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Spring, 2009

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1. 1878 8TF VAM 2 PCGS MS 62
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A^{1b} reverse).
Nice for the grade (MAN).

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2. 1878 8TF VAM 3 Spiked Eye PCGS MS 63
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A^{1c} reverse).
Clean cheek. (MAN).

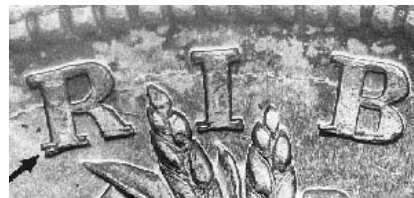
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3. 1878 8TF VAM 4 NGC MS-65
MB \$1445. 100% white, well struck and a solid gem! An
integral part of the core 8TF set. Tied for Finest with
only 2 graded MS 65 (A^{1c} reverse)(EJP)

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4. 1878 8TF VAM 4 PCGS MS 63
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A^{1c} reverse).
Pedigree: California collection. (MAN).

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5. 1878 8TF VAM 5 Doubled RIB NGC MS-63
MB \$1050. Top 100! "RIB" in PLURIBUS is strongly
doubled. Only 6 graded higher at NGC in a population of
only 26 (A^{1c} reverse)(EJP)

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6. 1878 8TF VAM 6 Pierced Eyelid PCGS MS 64
MB \$0. 99% white, well struck and lustrous (A^{1d} reverse).
Light gold toning at rims. (MAN).

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7. 1878 8TF VAM 7 "Tripled E" PCGS MS 63
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A^{1d} reverse).
Spike thru A on reverse. (MAN).

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8. 1878 8TF VAM 8 Stick Feather PCGS MS 62
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A^{1g} reverse).
Tough to find (MAN).

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9. 1878 8TF VAM 10 "Notched 7" PCGS MS 61
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and flashy with a proof-
like obverse and semi-PL reverse (A^{1e} reverse) (MAN).

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10. 1878 8TF VAM 12 "Notched Star" PCGS MS 63 MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A¹f reverse) (MAN).

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11. 1878 8TF VAM 14 Chip in Ear PCGS MS 63 PQ! MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A¹j reverse). Very tough in this grade and a high end coin too! (MAN).

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12. 1878 8TF VAM 14.1 NGC MS-65
MB \$1300. 95% white, well struck with golden toning highlights at the periphery. Struck from clashed dies. Nicknamed "Alligator Eye" for a faint die crack that can be found covering the eye. Only 2 graded gem 65 by NGC. Solid for the grade! (A¹k reverse) (EJP)

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13. 1878 8TF VAM 14.2 Polished Ear PCGS MS 63 MB \$0. 95% white, well struck and lustrous (A¹l reverse). Attractive gold and blue toning at the periphery (MAN).

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14. 1878 8TF VAM 14.3 Doubled Bow NGC 64 DM MB \$1495. Light golden toning throughout with hints of blue at the top periphery of the obverse. Well struck and flashy. Minor hairlines in lower right field limit the grade. Otherwise, a real nice 8TF. (A¹m reverse). (HSA)

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15. 1878 8TF VAM 14.3 Doubled Bow PCGS 50 MB \$0. Mostly white, well struck and with about 50% luster remaining (A¹n reverse) (MAN).

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16. 1878 8TF VAM 14.4 A¹i Reverse NGC 61 MB \$0. Hot 50! 100% white, well struck and flashy with a semi-PL obverse and deep concave mirror DMPL reverse. Very rare and underrated A¹i reverse (MON).

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/16r.jpg>

17. 1878 8TF VAM 14.5 PCGS XF-40
MB \$1200. Hot 50! Natural gray toning. Solid XF to XF+ grade. Polished out nose. Of only 31 examples reported by PCGS. No uncirculated specimens known. (A¹d reverse) (EJP)

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18. 1878 8TF VAM 14.5 PCGS F-12 MB \$725. Hot 50! Natural gray toning. Polished out nose. Of only 31 examples reported by PCGS. No uncirculated specimens known. (A¹d reverse) (EJP)

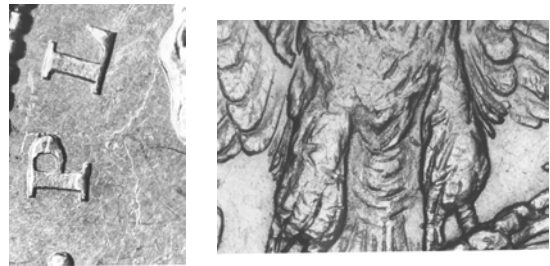
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19. 878 8TF VAM 14.10 Cracked Bonnet PCGS 50 MB \$0. Toned gray and dirty. I would recommend NCS to remove toning and dirt, and it would likely grade AU+ (A¹k reverse). A rarer variety in this grade (MAN).

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20. 1878 8TF VAM 14.13 Ultra Rare A¹n Rev NCS XF Det
MB \$0. Ultra Rare! Toned naturally gray and original, but with very light old writing (graffiti) on the obverse. Not immediately noticeable without magnification. Ultra rare A¹n reverse (MON).

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21. 1878 8TF VAM 14.15 Ultra Rare A¹i Rev NCS XF Det
MB \$0. Ultra Rare! Toned deep gray, but labeled improperly cleaned. Cleaning not evident. Nice radial die crack from denticle thru P of PLURIBUS to hair spelled an early death to this obverse die. Ultra rare A¹i reverse (MON).

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22. 1878 8TF VAM 14.16 Ultra Rare A¹n Rev NCS AU Det
MB \$0. Ultra Rare! Toned naturally gray-white. Lightly cleaned (hairlines on PL surfaces), but attractive. Strongly doubled lips. Ultra rare A¹n reverse (MON).

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**23. 1878 8TF VAM 15 DBL LIBERTY
INS MS 64 DM**

MB \$0. Top 100! Toned naturally deep golden with subdued mirrors. Very clean MS 64+ surfaces. Rare A^{1e} reverse with doubled LIBERTY obverse. A Condition Census coin rarely offered in this high a grade! (MON).

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24. 1878 8TF VAM 16 “Tripled Stars” PCGS MS 61
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A^{1f} reverse).
Doubled “Liberty” (MAN).

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25. 1878 8TF VAM 17 Diagonal in 8 PCGS MS 63
PQ!
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and flashy with a DMPL
obverse (A^{1f} reverse). Doubled “Liberty” (MAN).

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26. 1878 8TF VAM 18 Doubled Date PCGS MS 61
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A²/A^{1a}
reverse). Pedigree: California Collection (MAN).

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/26r.jpg>

27. 1878 8TF VAM 19 Doubled Date PCGS MS 64
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A²/A^{1b}
reverse) Nice! (MAN).

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**28. 1878 8TF VAM 21 Broken R&B NGC MS-66
MB \$5495. 100% blast white, needle sharp strike and
lustrous. Finest Known at NGC!. "R" and "B" in
Pluribus are broken along the bottom edge of the letter.
(A²/A^{1d} reverse). (EJP)**

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29. 1878 8TF VAM 21 Broken R&B PCGS MS 63
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous (A²/A^{1d}
reverse). Pedigree: California Collection (MAN).

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30. 1878 8TF VAM 22 PCGS 64
MB \$0. Hot 50! 100% while, well struck and lustrous.
Solid for the grade and about as nice as a VAM 22 gets.
(A²/A^{1e} reverse). (HSA)

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31. 1878 8TF VAM 23 Crazy Lips PCGS 62 PL PQ!
MB \$0. Top 100! 99% while, well struck and lustrous.
Strongly doubled lips. This coin looks solid 63 PL to me.
(A²/A^{1b} reverse). (HSA)

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32. 1878 7TF VAM 30 Doubled Talon ANACS MS 60
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous with gold
toning at the periphery. (MAN).

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33. 1878 7TF VAM 31 Lines thru Leg PCGS MS 63
MB \$0. 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Technically
a 7/8 with strongly doubled legs, this variety can be
distinguished by heavy diagonal die polishing lines around
the Eagle's right leg (MAN).

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/33r.jpg>

34. 1878 7/3TF VAM 32 SEGS XF45 Cleaned
MB \$0. Top 100! Toned naturally gray with PL surfaces
beneath. Very lightly cleaned. A nice circulated coin with
XF+ detail. Rarely found or offered in circulated grades
(MON).

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**35. 1878 7/3 TF VAM 33 Doubled Legs NGC MS65
MB \$2200. 100% white, well struck and lustrous.
Strongly doubled eagle's legs. Only 1 graded higher (EJP)**

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36. 1878 7/3 TF VAM 33 Doubled Legs PCGS MS 63
MB \$0. 99% white, well struck and lustrous (MAN).

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37. 1878 7/4 TF VAM 36 Doubled TFs PCGS MS 63
MB \$0. 95% white, frosty, well struck and lustrous with
attractive gold toning at the periphery. Type II obverse. Nice
strong 7/8! (MAN).

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38. 1878 7/4 TF VAM 37 Doubled TFs PCGS MS 62
 MB \$0. 95% white, well struck with subdued luster. Bulges at E & B of PLURIBUS. Strong 7/8 (MAN).

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39. 1878 7/4 TF VAM 37 Doubled TFs PCGS 50
 MB \$0. 50% toned white and gray. About 50% luster remaining. Bulges at E & B of PLURIBUS. Strong 7/8 (MAN).

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40. 1878 7/4 TF VAM 41A Dbld TFs PCGS MS 64
 MB \$0. 100% white, well struck with subdued luster. Weak 7/4 with die clash "IN" evident on obverse (MAN).

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41. 1878 7/4 TF VAM 41A Doubled TFs PCGS 58
 MB \$0. 95% white, well struck and lustrous. Gold toning at the periphery. Weak 7/4 with die clash "IN" evident on obverse. As nice as a circulated coin can get and likely MS 62 elsewhere! (MAN).

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42. 1878 7/4 TF VAM 41C Dbld TFs ANACS MS 64
 MB \$0. Super CD! 90% white, well struck with average luster. Original gold toning mixed with age. Weak 7/4 with die clash "IN" evident on obverse (MAN).

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**43. 1878 7/5 TF VAM 44 Tripled Blossoms
 NGC AU55**

MB \$9000. Top 100! 100% white, proof-like, and well struck. A rare very early die state with no hint of the "crack" near "E and P" of E PLURIBUS that spelled death for this obverse die. With a population

of only 11 graded at NGC, this is a first rate specimen of what is often referred to as the "King" of Morgan dollar varieties (EJP).

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44. 1878 7TF VAM 70 Doubled RIB PCGS MS 63
 MB \$0. Top 100! 95% white, well struck with semi proof-like fields. Strongly doubled RIB of PLURIBUS (MAN).

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45. 1878 7TF VAM 79 Fill in 8s PCGS MS 63
 MB \$0. Hot 50! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Tough to find B¹ reverse (MAN).

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46. 1878 7TF VAM 83 High 1 PCGS MS 63
 MB \$0. 98% white, well struck and lustrous. B¹ reverse (MAN).

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47. 1878 7TF VAM 100-1 Type I Obverse PCGS MS 64
 MB \$0. Top 100! 95% white, well struck and lustrous. Attractive rose toning at the periphery. This variety has a level die crack from E to D of UNITED on the reverse. (MAN)

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48. 1878 7TF VAM 141 Tripled Star PCGS MS 63
 MB \$0. Top 100! 95% white, well struck and lustrous. Strongly tripled 2nd star to the right of date with an open O of "GOD" on the reverse. (MAN)

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49. 1878 7TF VAM 171 "Tripled R" PCGS 55
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. A very nice coin for the grade and an underappreciated variety with strongly doubled blossoms and leaves as well (MAN)

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50. 1878 7TF VAM 187 "Doubled R" PCGS 25
 MB \$0. Hot 50! Original gray toning. R of PLURIBUS strongly doubled (MAN)

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51. 1878 7TF R'79 VAM 201 ANACS 64
MB \$0. R6! 97% white, well struck and lustrous with gold toning at the periphery. One of the scarcer 1878 R'79 varieties (MON).

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52. 1878 7TF R'79 VAM 203 Short Leaf PCGS 62
MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Wheat leaf was polished down and re-engraved. (MAN)

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53. 1878 7TF R'79 VAM 220 Tripled R PCGS 53
MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Same obverse used on VAM 171, but much tougher to find in AU of better (MAN)

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54. 1878 7TF R'79 VAM 223 Washed out L PCGS 53
MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Some gold toning at the rims. Polished down L of "LIBERTY (MAN)

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55. 1878 S VAM 6 "Doubled RIB" PCGS 62 PQ!
MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and flashy with a DMPL obverse. Has the look of a gem! (MAN)

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56. 1878cc VAM 6 "Doubled Blossoms" PCGS 62
MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck, frosty and lustrous. Strongly doubled cotton blossoms and leaves. Mint mark touches wreath on reverse. Tough to find in mint state (MAN)

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57. 1878 CC VAM 6 "Doubled Blossoms" NGC 61
MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck, frosty and lustrous. Strongly doubled cotton blossoms and leaves. Mint mark touches wreath on reverse. Tough to find in mint state. Unattributed on NGC holder. (HSA)

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58. 1878 CC VAM 11 Lines in Wing PCGS 63
MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, well struck, and lustrous. Strange die polishing lines in the Eagle's lower right wing (MAN)

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59. 1878 CC VAM 18 Doubled Leaves NNC AU58
MB \$0. Top 100! 100% toned, well struck, with original dirty fields. Strongly doubled cotton blossoms and leaves. CC mint mark with die chips. *Ultra rare* in mint state and even more so in circulated grades. Rarely ever offered. Attribution not on holder, but this is definitely a VAM 18! (MON)

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60. 1878 CC VAM 24 Doubled Leaves PCGS 53
MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck, and flashy with semi proof-like fields. Strongly doubled cotton blossoms and leaves. CC mint mark steps down. Very tough to find in AU or better and *ultra rare* in mint state (MAN)

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61. 1879 O VAM 4 O/Horizontal O PCGS 50
MB \$0. Top 100! Mostly white, with about 50% luster remaining. O/Horizontal O clearly evident. Some think this is a O/O/O variety (MAN)

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62. 1879 S R'78 VAM 43 PCGS 62
MB \$0. Top 100! 75% white, well struck and lustrous. Semi-PL reverse. Light gold toning on obverse (MAN)

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63. 1879 CC VAM 3 Capped Die PCGS 35
MB \$0. Top 100! Grayish-white, with some luster remaining. Remnants of a prior CC are evident at mint mark. A rarer date Morgan dollar (MAN)

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64. 1880 VAM 1A Knob 8 SEGS 45 Obv Scratch
MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white with about 50% luster remaining. A very light scratch (scrape against another coin?) across Ms. Liberty's cheek which is hardly noticeable. This is about the nicest XF+ Knob 8 that I've ever seen with

claims to AU. Nice, late die state with full knob on 8 (MON).

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65. 1880 VAM 7 "8/7" Crossbar PCGS XF45
 MB \$725. Top 100! White-gray toning with hints of gold on the reverse. Some luster remaining in the periphery. Only 48 graded by NGC with no examples in uncirculated grades. The crossbar of an underlying 7 can be seen in the top loop of the first 8 (EJP)

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66. 1880 VAM 23 1880/79 SEGS AU55 Lt Cleaning
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck with about 80% luster. Overdate is very clear. I've seen worse coins in AU55 holders certified by PCGS and NGC. This is a great example of a rare variety, despite the label concerns (MON).

67. 1880 VAM 11 Checkmark PCGS 63
 MB \$0. Hot 50! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Remnants of the upper serif of a 7 can be seen on the upper left loop of the first 8 in the date (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/67o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/67r.jpg>

68. 1880 VAM 11 Checkmark PCGS 63
 MB \$0. Hot 50! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Remnants of the upper serif of a 7 can be seen on the upper left loop of the first 8 in the date (MAN)

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**69. 1880 VAM 39A "Partial E Rev." PCGS AU55
 MB \$1200. Hot 50! White, well struck and lustrous with 75% of the original mint luster remaining. A partial "E" clash and die break through the ribbon can be seen on the reverse. Only 51 graded by PCGS (EJP)**

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70. 1880 VAM 39A "Partial E Rev." PCGS AU50
 MB \$970. Hot 50! White, well struck and lustrous with 95% of the original mint luster remaining. A partial "E" clash and die break through the ribbon can be seen on the reverse. Only 51 graded by PCGS (EJP)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/70r.jpg>

71. 1880 S VAM 10 8/7 Crossbar PCGS 64 PQ!
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Gem quality. Remnants of the crossbar of a 7 can be seen within the upper loop of the second 8 in the date. Considered the rarest, most desirable 1880 S variety (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/71o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/71r.jpg>

72. 1880 O VAM 4 80/79 Crossbar PCGS 63
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Remnants of the upper serif of a 7 can be seen within the upper loop of the second 8 in the date (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/72o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/72r.jpg>

73. 1880 CC VAM 4 80/79 Rev '78 PCGS 64
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, frosty, well struck and lustrous. Strong remnants of the an 80 and 79 can be seen within the date. This is the parallel arrow shaft with reverse of 1878, the rarest 1880 cc overdate variety (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/73o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/73r.jpg>

74. 1882 O/S VAM 3 EDS PCGS 50
 MB \$0. Top 100! Mostly white, weakly struck with about 80% luster remaining. This is the scarce and underrated O/S early die state variety (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/74o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/74r.jpg>

75. 1882 O/S VAM 4 PCGS 55
 MB \$0. Top 100! Mostly white, typical weak strike with about 50% luster remaining. O/S recessed variety (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/75r.jpg>

76. 1882 O/S VAM 5 PCGS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, typical weak strike and lustrous, but a bit baggy. O/S broken variety (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/76r.jpg>

77. 1882 O VAM 7 O/O PCGS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. O/O mint mark (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/77r.jpg>



**78. 1883 VAM 10 Sextupled Stars PCGS AU53
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck with about 75% luster remaining. Stars to the right of the date have been repunched multiple times. Very rare, highly coveted by variety collectors and rarely offered in such a high PCGS grade (MON).**

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/78o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/78r.jpg>

79. 1883 O VAM 4 O/O PCGS 64 Rainbow
 MB \$0. Top 100! 90% white, well struck with subdued luster. Gold toning at rims with a rainbow crescent on the reverse. O/O mint mark (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/79o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/79r.jpg>

80. 1883 O VAM 36A Partial E Rev PCGS 63
 MB \$0. Hot 50! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Slight gold toning at rims. Clashed weak partial E evident on reverse (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/80o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/80r.jpg>

81. 1884 VAM 3 Large Dot PCGS 61
 MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Slight gold toning at rims. Large, mysterious dot next to Morgan's initial on the obverse and reverse (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/81o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/81r.jpg>

82. 1884 O VAM 10 O/O PCGS 64
 MB \$0. Hot 50! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Slight gold toning at rims. O/O mint mark variety (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/82o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/82r.jpg>

83. 1886 VAM 1A Line in 6 PCGS 64
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Line in 6 variety (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/83o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/83r.jpg>

84. 1886 VAM 1C 3+2 Clashed Rev PCGS 65
 MB \$0. Hot 50! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Gold toning at rims. Gem quality. The dies clashed three times followed by a small rotation, then clashed twice again. An interesting and unique variety (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/84o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/84r.jpg>

85. 1886 VAM 17 Doubled Arrows PCGS 64 PQ!
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Nice, high end coin! Arrows slightly doubled on reverse (MAN)

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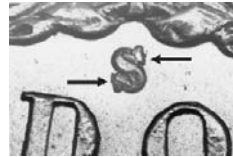
86. 1886 VAM 21 Line in M (MPD) PCGS 58

MB \$0. Top 100! 100% attractively toned, well struck with subdued luster. Super slider! Large die gouge, or misplaced digit thru Morgan's initial "M" (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/86r.jpg>

87. 1886 O VAM 1A "Clashed E" PCGS 55 PQ!
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck, and lustrous. Clashed "E" on reverse with seven clashes! The coin looks like a lock AU58 to me, a perfect grade without spending thousands in the hopes that mint state specimen will appear (HSA)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/87r.jpg>



88. 1886 S VAM 2 "S/S" PCGS MS65
 MB \$2900. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Repunched mint mark. A gem coin with only 1 graded higher (EJP)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/88o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/88r.jpg>

89. 1886 S VAM 2 "S/S" PCGS MS64 DMPL PQ!
 MB \$7000. Top 100! 99% white, well struck, frosty and flashy. Repunched mint mark. A population of 3 in this grade at PCGS with none graded higher. This popular "S/S" VAM is rarely encountered in full DMPL. This is a high end MS 64+ example (EJP)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/89r.jpg>

90. 1886 S VAM 2 "S/S" PCGS MS64 PL PQ!
 MB \$1200. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and flashy. Repunched mint mark. Only 2 graded higher with 13 graded overall. As close to a MS 65 PL as you can get, and would have graded DMPL years ago (EJP).

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/90r.jpg>

91. 1887 VAM 5 Doubled Date PCGS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Gold toning at rims. Date slightly doubled. Pedigree: California Collection (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/91o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/91r.jpg>

92. 1887 VAM 12 Alligator Eye PCGS 64
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Eyelid doubled resembling an alligator's eye. Looks like a 12A with die clashing evident (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/92r.jpg>

93. 1887 O VAM 2 Doubled 1 Tripled 7 PCGS 63 MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Slight gold toning at rims. Date strongly doubled at 1 and tripled at the bottom left of the 7 in the date (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/93o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/93r.jpg>

94. 1887 O VAM 5 Doubled Stars PCGS 55 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, average strike with about 80% luster remaining. Stars to the left of the date are doubled. Rim cuds noted below date (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/94r.jpg>

95. 1887 O VAM 22 DDO Pitted Rev PCGS 58 MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, average strike with 95% luster remaining. Doubled eyelid obverse with strong pitting at tailfeathers and wreath on the reverse. Very scarce and underrated in this condition (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/95o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/95r.jpg>

96. 1887 S VAM 2 "S/S" PCGS MS65 MB \$2900. Top 100! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Repunched mint mark. Only 1 graded higher by PCGS with none graded finer (EJP).

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/96r.jpg>

97. 1887 S VAM 2 "S/S" PCGS MS64 MB \$725. Top 100! 90% white with deep golden toning. Well struck and lustrous. Repunched mint mark. Only 6 graded higher at PCGS (EJP)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/97r.jpg>

98. 1888 VAM 18 Doubled Eyelid PCGS 62 MB \$0. Hot 50! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Slight gold toning at rims. Doubled eyelid (MAN)

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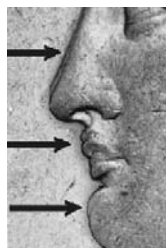
99. 1888 O VAM 1B Scarface PCGS MS63 VLDS

MB \$12000. Top 100! 99% white, typical weak strike for a "scarface" and lustrous. Huge die break from the rim between "E and P" of E PLURIBUS thru Ms Liberty's face and ending near the end of Ms. Liberty's hair. A very late die state! Only 4 graded in MS-63 at PCGS with one earlier die state graded higher. They just don't get better than this specimen! (EJP)

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100. 1888 O VAM 1B Scarface PCGS MS62 MB \$9000. Top 100! 99% white, typical weak strike for a "scarface" and lustrous. Huge die break from the rim between "E and P" of E PLURIBUS thru Ms Liberty's face and ending just beyond Ms. Liberty's jaw (EJP)

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101. 1888 O VAM 4 "Hot Lips" NGC AU55 MB \$3400. Top 100! creamy white, with about 75% of the luster remaining. The strongest doubled die obverse in the entire Morgan dollar series! Strongly doubled lips, nose, profile and more. A classic Red Book variety with only 4 examples known in uncirculated condition. Specimens in almost uncirculated condition are as good as you can expect to get. An MS 60 DMPL specimen sold for more than \$25K last year! (EJP)

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102. 1888 O VAM 9 "Doubled Arrows" PCGS MS65 MB \$675. Top 100! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Doubling can be found on the arrows on the reverse. A gem with only 4 graded higher (EJP)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/102r.jpg>

103. 1888 O VAM 9 "Doubled Arrows" PCGS MS 62 MB \$0. Top 100! 90% white, well struck with subdued luster. Doubling can be found on the arrows on the reverse (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/103r.jpg>

104. 1888 O VAM 24 Oval O PCGS XF 45 MB \$0. Top 100! Toned gray. Oval O slightly tilted left (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/104r.jpg>

105. 1888 S VAM 1B Pitted Reverse PCGS AU 55
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, with about 75% luster remaining. Pitting evident on reverse throughout lower right wreath (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/105r.jpg>

106. 1889 VAM 16 Doubled Ear PCGS MS 64
 MB \$0. Hot 50! 99% white, well struck and lustrous. Doubled lower left ear (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/106r.jpg>

107. 1889 VAM 22 Bar Wing PCGS MS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 90% white, average strike and lustrous. Light rose toning on the obverse. Die break at top of Eagle's right wing (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/107r.jpg>

108. 1889 VAM 22 Bar Wing PCGS AU 55
 MB \$0. Top 100! 90% white, average strike with subdued luster with about 90% remaining. Die break at top of Eagle's right wing (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/108r.jpg>

109. 1889 O VAM 6 Doubled Date PCGS MS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, average strike and lustrous. Light gold toning at the rims. Strong doubling below the 18 in the date (MAN)

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110. 1891 VAM 2 Doubled Ear PCGS MS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 95% white, average strike and lustrous. Light gold toning on the obverse and reverse. Strongly doubled ear (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/110r.jpg>

111. 1891 O VAM 3A "Weak E Rev." PCGS XF45
MB \$1200. Hot 50! Original gray toning. A very tough variety to find with a partial "E" on the reverse between the wreath and the tail feathers. Only 23 graded by PCGS (EJP)

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112. 1891 S VAM 3 Doubled Stars PCGS MS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, average strike and lustrous. Doubled stars to the left of the date (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/112o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/112r.jpg>

113. 1891 CC VAM 3 Spitting Eagle GSA NGC MS62
 MB \$2650. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Looks nicer than most MS 63's to me! Original GSA hard plastic holders typically command a premium over all other holders (EJP)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/113r.jpg>

114. 1892 O VAM 7 Doubled Ear PCGS AU 53
 MB \$0. Top 100! Mostly white, weakly struck with about 75% luster remaining. A tougher variety with a slightly doubled outer ear (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/114r.jpg>

115. 1895 S 3 "S/S" PCGS MS62
MB \$4750. Hot 50! 95% white, well struck and lustrous. Light golden highlights on Ms. Liberty's portrait. Widely repunched "S/S" mint mark. Only 5 graded higher at PCGS. A semi-key date! (EJP)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/115r.jpg>

116. 1895 S VAM 3 "S/S" PCGS AU55
MB \$2400. Hot 50! 75% white, with deep blue and brown toning. Well struck with about 85% luster remaining. Widely repunched "S/S" mint mark. Only 11 graded higher (EJP)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/116r.jpg>

117. 1896 VAM 4 Doubled Stars PCGS MS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 95% white, average strike and lustrous. Deep gold toning at the periphery. Doubled stars to the left and right of the date (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/117r.jpg>

118. 1896 VAM 19 8 in Denticle PCGS MS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, good strike and lustrous. Slight gold toning at the periphery. Upper loop of 8 extending from denticle below 8 in date (MAN)

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119. 1896 O VAM 19 "Doubled Date" PCGS AU55
MB \$1450. Hit List 40! 100% white, average strike for an 1896 o, with about 90% luster remaining. Repunching of the date can be seen in the lower loops of the 8 and 6 in the date. With a total population of 13 and only 3 known in uncirculated condition, I believe this variety will prove to be both rare and desirable. This is a superb example with above average luster and eye appeal (EJP)

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120. 1897 VAM 6A Pitted Reverse PCGS MS 64 PQ!
 MB \$0. Top 100! 95% white, well struck and lustrous.
 Deep brown and blue toning at the periphery. Near gem!
 Pitting evident on reverse around the right wreath (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/120r.jpg>

121. 1899 O VAM 5 Micro O Wing Lines PCGS XF 40
 MB \$0. Top 100! Deeply toned dark gray. A better micro
 "o" variety (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/121r.jpg>

122. 1899 O VAM 31 Micro O PCGS AU 58
 MB \$0. Top 100! Mostly white with deep toning spots on
 reverse. A higher grade micro "o" variety (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/122r.jpg>

123. 1899 S VAM 7 Doubled Date PCGS AU 58
 MB \$0. Top 100! Colorfully toned with deeply toned
 crescent on the reverse. Date doubled at top of serifs of 99
 (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/123r.jpg>

124. 1900 VAM 16A Two Olive Reverse PCGS AU
 55
 MB \$0. Hot 50! Deeply toned with some original color.
 Doubled olive reverse (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/124r.jpg>

125. 1900 VAM 24 Doubled Wing PCGS MS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, average strike and below
 average luster. Doubled arrows and eagle's left wing with
 multiple punched stars obverse. With Numitrust MS 63
 grading insert (MAN)

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126. 1900 O VAM 8A O/CC PCGS MS 62
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, average strike and average
 luster. O/CC feature clearly evident (MAN)

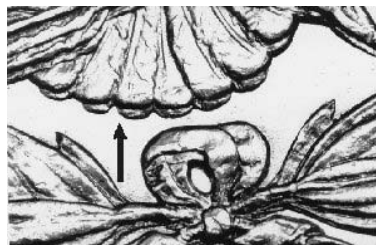
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127. 1900 O VAM 15 Doubled Stars PCGS MS 63
 MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, average strike and lustrous.
 Stars doubled to right of date (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/127r.jpg>

128. 1900 O VAM 29A Die Break PCGS F12
 MB \$0. Top 100! Toned gray. Nice coin for the grade. A
 very rare and underrated variety (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/128r.jpg>



129. 1901 VAM 3 "DDR" 14 TFs NGC AU53
 MB \$4400. Top 100! Mostly white with about 50% luster
 remaining. Shifted eagle with 7 extra tailfeathers
 extending beyond the normal 7 tailfeathers. The
 strongest doubled die reverse in the entire Morgan dollar
 series. With only 1 graded in MS (now a PCGS 58), and
 60 seen by NGC, this is a nice, high end example of a
 tough classic Red Book variety (EJP)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/129o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/129r.jpg>

130. 1902 VAM 4 Doubled Ear PCGS VF20
 MB \$0. Top 100! Toned deep gray. Strongly doubled ear.
 A very tough and desirable variety to find (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/130r.jpg>

131. 1921 Pitted Reverse PCGS MS 63
 MB \$0. Top 100! 100% white, well struck and lustrous.
 Pitting evident around right wreath. Although labeled Hot 50
 on the holder, this looks like a Top 100 VAM 1A to me
 (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/131o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/131r.jpg>

132. 1921 VAM 1A Pitted Reverse PCGS MS 61
 MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, well struck and lustrous.
 Pitting evident around right wreath. Pedigree: California
 Collection (MAN)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/132o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/132r.jpg>

133. 1921 Wide Reeding PCGS MS 63
 MB \$0. Top 100! 99% white, well struck and lustrous.
 Looks like a VAM 29 with triple 9 and stars to me (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/133r.jpg>

134. 1921 D VAM 1B Capped R PCGS AU 55 MB \$0. Hot 50! Off-white with subdued luster. Die break above R of AMERICA from reverse (MAN)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/134r.jpg>

135. 1921 S VAM 1B Thorn Head PCGS MS-64 PQ!

MB \$2450. Hit List 40! 100% white, well struck and lustrous. Looks like a shot MS 65 to me. Die state 1B6 with strong die break at Ms. Liberty's cap. Only 1 graded higher by PCGS out of a total 53 graded (EJP)

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PEACE DOLLARS

136. 1922 VAM 2A "Ear Ring" NGC MS-61 MB \$975. Top 50! Mostly white with gold toning highlights throughout. Huge LDS die break extending down from Ms. Liberty's ear give rise to the popular name "ear ring". A rare variety with a population of only 19 by NGC with only 7 graded higher (EJP)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/136o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/136r.jpg>

137. 1922 VAM 12A "Moustache" NGC MS-62 MB \$525. Top 50! Lightly toned, well struck and lustrous. A raised piece of metal can be seen on Ms. Liberty's upper lip, hence the name "moustache". NGC population 64 with only 6 graded higher (EJP)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/137o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/137r.jpg>

138. 1923 VAM 1D LDS Whisker Cheek NGC MS-63 MB \$525. Top 50! 99% white with golden toning highlights. Well struck and lustrous. A large LDS die break "whisker" can be found on Lady Liberty's cheek. Only 2 graded higher at NGC with a population of only 26 (EJP)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/138o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/138r.jpg>

139. 1923 VAM 1A "Whisker Jaw" NGC MS-65 MB \$575. Top 50! 100% white, well struck and a lustrous gem grade coin. A small piece of raised metal can be found in the jaw line of Ms. Liberty. NGC has graded a total of 81 with only 4 in MS-66 (EJP)

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/139o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/139r.jpg>

140. 1923 S VAM 1C "Pitted Rev." NGC MS-63 MB \$975. Top 50! 100% blast white, well struck and lustrous. Pitting can be found on the reverse on and around

the "N" of ONE. NGC has graded only 26. A very attractive specimen (EJP)

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<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/140r.jpg>

141. 1934 D VAM 4 Doubled Obverse NGC 40 MB \$0. Top 50! Toned naturally gray. Considered the "King" of Peace Dollar varieties. Very rare doubled tiara rays with small clear D reverse (MON).

<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/141o.jpg>
<http://rcicoins.com/spring2009/141r.jpg>

142. 1934 S VAM 3 "DDO Tiara" NGC MS-61 MB \$1700. Top 50! Lightly toned. Average strike with subdued luster. Slightly doubled tiara rays. Scarce with a population of 5 at NGC with only 1 graded higher in MS-62. A key date in the Peace dollar series (EJP)

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R8—Unique or nearly unique (Several)
R7—Extremely Rare (Few Tens)
R6—Very Rare (Several Hundred)
R5—Rare (Thousands)
R4—Very Scarce (Tens of Thousands)

Definitions:

CW—Clockwise
CCW—Counter Clockwise
DMPL—Deep Mirror Proof-like
EDS—Early Die State
IF—Infrequent Reeding
IGWT—In God We Trust
LDS—Late Die State
MS—Mint State
OR—Overlapping Reeding
PAF—Parallel Arrow Feather
PL—Proof-like
PQ—Premium Quality (On the high end of grade)
SAF—Slanted Arrow Feather
sPL—Semi-Proof-like
TF--Tailfeathers
Clnd.—Cleaned

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About Participating and Bidding

For those of you who have been with us for our prior seven auctions, you've likely had considerable success winning some great Morgan & Peace dollars. No doubt, you acquired these wonderful coins at very reasonable prices given the last few years of rapid price appreciation. You now know that the secret to success is simply to participate in the bidding process. The old adage "nothing ventured, nothing gained" applies here. When in doubt, it's better to make a "bid" than no bid at all. You may just win a great coin at a great price. Anything can and does occur in auction!

The key to building a great advanced Morgan & Peace dollar collection is to first start with reference specimens, coins that won't break the bank, but will allow you to learn about the key identification features. You will also learn pertinent information about the relative rarity of that specific variety and its demand. As the opportunity arises, you can later upgrade to higher grade specimens, or "World Class" or "Registry Set" coins, if that is your objective.

For the newcomers to this auction, I would like to relate a story that takes me back a few years to the old Society of Silver Dollar Collectors (SSDC) auctions (prior to 1997). At first, I was hesitant to bid because it was new to me. By the second and third auctions, I could hardly wait to get an SSDC auction catalog.

As I look back, I regret that I didn't start to participate in my very first auction. I missed out on getting some great rarities. Even though the coins offered then seemed to be rather costly at the time. They are now considered incredible bargains...and it's only been a mere decade since publication of the Top 100. I recall acquiring a Mint State 1888 o "Scar Face Liberty" for \$125, and in one lot an AU+ 1878 7/5TF VAM 44 and PCGS MS63 PL 1878 7/3TF VAM 32 for \$1100 for both coins. Examples of these same coins only a dozen years later might sell in excess of \$7500, \$6000 and \$3000 respectively, meaning that my purchase of these coins for the whopping sum of \$1225

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in 1997, has appreciated to \$16,500 today, That's more than 1000% in 12 years!

I recall winning an 1878s B¹ reverse (long center arrow shaft) that was described as AG by Jeff Oxman, and "Looked like it's been run over by a truck". I bought it for only \$50. I still own that coin today and feel it's still highly undervalued in today's market, even though it hasn't appreciated very much. Have you ever found an 1878 S B¹ reverse? There's still only about a couple of hundred coins known among hundreds of millions of Morgan dollars extant, and that's spread among 9 different varieties.

Only one collector has completed a set of 1878 s B¹ reverses...and this in mostly circulated grades! Even though more of these great coins have been showing up, there's still an average of only about 30 coins per VAM variety—and, as a class, it's still an R6! Where else can you buy a Rarity-6 coin for under \$100? I assure you that these coins will not show up by the bagful. As a matter of fact, you could count all the MS specimens known on less than one hand. Veteran VAM collectors have been known to buy duplicate or triplicates of these coins as they encounter higher grade specimens, making them even harder to come by.

Looking back in my very first "Top 100 Insights Value Guide", I noted that you could have acquired an 1890 cc VAM 4 "Tailbar" in MS 64 for \$700. Now, one is going to cost you in excess of \$6000, if you're lucky enough to find one. Likewise, any one of the more than a dozen "ultra rare" 1878 8TFs will cost you in excess of \$500-\$15,000+ in the various circulated grades. Is it any wonder to veteran collectors that an "ultra rare" 1882 o/s VAM 4 EDS in PCGS 62 DM brought a whopping \$33,000+ in a private trade? I don't think so.

We've now had a 2001 Spring Ultra Rarities auction, the Terry Armstrong Memorial auction in the Fall, 2001, and 2002-2008 Spring Ultra Rarities auctions, to include the Paul Pierce collection, the Mark Kimpton, M.D. collection, and the J.W. "Bill" Courter collection. There were some tremendous buying opportunities in each of these auctions. Many of you who bid acquired some wonderful coins. Many were purchased at quite reasonable prices, perhaps lower than would be possible if you bought them in the open market. The current Spring UR auction is packed full of many ultra rare coins. Take advantage of this opportunity to acquire some great ones.

Whatever you do, don't wait until the last minute to bid on the coin (s) you want. I am sure I'll be flooded with calls, E-mails and FAXes on the closing date, and you

may just lose the lot you want by not being able to get through.

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Future Auctions

I intend to hold a Spring, 2010 Ultra Rarities auction with great varieties and higher value coins. I may hold it in conjunction with a major auction house. It is also possible that minor auctions may arise from time to time such as RCI's "Lightning Sale" conducted on E-Bay in conjunction with release of a Top 100 Insights. If you don't get what you want in this auction, try one of our "Lightening Sales" or our auction next spring.

Buying/Selling/Consultation

I continue to serve an ever increasing client base to acquire coins and collections as well as place coins. While many of you know me as a specialist in Morgan dollar varieties, many others know me as having a broad base of expertise in grading, certification, and rare die varieties of coins in mostly all U.S. series, including Philippines, Canadian, and some Mexican

coins. Please take some time to view all the tabs at my website at <http://www.rcicoins.com>

I am an authorized dealer for NGC, PCGS, ICG, SEGS, and also submit to ANACS. I am one of the few dealers authorized to submit to Numismatic Conservation Services (NCS), the only service who can professionally conserve your coins. If you would like to talk more about this, please call. I made several clients more than \$25,000 in upgrades over the years.

There may be **a lot of value hidden** in your collection, far more so than you might think. If you have a large collection of raw or certified coins, perhaps it would pay for us to get together. I can review your coins, advise on particular specimens for conservation and resubmission, and also advise on the merits of your strategic or financial objectives. I can also advise on the best exit strategies for your collection.

In addition, the Spring Ultra Rarities auctions have become somewhat of a boutique auction to memorialize collections such as the Terry Armstrong, Paul Pierce, the Mark Kimpton, M.D. , and the J.W. "Bill" Courter collection, selected rarities from the Leroy Van Allen collection and now the 2009 Spring Ultra Rarities auction, collections that would likely not be highlighted anywhere else.

I continue to work closely with coin dealers, both large and small. In the past few years I was asked to assist with two major collections, the Binion, and the Fitzgerald hoards. I went through more than 75,000 silver dollars in both. I continue to get boxes of 1878 dollars and other premium Morgan & Peace dollars from dealers around the county on a weekly basis. And, I review dealer coins and inventory at several major shows each year. Let me put that kind of experience to work for you.

As the second under bidder for the Child's specimen of the 1804 silver dollar, my clients range from the very wealthy to the beginning collector. The one thing we all have in common is a love of coins.

Best wishes in the auction and good luck,

Michael S. Fey, Ph.D.
President, RCI



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