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July 24-25, 2024	Collectors Choice Online Auction – <i>U.S. Coins & Currency</i> StacksBowers.com	StacksBowers.com
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October 23-24, 2024	Collectors Choice Online Auction – <i>U.S. Coins & Currency</i> StacksBowers.com	Coins: September 23, 2024 Currency: September 30, 2024

Front Cover (top to bottom): Lot 2059: 1911-D Indian Half Eagle. MS-63 (PCGS). CAC; Lot 2131: 1892-CC Liberty Head Eagle. MS-62 (PCGS). CAC; Lot 2215: 1891-CC Liberty Head Double Eagle. AU-58 (PCGS). CAC.

Back Cover (top to bottom, left to right): Lot 2053: 1909-O Indian Half Eagle. AU-58 (PCGS). CAC; Lot 2029: 1879-CC Liberty Head Half Eagle. AU-55 (PCGS). CAC; Lot 2134: 1893-CC Liberty Head Eagle. MS-61 (PCGS); Lot 2145: 1912 Indian Eagle. MS-64 (PCGS). CAC; Lot 2185: 1873-CC Liberty Head Double Eagle. AU-58 (PCGS). CAC; Lot 2233: 1908 Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle. Motto. MS-64 (PCGS). CAC; Lot 2205: 1882-CC Liberty Head Double Eagle. MS-62 (PCGS). CAC.

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1550 Scenic Avenue, Suite 150, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 • 9:00 AM-5:00 PM PT *(by appointment only)*

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Auction Details

Session 1*

Physical Cryptocurrency
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4:00 PM PT
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Session 2

**The Fairmont
Collection**
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The Sydney F. Martin
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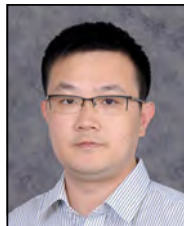
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Welcome to the

Sussex Set from the Fairmont Collection

On behalf of the Stack's Bowers Galleries team, I am proud to present the latest offering of United States gold half eagles, eagles, and double eagles from the Fairmont Collection.

The Sussex Set presents 240 lots graded by PCGS with a majority approved by CAC, attesting to the quality and originality of the coins. Popular southern branch mint pieces, scarce Civil War era coins, Mint State Carson City examples, and low mintage issues abound, presenting a fantastic opportunity for advanced specialists and the novice collectors alike to find at least a coin or two to add to their collections.

The highlights are too numerous to list, but we do make note of these outstanding pieces:

Lot 2059. Spectacular 1911-D \$5 graded MS-63 (PCGS). CAC.

Lot 2091. Elusive 1854-O Large Date \$10 in PCGS AU-58 CAC.

Lot 2099. Exceptionally nice 1858-O \$10 graded AU-58 (PCGS). CAC.

Lot 2109. Low mintage 1875-CC \$10 graded EF-40 (PCGS). CAC.

Lot 2124. Condition rarity 1884-CC \$10 in AU-58 (PCGS). CAC.

Lot 2155. Condition rarity 1854 Large Date \$20 graded AU-58 (PCGS) CAC.

Lot 2160. Noteworthy, original 1857-O double eagle in PCGS EF-45 CAC.

Lot 2170. Exceptional 1864 \$20 graded AU-58 (PCGS). CAC.

Lot 2174. Classic 1866-S No Motto double eagle in PCGS AU-53.

Lot 2185. Popular 1873-CC \$20 graded AU-58 (PCGS) CAC.

Lot 2188. Lovely Mint State 1874-CC double eagle in PCGS MS-61.

Lot 2210. Notable Mint State 1885-CC \$20 graded MS-61 (PCGS).

Gold is at near record prices, and more and more people are discovering gold coins. The Fairmont Collection – Sussex Set offers buyers lots of great pieces at all price points. I invite you to take some time to look through this catalog. You will certainly find something for your gold coin collection!

Good luck in bidding,



Brian Kendrella
President

Order of Sale

Session 2

The Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set

Tuesday, August 13 • 9:00 AM PT

Lots 2001-2240

Category.....	Lot Number
U.S. Coins & Related.....	2001-2240
Half Eagles	2001-2070
Eagles	2071-2145
Double Eagles.....	2146-2240

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Lot 2186

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024, 9:00 AM PT

LOTS 2001-2240

HALF EAGLES

CLASSIC HEAD HALF EAGLE



2001

1836 HM-6. Rarity-3. AU-53 (PCGS). Delightful golden-apricot and warm olive colors are seen on both sides of this sharply defined and lustrous AU half eagle. Nine different die combinations produced more than half a million 1836 half eagles, the second largest production run among Classic Head \$5 pieces. After the first year 1834, the 1836 is the most readily obtainable half eagle of this type. Most survivors are well worn and a fair number are impaired. Finding choice, problem free About Uncirculated examples is becoming increasingly difficult.

PCGS# 8174. NGC ID: 25RY.

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LIBERTY HEAD HALF EAGLES



2002

1840 AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. Frosty olive-orange surfaces with a well executed, overall sharp strike. The protected areas around the devices are softly colored in a deep orange-rose, bringing superior eye appeal to delight in. There are no singularly mentionable marks, as this example is remarkably smooth for the assigned grade. The 1840 is a popular early Liberty Head half eagle for better date type purposes. Even so, it is scarce in an absolute sense and its true rarity in the finer AU grades, like that of so many 1840s Philadelphia Mint half eagles, is overlooked by more casual collectors. High quality offerings such as this do not come along that often.

PCGS# 8194. NGC ID: 25SA.

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2003

1844-D Winter 11-G. EF-45 (PCGS). This gorgeous example exhibits vivid orange-olive color and some remaining mint frost. The strike is sharp to full throughout, impressive for the issuing mint. Attractively original and quite smooth, even the most discerning Southern gold collectors will be impressed by this PQ example. Vying with the 1843-D and 1845-D as the most readily obtainable Dahlonega Mint half eagle from the 1840s, the 1844-D is still scarce in an absolute sense. When found with the exceptional surface preservation and eye appeal offered here, this issue is rare.

PCGS# 8221. NGC ID: 25T9.

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2004

1844-O Winter-3. EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. Pleasing deep honey-gold surfaces are highly lustrous for the grade with most design elements sharply to fully defined. Glints of pale olive are evident, further evidence of this coin's originality. The 1844-O is one of the more plentiful half eagles from the still early days at the New Orleans Mint, but premium Choice AU pieces like this are scarce relative to demand from Southern gold collectors.

PCGS# 8222. NGC ID: 25TA.

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2005

1845 AU-58 (PCGS). A sharply struck and richly original example with nearly full mint frost. Dominant olive-gold color with pockets of honey-orange that confirmed originality. The 1845 is one of the highest mintage half eagles from the 1840s with 417,099 circulation strikes produced. Well worn survivors are plentiful by the standards of the early No Motto Liberty Head series, although in the finest AU and all Mint State grades the 1845 is surprisingly rare. This is true of virtually all Philadelphia Mint half eagles from the 1840s, as these coins saw active commercial use in an era when there was essentially no numismatic interest in preserving circulation strikes. It is truly remarkable, therefore, that the present example not only survived in nearly Mint State, but that it did so with such original, attractive surfaces.

PCGS# 8223. NGC ID: 25TB.

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2006

1845-D Winter 13-H. EF-45 (PCGS). Tinges of olive-green enliven honey-gold color on both sides of this richly and attractively original example. Impressively smooth surfaces, with only one small contact mark to note in between Stars 3 and 4. With a mintage of 90,629 pieces, the 1845-D is among the more available Dahlonega half eagles. A find for collectors of mintmarked gold type coins and specialists in Southern gold.

PCGS# 8224. NGC ID: 25TC.

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2007

1846 Large Date. EF-45 (PCGS). Frosty surfaces are enhanced by attractively original color in warm honey-olive. Boldly to sharply defined in all but a few isolated areas. With survivors of this 395,942-piece issue elusive and typically grading VF or low end EF, this scarce Choice Extremely Fine coin is sure to appeal to advanced Liberty Head gold collectors. The Large Date is the more available of the two logotypes used to produce the 1846 half eagle.

PCGS# 8226. NGC ID: 25TF.

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2008

1847-C Winter-1. EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. A richly original, honey-gold example with plenty of frosty mint luster remaining on both sides. Showing only light wear, this coin offers uncommonly bold detail for an issue that is usually seen with no more than an average strike. Expect fierce competition for this well produced and exceptionally well preserved Choice EF offering from the Fairmont Collection.

PCGS# 8233. NGC ID: 25TN.

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2009

1847-D Winter 19-I. EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. A frosty medium gold example with blended olive highlights. This is a sharply struck and pleasingly smooth example with no singularly mentionable marks. The 1847-D is among the more available Dahlonega Mint half eagles and would be just right for a mintmarked gold type set. We caution bidders, however, that most collectors are forced to settle for a VF or low end EF coin, for even AU survivors of marginal quality are elusive. At the Choice EF-45 level and with its originality and strong eye appeal, the present example is highly desirable.

PCGS# 8234. NGC ID: 25TP.

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2010

1848-D Winter 20-R. VF-30 (PCGS). CAC. Very pleasing at the assigned grade, this handsome golden-honey example is noticeably soft in certain areas, mostly due to the advanced state of the Winter 20-R dies. An underrated issue due to a relatively generous mintage of 47,465 pieces, the 1848-D is actually among the more challenging Dahlonega Mint half eagles to locate in any grade. The present example in problem-free and fully original VF will appeal to discerning Southern gold collectors.

PCGS# 8238. NGC ID: 25TU.

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2011

1852-C Winter-1. AU-50 (PCGS). Attractive deep olive-orange surfaces lighten to medium gold under a light. There is abundant mint luster in a frosty, if somewhat granular texture. Isolated high points are softly defined, but the balance of the features is razor sharp to full. Premium AU examples, as here, are scarce and always in demand among specialists. Impressively smooth for a lightly circulated Charlotte Mint half eagle and worthy of the strongest bids.

PCGS# 8251. NGC ID: 25UB.

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2014

1854 AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Blended pinkish-honey color and softly frosted luster are seen on surfaces that display a bold to sharp strike. The 1854 is a surprisingly scarce issue with this kind of quality and originality despite its status as a Philadelphia Mint issue with a relatively generous mintage of 160,675 pieces. Sure to catch the attention of astute gold collectors.

PCGS# 8256. NGC ID: 25UG.

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2012

1852-D Winter 32-V. EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. Attractive orange-apricot highlights enliven a base of warmer honey-olive color. This is an attractively original example, one that is also lustrous, frosty, and well struck apart from typical softness at the borders and central high points. With the second highest mintage (91,584 pieces) among half eagles from this coinage facility, the 1852-D is one of the more frequently encountered Dahlonega Mint fives. With AU coins very scarce to rare this is a significant offering of a Choice EF-45 example.

PCGS# 8252. NGC ID: 25UC.

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2015

1854-D Winter 36-AA. Large D. AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. Subtle orange-apricot color blends with deeper honey-gold on both sides of this handsome and fully original example. The strike is superior for a mid-1850s Dahlonega Mint five with the borders and high points displaying minimal softness, with most features boldly impressed and crisp. Softly frosted luster is very much in evidence on surfaces that are free of troublesome marks. The 1854-D is one of the more readily obtainable Dahlonega Mint half eagles, but all issues from this coinage facility are scarce in an absolute sense, and most are rare in grades above EF, as here.

PCGS# 8258. NGC ID: 25UK.

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2013

1853-D Winter 34-X. Large D. AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Blended honey-gold and pale champagne-apricot colors are seen on both sides of this attractively original example. Remarkably smooth for a pre-Civil War era Southern gold coin that saw light circulation. Overall bold detail to the central design elements is also notable. This issue is a favorite among mintmarked gold type collectors and Southern gold specialists alike, most of whom settle for an VF or EF coin. Just 89,678 pieces were struck for the 1853-D, and this conditionally scarce Choice AU is certainly among the more desirable survivors.

PCGS# 8255. NGC ID: 25UF.

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2016

1855-C Winter-1. Die State I. AU-50 (PCGS). This charming honey-orange and olive-gold example offers undeniable originality and exceptional eye appeal for a lightly circulated C-Mint half eagle. Softly frosted surfaces are lustrous for the grade with sharp striking detail to virtually all features. The 1855-C is a median rarity in the Charlotte Mint five-dollar gold series in terms of total number of coins believed extant. Well worn and/or impaired coins are the norm among survivors from a mintage of 39,789 pieces. This aesthetically appealing, problem free AU represents an important bidding opportunity for advanced Southern gold collectors.

PCGS# 8262. NGC ID: 25UR.

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2017

1856-C Winter-1, the only known dies. EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. Virtually full, soft mint frost blends with rich pinkish-honey color on this lovely 1856-C half eagle. Both the technical quality and eye appeal are superior for the assigned grade. The strike is detailed, with uncommon boldness appreciable. Impressively smooth, this coin will please even the most discerning collectors. An underrated issue among Southern gold coins, the 1856-C is rarer than a mintage of 28,457 pieces might imply, with no more than 250 to 300 survivors in all grades. This minimally circulated example - very scarce in its own right - is an attractive alternative worthy of the strongest bids.

PCGS# 8267. NGC ID: 25UW.

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2018

1856-S AU-55 (PCGS). Beautiful honey-rose and deep olive surfaces with abundant luster in a soft satin to frosty texture. Striking detail is razor sharp in virtually all areas, and the in hand appearance is uncommonly smooth for both the issue and the assigned grade. Due to distrust of paper money, gold coins were the workhorse medium of exchange in the Old West during the immediate pre-Civil War era, as well as during the following decades through the closing of the frontier in 1890. The entirety of the 105,100 mintage of 1856-S half eagles immediately entered circulation with little notice and went to work helping to make a dent in the enormous demand for lower denomination gold coins. And stay there they did - the half eagle denomination had long been popular in commerce throughout the United States and especially so in California. In all degrees of preservation, the issue is notably scarce: PCGS CoinFacts estimates that 225 examples exist in all grades. Of those, the typically offered grades are VF to low end AU. For the Western Americana specialist, here is an important opportunity to add a premium Choice About Uncirculated survivor of a historic and underappreciated issue.

PCGS# 8270. NGC ID: 25UZ.

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2019

1857 AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Fully struck with thick satin to frosty luster, and rich original honey-orange color that enhances this coin's considerable appeal. While not a great rarity in an absolute sense - the mintage is 98,188 pieces - the 1857 is one in a long line of No Motto Liberty Head half eagles from the Philadelphia Mint that are underrated in the finest circulated and Mint State grades. A find for advanced gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8271. NGC ID: 25V2.

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2020

1857-C Winter-1, the only known dies. AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. This wonderfully original, well preserved example is awash in warm olive-yellow color. The luster is nearly full and frosty with subtle semi-reflectivity evident in the fields. Striking detail is sharp to complete over virtually all design features. Minimally marked for the grade. The 1857-C is widely regarded as one of the more readily obtainable Charlotte Mint half eagles with a mintage of 31,360 pieces. Like all issues from this mint, however, well worn coins in VF and EF are the norm. About Uncirculated survivors are scarce, especially with original, premium quality surfaces offered here. Highly appealing.

PCGS# 8272. NGC ID: 25V3.

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2021

1858-C Winter-1. AU-53 (PCGS). Here is a handsome 1858-C half eagle, and also a noteworthy condition rarity. Displaying richly original deep honey-orange color, the surfaces are very smooth for the grade with no marks of consequence. Thick, attractive mint frost is virtually full, as is the strike apart from a touch of softness to the high points of the eagle, which are still sharp. With a production figure of 38,856, the 1858-C is one of the more readily available half eagles from the Charlotte Mint. As a mainstay gold denomination and the largest produced at this North Carolina facility, virtually the entire issue experienced much use in circulation. Most are in lower to middle level circulated condition and are often scraped, heavily abraded, or otherwise damaged. Only a small number of premium AU examples are known, as here. For the advanced specialist in Southern gold, the chance to acquire such an example is quite rare indeed.

PCGS# 8277. NGC ID: 25V8.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2023

1859-C Winter-1, the only known dies. AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. A handsome and originally preserved half eagle with subtle pinkish-rose highlights on dominant deep honey-gold color. As a Die State I example, the strike is superior for the issue with a nearly full obverse and only minimal evidence of rust interfering with the detail on the reverse. On the other hand, portions of the eagle are soft, and expectably so for an 1859-C \$5. Writing in the 2008 edition of his reference on Charlotte Mint gold coinage, Doug Winter suggests that the reverse die for this issue may have received only one (as opposed to two) impressions from the hub, leaving the detail incomplete. Solidly in the AU category, both sides retain much of the mint luster, which is typically granular in texture. There are no marks of consequence, and the in hand appearance is impressively smooth. From a mintage of 31,847 half eagles produced in Charlotte in 1859, most survivors grade no finer than EF-45, confirming the desirability of this bold About Uncirculated example.

PCGS# 8281. NGC ID: 25VC.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2022

1859 AU-53 (PCGS). Blended deep honey and pinkish-apricot colors provide attractive originality for both sides. Well struck for the issue with plenty of softly frosted luster remaining. The 1859 is a grossly underrated No Motto Liberty Head half eagle in all grades, especially in AU and Mint State preservation. The mintage of 16,734 pieces is similar to that of many of the more highly regarded mintmarked half eagles of the era, but the 1859 is actually more elusive in today's market. Clearly, this attractive and rare AU survivor represents a significant find for astute gold collectors.

PCGS# 8280. NGC ID: 25VB.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2024

1860 AU-53 (PCGS). Modest semi-reflectivity in the fields enlivens otherwise frosty surfaces on this delightful half eagle. Handsome deep honey-rose color, a sharp strike and no significant marks add to the appeal. The 1860 is the last in a short run of low mintage Philadelphia Mint half eagles that commenced with the 1858. Uncirculated survivors from a mintage of 19,763 pieces are few and far between, making this premium AU coin a significant offering that is worthy of serious bidder consideration.

PCGS# 8284. NGC ID: 25VF.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2025

1860-D Winter 46-GG. Medium D. AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. A premium About Uncirculated 1860-D half eagle. Blended light rose and warm honey-gold colors provide strong eye appeal and speak to the originality of the surfaces. Softly frosted luster is nearly full, there is no significant wear, and both sides are impressively smooth for an issue that Doug Winter (2023) describes as often having a “choppy appearance” due to numerous heavy abrasions. Ranking 16th out of 26 Dahlonega Mint half eagles in overall rarity, the 1860-D is typically offered no finer than Choice EF. About Uncirculated coins are very scarce, and enjoy heightened demand among specialists given the rarity of this issue in Mint State. The advanced collector would be hard pressed to find a nicer example at the AU-53 level than that offered here.

PCGS# 8286. NGC ID: 25VH.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2026

1861 MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. A perennially popular type issue from the No Motto portion of the Liberty Head half eagle series, the 1861 is represented here by a nearly Choice Uncirculated example. Vivid honey-apricot surfaces are fully lustrous with a generally smooth, frosty texture. Sharply struck with plenty of eye appeal.

The establishment of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Alabama on February 4, 1861, followed by the bombardment of Fort Sumter during the second week of April, resulted in a sharp increase in gold coinage at the Philadelphia Mint to help fund the Northern war effort. Half eagle production alone that year amounted to 688,084 circulation strikes. Such prodigious output was short lived, however, for a string of early Union defeats on the battlefield resulted in uncertainty over the outcome of the conflict and the suspension of gold specie payments by Northern banks in December. Today the 1861 is popular as a type issue, as above, but in Mint State it is surprisingly scarce relative to the mintage.

PCGS# 8288. NGC ID: 25VK.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2027

1867 VF-35 (PCGS). CAC. The offered 1867 half eagle is a rarity from the early Motto Liberty Head half eagle series. Boldly defined with vivid golden-honey color, both sides also present spectacularly smooth surfaces with no distracting marks to note. Produced in nearly identical numbers (6,870 vs. 6,700 circulation strikes), the 1867 is equally as elusive as the 1866. Fewer than 100 survivors are known. With only a handful of coins of this issue available in the marketplace, this solidly graded and visually appealing VF example would serve as a highlight in any advanced gold cabinet.

PCGS# 8313. NGC ID: 25W3.

CAC Stickered Population: 1; 11.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2028

1872-S AU-50 (PCGS). Blushes of pinkish-rose iridescence enliven otherwise dominant honey-orange color on both sides of this attractively original example. Lustrous for the grade with bold to sharp striking detail remaining over most design elements. With most of the 36,400 half eagles struck in the California branch mint during 1872 lost to the rigors of commerce, even a well worn survivor represents a significant find in today's market. As a PCGS-certified AU the coin offered here would serve as a highlight in an advanced collection of Liberty Head gold coinage.

PCGS# 8327. NGC ID: 25WH.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Remarkable Choice AU 1879-CC Half Eagle Significant Condition Rarity



2029

1879-CC AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. An exceptionally well preserved, nearly Mint State example that ranks among the finest survivors of this scarce and conditionally challenging issue. The strike is bold to sharp in virtually all areas; only the eagle's neck feathers exhibit mentionable softness. Attractive mint luster flows over both sides, and the surfaces display rich orange-honey color that testifies to the coin's originality. Smooth and inviting for the assigned grade, this premium quality coin is sure to attract strong bids.

Due to outlandish railroad tariffs, by the late 1870s it was more profitable for Nevada miners to send their bullion for coinage to the San Francisco Mint as opposed to the nearby Carson City facility. Carson City Mint expert Rusty Goe (August 2012) states that, "By 1879, Nevada's miners were already sending about 100 times as much of their gold to the San Francisco Mint than they were depositing in Carson City, and about 13 times as much silver." It is little wonder, therefore, that the Nevada branch mint produced so few gold coins of any denomination in 1879. The 1879-CC half eagle has a mintage of just 17,281 pieces, and it is scarce in an absolute sense. Rusty Goe provides an updated (2020) estimate of only 235 to 270 survivors in all grades, just eight or nine of which are Uncirculated. The Fairmont specimen offered here is a newcomer to the market, and it is not all that far removed from Condition Census for this challenging issue. It is a significant rarity that would serve as a highlight in an advanced numismatic cabinet.

PCGS# 8349. NGC ID: 25X8.

CAC Stickered Population: 8; 13.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2030

1880-CC AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Not all that far removed from Mint State, this premium quality example is near-fully lustrous with a lovely frosty texture. Razor sharp striking detail and original honey-rose color provide further appeal. The mintage for this issue is 51,107 pieces, generous for a pre-1890 Carson City Mint half eagle, and the 1880-CC is one of the more readily obtainable issues in this mintmarked gold series. On the other hand, the typical survivor is well worn, usually in VF or EF grades, and even in properly graded AU-50 the 1880-CC can be difficult to locate. This upper end Choice AU is one of the nicest examples available to today's CC-Mint enthusiasts. It is a lovely coin destined for inclusion in an advanced collection.

PCGS# 8352. NGC ID: 25XB.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2031

1881 MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. Fully lustrous with delightful color in vivid golden-apricot. With 5,708,802 pieces produced, the 1881 boasts the highest mintage in the circulation strike Liberty Head half eagle series of 1839 to 1907. Many examples were repatriated from foreign bank hoards beginning in the mid 20th century providing thousands of coins for today's Mint State gold type collectors. However, most of these pieces are burdened by significant marks and other signs of poor handling, limiting them to grades of MS-63 and lower. This above average example from the extensive Fairmont holdings is sure to catch the eye of astute gold collectors.

PCGS# 8354. NGC ID: 25XD.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2032

1882-CC AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. Ample luster and overall sharp striking detail remain on both sides of this original coin bathed in pretty golden-apricot color. Unlike the previous year, 1882 proved to be quite productive at Carson City. A modest increase in bullion coming out of the Comstock combined with a full uninterrupted year of operation allowed the Mint to increase its output significantly. Striking quality improved, as well; the 82,817 coins produced for the 1882-CC half eagle were struck from a single pair of dies, a different story from just a decade earlier. Thanks in part to the more generous mintage figures, around 750 examples (per Rusty Goe, 2020) are believed to exist. The 1882-CC is actually moderately available at the AU level as compared to many earlier issues in this series. Mint State examples remain elusive, but not prohibitively so, making this a broadly popular issue. This premium Choice AU is an outstanding example that will draw the attention of gold type collectors, Carson City Mint specialists, and aficionados of Western gold.

PCGS# 8359. NGC ID: 25XH.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Underrated 1883-CC Half Eagle Rarity



2033

1883-CC AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Seldom have we offered 1883-CC half eagles of comparable quality, originality and eye appeal to the present Fairmont specimen. Bathed in softly frosted luster, both sides are enhanced by beautiful color in vivid orange-gold and deep honey. All design elements are boldly to sharply rendered, and the surfaces are exceptionally smooth for both the issue and the assigned grade.

Despite the recognized low mintage of 12,598 pieces, the 1883-CC half eagle is one of the more underrated rarities from the Nevada branch mint. Attractive problem free survivors are elusive at all levels of preservation, representing a tiny fraction of the 100 to 130 coins that Rusty Goe (2020) believes are extant. The author's estimate at the EF and AU levels is no more than 95 coins. The offering of this premium Choice AU example is a significant bidding opportunity that should not be missed.

PCGS# 8362. NGC ID: 25XL.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Lovely Choice About Uncirculated 1884-CC Half Eagle



2034

1884-CC AU-55 (PCGS). This vivid, original example exhibits lovely color in a blend of deep honey and brighter rose-orange. The strike is boldly to sharply executed throughout, and ample luster remains confirming the impressive Choice AU grade from PCGS.

The 1884-CC is the final Carson City Mint half eagle struck prior to 1890, and it is scarce, with only 16,402 pieces produced. Survivors number only 145 to 190 coins in all grades (per Rusty Goe, 2020). With only a handful of Mint State pieces extant, this premium near-Mint offering from the extensive Fairmont holdings is sure to appeal to advanced bidders.

PCGS# 8365. NGC ID: 25XP.

PCGS Population: 27; 25 finer (MS-62 finest).

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2035

1886-S MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. Here is an above average survivor of this high mintage (3,268,000 pieces) issue. It is a noteworthy condition scarcity that would do justice to an advanced Liberty Head half eagle collection. Lustrous surfaces are thickly frosted with full, beautiful deep rose-gold color. Sharply struck, expertly preserved, and worthy of the strongest bids.

PCGS# 8370. NGC ID: 25XV.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2036

1887-S MS-64 (PCGS). Pretty golden-apricot color dominates this half eagle, which is also boldly lustrous with a uniformly satin texture across all elements. The surfaces remain remarkably untroubled beneath magnification, confirming the Choice Mint State rating from PCGS. Beautiful to examine in-hand. Survivors from a mintage of 1,912,000 pieces are available in grades through MS-63, but any finer and the 1887-S becomes a noteworthy condition rarity. This impressive offering from the Fairmont Collection is sure to be of broad appeal to gold enthusiasts and Set Registry players.

PCGS# 8371. NGC ID: 25XW.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2037

1890-CC MS-63 (PCGS). Offered is an uncommonly well preserved survivor from this otherwise more obtainable Carson City Mint half eagle issue. Satiny golden-apricot surfaces are remarkably smooth and well preserved, the quality very close to an even higher Choice Mint State grade. The central high points are a tad soft, but otherwise we note razor sharp detail imparted by a generally well executed strike. The 1890-CC is the first Carson City Mint half eagle produced since 1884 and, while it is rightly regarded as a common issue in this mintmarked gold series, Mint State survivors are challenging, and premium quality survivors such as the present example are rare, especially when scaled against the strong demand that Carson City Mint coinage enjoys. A significant find for the specialist, and a coin that is sure to see spirited competition between bidders.

PCGS# 8376. NGC ID: 25Y3.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2038

1891 MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. Luxurious satin luster blends with vivid rose-gold color on both sides of this outstanding near-Gem Mint State \$5 gold coin. Far fewer circulation strike 1891 half eagles were struck in the Philadelphia Mint - 61,360 pieces - than in Carson City, the only other coinage facility to produce this denomination that year. The 1891 is anything but plentiful in Mint State and has a far lower certified population than the 1891-CC. With no Gems graded by PCGS, this premium quality MS-64 example from the Fairmont Collection would be difficult to improve upon when seeking an example of this scarce and underrated Philadelphia Mint issue.

PCGS# 8377. NGC ID: 25Y4.

CAC Stickered Population: 14; 1.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2039

1891-CC MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. A beautiful example of both the type and the issue, the desirable CC mintmark enhances this coin's considerable appeal. Frosty golden-apricot surfaces are originally and carefully preserved, fully worthy of the Choice Mint State rating from PCGS. Sharply struck with eye appeal to spare. Due to financial setbacks, the demand for gold specie from European countries increased markedly in 1891, and the Carson City Mint stepped up gold coin production. The facility's output of half eagles reached its peak in 1891 at 208,000 pieces, and for the second year in a row coinage of this denomination at the Carson City Mint outstripped that at the Philadelphia Mint. Many of these coins were exported, as intended. Repatriations from European vaults in recent decades have provided a windfall of Mint State examples. There are quite a few Choice Uncirculated coins in MS-63 and MS-64 extant, but with its premium quality and undeniable originality, the Fairmont specimen offered here is a noteworthy condition rarity. It will be just right for another world class numismatic cabinet.

PCGS# 8378. NGC ID: 25Y5.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2040

1892 MS-64 (PCGS). It is difficult to imagine a more attractive example of either the type or issue at the assigned grade level. Both sides are vivid rose-gold, presenting smooth and choice surfaces for the grade. Sharply struck and bordering on full Gem quality, this example will please even the most discerning numismatist. The circulation strike 1892 half eagle has a mintage of 753,480 pieces, and the typical survivor grades no finer than MS-62. Given that this issue is relatively scarce even at the lowest reaches of Choice Mint State, this is a significant half eagle in PCGS MS-64.

PCGS# 8379. NGC ID: 25Y6.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2041

1892-CC MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. Vivid golden-honey surfaces are sharply struck with full, satiny mint luster. An outstanding BU representative of this more readily obtainable CC-Mint half eagle issue, one that is popular for Mint State type purposes, as such.

PCGS# 8380. NGC ID: 25Y7.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2042

1892-S MS-62 (PCGS). Faintly semi-prooflike fields support frosty, smartly impressed devices. Drenched in vivid apricot-gold, a bold to sharp strike enhances this coin's appeal. The 1892-S is the first San Francisco Mint half eagle produced since 1888, the export trade claiming many of the 298,400 coins struck. Repatriations account for most of the Mint State coins in today's market, but they are few. Considering the absolute scarcity of this issue, this PQ PCGS MS-62 is sure to appeal to advanced gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8382. NGC ID: 25Y9.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2043

1893-CC MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. Beautiful medium honey-gold patina blankets surfaces that are sharply struck, frosty in finish, and delightfully smooth to confirm Choice Mint State quality. The Carson City Mint half eagle series passed into history in 1893 with a mintage of 60,000 coins. This is the scarcest of the 1890s CC-mint fives in AU and Mint State grades, and the historical significance of the issue guarantees continued numismatic demand.

PCGS# 8384. NGC ID: 25YB.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2046

1898 MS-64 (PCGS). Attractive golden-apricot surfaces with a sharply executed strike and bountiful mint luster.

PCGS# 8396. NGC ID: 25YP.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2044

1893-O Winter-1. MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. A delightful half eagle with frosty golden-rose surfaces on both sides. Well struck and generally sharp, the luster is full with a softly frosted texture. Despite its status as the second most plentiful New Orleans Mint half eagle, the 1893-O is scarce in an absolute sense with a mintage of 110,000 coins. With survivors seldom encountered in grades below AU-50, it is likely that the issue did not circulate to any great extent but, rather, was exported in quantity. Indeed, repatriations from foreign bank hoards undoubtedly account for the majority of Mint State survivors, most of which grade no finer than this example presented here.

PCGS# 8385. NGC ID: 25YC.

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2047

1901 MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. Originally preserved and lustrous, this smartly impressed example has much to offer the discerning gold collector.

PCGS# 8402. NGC ID: 25YW.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2045

1894-O Winter-2. AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. Otherwise frosty surfaces reveal delightful semi-reflective qualities in the fields when viewed with direct lighting. Sharply struck in most areas with fully original color in warm orange-honey. A stunning and overall choice example for the assigned grade.

PCGS# 8388. NGC ID: 25YF.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2048

1901/0-S FS-301. MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Bold, vivid golden-yellow color adorns both sides of this satiny and smartly impressed coin. A popular overdate in the Liberty Head gold series, the 1901/0-S half eagle reveals traces of an underlying 0 at the upper right corner of the final digit 1 in the date. Perhaps only 1,500 examples remain across all grades and only 400 in Mint State, few of the latter as visually appealing as the Fairmont Collection specimen offered here.

PCGS# 8403. NGC ID: 25YX.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2049

1902-S MS-65 (PCGS). An enticing example with sharp striking detail, outstanding luster quality and impressively smooth surfaces. The 1902-S five-dollar gold is scarce to rare in grades above the basal MS-64 level, and this piece is particularly nice to warrant premium bids.

PCGS# 8406. NGC ID: 25YZ.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2051

1909 MS-64 (PCGS). Smartly impressed and frosty in texture, this lovely Choice example also displays vivid color in lovely honey-apricot. The 1909 is common enough to be considered a type coin in the Indian half eagle series, although astute bidders will recognize that it is much scarcer than its identically dated Denver Mint counterpart.

PCGS# 8513. NGC ID: 28DH.

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INDIAN HALF EAGLES



2050

1908 Indian. MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. The splendid honey-apricot surfaces of this Choice example are fully lustrous and softly frosted. The strike is sharp throughout and both sides are nicely preserved for this type. The Philadelphia Mint produced 577,845 half eagles for circulation in 1908, the first year of sculptor Bela Lyon Pratt's new Indian design, along with 167 Sand Blast Proofs for sale to collectors. As interesting as the coin may have been to certain inner circles at the Mint, the motif was roundly detested at the time. As a result, very few contemporary collectors saved such pieces. It was not until generations later that they became popular, by which time the vast majority of high grade pieces had long since disappeared. This scarce PCGS MS-63 would nicely represent the type or date in an advanced cabinet.

PCGS# 8510. NGC ID: 28DE.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2052

1909-D MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Nicely struck with vivid pink and olive-gold colors, and lively mint luster that enhances this coin's appeal. The 1909-D half eagle is a favorite for collectors in part due to its availability. Almost three and a half million coins were struck at the Denver Mint that year, providing seemingly ample opportunity for the collector with an eye for quality. For the assigned grade, it is difficult for us to imagine a more inviting example than the Fairmont specimen offered here.

PCGS# 8514. NGC ID: 28DJ.

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Highly Desired 1909-O Half Eagle



2053

1909-O AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. A technically and aesthetically superior example of this well known rarity among Indian half eagles. Quite nice for the assigned grade, with sharp definition and considerable remaining luster. The O mintmark is fully outlined and well rounded, readily appreciable. The texture is fully frosted with a light touch of wear on the high points, preventing this super slider to enter in the realm of Mint State. Warm olive-apricot in hue and very attractive.

From a mintage of 34,200 pieces struck during the final year of operations at the New Orleans Mint, this issue has always been considered a key date to the series. Its status as the only Indian half eagle struck at this branch mint has put perennially strong demand on survivors at all levels of preservation. Expect strong bidder competition for the present offering.

PCGS# 8515. NGC ID: 25ZK.

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Condition Rarity 1909-S Half Eagle



2054

1909-S MS-61 (PCGS). Here is an impressive and seldom offered Mint State quality example of this particularly challenging Indian half eagle. Both sides are sharply struck and bathed in vivid honey-apricot color. The luster is full with a softly frosted finish. The S mintmark is bold upon inspection. A highlight of the 20th century half eagle offerings in our present sale of the Fairmont Collection, this lovely example is sure to see spirited bidding among advanced gold enthusiasts.

The 1909-S is a leading rarity in the Indian half eagle series of 1908 to 1929, ranked third in absolute Mint State rarity in the 2008 revision to David W. Akers' reference *A Handbook of 20th Century United States Gold Coins: 1907-1933*. The typical Uncirculated survivor from the mintage of 297,200 pieces is in the MS-60 to MS-63 range, and even MS-64s are very scarce and can be difficult to obtain. Gems are exceedingly rare with most such pieces tightly held in advanced cabinets.

In their era, Indian quarter eagles and half eagles were without honor. Following the launch of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' beautiful MCMVII \$20, praise was unstinting for this magnificent work of art. Then in 1908, without advance notice, the new quarter eagle and half eagle appeared, the work of artist Bela Lyon Pratt. The designs were incuse - that is recessed below the field of the coin, the latter being the highest point. The Indian Head motif and the eagle are in relief, but lowered. Great criticism was heaped upon the motif, some saying that the recessed areas could attract germs. Various writers, including well known dealer Henry Chapman, penned derogatory comments which were published in *The Numismatist*. The general result was that very few numismatists - probably not more than two or three - actually sought Indian quarter eagles and half eagles by mintmark varieties during the time they were issued. Accordingly, when these did become popular in the 1930s, and even more so beginning in the 1950s, high grade examples of certain issues ranged from scarce to extremely rare, as here. Their survival was a mere matter of chance.

PCGS# 8516. NGC ID: 25ZL.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2055

1910 MS-64 (PCGS). Bountiful mint luster blends with vivid deep golden-apricot color on both sides of this impressive near-Gem. An ideal high grade example to represent the conditionally challenged Indian half eagle series of 1908 to 1929.

PCGS# 8517. NGC ID: 28DK.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2056

1910-D MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Fully lustrous rose-gold surfaces support bold to sharp striking detail throughout the main design. The D mintmark is bold and well rounded. Similar in high grade rarity to the equally underrated 1908-D, the 1910-D is a half eagle issue for which Choice and Gem coins are in the minority. At the assigned level, this coin from the Fairmont Collection would be difficult to improve upon.

PCGS# 8518. NGC ID: 28DL.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Choice Mint State 1910-S \$5



2057

1910-S MS-63 (PCGS). Seldom offered Choice Uncirculated quality for this conditionally challenging San Francisco Mint half eagle. Fully lustrous with a softly frosted texture, both sides display richly original color in warm honey-apricot. Uncommonly smooth for the assigned grade, an impressively sharp strike overall adds to this coin's appeal.

A rare coin in all Mint State grades, the 1910-S ranks sixth of 24 Indian half eagle issues in terms of total number of Uncirculated coins believed extant. Examples above the MS-62 level, as here, are particularly elusive and eagerly sought by advanced gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8519. NGC ID: 28DM.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2058

1911 MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Lovely honey-rose color with a tinge of pinkish-apricot, both sides also feature full, soft mint luster. A premium offering for the Mint State type collector or discerning 20th century gold enthusiast.

PCGS# 8520. NGC ID: 28DP.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Spectacular Mint State 1911-D Indian Half Eagle Rarity



2059

1911-D MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. This example offers seldom seen quality for this low mintage, key date from the challenging Indian half eagle series of 1908 to 1929. Vivid honey-apricot surfaces exhibit full, softly frosted mint luster. Well struck and virtually full with a crisp D mintmark.

At the time the 72,500 half eagles of this date were struck at the Denver Mint, numismatists were still just beginning to appreciate mintmarks. Many collectors, especially those who preferred more traditional avenues for collecting, opted for Proof examples of a particular year. The 1911-D coins were largely ignored when they entered commerce, and unlike many of the other larger denomination gold coins at the time, this issue did not have extended sojourns in overseas banks. Rather, based on the number of circulated examples that survive, a significant portion saw active commercial use, and were further reduced in quantity by the large scale Treasury melts of the late 1930s.

Second only to the 1909-O in terms of rarity and popularity, the 1911-D has long since gained appreciation as the key date Indian half eagle that it is. While moderately available at the higher circulated grades, in Mint State the issue becomes a remarkable condition rarity. Most surviving Uncirculated specimens are at the very lowest end of the scale and seldom found Choice. Gem examples are prohibitively rare, leaving premium Choice Mint State pieces in very high demand. Expect spirited bidding when this coin crosses the block; a strong bidding strategy is recommended.

PCGS# 8521. NGC ID: 28DR.

PCGS Population: 46; 24 finer (MS-65+ finest).

CAC Stickered Population: 9; 8.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2060

1911-S MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Gorgeous olive-orange surfaces are fully lustrous with a bold to sharp strike throughout the design. Scarcer in Mint State than a mintage of 1,416,000 pieces might imply, the 1911-S is rare and seldom offered above the MS-63 grade, making this premium quality example from the Fairmont Collection an attractive prospect for the quality conscious gold collector.

PCGS# 8522. NGC ID: 25ZM.

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2061

1912 MS-64 (PCGS). Blended deep honey-apricot and brighter golden-yellow colors deliver strong eye appeal. The technical quality is no less impressive, with surfaces that are sharply struck, highly lustrous and very well preserved for the type. Seldom offered in higher grades, near-Gem 1912 half eagles are particularly popular with gold type collectors and specialists in the Indian series.

PCGS# 8523. NGC ID: 28DS.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2062

1912-S AU-58 (PCGS). Gracefully laid apricot hue on a base of natural yellow-gold color. Plenty of luster available when the coin twirls underneath a light, particularly choice for a near-Mint State example.

PCGS# 8524. NGC ID: 25ZN.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2065

1914 MS-62 (PCGS). Gorgeous frosty surfaces are lustrous, smartly impressed, and bathed in richly original honey-olive color. An underrated issue by Philadelphia Mint Indian half eagle standards, the 1914 is scarcer in Mint State than the 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913. With Gems elusive, this premium quality and aesthetically pleasing BU example represents outstanding value for astute gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8527. NGC ID: 28DU.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2063

1913 MS-63 (PCGS). A sharply struck, lustrous near-Gem with handsome deep golden-orange color on both sides. Just right for inclusion in a high grade type set or another advanced Indian eagle set.

PCGS# 8525. NGC ID: 28DT.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2066

1914-D MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Soft satin luster mingles with vivid deep rose-gold color providing outstanding eye appeal. The technical quality of this piece is no less impressive, as both sides are boldly struck and well enough preserved to be not far from a higher Choice Mint State rating. A premium example that will please even the most discerning collector. A median rarity in the Indian half eagle series, the 1914-D is actually one of the more frequently encountered mintmarked issues of this type and enough have survived that locating a coin in the MS-60 to MS-62 range should prove relatively easy. Any finer and the 1914-D develops into a notable condition rarity.

PCGS# 8528. NGC ID: 28DV.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2064

1913-S MS-62 (PCGS). This key date Indian five is a lustrous, satiny example with warm honey-apricot color throughout. Boldly struck otherwise, the S mintmark is typically soft, yet well outlined and readily identifiable. The 1913-S is the ninth rarest of 24 circulation strike Indian half eagles in terms of total number of Mint State coins known. This very attractive MS-62 represents an important find for the astute collector.

PCGS# 8526. NGC ID: 25ZP.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2067

1914-S MS-62 (PCGS). An attractive honey-orange coin well a well executed strike that includes a clear, fully discernible S mintmark. Lustrous and frosty with attractive originality. As one of the rarest 20th century U.S. Mint gold issues of any denomination in MS-64 and higher grades, the 1914-S half eagle represents a significant find at all levels of Uncirculated preservation. This premium quality and aesthetically pleasing BU example represents outstanding value for astute gold enthusiasts. Sure to see spirited bidding.

PCGS# 8529. NGC ID: 28DW.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2068

1915 MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Delightful frosty surfaces are sharply struck with a warming yellow-gold color. The mintage for half eagles at the Philadelphia Mint was 588,000 in 1915, making it one of the more available issues in lower grades. However, examples that approach the Gem Mint State level are scarce.

PCGS# 8530. NGC ID: 28DX.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2069

1915-S MS-62 (PCGS). Lustrous honey-orange surfaces are boldly to sharply defined over the focal features. The peripheries shows signs of die fatigue, typical of the issue, but the S mintmark is fully outlined and readily appreciable. One of the leading condition rarities in the Indian half eagle series of 1908 to 1929, the 1915-S (just 164,000 pieces produced) is scarce to rare in all Mint State grades. With Choice and Gem-quality examples particularly elusive, this lovely MS-62 represents the finest realistically obtainable for most advanced gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8531. NGC ID: 25ZR.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2070

1916-S MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. A delightful apricot-honey example with lovely mint luster and an overall crisp strike. The S mintmark is fully outlined and easily appreciable. Although several small hoards of Uncirculated coins entered the numismatic market from overseas beginning in the early to mid 1980s, the 1916-S remains elusive in grades above MS-63. The typical hoard coin, while invariably well struck, is heavily abraded with inferior luster quality. Additionally, not enough Mint State examples have been located to place the 1916-S among the more plentiful Indian half eagles. Accordingly this is one of the scarcer issues of its type in Mint State. With the technical quality and eye appeal offered here the 1916-S is rarer yet, a fact that is sure to result in strong competition for this lot.

PCGS# 8532. NGC ID: 28DY.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

EAGLES

LIBERTY HEAD EAGLES



2071

1841 EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. A lovely example with richly original surfaces featuring deep olive color. Exceptionally attractive for the assigned grade, with sharp striking detail and plenty of luster remaining on both sides. Although not as elusive as the 1838, 1839 and 1840, the 1841 (63,131 pieces produced) is still scarce by early Liberty Head eagle standards. This is a superior quality coin for the date, and it is sure to attract a very strong bids from gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8582. NGC ID: 262H.

CAC Stickered Population: 5; 7.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2072

1842-O Winter-2. AU-50 (PCGS). Here is an exceptional About Uncirculated representative of this often overlooked issue from the early New Orleans Mint. Boldly colored and original, both sides are awash in rich honey-orange and light olive. A glow of attractive apricot-rose color surrounds the devices, especially on the reverse, bringing much eye appeal to this example. Much of the original mint finish remains, in keeping with the assigned grade, and we note a softly frosted texture overall. Boldly defined, the discerning collector would be difficult to improve upon this 1842-O eagle. The second in the New Orleans Mint ten-dollar gold eagle series, this issue is more readily obtainable than the 1841-O in an absolute sense, but is still scarce and underrated in AU and Mint State. In fact, the 1842-O is the ninth rarest of the 21 New Orleans Mint eagles of the No Motto type in high grades (per Doug Winter, *Gold Coins of the New Orleans Mint: 1839-1909*, 2020 edition). The offered coin is far finer than the typically encountered VF or EF survivor, and is surpassed by very few Uncirculated coins that have been certified by PCGS and NGC. It would serve as a highlight in any advanced collection.

PCGS# 8587. NGC ID: 262N.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2073

1843 AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. A tinge of orange iridescence enhances the handsome honey-olive color. Flashes of frosty mint luster outline all of the design elements, the texture otherwise smooth. Although a seemingly available issue by 1840s Liberty Head eagle standards, the mintage of 75,462 pieces largely entered commercial channels and stayed there until the individual coins were heavily worn or lost. A delight for the specialist.

PCGS# 8588. NGC ID: 262P.

PCGS Population: 10; 13 finer (single MS-61 finest).

CAC Stickered Population: 2; 3.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2075

1844-O Winter-5. AU-53 (PCGS). Richly original color in warm honey-olive is seen on both sides of this premium example. Crisply impressed with razor sharp striking detail throughout, and displaying pleasingly smooth surfaces for the assigned grade. Quite well preserved with abundant eye appeal, even the most discerning Southern gold enthusiast will be impressed by this noteworthy AU coin. Despite its status as one of the more readily obtainable New Orleans Mint issues from the early Liberty Head eagle series, the 1844-O is scarce in AU and very rare in Mint State. Uncirculated survivors can be counted on two to three hands, confirming the significance of this PCGS AU-53 for advanced collectors specializing in New Orleans Mint coinage or Liberty Head eagles.

PCGS# 8591. NGC ID: 262T.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2074

1843-O Winter-2. AU-53 (PCGS). Among the finest 1843-O eagles that we recall handling, this lovely About Uncirculated example from the Fairmont Collection is destined for an advanced gold cabinet. A vivid example, both sides are drenched in deep olive and warmer medium gold colors. The luster is satiny to softly frosted and the fields are modestly semi-reflective. Sharply struck, and impressively so for an early New Orleans Mint issue. After only the 1847-O, the 1843-O is the most available New Orleans Mint ten from the 1840s. Like many of the early eagle issues, however, very few examples were saved at the time from the mintage of 175,162 pieces. A small group of 1843-O eagles were found in a Louisiana plantation in 1974, but all are impaired. Very few examples have surfaced through repatriations from foreign bank hoards, with the result that this issue is a significant rarity in the finer circulated and all Mint State grades. For both the issue and the assigned grade, the offered coin would be very difficult to improve upon.

PCGS# 8589. NGC ID: 262R.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2076

1845-O Winter-6. Repunched Date. EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. This lovely eagle is drenched in bold honey-olive color with a tinge of intermingled rose-orange. Boldly to sharply struck with ample luster in a softly frosted texture. The 1845-O is one of the scarcer New Orleans Mint eagles from the 1840s, although a small hoard that surfaced during the early 1990s has made the issue somewhat available in the EF-45 to AU-53 grade range. Any finer and the 1845-O is rare. In truth, premium quality coins at all grade levels, including the present Fairmont Collection specimen in Choice EF, are eagerly sought by astute collectors. This issue is also popular with specialists due to the existence of several Repunched and Misplaced Date varieties, as here.

PCGS# 8593. NGC ID: 262V.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2077

1846/5-O Winter-3. Repunched Mintmark. AU-50 (PCGS). This About Uncirculated eagle retains traces of semi-prooflike reflectivity in the fields, the texture otherwise softly frosted and appreciably lustrous. Well struck in most areas and awash in pretty color in bold olive-honey. The 1846-O has a mintage of just 81,780 pieces, far fewer than the 571,500 pieces reported for the 1847-O. While the latter is the most plentiful No Motto eagle from the New Orleans Mint, the former is among the rarest. This is particularly true in the finest circulated and Mint State grades, with Southern gold expert Doug Winter commenting in his 2020 New Orleans Mint reference: "The 1846-O is among the more difficult No Motto New Orleans eagles to locate with choice surfaces." This is just such a coin, and it is sure to appeal to astute bidders. We anticipate strong competition when it crosses the auction block.

Winter-3 is the most frequently encountered die marriage of the 1846-O eagle. Once regarded as an overdate, the bottom of the digit 6 exhibits a large dot within its loop, the result of a damaged date punch.

PCGS# 8595. NGC ID: 262X.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2078

1847 AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. A lovely example from the early No Motto Liberty Head eagle series, this attractive coin displays vivid honey-apricot color with a tinge of deep olive. The finish exhibits proof-like reflective qualities, particularly the obverse. Sharply struck, this premium quality coin would make an outstanding addition to an advanced gold type or date set.

PCGS# 8597. NGC ID: 262Z.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2079

1847-O Winter-7. AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. A lovely early O-Mint eagle that combines originality and condition scarcity. Handsome olive-apricot color blankets both sides and mingles with nearly full satin to softly frosted luster. Well struck by the standards of the New Orleans Mint, the central high points are a bit soft, but all other features are sharp. Modest semi-reflectivity in the fields enhances already strong eye appeal. Produced to the extent of 571,500 pieces, the 1847-O is the most common No Motto Liberty Head ten from this coinage facility with survivors available in circulated grades through the lower reaches of AU. In Choice AU and Mint State, however, this issue develops into a significant condition rarity, as do most early eagles of this design type. Not many more than 20 Uncirculated coins are believed extant. The Fairmont Collection pedigree adds appeal for this minimally circulated survivor.

PCGS# 8598. NGC ID: 2632.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2080

1848 AU-53 (PCGS). Delightful honey-orange and deep apricot surfaces support a bold strike and soft, pleasingly smooth frosty luster. The 1848 is an underrated issue relative to its generous (for the era) mintage of 145,484 coins. This is particularly true in attractive, original AU and finer grades, as here.

PCGS# 8599. NGC ID: 2633.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2081

1848-O Winter-1. EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. Original rose-olive surfaces are enhanced by softly frosted to modestly semi-reflective mint luster. The strike is a bit light overall, typical of the issue, yet acceptable enough for an 1840s gold coin from the New Orleans Mint. Not all that far from AU and originally preserved, it is easy to see why this premium coin is among the finer 1848-O eagles available in the current market. The 1848-O is most available in circulated grades, primarily in EF or AU, and has even been seen in grades as low as Fine, a genuinely scarce if underwhelming grade for gold. The current Fairmont Collection coin represents condition scarcity at the PCGS-certified EF-45 level. It is a significant piece that will serve with distinction in another fine cabinet.

PCGS# 8600. NGC ID: 2634.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2084

1850-O Winter-2. AU-50 (PCGS). CAC. With wonderfully original surfaces and strong eye appeal, it is little wonder that this premium quality AU ranks among the finest obtainable 1850-O eagles in the current market. Displaying pretty honey-olive color, there is plenty of detail remaining to appeal to bidders. This is a poorly struck issue, and the present example is noticeably soft on both sides, although the protected areas of the design elements show considerable boldness. One of the scarcer pre-Civil War era New Orleans Mint eagles, the 1850-O has a mintage of 57,500 pieces. Commercial use and eventual melting claimed the vast majority of coins, and among survivors grades of VF and EF are typical, often with problems, and seldom choice. Given the extreme rarity of Mint State pieces, premium About Uncirculated survivors such as this are in high demand among astute Liberty Head eagle and New Orleans Mint enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8605. NGC ID: 2639.

CAC Stickered Population: 4; 9.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2082

1849 AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Sharply struck over most focal features, this lustrous and frosty example is enhanced by attractive colors in original orange-apricot with strong rose highlights. This is one of the finest AUs we have seen for the issue in recent years, a fit for an advanced gold cabinet.

PCGS# 8601. NGC ID: 2635.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2085

1851-O Winter-1. AU-55 (PCGS). Offered is a significant Choice AU examples from among the Fairmont Collection's New Orleans Mint eagles. This beautiful 1851-O exhibits frosty medium gold surfaces with hints of rose highlights. The strike is impressively sharp for an O-Mint ten from the early 1850s, softness minor and largely confined to some of the obverse stars. Ranking behind the 1847-O, the 1851-O is the second most common New Orleans Mint eagle of the No Motto type and lower grade circulated examples trade with some frequency. The same cannot be said for coins that approach the Mint State threshold, however, for at these levels the 1851-O develops into a significant condition rarity. We have handled very few Choice AU coins over the years, even fewer that we can recall matching or surpassing the offered Fairmont Collection specimen in terms of originality, quality or eye appeal. Worthy of the strongest bids.

PCGS# 8607. NGC ID: 263B.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2083

1850 Large Date. AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. A lustrous deep honey-olive example. The Philadelphia Mint delivered 291,451 ten-dollar gold pieces in 1850 utilizing both Small Date and Large Date logotypes in the die preparation process. The Large Date is the more available variety, although the issue as a whole is conditionally challenging and exceedingly rare in Mint State. Of the three 1850 Large Date eagles in the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, the highest graded is an AU-58. This is one of the nicer pieces that we have handled in recent years, and its offering represents an important opportunity for advanced gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8603. NGC ID: 2637.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2086

1852 MS-61 (PCGS). Rich honey-apricot color is seen on both sides of this boldly defined and lustrous Choice AU example. As with so many No Motto Liberty Head eagles, the 1852 is scarcer in numismatic circles than a relatively generous mintage of 263,106 pieces might imply.

PCGS# 8608. NGC ID: 263C.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2087

1853 AU-58 (PCGS). With vivid orange-yellow surfaces that are expertly preserved and attractively original, it should come as no surprise to read that this is one of the finest circulated 1853 Liberty Head eagles seen by PCGS. Sharply struck in most areas with full mint luster. The 1853 has a respectable mintage for the type of 201,253 circulation strikes, and it is generally obtainable in circulated condition. Mint State coins are scarce in an absolute sense, as are premium Choice AUs with richly original surfaces, as here. Fit for inclusion in an advanced gold cabinet.

PCGS# 8610. NGC ID: 263E.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2088

1853-O Winter-1. AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Vivid olive-gold surfaces are considerably lustrous with a uniform frosty texture. Both sides are boldly and sharply struck throughout with an impressively smooth appearance for the issue and the grade. A planchet light streak is noted through the head of Liberty, passing through her eye. With a mintage of 51,000 coins, the 1853-O is the third most plentiful New Orleans Mint eagle behind the 1847-O and 1851-O. However, the vast majority of survivors are concentrated at the VF and EF grade levels, often with surface problems. This issue is a major rarity in Mint State, and even Choice AU survivors are very scarce and seldom encountered. With undeniable originality, this PCGS AU-55 from the Fairmont Collection is among the finest 1853-O eagles that we have handled in recent memory and is sure to appeal to advanced Southern gold collectors.

PCGS# 8612. NGC ID: 263F.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2089

1854 AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Pleasing orange-honey color with glints of pale pinkish-rose evident as the surfaces rotate under a light. Lustrous for the grade with good definition to the central design elements. Even at an early date the 1854 eagle was regarded as scarce. An example is provided by lot 1265 in the Dr. James R. Chilton Collection sold by Bangs, Merwin, & Company in March of 1865: "1854 Good and scarce. Dickeson, page 172." The Dickeson reference is to the American Numismatic Manual, the most impressive work on American rare coins produced up to that point in time. In the years to follow, 1854 eagles appeared at auction now and then, never with frequency, as large denomination circulation strikes were not particularly popular with numismatists of earlier generations. Among those that were offered, nearly all were in lower circulated grades, generally what we would classify as VF or EF by today's standards. This is still the case, the present About Uncirculated example an important condition rarity that deserves serious bidder consideration.

PCGS# 8613. NGC ID: 263G.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2090

1854-O Small Date. Winter-1, the only known dies. AU-53 (PCGS). Deep, rich, vivid, honey-gold color blankets both sides and delivers exceptional eye appeal. The technical quality is also superior, with plenty of mint luster and only small, wispy handling marks that hardly detract. Well struck for an O-Mint gold coin from the early 1850s, the focal features in and around the centers are generally bold. The 1854-O eagle was produced to the extent of just 52,000 pieces, survivors displaying either a Small Date or Large Date logotype. The former is scarce in the finer circulated grades and rare in Mint State, this being one of the nicer examples that we have offered in recent years.

PCGS# 8614. NGC ID: 28EC.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2092

1854-S AU-55 (PCGS). An impressive Choice AU example with overall light honey-gold color and subtle pale apricot tinting. It is sharply defined across all elements with nearly full, softly frosted luster. 1854 represents the first year of eagle production at the San Francisco Mint, where a sizable quantity of 123,826 coins was struck. As a result, the 1854-S remains relatively available overall in today's market. However, Uncirculated examples are incredibly rare, as the vast majority of this mintage was subject to extensive circulation through the American West. A more realistic goal for many collectors, therefore would be to focus on the Choice AU grade level. Such pieces are scarce in their own right, however, and few can match the originality and quality of the offered coin from the Fairmont holdings.

PCGS# 8615. NGC ID: 263K.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Elusive Near-Mint 1854-O Large Date \$10



2091

1854-O Large Date. Winter-2. AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. A handsome example featuring warm, even golden-olive color. Lustrous and softly frosted, both sides are impressively smooth for the assigned grade with outstanding originality. Well struck for the issue, as well, we note bold to sharp detail to most design elements.

This popular variety features a date logotype that was intended for production of silver dollar dies. It is so large that Doug Winter (2020) opines that the 1854-O Large Date eagle "should rightfully be called a Huge Date." While marginally more available than its identically dated Small Date counterpart, the Large Date is still conditionally challenging with upper end Choice AU and Mint State survivors of the utmost rarity. This noteworthy offering from the Fairmont Collection is sure to see spirited bidding among gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 98614. NGC ID: 263J.

PCGS Population: 24; 5 finer (single MS-63 finest).

CAC Stickered Population: 10; 2.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2093

1855 AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. Boldly defined in most areas, this Liberty Head eagle displays full satin to softly frosted luster and gorgeous, original color in medium orange-gold. Smooth for the assigned grade and sure to appeal to astute gold collectors. With a mintage of 121,701 circulation strikes, the 1855 is a plentiful 1850s eagle in worn condition. Mint State survivors remain rare, however, while only marginally less so are premium Choice AUs such as this Fairmont Collection offering. This beautifully original specimen is worthy of serious bidder consideration.

PCGS# 8616. NGC ID: 263L.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2094

1855-O Winter-1, the only known dies. EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. Lovely honey-orange in color, with warm olive highlights also very much in evidence. Soft, frosty mint luster remains virtually intact over surfaces that are free of all but trivial signs of handling. Well struck with most features sharply rendered. One of the leading rarities among New Orleans Mint eagles, the 1855-O has a low mintage of just 18,000 coins. Survivors are similar in rarity to the 1856-O and 1857-O eagles and typically grade no finer than EF-40. Recent shipwreck finds have not significantly increased the supply of high grade examples, only seven or eight 1855-O eagles were included among the treasure of the S.S. Republic. The offered coin from the Fairmont Collection is most definitely not a shipwreck find, as it displays unquestionable originality. With Mint State coins all but unknown, this impressive Choice EF-45 would serve as a highlight in an advanced gold cabinet.

PCGS# 8617. NGC ID: 263M.

CAC Stickered Population: 6; 4.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2095

1856 AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Warm honey-gold color with traces of pale apricot readily evident as the surfaces dip into a light. Lustrous throughout, the central striking detail is sharp to full. Despite a relatively limited mintage of 60,490 pieces, the 1856 is one of the more readily obtainable 1850s eagles in lower circulated grades. Choice AU and Mint State examples are another matter entirely, for they are rare and seldom encountered in today's market.

PCGS# 8619. NGC ID: 263P.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2096

1856-S AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. Exceptionally well preserved with plenty of detail at the presented grade level. Vivid deep honey-apricot color enhances the appeal of this premium quality Choice AU eagle. A scarce to rare issue in all grades, most of the 68,000 eagles struck in the San Francisco Mint during 1856 have long since been lost to commercial use. Far finer than the typically offered survivor, which is well worn if not also impaired, this fully original and problem free near-Mint coin is sure to see spirited bidding at auction.

PCGS# 8621. NGC ID: 263S.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2097

1857 AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. Original deep orange-honey color is accented with light apricot overtones. Ample luster remains, the detail bold over all but a few peripheral design elements. Ten-dollar gold eagle production at the Philadelphia Mint dipped to 16,606 circulation strikes in 1857, the lowest total from this facility recorded since 1844. This issue has a higher rate of survival than many Liberty Head eagles from the 1840s, however, and the persistent collector should be able to find a suitable VF or EF. Anything finer is scarce, if not rare, confirming the significance of this lovely Choice AU offering.

PCGS# 8622. NGC ID: 263T.

CAC Stickered Population: 1; 11.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2098

1857-S AU-50 (PCGS). This richly original pinkish-honey example is boldly to sharply defined throughout with glints of frosty mint luster shining forth nicely under a light. From a mintage of 26,000 pieces, survivors of which are scarce in an absolute sense and rare any finer than offered here. Premium quality for both the issue and the assigned grade, and sure to see spirited bidding among advanced collectors of Liberty Head or San Francisco Mint gold coinage.

PCGS# 8624. NGC ID: 263V.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Exceptionally Nice 1858-O \$10 Eagle



2099

1858-O Winter-1, the only known dies. AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. This is a beautiful Liberty Head eagle exhibiting vivid golden-rose color. Exceptionally frosty surfaces exhibit an abundance of mint luster. Central striking detail is razor sharp, a few of the peripheral devices a tad soft, yet not uncommonly so for a New Orleans Mint eagle from the 1850s. Impressively smooth for the assigned grade, this gorgeous coin will have tremendous appeal for both Liberty Head eagle specialists and New Orleans Mint enthusiasts.

The 1858-O was produced to the extent of just 20,000 pieces, although it is widely regarded as the third most common New Orleans Mint eagle from the 1850s. Our use of the word “common” deserves qualification here, for all O-Mint tens from this decade are scarce to rare in an absolute sense. The typical survivor of this well circulated issue is in lower grades through EF, with an occasional AU-50 or AU-53. The present offering from the Fairmont Collection ranks as one of the finest circulated 1858-O eagles available to today’s discerning gold collectors, and is worthy of the strongest bids.

PCGS# 8626. NGC ID: 263X.

CAC Stickered Population: 6; 4.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2100

1859 EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. This rose-honey example sports the undeniable originality that we have come to expect in the Fairmont coins. Uncommonly lustrous for the assigned grade, with the focal features in and around the centers well defined. Although not a major rarity in circulated grades, the 1859 is always in demand among gold enthusiasts due to a limited mintage of 16,013 circulation strikes.

PCGS# 8628. NGC ID: 263Z.

CAC Stickered Population: 5; 12.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2101

1860 EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. Here is an impressive example of this underrated No Motto Liberty Head ten-dollar issue. Lustrous surfaces are generally frosty in texture, albeit with faint semi-reflectivity evident in the fields. Adorned with vivid honey-gold and pale orange colors and featuring bold to sharp striking detail. Similar in rarity to the 1859, and popular with collectors due to an equally limited mintage, the 1860 was produced to the extent of just 15,055 pieces. Lower grade circulated survivors are obtained with only a modicum of persistence, thus obscuring the conditionally challenging nature of this issue. At and near the Mint State level, the 1860 is a significant rarity, and this is among the finer survivors that we have brought to auction. Sure to sell for a strong premium.

PCGS# 8631. NGC ID: 2644.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2102

1860-O Winter-2. AU-50 (PCGS). Ample evidence of a frosty to semi-prooflike mint finish remains, and both sides exhibit sharp striking detail on virtually all design elements. Handsome deep honey-olive color and superior preservation enhance the eye appeal for this challenging 1860-O eagle. The mintage of 11,100 pieces was released during the tumultuous months that led up to the Civil War. Each coin represented considerable buying power so not many were saved, and most exhibit moderate to considerable wear. It is estimated that no more than 10 exist that are truly Mint State, the finest of which are certified MS-63. There are also not that many examples extant in originally preserved AU, so this example from the remarkable Fairmont holdings is certain to attract considerable attention from knowledgeable numismatists. This New Orleans Mint issue is roughly on par with the rarity of the 1846-O and 1850-O eagles.

PCGS# 98631. NGC ID: 2645.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2103

1862 AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. Offered is a superior quality example of this extremely popular, yet highly elusive Civil War era gold eagle. Sharply struck with frosty mint luster, both sides are enhanced by original color in warm honey-orange and brighter reddish-rose. Nearly Mint State, and premium quality at the assigned grade level, there is much to recommend this exceptional coin to advanced numismatists. As Union hopes for a quick victory in the Civil War were dashed with their defeat at the First Battle of Bull Run (a.k.a. First Manassas) in July 1861, Eastern banks suspended first gold and then silver specie payments. By early 1862, gold coins had effectively disappeared from circulation in the Eastern and Midwestern states, the yearly output of circulation strikes from the Philadelphia Mint also dropping off markedly as little bullion reached the facility for coinage. The 1862 has a modest mintage of 10,960 pieces, many examples of which were exported and eventually melted. When we further consider that most of the few survivors are well worn, the significance of the present offering should be obvious even to the casual observer. A coin that is sure to see spirited bidding at auction and achieve a strong realized price.

PCGS# 8635. NGC ID: 2649.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2104

1868 AU-50 (PCGS). This notable condition rarity is one of the finer circulation strike 1868 eagles available. The surfaces are fully original and exhibit warm pinkish-honey color. Noticeably semi-prooflike. They are also sharply rendered and crisp, and the surfaces have only wispy handling marks that in no way distract. The 1868 was produced at a time when gold coins were not in active circulation in the East and Midwest. As a result, the Philadelphia Mint's output of eagles that year amounted to just 10,630 circulation strikes, actually a generous total for an 1860s Liberty Head eagle. The fact that the 1868 is the most frequently encountered 1860s eagle after only the 1861 should not conceal the rarity of this issue in an absolute sense. Mint State survivors are particularly elusive, as the little contemporary numismatic interest was focused on yearly Proof production, itself limited with survivors exceedingly rare in today's market. One of the few About Uncirculated 1868 eagles that we can recall offering, this example represents a significant bidding opportunity.

PCGS# 8653. NGC ID: 264N.

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2105

1871-S EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. This extraordinary 1871-S is noticeably lustrous with pleasantly smooth surfaces on an otherwise frosty finish. Beautiful honey-rose color is seen throughout with a bold to sharp strike and outstanding eye appeal. Relatively generous by the standards of the era, a mintage of 16,500 coins belies the true rarity of the 1871-S. Attrition through circulation was high and, like many San Francisco Mint eagles from the Civil War and Reconstruction eras, the 1871-S is unknown in Mint State. Of the 100 or so coins believed extant (per PCGS CoinFacts), well worn or impaired examples are the norm. As one of few AU-50s certified, the offered coin from the extensive Fairmont holdings is tied for CC#5 for the issue. It is an extremely important offering sure to appeal to astute bidders.

PCGS# 8662. NGC ID: 264Y.

CAC Stickered Population: 2; 10.

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2106

1872-S Fine-15 (PCGS). CAC. A well defined and uncommonly smooth coin from the earlier years of San Francisco Mint production. Vivid rose-orange and deep honey colors provide further eye appeal and confirm this coin's originality. Despite being one of the more common Liberty Head eagles from the 1870s, the 1872-S is scarce in an absolute sense.

PCGS# 8665. NGC ID: 2653.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2107

1874 AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. The surfaces are lustrous and semi-prooflike with vivid orange-rose color and a sharp strike. The 1874 is the first circulation strike eagle since 1861 to have a mintage in excess of 50,000 pieces. The Philadelphia Mint's relatively generous delivery of 53,160 eagles this year was achieved as part of the federal government's attempt to replace worn gold coins in expectation of gold and paper money achieving parity in the market (which did

not happen until December 1878). While the 1874 is one of the more available eagles from the 1870s, Mint State survivors are rare. With clear Choice AU quality, this Fairmont Collection offering is an important bidding opportunity for the advanced collector specializing in this challenging classic gold series.

PCGS# 8669. NGC ID: 2657.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Significant 1874-CC Eagle



2108

1874-CC EF-40 (PCGS). CAC. This handsome piece exhibits rich honey-orange color with delicate toning in pale pinkish-rose. The appearance is remarkably smooth for a lightly circulated CC-Mint eagle of this date and, indeed, there are no singularly distracting marks. Sharply defined apart from a touch of softness to the hair curls over Liberty's brow and the uppermost arrow feather on the reverse. Really a lovely coin, and a significant rarity as a problem free 1874-CC eagle.

All gold coins struck at the Carson City Mint saw extensive use, especially those from the early and mid-1870s. Production for the

eagle reached 16,767 pieces at this facility in 1874, and estimates for surviving examples range anywhere from 150 to 400 pieces. Rusty Goe provides the most up-to-date and (in our opinion) accurate estimate of 275 to 300 coins extant in his book *The Confident Carson City Coin Collector* (2020). More than half of the examples grade VF or lower, however, and with only two Mint State survivors accounted for, this scarce premium EF coin represents the finest realistically obtainable for many discerning collectors. An opportunity not to be missed.

PCGS# 8670. NGC ID: 2658.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Low Mintage 1875-CC Ten-Dollar Gold



2109

1875-CC EF-40 (PCGS). CAC. Handsome honey-olive surfaces with light toning in pretty pinkish-rose. Lustrous to the grade and exceptionally smooth overall, with bold detail to all but a few central high points. The CC mintmark is weakly impressed, characteristic of the issue, but it is readily evident even when the coin is viewed in hand.

After a record (for that era) mintage of 16,767 pieces in 1874, the Carson City Mint delivered just 7,715 eagles in 1875, a number more in keeping with annual output from this branch mint throughout the 1870s. With domestic circulation in the western

United States claiming most examples, the 1875-CC is now scarce to rare in all grades. Rusty Goe (2020) accounts for just 100 to 135 survivors, in fact, only one or two of which are Mint State. With examples at that level understandably out of reach for most collectors, this premium EF - rare in its own right - is a highly significant find that will certainly appeal to advanced Liberty Head gold collectors and Carson City Mint specialists.

PCGS# 8673. NGC ID: 265B.

CAC Stickered Population: 1; 8.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2110

1876-S AU-50 (PCGS). This is certainly one of the nicest 1876-S eagles that we have ever offered. It is a beautiful, undeniably original coin dressed in deep, rich, honey-gold and pinkish-rose colors. Universally bold in detail with noticeable mint luster remaining on both sides. With only 5,000 coins struck, the 1876-S eagle has the second lowest mintage of the San Francisco Mint Liberty Head eagles. Unknown in Mint State, this issue is scarce to rare in all circulated grades with an extant population of just 80 to 100 coins (per PCGS CoinFacts). Most survivors are in VF and EF grades, typical of the era, and many examples throughout the numismatic grading scale are impaired for one reason or another. Finding a problem free, fully original Choice EF such as this is very challenging, and an aggressive bidding strategy is definitely in order here.

PCGS# 8676. NGC ID: 265E.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2111

1877-S EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. Continuing with the awesome quality and undeniable originality that defines the Liberty Head eagle offerings from this installment of the Fairmont Collection, this lovely AU example exhibits vivid warm honey-orange color. Sharply struck and lustrous, an otherwise softly frosted texture yields to modest semi-reflectivity in the fields. The 1877-S is a low mintage (17,000 pieces) eagle that circulated extensively in an era when gold coins enjoyed strong commercial demand on the West Coast. Problem free survivors are always in demand irrespective of numeric grade, although with Mint State coins all but unknown AUs such as this are particularly attractive to advanced gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8679. NGC ID: 265H.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2112

1879 MS-61 (PCGS). CAC. A beautiful golden-apricot example with a razor sharp strike and full mint luster. Circulation strike eagle production at the Philadelphia Mint continued to rise through 1879, the year seeing a mintage of 384,740 pieces. This is not a plentiful issue, however, for the vast majority succumbed to the rigors of commerce. One of the nicest Mint State examples we have offered in recent years, this attractively original coin would make a fitting addition to an advanced gold cabinet.

PCGS# 8683. NGC ID: 265M.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2113

1879-S MS-61 (PCGS). CAC. Pleasant honey-gold blend on original surfaces are lustrous and sharply struck throughout. The 1879-S is easily the most readily obtainable San Francisco Mint eagle from the 1870s, although it is a moderately scarce issue when compared to many later dates in the Liberty Head series. The typical survivor is circulated, and Mint State pieces such as this are in the minority among survivors.

PCGS# 8686. NGC ID: 265R.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Remarkably Well Preserved 1880-CC Eagle



2114

1880-CC AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Rarely do survivors of this issue possess the combination of originality, strong eye appeal and nearly Mint State quality that define the currently offered Fairmont Collection specimen. Highly lustrous with pretty orange-honey color, faint pinkish-rose highlights add further appeal. Sharply struck throughout and a delight to behold.

The waning fortunes of the Carson City Mint continued into 1880 and the facility did not commence coinage operations until May. However, enough gold bullion was available to allow for a mintage of 11,190 eagles by year's end. This is the highest yearly output for this denomination in Carson City since 1874, and the 1880-CC ranks as one of the more frequently encountered CC-Mint eagles. However, the 1880-CC is only readily obtainable in lower grades through AU-50. High quality Choice AUs, as here, are very scarce, while in Mint State this issue remains a formidable condition rarity.

PCGS# 8688. NGC ID: 265T.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2115

1880-O Winter-1. AU-53 (PCGS). This is a highly desirable About Uncirculated 1880-O eagle, an issue that is scarce even in well worn condition. Both sides exhibit original honey-gold color with an orange-olive undertone. The surfaces are lustrous with a soft frosty texture and faint reflectivity in the fields. Sharply struck with an exceptionally smooth appearance for the assigned grade. Despite once again coming under federal control through Union occupation in 1862, the New Orleans Mint did not return to coin production until 1879. In that year, the facility delivered a sizable number of Morgan silver dollars, along with smaller quantities of eagles and double eagles. Eagle production continued sporadically through 1906, the years 1879 to 1883 each having low mintages that have contributed to the scarcity (if not rarity) of all of these issues. In the case of the 1880-O, only 9,200 coins were struck. We believe that only a few hundred 1880-O eagles have survived, mostly in VF and EF grades. Overlooked by contemporary numismatists, the coins saw considerable commercial use and few AU and Mint State survivors are known.

PCGS# 8689. NGC ID: 265U.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2116

1880-S MS-63 (PCGS). Significant Choice Mint State quality for this otherwise relatively obtainable San Francisco Mint issue. Bathed in a blend of vivid rose-gold color and billowy mint frost, both sides are exceptionally smooth for an issue that is seldom offered any finer than MS-62. Sharply struck and sure to sell for a strong premium.

PCGS# 8690. NGC ID: 265V.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2119

1881-O Winter-1, the only known dies. AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. Rich deep olive and warm orange-honey in color with significant prooflike reflectivity in the fields. Uniformly sharp, remarkably attractive, and with no sizable marks, this coin is undeniably choice for the assigned grade. After the Civil War, the New Orleans Mint did not resume production of the eagle until 1879, and then only in modest quantities. All three of the New Orleans Mint eagles dated 1880 to 1882 are important rarities. The 1881-O is the most elusive issue in this group, and it ranks third in both absolute and high grade rarity among the 16 O-Mint eagles of the Motto type. At the time of striking, collecting coins by mintmark had not yet taken off, therefore very little numismatic notice was paid to this issue. Once the 1881-O eagle found an audience, Mint State examples were generally unavailable, making it a significant condition rarity. The present example is one of perhaps only 275 to 325 coins extant in all grades (per Doug Winter, 2020). Mint State survivors number fewer than 10 coins, and this newcomer from the Fairmont Collection is among the finest realistically obtainable by most collectors.

PCGS# 8693. NGC ID: 265Y.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2117

1881 MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. With full mint luster, a razor sharp strike and premium Choice Mint State preservation, this beautiful example will please even the most discerning gold enthusiasts. With a mintage of 3,877,220 circulation strikes, the 1881 was produced in greater numbers than any other Liberty Head eagle. Thousands of examples were exported and subsequently repatriated from European bank hoards, accounting for the majority of Mint State coins in today's market. The typical Mint State 1881 eagle is heavily abraded from overseas transport, however, and even coins in basal MS-63 can be challenging to locate. This pleasant Choice Mint State example would do justice to an advanced cabinet.

PCGS# 8691. NGC ID: 265W.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2120

1882 MS-63 (PCGS). Delightful satin surfaces are also possessed of full striking detail and vivid rose-gold color. Produced in generous numbers (2,324,440 circulation strikes), the 1882 is one of the most plentiful Liberty Head eagles in terms of total number of coins extant. A fair percentage of the mintage found its way overseas in international transactions, repatriations in recent decades providing a sizeable population of Uncirculated coins for today's gold type and date collectors. Premium Choice examples such as this remain scarce, however, and the issue is difficult to acquire any finer.

PCGS# 8695. NGC ID: 2662.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2118

1881-CC AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. Glints of pinkish-rose enliven dominant golden-apricot color on both sides of this richly originally example. It is the sign of the rarity of this mintmarked gold series that the 1881-CC, with just 24,015 pieces produced, ranks among the highest mintage Carson City Mint eagles. In his outstanding reference *The Confident Carson City Coin Collector* (2020), CC-Mint expert Rusty Goe estimates that 375 to 450 examples are extant in all grades. Yet despite the relatively generous population, many 1881-CC eagles in numismatic hands are impaired due to cleaning, damage or other problems. Attractively original survivors, as here, are scarce to rare in all grades and always in demand.

PCGS# 8692. NGC ID: 265X.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2121

1882-CC Misplaced Date. EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. A highly appealing, uncommonly bold survivor of this challenging Carson City Mint eagle. The color is a richly original blend of warm honey-gold and more vivid orange-apricot. Supremely attractive for the grade, this is a PQ Choice EF that is sure to see spirited bidding. Production of ten-dollar gold eagles at the Carson City Mint dropped off markedly in 1882 compared to 1880 and 1881. Only 6,764 coins were struck, all of which were delivered by the coiner in September. Although virtually the entire mintage of the 1882-CC circulated in the American West, some worn examples may have found their way overseas later in bulk shipments of U.S. gold coins as part of international transactions. Curiously for an issue that saw such extensive commercial use, the 1882-CC has an above average rate of survival with Rusty Goe (2020) estimating that as many as 190 pieces are extant in all grades. Q. David Bowers (2012) takes a similar approach with an estimate of 125 to 175 survivors. Both authors agree regarding the extreme rarity of this issue in Mint State. With only four or five Uncirculated coins accounted for (again, per Rusty Goe), premium circulated examples such as this offering from the Fairmont Collection represent significant finds in today's competitive numismatic market.

PCGS# 8696. NGC ID: 2663.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Stunning Mint State 1882-O \$10 Eagle



2122

1882-O Winter-1, the only known dies. MS-60 (PCGS). CAC. An incredibly attractive piece bathed in vivid golden-olive and pale apricot colors. The richly frosted complexion reveals subtle reflectivity in the fields. Both sides are boldly to sharply struck, especially at the focal features, and remain free of any individual distractions.

The 1882-O is the most frequently encountered New Orleans Mint eagle of the 1880 to 1882 era, although we stress that all three are low mintage rarities. The present example is one of the finest survivors from a 10,820-piece delivery, most of which are circulated to one degree or another. Of the approximately 350 coins extant, only around 15 to 20 distinct examples are thought to remain in Mint State grades. This piece qualifies as Condition Census and would make an impressive addition to an advanced collection of Liberty Head eagles or New Orleans Mint coinage.

PCGS# 8697. NGC ID: 2664.

PCGS Population: 18; 19 finer (MS-63 finest).

CAC Stickered Population: 2; 5.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2123

1883-CC EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. A handsome honey-orange example with plenty of sharp striking detail remaining. Suitably lustrous for the grade, as well, direct lighting angles call forth a lively semi-prooflike texture from the fields. The Carson City Mint produced just 12,000 eagles in 1883, most of which saw immediate and extensive use in local commerce. Many of these coins found their way into foreign shipments of U.S. gold coins in later years, after they had

acquired wear, the survivors accounting for a large percentage of the 200 to 350 coins believed extant. With so many high grade circulated Carson City Mint gold coins in today's market cleaned or otherwise impaired, this refreshingly original Choice EF is sure to please discerning numismatists.

PCGS# 8700. NGC ID: 2667.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Condition Rarity 1884-CC Eagle



2124

1884-CC AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. This phenomenal offering is for a fresh, new-to-market 1884-CC eagle, nearly Condition Census for the issue based on the AU-58 grade assigned by PCGS. It is a lovely coin - original olive-honey surfaces with overlying orange-apricot toning, fully struck design elements, and virtually complete mint luster in a softly frosted to semi-reflective texture. Exceptionally smooth for both the issue and the assigned grade, and sure to sell for a strong premium.

The final CC-Mint ten struck prior to 1890, the 1884-CC has a mintage of 9,925 pieces and likely suffered attrition predominantly through domestic circulation in the American

West with limited numbers of coins (mostly worn) finding their way to Europe in later years. Repatriations and other newcomers to today's market tend to be in well circulated grades. The example offered here is a notable exception as it is very close to Mint State. It has come down to us today still fresh and original, and its offering in this sale represents a significant opportunity for the collector of condition rarity Carson City Mint gold coinage.

PCGS# 8704. NGC ID: 266B.

CAC Stickered Population: 12; 6.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2125

1887-S MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. This smartly impressed, fully defined example makes a lovely appearance due to the originality of the vivid rose-orange color that blankets both sides. With hundreds of low end Mint State coins found in European bank hoards in recent decades, the 1887-S is one of the more plentiful Liberty Head eagles from the 1880s. This is an uncommonly well preserved example, however, and one that will appeal to discerning gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8711. NGC ID: 266J.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2126

1888-O Winter-1. MS-61 (PCGS). CAC. Frosty and lustrous surfaces with an impressively smooth appearance for the assigned grade. Handsome medium gold color with a tinge of orange-olive also evident. Thanks to the repatriation of a fair number of examples from foreign bank hoards, the 1888-O is one of the most available New Orleans Mint eagles in Mint State. It is still a conditionally challenging issue, however, and with so few coins certified finer than MS-62 this premium quality MS-61 example is sure to appeal to quality conscious gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8713. NGC ID: 266L.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2127

1888-S MS-64 (PCGS). Gorgeous pinkish-apricot surfaces are sharply struck with a fully frosted finish. A relatively common issue by 1880s Liberty Head eagle standards, the 1888-S is obtainable with ease in grades through MS-62 thanks to the discovery of many examples in foreign bank hoards. Few Choice Uncirculated pieces have surfaced over the years, keeping Choice Mint State examples scarce and nonexistent in Gem. Outstanding quality and eye appeal for the advanced gold enthusiast.

PCGS# 8714. NGC ID: 266M.

PCGS Population: 22; 1 finer (MS-64+ finest).

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2128

1889-S MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Satiny and lively surfaces are adorned with deep, vivid, rose-gold color. Razor sharp in striking detail, this exceptionally smooth 1889-S ten would make a fitting addition to even the finest collection of Liberty Head gold coinage.

PCGS# 8716. NGC ID: 266P.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Sharp Uncirculated 1890-CC Eagle



2129

1890-CC MS-62 (PCGS). Gorgeous golden-rose surfaces are fully lustrous with a lovely, satin to softly frosted texture. The striking detail is full throughout, and both sides are exceptionally well preserved and nearly Choice Mint State in quality.

Ten-dollar eagle production resumed at the Carson City Mint in 1890 after a hiatus of five years. The 1890-CC has a mintage of 17,500 pieces, but thanks to an above average rate of survival it is one of the more frequently encountered issues in this mintmarked gold series. We believe that fewer than 1,000

coins are extant in all grades, however, a small total given the popularity of Carson City Mint coinage in today's market. The Mint State population is even smaller still with Rusty Goe (2020) estimating just 150 to 187 coins at that level. Few Uncirculated survivors are as nice as this PCGS MS-62 example from the extensive Fairmont Collection holdings, certainly among the finest examples currently available.

PCGS# 8718. NGC ID: 266S.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2130

1891-CC MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. With vivid golden-apricot color to fully impressed, highly lustrous surfaces, this is an outstanding Uncirculated type candidate from the Carson City Mint portion of the Liberty Head eagle series. 103,732 eagles were struck at the Nevada coinage facility in 1891 and, unlike for many issues in this mintmarked gold series, thousands were exported to Europe. Repatriations beginning in the second half of the 20th century have swelled the Mint State population to upward of 2,300 coins (per Rusty

Goe, 2020). Most of these grade no finer than MS-62, at which levels the 1891-CC is a mainstay of Mint State gold type sets and CC-Mint collections. Given the scarcity of examples in MS-63 (the 1891-CC is rare any finer), this premium quality BU example is sure to have no difficulty finding its way into an advanced cabinet.

PCGS# 8720. NGC ID: 266U.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Handsome and Smooth 1892-CC Eagle



2131

1892-CC MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. This impressive and conditionally scarce Mint State example possesses full striking detail and bountiful frosty luster. Splashes of rose color adds to the eye appeal, as do uncommonly smooth surfaces.

Ten-dollar gold eagle production at the Carson City Mint remained high in 1892 (40,000 pieces) as the nation continued to churn out large numbers of such pieces to replace those lost to European export. Enough coins have survived that the 1892-CC is now widely regarded as the second most obtainable issue in

this mintmarked gold series. It is, however, far scarcer than the 1891-CC in Mint State. The present offering from the Fairmont Collection is for one of the nicest BU examples that we have ever handled. It is a coin fit for inclusion in the finest gold cabinet or CC-Mint collection.

PCGS# 8722. NGC ID: 266W.

PCGS Population: 22; 5 finer (single MS-64 finest).

CAC Stickered Population: 4; 0.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2132

1892-O Winter-1, the only known dies. MS-62 (PCGS). Handsome medium golden-honey surfaces are boldly to sharply struck with full, soft mint luster. The first New Orleans Mint eagle produced since 1888, the 1892-O is more obtainable than a mintage of 28,688 pieces might imply. Most of the coins repatriated from foreign bank hoards are heavily abraded, however, the present example is a distinct cut above the norm at the assigned grade level.

PCGS# 8723. NGC ID: 266X.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2133

1893 MS-64 (PCGS). Flashy mint luster rotates with ease on both the obverse and reverse. Naturally dressed in apricot yellow, complimenting the razor sharp strike normally found on this attractive issue.

PCGS# 8725. NGC ID: 266Z.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Impressive and Colorful Key Date \$10 Eagle



2134

1893-CC MS-61 (PCGS). This beautiful coin really needs to be seen to be appreciated. The surfaces are exceptionally well preserved for the assigned grade with only small, singularly inconspicuous handling marks. Intensely lustrous with a frosty texture, along with a razor sharp strike and gorgeous warm rose highlights.

Only 14,000 eagles were struck during the final year of coinage operations at the Carson City Mint. Unlike the 1891-CC, for which a fair number of examples found their way into overseas shipments of United States gold coins, the 1893-CC seems to have followed the usual path for Carson City Mint gold coinage: domestic circulation in the American West. Indeed, the typical example offered in old time collections was well worn in grades

such as VF. Modern repatriations from foreign bank hoards have yielded relatively few 1893-CC eagles; the issue remains scarce in About Uncirculated condition and very rare in Mint State. In his excellent reference *The Confident Carson City Coin Collector* (2020), Carson City Mint expert Rusty Goe estimated that only 15 to 19 different examples can be accounted for in all Uncirculated grades. At the MS-61 grade level, the Fairmont Collection specimen offered here is among the finest obtainable for the issue. It is ideally suited for inclusion in an advanced collection of CC-Mint or Liberty Head gold.

PCGS# 8726. NGC ID: 2672.

PCGS Population: 7, 6 finer (MS-62 finest).

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2135

1894 MS-63 (PCGS). Strong eye appeal to note on this flashy and lustrous gold eagle. Sharp in strike and natural in color, this is a perfect opportunity to add a piece of the impressive Fairmont hoard to your collection!

PCGS# 8729. NGC ID: 2675.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2136

1894-O Winter-6. MS-62 (PCGS). A lustrous, predominantly frosty example with decided semi-reflectivity evident in the fields when the coin is viewed with direct lighting. Pretty honey-gold color is seen throughout, and there is razor sharp striking detail and well preserved, nearly Choice surfaces. The 1894-O is scarce by late date New Orleans Mint eagle standards, certainly more so than a mintage of 107,500 pieces might imply. Foreign bank hoards have yielded comparatively few examples, most of which are in the lowest Mint State grades (read: MS-60 and MS-61). Given the rarity of Choice Uncirculated pieces, our offering of this premium MS-62 represents an important bidding opportunity for the discerning gold collector.

PCGS# 8730. NGC ID: 2676.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2137

1895-O Winter-3. MS-62 (PCGS). Handsome, fully original golden-orange color blends with lovely mint luster on both sides of this conditionally rare example. The strike is sharp to full in virtually all areas, and the surface preservation is superior for a survivor of this challenging issue. Several sizable hoards from European banks have made the once scarce 1895-O eagle relatively obtainable in AU and lower Mint State grades. The present example is about as nice as they come for a survivor of this 98,000-piece mintage, the certified populations dwindling rapidly beginning at the MS-62+ level.

PCGS# 8733. NGC ID: 2679.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2138

1897-O Winter-2. MS-61 (PCGS). Golden-apricot color blends with frosty mint luster on both sides of this smartly impressed, visually appealing example. The 1897-O is the scarcest New Orleans Mint eagle from the 1890s after only the 1899-O. A few groups of coins located in foreign bank hoards account for most of the Mint State population, the typical example of which grades MS-61 or MS-62, as here. With so few examples graded finer, this fully original and aesthetically pleasing coin will appeal to advanced Liberty Head eagle collectors as well as New Orleans Mint enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8738. NGC ID: 267E.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2139

1899-O MS-62 (PCGS). Lustrous satin to softly frosted surfaces are enhanced by wonderfully original color in warm medium golden-apricot. The 1899-O is the rarest New Orleans Mint eagle struck after 1883, with a mintage of just 37,047 pieces. Mint State survivors are scarce with the typical piece in the MS-60 to MS-62 grade range. Most Uncirculated 1899-O eagles extant are repatriations from foreign bank hoards that returned to the United States beginning in the mid 20th century. Since the vast majority of U.S. gold coins shipped overseas were roughly handled, this issue is a significant condition rarity at and above the MS-63 grade level. With superior quality at the PCGS MS-62 grade level, the current Fairmont specimen would serve with distinction in an advanced numismatic cabinet.

PCGS# 8743. NGC ID: 267K.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2140

1903-O Winter-1. MS-61 (PCGS). CAC. Smartly impressed with bountiful, bright satin luster and warm, original medium apricot-gold color. Though the 1903-O is the most plentiful New Orleans Mint eagle, it is scarce when compared to common Philadelphia and San Francisco Liberty Head issues from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

PCGS# 8753. NGC ID: 267W.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2141

1906-D MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. Frosty rose-gold surfaces with a full strike and strong eye appeal. The 1906-D is the first Denver Mint eagle, and has a generous mintage of 981,000 pieces. Enough Uncirculated coins have been located in foreign bank reserves that the 1906-D is available in grades up to and including MS-64, but is challenging any finer. This lovely Choice example would make an equally impressive addition to a mintmarked gold type set or specialized Liberty Head eagle collection.

PCGS# 8760. NGC ID: 2685.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2143

1907 Liberty. MS-64 (PCGS). Vivid orange-gold surfaces with a silky smooth appearance to frosty surfaces. Sharply struck throughout, this is an exceptionally well preserved example of an otherwise plentiful issue. The 1907 is the final Philadelphia Mint issue in the Liberty Head eagle series. The circulation strike mintage is a generous 1,203,899 pieces, thousands of which were shipped to European countries, where they remained until repatriated beginning in the decades after World War II. With the typical survivor grading no finer than MS-64, this conditionally scarce Gem represents a significant find for the advanced gold type or date collector.

PCGS# 8763. NGC ID: 2688.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2142

1906-O Winter-1, the only known dies. MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. Natural honey-gold color blankets on both sides of this lustrous and smartly impressed example. The 1906-O is the final New Orleans Mint eagle, and the penultimate gold issue from this Southern coinage facility (the final is the 1909-O Indian half eagle). It is among the scarcer New Orleans Mint tens of the Motto design type, although locating an example in the MS-60 to MS-62 grade range should prove fairly easy under normal market conditions. Offering excellent value, this handsome piece will appeal to both New Orleans Mint specialists and advanced gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8761. NGC ID: 2686.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

INDIAN EAGLES



2144

1910 MS-64 (PCGS). Satiny in texture and sharply struck from the dies, this handsome example also possesses attractively original color in rich yellow-orange. Despite its status as one of the more common Indian eagles in terms of total number of Mint State coins extant, the 1912 is still a scarce to rare find in grades above MS-65. This pleasing MS-64 presents great value as the price jumps significantly at Gem mint state grade level. An endearing piece that stands tall among the 20th century gold coin offerings in the Fairmont Collection.

PCGS# 8865. NGC ID: 28GR.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2145

1912 MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. Handsome golden-apricot color with a tinge of pale pink evident as the surfaces rotate under a light. Lustrous and satiny with a sharp strike to boot. The mintage of 405,000 pieces produced enough 1912 eagles for collectors today in most grades, but

if an example in higher Mint State grades is required, there certainly are not many to go around.

PCGS# 8871. NGC ID: 28GW.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

DOUBLE EAGLES

LIBERTY HEAD DOUBLE EAGLES



2146

1850 AU-55 (PCGS). A beautiful and conditionally scarce survivor from this popular first year Liberty Head \$20 issue. Sharply defined for the grade, featuring a soft mix of orange and vivid yellow-gold color. Attractive and exceptionally well composed for a Type I double eagle at the AU level of preservation. The 1850 is the first regular issue double eagle from the Philadelphia Mint. This denomination, the highest that the United States Mint has ever produced for circulation, was authorized by the Act of March 3, 1849, to serve as a storehouse and convenient medium of exchange for the vast quantities of gold discovered and mined during the California Gold Rush. Indeed, during the earliest years of the double eagle series unprecedented quantities of gold were shipped from California to the eastern United States to be minted into coins at the Philadelphia and, to a lesser extent, New Orleans mints.

Using the Liberty Head design by Chief Engraver James Barton Longacre, the Philadelphia Mint produced 1,170,261 circulation strike double eagles in 1850. This issue saw extensive commercial use with worn survivors in grades such as VF and EF readily available in numismatic circles. Persistent buyers will usually be able to locate an attractive AU-50 or AU-53 without too much difficulty, but beginning at the AU-55 grade level the conditionally challenging nature of this issue comes to the fore. The present coin is a fitting opening to the double eagle offerings in the current installment of the Fairmont Collection. It will surely generate considerable interest among advanced gold collectors.

PCGS# 8902. NGC ID: 268F.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Significant AU 1850-O Double Eagle Rarity



2147

1850-O Winter-2. AU-50 (PCGS). This is a particularly desirable example of this historic first year issue that will appeal to both double eagle enthusiasts and New Orleans Mint specialists. Wonderfully original color blankets both sides, and there is ample remaining luster. Boldly to sharply defined overall with superior quality and eye appeal for this conditionally challenging issue.

The first double eagle from the Louisiana branch mint has a mintage of 141,000 pieces, considerably lower than the 1,170,261-coin mintage reported for the Philadelphia Mint's delivery of the year. This began a trend that would continue throughout the early New Orleans Mint double eagle series of 1850 to 1861 as the majority of metal from the California gold fields found its way to the Northeast rather than the Deep South.

The 1850-O is one of the more challenging early date New Orleans Mint double eagles to collect. Survivors are rarer than the 1851-O and 1852-O issues, and most are in grades such as VF or EF. As with the Philadelphia Mint's issue of 1850, the 1850-O saw extensive use in domestic circulation, primarily in regions west of the Mississippi River where gold coins were a preferred medium of exchange. Other examples were exported, primarily to London, where they were eventually melted. With its first year status resulting in particularly strong demand among mintmarked gold type collectors and New Orleans Mint enthusiasts, this impressive About Uncirculated 1850-O double eagle is sure to see spirited bidding at auction.

PCGS# 8903. NGC ID: 268G.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Exciting Mint State 1851 \$20 Gold



2148

1851 MS-61 (PCGS). CAC. This is a lovely example that ranks among the finer survivors of this second year double eagle issue. Impressively bold in striking detail, both sides also exhibit originally preserved surfaces and attractive mint luster. With few distracting marks to note, this MS-61 example that would serve with distinction in any gold cabinet.

Large shipments of gold bullion from the rich fields of California continued to flow to the economic centers of the Northeast in 1851, the Philadelphia Mint achieving the highest mintage in the Liberty Head double eagle series prior to 1861 with 2,087,155 circulation strikes produced that year. Much of this bullion made the long journey from California to the Northeast by steamer south from San Francisco through the Pacific Ocean, then by land across the Isthmus of Panama, and finally by steamship once again through the Atlantic

Ocean to New York City. Although primarily used in domestic circulation at the time of issue, some portion of the mintage for the 1851 found its way overseas years later in banking transactions. Numerous examples of the date came back to the United States beginning in the mid-20th century through the diligence of coin dealers such as Paul Wittlin in the 1940s, James F. Kelly in the 1950s and, in later years, Ron Gillio, David Akers, and others who located them in Europe or South America. Repatriations such as these account for many of the Uncirculated 1851 double eagles, although the number of such coins remains limited. As a solidly graded and aesthetically pleasing MS-61, this Fairmont specimen is one of the finest conditions obtainable for this difficult issue.

PCGS# 8904. NGC ID: 268H.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2149

1851-O Winter-1. AU-55 (PCGS). Inviting olive-gold surfaces are fully original with superior eye appeal in a lightly circulated Southern gold coin from the pre-Civil War era. Striking detail is expectably bold for the issue, and most design elements are actually sharply to fully defined. One of the nicest 1851-O double eagles that we have handled in recent years, especially at the Choice AU level of preservation, this coin is sure to sell for a premium bid. After a modest mintage of 141,000 pieces in 1850, the New Orleans Mint increased double eagle output to 315,000 coins in 1851. Clearly more gold from California reached the Crescent City in the latter year, the 1851-O actually boasting the highest mintage among New Orleans Mint double eagles. Perhaps not surprisingly, this is the most frequently encountered double eagle in numismatic circles. Survivors are scarce in an absolute sense, however, and particularly relative to those of many Philadelphia Mint issues of the era such as the 1851, 1852 and 1853. Fewer than 750 coins are believed extant, most of which are in circulated grades through Choice EF. As a properly graded, premium quality AU-55, this handsome piece would serve as a highlight in an advanced Liberty Head double eagle set or specialized collection of New Orleans Mint coinage.

PCGS# 8905. NGC ID: 268J.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2150

1852 MS-61 (PCGS). CAC. Lovely deep golden-honey color and pleasing mint luster blanket both sides, the surfaces of which are uncommonly smooth for both the issue and the assigned grade. A sharp to full strike adds to the appeal of this premium quality example. The mintage for the circulation strike 1852 double eagle is 2,053,026 pieces. As with most early Philadelphia Mint double eagles, the quantity struck reflects the huge influx of gold from the California gold fields that was shipped to the Northeast beginning in 1849, then growing considerably larger with each passing year. The Philadelphia mintages would begin to lessen in size, however, after the opening of the mint at San Francisco in 1854, although not to the same extent as in New Orleans.

Most 1852 double eagles remained in the United States and were used in domestic commerce, though many were sent overseas years later, by which time the coins had already acquired considerable wear. Today's research suggests that only 50 to 100 different examples can be accounted for in Mint State, with most of the known survivors at the lower end of the grading scale. Indeed, even a coin in MS-60 represents a significant find in today's market. Not all that far removed from the Choice Uncirculated category, this offering from the phenomenal Fairmont Collection represents a significant bidding opportunity for the astute numismatist.

PCGS# 8906. NGC ID: 268K.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Exceptional Choice AU 1852-O Liberty Head Twenty



2151

1852-O Winter-1, the only known dies. AU-55 (PCGS). Handsome, fully original surfaces with a tinge of light iridescence evident. Both sides are sharply defined for the issuing mint with abundant mint luster and a base of semi-prooflike reflectivity. Impressively smooth for an early date New Orleans Mint gold coin that saw light commercial use, and sure to sell for a strong premium to a discerning double eagle enthusiast.

The New Orleans Mint was the only Southern mint to produce the double eagle and only did so in modest quantities using gold provided from the vast California gold fields. 190,000 examples of the denomination were struck there in 1852, making it the second largest mintage for an O-Mint double eagle. These coins saw use throughout the South and the Atlantic Seaboard and seem to have only infrequently been shipped abroad in international trade. One

of the most available of all the O-Mint double eagles, the 1852-O can still be a challenge for the discerning specialist. Estimates vary on the number of surviving specimens, most likely in the range of 1,500 to 1,750 pieces, almost all of which are in mid-level circulated states of preservation. No vast quantities have so far been found in repatriated hoards, though several have appeared from such holdings. A few have been found in the S.S. Central America and S.S. Republic treasures, but these have not substantially augmented the supply. Above EF, this issue is quite scarce and with fewer than two dozen different Mint State examples believed extant, appealing Choice AU specimens - rare in their own right - are in constant demand from double eagle collectors and Southern gold specialists.

PCGS# 8907. NGC ID: 268L.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2152

1853 MS-61 (PCGS). Beautiful honey-rose surfaces are wonderfully original with a full endowment of softly frosted luster. Boldly to sharply struck. The Philadelphia Mint's output of double eagles in 1853 fell somewhat from the previous year, resulting in a mintage of 1,261,326 circulation strikes. Some portion of this mintage went overseas in later years, primarily to London, with many such pieces returning to the United States after World War II. Despite third party certification data that suggests otherwise - undoubtedly due to

multiple resubmissions - we believe that perhaps as few as 50 to 75 different Mint State 1853 double eagles can be accounted for today. This is a remarkably limited total considering the "common date" status this issue has in numismatic circles. Obviously, the 1853 is far more elusive in Mint State than the relatively generous mintage suggests. A find for the astute double eagle enthusiast.

PCGS# 8908. NGC ID: 268M.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Uncommonly Well Preserved 1853-O Double Eagle



2153

1853-O Winter-1, the only known dies. AU-50 (PCGS). CAC. Offered is an important coin for advanced double eagle or New Orleans Mint enthusiasts, as relatively few 1853-O \$20s survive from the mintage of 71,000 pieces, and very few grade finer than Choice EF. This is a fully About Uncirculated example with vivid, original surfaces that retain plenty of lively mint luster. The strike is impressively sharp throughout the design, with the surfaces displaying only the most trivial rub confirming a short stint in commerce. Virtually all known surviving 1853-O double eagles show some degree of circulation, and finding an example in such a high technical grade as AU-50 usually

requires considerable patience and much persistence. Definitely a find, the present 1853-O is in a grade high enough to attract an advanced specialist, yet it is much less expensive than a Mint State coin would be, if indeed you could find a nice one.

New Orleans Mint double eagles were important in the trade of their day - by steamboat up the Mississippi River connecting to inland cities and towns, and by sea to foreign countries. It is little wonder, then, that issues such as the 1853-O saw intense use, and suffered a high rate of attrition.

PCGS# 8910. NGC ID: 268N.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2154

1854 Small Date. AU-55 (PCGS). Rich, original color blends with lovely mint luster on both sides of this boldly to sharply defined example. The year 1854 saw a significant downturn in the number of double eagles struck at Philadelphia with only 757,899 pieces produced. Instead of shipping gold to the East, now the newly inaugurated San Francisco Mint would require bullion for its own use. Two distinct date logotypes were used with small and large numerals. The majority of the coins used the smaller style logotype, making it the most frequently seen of the two varieties. Relatively

available in VF and EF, the issue becomes increasingly challenging at the AU level and above. It is estimated that at most there are 40 to 60 different Mint State specimens extant, a total that places strong collector pressure on premium quality AUs such as this offering from the Fairmont Collection. Often overlooked in favor of the first double eagle issue from San Francisco, a nice 1854 Philadelphia Mint \$20 has much to offer discerning collectors.

PCGS# 8911. NGC ID: 268P.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Condition Rarity 1854 Large Date \$20



2155

1854 Large Date. AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. One of the most significant offerings in the current installment of the fabulous Fairmont Collection, this is a Condition Census example of the elusive 1854 Large Date double eagle. Wonderfully original - characteristic of the coins in this collection - both sides are bathed in a warm, vivid color and virtually full mint luster. Sharply to fully struck throughout, and sure to appeal to astute double eagle collectors.

Circulation strike double eagle production at the Philadelphia Mint amounted to 757,899 coins in 1854, a total that was split between Small Date and Large Date varieties. The latter is by far the rarer date style of the issue, and it likely amounts to no more

than 10% of the coins extant. According to Q. David Bowers (2004) only three to five Mint State examples are known, and he describes the 1854 Large Date as "by [far] the rarest Philadelphia Mint double eagle minted up to this point in time." While the number of Uncirculated and Choice AU coins has crept up slightly over the last couple of decades, the variety remains a formidable condition rarity at these levels. We anticipate strong bidder competition for this highly significant offering from the Fairmont holdings.

PCGS# 98911. NGC ID: 268S.

PCGS Population: 25; 12 finer (MS-64+ finest).

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2156

1855 EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. Endearing honey-orange color with subtle rose highlights evident as the surfaces dip into a light. Sharply defined, ample mint luster remains to further confirm the validity of the desirable AU grade from PCGS. The year 1855 is the first in which the Philadelphia Mint would produce fewer double eagles than its San Francisco counterpart, indicative of the fact that the newly opened West Coast facility would leverage its proximity to the gold fields to strike the lion's share of California's precious metal into coins. This dominance would continue, with few exceptions, through the end of the Liberty Head series in 1907. Indeed, the mintage for the 1855, 364,666 circulation strikes, is modest by Philadelphia Mint standards of the era. The total face value for the issue is \$7,293,320. It is thought as few as 20 to 25 different 1855 double eagles can be considered Mint State today. Premium AU examples, as here, remain significant finds that enjoy strong demand among discriminating double eagle collectors.

PCGS# 8914. NGC ID: 268V.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2157

1855-S AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. A lovely example of this popular early San Francisco Mint double eagle. Boldly struck with strong eye appeal, the surfaces are adorned with exceptionally original color. The level of preservation is superior to that seen in the typical survivor of this issue with considerable luster remaining. Double eagle enthusiasts and Gold Rush collectors alike are sure to compete vigorously for the honor of acquiring this significant condition rarity. The San Francisco Mint struck 879,675 double eagles in 1855, as production of double eagles was in high gear owing to the continuing influx of metal from the region's gold fields. The mintage of the 1855-S, in fact, is more than six times that of 1854, when the San Francisco Mint was getting started and gaining speed. Most examples of this issue were used in commerce on the West Coast.

PCGS# 8916. NGC ID: 268X.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2158

1856 VF-35 (PCGS). CAC. Wonderfully original rose-orange and deep honey-olive surfaces retain plenty of sharp to full striking detail and frosty mint luster in a pleasantly circulated Type 1 Liberty Head twenty. The mintage for the 1856 is 329,878 circulation strikes, down nearly 40,000 pieces from the previous year's figure. The 1856 is considered by many to be a common date, no doubt because of the size of the mintages that occurred in Philadelphia at the beginning of the series. With regard to higher grades nothing could be further from the truth. This date has long been respected by specialists in the denomination as one of the more challenging Philadelphia Mint issues of the 1850s, especially in attractive high grade condition, as here.

PCGS# 8917. NGC ID: 268Y.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2159

1856-S AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. This pretty golden-honey example is crisply impressed with razor sharp striking detail throughout the design. Lustrous with a softly frosted texture and superior eye appeal at the assigned grade level. The mintage for this early San Francisco Mint issue is 1,189,750 pieces, up more than 300,000 coins from the previous year. Most Mint State 1856-S double eagles encountered in today's market are from the S.S. Central America shipwreck, which treasure included 1,085 examples, hundreds of which are Uncirculated. Circulated survivors number 1,750 to 2,500 coins (per Bowers, 2004), Choice AUs such as this also enjoying strong demand for high grade type and date purposes.

PCGS# 8919. NGC ID: 269Z.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Original AU 1857-O Double Eagle A Noteworthy Condition Rarity



2160

1857-O Winter-1, the only known dies. EF-45 (PCGS). CAC. This is an exceptionally attractive, very scarce Choice EF example of an issue that is elusive even in lower circulated grades. Beautiful original color blankets both sides. Ample evidence of a prooflike finish can be seen, reflectivity most pronounced in the protected areas around the devices. Although most survivors of this issue are softly struck, this piece is well produced by early New Orleans Mint standards. Overall detail is bold, and the O mintmark is fully appreciable, if a tad faint. A premium quality coin for both the issue and the assigned grade that stands tall among the highlights in the current offerings from the Fairmont Collection.

The 1857-O and 1858-O are anomalies among New Orleans Mint double eagles from the late 1850s, being the only two issues from that era with mintages in excess of 10,000 coins. For the 1857-O, government records provide a figure of 30,000 pieces struck. This is still a paltry total in an absolute sense, of course, the New Orleans Mint receiving very little gold bullion from California after the San Francisco Mint commenced coinage operations in 1854. Additionally, the Louisiana facility was closed in the early part of 1857 due to repair work to the building.

The 1857-O is in the fourth rarity tier among New Orleans Mint double eagles, ranking alongside the 1858-O. Examples are elusive in all grades, Douglas Winter (Gold Coins of the New Orleans Mint: 1839-1909, 2020) providing for just 200 to 250 coins extant. Q. David Bowers takes a stricter approach with an estimate of 90 to 150 survivors in his Guide Book of Double Eagle Gold Coins, although that reference was published earlier (2004). Both authors are in agreement that fewer than 10 Mint State coins are extant. This is one of our very few offerings at the AU-53 level in recent decades. Interested parties are urged to pursue this coin with vigor for, once it finds its way into another advanced double eagle collection, it may be many years before an example of comparable rarity and quality appears on the market.

PCGS# 8921. NGC ID: 2694.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2161

1857-S EF-45 (PCGS). This is a lovely near-Mint survivor with strong and original rose-honey color. Lustrous with a satin to softly frosted texture, a lack of singularly detracting abrasions further enhances already strong eye appeal. A handsome, high grade example of this popular date and mintmark combination in the Type I Liberty Head double eagle series that will offer hours of enjoyment to any specialist.

PCGS# 8922. NGC ID: 2696.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2162

1858 AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. The lustrous and vivid surfaces of this coin are remarkably well preserved in a survivor of this scarce, conditionally challenging Type I double eagle issue. The strike is sharp, luster nearly full, and the eye appeal is strong. The mintage for this issue was just 211,714 pieces, down more than 227,000 pieces from the previous year's tally at the Philadelphia Mint. Even circulated examples are scarce for an 1850s double eagle, and we estimate that some 900 to 1,200 examples are extant. The present piece is a superior Choice AU and destined for an advanced gold cabinet, where it will surely be a highlight.

PCGS# 8923. NGC ID: 2697.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2163

1858-S AU-55 (PCGS). Soft rose and warm honey surfaces are originally preserved with sharp to full striking detail and lovely mint luster. The mintage for the 1858-S double eagle is 846,710 pieces, down more than 123,000 coins from the 1857-S tally. Though this issue has been represented in just about every major double eagle collection ever to cross the auction block, the typical example has been in worn condition. The 1858-S is a significant condition rarity in Mint State with only a few dozen examples known. As such, we anticipate keen interest in this premium quality Choice AU among astute double eagle collectors.

PCGS# 8925. NGC ID: 2699.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2164

1859-S AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. This fully original example is bathed in a pleasantly original golden-apricot color. Boldly struck with nearly full luster. The mintage for the 1859-S double eagle was down more than 200,000 pieces from the previous year. The high grade rarity of this issue is nearly unknown outside of the field of specialized double eagle collectors for the 1859-S has not been represented in any significant hoards, either shipwreck treasures or repatriations from foreign holdings. While the S.S. Republic did yield 67 1859-S double eagles, only one of those coins has been designated as Mint State. Choice About Uncirculated examples are also scarce, confirming the important bidding opportunity that this offering represents.

PCGS# 8928. NGC ID: 269C.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2166

1860-S AU-55 (PCGS). Rich and densely colored surfaces are undeniably original in preservation. Both sides display mint luster throughout and are sharply struck with minimal abrasions for the assigned grade. Federal records indicate that 544,950 double eagles were coined in the San Francisco Mint during 1860. We estimate that 1,500 to 2,500 circulated examples of the 1860-S have survived to the present time, a figure representing less than 1/2 of 1% of the original production figure. Although plentiful by Type I Liberty Head double eagle standards in circulated grades, the 1860-S is typically offered no finer than EF, although the persistent buyer should be able to acquire an AU-50 or AU-53 under normal market conditions. Choice AU examples such as this are legitimately scarce and, given the rarity of the 1860-S in Mint State, such pieces represent a significant find for the astute gold collector.

PCGS# 8931. NGC ID: 269F.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2165

1860 AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. This richly original example exhibits handsome color on lustrous, satin to softly frosted surfaces. Boldly defined and worthy of serious bidder consideration. The Philadelphia Mint produced 577,670 circulation strikes of this denomination in 1860. Q. David Bowers estimated a Mint State population of 40 to 60 different pieces when he wrote his 2004 Guide Book of Double Eagles published by Whitman. Since then the recovered treasure from the S.S. Republic shipwreck has yielded about 150 more coins, and a few additional pieces seem to have come to light as part of repatriations from foreign bank hoards. Even so, Choice AU and higher condition coins of this issue remain scarce to the demand that such pieces receive among today's advanced gold collectors.

PCGS# 8929. NGC ID: 269D.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2167

1861 MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. This lovely double eagle is smartly impressed with razor sharp to full striking detail throughout the design. Original surfaces are beautifully colored and highly lustrous with a bold satin to softly frosted finish. It will be equally well suited for a high quality type set or advanced Liberty Head double eagle collection. With 2,976,453 pieces produced, the 1861 has the highest mintage of any pre-1904 double eagle, achieved to help fund the Union war effort on the outbreak of armed conflict with the South. Prior to the salvage of shipwreck treasures such as that of the S.S. Central America, this was the most available issue of the Type I Liberty Head design. A string of early Union defeats on the battlefield resulted in Northern banks suspending gold specie payments in December 1861. Hoarding began, an activity that probably accounts for most of the several hundred Mint State survivors of this issue. Given the popularity of the Liberty Head double eagle series with today's advanced gold specialists, premium Uncirculated examples such as this are rare from a market availability standpoint. Indeed, we have offered very few 1861 twenties of similar quality and eye appeal over the years. This Fairmont Collection offering is sure to result in spirited bidding among astute collectors.

PCGS# 8932. NGC ID: 269G.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Wonderfully Lustrous 1863 Double Eagle



2168

1863 EF-45 (PCGS). A wonderfully original example with handsome honey-gold and pinkish-rose color. Bold to sharp striking detail is also notable, as is an unusually smooth appearance. For the assigned grade there is abundant luster, particularly full on the reverse. Outstanding!

The Philadelphia Mint produced just 142,790 circulation strike double eagles in 1863. Due to hoarding, the issue did not circulate in the East or Midwest. Gold coins were available only by paying a sharp premium for them. It is likely that many double eagles of this era were exported and melted at their destination, as examples have

not turned up in European bank hoards to any great extent. In fact, many of the 50 to 55 Mint State pieces believed extant were recovered from the wreck of the S.S. Republic by Odyssey Marine Exploration. Given that the 1863 double eagle is scarce even in circulated grades (Bowers, 2004, accounts for just 200 to 300 worn examples), the opportunity to acquire this premium PCGS EF-45 deserves serious bidder attention, especially since it not a shipwreck find. As such, here is an extraordinarily coin.

PCGS# 8939. NGC ID: 269P.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2169

1863-S AU-53 (PCGS). Warm honey-gold color and iridescent apricot hues greet the viewer from both sides of this handsome and fully original piece. Frosty in texture with bold to sharp striking detail. The mintage for the 1863-S double eagle is 966,570 pieces, a substantial production figure for the Civil War era. This issue circulated extensively in West Coast commerce at a time when specie had virtually disappeared from day-to-day transactions in the Midwest and the East. Although many were likely exported overseas

in later years, survival rates are comparable to most other double eagle issues from the early to mid 1860s. Q David Bowers estimated a circulated population of 3,500 to 5,000 coins in his 2004 Guide Book of Double Eagles, the vast majority of which grade no finer than the lower reaches of AU. This is an upper end example for both the issue and the assigned grade that is sure to sell for a strong premium.

PCGS# 8940. NGC ID: 269R.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Exceptional Near-Mint 1864 Double Eagle



2170

1864 AU-58 (PCGS). A premium quality Choice AU example of this key date Civil War era gold issue. Lovely honey-orange color blankets both sides, the surfaces near-fully lustrous with strong eye appeal. Bold to sharp in strike and remarkably well preserved.

Federal records report that 204,235 circulation strike double eagles were coined at the Philadelphia Mint during 1864, and due to the continued problem with hoarding - which lasted until late December 1879 - none were used in regular day-to-day transactions in the eastern half of the United States. It seems that many were exported, and to the extent that this happened, most were likely melted into bullion, as examples have not turned up in European bank hoards to any great extent. We estimate a surviving population of between 300 to 450 circulated pieces, most of which grade VF or EF. Dave Bowers, in his study of the

series, estimated a Mint State population of only between three and five pieces. David Akers, writing in 1982, stated: "I have never personally examined a true Mint State piece, and despite the rather numerous auction records, have seen relatively few that could even be graded AU." Jeff Garrett and Ron Guth (2008) commented: "There were 42 examples of the 1864 Philadelphia issue on board the S.S. Republic, but this is very small in comparison to the large number of double eagle collectors." Not all of these coins were Uncirculated or choice.

As a non-shipwreck example with superior surface preservation and eye appeal, the Fairmont Collection specimen offered here is one of the most desirable 1864 double eagles available to today's collectors. It will certainly see spirited competition at auction.

PCGS# 8941. NGC ID: 269S.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2171

1864-S AU-55 (PCGS). A remarkable example, scarce at the presented grade level, and even fewer superiors among 1864-S double eagles certified by PCGS. Warm color in deep rose-gold blankets both sides and confirms the coin's original preservation. The surfaces

also offer softly frosted luster and overall sharp striking detail, and they are exceptionally smooth.

PCGS# 8942. NGC ID: 269T.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Noteworthy Uncirculated 1865 Twenty-Dollar Gold



2172

1865 MS-60 (PCGS). A delightful honey-gold example that also reveals wisps of faint rose and apricot iridescence under a light. Both sides are smartly impressed with sharp to full definition throughout the design. Full, strong mint luster adds to the appeal of this lovely Mint State double eagle.

Circulation strike double eagle production at the Philadelphia Mint amounted to 351,175 coins in 1865. Since gold coins continued to be hoarded in the East and Midwest, these were available only at a premium in terms of Legal Tender notes. Q. David Bowers estimated a surviving population of only 14 to 18 different Mint State examples in his *Guide Book of Double Eagles* published by Whitman in 2004. At the time this dovetailed nicely with David W. Akers' research, as he found a scant eight auction listings of specimens cataloged as Uncirculated when he wrote his widely used double eagle reference

book in 1982. Later came news from Odyssey Marine Exploration of 363 pieces found in the wreck of the S.S. Republic. We once again remind readers that these coins were not in general circulation at the time, but were owned by those who paid a sharp premium for them in terms of Legal Tender notes. As a rule, the S.S. Republic 1865 double eagles exhibit bright golden-yellow surfaces with a rather soft frosty texture. With bolder patina and heavier mint frost, the present example from the Fairmont Collection is one of the truly rare Mint State 1865 double eagles that has come from sources other than the S.S. Republic treasure. It is an outstanding coin for both the issue and the assigned grade that would serve as a highlight in an advanced double eagle set.

PCGS# 8943. NGC ID: 269U.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Exciting 1866 Double Eagle



2173

1866 MS-60 (PCGS). A fully lustrous example with remarkably untouched surfaces for a survivor of this historically significant and eagerly sought issue. Undeniably original in preservation, as well, with solid striking detail and plenty of eye appeal.

The first year of the Type II design with the addition of the motto IN GOD WE TRUST on the reverse, the post-Civil War economy was still quite tenuous when the Philadelphia Mint struck 698,745 double eagles in 1866. The entire issue entered commercial channels with

little fanfare and were subject to hoarding or were used for overseas payments where specie was the preferred medium of exchange, a situation that would persist well into the 1870s. Even though a few thousand survivors are thought extant, almost all of these are in lower circulated grade levels. Popular as the first year issue for the Motto type, here is a desirable and rare Mint State offering for the double eagle connoisseur.

PCGS# 8949. NGC ID: 269X.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Classic 1866-S No Motto Rarity



2174

1866-S No Motto. AU-53 (PCGS). This richly original and vivid pinkish-honey example presents exceptionally well for a lightly circulated example of this key date San Francisco Mint issue. Appreciable luster remains, and both sides retain bold striking detail to all devices with the exception of a few of the stars around the obverse periphery. Pleasingly smooth, the only mark to note runs from Liberty's earlobe down the bust. An undeniable highlight of our present Fairmont offering, and sure to see spirited bidding among advanced double eagle enthusiasts.

The story of the 1866-S No Motto double eagle starts five years earlier with the outbreak of hostilities after the separation from the Union of the secessionist states. The nation's morale was severely wounded and as an appeal during this time of national crisis, Reverend M.R. Watkinson of Ridleyville, Pennsylvania petitioned Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase urging the placement of a motto acknowledging "Almighty God in some form in our coins." Approving of this request, Chase instructed the director of the Mint to create designs and prepare patterns with various versions of the motto that he could take to Congress. Congress also thought kindly of the change and on April 22, 1864, they passed a law that specified the addition of the motto IN GOD WE TRUST on the newly created two-cent coin. The following year, Congress instructed that the motto be added to

all gold coins of suitable size - that is, half eagles and larger - starting in 1866. The Philadelphia Mint began preparations in late 1865 for the change to the Motto reverse. The reverse dies were then shipped to San Francisco but because overland transit took more than two months during that era, they did not arrive until March. In the meantime, because the demand for coin, especially the double eagle, was strong on the West Coast, the San Francisco Mint went ahead with production of 1866 half dollars, half eagles, eagles, and double eagles using the older No Motto reverse dies on hand. Once the new dies arrived the old ones were swiftly retired, but not before somewhere around 120,000 No Motto double eagles were struck and released into circulation, where they remained for many years.

This issue suffered a very high attrition rate and now the 1866-S No Motto double eagle is widely considered the second rarest San Francisco Mint issue of this denomination, ranking behind only the legendary 1861-S A.C. Paquet Reverse. The 200 or so known pieces are primarily in VF or EF condition, often with significant impairments or otherwise limit eye appeal. As an uncommonly original and aesthetically pleasing AU, this is an important opportunity for the double eagle collector who demands both rarity and quality.

PCGS# 8945. NGC ID: 269W.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Low Mintage 1868 Double Eagle



2175

1868 AU-55 (PCGS). Pretty rose-gold surfaces reveal brighter medium gold patina and intense satin to semi-prooflike luster as the coin dips into a light. Sharply struck. Only 98,575 circulation strike double eagles were coined at the Philadelphia Mint in 1868, one of the lowest production figures of the 1860s. This amounts to a face value of \$1,971,500. Q. David Bowers in his 2004 Guide Book of Double Eagles estimated a surviving Mint State population of just four to seven different pieces. David W. Akers was able to account for just nine listings of Uncirculated

examples in his 1982 survey of more than 400 major auction sales. Indeed, the 1868 is a formidable condition rarity and Mint State coins seldom appear at auction. As such, About Uncirculated examples such as this enjoy strong demand among quality conscious double eagle collectors. Such pieces are rare in their own right, especially with the aesthetically appealing surfaces offered here.

PCGS# 8953. NGC ID: 26A3.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Handsome Mint State 1869 \$20 Gold Rarity



2176

1869 MS-61 (PCGS). An original and attractive example with handsome color to lustrous, frosty surfaces. Very well struck for the type with superior quality and eye appeal at the assigned grade level. The Type II double eagle as a whole is among the most challenging issues to obtain in high grade. The Type I double eagle is available in Uncirculated thanks in part to treasure recovered from ships like the S.S. Republic, S.S. Brother Jonathan, and most notably the S.S. Central America. Even Type III issues can be found in moderately higher grades courtesy of repatriations of large quantities from overseas as well as efforts by well-positioned and well-heeled numismatists. This is not the case with the Type II double eagle where high degrees of preservation is much more rarefied and more by chance.

The 1869 double eagle is no exception. In that year, 175,130 double eagles were struck at Philadelphia with an additional 686,750 at the San Francisco Mint. While many San Francisco-produced double eagles entered the channels of commerce, those

coined in Philadelphia tended to be obtained by large banks or other trading firms who used them for international commerce, shipping them in large quantities overseas. Those that remained in circulation domestically experienced the typical rigors of commercial use and are generally found in EF to AU. Large quantities of the issue ended up in the Treasury's melting pots during the 1930s, leaving even fewer behind. After the Second World War, some of the coins that were shipped overseas found their way back to the United States, but only a few turned out to be in Mint State, almost exclusively between MS-60 and MS-62. Above that level and this issue is a major condition rarity. One would be hard pressed to find a more appealing MS-62 than the offered coin from the Fairmont holdings, and it would serve equally well in a Mint State type or date set.

PCGS# 8955. NGC ID: 26A5.

PCGS Population: 21; 20 finer (MS-65 finest).

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2177

1869-S MS-60 (PCGS). A highly lustrous, frosty-textured coin with smooth surfaces for the assigned grade. Vivid medium gold patina throughout. Double eagle production at the San Francisco Mint in 1869 amounted to 686,750 coins, for a face value of \$13,735,000. David W. Akers was able to identify just 12 auction appearances of examples listed as Mint State when he wrote his double eagle reference book in 1982. Later in 2004, when Q. David Bowers penned his Guide Book of Double Eagles, the estimate was about 40 to 50

examples. Population reports give larger numbers but undoubtedly contain many duplicate submissions. The present example is one of the finest that we have offered over the years, a superior quality Brilliant Uncirculated coin that would serve as a highlight in an advanced gold cabinet.

PCGS# 8956. NGC ID: 26A6.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Elusive Mint State 1870 Double Eagle



2178

1870 MS-60 (PCGS). Handsome medium gold coloration with delicate pinkish-apricot patina on both sides. This is a nicely struck, fully lustrous example with superior eye appeal for the assigned grade.

Just 155,150 circulation strike double eagles of this date and mint were produced and many of these were sent overseas in later years, by which time they were worn. While EF and AU coins are readily obtainable in the context of the Type II Liberty Head series, Uncirculated examples are rare and seldom offered. In the year 1870 the few numismatists who were interested in collecting double eagles ordered Proofs from the Mint. In January 1936, Thomas L. Elder, in his offering of the Charles

W. Sloane and Frank Lenz collections, offered an Uncirculated example and noted it was "very rare." More than any other dealer of the era, Elder, based in New York City, eagerly sought scarce gold coins of all denominations after 1933 when the government began calling them in. Elder sent out notices to bank tellers and others, offering premiums, and was responsible for saving countless thousands of pieces from the melting pot. By 1936 he was well aware that a Mint State 1870 double eagle was a rarity, as noted. The present coin offers the successful bidder a chance to obtain a remarkably high grade example of this challenging issue.

PCGS# 8957. NGC ID: 26A7.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2179

1870-S MS-61 (PCGS). A notable condition rarity for the issue that exhibits richly original surfaces. Free of significant marks, a bold to sharp strike and pretty color enhance this coin's appeal. The mintage for this issue is a generous 982,000 pieces and likely, many were sent overseas later in the decade, accounting for most of those surviving today. We estimate that upward of 300 Mint State examples are extant, and these are eagerly sought by advanced collectors specializing in

high grade Liberty Head gold coinage. Most numismatists will have to settle for a heavily marked coin in MS-60 or MS-61, for the 1870-S is conditionally rare beginning at the MS-62 level. This newcomer to the market is far superior for the assigned grade and represents a bidding opportunity that is not to be missed.

PCGS# 8959. NGC ID: 26A9.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Low Mintage 1871 \$20 in Attractive Mint State



2180

1871 MS-61 (PCGS). Lovely rose-orange surfaces are vivid and lustrous. Sharply struck throughout, and impressively so for the type. The circulation strike mintage for the 1871 double eagle was tiny for the era with just 80,120 pieces produced, the lowest Philadelphia Mint production tally of any date in this series after 1859 and prior to 1881. Many lightly worn examples of this date were exported in later banking transactions, only to return to America in the mid to late 20th century, though this repatriation brought back very few high grade Uncirculated

specimens. In fact, we suggest just 30 to 40 or so examples of this issue qualify as Mint State today, with most of those clustered around the MS-60 end of the grading scale. Exceptionally attractive at the assigned level, the coin offered here is sure to see spirited bidding at auction.

PCGS# 8960. NGC ID: 26AA.

PCGS Population: 12; 11 (MS-64 finest).

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Sharp and Vivid 1871-S \$20 Gold



2181

1871-S MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. Delightful satin to frosty surfaces are enhanced by vivid, original mint color in yellow-gold. Sharply struck in most areas with nicely preserved surfaces that border on a higher grade.

The mintage for this popular San Francisco Mint issue is 928,000 pieces, some small amount of which later found its way into foreign banking transactions. Many of the low range Uncirculated pieces known today owe their existence to the return of those exported coins to America in the mid 20th century. We estimate that 100 to 150 Mint State examples

of the date can be accounted for today. Prior to the mid 20th century, as alluded to above, the 1871-S was seldom seen in the marketplace, and when encountered at all was apt to grade no finer than EF. This newcomer to the market from the extensive Fairmont holdings is not only fully Mint State, but nearly Choice, ranking it within the lower reaches of Condition Census for the issue. It is one of the finest examples available to today's gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8962. NGC ID: 26AC.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Prized Mint State 1872 Double Eagle



2182

1872 MS-62 (PCGS). This is an exceptionally attractive Choice Mint State example with lovely, fully original color throughout. The surfaces are well composed and remain free from any singularly distracting blemishes. The appeal is enhanced by a well executed strike that is superior for a Liberty Head double eagle of the Type II design.

The 1872 double eagle has a mintage of 251,850 circulation strikes, a good portion of which was sent overseas at a later time. Many high grade EF and AU pieces, along with some Mint State coins, found their way back to America beginning with the efforts of Paul Wittlin and James F. Kelly in the

1950s. These repatriated examples account for many of the examples in numismatic hands. Mint State survivors are in the minority, with perhaps just 80 to 120 pieces extant. Most of the Uncirculated coins encountered are at the lower end of the Mint State spectrum, generally MS-60 or MS-61. The present MS-62 example ranks near the top of Condition Census for the issue, while any higher graded examples near impossible to acquire. Double eagle enthusiasts will surely recognize the significant opportunity afforded by this double eagle.

PCGS# 8963. NGC ID: 26AD.

PCGS Population: 17; 4 finer.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Richly Original 1872-CC Twenty



2183

1872-CC AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. Warmly patinated in a blend of deep honey-gold, this minimally circulated example retains ample evidence of a frosty finish. Overall striking detail remains bold, although we note characteristic softness of definition in and around the obverse center. The appearance is smoother than one might expect for an early date Carson City Mint double eagle at the AU grade level, and this is clearly a superior example of a key date.

The 1872-CC is the third double eagle from this branch mint, the mintage a modest 26,900 pieces. In the first three years of coinage operations at the Carson City Mint - 1870, 1871, and 1872 - it seems that the gold coins were used regionally and,

indeed, we suspect that the 1872-CC double eagle helped form the backbone of the economy in and around that city. Beginning in 1873, however, quantities of gold coins were more widely distributed, including in shipments sent to foreign banks. Today, the first three CC-Mint gold issues across all three denominations - \$5, \$10, and \$20 - are true classics. Grades for surviving 1872-CC double eagles are often VF to EF. This lovely About Uncirculated offering from the Fairmont holdings is exceptional and, considering the rarity of the issue in Mint State, it is sure to be of particular interest to quality conscious collectors.

PCGS# 8964. NGC ID: 26AE.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2184

1873 Open 3. MS-63 (PCGS). An extraordinary Type II Liberty Head double eagle irrespective of date or issuing mint. Displaying full mint luster, both sides are enhanced by vivid, lovely rose-gold color. The strike is sharp to full throughout, the surfaces exceptionally smooth for both the type and issue. With 1,500 to 2,500 or more examples extant, the 1873 Open 3 is one of the most readily obtainable issues of its design type in Mint State. Many of the Uncirculated pieces were repatriated from foreign bank hoards in the decades following World

War II. This is still a conditionally challenging issue, however, the vast majority of examples confined to the MS-60 to MS-62 grade range. A premium quality survivor at the MS-63 level, this coin from the Fairmont Collection is a delight to behold and would do nicely in either a high grade type set or advanced gold cabinet.

PCGS# 8967. NGC ID: 26AH.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Popular 1873-CC Double Eagle



2185

1873-CC AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. A noteworthy condition rarity that will appeal to both advanced double eagle collectors and specialists in coins from the popular Nevada branch mint. This is a lovely coin with fully original surfaces that are lustrous and have rich honey-apricot color. We note a softly frosted texture to features that are sharply defined in all but a few areas around the obverse periphery.

During the late 19th century the Western regions of the United States preferred to conduct business with specie rather than paper money, and the double eagle was particularly favored for large transactions. Even at the newly opened Carson City Mint, focus on gold coin production was directed toward the

double eagle. In its third year of operation 22,410 examples of this denomination were produced at the rustic frontier facility, spread out in several batches throughout the year, almost all of which immediately entered circulation. Numismatists were effectively nonexistent in the region, thus high grade examples were not retained. We estimate that some 250 to 350 circulated examples of the date are extant today, with most of those VF, EF to a lesser degree, and with AU pieces scarce but occasionally available. Given that Mint State survivors are major rarities, this very attractive AU-58 represents a particularly significant find for quality conscious collectors.

PCGS# 8968. NGC ID: 26AJ.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Scarce 1873-S Close 3 \$20 in Gem



2186

1873-S Close 3. MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Colorful golden-apricot color blends with strong mint luster on both sides of this attractive piece. Sharply struck overall with superior quality and eye appeal for a BU double eagle of the Type II Liberty Head design. The mintage of this variety comprised the larger part of 1,040,060 pieces for the 1873-S double eagle. These coins circulated extensively in commerce on the West Coast and, after having seen some use, were also used in the export trade (this at a time when gold coins did not circulate in the East or Midwest, a period that extended until December 1878). It seems that many 1873-S double eagles were exported to South America, probably around the turn of the 20th century. Information concerning specific overseas hoards is very difficult to find as the banks and governments involved prefer secrecy.

We estimate that 350 to 450 Mint State examples survive for the 1873-S Close 3. Most are in the lowest grades, MS-60 or MS-61. Virtually all are coins repatriated after World War Two. Before the 1960s, Mint State 1873-S double eagles were very rare in numismatic hands. Indeed, it was not until the 1990s that they were seen with some frequency, although MS-63 examples such as that offered here are extremely rare in this Choice state of preservation.

PCGS# 8969. NGC ID: 26AK.

PCGS Population: 7; none finer.

CAC Stickered Population: 1; 0.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2187

1873-S Open 3. MS-61 (PCGS). Delightful golden-rose surfaces are sharply struck with bountiful mint frost. An attractively original example with few individually marks among the grade-defining blemishes. The mintage for the 1873-S double eagle of 1,040,600 pieces includes both Close 3 and Open 3 date logotypes, and it was higher than the previous year's San Francisco Mint delivery by more than a quarter-million pieces. Much of this mintage later went overseas in banking transactions, and many are the Mint State

pieces that have come back to the United States, especially during the 1990s. Most of the Uncirculated survivors are examples of the Close 3 variety, however, Open 3 coins such as this are in the distinct minority in today's market. This is a seldom offered Mint State coin that would serve as a focal point in any high quality double eagle set.

PCGS# 8979. NGC ID: 26AM.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Lovely Mint State 1874-CC Double Eagle A Formidable Condition Rarity



2188

1874-CC MS-61 (PCGS). A truly remarkable survivor of this conditionally challenging issue, both sides retain full mint luster in an intense frosty texture. Striking detail is sharp throughout, the surfaces minimally abraded for the assigned grade with beautiful rose-apricot highlights on dominant honey-gold color. The Carson City Mint delivered 115,085 double eagles in 1874, up considerably from the 22,410 coins struck in 1873. The coins went directly into commerce locally, with few if any being shipped overseas at the time. Carson City Mint double eagles were not sent to foreign destinations in quantity before 1879, and only intermittently after that time. As a result, repatriated Carson City Mint gold coins typically are circulated, having received wear in the United States prior to being shipped overseas.

The fact that most 1874-CC double eagles circulated locally explains the extreme rarity of this issue in Mint State. There was

no known numismatic interest on the frontier at the time, and very few coins were preserved in Mint State as part of foreign bank hoards. Rusty Goe (2020) believes that as few as 20 to 30 examples of this issue can be called truly Mint State today, mainly repatriated coins. Here is a significant bidding opportunity for double eagle collectors and Carson City Mint specialists.

The 1874-CC was recognized as a rarity at an early time. On two occasions in 1929, Thomas L. Elder, the main buyer of double eagles and other gold coins from bank tellers, offered two of them at auction, both in only Fine grade, one called very rare and the other called rare. Elder was aware of the aspects of scarcity and rarity before most other dealers.

PCGS# 8971. NGC ID: 26AP.

PCGS Population: 20; 3 finer (all MS-62).

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2189

1874-S MS-61 (PCGS). CAC. Awash in original golden-wheat color with an overlay of vivid pinkish-rose readily evident. Both sides are lustrous, sharply struck and remarkably smooth for the issue. The mintage for the 1874-S double eagle is 1,214,000 pieces. Much of the mintage made it into overseas transactions, and numerous Mint State examples came home beginning in the twilight years of the 20th century. We estimate that 700 to 1,000 Mint State examples of the 1874-S double eagle are known. To repeat a popular chorus, this issue, once rare in Mint State, is relatively easy to find today. Most examples grade MS-60 or MS-61, however, and very few are as attractive as the Fairmont specimen offered here.

In 1874 the new San Francisco Mint opened, a modern facility with state of the art equipment, far finer than the building it replaced. From that point forward, until 1937, this was the main center for coinage as well as storage of coins on the West Coast. In 1937 it was replaced by a new structure that is still in use today.

PCGS# 8972. NGC ID: 26AR.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2190

1875 MS-61 (PCGS). This is an very well preserved example for both the type and issue. Fully original surfaces display rich, attractive color that provides outstanding eye appeal. The luster is full and the strike is sharp, especially for a Liberty Head double eagle of the Motto, TWENTY D. design. Nicely preserved and visually appealing, this coin would serve with distinction in an advanced numismatic cabinet. The Philadelphia Mint produced 295,720 circulation strike double eagles in 1875. Much of the mintage was sent overseas in

commercial banking transactions. We estimate that some 1,000 to 1,500 Mint State examples are extant, mostly in lower grades through MS-62. Most of these coins are from foreign bank hoards repatriated in the late 20th century, providing opportunities for today's Mint State type and date collectors that did not exist for earlier generations of numismatists.

PCGS# 8973. NGC ID: 26AS.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Perennially Popular 1875-CC Double Eagle



2191

1875-CC MS-61 (PCGS). This is a well preserved 1875-CC double eagle that would do justice to an advanced collection of Carson City Mint gold. It is bathed in rich, natural yellow-gold color that brightly flashes strong luster. The luster is uniform and softly frosted, with only minor handling marks precluding a higher Mint State grade. An incredibly handsome coin to examine, it ranks among the finer survivors of the issue and represents a significant bidding opportunity.

In 1875, double eagle production at the Nevada branch mint was stepped up significantly with a sufficiently large mintage of 111,151 pieces, helped by the \$1.5 million bullion deposit made by the Consolidated Virginia Mining Company in June

of that year. These coins entered circulation in the region and served many years of service. Later on, many examples were shipped abroad, but by this time were quite worn. As one of the most available of the Carson City double eagle issues, the 1875-CC is a particularly attractive issue for collectors desiring an example from the legendary Nevada mint. However, this issue is incredibly challenging at the finer Mint State levels, as most Uncirculated survivors exhibit copious marks or other surface problems. The present piece is a notable exception to this rule at the BU grade level and would be difficult to improve upon.

PCGS# 8974. NGC ID: 26AT.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2192

1875-S MS-62 (PCGS). Nicely struck with bountiful mint luster, both sides are adorned with vivid, fully original color that enhances the already strong eye appeal. The San Francisco Mint turned out 1,230,000 double eagles in 1875. Some of the mintage was sent overseas and later many lower range Mint State examples of the date were returned to the United States. Perhaps 1,000 to 1,500 Uncirculated examples exist, most of which grade no finer than MS-61. A notable exception, this premium quality Uncirculated example is sure to appeal to discerning gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 8975. NGC ID: 26AU.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2193

1876 MS-62 (PCGS). Inviting rose-orange color blankets both sides of this sharply struck, wonderfully original example. The Philadelphia Mint delivered 583,860 double eagles for commercial use in 1876, nearly twice as many as the preceding year. Some of the mintage made its way overseas as was common in the era, and many of today's lower range Uncirculated examples are from those holdings. Some 1,000 to 1,500 examples probably exist in Mint State, mostly at the low end of the grading scale, but with enough high quality pieces available for those who seek them. This Centennial year issue is frequently selected for inclusion in gold type sets, and quality conscious bidders would be wise to focus on this impressive near-Choice quality offering from the extensive Fairmont holdings.

PCGS# 8976. NGC ID: 26AV.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Splendid Mint State 1876-CC \$20 Gold



2194

1876-CC MS-61 (PCGS). Splashes of vivid reddish-rose mingle with dominant golden-apricot color on both sides of this boldly struck, visually appealing example. Fully lustrous and remarkably well preserved for an example of this popular Centennial year issue from the Carson City Mint.

The 1876-CC double eagle has a mintage of 138,441 pieces, more than 27,000 coins above the previous year's total. Numerous examples of this issue were sent overseas in banking transactions. We estimate 300 to 400 or slightly more Mint State examples exist, although Rusty Goe (2020) takes a more conservative view with only 175 to 275 Uncirculated coins extant. In either case, most of these at the lower end of the Mint State grading scale

and somewhat "baggy" from storage and friction. Many of these coins were included in repatriations of United States gold coins from foreign bank hoards.

Regardless of exactly how many examples are extant, the 1876-CC is one of the more readily obtainable Carson City Mint double eagles in low end Mint State, and it is consequently popular with mintmarked type collectors as well as series specialists. The offered coin is finer than most at this level and offers noteworthy condition rarity to tempt the advanced collector.

PCGS# 8977. NGC ID: 26AW.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2195

1876-S MS-63 (PCGS). Lively mint frost swirls around handsome golden-rose surfaces on both sides of this boldly struck, exceptionally well preserved example. The mintage for this plentiful San Francisco Mint issue is 1,597,000 pieces, up more than 250,000 pieces from the previous year's total at the West Coast facility. Many were exported, beginning in a significant way in 1879. We estimate a Mint State population for the 1876-S of 2,000 to 3,000 pieces, if not more. Most of these are at MS-60 to MS-61, though MS-62 pieces can be found

with a modicum of patience. Beginning at the MS-63 level, offered here, your chances of obtaining a specimen thin dramatically despite the certified population reports. A very scarce coin in an absolute sense, and rare from a market availability standpoint, this impressive piece represents a significant find for the quality conscious gold enthusiast.

PCGS# 8978. NGC ID: 26AX.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Significant Choice Uncirculated 1877 \$20 Popular First Year Type III Issue



2196

1877 MS-63 (PCGS). Sharply to fully struck overall, this vivid medium gold example also exhibits a wash of pinkish-rose iridescence that adds further appeal. Fully lustrous with impressively smooth surfaces for both the issue and the assigned grade.

The Philadelphia Mint's output of double eagles in 1877 amounted to 397,650 circulation strikes, down considerably from the previous year. Portions of this mintage were used in overseas banking transactions, mostly shipped starting in 1879.

We estimate a Mint State population for the issue of 750 to 1,000 or so pieces, most of which grade MS-60 or MS-61. Given that prior to World War II most double eagle collections contained a circulated example of the issue, the opportunity to acquire this premium quality Fairmont Collection specimen deserves serious consideration.

PCGS# 8982. NGC ID: 26AY.

PCGS Population: 24; 2 finer (single MS-64 finest).

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Highly Desirable Choice AU 1877-CC Double Eagle



2197

1877-CC AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. Vivid honey-gold surfaces make a lovely impression. Smartly impressed with sharp to nearly full striking detail throughout the design, and with abundant mint frost that enhances the coin's appeal.

The mintage for this scarce issue is just 42,565 pieces, a figure reduced by nearly 96,000 coins from the previous year's relatively high production mark at the Carson City Mint. Many were shipped overseas after they had circulated in regional

commerce. Some 1,100 to 1,300 examples of the 1877-CC are known in all grades, per Rusty Goe (2020), who also asserts that just 20 to 25 of those are Mint State. This is one of our finest offerings for the issue at the Choice AU level of preservation, and it is a coin destined for an advanced collection of Carson City Mint or Liberty Head gold.

PCGS# 8983. NGC ID: 26AZ.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2198

1877-S MS-62 (PCGS). This is an outstanding double eagle irrespective of type or issue. Both sides are fully struck and bathed in frosty rose-orange luster. Exceptionally smooth for this conditionally challenging issue, and worthy of a premium bid, as such. The 1877-S double eagle registered a mintage of 1,735,000 pieces, down some 138,000 coins from the previous year. Some portion of the mintage made it into overseas banking transactions, a familiar scenario — and a blessing to later generations of numismatists. Thanks to repatriations from foreign bank hoards, in fact, our estimate for

Mint State survivors is a rather generous 1,500 to 2,500 coins. Most of these, however, hover around the MS-60 and MS-61 grade levels. As a solidly graded and upper end MS-62, this nearly Choice offering from the Fairmont Collection represents the finest realistically obtainable for the issue as far as most of today's double eagle specialists are concerned.

PCGS# 8984. NGC ID: 26B2.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Handsome Choice Uncirculated 1878 Liberty Head \$20



2199

1878 MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. A fully struck, highly lustrous double eagle whose golden-apricot surfaces are exceptionally well preserved for this issue. Satiny in finish, impressively smooth, and sure to sell for a nice premium.

The mintage for the circulation strike 1878 double eagle is 543,625 pieces, and portions of the mintage were used in international trade, repatriations in recent decades accounting for many of the 700 to 900 or more Mint State examples that we believe can be traced today. Most of these grade MS-60 to MS-

62, yet even they represent a marked increase in quality over the VF and EF examples that were used to represent the 1878 in most “old time” collections. With superior technical quality and strong visual appeal, this condition rarity MS-63 from the remarkable Fairmont holdings is sure to catch the eye of an advanced double eagle enthusiast.

PCGS# 8985. NGC ID: 26B3.

CAC Stickered Population: 8; 2.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Original Choice AU 1878-CC Double Eagle



2200

1878-CC AU-55 (PCGS). CAC. A beautiful example with subtle pinkish-apricot undertone on dominant golden-orange color. The surfaces are lustrous and exceptionally well preserved for an issue that is almost always offered in lower circulated grades. Sharply to fully struck.

The mintage of double eagles at the Carson City facility dropped from 42,565 in 1877 to 13,180 in 1878. Writing in 1988, specialist David Akers noted, "The 1878-CC is a rare date in all grades; in fact, it is the fourth rarest CC-Mint Double Eagle, just nosing out the lower mintage 1879-CC. Virtually all known specimens grade in the F to EF grades and a strictly graded AU is a rarity." Doug Winter and Jim Halperin corroborate this assessment, ranking this issue fourth in rarity out of the 19 Carson City

double eagles in their reference *The Gold Coins of the Carson City Mint* (2001). The most modern scholarship on the issue is that provided by Rusty Goe in his 2020 reference *The Confident Carson City Coin Collector*, in which he provides an estimate of 475 to 550 survivors in all grades. Only seven to 10 of those are Mint State (again per Goe), and appearances at this level are few and very far between under normal market conditions. The offered coin from the Fairmont Collection is a desirable Choice AU alternative - rare in its own right - that is sure to see spirited bidding among advanced CC-Mint and double eagle collectors.

PCGS# 8986. NGC ID: 26B4.

PCGS Population: 27; 30 finer (MS-62+ finest).

CAC Stickered Population: 7; 6.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Noteworthy 1878-S Double Eagle Condition Rarity



2201

1878-S MS-63 (PCGS). A highly lustrous, frosty textured example with remarkably smooth surfaces for an 1878-S double eagle. Beautiful rose-orange color with a sharply executed strike and outstanding visual appeal.

The San Francisco Mint produced 1,739,000 double eagles of this date, up just 4,000 coins from the preceding year at the West Coast facility. Most examples of this issue saw use in overseas transactions. We estimate a Mint State population for this

plentiful date of 1,000 to 1,500 pieces, perhaps a trifle more, with most examples in the MS-60 to MS-62 range. At the Choice Mint State level of preservation, as here, this issue is rare and seldom offered except for when the finest gold collections enter the market.

PCGS# 8987. NGC ID: 26B5.

PCGS Population: 19; 2 finer (single MS-64 finest).

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Low Mintage 1879-CC \$20



2202

1879-CC AU-53 (PCGS). CAC. Displaying soft orange and honey-gold color overall, both sides also exhibit light tinges of rose and apricot accents that provide additional eye appeal. This is lustrous coin and sharply struck, offering nearly full definition to most design elements. Just right for a collection of high grade Liberty Head or CC-Mint double eagles.

While generous quantities of double eagles were being produced at Philadelphia and San Francisco during the 1870s (many of which ended up in foreign bank vaults for generations), this was not the case at the Carson City Mint. Here, double eagles - and gold coins in general - were almost exclusively made for local consumption, where they performed yeoman's duty in commerce. Specie redemption was permitted for Legal Tender notes in January of 1879, prompting concern that there would be a run on gold. When the run never materialized, the need for

double eagles waned and coinage of the denomination ceased early in the year at the Nevada facility. The production run of 10,708 pieces for the 1879-CC double eagle was accomplished in two batches using a single pair of dies.

Fairly elusive in all grades, Carson City Mint expert Rusty Goe (2020) accounts for only 265 to 375 survivors in all grades, only 11 or 12 of which are Mint State. While the addition of any 1879-CC double eagle is a notable accomplishment, the acquisition of this rare Choice AU survivor from the extensive Fairmont holdings would establish the buyer as one of the leading collectors of CC-Mint and/or Liberty Head gold coinage in today's market.

PCGS# 8989. NGC ID: 26B7.

CAC Stickered Population: 3; 14.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Premium Quality 1879-S Double Eagle



2203

1879-S MS-62 (PCGS). Attractive golden-apricot surfaces support a full strike and bountiful mint frost. A truly handsome example, with superior eye appeal for the assigned grade.

The mintage for this issue is 1,223,800 pieces. Many were shipped to foreign destinations, although fewer have been repatriated than for many other double eagles of the era. Some 500 to 700

Uncirculated examples exist, mainly at the MS-60 and MS-61 levels. The 1879-S was a particularly challenging issue in Mint State before examples starting returning to the United States from foreign bank hoards. Even so, it remains scarce with the quality and eye appeal offered here, and rare any finer.

PCGS# 8991. NGC ID: 26B9.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2204

1880-S MS-60 (PCGS). An intensely lustrous golden-apricot example that also offers razor sharp striking detail. 836,000 double eagles were coined at the San Francisco Mint in 1880, eclipsing the Philadelphia Mint production figure by a wide margin. It is likely that large numbers immediately entered the channels of commerce, as gold coins were very popular on the West Coast for day-to-day transactions. Many others may have been kept on hand in Treasury vaults for the redemption of Gold Certificates. Q. David Bowers in his

2004 Guide Book of Double Eagle Gold Coins estimated a population of 200 to 300, or perhaps even more Uncirculated examples. This estimate represents a vast increase in supply since the early 1980s, the result of repatriations from foreign bank hoards. The 1880-S is still rare in comparison to many other late date San Francisco Mint Liberty Head double eagles however.

PCGS# 8993. NGC ID: 26BB.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Extraordinary Mint State 1882-CC Double Eagle



2205

1882-CC MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. An outstanding condition rarity that will tempt collectors of Mint State Carson City Mint coinage or Liberty Head double eagles. Intensely lustrous surfaces exhibit a richly frosted texture. Color is vivid and original in delightful rose-orange. Sharply struck and pleasingly smooth, this incredible piece is a superior 1882-CC double eagle.

Only 39,140 \$20 pieces were struck at the Carson City Mint in 1882. Most of these circulated extensively on the West Coast, although others were shipped overseas and found their way into European bank hoards. Q. David Bowers estimated an Uncirculated population of 70 to 100 examples when he wrote his Guide Book of Double Eagle Gold Coins in 2004. His estimate has stood the test of time, with Rusty Goe (2020)

providing a similar, if more conservative, estimate of 64 to 75 Mint State survivors. It is believed that many, and perhaps most of the high grade examples presently known have been imported from Europe in recent decades. Population reports are laden with resubmissions that do not represent different coins. What population reports do confirm is that the 1882-CC is a formidable condition rarity in grades above MS-62. This captivating Mint State example ranks among the finest certified examples, and is also one of the finest known. It would serve as a highlight in any collection.

PCGS# 8997. NGC ID: 26BE.

PCGS Population: 29; 10 finer (MS-63 finest).

CAC Stickered Population: 7; 2.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Significant Mint State 1883-CC \$20



2206

1883-CC MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. Outstanding honey-apricot surfaces are fully lustrous with smartly impressed, sharply defined features. Frosty in texture and uncommonly smooth, even the most discerning gold enthusiasts will be impressed by this beautiful coin.

Mint records indicate a mintage of 59,962 1883-CC double eagles, most of which entered commerce and circulated extensively. David W. Akers in his 1982 treatise on double eagles accounted for 39 auction appearances of Mint State double eagles in a survey of more than 400 major auction sales. This figure seems to dovetail nicely with Dave Bowers' estimate of 60 to 100 examples, which he presented in his 2004 Guide Book of Double Eagle Gold Coins, as well as Rusty Goe's modern (2020)

estimate of 75 to 90 survivors at this level. The certification service statistics indicate a larger Uncirculated population, but this data is likely skewed by the fact that some specimens are cracked out of holders and resubmitted multiple times. On the other hand, we do believe that a few additional Uncirculated coins have entered the market in recent years through repatriations from foreign bank hoards. The offered example from the extensive Fairmont Collection is a newcomer to the market. It is an important numismatic treasure, and a coin that will be eagerly pursued by advanced collectors of Carson City coinage and Liberty Head gold.

PCGS# 8999. NGC ID: 26BH.

CAC Stickered Population: 9; 3.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Breathtaking Near-Gem 1883-S Liberty \$20



2207

1883-S MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. Lustrous, frosty surfaces are adorned with vivid, original rose-gold color. A fully struck, expertly preserved example that belongs in the finest double eagle set.

With a large production run of 1,189,000 double eagles at the San Francisco Mint in 1883, the domestic needs for the large denomination as well as foreign payment requirements were met. Still more were retained as backing for the recently introduced Series 1882 Gold Certificates. In circulated grade levels, the 1883-S is by no means a rare coin and is sometimes traded at little over bullion value. Thanks to the repatriation of gold coins from Europe in the second half of the 20th century,

a reasonable number of Mint State specimens are available for collectors, making this a popular type coin for collectors of all stripes. As with most double eagles of the period, especially those that spent time abroad, Mint State specimens are most often heavily abraded and fall at the low end of the scale, so much so that full Gem examples are all but unknown. For connoisseurs who desire only the finest, it would be quite the arduous task to improve upon this coin.

PCGS# 9000. NGC ID: 26BJ.

PCGS Population: 22; 3 finer (MS-64+ finest).

CAC Stickered Population: 5; 0.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Attractive 1884-CC Double Eagle



2208

1884-CC MS-62 (PCGS). A remarkably well preserved and attractive example of this popular Carson City Mint issue. Undeniably original surfaces are bathed in a blend of softly frosted luster and handsome golden-orange color. Fully struck, aesthetically pleasing, and sure to sell for an exceptionally strong bid.

Only 81,139 double eagles were coined at the Carson City Mint in 1884. Although most known examples are circulated, hundreds of Mint State coins also exist. Many were shipped overseas for payments that required gold. Q. David Bowers said that these first started to appear in returns from foreign bank holdings beginning around 1950. His 2004 Guide Book of

Double Eagle Gold Coins gave a high end estimate of 500 pieces for the Mint State population. Recently (2020), however, Carson City Mint expert Rusty Goe put forth a more conservative estimate of 330 to 370 Mint State survivors. While both ranges constitute a generous population by Carson City Mint double eagle standards, the vast majority of Uncirculated coins are in the lowest grades (MS-60 and MS-61). Very nearly Choice, the example offered here ranks among the finest known and is sure to find its way into a world class double eagle or Carson City Mint set.

PCGS# 9001. NGC ID: 26BK.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Condition Census 1884-S Double Eagle



2209

1884-S MS-64 (PCGS). This delightful 1884-S double eagle is sharply struck with bountiful mint luster and vivid, fully original color. The surfaces are remarkably smooth and approach numismatic perfection for the issue.

The mintage for this San Francisco Mint double eagle issue is 916,000 pieces. Similar to contemporary issues, many served in commerce, others were shipped overseas, and some were held in reserve for the redemption of Gold Certificates. David W. Akers accounted for dozens of Uncirculated examples in his 1982

double eagle treatise, and when Q. David Bowers penned his Guide Book of Double Eagle Gold Coins in 2004 the estimate had grown to thousands, most of which are believed to have been repatriated to American collections from foreign bank hoards. The present example from the Fairmont holdings is superior to most and would do equally well in a top flight type or date set.

PCGS# 9002. NGC ID: 26BL.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Notable Mint State 1885-CC Double Eagle



2210

1885-CC MS-61 (PCGS). A visually appealing coin displaying a bold blend of honey-gold color and satin to softly frosted mint luster. Sharply to fully struck with enhancing blushes of iridescent pinkish-apricot.

Only 9,450 double eagles were coined at the Carson City Mint in 1885, by far the smallest production figure of any \$20 from this facility during the 1880s. This is the final Carson City Mint double eagle coinage until 1889-CC; the frontier mint struck no coins of any denomination from 1886 to 1888. Writing in the excellent reference *The Confident Carson City Coin Collector*

(2020), Rusty Goe accounts for just 20 to 25 Mint State coins among the 360 to 425 pieces believed extant in all grades. The finest example confirmed by the author is the marvelous Battle Born specimen in PCGS/CAC MS-62 that fetched \$57,500 in our August 2012 sale of that collection. We expect this newcomer to the market from the Fairmont Collection to see spirited bidding that will result in a strong price at the assigned grade level.

PCGS# 9004. NGC ID: 26BN.

PCGS Population: 19; 18 finer (MS-64 finest).

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2211

1885-S MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. This frosty rose-gold example is sharply struck throughout with outstanding eye appeal. The mintage for this issue is 683,500 coins (\$13,670,000 face value). Similar to contemporary San Francisco Mint twenties most 1885-S examples promptly entered circulation; many others were shipped overseas as a component of international trade, and still others were set aside for the backing of Gold Certificates. David W. Akers, writing in 1982, enumerated a few dozen Uncirculated examples that he found listed in a survey of major auction sales going back to the 1940s. By 2004, when Q. David Bowers penned his Guide Book of Double Eagles,

the supply was estimated at between 2,000 and 4,000 examples, this being in a different era after significant quantities of classic U.S. Mint gold coins had been repatriated from foreign bank hoards. While plentiful in lower grades, the 1885-S remains rare at and near the Gem Mint State level, as here. This is an exquisite coin worthy of the strongest bids.

PCGS# 9005. NGC ID: 26BP.

CAC Stickered Population: 11; 0.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Significant Mint State 1889-CC Twenty-Dollar Gold



2212

1889-CC MS-61 (PCGS). CAC. Lovely golden-honey surfaces with a tinge of pinkish-rose color evident. Sharply struck over the focal features, both sides also possess outstanding luster quality in a softly frosted texture. Uncommonly smooth for both the issue and the assigned grade.

The Carson City Mint produced a mere 30,945 double eagles in 1889. David W. Akers, writing in 1982, characterized Mint State examples as “very scarce,” and although some specimens were undoubtedly plucked from overseas gold reserves by numismatists in subsequent years, the estimated number of

Uncirculated survivors remains on the low side. In 2004, Q. David Bowers in his Guide Book of Double Eagles gave a high-end estimate of just 200 Mint States examples, while Rusty Goe (2020) provides a more conservative estimate of 90 to 110 coins at this level. In any event, the present example is a significant find for the high grade double eagle collector or advanced Carson City Mint specialist.

PCGS# 9011. NGC ID: 26BV.

CAC Stickered Population: 7; 6.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Uncommonly Well Preserved 1890 Double Eagle



2213

1890 MS-63 (PCGS). Frosty surfaces are highly lustrous with a razor sharp strike from the rims to the centers. Richly original mint color is a delight to behold. Only 75,940 double eagles were struck at the Philadelphia Mint in 1890. Portions of the mintage went overseas in banking and other business transactions. Due to the “silver question” and the “Free Silver” movement, politicians placed heavy emphasis on the supposed desirability of silver dollars over gold coins. Overseas merchants and bankers feared that the government might pay its obligations in silver dollars of reduced intrinsic value (just 81 cents). This precipitated a rush to buy double eagles in the 1880s that continued into the new decade. The Treasury Department was on its way to running out of such coins! Treasury or Coin Notes, first issued this year, were redeemable in silver or gold, at the option of the

treasurer of the United States, as it was not certain if there would be sufficient gold available.

Before the later years of the 20th century, when examples of the issue began to return from overseas, the 1890 was not often seen in Mint State. Today, we estimate some 700 to 900 or more Mint State examples of the date exist, most at the low end of the Uncirculated range. This is an uncommonly well preserved, conditionally scarce coin to represent an interesting era in the Liberty Head double eagle series.

PCGS# 9013. NGC ID: 26BX.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Premium Mint State 1890-CC \$20



2214

1890-CC MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. This lustrous Uncirculated double eagle presents a bold to sharp strike and richly original honey-apricot color on both sides.

The mintage for this popular issue is 91,209 pieces, up more than 60,000 coins from the preceding year's double eagle production at the Carson City Mint. Most of the 1890-CC double eagles in Mint State have come to light within the past two decades. In our 1993 (Bowers and Merena's) sale of the Stetson University Collection we noted in part, “PCGS has certified no example higher than MS-61. Most pieces are in notably lower grades,

usually EF or AU.” Thanks to recent repatriations from foreign bank hoards, some 270 to 325 Mint State 1890-CC twenties are now believed extant. (This estimate is per Rusty Goe, 2020; Q. David Bowers takes a more liberal view and asserts that 500 to 750 coins are extant at this level in his 2004 Guide Book of Double Eagle Gold Coins). These are immensely popular with both double eagle and Carson City Mint enthusiasts. One of the finer examples seen by PCGS, this offering from the Fairmont Collection will appeal to advanced collectors.

PCGS# 9014. NGC ID: 26BY.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Eagerly Sought Low Mintage 1891-CC Double Eagle



2215

1891-CC AU-58 (PCGS). CAC. Handsome honey-gold patina blankets both sides of this highly significant Carson City Mint twenty. Overall sharply defined with near-complete original luster observable as the surfaces swirl under a light. With a mere 5,000 pieces produced (\$100,000 face value), the 1891-CC is the lowest mintage Carson City Mint double eagle of the 1889 to 1893 era. Circulation on the West Coast was immediate and extensive, although a couple of thousand of examples

were probably exported after acquiring wear. Most of those coins were melted overseas, although a few hundred have been repatriated in recent decades, to the delight of collectors who would otherwise not be able to obtain an example of this key date Carson City Mint entry.

PCGS# 9017. NGC ID: 26C3.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2216

1892 VF-30 (PCGS). CAC. Handsome EF quality for this key date Type III Liberty Head double eagle issue, both sides exhibit vivid rose patina overtop an original olive-gold base. Strong eye appeal for the grade with bold definition over most design features. Only 4,430 circulation strike double eagles were forthcoming from the Philadelphia Mint in 1892, a meager output by any standard. Amazingly, that small figure was down 3,040 pieces from the previous year's mintage in Philadelphia and would remain the lowest of any

date from that point through the termination of the denomination in 1933. Face value amounted to just \$88,600. Some were used for overseas banking transactions, to which we owe most of today's 1892 double eagles. A significant bidding opportunity not to be missed.

PCGS# 9019. NGC ID: 26C5.

CAC Stickered Population: 1 in all VF grades.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



Superior Quality 1892-CC \$20 Gold



2217

1892-CC MS-62 (PCGS). CAC. This incredible Carson City Mint condition rarity displays dominant golden-apricot color with a blush of pinkish-rose overall. Bountiful mint luster dominates the appearance, and bold to sharp striking detail is also very much in evidence. Minimally marked for both the issue and the assigned grade, the surface preservation is outstanding for a CC-Mint double eagle.

Near the end of Carson City coinage, the 1892-CC double eagle enjoyed an above average rate of survival in an absolute sense, but was long considered unobtainable in Mint State. Unlike early date CC-Mint twenties, which were largely used in domestic

commerce, many examples from this 27,265-piece issue were exported, and the ones that were not shipped overseas circulated heavily. Rusty Goe (2020) estimates that perhaps 1,050 to 1,300 examples survive of this issue, and, from that number, only 195 to 255 are Mint State - most of which were repatriated from European bank hoards in the second half of the last century. With any high quality 1892-CC double eagle representing a true numismatic prize, this premium Mint State example should attract strong bids when it crosses the auction block.

PCGS# 9020. NGC ID: 26C6.

CAC Stickered Population: 10; 3.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2218

1892-S MS-63 (PCGS). Gorgeous rose-orange surfaces are exceptionally smooth for this San Francisco Mint issue. Sharply defined and highly lustrous, even the most discerning double eagle enthusiasts will be impressed with this lovely Choice Uncirculated example. Mintage for this issue was 930,150 pieces, down nearly 358,000 pieces from the previous year's double eagle delivery at the West Coast mint. Some 5,000 to 7,000 or more Mint State examples

can be found today. This variety was somewhat scarce in the 1950s and 1960s, but recent decades have brought many from overseas back to America, and now AU and low-end Mint State pieces are plentiful. Above the basal MS-63 level, as here, the issue remains scarce to rare from a condition standpoint.

PCGS# 9021. NGC ID: 26C7.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2219

1893 MS-64 (PCGS). This is an exceptionally well preserved, highly attractive example. Razor sharp in striking detail with bountiful mint frost, both sides are adorned with vivid golden-rose color. The mintage for this issue is 344,280 coins, up some 340,000 pieces from the preceding year at the Philadelphia Mint. Perhaps 7,500 to 10,000 or more Uncirculated examples of the date are available today. Most are MS-60 to MS-63 with limited examples in basal MS-64 and just a handful finer. In 1982 David W. Akers recorded that he had never found an auction record for a Mint State example of this issue prior to 1965. This variety was VF and EF in most collections formed before the mid-1960s.

The Panic of 1893 caused problems nationwide. The migration of double eagles to foreign countries increased. Treasury reserves were very low and, while undoubtedly a problem for the nation at the time, mass exports laid the groundwork for later repatriations that have provided many of the Mint State Liberty Head double eagles in today's market.

PCGS# 9022. NGC ID: 26C8.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Historic Final Year 1893-CC Double Eagle



2220

1893-CC MS-61 (PCGS). Vivid golden-honey and warm rose-apricot surfaces are intensely lustrous with a satin to softly frosted finish. Both sides are fully struck from the rims to the centers with an exceptionally smooth appearance for a CC-Mint double eagle.

The Carson City Mint's final double eagle issue has a mintage of just 18,402 pieces. The institution had struggled against politics and other factors since its opening in 1870, but time had finally run out in 1893. Perhaps not coincidentally, the nearby Comstock Lode also largely dried up by 1893, as the heady days of gold mining at the site rapidly came to an end. With an above

average rate of survival for a Carson City Mint double eagle, the 1893-CC is more obtainable in today's market than the mintage might suggest. This is fortunate for collectors, allowing many to acquire an example of a historic issue from one of the nation's most romanticized and popularly collected coinage facilities. For the advanced collector only a Mint State coin will do, however, and such pieces are scarce in an absolute sense with Rusty Goe (2020) allowing for only 290 to 350 examples. The Fairmont Collection specimen offered here is among the nicer obtainable in today's market and comes highly recommended.

PCGS# 9023. NGC ID: 26C9.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2221

1893-S MS-63 (PCGS). This is an attractive, fully original example with bountiful mint luster and a razor sharp strike. The 1893-S double eagle was produced to the tune of 996,175 pieces, up some 66,000 coins from the previous year's figure at the San Francisco Mint. We estimate 7,500 to 10,000 or more Mint State examples of this issue are extant. Though they were slightly scarce in mid-20th century collecting circles, the importation of gold coins from abroad in later years brought back many 1893-S double eagles in lower Mint State ranges. Few are finer than basal MS-63, however, confirming the conditionally scarce nature of this impressive offering from the Fairmont holdings.

PCGS# 9024. NGC ID: 26CA.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2223

1894-S MS-63 (PCGS). This highly lustrous, bright and frosty example is further adorned with vivid rose-gold patina. Sharply to fully struck. The San Francisco Mint produced 1,048,550 double eagles of this date with a face value of \$20,971,000. Much of the mintage was used in overseas transactions. We estimate 6,000 to 10,000+ Mint State examples of the 1894-S can be found today, most of those at the low end of the Uncirculated scale, though MS-63 and MS-64 examples can be found with patience. In the 1930s and 1940s an EF example of the date was considered a top-notch coin, though that changed after World War Two when large quantities of the issue were returned to America by coin dealers and others. As with so many other issues in the popular and widely collected Liberty Head double eagle series, however, the 1894-S remains a formidable condition rarity in grades above the basal MS-64 level.

PCGS# 9026. NGC ID: 26CC.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2222

1894 MS-63 (PCGS). Originally preserved and featuring deep rose-gold color, this lovely example also offers sharp striking detail and bountiful mint luster. The mintage for this issue was 1,368,940 pieces, up more than one million coins over the previous year's mintage at the Philadelphia Mint. Most examples found their way overseas in banking and other transactions, and large numbers of 1894 double eagles have been repatriated in recent decades. We estimate some 15,000 to 25,000 Mint State examples of the date can be found today. However, most grade MS-60 to MS-62; premium Choice survivors, as offered here, are rare.

PCGS# 9025. NGC ID: 26CB.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2224

1895 MS-64 (PCGS). Lustrous satin to softly frosted surfaces are sharply struck with handsome original color throughout. The mintage for the 1895 double eagle amounted to 1,114,605 circulation strikes, much of which found its way overseas in banking and other business transactions, as was customary for double eagles from that era. Some 20,000 to 30,000 or more Mint State examples of the date are extant, mainly in MS-60 to MS-63 with occasional forays into higher grades, as here. Most Uncirculated coins are from repatriations of quantities that fled the country in the mid-1890s.

PCGS# 9027. NGC ID: 26CD.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2225

1897-S MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Lovely golden-orange surfaces are predominantly full in striking detail with outstanding mint luster. The San Francisco Mint struck 1,470,250 double eagles in 1897, much of the bullion coming from the Klondike Gold Rush that began in mid-August 1896. Face value was \$29,405,000. Much of this mintage was used in overseas transactions, repatriations from foreign bank hoards in recent decades resulting in a Mint State population of some 12,000 to 18,000+ coins. With most grading MS-60 through basal MS-63, this premium Choice example is sure to catch the eye of quality conscious double eagle enthusiasts.

PCGS# 9032. NGC ID: 26CJ.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2227

1899 MS-65 (PCGS). An outstanding condition rarity for both the type and issue, this appealing Gem would fit comfortably into the finest gold cabinet. Fully lustrous with a razor sharp strike, the surfaces are exceptionally nice for the assigned grade. Vivid golden-apricot color blankets both sides and provides memorable eye appeal. The double eagle presses in Philadelphia turned out 1,669,300 circulation strikes in 1899, nearly 1.5 million more than in the previous year. Much of the mintage was used in overseas business and banking transactions. By this time paper money was used domestically in preference to gold coins except in certain areas of the West. With 25,000 to 45,000 or more Uncirculated examples available today, the 1899 is a plentiful issue, especially in the MS-60 to MS-63 grade range. Much of the known Mint State population has returned to the United States in the past several decades. As an expertly preserved and solidly graded Gem, the coin offered here ranks among the finer certified and is rare from a condition standpoint.

PCGS# 9035. NGC ID: 26CM.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2226

1898-S MS-64 (PCGS). Frosty pinkish-gold surfaces are carefully and originally preserved with eye appeal to spare. The San Francisco Mint produced 2,575,175 double eagles in 1898, and much of this coinage found its way overseas in banking and business transactions. We estimate as many as 30,000 to 50,000 or more Mint State examples exist of this plentiful issue, many of which are from European bank hoards that came to light over the last several decades. This is a truly delightful coin, far finer than most, that is worthy of the strongest bids. Sure to please even the most discriminating of collectors.

PCGS# 9034. NGC ID: 26CL.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2228

1900 MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. Delightful Choice surfaces are sharply struck, intensely lustrous and exhibit vivid rose-gold coloration. Mint records report that 1,874,460 circulation strike double eagles were coined at the Philadelphia Mint in 1900. Tens of thousands of Uncirculated examples are thought to exist and are readily available. This lovely coin from the Fairmont holdings would do equally well in a high grade gold type set or specialized double eagle collection.

PCGS# 9037. NGC ID: 26CP.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2229

1900-S MS-63 (PCGS). CAC. Vivid deep honey-gold color mingles with softly frosted mint luster on both sides of this lovely example. Double eagle production at the San Francisco Mint in 1900 amounted to 2,459,500 pieces. Writing in 2004, Q. David Bowers estimated that the Mint State population might top out at more than 16,000 pieces. This is clearly one of the more readily obtainable Liberty Head double eagles, although we caution bidders that the 1900-S is scarce to rare in grades above the basal MS-63 level.

PCGS# 9038. NGC ID: 26CR.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2230

1903 MS-65 (PCGS). Here is an exceptional 1903 double eagle with honey-gold surfaces and a remarkable strike on both sides. The luster is uniformly satiny throughout, gently cartwheeling behind a dusting of original apricot patina. Incredibly smooth beneath a glass and delightful to examine. The 1903 is one of the lower mintage circulation strike Liberty Head double eagles from the 20th century with only 287,270 pieces produced. Fortunately, ten of thousands of Uncirculated 1903 double eagles are available for today's collectors, though most of these are in grades of MS-64 or lower with bag marks and similar defects. This Gem Mint State example is sure to please both the type and date \$20 gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 9043. NGC ID: 26CW.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2231

1904 MS-65 (PCGS). CAC. A frosty golden-wheat example with razor sharp striking detail throughout the design. Surfaces are silky smooth and impressively well preserved for both the issue and the type. By the early 20th century gold coins no longer actively circulated within the United States, except for limited use on the West Coast, which needs were easily met by the San Francisco Mint. As such, it seems that most examples of this Philadelphia Mint issue were used in international commerce, generally in the form of shipment to England or France. Hundreds of thousands of these coins returned to the United States beginning after World War II, and the 1904 is the most available double eagle of its type in Mint State. At the Gem Uncirculated level, as here, the 1904 is scarce and enjoys particularly strong demand for inclusion in high grade type and date sets. This is a beautiful coin, and it is sure to sell for a strong bid.

PCGS# 9045. NGC ID: 26CY.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

2232

1904-S MS-64 (PCGS). A beautiful near-Gem that ranks among the finer examples of both the type and issue available to discerning gold collectors. Exquisite golden-apricot surfaces are adorned with lovely mint frost. The strike is bold to sharp throughout. The mintage for the 1904-S double eagle is 5,134,175 pieces, a record figure for a San Francisco Mint double eagle. Tens of thousands of Mint State examples are estimated to exist, most of which have been repatriated from foreign bank hoards beginning after World War II. Although plentiful in an absolute sense the 1904-S is, like all classic U.S. Mint gold coins, a conditionally challenging issue that is scarce to rare in the finer Mint State grades.

PCGS# 9046. NGC ID: 26CZ.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

SAINT-GAUDENS DOUBLE EAGLES



2233

1908 Motto. MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. The luster is soft and frosty across this beautiful near-Gem, blanketing the surfaces in a uniform matte-like texture. Light rose-gold in color and sharply rendered on each side, this coin is impressive in both technical and aesthetic quality. Far scarcer than its identically dated No Motto counterpart, the 1908 Motto double eagle saw just 156,258 circulation strikes produced. An even more significant factor in determining this issue's rarity is its distribution. Most early date issues in the Saint-Gaudens series were shipped overseas as international trade coins. While we believe

that many examples of the 1908 Motto were used in this manner, an unusually large percentage of the mintage seems to have been retained in America until melted in 1937. Indeed, the 1908 Motto has only been minimally represented in repatriations of classic U.S. Mint gold coins from foreign bank hoards, and today it is among the scarcer issues of its type in Mint State. The present example is a delightful representative that is sure to see spirited bidding.

PCGS# 9147. NGC ID: 26F8.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.

Significant 1909/8 Double Eagle



2234

1909/8 FS-301. MS-64 (PCGS). Original golden-apricot surfaces are fully lustrous with a sharply executed strike. A highly significant variety, the 1909/8 double eagle is the only overdate in the four popular 20th century U.S. Mint gold series. While repatriations from foreign bank hoards have made low end Uncirculated coins relatively obtainable, the variety remains

scarce in Choice Mint State and rare any finer. For the assigned grade, it is difficult for us to imagine a more appealing coin than this handsome Fairmont Collection specimen.

PCGS# 9151. NGC ID: 26FC.

From the Fairmont Collection - Sussex Set.



2235

1910-D MS-64 (PCGS). CAC. Handsome honey-gold and pale pink patina blends nicely over both sides of this smartly impressed, fully lustrous near-Gem. The 1910-D is a readily obtainable issue by early date Saint-Gaudens double eagle standards, although examples grading finer than the basal MS-64 level are scarce and eagerly sought by quality conscious gold enthusiasts.

PCGS# 9155. NGC ID: 26FG.

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2238

1920 MS-63 (PCGS). Frosty golden-honey surfaces are sharply struck with full mint bloom. Given the well known rarity of this issue in Gem Mint State, this solidly graded Choice example is sure to catch the eye of astute double eagle enthusiasts.

PCGS# 9170. NGC ID: 26FY.

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2236

1911-D MS-65 (PCGS). CAC. Frosty rose-gold surfaces are fully struck, highly lustrous and possessed of strong visual appeal. A find for the Gem quality gold type or date collector.

PCGS# 9158. NGC ID: 26FK.

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2239

1922 MS-63 (PCGS). Lustrous deep honey-rose surfaces exhibit a soft frosty texture throughout. This sharply struck double eagle offers an uncommonly smooth appearance for the issue. Many of the 1,375,500 double eagles that the Philadelphia Mint produced in 1922 were exported during the 1920s. These coins remained as part of foreign bank reserves until after World War II, when they began to make their way back to the United States. Today, the 1922 is readily available in lower Mint State grades, but becomes significantly more difficult as one reaches the higher Mint State levels.

PCGS# 9173. NGC ID: 26G3.

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2237

1914-D MS-65 (PCGS). A vivid and lustrous Gem with varying shades of orange and apricot toning on dominant honey-gold color. With only 453,000 coins struck, this popular branch mint double eagle adds a distinguished element to an advanced gold type set. At this grade level and finer, there are probably far more seekers than there are examples to go around, so please plan your bidding accordingly.

PCGS# 9165. NGC ID: 26FT.

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2240

1924 MS-65 (PCGS). CAC. A highly lustrous, golden apricot example with smooth, lively mint luster. The 1924 is one of several post-1916 issues in the Saint-Gaudens double eagle series that was exported in quantity. This is fortunate for today's collectors since the coins that were shipped overseas escaped the 1937 melting of gold coins that remained in federal vaults. Widely represented in repatriations beginning in the mid to late 20th century, the 1924 has become one of the most plentiful Saint-Gaudens double eagles. Mint State examples abound, and are popular for high grade type purposes.

PCGS# 9177. NGC ID: 26G7.

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Bidding Increments

Bid	Bid Increment
\$0-\$499	\$20.00
\$500-\$999	\$50.00
\$1,000-\$1,999	\$100.00
\$2,000-\$4,999	\$200.00
\$5,000-\$9,999	\$500.00
\$10,000-\$19,999	\$1,000.00
\$20,000-\$49,999	\$2,000.00
\$50,000-\$99,999	\$5,000.00
\$100,000-\$199,999	\$10,000.00
\$200,000-\$499,999	\$20,000.00
\$500,000-\$1,999,999	\$50,000.00
\$2,000,000-\$9,999,999	\$100,000.00
\$10,000,000+	\$200,000.00

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ABA/Routing#: 0710-0648-6
Account Number: 2612038

Account Name: Stacks-Bowers Numismatics LLC
Address: 120 South LaSalle Street. Chicago, IL 60603

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International Swift Code: PVTBUS44
Account Number: 2612038

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c. All non-certified coins and currency are guaranteed to be genuine.

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12. Disputes. If a dispute arises concerning ownership of a lot or concerning proceeds of any sale, Stack's Bowers reserves the right to commence a statutory inter-pleader proceeding at the expense of the Consignor and Buyer and any other applicable party, and in such event shall be entitled to its reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. Stack's Bowers reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Auction Sale or any session thereof for any reason whatsoever. No Bidder shall have any claim as a result thereof, including for incidental or consequential damages. Neither Stack's Bowers nor any affiliated or related company shall be responsible for incidental or consequential damages arising out of any failure of the Terms of Sale, the auction or the conduct thereof and in no event shall such liability exceed the purchase price, premium, or fees paid. Rights granted to Bidders under the within Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale are personal and apply only to the Bidder who initially purchases the lot(s) from Stack's Bowers. The rights may not be assigned or transferred to any other person or entity, whether by sale of the lot(s), operation of law or otherwise. Any attempt to assign or transfer any such rights shall be absolutely void and unenforceable. No third party may rely on any benefit or right conferred by these Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale.

Any dispute arising out of or related to these Terms of Sale, the Auction Sale or any lot, with the sole exception of actions by Stack's Bowers to collect amounts owed to it and other damages, shall be submitted to binding arbitration pursuant to the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association, with any arbitration hearing to occur in Orange County, California. Absent an agreement of the parties, the arbitrator shall limit discovery to that which is necessary to enable the hearing to proceed efficiently. The arbitrator shall not have the power to award punitive or consequential damages, nor alter, amend modify any of the terms of this Agreement. The award by the arbitrator, if any, may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Each party shall pay one-half the costs of the arbitration. Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the competent courts of the State of California shall have exclusive in personam jurisdiction, subject to the requirement to arbitrate, over any dispute(s) arising hereunder, regardless of any party's current or future residence or domicile. Bidder further agrees that venue of the arbitration proceeding shall be in Orange County, California; and any court proceeding shall be in the Orange County Superior Court, in the State of California, and in each case waive any claim of Forum Non Conveniens. Bidder agrees that any arbitration or legal action with respect to this Auction Sale is barred unless commenced within one (1) year of the date of this Auction Sale. AUCTION PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY.

13. General Terms. These Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale and the auction shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of California, regardless of the location of the Auction Sale. These Terms of Sale and the information on the Stack's Bowers' website constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto on the subject matter hereof and supersede all other agreements, understandings, warranties and representations concerning the subject matter hereof. If any section of these Terms of Auction Sale or any term or provision of any section is held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining sections or terms and provisions of a section shall continue in full force and effect without being impaired or invalidated in any way. Stack's Bowers may at its sole and absolute discretion, make loans or advances to Consignors and/or Bidders.

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