

ANILLO PATTERNS OF POSSIBLE MEXICAN USAGE.

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Kenneth Smith informed me several months ago of the existence of several sets of aluminum patterns struck from commercial token dies of the Los Angeles Stamp and Stationary Company (formerly L.A. Rubber Stamp Co.) Anillo Industries, Inc., of Orange, California, bought at auction, in 1967, 3,492 token dies belonging to the L. A. Rubber Stamp Co., which had gone out of business.

Anillo Industries Inc., attempted to go into the token striking business and, using the token dies, struck twenty five sets of aluminum manufacturers sample tokens. The reverses are blank and are flat since they were designed to be mounted in salesmen's sample catalogs. It is believed that twenty-two complete sets and three partial sets of these tokens exist.

In these Anillo patterns there are at least sixty-five which may possible have been struck for use in Mexico. The L.A. Rubber Stamp Co. was in the business of striking tokens from 189- through 1934. Most of its business was on the West coast and it can be assumed that tokens in the Spanish language were probably intended for use in Mexico. On this basis, where the tokens were of obvious Mexican origin by geographic listing on the token, or by language appear to be for use in Spanish speaking countries, the tokens were listed as possibly of Mexican origin. An exception is A29/A30, which in a business strike is of bronze with a center hole punched out, and is tentatively classified as an amusement token used in Mexico although the peseta is not in use in that country

Several of the tokens have been identified in business strikes. A1/A2 and A3/A4 are struck in Bronze. A1/A2 has appeared in several auctions and may be common. The A3/A4 was purchased by an Aztec at the S.I.N. show early in 1980 and is also said to be in the Banco Mexico collection.

Others have been reported in Christensen auctions but not described in enough detail to pinpoint the die combinations. A11/A12 is catalogued in reference -3 as #44. Any information on these or other L.A. Rubber Stamp Co. tokens used in Mexico would be appreciated by the author.

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