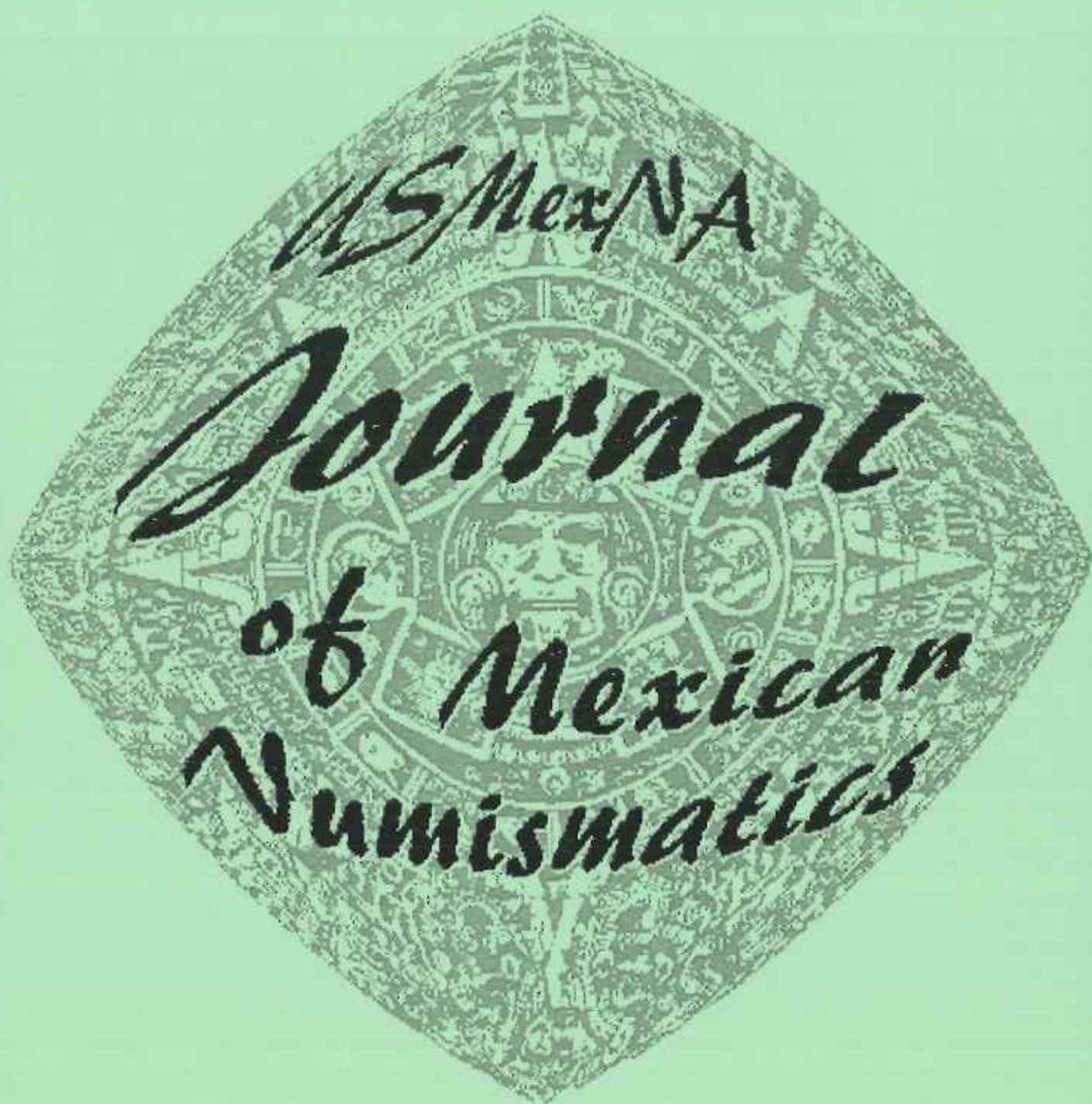


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INCOME:

Dues	\$3,665.00	
Advertising	<u>\$2,300.00</u>	\$5,965.00

EXPENDITURES:

Journal/Postage	\$3,068.02	
Postage	\$ 505.45	
Supplies	\$ 476.85	
Miscellaneous	\$ 106.03	
Printing	\$ 251.21	
Walrafen book reprint	\$ 865.18	
Membership lapel pins	<u>\$2,939.00</u>	<u>\$8,211.74</u>

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**XXXII INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC CONVENTION –
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The Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico will host the XXXII International Numismatic Convention at the Del Prado Hotel May 16 – 19. The hotel is located at Av. Marina Nacional No 399, Col. Veronica Anzures, C. P. 11300. This is the same hotel as in previous years.

PROGRAM:

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|-------------------|-------|--|
| May 15, Tuesday | 8:30 | Guided tour of the paper money plant. Bus will pick up passengers at the main entrance of the hotel at 9:00 AM and will leave at 9:30 sharp. |
| May 16, Wednesday | 9:00 | Guided tour of the Old Mint Museum at Apartado. The bus will pick up passengers at the main entrance of the hotel at 9:00 AM and will leave at 9:30 sharp. Charge for transportation only. |
| | 11:00 | Registration of exhibitors at entrance to Versailles Hall. Only first day badge holders admitted. |
| | 14:00 | Lunch buffet. |
| | 20:00 | Close of bourse room. |
| May 17, Thursday | 8:30 | Inaugural Breakfast of the XXXII Convention |
| | 10:00 | Opening of the convention, registration of guests |
| | 16:00 | Auction in Del Prado A Room |
| | 20:00 | Bourse Room closes |
| May 18, Friday | 10:00 | Registration of guests and Bourse Room opens |
| | 16:00 | Auction in Del Prado A Room |
| | 20:00 | Bourse Room closes |
| | 21:00 | Banquet |
| May 19, Saturday | 10:00 | Registration of guests and Bourse Room opens |
| | 12:00 | Numismatic Forum Del Prado A Room |
| | 17:00 | Close of convention. |

The hotel convention room rate is unknown at this date but reservations may be made direct to the Del Prado Hotel 001 525 260-6284. The Sociedad's President, Alberto Hidalgo, can be reached at 001 525 650-1513, fax 011 525 654-4294 or E-mail felius@hotmail.com for further details.

ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Association's Board of Directors met at the February Long Beach Convention. Present were Joe Flores, Sal Falcone, Richard Ponterio and Don Bailey.

Items discussed were the lack of response from our junior members for a scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar, and actions that we will take to be more inclusive with our junior members.

A financial report was given as is published in this journal.

A discussion on policies for articles and information contained within this journal, with the right of editing being left to the editor and the subject of regular columns on various subjects was left as is. It was felt that regular columns might deter other members from submitting articles on the same subject.

The progress of the Association was discussed and the board was pleased with the results.

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ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS WILL BE MOVING TO CALIFORNIA

The Association will be moving its operations to southern California sometime in the hopefully near future. Your Executive Director has bought a home in Hemet, and will be locating as soon as personal business matters can be taken care of in Michigan. Outside of better winter weather this new location will put us closer to a large share of the Association membership, and free up time to devote to the Association. Our goal had been to relocate in the San Antonio area but that didn't work out the way we wanted to.

I would like to thank the members that were so considerate about our absence from Michigan from January through March. It was great seeing so many of the members on our travels that covered over 9,000 miles and six coin shows.

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ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP REACHES 348 CURRENT MEMBERS

As of this date the Association has 309 current members within the United States, 31 within Mexico, and 8 in other countries.

THE REVOLUTION CORNER

By Joe Flores C-2

DURANGO Un Centavo

Un Centavo coins from the state of Durango were struck on almost all types of metal planchets during this period of the Revolution. They are very difficult to locate in uncirculated condition, except for the Denver USA minted aluminum un centavo.

Most coins are extremely worn due to circulation. Some of the lead and coppers are very common and others are extremely rare. Even Mr. Utberg, in his 1965 book, "Coins of the Mexican Revolution 1910-1917," valued this particular copper one cent coin at 5 times more than the rest of the common cent coins. He called it "Dur-12." I have been looking for this die combination coin for many years. I might have handled one that was very well circulated. These without the proper ID marks would leave too much to the imagination. After so many years of not finding this coin, I started to think that maybe the photo in Utberg's book could be a mule of two different coins. I am glad to say he was correct.

The key is in the Obverse – the vertical stroke of the **T** in **Estado** is offset to the left of the top horizontal of the **T** and the left stroke of the **A** is much thicker than the right side. The reverse is also very easy to identify, it has a large one with horizontal bars same as G.B. 96.

The coins with a solid One are very common coins.

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LIBERTAD MINTAGE FIGURES RELEASED

By Don Bailey, C-1

The Banco de Mexico recently released the mintage figures on the silver and gold Libertad series for 1995 through 2000. This was reported in a recent two-part article, "Coinage of El Angel," by your Editor, that appeared in the March 5th and March 12th issues of Coin World. This very popular series is widely collected, and as can be seen in the mintage figures below, it has not been a bullion coin for several years.

All of the reported mintage figures are listed below.

SILVER LIBERTADS:

	<u>BU</u>	<u>PROOF</u>
1982 1 oz	1,049,680	
1983 1 oz	1,001,768	998
1984 1 oz	1,014,000	
1985 1 oz	2,017,000	
1986 1 oz	1,699,426	30,006
1987 1 oz	500,000	12,000
1988 1 oz	1,500,500	10,000
1988 1 oz lettered edge	unconfirmed	
1989 1 oz	1,396,500	10,000
1990 1 oz	1,200,002	10,000
1991 1 oz Type I	1,650,518	
1991 1 oz Type II	Included above	
1991 1 oz Mule Ty I & II		10,000
1991 ½ oz	50,618	N/A
1991 ¼ oz	50,017	N/A
1991 1/10 oz	50,017	N/A
1991 1/20 oz	50,017	N/A
1992 1 oz	2,458,000	10,000
1992 ½ oz	119,000	5,000
1992 ¼ oz	104,000	5,000
1992 1/10 oz	299,983	5,000
1992 1/20 oz	295,783	5,000
1993 1 oz	1,000,000	N/A
1993 ½ oz	71,500	N/A
1993 ¼ oz	86,500	N/A
1993 1/10 oz	100,000	N/A
1993 1/20 oz	100,000	N/A
1994 1 oz	400,000	10,000
1994 ½ oz	90,100	15,000
1994 ¼ oz	90,100	15,000

SILVER LIBERTAD MINTAGES CON'T:

1994 1/10 oz	90,100	10,000
1994 1/20 oz	90,100	10,000
1995 1 oz	500,000	2,000
1995 1/2 oz	50,000	2,000
1995 1/4 oz	50,000	2,000
1995 1/10 oz	50,000	2,000
1995 1/20 oz	50,000	2,000
1996 5 oz	20,000	1,200
1996 2 oz	50,000	1,200
1996 1 oz	300,000	2,000
1996 1/2 oz	50,000	1,000
1996 1/4 oz	50,000	1,000
1996 1/10 oz	50,000	1,000
1996 1/20 oz	50,000	1,000
1997 5 oz	10,000	1,300
1997 2 oz	15,000	1,300
1997 1 oz	100,000	1,500
1997 1/2 oz	20,000	800
1997 1/4 oz	20,000	800
1997 1/10 oz	20,000	800
1997 1/20 oz	20,000	800
1998 5 oz	3,500	400
1998 2 oz	7,000	400
1998 1 oz	67,000	500
1998 1/2 oz	6,400	300
1998 1/4 oz	6,400	300
1998 1/10 oz	6,400	300
1998 1/20 oz	6,400	300
1999 5 oz	2,800	100
1999 2 oz	5,000	280
1999 1 oz	95,000	600
1999 1/2 oz	7,000	600
1999 1/4 oz	7,000	600
1999 1/10 oz	8,000	600
1999 1/20 oz	8,001	600
2000 5 oz	4,000	500
2000 2 oz	7,500	500
2000 1 oz	340,000	1,600
2000 1/2 oz	20,000	700
2000 1/4 oz	21,000	700
2000 1/10 oz	27,500	1,000
2000 1/20 oz	57,500	900

GOLD LIBERTADS:

1981 1 oz .900	596,000
1981 ½ oz	193,000
1981 ¼ oz	313,000
1985 1 oz	Unknown
1988 1 oz	Unknown
1989 1 oz proof	Reported as 3,500 but believe it should be 704, same as the Platinum ¼ oz.
1991 1 oz .999	109,193
1991 ½ oz	10,000
1991 ¼ oz	10,000
1991 1/10 oz	10,000
1991 1/20 oz	10,000
1992 1 oz	46,281
1992 ½ oz	25,220
1992 ¼ oz	28,106
1992 1/10 oz	50,777
1992 1/20 oz	65,225
1993 1 oz	10,000
1993 ½ oz	2,500
1993 ¼ oz	2,500
1993 1/10 oz	10,000
1993 1/20 oz	10,000
1994 1 oz .900	1,000
1994 ½ oz	2,500
1994 ¼ oz	2,500
1994 1/10 oz	10,000
1994 1/20 oz	10,000
2000 1 oz .999	2,730
2000 ½ oz	1,500
2000 ¼ oz	2,500
2000 1/10 oz	3,500
2000 1/20 oz	5,300

PLATINUM LIBERTAD:

1989 ¼ oz proof	704
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COLLECTING THE REPUBLIC PERIOD OF MEXICO AND HER CAPITAL COINS

By Ralph Poucher, R-321

Collecting Mexico's coins of the Republic Period (1823 to 1897) is not a task for the faint hearted! It doesn't matter if you are collecting coppers, minor silver coins, minor gold coins or the two major capital coin types... the 8 Reales or the 8 Escudos. Simply collecting any of the Republics is a difficult job at best and an impossible quest at the worst. Most serious collectors of this period try only one series of coins or if they are crazy enough they may try a nice *Type Set* of all denominations from all mints.

Today there are a few that try to collect all of the varieties of a single denomination such as the ½ Escudo, the 25 Centavos, or even a few who have tried the 8 Reales series. Then there is myself that was determined to collect all known coins from both the 8 Reales and 8 Escudos series. Had I known what I know now, twenty-five years later, I probably would have never started either one.

Why do I say this? At the time I started it was impossible to readily find out good information about any of the Mexican Republic series dealing with the individual true rarity of all of the coins in a particular series. It took only one live Mexican coin auction for me to understand that there was more to collecting Mexican Republic coins than any US coin series. If you have enough money and at least ten years it is highly probable you may be able to assemble a nice high-grade collection of almost any series of US coins except the Trade Dollars and a few others. This is not the case with any of the Republic of Mexico coins.

Today I can not think of any series from the Republic of Mexico where a single collector has been able to assemble a complete series of all known coins. I know for sure that it is impossible, at this time, to complete either the Republican 8 Reales or the 8 Escudos series. You may ask the question... So why did you and others even try? I'm sure some of the others were like me, they just didn't know it was impossible, until it was too late to stop trying. For other collectors, hope is a wonderful thing. But now most serious collectors at least know the task they've set for themselves. I will use another example to illustrate my point.

As of this date no one collector has been able to put together a DAM collection, of either 8 Reales or 8 Escudos, let alone one of all the known varieties.

What is a *DAM* Collection?

Really, it is very simple. A *DAM* collection is one coin from every confirmed *Date* representing each known *Assayer* with each known *Mintmark* from all of the mints that produced that series during the Republican Period from 1823 until 1897. When you get into the later Republican Years from 1898 until 1905, there are reported to be several

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collectors that have put together full *DAM* sets of some of the shorter series coins. Some of the short sets are the Liberty Cap and Balance Scale Pesos.

Is it worthwhile to even try to collect the Republicans?

This is a question that each collector has to answer on their own, from deep down in their heart, soul and mind. Can you be satisfied just trying to complete a set? Knowing full well the chances of you ever accomplishing the task are almost impossible! I think that one of the things that drive most collectors is knowing that sometime in the future you will complete your selected collection and will be able to move on to something else that will consume your time, money and energies.

Fortunately there are many ways to collect the Republicans. You don't have to select the complete variety sets or *DAM*'s of a single denomination to present a real challenge when collecting coins from the Republic Period.

What other ways are there to collect the Republicans?

There are many different *Type Sets* to be collected that are much easier to form and that cost much less time and money than do full sets of 8 Reales and 8 Escudos. These could include a one mint specialist that would collect a *DAM Type Set* from one mint. This *One Mint DAM Type Set* could be as small as only one coin or could run as high as 86 different coins. Then there is a *Complete Mint Type Set* that would be 12 coins for the 8 Escudos or 14 for the 8 Reales. How about an *8 Escudo First Date Type Set* that would be either 12 or 13 coins depending on your feelings about the Hookneck type versus the standard 'Facing eagle'. The same set in the 8 Reales would require either 14 or 17 coins for an *8 Reales First Date Type Set*. If either of these type sets are too easy, I guess you could add the last year the coins were made from each mint to create *First and Last Year Type Sets*.

Then there are those out there who might like to build a *Full Single Mint Denomination Type Set* that would include one nice coin from each denomination produced by a single mint during the Republican Period. If this was too easy you could expand it to include all the mints giving you a *Full All Denomination Type Set*. How about only one nice coin from any mint for all denominations giving you a *Republican Denomination Type Set*.

As you can see there are many ways to include the Republican 8 Reales and/or the 8 Escudos into collections that will fit any budget or level of challenge a collector may want to embark on. There are even more exciting type sets to look at that could keep you busy for many years and suck away dollars at a rate that could take your breath away.

Included with this article are two charts. Each lists all of the known assayers from each mint for the 8 Reales and 8 Escudos series. If you want to build a first time type set never before done in the history of Mexican Numismatics how about trying to collect a

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A *Full Assayer Type Set* for either series would require 50 coins for the 8 Escudos and 123 for the 8 Reales and would keep your interests alive for many years to come. In fact, it might be impossible to complete either set, but if you did it would put you and your collection in the record books as being the first to ever accomplish the task.

In the end, let me say there are many other ways to collect either 8 Reales or 8 Escudos that I haven't mentioned here simply because I haven't thought of them. That's what makes collecting the Republicans so much fun and frustrating at the same time. Good luck and happy hunting.

8 Reales Assayers by Mint and Date

Date March, 2001

An interesting item of study for the Mexican Numismatist is the occurrence of the Assayer's initials that show up on the Republic 8 Reales. Today I have confirmed there are 123 known assayer's initials on the regular issued Republic 8 Reales, with the attached dates from the fourteen mints, including at least one that was not listed in *Resplandores*. This would make an interesting and yet very difficult *Type Set* of 8 Reales to form for an advanced collector. An 8 Reales *Type Set by Assayer* would be *almost impossible* to form at this time, as there are several assayers that today appear to be unique. If it possible it would require many years, maybe even a lifetime and more then a considerable amount of money to form, but it would be fun – for a very young person – at least try to accomplish.

Mint Assayer Years

Alamos...

PG	1864-1866
DL	1866- 1871; 1874-1879
AM	1872-1873
ML	1879-1895

Chihuahua...

Catorce...

ML	1863
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MR	1831-1834
AM	1834- 1838
RG	1839-1856
JC	1856-1866
BA	1858
FP	1865- 1866
JG	1866-1868
MM	1868-1871; 1873- 1876; 1880; 1882-1895
JM	1877
GR	1877
EA	1877
AV	1877- 1880
PM	1880
MG	1880- 1882

Mint Assayer Years

Culiacan...

CE	1846-1870
CF	1851... *** <u>Unlisted</u> ... Error Assayer by Dunigan & Parker in <i>Resplandores</i> ***
PV	1860-1861
MP	1873- 1875
GP	1876
CG	1876- 1877; 1878
JA	1877
JD	1878- 1882
AM	1882- 1897

Durango...

RL	1824- 1829
RM	1830-1848
CM	1848-1849; 1866-1867; 1873- 1877
JMR	1849-1852
CP	1852-1864; 1867- 1870; 1873; 1877
LT	1864-1865
JH	1874- 1875
JMP	1877
PE	1878
TB	1878- 1880
JP	1880- 1882
MC	1882- 1890
JB	1885
JP	1890- 1892
ND	1892- 1895

Estado de Mexico...

LF	1828-1830
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Guadalajara...

FS	1825-1836; 1880- 1882
LP	1830- 1831
JG	1836-1839; 1842- 1843; 1845- 1863;
MC	1840-1841; 1843- 1845; 1874- 1875
FV	1863
JM	1867- 1869
IC	1869- 1870; 1873-1877
JA	1877- 1880
TB	1882- 1884
AH	1884- 1885
JS	1885- 1895

Mint Assayer Years

Guadalupe y Calvo...

MP 1844-1852

Guanajuato...

JM 1824
 JJ 1825- 1826
 MJ 1826-1833
 MR 1827- 1828
 JM 1833
 PJ 1834-1842
 PM 1842-1848
 PF 1848-1861;
 YE 1862
 YF 1862- 1863; 1867-1868; 1870
 FR 1870; 1873- 1878;
 SM 1878- 1879
 SB 1880- 1883
 BR 1883- 1884
 RR 1884- 1890
 RS 1891- 1897

Hermosillo...

FM 1861-1866; 1883- 1886
 PR 1864; 1867-1875
 MP 1866
 AF 1876- 1877
 GR 1877
 JA 1877- 1883
 FG 1886- 1895

Mexico City...

JM 1823-1832
 MJ 1833
 ML 1833-1842
 MF 1836; 1844-1847
 MM 1837-1838; 1842- 1843
 RC 1847
 GC 1848-1855
 GF 1855-1857
 FH 1858-1860
 TH 1860- 1861; 1863
 CH 1861-1863; 1867-1869
 PH 1868
 MH 1873- 1874; 1877- 1890
 BH 1874- 1876
 AM 1890- 1895
 AB 1895- 1897

Mint	Assayer	Years
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Oaxaca...

AE		1858- 1860; 1863; 1865; 1867-1869; 1873- 1890
FR		1861; 1864
EN		1891- 1893

San Luis Potosi...

Sa		1827
JS		1827- 1842
PS		1842- 1843; 1849; 1857- 1861; 1867- 1870
AM		1843- 1849;
MC		1849- 1860;
FC		1860; 1863
FE		1860
RO		1860- 1864;
LR		1867
CA		1867
MH		1873- 1885;
BE		1879
MR		1879- 1880; 1886- 1893
LC		1885- 1886

Zacatecas...

AZ		1825- 1826
AV		1826
AO		1826- 1829
OV		1829- 1831
OM		1831- 1855
MO		1855- 1860; 1863- 1865
VL		1859- 1864
JS		1867- 1868; 1876- 1886
YH		1868- 1870; 1873- 1874
JA		1874- 1876
FZ		1886- 1897

8 Escudo Assayers by Mint and Date

Date: March 2001

An interesting item of study for the Mexican Numismatist is the occurrence of the Assayer's initials that show up on the Republic 8 Escudos. Today I have confirmed that there are fifty known assayers initials on the Republic 8 Escudos with the attached dates from the twelve mints that produced Republic 8 Escudos. This would make an interesting and yet very difficult *Type Set* of 8 Escudos to form for an advanced collector. A *Type Set by Assayer* would require many years and considerable money to form, but wouldn't it be fun to at least try....

Mint	Assayer	Years
Alamos...		
	PG	1864
	DL	1866; 1868; 1869; 1870
	AM	1872
Chihuahua...		
	RG	1841-1856
	JC	1857-1865
	BA	1858
	FP	1866
	JG	1866-1868
	MM	1868-1871
Culiacan...		
	CE	1846-1870
	PV	1860-1861
	CB	1867
Durango...		
	RM	1832-1848
	RL	1836
	CM	1848-1849; 1866
	JMR	1849-1852
	CP	1852-1864; 1867-1870
	LT	1864-1865
Estado de Mexico...		
	LF	1828-1829
Guadalajara...		
	FS	1825-1826; 1830; 1836
	JG	1836-1837; 1842; 1845; 1849-1852; 1854-1858; 1861; 1863; 1866
	MC	1840-1841; 1843; 1845

Mint	Assayer	Years
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Guadalupe y Calvo...

MP	1844-1852
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Guanajuato...

MJ	1828-1833
PJ	1834-1842
PM	1842-1848
PF	1848-1861; 1863
YE	1862
YF	1863; 1867-1868
FR	1870

Hermosillo...

FM	1863-1865
PR	1864; 1867-1873

Mexico City...

JM	1823-1832
MJ	1833
ML	1833-1842
MF	1836; 1844-1847
MM	1842-1843
RC	1847
GC	1848-1854
GF	1855-1857
FH	1858-1860
TH	1860; 1863
CH	1861-1863; 1867-1869
PH	1868

Oaxaca...

AE	1858; 1860; 1867-1869
FR	1861; 1864

Zacatecas...

MO	1858-1860; 1863-1865
ZL	1860-1863
JS	1868
YH	1868-1871

IMPERIAL ORDER OF THE MEXICAN EAGLE

By Don Bailey, C-1

Recently while reviewing what was being offered on one of the internet auction sites I spotted a Breast star of the Imperial Order of the Mexican Eagle. Emperor Maximilian established this order on January 1, 1865, for outstanding merit and extraordinary services to the Emperor and the Mexican Empire. It was awarded in six classes: Grand Cross with Collar, Grand Cross, Grand Officers, Commanders, Officers, and Knights (Caballeros). The item that was being offered was the Grand Cross Breast Star that is listed in Frank Grove's Orders Awards and military decoration book as G-O31.

After the initial shock as this is a piece that just does not turn up in internet auctions. I was so surprised I did what we tell our customers not to do, I bid on it before I really looked it over. After bidding I took a real close at the images (that were outstanding), and realized that this was not an original issue of 1865.

Back in my early days when I was concentrating on the Maximilian Era I had been told about the jewelry firm of C. F. Rothe & Neffe in Vienna, that had originally produced this order as well as many others for the Imperial government. They still had the original dies for these orders and would produce them upon request. I wrote them to see what was available and the costs. I received a reply dated August 5, 1975, that is illustrated here that listed what was still available and the costs. At that time, I was not in any position to tie up this much money for restrikes of all of these pieces for a reference library. This firm, as I understand it, is no longer in business. For some unknown reason a copy of this letter was laying on my desk and, as unusual as it is for my desk, it was on top of a pile.

I emailed the consignor and asked for his fax number to send him a copy of the letter. He promptly closed the auction after receiving the fax. I asked for, and received a copy of the images, which are shown here.

After close examination of the Breast Star shown in Grove that is from the Los Angeles County Museum, and the illustration of the Breast Star in Orders and Decorations by Vaclav Mericka, 1967, that is in the National Museum of Prague, one can see the apparent differences, and these are:

1. The two rings surrounding the center medallion with the Imperial Mexican Eagle has on the Rothe piece a center ring of mauve colored beads, and the outer ring has green colored beads. The two examples in Grove and Mericka have what appear to be irregular shaped stones with varying shades of red and green. The beads around the Rothe example are all the same shape and size.
2. The shape of the rays are the same for the Grove and Mericka examples but totally different on the Rothe example. This would lead me to believe that the Rothe piece may not be from the original dies.

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3. The Rothe example has on the cross pin "C. F. Rothe Wien", a hallmark, and ".925" stamped into it. I do not think that the ".925" indication of fineness was used in the 1860s in Austria.

I do not know the appearances of the other items listed on the 1975 Rothe letter, but from this one I would assume that they have ".925" stamped on them as they are all listed in silver. If anyone has any additional information on these please let me know so we can share it with our members.

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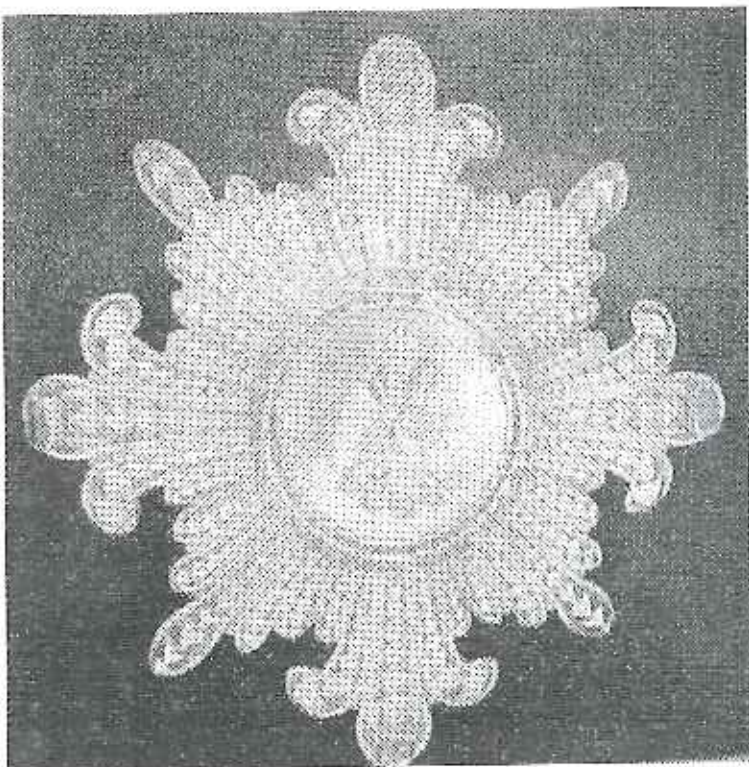
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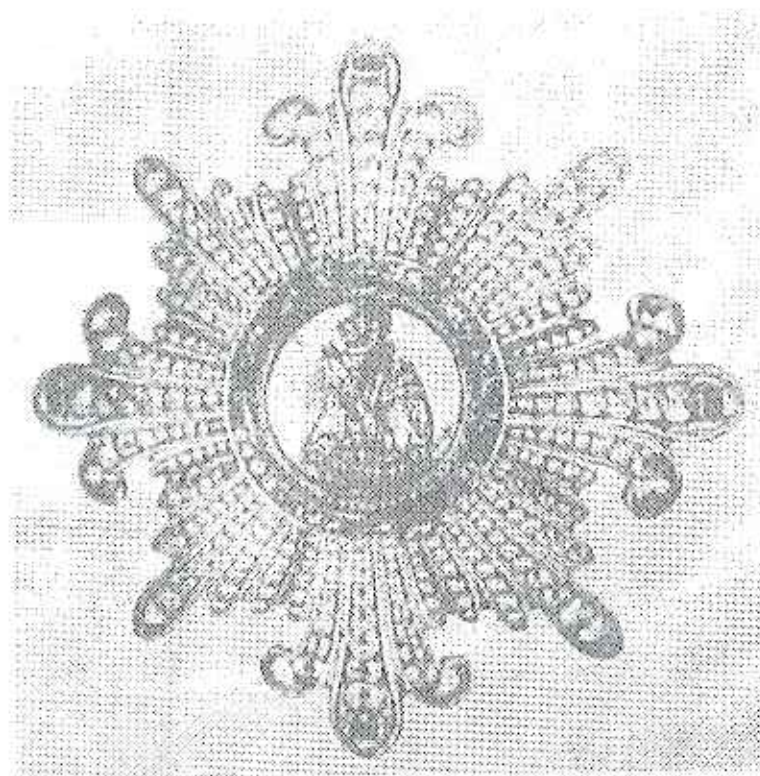
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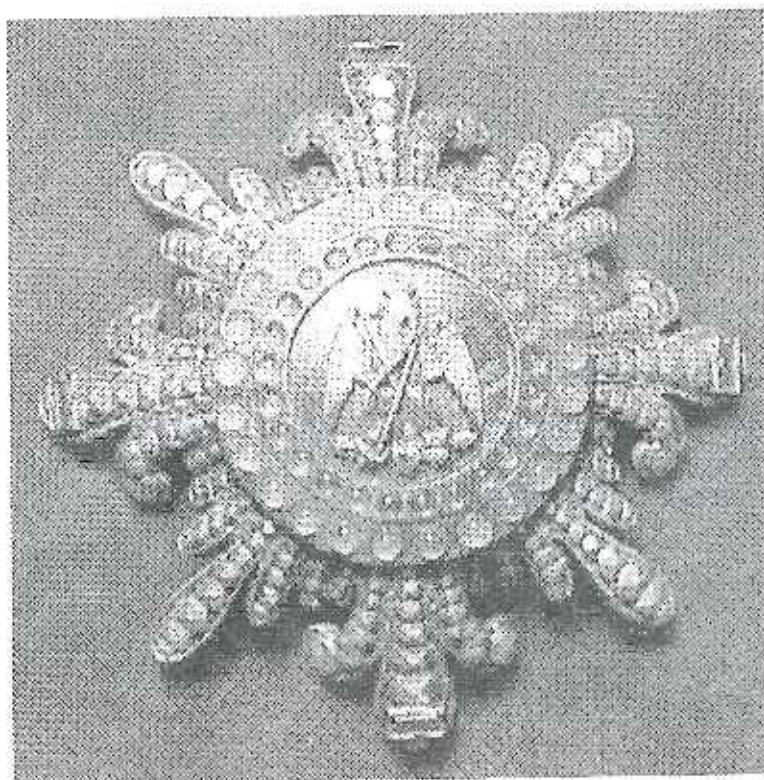
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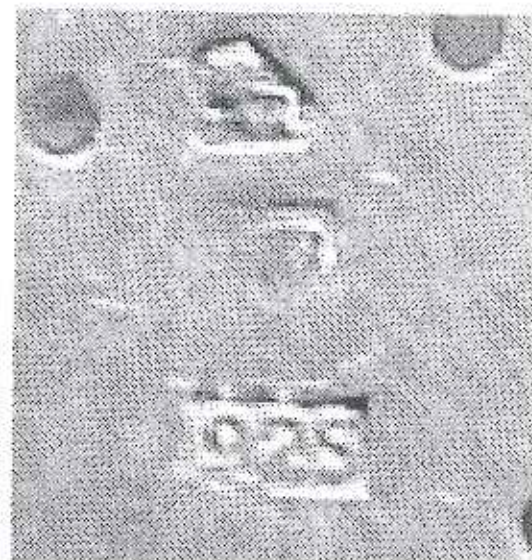
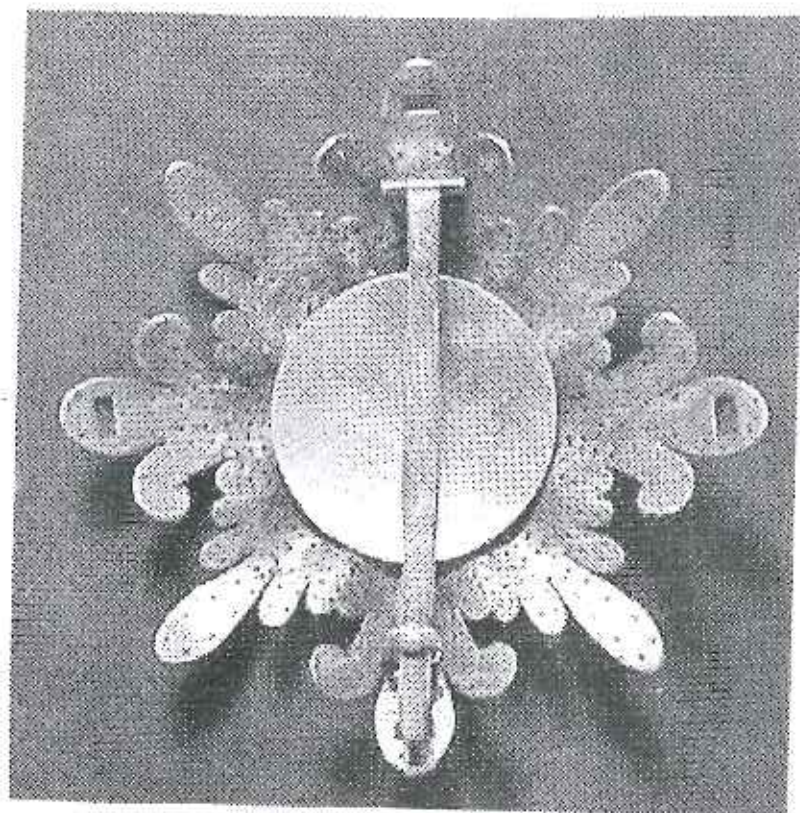
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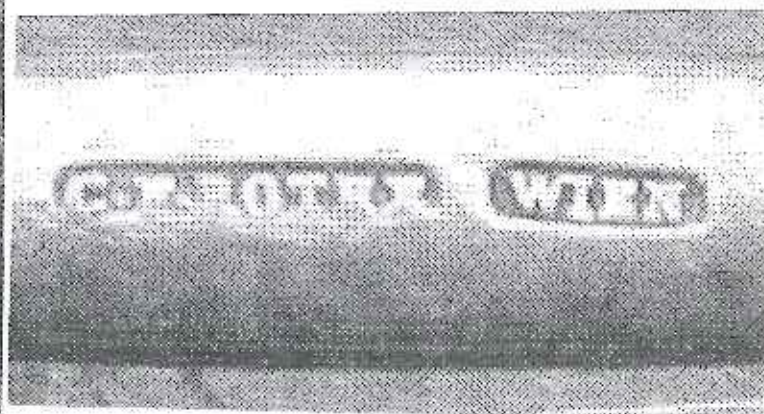
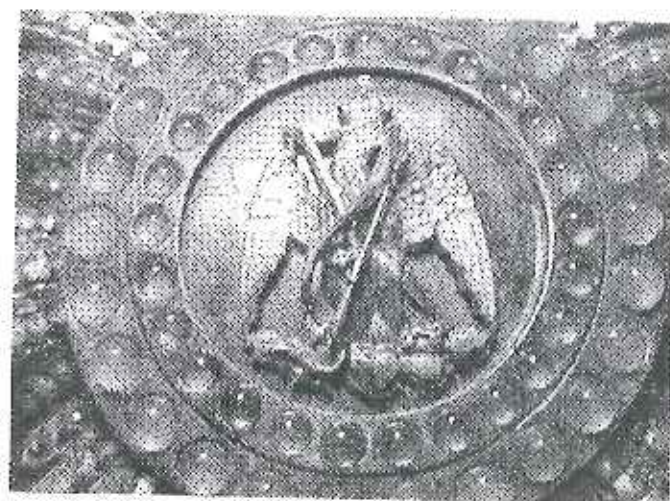
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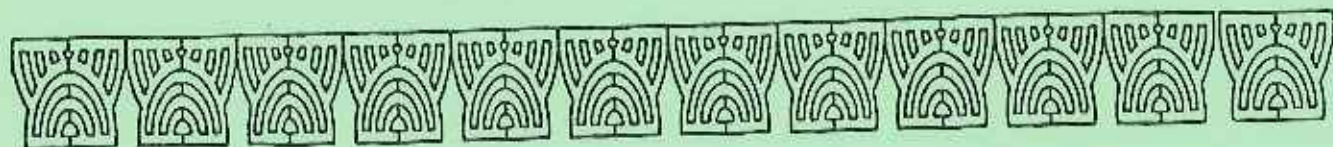
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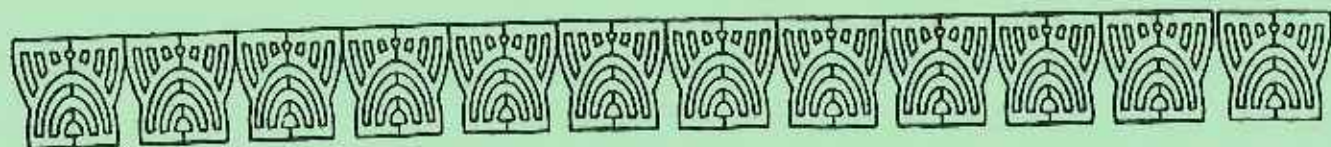
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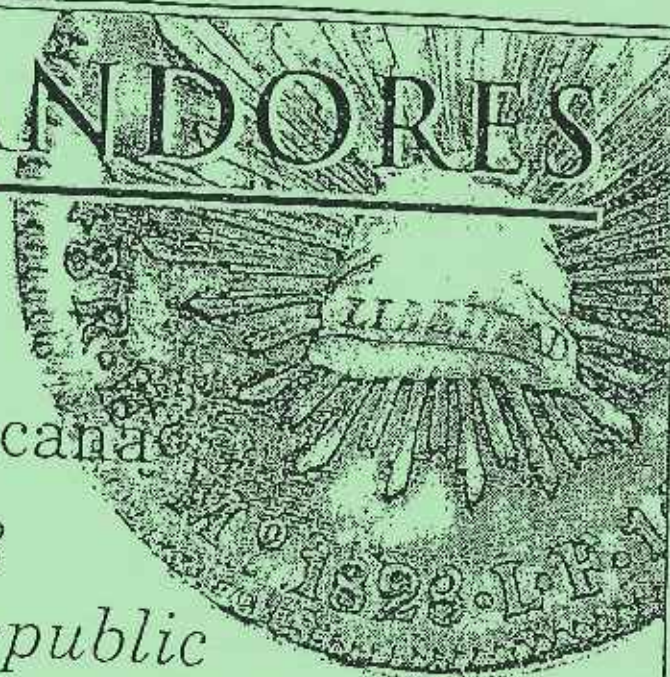
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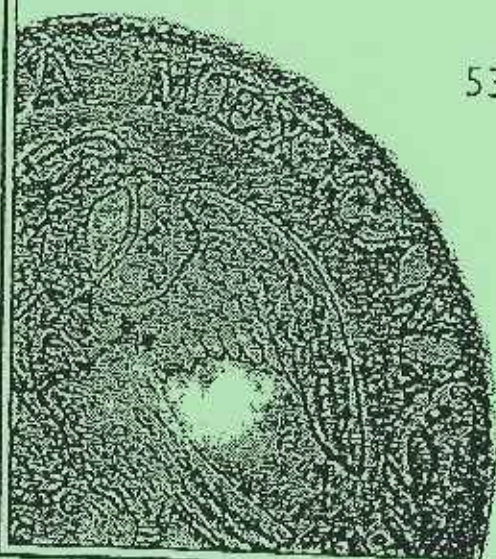
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