

UNIQUE 2\$ Colombian Sheet FOUND AFTER 126 YEARS

PRICE ON REQUEST

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The recently discovered unique complete pane of 100 of the USA \$2.00 Columbian issue of 1893

\$2.00 Columbian Issue of 1893, **Unique Complete Pane of 100**, all stamps have gorgeous color and sharp proof-like printed impressions plus perfectly and beautifully preserved **Mint Never Hinged gum in its pristine original state as when sold over a post office counter nearly 114 years ago**, featuring two plate blocks at top and ten to fifteen potential Extremely Fine to Superb Gems AN INCREDIBLE NEWLY DISCOVERED COMPLETE PANE OF 100 OF THE \$2.00 COLUMBIAN ISSUE OF 1893. THIS IS BY FAR THE LARGEST KNOWN MULTIPLE OF THE FIRST US COMMEMORATIVE SERIES ISSUED JANUARY 1, 1893. AN AWESOME RARITY OF THE HIGHEST ORDER THAT NO ONE KNEW EXISTED.

No one knows who originally bought this pane of Columbians in 1893 and how and when the pane was acquired by the German collector. What is known is that the pane had been carefully stored in a German bank vault, folded up in a parchment envelope. The acid-free parchment fabulously preserved the rich color and perfect gum, but the folding led to perforation separations affecting the left plate block and separated the pane into blocks of 70 and 30. Only two plate blocks of six and one plate block of eight survive for the \$2 Columbian. All have bottom selvage and none possess the perfect Never Hinged gum of this pane. The now previously unique plate block of eight sold for \$235,750 in April 2009. The inferior example of the two plate blocks of six sold in November 2013 for \$161,000 because it has disturbed gum and a small thin spot on the bottom left stamp. The other plate block of six has a tiny sealed tear in the selvage and has not been on the market in over three decades. Prior to the discovery of this pane, the largest known multiple of the \$2.00 Columbian issue was a block of 22 with three stamps added to make a block of 25. This block has problems -- 23 of the stamps have the gum removed, one stamp is defective and the block is rejoined. This unique pane is available for sale from Christoph Gärtner. Price upon request.



36th AUCTION

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Closing date for consignments:

January 3, 2017

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mainly with U.S. material – consignment deadline February 3, 2017!

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