

The United States Post Office printed newspaper and periodical stamps from September 1865 to July 31, 1897. Most of us recognize the first large designs. Following these eight stamps the Continental Bank Note Company printed new designs in 1875. The lower values were red, from 12 cents to 96 cents in rose, and varied colors for dollar values. In 1879 the American Bank Note Company printed new stamps in nearly identical colors on cheaper paper. The stamps on the album page are the dollar value stamps from that series.

Following the American Bank Note Company printings (1876 and 1885), the BEP took over all stamp production. The BEP used the old designs to produce stamps with the same designs and slightly different colors in 1894. Finally, the BEP redesigned the stamps in 1895 and produced two sets, one on unwatermarked paper, the second on watermarked paper. Thus ended these stamps.

