

From Bicknell's Counterfeit Detector.
List of Counterfeits and Altered Notes in Pennsylvania.

BANKS IN PHILADELPHIA.

BANK OF NORTH AMERICA.—5's old plate. All genuine notes of this plate have been called in.

5's spurious; vignette two females, Justice and Liberty. On each end a female holding a scroll. Totally unlike the genuine.

5's spurious, which read—"We promise to pay J. Natt or bearer, Five Dollars, on demand, in specie or paper of the Bank of North America."

10's old plate, red back, of which there are no genuine in circulation.

10's altered from 5's, letter B, well executed.

20's letter D, pay to D. Cuthbert, dated 19th January, 1813, others of same letters and date, pay to D. Vail, and some of letter H, pay to R. Chesney, dated 30th April 1817.

BANK OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES.—10's letter A, pay S. Starr, dated July 4, 1838; printed with pale ink, of a yellow tinge. R. L. Pittfield, Cashier; J. Knight, Pres't. Miserably engraved.

10's letter C, J. Taylor, Oct. 18, 1837. The centre vignette is shaded too heavily. The signature of Knight, Pres't., appears to be engraved and traced on with a pen.

BANK OF PENN TOWNSHIP.—10's; on the bad notes the head of Washington is on the left end instead of the right;

20's well executed, except the head of Franklin on the right margin, which is coarsely done.

50's altered from 5's. All genuine 50's have for a vignette a female sitting on a bale of goods.

BANK OF PENNSYLVANIA.—5's, letter M S; others P S, payable to different persons and various dates. In the median at the top of the note there is a plain white circle around the figure 5, which is not in the genuine. Some letter C, pay E. Evans, April 7, 1819.

10's, old plate, letter G, pay J. Jones, June 7, 1809.

10's, letter F, others B, others A, pay different persons and various dates. Some signed Lasius, Prest., and Mason, Cash. These persons were never officers of the Bank. The principal defect in the engraving is in the word "Prest." The E is too large. The coat of arms of Penn. is not well done.

50's, letter C, others B, pay J. Boone, March 22, 1821, and April 16, 1833.

BANK OF THE UNITED STATES.—10's letter B, others A, on both ends; signed for Cash. S. Mason, and for Prest' G. W. Fairman. Engraving well done except the end pieces, which are poorly executed.

50's, letter D, various dates, signed S. Mason for Cash. G. W. Fairman for Prest'. The heads on each end defective. Otherwise a good imitation. Paper thin.

POST NOTES.

100's letter H, Sept. 1, 1838, pay J. Others G, Oct. 1, 1838, pay Jno. Somerville, Cash. Each 10 days after date. Engraving poorly done.—Signatures tolerable imitation; paper thin and of a reddish cast.

1000's altered from 100's Oct. 11, 1838 5 mos. date, to order of R. Buchanan. Calculated to deceive.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA.—5's altered from Commercial Bank of Millington, (worthless) Signed by G. Wharton, Cashier, C. Spackman, President. Others W. Adams, Cashier, Horace Binny, President. These signatures are not on any genuine notes.

10's letter A, others C, others A s, pay different persons, dated Sept. 15, 1830; June 2, 1828; Nov. 7, 1822, and Jan. 8, 1824.

10's 20's, and 50's, altered 5's. On the altered notes is Penn's Treaty with the Indians, which is not on the genuine 10's 20's and 50's.

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' BANK.—5's spurious. Vignette a female holding in right hand a cup, and left arm resting on an eagle. Burton & Gurley N.Y. engravers

5's old plate, letter A, pay to A. Ravard, dated in 1808.

10's letter G, others C, others E, pay C. Dull, J. Roun, H. Clay, dated April 2, 1826, 5th Feb., 1825, 10th Feb., 1825, 5th Feb., 1820.

10's spurious. Vignette a female leaning on a sheaf of wheat, and holding in right hand a sickle, which is not on the genuine. Burton & Gurley engravers. B. & G. never engrave for this bank.

20's, well executed, and calculated to deceive.—The paper is of a more reddish cast than that of the genuine note. Engraving of the end rather imperfect. Payable to G. Hunt, and other persons.

20's, spurious. Vignette, a female spinning; on left margin a female holding a cup to an eagle, and on right end an Indian. Burton & Gurley engravers.

GIRARD'S BANK (STEPHEN).—5's. All counterfeits on this bank can be detected by observing that there are no circles or water marks, in the paper, whereas there are two circles in the genuine notes, which will be observed by holding them up to the light.

MANUFACTURERS' AND MECHANICS' BANK.—50's altered from 5's. Observe the word FIFTY is crooked and bunglingly put on.

MECHANICS' BANK.—20's, spurious, dated Oct. 1822, letter C, pay to Wm. Lee; on the left border is a miniature likeness of H. Clay, on the right Washington.

50's altered from 5's, letter C. You may detect them by observing that the word FIFTY is put too close to the letter D Dollars. Also observe that the edging on which the word FIVE was engraved all around, is rubbed quite clear. Dated 1st April, 1833.

PHILADELPHIA BANK.—5's old plate, of which there are few genuine notes out. They have for a vignette a view of the banking house.

10's letter C, others D, pay J. James, R. Shadys, D. Evans, J. Kain, dated Sept. 7, 1819, Dec. 8, 1820, May 8, 1822. The paper is much lighter than the genuine. They have the likeness of

Franklin on the right, and Washington on the left. Centre vignette defective.

20's, old plate, letter E, pay D. Edwin, dated 9th May, 1814, 1824, 1825, and 1827.

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BANK OF GETTYSBURG, AT GETTYSBURG.—5's old plate, which read Gettysburg Bank, letter D, pay to J. Kerr, dated Nov. 1, 1821.

BANK OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.—5's letter B, others F, others A, pay J. Wells, D. Beaver, and W. Webb, dated Nov. 1, 1823, July 2, 1833, and May 2, 1825, vignette coarse and light.

BANK OF PITTSBURG.—5's letter C, of various dates, and payable to different persons. The vignette is a blacksmith with his implements of trade. They are well done. There are but few genuine notes of this plate out.

10's and 20's, altered from counterfeit 5's. Any one who has ever seen a good 10 or 20 can detect them.

20's spurious. The genuine 20's have for a vignette a blacksmith seated on an anvil. The bad note, a female leaning on an urn.

CARLISLE BANK, CARLISLE.—5's well executed, letter B. The heads of Washington and Franklin much lighter than the genuine.

COLUMBIA BANK AND BRIDGE COMPANY, COLUMBIA.—100's altered from 5's. The true 100's have for a vignette, a large female figure, one arm resting on a shield, with a plough and ship; on right end a female representing Commerce; these figures are not on the altered bills.

EASTON BANK, EASTON.—5's, letter C, pay O. Rice, J. Duniz, C. Rice, dated May 1, 1831, May 6, 1829, Aug. 1, 1827, and 1830. Engraving poor than in the genuine notes.

EXCHANGE BANK, PITTSBURG.—5's, spurious. Vignette, a sailor leaning against an anchor.

10's, letter A, of various dates, &c. The names of Cashier and President engraved.

10's, spurious, altered from Exchange Bank and Savings Institution. Vignette, Perry's Victory. The true 10's have a female figure seated between two chests, for a vignette.

FARMERS' BANK OF READING.—5's, letter D, pay G. Smith, Jan. 1, 1833; others letter A, Strong, May 20, 1836. Engraving coarse.

100's letter A, pay to John Harold. No genuine bills are payable to Harold.

FARMERS' BANK, LANCASTER.—5's letter A, pay to J. Wind, George H. King, of various dates. The letter A is not near the oval in which is the figure 5, as on the genuine notes. Signatures of the officers in the same hand writing.

10's, letter A, J. Wind, May 9, 1832; others of different dates, &c. Well executed.

10's, and 50's, altered from counterfeit 5's. Easily detected.

FARMERS' BANK OF BUCKS COUNTY, BRISTOL.—5's, dated 1st March, 1828, at Bristol instead of Hulmeville.

10's letter A, others B, dated February 6, 1815, Sept. 10, 1819, pay F. Pincor, and others.

50's altered from 5's. The true 50's have for a vignette a man, horse, and hawthorn, with a view of a factory.

FRANKLIN BANK, WASHINGTON.—5's, letter A, of various dates, &c. Cashier's name engraved. The head or cross piece on the handle of the spade on the boy's shoulder, in the vignette, is put on to one side. The impression is not so good, nor the paper as fair as the genuine.

5's, and 10's, altered from Bank of Washington (worthless) signed Thomas H. B. B. President, dated in 1816. This Bank commenced in 1836.

HARRISBURG BANK, HARRISBURG.—5's, letter D, others C, pay H. Alward, J. Ross, dated May 14, 1819, Nov. 3, 1820.

10's, spurious. Paper thin and flimsy. The genuine 10's have "Goddess of Liberty" for a vignette; the counterfeits a Steamboat, Rail Road cars, &c.

10's, letter A, pay E. Whitehead, May 4, 1829. 20's altered from 10's, (counterfeit). Vignette, view of the Capitol.

MINEKS' BANK, POTTSVILLE.—5's, letter F, of various dates, payable to different persons. In the true notes the letter F is below the I, and K in Schuykill, and in the bad it is under the K. The P in Pottsville is 1-8 of an inch too far from the left marginal vignette. The curl of the "D" in Demand, in the genuine, almost touches the "F"; in the counterfeit it is 1-8 of an inch off. The "H" in Pottsville, instead of being crossed in a straight line, the cross inclines upwards. Signatures well done.

5's, altered from the Hazleton Coal Co. signed R. Miner, Treasurer; Samuel Moore, President.

MONGOMERIE BANK, BROWNSVILLE.—20's altered from 5's. Easily detected.

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WEST BRANCH BANK, WILLIAMSPORT.—10's, letter D, others B, pay to different persons, and various dates. J. Coryell, Cashier; J. H. Cowden, Pres't. Engraving faint, paper poor. The first letter I in Williamsport, has the appearance of the figure 1.

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Mr. Upshur's Opinions.

It may be recollect'd that Mr. Botts a few days since in debate in the House spoke of the Secretary of the Navy as having in conversation avowed himself in favor of a dissolution of the Union. In reply to an inquiry from Mr. Wise Mr. Upshur writes a letter, of which the following is an extract:

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