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explained in No. 2, but the reason for the existence of this particular No. 1 in its present make-up and general character of contents is not difficult to arrive at when we say that only five copies are printed. No. 2, and subsequent numbers, which will have a wide circulation, and a mission to fill, will be printed in the usual manner and will contain certain things of absorbing interest to the

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Philatelic world at large and to a few in particular. Watch for it.

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That very "chic" article on "The New Variety of the 90c 1874" is taken from the SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST, Vol. II, No. 6, June, 1895, and was written by "E.E."

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been quietly buying up the 80c value of this issue until at present I have nine thousand perfect copies of this stamp. Nine thousand, you will observe, is a large per cent of the total issue, and from such a stock the most definite results may be obtained in regard to die differences.

For weeks, I searched through this lot of stamps in order to find some mark which would

distinguish the engraving of the Continental Bank Note Co. from that of the National Co. The figures, letters and ornaments were examined with a powerful microscope but without success. Finally, at twenty-three minutes past five in the afternoon of April 20, a mark was discovered.

Exactly in the center of the right ear of the immortal Perry is a large red dot, invisible

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to the naked eye, but clearly discernible under a high power microscope. There are six short lines extending from this dot in as many directions. In front of the dot are two white specks which might be taken for eyes. On the whole the figure resembles an insect. By actual measurement the dot is one-seventeenth of a millimeter in length, and one twenty-eighth of an inch in breadth.

I had intended to give this newly discovered variety my name, but, fortunately, my modesty overcame this desire, and we will call the stage, "Perry-with-a-philos-in-his-ear."

Only five copies of the variety were found in the whole nine thousand. Ears which contained legs and other portions of insects were common, but there were only five perfect insects in the lot. By

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a chemical analysis of the ink on these stamps the insects were found to be exactly twenty-three years of age. The noninsectivorous stamps were much younger. This proves beyond doubt that the variety was issued by the National Bank Note Company.

As the "Perry-with-a-philoe-in-his-ear" are so extremely rare, I advise collectors to procure a copy while they are still obtainable. I will sell my stock of

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the variety at \$30 per stamp until ten are sold, then the price, without further notice, will be advanced to \$50. I guarantee the price will be no lower.

When the news of the discovery of the "Perry-with-a-phlee-in-his-car" is copied into the Philatelic Journal of America and other great American and foreign journals, I hope due credit will be given to the SPRINGFIELD PHILATELIST.

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