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EUROPE & OVERSEAS

AUSTRIA & AUSTRIAN LEVANT

- 508 ☒ 1850-54, 6 kr. brown and 9 kr. blue, mostly large margins, each tied by boxed "Trieste/18-5" datestamp on 1853 cover to Amsterdam, showing "Franco" straight-line on front, as well as "f 2" silbergroschen and "6" kreuzer on back, together with Prussian transits and receipt cds. Paid according to the postal convention between the Netherlands and Prussia: Austrian-German inland postage plus 6kr, i.e. 9+6 = 15kr. Mi 4X, 5X. 250
- 509 ☒ 1850-54, 6 kr. red-brown, type III, and 9 kr. blue, type IIIb, both well margined, each tied by "Trieste/20/10" cds on 1854 cover to Amsterdam, alongside with manuscript cross denoting pre-payment of postage and "franco" straight-line with, on reverse, "6" kreuzer debited to Holland, "f 2" Silbergrosschen und "10" cents, "Oberhausen/Bahnhof" and arrival. Very fine. Cert. Puschmann. Mi 4X, 5X. 250
- 510 ☒ 1850, 9 kr. light blue, type I, a large even margined copy of great freshness, tied by "Triest" cs on 23.12.1850 cover to Amsterdam, with manuscript due notations including "80" for the foreign portion of the journey and "10", "Prussien/A" transit and Amsterdam cds on back. A rare partly franked cover. Mi 5X. 200
- 511 ☒ 1863, 15 s. blue, type II, tied to 1863 cover to Warsaw by "Venezia/29-10" cds and pen stroke, alongside with "15/15" kreuzer, Russian "20" rating, with Cracow and Warsaw backstamps. Slight peripheral toning to perforation. The franking was not acknowledged. A scarce cover. Cert. Puschmann. Mi 15II. 200
- 512 ⊙ 1863, (1,05 kr.) grey brown, horizontal block of 14 from the base of the sheet, three large margins to enormous at base, the latter including part of marginal rule, cancelled by "Zeitungs-Exped: Wien" cds's. Few small thin spots just impinging on two stamps, not detracting from the appearance of this rare multiple. Cert. Ferchenbauer. Mi 29Xb. (Photo on page 134) 500
- 513 ★/(★) Austrian Levant. 1867, group of five plate proofs in issued colours, printed on thick paper, including the denominations from 3 s. to 25 s., together with complete set of seven values including fine and coarse impressions in seven items, each with "Specimen" overprint. Very fine and rare. Certs. Ferchenbauer. (Photo on page 142) 500
- 514 ☒ Austrian Levant. A spectacular group of great significance as including several important rarities with stunning registered cover from Trebizond bearing an extraordinary franking to pay the 76 soldi rate, made up of 1863 2 s. in combination with 1864 3 s. pair and single, 10 s. (5) and 15 s., tied by blue "Trebisonda" cds's, ranged as one of the great gems of Austrian Levant (Enzo Diena cert.); entire bearing 1864 5 s. (5) with "Lettere Arrivate/Col Vapore/Dal Levante", cover with mixed issue franking made up of 1864 3 s. and 1867 25 s. tied by Lloyd cancel of Constantinople, cover from Smyrna bearing 1867 fine impression 3 s. (2) & 10 s. (2) in combination with coarse impression 10 s. (2), cover franked by 1867 2 s., 3 s. (2) and 15 s. tied by small Smyrna cds, and rare registered cover from Jerusalem to Russia franked by 1867 15 s. pair and 10 s. pair. A choice assembly including several important rarities. 5'000
- 515 ☒ Austrian Levant. 1868-73. A most remarkable assembly comprising five covers, with two envelopes from Canea to Athens bearing 1867 10s and Greece Large Hermes 20l, one tied by Canea cds, the other with two-lines dated Canea handstamp, an extremely rare cover from Canea to Syros displaying a very rare Austrian Levant three-colour franking including 1863 2s, in combination with 1864 3s and 15s, all tied by two-lines datestamp and charged on arrival with Greece 1862 20l pair (cert. Ferchenbauer, Ex-Jerger), envelope from Rettimo to Athens franked by 1867 5s pair cancelled by blue cds in combination with Large Hermes 10s pair; the fifth cover was used in Triest (Austria) with 1867 15kr and addressed to Syra where charged with 1872 5l & 40l. A wonderful and very rare group. 2'500



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(See also lots 25, 26, 501, 502, 504 to 506, 683, 797, as well as the Uruguayan Maritime Mail collection)



- 516 (★) 1849-50, 25 c. blue, a magnificent block of four, remarkable detailed impression, showing wide balanced margins all around. A very rare multiple of very fine quality. Cert. Behr, signed Calves, Roumet and Gilbert. Maury 4 = € 43'500 (with o.g.). 3'500
- 517 ⊙ 1849-50, 1 fr. carmine, strip of four, dark intense shade, large margins for the most part, just a bit close to the design at bottom right, cleanly cancelled by grid cancels. Scarce and fine. Cert. Behr, signed Calves. Maury 6 = € 9'200. (Photo on page 142) 750



- 518 ★ 1863-70, 5 fr. grey-violet imperforate, a magnificent marginal copy with o.g. Cert. Behr, signed Brun and Calves. Maury 33 = € 12'250+. 2'000
- 519 ★ 1870, 20 c. blue, type II, a very fresh block of four, clear to ample margins, with large part original gum. Cert. Behr, signed Calves. Maury 45II = € 7'200. (Photo on page 142) 1'000
- 520 ★/★★ 1900, Merson, 2 fr. violet and yellow, a very fine block of four with only one hinge mark at right and usual centring. Maury 122 = € 6'600+. (Photo on page 142) 750
- 521 ☒ 1849-70. A choice trio including 1852 cover from Paris to Rome bearing very rare franking including first issue 40 c. pair and 1 fr. (2) with "Via di Mare" applied at Civitavecchia (cert. Behr); another cover to Chile, this being a rare transatlantic destination, bearing first issue 10 c. and 1 fr. (2) tied by "grille sans fin" (cert. Behr); a third cover, franked by 1870 10 c. bistre (report 1), shows the stamp tied by superb rural letter box "OR" (signed Roumet). A very rare trio in very fine condition. Maury 1, 5, 6, 43I. 3'500
- 522 ☒ 1856, April 19. Cover to Paris franked by 1854 20 c. deep blue, type I, tied by "3710" lozenge with matching Alger cds on dispatch, alongside with neat "Bateau/A/Vapeur" three-lines handstamp denoting conveyance by steamer from Alger to Marseilles, which was crossed out. Very rare and visually appealing. Dallay 14I. 250
- 523 ☒ 1876-1901. 'SAGE' type. Group of 24 covers bearing "Sage" type values, mostly addressed to Italy, including rare 1888 insured item exhibiting the scarce 5 f. denomination in its franking, with several registered items, multiples, better mixed frankings, etc. 350
- 524 ☒ 1929, July 2. Cover franked by marginal 1927 2 fr. & 5 fr. airmail set, together with USA 1928 5 c., tied on the 2nd July 1929 by the signatures of Assollant, Lefèvre and Lotti, these being the pilots which completed the successful Transatlantic Raid United States-Spain of 13-16.6.1929. 200



GREAT BRITAIN

(See also *The British Post Offices in Colombia and the Uruguayan Maritime Mail collections, as well as lots 302 & 303*)

- 525 ☒ 1859, April 27. Envelope to Le Blanc (France), correctly franked according to the single rate introduced on 1.1.1855, with 1857 4 d. rose-carmine, perfs partly trimmed by scissors at right, tied by "355" barred oval with matching Henley-On-Thames cds on reverse, together with London (red) and French transits / arrival. On arrival at Le Blanc, it was redirected to Buzançais by the application of Empire 20 c. blue (Maury 32) tied by dotted lozenge with corresponding Le Blanc cds at base. A rare combination franking of great visual appeal. Cert. Scheller. SG 66. 400
- 526 ☒/☒ 1870-73, group of 14 covers and cover fronts addressed to Colombia, bearing five different frankings including the 1s and 2s denominations, with three items showing "Santamarta/Debe" handstamp and due markings. Scarce. 150
- 527 ☒/☒ **1849-1883. The collection of " 'Surface-Printed' Issues used on cover to Overseas Destinations"**, comprising 192 covers beautifully mounted on leaves, extensively written up demonstrating a research of rates and routes, including examples from 60 different countries with rare destinations such as, Afghanistan, Antigua, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Fiji, Haiti, Syria, Java, Lagos, Madagascar, Philippines, Sierra Leone, etc. 35'000
- The collection features a wide range of postal history elements including concessionary mail, rare cancellations, combination frankings, late fees (a significant quantity), exceptionally high frankings, scarce instructional markings, mail involved in war events, forwarding agent involvement and unusual four-colour frankings.
- Among the more significant items, the following are noteworthy: two covers addressed to the field force in Afghanistan during the Second Afghan War, cover to British Guiana with the very rare Liverpool "466" numeral roller cancellation, entire bearing 1841-51 1d & 2d plus 1847-54 1s and addressed to the Captain of the HMS "Bellerophon" en route to the Black Sea where it took part in the important assault of Sebastopol during the Crimean War, entire to Dominica franked by 1867 2s blue with 1d late fee hexagon alongside, 1871 1d postal stationery envelope (additionally franked) carried via Italy to Fiji, envelope to Jamaica bearing 1847-54 embossed 1s (rare destination for this issue), cover to Lagos bearing 1847-54 embossed 1d, two covers to missionaries in Madagascar carried at different rates, undelivered cover to Virginia during the American Civil War with framed "Sent Back to England Without a Reason for Non-Delivery", entire to Mexico with exceptional franking composed of 1856 1s (13) + 6d, cover to Salvador showing a G.B.-Salvador combination franking, cover dated in 1863 to Italy with a very late use of the embossed 10d from the 1863 re-issue period in which very few remainder sheets of this adhesive were used (just four items recorded).
- A wonderful array of material (accompanied by some certificates) which already has the potential to make an exhibit worthy of a significant award and represents a daunting amount of research work and perseverance. A unique opportunity to acquire a ready-made exhibit, as well as a collection with an excellent basis for further development. Must be viewed to appreciate the wealth of wonderful postal history to be found in this assembly.

LUXEMBOURG

- 528 ☒ 1852-58, 10 c. grey-black, vertical pair and two single copies (one applied on reverse), all well margined on single rate cover up to 7 1/2 gr. from Luxembourg via Calais to Wakefield (England), dated 15 July 1858. stamps tied by oval of nine bars, with dispatch and red French entry cs's and "London/Paid" alongside. French transits and arrival on back. A scarce cover. Prefix 1j. *Ex Dupont*. 500
- 529 ☒ 1852-58, 10 c. black grey, a well margined strip of four applied overlapping the left edge of lettersheet from Luxembourg to London and resulting in a tear affecting the left-hand adhesive, tied by nine bar ovals, with 18 Sept. 1855 cds on dispatch at right, as well as red French t.p.o. cds and "Paid" cds applied on arrival. French transits on reverse. Cover carried via France at single rate up to 7 1/2 gr. An unusual cover. Prefix 1f. *Ex Seligson*. 400



- 530 ☒ 1852-58, 10 c. grey-black, an extraordinary block of four, very good margins which range from clear to huge, paying the single weight letter rate to France for a distance beyond 30 km, on envelope from Luxembourg to Strasbourg, tied by four strikes of nine-bars oval with matching cds and framed "PD" at right, together with red French entry, backstamped on arrival. Illustrated in the "Catalogue Spécilise de la 1re Émission de Timbres-Poste du Grande-Duché de Luxembourg" by R. Goebel. Blocks of four of this denomination are very scarce, its importance greatly amplified by being on cover; this showpiece being one of just two covers recorded bearing such a multiple. One of the most renowned gems from Luxembourg. Certs. Goebel and F.S.P.L. Prifix 1j. 10'000



- 531 ☒ 1852-58, 10 c. grey-black, a fantastic strip of six, large margins on all sides and fine impression for this shade, used on double weight envelope carried for the second Belgian distance, from Diekirch to Liège, tied by fine circular type of concentric rings, with Diekirch cds at right and framed "PD" adjacent, with backstamps including Weiswampach, Spa and Liège. Minor toning not detracting from this rarity. One of the largest multiples of this denomination on cover, making up a very rare franking. An essential piece for the advanced collection. Signed Goebel. Prifix 1j. 4'000



- 532 1852-58, 10 c. brownish black, seventh printing, marginal strip of four from the base of the sheet and vertical strip of four, both exhibiting very good margins and crisp impression, paying the double weight letter rate to France for a distance beyond 30 km, on 12 October 1856 cover from Luxembourg to Paris, tied by nine-bar ovals with dispatch cds at right, red entry marking in centre and arrival on back. Minor cover edge splitting at top, of no importance. A very rare and most desirable franking. Cert. Goebel, signed A. Bolaffi and Boule. Prefix 1g. 3'000



- 533 1852-58, 10 c. grey-black, single copy, strip of three and strip of four, all being fresh and displaying good margins all round, on large envelope to Nevers (France) carried at double rate for the second distance, tied by oval of nine bars with associated "Luxembourg" cds adjacent, "PD" on dispatch, red French transit and arrival on reverse. A very rare and visually impressive multiple franking, in delightful condition. Signed Goebel. Prefix 1j. 2'000

- 534 ☒ 1852-58, 1 sgr. rose, pair slightly cut into at left, otherwise good margins, used on 30 May 1860 cover from Luxembourg to Aachen (Germany), cancelled by Luxembourg cds repeated alongside. Cover carried at single rate up to 16 2/3 gr. for a distance between 10 and 20 miles in German territory from the border, which is the rarest rate applied for Germany, being further enhanced by the scarce use of the datestamp as a canceller. Very desirable. Prefix 2i. (Photo on page 134) 400
- 535 ☒ 1852-58, 1 sgr. dark red flesh, mostly large margins being just touched at left, tied by nine bar cancels on up to 1 ounce weight cover from Luxembourg to Hamburg, matching January 1st 1858 cds at right, with transit and Hamburg arrival on reverse. Two cover edge tears of little consequence. Scarce. Prefix 2f. (Photo on page 134) 250
- 536 ☒/☉ 1852-58, 10 c. grey and grey-black, lot of 44 stamps including one cover and three large pieces comprising all the existing retouches except n.12, divided according to the retouch numeral classification 1 (5), 2 (3), 3 (7), 4 (4), 5 (3), 6 (3), 7 (3), 8 (3), 9 (3), 10 (7), 11 (3). A very rare assembly. Prefix 1 = € 22'050. (Photo on page 134) 800
- 537 ☉ 1852-58, First Issue. An outstanding specialized collection of 179 stamps mostly used, incl. scarce first printing examples of both values, cancellations with cds and green usage, multiples with pairs and strips of three, a wide range of shades including the red-blood and bluish black shades, varieties with different papers including inverted or misplaced watermarks. Generally. Viewing recommended. (No photo) 1'500
- 538 ★/(★)/☉ 1852-58. A highly interesting choice assembly of 114 stamps with strong content including 10 c. and 1 sgr. with each denomination represented by three rare mint copies (one 10 c. example without gum), each accompanied by Calves cert.; the 10 c. denomination also comprising: spectacular marginal copies (4), 10 stamps showing "coloured horizontal line through top right (5) / left (5) ornament" variety ("griffe dans le fleuron"), first printing used pair, four used strips of three (one being marginal), four strips of four, very rare used block of four; 1 sgr. denomination with four strips of three, one cancelled by rare Remich interrupted rings cancellation, with another strip being also cancelled by red German instructional marking, six copies of both values with identification points for the printing, followed by a study of cancellations including rare handstamps used on both values. A marvellous and selected lot containing extensive rare material, with some items originating from the renown Dupont, Woudenberg and Seligson collections, represented by a wide range of aspects featured in this issue, of huge catalogue value with very fine condition throughout. Viewing highly recommended. 5'000
- 539 ☒/(☒) 1852-58, 10 c. grey-black, used as single franking on four items, with each copy featuring variety including cover front with "griffe dans le fleuron" example, cover from Echternach to Diekirch with minor retouch n. 5, cover from Diekirch to Echternach showing majour retouch n. 6 entire letter from Luxembourg bearing minor retouch n. 10. A rare group including € 1'975 in catalogue just for stamps off cover. (Photo on page 134) 400

MEXICO

- 540 ★ 1936, 20 c. lake, Eagle man type of 1934-35 with "Secretaria de Hacienda Mexico" between lines watermark, very slightly hinged. The most elusive air post stamp of Mexico. Very fine. Scott 76A. 750

PHILIPPINES



- 541 ☒ 1854-55, 1 r. dark blue, margins varying from ample to huge with upper frameline of neighbouring adhesive at base, crisp impression and strong colour, paying the inland rate not exceeding 1 1/2 ounces, tied to large part cover to San Miguel by dotted circled handstamp. An issue of great visual-appeal, with this denomination being rare on cover. Edifil 3. 1'500

RUSSIA

- 542 ○/△ 1858, 10 k. brown and blue used in the Levant, a delightful group of: two single stamps, two strips of three cancelled on piece by framed "Franco" and strip of three tied to piece by Constantinople cds. Scarce. Mi. 5. *Ex Liphschutz*. (No photo) 150
- 543 ☒ 1866, 30 k. rose and green, horizontally laid paper, three copies, one stamp with slight horizontal crease and another with corner perforation missing, used together with 5 k. and two 10 k., on registered envelope from Shmerink to St. Petersburg tied by cds's, dated 1874, April 4. St. Petersburg and t.p.o. cds's on reverse. Despite some imperfections, a very rare registered cover at tenth rate. Mi. 20x, 21x, 23x. (Photo on page 134) 250
- 544 ☒ 1866, 30 k. rose and green, vertically laid paper, three copies of which two with few rough perforations, in combination with 5 k., 10 k. and 20 k., the three on horizontally laid paper, paying an eleven rates registered envelope from Gaysin to Kamenets-Podolsk, all tied by "Gaisin/16 Dec. 1871" cds's, with arrival on front at right. Slight soiling, not detracting from this very rare four-colour franking on registered cover at eleventh rate. Mi. 20x, 21x, 22x, 23y. 300
- 545 ☒ 1866, three covers including one franked by 1 k. & 30 k., horizontally laid paper, in combination with 1875 8 k. tied to triple weight registered envelope; another envelope, this carried at sixth rate, paid with vertical pair of 30 k., 5 k. and 10 k; as well as registered cover to Arkhangelsk franked by 5 k. black and greyish blue, colour variety on horizontally laid paper, used together with 30 k. on both cancelled by very fine strike of two-line pre-adhesive postmark of Emetskoe. A scarce trio carried inland. Mi. 18x, 20x, 21x, 23x, 26x. *Ex Mertens*. 400
- 546 ☒/(☒) 1735-1889. An extraordinary postal history collection containing well over 200 items, beautifully mounted on album pages in three luxury albums, comprising the stampless period for the most part, but also with 47 franked covers, mostly addressed to foreign destinations, after entry into the UPU (registered mail and unusual high frankings are recorded throughout). The lot includes a wide range of postal history embracing: the 18th century period with rare early mail, scarce outgoing covers with unusual destinations such as United States, scarce/rare handstamps (St. Petersburg with differing examples including several items with the early types, Kolomna, Lipetsk, Riga, Moscow, Dorpat, Kazan, Kostroma, Minsk, Mitau, Nizhny Novgorod, Saratov, Shatsk, Tula), money letters, etc.; the 19th century period features an exceptional assembly of nearly hundred covers sent abroad with unusual destinations such as Spain, Italian Eritrea, United States and Scotland, also including several rare handstamps, as well as an extremely varied array of foreign postmarks. Many items are signed by the renowned expert Mikulski. Viewing is a must for this exceptional and most interesting lot that would form an outstanding exhibit. (No photo) 15'000

SAMOA



- 547 ★★ (Western) Samoa. 1914, "G.R.I./1 Shillings." surcharge on German Colonial 1 m. carmine, a remarkable marginal pair from the top of the sheet, very fresh unmounted with original gum. Only 200 copies of this rare stamp were printed. An absolutely superb and extremely rare multiple. Cert. BPA. SG 110. 2'500

SPAIN

- 548 ○ 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. I, type 5, mostly wide margins to clear at top right, showing complete double-framed "P.P." handstamp (Portes Pagados). Slight horizontal crease not visible on front and not detracting. Cert. Graus. Edifil 1. 150



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- 549 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. II, two well margined strips of three of great freshness, tied by bold strikes of black spider applied with writing ink on large piece of judicial wrapper to Valladolid. A very rare and impressive franking of delightful visual appeal. Cert. Comex. Edifil 1A. 750
- 550 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. I, roughly trimmed on two sides, otherwise good margins, cancelled by superb blue "0" of Zaragoza on February 5 cover from Zaragoza to Tudela, also tied by red datestamp on dispatch. Slight horizontal crease not detracting from this extremely rare cancellation on cover. Edifil 1. (Photo on page 134) 250
- 551 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. I, a very fresh copy with excellent margins, on February 14 cover from Ávila to Madrid, tied by superb blue "A" handstamp of Ávila, with red corresponding datestamp at right. An extremely rare cancellation of outstanding beauty. Cert. Graus. Edifil 1. 1'000
- 552 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. I, type 24, a large margined example on March 17 entire letter from Santa Marta de Ortigueira to Zaragoza, tied by black spider and red oval framed "Galicia/Ortigueira". An extraordinary cancellation usage, being the only cover known with this marking. Cert. Comex. Edifil 1. 1'500
- 553 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. II, ample margins to cut into at right, applied on July 2 entire letter from Málaga to Cádiz, tied by black spider with part of red datestamp on dispatch alongside, carried by coastal steamer with very interesting endorsement "Vapor 1er Gaditano" (first steamer from Cádiz). A most unusual and rare usage. Edifil 1A. 250
- 554 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. II, ample even margins all around, centrally tied by black spider leaving the profile clear, on July 19 entire letter from Zaragoza to Tudela, with neat "1.Rl." due marking applied for excess weight. A very fresh and scarce entire. Edifil 1A. 150
- 555 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. II, clear to wide margins, tied by black spider on 21 October bill of lading transported by "San Sebastián" vessel from Vinaroz to Tarragona, with very fine "Administrador de Rentas/Vinaroz" black handstamp with shield on reverse. Very interesting and rare. Cert. Graus. Edifil 1A. 1'000
- 556 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. II, two clear to large margined copies, types 34 & 35, each cancelled by pen stroke on bill of lading carried by "Carolina" vessel from Valencia to Tarragona, dated 13 September 1850. A splendid and rare franking. Cert. Graus. Edifil 1A. 1'500
- 557 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. II, a remarkable block of three, mostly wide margins, used on bill of lading carried by "Artemisa" vessel from Valencia to Barcelona, tied by red February 9 Valencia datestamps. Interesting manuscript notation on reverse: "Los tres sellos que se estampan son los que debe tener según tarifa" (The three stamps are those to apply according to the rate), and signature by the Port of Valencia P.O. general administrator. An exceptional item bearing an extremely rare block of three. Edifil 1A. 3'000



- 558 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. II, single copy and vertical strip of three, remarkably well margined used on bill of lading carried by "San Cayetano" vessel from Málaga to Barcelona, cleanly tied by black spiders, with April 3 Málaga datestamp in red, and manuscript "Conforme con los sellos que tiene" (the correct stamps have been applied) and signature by the postal administrator. A spectacular cover of great rarity, worthy of the most advanced collection. Cert. Graus. Edifil 1A. 5'000



- 559 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. I, impressive vertical strip of five and strip of four, large margins for the most part, used on January 31 judicial wrapper from Palma de Mallorca to Ibiza, with each stamp cancelled by red "P.P." handstamp of Palma de Mallorca and tied by datestamps on dispatch, both postmarks being repeated alongside. **The largest franking known bearing the 'number one' on complete postal document**, with a unique usage of the "P.P." type of Palma de Mallorca which further enhances this cover desirability. One of the most significant gems of the first issue, a spectacular exhibition piece. Cert. Comex. Edifil 1. 15'000
- 560 1850, 6 cu. black, pl. II, mostly large margins, just shaved at top, tied by black spider on February 7, 1851 entire letter from Zaragoza to Madrid. The franking was accepted on dispatch but not on arrival with the application of "F. 10/1.R." red due marking, as the first issue was not valid after the 1st of January. A rare taxation usage applied more than a month after the period of validation. Edifil 1A. 1'000

SWITZERLAND

- 561 1851, Dec. 21. Cover written in London, initially supposed to be dispatched in England and franked with spectacular 1 d. red-brown marginal copy with "Pri..." imprint; nevertheless the letter was privately carried to Geneva where consigned to the Cantonal Post Office on 22 December, following payment of Neuchâtel 5 c. black and red, wide to very large margins, tied by barred grid with corresponding dispatch cds at top. A stunning combination franking. Signed Von der Weid. SBK 11. 5'000

UNITED STATES



- 562 ★★ 1992, New York Stock Exchange Bicentennial, 29 c. green, red and black, a stunning marginal block of four from the right of the sheet, with all stamps exhibiting the centre inverted variety, very fresh unmounted with perfect centring. Only 56 examples of this error are recorded, which originate from two panes. A small water spot which just slightly affects the gum on lower right adhesive. An extraordinary and very significant rarity of modern American philately, with extremely few blocks in existence. Scott 2630c. 15'000



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- 563 ☒ 1848-72, a choice group of four covers with envelope to Washington carried free of charge with "Free G.M. Dallas" (U.S. senator and 11th Vice President) endorsement denoting political franking privilege, 1851-57 3 c. red vertical half incl. two thirds used as 1 c. on cover from St. Louis to New York (ex Caspary), cover from British Columbia to San Francisco with "Post Office/Victoria V.I." representing a scarce cross-border usage (ex Wellburn), and envelope to N.Y. with political franking privilege denoted by "H. Wilson" (Massachusetts Senator and the 18th Vice President). Very scarce, with viewing required. Scott 11Ac, 26. 1'000
- 564 ☒ 1880-86. Lot of 34 covers to foreign destinations, including some scarce uses to Madeira and Reunion, mail returned to sender with instructional markings, illustrated envelopes, etc. (No photo) 250

ASTROPHILATELY

- 565 ☒ 1969, July 20. Apollo 11, official envelope bearing 6 c. tied by "Moon Landing/Jul 20 1969/USA" datestamp with, on reverse, 6 c. used at Webster with "Delayed in Quarantine at/Lunar Receiving Laboratory/M.S.C. - Houston, Texas" handstamp. Numbered 35 of the 150 issued. A rare and desirable cover directly related to the most important space mission. Cert. Enzo Diena and Bolaffi. 3'000
- 566 ☒ 1987 Soyuz TM-3 / MIR flown cover, with "Baykonur 21.11.87" dispatch datestamp, cancelled on board the MIR space station, with arrival at Arkalik (29.12.87) back on Earth, signed by cosmonauts Romanenko and Alexandrov, authenticated by Dunaev ("Glavkosmos") on back. Cert. A. Bolaffi. 500
- 567 ☒ 1989 Progress-41 / MIR flown card dispatched to the space station, where cancelled on 18.3.1989, bearing the first stamp to be specially issued for inter-space communication, signed on back by Dunaev ("Glavkosmos"). Signed A. Bolaffi and Enzo Diena. 500
- 568 ☒ 1989 Soyuz TM-7 / MIR flown card dispatched to the MIR orbital manned space station, where cancelled on 27.4.1989 on arrival at the USSR official post office established at the MIR, and also on the day of return to Earth. Signed by the cosmonauts Krikalev, Volkov and Polyakov. Cert. "Glavkosmos", signed A. Bolaffi and Enzo Diena. 750

LOTS & COLLECTIONS

(See also the individual country sections where the majority of the lots and collections contained in this sale are included)

- 569 (★) Argentina. 1892-1908. "Tres Próceres" & "Liberty Seated". A magnificent collection comprising more than 1'500 essays on cardboard and glazed paper, as well as 38 die proofs of the "Liberty Seated" eleven existing values (on cardboard with order numbers). An exceptional assembly including the largest holding in existence of these essays. (No photo) 1'500
- 570 ★★/★ Ascension. 1922-90, a complete collection including the better sets issued from 1922 to 1958. In very fine condition. (No photo) 400
- 571 ★★/★/ (★)/◎ Australia. 1913-90, a magnificent collection of great significance featuring a significant quantity of valuable "Kangaroo" issues up to the highest denomination, comprising hundreds of unused stamps, mounted on leaves, including 1913-14 complete set with unmounted 10 s., mint £1 showing fingerprint in the brown shading of the kangaroo, a phenomenal £2 unmounted (the three adhesives with Raybaudi certs.), 1915 2 s. & 5 s. mint 1915-28 10 s. mint and £2 n.h., 1923-24 £1 n.h. with Raybaudi cert., 1929-30 £2 mint, 1931-36 £1 & £2 mint, 1932 5 s. blue-green mint, as well as other later better sets, also with official stamps including 1913 5 s. mint and 10 s. used, postage dues with 1902-04 10 s. unused, and other better sets and values. The collection also includes the Australian Antarctic Territory and Western Australia with several better early issues such as 1861 6 d. & 1 s. mint. An extraordinary lot, in predominantly very fine condition, with high catalogue value. Viewing highly recommended. (Photo on page 142) 8'000
- 572 Bavaria, Wurtemberg & German Empire, 1870-75. Telegraph stamps, lot containing 140 stamps used and unused with better items in the Bavarian first issue. Some stamps signed Brettl. (No photo) 150
- 573 ☒ Bolivia. 1875-78, selection of five covers including envelope from Antofagasta to Copiapó (Chile) with two ornate blue octagonal frank marking "Correo/10 c/Antofagasta", registered cover locally used at Antofagasta with manuscript endorsement denoting registration and express service showing negative ship illustrated oval, as well as three covers to different localities in Chile with very fine negative ship illustrated oval of La Chimba. Scarce. *Ex Patiño*. 500

- 574 ☒ British Colonies. 1903-04, an interesting assembly of 17 covers, all except two being registered, and all addressed to Colombia, originating from Sarawak, India, Guiana, New Zealand, Ceylon, Transvaal, New South Wales, Tonga, Natal, Queensland, and Orange River. Interesting and rare. 250
- 575 ★★/★/⊙ Bulgaria. 1879-85, a highly interesting choice assembly of 41 stamps with strong content including two complete first issue sets in mint condition, of which one with Raybaudi cert., with duplication of 10 c., 50 c. and 25 c. (3), 1882 3 st. featuring the famous variety "yellow background inverted" with clean cancel (cert. Holcombe), 1882 5 st. rose instead green error of colour (signed (Brun), 1885 Provisional Issue with lithographic surcharge representing the complete set in unmounted blocks of four (the 15 st. and 50 st. denomination signed Karaivanoff, with the other values being signed by Raybaudi), as well as two further 1885 "50" st. on 1 fr. unmounted blocks of four (one being marginal and just slightly hinged at top), one with cert. mikulski, the other with Zagorsky cert. (these blocks of four are of great scarcity, with only 5,000 copies printed of this stamp). A marvellous and selected lot containing extensive rare material of high catalogue value. Viewing highly recommended. (Photo on page 142) 4'000
- 576 ★★/★/★/⊙ Ceylon. 1857-1957, an interesting collection containing more than 350 stamps used and unused, with several early better values including first issue 10 d. used, 1857-89 8 d. used (2), 10 d. used, 1 s. 9 d. mint, 1861-64 8 d. used, 2 s. used and unused, 1863-65 5 d. red-brown mint, 9 d. unused, 2 s. mint, 1867-70 2 s. mint, 1872-70 complete set mint, 1885 overprinted stamps with 1 r. 12 c. mint and other better values from this issue, Edward VII issues with better complete sets, scarce 1912-25 100 r. grey-black mint, as well as rare 1924-27, 100 r. brownish grey and 100 r. dull purple and blue (two very fine copies with RPS certs), 1921-32 50 r. mint, etc., also with scarce official stamps. Several certificates are included (9). Viewing recommended. (Photo on page 142) 2'500
- 577 Croatia. 1941-45, a magnificent specialized collection, housed on seven albums, including an enormous quantity of varieties with spectacular examples, a significant number of proofs, duplication, imperforates, complete sheets, as well as covers bearing the early overprinted and later issues, with the better sets and the SS souvenir sheet in used and unused condition, etc. A phenomenal study of great difficulty representing an extraordinary holding, with viewing absolutely recommended. (No photo) 5'000
- 578 ★★/★/★ Curaçao-Surinam. 1873-1960, collection comprising hundreds of stamps with the great majority in unused condition, including Curaçao with first set issued complete with some duplication, the early surcharged better values, 1903-04 Wilhelmina complete set, 1923 Wilhelmina jubilee compl. set, 1929 6 c on 7 1/2 c. inverted ovpt., 1934 Colony tricentennial, also with postage dues (incl. 1889 12 1/2 c.) and airmail stamps; Surinam with the first complete set, 1909 5 c. tête-bêche pair, 1923 Wilhelmina jubilee compl. set, 1945 Wilhelmina complete set, airmail stamps with 1931 DO-X overprinted set and better postage dues. An interesting lot in fine/very fine condition. (No photo) 750
- 579 ★★/★/★/⊙ Dominican Republic. 1865-1957, a magnificent collection, virtually complete, comprising hundreds of stamps with the great majority in unused condition, mounted on leaves, including 1865 1/2 r. used/unused, 1 r. two unused copies, one signed by various experts including G. Todd, unused 1865 1/2 r. & 1 r. on laid paper, with the 1 r. denomination also used, 1866 laid paper values, 1867-69 eight values on pelure paper including 1 r. magenta, 1883 better overprinted values, later better sets with 1899 Columbus mausoleum, 1905 1 p. black and grey mint, also with airmail stamps, imperforates and some varieties. A valuable and very interesting lot including the scarce early issues, with viewing highly recommended. (Photo on page 142) 1'500
- 580 Egypt. 1800-1900 ca., an interesting lot containing more than 100 documents, comprising consular items for the great majority with a wide range of Consular handstamps originating from a large number of countries, also with some official announcements, interesting fiscal combination frankings, judaica documents, etc. Detailed viewing is essential. (No photo) 250
- 581 ★★/★/★/⊙ Fiji. 1870-1980, a magnificent collection in unused condition, being virtually complete, including a remarkable number of valuable and rare stamps with 1870-71 rouletted on laid batonné paper 1 d., 6 d. (cert. BPA), 9 d. pos. 24 (cert. RPS) and 1 s. (cert. Brandon), 1871 complete set, Crown Colony including Polynesian Gazette overprints with 1874 2 c. on 1 d. & 6 c. on 3 d. with both overprints (one stamp signed Roumet, Brun and cert.). 1875 2 d. overprint on 3 d. green (signed Roumet) also one copy with black ovpt., better semi-modern sets with 1903 & 1906-12 Edward VII, 1912-23 George V, 1938-55 George VI, etc.. Generally in very fine condition. Viewing highly recommended. 2'500
- 582 ★★/★/★ German Occupation of Serbia. 1941-43, very fine collection including souvenir sheets. (No photo) 80
- 583 ★★/★/★ Gibraltar. 1886-1990 impressive complete collection mounted on leaves, also with duplicates, in mint/unmounted condition, including first issue in complete set with the two highest denominations (Enzo Diena cert.), followed by 19th century issues represented in complete sets with better values, 1903 & 1904-08 complete sets including the £1 values, 1906-12 & 1912-24 complete sets, 1921-27 & 1925-32 complete sets, with few varieties including 1938-51 better values worth careful inspection, etc. A very interesting collection, very fine, with viewing recommended. (No photo) 1'250

- 584 ★ Greece. 1896, Olympic Games, complete set with o.g. Very fine and scarce. Cert. Enzo Diena and Bolaffi for the four highest denominations. Mi 96-107. 500
- 585 ★ Greece. 1896, Olympic Games, two complete sets with o.g., of which one with absence of the 10 l. and 20 l. denominations. Very fine and scarce. Cert. Enzo Diena and Raybaudi for the four highest denominations of one complete set. Mi 96-107. 750
- 586 ★★/★ Honduras. 1865-1955. A very interesting collection, virtually complete, containing hundreds of unused stamps and 69 plate proofs, including 1877 surcharged values and the first overprinted airmail issue. In predominantly very fine condition. Viewing essential. 500
- 587 ★★/★ Israel. 1948-74, a magnificent collection, being complete with tabs attached, including the better sets and values. Hard to find in this generally very fine condition, unmounted. Viewing recommended. 6'000
- 588 ☒ Japan. 1903-287, a very interesting assembly of 11 covers bearing different frankings, most of them being registered, together with 5 postcards illustrated with Russo-Japanese War motifs, all addressed to Colombia which represents a very rare destination in this period, with scarce stamps on cover such as 1905 issue to commemorate the amalgamation of the Japan-Korean postal services. Viewing recommended. 200
- 589 ★★/★/ (★)/⊙ Malta. 1860-1984. A magnificent, virtually complete, collection in unused condition, including 1860-81 1/2 d. denomination with 15 copies representing an interesting range of printings, 1886 5 s., 1899-1921 better complete sets, 1919 unmounted 10 s. with Enzo Diena cert., 1921-22 complete set, 1922 'Self-Government' complete set, the better sets issued to 1930, Queen Elizabeth II better complete sets, also postage dues and a further album containing many duplicates including some scarce values. A very interesting lot in predominantly fine to very fine condition, with viewing recommended. 2'000
- 590 ★★/★/ ⊙ Montenegro. 1874-1916. Collection comprising hundreds of stamps, including first issue 10 Nkr. & 15 Nkr. mint, the second issue complete, later issue with range of perforations, some varieties, 1916 issues in France with complete set mint signed Champion. Viewing required. (No photo) 300
- 591 ★★/★/ ⊙ Newfoundland. 1857-1923, a choice group of 18 stamps including well margined 1857 2 d. scarlet-vermilion, being an attractive copy of this difficult stamp (certs. B.P.A. and Sismondo, SG Cat £5,000); 1860 4 d. orange-vermilion with very good margins, unused without gum (Sismondo and RPS certs., ex Glassco); 1923, 2 c. imperf. upper left corner-sheet block of four and pair, as well as 1935-38 2 c. in imperf. marginal block of four and three further imperf. pairs (all being unmounted except for one 2 c. pair. SG 2, 12, 150a, 223a. 750
- 592 ★★/★/ ⊙ Papua and New Guinea. 1901-80, an outstanding collection containing hundreds of stamps mounted on leaves in one album, the great majority in unused condition, together with a stockbook of duplicates, including Papua (British New Guinea) with complete 1901 first set, followed by overprinted sets, 1916-31 10 s. used, 1932-40 complete set, official stamps comprising various better sets; Australian Occupation of New Guinea including a significant number of rare and valuable stamps, including varieties, with 1914-15 2 d. on 20 pf. with "R" inverted (signed Brun and cert.), ' "G.R.I." and value 3 1/2 to 4 mm apart' with 1 s. on 1 m. two copies, 2 s. on 2 m. with cert., 3 d. on 30 pf. & 4 d. on 40 pf. (both signed Brun), etc., ' "G.R.I." and value 5 1/2 mm apart' 1 s. on 1 m., 3 s. on 3 m. (both with Brun signatures, the latter also with cert.), with other values worthy of a thorough viewing, official stamps with several better sets and values; Mandated Territory of New Guinea including 1931-32 Raggiana Bird complete sets, 1931-32 Bulolo Goldfields with 1935 £2 & £5 (cert. RPS) and 1939 complete set, Native Village & Raggiana Bird complete airmail sets, etc. A remarkable lot of high catalogue value, in predominantly fine to very fine condition. An extensive viewing is highly recommended. 5'000
- 593 ★★/★/ (★)/⊙ Saint Helena. 1856-1990, an interesting, virtually complete, collection containing hundreds of stamps, mostly in unused condition, including a good range of shades, with 1856 6 d. unused, 1861 6 d. unused (rough perforation), 1864-80 overprinted issue with 1 s. mint, with the later issues being complete -mint, in very fine condition- including the 1961 Tristan Relief Fund marginal complete set in unmounted condition (Enzo Diena cert.). The collection is cleanly mounted on leaves and includes a stockbook with duplicates in quantities which also comprise some better values in the early and semi-modern issues. Extensive viewing is recommended. 2'250
- 594 ★★/★/ ⊙ Salvador. 1867-1957. A nearly complete collection incl. the scarce airmail sets. Very fine. (No photo) 250
- 595 ★★/★/ (★) (Western) Samoa. 1877-1988, a very interesting collection containing hundreds of stamps in unused condition, cleanly mounted on leaves housed in one album, including first scarce issues with rare values such as 5 s. green (2); New Zealand Occupation with superb 2 s. on 2 m. n.h. marginal copy with o.g. (cert. Raybaudi), 3 s. on 3 m. n.h. (cert. Raybaudi), 5 s. on 5 m. used (signed Calves); 1932 overprinted fiscal stamps including the two highest denominations (£2 & £5), 1935-42 ovpt. fiscal stamps with £5, etc. A very interesting collection with condition generally very fine and high catalogue value. Viewing highly recommended. 3'500



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- 596 ☒ Uganda. Selection of six covers with the highlight being an envelope franked by typeset 1 a. in combination with overprinted "L" 2 a., with "T" due handstruck, as unpaid letter to an outgoing destination, which crossed out, the reverse showing manuscript notation "Received opened at Mboa (Mombasa) P.O. and officially stamp marginated, 16/5/99", with "V.S." initials by the P.O. clerk at Mombasa, with cover edges damaged and officially sealed (ex Dunstan and Scott); another three covers bearing mixed frankings between typesets and British East Africa; envelope bearing typeset 3a single franking and remarkable cover addressed to Dr. Makinnon (Director of Transport of the MacDonald Expedition at the Uganda railhead of Ndii), bearing typeset 2a and 3a paying 5 annas rate including 4 annas for the Uganda-Kikuyu portion of the journey and 1 anna to British East Africa, with crease probably indicating initial transmission by the "cleft stick" method (ex Rossiter, Dunstan and Scott). A wonderful and varied group of remarkable significance. SG 56, 57. *Ex Rossiter, Dunstan and Scott.* SG 55, 56, 57, 58, 71. 1'500
- 597 Yugoslavia. 1918-45, a phenomenal collection mounted on Lindner leaves with plastic protections, housed in eight albums, containing thousands of stamps, including an exceedingly large quantity of varieties and proofs (printed on cardboard paper as well) for the most part, with many scarce items and unlisted examples, large duplication, complete sheets comprising all stamps with varieties resulting in spectacular exhibition items (some of high catalogue value), other multiples, etc., as well as tens of covers including mixed frankings and unusual cancellations. (The lot also includes another ten albums with souvenir sheets and complete sheets from 1869 to 1984). A magnificent holding, extremely difficult to repeat, in predominantly very fine condition, with extensive viewing highly recommended. 7'500
- 598 ☒ All World. 1865-1945 ca, an interesting lot containing hundreds of covers, postal stationery, and illustrated postal cards, with the great majority being addressed to Colombia which is a very scarce destination for several items from exotic countries also from the XIXth Century, with unusual frankings, airmails, etc. Mixed condition with accurate viewing required. (No photo) 500
- 599 ☒ All World. 1901-06, selection of 16 covers addressed to Colombia, originating from Korea, United States, Crete, France, Russia, Persia, Martinique, Portugal, Egypt, Switzerland, French Indochina and German P.O. at Constantinople, including several registered items. Very rare in this period. 250
- 600 ☒ 1918-47. All World, airmails. Very interesting lot of 51 covers, mostly including first flights, as well as scarce frankings and transoceanic flights. (No photo) 300
- 601 ☒ Airmail Crash Covers. 1941-54, three covers from Chile and Great Britain to Colombia, incl. the "Panagra" flight on 19.6.1938 in Los Andes, as well as aircraft crash at Prestwick (25.12.1954). (No photo) 70



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