

# L10a: 1935 (May 1) Original Issue with "Single" watermark sideways (W.7a)



Perf	Paper	Colour	UHM	LHM	FU
<b>14 x 13 ½</b>	<b>Fine SVM</b>	<b>Sepia</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>
		<b>Brown</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>

L9 a	Variety	Mint	Used
(Z)	Watermark sideways inverted (W.7b) ..	\$1,500	\$1,000
(Y)	Double print (one albino) (blurred print)..		\$1,000
(X)	Letter watermark (printed on selvedge)	90.00	60.00
[4]	No watermark (printed on selvedge) .	\$150	\$100
[4]	Plate No. A2 ..	\$450	

The mesh of the paper of L10a is vertical in relation to the watermark (as is the general rule with the first issues of 1935). However, as in all the 8d stamps (except L10c) the paper was used sideways so that the mesh appears to be horizontal. So we have the abnormal situation that L10a appears to have horizontal mesh when it actually has vertical - and the reverse applies in the later Multiple watermark 8d stamps; they have horizontal mesh but (except for L10c) appear to have vertical mesh.

L10a then, appears to have horizontal mesh; the only other 8d with the same appearance (of mesh) is L10c which actually does have a true horizontal mesh, the paper being used normally. L10a and L1De are very readily separated by the use of a conventional black tray watermark detector. The watermarks are easily seen.