

# The PhilateliKid

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## Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Year!

### Catalogs, Part 4

In the May 2022 issue of *The Philatelikid*, we began brief descriptions of various “Back of the Book” (“BOB”) listings in the Scott Catalogues. We looked at stamps identified as “Semi-postals,” which begin with the letter “B.” In the June issue we looked at listings for stamps issued for airmail service. In Scott Catalogues these stamps are listed behind Semi-postal stamps, and begin with the letter “C” followed by each number. In July we looked at BOB listings beginning with “CE,” “CL,” and “CM.” In August we looked at BOB listings beginning with “CB,” “CO,” and “E.”

### Stamps Beginning with the prefix “D”

In the August edition of *The Philatelikid*, I noted that I could not find any Scott listings beginning with “D.” It is true there are no listings for any stamps from the U.S. with a “D” prefix, but two of our knowledgeable readers wrote in to say that there does exist one country that has a stamp with a “D” listing – Italy. They are pneumatic stamps. A big **THANKS** to Paul Domenici and Jim Rikken for their help.

### Stamps Beginning with the prefix “F”

The U.S. has a stamp that was issued on December 1, 1911 that has a Scott prefix of “F.” Those stamps stopped being sold on May 28, 1913. They were used to pay the 10¢ fee for Registration. Those stamps were for Registration only, and were not valid to pay for normal postage. Today a used one can be bought in nice condition for about \$10, but an unused one can cost over \$100. Registration is still available today, but ordinary postage stamps are used to pay the fee. The fee begins at \$14.65 and increases based on the declared value of the contents. The U.S. issued only one Registration stamp.



Canada issued several Registration stamps.

## Stamps Beginning with the prefix “FA”



The U.S. has exactly one stamp with a Scott prefix of “FA.” It was issued on June 6, 1955. Those stamps were to pay a fee in addition to postage on a First Class letter with no stated value and paid for the service of Certified Mail. The stamps were sold for 15¢. Certified mail is still available today. The fee is either \$4.00 or \$10.35, based on the services requested. These stamps are easily obtained today for less than \$2 in mint condition, and less than \$1 in used condition.

Scott Catalogue does not use any prefixes for US stamps beginning with “G,” “H,” or “I.” Maybe some readers can find other countries for which Scott uses those prefixes.

## Stamps Beginning with the prefix “J”



The prefix “J” is used By Scott to identify Postage Due stamps. Those stamps were not valid for postage. In fact, they were used to indicate an amount paid by the recipient of a letter that had insufficient postage attached. Postage Due stamps first were used in the U.S. in 1879 and the last ones used were printed in 1985. They are no longer being used in the U.S.

## The Great American Stamp Show

By the time you receive this, GASS will be over. Because I have written this issue prior to GASS, I cannot report on it this month. I’ll let you know about it next month.

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