

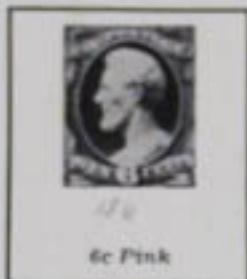
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1878

PERFORATED 12

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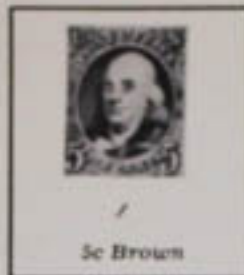
SOFT POROUS PAPER



ON FEBRUARY 4TH, 1878, THE CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANIES WERE CONSOLIDATED UNDER THE NAME OF THE LATTER. THE CONTINENTAL COMPANY HAD BEEN PRINTING STAMPS ON SOFT PAPER FOR A YEAR OR MORE PAST AND WITH THE CONSOLIDATION THE AMERICAN COMPANY USED PLATES WITH THE CONTINENTAL IMPRINT UNTIL NEW PLATES WERE PREPARED, SO WE FIND THIS ISSUE SO COMPLICATED THAT COLLECTORS GENERALLY ACCEPT ANY STAMPS ON SOFT PAPER AS AMERICAN PRINTS.

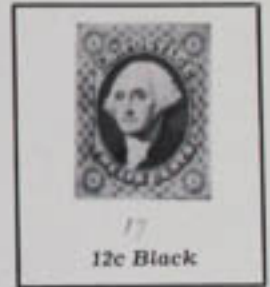
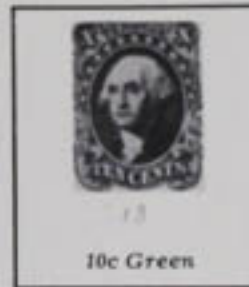
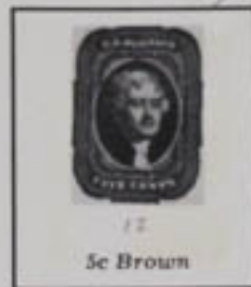
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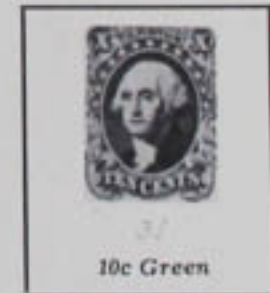
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1851
IMPERFORATE



THERE ARE SEVERAL MINOR VARIETIES OF BOTH THE ONE AND TEN CENT VALUE.
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1857-60
PERFORATED 15



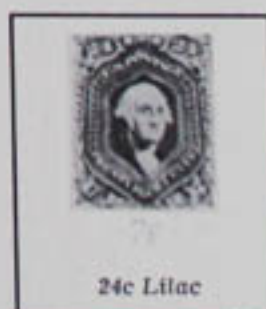
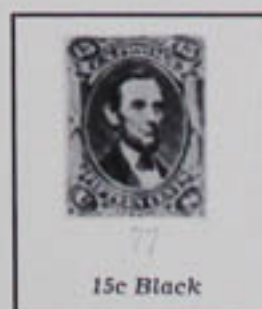
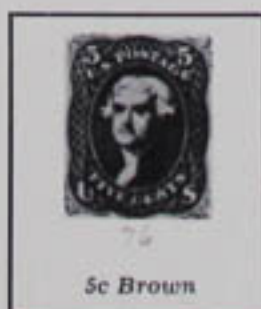
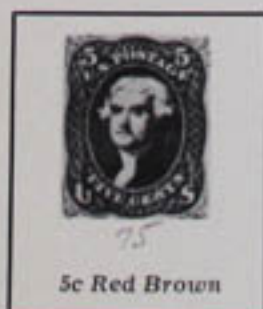
UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS

1861
PERFORATED 12



THIS ISSUE WAS PREPARED BECAUSE OF THE CIVIL WAR. THE FIRST PRINTINGS KNOWN AS THE "AUGUST ISSUE" WERE IN USE BUT A SHORT TIME. MANY MINOR ALTERATIONS WERE MADE IN THE DESIGNS AND SLIGHT COLOR CHANGES IN MOST STAMPS FOR THE NEXT PRINTING, KNOWN AS THE "SEPTEMBER ISSUE."

1862-66
PERFORATED 12



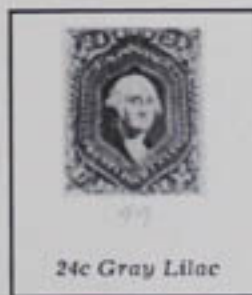
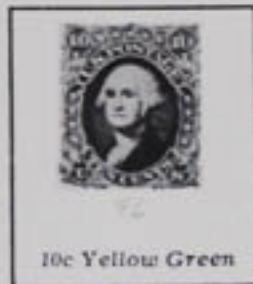
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1867-68

PERFORATED 12

SAME AS ISSUE OF 1861-66

EMBOSSSED WITH GRILLS OF VARIOUS SIZES



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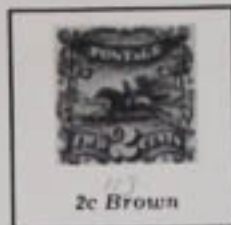
1869

PERFORATED 12

WITH GRILL $9\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2}$ MM.



150



117
2c Brown



17



17



90



90



115
15c
Brown & Blue

TYPE I



115
15c
Brown & Blue

TYPE II



120
24c
Green & Violet



121
30c
Blue & Carmine

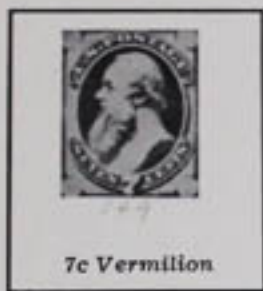


122
90c
Carmine & Black

1870-71
PERFORATED 12
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WITHOUT GRILL



6c Carmine



7c Vermillion



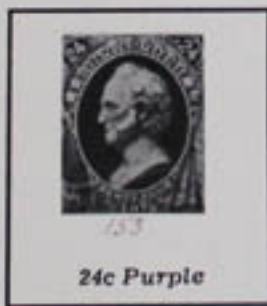
10c Brown



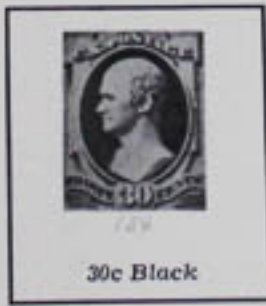
140



15c Orange



24c Purple



30c Black



90c Carmine

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1873

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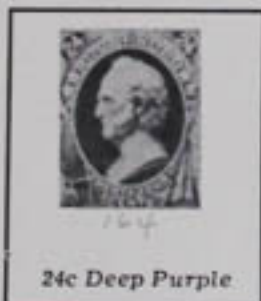


12c Blackish Violet



163

15c Yellow Orange



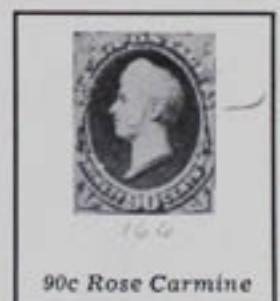
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24c Deep Purple



165

30c Gray Black



166

90c Rose Carmine

THESE STAMPS ARE OF THE SAME DESIGN AS THE STAMPS OF 1870-71. HOWEVER WITH A CHANGE OF PRINTERS, SMALL SECRET MARKS WERE ADDED TO THE DESIGNS SO THAT THE STAMPS MIGHT BE IDENTIFIED AS TO PRINTERS.

1875

PERFORATED 12

PRINTED BY CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE COMPANY

HARD PAPER



5c Blue

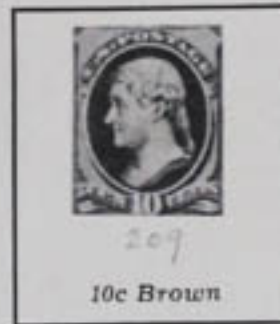
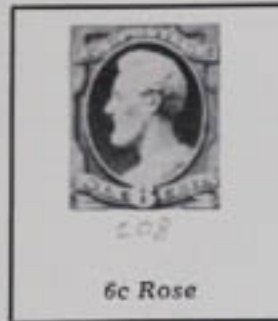
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1881-82

PERFORATED 12

PRINTED BY AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

DESIGN OF 1873 ISSUE—REENGRAVED



THE ABOVE FOUR STAMPS ARE THE RESULT OF RETOUCHEE OR REENGRAVED DIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF BETTER PRINTING EFFECTS. WHILE THE RESULTS WERE SATISFACTORY FOR THE PRINTER, THE BEAUTY OF THE FINISHED STAMPS WAS DESTROYED.

1883

PRINTED BY AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

NEW DESIGNS



UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS

1887-88

PERFORATED 12

PRINTED BY AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

NEW DESIGNS AND COLORS



60

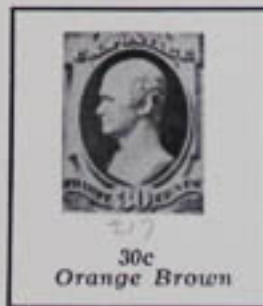


27



5c Blue

17



30c
Orange Brown



90c Purple

1890

PERFORATED 12

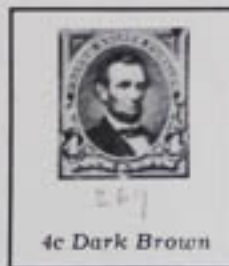
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NEW DESIGNS—SMALLER SIZE



IT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO ISSUE THESE STAMPS ON JANUARY 1, 1890. DELAY IN PREPARATION MADE IT NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE PREVIOUS ISSUE IN USE UNTIL FEBRUARY 22, WHEN THIS ISSUE WAS FIRST PLACED IN USE.

1895
 PERFORATED 12
 TYPE OF 1894 ISSUE
 WATERMARKED DOUBLE LINE
 U S P S



276
100-

\$1.00 Black
 TYPE II

\$2.00 Dark Blue

\$5.00 Dark Green

THIS ISSUE IS IDENTICAL WITH THE ISSUE OF 1894, THE STAMPS OF THIS ISSUE NOW BEING WATERMARKED WITH LARGE DOUBLE LINED LETTERS AND THE PERFORATING IS MUCH BETTER DONE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS ISSUE.

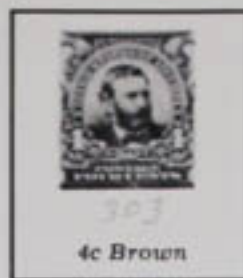
UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS

1902-03

WATERMARKED DOUBLE LINE

U S P S

PERFORATED 12



11

302
3c Bright Violet

303
4c Brown



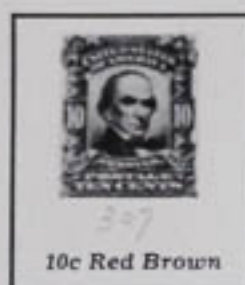
304
5c Blue



60



40



307
10c Red Brown



X



14



37



311
\$1.00 Black



312
\$2.00 Dark Blue



313
\$5.00 Blue Green

1902-03

WATERMARKED DOUBLE LINE

U S P S

1903

WATERMARKED DOUBLE LINE

U S P S

1908-09
 WATERMARKED DOUBLE LINE
USPS
 PERFORATED 12



THIS DESIGN, ADOPTED IN 1908, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME MINOR CHANGES WAS IN USE UNTIL THE YEAR 1932.

331-342
 16725

1908
 WATERMARKED DOUBLE LINE
USPS
 IMPERFORATE



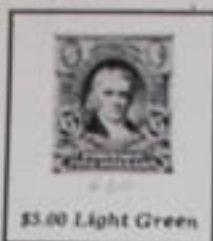
345 225

1916-17

SAME DESIGN AS 1902 ISSUE

UNWATERMARKED

PERFORATED 10



\$5.00 Light Green

NO NEW STAMPS OF TWO AND FIVE DOLLAR VALUE HAD BEEN ISSUED SINCE 1902. A NEED FOR THESE VALUES CAUSED THE REISSUE OF THESE TWO DESIGNS PENDING PREPARATION AND PRODUCTION OF DESIGNS TO CORRESPOND WITH THE STAMPS NOW IN USE.

1916-17

FLAT PLATE PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED

IMPERFORATE



1916-18

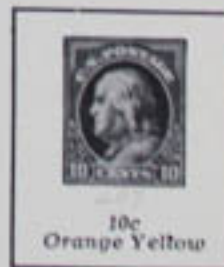
COIL STAMPS

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED

PERFORATED 10 HORIZONTALLY



PERFORATED 10 VERTICALLY



10c
Orange Yellow

1917-19
 UNWATERMARKED
 PERFORATED 11



1917
 TYPE OF 1908-09 ISSUE
 WATERMARKED DOUBLE LINE
 U S P S
 PERFORATED 11



1918
 NEW DESIGN—PORTRAIT OF FRANKLIN
 UNWATERMARKED—PERFORATED 11



1918-20
 OFFSET PRINTING
 UNWATERMARKED—PERFORATED 11



BECAUSE OF THE WORLD WAR IT BECAME DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF NECESSARY DYE COLORS FOR THE MAKING OF INKS SUCH AS HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY USED. THEREFORE THE LITHOGRAPH OFFSET PROCESS WAS ADOPTED FOR POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE ONE, TWO AND THREE CENT VALUES.

1918-20
 OFFSET PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED
 IMPERFORATE

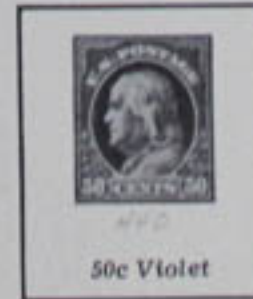
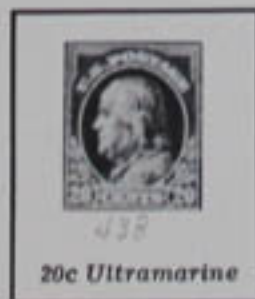


1919
 OFFSET PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED
 PERFORATED 12 1/2



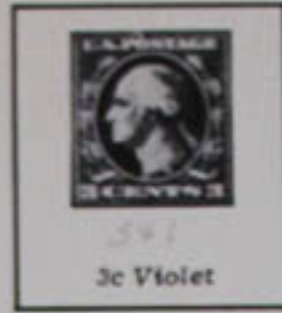
1914-15
WATERMARKED SINGLE LINE

USPS
PERFORATED 10



ROTARY PRESS PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED

PERFORATED 11X10



FOR SOME TIME THE BUREAU HAD BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH A HIGH SPEED ROTARY TYPE PRESS WHICH PRINTED FROM RECESS ENGRAVED CURVED PLATES. THESE ARE THE FIRST STAMPS OF THIS KIND TO BE ISSUED IN SHEETS.

1920

ROTARY PRINT—UNWATERMARKED

PERFORATED 10X11



1921

ROTARY PRINT—UNWATERMARKED

PERFORATED 10



1921

ROTARY PRINT—UNWATERMARKED

PERFORATED 11



1920

FLAT PLATE PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED

PERFORATED 11



CHANGE OF COLOR OF THE 1918 ISSUE.

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1922-26

FLAT PLATE PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED
PERFORATED 11



UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS

1923-25

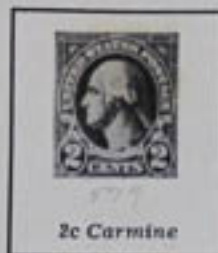
FLAT PLATE PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED
IMPERFORATE



1923-26

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED

PERFORATED 11X10



PERFORATED 10



UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS

1923-26

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED
PERFORATED 11



2c Carmine

1923-29

COIL STAMPS—ROTARY PRESS PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED
PERFORATED 10 VERTICALLY



1923-25

COIL STAMPS—ROTARY PRESS PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED
PERFORATED 10 HORIZONTALLY



1925-26

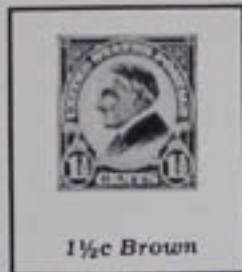
FLAT PLATE PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED
PERFORATED 11



THESE STAMPS ARE AN ADDITION OF TWO NEW VALUES TO THE ORIGINAL 1917 ISSUE.

1926-27

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED
IMPERFORATE



1926-29

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED
PERFORATED 11X10 1/2



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1938

PRESIDENTIAL ISSUE

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING—UNWATERMARKED

PERFORATED 11X10½



ISSUE OF 1918



PICTURING THE CURTISS "JENNY"

ISSUE OF 1923



PROPELLER AND ENGINE FRONT



AIR SERVICE INSIGNE



A DE HAVILAND BIPLANE

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ISSUE OF 1926-27



MAP OF UNITED STATES WITH PLANES APPROACHING FROM EAST AND WEST

CONFEDERATE STATES

GENERAL ISSUES



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