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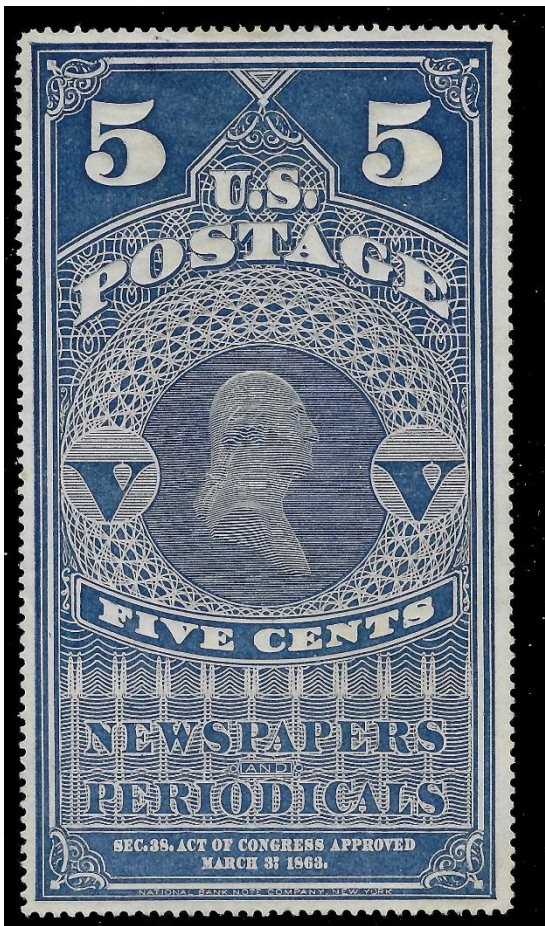
Catalogs, Part 6

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.” In the September issue we looked at BOB listings beginning with “D,” “F,” “FA,” and “J.” In October we looked at BOB listings beginning with “K,” and “O.” But, I did not include a photo of a “K” stamp, so here is a photo of a common 1¢ stamp overprinted 2¢ for Shanghai, China.

In addition to the Shanghai overprint, shown are the same stamp perforated (note the plate number below the stamp), imperforate, and perforated horizontally only, making it a “coil” stamp. Advanced collectors collect this stamp in many different varieties, including different perforations, booklet format, and different watermarks (or none) in the paper. Watermarks cannot be seen



from the front of the stamp, and often are hard to see on the back of the stamp unless the stamp is placed into a special liquid against a black background. Also, this series of stamps had different methods used for printing: flat plate, rotary, and offset. The subjects featured on these stamps were George Washington (shown) and Benjamin Franklin. Among stamp collectors the series is known as the Washington-Franklin series. It is a very challenging series to collect because of the numerous varieties.



Stamps Beginning with the prefix “PR.” The stamps listed in this section are stamps used for bulk shipments of newspapers and periodicals (magazines.) These stamps were issued from 1865 to 1898, and feature some of the most beautiful stamps ever issued. The first four stamps are very rare, and sell from hundreds to thousands of dollars each. Later issues are still expensive, but some can be purchased for under \$100.00 each. As you can see, the stamp on the left is quite large, measuring 51x95 millimeters. Look at the intricate engraving on this stamp!

Stamps on the right feature famous statues. The top two stamps are the same statue, but the others feature different statues.

The 2¢ and 10¢ stamps feature a statue named “Freedom” which stands atop the dome of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C.



The 25¢ stamp features a statue of a woman holding aloft in her right hand the “scales of justice.” The statue is named “Justice.”

The \$10 stamp features a statue of a woman holding in her right hand a smoking pot. The statue is named “Vesta.” The Roman goddess Vesta was the patron saint of fire (in the hearth in homes) and became the patron saint for Baking.

The \$20 stamp features a statue named “Peace.” The statue features a woman holding arrows (a symbol of war) in her right hand, and an olive branch (a symbol of peace) in her left hand. These symbols are found on the great Seal of the United States, held in the talons of the eagle, which can be found on the reverse side of every U.S. \$1 bill.

The \$50 stamp supposedly features the statue named “Commerce,” located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but what she is holding appears to me to be substantially different.

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