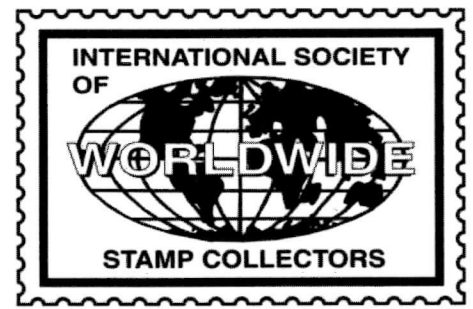


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Whatzit: Danube Steam Navigation Company

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The Donau-Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft, initials D.D.S.G., was formed in 1830. Envision the world at this time. There are no motorized vehicles, no metalled roads and no airplanes. Trains are very primitive. The most efficient, most comfortable and safest means of transportation is by boat. The Danube, one of the great navigable rivers of the world, provides access to the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Sultanate of Turkey. It will, in the future, connect the new countries of Romania and Bulgaria while continuing to provide access to the Black Sea with its connection to the rest of the world. By 1880, D.D.S.G. was the largest international shipping company in the world.



Figure 1

In 1846, D.D.S.G. became an official carrier of mail for the Austrian Post Office. With such a provenance, I am surprised that Scott does not list the stamps of D.D.S.G. because they are officially used as postage for mail both within the Empire and internationally, even though issued by a private company.

The first stamps were printed in 1866—a red 17kr stamp was issued. Because that year 10kr became the official rate for a first class letter of the Austrian Post, the D.D.S.G. produced a lilac 10kr stamp (Figure 1; source *American Philatelist*, May 1950, pg 611). A green 10kr was issued in 1869 and, in 1870, a red 10kr.



Figure 2

I bid for a selection of D.D.S.G. stamps offered in an auction with a one line description. When I received these stamps, I did not have any of the four stamps I was familiar with from reading philatelic literature. The *American Philatelist* series of articles on the D.D.S.G. published in the 1950's were no help. The note by Peter Kelley in *Stamp Collecting* 1970 was also of no assistance, however, it did mention that "the company used a number of very interesting private fiscal adhesives."



Figure 3

My stamps sat on a shelf until one day I was looking in *The Stamps of Turkey* by Adolf Passer. Because of the ineffectual service of the Turkish post

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President's Report

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Hello, all members! I have just about recovered from my move from the East Coast to the "Left" Coast. My back has healed from the stress of lifting all of those stamp room boxes and we are enjoying what has been a cool summer in Southern California. Now, if I could only get rid of that shack in Jacksonville...

To those who do not know me, I have recently been elected president of the ISWSC. I have been a member of the club since the mid 1990's. I ran the Charitable Services program (now Outreach Program) for several years, and the Auctions (now Mail Bid Sales) for the last two years. I am a member of the APS, and a latecomer to collecting.

I am retired from the federal government (2004). My wife is the library manager at Whittier College. My two dogs, Woodrow and Wilson, keep me hopping. The Mail Bid Sales let me see a lot of philatelic material I would never otherwise see and the activity fills up a lot of hours. I invite all members to check out the Mail Bid Sale #42 in this newsletter and on the club website. Bidding could not be easier.

Two recent changes. First, the ISWSC Auction is now the ISWSC Mail Bid Sale. The change has been made because, to my way of thinking, an "auction" more properly refers to a process where participants openly bid against one another. Our "mail bid sale" allows members to bid once by mail, phone or e-mail and the bids of others are not known until the end of the sale. This name change will not affect any other aspect of the operation.

Second is the issue of accountability for the Mail Bid Sale income. A small but important change will be that successful bidders in the Mail Bid Sale will make their checks or money orders to the ISWSC and not to me personally. This safeguards the payment process and ensures that the Executive Director will have a better handle on the program's finances.

Have a great autumn!

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Ventures in Printing—Part 12

Relief Printed CMP Stamps—Postage Dues of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Part I

by Sandy Stover (#2325)

Editor's Note: This is a continuation of the series of articles adapted from a book on classic multicolored postage stamps currently being written by the author.

Multicolor and Superior Artistry—on a Lowly Postage Due Label!

At the beginning of the last century, when costs accelerated prohibitively with each color beyond the first, why would any country print multicolored postage due stamps? After all, postage due labels are not even postage stamps in the strict sense of the term, since they do not prepay postage and are, according to Kenneth Wood, “purely an official indication of an amount due the postal service on an item of delivered mail” (Wood, vol. 2, p. 596). In the earlier history of these lowly labels, as we are reminded by Rick Miller, they sometimes were printed without the country's name, since they were viewed by postal authorities as “an internal accounting tool that would only be seen and used by postal clerks within the country” (Miller, *Linn's*, Nov. 30, 2009, p. 6).

Why waste resources, then, to print fancy multicolored labels for a mundane, ho-hum, bureaucratic postal function? Indeed, there is only one classic-era set for which the puzzlement of that



Figure 1—Bosnia-Herzegovina, Scott J1, Postage Due, 1904

question applies. It is Bosnia-Herzegovina (Austria-Hungary), Scott J1-J13 (Figure 1). (The Scott catalogue lists Togo, J21, 1927, as printed in three original ink colors, *i.e.*, not including the overprint, but I believe, instead, that the “black” is only the apparent effect of the ultramarine printed over the brown orange, and that the Togo stamp is therefore a bi-color.)

Having placed postage due labels in the back of “the back of the book”, Wood went on to state that they are “generally not very attractive” (*italics added*). True, he relented some to note that, while many countries had

discontinued the use of such labels (by the 1980s), others were “beginning to produce attractive multicolored pictorial postage due labels”. But negatively again, he stated that these later efforts were “obviously aimed at philatelic sales” (Wood, vol. 2, p. 597). Such slights having been written, I can only wonder whether it was the 1904 J-labels of Bosnia-Herzegovina that crossed Wood's mind as exceptions amid the whole “generally” unattractive bunch. For, in my opinion, these black, red and

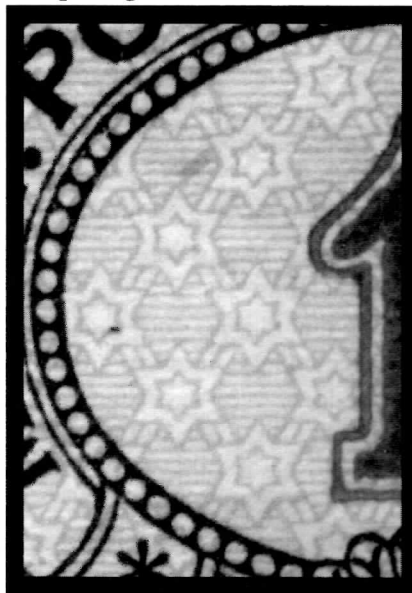


Figure 2—Background detail of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Scott J1

yellow (or green in the case of J13) numerals are—well, a bit flamboyant—but still very pretty stamps. (And I can only guess that the reader agrees.) The choice of colors was probably inspired by the Bosnia-Herzegovina coat of arms current at the time of issue.

The stamps are not only colorful, they are intricate and highly artistic in design. So much so that E. C. Coleman wrote, perhaps with some exaggeration:

Wahrscheinlich ist dies der interessanteste und komplizierteste Entwurf, der je von der Post als Gesamtentwurf gemacht wurde. Kein anderer konnte diesem an Kunstfertigkeit gleichkommen. [This is probably the most interesting and most complicated overall design that was ever made by the (Austrian) postal service. No other one comes close to equaling it in artistry (craftsmanship)] (“Bosnien-Herzegowina: Portomarken 1904”, *Philatelistische Forschungsblätter*, 12/75).

This small label is indeed filled with elaborate detail: First is a delicate yellow under-printing that spans the entire stamp and consists of double-lined six-pointed stars, which in turn are connected by triplicate slanted lines to form a continuous diamond

configuration—and all of this in a field of fine, interrupted, horizontal lines (Figure 2). The star motif is barely identifiable without magnification. Under normal view, the under-printing's impression is that of a mottled yellow and white texture. Coleman stated the design's colors result in a leather-like appearance, ("lederartig")



Figure 3—Oak leaf detail of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Scott J1

but that is not quite my own impression. Nor do I know any special significance of the six-pointed stars. Perhaps the Austrian printers simply wanted to create an interesting parchment-like texture in the stamp's background. But why on a lowly postage due label?

Then there are the remaining decorations: oak leaves (Figure 3), stylized fan, asterisks, and beaded-effect on the oval. Add to this a total of four varieties of font in either black or red, including the inscribed authority: MILIT. POST-PORTOMARKE ("Military



Figure 4—Austria, Scott J10, Postage Due, 1899

Post-Postage Due"). Compare all of this to Austria's own postage due labels: three varieties of font, simple geometric spandrels with stylized

flowers, beads on the oval, no under-printing, one color—brown (Figure 4). Why the costly extras for the Bosnia-Herzegovina labels?

Aside: Postage Due Labels and the Classicist Admiration for Engine-Turning

A side comment about the aesthetics of postage due labels: Are such labels *indeed* a bunch of plainness, with only a few exceptions? There are, in fact, numerous early postage due labels—mostly in the Americas—whose designs include the intricacies of *engine-turning*

(geometric lathe-work). Many collectors view such labels, with their tiny *bank-note* aura, as rather attractive—further exceptions to Kenneth Wood's generalization about the unattractiveness of the entire lot. See, for example, the early postage due labels of Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, the United States and Uruguay (Figure 5). Wood himself defined engine-turning as a procedure that "not only provides *beautiful* designs but renders forgery a great deal more difficult" (Wood, vol. 1, p. 235; *italics added*).

Engine-turning (by the Perkins "rose engine") was present at the very birth of stamps—on the 1840 Penny Black. In the dogma of *classicist* philately, engine-turning seems to be a guaranteed mark of beauty. If so, why? Because it is, in truth, beautiful? Or perhaps also because it links stamp design to the *gravitas* of the bank note? Questions for another article.



Figure 5—Brazil, Scott J28, Postage Due, 1906

My own view, however, is that these partially engine-turned postage due designs—whether they have aesthetic merit or not—fall far below the level of craftsmanship and expense entailed by the multicolored Bosnia-Herzegovina design, which certainly required triplicate plates and triplicate impressions, but which also involved hand-work in the engraving of the original dies. The actual extent of the latter, I do not know. All that I have is Coleman's generalization that the design's craftsmanship was unparalleled. And again the question: Why?

Clumsy Imperialism

Under the terms of the Berlin Congress of 1878, Austria-Hungary began military occupation of Bosnia-Herzegovina in that same year. In other words, this mostly rural Balkan territory, populated by Muslims, Jews, Orthodox Christians and Catholic Christians, almost all Slavs, became a protectorate of the Habsburg emperor, Franz Joseph. The protectorate was still, in theory, a part of the Ottoman Empire, but effective control was assumed by a joint commission of both Austria and Hungary, with highest territorial administration in the hands of two Habsburg appointees: a military governor and a finance minister.

Whatzit

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office at the time and treaty obligations, foreign post offices and shipping companies provided the only effective means of moving international mail. Passer included a section on Private Companies and Local Posts in his book. In this section, I found a listing of my stamps. They are a set of 11 red stamps, 50 centimes to 10 Kreuzer, which were parcel post stamps for the D.D.S.G., issued in 1889 (Figure 2). Passer also lists two postage due stamps: a 3kr blue (Figure 3) and a 10kr red, both issued in 1889.

The article by Hurt and Kelley in the May 1950 *American Philatelist* goes into great detail on the problems of identifying the first four issues of the Danube Steam Navigation Company. There were numerous forgeries and reprints because of the demand from stamp collectors. Now they have fallen out of favor.



Whatzit 28.3.1

Can any member provide more information of the stamps of the D.D.S.G.? Do I have genuine stamps, forgeries or reprints?

This is a very important company in the history of Europe and the Middle East. I hope the cycles of philatelic interest will again bring these stamps into prominence so we can learn more about them.

Whatzit Answers

Everyone agreed that Whatzit 27.4.2 was a Russian stamp. The answers were equally divided between Russia #9 and #30. The big difference between the two stamps is the paper, which can't be examined in a scan.

Whatzit 27.6.1 was the most answered Whatzit to date. All responses thought that it was something to do with the Indian Federated State of Faridkot. The majority think it is a revenue, but no one has a catalogue number. The remainder were divided between a fantasy and a reprint. I checked closer and must rule out the Afghanistan revenue for Hindu protective tax. I think we will have to wait until a catalogue of Indian Federated States is found to provide a definitive answer.



Whatzit 28.3.2

I stand corrected on Whatzit 27.6.3. The value of this stamp is 100 Rs. It is a Brazilian revenue. The text at the top of the stamp reads "charity tax". Because the value of this stamp is 100 Rs and the letter rate in 1900-15 was 100 Reis, then a good guess at the date for this revenue is early 1900's.

As for Whatzit 28.1.4, the key is in the text just above "correos" which reads "vrvvgvay". If you replace the "v"s with "u"s you get the right country, Uruguay. The stamp was issued on 18 May 1944 and is Michel #650. It is part of a three stamp series that commemorates 75 years of the "Swiss Colony" (1c on 3c, 5c on 7c and 10c on 12c). They represent a monument to the colonists by Aristide Bassi. According to Michel, the stamps were never issued without the overprints.



Whatzit 28.3.3

New Whatzits

Whatzit 28.3.1 is an overprint of the Pakistan stamp, Scott #68. I can't find any reference to this overprint in Scott, Michel or Barefoot. Usage, date, etc. is needed.

I have an imperf group of four North Vietnam stamps: 3 HAO brown, 4 HAO blue (Whatzit 28.3.2), 6 HAO green and 9 HAO red. I checked Scott and Michel without success. I need any information on these stamps.

Whatzit 28.3.3 is brown, depicts a gateway, has an 1 Pta value, has a blue pen cancel, is from Spanish Morocco and is a telegraph stamp. In addition, I have a purple 50 Cts stamp with the same design. I want to know when these telegraph stamps were used and what composed the set of these stamps.

We have a schedule for the remaining issues of this year's *The Circuit*. I need help. So far this year, I have received only one member's Whatzit since my appeal for assistance. It is a Whatzit in this issue. My cupboard is bare. Is there any topic that you think the membership would be interested in? This column is only as good as the assistance I receive from members.

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Auction Renamed Mail Bid Sale

Yes, you read that correctly — “Auction #42” is now “Mail Bid Sale #42”. Why the change? See the President’s Report on page 3 for the explanation. Another change effective immediately: please make any checks or money orders payable to “ISWSC”. Please do not make checks payable to the Mail Bid Sale Manager (Mike Crump).

Mail Bid Sale #42 is loaded with 250 lots as more members get involved with selling (and bidding). Neophytes are welcome and the Mail Bid Sale Manager will assist with advice on bidding or selling material. Get involved in the action and stock up on material for those long winter nights that will be here before you know it. Germany, Iran, Micronesia and an unprecedented number of worldwide lots lead the way. Don’t miss the large number of retired OMNI Exchange books at no minimum bid! These draw a lot of attention so bid accordingly. The winning bidder pays one bid interval over the second-highest bid. Good bidding!

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3	USA. #537 commem, U, off-paper, 3¢ – 37¢, many se-tenant issues. Est CV \$100.	\$5
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5	USA. 680 defin, U, off-paper (a few on-paper), 1916-2001. I see plenty of pre-1940. Sort 'till the cows come home! Est CV \$136+.	\$5
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7	USA. 87 plate number coils, U. Flag, Eagle, Sea Coast, Patriotic Banner, plus 19 w/numbers. Est value \$17.	\$2
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9	USA. Three FDCs. Presidential Inauguration cancels of 01/20/09, Artcraft cachets: one of President Obama, one of President and First Lady, one of President and VP. Unaddr & excellent. State Flag stamps of DE, CT, AK, respectively.	\$3
10	USA. Four FDCs: 1994 Winter Olympics, #2807-2811 (2809 missing), on colorful, unaddr, Mystic Stamp Company cacheted envelopes.	\$0.50
11	USA. Ret Sales Book. 35 stamps, mostly U, mixed condition. Key values: #248, 252, 329, 397, 644, 680*, 688*, 765, 826** blk of 4, 835**. '04 CV \$77.	NMB
12	USA. Lucky Bag I. Small lot of mixed condition items, early to recent. I’m no expert. Have some fun confirming these ID’s: #65, U, LC; is it possibly 89(?), HC; 393, NG, pulled corner; 856 plate blk of 4, MNH; 874-878, MNH (but 876 torn); 1055, MNH, coil pair; C57, MNH; O19, (space filler, not counted); 1757, blk of 8, MNH; 4074a (cut from S/S), MNH. Try your luck!	NMB
13	USA. Lucky Bag II. Small lot of mixed condition items, early to recent. Some value here especially for the price: #414, U, VG; 610, MNH, F/VF; 615 (space filler, not counted); 629, U, G; 643, MNH, F; 645, MNH, F; 646, MNH, F; 657, MNH, F; 2201a, bklt pane of 4, MNH; 3197a, CTO, strip of 5 with backing intact; 3302-3304 (missing 3305) strip, MNH; QE1, U, G. Why stop now? Let it ride!	NMB
14	UN. Stock cards with approx 350-400 stamps, M & U (about 50/50), many blks of multiples, singles, much dup. Lots of fun digging through these. Value? Unknown. Sorting fun for hours!	\$10

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17	Antigua/Redonda. 1978 World Cup Soccer, #515-517; 518 S/S of 4, all MNH. Overstamped "Redonda", small uninhabited island (except for the goats), w/a "king" headquartered in a British pub. The "king" bestowed various titles for cash or drinks! An interesting curiosity? Est value \$5.	\$2
18	Australia. #579, MNH, in presentation packet, Australian Painting Series ("Coming South" by Tom Roberts). Perfect & wonderful! CV \$18.	\$10
19	Australia. Sport Series presentation packet, #590-596, MNH. CV \$2.45.	\$1
20	Australia. 1977 Centenary of Test Cricket, Australia/England, 1877-1977, Post Office cacheted, FDC, unaddr. #661-666. Est value \$4.50.	\$2
21	Australia. Club Owned. Ret OMNI book. 100 U stamps, larger, no dup. Mostly #1900//2400 area. '07 CV \$54.75.	NMB
22	Australia. Club Owned. Ret OMNI book. 137 large U stamps, no dup, mounted & ID'd, #501//1534. '05 CV \$95. Fill lots of spaces! Wow!	NMB
23	Australia. 192 U stamps, F/VF to VF, LC, ID'd & mounted in sales book. Most after 1980. #507//2735. '09 CV \$156.	\$29
24	Australia. Packet of approx 100 U, diff, large stamps. Looks like the 1970's era to me.	\$10
25	Austria. 100+ diff, mostly U, F/VF, large stamps.	NMB
26	Austria. Packet of 105 diff large U stamps. Looks like 1970's to 1990's to me. Useful group.	\$15
27	Bahamas. 1964 Summer Olympics, #202, blk of 4, overprint w/Olympic rings, new value. CV \$2.	NMB
28	Bahamas. 1976 Summer Olympics, MNH singles, #388-391; also 391a, S/S of 4. '09 CV \$8.25.	\$3
29	Barbuda. 1980 Moscow Olympics. #449-454; 455 S/S, all MNH. CV \$8.50.	\$4
30	Belgium (mostly). Club Owned. Ret OMNI book. 42 U, early issues, varied condition. Best: Brazil #P22, P24; Belgium 6, 7, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 35, 37, 38, 44, 45, 46, 48, 54, 58, 71, 73, 75, 83, 88-91, 96, 190, 252; Dutch Indies 7. '08 CV \$219.	NMB
31	Bermuda. 1973 Centenary of Tennis in Bermuda. 4 blks of 4, corner blks w/margins, #304-307 (cpl set x 4). CV \$12.60.	\$4
32	Brazil. 1986 World Cup Soccer Championship. #2042, S/S, MNH. CV \$5.	\$2
33	Brazil. Club Owned, ret OMNI book. Mostly U, mixed condition, about 75 stamps. #73//1174, mostly earlier issues. Lots & lots of good values. '08 CV \$119.	NMB
34	Brazil. Club Owned, ret OMNI book. 36 U, better values, no dup, early issues: #90, 93, 102, 103, 112, 114-116, 118, 119, 148, 181, 183, 185-187, etc. '08 CV \$60. Value!	NMB
35	Brazil. Club Owned, ret OMNI book. 41 U stamps, mostly large, few dup, varied condition. Good values: #1180, 1186, 1199, 1203, 1207, 1208, 1212, 1220, 1221, 1242-1246, etc. 1180//2494, few BOB. '08 CV \$50.	NMB
36	British Commonwealth. 100 U stamps, mostly small islands, West Indies. All large: St. Vincent, St. Lucia, St. Kitts-Nevis, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Samoa, others.	NMB
37	British Islands & Commonwealth. 30 U stamps, mostly large, all diff. Papua New Guinea, Trinidad & Tobago, British Virgin Islands, Barbados, others.	\$4
38	British Virgin Islands. 1984 Olympics: #471-472, 473-474, 475-476, all MNH pairs; 477 S/S MNH. '09 CV \$7.75.	\$3
39	Cambodia/Laos. 30 diff CTO's from the 1990's (70% Cambodia). All animals or dinosaurs. Great topicals.	NMB
40	Cayman Islands. 1976 Summer Olympics, Sailing Yachts. #377, 378, MNH, 2 blks of 4. CV \$7.80.	\$3
41	Canada. Early issues: #34, MH, HR, F/VF; 37, U, LC, F; 38, pulled perf, U, (counted at 10% of CV); 42, U, LC, F; 66, MH, F; 69, U, medium cancel, F; 70, U, LC, F; 76, MH, F; 77, U, cork cancel. CV \$75+.	\$7.50
42	Canada. #84, 20¢ olive green Queen Victoria, U, medium to HC, F/VF. '09 CV \$100.	\$10

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43	Canada. #87, carmine, surcharged, U, SON. '09 CV \$7.50.	NMB
44	Canada. #94, U, 2 stamps, F & F/VF, parcel cancels (sell for much less than CV – see note in Scott). These are CV \$40 each when circular date stamped – these are not). '09 CV \$80.	\$6
45	Canada. Quebec Tercentenary #96, ½¢ black/brown, MNH, F. '09 CV \$14.50.	\$2
46	Canada. Quebec Tercentenary #97, 1¢ blue green, MNH, F/VF, spot of crackled gum, light crease. '09 CV \$47.50.	\$5
47	Canada. #98. Quebec Tercentenary 2¢ carmine, MLH, F/VF. CV \$32.50.	\$5
48	Canada. #107, MH, F. '09 CV \$15.	\$1.50
49	Canada. #110, MH, HR, F. '09 CV \$45.	\$5
50	Canada. #112, MH, HR, F/VF. '09 CV \$35.	\$4
51	Canada. #135, MH, HR, F. '09 CV \$47.50.	\$5
52	Canada. #143, blk of 4, U, F/VF, Calgary cancels. '09 CV is \$6.50 for a single – total CV \$26.	\$3
53	Canada. #144, MLH, F. '09 CV \$4.50.	NMB
54	Canada. #145, MH, HR, F/VF. CV \$25.	\$3
55	Canada. #155, MH, F. CV \$22.50.	\$3
56	Canada. 1932 Ottawa Conference. #192-194, beautiful MH set, F/VF. '09 CV \$19.40.	\$4
57	Canada. BOB group: #C1, MNH, F/VF; C5, MH, F; E1, U, medium cancel, F/VF; E3, MNH, F; O31 (x2), MH, F/VF; J8 (x4), U, LC, F; bonus (not in CV): blk of 4 War Savings Stamps (25¢), MNH. '09 CV \$95+.	\$10
58	Canada. Special Delivery, #E1, MH, perfs just touch left side frame. '09 CV \$110. A good deal!	\$10
59	Canada. Special Delivery, #E2, MH, F. Free: E1, U, LC (CV \$11). '09 CV \$90.	\$9
60	Canada. 100 U recent, off-paper large stamps.	\$7
61	Caribbean Group. Cayman Island #443, Queen Elizabeth Birthday, sheet of 9 + 3 singles; Bahamas 202, surcharged w/Olympic Rings, new values & bars; Bermuda 195, blk of 4 + single, 1964 Tokyo Olympics. CV \$9.40.	\$3.50
62	China (People's Republic). 1981 World Table Tennis Championship Trophies. MNH, 2 sheets: #1692a-e, 4 strips of 5 (intact sheet of 20 stamps); 1693, 1694 in sheet of 16 + 2 labels (8 each). Never seen here previously – "hot" country w/rising values. Total '09 CV \$19.20. Only!	\$10
63	China (People's Republic). 19 covers + 1 Mongolia. Most to United Kingdom, last 10 years. CV unknown but China prices are soaring.	\$7.50
64	Costa Rica. 1986 World Cup Soccer. #369-373, MNH. CV \$7.35.	\$3
65	Cuba. 1972 Munich Olympics, 1994 World Cup Soccer, all MNH: #1764-1770, 1771 S/S; 3545-3550, 3551 S/S. CV \$19.50.	\$6

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2. High bidder wins at one advance over second-highest bidder.
3. If there are tie bids, the earliest postmark wins.
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66	Cyprus. International Ski Federation, #394-395, blk of 4 each; 465-467, 1976 Montreal Olympic Games, blk of 4 each + 3 singles each; 705-708, 1988 Seoul Olympics. All MNH. CV \$10.10.	\$3
67	Cyprus. Sport FDC's! Four (unaddr, Post Office cacheted) envelopes: #383-385; 465-467; 705-706; Summer Olympics. Except 465-467, skiing. CV \$5.60.	\$2.50
68	Dahomey. #C58a, MNH, S/S of 4. CV \$7.00.	\$3.50
69	Danzig. Sleeper? A great opportunity. 57 mostly U stamps in ret sales book: #1-4, 6, 19, 20, 23, 49, 65, 69, 70, 71, 73, 85, 88, 90, 92, 93, 107, 127*, 129*, 131-135*, 153-155*, 168, 170, 173, 175-177, 179-181, 183, 184, 187, O23. Some values, some dup, some price! '04 CV \$37.30.	NMB
70	Denmark. 191 U stamps, large, recent, excellent! Mounted & ID'd in sales book. #765//1401 + a few semi-postals. '09 CV \$114.	\$20
71	Equatorial Guinea. 120 CTO, fabulous topicals! Expand into Africa.	NMB
72	Falkland Islands/South Georgia Dependency. #41-43, U (CTO?); 3L1-3L8, MLH. CV \$19.25.	\$6
73	Far East. Mostly Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar. 100 (approx.) large, colorful, recent topical, many CTO stamps.	\$10
74	Finland. Golf! #1236, S/S of 4, MNH. CV \$7.50.	\$3
75	Finland. 1978 World Ski Championships, #B213-B214 on FDC, unaddr, Post Office cacheted envelope.	\$1
76	Finland. 162 stamps, U, diff, mounted & ID'd in sales book. #179//826. CV \$47+.	\$5
77	Finland. 300 U, off-paper, 40% commem, 60% defin. Fill those spaces! Est value \$80.	\$3
78	Finland. 8 FDC's, Sports related, Post Office cacheted envelopes. Clean & excellent. Stamps: #542, 592, 602, 649, 652, 682-683, 752, 753.	\$3
79	France. 100+ U stamps, off-paper, older & newer, large, no dup.	\$10
80	Germany. 192 U stamps, ID'd in sales book, all large & recent. A terrific lot! #1634//2520, B716//B1013. About half are semi-postals. '09 CV \$274.	\$50
81	Germany. 97 U stamps, large, recent, #1752//2467, B499//B983. About 60 are semi-postals. A great lot, few faulty, mounted & ID'd in sales book. '09 CV \$158.	\$29
82	Germany. On-paper mix, approx 10 oz on my old postal scale. Owner says there's \$500 in CV in this thick packet. Some dup. Lots of soaking fun here. Values 70¢ to \$4.	\$22
83	Germany. On-paper mix. Approx 6 oz. Higher values from \$1.50 to \$4. Owner says \$500 CV here. Dup.	\$22
84	GB/Guernsey. Charles & Diana Royal Wedding S/S, #226a (seven stamps, 224, 225, 226) MNH. '09 CV \$3.25.	\$1.50
85	GB/Guernsey. Religious & Folk Figures, Christmas 1985. #319, MNH, sheet of 12. '09 CV \$5.	\$2
86	GB/Guernsey. Christmas 1986. #346, MNH, sheet of 12 (a-l). '09 CV \$2.75.	\$1
87	GB/Isle of Man. Anglophile bonanza! Eight gorgeous & historical S/S: #51a, Winston Churchill; 81a, American Bicentennial; 173a, Mail Boats of Isle of Man Steam Packet Company; 176a Visit of King Olav V of Norway; 199a, Royal Wedding; 223, Princess Diana & Prince William; 259, Links w/Falkland Islands; 311a, Pilgrims, Myles Standish from Ameripex '86. CV \$18.65.	\$8
88	GB. U: #153, 161, 164, 167, 169. '09 CV \$29.	\$9
89	GB. U, F/VF: #250, 251A, 288. '09 CV \$17.75.	\$5
90	GB. U, F/VF: #311, 315, 371-374. '09 CV \$33.80.	\$9
91	GB. 100+ off-paper U stamps, mostly large, mostly 1970's-80's era, mostly common, some dup.	\$7
92	GB. Golf! Aerogramme, MNH. Colorful drawings on flaps: Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Bing Crosby & Bob Hope, Open Championship Trophy.	\$1.50
93	Grenada. 1974 World Cup Soccer Championship, Munich. MNH, #553-560, 561 S/S. CV \$3.95.	\$1.50
94	Guatemala. 50 diff, U, common.	NMB
95	Hong Kong. 13 U stamps (#157B is MNH): 37, 40, 43, 44, 45, 95, 141, 197, 322, 326 (crease), 344, 651B. Condition varied. Some good values here.	NMB
96	Iceland. 29 mostly U stamps up to 1938. '09 SC \$66.50.	\$15

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97	Iceland. 100 U, recent, large stamps. Colorful & interesting. We never get enough of Iceland!	\$15
98	India. 375 U, off-paper stamps. Defins, heavy dup, common. Lots of sorting fun!	NMB
99	Indonesia. #457-459, 517-519, 550//573 (missing 567, 569), 608-615, all MNH. CV \$13.95.	\$4
100	Ireland. U group of 5 stamps, #71-74, 76 (space filler #70 not in CV). '09 CV \$47.50.	\$17
101	Ireland. #103, 104, MH, F/VF. '09 CV \$12.	\$4.50
102	Ireland. U group: #117, 121, 124, 125, 131, 132, 137, 138, 142-144. Total '09 CV \$50.10.	\$17
103	Ireland. #149 & 150, MH, F/VF. '09 CV \$55.75.	\$17
104	Ireland. U group: #167, 170, 173, 174, 182, 183, 186, 187, 190, 191 (cream), 217, 242, 243, 260, 262, 298, 299A, 302b, 303. CV \$41.65.	\$13
105	Ireland. Group A: 60 U stamps, #65//298A. Better values include 70, 71, 72, 154, 205, 260, 298, 298A. CV approx \$52.	\$10
106	Ireland. Group B: 70+ U stamps, #305//585. Better values: 353, 358, 384, 412, 424, 470, 474, 485, 504, 519, 522, 534, 544, 547, 548, 550, 552-554, 558, 580. Approx CV \$34.	\$7
107	Ireland. Group C: 66 U stamps, #603//883. Values \$1 or more: 607, 644, 652, 658, 678, 680, 705, 708, 735, 748, 754, 756, 761, 763, 765, 766, 781b, 784, 785, 789, 792, 807, 820, 827, 829, 837, 850, 854, 872, 882, 883. Total CV \$65+.	\$13
108	Ireland. Group D: 62 U stamps (couple defective not in CV). #906//1097. Values \$2 or more: 935, 936, 963, 982B, 982D, 992, 1040, 1041, 1053, 1054, 1054C (lots more \$1 to \$2). CV approx \$100.	\$20
109	Ireland. Group E: Approx 78 U stamps, #1102//1641. Also C2, C3, C5-C7. Lots of great values (couple defective not in CV). CV approx \$130+.	\$25
110	Islands. All MNH. Faroe Islands #31-34; Marshall Islands 285, 298; New Zealand 626-629, 730-733; Tristan de Cunha 272-276; Turks & Caicos 321-323. CV \$9.55.	\$2
111	Israel. Soccer Tournament. #361, corner blk of 4 w/margin + numbers; single w/tab. All MNH. CV 95¢.	\$0.50
112	Israel. 135 stamps, M & U. Most are common. Fill spaces or trade. Est CV at least \$27. How can you go wrong?	NMB
113	Italy. Bicycle Racing, Bobsleds, Sailboats. #857-859 set; 910-912 singles set; 925-926 blk of 4 + singles; 927-929 singles set; 958 blk of 4 + single; 987 blk of 4 + single; 988 blk of 4 + 2 singles. All MNH, CV \$10.00.	\$3
114	Jamaica. 1968 Cricket, sheet of 9, intact, #266-268 (x 3), MNH. CV \$5.25.	\$3
115	Jamaica. 1969 Cricket, #268a, horizontal strip of 3, 266-268, MNH. CV \$1.75.	\$1
116	Japan. #2485, U, VF. Seldom seen. '09 CV \$14.50.	NMB
117	Japan. 192 U stamps mounted & ID'd in sales book. Large & recent, #1548//2700's. Wow! Fill a lot of spaces or trade 'em. '09 CV \$85.	\$17
118	Japan. 60 U stamps, pre-1940, common, lots of interesting cancels.	NMB
119	Japan. 192 U stamps, mounted & ID'd in sales book. Mostly prefecture issues. Good values! '09 CV \$138.	\$25
120	Japan. Packet of 200 U stamps, large recent & colorful.	\$16
121	Japan. Club Owned. Ret OMNI book. 116 large U stamps, no dup, mounted & ID'd. #1100//2700 range. Five are prefecture issues. '05 CV \$49.	NMB
122	Kenya/Uganda/Tanzania. Club Owned. 28 mainly U stamps. (One Dutch Indies, #21). Some good values, some dup: 47*, 48* (x2), 51*, 86* (pair), 72**, 75, 76**, 78 (x2), 80a**, 83, 111 (x 2), 114, 115 (x 2), 116 (x 2), 117, 133 (x 2), 134, 180, 237**, 275**. '08 CV \$100+.	NMB
123	Korea. 200+ U, commems, defins, 1960's to 1970's. Some dup. CV \$173+.	\$20
124	Liechtenstein. 25 diff U large stamps.	NMB
125	Lithuania. 25 diff U, F/VF, recent.	NMB
126	Luxembourg. Sports & Olympics. MNH: #566-568; 697, blk of 4; 707, blk of 4. CV \$5.70.	\$2
127	Luxembourg. Approx 75 stamps, more U than M, in ret sales book. Mostly early, mixed condition, couple faulty. Best: #48-52, 60, 62, 63, 65, 71-73, 76, 77, 79, 82, 87, 89, 91, 97-99, 101, 103, 105, 106, 112, 114, 115, 118, 131-133, 139 & many more. You absolutely can't miss w/this one! '07 CV \$40+.	NMB

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128	Luxembourg. 50 stamps, U, large.	NMB
129	Luxembourg. Ret sales book, 43 stamps, 50/50 M to U. Mostly common, #75//417, some postage dues & officials. '06 CV \$9+.	NMB
130	Malaysia. 25 th Ann of UNICEF. #91a, strip of 5 (87-91), MNH. CV \$18.	\$10
131	Malta. Island Industries, #592-607, MNH. Excellent. Set of 16. CV \$32.40.	\$20
132	Malta. 1984 Summer Olympics. One FDC (#647-649); One Maximum Card FDC (648); One Maximum Card unstamped; Presentation folder (set, MNH, cpl). Est value \$5.70.	\$2
133	Monaco. 21 earlier stamps, mostly M, some U: #11, 14, 16, 22, 24, 60-63, 73, 116 (U), J22-J24, etc. (#1 & 19 faulty, not included in count or CV). '04 CV approx \$35.	NMB
134	Monaco. 50 diff, U & M, large stamps.	NMB
135	Netherlands. Club Owned. Ret OMNI book. 69 U issues, #441//1211h. Mostly larger stamps, no dup. Mostly common. '05 CV \$26.90.	NMB
136	Netherlands. Approx 200 U, post 1945, many defins, many dups. Sorting fun!	NMB
137	New Hebrides (British). Timber Industry, #132, 2 sheets of 9, (1 MNH, 1 CTO). CV \$4.	\$1.50
138	New Hebrides (French). Timber Industry, #151, 2 sheets of 9 (1 MNH, 1 CTO). CV \$10.80.	\$4
139	New Zealand. 192 U stamps, mounted & ID'd in sales book. All large & recent. Here's a great opportunity. #727//2166, some semi-postals. '09 CV \$131.	\$24
140	New Zealand. 97 U stamps, large, late 20th century.	\$7
141	Nicaragua. An affordable country to get started in w/lots of attractive topicals – flowers, sports, ships, birds – what a lot of fun! 200+ mostly CTO, diff, 1983 to 1990. Owner's valuation approx \$50.	\$8
142	Niue. Colorful Religious Art. #219-220, 220a S/S, B1 & B2 mini sheets, all MNH. '09 CV \$4.10.	\$1.50
143	Norfolk Island. #1-12, MNH. Get started collecting this interesting island. Cpl set. CV \$18.95.	\$7
144	Norfolk Island. #13-18, MNH. Cpl set of 6, Island Views. CV \$47.60.	\$30
145	Norfolk Island. #23-24, MNH. CV \$32.50.	\$17
146	Norfolk Island. Map of Norfolk Island, Queen. Introduction of Local Government #42, MNH, CV \$16.	\$5
147	Norfolk Island. #49-60, MNH, cpl set of 10. CV \$16.85.	\$10
148	Norfolk Island. Birds of Norfolk Island, #126-140, MNH, cpl set of 15. '09 CV \$33.25.	\$22
149	Norfolk Island. Buildings of Norfolk Island, #156-171, MNH, cpl set of 16. '09 CV \$10.70.	\$5
150	Norway. 168 U stamps, F/VF or better, LC, ID'd in sales book. Mostly large. You will not be disappointed. #310//1569. '09 CV \$163.	\$30
151	Norway/Denmark. 1600+ U, on & off-paper. Approx 475 are commems. Dup. Est value \$320+. Sorting challenge!	\$5
152	Peru. 65 approx, U stamps, off-paper. Fill those spaces.	\$6
153	Poland. Philatelic Expo (1958). 400 th Ann of Polish Post. #829a, S/S of 6 stamps, MNH. '09 CV \$10.	\$6
154	Poland. Birds. #935-946, MNH, cpl set of 12. '09 CV \$20.60.	\$12
155	Poland. 1972 Summer Olympics, #1878-1885, MNH, cpl set of 8. Also B125 Olympics S/S, MNH. CV \$4.85.	\$1.50
156	Portugal. Two glassines w/about 250 stamps, mostly large, (I see 1970's-1980's), some earlier, about 15% are colonies (Portuguese Guinea, Mozambique, etc.).	\$22
157	Russia/USSR. 150 CTO (but many MNH), #2577//6011, large commem. Fill many holes in your USSR area. '99 SCV \$50+.	\$5
158	Russia. Five Olympic (1980) semi-postal sheets of 20 stamps each: #B62-B66, MNH & wonderful. A single set of the 5 stamps has an '09 CV of \$2.30. That would be a total CV of \$46. Break them up to sell or trade or keep them intact in your Olympic collection!	\$20
159	St. Thomas & Prince Islands. Greenpeace 25 th Ann (Wildlife). #1237-1240, cpl set of 4. '09 CV \$20.00.	\$12
160	(El) Salvador/Panama. 63 U (mostly) & M stamps, mostly common, mounted in ret sales book. El Salvador, 43 stamps, #40//600; Panama, 20 stamps, 17//238, couple of BOB. '04 CV \$13.50.	NMB

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161	San Marino. Olymphilex '85 Aerogramme. Excellent, clean, unused.	\$0.50
162	San Marino. 50 diff, mostly MH, common.	NMB
163	Sand Dune Bonanza! CTO. Fujeira, Ajman, Oman, Dhufar, Nagaland(!), Manama, Ras al Khaima, Sharhah, etc., yes, all of the usual suspects are here. We all know you can't find most of these in Scott, but what a lot of colorful topical fun! Mostly S/S, over 100 items. Buy them for the kids (but take out those "art" pictures).	NMB
164	Scandinavia. Ret Sales Book. 93 stamps, more U than M, mixed condition. Denmark (17 stamps), Finland (14), Iceland (14), Norway (29), Sweden (19). Best: Denmark #218; Finland B48**; Iceland 73, 111, 117, 122, 148, 299, 420*; Norway 363**, B4*, C1; Sweden B33. '02 CV \$105+.	NMB
165	Scandinavia. 100 diff U stamps, mostly large, mostly 1970-80's. Looks like Norway, Denmark, Finland to me. Sorting fun!	\$7
166	South & Central America. Packet of 200+ U stamps. Nothing unusual but plenty to fill those spaces. Few dup, mixed condition. Most: Costa Rica (38), Paraguay (34), Peru (31), Ecuador (26), Mexico (26), Colombia (15), others.	\$14
167	Spain. 50 off-paper stamps, mostly U (but several M), no dup. 1970-80's. Fill those spaces!	\$3
168	Sudan. 12 mostly U stamps in ret sales book: #12*, 36*, 37*, 96**, 102, 104-109, O50. (Faulty not counted or included in CV). '07 CV \$7.95.	NMB
169	Sweden. Club Owned. Ret OMNI book. 80 stamps, mostly U. Some good values here: #9, 25a, 28, 30, 32, 33, 35, 42, 43, 46-48, 53, 55, 67, 71, 72, 127, 145-147, 158, 187, 188, 241, 247, 257, 296, 425, 434, 446, 447, 453, 496. Other good ones through 600's. '04 CV \$105+.	NMB
170	Sweden. 55 U in ret sales book. Mostly common but fill those spaces for little cost: #55, 62, 72, 95, 96, 116-119, 148, 152, 154, 159, 164, 167, 168, 171, 175, 181, 185, 186, 272, 276, 283, 285-287, 395, 397, 426, others. Mostly early issues. '07 CV \$27.	NMB
171	Switzerland. 100 U, mostly recent, mostly large stamps, off-paper.	\$12
172	Thailand. Packet of approx 100 U, recent large stamps (1980-1990's). Worthwhile lot – I want these!	\$15
173	Togo. #223a, S/S of 2, MNH. Old Mailmen's Uniforms, UPU Type (1974). '09 CV \$40.	\$26
174	Trinidad & Tobago. 1980 Olympics FDC, #329-331, unaddr; also 332 S/S on cover (unaddr). Est value \$3.95.	\$1.50
175	Trinidad & Tobago. 1980 Olympics, #329-331, also 332, S/S, all MNH. '09 CV \$2.95.	\$1
176	Tuvalu (formerly Ellice Islands). Group 1. Unparalleled opportunity w/these groups. Gorgeous sets: Locomotives, Antique Autos, 16 th World Jamboree, Corals. #222-225, 391-396, 460-463, 465-468. CV \$21.80.	\$10

Abbreviations:

& = And
 + = Plus
 // = Incomplete
 ADDR = Address (ed)
 ANN = Anniversary
 APPROX = Approximate (ly)
 APS = American Philatelic Society
 BKLT = Booklet
 BLK = Block
 BOB = Back of Book
 CAT = Catalogue (d)
 COMMEM = Commemorative (s)
 CPL = Complete
 CTO = Cancelled to Order
 CV = Latest Scott Catalog Value
 (or year listed)
 DEFIN = Definitive (s)

DIFF = Different
 DUP = Duplicate (s)
 EST = Estimate (d)
 F = Fine, off center, but perfs
 don't touch design
 FD(C) = First Day (Cover)
 G = Good, perfs cut into design
 HBO = Held by Owner
 HC = Heavy Cancel
 HR = Hinge Remnant
 ID = Identified
 INCL = Include (s) (ed)
 LC = Light Cancel
 LH = Light Hinge
 M or * = Mint
 MH = Mint Hinged
 MLH = Mint Light Hinge
 MNH or ** = Mint Never Hinged

NG = No Gum
 NMB = No Minimum Bid
 OG = Original Gum
 RET = Retired, Returned
 SE = Straight Edge
 SON = Socked on the Nose
 cancel
 S/S = Souvenir Sheet (s)
 TH = Thin
 U = Used
 UNADDR = Unaddressed
 VF = Very Fine, wide margins
 VG = Very Good, perfs touch
 design
 W/(O) = With (out)
 WMK = Watermark
 XF = Extra Fine

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177	Tuvalu. Group 2. Exquisite, beautiful MNH sets: Red Cross, Columbus/American Indians, Christmas 1992, 1993. #485-488, 594-597, 621-624, 653-656. CV \$24.45.	\$12
178	Tuvalu. Group 3. Wonderful MNH set, #23-37, life in Tuvalu: ship, houses, map, etc. CV \$65.	\$38
179	Tuvalu. Group 4. All MNH sets. Ships (& more ships), sea planes, shells. Beautiful! #54-57, 58-70, 77-80, 118-124, 129-132. CV \$24.70.	\$11
180	Tuvalu. Group 5. All MNH sets. Airplanes, Life in Tuvalu, Christmas 1998, others. #133-136, 142-145, 216-221, 757-760, 781-784. CV \$14.15.	\$8
181	Uruguay. 98 U stamps, all diff, couple of Guatemala. Fill some spaces? Unusual mixture – looks like 1960's-70's, mostly large.	\$12
182	Vatican. 50 U & M, diff. Fill some of those spaces!	NMB
183	Vatican. 40 U stamps, diff, mostly LC & F/VF.	\$3
184	Worldwide. HBO. 750 M & U stamps incl Austria, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canal Zone, Japan, Monaco, others. Incl two S/S (Austria #979, 1042) over \$3 CV. Total CV \$180.	\$30
185	Worldwide. A-I Countries. 89 U stamps in ret sales book. Mixed condition. Best: Australia #33, 141; Austria 35; Argentina 22; Belgium 69, 89, 219, B29; Bosnia 6, 29; Brazil 53, 63, 66, 205, 224; Canada 36, 53, 79; Costa Rica 83; Cuba 362; Finland 179, 208; France 58, 130, 323, 372; Germany 17, 41, 50, 66, 73, 75, 105, 123, 144, 145, 188, 476, C2, a few others. '04 CV \$140.	NMB
186	Worldwide. A-I Countries. 75 stamps in ret sales book, mixed condition, mostly U. Key values: Austria #497, J155; Czechoslovakia 101A; Denmark 28, 48; Germany 716; DDR 227; Greece 713*; Ireland 74, 117, 158. Other countries. '04 CV \$91+.	NMB
187	Worldwide. A-L Countries in ret sales book, 74 stamps, mixed condition, faulty not incl in CV. Australia, Canada, Cuba, GB, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Poland. Key values: GB #262a, 332, 1230, 1239; Ireland 140*, C6. '04 CV \$61.	NMB
188	Worldwide. Hey, Suez #1-4 counterfeits (not counted in CV). Ret sales book, 62 mostly U stamps, A-T countries. Key values: Austria #332; Bolivia 43; Bechuanaland 190*; Cuba 385, C159*; France 116, 136, C6, C6 ultra (?); Germany 91a, 371, 384; Turkey 254. '04 CV \$77.	NMB
189	Worldwide. E-R countries, ret sales book. 52 stamps, mixed condition, faulty excluded from CV. Best: Republic of Guinea #C64*, C72; Japan 62, 64, 132, 138, 234*; Russia 1246*, 1345*. '04 CV \$36.95.	NMB
190	Worldwide. 49 stamps in ret sales book. Mostly U & pre-1940. Mixed condition. Mozambique (3 stamps), Natal (2), Newfoundland (6), New Hebrides (2), New South Wales (4), New Zealand (17), Nicaragua (3), other "N" countries. Best: Newfoundland #84*, 88a*, 104*, 105*; New Hebrides #3* gutter pair, 5*. '02 CV \$84. Value & price!	NMB
191	Worldwide. Club Owned. Two ret OMNI books. What a grab bag of countries! But lots of values. 74 mostly U stamps. Best: Russia #480, 560, 1514*; Grenada 30, 79, 138, 160, 161, 184-186, 187-189, 302A, 1040, 1124, 1125, 1245; Austria 572, 1725; France 28, 84, 90a, 313, 314, 349; Italy 596; Liechtenstein, Namibia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Sweden, UN (Vienna) – who put this one together?! Approx CV \$150. Help!	NMB
192	Worldwide. Club Owned. Barbados, Brazil, Liberia, Norfolk Island. Strange combination of countries but some good stamps. 50 stamps, mostly U. Highlights: Norfolk Island #1-11*, 25*, 99*. Fill those spaces! '04 CV \$27.	NMB
193	Worldwide. Club Owned. Ret OMNI book. 56 stamps, about half are MH or MNH. Albania: #47-51, 179, 180, 189, 191, 199, 184, 193, 209, 233, 250, 253, 313; Armenia: 31a, 34, 36, 38, 40, 91, RA2, more; Bolivia: 21, 40-45, 69, 86, 93, 98, 101, 104-106, 113, 178-180, others. '04 CV \$77.60.	NMB
194	Worldwide. Ret sales book, 51 U stamps, varied condition. Best: Portugal #23, 37, 41, 54, 59, 67 (x3), 71, 84, 121, 257, 289; Romania 257, 363; South Africa 29a; St. Helena 38; Straits Settlements 186; Switzerland 120a, 154, 178, 197. More. '04 CV \$200+. Unbelievable!	NMB

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
195	Worldwide. Ret sales book, 48 stamps, U & M, mixed condition. Best: Greece #641, 756-758, 934, 946, 976, 978, 982 (all MNH); Saudi Arabia L8-L10; India 87, 95; Ireland 152, 884; Italy 29, 112; Jamaica 95; Japan 145, 156; Latvia 18, 24; Newfoundland 79, 85-87, 145; Norway 120; New Zealand 153, 189, B11, B20, B21; others. '04 CV \$123.	NMB
196	Worldwide. Ret sales book, 47 mostly U stamps, mixed condition. Aden, Australia, Bermuda, British Guiana, GB, Ethiopia, Italy, Newfoundland, Thailand, Yugoslavia. Best: Aden #50, 51a*, 52; Bermuda 32; Thailand 213, 318. '04 CV \$33.	NMB
197	Worldwide. Ret sales book, 63 mostly U stamps, mixed condition. Best values: Hong Kong #37, 43, 45, 76, 136, 185; Iceland 146; India 113; Travancore Anchal, Iran, Japan, Korea. '04 CV \$74.85.	NMB
198	Worldwide. Ret sales book, mixed condition, 79 mostly U stamps. Best: Finland #131; Germany 673; GB 263, 301, MH62; Greece 225, 363, 382, 383; Hong Kong 210, 324; Japan 2104b. '04 CV \$65.	NMB
199	Worldwide. Ret sales book, mixed condition, 63 mostly U stamps, (faulty not incl in CV). Value & price – these always sell out. USA (34 stamps), Antigua, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Bavaria, Croatia, Finland, Japan, Macau, Mauritius. Highest values: USA #552, C9, C27; Brazil 173; Mauritius 140. '04 CV \$87+.	NMB
200	Worldwide. Ret sales book, 41 mostly U stamps, mixed condition, faulty not incl in CV. Mozambique (19 stamps), North Borneo (4), Switzerland (9), USA (5), Wurttemberg (4). Most value: Switzerland #147, 182, 186. '04 CV \$39.	NMB
201	Worldwide. Ret sales book, 76 mostly U stamps, mixed condition, (faulty not incl in CV). Key values: Austria #80; Germany 298, 375; Netherlands 71, 309; Newfoundland 78-80**, 84, 116, 149; New Zealand 213 (gray); Spain 997**; Switzerland 143, 276. '04 CV \$85+.	NMB
202	Worldwide. Ret sales book, 59 M & U stamps. Mixed condition (faulty not incl in CV). Luxembourg (4 stamps), New Zealand (17), Monaco (5), Russia (18), South Africa (9), others. Key values: New Zealand #147, 164, 174, O42, O44, O47; Russia 219, 3934; South Africa 6a. '02 CV \$47.	NMB
203	Worldwide. How many diff countries can fit in one ret sales book? Apparently, too many! Gee whiz! 68 mostly U, mixed condition stamps. Best: USA #636, 644 (both MNH), C9, C10, E13, E14, J32; Canada 36, 67, 91, 119, 144; Iceland 174, 196, 545**. Also, China, Egypt, Germany, Finland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, & more, & more... Old CV \$79+. Help!	NMB
204	Worldwide. Mish-Mash, 74 U stamps, very mixed condition, couple of dups. Best: Canada #36, 37, 37c, 42, 91(x2), 92, 97, 116, 117, 141, 144, 146, 154. There are a few Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, USA. '04 CV approx \$85. Consider the price!	NMB
205	Worldwide. Ret sales book. Curious end of alphabet lot, 64 stamps w/strength in Wurttemberg officials. Yugo/ Croatia (18 stamps); Zambia (3); Wurttemberg (43). Best values: Wurttemberg, all MH: O27, O33-O37, O39, O44, O51-O53, O58, O104. '04 CV \$58+. Where's the bacon?!	NMB
206	Worldwide. Ret sales book. 72 stamps plus one blk of 4 (USA #860**). Gee – where do these things come from?! Majority is U, mixed condition, (faulty not incl in CV). Germany (24 stamps); DDR (2), Niue, North Borneo, Papua, Peru, USA (20). I can't list this monster! '02 CV is \$140+.	NMB
207	Worldwide. Ret sales book, 91 mostly U stamps, mixed condition. Germany (55 stamps), USA (33), UN (3). Best: Germany #86, 683, 821, 1536, 1538, 9N255**; USA 146, 236, 718*, C8**, E16*. CV \$38.	NMB
208	Worldwide. 250 U stamps, no junk or CTO. Good countries w/many better values to \$6.	\$19
209	Worldwide. 100 diff U stamps, all large. I see Belgium, Canada, Ceylon, France, GB, Italy, others. No Eastern Europe. Values to \$5.	NMB
210	Worldwide. Ret OMNI book. Club Owned. Mostly U. Cuba (20 stamps), Brazil (4), Belgium (38), a few odd others. Best: Brazil #1175**, 1902-1903**, 1954; Belgium 29, 41, 42, 55, 56, 58, 77, 119, B104, P40, Q98; Cuba C34, C35; Others. '08 CV \$46.	NMB
211	Worldwide. 50 U, off-paper stamps, no dup, mostly Europe, a few others.	\$1

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212	Worldwide. Approx 200 U stamps (a few are on-paper). Many large. Mixed condition.	\$15
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BB213	USA. Ben Franklin #30, M, HR, corner clipped. CV if perfect, \$12. Last try! Fill that space!	NMB
BB214	USA. #285, M, F/VF, most OG; 286, M, F/VF, NG. '09 CV \$60. Previously \$13, now reduced to 10% of CV!	\$6
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BB225	UN Harris Binder. Good condition, full of UN stamped postcards, covers, M & FDC. Total 88 items + extra unused postcards. New York UN stamped postcards, covers, air letter sheets, air postcards, air envelopes, souvenir cards; Geneva, Vienna stamped postcards. Good lot. Owner's value is \$125. Ran in auction at \$50. Drastically reduced! Last try!	\$20
BB226	Austria. 30 FDCs, all diff, from 1980's, Wein postmark, excellent, clean, good stamps. Retail value \$110. Ran earlier at \$40. Ran again at \$20. Three strikes and you're out! Final reduction!	\$5
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BB229	Canada. #98, NG, F/VF. CV \$32.50. Previously ran at \$9.50. Now!	\$3
BB230	Ceylon. 2 sets: #366-367, 386-387, both MH, F/VF. CV \$9.50.	NMB
BB231	Ceylon. Mostly pre-war: #87, MH, VF; 178, MH, VF; 180, MH, F/VF; 181, U, LC; 202a, MH, VF; 272, U, medium cancel; 276, U, LC, perfin(?); 277, NG, F/VF; 285, MH, F/VF; 288, U, LC, F/VF; 328, U, medium cancel. '09 CV \$50+. Ran in last auction at \$17. Drastically reduced to –	\$5
BB232	Cook, Christmas Island. Cook #63, MH, VG/F; 91, MH, F/VF; 132, MH, F/VF; 135, MH, F/VF; 139, MH, F/VF; 215, MH, F/VF; 248-253, MNH, F/VF; 349, MNH, F/VF. Christmas Island 8-19, MH, F/VF. All good values. '09 CV \$30+. Ran previously at \$10. Now only!	\$3
BB233	Dominica. #67, MH, F/VF. CV \$12.50. Earlier was \$4. Now!	NMB
BB234	Germany. #724, 734, 738, 748, U, F/VF, LC/medium cancels. Quality U. CV \$11.85. Discounted!	\$3.50
BB235	Germany. #1231a, bklt, MNH 1231 (x 4), 1234 (x 2), 1236. CV \$3.25.	NMB
BB236	Germany. 12 U stamps, all better values: #2021, 2135, 2184, 2205, 2231, 2247, B660, B662, B753, B859, B892, B893. CV \$20.60. Now!	\$4
BB237	Germany. 225 mostly pre-1940 MNH stamps in small stock book. Owner's est value \$50. Ran earlier at \$10. Marked down!	NMB

Lot #	Description	Minimum Bid
BB238	Germany (Democratic Republic). #51-52, MNH, F/VF. '09 CV \$14.50. Now reduced!	\$5
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BB241	Hungary. 300 U, large & small, few dups, 1930-1980. Est value \$30. Was \$7.50 earlier. Only!	NMB
BB242	Israel. 15 pairs w/tabs, MNH, F/VF; 12 gutter pairs w/tabs. 1960-1980 era. Owner values at \$20. Ran earlier at \$7. Last call!	NMB
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BB247	Mexico. 1968 issues to publicize the Olympic Games. #990-995, C335-C338, also S/S 992a, 995a, C336a, 338a. CV \$40.95. Now reduced!	\$15
BB248	Netherlands. 400+ U stamps, mostly common but you can fill a lot of spaces. No dup, on stock cards, \$41//900's, includes approx 50 semi-postals B197//B669. '08 CV \$98+. Now discounted!	\$15
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Ventures in Printing

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(Austria-Hungary also had an 1881 "confidential" understanding with Russia and Germany that it could annex the protectorate at any time it wished.)



Figure 6—Bosnia-Herzegovina, Scott 5, Habsburg Coat of Arms, 1879

Instead, an ill-organized force of approximately 40,000 volunteers, both Orthodox and Muslim Bosnians (with minimal Catholic support), waged a primarily guerrilla war against approximately twice as many well-trained, well-equipped Austrian troops. It took three months to defeat the resistance (Malcolm, pp. 134-138).

The earliest stamps of the occupying administration (for use by the military only) were issues of Austria and Hungary. Quickly, in 1879, Vienna printed stamps especially for Bosnia-Herzegovina. The issuance of these new stamps, bearing the Habsburg coat of arms but without any country inscription (Figure 6), was



Figure 7—Bosnia-Herzegovina, Scott 43, *The Carsija at Sarajevo*, 1906

cover are very elusive" (Kugel stamp exhibit). Robert Witkosky has reported that "this issue was used not

only in Bosnia proper but [later, 1913-15] in the Austrian-occupied areas of Russian Poland, Montenegro and Albania" (Witkosky, *The American Philatelist*, June, 1993, p. 547). The labels were identified as "military post"—but again *without the protectorate's name*. The name *Bosnia-Herzegovina* did not appear on stamps until issuance of the famously beautiful *intaglio* scenic series of 1906 (Figure 7).

All of this seems indicative of the Austrians' *clumsy imperialism*, even amidst their efforts to win support of the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina. They issued stamps especially for the protectorate, but imprinted with the occupier's coat of arms and devoid of the protectorate's name. They spent lavishly on colorful postage due labels, superb in craftsmanship and referential to the protectorate with regard to color, but still without the name. James Mackay suggested that the omission of the name *Bosnia-Herzegovina* occurred "in view of the multi-national composition of the population" (Mackay, p. 179). He had in mind, of



Figure 8—Bosnia-Herzegovina, Scott 73, *Franz Josef*, 1912 and Scott 116, *Karl I*, 1917

course, the division of the protectorate's population into Muslim, Serb, Croat and Jewish communities, especially at a time when neighboring Serbia, as well as Croat regions in the Habsburg empire, were roiling in nationalist sentiment and activity, some of which was spilling into Bosnia-Herzegovina. Mackay's suggestion is puzzling, however, as I will explain in Part II of this article. For now, it seems safe to say that the occupiers were simply heavy-handed in their imperialism, even to the hindrance of their own desire to unify the protectorate's diverse communities. Finally, the Austrians "got it right" (more or less) in the 1906-12 series (Figure 7)—high craftsmanship, innovatively decorative frames designed by Vienna artist Koloman Moser, indigenous scenic subjects (except for Franz Josef's portrait on Scott 45/61), the territory's name (although unfortunately in German)—but now too late.

Empire of Illusions

Too late because Austria-Hungary's 1908 outright annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina, an imperialist action *far worse than clumsy*, had probably been Franz

Josef's intention for several years prior to 1908. Certainly by 1906, "[t]he Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, Baron von Aehrenthal, began to consider seriously an eventual take-over of Serbia" and, as well, the outright annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina as a consolidated position from which to move forward militarily—*Nach Salonik*—even as far as Greece (Malcolm, p. 150). Such planning suggests the degree of illusion that had crept into this declining empire's estimates of its own military strength—an illusion made evident, later, in the initial war losses of the Austria-Hungary army to the lowly Serbian army. Serbian World War I victories occurred at the battles of Cer Mountain and Kolubara, 1914. Only with the help of the Germans and Bulgarians was Austria-Hungary eventually able to over-run and occupy Serbia (Glenny, pp. 312-17; 331-38).

And symbolic of a return to imperialist dreams, all new regular stamp designs of Bosnia-Herzegovina (after the 1906-12 scenic types) are portraits of Emperors Franz Josef or Karl I (Figure 8)—but still with frames decorated by Koloman Moser (Figure 9).

The annexation's legacy is well-known: Extreme agitation within Serbia, including an increase in terrorist organizing among elements of the Serbian military (the *Black Hand*) and university students (*Young Bosnia*) (Glenny, pp. 281-306); then, in 1914, the Sarajevo (Bosnia-Herzegovina) assassination of Austria's Duchess Sophia and Archduke Francis

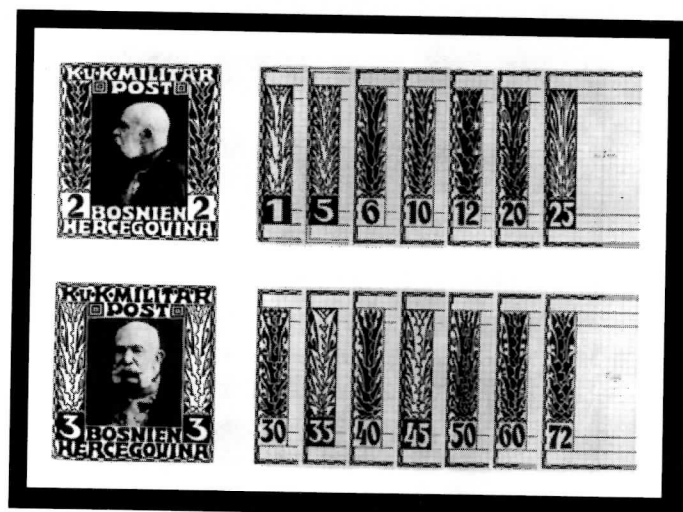


Figure 9—Moser original frame designs Bosnia-Herzegovina, Scott 65-80, 1912 (illustration from Koloman Moser: *Gemälde, Graphiken, Briefmarken*)

Ferdinand (Franz Josef's successor-to-be) by a Bosnian Serb student; declaration of war by Austria-Hungary on Serbia; mobilization of the Russian army in support of Serbia; declaration of war by Germany on Russia, etc., etc., . . . the chain reaction that embroiled all of the great and not-so-great powers in World War I. At the end of

the war, all Habsburg illusions lay shattered. Austria-Hungary "literally broke apart into its ethnic components, each of which now aimed at gaining complete political independence" (Jelavich & Jelavich, p. 80). In 1918, Bosnia-Herzegovina became part of the



Figure 10—Yugoslavia, Scott 1 and 80, King Alexander, 1921 and 1933

Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (SHS), later (1929) the Kingdom of Yugoslavia (Figure 10).

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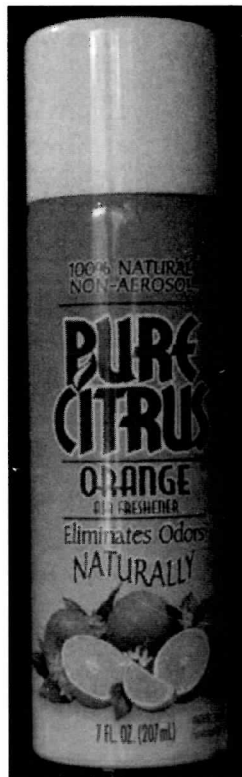
Trick Solution for Unsoakable Stamps

by Joanne Berkowitz (#98)
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@t Summer Seminar this year, I was shown a way to remove those irremovable self-stick stamps from the paper. It works like a charm, even on the *Linn's* list of stamps to leave on the paper. It sounds crazy, but it's amazing!

You will need a can of Pure Citrus Orange Air Freshener. You can find it in almost any grocery store. Get the one that is 100% natural, non-aerosol (air-propelled). You cannot use regular air fresheners. Another option is a natural lemon freshener made by Zep and sold in Home Depot stores.

Place the stamp face down in a dish, spray the paper back side lightly, wait 5-6 seconds (yes, seconds) and then peel the stamp off the paper. It will come easily. Note that the adhesive will remain on the stamp, not on the paper. To remove the adhesive, rewet the gum side with the spray, lay the stamp flat and use a credit card or similar flat plastic edged item at an angle



to gently scrape it away—wipe card on a paper towel as you go. Afterwards, use a Q-tip or paper towel to rub back for any remaining adhesive. Another option is to sprinkle the back with talc or corn starch to make it non-tacky. Let the stamp dry overnight before you hinge it into your album—pressed flat in a book if necessary. This technique does not work with “lick and stick” stamps. It is meant for self-adhesives.

I was told that a more expensive product called Bestine, sold in art supply stores, may work similarly, but I have not had personal experience with it. I encourage you to give it a try. It wowed the Sacramento Philatelic Society when demonstrated there.

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