A Review of My Notgeld Activities

PRICE LISTS: My price list of Serienscheine in sets (10 pages including Reutergeld) was the first major attempt by a U.S. dealer to present this interesting series to the American collector in a systematic fashion. Some 300 additional sets were offered in a supplement to this list. These price lists are useful as a general guide to scarcity. In general, the sets listed in the supplement are scarcer than those offered in the 10 page list. Approximately 30% of the supplemental list is sold out while a much smaller number are sold out on the main list. One should bear in mind that these offerings represent almost a lifetime of intensive accumulation and as such reflect valid trends as to availability. I am also marketing sets that are too short in supply to offer on a general price list. Economic facts of life dictate that I must confine these offers to those most likely to be interested - based on past purchase records. However, as a concession to collectors who may be interested in finding out what the scarcer sets are selling for I plan to compile a series of Notgeld Value Trends.

NOTGELD VALUE TRENDS: The first few pages of "trends" are ready for distribution. If interested, you will have to gamble a dollar to find out if this kind of information is useful to you or not.

NOTGELD NEWSLETTER BACK NUMBERS: As modest as these efforts are, they represent perhaps the greatest concentration of notgeld information available in the English language. Unfortunately no complete sets are for sale. A few assorted back numbers are included in...

NOTGELD INFORMATION PAK: Includes my four page "Notgeld Collector's Guide," a few Notgeld Newsletters and whatever assorted information sheets I may have on hand. Most people receiving this issue of the Newsletter will already have this material. For those who do not, and want it, the price is one dollar.

ASSORTED NOTGELD: Yes, I have notgeld other than in sets. But how to sell it without getting hopelessly bogged down time-wise has always been a problem. First let me say that I have none for sale at less than 15¢ each. I can make up virtually any size "all different" lot at this price. If you prefer a lot made up of "all different towns" the price is 20¢ each. I can probably give you your choice of town at 25¢ as long as it is one listed on my 10 page price list. Want lists for single specific notes is an area I am very reluctant to get into. Discreet inquiries on the subject will not be ignored, however.

NOTGELD IN ORIGINAL PRINTED PACKETS: This is a specialty in which I expect to see some interesting developments. I am personally interested in collecting these items and I intend to publish a check list of known varieties. It would be safe to say that many collectors have never even seen one. Anyone who has managed to find ten different has done well. A holding of 25 different would be considered exceptional. As Pick and Siemsen point out in the introduction to the Serienscheine catalog, early collectors considered the "wrappers" unimportant and even the great Dr. Keller considered them to be "sheer nonsense."

TOPICAL CHECK LISTS: I am interested in hearing from anyone who is compiling check lists of thematic notgeld. Medical needs to be done. Sports would be interesting, but I am told it would be "endless."