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Dear Friend,

Hello...and welcome to our catalogue of truly unique and magnificent Gold Rush artifacts recovered from the 1857 shipwreck of the S.S. *Central America*, the "Ship of Gold." On the following pages you will find a wide range of treasure items— from gold dust and nuggets...to rare gold coins from the United States and the California Territory...to exquisite California Assayer Monetary Ingots...to "best seller" books, DVDs, and more.

Please keep in mind that what you see on these pages is by no means a complete array of the products and services offered by Monaco Rare Coins. **However, the unprecedented opportunity to acquire your own piece of America's greatest numismatic discovery is rapidly coming to a close.**

This catalog was designed to help collectors and investors take advantage of cycles and changes in supply/demand fundamentals. A simple, time tested truth applied by the insiders of the coin industry and sophisticated numismatists is:

"To be a successful rare coin collector/investor, you must buy coins that are genuinely rare, popular with collectors and investors, and historically significant."

The numismatic artifacts recovered from the S.S. *Central America* shipwreck satisfy all three of these requirements . . . but please understand that they are disappearing rapidly. Thousands upon thousands of coins, ingots and other "Ship of Gold" treasure items have already been sold to private collectors and investors and are now effectively "off the market," likely never to be seen again.

If you have an interest in acquiring a unique and valuable piece of California Gold Rush history, I encourage you to call one of our knowledgeable Account Representatives about your specific interests and requirements, and to inquire about the current availability and pricing of S.S. *Central America* treasure artifacts.

And please remember, if you own assayer ingots or other "Ship of Gold" treasure items and may be interested in selling them, please contact Monaco Rare Coins now . . . we want to make you an offer!

Thank you! We look forward to working with you.

Adam J. Crum

Vice President of Numismatics

P.S. Along with the magnificent artifacts recovered from the S.S. *Central America*, Monaco also buys and sells a wide variety of United States rarities...far too many to include here. Give us a call today, **1-888-751-1933**, and we'll be happy to tell you about the wide variety of numismatic treasures available from Monaco.

ABOUT MONACO RARE COINS, “THE SHIP OF GOLD”, AND OUR GUARANTEE

Monaco Financial, LLC, now more commonly known as Monaco Rare Coins, has provided numismatic and precious metals investors and collectors with a wide variety of opportunities for many years. Monaco is an acknowledged leader in the numismatic field, carrying a wide variety of investment-grade coins and collectibles valued in excess of 10 million dollars. While our inventory is impressive, we know that service is the lifeblood of our business. Our account representatives are numismatic enthusiasts just like you, and are always available to help you find the right item, or help you sell or trade your collectibles when the time is right.

Monaco is the authority on *S.S. Central America* gold monetary ingots and has been an exclusive source for many “Ship of Gold” treasure items. Monaco has sold tens of millions of dollars worth of coins, ingots, nuggets, gold dust, and other collectibles that were recovered from the *S.S. Central America*. And, to help educate the public about the treasure and to increase interest in rare collectibles, Monaco sponsors a “Ship of Gold” display that has traveled all across the United States.

All of the gold coins and assayer ingots from the original treasure have now been sold to primary buyers. However, Monaco Rare Coins continues to maintain an active secondary market in these rarities and makes them available to collectors and investors as these items become available. If you have coins or other treasure items recovered from the *S.S. Central America* and may be interested in selling them, please contact Monaco Rare Coins. . . we want to make you an offer!

Our “ironclad” guarantee states that *you will be completely satisfied* with your Monaco purchase. If you are not completely satisfied with your “premier” (rare) coins or ingots for any reason within 10 days of your purchase, Monaco will refund the full value of your purchase, or find you a new and more enjoyable coin of comparable value. “Generic” (or newly minted coins) have a 10 day exchange privilege. AND, Monaco will match any advertised price for like rare coins we offer.

This catalog contains many rare and exciting items that have been recovered from the *S.S. Central America*, as well as some new offerings that have been made from the California gold recovered from deep in the Atlantic. Give Monaco a call today, 888-751-1933, and ask an account representative about the historical “Ship of Gold” artifacts before they are gone and it’s too late.

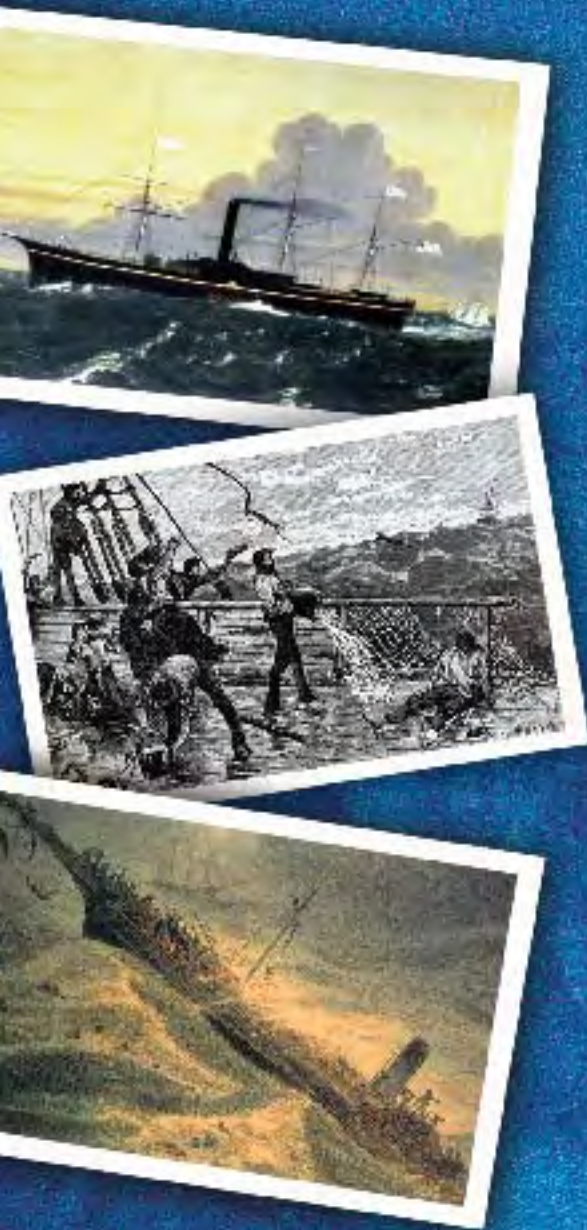
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A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE *S.S. Central America* TREASURE

The Ship of Gold

In September 1857, the elegant side-wheel steamer *S.S. Central America* was bound for New York carrying 578 hardy souls and more than two tons of gold dust, nuggets, coins and ingots from the California Gold Rush. The “Ship of Gold” never made port, sinking off the coast of the Carolinas in 8,000 feet of deep blue sea. The loss has been described as the greatest economic catastrophe in all of U.S. maritime history, triggering the Panic of 1857, a severe recession and a deep depression.



Garden of Gold

131 years later, famed scientist and explorer Tommy Thompson, along with the Columbus America Discovery Group, located the sunken *S.S. Central America*. Beneath the sea, debris, sand and marine life was found an unparalleled treasure trove – thousands of gold coins minted by the then-new San Francisco Mint . . . over 500 unique assayer gold ingots, bars and “bricks” . . . and a precious few pounds of solid gold nuggets. Those who first witnessed this treasure lying at the bottom of the sea called the scene a “Garden of Gold.”

America's Crown Jewels

A representative of the famed Christie's auction house called the *S.S. Central America* treasure “America's crown jewels.” The treasure and its fascinating story have been featured in LIFE Magazine, scores of national, regional and local newspapers, on NBC's Dateline program, on the History Channel's “History's Mysteries” series, and in a number of popular and best-selling books. The greatest treasure ever lost has now been found, and is now available for acquisition by those who can appreciate this historic opportunity.



S.S. Central America RELATED LITERATURE

The recovery of the treasure from the S.S. *Central America* is the most significant numismatic find in history. This fascinating story has inspired a wide variety of books, documentaries, and video presentations, which Monaco is proud to offer as part of our “Ship of Gold” inventory.

America's Lost Treasure

By Tommy Thompson

America's Lost Treasure is a beautiful coffee-table book depicting the tragic voyage and exciting discovery of the ill-fated S.S. *Central America*.

Written by Tommy Thompson, *America's Lost Treasure* uses more than 250 stunning photographs and illustrations to help tell the amazing “Ship of Gold” story. Autographed by Bob Evans, Chief Scientist with the Columbus-America Discovery Group that recovered the “Ship of Gold” treasure.

PRICE: \$39.00

A Guidebook Of United States Coins,

55th Edition, 2002

By R.S. Yeoman,

Edited by Kenneth Bressett

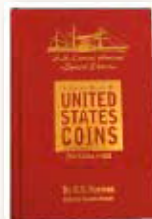
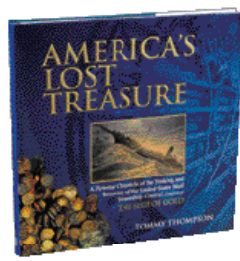
Never before has the *Guidebook of United States Coins* published a Limited Edition featuring a specific find or commemorating a special event. For the first time ever, *A Guidebook of United States Coins* has published a special, limited edition highlighting the coins, ingots, and treasure recovered from the S.S. *Central America*. A very limited supply of this special 2002 edition is available, which is sure to be a collector's item in the very near future. Autographed by Bob Evans, Columbus-America Discovery Group Chief Scientist. The 2008 edition lists these collectors' edition books at \$40.

PRICE: \$49.00

An Insider's Guide to

Collecting Type I Double Eagles

By Douglas Winter and Adam Crum
Special Contributions by Bob Evans,
curator of the treasure coins recovered
from the S.S. *Central America*.



Because of the number of Type 1 Double Eagles recovered from the S.S. *Central America*, a thoroughly researched collectors guide was needed to help numismatists understand and enjoy the amazing treasure discovery. Autographed by the author, this award winning “how-to” book on acquiring America's first \$20 gold coins is filled with historical intrigue and a year-by-year mint analysis. This guidebook is a must have for collectors and investors.

PRICE: \$29.95

A California Gold Rush History - Featuring the Treasure from the S.S. Central America

By Q. David Bowers

This 1,055-page award-winning book provides exhaustive information on the California Gold Rush. Thoroughly researched, this book contains hundreds of newspaper accounts, diary entries, letters, and drawings from the gold rush era. *A California Gold Rush History* covers the early years of the California territory, the discovery of gold in 1848, statehood in 1849, and the ill-fated loss of tons of California gold in 1857.

PRICE: \$199.00

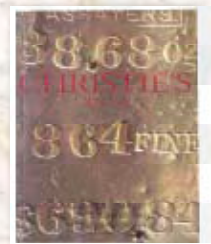
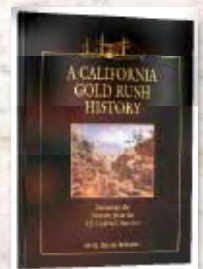
Christie's Auction Catalogue: Gold Rush Treasures from the S.S. Central America

By Christie's, New York

A fascinating look at selected items recovered from the “Ship of Gold”.

Published in conjunction with Christie's December 1999 auction of the recovered treasure, this book is sure to be a keepsake for numismatists and collectors of California gold rush memorabilia.

PRICE: \$50.00

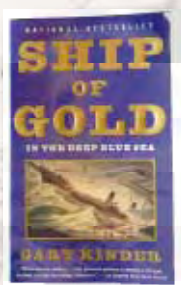


Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea

By Gary Kinder

This *N.Y. Times* best seller tells the tale of the ill-fated S.S. *Central America*, and the heroic efforts of Tommy Thompson and the Columbus-America Discovery Group to find and recover the treasure more than 1.5 miles below the Atlantic Ocean. This fascinating story by Gary Kinder is sure to be a major motion picture someday.

PRICE: \$14.00



Ship of Gold - DVD

History's Mysteries,
The History Channel

The History Channel's spellbinding documentary on the tragic sinking of the S.S. *Central America* and on Tommy Thompson's amazing technological genius in the search and recovery of its historic treasure. Approximately 50 minutes.

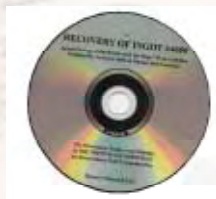


PRICE: \$24.95

The Deep Water Recovery of Monetary Ingot #4050 - DVD

Actual recovery footage of one the Gold Rush's largest surviving gold artifacts.

Monetary Ingot #4050 weighed in at 715 ounces (44.7 pounds), and is one of just 13 ingots recovered from "Ship of Gold" treasure to have an 1857 face value of over \$10,000. This giant "Mambo" bar (a term used by the recovery group to describe the ingot when NEMO's claws pulled it from the ocean bed) was produced by assayers Justh & Hunter of San Francisco. The DVD also shows how the gold from ingot #4050 was used to make the Forty-Niner Horseman Commemorative coin. 29 minutes.

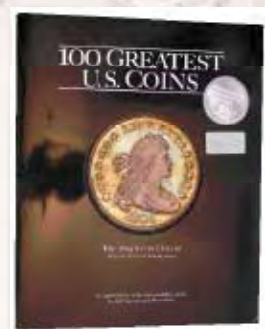


PRICE: \$24.95

100 Greatest U.S. Coins

By Jeff Garrett and Ron Guth

Printed in 2003, this beautiful coffee table book contains stunning pictures and detailed information on the 100 greatest U.S. coins, as voted on by the Professional Numismatists Guild. Information is included on the history, popularity, quality, and rarity of each coin, as well as actual or estimated prices from 1960, 1980, and 2003. This outstanding book contains detailed photos of each coin and should be in every numismatist's library. (The 1857-S Double Eagle, recovered from the S.S. *Central America*, is number 75 of 100.)



PRICE: \$29.95

Coin Market Insider

Written by Adam Crum, Monaco's "Rare Coin Insider." His astute market analysis, solid understanding of the wholesale market, knowledge of numismatic history and market savvy concerning the potential impact of world events makes this newsletter an essential, "must-have" tool for rare coin collectors. Insightful articles and market updates enable you to stay current in the world of rare coins. Also includes a free subscription to Monaco's *e-Flash* service, offering you breaking coin market news . . . special rare coin availability and pricing alerts . . . just-released special reports and other items of interest via Monaco Rare Coins *e-Flash* messages sent straight to your e-mail inbox.



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-R.P. Bakersfield, CA.

PRICE: COMPLIMENTARY

(CALL 1-888-751-1933 TO REQUEST YOUR FREE SUBSCRIPTION)

***S.S. Central America* GOLD DUST & NUGGET TREASURE SETS**

In the early days of the Gold Rush era, California was a “gold dust” economy. Paper money was not yet trusted or used in the area, and there was an extreme shortage of trustworthy coinage. As a result, gold dust and nuggets were a primary medium of exchange and commerce. For example, a “pinch” from a pouch of dust and nuggets could be used as payment for a saloon libation after a miner’s long hard day in the gold fields. Well over 25 pounds of gold dust and nuggets were recovered from the *S.S. Central America* shipwreck site; after vacuuming the sea floor, the dust and nuggets were then separated from the sand and other debris the “old-fashioned” way . . . by “panning” for the gold.

***S.S. Central America* Gold Dust Treasure Set**

Each set includes a certified “pinch” of gold dust recovered from the shipwreck of the *S.S. Central America* . . . and a DVD of the History Channel’s “History’s Mysteries” program, *Ship of Gold*. This is a great gift and history lesson for every one of your children or grandchildren.

PRICE: \$49.00



***S.S. Central America* Framed Gold Nugget Treasure Set**

Each set includes: A gorgeous 22” x 18” antique-framed presentation of the “Ship of Gold” story5 gram of certified gold nuggets recovered from the *S.S. Central America* shipwreck . . . individually numbered Certificate of Authenticity . . . and a DVD of the History Channel’s “History’s Mysteries” program, *Ship of Gold*.

PRICE: FROM \$199

(plus \$25 shipping)



THE HORSEMAN COIN FROM THE *S.S. Central America*

In the early 1850's, Thomas Baldwin (of Baldwin & Co.) hired engraver Albert Kuhner to create a stunning \$10 gold piece. This coin, known as "El Vaquero" or "The Horseman", is engraved with the image of a cowboy on horseback and is considered one of the preeminent coins of the California Gold Rush era and a numismatic masterpiece. Horseman coins are considered such a treasure that an original "El Vaquero" is the only privately minted territorial California gold coin that Texas billionaire Harry Bass cared to place in his own personal collection. These coins continue to hold their value today, with uncirculated specimens selling for more than \$250,000 when they come to market.

150 years after the *S.S. Central America* set off on her fateful voyage, production began on the historically significant Forty-Niner Horsemen commemorative gold coin. Gallery Mint Museum director Ron Landis was commissioned to reproduce the original Horseman coin using the same engraving techniques used by Albert Kuhner in the 1850's. Landis painstakingly recreated the intricate detail of the original coin using hand-held chisels, just as it was done 150 years ago.

To make the coin even more valuable, over 15 grams of original California gold rush gold, or .54 ounces, was used to make each Horseman Coin. Gold ingots, assayed in 1857 by Justh & Hunter and recovered from the *S.S. Central America* treasure, were pressed into service to create these exquisite coins. Each coin has a beautiful, mirror-like finish on the field and wonderfully detailed frosty devices and is PCGS-certified to be Gem Proof Cameo and each is struck from authentic *S.S. Central America* gold. A counterstamp on the reverse was added after striking to designate the exact Justh & Hunter ingot from which the coin was struck.

PRICE: \$1,750.00



Coin enlarged to show detail.

Each "Ship of Gold" 49'er Horseman Commemorative comes nestled in a beautiful display book and has a Certificate of Authenticity personally signed by Chief Historian and curator of the *S.S. Central America* treasure, Bob Evans.



SS CENTRAL AMERICA OCTAGONAL HUMBERT \$50 GOLD COMMEMORATIVE

One of the most dramatic rarities recovered from the *S.S. Central America* shipwreck -- and a coin that Q. David Bowers called “the signature coin of the California Gold Rush” -- was the 1851 and 1852 Augustus Humbert \$50 Gold Octagonal “Slug.” These impressive and hefty gold rarities define the California Gold Rush and were actually gold ingots according to Augustus Humbert’s notes. However, they have been called by many different names, the most common of which is a “slug.”

Their octagonal shape has made them some of most desirable “oddities” in the numismatic marketplace. They have earned a place in the famed book by Jeff Garrett, “The 100 Greatest United States Coins,” and without a doubt, they are the most asked-about single item from the *S.S. Central America* treasure. Unfortunately, there were only 13 original “slugs” recovered from the shipwreck site and those were in average quality of AU (about uncirculated) and they sold out immediately. Today the starting price for one of those 13 originals would be in the neighborhood of \$75,000 or more. The “*S.S. Central America* Octagonal Humbert \$50 Gold Commemorative” pictured here was created the old-fashioned way, with master coin dies hand-engraved by noted engraver Ron Landis. Every ounce of gold used to create these beautiful commemoratives was recovered from the shipwreck of the *S.S. Central America*. Two large gold bricks from that treasure, Kellogg & Humbert ingots #555 and #830, were used to create just 375 examples of this commemorative numismatic masterpiece.

Each *S.S. Central America* Octagonal Humbert \$50 Gold Commemorative contains 2.5 ounces of authentic California Gold Rush gold, assayed in the offices of Kellogg & Humbert at 104 Montgomery St. in San Francisco. Each numbered Commemorative is certified and graded “Gem-Proof” by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation.

PRICE: MARKET



KELLOGG \$50.00 “QUINTUPLE EAGLE” COMMEMORATIVE RESTRIKE

In 1855, Kellogg & Co. produced a very small number of impressive 2½ ounce \$50 gold coins. Only about a dozen of these are known to exist today, and each are worth \$200,000+ (if you can even *find* one for sale). To commemorate the beauty and scarcity of these Gold Rush rarities, as well as to celebrate the final voyage of the *S.S. Central America*, the California Historical Society authorized the minting of no more than 5,000 Kellogg \$50 “Quintuple Eagle” Commemorative gold coins. Carefully struck at the Presidio in San Francisco from gold recovered from the *S.S. Central America*, and using transfer dies created from original Kellogg minting dies, these commemorative restrikes are absolutely stunning in every way. Every coin is counter-stamped on the reverse with its exact date of striking, corresponding to one of the days of the *S.S. Central America* treasure’s voyage. Each coin is PCGS-certified to be Gem Proof quality and struck from authentic *S.S. Central America* gold. And each comes superbly presented, the coin nested in a beautiful hand-hammered copper display case with accompanying packaging and a Certificate of Authenticity personally signed by Tommy Thompson.

Each Kellogg “Quintuple Eagle” commemorative restrrike coin is hand counter-stamped with its exact date of striking, corresponding to one of the days of the treasure’s voyage (see map on page 2 and 3).

YOURS FREE WITH PURCHASE:

Receive the 2002 *Special Edition Guide Book of United States Coins* – the famed “Red Book” – when you purchase the Kellogg “Quintuple Eagle” commemorative restrrike coin.



PRICE: MARKET



COINS ENLARGED TO SHOW DETAIL

S.S. Central America U.S. \$20 GOLD “DOUBLE-EAGLES”



SAMPLE PHOTO

PRICE RANGE:
APPROX. \$7,500 TO \$175,000

Minting of the Liberty Type I \$20 gold “Double Eagle” was authorized by the U.S. government in response to greatly increased gold production brought about by the California Gold Rush. Over 7,000 gold coins, mostly \$20 gold “Double Eagles” produced by the then-new San Francisco mint, were recovered from the *S.S. Central America* shipwreck. Most of these coins were quickly acquired by numismatists and private collectors when the coins were first brought to market in early 2000. Monaco Rare Coins has a limited number of these PCGS-certified coins in a wide range of dates and conditions and is now making them available to interested collectors and investors.

These *S.S. Central America* \$20 gold “Double Eagles” are graded and certified by PCGS, the nation’s leading independent coin certification firm.



1857-S \$20 DOUBLE EAGLES

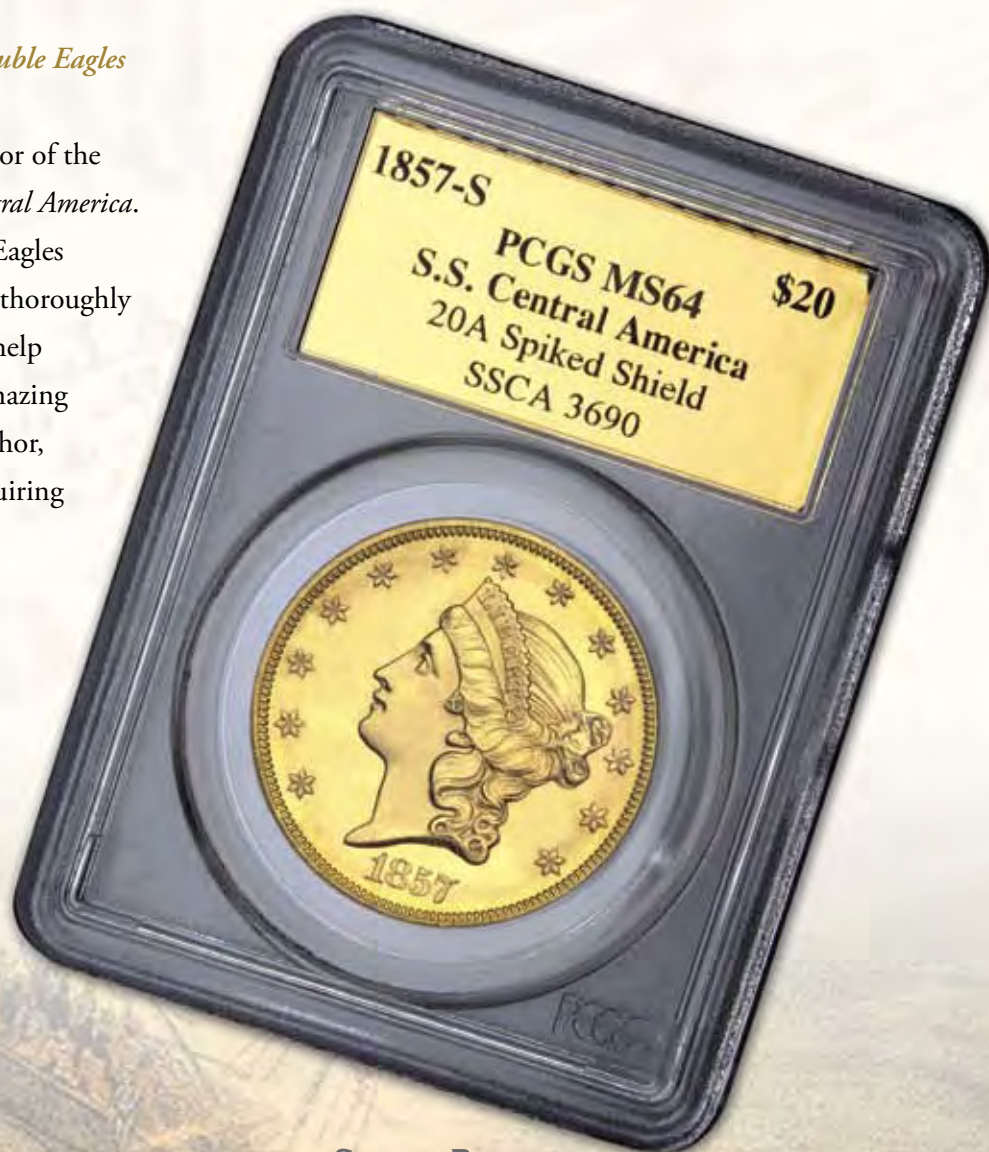
Prior to discovering the “Ship of Gold” treasure, Double Eagles from the 1850’s were nearly impossible to locate in a high state of preservation. Now, for a relatively small investment, you can own a tangible reminder of the values, hard work, and ideals that built our great nation. Nearly all the Double Eagles from the *S.S. Central America* were in pristine condition and most have now been sold to savvy collectors who know that these coins are a great investment. The 1857-S Double Eagle is ranked 75 out of 100 in the *100 Greatest U.S. Coins book*, written by Jeff Garrett and Ron Guth, and recommended by the Professional Numismatists Guild. Contact your Monaco account representative today to get more details on this exciting coin.

An Insider’s Guide to Collecting Type I Double Eagles

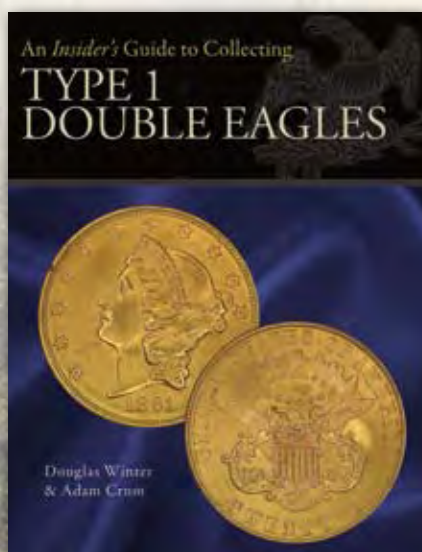
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SAMPLE PHOTO



ASSORTED COINS RECOVERED FROM THE *S.S. Central America*

When the *S.S. Central America* steamed out of Panama, her freight included over 500 gold ingots and well over 7,000 freshly minted coins from the San Francisco Mint. She was also carrying 578 passengers, many of whom were quite wealthy and were transporting their own wealth from Panama to New York.

According to historian Normand Klare, when the women and children began to abandon the *S.S. Central America*, they left behind their unnecessary baggage. Many of these bags contained thousands of dollars worth of gold coins. Mrs. Jane Badger, a passenger on the ill fated ship, had a carpetbag filled with \$16,500 in \$20 gold pieces that was too heavy to remove from the ship. Her husband, Capt. Thomas Badger, dumped the glittering coins from the bag on to the floor of the captain's stateroom. Several other men spread their coins about the ship, most likely worth several hundred thousand dollars, but no one cared. Two ladies threw more than \$10,000 worth of \$20 gold pieces on the floor, but amidst the panic of the sinking ship, the passengers were more concerned about saving their own lives than saving their gold coins.

No one knows who owned the remarkable number of assorted coins recovered as part of the *S.S. Central America* treasure. These coins are dated from 1834 through 1857, and are in a wide variety of denominations. Many of these coins are in near perfect condition, and each has an exciting history and story that can be told. These pages contain only a few examples of the assorted coins recovered from the *S.S. Central America*. A complete listing of the recovered coins can be found on pages 24 and 25 of this catalog. For availability and information on individual coins, contact Monaco Rare Coin, at 888-751-1933.

\$5 GOLD PIECES



\$20 GOLD PIECES



*These coins are not shown at actual size.
They have been enlarged to show detail.*



\$2½ GOLD PIECES

\$50 GOLD PIECES



\$3 GOLD PIECES



\$10 GOLD PIECES

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***S.S. Central America* ASSAYER & TERRITORIAL GOLD COINS**

Due to a coin shortage in early Gold Rush-era California – and because trade conducted in questionable grades of gold dust and nuggets left much to be desired – a number of respected gold processors and assayers began producing privately-minted gold coins which became widely trusted, accepted and circulated throughout the territory. From mid-1849 through 1855 when the new San Francisco mint was operating, firms such as Moffat and Company . . . Wass, Molitor & Co. . . . and Kellogg & Co. produced thousands of these coins – from tiny gold 1/4 dollars to huge octagonal 2-1/2 ounce gold \$50 “slugs.” While most of these “territorials” have long since vanished, a significant number were recovered from the *S.S. Central America* shipwreck.

PRICE RANGE: APPROX. \$7,500 TO \$250,000

MOFFAT & Co. \$10 GOLD PIECE



The 1852 Moffat \$10 gold pieces were struck as a result of over 50 San Francisco merchants' pleas to the company to mint \$300,000 worth of smaller denomination gold coins. But not until a competitive threat by respected company Wass, Molitor & Co. to mint them did Moffat & Co. respond to these outcries. The decision to delay relief for the local merchants effectively ended the monopoly held by Moffat in the coining of acceptable coins in the bay area.

AUGUSTUS HUMBERT \$10 GOLD PIECE



The Humbert \$10 gold pieces were authorized by the direct authority of the U.S. Treasury in an effort to eliminate the extreme shortage of coinage throughout the golden state. By March 1852 enough coins were struck to alleviate the shortage and for the first time since the “gold rush” began, coins were plentiful in circulation.

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U.S. ASSAY \$10 GOLD PIECE



The Assay \$10 coins were minted under the direction of Augustus Humbert, a highly respected assayer in the bay area. They share much of the same design as the Humbert \$10 with just minor variations on the reverse. Collectors covet both, and neither has ever been presented to the market in any significant quantity. These incredibly preserved examples recovered from the *S.S. Central America* represent some of the finest known to exist today.

WASS, MOLITOR & Co. \$10 GOLD PIECE



Wass, Molitor was among the most important private issuers of gold coins in San Francisco. Hungarians, Count S.C. Wass and A.P. Molitor were engaged in the refining and assaying of gold and were quick to respond to the outcry by local merchants for quality and reputable coinage. Their rapid response caused a chain reaction, led by Moffat & Co., petitioning the Treasury for the minting of \$100,000's worth of coins, thus alleviating the shortage of coins in the west.

KELLOGG & Co. \$20 GOLD PIECE



The latest major entry to the minting of coins in San Francisco was John Glover Kellogg. He worked with Moffat & Co. until the closing down of the U.S. Assay Office in December 1853, at which time he went into business with G.F. Richter of the US Assay office. Because of the rapidly growing economy and populace, coins had once again begun to be in short supply. Local merchants petitioned Kellogg to mint coins and in 1854 they released a \$20 gold piece that is prized by numismatists today.

HUMBERT \$50 "SLUG"



Slug, adobe or ingot...a classic numismatic treasure indeed. Whether from the *S.S. Central America* or not, these are some of the most sought after coins in all numismatics. Minted in 1852, under the direction of Augustus Humbert, these coins were as prized then as they are now. Much folklore surround these fascinating coins only adding to the demand of these western heritage treasures.

S.S. CENTRAL AMERICA GOLD NUGGET SET

Starting in 1848, tons and tons of gold were taken from the streams and fields of the California Gold Rush, much of it in the form of gold dust and nuggets.

Most of this gold, known as “placer gold” (from the Spanish word meaning “pleasure,” referring to the ease at which the gold could be picked out of the alluvial deposits in ancient or modern stream beds) was melted down into more convenient and commercially viable gold ingots and coins.

Of the more than 21 tons of gold recovered from the *S.S. Central America* shipwreck, just a few precious pounds of gold nuggets were found . . . a result of painstakingly “vacuuming” the wreck site and then “panning” the captured sediment – just as miners did in the days of the California Gold Rush – to recover the relatively small quantity of gold nuggets carried by passengers on the ill-fated ship.

These historically-significant gold nuggets were carefully weighed, categorized and then certified by the industry-leader PCGS as having the important *S.S. Central America* provenance, then hermetically sealed in tamper-proof clear plastic display holders.

Each of these PCGS-certified nugget sets contains at least .5 grams of California Gold Rush nuggets, includes a DVD of the History Channel’s “History’s Mysteries” program, *Ship of Gold*, and makes a wonderful start or addition to a collection of American historical artifacts.

At just \$99 each, these nuggets also make great gifts for children, grandchildren, friends or business associates, at a very low and affordable price.

Please note that Monaco also has a small number of larger “Ship of Gold” nuggets available . . . so please call for current availability and pricing.

***S.S. Central America* GOLD NUGGET SET**

Each set includes .5 grams of PCGS-certified gold nuggets recovered from the *S.S. Central America* shipwreck . . . and a DVD of the History Channel’s *Ship of Gold* program.

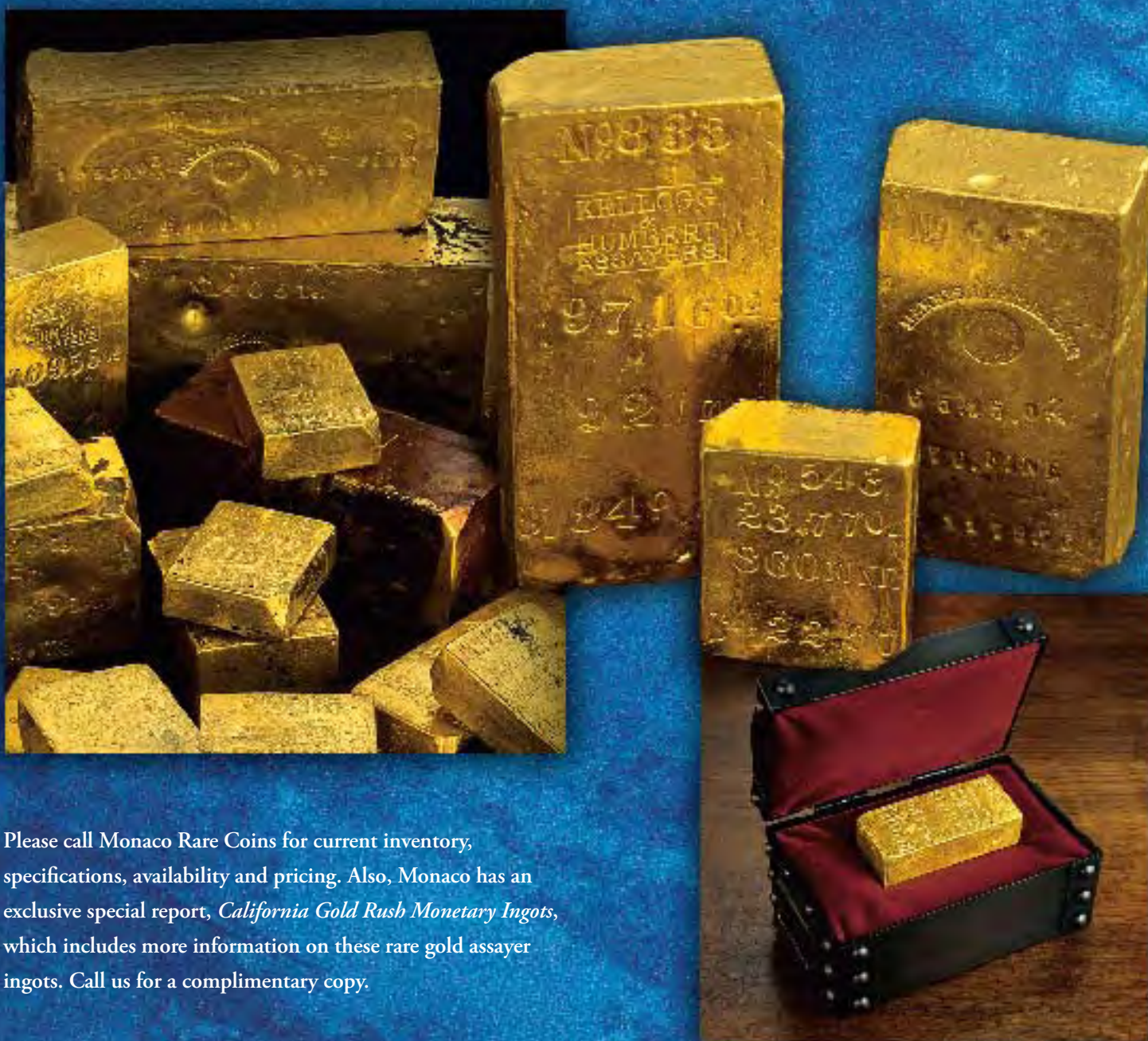
PRICE: \$99.00



THE IMPORTANCE OF ASSAYERS

Evaluating raw gold and determining its fineness (percentage of purity, expressed in thousandths, such as 930 fine), weight, and other characteristics involved considerable expertise, expensive equipment, security arrangements, and other considerations. Further, the changing of the raw gold into “convenient shapes,” i.e., coins or bars, had to be done by an individual or company whose integrity was such that the imprint on the gold ingots would be accepted without question in New York or London. Any assayer who proposed to set up a business would be subject to close scrutiny and criticism for the slightest mistake.

The assayers on the following pages were well known during the California gold rush days. Until the recovery of the *S.S. Central America* treasure, very few assayer bars remain from the mid 1800's. Each of the assayer bars listed would be welcomed in any museum, but are now available to individual collectors. Contact Monaco today to determine the availability of the ingots listed on the following pages.



Please call Monaco Rare Coins for current inventory, specifications, availability and pricing. Also, Monaco has an exclusive special report, *California Gold Rush Monetary Ingots*, which includes more information on these rare gold assayer ingots. Call us for a complimentary copy.

BLAKE & CO.

Gorham Blake arrived in San Francisco on May 22, 1852, and gained employment as an express agent for Adams & Co., and later as a buyer of raw gold for Wells, Fargo & Co. In October 1853, he became an assayer. In late 1855, the partnership of Blake & Agrell, refiners and assayers, was established in Sacramento. As a part of Blake & Agrell, Gorham Blake assayed between 19,000 and 20,000 ounces of gold in six weeks, and became known for his assurances to pay the difference between his own assays and those of the San Francisco Mint.

On December 28, 1855, 26 year old Gorham Blake, now an experienced assayer, founded Blake & Co. His reputation and previous success helped him establish his new enterprise, and by the end of 1856, Blake & Co. had assayed 200,000 ounces of gold and had become one of the primary assayers in that district of California.

PRICE: BEGINS AT \$250,000

Subject to availability

BLAKE & CO. GOLD INGOTS

Recovered from the S.S. Central America

Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value
5190	4.95 Oz.	795	\$81.34
5217	5.80 Oz.	851	\$102.03
5221	7.16 Oz.	791	\$117.07
5220	7.16 Oz.	835	\$123.58
5219	8.25 Oz.	860	\$146.66
5280	9.56 Oz.	817	\$161.45
5189	11.04 Oz.	860	\$196.26
5228	12.09 Oz.	867	\$216.68
5225	13.35 Oz.	791	\$218.28
5216	14.07 Oz.	915	\$266.12
5229	14.31 Oz.	604	\$178.67
5213	16.75 Oz.	722	\$249.99
5223	16.78 Oz.	935	\$306.93
5186	17.13 Oz.	847	\$299.92
5226	17.78 Oz.	951	\$349.53
5211	18.95 Oz.	917	\$359.21
5195	19.15 Oz.	892	\$353.11
5215	19.19 Oz.	866	\$343.53
5196	19.30 Oz.	746	\$297.62
5222	21.46 Oz.	580	\$257.29
5191	23.06 Oz.	752	\$358.47
5187	29.72 Oz.	842	\$517.29
5192	30.32 Oz.	665	\$416.80
5232	30.41 Oz.	817	\$513.59
5197	32.08 Oz.	816	\$541.13
5185	33.10 Oz.	586	\$400.94
2531	37.74 Oz.	819	\$638.94
5198	42.19 Oz.	817	\$712.54
5224	54.67 Oz.	798	\$901.83
5183	63.77 Oz.	875	\$1,153.46
5194	64.19 Oz.	805	\$1,068.17
5212	96.62 Oz.	899	\$1,795.58
5214	103.50 Oz.	914	\$1,955.53
5233	157.40 Oz.	816	\$2,655.05

Call Monaco today for information on monetary ingot availability and acquisition terms.

Arrangements can be made to suit many financial requirements. For qualified customers, current inventory status and comparable prices realized are available upon request.

HARRIS, MARCHAND & CO.

The firm of Harris, Marchand & Company was established on October 3, 1855, and was located on 107 J Street in Sacramento, California. On October 4, 1855, the *Sacramento Union* announced: "An assay office, the likes of which in this city has long been a source of delay and expense to our citizens-has been established by Harris, Marchand & Co., on J Street, between 4th and 5th Streets. We visited their establishment yesterday-the first of active operations-and were shown specimens of their labor, ingots Nos. 1 and 2." On January 1, 1856, the *Sacramento Union* commented on the success of the firm: "...they have 381 deposits, representing 16,899 1/2 ounces. The lowest pay per ounce was \$12.65, the highest \$20.11."

The firm opened another office in Marysville, California on January 9, 1856. Their office was located on E Street, and the principles were listed as H. Harris, melter and refiner; D. Marchand, assayer; and I.M. Merrill, treasurer and business agent. By December 31, 1856, the firm had assayed 72,105 ounces of gold.

PRICE: BEGINS AT \$175,000

Subject to availability

HARRIS, MARCHAND & CO. INGOTS Recovered from the S.S. *Central America*

Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value
6522	9.87 Oz.	777	\$158.53
6472	10.07 Oz.	847	\$176.31
6506	11.22 Oz.	763	\$177.43
6490	11.43 Oz.	897	\$211.94
6512	11.53 Oz.	835	\$199.01
6486	12.64 Oz.	950	\$245.00
6488	13.52 Oz.	807	\$225.54
6528	13.78 Oz.	914	\$260.35
6466	17.02 Oz.	813	\$286.04
6508	17.48 Oz.	885	\$319.78
6456	17.57 Oz.	847	\$307.63
6510	18.41 Oz.	712	\$270.96
6474	19.20 Oz.	727	\$288.54
6278	19.60 Oz.	742	\$300.63
6460	21.93 Oz.	721	\$326.85
6524	22.52 Oz.	878	\$408.73
6496	22.66 Oz.	845	\$395.81
6478	22.85 Oz.	829	\$391.58
6470	22.92 Oz.	917	\$434.37
6446	23.35 Oz.	897	\$432.96
6502	32.45 Oz.	907	\$608.41
6480	32.54 Oz.	917	\$616.83
6492	32.72 Oz.	900	\$608.74
6514	35.33 Oz.	807	\$589.38
6484	43.95 Oz.	932	\$846.35
6468	51.00 Oz.	880	\$927.75
6526	55.05 Oz.	875	\$995.73
6520	55.48 Oz.	928	\$1,064.30
6476	56.65 Oz.	856	\$1,002.42
6462	65.15 Oz.	876	\$1,179.76
6494	77.95 Oz.	878	\$1,414.78
6516	112.10 Oz.	878	\$2,034.60
6518	129.30 Oz.	884	\$2,362.81
6500	149.35 Oz.	890	\$2,747.72
7095	174.04 Oz.	942	\$3,389.06
6504	195.70 Oz.	945	\$3,822.97
6458	295.20 Oz.	877	\$5,351.73



*Please note that all of the gold assayer ingots from the original treasure have now been sold to primary buyers. However, Monaco Rare Coins continues to maintain an active secondary market in these rarities and makes them available to collectors and investors as these items become available. If you have assayer ingots or other treasure items recovered from the S.S. *Central America* and may be interested in selling them, please contact Monaco Rare Coins . . . we want to make you an offer!*

ASSAY OFFICE OF HENRY HENTSCH

In 1856, 21 year old Henry Hentsch set up banking office in San Francisco. In its February 2, 1856 edition, the *Alta California* announced, "ASSAY OFFICE OF HENRY HENTSCH. Northwest corner of Montgomery and Jackson Streets. I have this day annexed to my Banking Establishment an Assay Office, and am prepared to carry on this business in all its branches. All orders confided to my care will be executed with promptness, and I will guarantee my assays. H. Hentsch. San Francisco."

Hentsch listed sundry international references that included prominent banking firms such as Morris, Prevost & Co., London; Melly, Romilly & Co., Liverpool; Mathieu Hentsch & Co., Paris; and Hentsch & Co., Geneva, Switzerland. At the time, European banks were major destinations for California gold ingots and bars, and these international endorsements no doubt attracted depositors with such customers in mind. The Hentsch bars that were part of the S.S. *Central America* shipment were most likely bound for the Hentsch family banks in London, Paris, or Geneva. Although most of the ingots never made it to their final destination, amazingly one did. Benedict Hentsch participated in the Christie's S.S. *Central America* Auction in December 2000 and acquired a Hentsch ingot for display in the Darier Hentsch Banks in Geneva, which have been in business since 1796.

PRICE: BEGINS AT \$250,000

Subject to availability

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HENRY HENTSCH GOLD INGOTS Recovered from the S.S. *Central America*

Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value
3068	12.52 Oz.	973	\$251.82
3229	22.60 Oz.	862	\$402.71
3160	22.88 Oz.	854	\$403.91
3130	26.96 Oz.	890	\$496.00
3228	28.27 Oz.	874	\$510.75
3227	31.72 Oz.	911	\$597.35
3129	33.93 Oz.	875	\$613.72
3230	38.45 Oz.	846	\$672.42
3067	43.50 Oz.	850	\$790.25
3212	45.00 Oz.	914	\$850.28
3072	51.19 Oz.	849	\$898.40
3119	57.53 Oz.	865	\$1,029.59
3112	59.75 Oz.	878	\$1,084.45
3120	61.93 Oz.	886	\$1,134.26
3220	63.30 Oz.	873	\$1,142.34
3215	64.28 Oz.	889	\$1,181.29
3124	66.78 Oz.	880	\$1,214.80
3095	67.91 Oz.	891	\$1,250.80
3211	70.00 Oz.	843	N/A
3161	71.88 Oz.	912	\$1,355.13
3099	72.12 Oz.	898	\$1,338.78
3113	83.54 Oz.	849	\$1,466.16
3114	93.15 Oz.	831	\$1,600.15
3214	110.00 Oz.	904	\$1,931.71
3144	118.17 Oz.	812	\$1,983.54
3115	118.19 Oz.	863	\$2,108.48
3218	145.20 Oz.	886	\$2,659.36
3125	154.23 Oz.	893	\$2,847.07
3066	172.60 Oz.	900	\$3,211.15
3213	176.25 Oz.	894	\$3,257.20
3219	181.70 Oz.	912	\$3,425.53
3244	218.68 Oz.	891	\$4,027.77
3123	238.84 Oz.	903	\$4,458.35

JUSTH & HUNTER

Emanuel Justh, a lithographer by trade, started work in 1854 with the newly formed San Francisco Mint. In May 1855, five days after leaving the Mint, Justh and his partner Solomon Hunter formed an assaying partnership on Montgomery Street in San Francisco. The business was announced in the May 15, 1855 edition of the *Alta California* with a letter of recommendation from San Francisco Mint Superintendent Louis Birdsall and U.S. Assayer Agoston Haraszthy. Birdsall and Haraszthy cited Justh as a “competent and faithful assayer;” although prior to his year’s experience at the Mint, Justh had never had any metalwork or chemistry on his resume.

The Justh & Hunter enterprise was very successful; the partners assayed millions of dollars worth of gold in just over two years, and opened a Marysville office in May 1856. Justh & Hunter took on another partner in 1857, but the new partnership didn’t work out and the two men reformed their partnership on August 15, 1857. Justh & Hunter attracted business by paying out freshly minted San Francisco double eagles, no doubt acquired through Justh’s former associates at the Mint.

There were two distinct groups of Justh & Hunter bars aboard the *S.S. Central America*; those with serial numbers in the 4000 range and those in the 9000 range. The possibility that one set of serial numbers represents the first Justh & Hunter partnership and the second set of serial numbers represents the second partnership is speculated but not confirmed. Little known among numismatists until the discovery of the *S.S. Central America* treasure, Justh & Hunter was obviously a well-respected and well-connected enterprise despite their comparative lack of experience. It is interesting to note that four of the five largest bars discovered on board the *S.S. Central America* were assayed by Justh & Hunter, which is a tribute to their reputation among major depositors.

PRICE: BEGINS AT \$100,000

Subject to availability

JUSTH & HUNTER GOLD INGOTS

Recovered from the *S.S. Central America*

Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value
4216	5.24 Oz.	851	\$92.18
4270	5.56 Oz.	854	\$98.15
4208	5.76 Oz.	860	\$102.40
4285	7.67 Oz.	797	\$126.36
4267	15.31 Oz.	876	\$277.21
4251	16.83 Oz.	864	\$300.59
4346	18.60 Oz.	893	\$343.35
9522	19.34 Oz.	891	\$356.21
4351	19.87 Oz.	889	\$365.15
4242	20.35 Oz.	892	\$375.20
4280	20.93 Oz.	907	\$392.42
4268	22.28 Oz.	871	\$401.16
4343	22.83 Oz.	883	\$416.72
4341	23.00 Oz.	890	\$423.15
9523	24.63 Oz.	893	\$454.66
4288	25.55 Oz.	926	\$489.08
9524	26.02 Oz.	884	\$475.48
4259	27.63 Oz.	948	\$541.46
4329	27.90 Oz.	894	\$515.61
9497	28.13 Oz.	922	\$536.14
9498	29.83 Oz.	895	\$551.89
4271	30.26 Oz.	838	\$524.19
4333	30.70 Oz.	885	\$561.64
4339	34.40 Oz.	893	\$635.02
4331	35.00 Oz.	N/A	N/A
4302	35.17 Oz.	942	\$684.86
9520	36.08 Oz.	914	\$681.69
9494	41.47 Oz.	889	\$762.10
9440	41.79 Oz.	881	\$761.07
4262	42.06 Oz.	836	\$726.86
4312	49.59 Oz.	916	\$939.00
4335	50.50 Oz.	883	\$921.78
4317	51.32 Oz.	828	\$878.40
4215	51.43 Oz.	N/A	N/A
4243	51.98 Oz.	916	\$984.26
9435	52.33 Oz.	911	\$985.47
4277	52.73 Oz.	950	\$1,035.52

Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value
4276	55.45 Oz.	933	\$1,069.45
4202	56.56 Oz.	888	\$1,038.24
4340	56.52 Oz.	869	\$1,015.31
9487	58.07 Oz.	891	\$1,069.56
9485	60.00 Oz.	891	N/A
4347	60.15 Oz.	925	\$1,150.12
4273	66.43 Oz.	887	\$1,218.05
4345	75.27 Oz.	891	\$1,386.36
9484	83.35 Oz.	900	\$1,550.69
4342	85.45 Oz.	896	\$1,582.70
4200	85.49 Oz.	886	\$1,565.76
4278	90.95 Oz.	888	\$1,669.53
4336	94.39 Oz.	894	\$1,744.38
4311	96.00 Oz.	773	\$1,539.13
9501	97.53 Oz.	883	\$1,780.23
4332	99.60 Oz.	896	\$1,844.79
4293	106.08 Oz.	887	\$1,945.07
9442	106.15 Oz.	915	\$2,007.79
4185	109.18 Oz.	884	\$1,995.14
4281	112.38 Oz.	912	\$2,118.60
4272	118.86 Oz.	878	\$2,157.29
9436	126.53 Oz.	876	\$2,291.26
9439	133.23 Oz.	912	\$2,511.74
4244	144.25 Oz.	886	\$2,641.96
None	150.00 Oz.	N/A	N/A
9489	159.23 Oz.	932	\$3,067.74
4257	160.64 Oz.	891	\$2,958.76
4250	179.50 Oz.	886	\$3,287.57
None	185.21 Oz.	N/A	N/A
4330	185.88 Oz.	931	\$3,577.35
9526	195.76 Oz.	N/A	\$3,381.35
4258	197.26 Oz.	898	\$3,661.79
9437	242.87 Oz.	886	\$4,448.21
9438	243.77 Oz.	883	\$4,449.58
9510	253.13 Oz.	906	\$4,740.80
4328	255.25 Oz.	943	N/A
4282	266.88 Oz.	935	\$5,158.30

Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value
9434	266.97 Oz.	906	\$5,000.00
9496	327.97 Oz.	909	\$6,162.78
9521	464.65 Oz.	912	\$8,759.90
4254	568.07 Oz.	917	\$10,768.39
4255	598.08 Oz.	897	\$11,089.95
4253	649.15 Oz.	875	\$11,741.76
4252	652.84 Oz.	896	\$12,091.90
4220	676.22 Oz.	913	\$12,762.57
4050	715.85 Oz.	906	\$13,406.93
4051	754.95 Oz.	900	\$14,045.54
4221	866.19 Oz.	892	\$15,971.93



KELLOGG & HUMBERT

In September 1850, Congress authorized the secretary of the Treasury to contract “with proprietors of some well-established works now in successful operation in California” to affix the stamp of the United States to bars and ingots, to assay gold and assign values to them. Moffat & Co. received the commission and appointed Augustus Humbert to become the U.S. Assayer of Gold. Humbert’s name and title were imprinted on coins issued under the government contract until 1852.

John Kellogg, a lawyer by trade, caught gold fever and arrived in San Francisco in October 1849. Kellogg secured a position with Moffat & Co. and remained with them during the operation of the U.S. Assay Office of Gold. Kellogg became a well-known name in San Francisco, having established several assaying partnerships in the early 1850’s, as well as striking a large number of gold coins in 1854 and 1855.

KELLOGG & HUMBERT GOLD INGOTS

Recovered from the S.S. *Central America*

Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value	Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value	Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value
481	5.71 Oz.	856	\$101.03	743	27.83 Oz.	896	\$515.46	550	48.05 Oz.	949	\$942.62
617	5.80 Oz.	784	\$93.99	862	28.02 Oz.	888	\$514.35	922	48.05 Oz.	933	\$926.78
630	8.21 Oz.	858	\$145.61	579	28.20 Oz.	886	\$516.48	634	48.30 Oz.	840	\$838.69
671	8.75 Oz.	878	\$158.81	792	28.66 Oz.	955	\$565.79	787	48.48 Oz.	794	\$795.72
737	8.99 Oz.	844	\$156.84	609	28.83 Oz.	761	\$453.53	947	48.65 Oz.	780	\$784.43
976	9.14 Oz.	798	\$150.77	742	29.04 Oz.	903	\$542.08	711	48.70 Oz.	889	\$894.97
661	9.48 Oz.	880	\$172.45	786	29.60 Oz.	845	\$517.04	643	48.74 Oz.	809	\$815.10
856	9.58 Oz.	846	\$167.53	815	30.89 Oz.	848	\$541.49	784	48.91 Oz.	855	\$864.43
455	9.74 Oz.	874	\$175.97	712	31.02 Oz.	909	\$582.88	827	49.02 Oz.	933	\$945.44
768	9.56 Oz.	803	\$158.69	762	31.57 Oz.	803	\$582.77	894	49.74 Oz.	932	\$958.29
487	10.35 Oz.	865	\$185.06	921	31.62 Oz.	907	\$592.85	652	49.98 Oz.	810	\$836.87
740	11.03 Oz.	914	\$208.27	250	31.69 Oz.	881	\$577.13	825	50.42 Oz.	769	\$801.51
847	11.68 Oz.	913	\$220.44	837	33.02 Oz.	883	\$602.72	876	50.50 Oz.	883	\$921.78
598	11.97 Oz.	812	\$200.92	611	33.56 Oz.	827	\$573.72	909	50.50 Oz.	870	\$908.21
984	13.06 Oz.	891	\$240.54	546	33.85 Oz.	891	\$623.60	842	52.29 Oz.	861	\$930.67
654	13.14 Oz.	866	\$235.22	942	34.08 Oz.	929	\$654.47	949	52.37 Oz.	865	\$936.43
1029	13.52 Oz.	905	\$252.98	809	34.70 Oz.	861	\$617.60	657	52.82 Oz.	902	\$984.88
843	14.00 Oz.	844	\$244.25	872	34.84 Oz.	853	\$614.33	622	53.05 Oz.	883	\$968.33
402	14.02 Oz.	889	\$257.46	715	34.94 Oz.	855	\$617.54	776	53.09 Oz.	873	\$958.08
791	14.28 Oz.	854	\$252.09	884	35.33 Oz.	888	\$648.53	215	53.60 Oz.	944	\$1,045.96
755	14.58 Oz.	893	\$269.14	859	36.09 Oz.	851	\$634.88	779	54.07 Oz.	909	\$1,016.01
229	14.80 Oz.	837	\$256.07	1028	36.40 Oz.	825	\$620.77	341	54.08 Oz.	948	\$1,069.80
216	15.84 Oz.	941	\$308.12	793	36.45 Oz.	932	\$702.24	607	54.46 Oz.	879	\$989.56
752	16.74 Oz.	732	\$253.30	834	36.77 Oz.	880	\$668.89	824	55.02 Oz.	858	\$975.85
651	16.80 Oz.	883	\$306.65	367	37.08 Oz.	784	\$600.94	623	55.21 Oz.	835	\$952.97
914	16.94 Oz.	900	\$315.16	702	37.32 Oz.	909	\$701.26	551	55.40 Oz.	841	\$963.12
249	17.12 Oz.	881	\$311.78	461	37.33 Oz.	910	\$702.22	673	55.44 Oz.	878	\$1,006.23
597	17.35 Oz.	879	\$315.25	1001	37.71 Oz.	887	\$691.44	545	55.82 Oz.	907	\$1,046.59
412	17.36 Oz.	951	\$341.27	415	38.33 Oz.	882	\$698.85	230	56.11 Oz.	865	\$1,003.30
463	18.03 Oz.	929	\$357.77	817	38.58 Oz.	811	\$646.78	552	56.25 Oz.	908	\$1,055.81
739	18.15 Oz.	891	\$334.29	694	38.67 Oz.	913	\$729.83	950	56.50 Oz.	863	\$1,007.94
616	18.25 Oz.	879	\$331.61	554	38.68 Oz.	864	\$690.84	788	56.87 Oz.	891	\$1,047.46
816	18.35 Oz.	911	\$345.56	838	38.76 Oz.	892	\$714.70	794	56.91 Oz.	880	\$1,035.26
818	18.36 Oz.	897	\$340.44	619	38.85 Oz.	882	\$708.33	507	57.42 Oz.	948	\$1,125.25
706	18.38 Oz.	894	\$339.67	700	39.19 Oz.	904	\$732.35	366	57.90 Oz.	870	\$1,041.30
868	18.79 Oz.	892	\$346.47	460	39.27 Oz.	901	\$731.41	717	58.41 Oz.	911	\$1,099.97
618	19.20 Oz.	856	\$339.74	803	39.74 Oz.	887	\$728.66	785	58.77 Oz.	885	\$1,075.17
709	19.31 Oz.	770	\$307.36	658	39.77 Oz.	799	\$656.87	549	59.41 Oz.	863	\$1,059.86
631	19.76 Oz.	662	\$270.40	246	40.09 Oz.	889	\$736.74	933	59.69 Oz.	882	\$1,088.30
629	20.18 Oz.	881	\$367.51	599	40.12 Oz.	900	\$746.41	1006	59.73 Oz.	842	\$1,036.64
251	20.58 Oz.	867	\$368.84	648	40.56 Oz.	887	\$743.70	705	60.48 Oz.	887	\$1,108.95
492	20.81 Oz.	899	\$386.73	612	40.64 Oz.	925	\$777.09	766	61.89 Oz.	905	\$1,157.83
979	21.02 Oz.	883	\$383.68	253	41.19 Oz.	896	\$762.92	704	61.95 Oz.	901	\$1,153.83
741	21.21 Oz.	795	\$348.56	716	41.90 Oz.	897	\$776.93	464	64.08 Oz.	837	\$1,108.73
869	21.30 Oz.	843	\$372.22	701	43.39 Oz.	911	\$817.12	1004	64.55 Oz.	907	\$1,210.27
878	21.31 Oz.	866	\$381.48	644	43.58 Oz.	900	\$810.78	880	65.47 Oz.	864	\$1,169.32
606	22.12 Oz.	908	\$415.19	633	43.87 Oz.	878	\$796.23	691	65.51 Oz.	937	\$1,268.89
282	22.37 Oz.	910	\$420.81	699	44.09 Oz.	926	\$843.97	955	65.85 Oz.	891	\$1,212.86
110	22.85 Oz.	893	\$421.80	719	44.35 Oz.	794	\$727.93	479	66.50 Oz.	890	\$1,223.46
852	23.08 Oz.	861	\$410.78	774	44.87 Oz.	829	\$768.93	459	66.59 Oz.	811	\$1,116.37
674	23.29 Oz.	875	\$421.26	854	45.19 Oz.	893	\$834.20	636	66.59 Oz.	889	\$1,223.74
553	23.33 Oz.	764	\$368.46	944	45.23 Oz.	871	\$814.37	855	67.46 Oz.	861	\$1,200.68
810	23.34 Oz.	898	\$433.26	923	45.30 Oz.	933	\$873.69	836	68.02 Oz.	868	\$1,220.48
738	23.35 Oz.	917	\$442.62	888	46.13 Oz.	856	\$816.27	920	68.11 Oz.	886	\$1,247.44
493	23.46 Oz.	864	\$419.00	614	46.41 Oz.	871	\$835.62	896	68.37 Oz.	872	\$1,232.42
543	23.77 Oz.	860	\$422.57	945	46.53 Oz.	923	\$887.79	718	69.25 Oz.	886	\$1,268.32
934	23.90 Oz.	855	\$422.41	578	46.80 Oz.	888	\$859.08	857	69.55 Oz.	796	\$1,144.42
714	25.05 Oz.	804	\$416.33	1017	47.4 Oz.	849	\$831.88	548	69.72 Oz.	893	\$1,287.02
610	26.17 Oz.	888	\$480.39	953	47.81 Oz.	948	\$936.92	720	70.13 Oz.	902	\$1,307.64
879	26.19 Oz.	889	\$481.30	943	47.86 Oz.	912	\$902.29	952	70.24 Oz.	897	\$1,302.43
999	26.30 Oz.	884	\$480.60	160	47.95 Oz.	883	\$875.24	790	70.52 Oz.	794	\$1,157.46
635	27.24 Oz.	856	\$482.01	948	48.03 Oz.	896	\$889.61	733	71.07 Oz.	894	\$1,313.41

In the spring of 1855, John Kellogg and Augustus Humbert formed an assay office partnership, bringing together two of the best-known names in the San Francisco gold business. Augustus Humbert was such a prominent name in the gold industry that he was described, in the October 23, 1855 edition of the *Alta California*, as “a man who has done more than any single person we know of for the state.”

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Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value	Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value	Serial#	Wt.	Fineness	1857 Value
899	73.98 Oz.	816	\$1,247.90	951	121.61 Oz.	891	\$2,254.26	758	218.50 Oz.	903	\$4,078.67
789	75.64 Oz.	826	\$1,291.54	775	122.30 Oz.	876	\$2,214.66	735	226.38 Oz.	884	\$4,136.84
595	75.74 Oz.	824	\$1,290.12	601	123.15 Oz.	909	\$2,314.07	770	226.87 Oz.	891	\$4,178.62
797	79.58 Oz.	930	\$1,529.90	670	124.13 Oz.	871	\$2,234.98	756	227.89 Oz.	903	\$4,253.95
807	81.60 Oz.	859	\$1,448.97	897	124.98 Oz.	902	\$2,330.37	781	228.74 Oz.	862	\$4,075.94
703	82.81 Oz.	876	\$1,499.56	620	125.05 Oz.	860	\$2,230.22	828	233.91 Oz.	908	\$4,390.49
750	87.81 Oz.	870	\$1,579.21	913	125.57 Oz.	896	\$2,325.80	696	238.10 Oz.	906	\$4,459.30
826	85.35 Oz.	896	\$1,580.85	882	126.44 Oz.	848	\$2,216.45	626	239.21 Oz.	915	\$4,524.58
924	86.36 Oz.	903	\$1,612.05	363	127.31 Oz.	890	\$2,342.23	915	242.80 Oz.	883	\$4,431.87
248	87.17 Oz.	923	\$1,663.21	558	128.13 Oz.	894	\$2,367.91	757	254.75 Oz.	907	\$4,776.40
596	89.96 Oz.	935	\$1,738.76	801	128.91 Oz.	910	\$2,424.97	745	277.69 Oz.	925	\$5,309.82
846	90.42 Oz.	907	\$1,695.32	890	130.68 Oz.	898	\$2,425.85	730	279.00 Oz.	872	\$5,029.19
975	91.73 Oz.	887	\$1,681.95	956	130.98 Oz.	910	\$2,463.91	505	287.17 Oz.	887	\$5,265.52
867	92.74 Oz.	876	\$1,679.38	892	131.09 Oz.	898	\$2,433.46	780	304.69 Oz.	941	\$5,926.89
831	93.10 Oz.	860	\$1,655.11	783	131.40 Oz.	856	\$2,325.13	1002	308.49 Oz.	894	\$5,701.08
1031	93.84 Oz.	890	\$1,726.45	501	135.33 Oz.	898	\$2,512.17	471	319.88 Oz.	939	\$6,209.12
697	95.83 Oz.	888	\$1,759.11	957	136.30 Oz.	892	\$2,513.27	384	326.07 Oz.	892	\$6,012.50
908	95.89 Oz.	932	\$1,847.42	637	136.65 Oz.	892	\$2,519.73	805	374.24 Oz.	897	\$6,939.38
600	96.65 Oz.	812	\$1,622.31	887	137.29 Oz.	886	\$2,514.49	900	381.33 Oz.	889	\$7,007.81
1027	96.79 Oz.	906	\$1,812.75	798	142.89 Oz.	902	\$2,655.00	906	385.23 Oz.	926	\$7,374.11
893	97.10 Oz.	892	\$1,790.45	724	142.99 Oz.	902	\$2,666.19	898	396.91 Oz.	834	\$6,842.84
835	97.16 Oz.	921	\$1,849.80	799	144.97 Oz.	891	\$2,670.14	689	401.97 Oz.	928	\$7,711.19
981	97.19 Oz.	875	\$1,757.96	902	145.29 Oz.	942	\$2,829.21	881	418.92 Oz.	909	\$7,871.80
547	97.50 Oz.	889	\$1,791.78	997	147.56 Oz.	884	\$2,696.49	561	442.05 Oz.	840	\$7,675.88
1030	97.77 Oz.	896	\$1,810.89	504	150.32 Oz.	892	\$2,771.79	905	448.43 Oz.	951	\$8,815.64
895	97.89 Oz.	908	\$1,837.39	469	150.56 Oz.	863	\$2,685.96	963	457.75 Oz.	886	\$8,383.78
1037	98.29 Oz.	875	\$1,777.87	482	152.96 Oz.	886	\$2,801.49	901	490.32 Oz.	865	\$8,767.46
480	98.32 Oz.	880	\$1,788.55	910	152.98 Oz.	920	\$2,909.38	829	540.13 Oz.	858	\$9,579.96
653	98.63 Oz.	862	\$1,756.50	885	154.04 Oz.	881	\$2,805.36	830	551.48 Oz.	879	\$10,020.66
627	100.62 Oz.	878	\$1,826.24	939	154.09 Oz.	885	\$2,819.01	555	584.95 Oz.	894	\$10,810.22
723	101.55 Oz.	903	\$1,895.60	695	155.03 Oz.	872	\$2,794.53	804	662.28 Oz.	893	\$12,225.62
800	101.67 Oz.	873	\$1,834.78	725	155.58 Oz.	895	\$2,878.43	1003	933.94 Oz.	903	\$17,433.57
615	102.17 Oz.	903	\$1,907.17	1000	158.21 Oz.	901	\$2,946.70				
690	102.44 Oz.	929	\$1,967.26	726	158.53 Oz.	906	\$2,969.06				
954	103.85 Oz.	918	\$1,970.72	728	160.05 Oz.	884	\$2,924.73				
806	103.96 Oz.	896	\$1,925.54	782	160.52 Oz.	865	\$2,870.27				
941	104.47 Oz.	853	\$1,842.12	903	162.25 Oz.	894	\$2,998.47				
958	104.59 Oz.	876	\$1,893.96	692	164.08 Oz.	945	\$3,205.28				
621	107.76 Oz.	871	\$1,940.24	845	164.47 Oz.	909	\$3,090.50				
710	107.87 Oz.	941	\$2,098.30	985	165.83 Oz.	876	\$3,002.93				
907	108.44 Oz.	892	\$1,999.55	759	172.11 Oz.	895	\$3,184.25				
283	108.79 Oz.	868	\$1,952.04	861	174.73 Oz.	875	\$3,160.49				
946	109.55 Oz.	895	\$2,026.81	904	175.29 Oz.	898	\$3,253.96				
980	110.23 Oz.	878	\$2,000.66	672	178.43 Oz.	882	\$3,253.24				
603	110.77 Oz.	903	\$2,067.71	960	179.84 Oz.	904	\$3,360.72				
458	111.63 Oz.	899	\$2,074.53	721	181.58 Oz.	925	\$3,472.06				
685	111.63 Oz.	896	\$2,067.61	456	183.16 Oz.	895	\$3,388.69				
566	111.96 Oz.	914	\$2,115.38	212	184.09 Oz.	908	\$3,455.36				
639	112.03 Oz.	881	\$2,040.27	467	186.29 Oz.	896	\$3,450.46				
687	112.23 Oz.	912	\$2,115.83	961	186.55 Oz.	885	\$3,412.85				
796	113.95 Oz.	912	\$2,148.26	686	190.10 Oz.	904	\$3,552.45				
808	114.65 Oz.	890	\$2,109.31	301	190.87 Oz.	880	\$3,472.15				
675	115.35 Oz.	899	\$2,143.66	813	192.08 Oz.	842	\$3,343.28				
625	116.40 Oz.	883	\$2,124.67	849	193.40 Oz.	906	\$3,622.13				
722	117.73 Oz.	926	\$2,253.59	734	195.33 Oz.	864	\$3,488.69				
731	117.99 Oz.	831	\$2,026.86	978	197.41 Oz.	882	\$3,599.29				
727	118.62 Oz.	884	\$2,167.65	562	198.03 Oz.	859	\$3,516.43				
959	118.67 Oz.	882	\$2,136.66	457	205.58 Oz.	875	\$3,718.51				
466	119.00 Oz.	916	\$2,253.31	962	208.10 Oz.	874	\$3,759.78				
632	120.77 Oz.	684	\$1,707.63	940	212.82 Oz.	888	\$3,906.65				
814	121.16 Oz.	863	\$2,161.47	666	214.46 Oz.	911	\$4,038.71				
983	121.29 Oz.	871	\$2,183.85	802	217.07 Oz.	885	\$3,971.20				



GOLD COINS RECOVERED FROM THE TREASURE OF THE *S.S. Central America*

The following list details all the gold and silver coins recovered from the treasure of the *S.S. Central America* and certified by PCGS thus far, according to the California Gold Marketing Group LLC. Also found but not listed in the chart were 300-400 double eagles, six eagles, and two-quarter eagles that are clustered together.

FEDERAL MINT COINAGE				
\$20 GOLD PIECES	\$10 GOLD PIECES	NEW ORLEANS	PHILADELPHIA	CHARLOTTE
SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO	Date:	Date:	Date:
1857-S 5,193	1854-S 11	1843-O 2	1834 4	1840-C 1
1856-S 1,108	1855-S 6	1844-O 2	1835 2	1848-C 1
1855-S 324	1856-S 25	1845-O 3	1836 1	1852-C 1
1854-S 25	1857-S 10	1846-O 2	1838 2	1855-C 1
Total 6,650	Total 52	1847-O 6	1840 3	Total 4
PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	1848-O 2	1843 4	DAHLONEGA
Date:	Date:	1851-O 1	1846 2	Date:
1850 27	1841 1	1852-O 2	1847 8	1842-D 1
1851 32	1843 2	1854-O 2	1848 3	1845-D 1
1852 34	1847 7	Total 22	1849 1	1852-D 1
1853 25	1848 1	\$5 GOLD PIECES	1851 2	Total 3
1854 19	1849 5	SAN FRANCISCO	1852 4	
1855 7	1850 2	Date:	1854 2	
1856 6	1852 2	1855-S 11	1855 3	
1857 2	1853 1	1856-S 30	1856 1	
Total 152	1854 1	1857-S 12	Total 42	
NEW ORLEANS	1855 2	Total 53	NEW ORLEANS	
Date:	Total 24		Date:	
1850-O 2			1844-O 2	
1851-O 7			Total 2	
1852-O 5				
1853-O 3				
Total 17				

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FEDERAL MINT COINAGE	
\$3 GOLD PIECES	NEW ORLEANS
SAN FRANCISCO	Date:
Date:	1843-O 1
1856-S 3	1846-O 1
Total 3	1847-O 1
	Total 3
\$2.5 GOLD PIECES	\$1 GOLD PIECES
SAN FRANCISCO	PHILADELPHIA
Date:	Date:
1857-S 1	1854 1
1856-S 8	Total 1
Total 9	
PHILADELPHIA	
Date:	
1834 1	
1845 1	
1846 1	
1850 2	
1851 11	
1852 2	
1853 3	
1854 1	
1855 1	
Total 23	

PIONEER GOLD COINS STRUCK AT PRIVATE MINT FACILITIES	
TYPE OF COIN	TOTAL
Augustus Humbert and Assay \$50	14
Wass Molitor \$50 Round	1
Kellogg & Co. \$20	9
Augustus Humbert \$10	82
1851 Baldwin & Co. \$10	1
Dubosq & Co. \$10	1
Moffat & Co. \$10	37
U.S. Assay \$10	99
Wass Molitor & Co. \$10	89
Moffat & Co. \$5	1
CALIFORNIA FRACTIONAL GOLD	
1856 A.L. Nouizillet Gold	4
FOREIGN COINS	
Approximately 2,500 Silver Chilean Centavos & Pesos	

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