

12¢ 1851 - SHRUNK PAIR

Chase item - mentioned in S.B.A. article in "Stamps" Nov. 13, 1943. Mr. Louis McLouth wrote me re - this pair on Nov. 11, 1943, and sent me a clipping from the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain of April 1927 wherein A.J.Sefi illustrated a shrunk H. pair from the G.W.Armitage collection. G.W.A. no doubt bought the pair in the Chase sale in May 1925. The Armitage collection was bought by C.J. Phillips in 1931 (?) and items from it went to Harry Jefferys of Philadelphia. Perhaps this 12¢ pair is in the Jefferys collection. Sefi theorized that the abnormal shrinkage was due to going thru a fire in a safe. Sefi

mentioned "the two sets of Belgian stamps of 1859-61 given in the catalogue as "oval 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ MM" and "Oval 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ MM High" are the same printed from the same plate, the difference due to paper shrinkage.