



1875 REPRINT OF 1857-60 ISSUE

IN EXPECTATION OF COLLECTOR DEMAND the United States Post Office Department authorized the Continental Bank Note Co. to reprint the stamps issued from 1851 through 1861, which had been demonetized in their final year of use. Four of the old Toppan, Carpenter plates were used for the reprints (5c, 24c, 30c and 90c). The 1c, 3c, 10c and 12c plates presumably could not be located, so Continental made new plates of 100 subjects. The 1851-57 Reprints were issued with 12-gauge perforations, instead of the original 15 gauge, and the shades and paper were brighter than the originals. The stamps were sold without gum and were invalid for postage. The larger perforation holes and narrow spacing, even on the new plates, resulted in almost all examples having perforations cut into the design on one or more sides.

A record of quantities sold provides figures for each value:

1857 REPRINT	NUMBER SOLD
1c Bright Blue, Scott 40	3,846
3c Scarlet, Scott 41	479
5c Orange Brown, Scott 42	878
10c Blue Green, Scott 43	516
12c Greenish Black, Scott 44	489
24c Blackish Violet, Scott 45	479
30c Yellow Orange, Scott 46	480
90c Deep Blue, Scott 47	454
Totals	7,621



A dream set of the 1875 Reprint of 1857 Issue