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1. This Newsletter contains some plate varieties of the 1¢, 2¢, 3¢ Small Queens. Some of these varieties are new to the editor and perhaps to some other members. However, it is most important that you report any information on Printings, Perfs, dates, etc. which you feel will be meaningful to this Study Group. Small Queen articles in Topics Volumes 11 - 15 is also included in this Newsletter and copies may be obtained through the editor.

2. B.N.A.P.S. Convention San Francisco

Although there was no seminar on Small Queens at this Convention, the editor added several members to the roster thus strengthening our Study Group for the coming year. A seminar at B.N.A.P.S. '77 in Edmonton will be essential for this Group in order to give it a sense of direction for the future.

3. Future Issues in 1977

Four Newsletters will be sent out next year. Besides the continuation on the Small Queen varieties, you can look forward to the following articles:

- 1) "The Three Cent Small Queen Issues of Canada"  
by L. D. Shoemaker.
- 2) "Canada, the Small Cents Issue, 1870-1897"  
by Lieut. Com. M.A. Studd.
- 3) Articles on the Small Queens by Ian Paterson.

The next Newsletter will include an up-to-date membership roster and a report on our financial position.

3. Micrometers

Several members have stressed an interest as to what instrument they may use for measuring paper thicknesses. The editor, welcomes any information from those who have such an instrument.

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SMALL QUEEN ARTICLES IN TOPICS VOLUMES 11 - 15

1. Cancellations on the Small Queens, by the Small Queens Study Group, 2 pp art. 11/2/45.
2. Small Queens: 5¢ re-entry on 6¢ by E. M. Blois, 3 pp, art. 11/9/290.
3. Small Queens: 3¢ value of 1870-97 by W. P. Carter, 2 pp, art. 11/6/176
4. Small Queens: Two 3¢ values correlated by P. J. Hurst, 2 pp, art. 11/7/219
5. The 2 cent Small Queen, by P. J. Hurst, 4 pp, art. 12/8/233
6. Why?.....asks P. J. Hurst, 1 pp art. "Used pairs of imperforate Small Queens" 12/4/120
7. Re-entry on 1¢ Small Queen, S. Lukow, 1 pp art. 12/4/123
8. 6¢ Small Queen Major re-entry, by P. J. Hurst, 3 pp art. 12/5/137
9. The plate position of the "Strand of Hair" - 1¢ Small Queen by P. J. Hurst 2 pp, art. 13/9/233
10. A second latent re-entry of the 2 cent Small Queen, by P. J. Hurst, 2 pp art. 13/5/103
11. 3¢ Small Queen: Three Constant Varieties, by C. F. Waite, 1 pp art. 14/6/155
12. "Strand of Hair" and re-entry varieties on the 1¢ Small Queen, S. Lukow, 1 pp art. 15/4/92
13. Two "Strands of Hair" identified by P. J. Hurst, 1 pp art. 15/11/307

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# The 'STRAND OF HAIR' VARIETIES

The noted Small Queens expert, Peter J. Hurst, returns to the pages of *Topics* with the results of his further research

Following the various observations in several past issues of *Topics*, concerning earliest known dates of the "Strand of Hair" varieties, it will be well to bring the subject up to date.

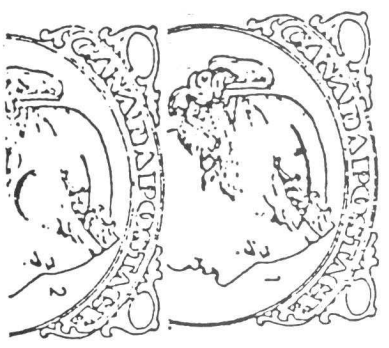
In *Topics* of December 1958, two strands were listed and their plate positions given. Twelve years later, after careful inspection of an advanced collection of Small Queens as well as my own collections, it has become evident that there are not two but four "Strands of Hair," all from different plate positions and unrelated to each other. This column will identify and describe these four varieties, and represents the sum of data known to me up to the present.

I have divided the quartet as follows:

- 1) Long Strand of Hair, Type "A"
- 2) Medium-long Strand of Hair, Type "B"
- 3) Medium-long Strand of Hair, Type "B"
- 4) Short Strand of Hair with Re-entry.

1) *The long Strand of Hair* (Fig. 1).

This is the longest and thickest Strand, reported in *Topics* of January 1952, in form of a dated single and pair, as well as a mint



The 1c Value: Four "Strands of Hair" identified



block of four. Three criteria apply for identification: This is the only Strand crossing the diadem and reaching almost to the Queen's forehead; in relation to the two large pearls of the diadem, it is nearer to the upper pearl; and a small but distinct group of densely placed dots, located just about the center of the Queen's head, touches the bottom of the Strand.

The date I have on record range from JU. 13/96 to No. 2/97. No multiple larger than the block mentioned is known to me, and the plate position is not established. However, my notes refer to a used single with outsize margin and a horizontal strip of three, strongly indicating that this variety is located within the last eight positions (numbers 93 to 100) of an unknown pane.

2) *The medium-long Strand of Hair, Type "A"* (Fig. 2).  
Reported in *Topics* of October 1956 and again in December 1958, where it was placed as position 13, right pane of 1892 Ottawa Plate "C". This Strand has two characteristics: having crossed the diadem, it steps well before reaching the forehead; and passing between the two pearls, it is nearer to the

bottom pearl. This Strand's thickness is less pronounced than 1), an observation also applying to 3) and 4). It exists in a block of ten dated JA. 14/96, and the earliest and latest copies known to me are OC. 14/95 and OC. 4/97.

3) *The medium-long Strand of Hair, Type "B"* (Fig. 3).

This is herewith recorded for the first time and proven by a single and a horizontal strip of three, dated DE. 19/95, the variety being the middle stamp.

In length and thickness this Strand is comparable to 2), but its location between the pearls is similar to that of 1). Although the theoretical possibility exists that this could be an early stage of 1) — the dates are less than six months apart — I am discounting this hypothesis on several grounds. Confusion with 4) must be ruled out for reasons shown below, and I have no hesitation in recognizing 3) as a new variety.

4) *The short Strand of Hair with Re-entry* (Fig. 4).

In *Topics* of December 1958 this was shown to be position 26, right pane of 1892 Ottawa Plate "C", but the years have added new and intriguing information. The advanced collection mentioned earlier

contains, beside the full pane illustrated in *Topics* of October 1956, an irregular block of 58 devoid of sheet margins, where the sixth stamp in the top row shows the exact bottom re-entry of position 26, but no Strand whatever. There are also two singles of this description, unhappily without dates. In the light of this, there can be no doubt that position 26 exists in two stages: first the re-entry only, later the short Strand in addition. It is obvious that the reverse could not occur, and that the short Strand of position 26 must always be accompanied by the re-entry. This condition serves as additional proof of the authenticity of the medium-long Strand Type "B", which is free from bottom re-entry.

The dated examples known to me reach from N). 25/95 to JU. 9/97. Projected, the arc of the short Strand is almost exactly centered midway between the two pearls.

Due to the dearth of material, the information outlined above has been accumulated only gradually. It will now be possible to classify dated copies, and our thanks must go to Mr. Blair and other specialists for their interest and researches. It is stimulation such as this which makes our Society the fine group it always has been and will continue to be in the future.

2 CENT SMALL QUEEN

OTTAWA PRINTINGS

PERF. 12 x 12

Figure 1 B Latent Re-entries

Dates Reported

1 - July 16/92

4 - Dates not legible



Figure 2 B Staple Variety

Dates Reported

1 - date not legible



3 CENT SMALL QUEEN

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PERF. 12 x 12



Figure 1 C Oval in U.L. Corner

Dates Reported

- 1 - PM/Aug. 29/93
- 1 - Nov. 17/93
- 1 - Jan. 18/94
- 1 - Apr. 17/95
- 2 - dates not legible



Figure 2 C Hook Above "A" of  
Postage and Faint Dot  
above First "A" of Canada.

Dates Reported

- 1 - 4 PM/Jan 12/93 Toronto
- 1 - PM/Mar. 29/93 York St. Toronto
- 1 - Aug. 10/94 Maymooth, Ont.
- 1 - Mar. 24/93 Hull, Que.  
(Hook in bottom margin  
off center).

3 CENT SMALL QUEEN

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Figure 3 C One Scar

Dates Reported

- 1 - Oct. 31/95
- 1 - Nov. 4/95
- 1 - Nov. 5/95
- 1 - Dec. 10/95
- 1 - Feb. 5/96
- 1 - Apr. 1/96
- 1 - Aug./



Figure 4 C Two Scars

Dates Reported

- 1 - Apr. 11/95
- 1 - Aug. 1/95
- 1 - Oct. 4/95
- 1 - Nov. 7/95
- 1 - Nov. 23/95
- 1 - Dec. 7/95
- 1 - Sept. 15/96
- 1 - Oct. 9/96
- 1 - Jan. 7/97

3 CENT SMALL QUEEN

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Figure 5 C Spoon Variety in L.R. Side

Dates Reported

1 - Oct. 4/93      Quebec



Figure 6 C Offset in L.R. Side

Dates Reported

1 - Sept. 15/94

