See CHICAGO Lot 36 - 1857, 1c to 90c (42F, 44, 48, 50-54). Remarkable set of denominations of the 1857 issue from the famous "THORNE" collection. Mr. Thorne purchased a top sheet margin block of 9 of each denomination and then proceeded to cut out, with scissors, the top center stamp of each block, thereby making margins so large the other 8 stamps were destroyed. Very fine and probably unique as such.

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Eugene N. Costales Sale of Feb. 18, 19, 20 & 21, 1946.

Re - gum of the fifties & 60's Phil Ward wrote June 26. 1944: "While in Washington this week I had the opportunity of going back over some files of the fifties and sixties and found quite a few interesting notes. Did you ever know that the early gum used by the British was made from Buffalo hide and other things? I got a copy of a letter they wrote to Washington evidently in reply to a request as to how the gum was made. Whether Washington ever mixed gum in this manner. - cannot say. We also found some old records of the sixties and seventies which certainly are new to me and I see they have a copy of every P.L.R. ever issued. Their library is most complete

and I still think with this literature if one had the time to search we could definitely establish whether prepayment could be made of the carrier fee at both ends."