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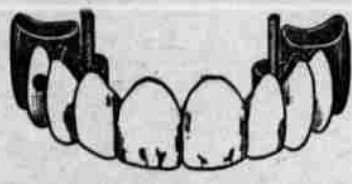
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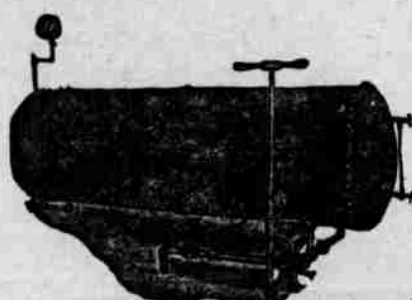
They were about to open the Panama canal in due form.
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COINS- THEIR MAKERS AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE



RECENT news item recorded the fact that two \$50 gold pieces struck from the United States mint at Philadelphia in 1877 had been sold to William H. Woodin, a coin collector who lives in New York, for \$10,000 each, the highest price ever paid for an American coin. If any reader cherished a vague hope of making large profits by gathering together his surplus \$50 gold pieces and selling them for \$10,000 each it was quickly shattered by the second paragraph of the article, which stated that though \$50 gold pieces were struck from octagonal private dies during the early mining days of California, the two \$50 gold pieces of 1877 now in Mr. Woodin's possession are, so far as is known, the only ones of this denomination ever coined by the government.

Since all dies for American coins are destroyed at the close of each year, they stand on the same plane as the ancient coins with regard to time. The supply cannot be increased, even though the demand be great, after the year is numbered with the dead centuries, though its successor be but one day old. Yesterday or yesterday is as irrevocably past and forever gone as the years of the Roman Empire or the Greek Republic.

The science of numismatics embraces the study of the coins of all the nations of the earth who have at any period impressed upon pieces of metal—gold, silver, bronze, brass, copper, iron, tin—any device indicating that such pieces of metal were issued by authority for public use as money. Even in the primeval days, exchange of goods must have been known. The need for a medium of exchange would early be recognized. Various commodities have at different times been selected by different peoples as a measure of value. Tin was used in ancient Syracuse and Britain; iron, in Sparta; cattle, in Rome and Germany; nails, in Scotland; silk, in China; tobacco, in the colony of Virginia; sugar, in the West Indies; soap, in Mexico; bullet and wampum, in Massachusetts; codfish in Newfoundland. But the moneys of the civilized nations have for the greater part been made of gold, silver, copper and bronze.

In the long series of known coins, extending back to the seventh century B. C., savants have an invaluable confirmation and illustration of the history of the past. The earliest Greek coins bear sacred subjects only, on one side the portrait of the god, on the other objects emblematic or symbolic of the deity. The highest divine authority was invoked as testimony of the true value of the coin, which was perhaps struck off within the sacred precincts of a temple. From these coins is reconstructed the mythology of the classical world.

After the death of Alexander the Great his portrait as a deity appeared on coin of the realm, and from his period on a complete gallery of the portraits of the sovereigns of the ancient world as well as evidences of the history and political revolutions of in-

numerable states and territories are found in these imperishable records. None of the older coins are dated, the practice of inscribing the date beginning in the fifteenth century. The ages of coins before that period are determined by their legends, as answering to the page of corroborative history and the art era to which they belong.

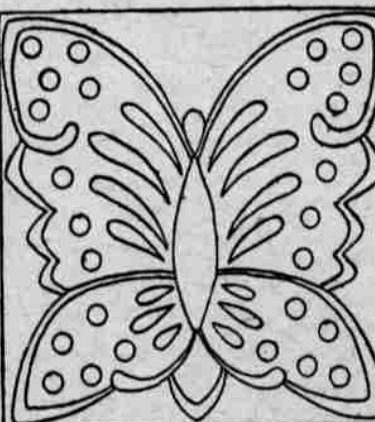
In England, coining has been carried on at the Tower of London mint in every reign since the Norman conquest, except those of Richard I. and Edward II. Clipping was early practiced and carried to such an extent that in the reign of Richard III. all money was called in and new money coined from fresh stamps. After that only the stamp of the London Tower mint was recognized. Henry VIII. was the first sovereign to systematically debase the English coinage. His daughter Elizabeth did her best to keep it at its face value. During her reign the tower mint was commissioned to receive all debased money, melt it and recoin it into money of the proper weight. The fumes from the melting coins caused sickness among the workmen. Medical men of the time prescribed for this illness a potion to be drunk from a dead man's skull, and an official warrant procured the requisite cups from London bridge, where the heads of traitors were displayed.

After independence had been won in America Robert Morris, financier of the revolution, was instructed by Congress to prepare a report on the foreign coins then in circulation. He accompanied his report with a plan for American coinage, and he may be considered the first to introduce the subject of a national mint in this country. The first building erected in the United States for public use under the authority of the federal government was a structure for the United States mint in Philadelphia, then the capital city. The mint in Philadelphia has always been regarded as the principal or parent institution, and coins issued from this mint are unmarked, while those coming from the branch or associate mints are marked by certain capital letters, indicating the city where they were struck. These marks are known as mint marks.

In the Philadelphia mint, which has a large and good collection of coins, are many old papers which throw interesting sidelights on the past. During the years 1797, 1798, 1799, 1802 and 1803 the operations of the mint were suspended on account of the prevalence of yellow fever. In the mint collection, written on handmade, unruled foolscap paper, is an indemnity bond signed by the workmen as a pledge that they would return to work. It is dated August, 1799.

In 1874 Congress passed a bill providing for the minting of coins for foreign countries. Two years later the Philadelphia mint filled an order for \$100,000 worth of minor coins for Venezuela. Since then the United States, competing with other big nations, has manufactured money for many of the Latin American republics, which find it cheaper to have their money made for them than to equip and operate a mint.

DESIGN FOR TEAPOT HOLDER.



An attractive little holder for the teapot handle is both necessary and decorative and may be embroidered in colors to harmonize with the china and the decoration of the tea table. Cut two squares of linen and one of flannel four and one-half inches. Transfer the design on the linen and work in French embroidery, which is composed chiefly of satin stitch. The dots and figures on the wings, and also the head and body should be done in

satin stitch; the outline in button hole stitch. Then cut out the shape of the butterfly. Trace the outline of the butterfly on the piece of linen which is to form the lining, and buttonhole the edge. Then cut it out. Cut a piece of flannel the same shape, but a little smaller, and lay it between the two pieces of linen. Baste around the edge to hold the three layers in place, then tack the edges lightly together in the buttonhole stitch. It may be easily taken apart for laundering, and will iron better than it would if washed all together.

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