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### Different \* Grades \* of \* Coins.



The finer the coin the more valuable it is. The prices given in this list are for four different grades, viz.: Proof, Uncirculated, Fine and Good, and include in every instance the face value of the coin.

#### PROOF COINS.

Those coins are especially struck for coin collectors. The planchet and dies are polished before the coin is struck, which gives them a burnished or mirror-like reflective surface. The Mint charges 25 cents for each coin so struck, and they can only be had during the year of the issue. None were made before 1857.

#### UNCIRCULATED COINS

are coins as they came from the Mint. They must have the same luster as when dropped from the coining press. A coin that has been tarnished and polished up again can not be classed as uncirculated, although it does not show the slightest wear.

#### FINE COINS

are those that have lost their original luster, but do not show the least wear. They might be tarnished or blackened, but no scratches or nicks are permissible on a fine coin.

#### GOOD COINS

must show every feature, especially the date, very plain, not scratched, hammered, plugged or otherwise mutilated.