**Synopsis**

Several important editorial enhancements have been made in the 2013 edition of the U.S. Specialized. Also more than 7,800 value changes were recorded. For the first time, Scott recognizes the I grills from the 1870-71 Bank Note issues (Scott 134-144) as new major catalogue numbers. These new listings appear in their own section immediately following Scott 144. In a special feature article, respected Bank Note expert Ronald A. Burns explains the history behind the initial grouping of the H and I grills. The second major editorial advance in the 2013 U.S. Specialized catalogue is the introduction of a new section dealing with postal counterfeits, specifically stamps and postal stationery items fraudulently produced to defraud the U.S. Post Office Department/U.S. Postal Service of revenue. This section was put together with the assistance of Linn’s Stamp News U.S. Notes columnist John M. Hotchner and fellow counterfeit collectors Richard Drews, Kurt and Joann Lenz, and Howard.

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