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# U. S. PLATE VARIETIES SHIFT HUNTER LETTER

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COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS  
of  
DR. G. C. FRITSCHER

June 1938

Dear Shift Hunter:-

Some of Dr. Fritschel's shifts on the 2¢ Scott #332-344 and 349, the remainder will be published later. We congratulate the Doctor on his collection and wish that you could see it. In the stamps we received from him we had the pleasure of seeing TWO STAMPS with IDENTICAL PLATE CRACKS in the upper right corners. We have been advised that these were used by Max G. Johl on page 185 (center illustration) of his revised and enlarged edition of "The United States Postage Stamps of the Twentieth Century".

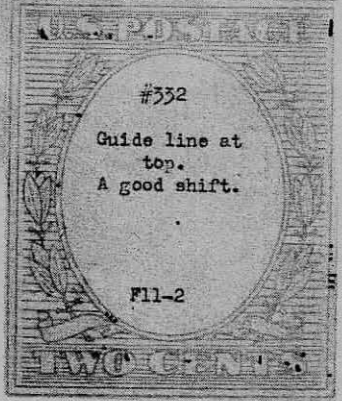
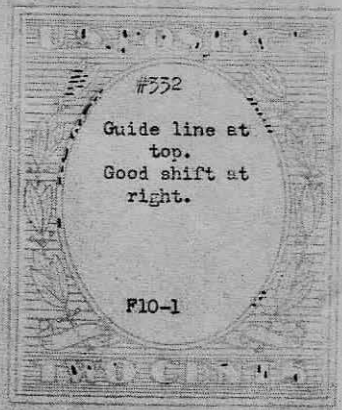
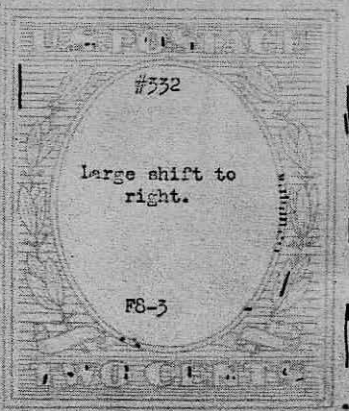
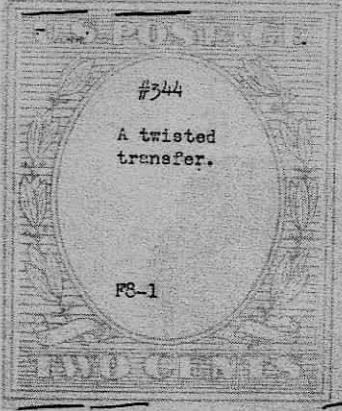
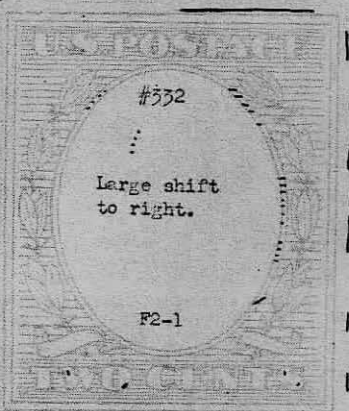
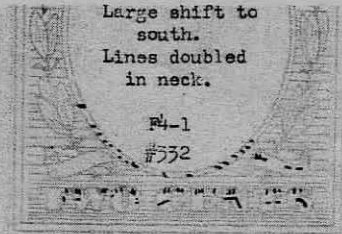
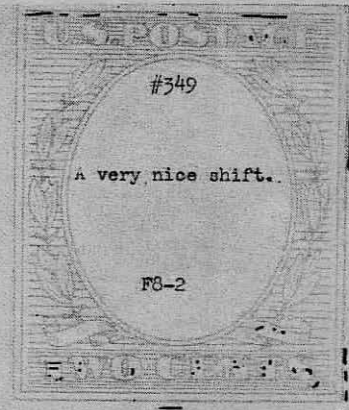
These are gems to delight any Plate Variety Collector. Seeing these sent me on a frantic search to duplicate these jewels with the result that the Shift Hunters will be enriched by the knowledge that a different plate crack, which is constant, will be illustrated in these letters. In the search for these varieties we also uncovered additional plate cracks and a few duplicates of some of the large shifts which Dr. Fritschel sent us to be published. He also advised that the majority of his shifts came from unpicked bundles of the 2¢ issues that he purchased from Mr. Bedford.

In addition to the remainder of Dr. Fritschel's collection many more are to be published from the Bedford collection and my own on the 2¢ 1908-10. I believe this issue is the most prolific of any of the postage issues of our country and all available data that we possess will be published for those interested.

It has been our good fortune to obtain Mr Bedford's Educational Book wherein stamps and analytical matter give plate varieties collectors the why and wherefor of how errors etc. occurred on our postal issues. This is available to responsible Stamp Clubs and individuals at cost both ways and insurance of \$1000.00 to cover.

Yours sincerely,

GEO. BLACK



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