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1¢ 1857 - Pl. 6 "B" Relief single off by

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UNITED STATES

Notes and Comments

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The 1857 1c Type V, Plate 6

During 1857 to 1860, six 1c plates were made by the bank note engravers for producing the stamp which we now classify as 1c Type V, Scott's No. 42f. The plates were numbered 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and Mr. Ashbrook tells us that the first four were produced in 1857, plate 9 in 1859 and plate 10 in 1860. He also states that plate 6 was possibly the first plate made, and it is this plate which concerns us at the present time.

Stamps from plate 6 differ from those of the other five plates, and while Mr. Ashbrook designates them as Type Va, we feel that the variety is of sufficient importance to warrant its inclusion in the catalogue as a full number type, namely: Type VI. It certainly differs from the normal Type V in that the ornaments at the side are almost complete. Mr. Ashbrook describes it as finely engraved on hard white paper with no side scratches. Stamps from this plate he writes "are the most beautiful, which is not wholly due to the fullness of the side ornaments but to the fact that the great majority of copies we find were printed on hard white paper, and the impressions are therefore, as a general rule, rather sharp and clearly cut, and show the use of Transfer Roll No. 3, which was used only on this plate". Those that we have seen have also been in a deep, beautiful shade of blue somewhat

different from the general shade of Type V stamps.

The sheet of this stamp has never been reconstructed due to the scarcity of multiple pieces. Singles are by no means common. We have been looking for a block of the variety for years but without success. Like the stamps from plate 3 of the imperforates, they are difficult to find.

The earliest known use of a stamp from plate 6 is January 10, 1858.

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specimens as I have ever seen. I have only seen one Philatelic advertisement in the local papers in the five months I have been here. That was an ad of someone several hundred miles away who wanted to buy stamps of India, Burma, Ceylon, and Hong Kong.

I do not have my collection with me, thank God. When the flaps of envelopes lying in a drawer or foot locker stick, what would happen to mint copies? (My collection, by the way, is just a small specialized U. S. After the War, I am quite certain to take up censored covers of this War, as I'll certainly have a good start due to the fact my family is saving all of the covers I send them.)

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Foresight

A New York Stamp Auctioneer has five consecutive auction catalogues lying on his office counter at 32 East 57th St. These are Mr. H. R. Harmer's sales, and he is naturally a little proud of this record, particularly as there are twenty-four pages of illustrations in them, not counting additional ones on the outside.

H. R. Harmer of London are equally leading the van! One sees from their advertisement on the back of the *Philatelic Magazine* that they announce *consecutive sales* beginning Sept. 14th-15th and going on for ten consecutive weeks to November 16th-17th. Every one of these sales is a two-day or three-day sale.

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RICHEY 51L6 IMPRINT

12 ↑ SBA PL 8

Plate 6 - Imprint S W R 51 L 6

Single - Addressed to Robert M. Lustes Esq
New Orleans - Printed circular - Pen "Recd
Jany 29, 58" - (See Photo)

By S.W. R. 10/11 - 37

Plate 4 6 7



This
Was
Marked 40R6
As
PI 6
By
S.B.A.

A Copy Submitted By Chase

Plate 6 - 1ø 1857

Barr writes he took measurements on
Jefferys Plate 6 items

68 - 78 - 88 L 6 and

78 - 88 - 98 L 6 and

the spacings between stamps in a vertical row
were 68 and 78 was 2.8 M M between 78 and 88
2.9 M M, between 88 - 98 was 2.8. He stated
he found no variation between such spacings on
Plates 6 and 8 - on latter the largest varia-
tion was .02 M M between Plates 6 and 8.

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P15

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Michael



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Row

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