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# U. S. PLATE VARIETIES

## SHIFT HUNTER LETTER

COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS  
of  
C. W. BEDFORD

1258  
Penna.  
Avenue  
TYRONE  
Penna.

February 1938

Dear Shift Hunter:-

These six illustrations of the 1¢ Pilgrim Tercentenary complete the data in Mr Bedford's file on this issue. More may be uncovered later as his collection has not been fully checked up to the present time. However, the data as presented

in the three preceding S.H.L. is, we feel, quite comprehensive to Plate Variety collectors on a solitary issue of our Country's stamps.

To save confusion among the Shift Hunters-----the numbering on illustrations in the June, August, September and October 1937 letters was used in compiling the information from the records as they have been marked and then copied from his albums and various other books. Two large steel file cases of four drawers each are filled with stamps. Some on letter size cardboards, stamps in envelopes, clippings of articles about stamps and replating data for the Revenues. Over a million U.S. stamps, part of them neatly tied into bundles of 100 stamps each, envelopes containing issues all separated and ready for checking, besides numerous work books having varieties illustrated and ready to publish. While we believe that his data needs no checking this is being done so that a possible oversight on his part might not creep into these letters.

An interesting incident came to light the other day when I found a folder of 2¢ Columbian data. This was replendent with drawings and information on the relief breaks of this issue. It is a fact that various Shift Hunters were interested in this matter for Hectograph copies of letters and drawings were sent to various people.

Where the interesting part of this discovery occurs is that C.W had additional information, which he and others had gathered together, partly complete to share with others. This was very forcibly brought to our attention recently on hearing from Dr. G. C. Fritchel that he had received some information from C.W. concerning this very matter.

It has also been suggested that we list in advance matters in coming letters so that various Shift Hunters can forward material for the issues. This we are glad to do. Future publications will consist of the following:- Black Jacks, 1¢ Bank Note, 10¢ Brown, 15¢ Blue, 2¢ Red Brown, 2¢ Carmine Imperforate Scott No. 384, 2¢ 1908-10, 4¢ Brown, 2¢ Trans. Mississippi, coil stamps and others.

Sincerely yours,

GEO. BLACK

