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PRESS RELEASE

Unrivalled US exhibit shown to the Royal

The finest exhibit of the United States issue of 1847 was shown to members of The Royal Philatelic Society London on 12 December. Formed by William Gross, the exhibit, which has achieved 98 points at international exhibitions, was presented by Charles Shreve.



Left to right: Chris King, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London, with Charles Shreve and Hugh Feldman.

Among the many items included are the largest known unused blocks of the 5c (of 16 stamps) and 10c (of six stamps) values. In addition to the mint and used examples, also shown were many outstanding covers to illustrate the usage of the stamps, both internally and on foreign mail. These include examples of the 10c stamp bisected to make the 5c rate for letters sent up to 300 miles: the exhibit features the stamps bisected diagonally, vertically or horizontally.

Also outstanding are the combination covers with the stamps used together with the first stamp of Canada, the 'Beaver' issue.

The vote of thanks was given by Hugh Feldman, who commented on an 'absolutely superb' display featuring the 'crème de la crème' of US philately.

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