



Stamp Minus Gum and Perforations Is Valuable

The combination airmail and special delivery stamp put out by Postmaster General Farley in 1935 didn't catch on with the public though some of the issue did with collectors.

Justly or not, people felt that a regular airmail letter arrived just about as fast as one given special handling—in some cases faster. As a result, the demand was so limited that sale of the stamp declined rapidly.

The stamp is a dark blue, 16-cent item. Along the top are the words special delivery. At either end, vertically stacked letters spell out U. S. Postage and Air-mail. In the center is the great seal of the United States.

The most valuable of this issue first appeared in March, 1935. It was printed from a flatbed press rather than the rotary type, a matter of importance to collectors. But the chief clue to the more valuable of this issue is one that any person can easily recognize, whether he is a collector or not. It is that the stamps do not have the perfora-

tions that make it easy to separate them, and they do not have any gum.

The total issue of the ungummed, unperforated stamps, according to one of the major catalogues, was 1,370,560. They were printed in sheets of 200.

As for their value, a fellow stamp collector told me recently of a friend who came across a full sheet of them and part of another. He found them in going through the effects of his father who had bought them in the 1930s.

The finder took the broken sheet to a dealer who offered him a price of 75 cents per stamp, pointing out that the catalogue price was \$1.65 for singles.

Naturally, that made him wonder how much a full sheet would be worth. Might it not have a value greater than that of 200 of the single stamps?

In his case it did. Though the catalogue value of the sheet was \$320, the owner was able to get \$375 for it because of the scarcity of sheets.

BUTTER DISHES COME IN DIFFERENT SHAPES

A friend who had just made \$150 by acting on one of Ned's third successful tip he had received in a month.

"What am I going to do," he asked. "I've completely run out of ideas on what to get him for a present."

I suggested he look in some of the salvage shops I'd been through.

He jumped at the suggestion. Within an hour he was back.

From a paper bag he produced what proved to be a butter dish

made in the form of a horseshoe. A tiny horseshoe formed the handle by which one raised the cover. It was of clear glass and big enough to hold a pound of butter.

"The storekeeper said it was made to honor 'Maude S,' a famous trotting horse of the 1880s and that I could have it for \$25."

I looked the piece up. The butter dish had been made by a Pittsburgh firm back in the 1880s. The price it commands today is \$10 to \$15.

DOD GRILE AND AMBROSE BIERCE ARE SAME PERSON

From its cover, the book looked like one of the less garish but nonetheless fascinating dime novel thrillers of 70 years ago.

The wrappers were of a bright yellow hue. On the front wrapper the black ink figure of a long-haired California miner, picking out gold with a bowie knife from his pan, stood out stark against the yellow.

Across the top was the title Nuggets & Dust. Across the bottom was the name of the author in type almost as large — Dod Grile. Below that, another line of type, much smaller, read London Chatto & Windus, Publishers.

On the title page inside was additional information stating that the nuggets and dust had been arranged by J. Milton Slouck. The work had been printed on Oct. 5, 1872.

Well, I wasn't sure who Mr. Dod Grile was, but I was confident I would soon find out. On the back of the rear cover was

the price the bookseller wanted — \$10.

"Who's Dod Grile," I asked. "Ambrose Bierce," the clerk replied, ringing up the sale.

I couldn't understand it. Though many of Bierce's works do not bring much money, for one of them in such good condition and first published in England such a price seemed ridiculous.

And I still felt so some hours later when a check of auction records showed that Nuggets & Dust hadn't brought over \$7.50 for years.

The book was one of Bierce's few that was first published in England. Actually, though the contents of this one was later published in America in the author's collected works, the book itself was never printed in the United States.

Two Bierce collectors I knew were quite aware of these facts. When they saw my copy one of them paid me \$20 for it.

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They will be working with Cordy and Dr. Roland Blake of the experiment station.

Cordy said the two men, Ianin McSwan and Norman Doby, will test the fungicides and various methods in the field and will later follow the fruit through packing and storage.

"Main object of this work is to maintain the pears in a good, fresh, wholesome condition," Cordy said. "This district is recognized for the quality of its pears and we want to maintain and foster that reputation."

Present program includes treatment of the pears in the dormant stage, through the growing season, then washing them as they are processed at the various packing houses.

Under the experimental program, certain pear trees will be selected for treatment and tagged. Each box of pears will be marked and checked as it goes through the packing house, he said.

LEGAL NOTICES

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The State Board of Accountancy announces that an examination for admission to the Roster of Accountants Authorized to Conduct Municipal Audits will be given on September 19 and 20, 1957. Applications for this examination should be in the hands of the Board not later than August 30, 1957.

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In a resolution passed at the 72nd annual convention, the group urged retailers to "make full use of daily newspapers in order to build your business on the firmest of foundations."

"With competition at the highest peak in food store history, retailers must avail themselves of every promotional weapon to maintain sales volume," the resolution said.

"Newspaper advertising is a bargain media that will return many times its original investment," it added. "No other form of advertising reaches the home faster nor has greater readership than the daily newspaper."

CAT STORY

Boston — (AP) — Shortly after World War I, the new defunct Boston Post offered its readers pictures of its mascot, an alley cat named Hindy. Approximately 112,000 requests for pictures were filled. Some 20 years later the Post received a letter from a former reader in Shanghai, China. She had lost her picture of Hindy. Could she have another? The Post obliged.

VACATION TIP

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