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2[A] – The “<sup>反転 (はんでん) した</sup>Inverted Jenny”  G1 Chobun TypeB

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1. William T. Robey was the first in line at his local post office on the morning of  
2. May 14, 1918. At Robey’s request, the clerk brought out the newly issued  
3. red-and-blue 24-cent U.S. postage stamp depicting the Curtiss JN-4 “Jenny”  
4. biplane. This stamp was to be used for the airmail service slated to begin on  
5. May 15; the Jenny, a plane flown in World War I, would carry the mail.  
6. Airmail was a new venture for the post office, and at 24 cents it was  
7. pricy—stamps for ground delivery cost a mere 3 cents. The clerk was therefore  
8. ( 26 ) when Robey pulled out \$24 to buy an entire sheet of 100  
9. stamps. Being unfamiliar with airplanes, he failed to recognize the error Robey  
10. had spotted instantly: the Jenny on all the stamps on that sheet had been  
11. printed upside down.



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12. (26) 1 understandably surprised 2 immediately apologetic  
13. 3 unable to be of assistance 4 compelled to refuse

### Further Questions

14. 1) Why did the stamp have a picture of a plane on it?

15. *The plane carried the mail with this stamp on it.*

16. 2) What did William T. Robey do that surprised the clerk?

17. *He purchased an entire sheet of 100 of the 24 cent stamps.*

18. Robey’s find was ( 27 ). There had been a rush for the stamps to be ready for  
19. the debut of airmail service, and collectors like Robey were aware the stamp’s  
20. two-color printing process increased the likelihood of errors.

21. Robey had arrived at the post office hoping to spot just such an irregularity,  
22. since even a tiny anomaly can increase a stamp’s rarity and value

23. tremendously. Within days, he sold the sheet to a stamp dealer for \$15,000.

24. The next buyer, an American millionaire, broke up the sheet to sell the stamps  
25. individually.

26. (27) 1 the cause of legal problems 2 not completely unexpected  
27. 3 dismissed by officials 4 more common than he thought

### Further Questions

28. 3) Why wasn’t Robey surprised that the stamps had a mistake?

29. *There had been a rush for the stamps to be ready for the debut of airmail  
30. service and the two-color printing process increased the likelihood of errors.*

31. 4) Why did Robey go to the post office so early?

32. *He was hoping to spot just such an irregularity on the new stamps*

33. 5) Why did Robey want to find a stamp with an irregularity?

34. *Even a tiny anomaly can increase a stamp’s rarity and value tremendously.*

35. These “Inverted Jenny” stamps have consistently increased in value over the

36. years. While most have remained in the hands of collectors, some of them have  
37. been stolen; those that were later recovered were found to have been tampered  
38. with. This has led to ( 28 ).

39. For stamps with a known and documented history, like the Inverted Jenny  
40. stamps, the perforations—holes punches around the edges of the stamps to  
41. make them easily separable—serve as “fingerprints.” Unfortunately, because  
42. the perforations on the still-missing stamps have also probably been altered, it  
43. is almost impossible for amateur collectors to verify the authenticity of any  
44. Inverted Jenny stamps they may come across, making them easy prey for  
45. forgers.

46. (28) 1 changes in the printing process 2 the stamps becoming worthless  
47. 3 an advantage for amateur collectors 4 opportunities for deception

### Further Questions



48. 6) What happened to some of the “Inverted Jenny” stamps?

49. *They were stolen and were found to have been tampered with.*

50. 7) What serves as “fingerprint” for stamps with a known and documented history?

51. *The perforations serve as “fingerprints”.*

52. 8) Why are amateur collectors looking for Inverted Jenny stamps easy prey for forgers?

53. *It is almost impossible amateur collectors to verify the authenticity of any*  
54. *Inverted Jenny stamps they may come across.*

55. 解答: (26) 1 (27) 2 (28) 4



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