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40-tons of Silver for World Market

A 40-ton load of South African silver obtained from returned sixpences and five cent pieces will be shipped to America for refining. The silver will be sold on the world bullion market once it is pure.

For security reasons the South African Mint would not disclose when the silver-laden ship would sail, but stated that when the 10 cent coins were introduced more silver would be sent to America for sale on the bullion market. The current price of silver is 94 cents (South African) an ounce.

"Millions of silver sixpences and five cent coins have been returned to the Mint since the new currency was placed in circulation on May 11. I don't expect much more silver from this denomination to be sent overseas", a Mint official said.

"It is very difficult to estimate how much silver we will get from shillings and ten cent coins. This will depend on how many coins South Africans want to hoard.

SATURATE MARKET

"South Africa was one of the world's largest users of silver for coinage and for this reason it is not considered wise to sell the metal locally because it would saturate the market."

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NOW WE'VE GOT ADS!

It's difficult to improve your collection unless you buy new coins . . . or advertise. As we said last month, Bickels' Coin and Medal News will accept Swap Ads. from genuine collectors.

This month we publish our first Swap Ads; and also our first display advertisements. (see page 8).

For Swap advertisements, the charges are 4 cents a word with a minimum of 75 cents. Rates for display advertisements may be obtained by writing to P.O. Box 10690, Johannesburg.

SKY-HIGH AT SOTHEBY'S

A recent afternoon sale of coins and medals at Sotheby's, London, realized R30,236. Among the higher prices was R420 for a George V specimen set of coins issued by the Royal Mint, Pretoria.

Big Change to U.S. Coinage

The move by larger countries to abolish silver coinage is gaining ground. Already President Johnson, of the U.S.A., has taken his country's most drastic change since its first mint was established in 1792 by virtually eliminating silver coins.

Instead, a combination of nickel and copper - a layer of copper sandwiched between two layers of nickel - will be substituted for silver in dimes and quarters and the amount in half dollars will be reduced from 90 per cent silver to 40 per cent.

Mr. Johnson has asked for legislation at the current session of Congress and immediate action by this body will mean circulation of the new coins next year.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Government has cancelled a decision to Mint the country's first silver dollar since 1935. An order for 45 million of these coins has been withdrawn.

It is reported that Canada is considering following the U.S. move.

South Africa is well in line with this trend because in the new coinage only the R1 silver coin will not be cupro-nickel.

A contributory reason for countries going off the "silver standard" has been the tendency of coin collectors to hoard silver items, causing an artificial shortage.

Know Your Coins

GRADINGS EXPLAINED

The most confusing aspect of coin collecting to a new comer is the grading of coins. In our first issue we published an abbreviated list of symbols and their meaning.

However, in the past few months many people have asked for a more comprehensive list.

Most of these gradings were printed in a "Pictorial Guide to Coin Conditions" by Burton Hobson and Fred Reinfeld.

SELECT SPECIMEN (SS) OR PROOF

These coins are made from highly polished blanks by mints. Because of their very superior finish, they easily lose their lustre if they are fingered. Many people untrained in numismatism make the disastrous mistake of admiring a proofset by taking the coins out of their presentation cases and fingering them. If a collector likes taking the coins out of their cases, he should place them carefully in plastic packets. They are then permanently protected from finger marks. Once a proof coin shows finger marks, it deteriorates both in condition and value.

UNCIRCULATED (Unc.) In new condition. All lettering, the date and details of the design are extremely clear. In the modern minting process, coins slide down chutes and are packed and shipped loose in bags. Even an uncirculated coin may show a few light scratches, or scuff marks from this rough handling. An uncirculated coin, however, shows no signs of wear or serious damage at any point. An absolutely perfect coin is often described as Gem Uncirculated or FDC (Fleur de Coin). Uncirculated coins are often brilliant but not necessarily so.

EXTREMELY FINE (EF or XF) Similar to Uncirculated except that the very highest points of the design

show the slightest signs of wear or rubbing. The first point of wear is given in the text for each different design coin. All fine detail is still clear and coins in this condition may even have a little mint luster left.

VERY FINE (VF) Design still quite clear; however, the coin begins to show definite signs of wear. The lettering may be worn but the complete outline of every letter is still clear. The highest points of the design show smooth spots of wear.

VERY GOOD (VG) A much worn but not altogether unattractive coin. A coin in this condition should be free of serious gouges or other mutilations but it may be somewhat scratched from use.

GOOD (G) A really minimum condition coin. The date and mint mark would be legible and major portions of the design distinguishable.

Not only do coins carry gradings, they also have "R" symbols which determine their rarity.

Here are these symbols:

- R: Rare;
- RR: Very Rare;
- RRR: Extremely Rare and
- RRRR: Highest Rarity.

Of course, every coin varies in price according to its grading . . . and a grading is entirely dependant on a coin's condition.

In order to give people experience in gradings, Bickels' Coin and Medal News tries as much as possible to list every coin mentioned together with its grading.

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New Grades Proposed

How many newcomers to numismatism can afford to start their collections with high-quality coins? Not many.

Coins classified as "proof", "unc.", "extremely fine" and "very fine" (descriptions of each of these gradings are given in "Know your coins" of this issue) are usually prohibitively expensive to beginners with only a very few Rand to spend . . . and then very doubtful whether they should be so extravagant.

Although American amateur collectors also grade their collections into the foregoing classifications they have in addition "Very good" and "Good" grades. These two relatively inexpensive gradings are very helpful to beginners who can easily acquire cheap coins to start their collections. The ideal way to serve an apprenticeship in coin collecting is to begin with "Good" and "Very Good", these two grades are unheard of in South Africa and some of our most knowledgeable numismatists tend to scorn any suggestion that these gradings be introduced in South Africa.

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IMPERFECT COINS WORTH ONLY FACE VALUE

Some of South Africa's new coins which are slightly damaged or are not of standard weight and size are worth only their face value and no more, according to a senior Mint official.

He was commenting on rumours that imperfect 2 cent and 5 cents coins were a much sought after collector's item.

"It is possible a few of these coins have mistakenly found their way into circulation. They are not worth a fraction more than the face value stamped on the reverses," the official said.

"People who find these coins should return them to a bank who will refund them at the face value only."

Other news from the Mint:

- The new 10 cent coin will be issued on September 14 throughout the Republic. A total of 30 million of these coins have been distributed in South Africa and another 20 million are destined for Johannesburg and the Rand.
- The Mint is running to schedule with the production of the 1965 proofsets and the first of these should be issued this month.
- The Mint is still receiving letters from collectors who hopefully ask for proofsets. Officials wish these letters would stop as this year's quota of proofsets was sold out months ago.

President's Head Not For Coins

There is little chance of South Africa following the monarchistic traditions of the world's older countries by placing the head of its ruler on coins.

This is the view of the Minister of Finance, Dr. Dönges, when he was requested by a resolution passed at a recent congress of the National Party at Springs to place the State President's head on the Republic's coinage during his term of office or lifetime.

Dr. Dönges said he would put the resolution before the cabinet but his advice to that body would be against any such move.

"We should not be influenced by the customs of monarchies but rather follow other republics.

FOOTNOTE: Malawi, soon to become a Republic, has Dr. Banda's head on its coinage while the Zambian Minister of Finance recently announced that Dr. Kauanda's head would be placed on that country's coinage.

Pound's Value Down Again

The value of the pound fell by 8d. last year, but this 3.2 per cent. depreciation does not look bad on the international table showing the damage caused by inflation.

In Sweden the rate of depreciation was exactly the same as in Britain while the Swiss franc, which is still regarded as the pillar of stability, fared slightly better, with a 2.9 per cent. drop.

The dollar was least affected by inflation, with a 1.3 per cent. fall.

In Canada the depreciation was 1.8 per cent, Australia 2.1 per cent, and in West Germany 2.2 per cent.

Countries whose currency depreciated more than the pound include France, 3.3 per cent; Japan 3.7 per cent; Belgium 4 per cent; Norway 5.3 per cent; and Italy 5.6 per cent.

High on the list is Brazil whose currency lost 45.8 per cent. in value, followed by Chile with 31.5 per cent.

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We feel it is high time that "Good" and "Very Good" became everyday terms in our numismatic terminology. From next issue we will begin a comprehensive survey of each of South Africa's coins. Starting with the farthing, we shall list each month the current prices of every year's minting of one coin.

Each coin will be graded where applicable, UNC, extremely fine, very fine, fine, very good and good. We hope the last two listings will give impetus to many doubtful collectors (they will then have the current market value of coins which appear to be worthless) and youngsters who dream of collecting but cannot afford the hobby.

Most Valuable \$ Returns

Canada's most valuable coin, a 1911 silver dollar - estimated to be worth more than R100,000 - has returned home after spending years in America.

The new owner, Mr. John McKay-Clements, of Ontario, will not disclose the price he paid to an American collector, but the coin is known to be more than R100,000.

The first Canadian silver dollar was produced in 1935 but in 1911 the Canadian Mint produced two trial specimens. The other coin belongs to the Royal Mint.

PRICES AT CURRIES AUCTION

The monthly coin sale at Curries Auctioneers, Johannesburg, once again attracted large crowds--- and prices--- during July. Pressure on space prevents us publishing the complete list. However, we have selected some of the more interesting items which were sold.

S.A.	2 Long proof sets 1962		R152.00				
S.A.	1 Long proof set 1963		R82.00	Rhodesia	Set 2/6 -3d 1932	Proof	R214.00
Z.A.R.	4 Half-pounds 1894, 1895, 1896 & 1897 All	EF	R128.00	S. Africa	2 1927 Sovereigns	VF & EF	R22.00
Z.A.R.	1 Rim Blank Unc.		R92.00	S.A.	2 1931 Sovereigns	VF & EF	R22.00
Z.A.R.	1892 S/S Pond. Better than	VF	R122.00	S.A.	2 1932 Sovereigns	VF & EF	R28.00
Z.A.R.	1892 D/S	EF	R68.00	S.A.	2 1/2 Sovereigns 1925	VF & EF	R17.00
Z.A.R.	3 Ponds 1894, 1898 & 1900 All coins	EF	R110.00	S.A.	2 1/2 Sovereigns 1925, 1926	VF	R15.00
S. Africa	8 Sovereigns 1925-1932 All	EF	R102.00	S.A.	Sovereigns 1925-1932	VF & EF	R83.00
S. Africa	5 1947 (Unc.) Crowns		R24.00	S.A.	Sovereigns 1925-1932	VF & EF	R83.00
S.A.	5 1955 (Unc.) Crowns		R32.00	Z.A.R.	1896 - two 2/6 - 3d.	VF & EF	R14.00
S.A.	5 1958 (Unc.) Crowns		R9.00	Z.A.R.	1897 - two 2/6 - 3d.	VF & EF	R14.00
S.A.	5 1960 (Unc.) Crowns		R8.00	Z.A.R.	3 sets 2/6 - 1d (6 coins each) Various dates	VF & EF	R20.00
S.A.	5 1962 (Unc.) Crowns		R29.00	Z.A.R.	2 sets Funeral Medals 1904		R7.50
S.A.	5 1963 (Unc.) Crowns		R8.00	Z.A.R.	1892 D/S Crown		R55.00
S.A.	5 1964 (Unc.) Crowns		R10.00	Z.A.R.	1892 S/S Crown	EF	R56.00
Z.A.R.	1894 Pond	F	R28.00	Z.A.R.	1894 Half Pond	VF	R26.00
Z.A.R.	1895 Pond	F	R27.00	Z.A.R.	1895 Half Pond	EF	R30.00
Z.A.R.	1898 Pond	VF	R28.00	Z.A.R.	1896 Half Pond	EF	R27.00
Z.A.R.	1898 Pond	EF	R31.00	Z.A.R.	1897 Half Pond	EF	R30.00
Z.A.R.	1900 Pond	VF	R33.00	Z.A.R.	1893 Pond	VF	R29.00
Z.A.R.	1895 1/2 Pond	VF	R29.00	Z.A.R.	1894 Pond	Good VF	R28.00
Z.A.R.	1896 1/2 Pond	VF	R28.00	Z.A.R.	1895 Pond	VF/EF	R29.00
Z.A.R.	1897 1/2 Pond	VF	R28.00	Z.A.R.	1896 Pond	F/VF	R27.00
S. Africa	1 Specimen set Crown - d 1947		R61.00	Z.A.R.	1897 Pond	VF	R29.00
S.A.	1 Specimen set Crown - d 1951		R32.00	Z.A.R.	1898 Pond	VF	R38.00
S.A.	1 Unc. Specimen set Crown - d 1951		R21.00	Z.A.R.	1898 Pond	EF	R37.00
				Z.A.R.	1898 Pond	Almost FDC	R41.00
				Z.A.R.	1900 Pond	EF	R44.00

THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF MR. H.C. PHILIPSON'S ARTICLE WHICH APPEARS ON PAGE 7.

designed, modelled and engraved by well-known artists as Coert Steynberg, J. P. Roux and Ernest Naylor - the latter was a real master of arts and crafts - show South Africa's ability to produce world-ranking coins.

There is no lack of world renowned artists in the Republic. Of the many I would like to mention, Hilda Mason, who is capable of all forms of art, sculpture, oil and water colours, crayon, modelling and engraving, is the most versatile. Among numismatists, she is best known for her Union Buildings on the 1960 crown and the "kakebeen ossewa" on the one cent piece.

Marion Walgate, the designer and modeller of the Van Riebeeck Tercentenary Crown reverse (Dromedaris entering Table Bay), is one of South Africa's greatest sculptresses. Willem Myburg, of the Mint, an adept pupil of Ernest Naylor, was responsible for designing, modelling and engraving of the Van Riebeeck head on our present day coins.

Mr. T. Sasseen, the present chief engraver of the Mint, has to his honour the modelling of no less than five obverses of the new nickel and bronze coins. These are the designs by Cynthia Letty of the floral reverses, of the arum lily, crane flower, agapanthus, protea and aloe, and Dick Findley's blue crane and two sparrows. Mr. Sasseen was also responsible for Van Riebeeck's head on the new coin series. Another artist who has become numismatically famous is Jan van Zyl who has graced our new silver One Rand and two cent pieces with his designs and modellings of the Springbok and the black gnu of Natal.

We must not forget the patience and hard work of those members of the Mint whose efforts have translated the beauty of artists into millions of replicas which today make South Africa one of the greatest producers of the world's beautiful coins.

PRICE TRENDS: BRITISH PROOFSETS

These price comparisons of British proofsets were taken from four Seaby's numismatic publications, "Standard Catalogue of British Coins", for the years concerned.

DATE	NUMBER ISSUED	SET	COINS	PRICES IN RANDS			
				1962	1963	1964	1965
1826	150	GEORGE IV: new issue	£5 - ½d	700	800	1400	2700
1831	150	WILLIAM IV: Coronation	£2 - ½d	530	850	1300	2300
1839	400	VICTORIA: Coronation	£5 - ½d	800	1000	2000	2600
1853	460		10/- - ½d	320	500	1000	2000
1887	797	Jubilee head - Golden Jubilee	£5 - 3d	260	320	600	1200
1893	Unknown	Old head	£5 - 3d 5/- - 3d	300 34	350 80	650 120	1350 400
1902	8066	EDWARD VII: Coronation	£5 - Maundy penny	160	200	350	600
	7057		Sovereign to Maundy penny	34	50	80	200
1911	2812	GEORGE V: Coronation	£5 - Maundy penny	250	300	500	850
	952		Sovereign to Maundy penny	50	65	120	250
	Unknown		2/6 to Maundy penny	14	30	75	135
1927	2343	New Types	Crown - 3d (5/-)	16	30	100	180
1937	5501	GEORGE VI: Coronation	Gold: £5 - half-sovereign	200	240	350	600
	20901		Crown - ½d. inc. Maundy	15	25	45	105
1950	17513	Mid-Century	2/6 - ½d	3	5	20	37
1951	20000	Festival of Britain	5/- - ½d	8.50	15	40	60
1953	40000	ELIZABETH II: Coronation	5/- - ½d	7	13	28	50

Rhodesia's New Series

Rhodesia's new coins were first issued on January 25, 1965. There are four denominations: 2/6., 2/-., 1/-, and 6d. each denomination being marked with the equivalent value in cents in anticipation of the eventual change to a decimal currency system which will be based on a unit of currency equivalent to ten shillings.

These coins, which were manufactured by the South African Mint in Pretoria, have a standard composition of 75% copper and 25% nickel and have milled edges. The designs are:

OBVERSE - An effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, looking to the right and wearing a tiara. Around the effigy is the inscription "Elizabeth the Second".

REVERSE -

- 2/6. A sable antelope (*hippotragus niger*);
- 2/- . A Zimbabwe bird;
- 1/- . The shield of Rhodesia;
- 6d. A flame lily (*gloriosa superba*).

STANDARD WEIGHTS AND REMEDIES.

Denomination	Standard Weight		Remedy Allowance		Composition
	Imperial Grains	Metric Grams	Weight		
			Imperial Grains	Metric Grams	
Half-crown	218.18181	14.13795	1.216	.0788	1%
Two shillings	174.54545	11.31036	.997	.0646	1%
Shilling	87.27272	5.65518	.578	.0375	1%
Sixpence	43.63636	2.82759	.346	.0224	1%

INVESTMENT HINTS

WE ADVISE YOU...

TO THINK! Think about the uncirculated coin and study the history of this numismatic term. Have you considered what happens to the prices of uncirculated coins, two, three and ten years after they have been struck?

The uncirculated coin has consistently proved to be a good investment. People with the foresight 20 years ago to put away a small stock of uncirculated coins each year, would to-day obtain an immense return on their investment.

Where is one able to obtain uncirculated South African Coins of 1929, 1933 or 1938? They are very difficult to find. And what about the year 1975 when thousands of South Africans will be collecting coins of 1965 and 1966. Who will be able to supply these people with uncirculated coins of these years.

INFLATION BUFFER

You have an opportunity to leave your children complete sets of uncirculated South African coins. Why not put away a few extra sets as a buffer against inflation?

Besides it is very interesting and stimulating to invest in uncirculated coinage. This basic numismatic principle does not apply to South African coins only. If you are fortunate to buy sets of uncirculated foreign coins, you will ultimately be rewarded for the effort. Remember the key to this month's investment hint is to **BUY UNCIRCULATED**.

NEW ISSUE

The Mint has announced that the new ten cent coin will be introduced on September 14. Why not ask your bank teller to put aside a roll of these coins. When you have them, wrap them up and store them safely. It is impossible to say how they will appreciate over the years. But even if they don't - and this is highly unlikely - you can always spend the money without any material loss to yourself.

Proof of the value of uncirculated coins is the current high price for uncirculated pennies.

READERS LETTERS

Many thanks for my copy of Bickels' Coin and Medal News. I found it most interesting and enjoyable.

I have a rare collection of coins totalling 1,656. Some of these are believed to have been minted before Christ. As I am a woman collector, is this a record in South Africa?

Mrs. C. Lirams, Du Plessis Road, Sandania, Welkom.

(We would be very pleased to hear from other woman collectors in South Africa - Ed.)

COIN

Experts' Advice

In Afrikaans . . .

DEUR 'N AMATEUR VERSAMELAAR

Vir ons eenvoudige mense lyk dit mos heeltemaal onmoontlik om 'n muntversamelaar te word, maar as u reg begin is die saak al halfpad gewen.

Erens in 'n kas het u seker 'n bottel pennies of trippense wat oor die jare versamel is. Sorteert dit eendag bietjie uit en neem in aanmerking dat Suid-Afrika een 1923 sy eie munt begin slaan het. Koning George V se kop het toe verskyn. In 1937 kom George VI se kop, in 1953 Elizabeth II, en in 1961 ons eie Jan van Riebeeck.

Sorteer nou die pennies of ander munte volgens jaartalle en maak aantekening watter jare u nog kortkom. Maklike manier om die rekord te hou is die muntkaart, by Bickels te kry is en waarop die kwaliteit in kleure aangedui word.

Al gou sal u vind dat die munte deurmekaar raak en u nie 'n plan maak om 'n album te kry nie. Voorlopig kan u sigaret dosies gebruik om die reekse apart te hou, maar pasop dat die munte nie teenmekaar skuur nie. 'n Papier-sakdoekie werk hier goed. By die tyd het die gogga u al gebyt en u kan gerus u vrou en kinders inspan om na hulle kleingeld te kyk voor hulle dit uitgee want die manier sal u die gapings in u versameling gou aanvoer. Moenie huiwer om vir die slagter, kruidenier en u bank-teller te sê dat u munte versamel nie. Dis nou in die ma en almal sal gretig wees om met u uit te ruil.

Nou sal u begin belangstel in kwaliteit. Dis verbaasend hoe gou u die voorkoms van u versameling sal verbeter en u elke stukkie kleingeld vergelyk met die wat u reeds weg gesit het. Die ideaal sal wees om die volle reekse saam te stel uit munte wat min slytasie toon en as u die muntstuk kan raakloop wat nog daardie natuurlike glans het. U sal hom sommer ken as u hom sien.

Nou net 'n paar wenke oor die skoonmaak van munte. Was die munte met 'n wasmiddel (detergent) tussen u vingers en moenie dit borsel nie. Onder geen omstandighede moet u die munte met metaalpolitoer poleer nie. By die stadium sal u al begin besef watter uitdaging dit aan u gaan bied om daardie 1932 pennie of 1951 halfkroon in goeie toestand te kry of die skaars 1944 trippens of 1923 sjieling raak te loop en u sal begin saampraat oor V.F. en E.F. munte en verstaan hoe ongesirkuleerde munte lyk en moenie praat van die dag dat u aspireer na proefstelle nie.

(BOTH ARTICLES ARE CO

CLUB NEWS

For Beginners

. . . and English

BY MR. S. E. EDWARDS

Many budding coin collectors are dismayed by the high prices of Kruger ponds and other popular items. They say to themselves: "That is all right for the rich man, but I only have a few rand to spare. How can I attempt to collect such valuable coins?"

But a true numismatist is never dismayed by lack of money. If he cannot find money for Kruger ponds he does not give up. There are many "minor" coins to collect, which can be picked up for a few shillings. Sometimes a collector can make a bigger profit on such lowly coins than he can on more highly priced items.

The only trouble with "minor" coins is their numbers. There are so many to collect that it is difficult to know where to start and stop. In fact, there are so many coins in the world that a collector's head spins when he tries to absorb their number and diversity. It is obviously impossible to attempt to collect them all.

So the collector looks for something to put them into pattern. Maybe he will concentrate on coin "types" of different countries, or on coins of odd shapes. A method of collecting coins which is very popular, but which takes a little bit more knowledge, is to collect by mints. As many small countries do not have their own mints, they have to order from the mints of larger countries. Thus the Royal Mint in London has produced coins for numerous colonies and Commonwealth countries. The United States mints have struck coins for dozens of countries over the years.

Often, but not always, these coins have a special mint mark on them for identification. For instance, coins minted in India often have a small "I" on them, while those from Australia may have either an "M" (for Melbourne), or "S" (for Sydney) or a "P" (for Perth) somewhere on the obverse or reverse.

The small "S.A." on gold sovereigns minted by the S.A. Mint, Pretoria, is well known to most collectors. Less familiar are the "minor" coins struck at Pretoria for various countries in Africa, such as Egypt, the Belgian Congo, British West and East Africa and even for India during and after the Second World War. More recently the S.A. Mint produced Rhodesia's new series.

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S.A. Coin Designers Among World's Best

BY MR. H. C. PHILIPSON

In the August issue of your newspaper, I find in an article by Mr. J. P. Roux, the following statement "Vir opskrifte doeleindes is Latyn nog die beste, want in geen ander taal kan 'n mens so veel sêryf in so in beperkte ruimte". How very true. I have in front of me a copy of Hockings' "Royal Mint Catalogue" with its descriptions of coins in the Royal Mint Museum and their wealth of Latin phraseology.

How beautiful are some of the coins minted through the centuries. What a treasure of artistic craft in bold relief. Consider the Crown of 1662, inscribed as follows: The obverse, CAROLUS II. DEI. GRA. Laureated bust with scarf to right, and below a rose; the reverse, MAG. BR. FRA. ET. HIB. REX. 1662; Four shields of arms, crowned, arranged cruciformly; 1st & 4th France & England. Quarterly; 2nd Ireland, 3rd Scotland; between the shields two interlocked "C's" and in the centre the Star of the Order of the Garter, edge DECVS ET TUTAMEN ✠ 1662 ✠

Does this not conjure up a picture of CHARLES the Second, by the Grace of God, his laureated bust with a scarf facing right and the rose below signifying the bullion used was from the West of England mines? The reverse shows the four shields in the form of a cross, each one crowned. The first and fourth shields have the arms of England and France, the second and third those of Ireland and Scotland, with the Star of the Garter in the centre with interlocked "C's" between the shields. The inscription is "King of Great Britain, France & Ireland". The edge has "Decorative & Useful, 2 crosses and 1662". What a wealth of artistic talent for five shillings! Where else could one buy a miniature for that price?

I wonder how many readers have had the pleasure of examining a good specimen of a George IV Crown; the obverse with its large laureated head of the King to the left, surrounded by GEORGE IIII D:G: BRITANNIAR REX, F:D? I think this is one of the most outstanding examples of Pistrucci's art. The intricate workmanship of the hair and laurel wreath as well as the features are truly beautiful. His St. George and the Dragon is also a fine example of art and one of the best known. It was recently used, in 1951, on the Festival of Britain crown.

We have every right to be proud of our South African coins which are designed, modelled and engraved by some of the finest artists and craftsmen in the world. For example, the reverse of the 1947 and successive crowns

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(Continuation of Bickels' Price List.)

ACCESSORIES

576. **SPECIAL - Coin Chart & Pencil.**
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(Regret no Postal Service) R .30
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In future issues of Bickels' Coin and Medal News, I will list and describe all the coins struck by the S.A. Mint for "foreign" countries. Although they do not all have the "S.A." mark on them they can be positively identified.

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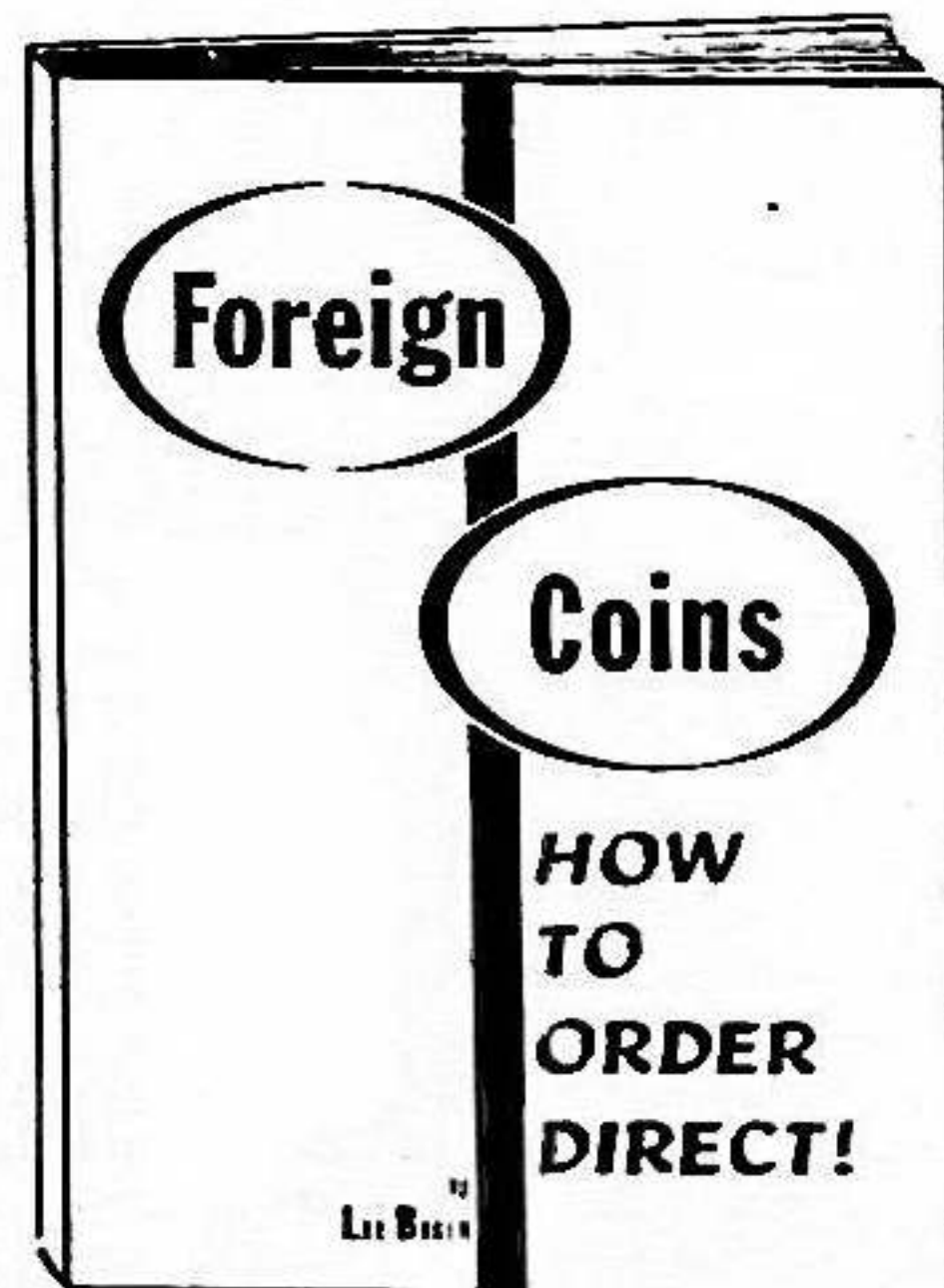
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SHORT SETS (WITHOUT GOLD)

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265.	1949 per set	R143.00
266.	1950 per set	R205.00
267.	1951 per set	R 55.00
268.	1952 per set	R 43.00
269.	1955 per set	R 55.00
270.	1961 per set	R 33.00
271.	1962 per set	R 45.00
272.	1964 per set	R 26.00
273.	1965 per set	R 40.00

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274.	1952 per set	R 88.00
275.	1953 per set	R100.00
276.	1961 per set	R105.00
277.	1962 per set	R102.00
278.	1963 per set	R 85.00
279.	1964 per set	R 80.00

TWIN GOLD SETS

280.	1963 S.A. R2 & R1	R 52.50
281.	1964 S.A. R2 & R1	R 48.50

SOUTH AFRICAN PROOF-LIKE SS CROWNS
 SS - Specially select i.e. prooflike finish

282.	1960 each	R 17.00
283.	1961 each	R 20.00
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285.	1963 each	R 14.00
286.	1964 each	R 8.90
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SOUTH AFRICAN UNCIRCULATED CROWNS
 Genuinely uncirculated Crowns

287.	1947 each	R 6.90
288.	1948 each	R 7.50
289.	1949 each	R 8.00
290.	1960 each	R 3.90
291.	1962 each	R 8.75
292.	1963 each	R 3.25
293.	1964 each	R 2.90
293.	<u>SPECIAL:</u>	

Bickels South African Crown Album - De luxe
 Leatherette & Gold Finish - with transparent
 polythene pockets showing date & quantity
 minted for each crown R 3.95

UNCIRCULATED SETS

SOUTH AFRICAN UNC SETS - MINT ISSUE

The set consists of a prooflike Crown (SS) and all
 the currency issues of minor coins in uncirculated
 condition - 50c, 20c, 10c, 5c, 2½c (Silver); 1c
 ½c (Bronze)

PRE-DECIMAL - ¼d to 5/-

294.	1959 per set	R130.00
295.	1960 per set	R 30.00

DECIMAL SERIES - ½c to 50c

296.	1961 per set	R 22.00
297.	1962 per set	R 32.00

298. 1963 per set R 18.50
 299. 1964 per set R 15.50

All coins in the 1964 set are in PROOF-LIKE condition. The 1964 set is the last of the silver issues. In 1965 South Africa switches to Nickel coinage. This country will not strike any more Crown-sized coins.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA - NEW COINS
 Four 1964 UNC Cupro Nickel Coins

300. 2/6, 2/-, 1/-, 6d. The obverse has the attractive TIARA PROFILE of Queen Elizabeth II. The reverse shows both Sterling and Decimal values of the coin.
 Per set of 4 Coins in plastic wallet R 2.40

MALAWI - NEW COINS
 Four 1964 UNC Cupro Nickel Coins

301. 2/6, 2/-, 1/-, 6d. The obverse has the image of the country's leader, Dr. Hastings Banda. Reverses as follows:
 2/6 Coat of Arms (Half Crown)
 2/- Elephant and Baby (Florin)
 1/- Corn Cobs (Shilling)
 6d Rooster (Sixpence)
 Per set of 4 coins in plastic wallet R 2.60

ZAMBIA - NEW COINS
 Three 1964 UNC Cupro Nickel Coins

302. 2/-, 1/-, 6d. The obverse has the coat of arms of the country. The reverses as follows:
 2/- Buck (Two shillings)
 1/- Bird (One shilling)
 6d. Flower (Sixpence)
 Per set of 3 coins in plastic wallet R 2.10

IRELAND (EIRE)
 (Eight 1964 UNC Coins)

303. An attractive set of 8 Unc 1964 coins of Ireland consisting of 2/6, 2/-, 1/-, 6d, 3d, 1d, 1/2d & d in deep green leatherette holder R 3.75

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|------|----------------|------|-----|---|------|
| 304. | ZAR Kruger 1d. | 1892 | UNC | R | 2.75 |
| 305. | ZAR Kruger 1d. | 1892 | EF | R | 1.80 |
| 306. | ZAR Kruger 1d. | 1894 | EF | R | 2.25 |
| 307. | ZAR Kruger 3d. | 1892 | VF | R | 1.45 |
| 308. | ZAR Kruger 3d. | 1893 | F | R | .90 |
| 309. | ZAR Kruger 3d. | 1893 | F | R | .95 |
| 310. | ZAR Kruger 3d. | 1893 | VF | R | 1.25 |
| 311. | ZAR Kruger 3d. | 1895 | VF | R | 1.15 |
| 312. | ZAR Kruger 3d. | 1895 | EF | R | 2.00 |
| 313. | ZAR Kruger 3d. | 1897 | VF+ | R | 1.20 |

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|------|----------------|------|-----|---|------|
| 314. | ZAR Kruger 3d. | 1897 | EF | R | 1.70 |
| 315. | ZAR Kruger 6d. | 1896 | UNC | R | 2.10 |
| 316. | ZAR Kruger 6d. | 1896 | VF | R | .90 |
| 317. | ZAR Kruger 6d. | 1896 | VF | R | .95 |
| 318. | ZAR Kruger 6d. | 1897 | F | R | .60 |
| 319. | ZAR Kruger 6d. | 1897 | VF | R | .95 |
| 320. | ZAR Kruger 6d. | 1897 | UNC | R | 2.15 |
| 321. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1892 | VF | R | 2.75 |
| 322. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1892 | EF | R | 5.85 |
| 323. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1894 | VF | R | 2.75 |
| 324. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1894 | EF | R | 4.80 |
| 325. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1894 | VF | R | 2.60 |
| 326. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1894 | EF | R | 5.10 |
| 327. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1895 | EF | R | 5.25 |
| 328. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1896 | VF | R | 2.10 |
| 329. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1897 | VF | R | 1.90 |
| 330. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1897 | VF | R | 1.90 |
| 331. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1897 | EF | R | 3.25 |
| 332. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1892 | EF | R | 5.80 |
| 333. | ZAR Kruger 1/- | 1897 | EF | R | 2.95 |
| 334. | ZAR Kruger 2/6 | 1892 | VF- | R | 4.10 |
| 335. | ZAR Kruger 2/6 | 1895 | VF | R | 6.75 |
| 336. | ZAR Kruger 2/6 | 1896 | VF+ | R | 4.20 |
| 337. | ZAR Kruger 2/6 | 1896 | VF | R | 3.75 |
| 338. | ZAR Kruger 2/6 | 1897 | VF+ | R | 3.25 |
| 339. | ZAR Kruger 2/6 | 1897 | EF | R | 4.95 |

SOUTH AFRICA

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|------|-----------------|------|-----|---|------|
| 340. | S.A. Farthing | 1943 | VF | R | .40 |
| 341. | S.A. Farthing | 1944 | VF | R | .30 |
| 342. | S.A. Farthing | 1945 | EF | R | .55 |
| 343. | S.A. Farthing | 1947 | EF | R | .45 |
| 344. | S.A. Farthing | 1950 | VF | R | .20 |
| 345. | S.A. Farthing | 1950 | UNC | R | .80 |
| 346. | S.A. Farthing | 1954 | EF | R | .35 |
| 347. | S.A. Farthing | 1955 | EF | R | .20 |
| 348. | S.A. Farthing | 1955 | UNC | R | .35 |
| 349. | S.A. Farthing | 1956 | UNC | R | .95 |
| 350. | S.A. Farthing | 1958 | EF | R | .35 |
| 351. | S.A. Farthing | 1958 | UNC | R | .55 |
| 352. | S.A. Farthing | 1958 | UNC | R | .55 |
| 353. | S.A. Farthing | 1959 | EF | R | .70 |
| 354. | S.A. Farthing | 1959 | EF | R | .75 |
| 355. | S.A. Farthing | 1959 | UNC | R | 1.10 |
| 356. | S.A. Farthing | 1959 | UNC | R | 1.05 |
| 357. | S.A. Half Penny | 1929 | VF- | R | 1.25 |
| 358. | S.A. Half Penny | 1929 | EF | R | 1.60 |
| 359. | S.A. Half Penny | 1931 | VF- | R | 2.10 |
| 360. | S.A. Half Penny | 1931 | EF | R | 3.00 |
| 361. | S.A. Half Penny | 1932 | VF | R | 1.95 |
| 362. | S.A. Half Penny | 1936 | VF+ | R | 1.25 |
| 363. | S.A. Half Penny | 1936 | VF+ | R | 1.30 |
| 364. | S.A. Half Penny | 1938 | EF | R | 1.10 |
| 365. | S.A. Half Penny | 1942 | VF | R | .30 |
| 366. | S.A. Half Penny | 1950 | EF | R | .25 |
| 367. | S.A. Half Penny | 1958 | UNC | R | .60 |
| 368. | S.A. Half Penny | 1959 | UNC | R | .65 |

484.	5/- Shillings	1950	EF+	R	8.50
485.	5/- Shillings	1950	EF+	R	8.50
486.	5/- Shillings	1951	EF+	R	5.20
487.	5/- Shillings	1951	EF	R	5.00
488.	5/- Shillings	1952	EF-	R	2.00
489.	5/- Shillings	1952	EF+	R	2.50
490.	5/- Shillings	1952	UNC	R	4.70
491.	5/- Shillings	1952	UNC	R	4.70
492.	5/- Shillings	1953	EF	R	2.85
493.	5/- Shillings	1953	EF	R	2.70
494.	5/- Shillings	1954	VF	R	24.00
495.	5/- Shillings	1954	VF	R	23.75
496.	5/- Shillings	1954	VF	R	24.00
497.	5/- Shillings	1954	VF	R	25.00
498.	5/- Shillings	1954	VF	R	24.50
499.	5/- Shillings	1954	VF+	R	25.75
500.	5/- Shillings	1954	EF	R	29.00
501.	5/- Shillings	1954	EF	R	28.50
502.	5/- Shillings	1954	EF	R	30.00
503.	5/- Shillings	1954	EF	R	30.50
504.	5/- Shillings	1954	EF	R	29.75
505.	5/- Shillings	1954	EF/UNC	R	33.50
506.	5/- Shillings	1954	EF/UNC	R	34.00
507.	5/- Shillings	1954	UNC	R	37.50
508.	5/- Shillings	1954	UNC	R	37.50
509.	5/- Shillings	1954	SS	R	42.00
510.	5/- Shillings	1954	SS	R	42.00
511.	5/- Shillings	1955	EF+	R	6.75
512.	5/- Shillings	1955	EF	R	6.25
513.	5/- Shillings	1955	EF+	R	6.50
514.	5/- Shillings	1955	EF	R	6.25
515.	5/- Shillings	1955	EF/UNC	R	7.50
516.	5/- Shillings	1956	EF	R	4.80
517.	5/- Shillings	1956	EF	R	4.70
518.	5/- Shillings	1957	VF	R	2.50
519.	5/- Shillings	1957	EF	R	4.40
520.	5/- Shillings	1958	VF	R	2.60
521.	5/- Shillings	1958	EF	R	4.00
522.	5/- Shillings	1959	VF/EF	R	80.00
523.	5/- Shillings	1959	UNC	R	105.00
524.	5/- Shillings	1959	SS	R	120.00
525.	5/- Shillings	1960	EF	R	2.90
526.	5/- Shillings	1960	EF	R	2.70
527.	5/- Shillings	1960	UNC	R	3.90
528.	5/- Shillings	1960	UNC	R	3.90
529.	Fifty Cents	1961	VF-	R	5.25
530.	Fifty Cents	1961	VF	R	5.40
531.	Fifty Cents	1961	VF+	R	5.50
532.	Fifty Cents	1961	VF	R	5.40
533.	Fifty Cents	1961	VF	R	5.45
534.	Fifty Cents	1961	EF	R	7.00
535.	Fifty Cents	1961	EF+	R	7.25
536.	Fifty Cents	1961	EF	R	7.00
537.	Fifty Cents	1961	EF+	R	7.40
538.	Fifty Cents	1961	EF	R	7.00
539.	Fifty Cents	1961	UNC	R	10.50
540.	Fifty Cents	1961	UNC	R	10.50
541.	Fifty Cents	1961	UNC	R	10.50
542.	Fifty Cents	1961	SS	R	20.00

543.	Fifty Cents	1962	F	R	4.00
544.	Fifty Cents	1962	VF	R	5.90
545.	Fifty Cents	1962	VF	R	5.80
546.	Fifty Cents	1962	VF	R	5.95
547.	Fifty Cents	1962	EF	R	7.00
548.	Fifty Cents	1962	EF+	R	7.25
549.	Fifty Cents	1962	EF	R	7.00
550.	Fifty Cents	1962	EF	R	6.95
551.	Fifty Cents	1962	EF	R	6.95
552.	Fifty Cents	1962	UNC	R	8.75
553.	Fifty Cents	1962	UNC	R	8.75
554.	ZAR Kruger SS 5/-	1892	EF/EMNT	R	49.00
555.	ZAR Kruger SS 5/-	1892	EF	R	61.50
556.	ZAR Kruger SS 5/-	1892	EF+	R	65.00

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557.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1948	SS	R	19.00
558.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1952	SS	R	18.00
559.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1953	SS	R	20.50
560.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1959	SS	R	120.00
561.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1960	SS	R	17.00
562.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1962	SS	R	24.00
563.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1963	SS	R	14.00
564.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1963	SS	R	14.00
565.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1963	SS	R	14.00
566.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1964	SS	R	8.90
567.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1964	SS	R	8.90
568.	S.A. 5/- Shillings	1964	SS	R	8.90

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570.	1892 Kimberley Exhibition Bronze Medal, 2/- size.			R	3.00
571.	1895 Bronze Medal of Pres. Kruger Opening of Delagoa Bay Railway Larger than 5/-.		EF+	R	15.00
572.	1904 Pair of Pres. Kruger Funeral Medals, Sil. & Bro., 2/- size. Pr.			R	8.00
573.	1913 Pair of Taalfes Medals, Sil. & Bro., 2/- size. Mint			R	7.50
574.	1895-1945 City of Pretoria Com- memorating 50 yrs. opening of Railway. Silver 5/- size.		Rare	R	17.00
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