

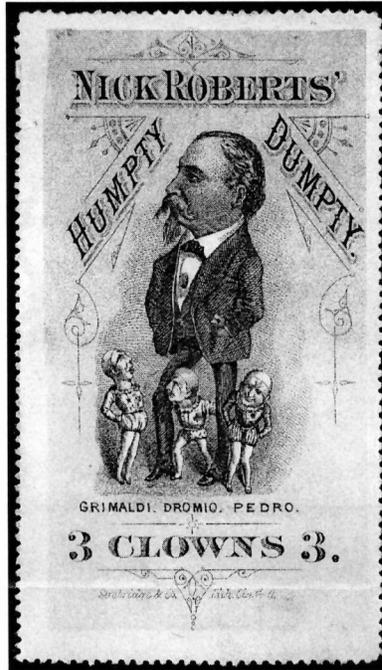
Collecting Poster Stamps

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Poster Stamp circa 1877 by Strobridge Lithographing Co.



This Nick Roberts' Humpty Dumpty poster stamp advertises a theater performance with three clowns: Grimaldi, Dromio and Pedro. This identifies the stamp as having been issued as early as 1877 based on the information in the following paragraph. It was printed by the Strobridge Lithographic Company, Cincinnati, Ohio as printed on the bottom of the stamp. The colors are yellow, blue, red and black. It is perforated and measures 88 mm. high and 49 mm. wide.

Nick Roberts' production of Humpty Dumpty toured widely in the United States from the late 1870s through the 1880s. *Gentleman's Magazine* (Vol. 268, p. 39) reports: "The senseless principle of double harlequinade, with two sets of panto-mimists, was quite unknown in the United States until followed in 1880 in New York by Abbey's 'mammoth Humpty Dumpty Troupe.' But Nick Roberts, some four years previously, had introduced two clowns in one pantomime at Niblo's Garden. Subsequently, while on tour, he blossomed forth with three clowns"

This poster stamp is in the style of the circus and theatrical posters popular during the last decades of the 19th century. Strobridge was America's leading producer of such posters. This Humpty Dumpty stamp is the only example of this style and time period that I have encountered.

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Classic United States Advertising Poster Stamps: 100 rarities (part 4)



- 93. Whitney & Co. (New York City). (woman and Alladin's lamp). 39 x 62. B5638. C6281. R.
- 94. Wonalancet Co. Nashua, NH. China Cotton Importers. (junks). 62 x 47. B5690. C6333. RRR.
- 95. Woodward & Lothrop. Washington. 35th anniv. 1915. (building). 44 x 63. B5694. C6339. R.



- 96. Worcester Gas Light Co. Worcester, MA. Gas water heater. (woman). 64 x 44. C6362. RR.
- 97. Wyoming Labor Journal Publishing Co. Cheyenne, Wyoming. Printers. 42 x 62. C6369. RR.
- 98. Yellowstone Park. (stage coach). signed by Otto Obermeier, artist. 42 x 62. B5735. C6379. R.



99. York Printing Co. York, Pa. Catalog and booklet makers. (printer). 58 x 38. B5709. C6387. R.
100. Youth's Companion. (Boston). Outdoor sports. (baseball). 64 x 47. B5752. C6422. RRR.

Ketterlinus Litho. Co. Philadelphia.

Eugene Ketterlinus started Ketterlinus Litho. Co. in Philadelphia in 1842 and his son John took over in 1875. Products included embossed labels for perfume and cloth and sheet music covers. The line expanded to posters, booklets, labels and trade cards. Ketterlinus Litho. closed in 1970.

Ketterlinus Litho. was one of eight "key lithographer companies" that produced advertising poster stamps in 1914 and 1915. Jay T. Last (*The Color Explosion, Nineteenth-Century American Lithography* (Santa Ana, CA: Hillcrest Press, 2005) highlighted companies because they produced quality lithographs and were in business for a long period in the 19th century.

There are ten poster stamps advertising Ketterlinus services, seven shown here. (1-7).



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I have not found any poster stamps for other companies with the Ketterlinus Co. name on them. However, two stamp used to advertise Ketterlinus Co.'s poster stamps (1, 2) were also employed to advertise Waltham Watches. (8, 11) The latter stamp was issued in large and small versions (9) and I have also seen it with no advertiser. (10) Clearly these Waltham Watches stamps, as well as the other stamps shown below, were printed by the Ketterlinus Co.

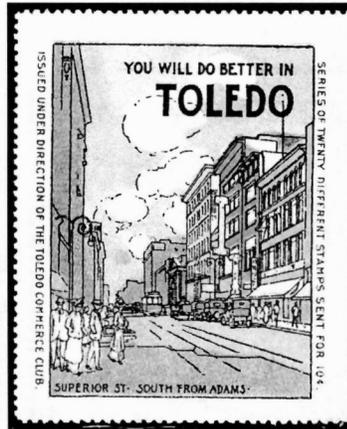


I found two other poster stamps for Waltham Watches on the same poster stamp album page as the "eagle" stamp above. One depicts factory buildings (10-11) and the other a shield flag (12-13). Both have large and small versions. The "shield flag" stamp was also used to promote Rubberset Brushes. (14)



Auction #27

The following poster stamps will be sold to the highest bidder providing minimum bid listed is met. All stamps are in very good condition with no tears, creases, scuffs or thins. Returnable within 14 days for full refund. Return postage not reimbursed. Auction ends on June 30, 2018. Bid increments must be \$0.50. Tie bids will go to the earliest bid received. Bids may be submitted by email (rbposterstamps@gmail.com) or regular mail. No telephone bids please. Postage is free within the United States. **No shipments will be made outside the United States.** Payment due when winning bidder receives stamps in mail with invoice. Payment by check or money order only. B numbers from Bradbury, *U. S. Advertising Poster Stamps, 1912-1915*. revised edition. 2014. C numbers from Bradbury, *U. S. Advertising Poster Stamps, 1912-1915*. full color edition. 2018.



✓ 1 B1578, C1800 \$7.

2 black background B210, C232 most difficult color to find. \$10.

3 B5165, C5767 \$6.

4 B5373, C5991 \$9.



✓ 5 nib, C2354 Great Northern Pacific Steamship series 1 no. 4. \$7.

✓ 6 nib, C2356 series 1, no.6. \$7.

7 B1569, C1790 \$6.



8 B464 C515 \$10.

9 B3335 C3783 \$10.

10 B2445, C2739 \$9.

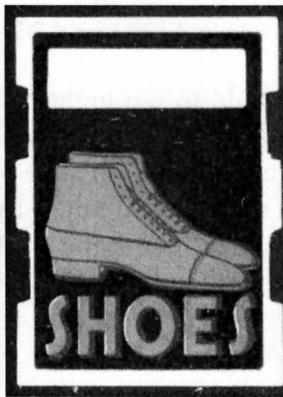
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13 B5672, C6315 \$8.



14 B5678, C6321 \$8.



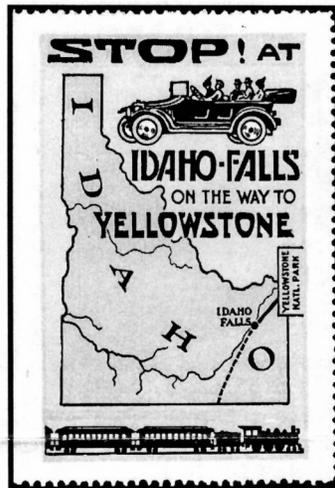
15 B5680, C6323 \$8.



16 nib C2628 \$12.



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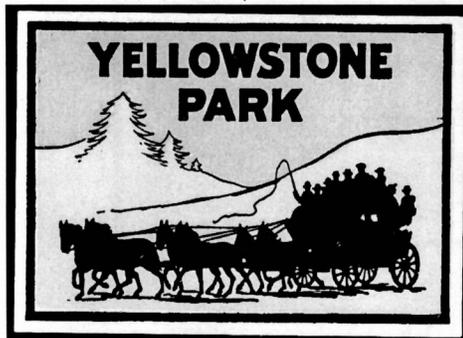
18 B2512 C2814 \$12.



19 not in Bradbury 75 x 37 \$15.



20 B1969 C2220 \$12.



21 not in Bradbury. 52 x 74. \$20.



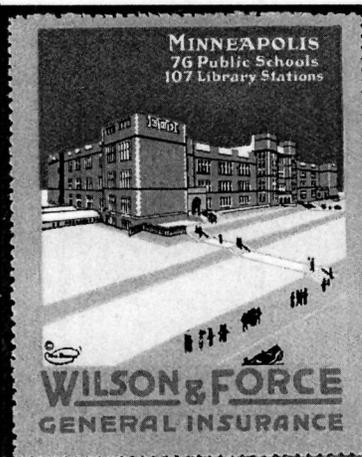
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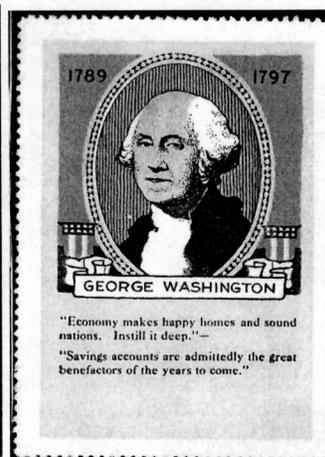
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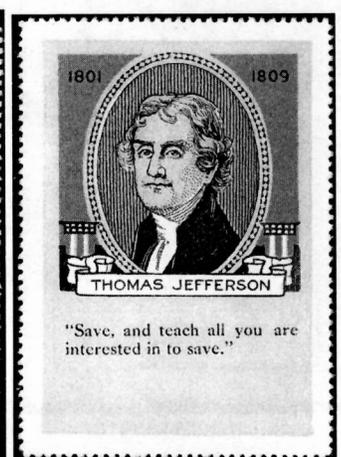
25 B3221, C3659 note imprint \$8.



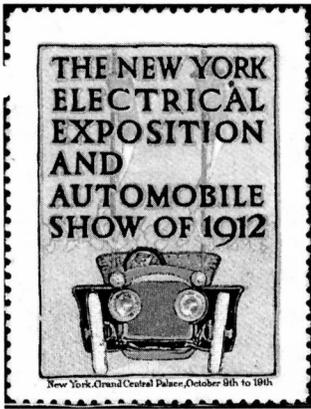
26 B3222, C3660 \$7.



27 B4910, C525 \$6.



28 B4911, C526 \$6.



29 car 1912 \$8.



✓ 30 lady 1912 \$6.



31 Motor Show 1913. \$5.



32 Elks. 1916. Follansbee RR \$25.



33 St. Louis Flower Show 1917 \$8.



✓ 34 Flower Show 1917 \$8.



35 B3951, C4424 \$7.



36 B2727 C3067 \$15.



37 B2497, C2997 \$7.



38 B3936, C4409 \$7.



39 B1093, C1221 \$9.



40 B3398, C3850 \$8.



41 B2417, C2711 \$6.



42 B2419, C2713 \$6.



43 B2420, C2714 \$6.



44 B1809, C2040 \$6.



45 B3966, C4440 \$7.



46 B3967, C4441 \$7.



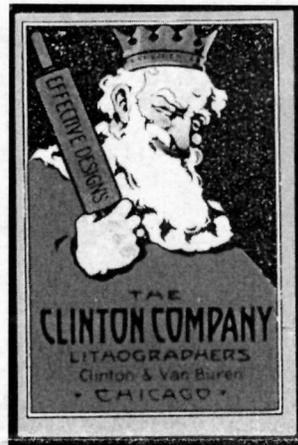
47 Fairweathers. Canada. \$12.



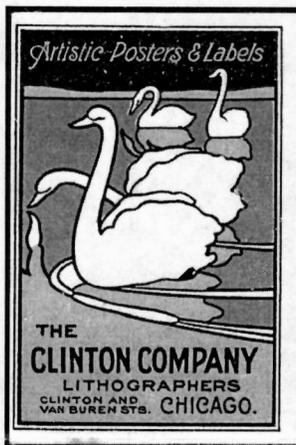
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49 B3446, C3900 \$8.



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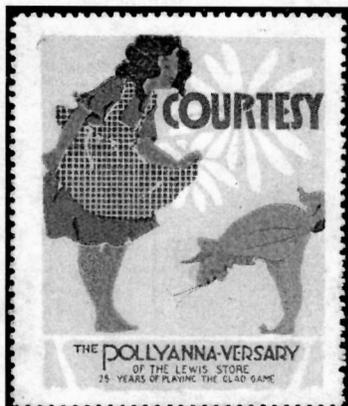
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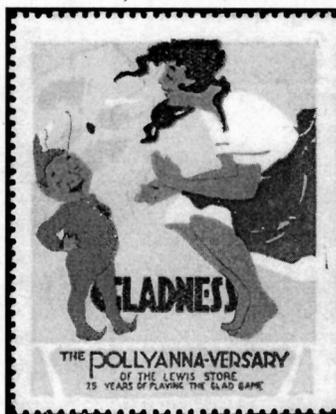
52 B4774 C5408 \$12.



53 B4354, C4906 \$10.



54 B2900, C3248 \$12.



55 B2902, C3250 \$12.



56 B2903, C3251 \$12.



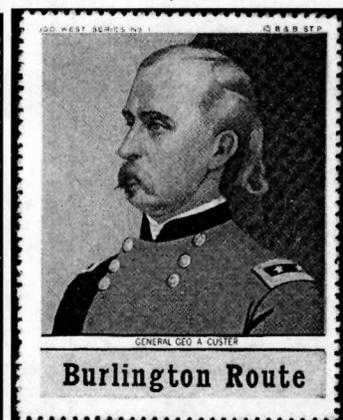
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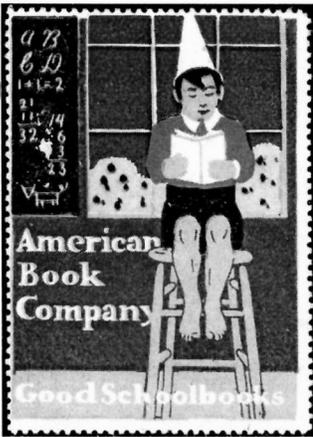
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59 B2183, C2464 \$8.



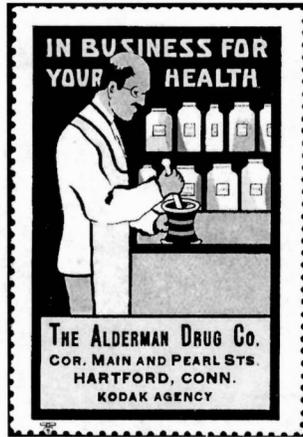
60 B787, C908 \$10.



61 B98, C113 \$7.



62 B216, C239 \$7.



63 B4057 \$7.



64 B342, C383 \$7.



65 B2159, C2821 \$10.



66 B3128, C3560 \$9.



67 B3129, C3561 \$9.



68 B259 C283 \$15.



69 B2690, C3035 \$12.



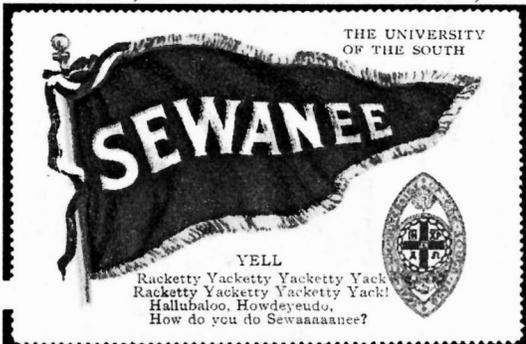
70 B2688, C3036 \$15.



71 B2686, C3023 \$15.



72 B244, C267 \$8.



73 B1700, C1923 \$12.



74 B2228 C2511 \$20/



75 B5279 C5894 \$12.



76 B1006, C1134 \$8.



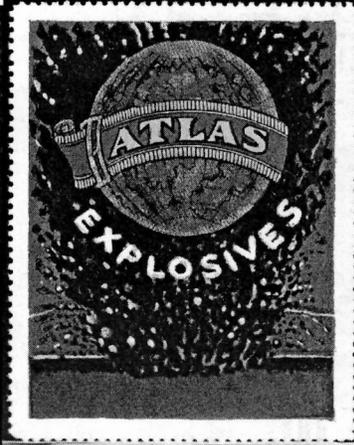
77 nib. Sunkist. \$7.



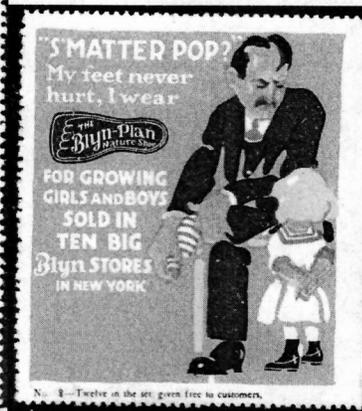
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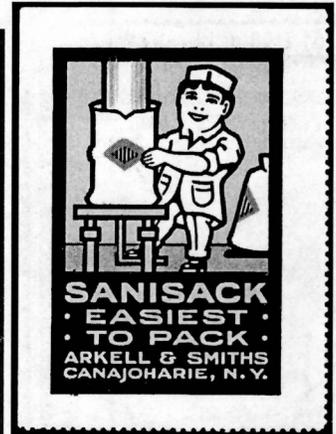
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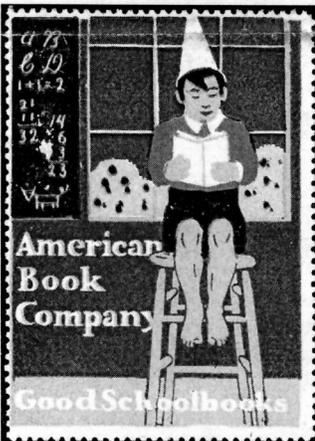
80 B224, C247 \$6.



81 B496 C577 \$8.



82 B185 C205 \$8.



83 B98, C113 \$7.



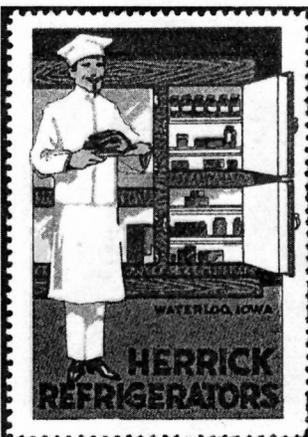
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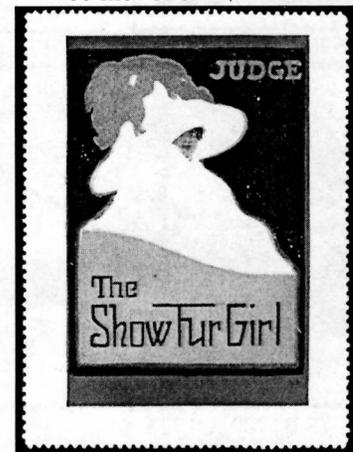
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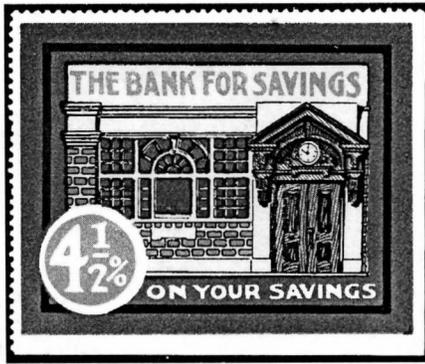
89 B604 C724 \$10.



90 B2651, C2962 \$12.



91 B1815, C2041 \$17.



92 B274, C310 \$9.



93 B231, C255 \$10.



94 PPIE, Follansbee no. 39 valued at \$30. \$25.



95 B5588, C6232 \$15.



96 B5590, C6234 \$15.



97 Wilson, Uncle Sam 1918 52 mm. rare \$30.



98 B972, C1100 \$30.



99 Allentown Fair 1919. \$10.



100 B4009, C4483 \$12.



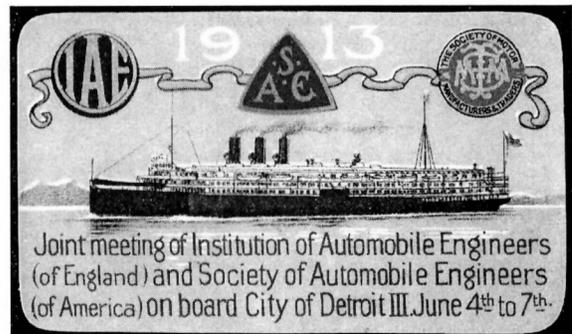
101 nib C6095 Waltham Watches \$25.



102 nib C6097 Waltham Watches \$15.



103 nib Am Colortype \$10.



104 not in Follansbee. nice image on 1913 event stamp. \$25.



✓ 105 Ladd Cigar Co., St. Louis ca. 1902. \$25.



106 B2922, C3333 \$10.



107 nib. C5904 Universal Pictures (movie). \$15.



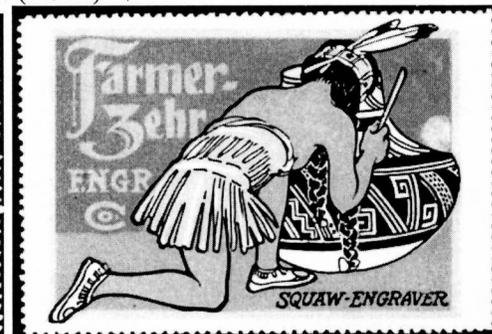
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109 B522 C611 \$15.



110 B1603 C1826 \$20.



111 B1600 C1823 \$20.



✓ 112 \$12.



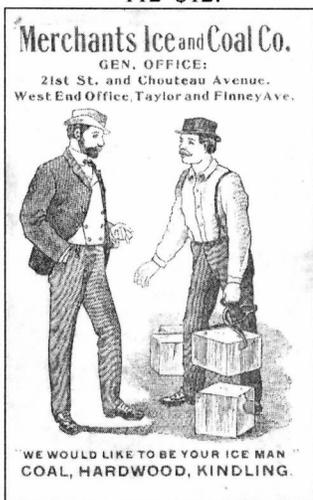
✓ 113 blue \$20.



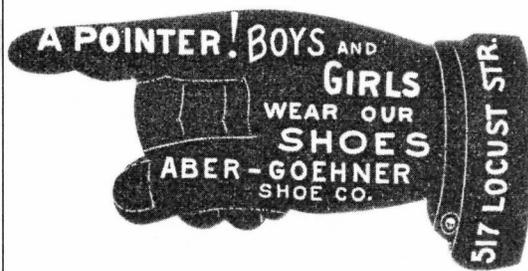
114 red, yellow, blue \$6.



✓ 115 red \$15.



116 Merchants Ice ca 1902. 90x58. (St. Louis). \$25.



117 S43 ca 1902. 35 x75. green. \$25.



118 S6 ca 1902. 40 x 90. red & black. \$20.

The following European, mostly German, poster stamps ca. 1915 have quality graphics and interesting topics.



119 England. Remington \$10.



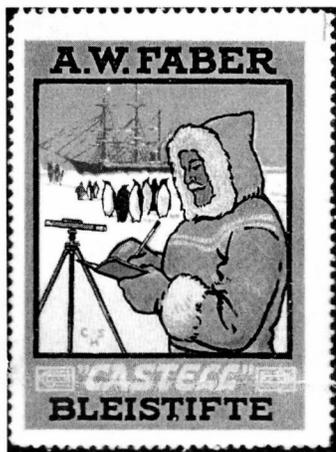
120 Germany. Blickensderfer typewriter \$12.



121 bookbinder \$10.



122 book printer \$10.



123 Germany. Farber pencils. \$8.



124 Farber Apollo pencils. \$10.



125 Canada. Federated Press. \$10.



126 England. Robinson. \$8.



127 Sweden. Cabaret. \$7.



128 Germany Lloyd \$8.



129 England, Picture Stamps \$10.



130 Germany. Triumph. \$8.

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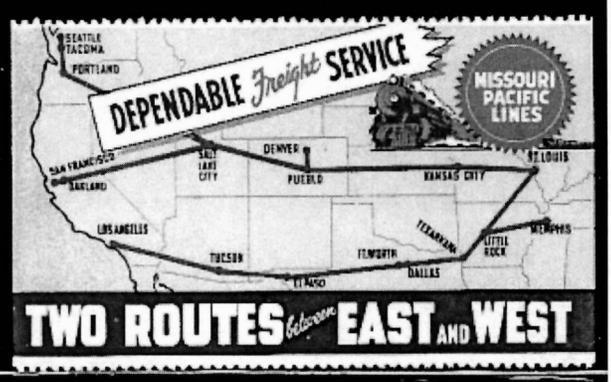
Missouri Pacific Lines ca. 1930-1940s



131 \$6.



132 \$4.



133 \$6.



134 \$6.



135 \$4.



136 \$6.



137 \$6.



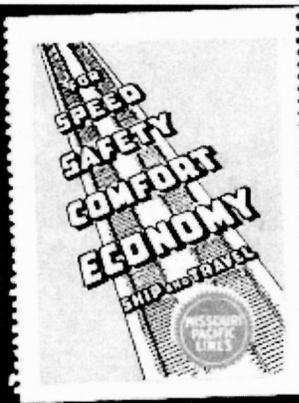
138 \$4.



139 \$5



140 \$4.



141 \$4.



142 \$3.



143 \$2.



144 \$4.