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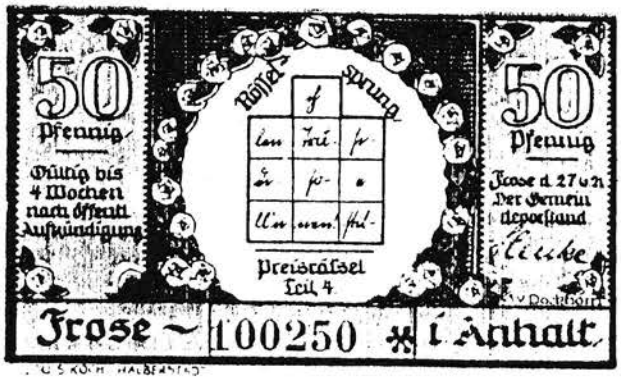
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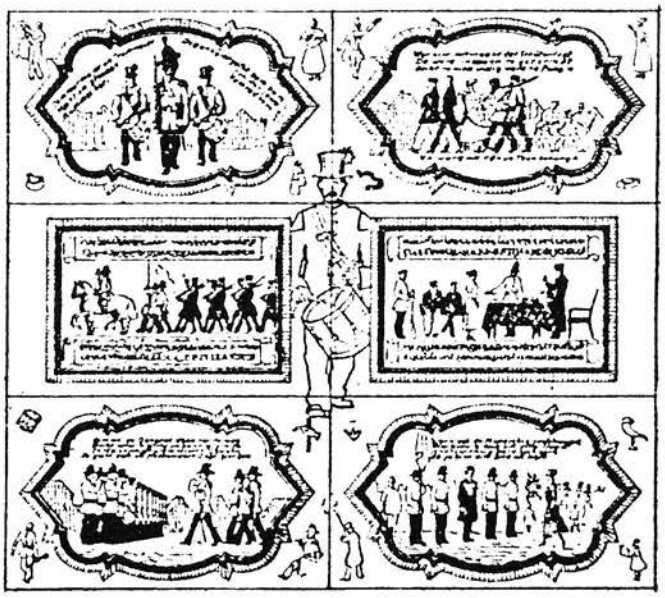
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(CONTINUED FROM JUNE 1991)

Another Notgeld assemblage involves not words but pictures. We have already seen the Kyffhaeuser Monument appear on the 10 notes of Oldisleben. Another example, not widely known, concerns the issue of Wildeshausen (L-1389). The background design on the back of the notes will form the picture of a drummer if the six notes are put together in the correct order, as illustrated.

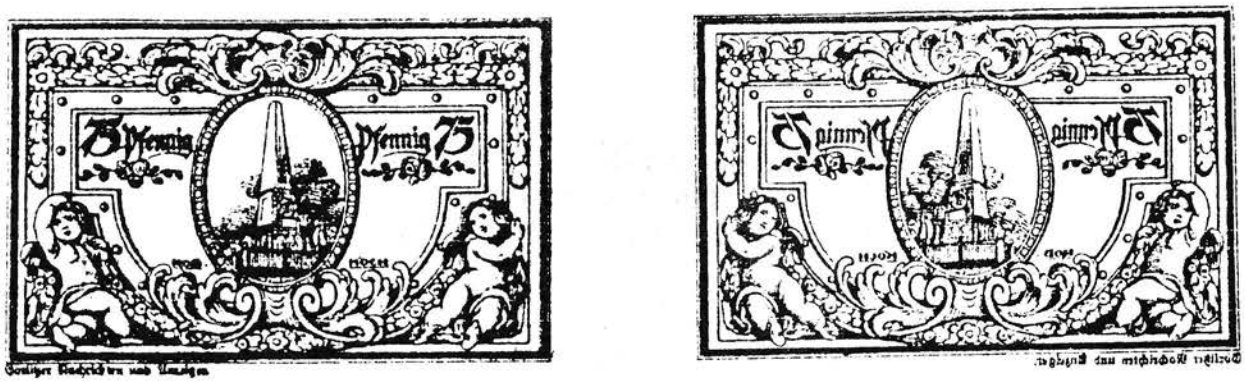


A picture puzzle is solved by six notes of Frose/Anhalt; prizes were offered for the solution. Six notes of Wildeshausen formed the picture of a drummer.



From here it is not a big step to regular picture puzzles. Each of the six notes of Frose (L-384a) shows part of a rebus. Even prizes awaited those who mailed in the correct solution! We don't know if anybody ever won these prizes, but a single 75-Pfennig note (L-784c) containing the solution was issued at a later date.

A singular curiosity comes from Rheinsberg (L-1089a). The 75-Pfennig value of the set was issued in two versions:



Varieties of a 75-Pfennig note of Rheinsberg include a mirror image of the back of the note.

either with a normal or a mirror image of the back of the note.

Another one-of-a-kind oddity is the 50-Pfennig note issued by the merchant F. Cuppring of Hoerde (L-597) because the entire printing bears the same serial number 70532. The reason is that the number was not imprinted as is usually the case, but is part of the design.

Not only the design or subject matter of a note can be out of the ordinary but also its shape or material. We know of two issues utilizing the round coin shape. The first is rather common and the 12 circular items from Eckartsberga (L-293b) can be found in most collections.

Somewhat scarcer are the round notes from Goerlitz (L-435); these are the same notes we encountered already in the unusual values category.



Round notes include the 50-Pfennig issue of Eckartsberga and 10-Pfennig note of Goerlitz."



The transportation set of Berlin (L-87c) is rather well-known, but not so widely known is the fact that one of the notes hides a picture puzzle. In Berlin at that time served two important city councilmen by the names of Adler (eagle) and Hahn (rooster).

The Notgeld artist immortalized the two by hiding an eagle and a rooster within the design of one of the notes; it is the one with the 1918 date. We will not spoil the fun by giving away any clues. Just keep turning the note; the birds are not too hard to find.

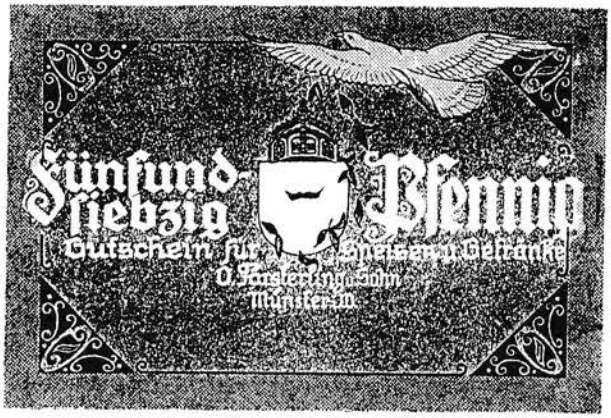


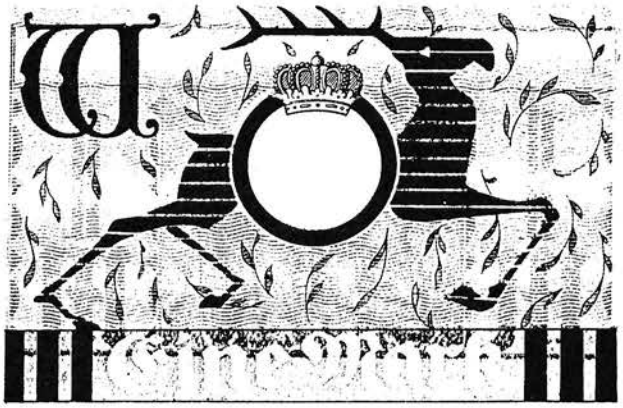
"Find the eagle" is the the problem hidden in a 2-Mark Berlin Streetcar note dated 1918.

Another kind of hidden picture involves the hold-against-the-light principle, quite popular with picture postcards during the early part of this century. Hotel Kaiserhof in Muenster (L-889) issued a set of three values, each showing on the face a blank heraldic shield surrounded by leaves and topped by an imperial crown.

The back pictures a worker rolling up his sleeves. When the note is held against the light the shield reveals the crowned portrait of Kaiser Wilhelm II, his famous mustache formed from what had looked like some random leaves on the blank shield.

It so happens that the second example of this type is quite similar. A mark note issued by the Koenigsdragoner (Royal Dragoons) of Stuttgart (L-1257) depicts on one side a farmer sharpening his scythe and in the center of the other side a blank circle with a royal crown above. The two design elements are combined when the note is held against the light, resulting in the crowned portrait of King Wilhelm of Wuerttemberg.





TO BE CONTINUED

It was in June 1988 when our first issue of THE FRAKTUR appeared. Subscriptions began with the July issue. Many renewals have appeared from those first subscribers, and we appreciate the support they have given over these years.

Perhaps some readers have the "Tasches," the envelopes in which paper Notgeld was issued for collectors. Some of these bear the name "Robert Ball Nachfolger."

A recent letter from Henry Grunthal, former curator at the American Numismatic Society, reads "I am unable to help you in your quest pertaining to the Notgeld business of my father under the name of Robert Ball Nachfolger.

"My father issued several pricelists. He had, as I recollect, a large staff of at least 10 girls in the shipping department. I was only about 15 years old when the flood of Notgeld started and therefore only a poor recollection of this field of collecting!"

We are sorry to report that a reader from Florida has died. Heinz Woitke had been with us a couple years and was quite an interested collector.

ON THE NOTGELD BOOKSHELF:

Hans Fillmann and Kai Lindman have published a 61-page soft cover catalog titled "Katalog des Innerbetrieblichen Verechnungsgeldes der Landwirthschaftlichen Produktions-genossenschaften und verwandter ausgabestellen der Deutschen Demokratischen Republik," released in 1991.

Little has appeared in the English language (see B . Rauch, Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine, September 1970, p. 1110) on these issues from farm cooperatives, ranging in denominations from 10 Pfennig to 1,000 Mark. In some cases, a single cooperative might have had LPG issues from various branches. In other cases, where a single town is involved, the notes are listed in alphabetical order by towns.

Also listed are metal tokens issued by the same LPGs.

Valuations for single pieces, as assessed by the authors, range as high as 100 deutsche Mark. The book retails in the U.S. for $20.

Collectors of Polish notes will welcome a work by Michael Lang, "Polnisches Notgeld des Zweiten Weltkrieges," 53 pages in a soft cover. The book was released in 1990. It retails in the U.S. for $12.

Lang summarizes the contents of the work in German, Polish and English. Major divisions include: *Military issues,tokens used in canteens in the 1920s and 1930s; *Prewar issues, August 1939; *War issues, including concentration camps; *Notes used by Polish officers, POWs in German camps. and *Postwar issues, issued by the Polish Health Department for use in psychiatric hospitals.

A reader stationed with the U.S. Army in Germany writes "I was involved with the US Army Patriot Missile-anti-Missile unit which had shipped out to Israel at the last possible minute on Jan. 21. My unit was the only United States Military unit sent to Israel for its defense during the SCUD attacks.

"Our mission had ended successfully, and we were even able to go on short tours of the country. Nothing like having an all-expense paid vacation in Israel (living in a tent for 68 days, eating cold food in the chow line, heavy rains, and hot weather. All of my mail was missing or not forwarded, and we too endured SCUD attacks, in the Tel Aviv area."

Hohenwestedt July 3, 1921 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-604 $2.25*
Hohndorf Sept. 30, 1921 50 (6) Pf Set L-605 $4*
Holnis March 14, 1920 1 Mark L-606 Plebiscite $1.12*
Holzminden to May 1, 1922 25, 50, 75 Pf set L-607 $1.75*
Homburg/Pfalz April 1, 1917 50 Pf P-S 1013
Honnef, Bad Oct. 1, 1921 50 (4), 99 (4) Pf L-609 set $10*
Horb December 1918 50 Pf P-S 1016 $1.50 folds
Horn/Lippe Nov. 1, 1921 50 Pf L-610a $.75*
Horn/Lippe June 1921 1 Mark L-610b III fold $.75
Horneburg May 1, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-612 Anti-Semetic $2*
Hoym/Anhalt 10 (5+5) Pf L-616a $.65*
Hoym/Anhalt 25, 50 Pf L-616b $1.75*
Huels Nov. 1, 1921 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-617 $3.50*
Husby/Angeln to Dec. 15, 1921 50 (2), 75 Pf L-619 $1.75*
Husbyholz July 1, 1921 50 (5) Pf L-620 (includes plebiscite themes) $3*
Husum ND 25, 50 Pf L-621 $1.25*
Idstein ND 25, 50 Pf P-S 1021c worn $.60
Ilmenau/Thuer. Jan. 1, 1921 10, 20, 25, 50 Pf L-625 $2.25*
Ilsenburg/Harz Nov. 1, 1920 25, 50 Pf L-626a $2.25*
Ilsenburg/Harz June 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-626b Witches, Wildman $1.25*
Immenstadt/Allgaue April 1, 1918 10, 50 Pf P-S 1024c $1.50*
Iserlohn/Westfalen July 1, 1921 1 Mark (5) L-629 $12.50
Itzehoe Oct. 1, 1918 50 Pf P-S 1030c $3*
Itzehoe Aug. 2, 1920 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-631a $3*
Itzehoe to end Sept. 1921 75 Pf L-631b $.59
Itzehoe to end Sept. 1921 50 Pf L-631c $.60*
Jakobsberg Nov. 5, 1921 1 Mark L-634 $.55*
Jarmen/Pommern June 4, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1033 $1.50*
Jena March 1, 1917 10, 25 Pf P-S 1438a $3*
Jena May 1, 1921 10, 25, 50 (3), 75 (3) Pf L-638b Set $5*
Jena Dec. 1921 50 (5) Pf L-635 $6*
Jerichow July 1, 1921 25 Pf L-640aII $.50*
Jerichow July 1, 1921 50 Pf, 2, 3 Mark L-640b $1.50*
Jessen/Halle ND (1920) 10, 25 Pf P-S 1045 $.75
Jessnitz 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-641a $2.25*
Jessnitz ND 50 Pf L-641b $.50*
Jessnitz Sept. 1, 1921 25 (2) Pf L-641c $1.25*
Jueterbog 10 Pf April 1, 1920; 25 Pf, April 8, 1920 P-S 1048 $1
Jueterbog Oct. 1, 1920 50 PF L-646 $/50*
Juist July 4, 1919 50 Pf P-S 1049 $3.25*
Juist April 1, 1920 10 Pf P-S 1049 $2.50*
Kahla 1920 10, 50 Pf P-S 1054G $.75
Kahla April 30 10, 25, 50 Pf L-648a Himmer Walpurgis $8*
Kahla July 1, 1922 50 (6), 75 (6) Pf Sportverein $25*
Kahla 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-650a $1.50*
Kahla Aug. 15, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-650b $1.50*
Kahla ND 25, 50, 75 Pf L-650c $1.50*
Kahla Aug. 15, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-650d $1.50*
Kahla Sept. 15, 1921 25. 50, 75 Pf L-650e $1.50*
Kahla Nov. 1, 1921 75 (6) Pf L-650g $3*
Kahla Dec. 1, 1921 75 Pf L-650i $.50

Kaltennordheim Sept. 1, 1919 25, 50 Pf P-S 1057aII $1
Kamen/Westfalen April 1, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1058d $1*
Kamkenz Nov. 15, 1918 5 Mark K-243 $4*
Kamenz Jan. 1, 1921 10, 50 Pf P-S 1059d $1.25*
Kampen/Sylt Sept. 1, 1921 50 Pf, 1, 2 Mark L-656I set $5.25*
Kandrzin-Pogorzelletz June 6, 1921 1/2 Mark L-657 $.55*
Kappeln July 6, 1920 25, 50 Pf L-659III Red Serial Nr. $3*
Karlsruhe April 22, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1067 $.35*
Kattowitz/Oberschlesien March 16, 1921 1 Mark Plebiscite L-662 $2.50*
Keilhau ND 50 Pf L-664a $1.50*
Keitum/Sylt 1922 50 Pf L-666 $2*
Kellinghusen Aug. 6, 1920 20 Pf L-669a $1*
Kellinghusen April 1921 50 Pf L-669b $1.25*
Kemberg Nov. 1, 1918 5E, 10E Pf P-S 1088 $.75
Kempen/Rhein March 9, 1920 20 Pf P-S 1090d $1*
Kevelaer June 1, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-671 $1.50*
Kiel Feb. 1, 1917 50 Pf P-S 1092b $.75*
Kiel Jan. 1, 1918 50 Pf P-S 1092d $.50*
Kiel Oct. 15, 1918 5, 10 Mark $4.50
Kiel Sept. 10, 1921 70 Pf L-664bII $1*
Kirchheim/Teck Sept. 19, 1918 50 Pf P-S 1101b $.75*
Kirn/Nahe Sept. 9, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1103e $.50*
Kissingen, Bad 1918 50 Pf P-S 1104b $.50*
Kissingen, Bad 1919 50 Pf P-S 1104c $.40
Kissingen, Bad 1920 50 Pf POS 1104d $.60*
Kitzingen/Main to end of Aug. 1920 50 Pf P-S 1105M $1*
Kitzingen/Main 1920 50 Pf P-S 1105q $.60*
Kitzingen/Main 1921 50 Pf P-S 1105t $.60*
Kitzingen/Main Feb. 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf P-S 1105uII $1*
Kitzingen/Main March 1, 1921 50 (6) Pf L-682 set $7*
Klein-Nordende-Lieth to Dec. 31, 1921 50, 75 Pf L-686 $3*
Kloditz/Oderhafen July 1, 1921 50 Pf L-687 $1.25*
Klostermansfeld Nov. 1, 1920 10, 20 Pf P-S 1110II $1
Kloster Zinna Sept. 7, 1920 25, 50 Pf L-688 $1*
Kneitlingen July 1, 1921 50 (2), 75 (2) Pf, 1 Mark (2) Till Eulenspiegel L-690 $3*
Koberg ND 10, 20, 25, 50 Pf L-693c Set $2.25*
Koeben/O Dec. 24, 1920 25, 50 Pf 1 Mark L-694 $4.25*
Koelln-Reisiek ND 50, 75 Pf L-695 Designer Konrad Hanf $3.50*
Koeln June 1, 1918 25 (2) Pf P-S 1114F $.80
Koeln May 1, 1920 10, 25 Pf P-S 1114-O $.75
Koeln Oct. 1, 1920 10, 25 Pf P-S 1114-L $.75
Koeln July 13, 1921 10, 25 Pf P-S 1114q $1.25*
Koeln Jan 12 1922 50 Pf L-697 $1.25*
Koeln Dec. 1, 1922 50 Pf L-697 Dombaumeister $.55*
Koeln Dec. 1, 1922 50 (2) Pf L-697 Heinzelmaennchen $1.25*

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