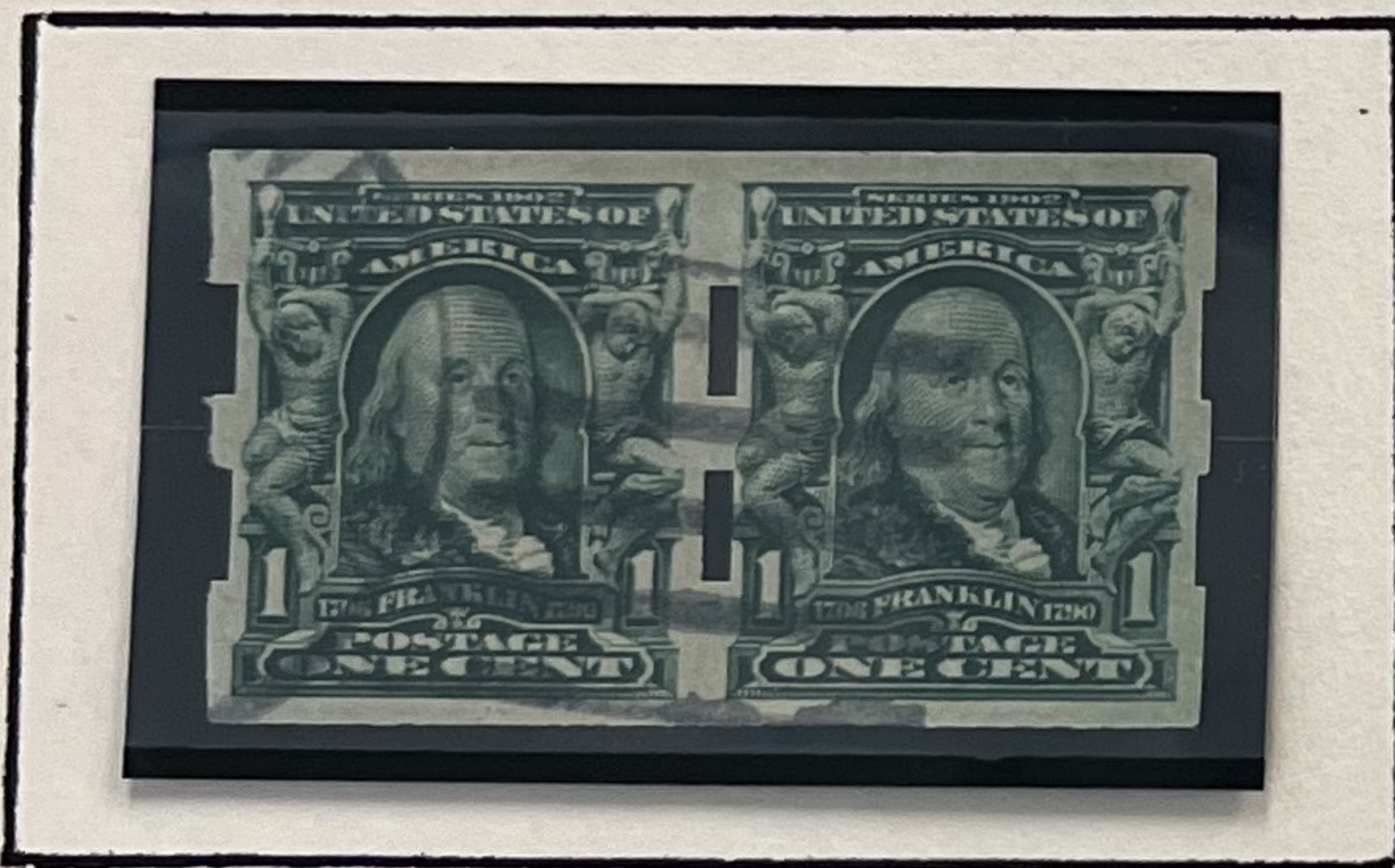


The "Hyphen" symbol was used far back, as even within ancient Greek writings. The more modern format of the "Hyphen" was found in the "Gutenberg Bible", circa 1455. The industrious and thoughtful Mr. Schermack decided to try using a pair of "Hyphen - Holes" rather than a line of round holes for stamp separation. They worked well and were used for the rest of the Companies tenure.

The remainder of Chermack perforations will show the discussed "Hyphen - Holes" and are all classified as type III Perfs.

Type III



1906 Scott 314 2mm space.



Paste up.



GREY PAPER

SCHERMACK



1910 Scott 344



347



1909 Scott 345



SCHERMACK



Circa 1906 - 08

Scott - 314

Schermack T - III

This is very unusual usage of this Schermack perforated type III stamp. Stamps with "Private Perforations" usually were used for Commercial mail, however, this example was probably used by an employee or worker's wife to send this 'picture post card' to a relative...



1908 - 09

Scott - 344

Schermack T - III

Perfins are punched into the stamp just before it is affixed to the envelope. The most common pattern is this 7mm square with nine possible holes & were used to identify companies. Note pins # 4 & 5 were removed for specific identification of Hammechlen Schumen Company.

BRINKERHOFF

Type IIa



1906 Scott 320a Die I
3 slits.



1908 Scott 347



1909 Scott 343
3 slits



1906 Scott 346
3 slits.

Scott 344
Mekeel Marker



1909 Scott 368 PSC
3 slits.

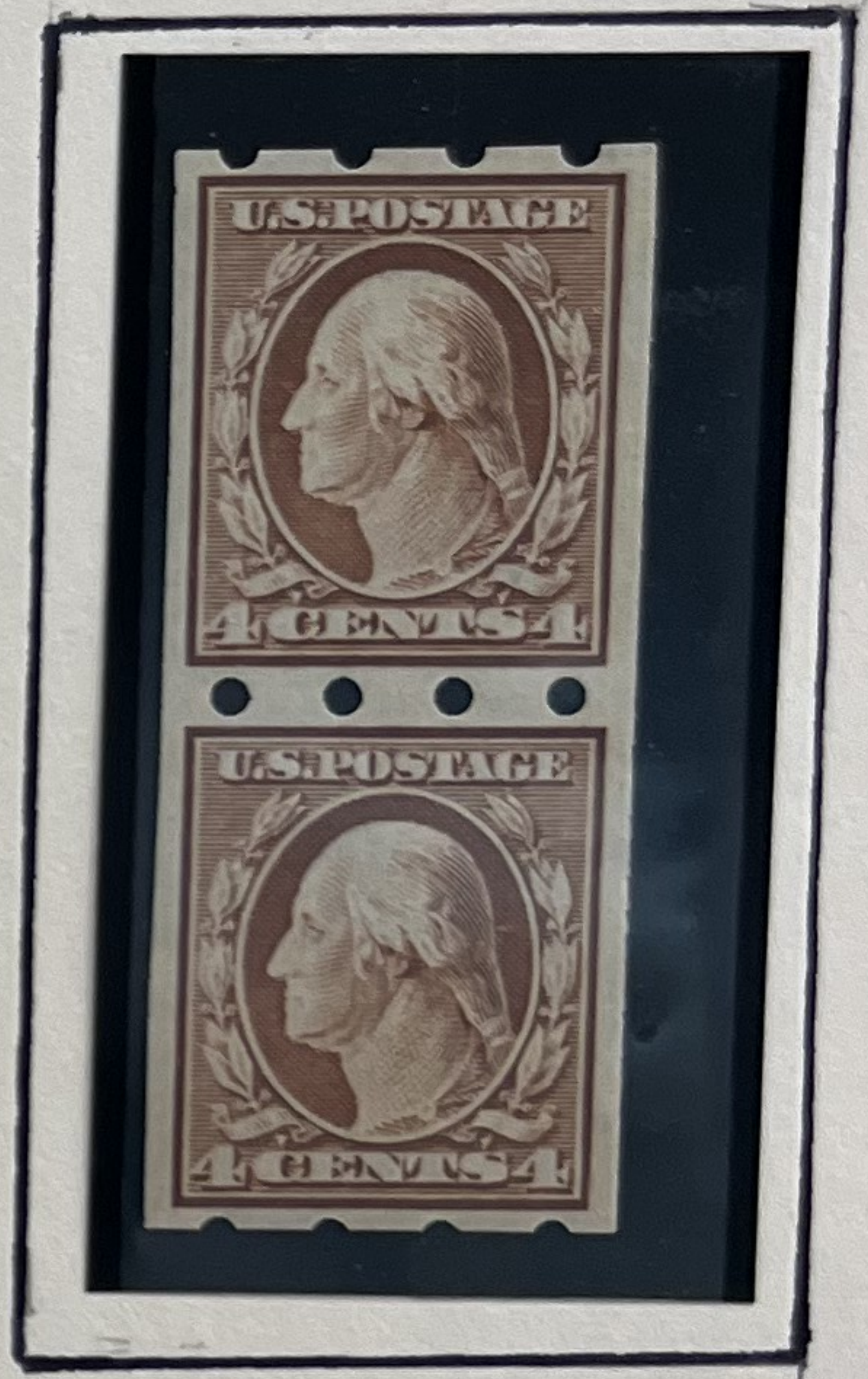


MEKEEL

Type I



1908 Scott 344
PSC



1908 Scott 346



1912 Scott 408



1912 Scott 409

FARWELL COMPANY PERFORATIONS

1911 - 1917

The Farwell Company was a 'Whole Sale Dry Goods Co. in Chicago who designed a perforation to be used only internally and to save money on shipping, beginning May 1911. The first 'perfs' were made by an employee named Chambers who incidentally signed the margin of the first pair in this display.

To identify, the first number describes the number of holes on top, the second, those on the bottom. "A" shows narrow spacing, "B" wide.



6/18/1912 Scott 384 Type 4A4 3mm

Signed by designer.



1911 Scott 384 Type 4B4 3mm

Guide line.



1912 Scott 408 Type 4B4



Type 4A4

1912 Scott 409





1910 Scott 383 4A4



1912 Scott 409 4A4
End of strip.



1912 Scott 409
4 B 4





1912 Scott 409 4B4



Scott 409

Guide line.

4B4 PSC



1909 Scott 343 4A4



1912 Scott 408

Type 4A4



Scott 383

4B4

Type Ib



Scott 314



343



343



343



Scott 344



344



346



Scott 383



383

LP



343 LP



408

US Automatic Vending Machine Pocket # 77

US Stamps, Private Machine Perforations.



This "Pocket" contains one Scott # 383 one cent green and two Scott # 384 two cent carmine stamps. It is a Type IV Pocket used in vending machines. Both stamps are from the 1911 series printing so this Pocket was probably produced that year. A red, number 77 is on the reverse.

The first patent was issued October 21, 1908 for the Type I Pocket, although the Company probably fabricated "Pockets" as early as 1906. The Type IV Pocket is considered to be the final issue produced since no 1912 series stamps have been found in USAV Pockets.

PSAG authentication certificate # 0555898 is held.

U.S. AUTOMATIC VENDING

1907 - 1919

There are four distinct variations of U.S. Auto Vending Co. perforations.

Type Ia has 15 ½ mm between notches and a 10.8 slit.

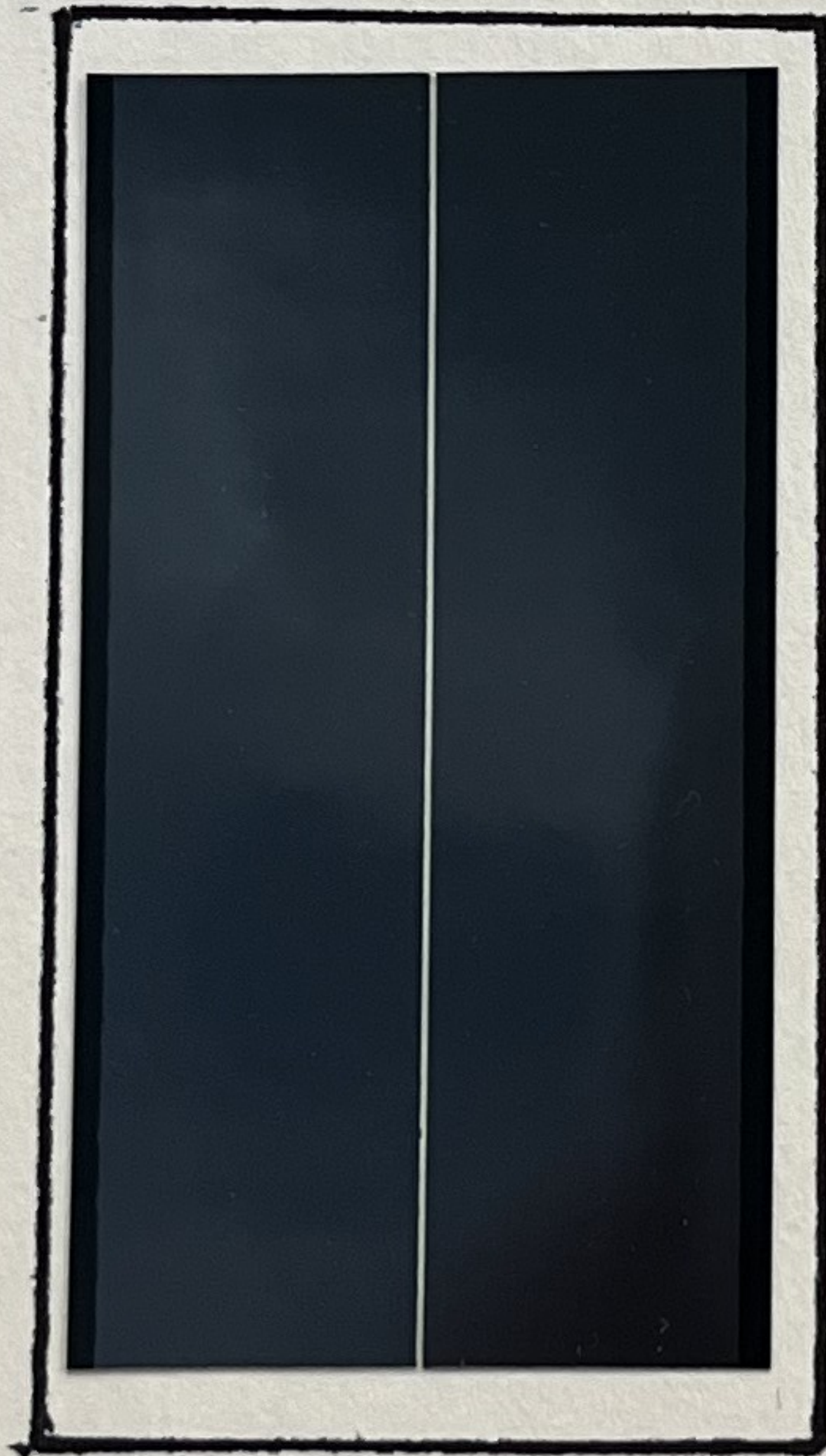
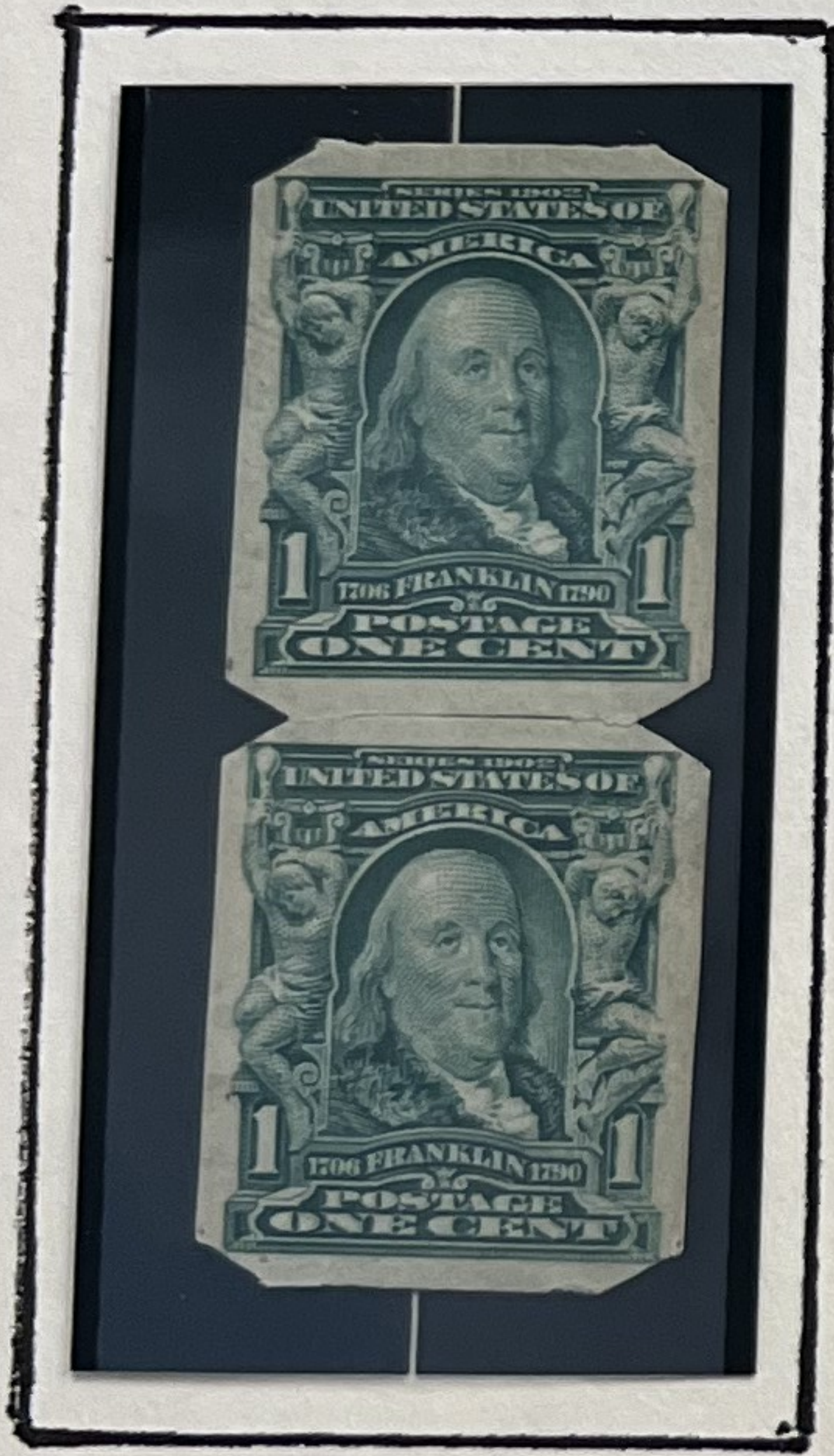
Type Ib has 16 mm between notches and a 11 mm slit.

Type II has 19.7 mm between notches and a 14.5 mm slit.

Type III is similar to T – II plus seven holes and no slit.

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Type Ia...



Scott 314

315 DSAG
cont

320

320a



MAILOMETER COMPANY PERFORATIONS

1906 – 1918

Mailometer, formerly the Schermack Mailing Machine Co., was part of the effort to devise a round hole perforating machine to be used with coil stamps, supporting the following specifics.

Type I has six holes, 1.95mm diameter, 1.2mm apart.

Type Ia has six holes, 1.95 mm diameter, 1.15mm apart .

Type II has eight holes, edge to edge, 1.15 apart.

Type III has eight smaller holes, edge to edge, 1.5mm apart.

Type IV has Five larger holes, 2.2mm diameter, 1.35 apart.

Type V has eight holes, 1.8mm diameter, 1.35 apart.

Type I



1908 Scott 344

Six holes.

344



1911 Scott 383

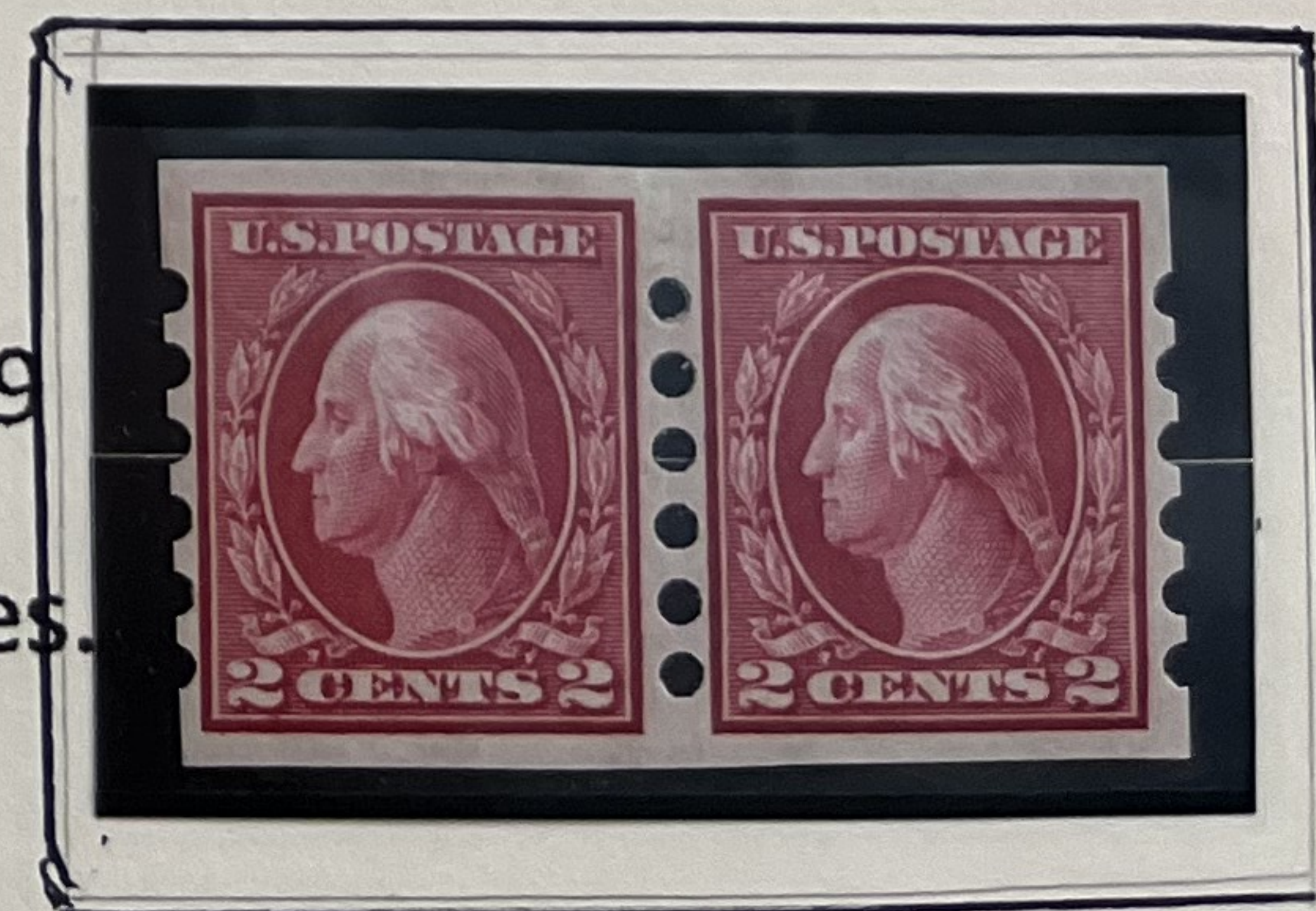
Six holes.

Scott 343



1012 Scott 409

Six holes.



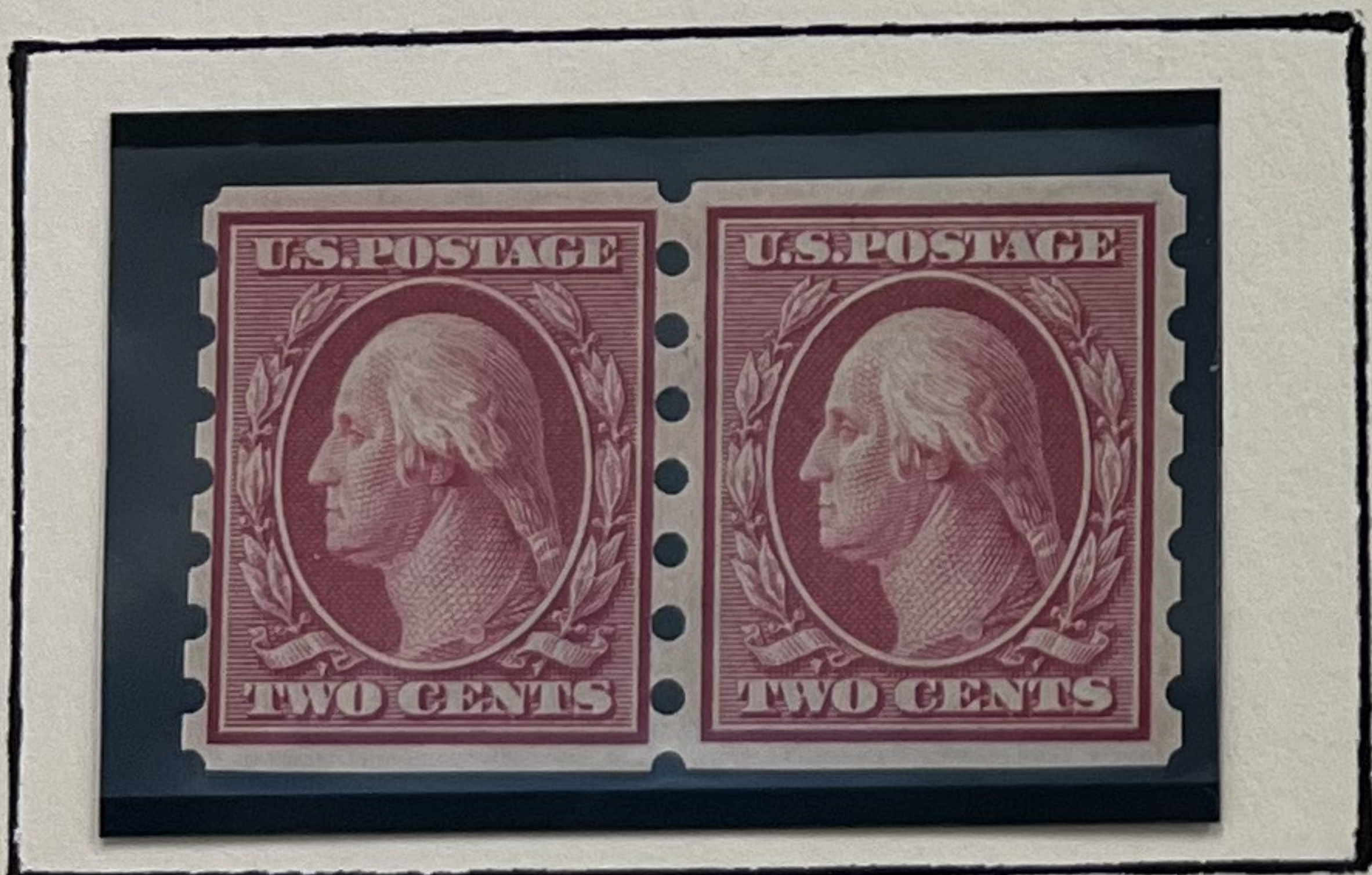
MAILMETER

Type III



1908 Scott 343 2mm

Eight holes PSAG



1908 Scott 344 2mm

Eight holes. PSAG



1908 Scott 346 3mm

Eight holes. -cert