

MURPHY'S LAW

by Doug Adams #639

Sometimes (on rare occasions) I get a small stash of gas bar coupons, and I'm always excited looking through them to see if there are any 'gems' included in the pile. This week I had another opportunity. A small stash (\$12 face value) worth of

GB's and my best find - a bottom scratch. But how come lately the best coupons I find are in the roughest shape – Murphy's Law! If anyone out there requires a bottom scratch for their collection, send me an email. First come first served, you can have it for the cost of a stamp.



SMALL FAT C'S

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While looking for Hi-Lows in my stash of CTC 7-E's with the C prefix, I came across a puzzling thing with the prefix C. I try to keep my regular C's and my narrow font C's separate, and I use Louis Fontaine's list which is excellent for this task. I've noticed differences in the prefix C before but I just attributed it to regular and narrow coupons. But now after excluding all my narrow fonts and just looking within the normal ranges, I'm finding a C that is a little smaller and a little fatter than normal.

The example below shows three coupons from the initial run of C coupons before the narrow fonts started to appear around C2512313. The middle C is the one that's a little different than the others. I don't have enough coupons to attempt an

explanation. My guess is that these coupons were printed on a drum with either two or three plates which would require two or three different C's and one of them just happened to be a little different. I have a couple more in this first run at C1909882, C2200075, C2309114, C210336 and C2454602. That's enough coupons to make me take notice, but not enough to try to establish a pattern. If anyone out there can add to the explanation of the small fat c's, please let us know.

