. Then, as the postmaster realised a double 5 cents rate was necessary, a second stamp was applied and similarly cancelled. The letter received a third strike of the "PAID" postmark (at center) and also the Feb. 17 town datestamp.

Sent to James Wells in Hartford, Connecticut, with the recipient's docketing of the senders and the date of posting on reverse.

Plating

The stamps are from positions 9 and 10 of the sheet of ten (see enlargement of the stamps reproduced herein). Each has three large margins and is clear at the bottom. Exceptionally, each stamp is mechanically sound, with none of the small scuffs usually found due to the soft paper.

Provenance

Discovered in 1936 in Hartford, Connecticut as part of the Wells correspondence, together with two other letters with single Brattleboro provisionals. It became part of the Caspary collection (1955, Sale 1), then the Weill Brothers stock, the Peter DuPuy collection and the Phillip Wall collection (realized \$200,000 "hammer" when auctioned in 2007). Certified by the Philatelic Foundation in 1989.

Illustrated in David Lidman's "Treasury of Stamps" (p. 59) and the famous Life magazine feature, "World's Rarest Stamps" (May 3, 1954) on the same page as the two Alexandria postmaster provisional covers incl. the Blue Boy, the Lockport NY provisional on cover, the 2c and 13c Hawaiian Missionary covers, the Parma Italy tete-beche pair on cover, and the Mauritius Bordeaux cover.





USA - Brattleboro, Vermont Postmaster's Provisional

A "Crown Jewel" of the USA Postmasters' Provisionals



Lot 20167

Estimate: \$200,000 - \$300,000

"This is regarded without exception as the most important Brattleboro cover extant, and it ranks among the most outstanding covers in United States philately" - Scott Trepel

Census of Surviving Examples

There remain **no unused** examples of this stamp; all of the ones in the sheet retained by engraver/printer Chubbuck had small red ink crosses, by which they can be identified.

A total of 52 Brattleboro provisional stamps are recorded. Of these, 32 are singles including a few on pieces, and 20 on 19 covers. There is no recorded multiple of any size.

The outstanding item among the covers is this one, franked by two stamps - the only one which shows prepayment of the double weight letter rate.

Stamps off cover (all used) 32

Single stamp usages on cover18

Cover with two singles 1 (= 2 stamps)

Total items 51; Total stamps 52



Detail of the Franking

USA - New York, NY Postmaster's Provisional



20168 🗷 Extraordinary Use to TRIESTE via London

1845 5c Black on bluish, "ACM" initials (with "AC" connected), tied by blue pen strokes on October 15th, 1845 entire to Trieste forwarded through London, manuscript "care of Jas. Lang Esq, 55 Old Broad St., London" with red "PAID" are handstamp alongside and London backstamp; repaired internal cover tear left of address panel. Very Fine appearance, 2005 PF certificate. (Scott 9X1)

Attractive cover and rare usage to overseas, especially to this destination.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000

USA - First Issue



20169 O Important Plate Variety

1847 10c Black, position 68R1 with vertical line through the second "F" in "OFFICE," three full even margins and ample at top, sharp impression, dark shade nicely contrasted by a bright red square grid cancel, Very Fine example of this distinctive plate position, 1984 PF certificate. (Scott 2)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



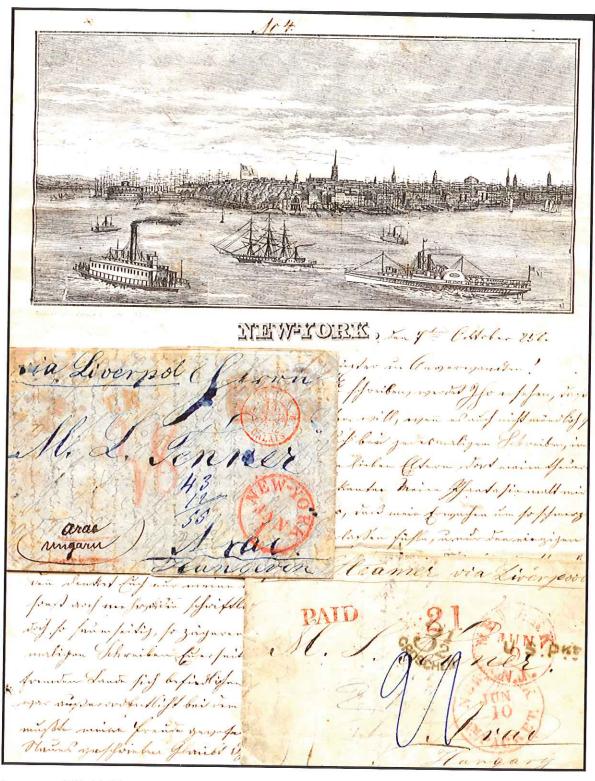
20170 🗷 Unique Gold Rush Letter from the First "Via Nicaragua" Transit

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1849 Folded entire from San Juan dated March 28, 1849 to Philadelphia written by a passenger on the first trip of the "Gordon's Passenger Line" of New York carrying 130 people to transit Nicaragua and ultimately seeking to reach the California gold fields. Sent by sailing ship "Eudora", entered U.S. mail system at Galveston, Texas May 7th.

Only recorded cover from the first trip.

Estimate: \$1,500 - \$2,000



20171
1850-51, Three stampless folded entires from a correpondence to Arad, Hungary, sent from either Newark or New York by US or French Packet, one with spectacular engraving showing New York around 1850, a Very Fine trio to a most unusual destination.

Estimate: \$1,000 -1,500



20172 M "Chicago Perforation" on Rare R. K. Swift Cover

1851-57 3c Brownish Carmine, rich color, showing clearly the famous unofficial "Chicago Perforation" 12 1/2 at left and through top of design with traces at right, tied by "Chicago III. Oct. 27, 1858" c.d.s. on cover to Hopkinsville KY., cover faults at left clear of stamp, Very Fine appearance. (Scott 11 variety)

The cover originated from R. K. Swift & Co. based on handwriting match with other Swift covers. The expert on the subject, the late W. Wilson Hulme, recorded only ten covers from R.K. Swift, who actively promoted the perforating machine designed by his friend Hadley. The ten covers include five that do not bear the name of R. K. Swift, but can be tied to the company (incl. the Tremont House corner card written by Swift himself), and four (including this cover) that have handwriting that matches the writing on one of the two known Swift corner card covers. Hulme also had two additional non-Chicago perf covers in his collection from Swift & Co. with matching handwriting.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000



20173 ⊙ 1857 30c Orange, well-centered within uncharacteristically wide margins for this issue, long full perfs all around, an Extremely Fine Gem worthy of the finest collection, 1994 PF & 2003 PSE certificates. (Scott 38)

Estimate: \$750 - \$1,050



20174 (*) 1875 90c Washington Re-Issue, deep rich color on white paper, having a marvelous overall freshness, no gum as issued, Extremely Fine, 1988 PF certificate. (Scott 47, \$4,500)

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000



















1867-68 Grill Varieties Study 20175 0

"E" grills incl. 1c double grill, one split; two 2c with double grills (one accompanied by 1960 PF certificate); 3c double grill, one vertical, other horizontal; 12c and 15c double grills; "F" grills incl. two 2c with split grills, one unused with portion of adjoining stamp at bottom, other used; 3c (six) incl. 3 split grills, 2 double grills, and one double grill, one split; 5c (2 dark shades) one split grill; 10c and 12c double grills; 12c end roller grill; 15c quadruple split grill & 24c split grill; 21 of these stamps have fancy cancels, Nos. 88 & 95a creases and No. 91 repaired, overall Fine-Very Fine and useful lot for the grill specialist. (Scott 86/99, \$8,635)

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000











20176 (*) ⊙ 1869 Grill Variety Study

comprising the following used examples: 2c double grill, 3c quadruple split grill, 6c triple grill, one split (unrecorded) & 15c type II horizontal split grill, also additional unused no gum example of the 3c with end roller grill and right selvage, Fine-Very Fine. (Scott 113/119) (5)

Estimate: \$500 - \$750



20177 • 1870 Grilled 10c National, remarkably centered with well-balanced margins, deep dark shade and proof-like impression on bright white paper, well-struck small quartered cork cancel and red circular datestamp, Extremely Fine, a beautiful stamp, 2006 PSE certificate graded XF 90. (SMQ \$1,200) (Scott 139)

Estimate: \$750 - \$1,000



20178 © 1870-75 Large Banknotes, group of ten stamps including many grill varieties and most with fancy cancels, comprising no. 136 with end roller grill; three no. 137 incl. double grill (one split, closed tear, 1995 PF cert.), end roller grill & "I" grill; three no. 138 incl. double grill, end roller grill (corner creases, 1988 PF cert.) & "I" grill with NYM ST-8P11 cancel (2009 Weiss cert.); two no. 139 incl. double grill (tiny internal cut at top, 2003 PSE cert.) & end roller grill; and no. 178c unused with original gum (1980 PF cert.), mostly Fine-Very Fine. (Scott 136/178c)

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000





20179 ** 1879 Ic American Banknote issue, a gorgeous Never Hinged example with brilliant color on bright paper, extremely well-centered and handsome, Extremely Fine and undergraded, 2007 PSE certificate graded XF 90. (SMQ \$2,450) (Scott 182)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500

20180 ** 1890 2c Lake, deep color on bright paper, sharp proof-like impression, choice centering with wide margins top and bottom, Never Hinged, Very Fine, 2010 PF certificate. (Scott 219D)

Estimate: \$600 - \$900



20181 ⊙ 1893 \$2 Columbian, nicely centered and clear impression, with duplex cancel, Extremely Fine, 2008 PSE certificate. (Scott 242)

Estimate: \$500 - \$750



20182 ** 1898 \$2 Trans-Mississippi, rich color and highly detailed impression, Never Hinged, Fine, 2005 PF certificate. (Scott 293)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$6,000



 $1898\,\$2\,Trans\text{-}Mississippi, exceptionally well-centered amid massive margins that are very all the context of the context$ 20183 * rarely seen on this notoriously small-margined issue, rich color, lightly hinged original gum, Extremely Fine, a fabulous stamp, 2007 PSE graded XF-Sup 95. (Scott 293; SMQ \$5,600)

Estimate: \$4,500 - \$5,500



1901 4c Pan-American, Inverted Center, deep rich colors and nice centering, slightly 20184 * disturbed original gum, hinge remnant and small repair, Very Fine, 1999 PF certificate.

> The 4c Pan-American Invert was a special printing and not regularly issued. It is well known that these stamps were removed from mounting paper, so they are generally thinned or have seriously disturbed gum. (Scott 296a)

> > Estimate: \$15,000 - \$20,000



Vending Machine Rarity Used on Cover 20185 🗷

1912 2c Dark Carmine tied by Jul. 16, 1914 Cleveland O. machine cancel on cover with manuscript inscription "Foss Vending Machine" at bottom left, the stamp showing gripper marks caused by a vending machine, Very Fine, accompanied by 2004 PF Certificate stating that "it is a genuine usage, stamp slightly oxidized, but the manufacturer cannot be determined," exceedingly rare. (Scott 413 variety)

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000



1912 \$1 Franklin perf. 10 single line watermark, lightly hinged at top center otherwise 20186 * pristine with jumbo margins all around, deep rich color and proof-like impression on bright paper, Extremely Fine, 1995 PF & 2008 PSE certificates. (Scott 423)

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An outstanding "Jumbo" stamp; while we have seen Extremely Fine examples, this is by far the biggest.

Estimate: \$750 - \$1,000





20187 * 1918-20 2c Type V vertical pair, imperforate horizontally, top left sheet margin example with radiant color on bright paper, top stamp with few perforations touching the right portion of the design (probably due to difficulties in the alignment of the perforation machine), lightly hinged in top selvage, stamps Never Hinged, Fine-Very Fine, 2009 APS certificate. (Scott 527b)

Datz states that only 2 to 3 pairs are known, thus one of the rarest 20th Century errors.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000



* ■ 1925 Lexington-Concord set of corner blocks of four, all signed on top selvage by designer C.A. Houston, picture & lettering engravers J.C. Benzig & Edward M. Wicks, 1c & 2c also signed by L.S. Schofield & F. Pauling, all but two stamps Never Hinged, Fine-Very Fine. (Scott 617-619)



20189 PS 1953-55 Michigan Trout Stamp, unusual and interesting group of five items, comprising \$1 sheet of twenty with "Specimen" overprints in red and security punch holes, Never Hinged, two \$1 die proofs, one in green (125 x 84 mm), other in violet (96 x 100 mm), each with "10213" plate no. at bottom, additional \$1 small die proof in violet, also incl. \$1 black proof of the frame with red crayon markings and dated 10/4/54, Very Fine.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000



USA Waterbury Cancels: The William T. Crowe Collection

















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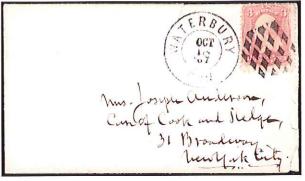














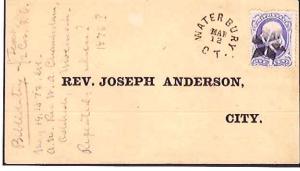


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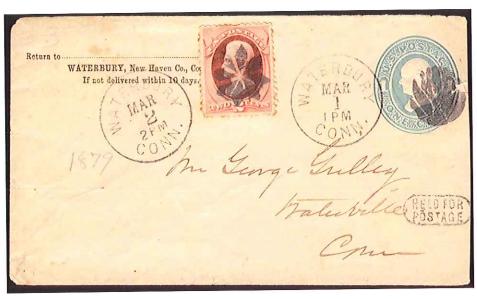




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USA Waterbury Cancels: The William T. Crowe Collection



20190 Materbury Connecticut Cancels on Cover

Collection formed by William T. Crowe, former Senior Expert of the Philatelic Foundation, an exceptional assembly of approximately 750 covers showing the diverse and beautiful postmarks, obliterators and fancy cancels of this extremely popular town, with over 600 covers bearing stamps tied by the gorgeous and highly desirable fancy cancel creations of Postmaster John Hill. The strength of the collection is the diverse array of cancels used from 1870 to 1890. In addition, as a direct result of Mr. Crowe's diligent study, the collection includes several covers which are the only recorded examples as well as a number of new types not reported in the Rohloff book. This study is Mr. Crowe's contribution to the popular area of Waterbury fancy cancels, which has attracted the interest of so many well known collectors such as Rohloff (who wrote the handbook), Houser, Matthies, Mechin, Jackson and Boker.

The collection includes over 200 different types classified per Rohloff, including the following Rohloff types: D-1 (3 recorded), D-3 in black and blue (the only Waterbury fancy cancel recorded in blue), D-5 (2 recorded), D-6 (1 recorded), 1869 Garden Paths (new listing; 3 recorded), D-14 (3 recorded), D-21 (2 recorded), Maltese Cross (new listing; 3 recorded), E-7 (Man with Derby – single off cover and cover; 3 recorded), F-3 (Chrysanthemum; 4 recorded), F-5 (2 recorded), F-10 (2 recorded), H-1A (3 recorded), H-15 (3 recorded), H-16 (2 recorded), H-22 & H-24 (3 recorded), J-4 (5 recorded), K-7 (4 recorded), K-9 (1 recorded), K-14 franked with 2c Black Jack (one of **only six known** Black Jack covers with a Waterbury fancy cancel), L-3 (1 recorded), L-19 (3 recorded), L-20 & L-22 (2 recorded), L-23 (1 recorded), L-24 (2 recorded), L-28 (2 recorded), L-39 (3 recorded), L-45 (3 recorded), N-5 (numeral "100"), O-6 (Mortar and Pestle, type 2), O-10 variety (Broken Hasp, 4 recorded), P-1 (2 recorded), P-5 & P-17 (3 recorded), S-4 & S-5 (4 recorded).

Mr. Crowe has identified the Rohloff type on the back of each cover. In addition, he has digitally assembled a sample 8-frame exhibit that the winner may find useful if he should choose to exhibit the collection. A copy of this exhibit, a disc containing the images of all of the covers (sorted by Rohloff type) and a spreadsheet inventory are available upon request.

Estimate: \$50,000 - \$75,000



USA - Locals



20191 Cummings' City Post, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Yellow Glazed, large margins to touched, uncancelled on fresh locally addressed ornate Valentine cover with bronze designs on front and back, weak strikes of red boxed "Paid A.H.C." and locomotive handstamp, Very Fine, ex Kuphal, this is one of the finest recorded Valentine uses of this stamp. (Scott 55L3)
Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



20192 • Davis's Penny Post, Baltimore Md., 1c Black on Lilac, just touching corner ornaments, used and affixed to piece on which it did not originate, defective but appears Fine, only 14 examples reported including ten off cover, most of which are faulty and seldom appear in the marketplace, 1989 PF certificate. (Scott 57L1)

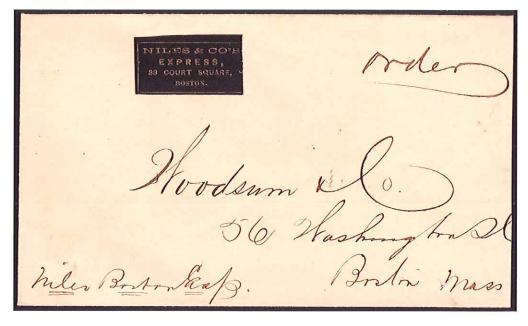
Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000



20193 (*) Frazer & Co (Cincinnati, Ohio) 1845-51 2c Black on Green, mixed but clear margins, unused, no gum, two small faults, Very Fine appearance, 2002 PF certificate, one of the rarest local post issues. (Scott 69L3)

Estimate: \$1,500 - \$2,000

USA - Locals



Niles & Co's Express, gold on purple label on fresh cover to Boston, small tear at right, manuscript "Niles Boston Exp." at bottom right, cover slightly reduced at right, still Very Fine and probably unique, 1990 PF certificate.

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



Partial illustration; see scan of complete sheet on our web site

20195 (*)

■ Swarts City Dispatch Post, New York, N.Y., complete sheet of 100 from stone II, unused, no gum, Very Fine, unlisted in Scott and possibly unique. Scott Catalogue value \$2,400 as four panes of 25. (Scott 136L4)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



USA - "Back of the Book"



20196 * 1885 10c Special Delivery, original gum, lightly hinged at bottom right, exceptionally well-centered within what appear to us to be perfectly even margins, bright color and sharp impression, Extremely Fine, 2009 PF certificate graded XF-S 95 which we feel is too low, an exceptional example of this stamp. (SMQ \$1,400) (Scott E1)

Estimate: \$750 - \$1,000



20197 ** Offices in China

1919 30c on 15c Offices in China, Never Hinged, a stunning stamp featuring essentially perfect centering within huge balanced margins, post-office fresh on crisp paper, an Extremely Fine Gem, 2010 PF certificate graded XF-S 95, which in our opinion is too low; PSE reports five Never Hinged stamps graded 95 and one graded 98 and we'd love to see how this stamp compares to those. (SMQ \$1,200) (Scott K12)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$1,500



20198 * Offices in China

1919 \$1 on 50c Offices in China, faint hinge mark at top center, uncharacteristically wide margins and spectacular centering for this challenging issue, bright fresh color, Superb, 2009 PSE certificate graded Superb 98 (SMQ \$2,050), only five examples (one NH) have achieved this lofty grade - the **highest grade awarded to date**. (Scott K15)

Estimate: \$1,500 - \$2,000





USA - Offices in Japan



20199 🗷 USA Franking Used from Japan

Cover franked with 2c National (Scott 146) horizontal pair and vertical strip of three on face plus horizontal strip of three on reverse, all with quartered cork cancels, the pair also tied by Yokohama Japan Sep. 7 (1873) dispatch c.d.s., with red San Francisco Cal. Oct. 1 Paid transit c.d.s. and manuscript "via San Francisco," sent to **Belfast, Ireland**, with Dublin transit and receiving backstamps. The cover has some edge wear and minor soiling, bottom stamp of the vertical strip has a corner crease, otherwise Fine, ex "Emerald" and Kramer.

Carried from Japan to San Francisco by the SS "China" of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, then transported by rail to the East Coast of the United States, where it was put on board a steamship to Great Britain. The stamps paid the pre-UPU 16c rate (Japan-U.S. 10c & U.S.-Great Britain 6c).

The U.S. Postal Agency in Yokohama began service on Jul. 27, 1867. While all US postal offices in Japan officially closed on Dec. 31, 1874, unofficially the Yokohama Postal Agency remained open until Dec. 31, 1875.

This is most likely a unique usage addressed to Ireland.

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Estimate: \$5,000 - \$7,500



USA - Confederate States

Unique General Robert E. Lee Signed Letter to England 20200

Robert E. Lee letter in his hand during the Civil War to Major J.B. Ferguson of the Confederate Army when he was stationed in England, datelined "Hdqrs: Orange Co: 22 April 1864" and reads, "My dear Major, I duly received your letter from England of Nov. last & have often wished to thank you for your kind sentiments & high appreciation of the Army of N. Viga. (Northern Virginia). The difficulty of communicating with you has prevented, but I can no longer resist the desire to express to you my gratitude for your well wishes & prayers for our safety & deliverance. I heartily unite in your petition to the Giver of all Victory that he may graciously guide & direct us in all our operations & give us peace with our enemies & peace with Him. That he may bless you in your labours & restore you in safety to your family & friends is my fervent prayer. I am very much obliged to you my dear Major for the uniform & blanket you so kindly sent me. I beg you will not add to your troubles by administering to my comfort. We have partly owing to your efforts & partly to the exertions of our people everything we actually want. All else we can dispense with. Truly & gratefully yours, R E Lee"

The letter has the usual minor faults that neither detract nor affect the signature. In September, 1862, Major Ferguson was sent to England to procure items for the Quartermasters' Department of the Confederate Army, and take charge of all Confederate purchasing operations. While in Manchester, England, Ferguson had frock coats made for both himself and General Lee. This coat is in the Museum of the Confederacy and is strongly believed to be the coat that Lee surrendered at Appomatox.

This letter was reported in 1887 (http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d &d=PBH18870628.2.7). None of the Confederate philatelic experts are aware of another overseas letter during the War. John Kimbrough states there are no known covers from Lee to an overseas destination in the war years. Recently found in England, this is an absolutely amazing discovery that we are thrilled to offer to the market for the first time.

Estimate: \$5,000 - \$7,000

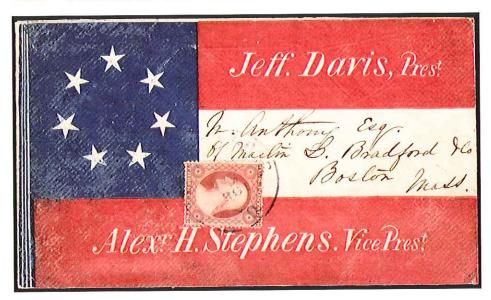


USA - Confederate States

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USA - Confederate States



Rare Patriotic Cover 20201 **10**

Seven Star Flag, red, white and blue overall design with "Jeff. Davis, Prest., Alexr. H. Stephens. Vice Prest." on the red stripes, 3c Dull Red (#26) tied by light "St. Louis Mo. Mar. 16, 1861" c.d.s. to Boston MA, cover with back reattached and portion of blue border painted in at left, appears Fine, 2010 PF certificate, Dietz states that three varieties exist and only 23 are recorded. Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000



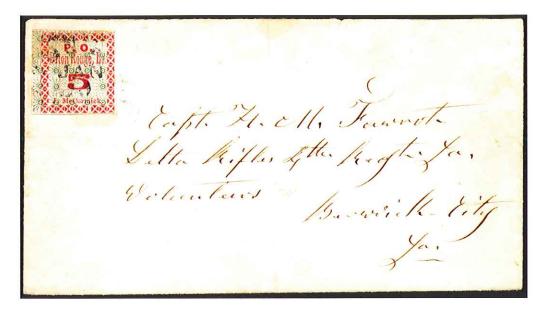
Rare "9 Star" Patriotic Cover 20202 🗷

Nine Star Flag facing right, red and blue design, with "Eufaula Ala. Oct. 2" c.d.s. and "5 Paid" handstamp (Dietz Ty. Ib), to Glenville, AL. The 9th star was added to the flag after the admission of Arkansas on May 18, 1861, and North Carolina was admitted as the tenth state just three days later, so very few Confederate nine-star flag patriotic covers were printed and distributed. Accompanied by original letter written by Senator Lewis L. Cato, cover expertly repaired, otherwise Fine, 2010 PF certificate, Extremely Rare, Dietz lists approx. 20 examples total of the four known types.

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000



USA - Confederate States Postmaster's Provisionals

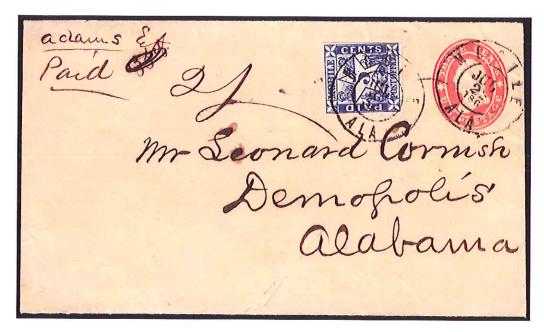


Baton Rouge La., 5c Green & Carmine, pos. 1 with top left corner margins (wide at left), ample margins bottom and right, tied by "Baton Rouge La. Jan. 20" c.d.s. on cover to "Capt. H. M. Favrot, 'Delta Rifles', 4th Regt. La. Volunteers, Berwick City, La", central vertical file fold, top backflap removed, two small very light stains incl. one tying stamp at bottom, Very Fine. (Scott 11X3)

Favrot was a member of a prominent Baton Rouge family and his is a known correspondence. For more information on the 4th La., visit http://www.4thla.org/HISTORY_4THLA.htm

Estimate: \$6,000 - \$8,000

USA - Confederate States Postmaster's Provisionals



Mobile Ala. 5c Blue with full margins to barely in, tied by "Mobile Ala. Jul. 22, 1861" c.d.s. on 3c Star Die entire (U27) to Demopolis, Ala., "Adams Express Company, Great Eastern, Western & Southern Express Forwarders, New York" blue oval handstamp on reverse, and manuscript "Adams Ex. Paid 35ct" with "35ct" crossed out and re-rated "2/" at top left, top backflap with repaired tear and portion replaced (affecting Adams handstamp where a small part has been painted in), otherwise Fine, 2010 PF certificate. (Scott 58X2)

Very scarce piece of mail transported from New York by boat and posted at Mobile by an agent.

Estimate: \$3,000 - \$4,000

USA - Confederate States Postmaster's Provisionals



New Orleans La. 2c Blue with large margins at top and left, right and bottom ample to just touching, tied by "New Orleans La. 31 Aug." c.d.s. on unsealed buff cover to Hopkins Turnout S.C., Extremely Fine, 1990 C.S.A. certificate. While Crown lists only 27 examples of this stamp on cover in his census, approximately 30 are believed to exist, and over half of these have either faults or stamps with poor margins. (Scott 62X1)

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$5,000



Petersburg Va. 5c Red with full to huge margins with top sheet margin and many complete ornaments at right, just into two corner ornaments at bottom left, tied by blue "Petersburg Va. Nov. 10 5cts." c.d.s. on cover to Tally Ho N.C., cover a bit reduced at right, stamp with faint foxing specks, Burger and Co. hs and Molesworth notes on back, Fine. (Scott 65X1)

Estimate: \$1,200 - \$1,500



WORLD RARITIES

Vatican City



20207 P ⊞ Unique Showpiece Printed on Silk

1933 Holy Year 1L25 + 25c, three full stamps and portions of nine adjoining stamps with vertical gutter between the first and second columns, in issued color and printed on 101 x 42mm silk ribbon, sewn edges at top and bottom with scissors cut edges at sides, in a remarkable state of preservation given its age and fragility, Very Fine. (Scott 18)

Undoubtedly rare and probably unique. None of our very seasoned philatelists have seen anything like this and have no theories about how it came to exist. Discovered by the owner in the Berck stock without any information about it. A very interesting item certainly worthy of further research.

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$5,000



20208 **

Exceptionally Fresh Provisionals Set in Blocks

1934 Provisionals set in mint Never Hinged blocks of four, pristine condition and as fresh as the day they were printed and sold, gorgeous colors on bright white paper, Very Fine, 1999 Raybaudi gold certificate. (Sassone 35-40)

Estimate: \$8,000 - \$10,000





Vatican City



20209 ** Unique Block of Rare 1934 Provisional Variety

1934 Provisionals 1.30L on 1.25L Blue, variety "Small figures 30 in 1.30L" in a never hinged block of four, Very Fine, possibly UNIQUE as per Alberto Diena certificate (1961), also certificates from E. Diena and Raybaudi. (Scott 36a, \$110,000 for four singles; Sassone 36A, € 150,000 for four singles, unpriced as block of four)

One sheet of 100 was mistakingly placed for sale by the Vatican post office. Only about half of the stamps were sold to the public before the rest were withdrawn.

Estimate: \$20,000 - \$30,000



Rare Cover with 1934 Provisionals Variety 20210 🗷

1934 Provisionals 1.30L on 1.25L Blue showing variety "Small figures 30 in 1.30L" together with 1933 75c Vatican Gardens tied by CITTA DEL VATICANO / 11.11.34 / POSTE c.d.s. on commercial registered cover to Rome, backstamped. Very Fine and extremely rare, signed Bolaffi and with E. Diena certificate. (Scott 36a, unpriced on cover; Sassone 36A, € 50,000)

Estimate: \$10,000 - \$12,000



Vatican City



20211 → ∞ Francis Lombardi Flight to Buenos Aires

1934 Special picture postcard (of the aviator) addressed to Morocco and flown on Francis Lombardi flight to Buenos Aires franked by Vatican 1933 50c and 1L25 plus Italy 1934 Rome-Buenos Aires Flight 3L Green airmail, the latter cancelled by special "Volo Diretto" c.d.s., registered and backstamped, proper cachets, Very Fine and scarce, Diena certificate. (Sassone GP67, \leqslant 2,200)

Estimate: \$1,000 - \$2,000



Venezuela



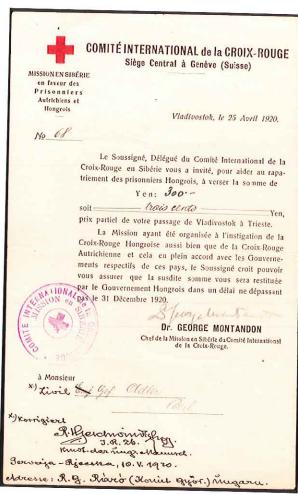
20212 M Only Known Example of Rare Double Surcharge on Cover

1937 25c on 40c Indigo, double surcharge, tied on Holland-America Line envelope by "Correos La Guaira" Jan. 1, 1938 c.d.s., roughly opened at top, otherwise Very Fine, 1990 RPS certificate.

The error was discovered in 1990 in a Florida stamp shop, as recounted in Linn's Stamp News for Feb. 18, 1991, discussing the circumstances of its discovery. Listed but unpriced since 1993 by the Scott Catalogue, since the variety has never been sold, and the basic stamp catalogues \$325 used. The only known double surcharge on cover. (Scott 319a)

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000

WORLD WAR I - Jewish POW Postal History













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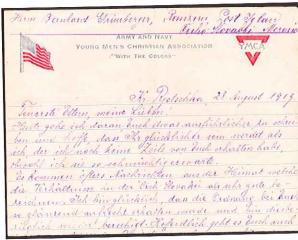




WORLD WAR I - Jewish POW Postal History







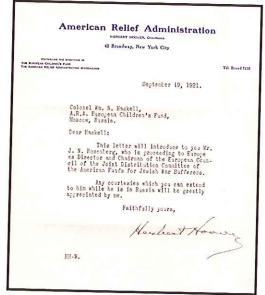


20213 🗷 Jewish POW Postal History

Collection of 85 postal history items, some collateral material and a large group of letters written in 1920 by several organisations interested in the repatriation of German, Austrian & Hungarian prisoners in Siberia and the Far East, organized as follows: First, from POWs held by he Central Powers: Germany (Berger-Damn, Brandenburg, Crosson-am-Oder, Doberitz, Frankfort, Gorlitz, Halle, Havelberg, Heuberg bei Konstanz, Ingolstadt, Langensalza, Lauban, Puchheim, Tuchel & Brux); Austria (Freistadt, Spital-Wadowice, Markl & Reichenberg); and Hungary (Delegyhaza, Kispet & Hospital at Bestercebanya). Second, from POWs held by the Allies: France (Dominican Convent in Var, Monastery of Moyenmoutier in Vosges & POW Camp at St. Lo in Manche); Italy (POW Camp at Stefano-mare); Russia incl. Bessarabia & Siberia (Akmolinsk, Alexandrovsk, Balmakliya, Borachev, Fatezh, Genicheskov, Gomel, Kagul, Kiev, Krabarovsk, Krasnojarsk, Novosibirsk, Piestchanka, Radomyil, Tashkent, Tschembar & Vyatka); also incl. repatriation card issued by the Auxiliary Joint Distribution Committee (ADJC) and showing picture of prisoner, captured on Sep. 14, 1914 and released in 1920, two picture postcards with photographs of prisoners, two covers from the ADJC in Vladivostok to aid committees at the camp, five items from prisoners in Nikolsk-Ussurisk Camp under Japanese control & rare picture postcard sent by German prisoner held in Nagoya, Japan. Condition mostly Very Fine. World War I was the last conflict in which significant numbers of Jews fought on both sides, and this collection examines the communications of Jewish POWs held by both sides.

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$5,000

WORLD WAR I - American Relief Administration











20214 Marrican Relief Administration & Post-War Food Relief in Russia

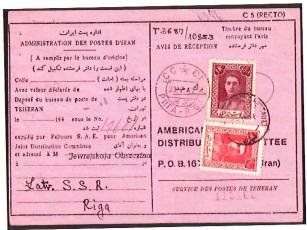
Collection of 40 postal history items and lots of ephemera; better items incl. two cards with Polish stamps sent in 1919 to potential donors in the U.S. requesting a food remittance, explanatory pamphlet issued by the ARA in 1920 depicting the number of children at risk in the various countries of Central Europe, 1920 Hungarian illustrated card with text asking food drafts at branch banks in South America, Central America and Canada, 1920 leaflet containing information from Herbert Hoover to the American colleges about his appeal for relief of students and professors in Europe, 1921 letter of introduction from Herbert Hoover to Col. William Haskell (Director of the ARA program in Russia), stating that any courtesies extended to Mr. Rosenberg (Director of the European Council of the Joint Distribution Committee) will be greatly appreciated, several Russian postcards addressed to U.S. and requesting food packages, 1922 receipt issued in London by the ARA, also three receipts issued by the ARA regarding large shipments specifying to whom the package was to be delivered, 1922 Russian cover sent directly from the Kazan Committee to aid victims at the Kazan Synagogue to the ARA in New York, 1924 report of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Russia. Condition is mostly Fine-Very Fine.

Estimate: \$4,000 - \$5,000





WORLD WAR II - Food Relief for Jews in Russia



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20215 Marican Joint Distribution Committee Food Relief to Russia

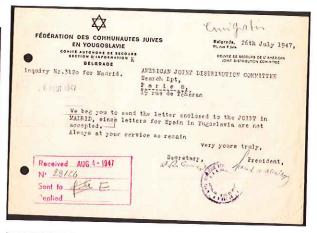
Post-World War II Collection of 57 postal history items and some collateral material such as letters of acknowledgement, better incl. 1944 three Iran postal cards from the AJDC to Russia requesting confirmation of receipt of a parcel, 1944 use of a telegram for advice of receipt, followed by a large number of acknowledgement postal cards and covers from many different places in U.S.S.R. (Frunze, Kizil-Kiya, Tokmak, Djamboul, Stipnyak, Kizil-orda, Tatarsk, Bohkara, Namangan, Samarkand, Tashkent, Tchernowizi, Kodori, Vinnystaska, Altai, Bakovksi & Tomsk regions), three postal cards sent from Poland to Teheran, 1946 cover from a wholesale druggist in Palestine to Teheran, 1946 AJDC cover from Teheran to Argentina & interesting group of seven advice of receipts pre-printed "1944" & "1945", overall condition Fine-Very Fine. The AJDC was established to assist the massive numbers of **Jewish refugees** in Russia and established an office in Teheran from which to send relief parcels.

Estimate: \$2,000 - \$3,000

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WORLD WAR II - AJDC as Courrier Service







20216 🗷 American Joint Distribution Committee as Courier After WW II

Collection of 12 covers and 6 letters, better items incl. 1946 letter from the AJDC at Linz in reply to a search request from Switzerland, 1947 letter from AJDC at Belgrade asking for letters to be forwarded to Spain through Paris, 1946 cover couriered from AJDC in Paris to AJDC in Frankfort and then posted in the German mails, four covers to Palestine, incl. a cover posted in 1946 from Holocaust survivor in Munich to a cousin in the Jewish Brigade, seven stampless covers to Australia, incl. six censored, overall condition Fine-Very Fine.

In addition to its various humanitarian missions, the AJDC acted as mail courier not only for its field workers but also for refugees, displaced persons and other needy Jews.

Estimate: \$1,500 - \$2,000

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WORLD WAR II - AJDC Locations of Service

















20217 Marican Joint Distribution Committee Relief Effort Locations

1944-52, Collection showing some of the many locations in which the AJDC served, comprising 52 covers and three letters, incl. covers sent from APO 394 (Italy), APO 759 (Casablanca), APO 787 (Cairo), 1945 letter from APO 757 (Munich), APO 541 & 777 (Austria), APO 171 (Kassel), APO 757 (Munich), APO 407 (Munich), APO 757 (Heidelberg), APO 887 (France), APO 541 (Salzburg), APO 742 (Berlin), APO 228 & 571 (Belgium), 1947 form to AJDC Director in French Zone of Austria, notifying military check points that a truck is carrying materials for displaced persons from Innsbruck to Milan, also covers from Poland, Norway & Palestine to APO 742 (New York). Overall condition Fine-Very Fine.

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World Wide Stamp Boxes

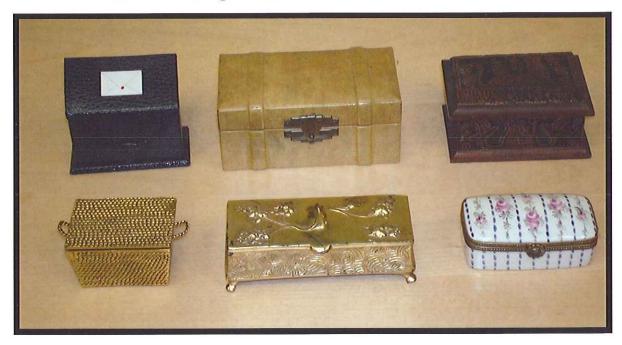




A selection from Lot 20218



World Wide Stamp Boxes



20218

Approximately 165 stamp boxes, materials used incl. metal (94), wood (15), porcelain (10), Chinese brass (7), cardboard (2), glass (1), bakelite (2) & cloth or leather (8), most elusive items incl. solid metal turtle figural design with double compartment under the shell, hollow brass shoe stamp dispenser, solid metal U.S. mail box on a pedestal, fourteen metal round coil dispensers, solid metal chest with one compartment, flat metal case with embossing of George VI Coronation, metal box with engraved birds on both lids, overall embossed flat box with cherub designs on top & bottom, metal & glass combination box with stagecoach illustration on the top, flat oval box with chinese characters and small window on the top, three aluminum boxes in various sizes, incl. one with embossed "Stearns Head Ache Cure Stearns & Curtius New York" on one side and original instructions of how to take the medicine, wooden violin with one compartment, flat wood box with carved Lion and three compartments, painted wooden box from Holland with farmer and wife chasing bull, wooden box with painted wolf running through the grass, solid wood box with three compartments inside, two elephants & palm tree on top lid, wooden cylinder with threedimensional plastic elephant on top, wooden box from Jerusalem with four compartments, wooden box with three compartments and painting on lid showing mountains, house and man, chinese brass boxes with raised multicolored designs, incl. houses and flowers, black leather box with letter design affixed on top, red leather box with five compartments inside, black leather box with two compartments inside and white piece on top resembling elephant tusk, blue leather box with four compartments inside, porcelain coil holder with floral designs, handpainted porcelain chest with two compartments and flower design on top, porcelain box with two compartments and lid covered with flowers, USPS plastic mail truck with two stamp compartments, plastic coil dispenser shaped like whistle, two black stamp boxes made of bakelite, one with chinese painting and other with three stamp designs on top, overall condition Very Fine. This collection was formed over several decades by well known collector Werner Bohne, and is certainly not easy to duplicate. Collectors or dealers are advised to view this collection to fully appreciate the true scope and value.

Estimate: \$20,000 - \$30,000

World Wide Stamp Boxes





A selection from Lot 20219



WORLD **RARITIES**

World Wide Stamp Boxes



20219

Approximately 150 stamp boxes and six postal scales, incl. metal (64), wood (46), porcelain (5), glass & metal (4), leather or cloth (6) & celluloid stamp cases (11), most are elusive items incl. Arts & Crafts style bronze desk set made by American Heinz Art Metal Shop, handcarved monkey head figural with glass eyes, handcarved grand piano with hinged top revealing places for inkwell, pens & stamps, dome shaped figural bee hive hinged on a wooden footed base incl. a double compartment stamp box, recumbent bear by the Meridan Silverplate Co., figural design on a hinged base revealing triple compartment, glass paper folder with sterling 3-compartment stamp box, bronze box with portrait views of a Rough Collie & two Dachshunds depicted in relief on lid, American bronze recumbent bear, eleven celluloid advertising stamp cases and boxes, ivory box with gold recessed stamps on hinged lid and round vulcanite pocket, also four Tunbridge ware stamp boxes, two showing an image of a full-faced Queen Victoria, Art Deco travel purse with stamp holder, two piece "butter dish" pictorial souvenir China stamp box, another two piece "butter dish" by Limoges, combination cut glass inkwell & sterling silver coil holder, raised double sided 2c Washington design, Arts & Crafts sterling on bronze "powder pot" style, round coil dispenser with three dimensional horse on lid, combination cut glass inkwell & silver plated stamp box, highly polished wood-tole painted with birds & flowers, clutch style opening stamp case with relief dragon in flight on front, another with embossed hunting dog and floral embellishments, another embossed pair of cupids, flowers and heart, figural carved side-by-side cabins (one inkwell, the other a stamp box), round coil dispenser with central spindle, combination pen nib and stamp holder embossed with 2c Washington stamp and applied pen nib, tri-fold brown leather wallet with six compartments, graceful fern & coat of arms for Arras, France in relief on the scallop edge box. Scales include side-by-side postal scale & triple compartment stamp box, a tiny cylindrical letter scale concealed in an outer case, "candlestick" scale with large diameter scale face, "Salt Letter Balance" scale with circular brass face plate. Condition is mostly Very Fine. Any successful bidder will be more than satisfied with this lot, which provides a good opportunity to acquire at once a wealth of stamp boxes. Estimate: \$20,000 - \$30,000

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