SOME OTHER GAS BAR VARIETIES

The following are some of the "minor varieties" that are known to some collectors. They are comprised of printing defects that are smaller and more difficult to detect than the three varieties mentioned above.

Stalacmite

This "variety" has a black vertical line 2 mm. long with a black dot to it's upper right. The black line is under the initial loop of the "A" in the signature of A. Billes. This "variety" is quite easy to spot once you have seen one and I believe should be classified as a true variety. (See Figure 1). I have only found this "variety" on green 25 cent gas coupons with U serif, V serif and V plain prefixes:



V(serif):

V002nnnn, V012nnnn, V021nnnn, V027nnnn, V037nnnn.

U(serif):

U051nnnn, U054nnnn, U068nnnn, U081nnnn.

V(plain):

V100nnnn, V120nnnn, V140nnnn. V160nnnn.

Dot under S in Sasaki

This "variety" is harder to spot. There is a black dot under the "S" in the signature of F. Sasaki. The black dot is almost touching the jagged edging at the top of the bottom border. On some coupons there is a second fainter dot. (See Figures 2 and 3). I don't believe this one will ever become a true variety that every collector wants, but I've found it interesting to collect. I haven't found enough of them to try to isolate serial number ranges for them. I have found this "variety" on the following coupons:

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CTC 8-A2 (small serif S) CTC 8-A (plain S)

10 cents:

CTC 7-B (plain T) CTC 8-B (plain T)

25 cents:

TO SE (-1-1-10)

CTC 7-E (plain V) CTC 8-C (plain V)

50 cents:

CTC 8-D (plain U) CTC 8-D1 (serif U)

\$1.00:

CTC 8-E CTC 8-E1 (large serif) (small serif) Figure 3



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