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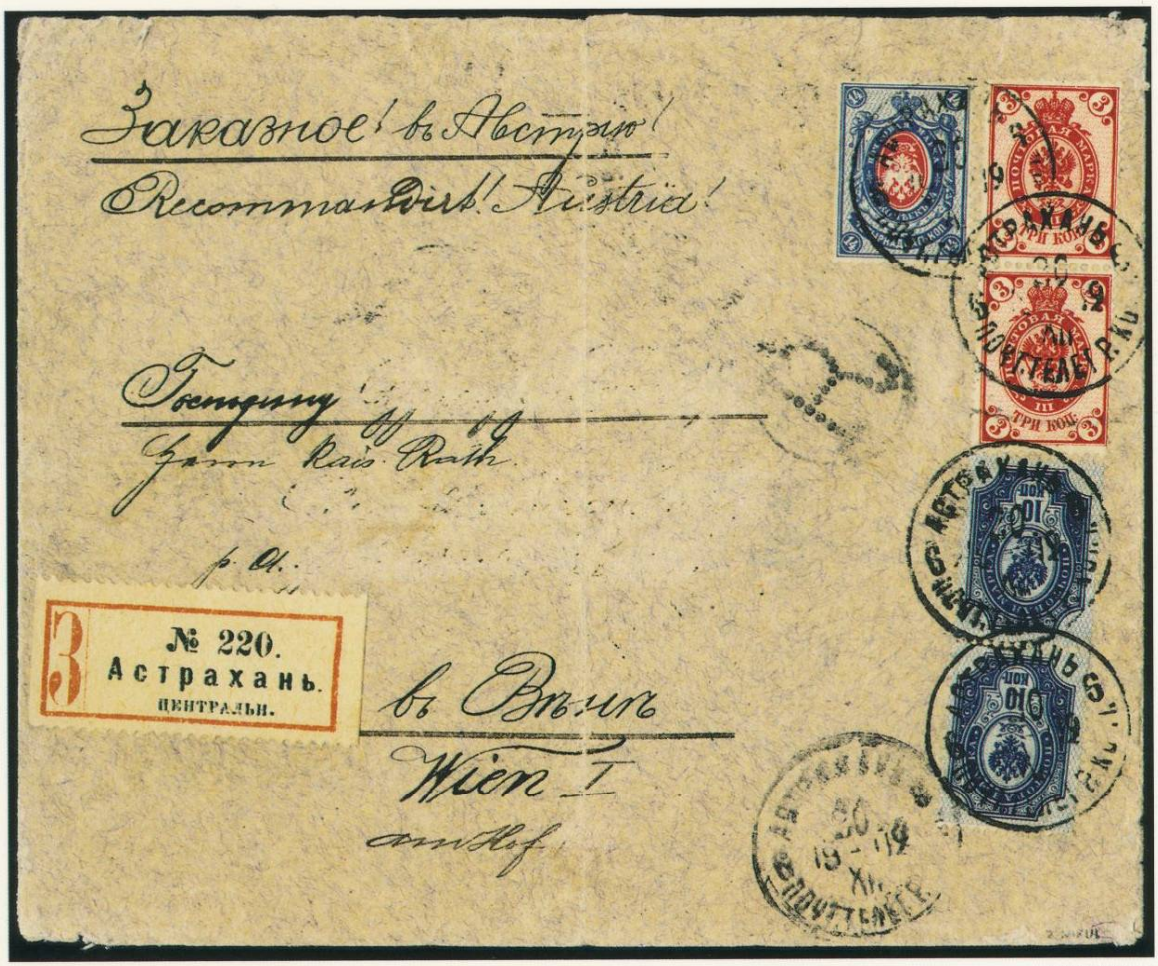

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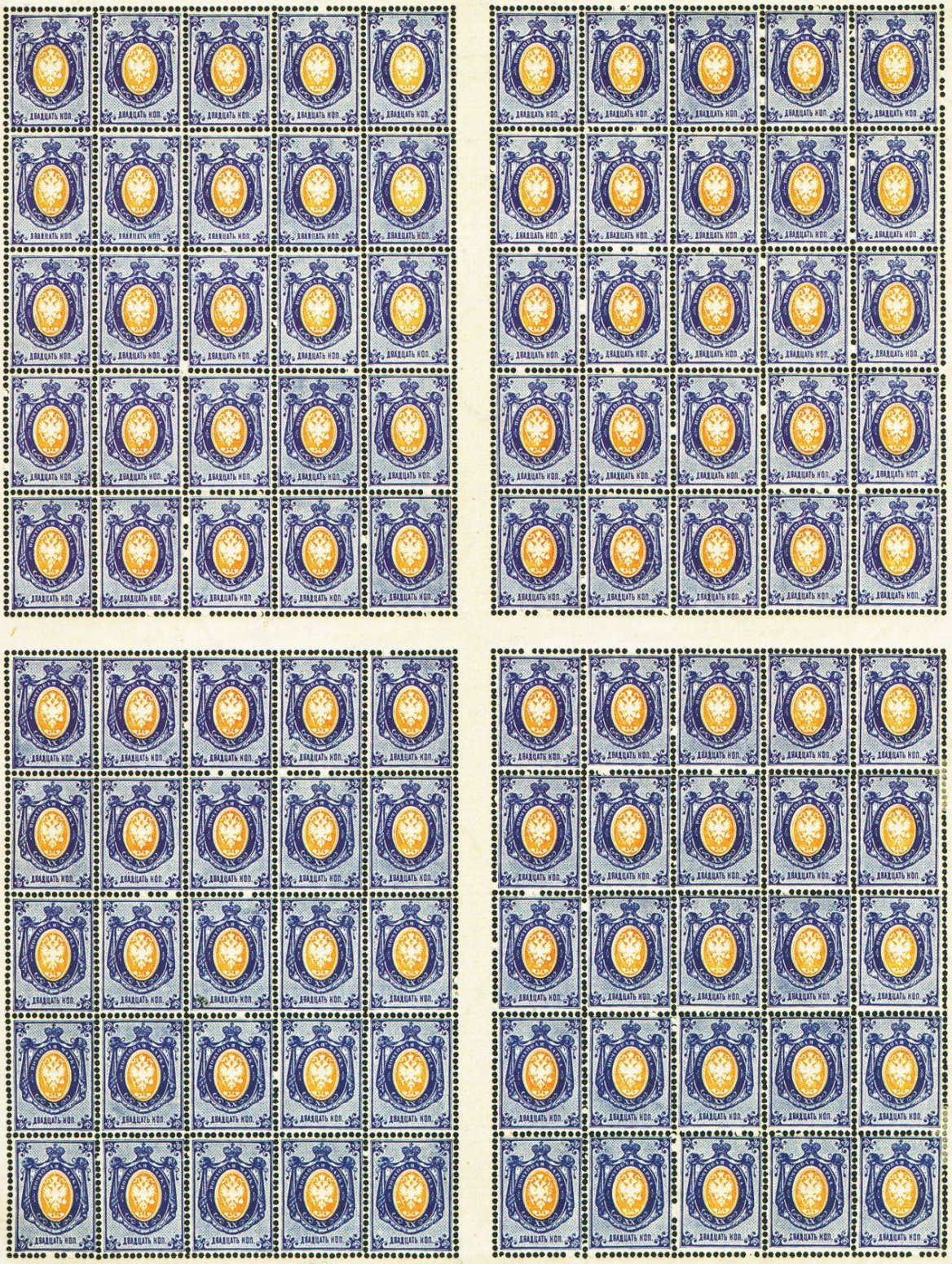

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SYMBOLS

○ — Indicates used.
* — Indicates unused, with original gum, hinged.
** — Indicates unused, with original gum, never hinged, post office condition.
(*) — Indicates unused, without gum, or that gum is not original.
⊞ — Indicates a block of four, or a large multiple.
✉ — Indicates cover, card, or entire.
🅱 — Indicates booklet or booklet pane.
FL — Indicates "folded letter."
ppc — Indicates picture post card.
pc — Indicates post card.
hs — handstamp.
DM — price expressed in Deutsche Marks (German Marks).
FFr — price expressed in French Francs.
SFr — price expressed in Swiss Francs.
£ — price expressed in Pounds Sterling.
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"T", "B", "L", "R" — Top, Bottom, Left, Right; **"P"** — proof; **"E"** — Essay; **"R"** — reprint; **"S"** — Specimen; **"n.h."** — never hinged; **"l.h."** — lightly hinged; **"h.r."** — hinged remnant; **"o/w"** — otherwise; **"w/o"** — without; **"Var."** — variety; **"o.g."** — original gum; **"Mi"** — Michel Catalogue; **"Zu"** — Zumstein Catalogue; **"SG"** — Stanley Gibbons; **"ANK"** — Austrian Netto Catalogue; **"NVPH"** — Dutch Specialized Catalogue; **"SASS."** — Sassone Italian Catalogue; ."**Fi"** — Fisher Catalogue for Poland.
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Dear Cherrystone Clients,

We are very pleased to present the Zbigniew S. Mikulski Collection of Imperial Russia, 1864-1905. It has been many years since a collection of this magnitude has been offered at auction. The focus of this collection is on rarity; hence few ordinary items are included. Many of the items offered have not been on the market since the Ferrary (1925) and Faberge (1940) auctions. Some have graced the collections of Breitfus, Goss, Rothschild, Sir John Wilson and other distinguished philatelists.

This part of Mr. Mikulski's collection is being sold by order of a new owner who wishes to remain anonymous. It was at his request, that in 2003, Mr. Mikulski provided photo certificates for a number of important rarities, which now accompany many of the lots in this sale.

We decided that Mr. Mikulski himself should guide you though his marvelous collection. By his kind permission, we are including this edited version of articles he authored for the Moscow World Philatelic Exhibition in 1997:

Postage Stamps of Imperial Russia 1866-1889
A Review of Major Printing Errors

Postage stamps of Imperial Russia during the 19th Century are striking in their beauty, both on the artistic and technical levels. The first Russian stamp issued in 1857, combined the technique of a bi-colored design by embossing the double-headed eagle of Russia in the center. In this respect, Russia was considerably ahead of other stamp issuing countries that generally produced monotonous and mono-colored adhesives at that time.

Upon closer examination, every bi-colored Russian stamp is a miniature work of art, full of harmony and regal elegance, with superior graphics and a wonderful choice of vibrant colors. Even in the early 20th Century, when it was no longer economical to continue embossing the central eagle, the genius and technical superiority of the Tsar's artists was still very much in evidence.

The early designer and engraver of the stamps in question was Franz Keppler, a great artist who superbly completed the task of engineering the first Russian postage stamps, which were produced by the Imperial State Printing Office in St. Petersburg.

The kopeck values were set up on large panes of 100 subjects, divided into four smaller blocks of 25 separated by gutters 7-8mm wide. The larger 3r, 5r and 7r values on the other hand, were issued in panes of 25 with larger margins all around.

The 1858-1865 kopeck values were printed in two steps: the first plate contained outer and inner frames, with the center left completely blank. The second plate consisted of the colored oval with white eagle and either Post Horns or thunderbolts embossed in the middle.

The 1866-1889 kopeck values in which the eagle was no longer embossed were also printed in two steps: the first plate included the completed design with eagle in the center along with either the Post Horns or the thunderbolts. The second plate contained the colored background (or groundwork) for the entire design including its center.

Because each sheet went through the presses twice using the two different plates, many printing errors occurred. They include inverted centers and backgrounds, which were usually a result of a sheet of stamps inserted upside down during one of the printing operations.

The first inverted center is the 1866 10 kopecks value printed on horizontally laid paper. We can assume that three sheets with this error found their way into circulation because they exist used in *Kibarty* (gouv. Suvalki) - four examples known used in February 1874; *Poretschje* (gouv. Grodno) - two known used in January 1875 (see lot 3041); and in *Kursk* - four examples known, including two used 21 December 1874 on cover from Kursk to Warsaw (lot 3042). This unique cover, addressed to a Polish aristocrat August Potocki (his name and address were contemporarily obliterated by pen), is one of the greatest gems from Imperial Russia. It was once in the famous collection of Russian stamps owned by Baron Rothschild.

In this same series, we find the 1 kopeck value with inverted background. At least four sheets with this error were circulated on horizontally laid paper, in various shades. This error exists unused and cancelled in *Novgorod*, 1882 (lot 3030), *Moscow* (lot 3029), *Mitava*, 1883 (lots 3027-28) and *Warsaw* 1881. In W. Polanski's great collection of Russia and Poland (he owned among others an unused pair of Russian stamp number one), there was a large fragment with eight 1 kopeck inverted background errors used in Warsaw, 1881. The 1 kopeck error is also known imperforate on vertically laid paper (lots 3056-58). The few known examples bear 1872 Moscow cancellations.

Some collectors find it difficult to distinguish a stamp with an inverted background from the ordinary one. The simplest and surest method is to look for the white crown, which is always at the bottom of the stamp with an inverted background.

In the same issue there exists another interesting background error. It is the 3 kopecks printed with the background of 5 kopecks, where instead of the figure "3", we find the Roman numeral "v" in the background. These errors were used from 1870 mainly in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Odessa, some Baltic provinces and in Poland. While the used stamps are not rare, the largest known multiple is a block of six used with additional single on cover sent on 24th of May 1870 from Warsaw to France. Unused stamps with original gum are not common, with the block of four being largest known multiple (see lot 3035).

1875 was a popular year for inverted backgrounds especially on the 2 kopecks. This time the error is easily spotted since the background figure "2" is upside down. Only five examples are known from the two different sheets used in St. Petersburg in April 1879 and in July, 1881 (see lots 3074-75).

The subsequent 1875-1879 issues are replete with errors that have attained world-class rarity status. Inverted centers are known on the 7 kopecks, 10 kopecks and 20 kopecks values. The only legendary 7 kopecks invert was alleged to have been (and perhaps still is) in the famous collection of T. Champion in Paris. It is the only major Russian error that has thus far eluded me.

There are five known examples of the 10 kopecks with inverted center. My copy (lot 3081) is cancelled *Kostroma* and is position 64 on the sheet. The 20 kopecks invert is one of the greatest errors of Imperial Russia, only three are known, all cancelled *Yarmolintsy* (gouv. Podolsk). My copy is from the first printing plate, position 82 on the sheet (see lot 3084).

Another interesting error of the 20 kopecks is the only known copy with double center. This variety is position 4 from sheet and is cancelled Moscow, 1878 (see lot 3083).

Another important rarity from this issue is the famous 7 kopecks with fiscal "Hexagon" watermark, the so-called *Perm* issue. It occurred when a sheet watermarked "hexagon" (normally used for fiscal stamps) was erroneously inserted into the printing press. Only four such errors are known, all cancelled 1880 in *Perm* (see lot 3079).

The following inverted background errors are found among 1884 issue (narrow designs 18x24.5mm):

1 kopeck orange - cancelled *Isium*, six copies known (see lot 3099)
2 kopecks blue green - cancelled "8" (St. Petersburg) only one copy known (see lot 3106)
5 kopecks lilac - used in St. Petersburg 1888, three copies known (see lot 3108)
7 kopecks blue - several unused examples are known (see lots 3117-24)

In 1888 (wider 18.75x25mm design) the following inverted background varieties exist:

2 kopecks yellow green - used in St. Petersburg, 1888, unique (see lot 3105)
3 kopecks carmine - used in Riga, two copies known (see lot 3107)
7 kopecks blue - over a dozen are known originating from four different sheets, used 1890 in *Warszawa* (see lot 3119), 1889 in *Michalovskyj Chutor* (see lot 3121), 1891 in *Staraya Russa*, the only known pair (see lot 124) and St. Petersburg (see lot 3123)
14 kopecks blue & carmine - exists with inverted center, used in Ukraine: in *Tarashcha* May 1891 (see lots 3128-29) and in *Berdichev* (lot 3127).

The last kopeck series showing Post Horns with thunderbolts contains several very important errors:

2k - inverted background; only two examples are known, both used 1898 in St. Petersburg (see lot 3144)
7k - inverted background; only four examples are known, two unused (see lot 3150) and two used (see lot 3151) with undecipherable cancellations
7k - background omitted, a few unused copies are known (see lot 3153)

14k - inverted center, over a dozen known unused and used copies, including one cancelled on piece by *Lubin* 1897 postmark (see lot 3155). There also exists a registered cover used 20 December 1909 from *Archangel* to Vienna (see lot 3154). Two other covers franked with this invert are known.
7r - double frame. Only two known, each used May 1890 in Moscow (see lot 3158)

Imperforate varieties from 19th Century Imperial Russia

The first imperforate variety is in fact the first stamp of Russia, the 1858 10 kopecks brown-blue, originally intended to be issued with perforations. Unfortunately, the high-tech stamp-perforating machine, imported from Austria could not be activated in time. A decision had to be made since 3 million of the 10 kopeck stamps were already printed and were awaiting perforation. Postal officials preferred to adhere to the January 1, 1858 release date and delivered these imperforate stamps to the larger post offices around the country. Thus, thanks to a quirk of fate, stamp collectors have this traditional philatelic issue, enjoying considerable international popularity.

In general, imperforate varieties were caused by either defective or malfunctioning stamp-perforating machines, leaving entire sheets of stamps imperforate, or partly imperforate; or by shifts of the printing background or groundwork in relation to the frame. When quality controllers discovered such shifts or printing defects, rather than discarding them, they were consigned to storage, with final disposition to be determined later.

On occasion, in filling orders from individual postal regions, shortages were supplemented with such "defective" imperforate sheets. They were subsequently gummed and supplied for postal use. Such actions were economically justified; it was cheaper to use an existing stock than to order a new printing. In fact, previous "defective" sheets date back to the very beginning of 1858, specifically among 20k and 30k values with numeral watermarks (Russian No.3 and No.4). Several months after their release, some of these stamps printed on thick paper were withdrawn from circulation. Being on thick paper, these stamps simply did not stick to letters. In keeping with practice we just described, these "rejects" were put in storage. In subsequent years, 1863-1875, they were added, as needed, to the later 20k and 30k sheets

The early imperforate varieties of 1866-1885 are found exclusively in used condition, with the exception of the 1884 issue 2k and 7k. Later imperforate varieties exist unused, with occasional multiples and on covers. It was during that later period when Russian philately bloomed and collectors discovered imperforate varieties. In their quest for such errors, they often assisted postal clerks in carefully examining their stocks.

The first imperforate varieties appeared in 1866 on horizontally laid paper:

1k - two sheets existed; the first sheet used in Moscow (see lot 3023-24) and in the Postal Car, railroad line Moscow-St. Petersburg, 1869; the second sheet: stamps with shifted background, were used in the Postal Car, railroad line *Warszawa-Granica*, May, 1874 (see lots 3025-26).

3k - pair used in *Wloclawek,* May 31, 1876 (see lot 3031). This pair is ex-Ferrary, who at the time considered it to be his greatest Russian rarity. It was ultimately purchased by Sir John Wilson, the curator of the Royal British Stamp Collection, himself a great Russian philatelist.
5k - two sheets existed: the first sheet: stamps with shifted background, used in Riga, 1873 (see lot 3040); the second sheet: stamps with normal background (lot 3039)
10k - only two examples are known, originating from different sheets: the first with center shifted to left, used in June 1874 (see lot 3046); the second with center shifted to top, used in July 1875 (see lot 3047). Regretfully, the postmarks are fragmented and we cannot ascertain where these varieties were used.

Imperforate varieties on vertically laid paper:

1k - three sheets are known, including one with inverted background; used in Moscow, February 1872 (see lot 3054); second sheet also used in Moscow, February 1872 (see lot 3055); third sheet with inverted background, used in Moscow, September-November 1872 (see lots 3056-58). Note that each one of these 1k errors was used in Moscow over the course of several months. This in fact confirms my theory regarding the practice of adding "defective" imperforate sheets to fulfill postal orders
5k - in the A. Faberge collection, there were two imperforate examples of 5 kopecks, each in poor condition and repaired. Both stamps showed normal printing characteristics
10k – only one example exists, used April 15, 1872 in *Rostov-on-Don* (see lot 3066)

The 1875-79 Issue:

7k – only four are known, cancelled *Riga* (lot 3078), as well as *Riga-Dwinsk* (Dinaburg) Postal Car
8k - (see lot 3080), of which five examples are known, including the beautiful vertical pair currently in the Tapling collection at the British Library in London. All of these examples were cancelled in Riga, March 1879

The 1884 issue yields the following imperforate varieties:

1k - groundwork shifted to right (see lot 3098), only two stamps, originally a pair, known used in the border post office of *Kibarty*, province Suwalki, June 1, 1886
2k - two sheets existed: dark blue green, unused and cancelled examples are known, used in Moscow, December, 1885 (see lot 3103); yellow-blue green, used in Moscow, June, 1892 (see lots 3101-102)
7k - several multiples and coves are known, originating from at least four different sheets; including block of four originating from the second sheet, groundwork shifted to bottom (lot 3113); a single from the third sheet, cancelled in Moscow, March 1885 (see lot 3115); a strip of five from the fourth sheet (lot 3112); and a single from the fourth sheet used on cover, sent from Moscow to Liverpool, March 1877 (lot 3116)
14k - imperforate varieties of 14k are typical examples of defective stamp perforating machines, which failed to perforate the last vertical row in the sheet. All imperforate varieties originate from the bottom edge of the sheet and are cut very close at the top. It is likely that perforations were not completely punched at the top and for better appearance, were trimmed to eliminate partial perforations (see lots 3125-126).

The final issue of the 19th century in 1889 was produced on horizontally laid paper.

Three varieties are known:

1k - only unused examples are known
2k - two sheets identified: the first in dark-green, used in *Taganrog,* July 24, 1898 (see lot 3145) as of now the only one known; The second sheet in yellow-green, known unused and used philatelically (see lot 3146) in Moscow, 1895. This variety was probably discovered by a stamp collector who wanted it on cover.
7k - this is the last imperforate variety of the 19th century and a considerable rarity. Four examples are known, used in St. Petersburg Telegraph Sub-Office in April 1892. It is possible that only part of a sheet was imperforate and a harassed postal clerk, who was not familiar with such varieties used a knife to cut them apart (see lots 3148-49).

In summary of this short review of the major printing errors from the 19th century Russia, we can definitely conclude that they are indeed very rare, many being unique. We cannot imagine an important collection of Russia without such errors. In fact, they were treasured by such famous collectors as Ferrary, Baron Rothschild, A. Faberge and Sir John Wilson.

Before World War I, these great (and wealthy) collectors competed for rarities and paid incredibly high prices for these errors. After 1920, interest in stamps of Imperial Russia weakened due to a notable lack of wealth and avid collectors. This situation improved dramatically after 1990, especially in the former Soviet Union, where while still growing, there is a considerable resurgence in collecting classic issues of Tsarist Russia.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that published findings as to the number of known errors and their origins are based on my own collection (all covers and stamps pictured here are from my collection), plus close to 50 years of research and experience as an expert of Russian philately. I have consulted the famous Russian collections of Ferrary, Agathon and Oleg Faberge, Baron Rothschild, H. C. Goss, R. Boughman, J. Wilson, Isleham, Epstein, M. Liphschutz and others. It is possible that there are other examples of these great gems of Russian philately, of which I am not aware of and would certainly be grateful to be advised of their whereabouts.

Z.S.Mikulski

CHERRYSTONE AUCTIONS

AUCTION SALE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2004

AT 1:00 P.M.

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LOT			EST ($)
		1864 Issue	
3001	★★⊞	1864 1k black & yellow, block of four with vertical gutter at left, n.h. and post office fresh, slight separation between stamps at top, upper left copy with tiny gum stain, lower right stamp with natural inclusion, otherwise fine-v.f., catalogue value for hinged (Mi.9) (photo) cat. €1,000+ .....(5)	750.00
3002	★\★★⊞	1864 1k black & yellow, block of four, lower right stamp n.h., others l.h., fine-v.f. (Mi.9) (photo) cat. €1,000+ .....(5)	500.00
3003	★\★★⊞	1864 1k black & yellow, block of eight, lower right stamp n.h., others l.h. or h.r., fresh and fine-v.f. (Mi.9) (photo) cat. €2,000+ .....(5)	1,000.00
3004	★★⊞	1864 1k black & yellow, horizontal gutter block of 20, n.h. and post office fresh, some perf. strengthening, couple of natural gum skips and slight gum toning affecting five stamps, fine-v.f. and impressive multiple (Mi.9) (photo) cat. €5,000+ .....(5)	3,000.00
3005	✉	1864 1k black & yellow, 3k black & green (3) and 5k lilac & black (2), paying 20k rate from "St.Petersburg, Nov. 1, 1864" posted on a train at the St.Petersburg terminal (St.Petersburg-Warszawa line), via Krakow to Cieszyn, Austria (present day Poland), stamps tied by numeral "11" in dots pmks, with Prussian entry "Aus Russland Franco" hs and "Eydtkuhen/Bromberg 21 Nov." (Gregorian calendar) transit, fine and rare cover (photo) .....(5,6,7)	750.00
3006	★⊞	1864 3k black & green, block of four, h.r., fine-v.f. A rare block (Mi.10) (photo) cat. €2,000+ .....(6)	1,000.00
3007	✉	1864 3k black & green, block of four used on FL paying 12k from "Odessa, 10 Sept. 1864" to St.Petersburg, fine example of an overpaid letter (postage required 10k), with transit and arrival pmks on back, fine and rare block on cover (Mi.10) (YT 9) (photo) cat. €900++ .....(6)	1,000.00
3008	★⊞	1864 5k black & lilac, block of four, l.h. or h.r., post office fresh, v.f. (Mi.11) (photo) cat. €1,400+ .....(7)	1,000.00

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3009 ✉ 1864 5k black & lilac, horizontal pair, used on FL from "Riga, 26 Sept. 1864" to Nystal, Finland, stamps tied by numeral "700" in dots postmark of the Post Office at the railroad terminal in Riga, with St.Petersburg transit and "ANK 14.10"arrival hs, fine (Mi.11) (YT 10) (photo) cat. €800+ .....(7) 500.00

3010 ✉ 1864 5k black & lilac, horizontal pair, used on FL from "Moscow, 22 Feb. 1865" to St.Petersburg, stamps tied by numeral "2" in dots postmark of the Post Office at the railroad terminal in Moscow, fine (Mi.11) (YT 10) (photo) cat. €800+ .....(7) 500.00

1865 Issue

3011 ○ 1865 10k brown & blue (4), 20k blue & orange (4) and 30k carmine & green (6), normal paper, all tied on piece by "St.Petersburg" postmarks, few minor flaws, mostly fine. An impressive multiple (Mi.15y-17y) (photo) cat. €600+ .....(15-18) 250.00

3012 ★ 1865 20k blue & orange, normal paper, h.r., fresh and fine stamp (Mi.16y) (photo) cat. €250 .....(17) 200.00

3013 ★ 1865 20k blue & orange, normal paper, l.h. and post office fresh, light creasing, otherwise v.f. (Mi.16y) (photo) cat. €250 .....(17) 200.00

3014 ★ 1865 20k blue & orange, thick paper, h.r., fresh and v.f. (Mi.16z) (photo) cat. €350.....(17var) 300.00

3015 1865 30k carmine & green, 14 copies (block of 10 and 4 singles), used in combination with 2x1k and single 20k, paying 4.42r on coverfront used from St.Petersburg, May 4, 1867 to England, with Prussian border entry postmark, London transit and additional markings. This is largest known multiple of 30k, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.12y,16y,17y) (photo) .....(12,17,18) 1,500.00

3016 ★ 1865 30k carmine & green, normal paper, small part original gum, fresh and v.f. (Mi.17y) (photo) cat. €250 .....(18) 200.00

3017 ○ 1865 30k carmine & green, normal paper, horizontal pair and strip of three, "St.Petersburg 1870, 1873", fine (Mi.17y) cat. €350+ .....(18) 250.00

3018 ★ 1865 30k carmine & green, thick paper, full original gum, fresh and fine, ex-Mehrtens (Mi.17z) (photo) cat. €550.....(18var) 500.00

3019 ✉ 1865 30k carmine & green, single franking, used on FL from "St.Petersburg 28 Sept. 1866" to Moscow, fine example of a triple rate usage within Russia (Mi.17) (YT 16) (photo) cat. €600 .....(18) 300.00

1866-75 Horizontally Laid Paper

3020 ★\★★⊞ 1866-75 horizontally laid paper, 1k-30k, complete set in sheets of 100, n.h., mostly well centered, post office fresh, some perf. separations, few tiny hinge reinforcements, mostly fine-v.f. This is possibly the only set of sheets still in existance, with colors as bright and vibrant as on the day they were purchased at the St.Petersburg post office. Catalogue value is for hinged stamps, not taking into account plate flaws and premium for blocks and gutters (Mi.18x-28x) (photo) cat. €56,000+.....(19-30) 50,000.00

3021 ✉ 1866-70 1k, 5k, 20k and 30k used on FL from "St.Petersburg 4 October, 1869" to France, sent as closed mail to Paris, credit to Prussia 11sgr in red crayon (including 3sgr Prussian transit fee), French entry pmk, with red "P.D." and Lyon arrival pmks, fine example of a double rate applied at 56k, nice four color franking including the scarce 5k black & gray (photo) .....(19,22a,24,25) 750.00

3022 ✉ 1866-70 1k, 5k and 20k used on FL from "St.Petersburg 13 Jan. 1867" to Athens, Greece, addressed to Henry Schliemann, the famous archeologist who discovered the ancient city of Troy, sent as closed mail by postal car No.5-6 of the St.Petersburg-Warszawa Railway, via Warszawa, Vienna and Trieste, later by ship to Greece, with transit and arrival pmks. Fine and scarce prepaid letter to Greece (photo) .....(19,22,24) 500.00

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St. Petersburg

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Herrn F. W. Wahlberg
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Herrn J. E. Ginzburg
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1866 1kop yellow & black

3023 ○ 1866 1k yellow & black, imperforate single, cancelled "Moscow 3 May, 1869", large margins except for a tiny nick at top, fresh and v.f., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.18xU) (photo) cat. €5,000 .....(19b) 2,500.00

3024 ○ 1866 1k yellow & black, imperforate single, cancelled on piece by "Moscow 9 May, 1869" postmark, large margins, fresh and v.f., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.18xU) (photo) cat. €5,000 .....(19b) 2,500.00

3025 ○ 1866 1k yellow & black, imperforate single, with shifted background, used in combination with 3x3k on piece, cancelled "Pochtowyj Wagon 25-26, May 2, 1874" (Station No. 1 in Warszawa on Warszawa-Granica railway line), large margins all around, beautiful colors, v.f., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.18xU) (photo) cat. €5,000 .....(19b) 2,500.00

3026 ○ 1866 1k yellow & black, imperforate horizontal pair, with shifted background, cancelled "Pochtowyj Wagon 25-26, May 18, 1874" (Station No. 12 in Czestochowa on Warszawa-Granica railway line), large margins all around, fresh and v.f. pair, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.18xU) (photo) cat. €10,000 .....(19b) 5,000.00

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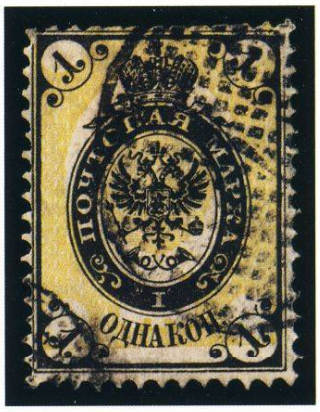

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3027 ○ 1866 1k yellow orange & black, background inverted, used in "Mitawa, 1883", well centered and unusually fresh, v.f., ex-Ferrary (Lot 497), with Mikulski cert. (Mi.18xK) (photo) cat. €4,000 .....(19d) 2,500.00

3028 ○ 1866 1k yellow orange & black, background inverted, straight-line "Mitawa, 1883" postmark, well centered and unusually fresh, v.f., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.18xK) (photo) cat. €4,000.....(19d) 2,500.00

3029 ○ 1866 1k yellow & black, background inverted, Moscow postmark (1882), small flaws, fine appearance. Only a few examples are known used in Moscow, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.18xK) (photo) cat. €4,000 .....(19d) 1,500.00

3030 ○ 1866 1k yellow & black, background inverted, vertical pair, centrally cancelled with a "Nischnyj Novgorod, 8 Nov. 1882" postmark, well centered and unusually fresh, hinge reinforcement between stamps, v.f. and rare multiple, ex-Faberge, with Mikulski cert. (photo) cat. €8,000 .....(19d) 5,000.00

The unique imperforate pair

3031 ○ 1866 3k black & deep green, imperforate horizontal pair, background shifted to left, cancelled "Wloclawek, 31 May, 1876", fresh and v.f., ex-Ferrary (who considered this the rarest imperforate variety from Imperial Russia) and ex-Sir John Wilson. The only known imperforate pair of 3k, unique! With Mikulski cert. (Mi.19xU) (photo) cat. €24,000+ .....(20b) 20,000.00

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1866 3k "V" instead of "3" error

3032 ★ 1866 3k black & green, printing error of background, "V" (for 5k) instead of "3", unused with full original gum, small h.r. at top, v.f., ex-Mehrtens (Mi.19xF) (photo) cat. €1,200.....(20d) 500.00

3033 ★ 1866 3k black & green, printing error of background, "V" (for 5k) instead of "3", unused with full original gum, h.r. at top, fine, signed Romeko (Mi.19xF) (photo) cat. €1,200 .....(20d) 500.00

3034 ★ 1866 3k black & green, printing error of background, "V" (for 5k) instead of "3", additional variety showing a distinct nick in the left frame, unused with full original gum, h.r. at top, fine (Mi.19xF) (photo) cat. €1,200+ .....(20d,var) 750.00

3035 ★⊞ 1866 3k black & green, printing error of background, "V" (for 5k) instead of "3", block of four, unused with full original gum, h.r., slight perf. separations, fine-v.f. One of only three known blocks of four (Mi.19xF) (YT 19A) (photo) cat. €8,000+.....(20d) 5,000.00

3036 ✉ 1866 3k black & green, used in combination with 5k and 10k on FL from Moscow, 10 Nov. 1870 to Amsterdam, with appropriate sequence of transit and arrival postmarks, fine (Mi.19xF) (photo) .....(20d) 150.00

3037 ✉ 1866 3k black & green, used in combination with 5k bluish gray and 10k brown & blue, on 10k stationery entire (embossing at left), from Kiev to Paris, with rare ornamental "Franco" handstamp of Kiev, ms "Franco 5½" (silber groschen to Prussia), with French entry and arrival pmks, v.f. and scarce four color 28k franking, ex-Mehrtens (photo) .....(20d,22a,23) 500.00

3038 ✉ 1866 3k black & green, used in combination with 5k bluish gray and 20k blue & orange, on FL from Kiev to Lille, with rare ornamental "Franco" handstamp of Kiev, ms "Franco 5½" (silber groschen to Prussia), with French entry and arrival pmks, v.f. 28k franking (photo) .....(20d,22a,24) 300.00

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1866 5k black & lilac

3039 ○ 1866 5k black & lilac, imperforate single with sheet margin at right, cancelled "Riga, December 1876", fresh and v.f. A rare imperforate variety, known only used in Riga 1873 and 1876, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.20xU) (photo) cat. €2,500.....(22b) 2,000.00

3040 ○ 1866 5k black & lilac, imperforate horizontal pair, background shifted to right, cancelled "Riga, 23 May, 1873", fresh and v.f. A rare imperforate variety, known only used in Riga 1873 and 1876, ex-Ferrary, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.20xU) (photo) cat. €5,000.....(22b) 4,000.00

10k brown & blue

3041 ○ 1866 10k brown & blue, center inverted, tied on piece by "Poretchie, Gouv. Grodno 16.1.1875" postmark, fine example of this rarity, less than 10 known to exist, including two on cover, signed Mikulski, with his certificate (Mi.21xK) (photo) cat. €50,000.....(23b) 35,000.00

3042 ✉ 1866 10k brown & blue, center inverted, two copies used on cover from "Kursk 18 Dec. 1874" to Warszawa, with 21 Dec. 1874 arrival postmark alongside. Addressee's name excised and partly covered with white paper, stamps fine, with additional departure and Postal Car markings on reverse. A stunning rarity from Imperial Russia, an absolutely unique cover, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.21xK), catalogue value for stamps off-cover (photo) cat. €100,000+.....(23bc) 75,000.00

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Rue Vacquerie

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Madame Ch. Ball

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3043 ★ 1866 10k brown & blue, printing error showing "broken left 10", so-called "Kalach" (French roll), fine. The only known unused example of this elusive variety (photo) .....(23var) 2,500.00

3044 ○ 1866 10k brown & blue, printing error showing "broken left 10", so-called "Kalach" (French roll), two used examples, fine and scarce pair of varieties (photo) .....(23var) 500.00

3045 ✉ 1866 10k brown & blue, printing error showing "broken left 10", so-called "Kalach" (French roll), used on back of cover from "Puguyev 25 July, 1874" to Kharkov, some cover mending, otherwise fine, rare (photo) .....(23var) 750.00

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3046 ○ 1866 10k brown & blue imperforate, center shifted to left, used in 1874, fresh and v.f. One of the only two imperforate varieties known to exist, ex-Faberge, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.21xU) (photo) cat. €10,000 .....(23c) 10,000.00

3047 ○ 1866 10k brown & blue imperforate, center shifted to top, used in 1875, margins all around except at top, fine. The second of the only two known imperforate varieties, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.21xU) (photo) cat. €10,000 .....(23c) 5,000.00

1868 Issue - Vertically Laid Paper

3048 ★\★★⊞ 1868 1k black & yellow, block of four, well centered, h.r. at top, one stamp tiny thin, bottom pair n.h., one stamp with minor gum toning, fine and rare block, signed Romeko (Mi.18y) (photo) cat. €1,000 .....(19c) 500.00

3049 ★\★★⊞ 1868 1k black & yellow, block of 15, six stamps hinged, balance n.h., perf. separations, fine. The largest known multiple of 1k on vertically laid paper (photo) cat. €3,750 .....(19c) 2,500.00

3050 ⊞ 1868 1k black & yellow, coverfront with 25 copies including a block of 15, also single 20k, cancelled "Mariampol, 5 May, 1875", minor creases, fine-v.f. This is the largest known franking of 1k on vertically laid paper (Mi.18y) (photo) cat. €2,500.....(19c) 750.00

3051 ✉ 1868 1k black & yellow, 10 copies including pairs, used on FL from "Goldingen, 26 Sept. 1872" to Lubeck, fine and scarce 10k franking using all vertically laid stamps, with arrival pmk (photo)...(19c) 500.00

3052 ✉ 1868 1k black & yellow, 13 copies including a block of four, used in combination with a single 3k on both sides of a cover (opened for display) from "Twer, 26 Dec. 1872" to St.Andrews, Scotland, attractive 16k franking, with arrival pmk (photo) .....(19c) 500.00

3053 ✉ 1868 1k black & yellow, 1k and 3k, used on 10k stationery entire (embossing at left), from "Reval 11 May, 1872" to Berlin, with Prussian entry pmk in red "Aus Russland Franco" of the Railroad Post Office No.XI, on reverse ms "f(ranco) 2sgr (2 silver groschen)", postage fee for Prussia, fine and rare combination franking with stationery entire (photo).....(19c,20c) 500.00

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3054 ○ 1868 1k black & yellow, imperforate single with shifted background, cancelled "Moscow, 21 February, 1872", excellent colors, ample margins all around, fresh and fine example of this rarity, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.18yU) (photo) cat. €10,000.....(19f) 5,000.00

3055 ○ 1868 1k black & yellow, imperforate single with shifted background, cancelled "Moscow, April 1872", large margins all around, fresh and v.f. example of this rarity, signed "S.R." (Samuel Ray), with Mikulski cert. (Mi.18yU) (photo) cat. €10,000.....(19f) 5,000.00

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3056 ○ 1868 1k black & yellow, imperforate single with inverted and shifted background, large margins all around, cancelled "Moscow, Nov. 1872", a striking double error (imperf. and inverted background), only a few known to exist, slight horizontal crease and impression just a little washed out as often on this value, otherwise a fine example of this rarity, with Mikulski cert. Unlisted (Mi.18yUvar) (photo) .....(19fvar) 7,500.00

3057 ○ 1868 1k black & yellow, imperforate single with inverted and shifted background, large margins all around, cancelled "Moscow, Nov. 1872", a striking double error (imperf. and inverted background), only a few known to exist, impression slightly washed out as often, otherwise a fine example of this rarity, signed Kohler and Romeko, with Mikulski cert. Unlisted (Mi.18yUvar) (photo) .....(19fvar) 7,500.00

3058 ○ 1868 1k black & yellow, imperforate with inverted and shifted background, two copies, both with large margins all around, cancelled "Moscow, 1 September 1, 1872" and affixed on piece, a striking double error (imperf. and inverted background), only a few exist, these probably the finest known, with sharp impression, v.f., with Mikulski cert. Unlisted (Mi.18yUvar) (photo) .....(19fvar) 25,000.00

3059 ★\★★⊞ 1868 3k black & deep green, block of four, one stamp n.h., others l.h. or h.r., post office fresh, fine and rare (Mi.19y) (photo) cat. €1,400 .....(20c) 1,000.00

3060 ✉ 1868 3k, 5k and pair of 10k, used on small cover from "Moscow, 17 March, 1872", via St.Petersburg and Prussian border post office No.11 at Eydtkuhnen to France, Prussian entry and 5½ (silber groshen) in crayon, also French entry "Prusse Erquelines" and red "PD", with Le Havre arrival pmk on back, fine and attractive 28k franking, made up of exclusively of stamps on vertically laid pair (photo) .....(20c,22c,23a) 750.00

3061 ✉ 1868 5k, pair of 10k, also 3k horizontally laid, used on small cover from "St.Petersburg, 22 March, 1872", sent as closed mail via Prussia to France, red 5½ (silber groshen) in red crayon (postage for Prussia and France), with French entry "Prusse Erquelines" and red "PD", Le Havre arrival pmk on back, fine and attractive 28k franking, signed Mikulski (photo) .....(20,22c,23a) 750.00

3062 ★ 1868 5k black & lilac, horizontal pair, unused with full original gum, h.r., fresh, left stamp with minor gum crease, perfs reinforced, fine. A great rarity, one of only two known pairs of 5k, ex-Faberge and H.C. Goss, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.20ya) (photo) cat. €7,000+ .....(22c) 5,000.00

3063 ✉ 1868 5k black & lilac, single franking used in 1872 on postal card from "St.Petersburg, 20 Feb. 1872" to Pskov, with "St.Panikovitchi" two line arrival datestamp, fine and rare usage on card (Mi.20ya) (YT 20B) (photo) cat. €500+.....(22c) 250.00

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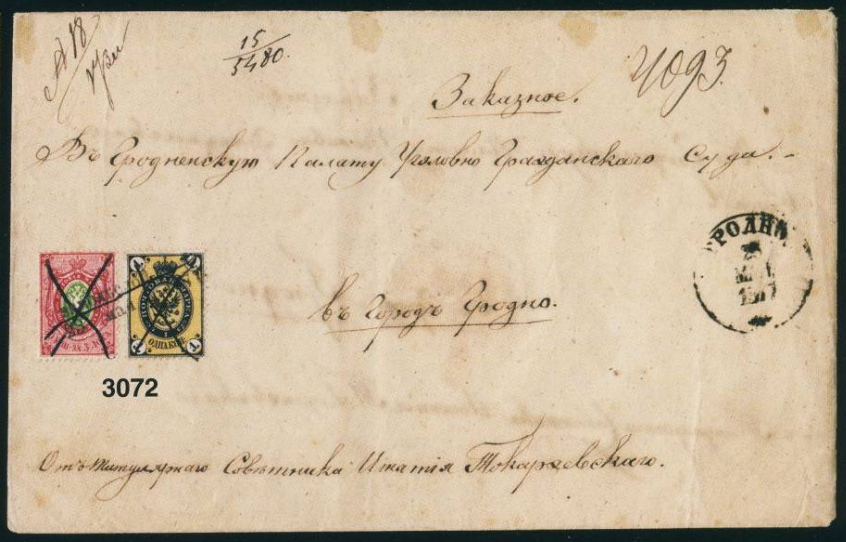

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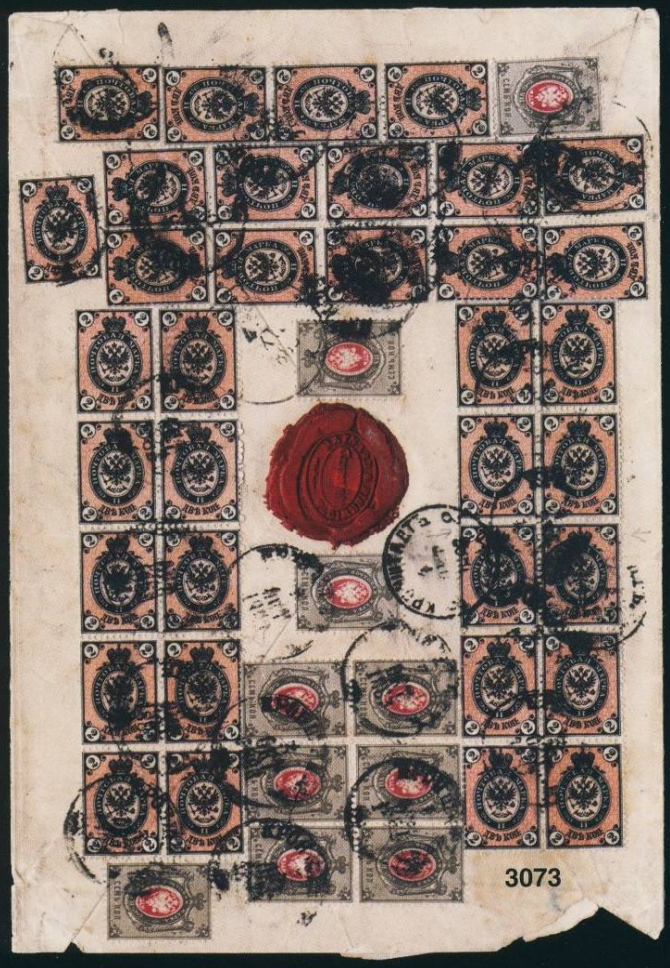

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3064 ✉ 1868 5k black & lilac, single used in combination with 4x10k brown & blue, all vertically laid paper, on 1872 registered cover from Riga to St.Petersburg, fine example of 45k rate (30k for 3 lots letter plus 10k registration fee and 5k forcertificate of posting) (Mi.20ya,21y) (YT 20B,21B) (photo) cat. €575+.....(22c,23a) 500.00

3065 ★⊞ 1868 10k brown & blue, block of four, l.h. or h.r., post office fresh, v.f. (Mi.21y) (photo) cat. €1,000+.....(23a) 1,000.00

3066 ○ 1868 10k brown & blue, imperforate single, cancelled "Rostov on Don, 15 April, 1872", margins generally all around, color slightly washed out (as usual for this issue), fine. This is the only known example of this imperf. variety on vertically laid paper, unique!, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.21yU) (photo) cat. €15,000.....(23a,var) 15,000.00

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3067 ★⊞ 1868 20k blue & orange, block of four, unused with full original gum, post office fresh, upper right stamp with small thin, otherwise fine-v.f. A huge rarity, one of only two known unused blocks of four, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.22y) (photo) cat. €8,000+.....(24a) 5,000.00

3068 ★⊞ 1868 30k carmine & green, block of four, unused with full original gum, post office fresh, fine-v.f. A huge rarity, one of only two known unused blocks of four, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.23y) (photo) cat. €4,800+.....(25a) 5,000.00

3069 ⊞ 1868 30k carmine & green, block of four, used, cancelled "Tula, 3 May, 1873", lower left stamp creased, otherwise fine (Mi.23y) (photo) cat. €600+.....(25a) 150.00

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3070 ⊞ 1868 30k carmine & green, block of eight, used, cancelled "St.Petersburg, 18 Oct., 1875", fine and scarce multiple (Mi.23y) (photo) cat. €1,200+ .....(25a) 500.00

3071 ⊞ 1868 30k carmine & green, block of nine, used, cancelled "St.Petersburg, 17 March, 1876", upper right stamp with small faults, minor perf. separations, fine and scarce multiple (Mi.23y) (photo) cat. €1,350+ .....(25a) 500.00

3072 ✉ 1868 30k carmine & green, used in combination with 1k black & orange, horizontally laid paper, on registered cover from "Zapoyansk 23 May, 1877" to Grodno, stamps cancelled by a two-line datestamp and tied by pen, with Grodno arrival pmk, fine and scarce on cover (Mi.23y) (photo) .....(25a) 500.00

1875-79 Issue

3073 ✉ 1875 2k black & red, 35 copies including two blocks of 10, used in combination with 10 copies of 7k gray & rose (including a block of 6), paying a total of 140k, all tied on back of a registered commercial cover from "Kronshtadt, 3 Oct.1883" to London, showing the return address of "Maynard & Fishwicks Cronstadt", with arrival pmk, some cover wear & tear, otherwise an impressive example of the largest known franking of 2k, normally applied only to printed matter (photo) .....(26,27) 500.00

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3074 ○ 1875 2k black & red, groundwork inverted, cancelled "St.Petersburg, 19 July 1880", fine and sound example of this world-class rarity, ex-Ferrary (1925). Only five of these varieties are known to exist (mostly with defects), with Mikulski cert. (Mi.24xK) (photo) cat. €50,000 .....(26b) 35,000.00

3075 ○ 1875 2k black & red, groundwork inverted, cancelled "VII.Postexpedition St.Petersburg, 30.4.1879, fine and sound example of this world-class rarity, ex-Ferary (1925). Only five of these varieties exist (mostly with defects), signed Friedl and Herbert Bloch, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.24xK) (photo) cat. €50,000.....(26b) 35,000.00

3076 ○ 1879 7k gray & rose, spectacular paper fold variety, St.Petersburg ca. 1880 "5" numeral in star cancellation (photo) .....(27var) 500.00

3077 ⊞ 1879 7k gray & rose, also 20k blue & orange, a specialized collection on pages, with 7k in pages of 50 (six, both horizontal and vertical), 20k with "t" in shape of a cross (18, many se-tenant with regular stamps), five blocks of four or larger, also seven panes of 25 or larger, used, various pmks, with notations identifying printing flaws, interesting and unusual study, ex-John Wilson .....(27,30) 2,500.00

3078 ○ 1879 7k gray & rose, imperforate single, cancelled "Riga 2 Dec. 1882", generally large margins, fresh colors and v.f. One of only four known imperforate examples of 7k, signed Mikulski, with his certificate (Mi.25xU) (photo) cat. €10,000 .....(27a) 7,500.00

3079 ○ 1879 7k gray & rose, watermarked horizontal hexagons ("Sechsecke"), the famed "Perm" variety. Printed in error on watermarked paper intended for fiscal usage. A beautiful example of this renowned world rarity. Of the only four known (all used in Perm), this is the finest, ex-Ferrary (Lot 503), signed Friedl and Mikulski, with his certificate (Mi.25z) (photo) cat. €100,000 .....(27c) 60,000.00

3080 ○ 1879 8k gray & rose, imperforate single, cancelled "Riga 3 March, 1879", large margins all around, excellent colors and v.f., ex-Ferrary. One of only five known imperforate examples of 7k, signed Mikulski, with his certificate (Mi.26xU) (photo) cat. €10,000 .....(28a) 7,500.00

3081 ○ 1875 10k brown & blue, center inverted, cancelled on piece by "Kostroma, gouv. Kostroma" cancellation, well centered, with clear definition of center, v.f. and free of the usual flaws afflicting this issue. Identified as position 14, only five are known, this being the only known 10k inverted center used on piece, ex-Faberge, signed Mikulski, with his certificate (Mi.27xK) (photo) cat. €50,000 .....(29a) 40,000.00

3082 ★⊞ 1875 20k blue & orange, singles from plate 1 and 2, also a block of four, with one stamp with "t" in shape of a cross, fine-v.f. .....(30,30a) 150.00

3083 ○ 1875 20k blue & orange, center double, cancelled "Moscow, 1878", well centered, and fresh, orange center clearly struck twice, minute perf. flaws at left, fine. Identified as position 4, this is the only known example of this error, unique!, with Mikulski cert. stating "Eine Grosse Seltenheit bekannt nur in diesen, einzigem Stuck" (Mi.28var) (photo) .....(30var) 50,000.00

3084 ○ 1875 20k blue & orange, center inverted, cancelled "Jarmolintsy, gouv. Podolsk", well centered, with excellent definition of center, from the first printing plate, v.f. and free of the usual flaws afflicting this issue. Identified as position 82, the finest of the three examples of this rarity, ex-Ferrary (lot 501), with Mikulski cert. (Mi.28xK) (photo) cat. €75,000 .....(30b) 50,000.00

1879 Issue - Vertically Laid Paper

3085 ⊞ 1879 2k black & red, irregular block of five, cancelled "Yarmolintsy, 8 July, 1879", left stamp with trimmed perforations at top, otherwise fine and fresh multiple, very rare (Mi.24y) (photo) cat. €900+ .....(26a) 1,000.00

3086 ✉ 1879 2k black & red, used Jan. 6, 1876 on folded circular of Banque D'Escompte in St.Petersburg, addressed to Genes, fine, with "St.Petersburg-Warszawa" railroad departure pmk on front, plus Postal Car No.25 Jan.8 transit on back, rare 2k printed matter rate abroad, especially with vertically laid paper issue (Listed in YT 18B) (photo) cat. €2,500 .....(26a) 1,000.00

3087 ✉ 1879 2k black & red, horizontal pair, tied by "Revel, 30 April, 1876" pmk on stationery card used to St.Petersburg, with 1 May (1:00 P.M.) arrival canc. on front, fine and rare franking (YT 18B) (photo) cat. €2,500 .....(26a) 1,500.00

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3088 ★⊞ 1879 7k gray & rose, block of four, well centered and post office fresh, h.r. at top, bottom pair l.h., minute perf. reinforcements, v.f. A huge rarity, the only known unused block of four, ex-Faberge (last sold in the Faberge auction in 1940), with Mikulski cert. (Mi.25y) (photo) cat. €10,000+....(27b) 10,000.00

3089 ⊞ 1879 7k gray & rose, block of four, cancelled "Vilnius, 16 June, 1879", fine (Mi.25y) (photo) cat. €300+ .....(27b) 200.00

3090 ⊞ 1879 7k gray & rose, 13 copies including block of four and partially separated block of nine, used on piece, cancelled "Maikop, Oct.4, 1879", small faults, mostly fine or better. This is stated to be the largest known multiple of 7k on vertically laid paper (Mi.25y) (photo) cat. €975+ .....(27b) 500.00

3091 ✉ 1879 7k gray & rose, single franking on cover from "Libava, June 23, 1879" to Stuttgart, with Postal Car No. 5 (Vilno-Vierzbolovo Railroad) June 24, 1879 transit pmk on back, tiny toned spots, otherwise v.f., rare (Mi.25y) (YT 24B) (photo) cat. €700+ .....(27b) 300.00

3092 ✉ 1879 7k gray & rose, single franking on FL from "St.Petersburg, May 27, 1879" to Switzerland, with two departure pmks on back, Burgdorf arrival canc., v.f. The stamp is not cancelled, fresh and v.f., signed Mikulski (Mi.25y) (photo) .....(27b) 500.00

3093 ★⊞ 1879 8k gray & rose, block of four, well centered, with full original gum, h.r. and post office fresh, v.f. A huge rarity, the only known unused block of four, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.26y) (photo) cat. €10,000+ .....(28a) 10,000.00

3094 ○ 1879 8k gray & rose, two horizontal pairs, slightly different shades, used in St.Petersburg, 1879, fine-v.f., (Mi.26y) (photo) cat. €400 ....(28a) 150.00

3095 ✉ 1879 8k gray & rose, single franking used on FL from St.Petersburg, 16 Jan. 1876 to Tavesteus (Finland), blue boxed "ANK 29.1" arrival hs, fresh and v.f. (Mi.26y) (YT 25B) (photo) cat. €1,500 ....(28a) 500.00

3096 ✉ 1879 8k gray & rose, single franking used on FL from St.Petersburg, 8 March, 1876 to Salo (Finland), black boxed "ANK 22.3" arrival hs, also "Finska Jernvagens Post-Exped. 21.3.76" pmk, v.f. (Mi.26y) (YT 25B) (photo) cat. €1,500 ....(28a) 500.00

1884-88 Issue - Horizontally Laid Paper

3097 ★★⊞ 1884 1k-35k, seven diff. panes of 25, n.h., fine-v.f., catalogue value for hinged (Mi.45-53x) cat. €455+ ....(31-37) 500.00

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3098 ○ 1884 1k orange, imperforate, two singles, originally a vertical pair, groundwork shifted dramatically to right, central border cancel "Kibarty 1 July 1886" (prov. Suvalki), v.f., signed Mikulski, with his certificate. These are the only two known imperforate examples of 1k orange, unique! (photo) cat. €20,000 ....(31a) 15,000.00

3099 ○ 1888 1k orange, groundwork inverted, cancelled "Isium, prov. Charkow", well centered, fresh and v.f. One of only six known, ex-Faberge, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.29CbK) (photo) cat. €3,200 ....(31b) 2,500.00

3100 ★ 1884 2k dark blue green, horizontal imperforate pair, l.h., v.f., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.30U) (photo) cat. €1,500 ....(32b) 1,000.00

3101 ○ 1884 2k dark green, horizontal imperforate pair, cancelled by Moscow 14 June, 1892, v.f., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.30U) (photo) cat. €1,500 ....(32b) 1,000.00

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3102 ○ 1884 2k dark green, horizontal imperforate pair, cancelled by Moscow 14 June, 1892, v.f., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.30U) (photo) cat. €1,500 .....(32b) 1,000.00

3103 1884 2k dark blue green, vertical imperforate pair, used in combination with perf. 1k orange on piece, tied by "Moscow 26 Dec. 1885" postmark, bottom stamp creased, otherwise v.f., ex-Faberge, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.30U) (photo) cat. €1,500 .....(32b) 1,000.00

3104 E 1884 5k lilac (2), 7k light blue (4) and 14k, selection of eight different stationery entire envelopes, unaccepted designs, the so-called "Keppler essays" on watermarked paper, various sizes, unused, v.f., extemely rare (photo) 10,000.00

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3105 ○ 1888 2k yellow green, groundwork inverted, cancelled "St.Petersburg, 7 Sept. 1888", well centered, fresh and v.f. This is the only known example of this error, unique!, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.30K) (photo) cat. €15,000+ .....(32d) 15,000.00

3106 ○ 1884 2k blue green, groundwork inverted, numeral St.Petersburg postmark, slightly irregular perfs at left, corner added at lower right. This is the only known example of this error; last offered in the Ferrary auction in Paris in 1925, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.30K) (photo) cat. €15,000 .....(32d) 10,000.00

3107 ○ 1888 3k carmine, groundwork inverted, cancelled "Riga, 7 May, 1890", well centered, fresh and v.f. One of only three known (no examples offered in either Faberge or H.C.Goss Collections), with Mikulski cert. (Mi.31K) (photo) cat. €10,000.....(33b) 7,500.00

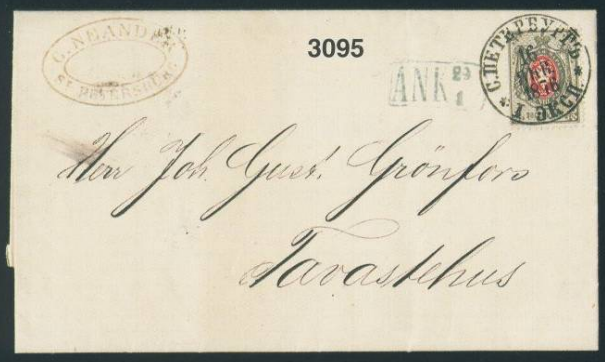
3108 ○ 1884 5k lilac, groundwork inverted, tied on piece by red St.Petersburg 1886 cds, fine example of this world-class rarity, only three (!) known, ex-H.C. Goss, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.32K) (photo) cat. €5,000 .....(34a) 7,500.00

1884 7k blue

3109 ★ 1884 7k blue imperforate single, groundwork shifted to right, fresh and v.f. Four different imperforate sheets have been identified by Mikulski, this stamp originating from the third sheet, signed Dr.P.Jem and Mikulski, with his certificate (Mi.33U) (photo) cat. €750.....(35a) 500.00

3110 ★ 1884 7k blue imperforate, horizontal sheet corner margin pair, fresh and v.f. positional piece, rare. Four different imperforate sheets have been identified by Mikulski, this pair originating from the first sheet, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33U) (photo) cat. €1,500 .....(35a) 1,000.00

3111 ★ 1884 7k blue imperforate, horizontal pair, h.r., fresh and v.f., ex-Ferrary. Four different imperforate sheets have been identified, this pair originating from the third sheet, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33U) (photo) cat. €1,500.....(35a) 1,000.00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3112 ★ 1884 7k blue imperforate, horizontal strip of five, large margins all around incl. sheet margin at right, l.h. or n.h., v.f. The largest known multiple, ex-Faberge, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33U) (photo) cat. €3,750 .....(35a) 3,000.00

3113 ★⊞ 1884 7k blue, imperforate sheet margin block of four, h.r. at top, bottom pair l.h., one stamp with tiny hinge thin, otherwise v.f., extremely scarce multiple, ex-Faberge, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33xU) (photo) cat. €3,000+.....(35a) 2,000.00

3114 ○ 1884 7k blue, imperforate single, used, v.f., signed Mikulski (Mi.33xU) (photo) cat. €1,000 .....(35a) 500.00

3115 ○ 1884 7k blue imperforate single, groundwork shifted to right, tied on piece by Moscow 19 March, 1885, fresh and v.f., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33U) (photo) cat. €1,000+ .....(35a) 500.00

3116 ✉ 1884 7k blue imperforate single, tied on cover by "Moscow V. Expedition 28 August, 1887" and sent to Liverpool, cover creases affecting the stamp, backflap missing, otherwise fine and rare, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33U) (photo) cat. €1,000+ .....(35a) 750.00

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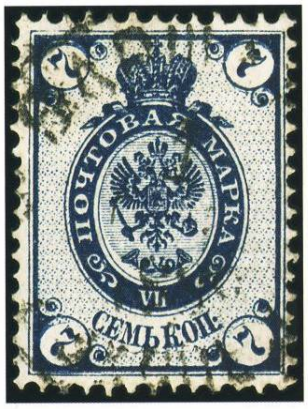

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3117 (★) 1884 7k blue perf. 14½x15, groundwork inverted, unused, well centered, tiny thin, otherwise v.f., rare (7k blue was issued in 1884 and again in 1888; there are differences in perforation and size of the stamp), with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33Aa) (photo) cat. €2,000.....(35b) 1,500.00

3118 ★ 1884 7k blue perf. 14½x15, groundwork inverted, unused with full original gum (rare, since most of the known examples are without gum or the gum is not original), slightly rounded upper right corner, fine, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33AaK) (photo) cat. €2,000 .....(35b) 1,500.00

3119 ○ 1888 7k blue, type B, perf. 14½x14 3/4, groundwork inverted, used, cancelled "Warszawa" in 1890, fine and rare stamp, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33CbK) (photo) cat. €2,000 .....(35b) 1,500.00

3120 ○ 1888 7k blue type B, perf. 14½x14 3/4, groundwork inverted, used, cancelled in "Warszawa" in 1890, v.f. and rare stamp, ex-Faberge, with Mikulski cert (photo) cat. €2,000 .....(35b) 1,500.00

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3121 ○ 1888 7k blue, type B, perf. 14¼x14 3/4, groundwork inverted, used, cancelled "Michajlowskyj Chutor (prov. Kaluga), 1899", fine and rare stamp, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33CbK) (photo) cat. €2,000 ....(35b) 1,500.00

3122 ○ 1888 7k blue perf. 14¼x14 3/4, groundwork inverted, used, cancelled "Michajlowskyj Chutor (prov. Kaluga), 1899", v.f. and rare stamp, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33CbK) (photo) cat. €2,000 ....(35b) 1,500.00

3123 ○ 1888 7k blue perf. 14¼x14 3/4, groundwork inverted, used, cancelled "St.Petersburg, 1899", v.f. and rare stamp, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33CbK) (photo) cat. €2,000 ....(35b) 1,500.00

3124 ○ 1888 7k blue perf. 14¼x14 3/4, groundwork inverted, horizontal pair, used, tied by "Staraja Russa, prov. Nowgorod, 1891", v.f. and extemely rare pair, largest known multiples, ex-Faberge and H.C. Goss, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.33CbK) (photo) cat. €4,000+ ....(35b) 3,000.00

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1884 14k blue & rose

3125 ○ 1884 14k blue & rose, lower left sheet corner imperf. single, cancelled on piece by Moscow 1886 cds, v.f. and rare stamp, listed but unpriced in Michel, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.34U) (photo) .....(36a) 1,500.00

3126 ★ 1884 14k blue & rose imperforate, horizontal pair, h.r., v.f. A rarity, listed but unpriced in Michel, signed Mikulski, with his certificate (Mi.34U) (photo) ....(36a) 3,000.00

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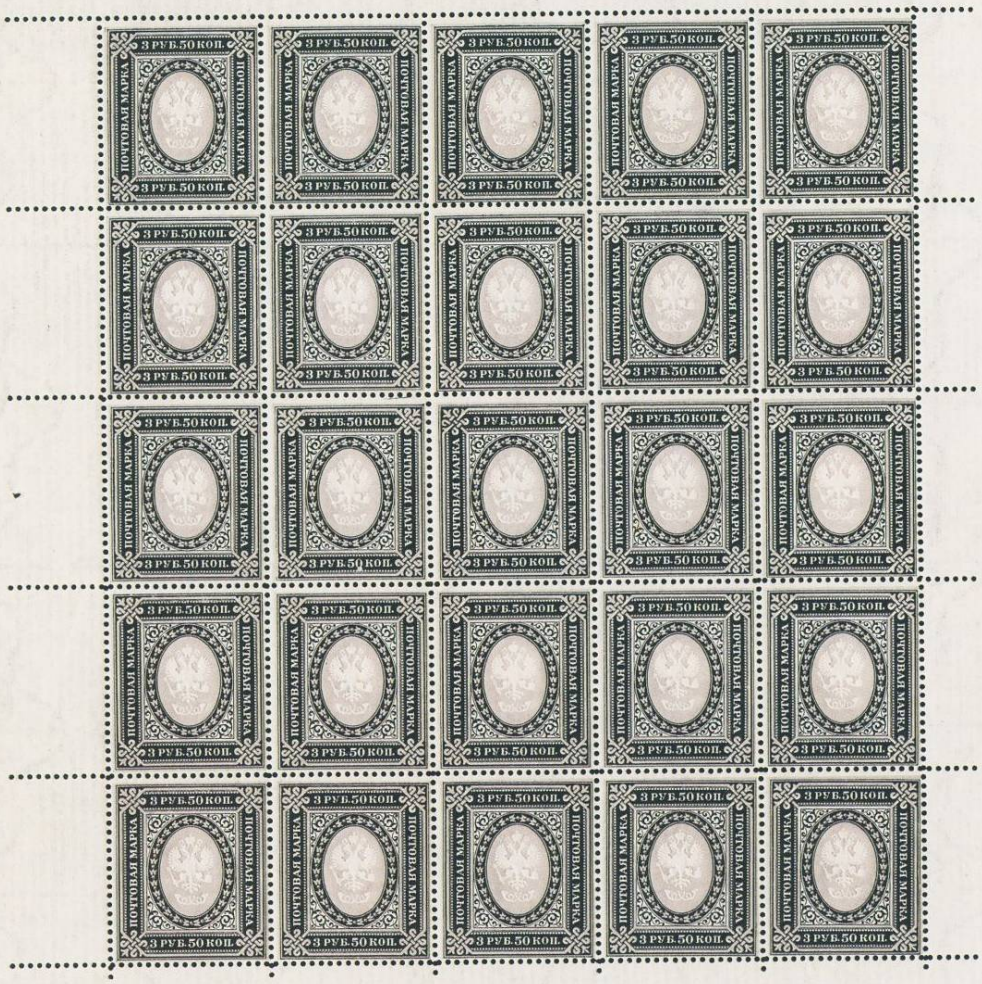
14k blue & rose - center inverted

3127 ○ 1884 14k blue & rose, center inverted, cancelled "Berditschev, gouv. Kiev, Aug. 1891", well centered and fresh, v.f., signed Dr.P.Jem etc., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.34AK) (photo) cat. €7,500 ..... (36b) 5,000.00

3128 ○ 1884 14k blue & rose, center inverted, cancelled "Tarascha, gouv. Kiev, 26.V.1891", centered to left, small thin & irregular perfs at left, otherwise fine, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.34AK) (photo) cat. €7,500 ..... (36b) 2,000.00

3129 ○ 1884 14k blue & rose, center inverted, two stamps, originally a vertical pair, cancelled "Tarascha, gouv. Kiev, 27.V.1891", well centered, top stamp cancelled on piece, v.f. and extremely rare "multiple" of 14k inverted center, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.34AK) (photo) cat. €15,000 ..... (36b) 10,000.00



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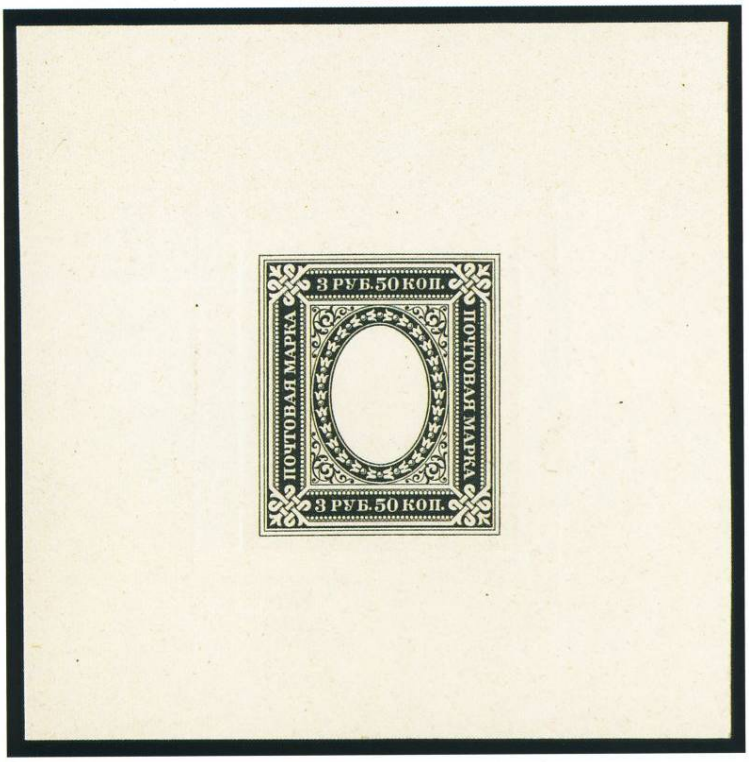
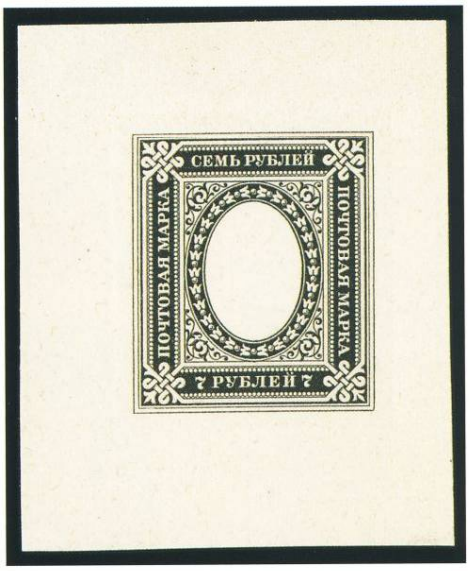
1884 3.50r and 7r

3130 ★★⊞ 1884 3.50r and 7r sheets of 25, well centered, stamps n.h. and post office fresh, v.f. Probably the only set of sheets still extant, catalogue value for hinged (Mi.38y-39y) (photo) cat. €45,000+ (39-40) 50,000.00





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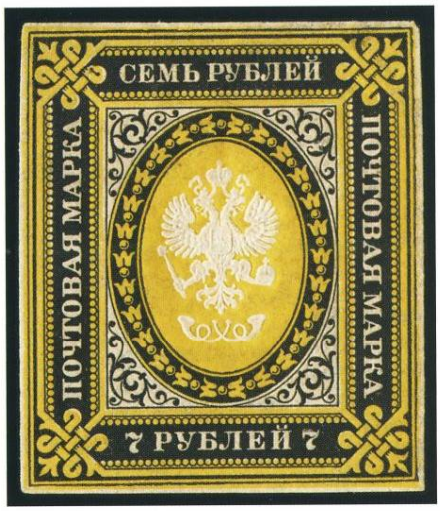
3131 P 1884 3.50r and 7r black, large die proofs of frame only, both on card, v.f., ex-Faberge. A unique set of proofs, ex-Breitfuss, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.38-39P) (photo) .....(39-40P) 25,000.00



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3132 P 1884 3.50r black & gray, plus 7r black & orange (tiny thin), imperforate proofs in issued colors on gummed, vertically laid paper, fresh and extremely rare, only two known, ex-Faberge, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.38-39P) (photo).....(39-40P) 15,000.00

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3133 ○ 1884 3.50r and 7r used, cancelled "Riga" and "Warszawa", perf. flaws, fine appearance (Mi.38y-39y) (photo) cat. €1,700 ....(39-40) 500.00

3134 ○ 1884 3.50r and 7r used, cancelled St.Petersburg and Warszawa, fine-v.f. These high values were used mostly on parcels or money orders, the majority have been damaged. Sound copies are rare (Mi.38y-39y) (photo) cat. €1,700 ....(39-40) 1,000.00

3135 ○ 1884 3.50r and 7r used, cancelled St.Petersburg and Warszawa, fine-v.f. These high values were used mostly on parcels or money orders, the majority have been damaged. Sound copies are rare (Mi.38y-39y) (photo) cat. €1,700 ....(39-40) 1,000.00

3136 ○ 1884 3.50r and 7r used, cancelled St.Petersburg and Warszawa, fine-v.f. These high values were used mostly on parcels or money orders, the majority have been damaged. Sound copies are rare (Mi.38y-39y) (photo) cat. €1,700 ....(39-40) 1,000.00

3137 ○ 1884 3.50r black & gray, two copies, each with a St.Petersburg cancellation, small flaws, fine appearance (Mi.38y) (photo) cat. €1,400 ....(39) 300.00

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1884 3.50r Horizontally Laid Paper

3138 ★ 1884 3.50r black & gray, unused, with full original gum, fresh and v.f. Of the five known unused copies, this is the only sound example. An absolute gem of Russian Philately, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.38x) (photo) cat. €50,000 ....(39a) 40,000.00

1889 Horizontally Laid Paper

3139 ★ 1889 1r light brown, brown & orange, vertical pair, imperf. between, h.r., v.f. (Mi.44xMw) (photo) cat. €600 ....(45a) 500.00

3140 ★ 1889 1r light brown, brown & orange, vertical pair, imperf. between, h.r., v.f. (Mi.44xMw) (photo) cat. €600 ....(45a) 500.00

3141 ○ 1889 1r light brown, brown & orange, vertical pair, imperf. between, used, creased at top, otherwise v.f. (Mi.44xMw) (photo) cat. €750 ....(45a) 500.00

3142 ★ 1889 1r light brown, brown & orange, horizontal pair, imperf. between, v.f. (Mi.44xMs) (photo) ....(45a) 500.00

3143 ○ 1889 1r light brown, brown & orange, horizontal pair, imperf. vertically, used, v.f. (photo) ....(45var) 500.00

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1889-92 Issue

3144 ○ 1889 2k green, groundwork inverted, cancelled "St.Petersburg, 28.7. 1898", well centered, fresh and v.f. One of only two known examples of this error, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.46xK, unpriced used, catalogue value for unused) (photo) cat. €10,000 ..... (46var) 5,000.00

3145 ○ 1889 2k dark green, ("dunkelgrun") imperforate single, used in combination with part of perf. 3k carmine on piece, cancelled "Taganrog, 24 July, 1898", v.f., ex-Ferrary, extremely rare, with Mikulski cert. stating "Es ist bis heute nur dieses Stuck der ungezahnten 2 kopekenmarke in der Farbe "Dunkelgrun" bekannt" (As of today, this is the only known imperforate 2k dark green, unique!) (photo) ..... (47a,var) 5,000.00

3146 1889 2k green, imperforate sheet corner margin single used in combination with perf. 5k lilac on registered 5k stationery front, cancelled "Moscow 25 Jan. 1895", some toning, stamps v.f., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.46xU) (photo) ..... (47a) 1,000.00

3147 ○ 1889 2k green, imperforate, horizontal pair used in combination with perf. 1k orange on piece, cancelled "Moscow 19 Jan. 1895", v.f., with Mikulski cert. (Mi.46xU) (photo) cat. €1,500 ..... (47a) 1,000.00

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3148 ○ 1889 7k blue, imperforate single, used, large margins all around, cancelled "St.Petersburg, April 1891" (Telegraph office), small thin, fine appearance. One sheet of imperforate varieties was sold in St.Petersburg, with only four examples known to exist, all cancelled at the same post office, Mikulski cert. (Mi.49xU) (photo) cat. €2,500+ ..... (50a) 1,500.00

3149 ○ 1889 7k blue, imperforate single, neat postmark of "St.Petersburg, April 1891" Telegraph Office at upper right, v.f. As of this date, only four imperforate examples are known, each with a similar postmark from the St.Petersburg Telegraph office (Mi.49xU) (photo) cat. €2,500 ..... (50a) 2,500.00

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3150 ★ 1889 7k blue, groundwork inverted, l.h. and post office fresh. A wonderful example of this rarity, one of the only two known unused examples of this rarity, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.49xK) (photo) cat. €5,000 .....(50b) 5,000.00

3151 ○ 1889 7k blue, groundwork inverted, used, well centered stamp, tiny abrasion at right, corner perf. crease, fine appearance. One of the only two known used examples known, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.49xK) (photo) cat. €5,000 .....(50b) 1,500.00

3152 ★ 1889 7k blue, variety, background printed on gum, fine (photo).....(50var) 250.00

3153 ★ 1889 7k blue, background omitted, horizontal pair, fresh and v.f., ex-Faberge (Mi.49xF) (photo) .....(50c) 1,000.00

1889 14k carmine & blue - center inverted

3154 ✉ 1889 14k carmine & blue, center inverted, used in combination with pairs of 3k and 10k on registered cover from "Astrahan 20 Dec. 1909" to Vienna, cover with filing fold away from the stamps, error is well centered and fresh, v.f. One of only three known 14k inverted centers on cover, with Mikulski cert. (50xK) (front cover photo) cat. €6,000++.....(51a) 5,000.00

3155 ○ 1889 14k carmine & light blue, center inverted, cancelled together with 7k dark blue on piece by "Lubin, prov. Yaroslaw, 3 Dec. 1891" postmark, fine and rare inverted center (first sub-printing), only a few known, with Mikulski cert. (50xK) (photo) cat. €6,000 .....(51a) 3,000.00

1889 7r black & yellow

3156 1889 7r black & yellow, large block of 14, used on large piece in combination with 2x1r and 3.50r, "St.Petersburg, June 9, 1893" pmks, fine (photo) .....(70) 150.00

3157 ★\★★⊞ 1889 7r black & yellow, large pane of 25, some perf. separations, stamps mostly n.h., fine-v.f., catalogue value for hinged (Mi.56x) cat. €800+ .....(54) 500.00

3158 ○ 1889 7r black & yellow, frame double, cancelled "Moscow, 25.V.1890", v.f. Only two examples of this rarity are known to exist, both used in Moscow (the other copy realized $15,000+ at auction over 10 years ago), ex-Goss, with Mikulski cert. (photo) .....(54a) 20,000.00

1902-05 Issue

3159 ★ 1902-04 7k blue, imperforate, horizontal pair, l.h., v.f., signed Mikulski (Mi.49yU) (photo) cat. €1,500 .....(59b) 1,000.00

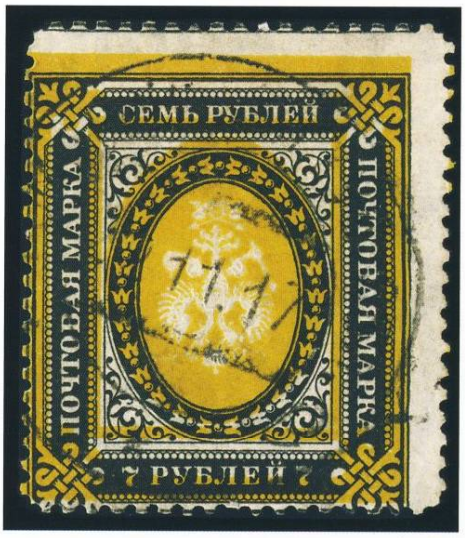
3160 ○ 1902-04 7k blue, groundwork inverted, cancelled "Warszawa 26 Feb. 1906", v.f. This error occurs only once per sheet (position 15) in the last printing of this issue (plate number 14), rare, with Mikulski cert., unlisted in Michel (photo) .....(59c) 1,500.00

3161 ★⊞ 1902 1r light brown, perf. 13½, brown & orange, lower right sheet corner margin block of four, plate number "6", imperf. between stamps and at bottom, v.f. (photo) .....(68f) 1,000.00

3162 ○ 1904 3,50r black & gray, center inverted, cancelled "Batum, 18.2.1911", fine example of this rarity, known only used, ex-Faberge, signed Romeko, with Mikulski cert. (Mi.55yK) (photo) cat. €7,500 .....(69a) 10,000.00

3163 ○ 1904 7r black & yellow, variety imperf. at right, cancelled "Kiev, 27 July, 1912", fine and rare (photo) .....(70var) 250.00

3164 ★ 1904 7r black & yellow, center inverted, unused with full original gum, centered to bottom as always, fresh and fine. This error originated from one sheet of 25 which belonged to Philip Kosack in Berlin, signed Mikulski, with his certificate (Mi.56YK) (photo) cat. €7,500.....(70a) 7,500.00



3165 ○ 1904 7r black & yellow, center inverted, cancelled "Batum 22.11.1917", centered to bottom as always, small thin, otherwise fine. One of only two known used 7r inverted centers, signed Mikulski, with his certificate (Mi.56YK) (photo) cat. €15,000 .....(70a) 5,000.00

3166 ★★⊞ 1906 5r dark green, pale blue, two panes of 25 (separated to panes of 10 and 15 each), stamps n.h., fine-v.f. (Mi.61) cat. €1,250.....(71) 500.00

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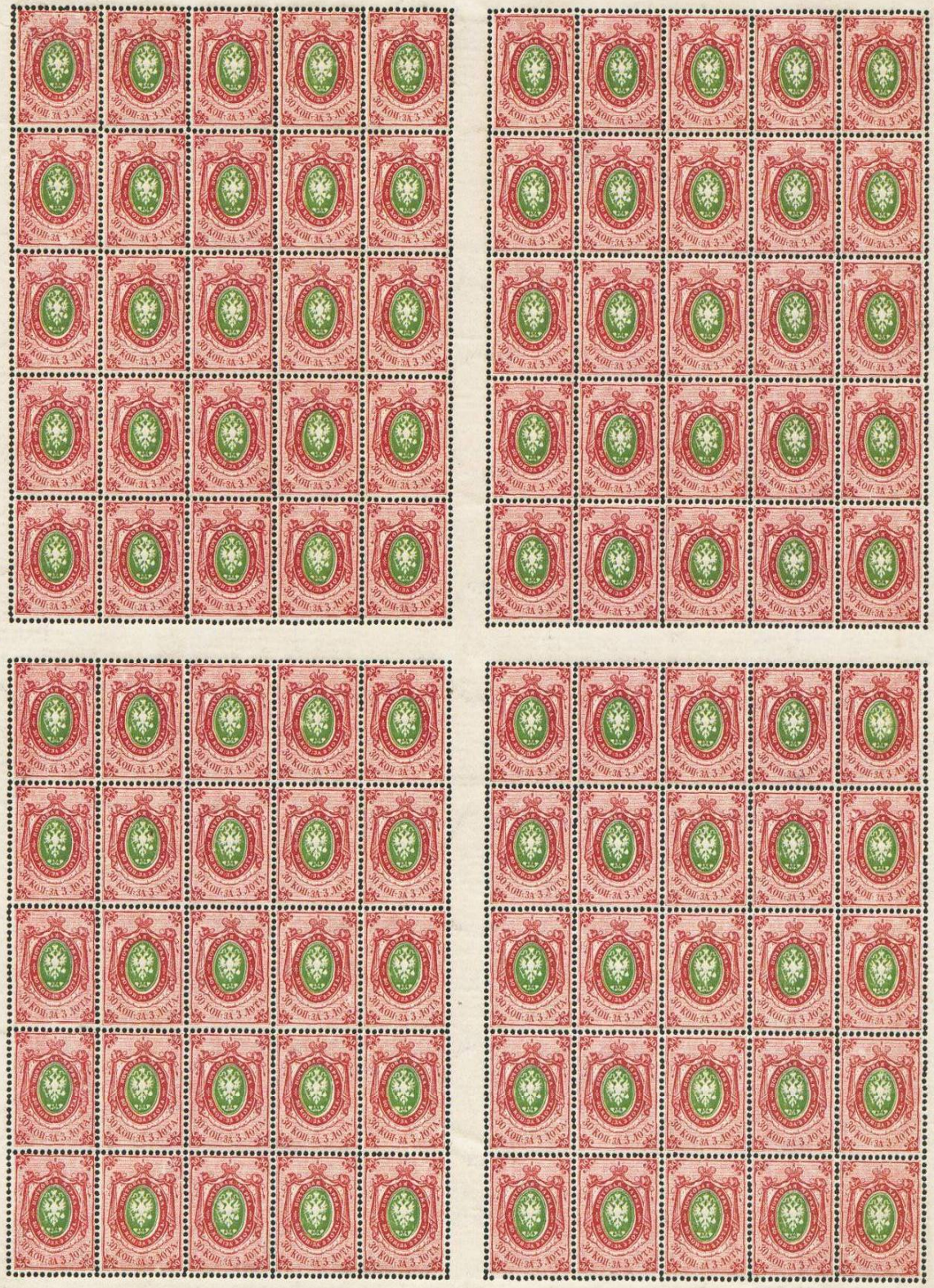

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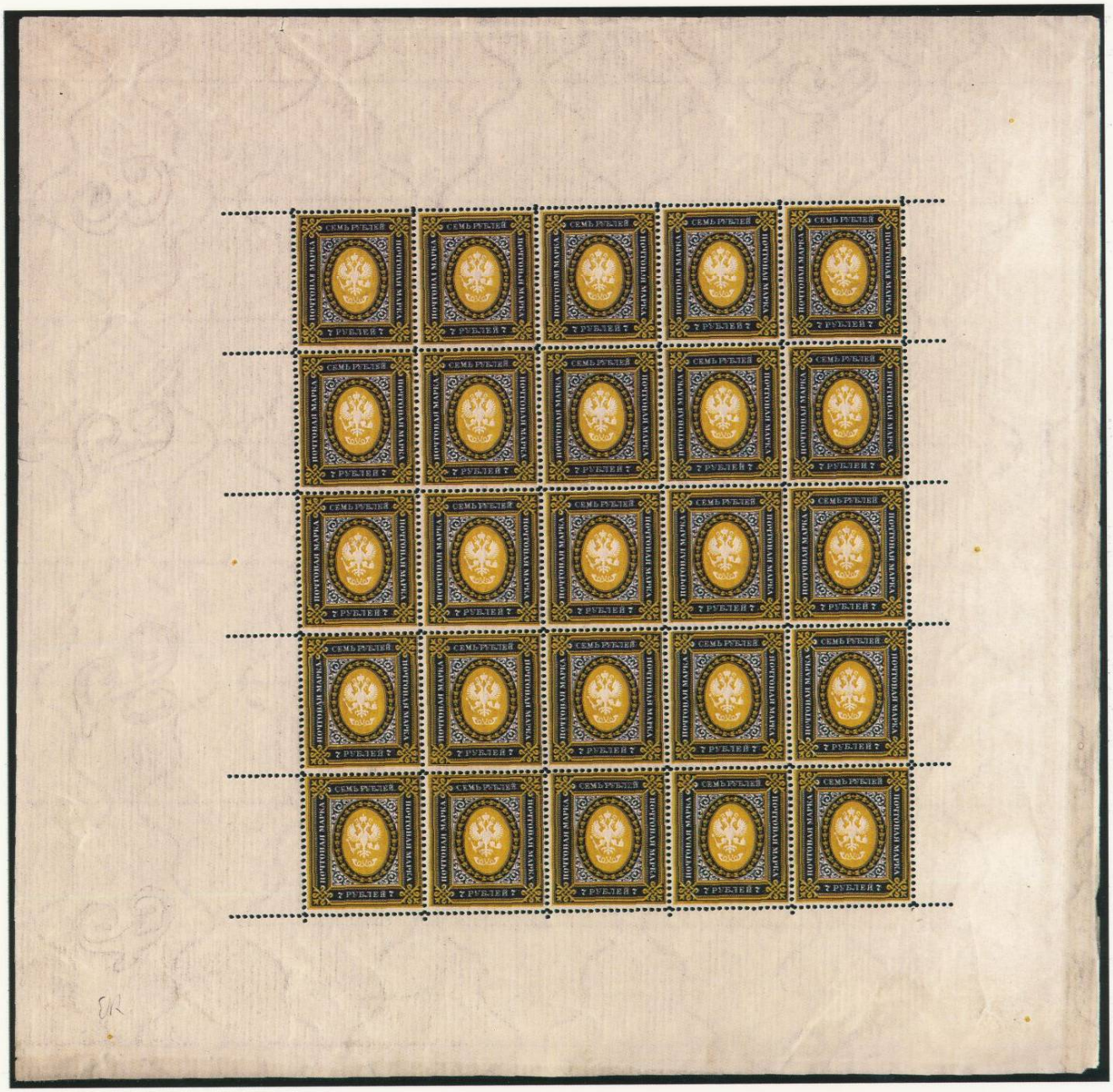

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