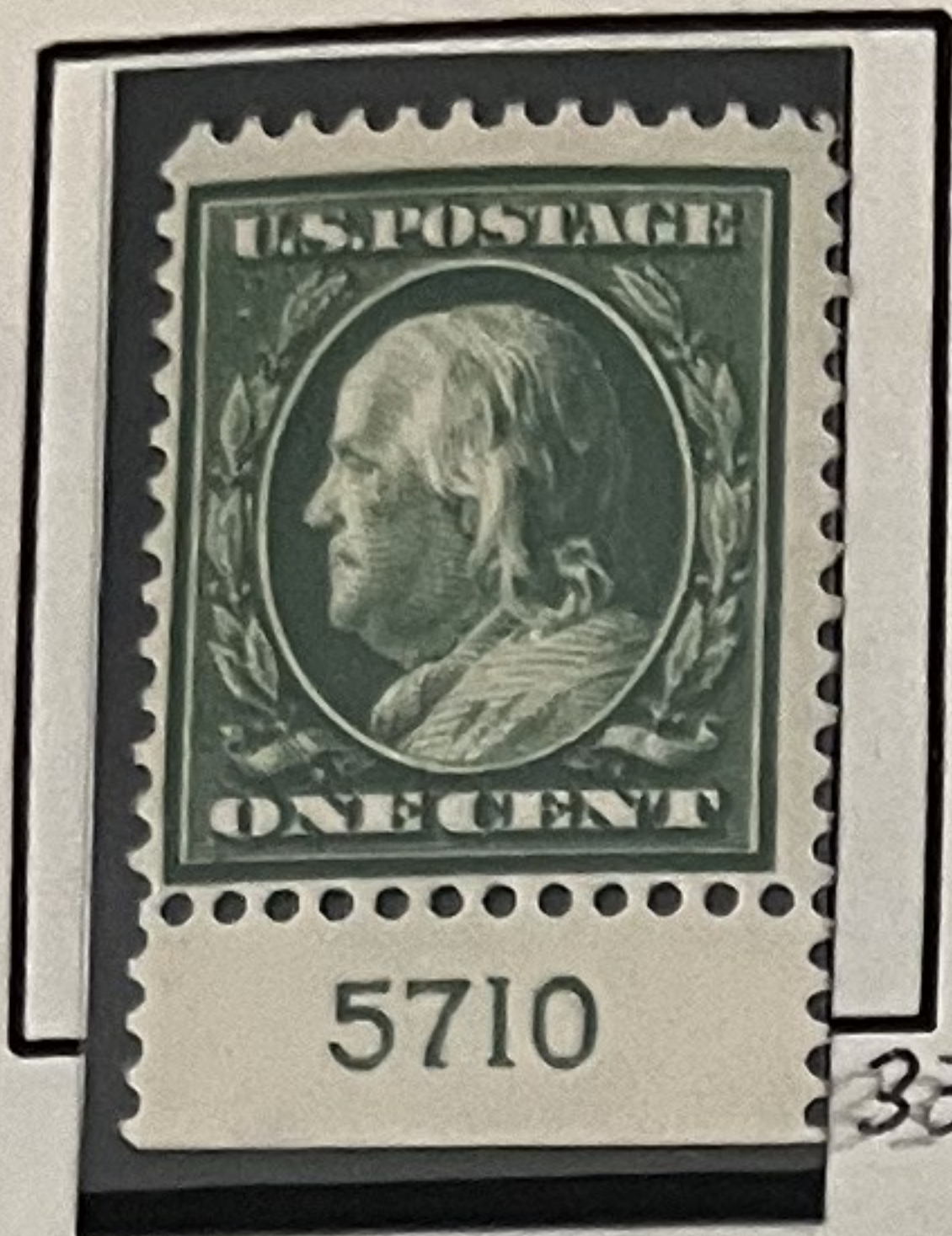


Issue of 1908-09

PERFORATED 12

DOUBLE-LINE WATERMARK



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George Washington

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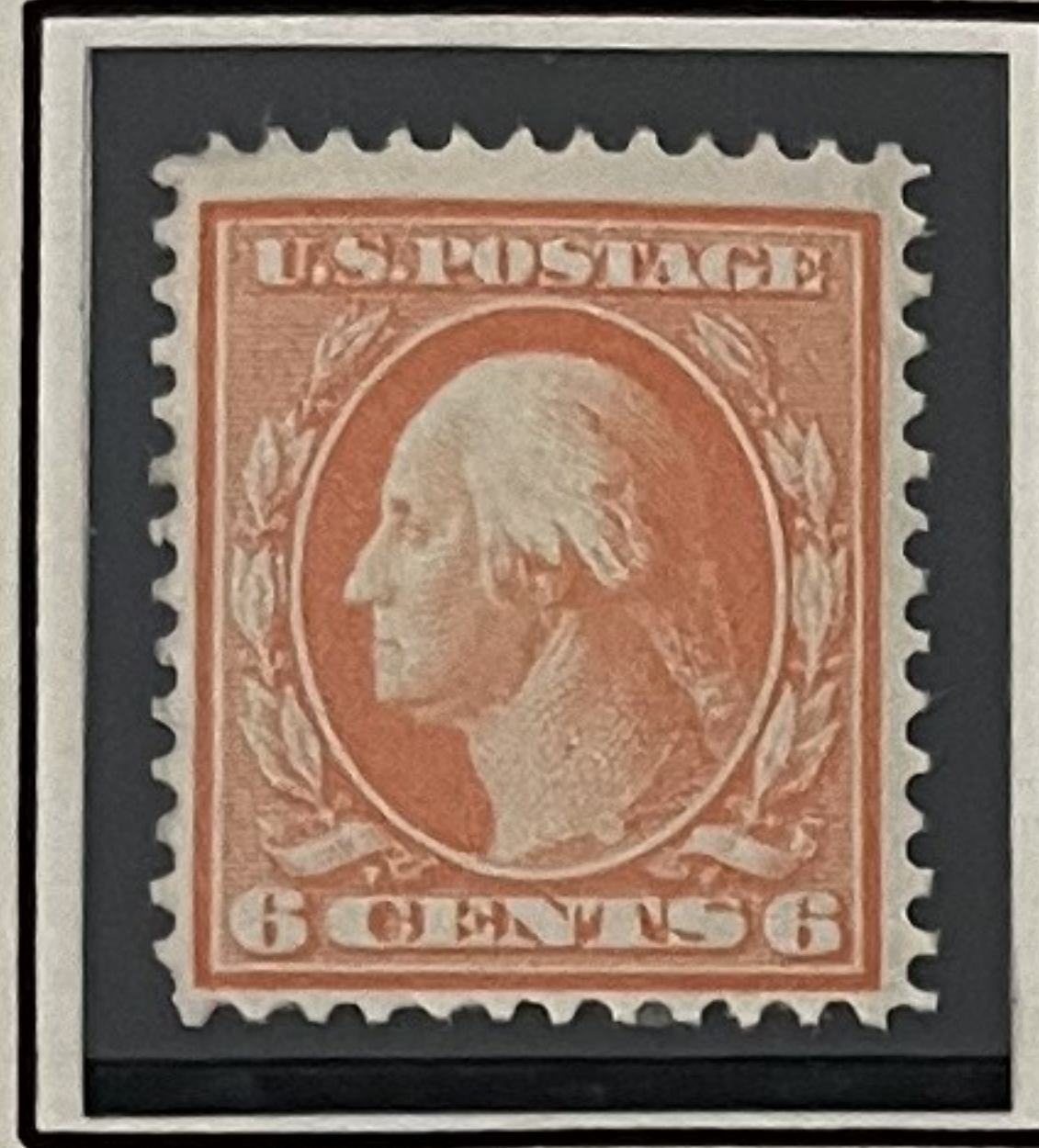
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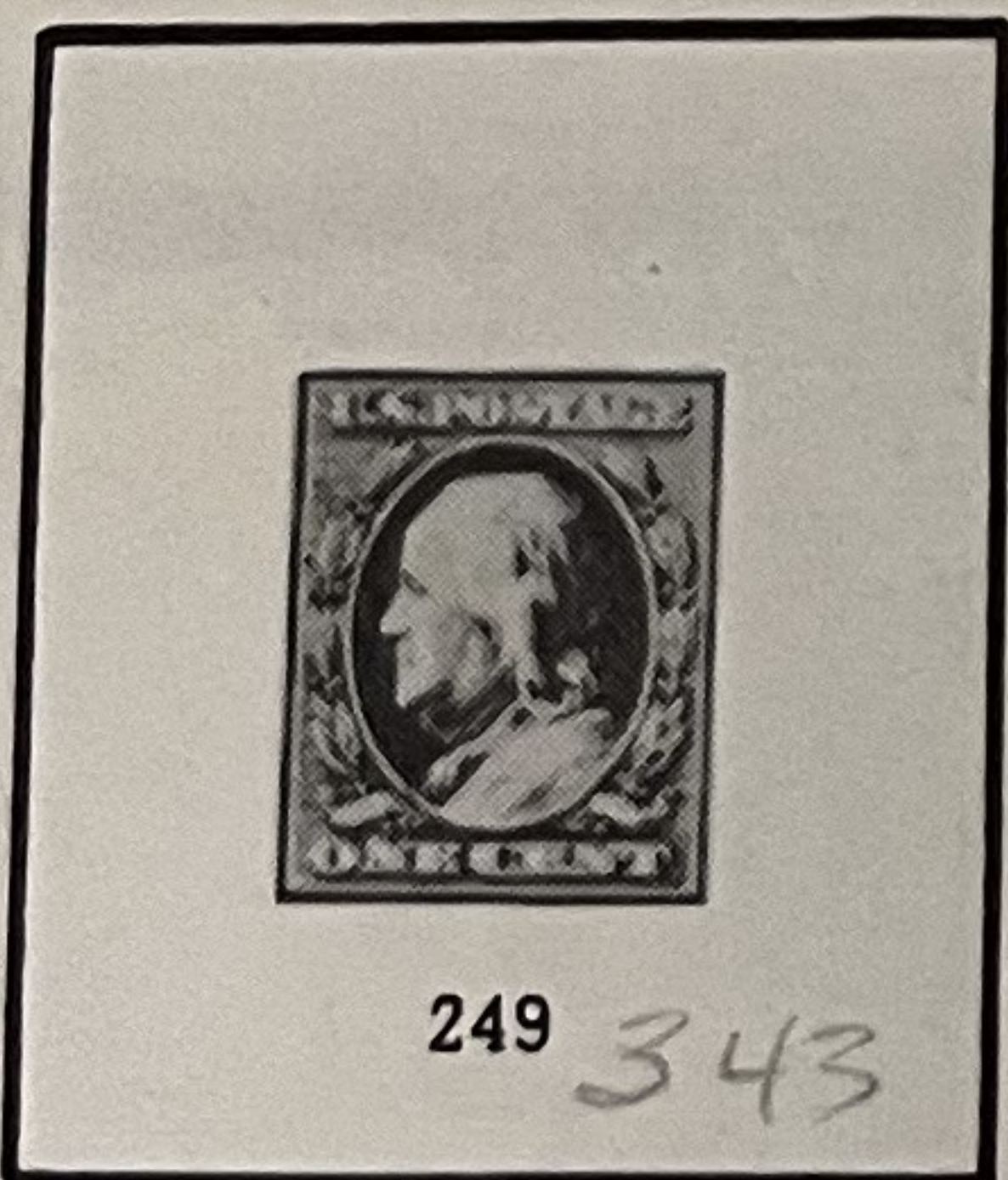


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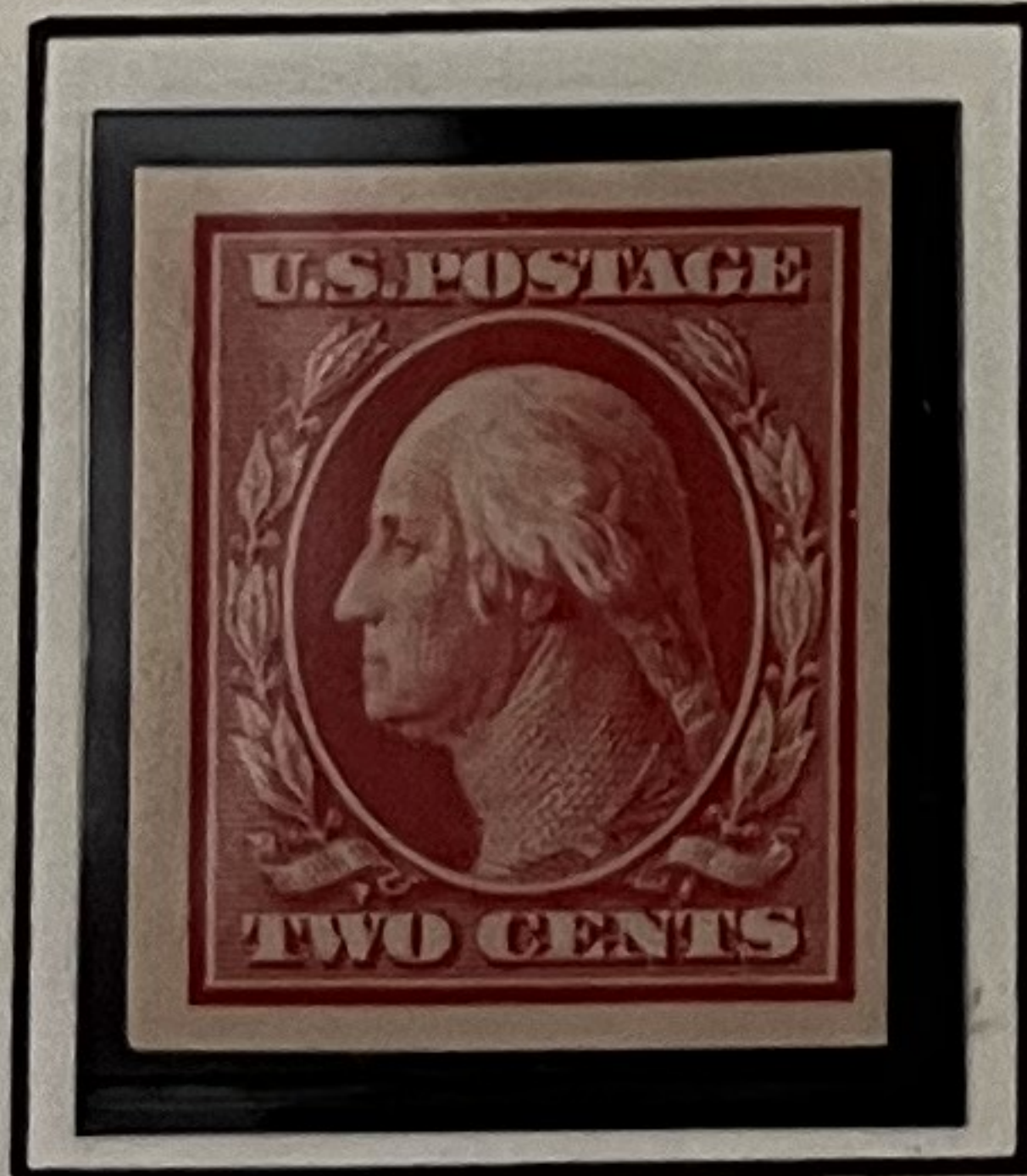
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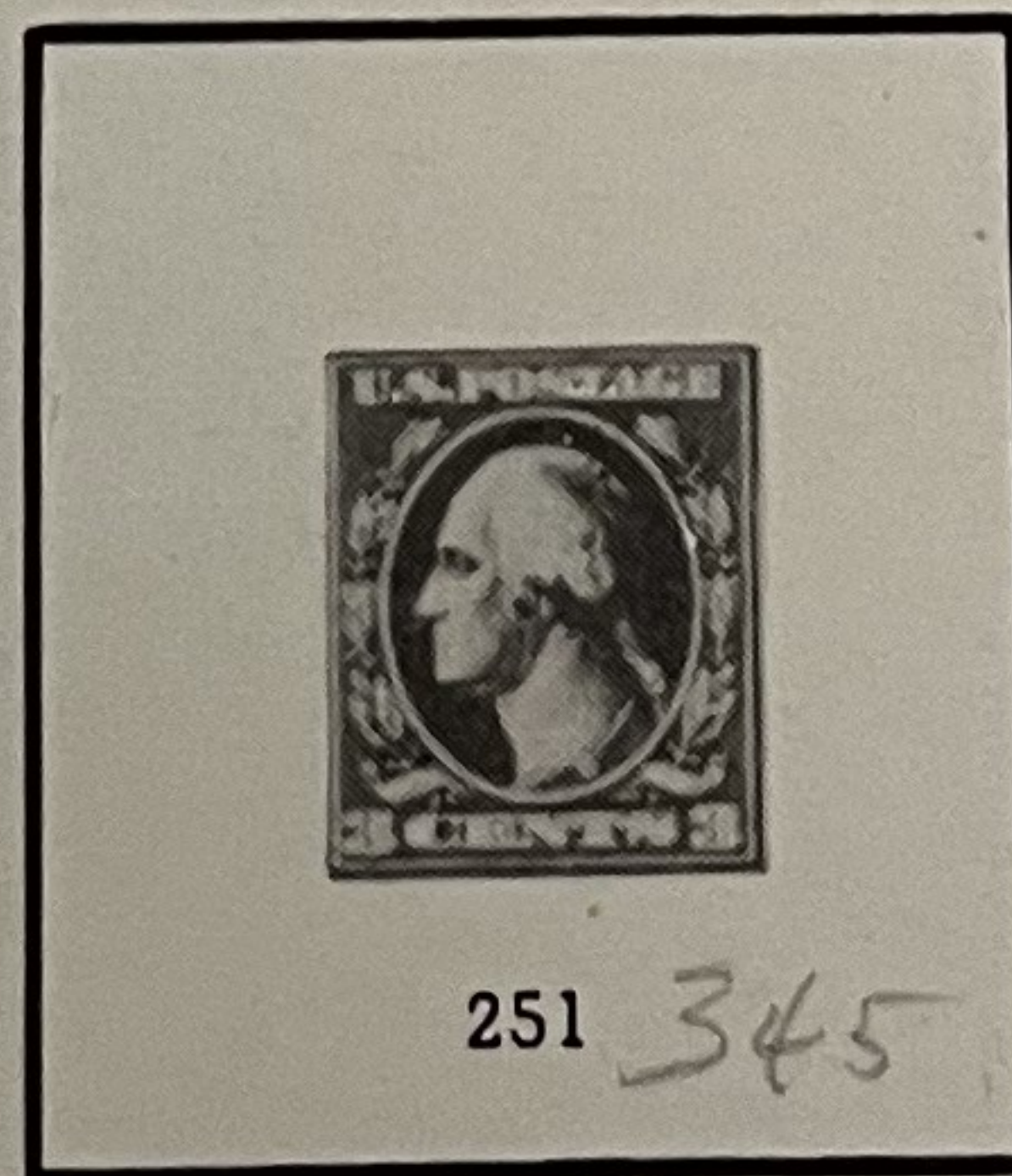


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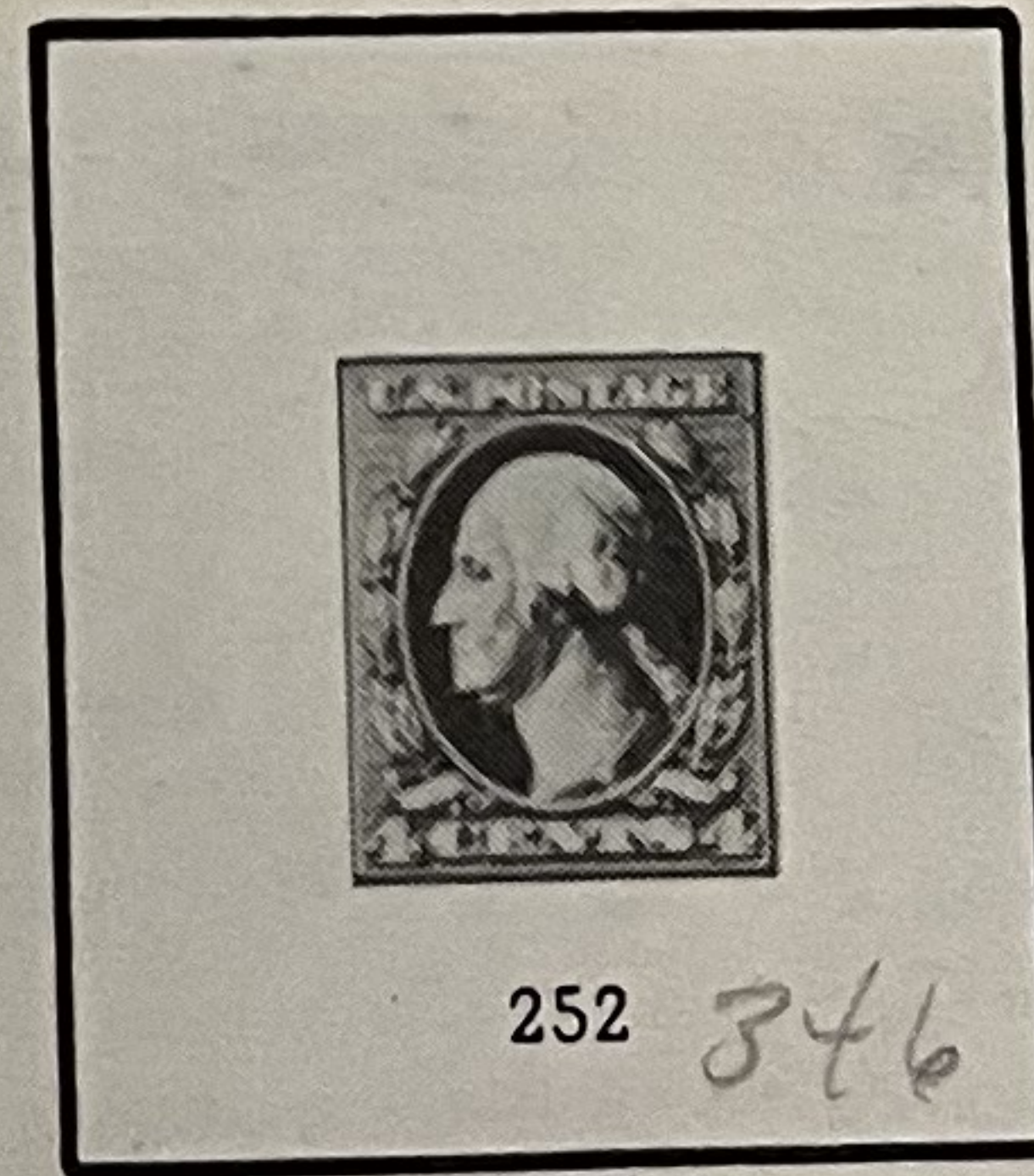


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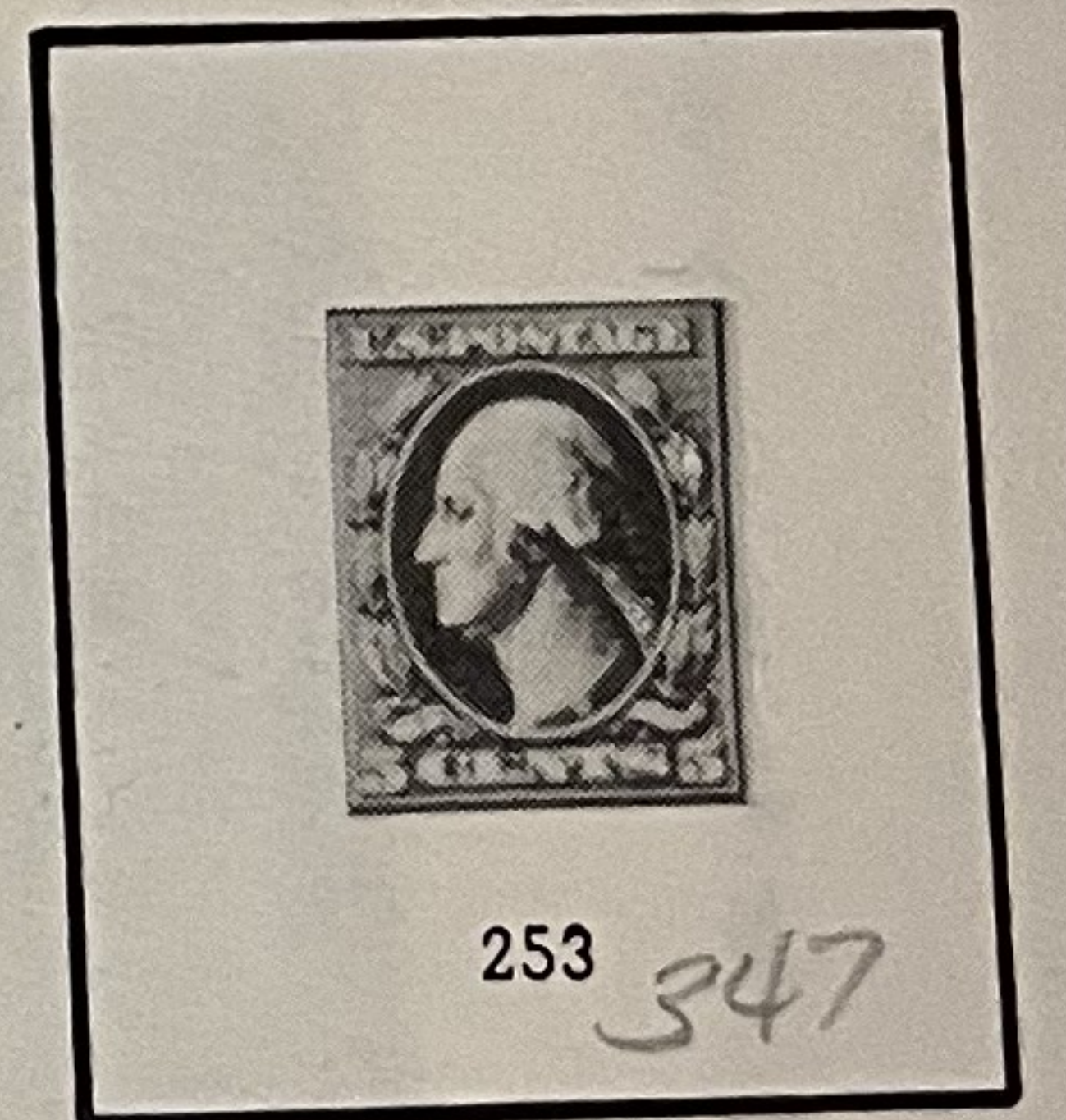
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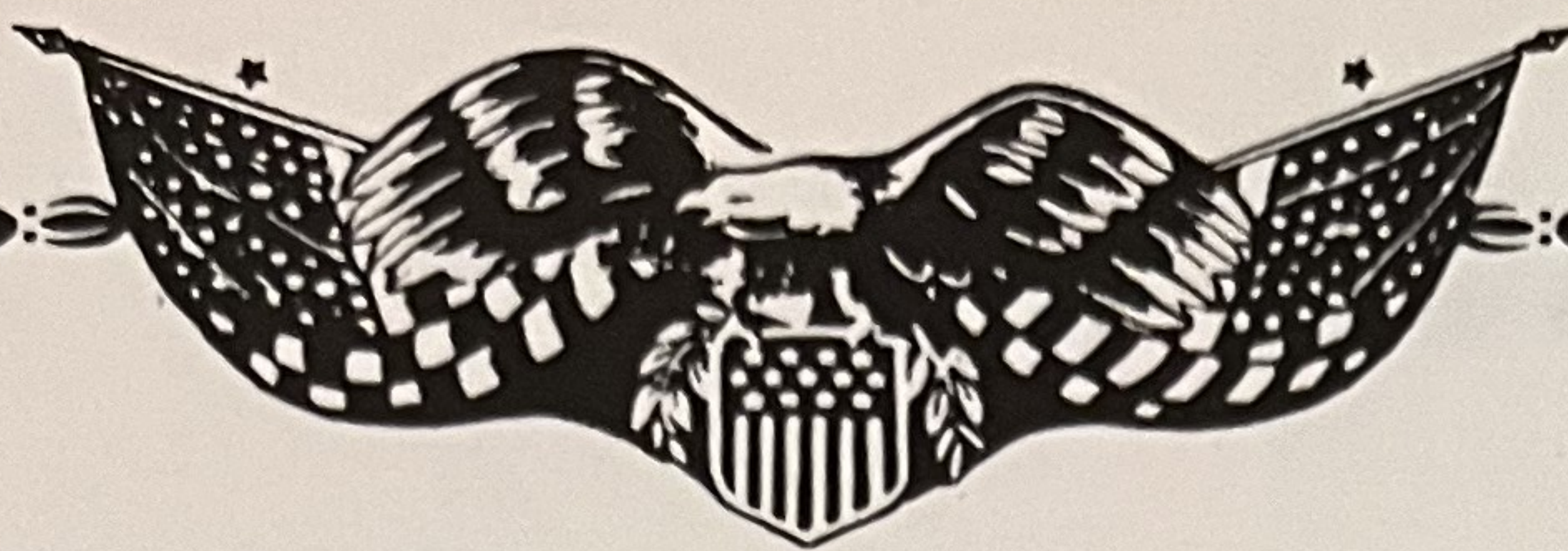
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THIS series for the sake of uniformity and artistic effect featured the head of George Washington on all of the denominations except the 1¢ which portrayed Benjamin Franklin. Part of this issue was printed on a stock which was made of 35 per cent rag and are known as "bluish paper", although they are actually grayish in appearance. Most of the denominations printed on this paper are rare.



Issue of 1908-10

COIL STAMPS

PERFORATED 12 HORIZONTALLY

DOUBLE-LINE WATERMARK



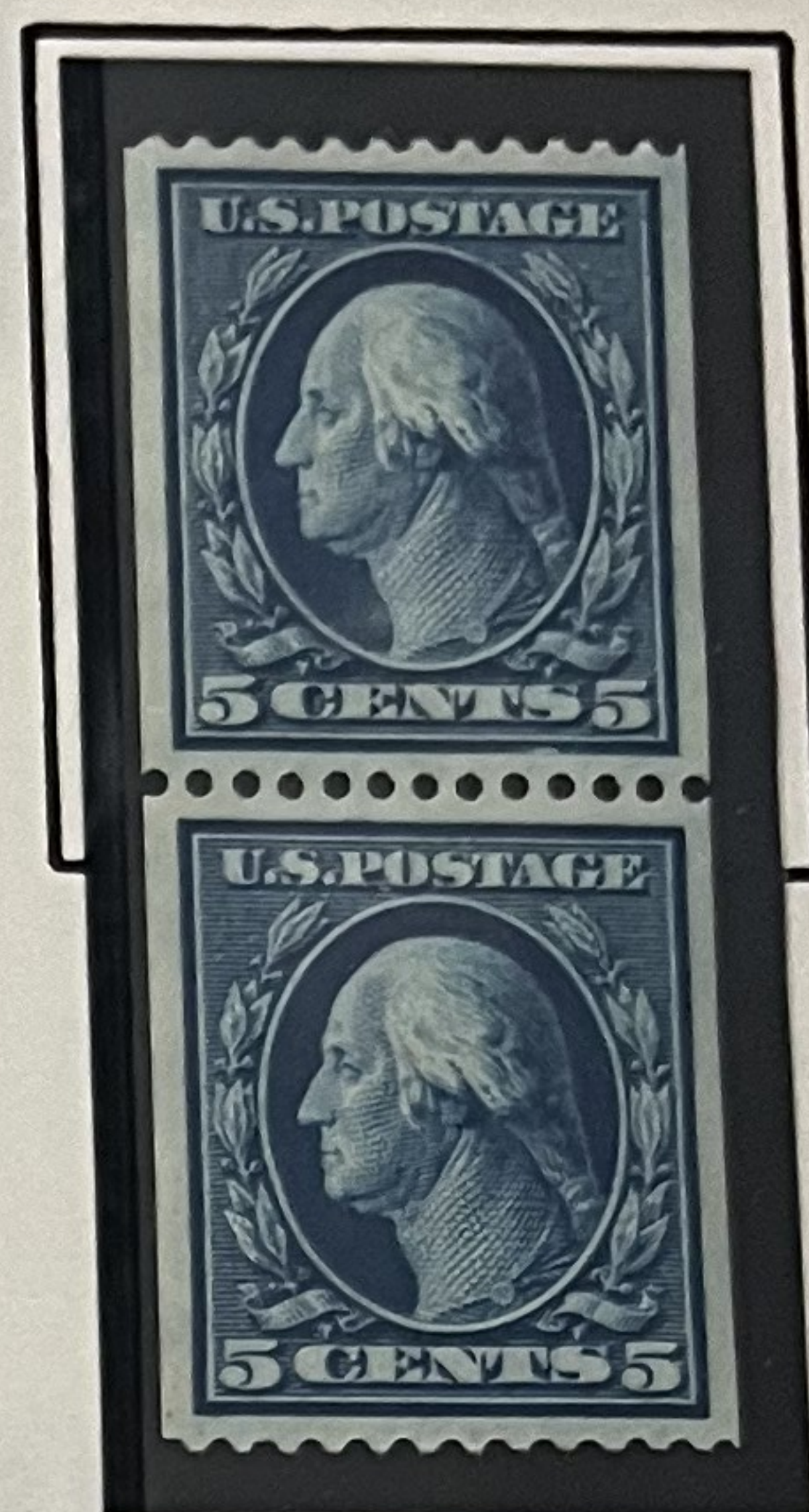
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349 COIL STAMPS



PERFORATED 12 VERTICALLY



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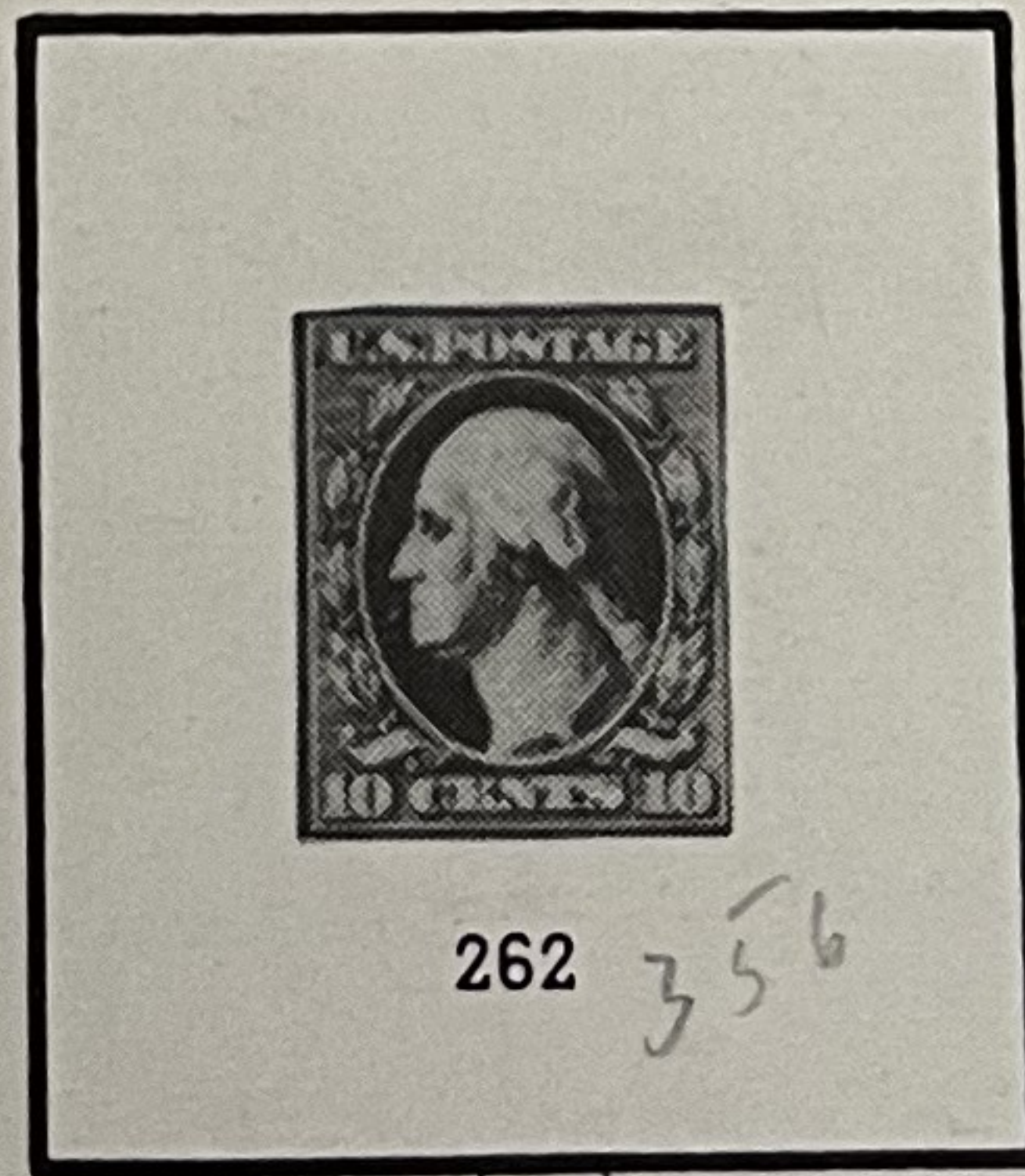
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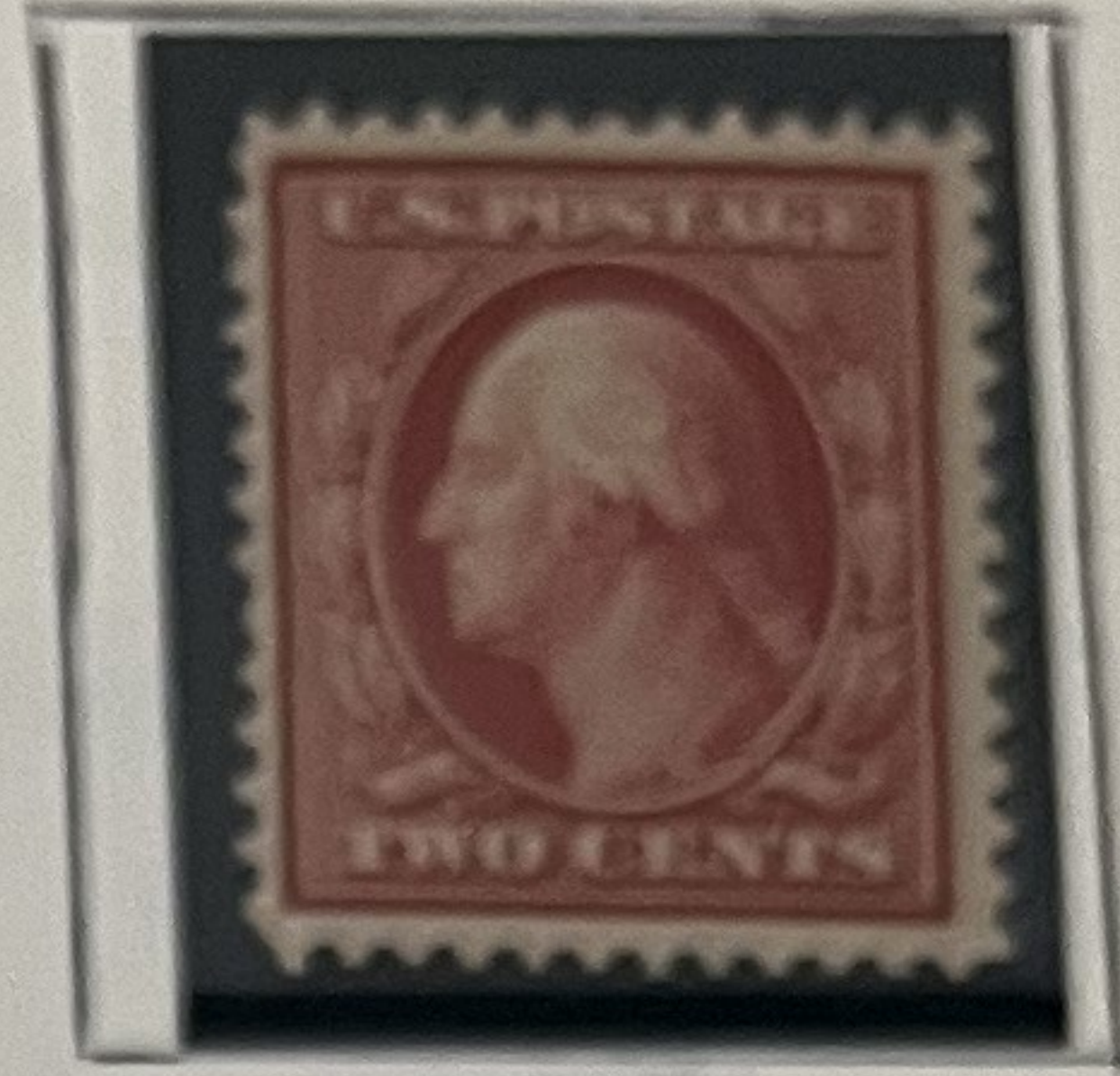
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OFFICIALLY issued coil stamps came into being in 1908. As the name indicates, the stamps instead of being issued in sheet form, were made available in lengths which were coiled into rolls of five hundred and one thousand. Stamps in this form were found to be more convenient for handling large quantities of mail that called for the same stamp value. These coils were also made available to private companies who were licensed to perforate them and sell them in vending machines at neighborhood stores for the convenience of the public.



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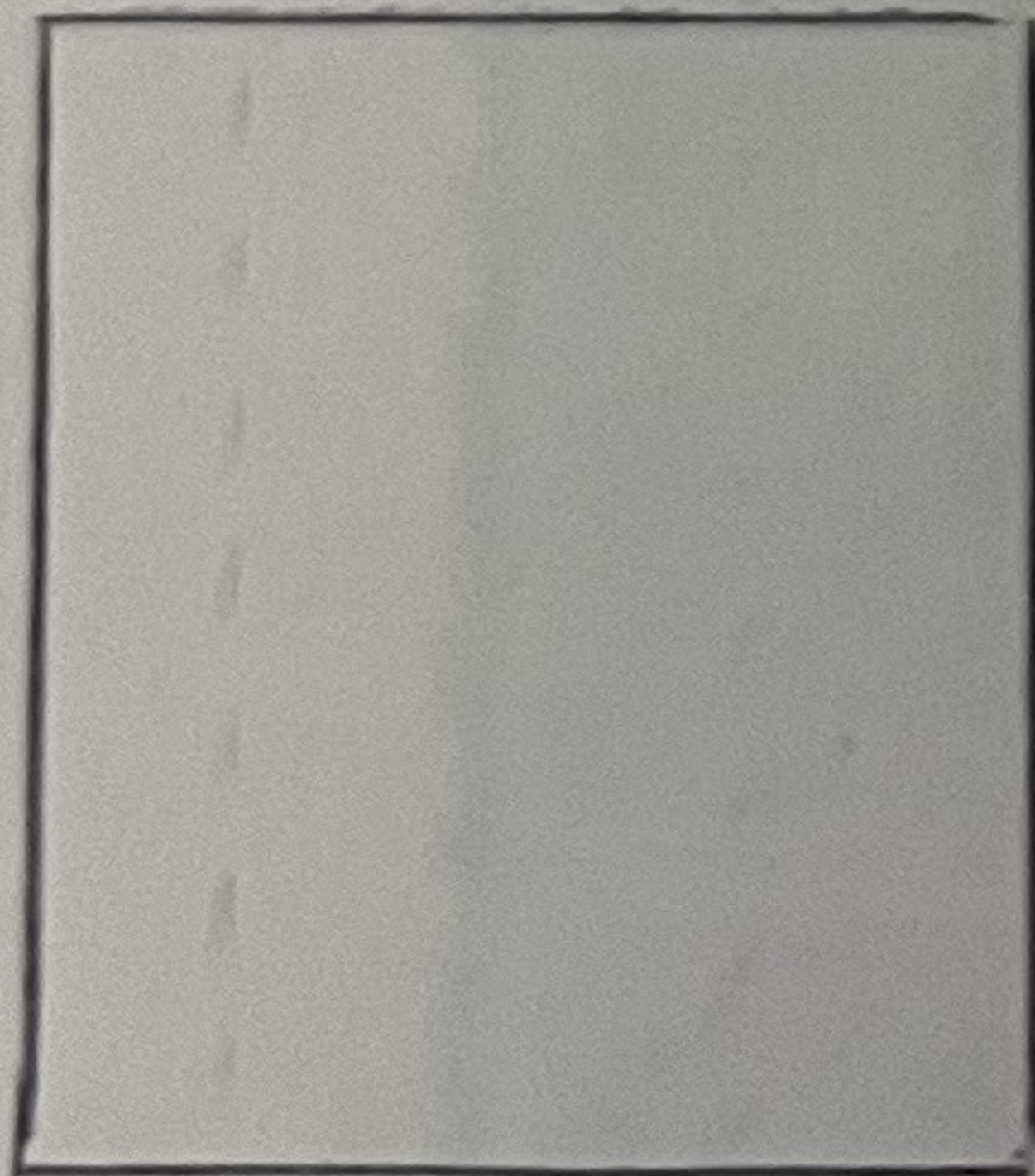
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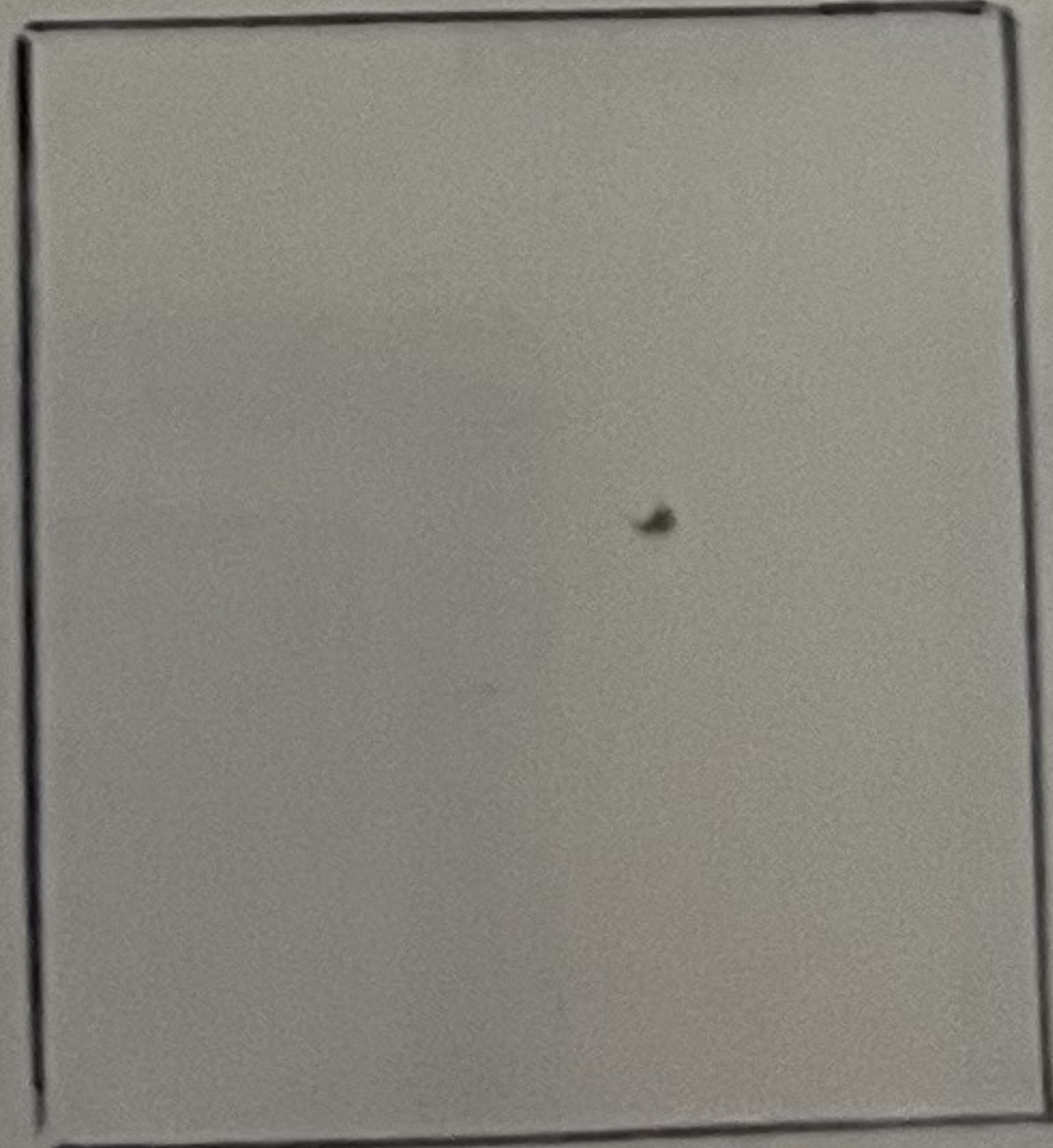
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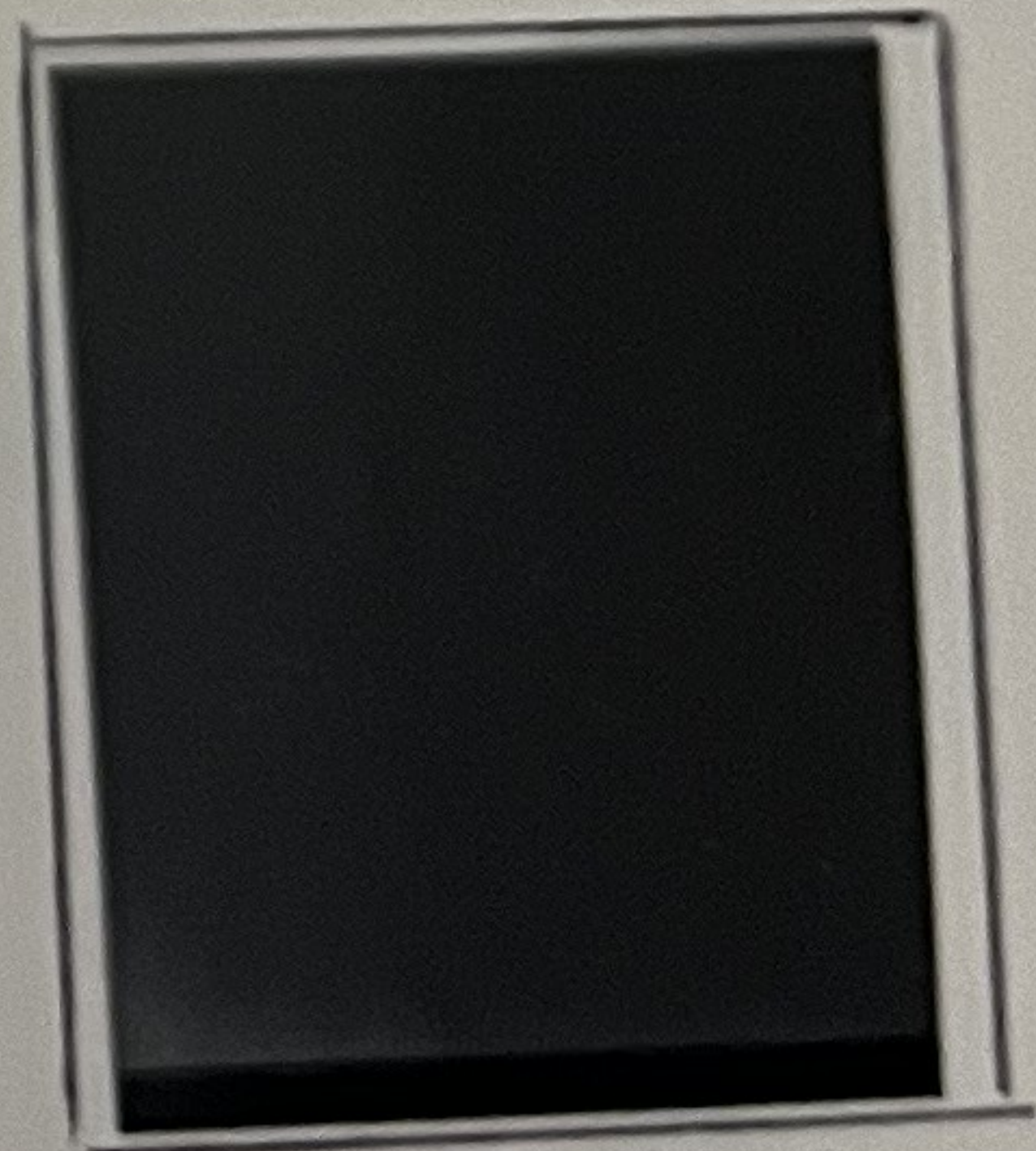
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Issue of 1910-13

COIL STAMPS

SINGLE-LINE WATERMARK

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PERFORATED 12 VERTICALLY



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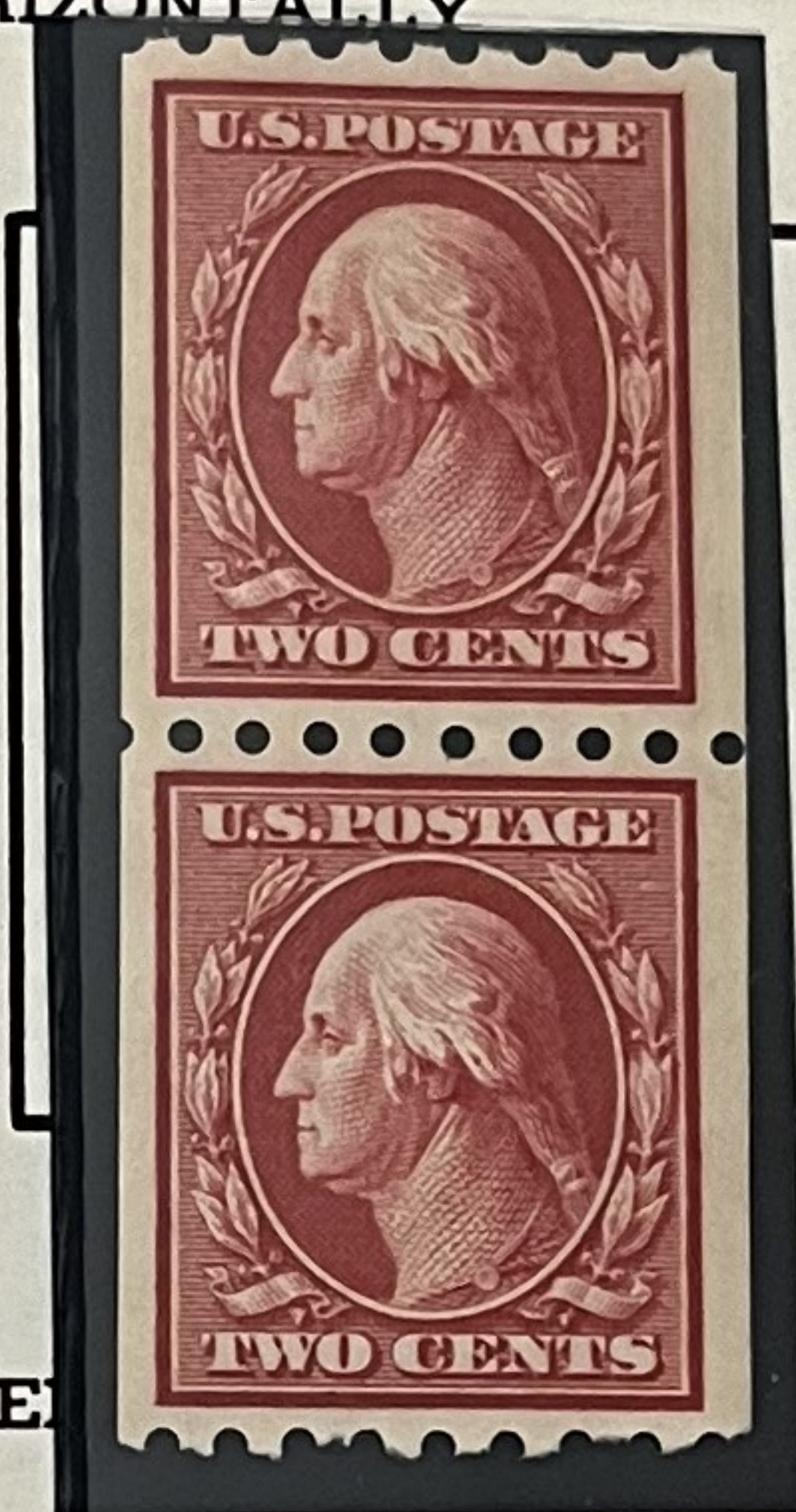


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PERFORATED 8 1/2 HORIZONTALLY



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PERFORATED 8 1/2 VERTICALLY



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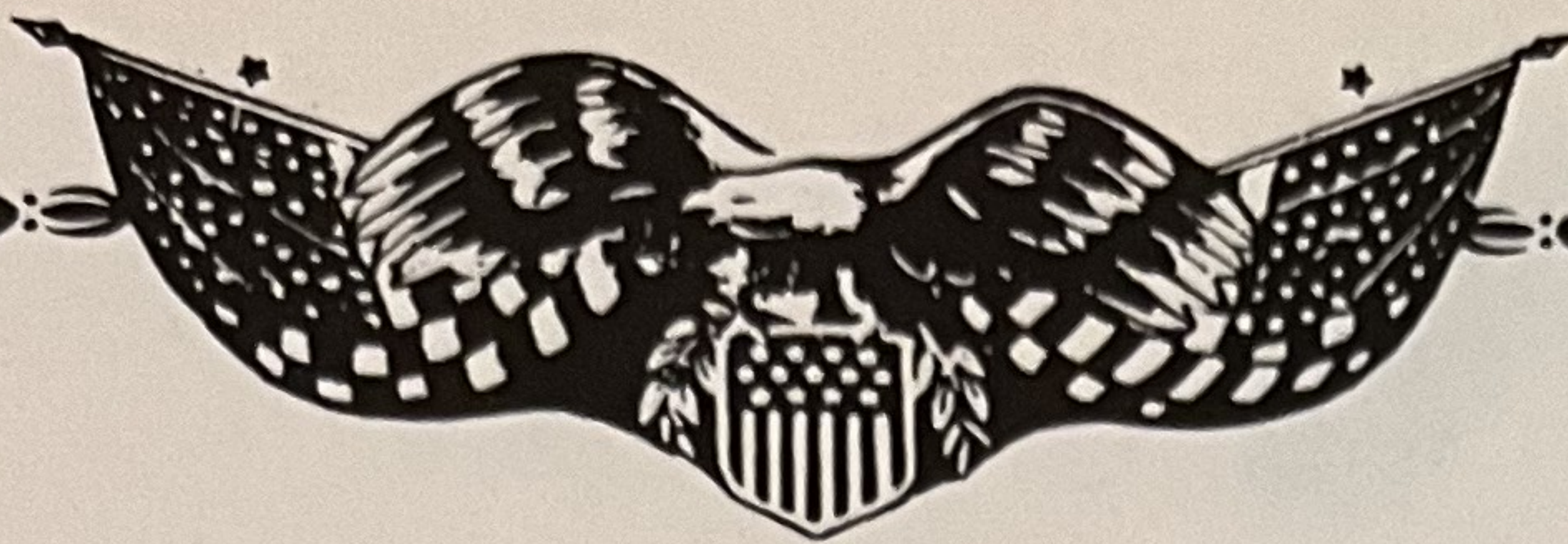


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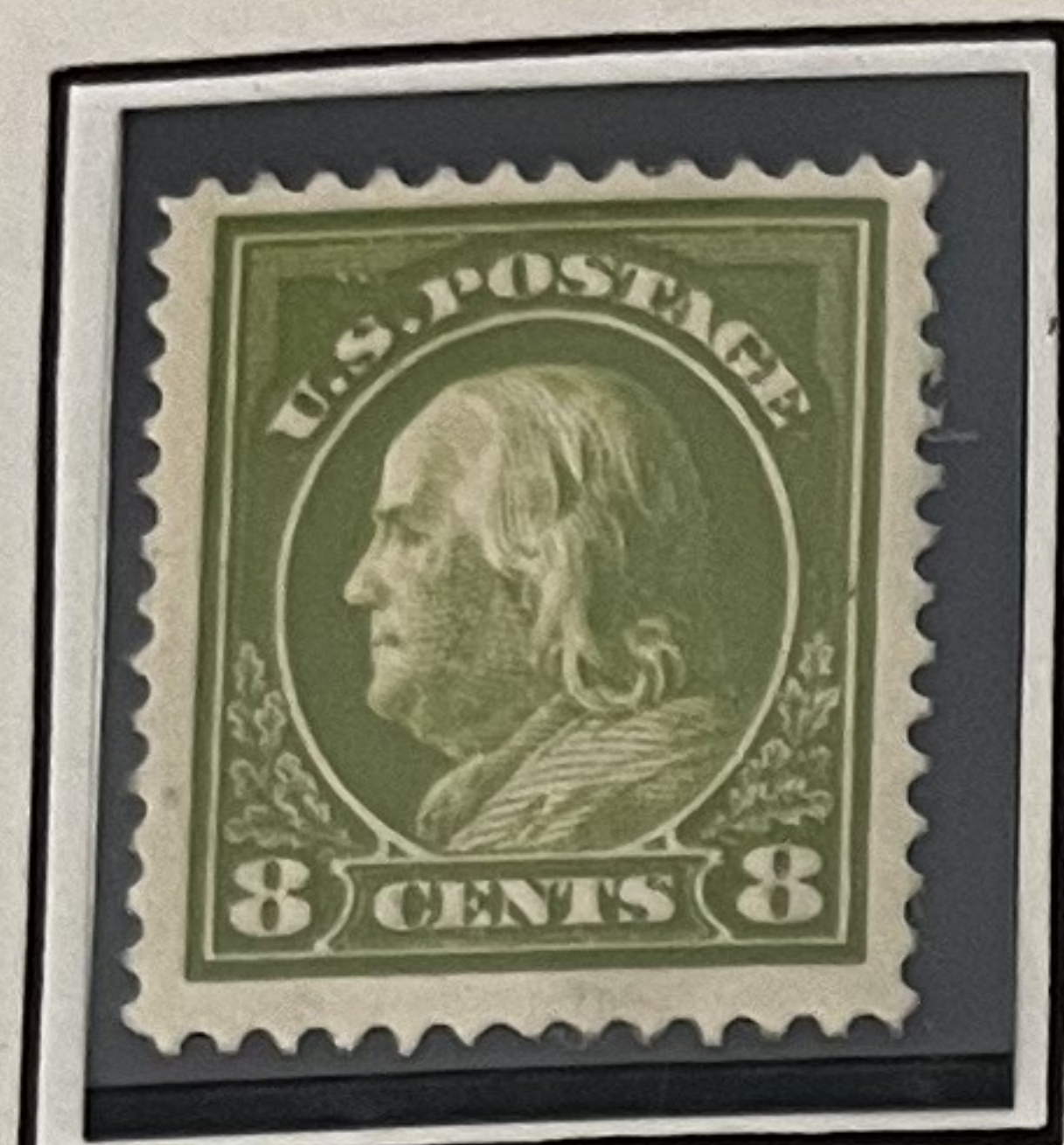
THIS series of coil stamps featured the designs of the previous regular issues. As an experiment the Bureau of Engraving and Printing used a 8 1/2 perforation instead of the usual 12 in an effort to find a more suitable size. The 3c perforated 12 stamp of this series is the rarest coil only a few being used at Orangeburg, N. Y. and for that reason is omitted from this album.



Issue of 1912-14

PERFORATED 12

SINGLE-LINE WATERMARK



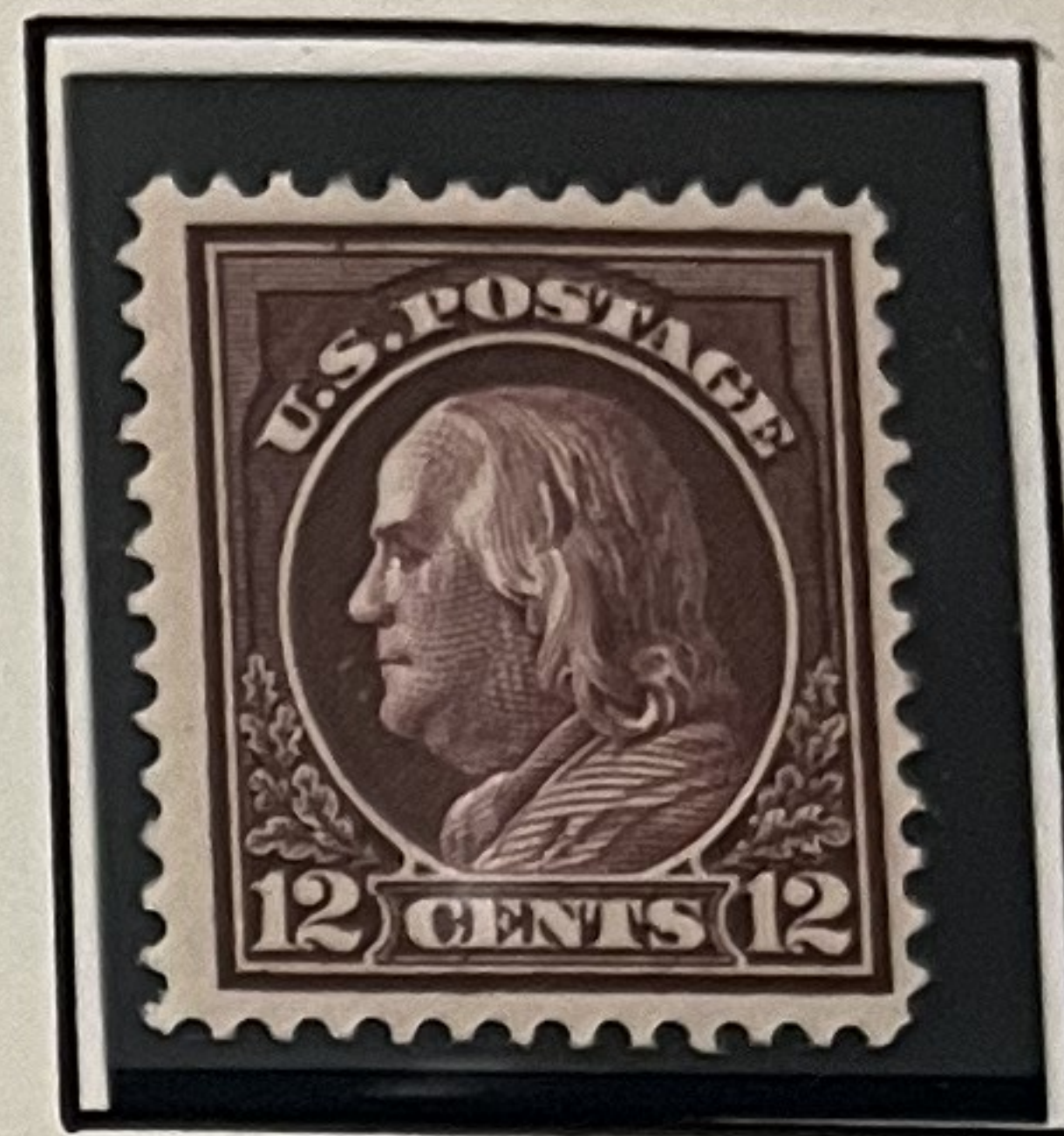
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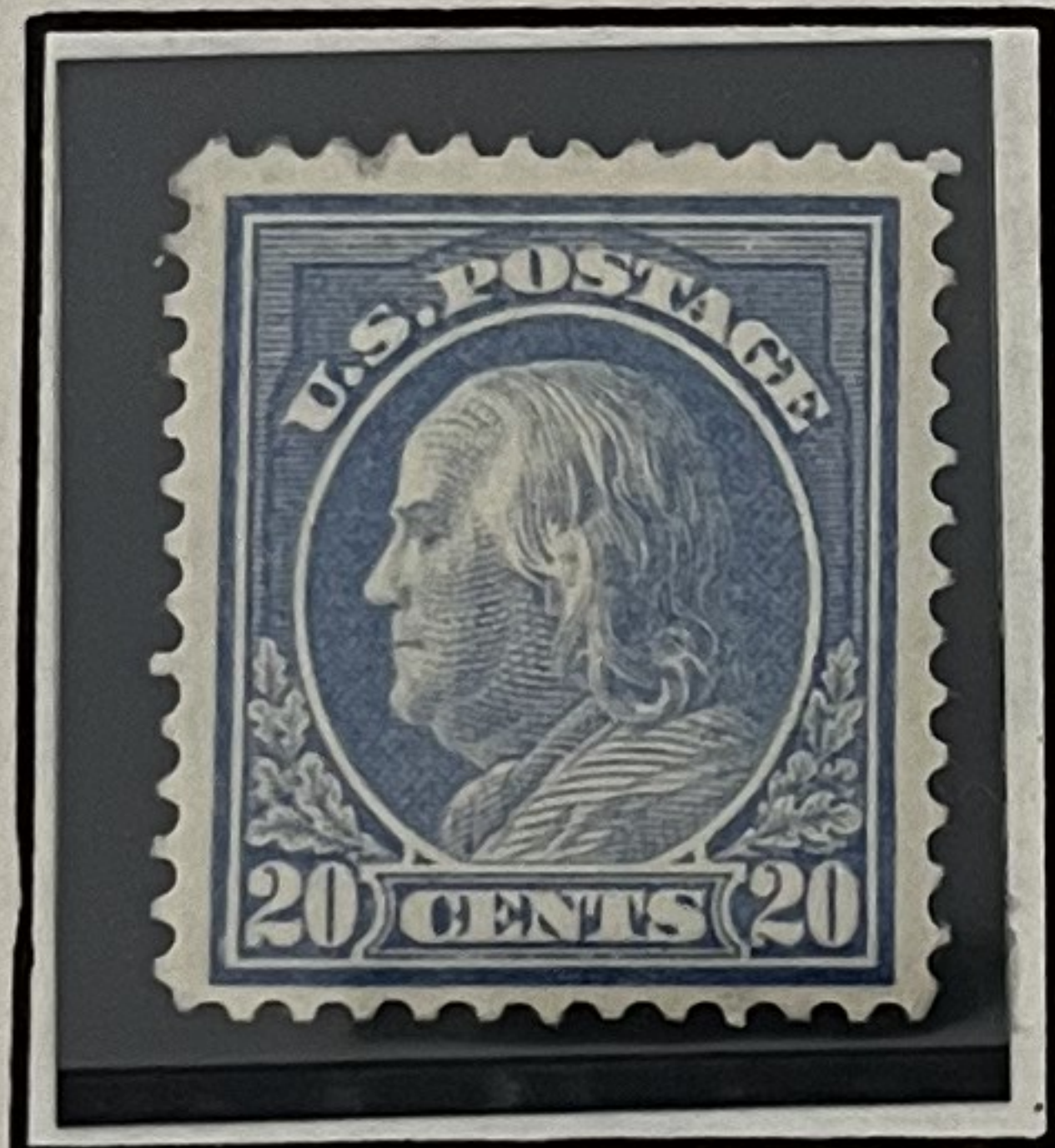
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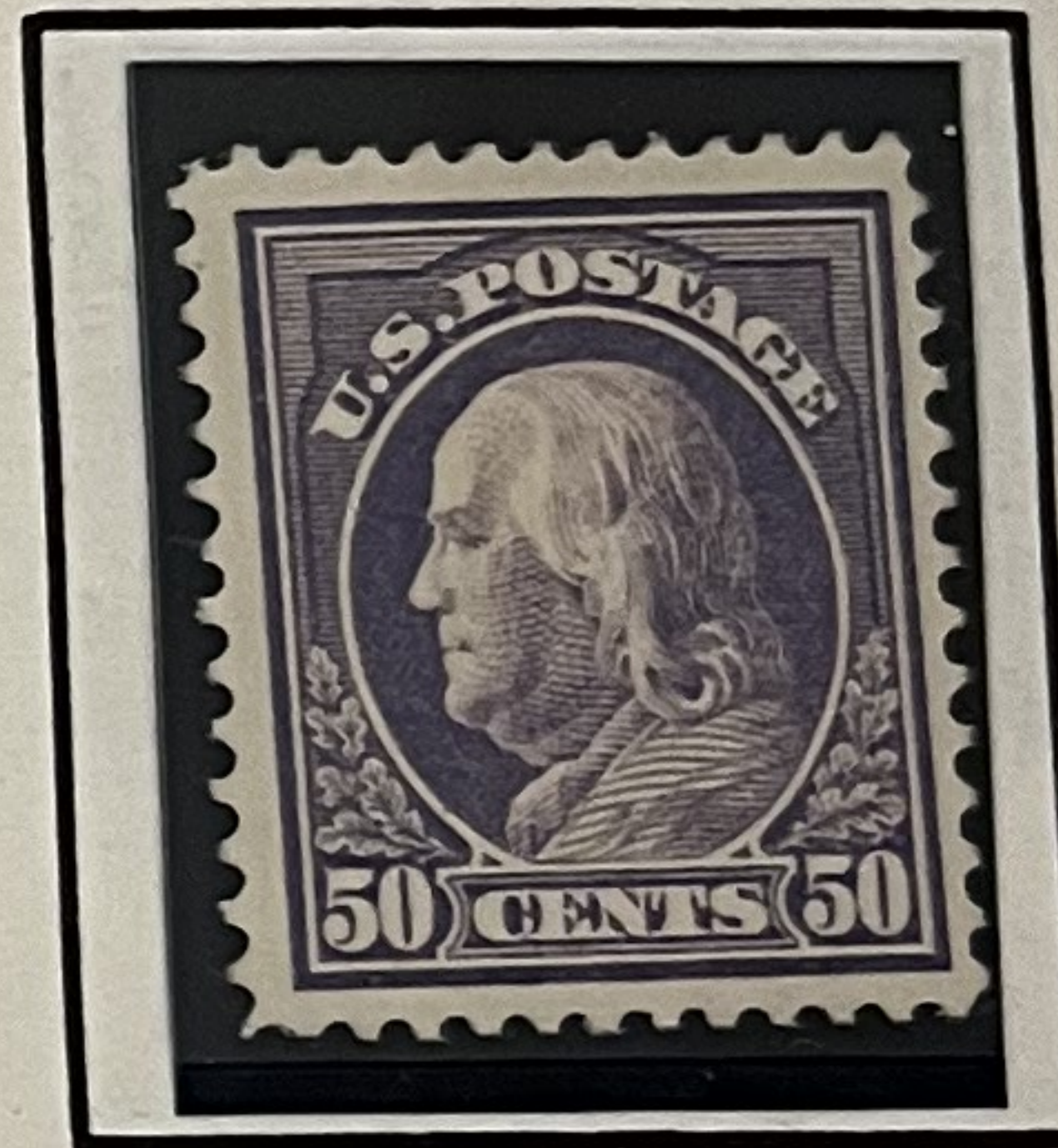
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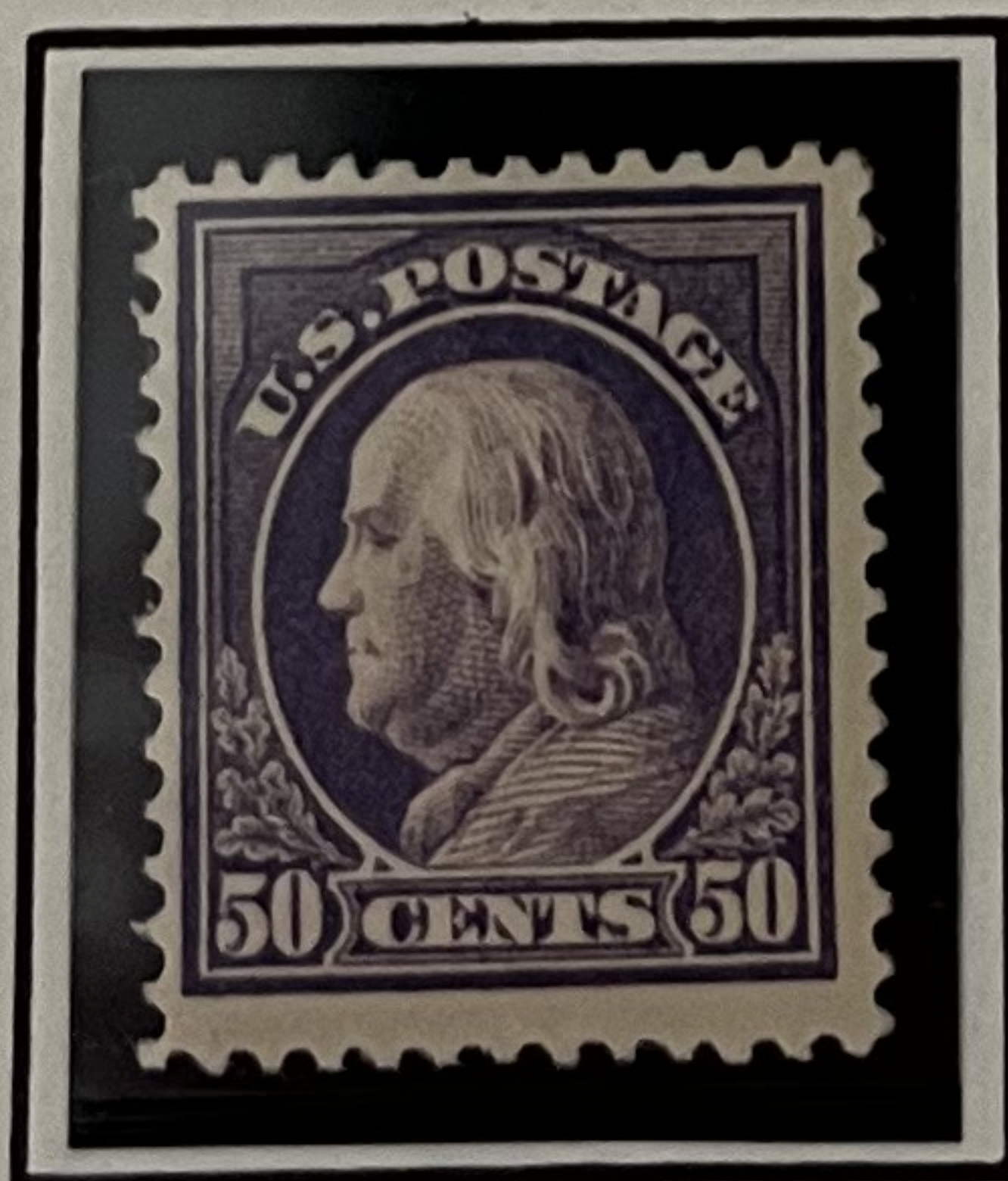


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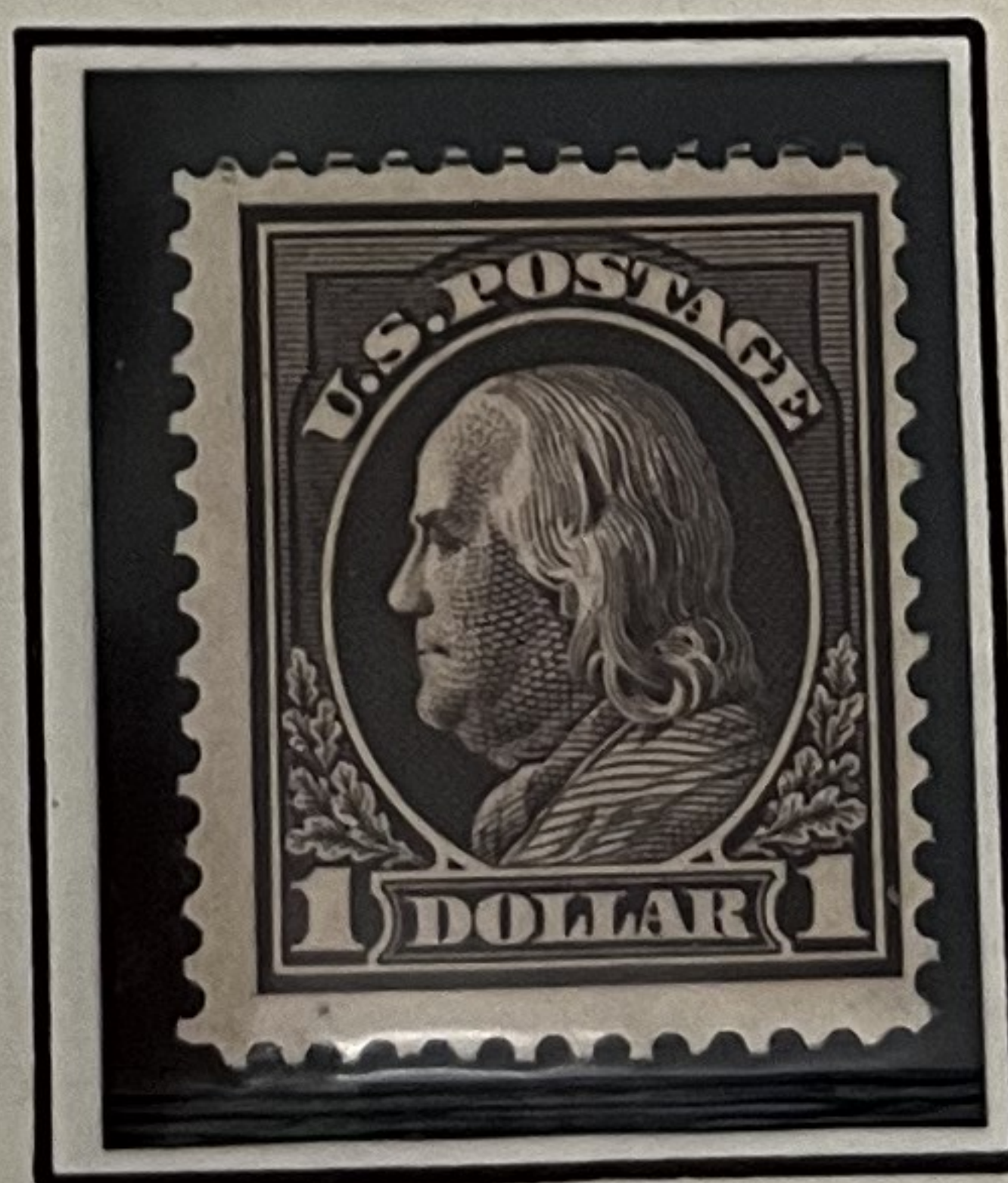


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DOUBLE-LINE WATERMARK

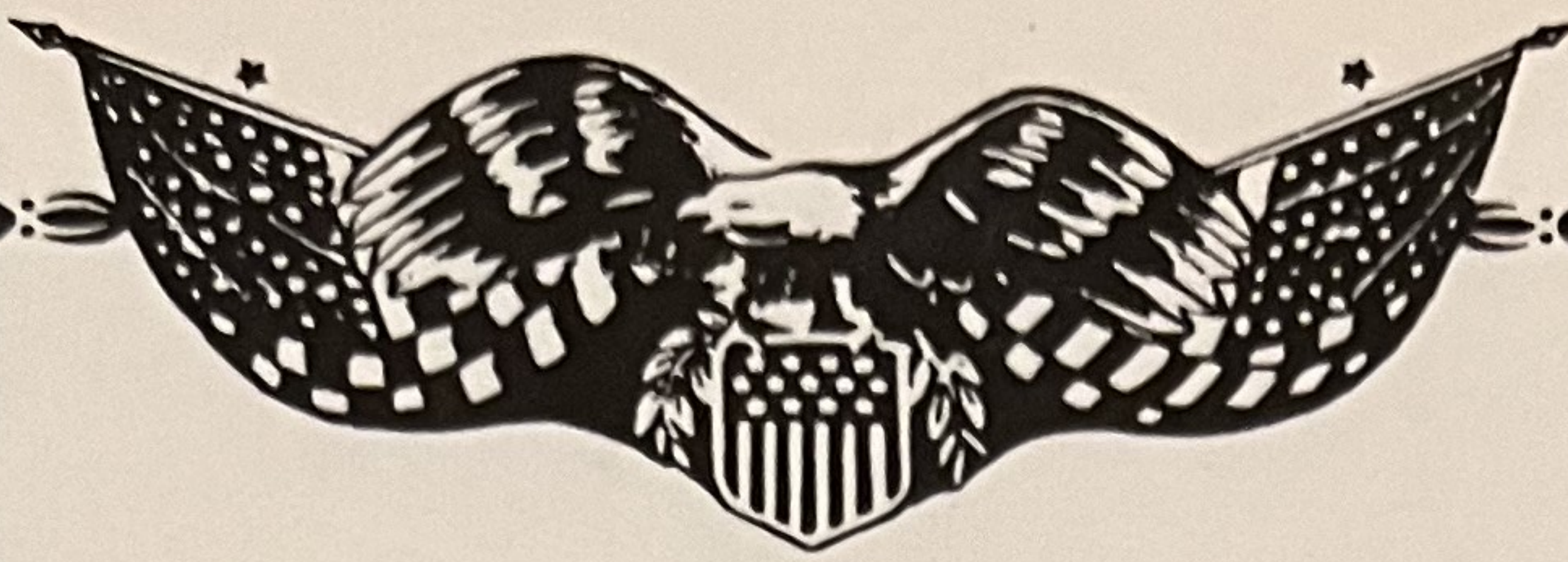


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THE portrait of Benjamin Franklin was featured on the entire set of this issue. The 50¢ denomination appeared with both types of watermark.



Issue of 1914-15

PERFORATED 10

SINGLE-LINE WATERMARK



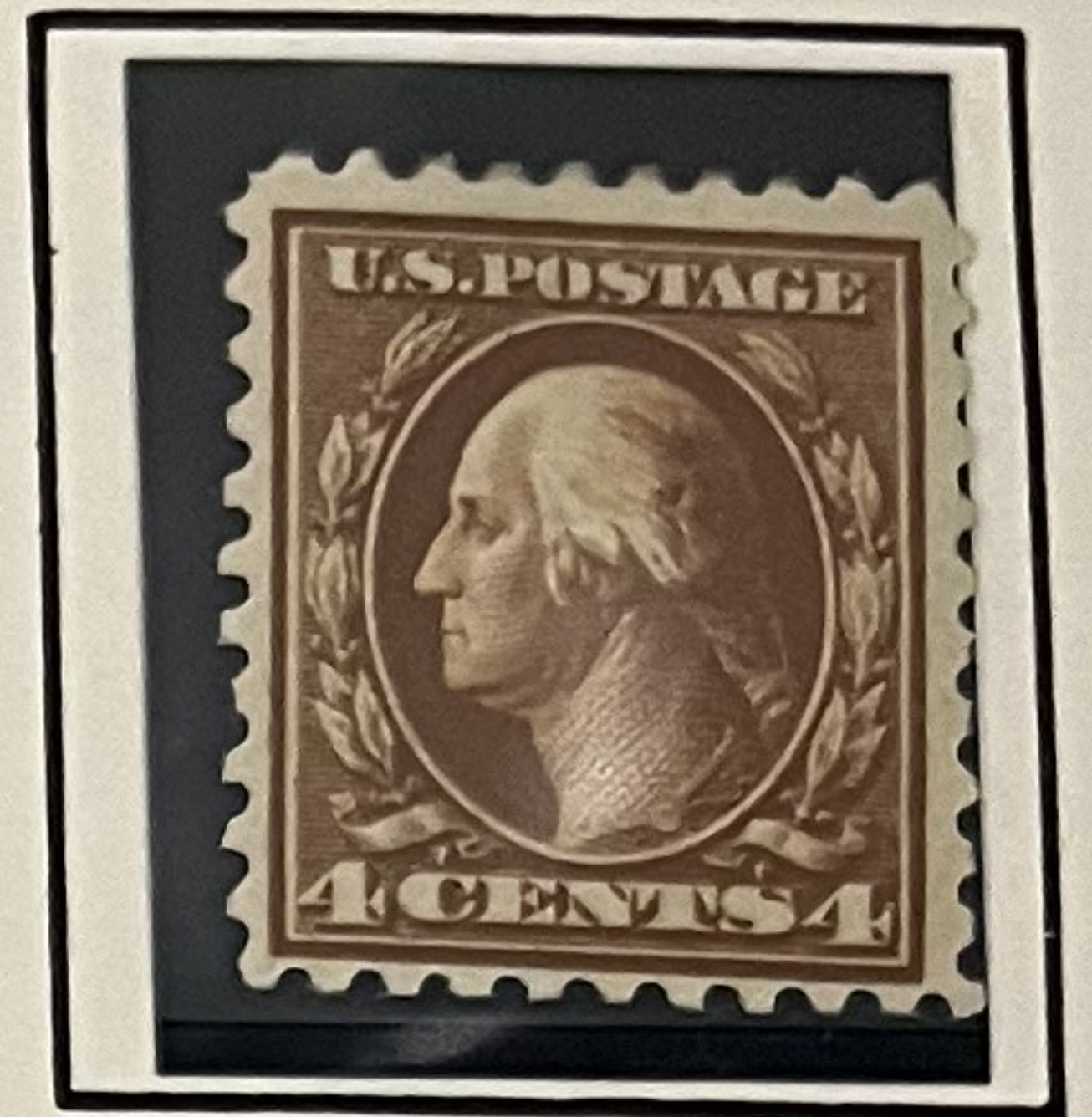
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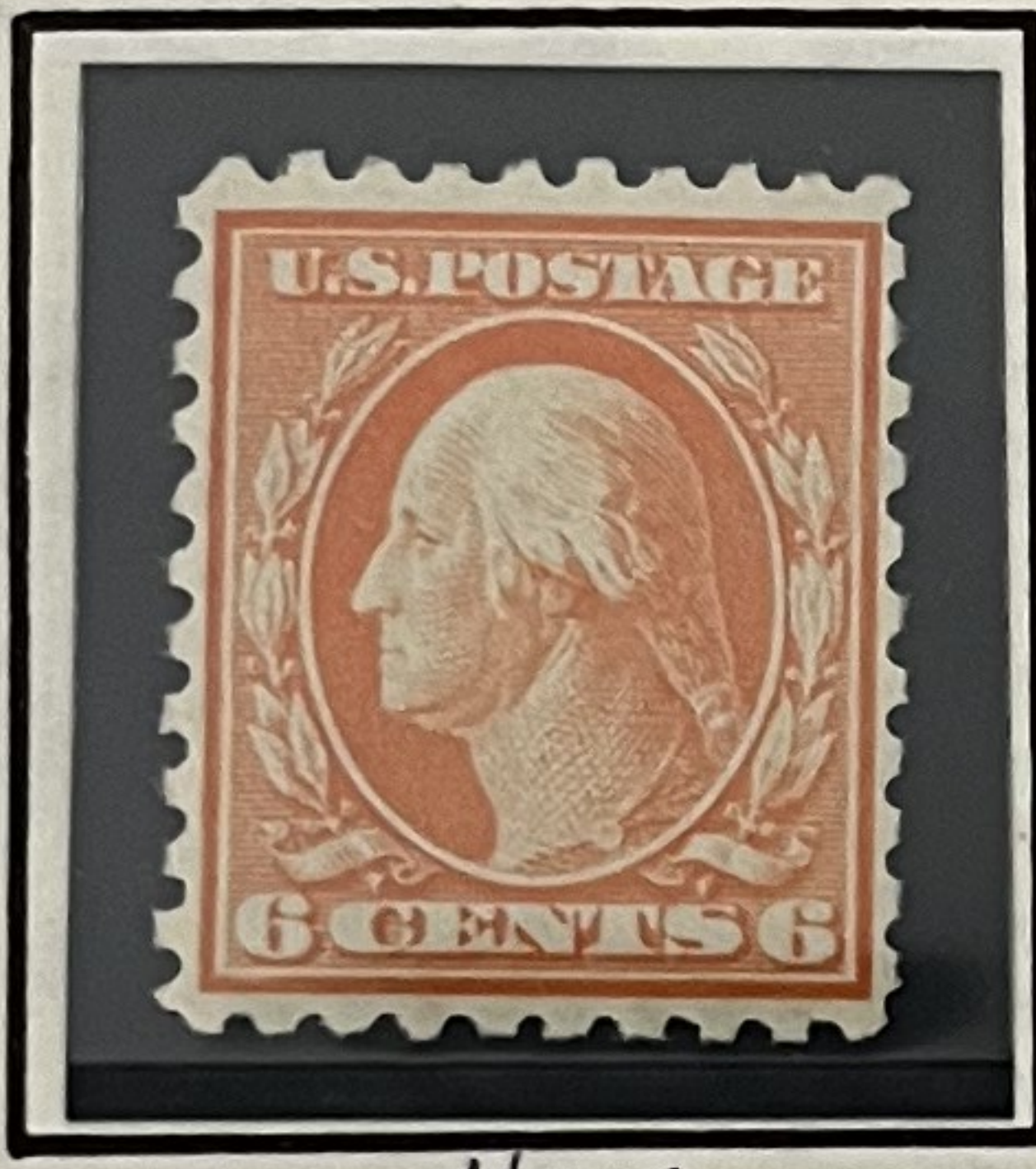
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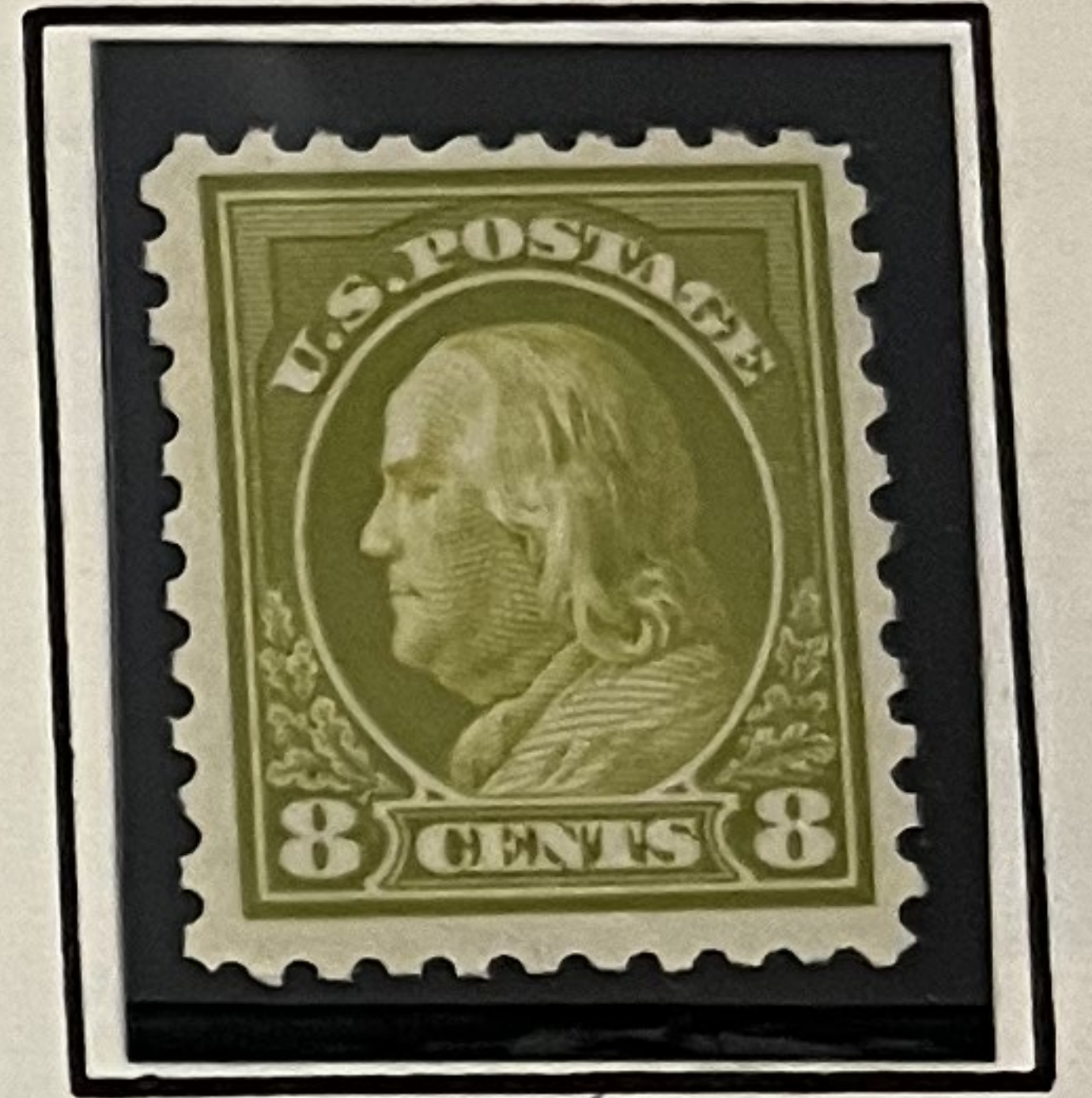
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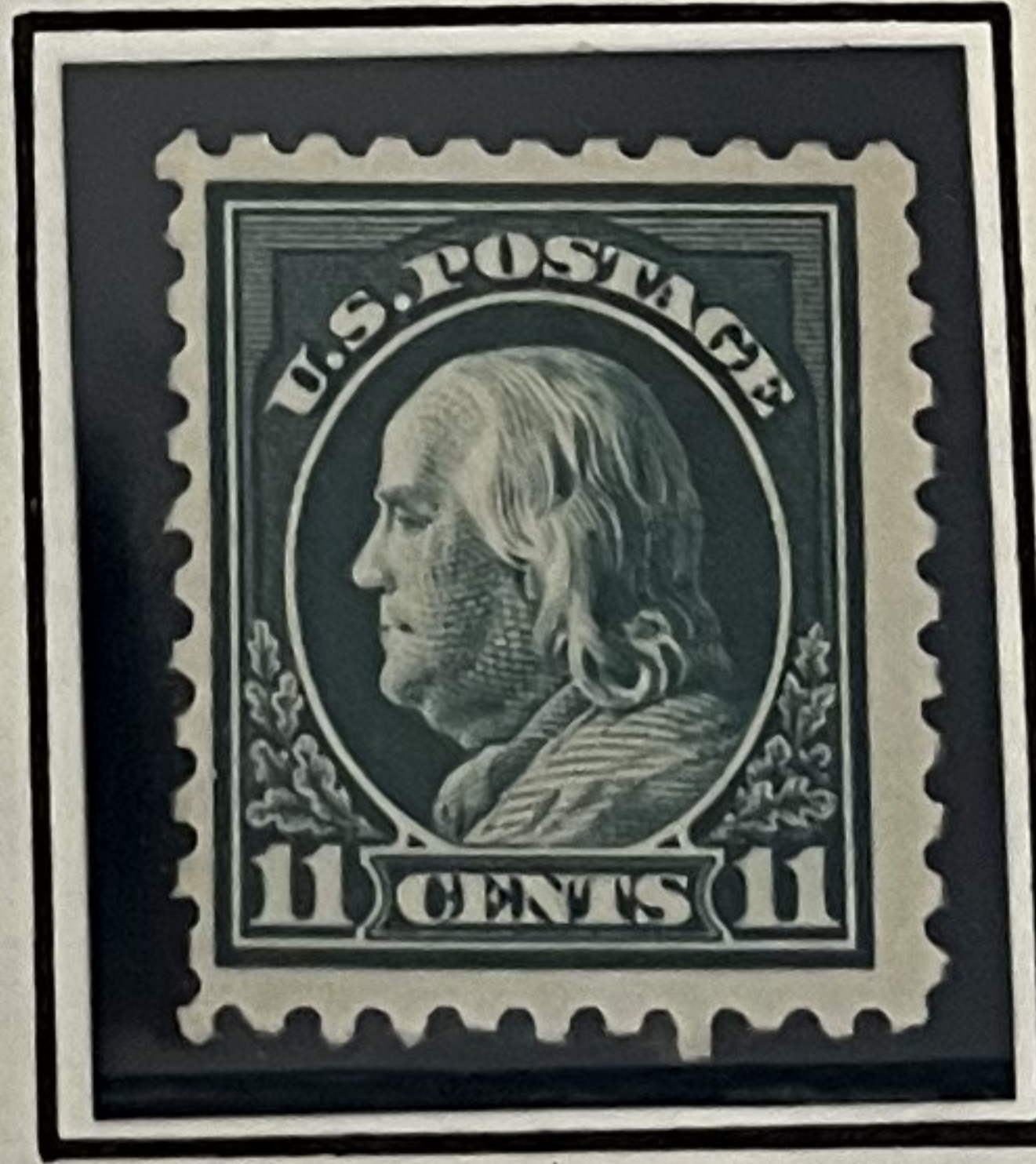
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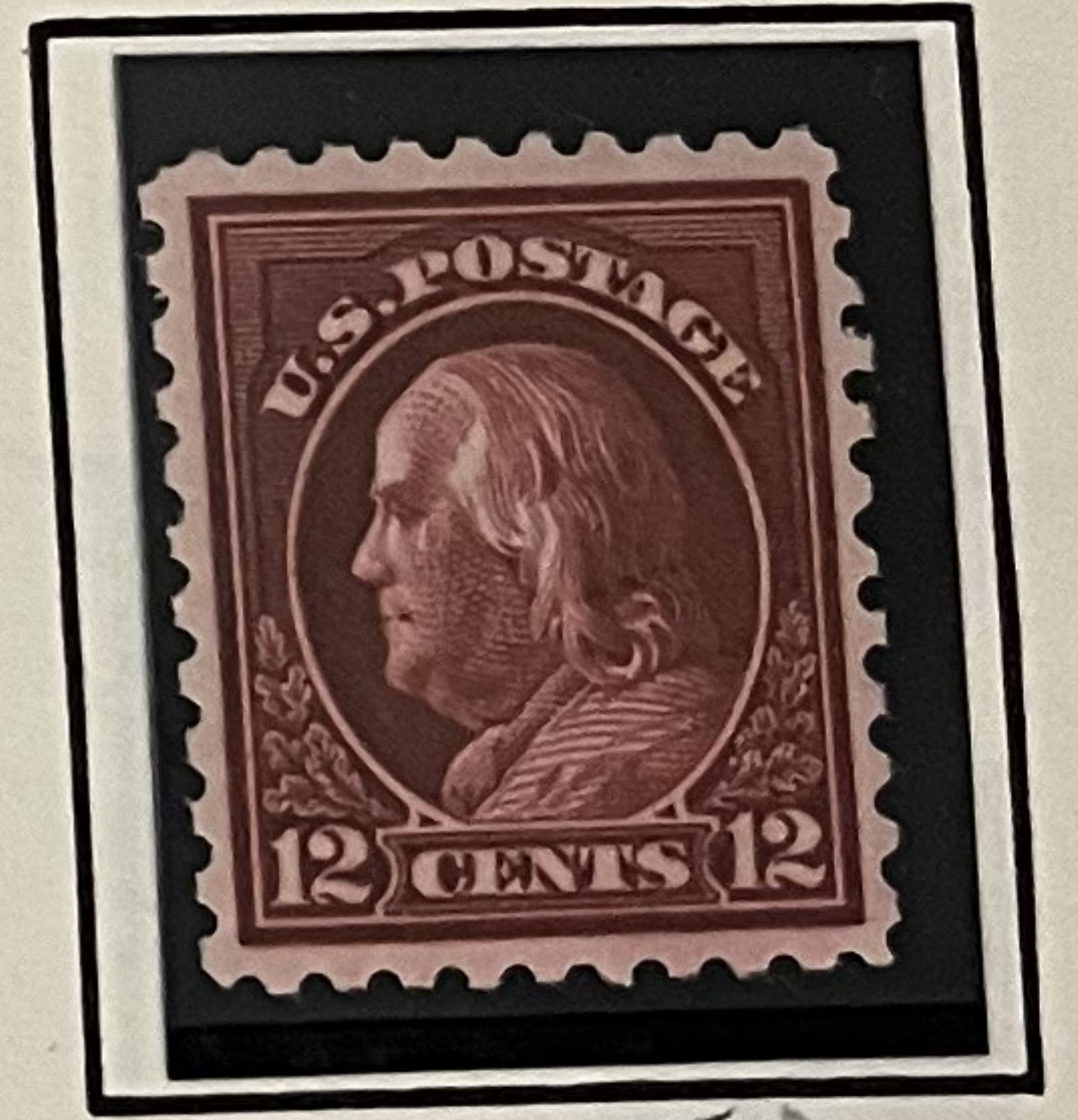
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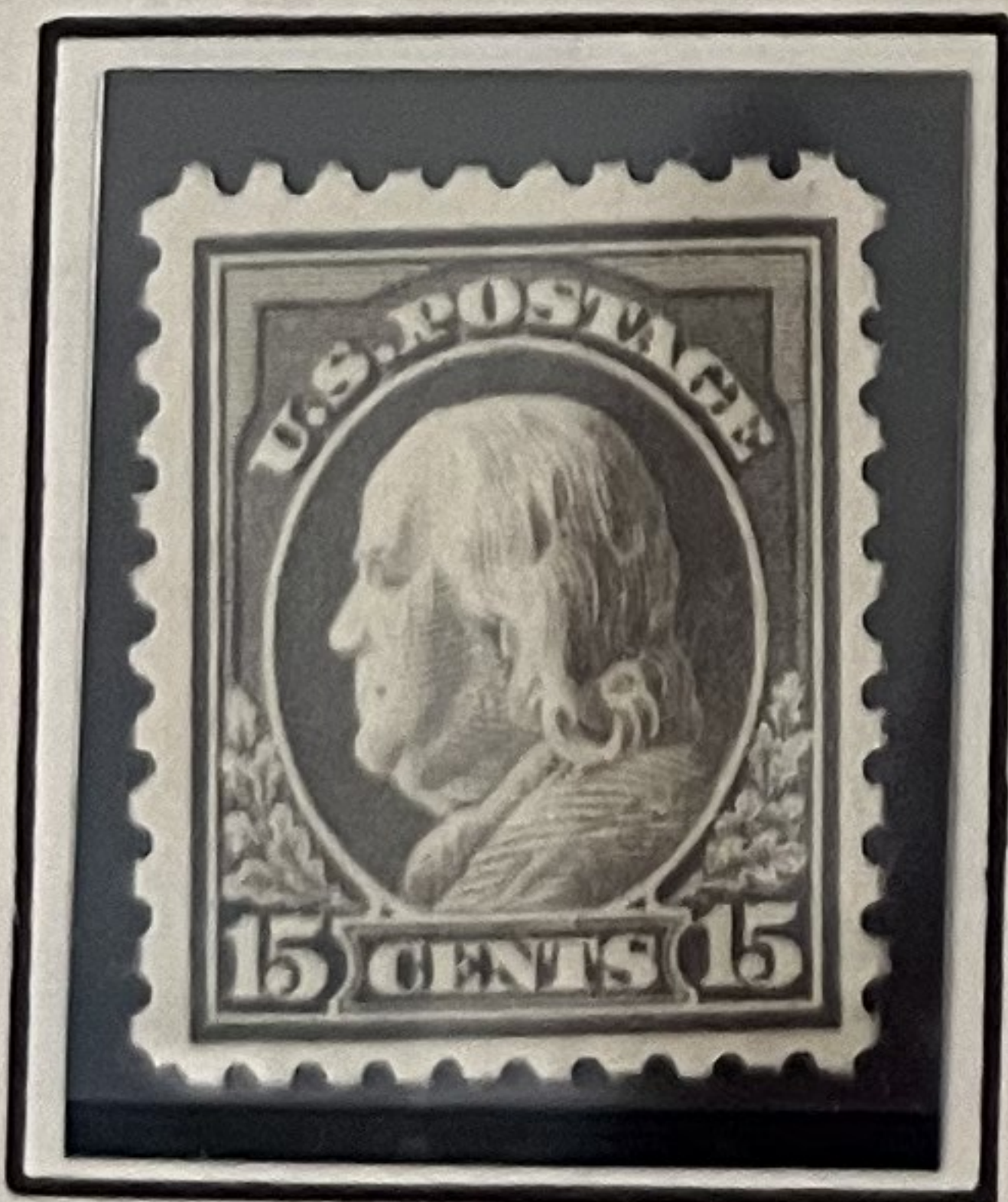
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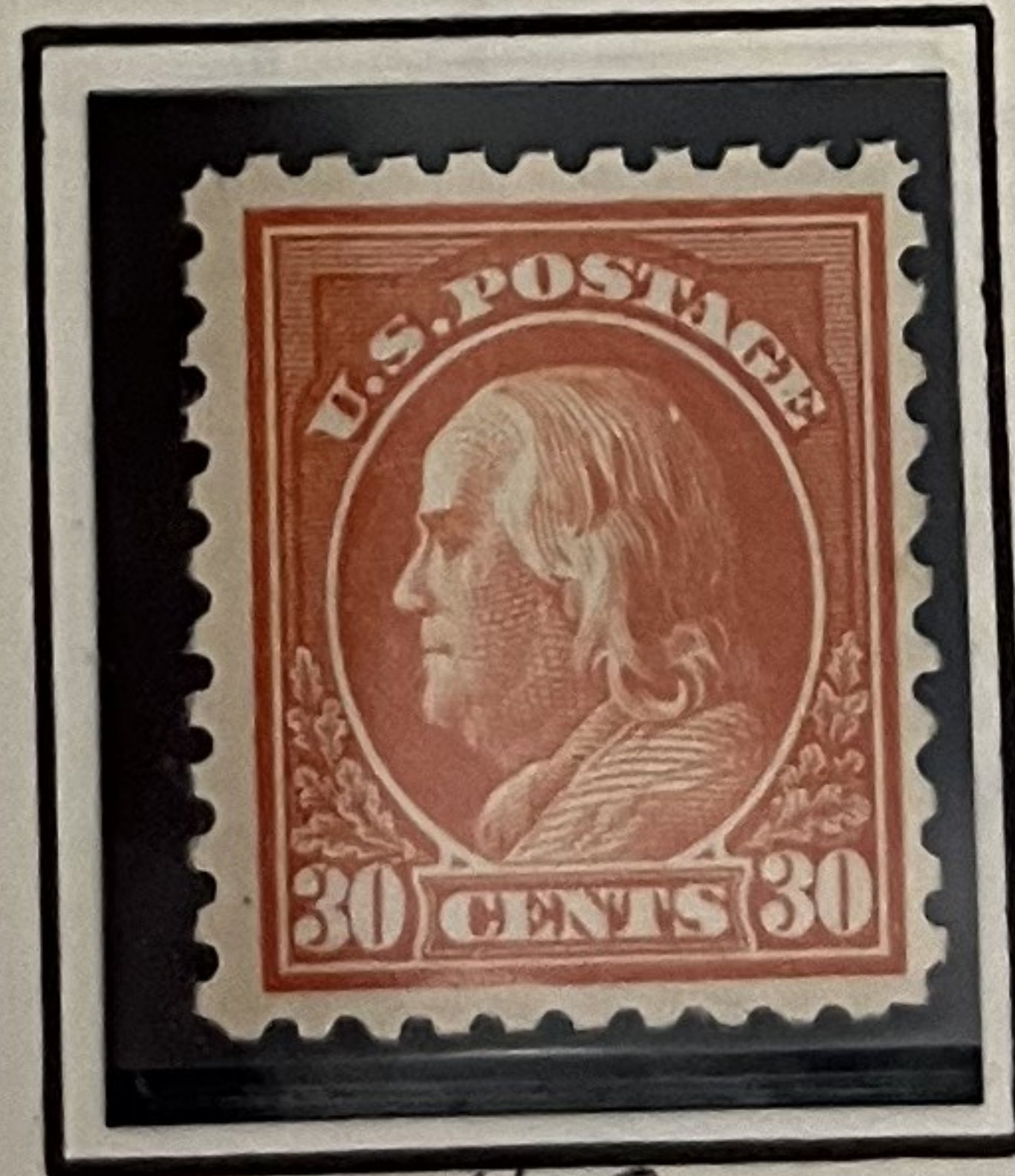
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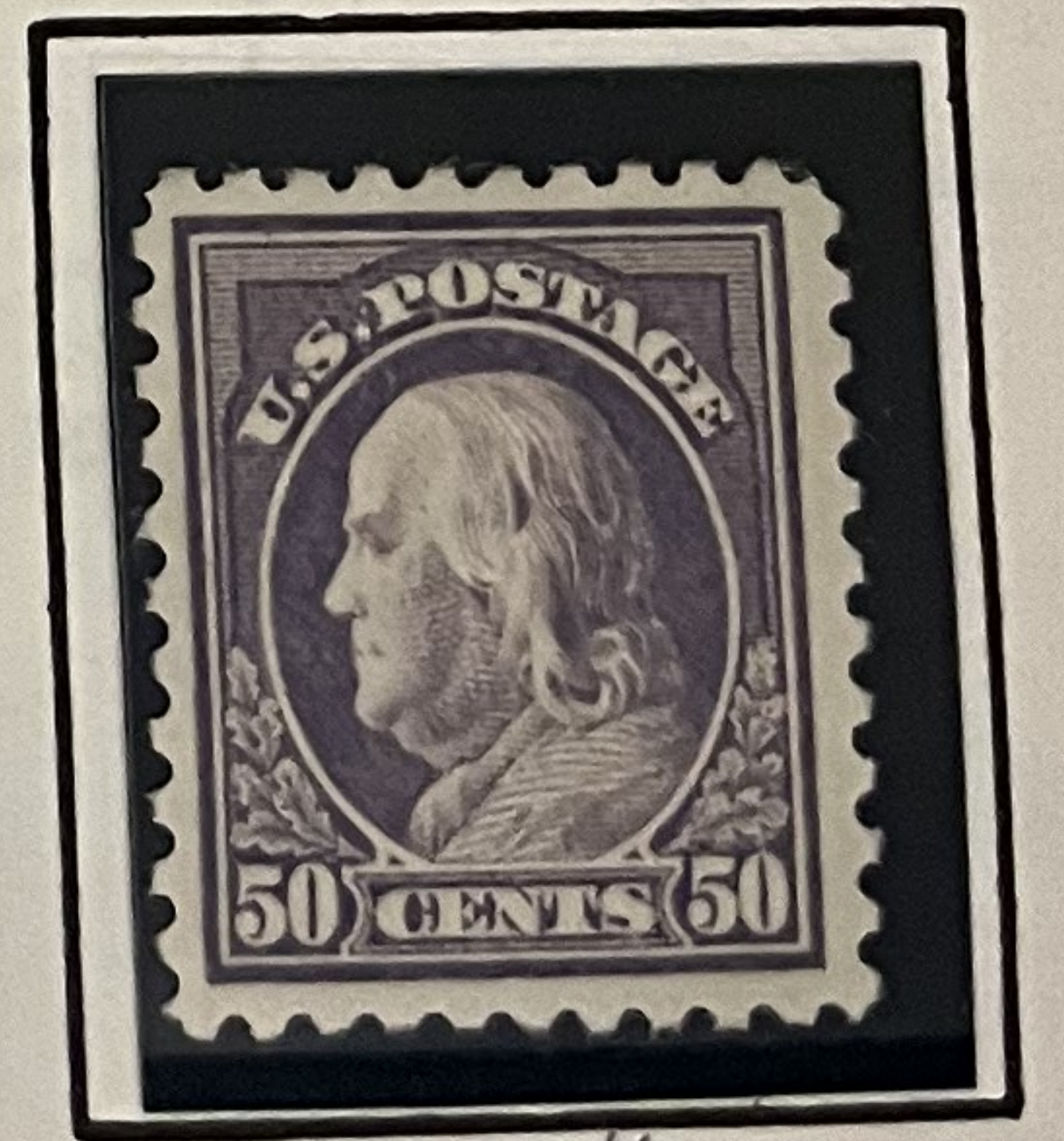
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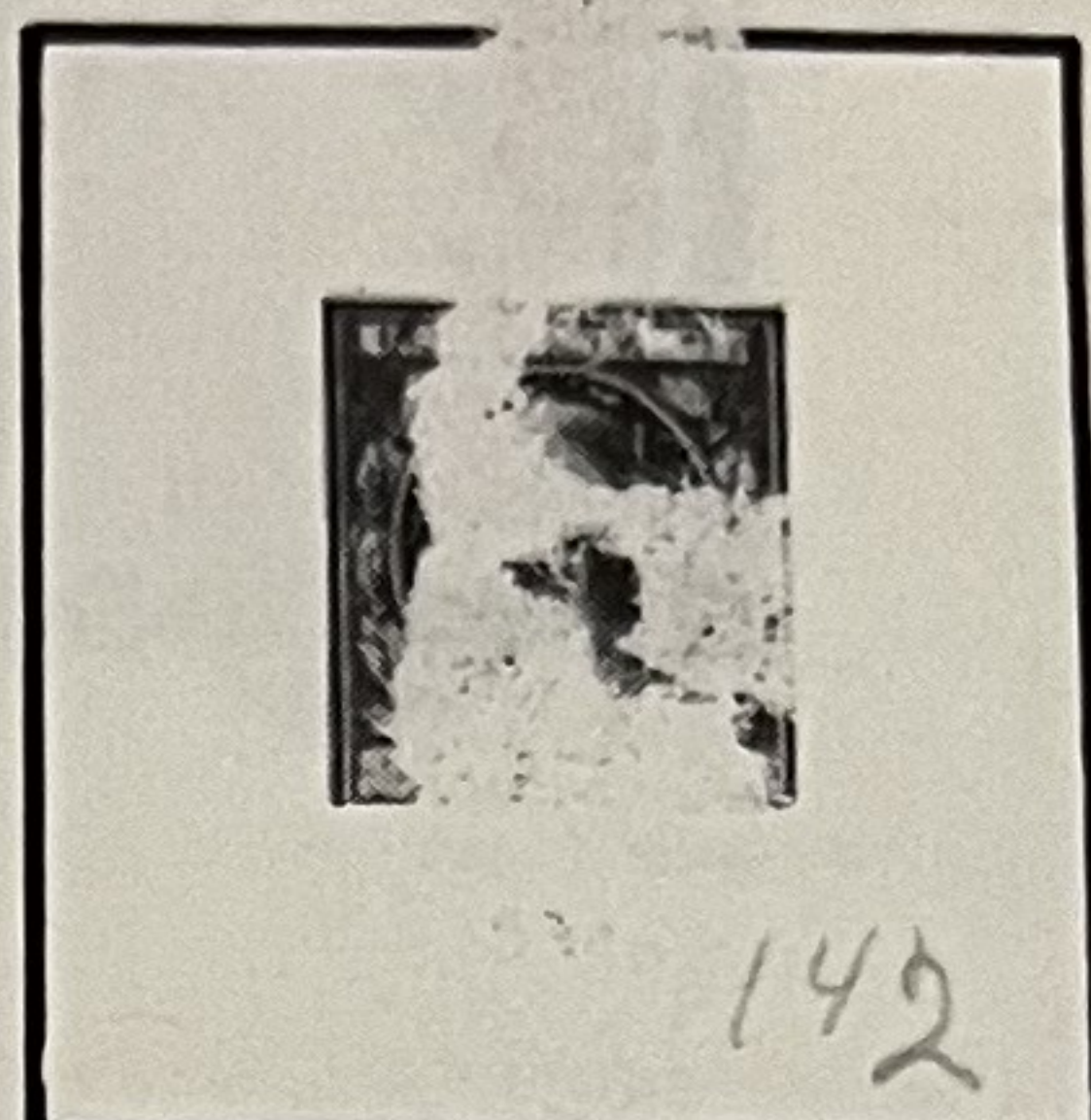
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THE portraits of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin were again used as the prominent part of the design on this issue. The larger-holed perforation 10 was placed in use to prevent sheets from falling apart due to the fineness of the perforation 12.



Issue of 1914

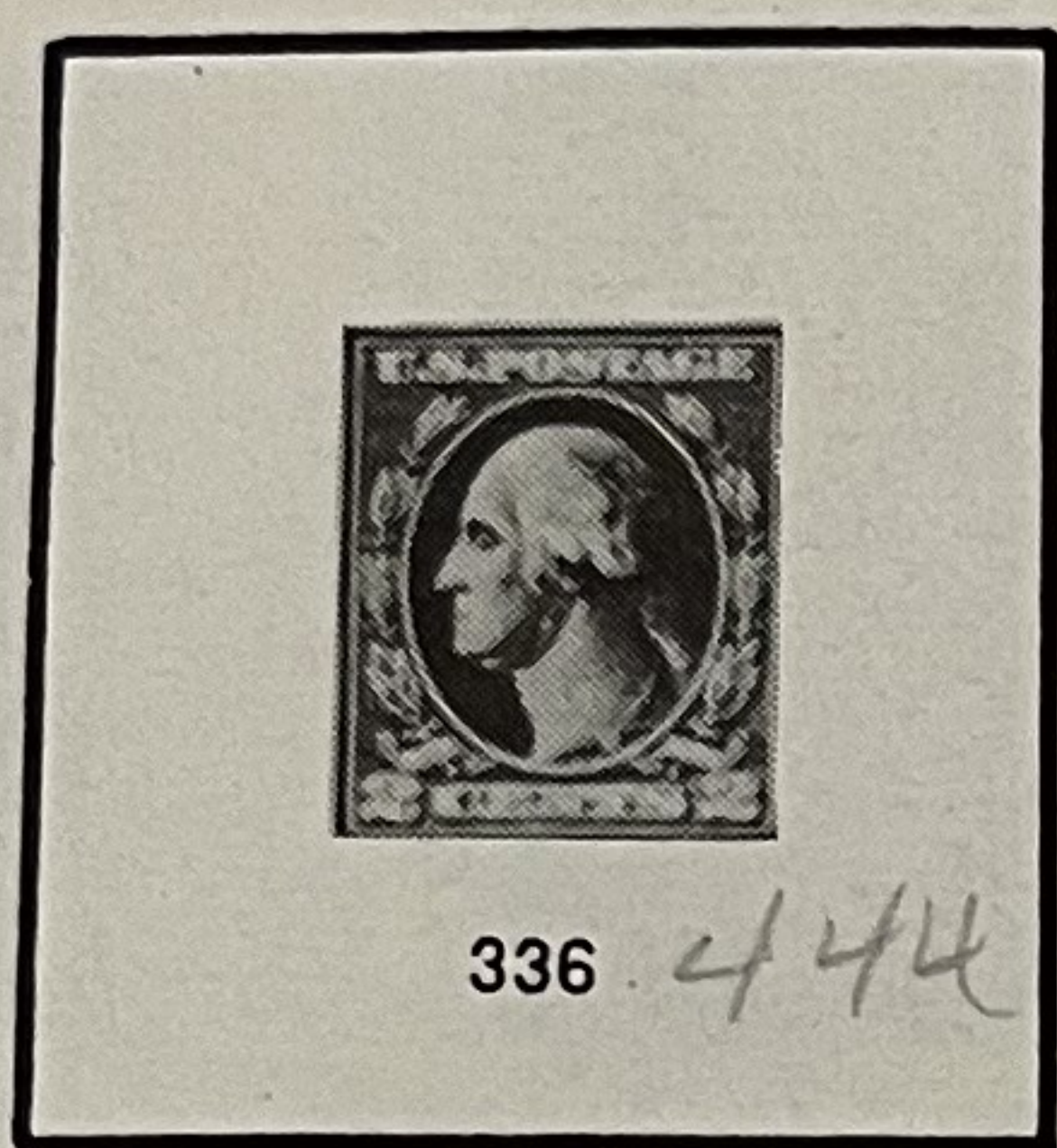
COIL STAMPS
PERFORATED 10 HORIZONTALLY
SINGLE-LINE WATERMARK



441 PERFORATED 10 VERTICALLY 442

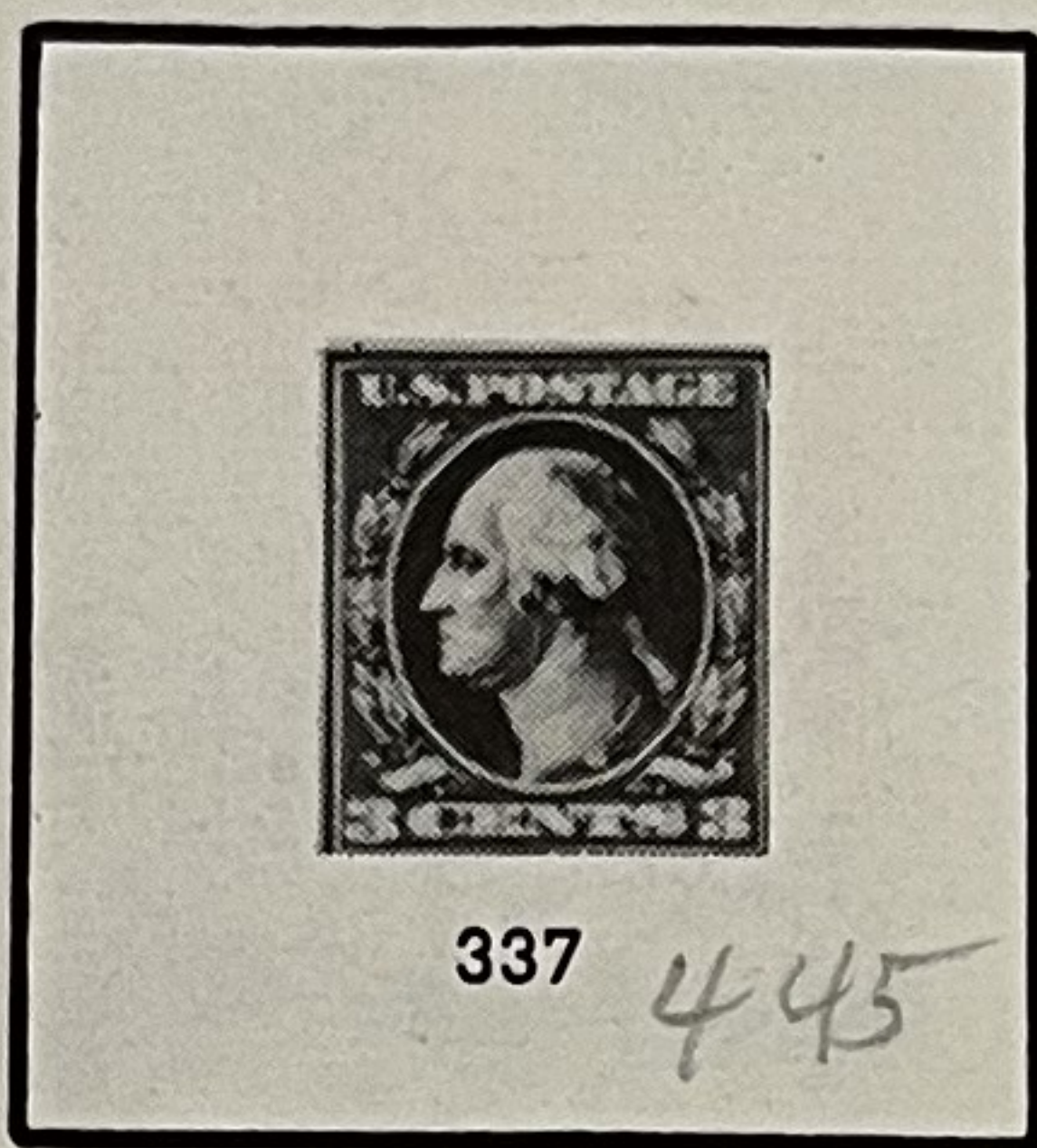


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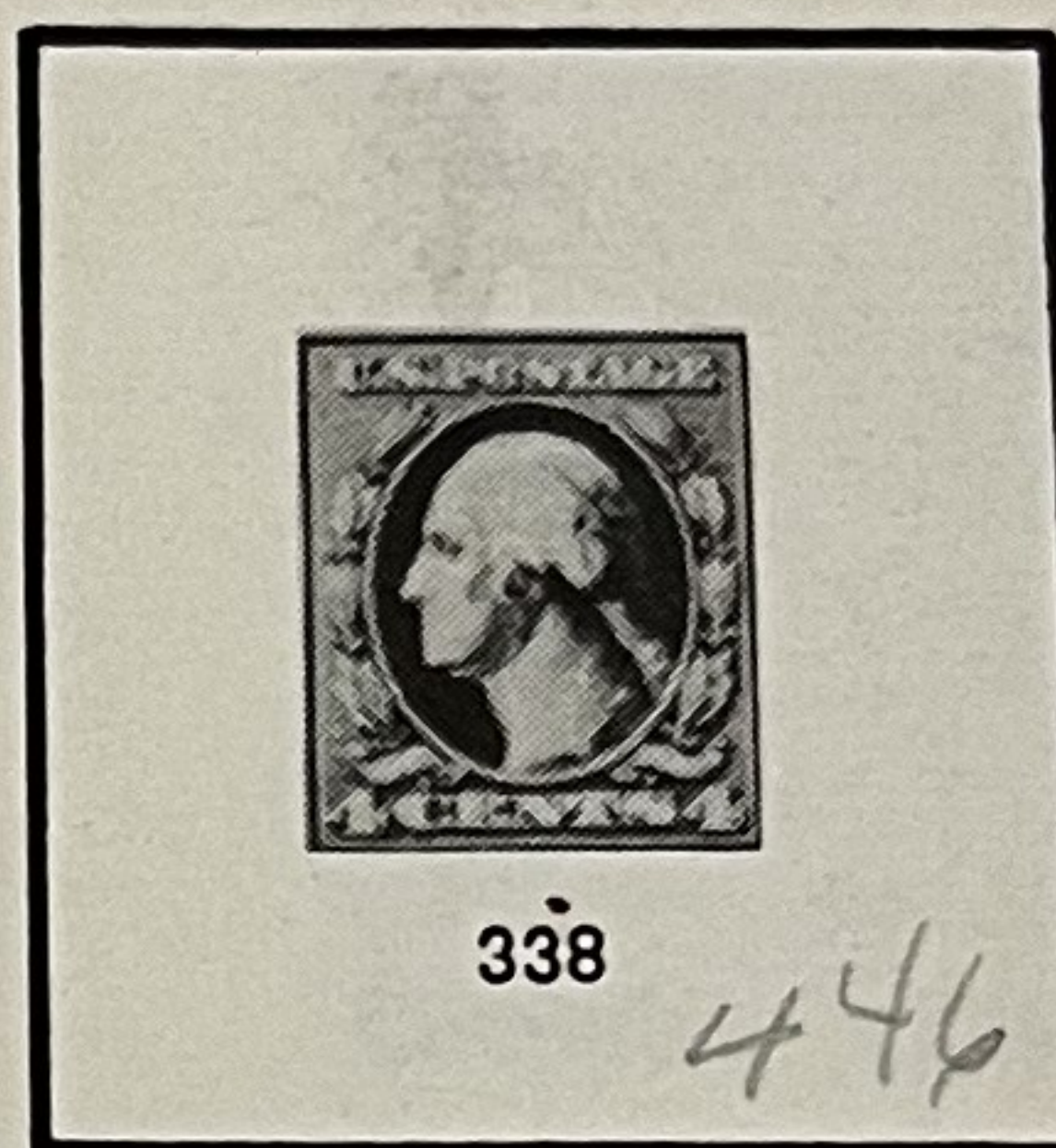
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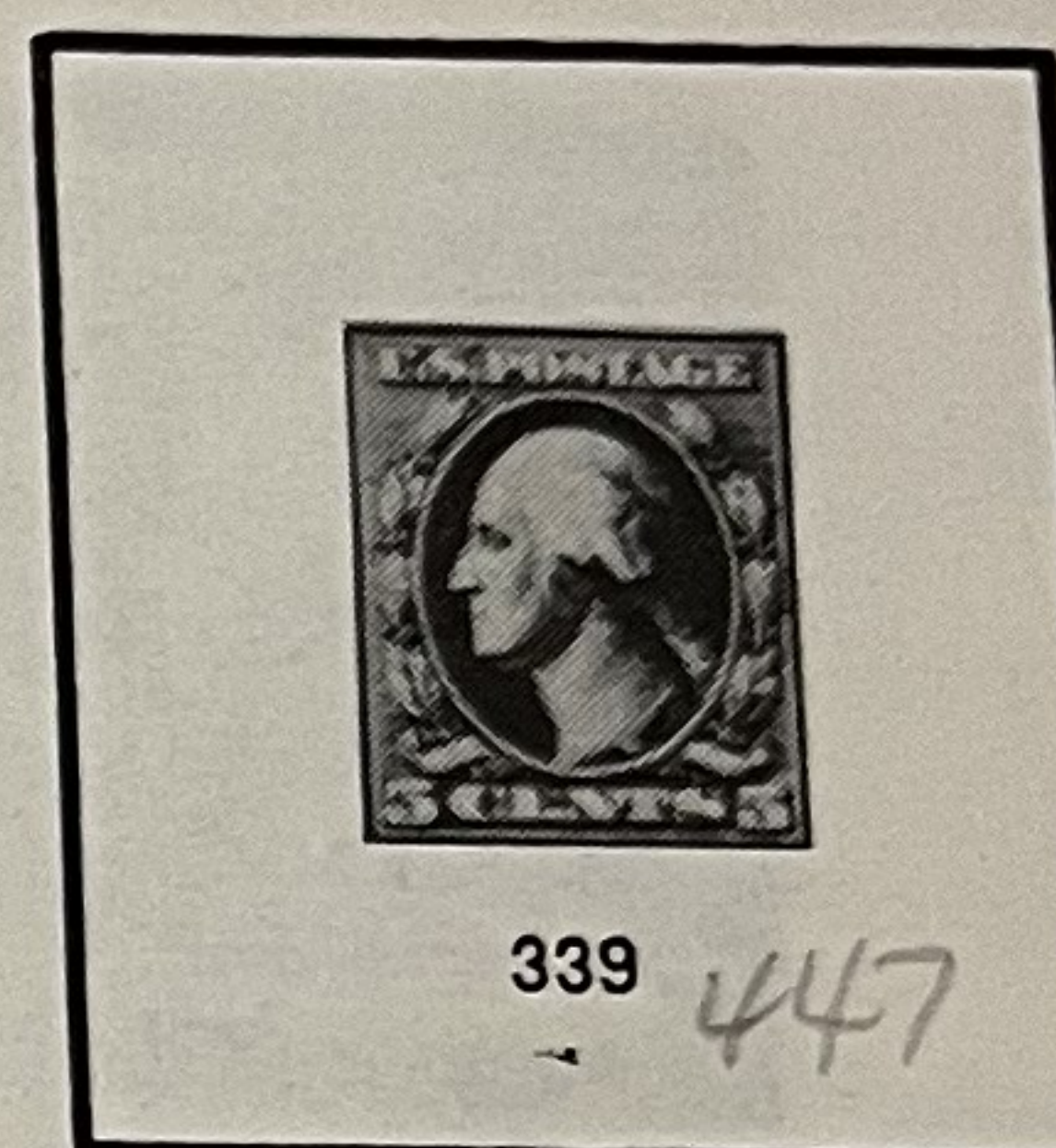
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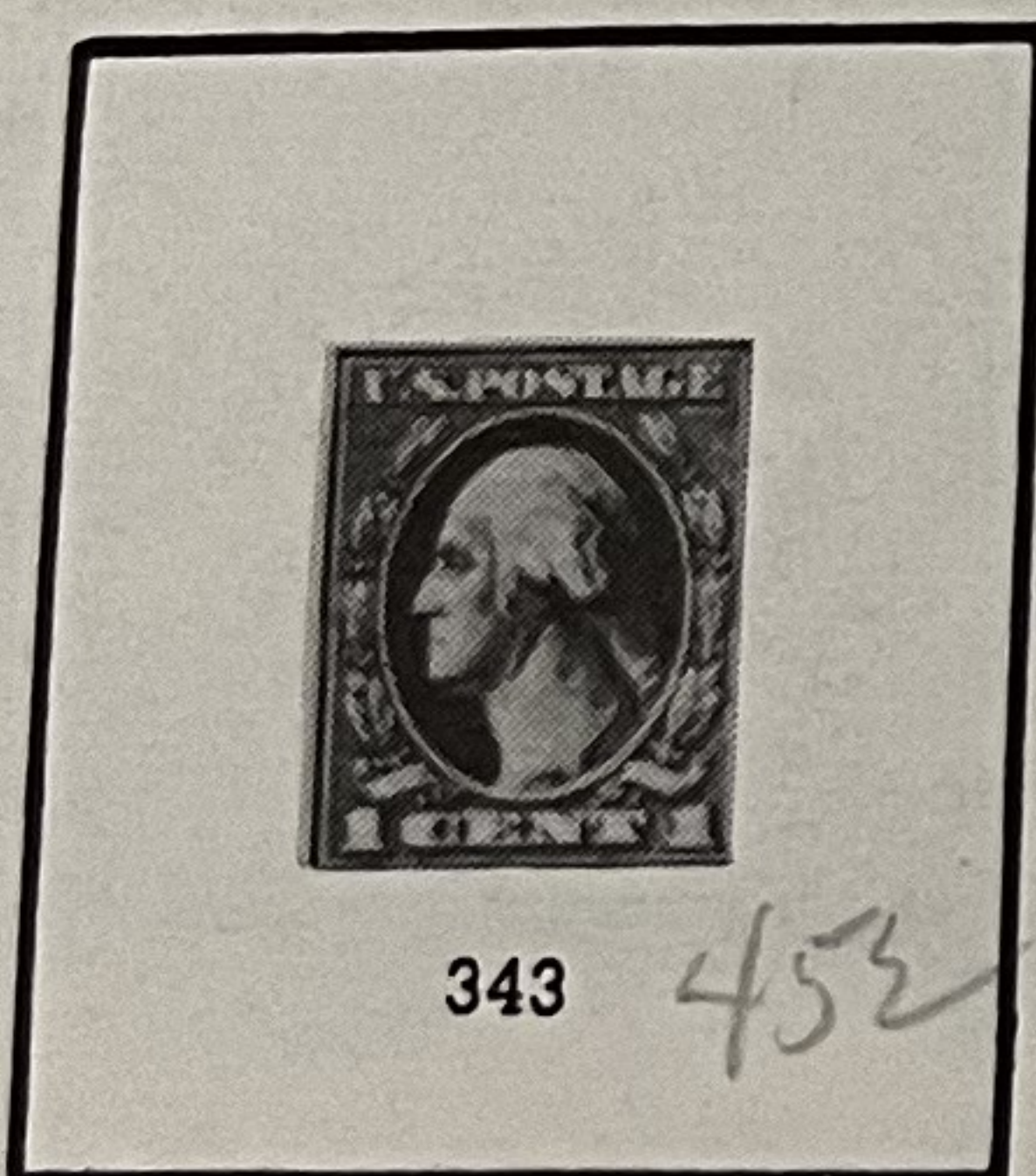


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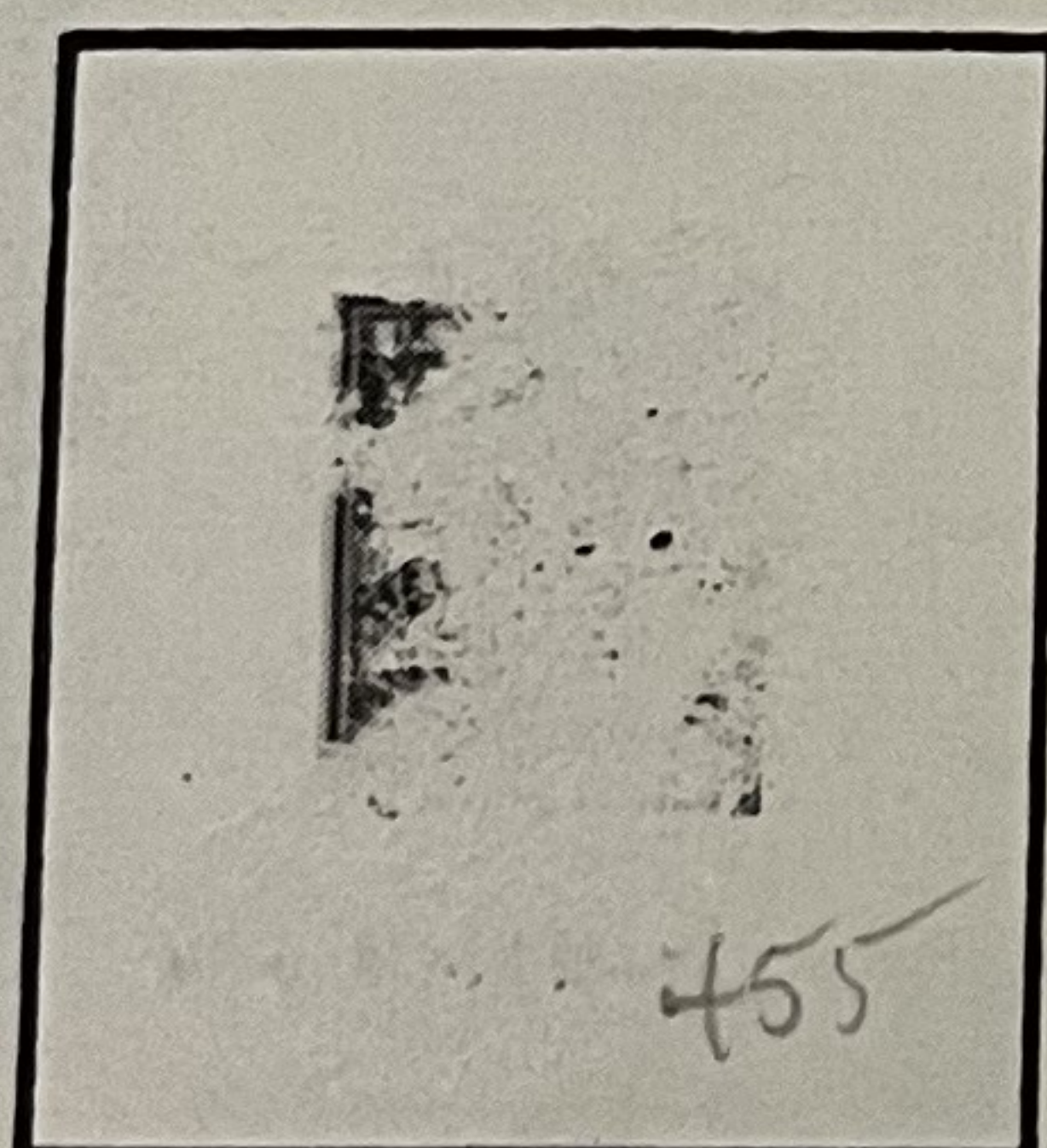
Issue of 1914-16

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING
PERFORATED 10 VERTICALLY



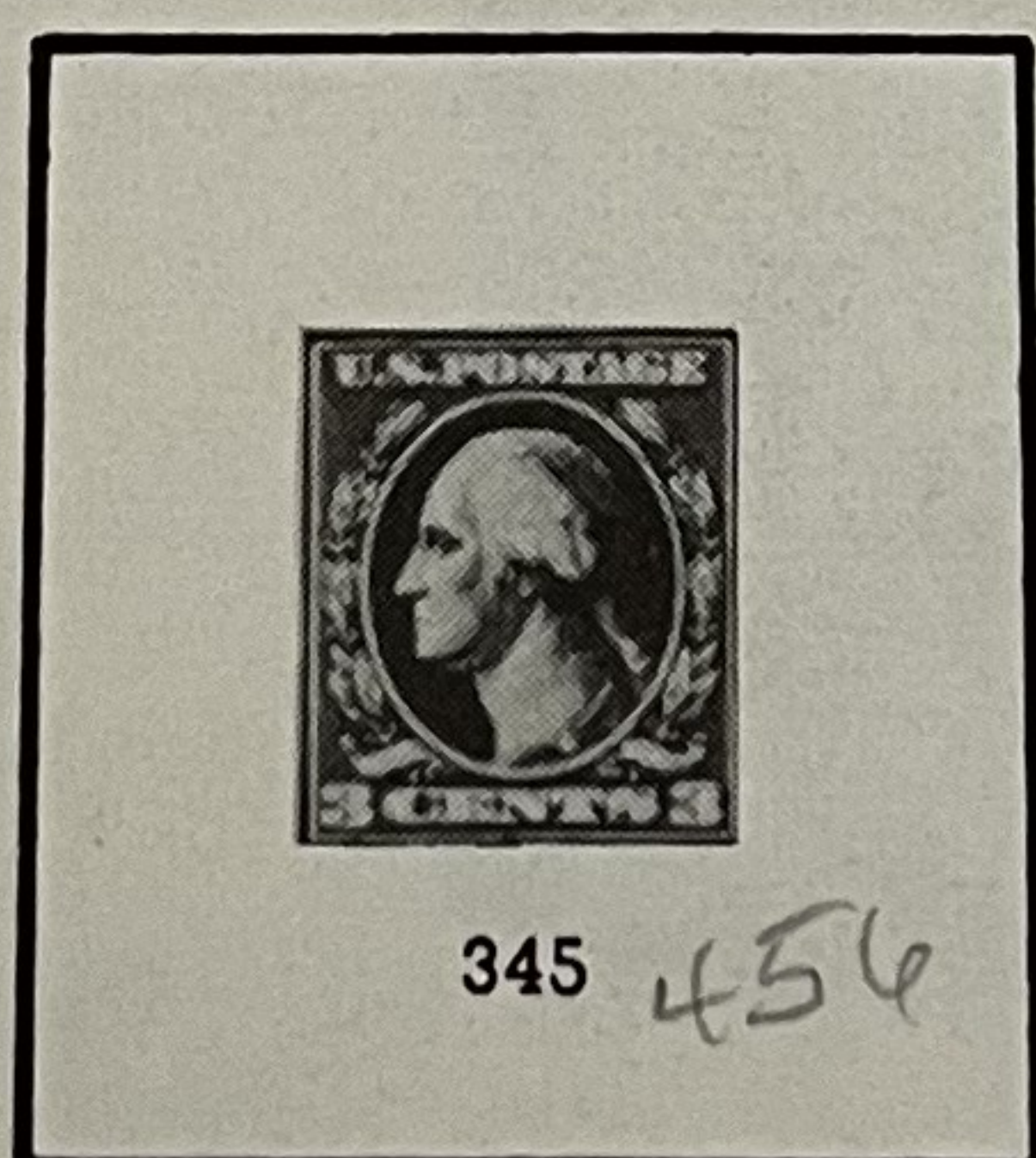
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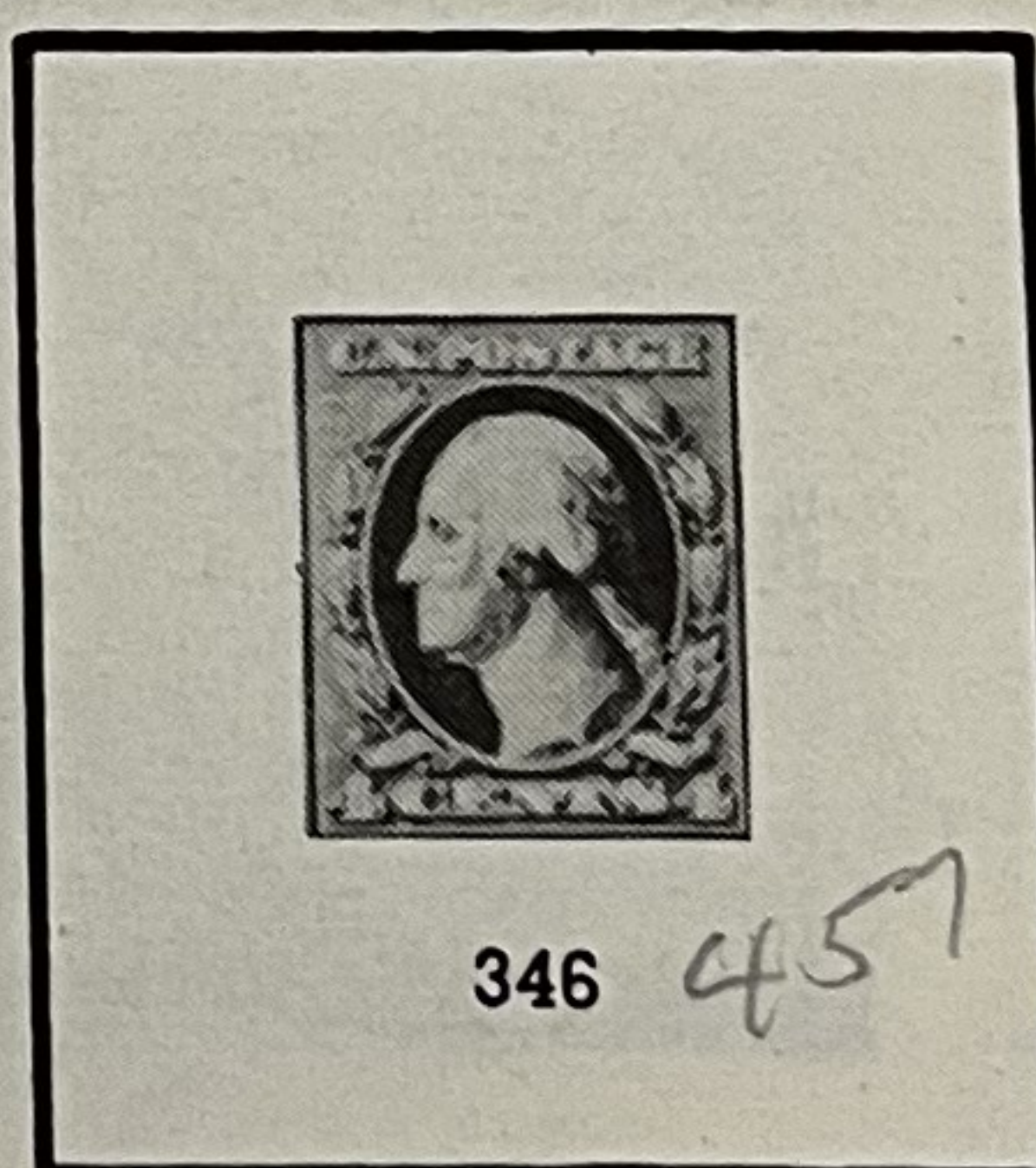
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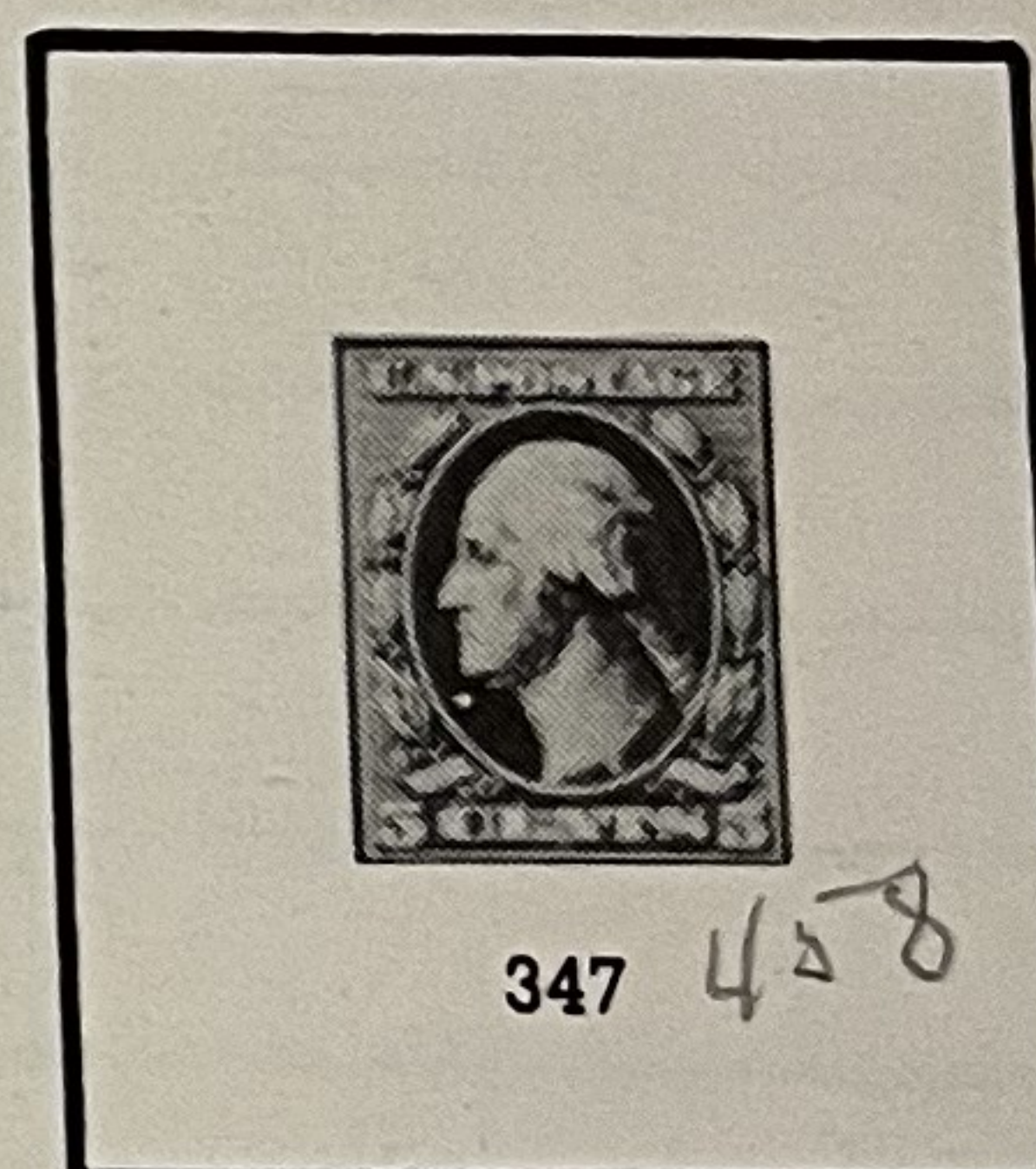
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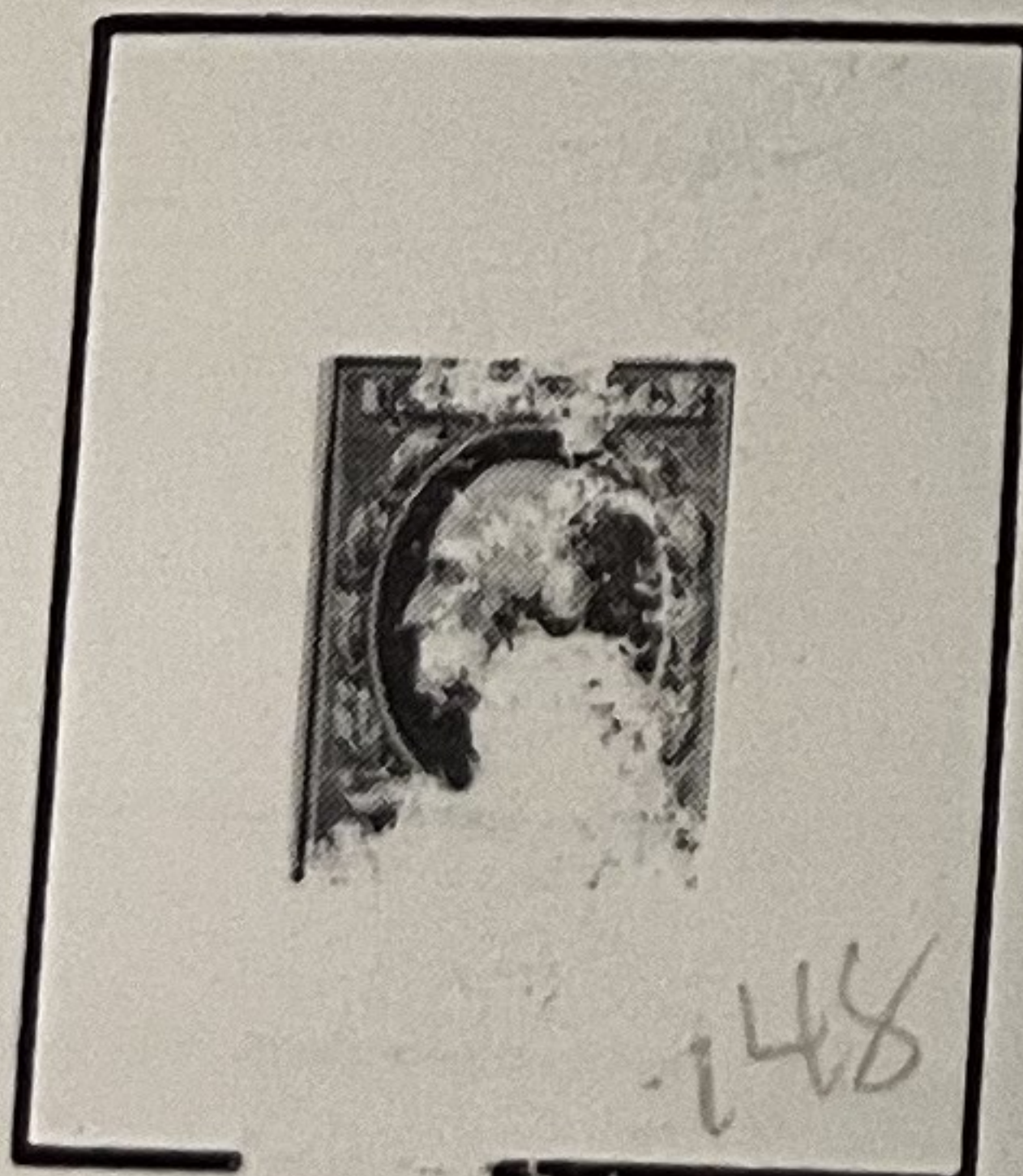
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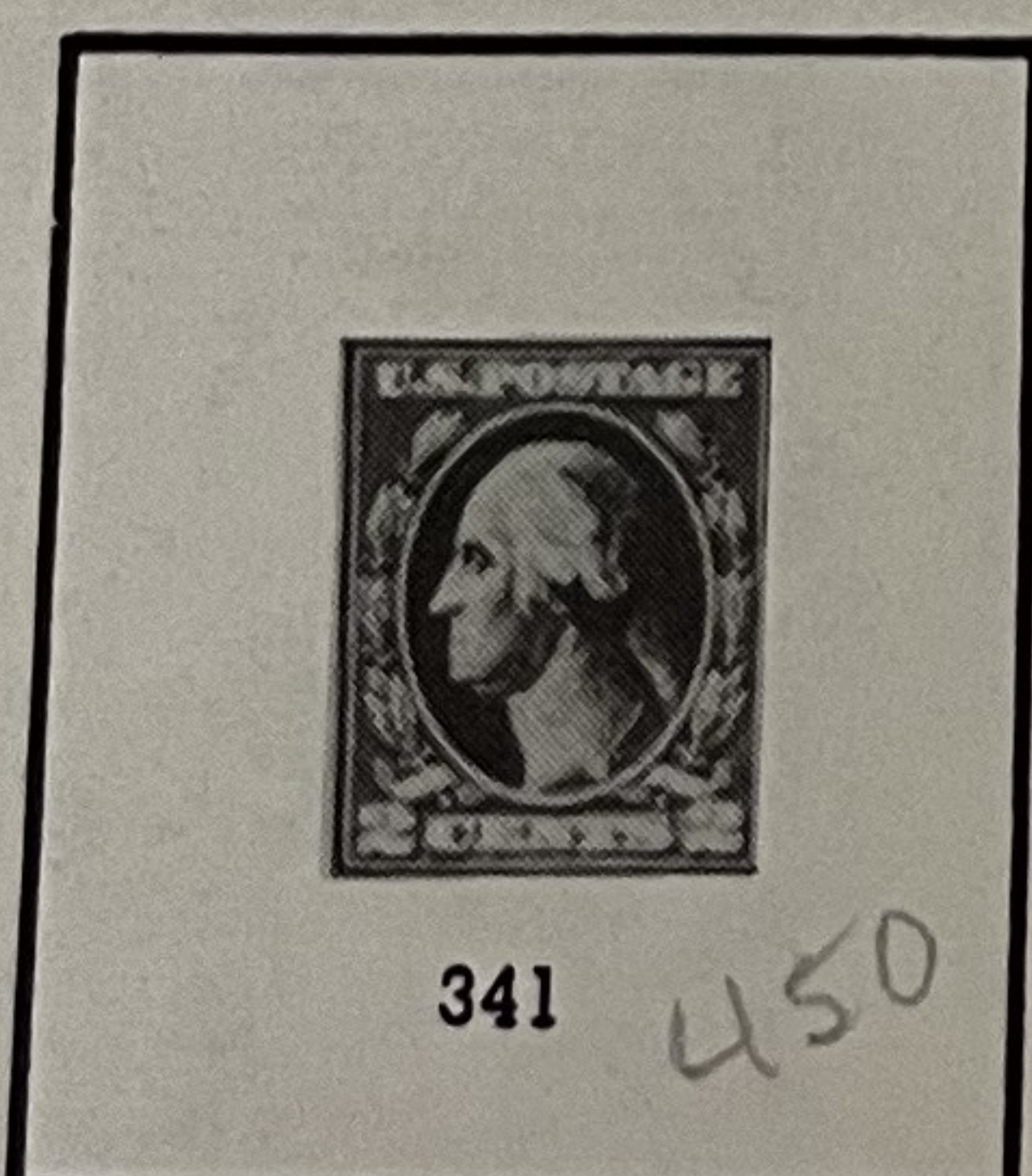
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PERFORATED 10 HORIZONTALLY



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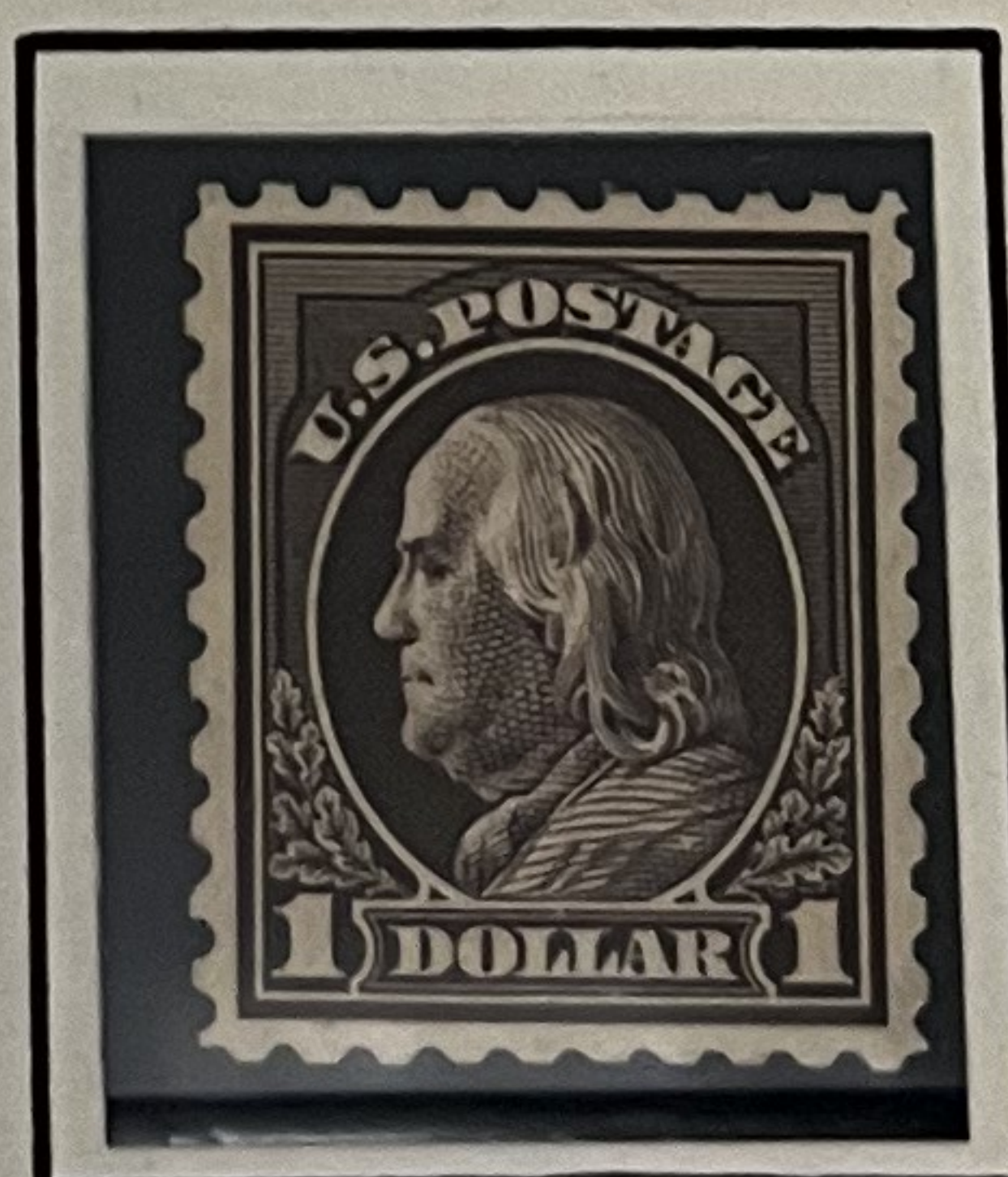


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Issue of 1915

FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 10 PERFORATED 11



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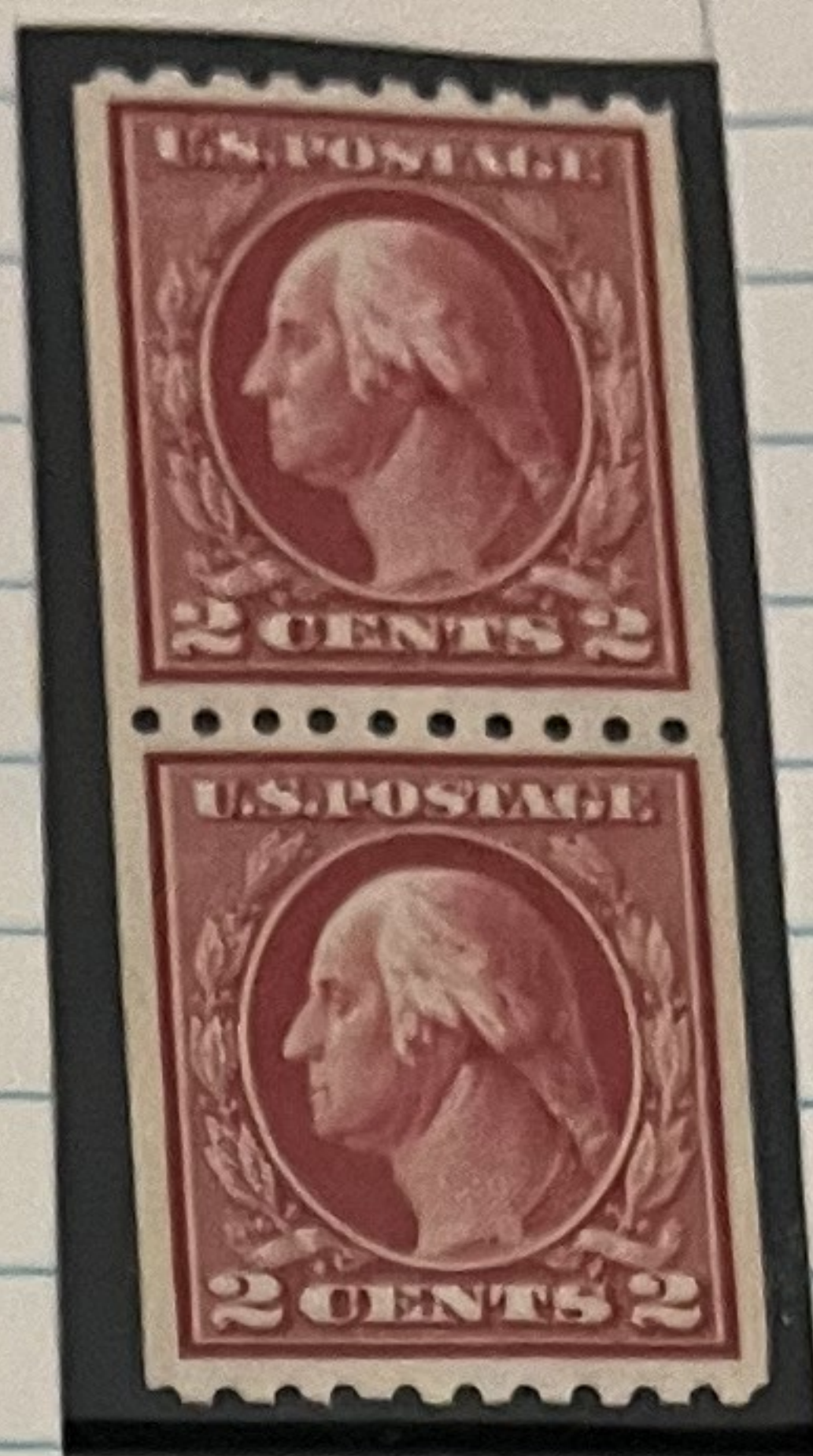
461 SINGLE-LINE

WATERMARK

WITH the coil issue of 1914-16 a rotary press was used for the first time in printing United States stamps. Rotary press stamps are printed from curved plates and are therefore slightly larger either vertically or horizontally than flat plate printings. This process of printing enabled the Bureau to produce stamps more quickly.



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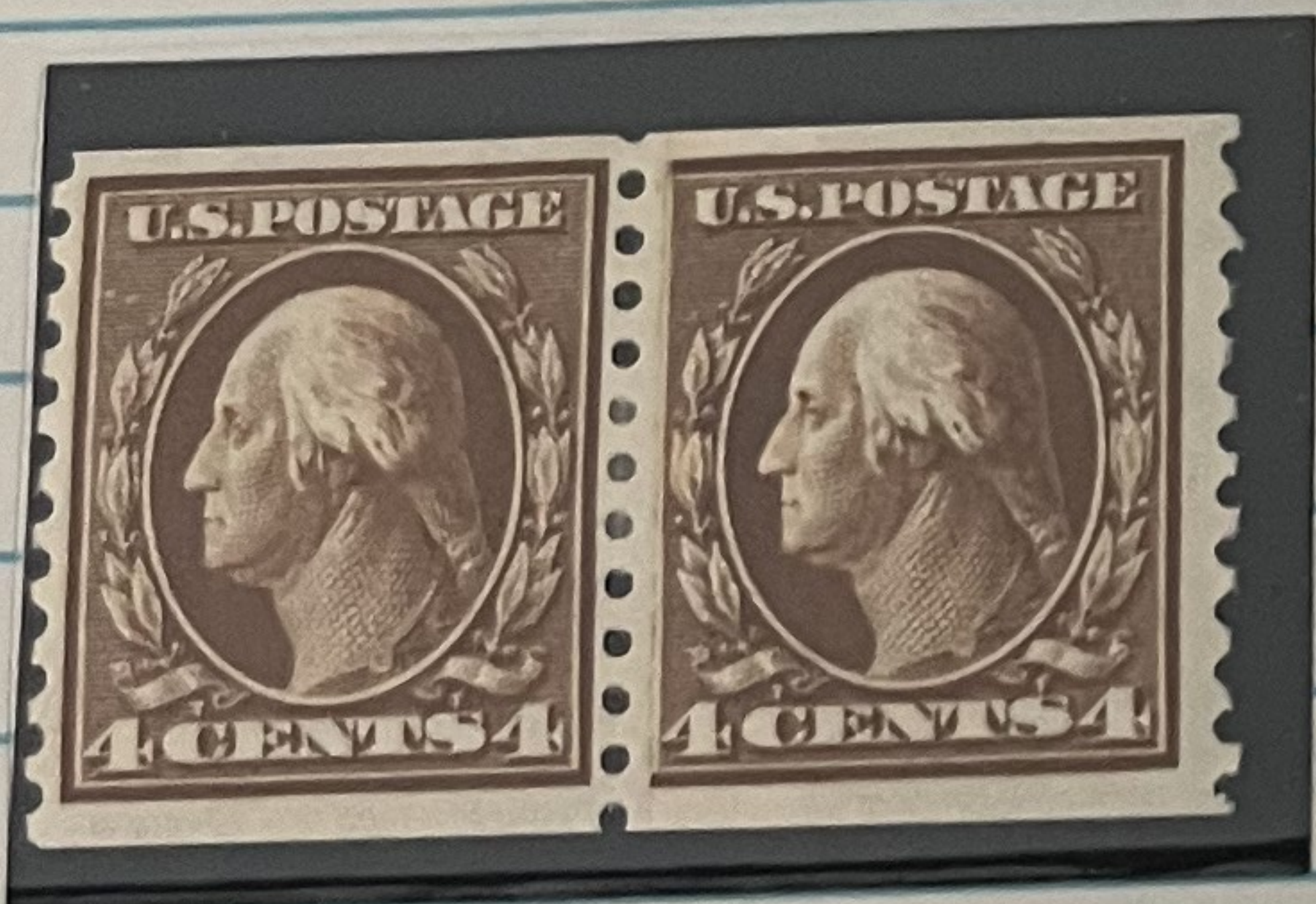
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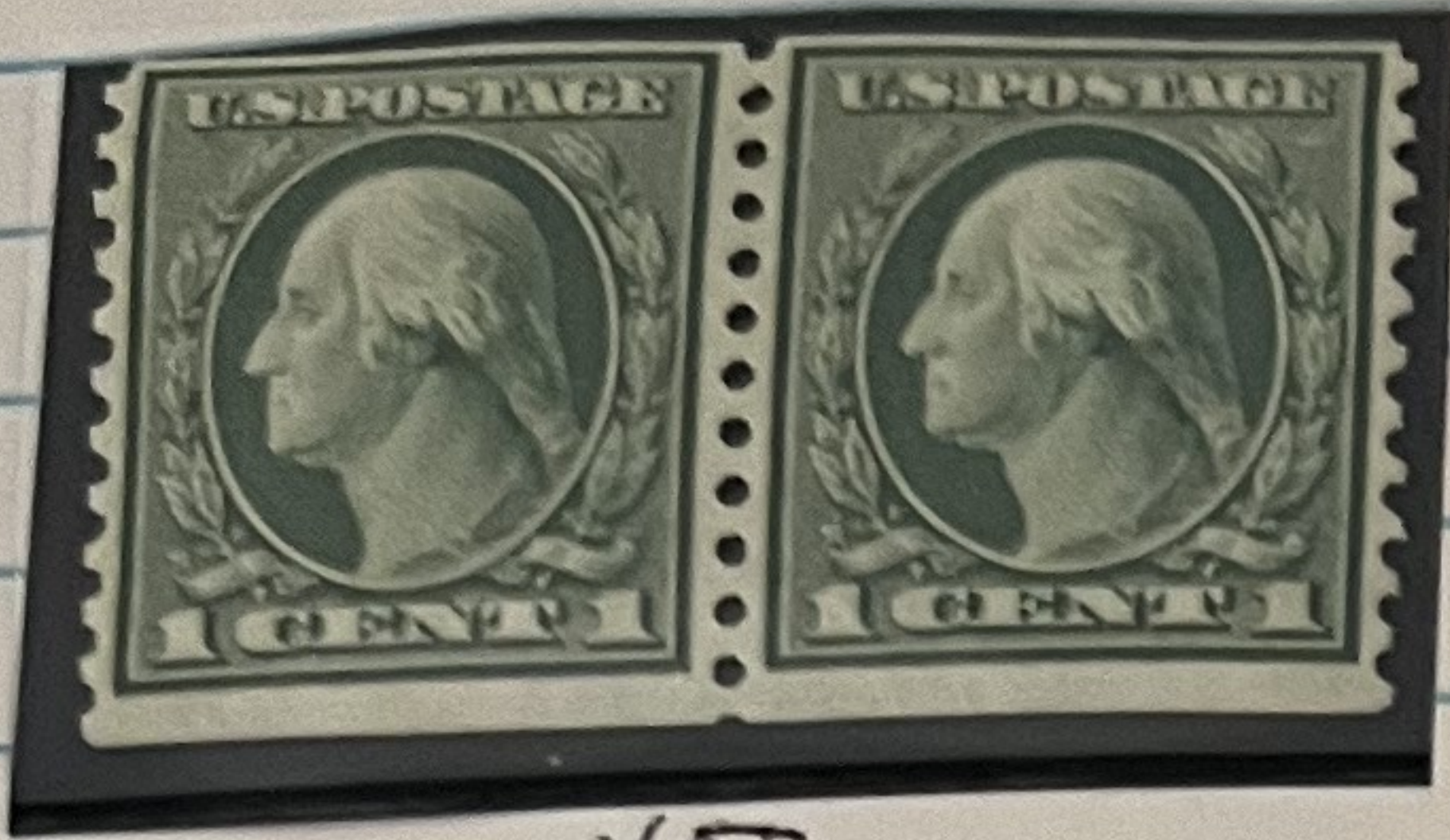
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Issue of 1916-17
FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 10
UNWATERMARKED



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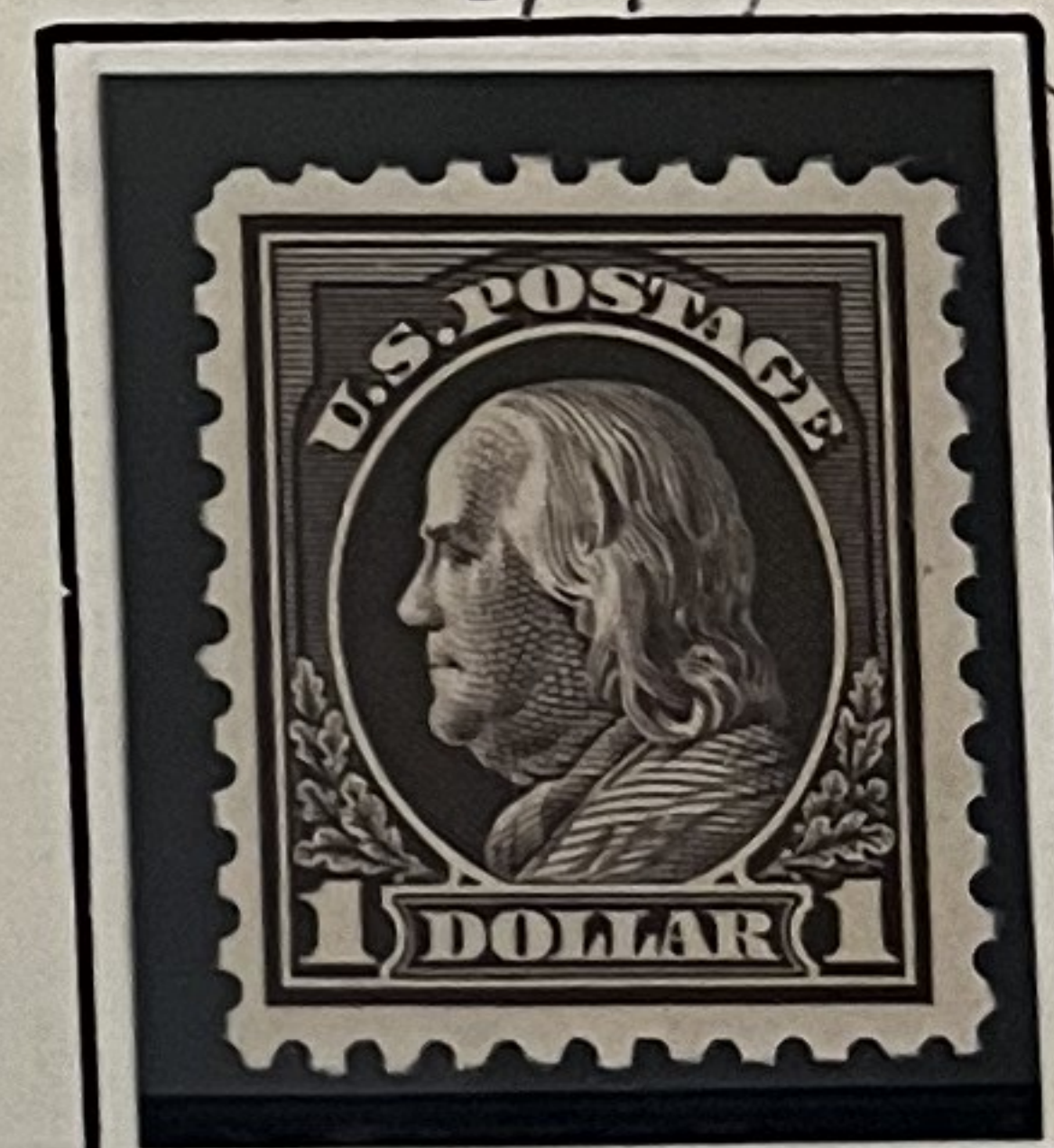
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James Madison
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John Marshall
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THE stamps of this series were a repeat of previous issues but with differences discernable only to stamp collectors. They were printed on unwatermarked paper and the \$2 and \$5 values were previously issued perforated 12. One of the most spectacular errors occurred in the printing of this series. Sheets of the 2¢ value were found with one stamp being of the 5¢ denomination. This was found on the lower right sheet of plate number 7942. On the Upper left sheet of plate number 7942 a double error was found. These errors continued to appear in later printings of the 2¢ stamp imperforate and perforated 11 and are greatly desired by stamp collectors.



Issue of 1917-19

FLAT PLATE PRINTING

PERFORATED 11

UNWATERMARKED



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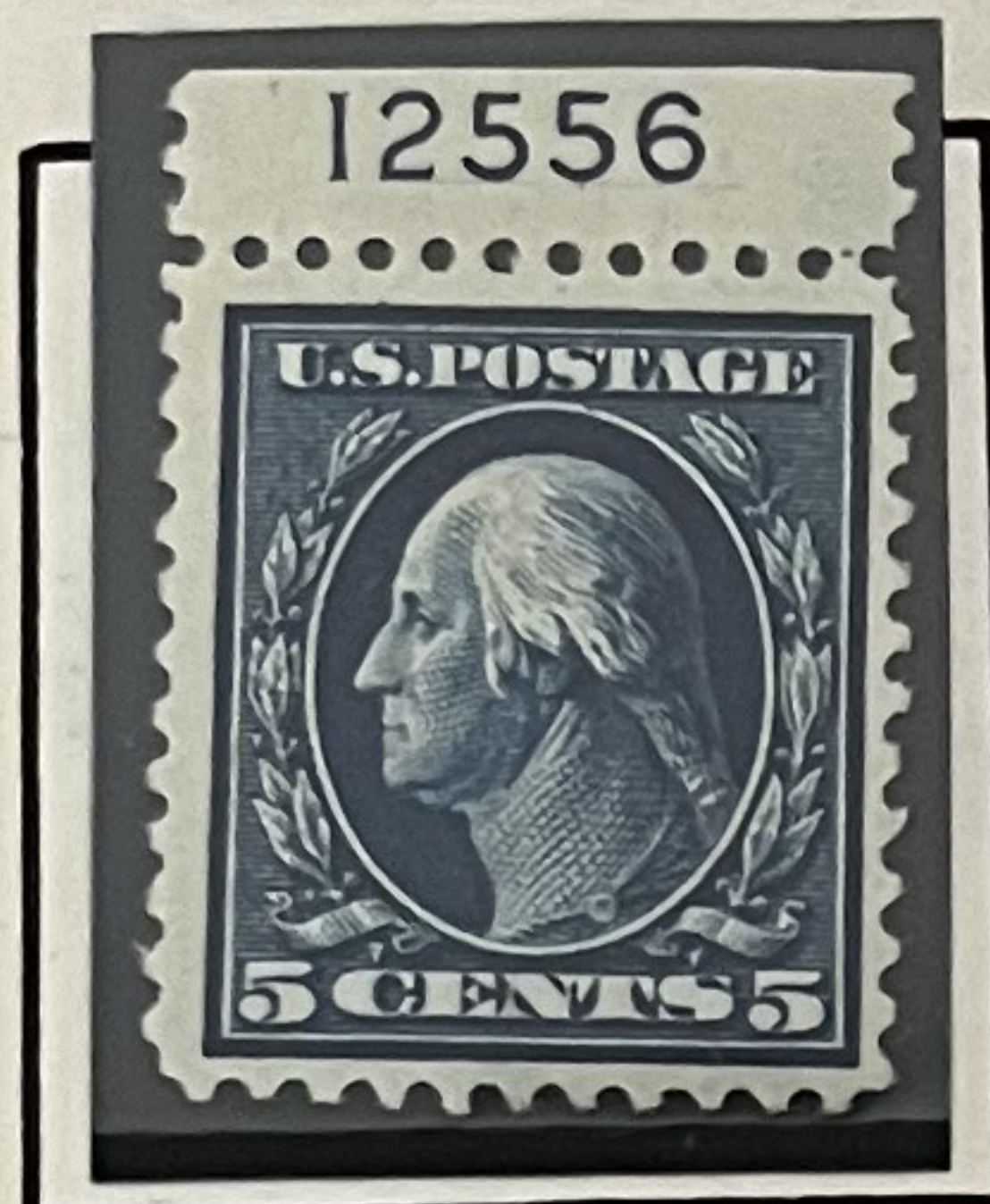
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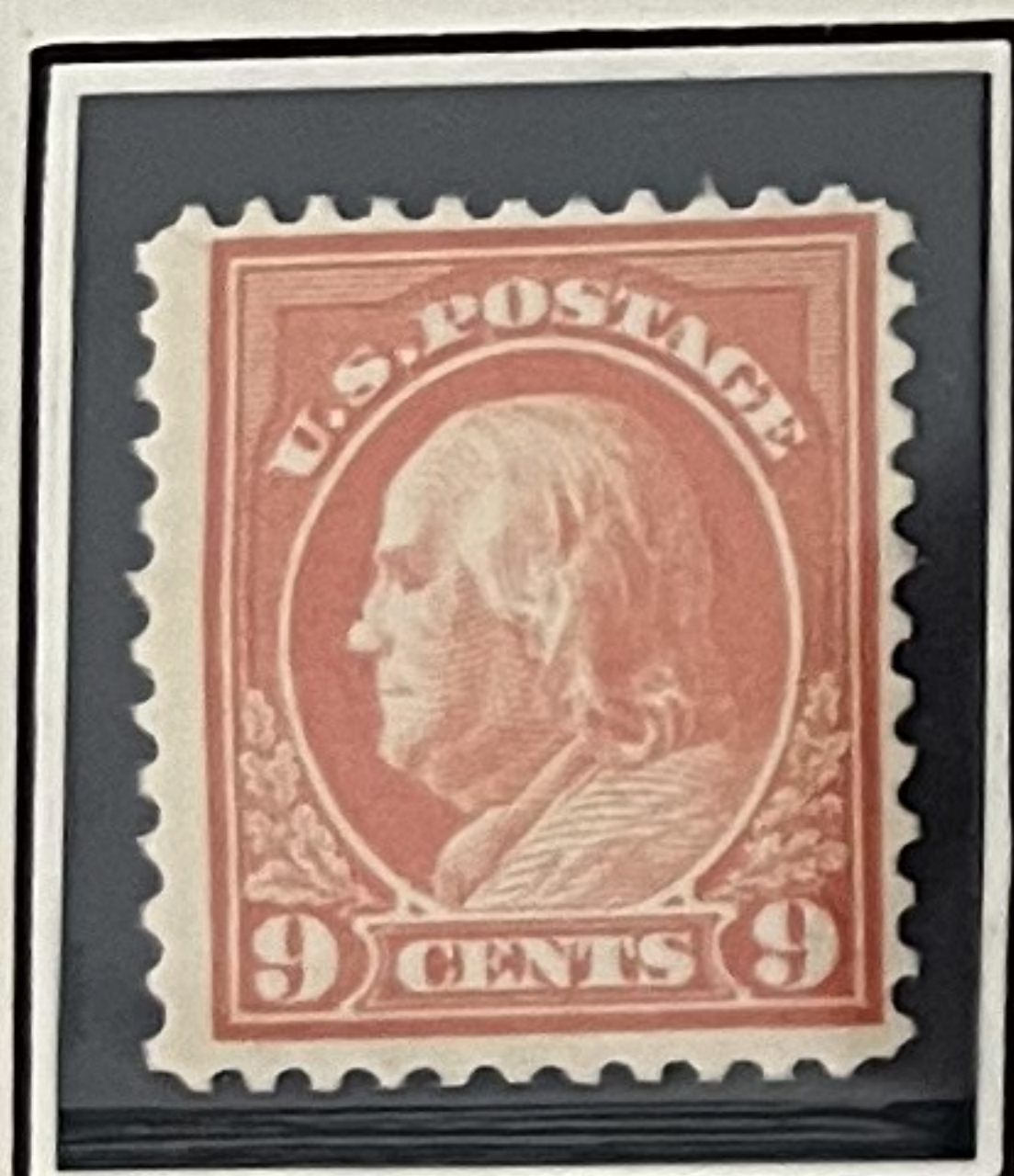
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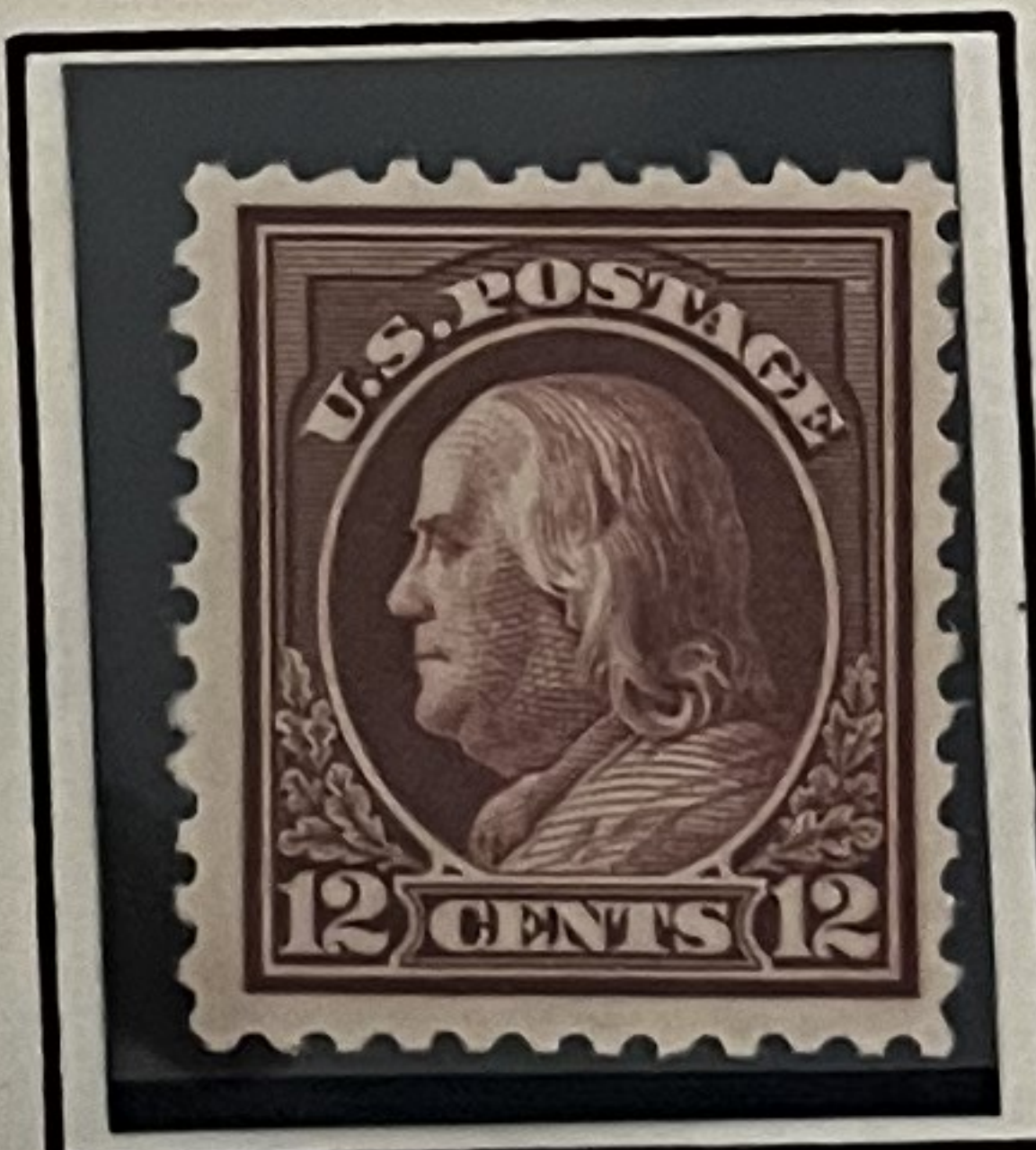
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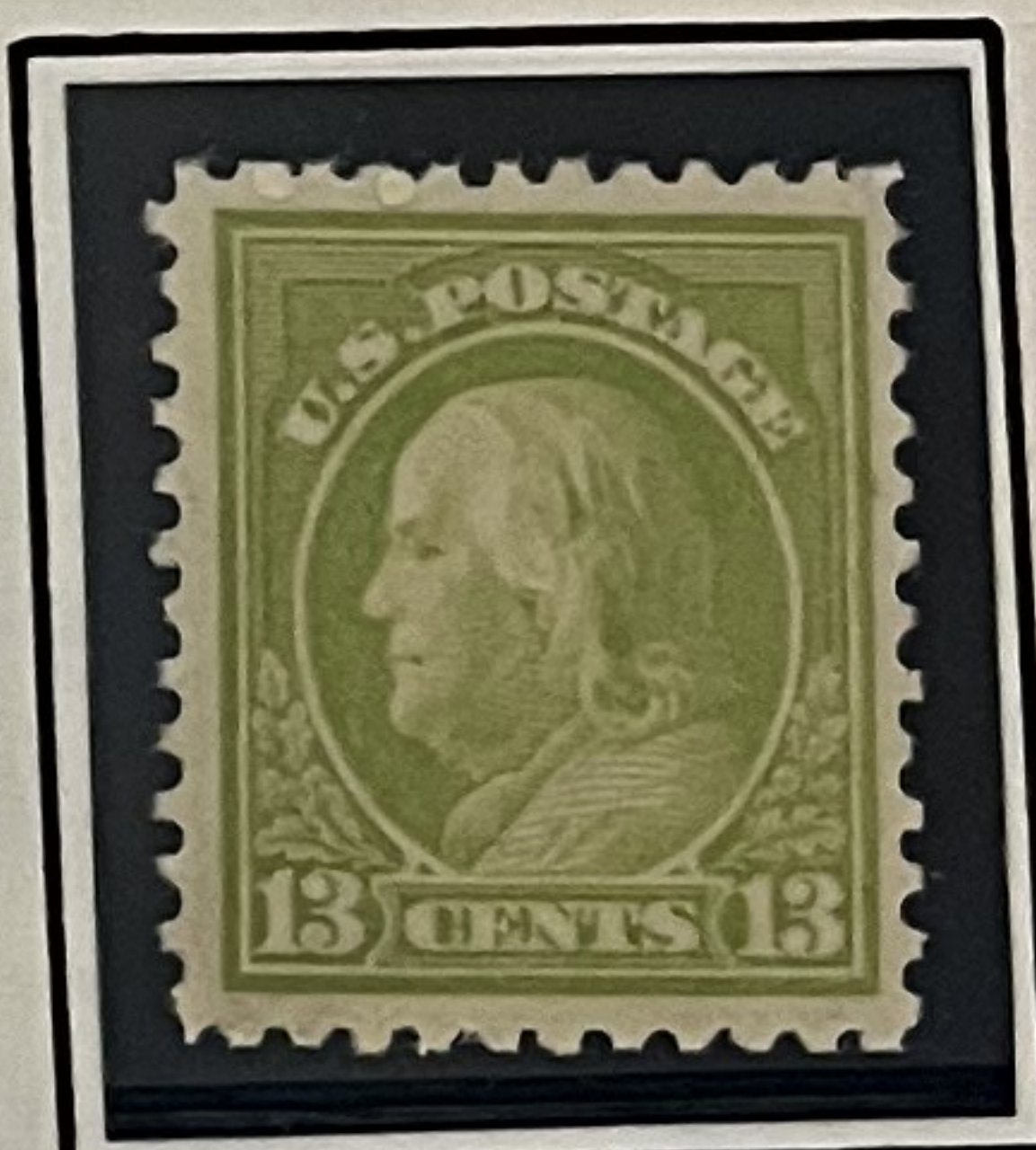
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THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING was still trying to find a more suitable size of perforation. Perforation 12 was found to be too fragile and perforation, 10 was too strong, causing damage to stamps during separation. To remedy these defects perforation 11 was used for this series.



Issue of 1917
PERFORATED 11

FLAT PLATE PRINTING



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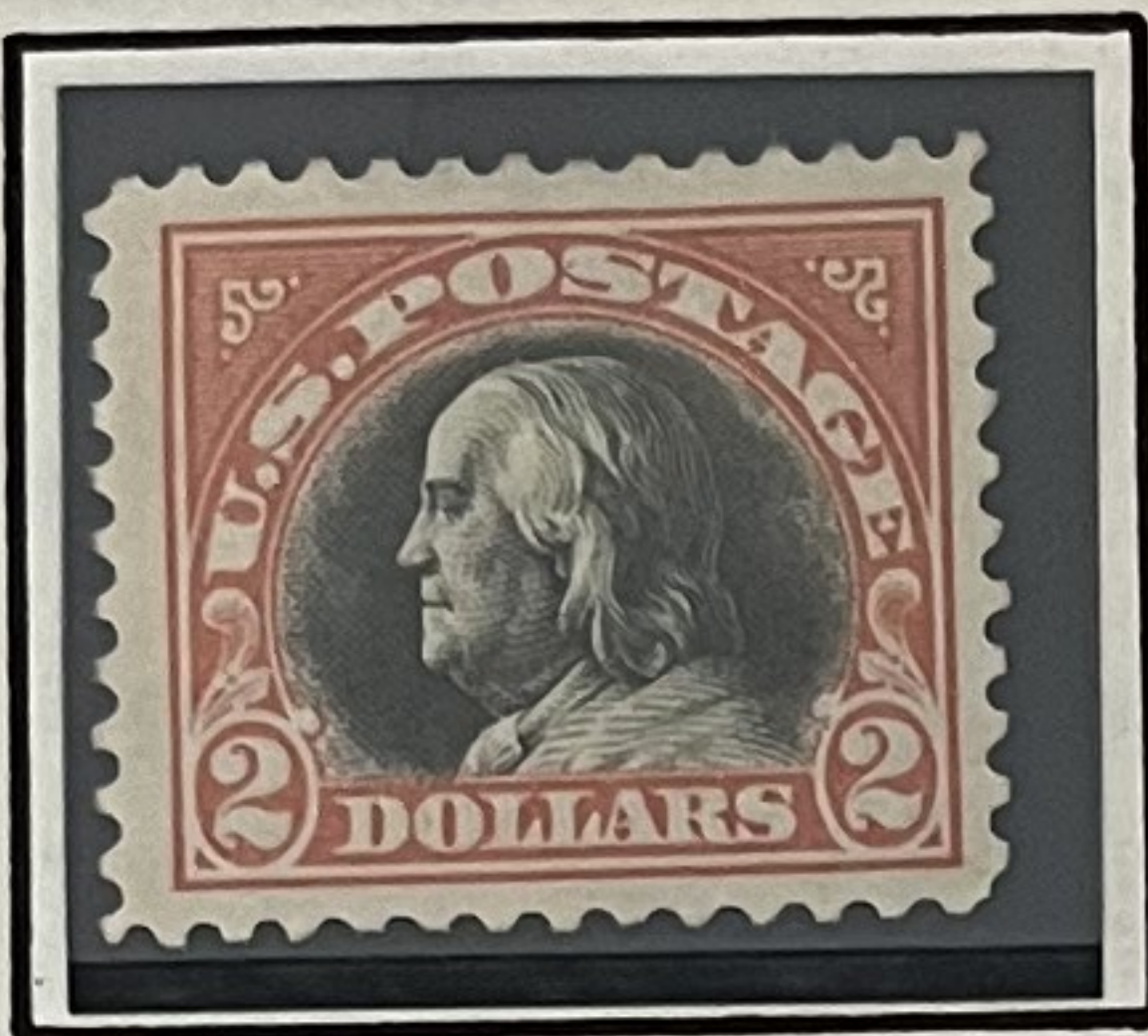


This variety was created when a quantity of 1908 issue imperforate stamps were perforated 11. It was the last of the watermarked postage issues.

Issue of 1918
PERFORATED 11
UNWATERMARKED



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Issue of 1918-20
OFFSET PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



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IMPERFORATE

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PERFORATED 12 1/2

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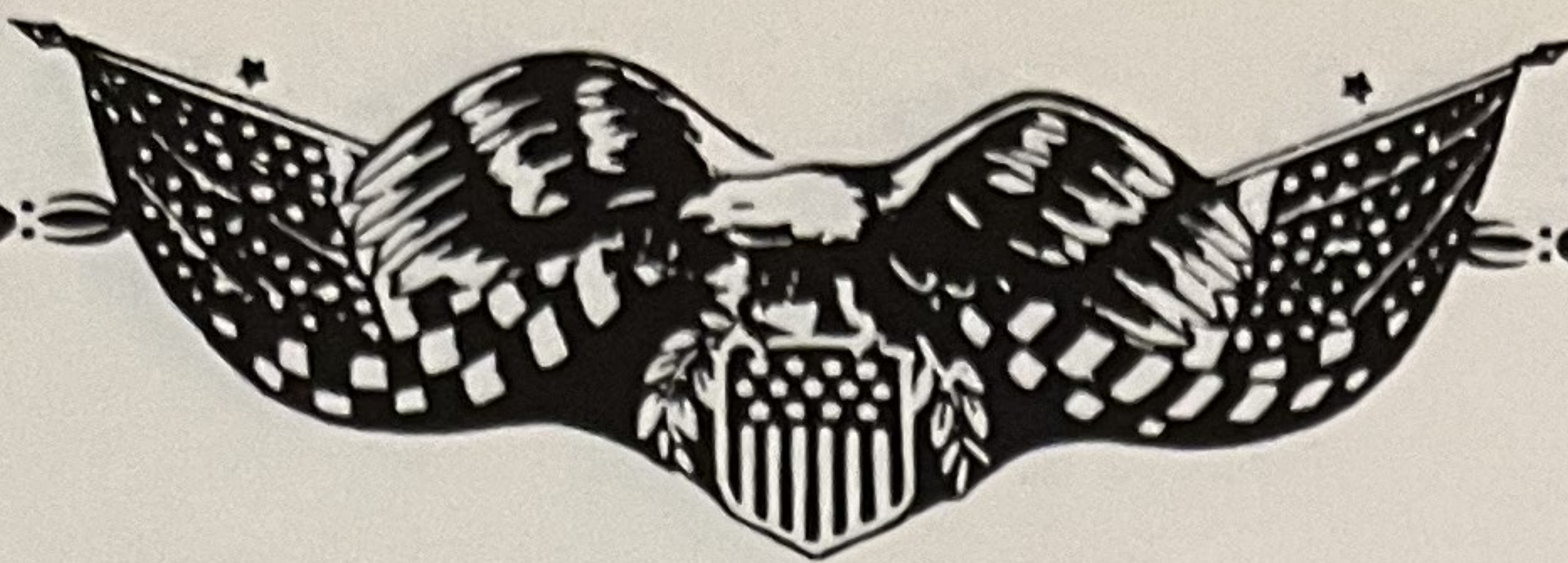


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THE BUREAU again experimenting tried with the 1918-20 issues to use the offset method of printing (a type of lithography). It was not successful and was soon discontinued.



Issue of 1919- 21
ROTARY PRESS PRINTING
PERFORATED 11 x 10



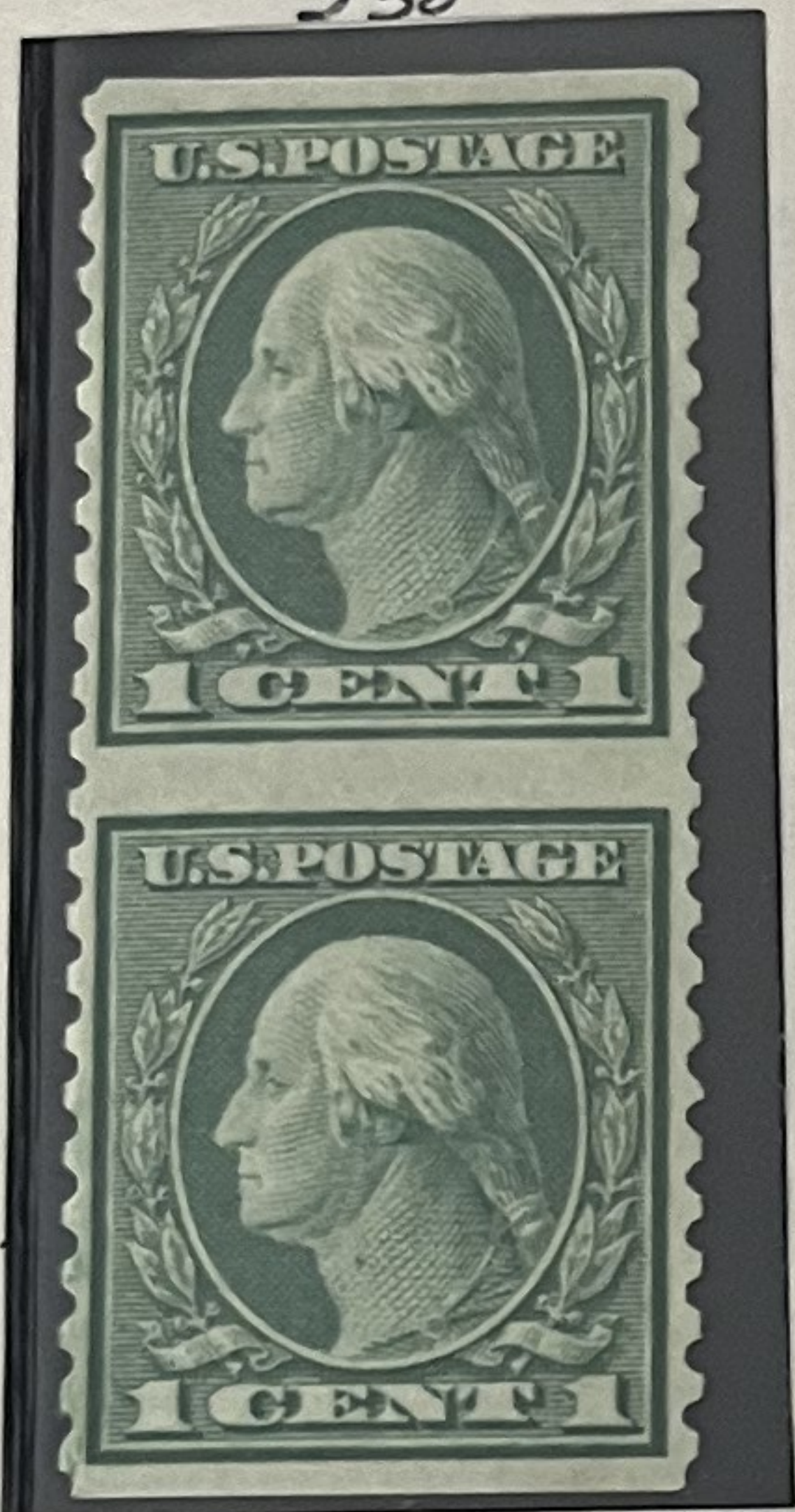
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PERFORATED 10

PERFORATED 10 x 11



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PERFORATED 11



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PERFORATED 11



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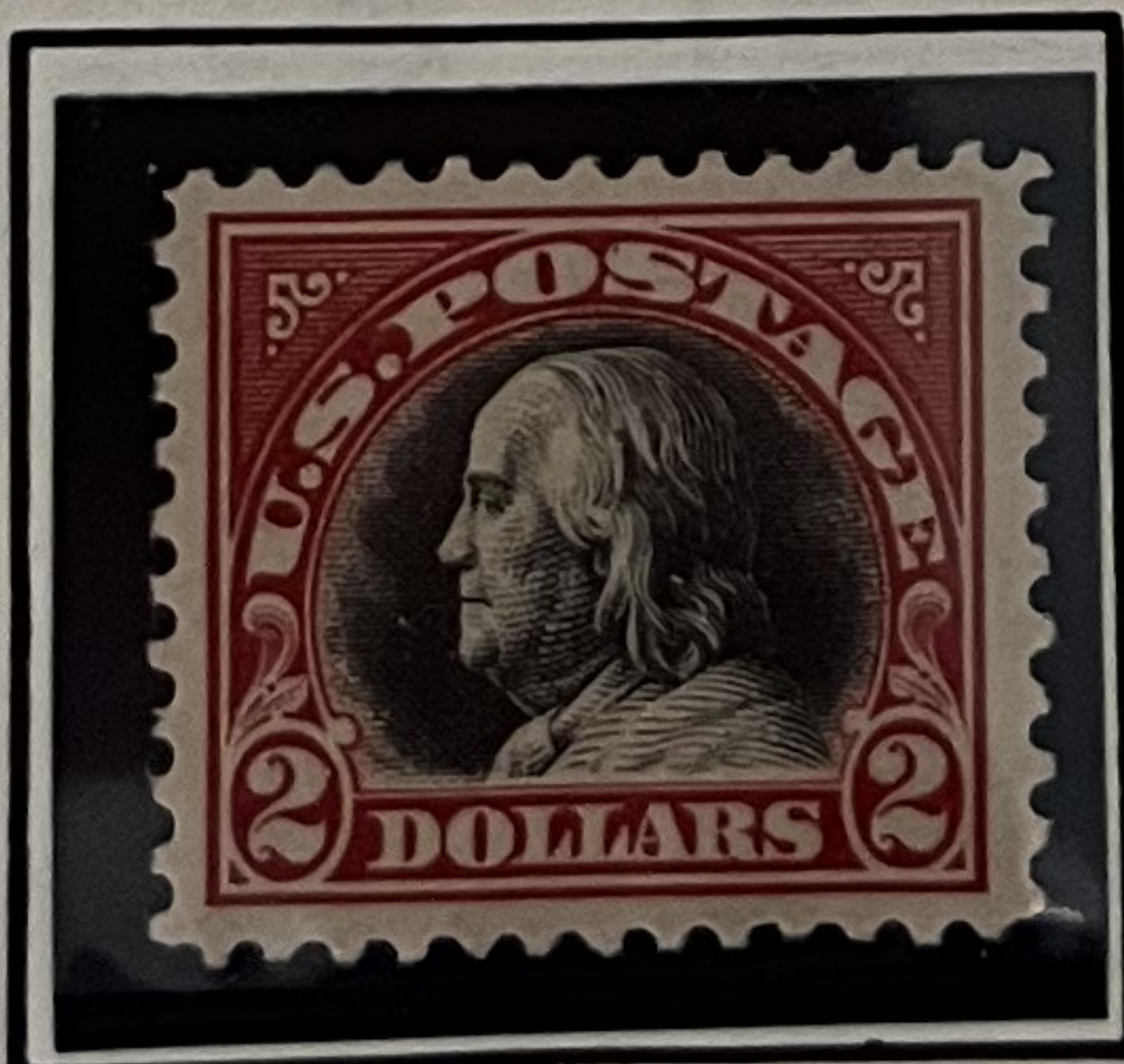


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FLAT PLATE PRINTING
PERFORATED 11



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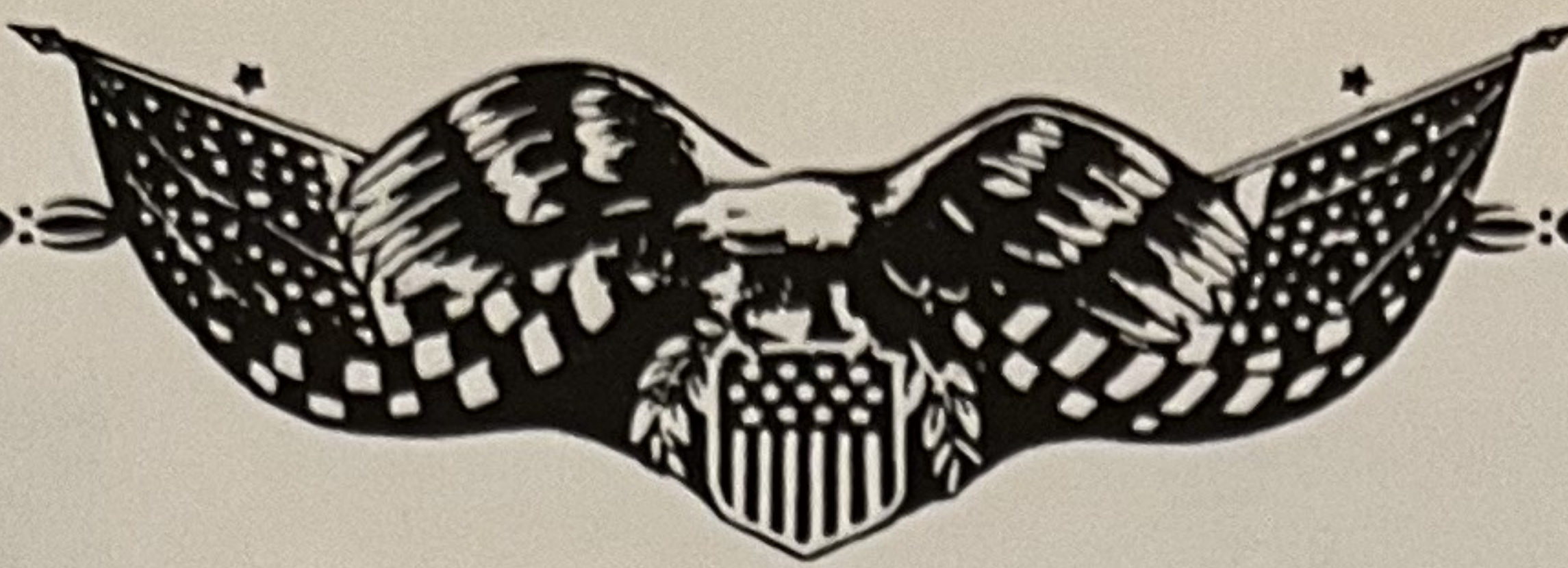


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STAMPS which were originally intended to be issued in coil form but were later perforated fully are known as coil waste, and some of the above issues were created in this manner.



Issue of 1923-29

ROTARY PRESS PRINTING

COIL STAMPS

PERFORATED 10 VERTICALLY



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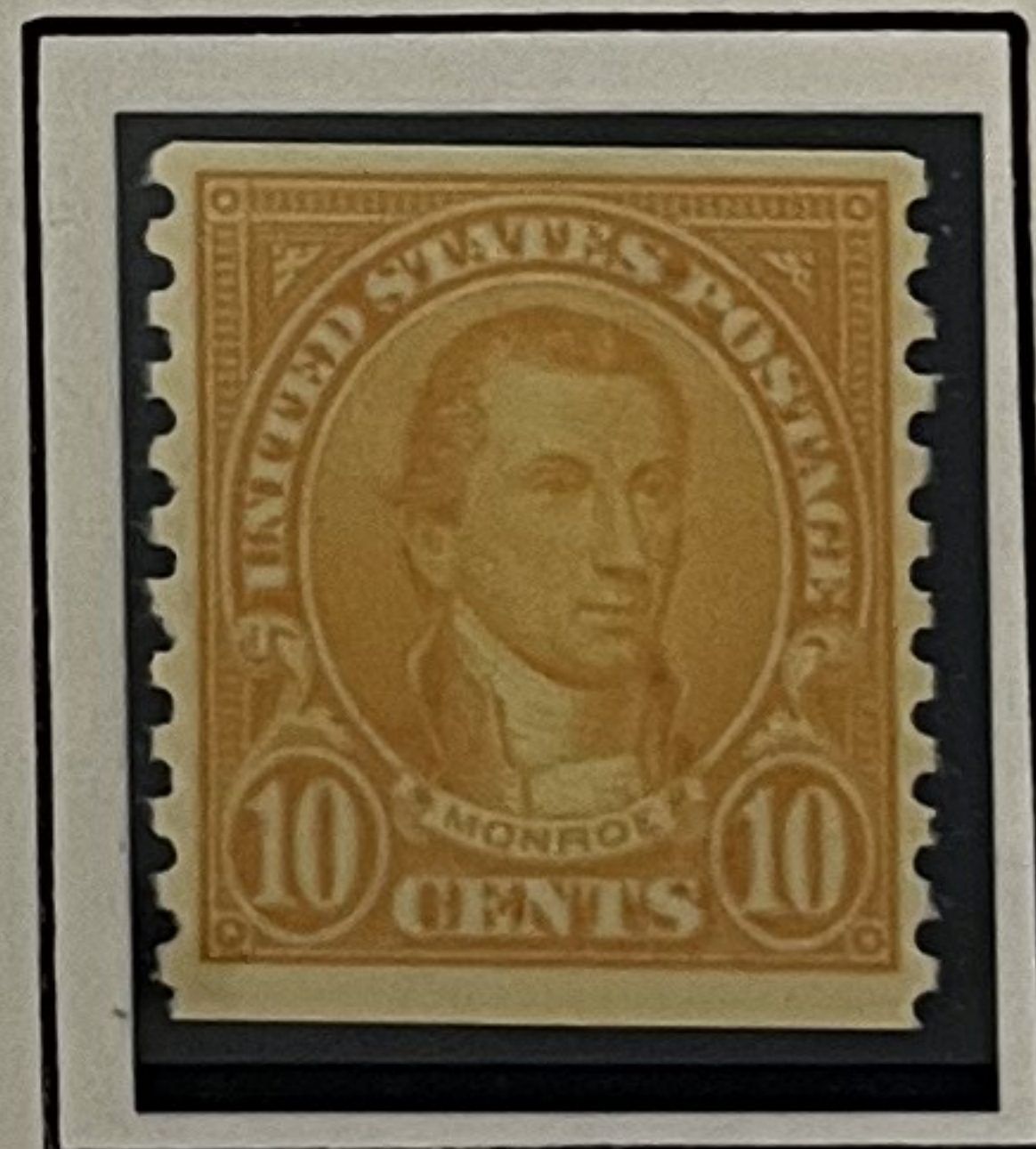
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Issue of 1923-25

PERFORATED 10 HORIZONTALLY



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