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Benjamin Franklin



George Washington

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George Washington



Thomas Jefferson



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Issue of 1857-61

PERFORATED 15

PRINTED BY TOPPAN, CARPENTER & Co.



Thomas Jefferson

George Washington

George Washington



George Washington



Benjamin Franklin



George Washington

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This issue marked a great milestone in postal progress. Due to the pressing need for a faster method of dispensing stamps to the public the stamps were machine perforated so that instead of being cut apart by scissors stamps were now easily and quickly separated. This set employed the same designs as the previous issue. The 24¢, 30¢, and 90¢ values were now regularly issued.

UNITED STATES

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Issue of 1861-66

FORATED 12

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between 1861 and 1866, the postal authorities...
 minimize all of the United States stamps in order to prevent use by the...
 the 1-cent stamp was replaced by the 1-cent stamp...
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5-11-68

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Issue of 1867



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NOTE

Benjamin Franklin

Thomas Jefferson

George Washington

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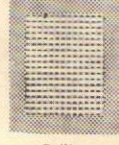
Abraham Lincoln

George Washington

Benjamin Franklin

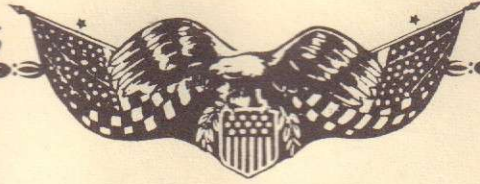
George Washington

THE cancellations from used stamps for the... defrauded... tallic... that the... consisted of small square pyramids... paper would be weakened and would... and thus make cleaning for a second use impossible.



Grill

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Issue of 1869
PERFORATED 12

ATED BY THE MINK



Pony Express Rider

Locomotive

George Washington

Landing of Columbus

THE first pictorial
one of our most

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We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the
applicant described as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom	Color
133	1869	1¢ buff	

UNITED STATES

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Issue of

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BANK NOTE



Benjamin Franklin

Andrew Jackson

George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



104, 115



Gen. Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore Oliver Perry



This series of stamps could be used for the portraits of our great men. The set is featured in the 'Gull'.





Issue of
PERFORATED
PRINTED BY THE CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE COMPANY



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Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Edwin M. Stanton



Thomas Jefferson



Henry Clay



Daniel Webster



Gen. Winfield Scott



Alexander Hamilton



Commodore Oliver Perry



CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE COMPANY was awarded the contract to continue the issue of its predecessor's postage stamps. To identify its products from those of its predecessor, the Continental Bank Note Company secret marks were placed on its stamps. The 24¢, 30¢ and 90¢ values of these stamps were distinguished by these secret marks are illustrated below.



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Lincoln. First 4 vertical lines of ribbon heavy.



Stanton. Semi-circles added in ball at lower left.



Jefferson. Circles added in ball at lower left.



Clay. Ball in ball at lower left.



Webster. Worn lines of shading in triangles and below U.S. Postage.



Issue of 1875

PERFORATED 12

PRINTED BY THE CONTINENTAL BANK NOTE CO.



Andrew Jackson



Zachary Taylor



THE 5¢ stamp was created to meet the requirements for foreign mail following the establishment of the Universal Postal Union.

Issue of 1879

PERFORATED 12

SOFT POROUS PAPER

PRINTED BY THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.



Benjamin Franklin



Andrew Jackson



George Washington



Zachary Taylor



Abraham Lincoln



Thomas Jefferson



Daniel Webster



Alexander Hamilton



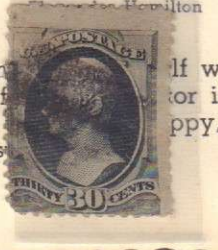
Commodore Oliver Perry



AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. printed the soft, porous



stamp, having commanded interest in contrast to previous issues



It is found in the soft, porous, translucent



UNITED STATES

POSTAL ISSUES



Benjamin Franklin

George Washington

Andrew Jackson

Ulysses S. Grant



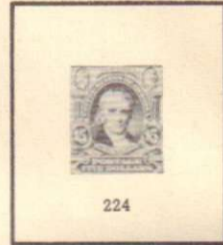
Abraham Lincoln

James A. Garfield

Martha Washington

Daniel Webster

Benjamin Harrison



Henry Clay



Madison

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IMPERFORATE



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George Washington

George Washington



Issue of 1927
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



"Spirit of St. Louis"

Issue of 1928
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Rocky Mountain Beacon

Issue of 1930
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



Winged Globe

Issue of 1930



Graf Zeppelin in flight

Issue of 1931-32
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING
PERFORATED 10½ x 11



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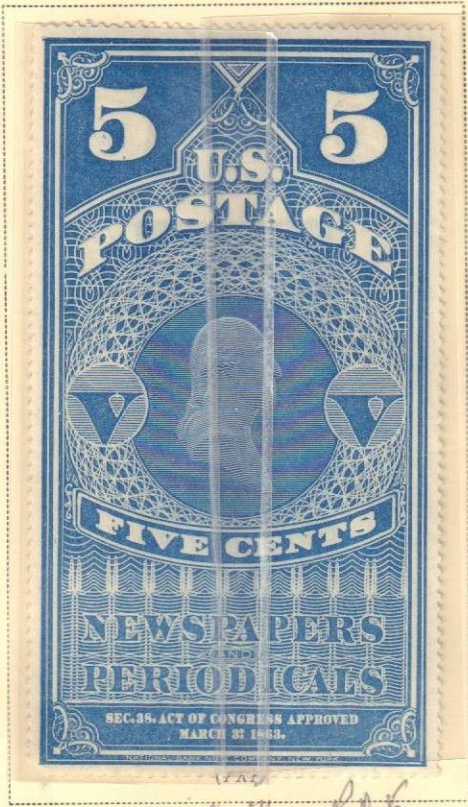


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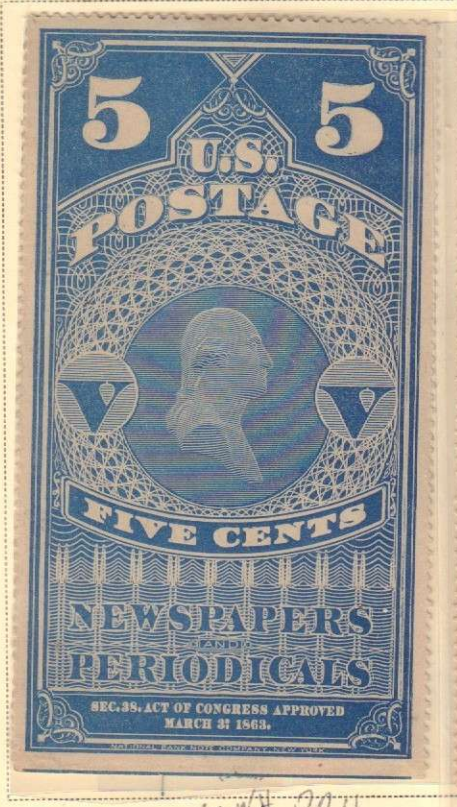
NEWSPAPER STAMPS

Unwatermarked

1865



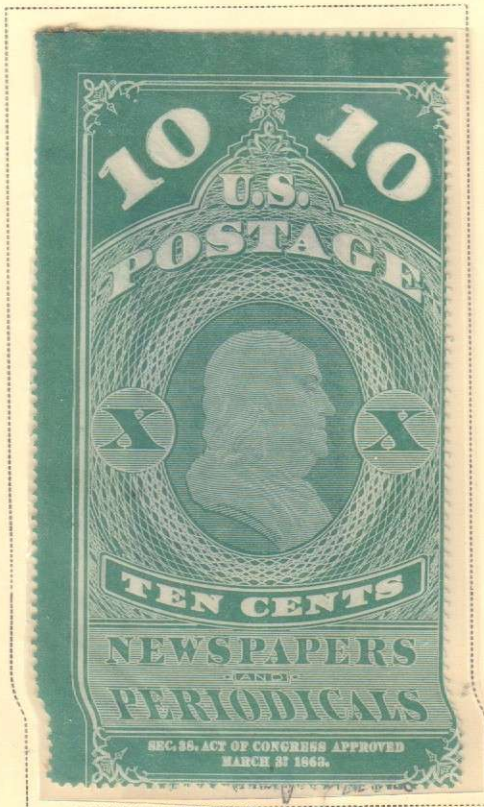
MNH PR5



MNH PR4



MNH PR8



MNH PR7B



PR3B



PR2

UNITED STATES


OFFICIAL STAMPS FOR USE IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Unwatermarked

1873

Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.

Executive

	2 C CARMINE	3 C VIOLET ROSE	6 C CARMINE	10 C CARMINE
(010)	(011)	(012)	(013)	(014)

Navy



State

	2 C DARK GREEN	3 C BRIGHT GREEN			
(057)	(058)	(059)			



		\$ 10 GREEN AND BLACK	\$ 20 GREEN AND BLACK
(068)		(070)	(071)

UNITED STATES

OFFICIAL STAMPS FOR USE IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Unwatermarked

1873

Printed by the Continental Bank Note Co.

Agriculture



(01 or 004)



Interior



Justice

