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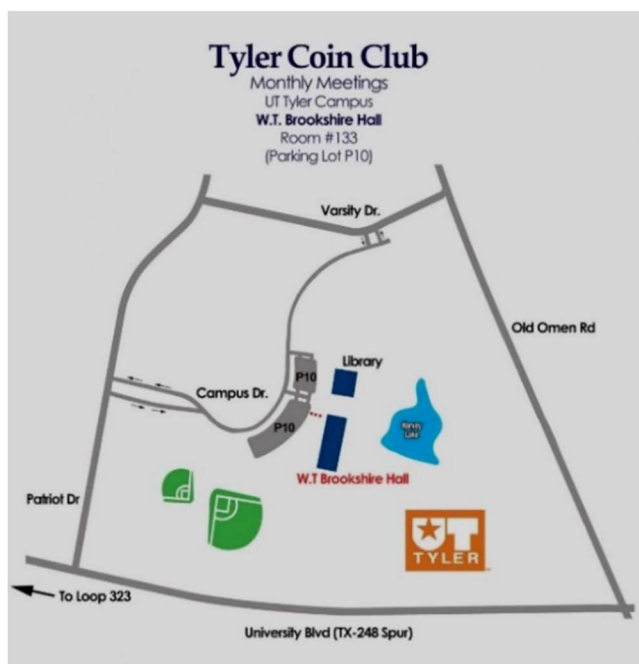
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(Visit the Tyler, Texas Coin Club in person and on the internet at: tylercoinclub.org)

The Tyler, Texas Coin Club (TCC) meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please consider yourself welcome. Meetings include great fellowship, numismatic education, a brief business session, and a spirited numismatic auction. The TCC meets on the campus of the University of Texas Tyler in room 133 of the W. T. Brookshire Building. Enter the campus via the identified "west entrance" off University Boulevard. Turn toward campus onto Patriot Dr. Enter campus and proceed on Campus Dr. to Parking Lot P10. (See map below) The W. T. Brookshire Building is in full view from the parking lot just to the right of the library.



Use the QR code below for directions to the club using Google Maps.





Numismatic Notes

Thoughts from Our President

Richard Graham

Hello fellow coin club members:

I hope all is well with you and yours, and may you find that greatly desired coin that you've been looking for soon.

Merry Christmas from the Grahams. Dede, Hunter and I hope that everyone in our club has the best Christmas ever.

Our club Christmas party is on December the 13th, I hope to see you there.

Our Club has had an incredible year, it seems like God is smiling on us as a group.

I am looking forward to another great year in 2023.

I would like to thank everyone in our club who has participated in making 2022 a banner year!!! And would also like to encourage everyone in the club to become more involved in 2023.

Our best years are still in front of us and not behind us!!!!

May God bless you and keep you until we meet again.

Richard

From the editor:

Ah, Christmastime. What wonderful memories it brings to mind. I recall performing in many church plays in my youth, singing the carols and Christmas hymns. Of course, there was the excitement of spending time with family I hadn't seen much during the year and the anticipation on Christmas Eve awaiting Santa Claus. As an adult, I've tried to match many of those traditions with my kids so that they too will have fond memories of Christmas. But all of those memories and traditions pale in comparison to the real reason we celebrate...it is after all called CHRISTmas for a reason! So, while you're exchanging gifts with family and friends this holiday season, remember that He was the best gift ever given! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.
~Adam



December 13th

6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS
COIN CLUB
DINNER

The Tyler Coin Club invites you to their "Christmas Coin Club Dinner" which will begin at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, December 13th. Spouses and/or significant others are welcome and due to the success and hard work of club members at the coin show, this "No Charge" dinner is another benefit of Club Membership. The officers of your club say, "Thank you!"

The food will be delivered at 6:00 PM. If you show up at 7:00 PM, food availability cannot be guaranteed.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 MEETING

by Carl S.

Meeting called to order at 7pm by President Richard Graham with Pledge to the Flag

Attendance	Members:	32	New Members:	0	Guests:	0	Total:	32
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Discussion of Agenda Items (Richard)

- The club was lead in prayer by Adam.
- Club members were asked to keep Kern and his family as well as the Brunner family in prayers.
- Introduction/recognition of guests, visitors, and new members.
- Recognition of members with birthdays and anniversaries in the month of November.
- Royce presented a brief Treasurer's report. Royce reminded members that Fresh will cater the Club
- Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 13th. Food should be ready around 6pm.
- Ed nominated the current club officers for the 2023 club officer positions. Allen seconded the motion.
- Elections are scheduled for the December 13th meeting.
- David gave a presentation on United States Classic Commemoratives coins highlighting the Stone Mountain
- commemorative half dollar including controversy of reverse motto, various packaging and counter stamps,
- and counterfeits.
- Several members got the correct answer to Adam's monthly newsletter contest. By random drawing, Gil
- won a 2001 ASE for his correct answer.
- The Christmas Dinner club meeting is December 13, 2022, at W.T. Brookshire Hall (room #133) on the UT
- Tyler campus. Food should be ready around 6pm.
- Meeting adjourned.

Club Auction (Richard)

- 34 auction items for Salvation Army Angel Tree sold - \$1,167
- 13 regular auction items sold - \$1659

Door Prize Winners

- Bill, John, Kevin, Stephen



THE 66 TH ANNUAL HOUSTON MONEY SHOW

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023 • 9 AM — 6 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 9 AM — 5 PM

LONE STAR CONVENTION CENTER

CONROE, TEXAS

JACK DOMURAT, SHOW CHAIRMAN

QUESTIONS FOR DR. COYNE



1) Is this some sort of pattern for a U.S. half dollar?

2) What U.S. coin series was made for the most years without design, composition, or alloy change?

3) Dr. Coyne wonders why the certified population (by PGCS and NGC) exceed the totals listed as originally produced by the U.S. mint for some 19th century rare coins.



4) What series of U.S. coin has only a single year's production from the "O" mint? What is the year? What series of U.S. coin has production in only one year from the "S" mint? D mint?

5) What is the difference between "Proof" and "Fleur-de-Coin"?

re-run question -- partial mea culpa

6) A collector forming a set of U.S. one cent pieces showing an example from all the branch mint issues before 1909 will have how many coins?

7) Before the large output of gold following the California strike in 1848, where did most of the gold used by the U.S. mint come from?



DR. COYNE RESPONDS

- 1) ***Is this some sort of pattern for a U.S. half dollar?*** This 1833 Capped Bust Half Dollar purports to be a regular issue, but it is a low-quality lead composition cast counterfeit. It was likely made before 1850 and was intended to be “spent” and thus passed for 50 cents. It is poorly enough done that it would not fool many of today’s collectors. It is off-weight, undersized in diameter, has pebbly cast surfaces and weakly defined lettering. BUT, these have become collectible and there is now a book by Keith R. Davignon titled *Contemporary Counterfeit Capped Bust Half Dollars* that lists and illustrates many known varieties.



- 2) ***What U.S. coin series was made for the most years without design, composition, or alloy change?*** The liberty head quarter eagle (\$2.50 gold) was coined from 1840 through 1907 without change. Unlike the larger coins, the almost dime-sized quarter eagle was deemed too small to add the motto “In God We Trust” in 1866 when the larger coins added the motto.



- 3) ***Dr. Coyne wonders why the certified population (by PGCS and NGC) exceed the totals listed as originally produced by the U.S. mint for some 19th century rare coins.*** Some popular (but scarce) 19th century coins have “certified populations” exceeding the number of coins originally minted. This is not really the fault of the services, as their reports can only talk about what they have processed. It is the “crack-out” process followed by re-submission which results in this distortion. The services will adjust their reports downward if any loose tags are turned in, but most re-submitters do not do it. You cannot believe everything you see in the population reports about relative rarity.

- 4) ***What series of U.S. coin has only a single year’s production from the “O” mint? What is the year? What series of U.S. coin has production in only one year from the “S” mint? D mint?***



Collectors will find that the only “O” mint silver three cent piece (sometimes called a trime) is from the first year of issue – 1851-O. Far less popular, but still a lonesome “O” is the 1909 issue of Indian half eagle (\$5 gold). The 1921-D Morgan Dollar also qualifies, as do the 1854-D \$3 gold piece and the 1851-D gold dollar. The most collected series which has only one “S” mint coin is the Liberty Nickel (sometimes called a V nickel), and it is the 1912-S. Are there others?

5) ***What is the difference between “Proof” and “Fleur-de-Coin?”***

Dr. Coyne received calls from Gene McP and from Gail B which further broadened Dr. Coyne’s horizons on this question. The terms “proof” and “fleur-de-coin” refer to the same thing only in certain (mostly European) catalogs. The FDC terminology means something like “best available preservation” in the field of ancients. In the Italian terminology equivalent, the FDC term means something like “choice uncirculated” (and not a method of manufacture as “proof”).

6) ***A collector forming a set of U.S. one cent pieces showing an example from all the branch mint issues before 1909 will have how many coins?***



The collector of branch mint cents before 1909 will need only ONE COIN! The 1908-S Indian Cent. The 1909-S Indian Cent fills out all the branch mint Indians. Then there comes the 1909-S and 1909-S VDB Lincolns and the 1910-S Lincoln before Denver began striking cents in 1911. The southern branch mints never made cents.



7) ***Before the large output of gold following the California strike in 1848, where did most of the gold used by the U.S. mint come from?*** References and purchase records show over 90% of the gold used by the U.S. mint in the years 1793-1847 was from Rutherford County, North Carolina. The balance, some 10%, was from melted foreign coins (Spanish Colonial, English, French, etc.).

Gold Mining In WNC Area Led To Minting Of Coins

Gold mining in this section, booming before California was known to have gold, led to the minting of gold coins in Rutherford County by Christopher Bechtler Sr.

More than \$3,500,000 passed through the hands of the artisans who made the coins: Bechtler, a skilled jeweler and gunsmith of Baden, Germany, and his sons, Augustus and Charles, and nephew, Christopher.

They started their mint soon after arriving in Rutherford County in 1830, setting up north of Rutherfordton the dies and other machinery necessary to manufacture coins. They were of three denominations: one dollar, \$2.50 and \$5.

Pale yellow because of a silver alloy that was present in the gold, the coins varied in size, weight and design. About 35 different kinds were made in all. They bore stamps telling of the origin of the metal: Carolina gold or Georgia gold.

Augustus Bechtler moved to Rutherford in 1842, setting up his own mint after the death of his father that year, and continued to manufacture coins until his death in 1847. The nephew inherited the business, Charles Bechtler having committed suicide over an unhappy love affair, and he remained in Rutherfordton until he closed the mint in the 1850's and moved to Spartanburg, S. C.

Before the California gold rush and the real opening of the West, the coins circulated widely in the South. The nearest mint then was Philadelphia, a month's travel by stagecoach.

Early Settlements

On Crabtree and Fines Creek in Haywood County, flourishing settlements were made before the beginning of the nineteenth century.

MONTHLY CONTEST

Because we aren't having a regular meeting in December *and* because of the nature of this month's contest, there won't be a drawing this month. However, there will still be two drawings available for those who choose to participate. There was the survey that was sent out in November with the prize of a 2022 Silver Eagle PCGS MS70. For this prize, you must be a member of the Tyler Coin Club to be eligible so if you aren't yet (or need to renew), visit the TCC membership page to download the application. The last day to complete the survey is December 12th so don't delay!



There will be a similar prize available for anyone who correctly completes the crossword puzzle on the next two pages. I personally created this crossword puzzle to give everyone an opportunity to explore the fascinating world of NUMISMATICS! I feel confident that you will learn something you didn't know or be reminded of something you once found interesting but forgot. You can print it out and send me a picture of your answers -OR- you can click on the QR code below the clues to be directed to the webpage of the puzzle. There you can complete (and print) the puzzle online! HINT: If you do it online, it lets you know if your answers are correct or incorrect ahead of time. You have from now until January 9th to get your answers to me.

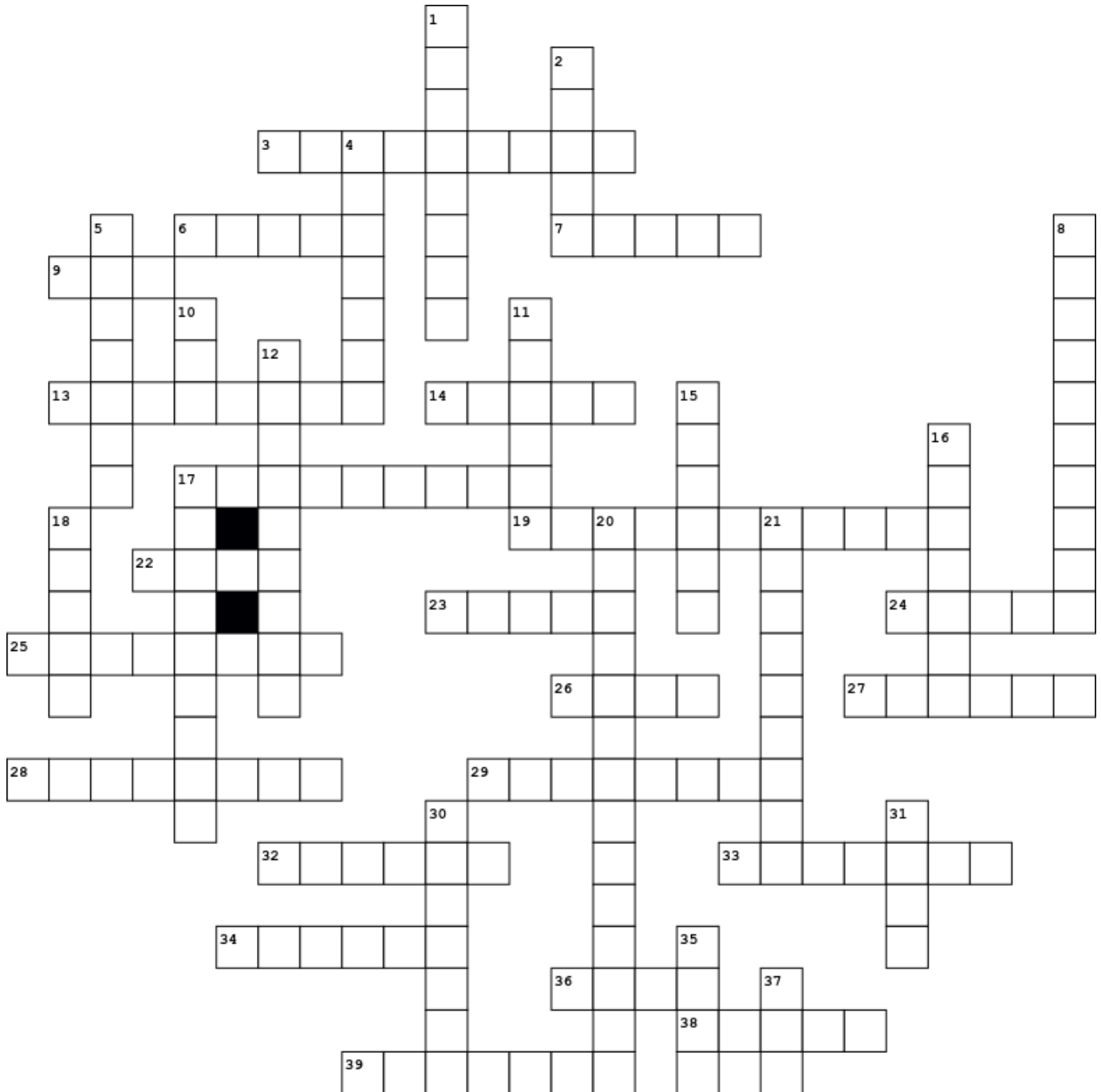
Drawings for the survey *and* the contest will be conducted at our January 10th, 2023 meeting.

**Email those completed puzzles to:
agandaucollector@gmail.com**

If you would like me to email you clickable links so that you can participate in either of these drawings, please email me at the above email address.

The answer to last month's contest ("Who is the man depicted below?") was Dr. George F. Heath.

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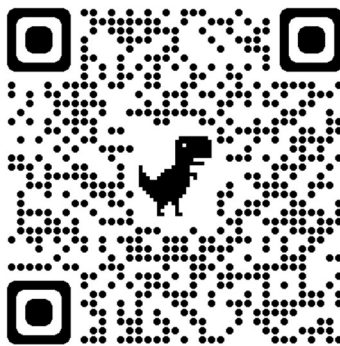


Across

- 3.** Raising the rim
- 6.** Nickname for 3 cent pieces
- 7.** Cents of WW2
- 9.** Abbr. for the short dollar series
- 13.** Series before Kennedy
- 14.** Most common name for a cent
- 17.** Branch mint in the Carolinas
- 19.** First Director of the Mint
- 22.** Graded coin holder
- 23.** \$10 gold
- 24.** First certification company
- 25.** Coin birthplace identification
- 26.** Struck from two dies
- 27.** America's favorite dollar
- 28.** Sculptor of the first Double Eagle
- 29.** Strike for circulation
- 32.** Egyptian 1933 Double Eagle owner
- 33.** Famous coin guide
- 34.** Nickname for top AU
- 36.** Number of 1913 Liberty nickels
- 38.** Founder of the ANA
- 39.** Cent of 1816-1857

Down

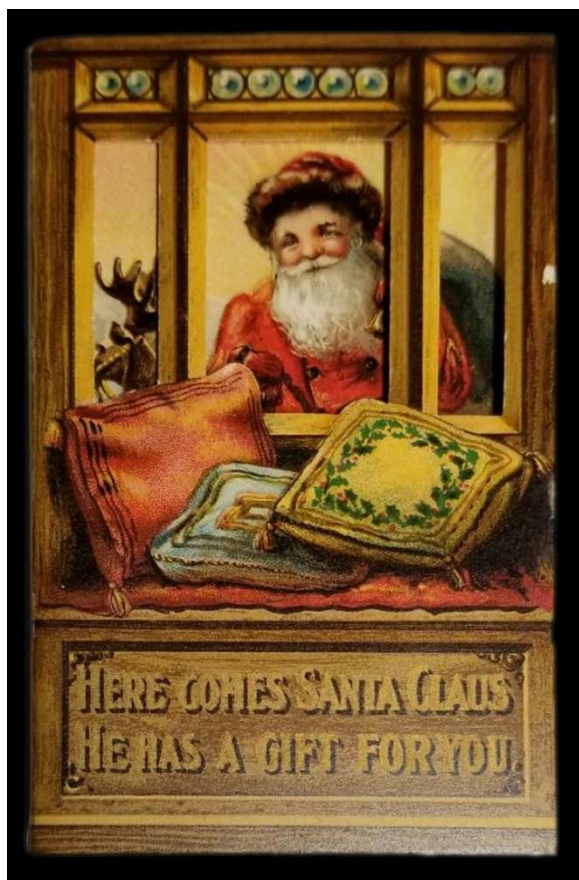
- 1.** Judd's specialty
- 2.** "The Hobby of _____"
- 4.** Grading scale mastermind
- 5.** Front of the coin
- 8.** Home of the "O" mintmark
- 10.** Largest annual coin show, in short
- 11.** Branch mint of 1906
- 12.** Collected every US coin minted
- 15.** "The" numismatic writer
- 16.** Man behind the 1909 initials
- 17.** First commemorative
- 18.** "Mind Your Business" copper
- 20.** ANA periodical
- 21.** First coin minted in the US
- 30.** State series coin
- 31.** Number of Philadelphia mint locations
- 35.** Famous for "Star Rare Coin Encyclopedia"
- 37.** The grader's grader



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to the Crossword Puzzle webpage.**

Christmas Coin Cards

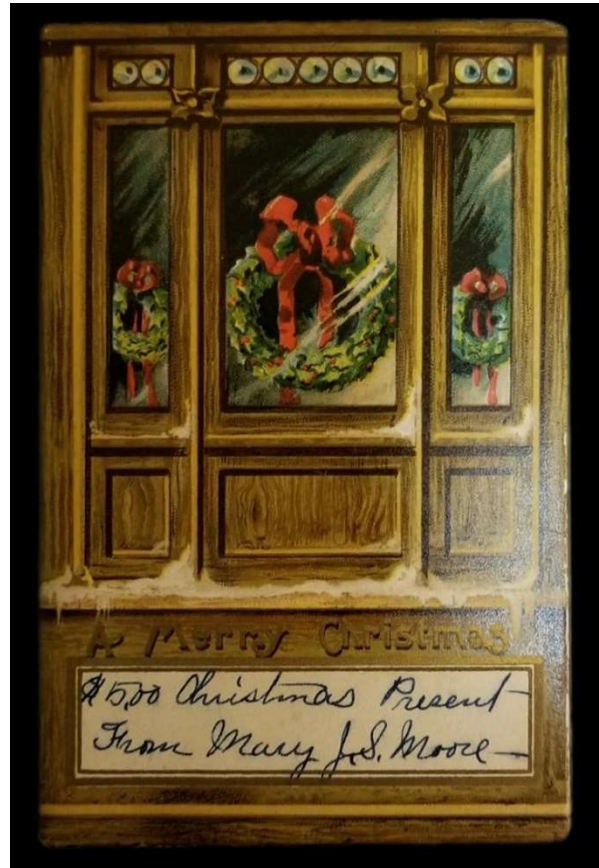
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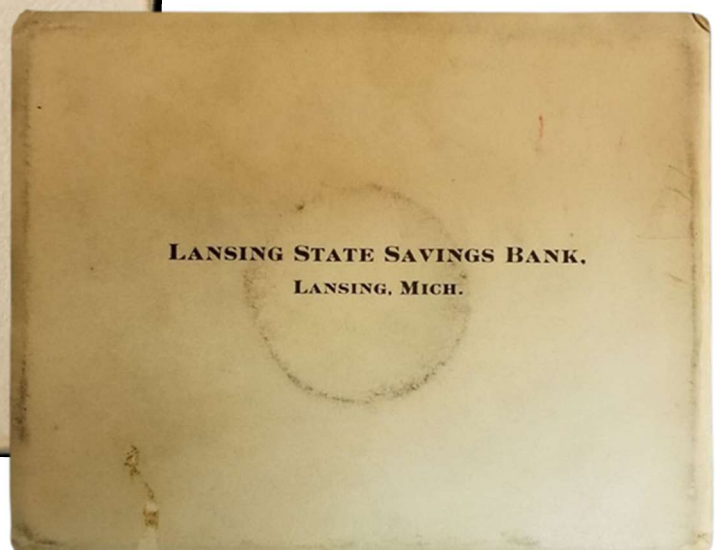
Giving the gift of a gold coin is an old holiday tradition, and today a variety of gift cards that survive from the turn of the 20th century serve to remind us of this delightful practice. The *Eclectic Numismatic Treasure* collection, a world-class grouping of primarily American numismatic exonomia, contains several examples of these vintage holiday cards.

As a coin by itself is somewhat plain, the addition of a card personalized the gift and made for a more artistic presentation. Some of these cards were additionally inscribed by the presenter, creating even more of a personal connection.

One such example illustrates Santa bearing a 1915 U.S. \$5 Indian gold piece, while another is strictly promotional on the part of the Lansing (MI) State Savings Bank, reminding the receiver where the coin might be deposited.



Of course, who would mind a bit of a “commercial” upon the occasion of finding a \$20 gold piece in their Christmas stocking? Newman Portal acknowledges the Eclectic Numismatic Treasure collector for sharing these images, and Lianna Spurrier for image editing.



IN THE NEWS

- On November 29th, some doctors in India retrieved 187 coins from a man's stomach. His relatives brought him to Hanagal Shree Kumareshwar Hospital when he complained of stomach pain. The doctors took his X-ray and did an endoscopy, before removing the coins. It was determined that the man was suffering from a psychiatric disorder that caused him to consume the coins. Click the link to see the video on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhiT3V8ebAI>
- On November 16th, NGC announced that they were going to be introducing the 10-point grading scale to modern coins calling it *NGCX*. This is a huge change for the TPG side of collecting since the 70-point scale has been used for so many years. Click the link below to read the article. <https://www.ngccoin.com/news/article/10916/introducing-ngcx/>



What's your take on this development? Shoot me an email with your comments (agandaucollector@gmail.com). I will compile the results and publish a summary of what everyone thinks in the next newsletter.

The Twelve Collecting Days of Christmas

By David Pickup and Adam Spikes

Back in 2013, David Pickup thought he'd celebrate Christmas by trying to find twelve coins to illustrate the famous song. I've used five of his original choices but have added some I thought might be worthy of consideration. What would you have chosen? Per his original statement, "This is not perfect...", so give us grace on the coin choices we've made. I've included links to web pages for those of you who would like to research the coins further. Merry Christmas!!

♪ On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



1988-1995 Gibraltar 1 Penny featuring the BARBARY PARTRIDGE
<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces4987.html>

♪ On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



2014 Canada 1 Dollar featuring TWO TURTLE DOVES
<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces166667.html>

♪ On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



2007 Isle of Man 50 Pence featuring THREE FRENCH HENS

(Not gonna lie, this one almost felt like I was cheating...but there just weren't many French hens to choose from.)

<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces21548.html>

♪ On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



The Anlaf Guthfrithsson Penny (England, 939-941 A.D.)

Often called the Raven Penny, this coin was struck for the Viking Olaf Guthfrithson who was the king of Dublin between 934-941. Also, in America we sing "calling birds," but the early English version of the 12 Days of Christmas had it as "Colly birds" (or blackbirds). Though it's not technically a blackbird, the raven was the closest David (and I) could find. <https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces119100.html>

♪ On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Five golden rings, four calling birds, three French hens,
two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



Celtic Ring Money

Before coinage was introduced to Britain in the Late Iron Age, people had to conduct transactions by bartering their products, goods and/or services. This process of payment and exchange may have been facilitated by gold “ring money.” <https://oldcurrencyexchange.com/2015/03/31/what-is-celtic-ring-money/>

♪ On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Six geese a-layin,’ five golden rings, four calling birds, three French hens,
two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



2011 Canada Gold 50 Cents featuring GEESE

It has 5 (not 6) geese flying (not laying) but it was the best I could find. Am I the only one who has thought that this “true love” had access to way too many birds?

<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces24614.html>

♪ On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Seven swans a-swimmin,' six geese a-layin,' five golden rings, four calling birds,
three French hens, two turtle doves And a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



Australia Silver Swan Series (2017-Present) featuring two SWANS

A beautiful series that began in 2017. This edition really pops with the black swans colorized. Next year, the 2023 release will ironically be the the “seventh” release which means the song could then be edited to, “Seven swans o’ silver?”

<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces325446.html>

♪ On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Eight maids a-milkin,' seven swans a-swimmin,' Six geese a-layin,'
five golden rings, four calling birds, three French hens,
two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



2016 Latvia 2 Euro featuring a Dairy Cow

Neither David nor I could not find any “maids a milkin’” but here is a Latvian Brown cow they could milk!

<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces85889.html>

♪ On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Nine lords a-leapin,' Eight maids a-milkin,' seven swans a-swimmin,' six geese a-layin,'
five golden rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



2014 United Kingdom £2 Centenary of the First World War featuring Lord Kitchener

This "lord" isn't leaping, but he was "leaping" to fame when he amassed Great Britain's army during WWI and by being featured on a poster similar to our own with Uncle Sam, "Your Country Needs You."

<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces53078.html>

♪ On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Ten ladies dancin,' nine lords a-leapin,' eight maids a-milkin,' Seven swans a-swimmin,'
six geese a-layin,' five golden rings Four calling birds, three French hens Two turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



2011 Belarus 20 Rubles (Arabic Dance) featuring LADIES DANCING

This is borderline risqué and I'm sure my wife wouldn't approve of it but it really drives home the gift that was given....I mean, it didn't say how the ten ladies were dancing!

<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces80043.html>

♪ On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Eleven pipers pipin,' ten ladies dancin,' nine lords a-leapin,' eight maids a-milkin,'
seven swans a-swimmin,' Six geese a-layin,' five golden rings, four calling birds, three French hens,
two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



SilverTowne's Medieval Legends Pied Piper Silver Round

Though this is NOT a coin and though the Pied Piper wasn't likely one of the eleven, he is a piper pipin!
<https://www.jmbullion.com/1-oz-medieval-legends-pied-piper-silver-round/>

♪ On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

Twelve drummers drummin,' eleven pipers pipin,' ten ladies dancin,' nine lords a-leapin,'
eight maids a-milkin,' seven swans a-swimmin,' Six geese a-layin,' five golden rings,
four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree. ♪



1976 Washington Bicentennial Quarter featuring a DRUMMER

I honestly couldn't think of a better way to finish this up the 12 Days of Christmas than with a coin from
our very own, great country. This is still one of my favorite coins of all time.

<https://en.numista.com/catalogue/pieces56.html>