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VARIETIES OF THE

U.S. STAMPS.

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ISSUE OF 1872. The entire set has been found on both thick and thin wove paper, and the 2, 3 and 15 ct. values also exist on ribbed paper. There are many shades of all values.

We might mention three varieties of the 1c., which have come to our notice, i.e. Solid and plain frames surrounding the picture. In the solid there are shading lines while on the plain frame there are none. The third variety of the 1c. is the straight line background. All the lines being horizontal while in the others vertical lines cross the horizontal. 

1875. Of the 2c. stamp. Of this issue there are said to be about 15 varieties some however being hardly worth their notice.

It is also found on ribbed paper.

1882 At this date the 1, 3, 6 and 10c. values of this issue were re-engraved and a new 5c. was added to the list.

Of the 1c. there are three varieties. One with heavy shading below the bust; another with no shading there, and the last has a light patch in place of the shading in the first.

The 3c. green re-engraved is readily distinguished from the originals by the shading under the medallion which is only about half the thickness of that in the originals of 1872.

The 5c. of 1882 is found with both cross and straight line ground-work.

In 1883 two new stamps were issued, value two ct. and four ct. Of the two cent there are two varieties. One is shaded below the shield while the other is not. This stamp was also printed in aniline ink which soaked through the paper causing the back to become purple:



1887 The remarks given on the two ct. of '83 and 5 c. of '82 will apply to the 2c. and 5c. stamps of '87.



1890. There is an abundance of varieties of this issue. One variety which we have not seen mentioned is that one in which the design of the 4c. is about one half mm. longer than usual



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