

## Material Highlights:

- 1) A 1 cent vertical coil on postcard, **Earliest Documented Use.**
- 2) The largest known used multiples of the 3 and 5 cent horizontal coils from the "A" plates.
- 3) Largest known used multiple of the 1 cent vertical coil. (Strip of 20)
- 4) A scarce combination treaty and UPU rate usage of a 2 cent coil to England and France.
- 5) Solo use of the 5 cent horizontal coil paying the UPU rate.
- 6) A 1 cent vertical coil with 1 cent parcel post adhesive paying the fourth class rate with an auxiliary marking, intended for parcels post.
- 7) Tag with eight singles of the 2 cent horizontal coil used for fourth class parcel post.
- 8) A **4 cent Line Pair** on a partial wrapper used for fourth class mail.
- 9) Foreign Destination Triple UPU rate of the 5 cent horizontal coil on cover. It is the **EDU** to a foreign destination.
- 10) Largest known multiples on cover: 1 cent vertical, 2 cent vertical and horizontal, 4 cent horizontal, and 5 cent horizontal coils.

This list identifies some of the more scarce and difficult items in the exhibit. Coils on cover to foreign destinations are very difficult because many of them never made it back to the states. Multiple rates are even scarcer to locate. There are single, double, and triple UPU rate examples in the exhibit as well as a combination treaty and UPU rate cover. **The registered 4 cent strip of three from the "A" plate is the only documented use known on cover.** The reason it is so scarce is that there were only two plates used to print the 4 cent value. The "A" plates used for the 3 and 4 cent coils were late printings for the perf-8.5 issue. These plates were prepared for the next flat plate issue and have a plate number beginning in the 6000 series. Line pairs can be identified by their spacing. Examples from "A" plates will have 2.75 to 3.2 mm spacing between stamp designs while "Star" plate line pairs will have 2 mm spacing. This is actually a different variety that could be listed in Scott's catalogue. Many collectors, dealers, and auction houses are unaware that line pairs are available from "Star" plates as well as "A" plates.

**New Additions & Changes:** This exhibit has undergone a huge makeover. The biggest change has been to the postal history section. It has been totally reorganized into domestic and foreign usages. There have been subheadings added to identify the individual sections such as first class, registry, third class, fourth class as well as treaty and UPU rate sections in the foreign area. This should make for a better organized and sensible postal history section because of the use of philatelic terms to identify the covers. A number of new pieces have been added and a few of the covers removed to let the stronger postal history material have a bit of room to breath and be noticed. A horizontal leader strip and trailer strip have been added to the production section. The trailer strip has a plate number on the tab. It is a rare occurrence for a plate number to end up on the tab of a paste-up and be attached to the trailer strip. There have also been several new covers added to the postal history section. A number of these came from an established collector and exhibitor of this type of material. With out his help it could have taken many years to find some of the pieces. The most recent additions are a 1 cent vertical coil and 1 cent parcel post adhesive paying the fourth class rate for merchandise under 4 ounces, and a 3 cent horizontal single on an a 2 cent oval die with red Russian censor marking to Finland. Some of the other additions include, a 1 cent vertical single paying the 3<sup>rd</sup> class printed matter rate. A cover with four 2 cent horizontal coil singles paying the first class quadruple weight letter rate. A partial wrapper with a **4 cent line pair** used for fourth class mail and **three registered covers** with the **largest known multiples** of each coil stamp.