

Columbia - Express 1917

Columbia issued a five centavo stamp which featured a foot messenger taken from a vignette in the Perkins Bacon archives, the stamp's printer. Perforated 13.5, it is printed in a Kelly green shade and imprinted "Correo-Urgente-Urbano," a city special delivery stamp with only 22,000 printed.



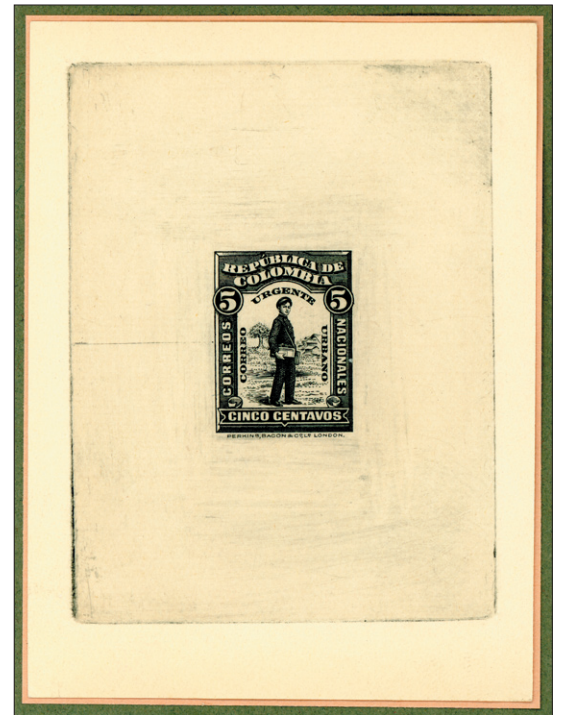
Frame Vignette, unique



Subject vignette, unique



Original Photo Artwork, unique



Sunken Die Proof, unique

The rarity of this stamp is demonstrated by the Louis K. Robbins, Dr. John A. Knapp, Harold B. Billian and Stephen Rich collections of worldwide special delivery issues. None of those collections contained other than a single mint copy of this stamp although they all collected both mint and used copies and covers whenever available.



City special delivery service, 20 July 1917, 3 examples recorded

