

OFFICIAL STAMPS

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INTRODUCTION

Prior to 1873, mail sent by Government Officials was sent free. They used what is commonly referred to as Free Franked Mail. By 1869 the Postmaster General in his annual Report, reported that the practice had become so widespread no less than 31,933 individuals were authorized to use the franking privilege and the annual expense to transport this mail was estimated to cost the Post Office about \$5,000,000.

The solution to remedy this problem was to abolish the franking privilege and to provide, by means of appropriations, for the payment of postage on all matter sent through the mails, by the various government departments.

To affect this reform, an Act of Congress was approved January 27, 1873 that provided the following:

"That the franking privilege be hereby abolished from and after the first day of July, Anno Domini, 1873, and that henceforth all official correspondence of whatever nature, and other mailable matter sent from, or addressed to any officer of the Government or person now authorized to frank such matter, shall be chargeable with the same rates of postage as may be lawfully imposed upon like matter sent by or addressed to other persons. Provide, that no compensation or allowance shall be now or hereafter made to Senators or Members and Delegates of the House of Representatives on account of postages."

As a result of this Act of Congress, another Act of Congress was approved March 3, 1873, which appropriated a sum of money, which was estimated to be sufficient for the use of the various departments. Section 4 of this Act also provided:

"That the Postmaster General shall cause to be prepared a special stamp or stamped envelope, to be used only for official mail matter for each of the executive departments, and said stamps and stamped envelopes shall be supplied by a proper officer of said departments to all persons under its direction requiring the same for all official use, and all appropriations for postage heretofore made shall no longer be available for said purpose, and all said stamps and stamped envelopes shall be sold or furnished to said several departments or clerks only at the price for which stamps and stamped envelopes of like value are sold at the several post offices"

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The following are the Departments and the number of denominations of stamps used by each department. The Act actually provided for only 14 denominations for the State Department although 15 were issued.

Department Issued	Denominations
The Department of Agriculture	9
The Executive	5
The Interior Department	10
The Department of Justice	10
The Navy Department	11
The Post Office Department	10
The State Department	15
The Treasury Department	11
The War Department	11

The report of the Postmaster General for 1873 also gives the following description of the designs and colors of the official stamps:

"The stamps for the Departments, other than the Post Office, do not differ materially from those for sale to the public, except that each Department has its own distinctive color and legend. The colors are: For the Executive, carmine; State Department, green; Treasury, velvet brown; War, cochineal-red; Navy, blue; Post Office, black; Interior, vermillion; Department of Justice, purple; and Department of Agriculture, straw color."

"In the stamps for the Post Office Department the medallion head gives place to a numeral representing the value, with the words 'Post Office Department' above and the denomination expressed in words below. All the official stamps correspond, in denominations with those issued for the public, except in the case of the State Department, for which four of higher value were made for dispatch bags. These four are of the denominations of \$2, \$5, \$10, and \$20, respectively, are of larger size and printed in two colors, and bear a profile bust of the late Secretary Seward."

It should be noted that all of the Stamps include the word Department in some form except for the Executive.

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The quantities issued in each denomination to each department can be determined from the various annual reports of the Postmaster General. The following table lists what was sent to each department from 1874 -1884.

	<u>Agriculture</u>	<u>Executive</u>	<u>Interior</u>	<u>Justice</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Post Office</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Treasury</u>	<u>War</u>
1¢	95,415	6,800	394,800	25,000	106,800	1,114,250	31,800	2,900,000	3,301,230
2¢	230,150	9,100	1,413,400	26,900	201,350	894,600	41,800	2,484,500	1,867,160
3¢	435,050	23,500	5,258,500	182,000	580,700	65,297,700	109,200	11,250,000	5,393,137
6¢	120,000	5,500	1,722,500	84,000	234,800	3,306,800	82,100	4,105,000	3,584,813
7¢	None	None	None	None	16,000	None	37,800	220,000	55,718
10¢	95,265	5,150	284,350	20,500	55,210	182,450	64,900	1,291,500	342,753
12¢	51,265	None	359,850	26,800	61,300	298,780	20,800	783,000	792,070
15¢	54,050	None	247,100	12,800	37,500	109,285	22,800	663,000	285,960
24¢	60,265	None	134,125	6,400	26,000	87,625	13,800	100,000	200,925
30¢	82,265	None	138,300	8,600	29,600	133,255	20,100	456,500	336,441
90¢	None	None	64,377	3,200	12,270	65,200	6,643	312,500	48,172
\$2							3,508		
\$5							363		
\$10							363		
\$20							363		

In 1875, Reprints, Re-issues and Special Printings were prepared by the Post Office for sale to collectors. The Post Office prepared Special Printings of all the official stamps issued in 1873. Since the official stamps could only be used by the Government Department inscribed on the stamps for their official business, and since they were not sold to the public, something had to be done to prevent the public from using them. The result was that the word 'specimen' was overprinted on all of the official stamp special printings. Why specimen? Perhaps because this was what was done to all stamps that were given away since the 1847 issue, when examples of proofs were given away with the word specimen inscribed diagonally on the stamps. Specimen was also hand stamped or printed on all stamps sent to foreign Post Offices as examples of what stamps were being used by the United States. This was done to prevent their being used.

The intention was to sell the official special printings in sets, with the exception of the high denomination State Department stamps which were sold individually. However, any individual value could be purchased in quantities of a value of \$2 or more.

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Stamp collectors, during this time period (1875 -1885) were not concerned with obtaining mint and used stamps, only examples of the stamps. The most popular official special printings sold were the Executive stamps as they were difficult to normally obtain. The Interior and Treasury were the easiest to obtain so the quantities of those special printings are very small. Furthermore since one could buy quantities of the 1¢ and 2¢ values, these sold in quantities to Stamp Dealers who sold them in packets of stamps.

To print the official stamps with the word 'specimen', a special plate was prepared. The plate consisted of 100 examples of the word 'specimen', 10 x 10 so that a sheet of 100 could be printed. Most likely in preparing the plate, someone, reversed the letters 'pe' in the type for position 21 so that it read 'sepcimen'. At some point this was noticed and corrected. We know this to be true because on certain stamps where the error exists, entire sheets of 100 are known without the error. Furthermore, the error is only known on 53 of the 92 stamps issued. While some of this could be related to the less than 100 examples sold for many of the issues, the error is not known on any of the executive stamps of which over 3,400 sets were sold.

Among United States stamps they are the rarest. Of the 53 different 'sepcimen' errors recorded, there are 21 where only one or two are recorded. This collection shows 48 of the 53 'sepcimen' errors.

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1873



1¢ Franklin
(01)



2¢ Jackson
(02)



3¢ Washington
(03)



6¢ Lincoln
(04)



10¢ Jefferson
(05)



12¢ Clay
(06)



15¢ Webster
(07)



24¢ Scott
(08)



30¢ Hamilton
(09)

Printed on thin, hard paper. Plates of 100 subjects.
They were gummed and perforated 12.

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(01S)
10,234 Issued



2¢ Jackson
(02S)
4,192 Issued



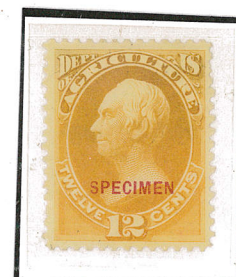
3¢ Washington
(03S)
389 Issued



6¢ Lincoln
(04S)
373 Issued



10¢ Jefferson
(05S)
390 Issued



12¢ Clay
(06S)
379 Issued



15¢ Webster
(07S)
370 Issued



24¢ Scott
(08S)
362 Issued



30¢ Hamilton
(09S)
354 Issued

Printed on thin, hard paper. Plates of 100 subjects.
They were gummed and perforated 12, with specimen in carmine.

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING "SEPCIMEN" ERRORS



1¢ Franklin
(01Sa)
100 Sold



2¢ Jackson
(02Sa)
42 Sold



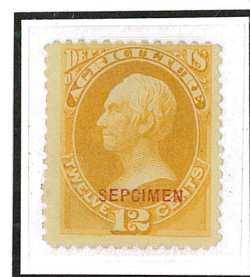
3¢ Washington
(03Sa)
4 Sold



6¢ Lincoln
(04Sa)
1 Recorded



10¢ Jefferson
(05Sa)
1 Recorded



12¢ Clay
(06Sa)
4 Sold



15¢ Webster
(07Sa)
4 Sold



24¢ Scott
(08Sa)
4 Sold



30¢ Hamilton
(09Sa)
4 Sold

Printed on thin, hard paper. Plates of 100 subjects.
They were gummed and perforated 12 with sepcimen in carmine.

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING "SEPCIMEN" ERRORS



12¢ Clay
(06Sa)
4 Sold

This is the only sepcimen error recorded with a target cancel.
The cancel appears to be from the 1890's and was either
a favor cancel, or privately applied.
The officials were never valid for postage by the public
and were abolished on July 5, 1884.
One of four 12¢ agriculture "sepcimen" errors.

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CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(01Svar)



2¢ Jackson
(02Svar)



3¢ Washington
(03Svar)



6¢ Lincoln
(04Svar)



10¢ Jefferson
(05Svar)

Printed on thin, hard paper. Plates of 100 subjects, ungummed and imperforate with specimen in carmine. Five sets recorded.

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CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



12¢ Clay
(06Svar)



15¢ Webster
(07Svar)



24¢ Scott
(08Svar)



30¢ Hamilton
(09Svar)

Printed on thin, hard paper. Plates of 100 subjects, ungummed and imperforate with specimen in carmine. Five sets recorded.

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1876
SPECIAL PRINTING 2ND PRINTING
HORIZONTAL RIBBED PAPER



1¢ Franklin
(01Sb)
10,000 Issued



1¢ Franklin
(01Sc)
Small Dotted "i"
Pos 7 or 26
200 Issued

In 1876 there was a second printing of
the 1¢ Agriculture on horizontally ribbed paper.
100 sheets of 100 stamps, specimen in carmine.

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. 1879



1¢ Franklin
(094)



3¢ Washington
(095)

In 1879, the newly consolidated American Bank Note Company printed the 1¢ and 3¢ agriculture stamps.

They were printed on soft porous paper. The 1¢ was issued ungummed and is in all likelihood a special printing without specimen overprint.

It was never used by the Agriculture Department. The 3¢ stamp was issued gummed and was used. The continental Bank Note Co. plates were used.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1873



1¢ Franklin
(010)



2¢ Jackson
(011)



3¢ Washington
(012)



6¢ Lincoln
(013)



10¢ Jefferson
(014)

Printed on thin, hard paper. Plates of 100 subjects.
They were gummed and perforated 12.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(010S)
10,000 Issued



2¢ Jackson
(011S)
7,430 Issued



3¢ Washington
(012S)
3,735 Issued



6¢ Lincoln
(013S)
3,485 Issued



10¢ Jefferson
(014S)
3,461 Issued

Printed on thin, hard white paper. Plates of 100 subjects.
They were ungummed and perforated 12, specimen in blue.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(010Svar)



2¢ Jackson
(011Svar)



3¢ Washington
(012Svar)



6¢ Lincoln
(013Svar)



10¢ Jefferson
(014Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper. Plates of 100 subjects.
They were ungummed and imperforate, specimen in blue. Five sets recorded.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1876
SPECIAL PRINTING 2ND PRINTING
HORIZONTAL RIBBED PAPER



1¢ Franklin
(O10Sa)
10,000 Issued



1¢ Franklin
(O10Sb)
Small Dotted "i"
Pos 7 or 26
200 Issued

In 1876 there was a second printing of the 1¢ Executive on horizontally ribbed paper.
100 sheets of 100 stamps, specimen in blue.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. 1881

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(010xS)
4,652 Issued

In 1881 this special printing was printed on soft, porous paper.
The Continental Bank Note Co. plate was used.
It is without gum and perforated 12, specimen in blue.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

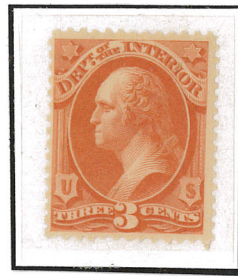
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1873



1¢ Franklin
(015)



2¢ Jackson
(016)



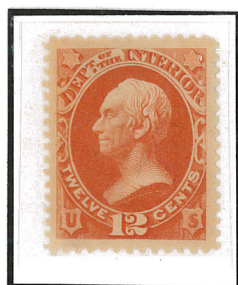
3¢ Washington
(017)



6¢ Lincoln
(018)



10¢ Jefferson
(019)



12¢ Clay
(020)



15¢ Webster
(021)



24¢ Scott
(022)



30¢ Hamilton
(023)



90¢ Perry
(024)

Printed on thin, hard paper. Plates of 100 subjects.
They were gummed and perforated 12.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(015S)
7,194 Issued



2¢ Jackson
(016S)
1,2631 Issued



3¢ Washington
(017S)
88 Issued



6¢ Lincoln
(018S)
83 Issued



10¢ Jefferson
(019S)
82 Issued



15¢ Webster
(021S)
78 Issued



24¢ Scott
(022S)
77 Issued



30¢ Hamilton
(023S)
75 Issued

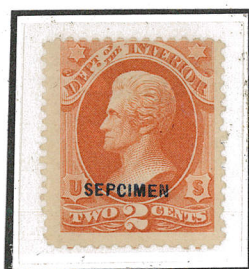


90¢ Perry
(024S)
77 Issued

Printed on a thin, hard white paper. Plates of 100 Subjects.
They were ungummed and perforated 12. Specimen in blue.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875
SPECIAL PRINTING "SEPCIMEN" ERROR



2¢ Jackson
(016Sa)
3 Recorded

This is the only example of an interior special printing with the sepcimen error.
Most likely the "error" was noticed while printing the 2¢ interior and corrected.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875 SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(015Svar)



2¢ Jackson
(016Svar)



3¢ Washington
(017Svar)



6¢ Lincoln
(018Svar)



10¢ Jefferson
(019Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects. They were ungummed and imperforate 12 blue. Five sets recorded.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



12¢ Clay
(020Svar)



15¢ Webster
(021Svar)



24¢ Scott
(022Svar)



30¢ Hamilton
(023Svar)



90¢ Perry
(024Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects. They were ungummed and imperforate 12 blue. Five sets recorded.

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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. 1879



1¢ Franklin
(096)



2¢ Jackson
(097)



3¢ Washington
(098)



6¢ Lincoln
(099)



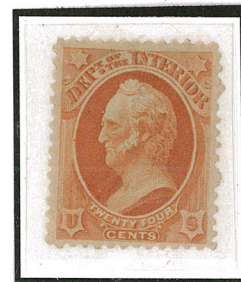
10¢ Jefferson
(0100)



12¢ Jackson
(0101)



15¢ Webster
(0102)



24¢ Scott
(0103)

Printed in 1879 by the newly consolidated American Bank Note Co. on soft, porous paper, plates of 100 subjects. They were gummed and perforated 12.

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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1873



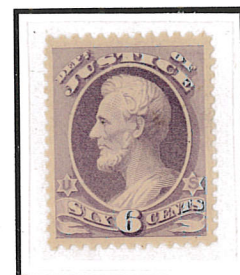
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(025)



2¢ Jackson
(026)



3¢ Washington
(027)



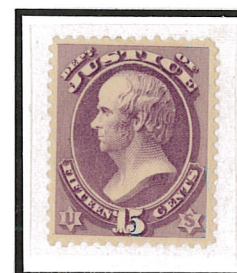
6¢ Lincoln
(028)



10¢ Jefferson
(029)



12¢ Clay
(030)



15¢ Webster
(031)



24¢ Scott
(032)



30¢ Hamilton
(033)



90¢ Perry
(034)

Printed on thin, hard paper, plates of 100 subjects.
They were gummed and perforated 12.

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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875 SPECIAL PRINTING



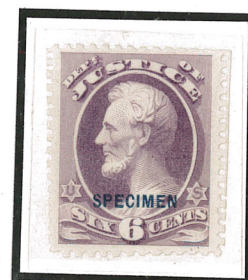
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(025S)
10,000 Issued



2¢ Jackson
(026S)
3,395 Issued



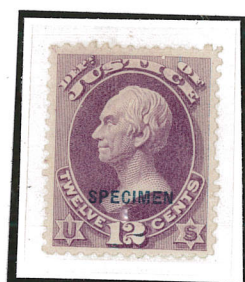
3¢ Washington
(027S)
178 Issued



6¢ Lincoln
(028S)
163 Issued



10¢ Jefferson
(029S)
163 Issued



12¢ Clay
(030S)
154 Issued



15¢ Webster
(031S)
157 Issued



24¢ Scott
(032S)
150 Issued



30¢ Hamilton
(033S)
150 Issued



90¢ Perry
(034S)
152 Issued

Printed on thin, hard paper, plates of 100 subjects.
They were ungummed, perforated 12, specimen in blue.

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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING "SEPCIMEN" ERROR



1¢ Franklin
(025Sa)
100 Sold



2¢ Jackson
(026Sa)
34 Sold



3¢ Washington
(027Sa)
3 Sold



12¢ Clay
(030Sa)
2 Sold



15¢ Webster
(031Sa)
2 Sold



24¢ Scott
(032Sa)
2 Sold



30¢ Hamilton
(033Sa)
2 Sold

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects.
They were ungummed and perforated¹². "Sepcimen" in blue.

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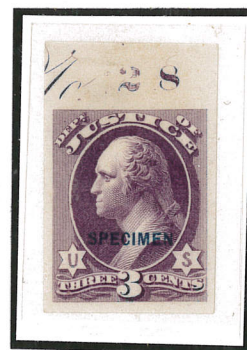
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875
SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(025Svar)



2¢ Jackson
(026Svar)



3¢ Washington
(027Svar)



6¢ Lincoln
(028Svar)



10¢ Jefferson
(029Svar)

Printed on thin, hard, white paper, plates of 100 subjects.
Ungummed and imperforate, specimen in blue. Five sets recorded.

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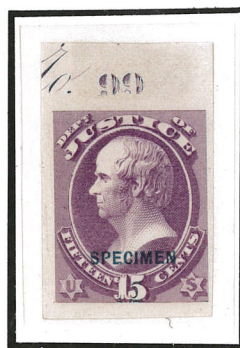
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



12¢ Clay
(030Svar)



15¢ Webster
(031Svar)



24¢ Scott
(032Svar)



30¢ Hamilton
(033Svar)

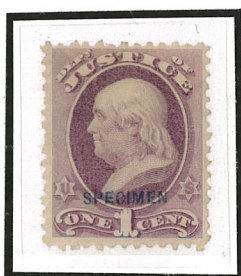


90¢ Perry
(034Svar)

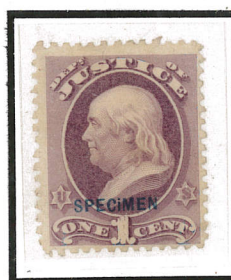
Printed on thin, hard, white paper, plates of 100 subjects.
Ungummed and imperforate, specimen in blue. Five sets recorded.

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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1876
SPECIAL PRINTING SECOND PRINTING
HORIZONTAL RIBBED PAPER



1¢ Franklin
(025Sb)
9,729 Issued



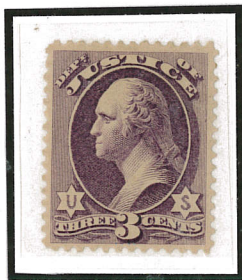
1¢ Franklin
(025Sc)
Small Dotted "i"
Pos 7 or 26
196 Issued

In 1876 there was a second printing of the
1¢ Justice on horizontally ribbed paper.
Specimen in blue.

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AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. 1879



3¢ Washington
(0106)



6¢ Lincoln
(0107)

Printed in 1879 by the newly consolidated American Bank Note Co. on soft porous paper.
Plates of 100 subjects. They were gummed and perforated 12.
The Continental plates were used.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1873



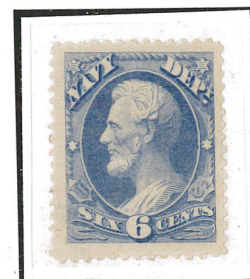
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(035)



2¢ Jackson
(036)



3¢ Washington
(037)



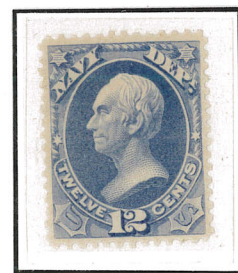
6¢ Lincoln
(038)



7¢ Stanton
(039)



10¢ Jefferson
(040)



12¢ Clay
(041)



15¢ Webster
(042)



24¢ Scott
(043)



30¢ Hamilton
(044)



90¢ Perry
(045)

Printed on thin, hard paper, plates of 100 subjects.
They were gummed and perforated 12.

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CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(035S)
10,000 Issued



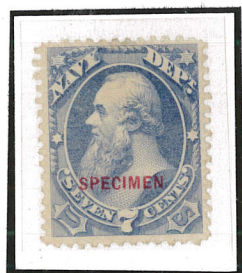
2¢ Jackson
(036S)
1,748 Issued



3¢ Washington
(037S)
126 Issued



6¢ Lincoln
(038S)
116 Issued



7¢ Stanton
(039S)
501 Issued



10¢ Jefferson
(040S)
112 Issued



12¢ Clay
(041S)
107 Issued



15¢ Webster
(042S)
107 Issued



24¢ Scott
(043S)
106 Issued



30¢ Hamilton
(044S)
104 Issued



90¢ Perry
(045S)
102 Issued

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects.
They were ungummed and perforated 12, specimen in carmine.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875 SPECIAL PRINTING "SEPCIMEN" ERROR



1¢ Franklin
(035Sa)
100 Sold



2¢ Jackson
(036Sa)
18 Sold



7¢ Stanton
(039Sa)
5 Sold



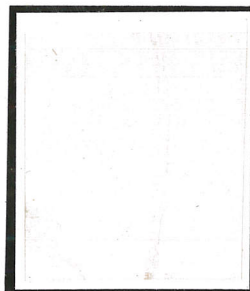
10¢ Jefferson
(040Sa)
2 Sold



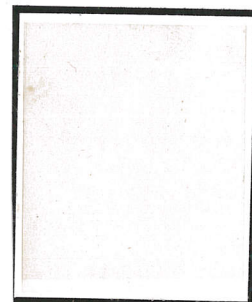
12¢ Clay
(041Sa)
2 Sold



15¢ Webster
(042Sa)
2 Sold



24¢ Scott
(043Sa)
2 Sold



30¢ Hamilton
(044Sa)
2 Sold

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects.
They are ungummed and perforated 12. "Sepcimen" in carmine.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875 SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(035Svar)



2¢ Jackson
(036Svar)



3¢ Washington
(037Svar)



6¢ Lincoln
(038Svar)



7¢ Stanton
(039Svar)



10¢ Jefferson
(040Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects.
Ungummed and imperforate specimen in carmine. Only five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

NAVY DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875 SPECIAL PRINTING CONT.



12¢ Clay
(041Svar)



15¢ Webster
(042Svar)



24¢ Scott
(043Svar)



30¢ Hamilton
(044Svar)



90¢ Perry
(045Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects.
Ungummed and imperforate specimen in carmine. Only five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

NAVY DEPARTMENT AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. 1881 SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(035xS)
4,182 Issued

In 1881, this special printing was printed on soft porous paper. The Continental Banking Co. plate was used.
It is without gum and perforated 12. Specimen in carmine.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1873



1¢
(047)



2¢
(048)



3¢
(049)



6¢
(050)



10¢
(051)



12¢
(052)



15¢
(053)



24¢
(054)



30¢
(055)



90¢
(056)

Printed on thin, hard paper, plates of 100 subjects except 1¢, 3¢ and 6¢ plates of 200 subjects divided into parts of 100. They were gummed and perforated 12.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢
(047S)
6,015 Issued



2¢
(048S)
590 Issued



3¢
(049S)
91 Issued



6¢
(050S)
87 Issued



10¢
(051S)
177 Issued



12¢
(052S)
93 Issued



15¢
(053S)
82 Issued



24¢
(054S)
84 Issued



30¢
(055S)
81 Issued



90¢
(056S)
82 Issued

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects except 1¢, 3¢ and 6¢ plates of 200 subjects divided into parts of 100. They were ungummed and perforated 12.
Specimen in carmine.

OFFICIAL STAMPS
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875
SPECIAL PRINTING "INVERT"



1¢
(047Sb)
"Specimen"
100 Sold

This is the only Departmental special printing with the "specimen" inverted.
It appears 1 sheet was printed this way.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING "SEPCIMEN" ERROR



1¢
(047Sa)
60 Sold



2¢
(048Sa)
6 Sold



3¢
(049Sa)
1 Sold



10¢
(051Sa)
2 Sold



15¢
(053Sa)
1 Sold



24¢
(054Sa)
1 Sold



90¢
(056Sa)
1 Sold

Printed on thim, hard white paper, plates of 100 except 1¢ and 3¢ plates of 200 subjects divided into panes of 100. They are ungummed, perforated 12. "Sepcimen" in carmine.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



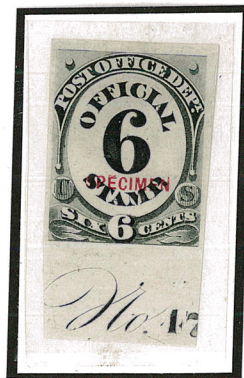
1¢
(047Svar)



2¢
(048Svar)



3¢
(049Svar)



6¢
(050Svar)



10¢
(051Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 except 1¢, 3¢ and 6¢ plates of 200 subjects divided into panes of 100. They were ungummed and imperforate.

Five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING CONT.



12¢
(052Svar)



15¢
(053Svar)



24¢
(054Svar)



30¢ Hamilton
(055Svar)



90¢ Perry
(056Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 except 1¢, 3¢ and 6¢ plates of 200 subjects divided into panes of 100. They were ungummed and imperforate.

Five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. 1879



3¢
(0108)

Printed in 1879 by the newly consolidated American Bank Note Co. on soft, porous paper.

Plates of 200 subjects divided into panes of 100.

It was gummed and perforate 12.

The Continental plate was used.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

STATE DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1873



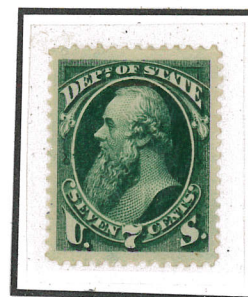
1¢ Franklin
(057)



2¢ Jackson
(058)



3¢ Washington
(059)



6¢ Lincoln
(060)



7¢ Stanton
(061)



10¢ Jefferson
(062)



12¢ Clay
(063)



15¢ Webster
(064)



24¢ Scott
(065)



30¢ Hamilton
(066)



90¢ Perry
(067)

Printed on thin, hard paper, plates of 100 subjects.
They were gummed and perforated 12.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

STATE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1873



\$2 Seward
(068)



\$5 Seward
(069)



\$10 Seward
(070)



\$20 Seward
(071)

Printed on thin, hard paper, plates of 10 subjects.
They were gummed and perforated 12.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

STATE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(057S)
10,000 Issued



2¢ Jackson
(058S)
5,145 Issued



3¢ Washington
(059S)
793 Issued



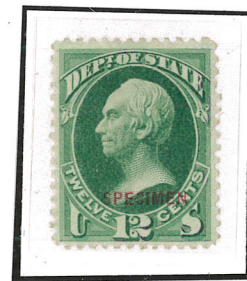
6¢ Lincoln
(060S)
467 Issued



7¢ Stanton
(061S)
791 Issued



10¢ Jefferson
(062S)
346 Issued



12¢ Clay
(063S)
260 Issued



15¢ Webster
(064S)
257 Issued



24¢ Scott
(065S)
253 Issued



30¢ Hamilton
(066S)
249 Issued



90¢ Perry
(067S)
245 Issued

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects.
They were ungummed and perforated 12.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

STATE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



\$2 Seward
(068S)
32 Issued



\$5 Seward
(069S)
12 Issued



\$10 Seward
(070S)
8 Issued



\$20 Seward
(071S)
7 Issued

Printed on thin white paper, plates of 10 subjects. Ungummed and perforate 12.
Specimen in carmine. One of the \$20 fell out of an exhibit and has been lost.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

STATE DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875 SPECIAL PRINTING "SEPCIMEN" ERROR



1¢ Franklin
(057Sa)
100 Sold



2¢ Jackson
(058Sa)
52 Sold



3¢ Washington
(059Sa)
8 Sold



6¢ Lincoln
(060Sa)
5 Sold



7¢ Stanton
(061Sa)
8 Sold



10¢ Jefferson
(062Sa)
9 Sold



12¢ Clay
(063Sa)
4 Sold



24¢ Scott
(065Sa)
4 Sold



30¢ Hamilton
(066Sa)
4 Sold



90¢ Perry
(067Sa)
4 Sold

Printed on thin, hard paper, plates of 100 subjects.
They were ungummed and perforated 12. "Sepecimen" in carmine.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

STATE DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(057Svar)



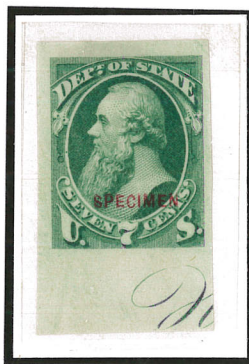
2¢ Jackson
(058Svar)



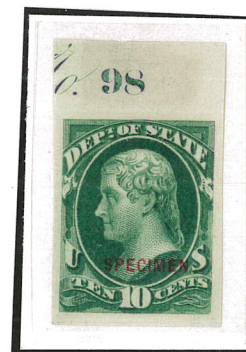
3¢ Washington
(059Svar)



6¢ Lincoln
(060Svar)



7¢ Stanton
(061Svar)

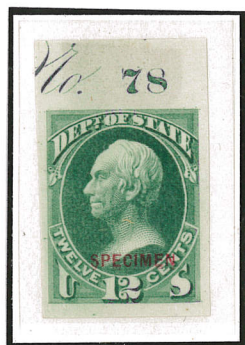


10¢ Jefferson
(062Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper plates of 100 subjects.
They were ungummed and imperforate, specimen in carmine.
Five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

STATE DEPARTMENT
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875
SPECIAL PRINTING CONT.



12¢ Clay
(063Svar)



15¢ Webster
(064Svar)



24¢ Scott
(065Svar)



30¢ Hamilton
(066Svar)



90¢ Perry
(067Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper plates of 100 subjects.
They were ungummed and imperforate, specimen in carmine.
Five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

STATE DEPARTMENT
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875
SPECIAL PRINTING



\$2 Seward
(068Svar)



\$5 Seward
(069Svar)



\$10 Seward
(070Svar)



\$20 Seward
(071Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 10 subjects.
Ungummed and imperforate, specimen in carmine.
Five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

STATE DEPARTMENT
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1876
SPECIAL PRINTING SECOND PRINTING
HORIZONTAL RIBBED PAPER



1¢ Franklin
(057Sb)
10,000 Issued



1¢ Franklin
(057Sc)
Small Dotted "i"
Pos. 7 or 26
200 Issued

in 1876 there was a second printing of the 1¢ State on horizontally ribbed paper.
100 sheets of 100 stamps, specimen in carmine.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

STATE DEPARTMENT
AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. 1881
SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(057xS)
1,672 Issued

In 1881 this special printing was printed on soft, porous paper.
The Continental Bank Note Co. plate was used.
It is without gum and perforated 12.
Specimen in carmine.

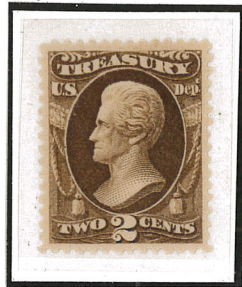
OFFICIAL STAMPS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

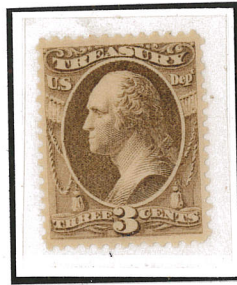
CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1873



1¢ Franklin
(072)



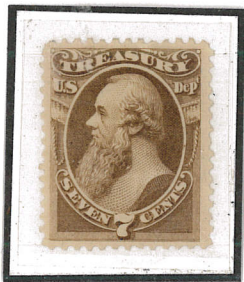
2¢ Jackson
(073)



3¢ Washington
(074)



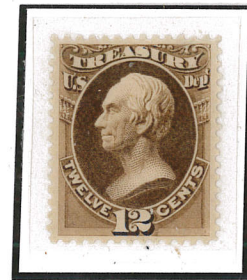
6¢ Lincoln
(075)



7¢ Stanton
(076)



10¢ Jefferson
(077)



12¢ Clay
(078)



15¢ Webster
(079)



24¢ Scott
(080)



30¢ Hamilton
(081)



90¢ Perry
(082)

Printed on thin, hard paper, plates of 100 subjects except for 1¢, 2¢ and 3¢ plates of 200 subjects divided into panes of 100. They were gummed and perforated 12.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(072S)
2,185 Issued



2¢ Jackson
(073S)
309 Issued



3¢ Washington
(074S)
84 Issued



6¢ Lincoln
(075S)
85 Issued



7¢ Stanton
(076S)
198 Issued



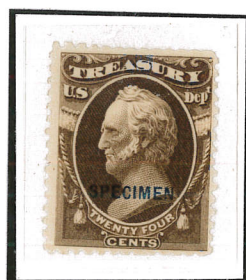
10¢ Jefferson
(077S)
82 Issued



12¢ Clay
(078S)
75 Issued



15¢ Webster
(079S)
75 Issued



24¢ Scott
(080S)
99 Issued



30¢ Hamilton
(081S)
74 Issued



90¢ Perry
(082S)
72 Issued

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects except 1¢, 2¢, and 3¢ plates of 200 divided into panes of 100. They were ungummed and perforated 12.
Specimen in carmine.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

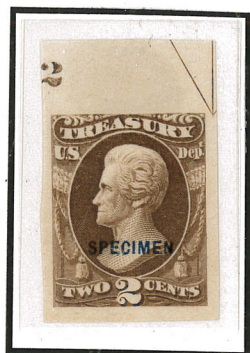
TREASURY DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(072Svar)



2¢ Jackson
(073Svar)



3¢ Washington
(074Svar)



6¢ Lincoln
(075Svar)



7¢ Stanton
(076Svar)



10¢ Jefferson
(077Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects except 1¢, 2¢ and 3¢ plates of 200 divided into panes of 100. They were gummed and imperfoate.

Specimen in blue. There are five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875 SPECIAL PRINTING CONT.



12¢ Clay
(078Svar)



15¢ Webster
(079Svar)



24¢ Scott
(080Svar)



30¢ Hamilton
(081Svar)

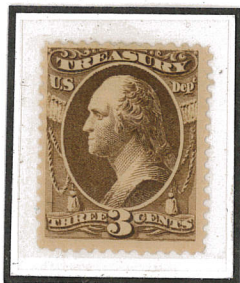


90¢ Perry
(082Svar)

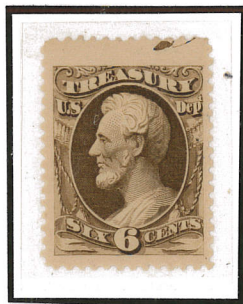
Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects except 1¢, 2¢ and 3¢ plates of 200 divided into panes of 100. They were gummed and imperfoate.
Specimen in blue. There are five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. 1879



3¢ Washington
(0109)



6¢ Lincoln
(0110)



10¢ Jefferson
(0111)



30¢ Hamilton
(0112)



90¢ Perry
(0113)

Printed in 1879 by the newly consolidated American Bank Note Co. on soft porous paper,
plates of 100 subjects. They were gummed and perforated 12.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

WAR DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1873



1¢ Franklin
(083)



2¢ Jackson
(084)



3¢ Washington
(085)



6¢ Lincoln
(086)



7¢ Stanton
(087)



10¢ Jefferson
(088)



12¢ Clay
(089)



15¢ Webster
(090)



24¢ Scott
(091)



30¢ Hamilton
(092)



90¢ Perry
(093)

Printed on thin, hard paper, plates of 100 subjects except 2¢ and 3¢ plates of 200 subjects divided into panes of 100. They are gummed and perforated 12.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875 SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(083S)
9,610 Issued



2¢ Jackson
(084S)
1,618 Issued



3¢ Washington
(085S)
118 Issued



6¢ Lincoln
(086S)
111 Issued



7¢ Stanton
(087S)
539 Issued



10¢ Jefferson
(088S)
119 Issued



12¢ Clay
(089S)
106 Issued



15¢ Webster
(090S)
105 Issued



24¢ Scott
(091S)
106 Issued



30¢ Hamilton
(092S)
104 Issued



90¢ Perry
(093S)
106 Issued

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects except 2¢ and 3¢ plates of 200 subjects divided into panes of 100. They are ungummed and perforated 12.
Specimen in blue.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875 SPECIAL PRINTING "SEPCIMEN" ERROR



1¢ Franklin
(083Sa)
96 Sold



2¢ Jackson
(084Sa)
16 Sold



3¢ Washington
(085Sa)
2 Sold



6¢ Lincoln
(086Sa)
1 Recorded



7¢ Stanton
(087Sa)
5 Sold



10¢ Jefferson
(088Sa)
2 Sold



12¢ Clay
(089Sa)
1 Recorded



15¢ Webster
(090Sa)
1 Recorded



24¢ Scott
(091Sa)
2 Sold



30¢ Hamilton
(092Sa)
3 Sold



90¢ Perry
(093Sa)
2 Sold

Printed on hard, white paper, plates of 100 subjects except 2¢ and 3¢ plates of 200 subjects divided into panes of 100. Ungummed and perforated 12, "sepcimen" in blue.

This is the only complete set of War "sepcimens" recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875 SPECIAL PRINTING



1¢ Franklin
(083Svar)



2¢ Jackson
(084Svar)



3¢ Washington
(085Svar)



6¢ Lincoln
(086Svar)



7¢ Stanton
(087Svar)



10¢ Jefferson
(088Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects except 2¢ and 3¢ plates of 200 divided into panes of 100. They are ungummed and imperforate.
Specimen in blue. Five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

WAR DEPARTMENT

CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO. 1875

SPECIAL PRINTING



12¢ Clay
(089Svar)



15¢ Webster
(090Svar)



24¢ Scott
(091Svar)



30¢ Hamilton
(092Svar)



90¢ Perry
(093Svar)

Printed on thin, hard white paper, plates of 100 subjects except 2¢ and 3¢ plates of 200 divided into panes of 100. They are ungummed and imperforate.

Specimen in blue. Five sets recorded.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

WAR DEPARTMENT

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. 1879



1¢ Franklin
(0114)



2¢ Jackson
(0115)



3¢ Washington
(0116)



6¢ Lincoln
(0117)



10¢ Jefferson
(0118)



12¢ Clay
(0119)



30¢ Scott
(0120)

Printed in 1879 by the newly consolidated American Bank Note Co. on soft, porous paper, plates of 100 subjects except for 2¢ and 3¢ plates of 200 subjects divided into panes of 100. They were gummed and perforated 12.

