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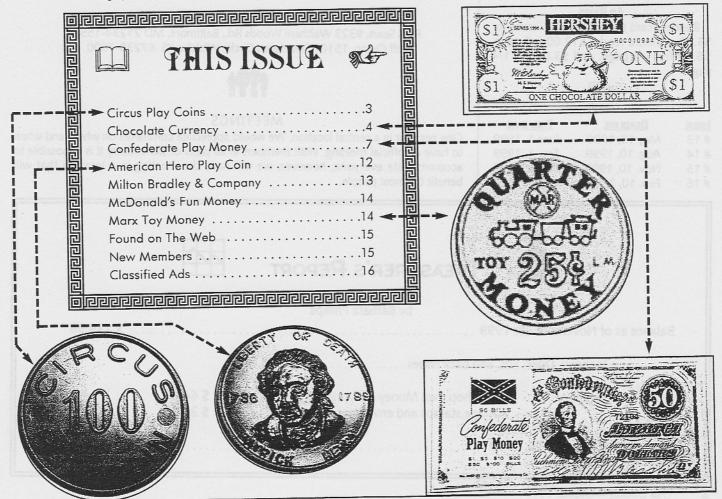
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#### Editor's Note

Welcome to our first issue of 1999! Although we didn't receive a lot of articles for this issue the editor appreciates those contributions that were sent. Thanks also goes to those members who sent in a few extra dollars with their dues. Our renewal rate is not as good as last year (12 have not paid as of publication date), but we have enough for another good year. This issue is 16 pages again, but we will aim for 20 when

enough material is available. Our apologies for the poor graphics in the last *Fun Money*. We attempted to save a few dollars by having a local printer do the job. As you noticed, it was certainly not up to our standards, but it was too late to turn it down and have it printed elsewhere. So, this time we return to the Kinko's in Huntsville. We hope to put the entire issue on a Zip disk next time and have the printer use it for publication. Until then, good hunting!



## Fun Money

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Editor-at-fault Jack Phillips



Fun Money, a newsletter of the American Play Money Society (APMS) for education and fun, is published quarterly to publicize activities of the Society and to distribute educational information regarding play money to society members. The editor will make final decisions about stories and ads for publication. Contents of articles and ads represent views of the authors and do not necessarily represent views of either the editor or Society officers. Only back issues from 1998 are available for \$2.00 each.

Each APMS member is encouraged to send a free ad of up to five lines for each issue of *Fun Money*. Ads will not be run continuously, so please send a new ad each time.



#### AD RATES

Business card (1/8 page): four issues for \$6.00. Camera ready: \$12.00 full page, \$6.00 for 1/2 page, and \$3.00 for 1/4 page.



ISSUE	DEADLINE	PUB. DATE		
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#14	Aug. 10, 1999	Sep. 1, 1999		
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## **AMERICAN PLAY MONEY SOCIETY**

The American Play Money Society (APMS) is a non-profit, educational organization for collectors of play money. It is dedicated to the promotion and research of play money and related exonumia.



#### ANNUAL DUES

\$7.00 per year for a regular membership and \$9.00 for a family membership (US only). Both have full membership, but only one newsletter will be mailed to the family. Dues for members in other countries will be determined by postage rates.



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#### MEETINGS

One per year in a central location. We would appreciate comments on where and when to have an official meeting. With members in all parts of the country it is impossible to accommodate everyone; however, we will have the meeting in a location that will benefit the most people.



#### TREASURER'S REPORT



by Barbara Phillips

Income: Dues, ads, and back issues . . . . . . . . . \$ 295.72

Expenses: Local shop: Fun Money #11 printing ...... \$ 64.80

Postage, stamps and envelopes . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 35.25



# **Circus Play Coins**



by Jack Phillips

This series has only one coin (C115) listed in Richard Clothier's book, Play Money of American Children, but there are many more in several colors. As listed, the coins are round, plastic, and about 30 mm in diameter. The following chart shows the ones in the author's collection. Does anyone have any other colors or additional information about this series?





or, the idea behind the scrip notes	Numbers in columns are denominations  Cream Green Gray Red  100 100 100				
Animal	Cream	Green	Gray	Red	
African Boa Constrictor	100		100	100	
African Crocodile	100	100		each denomination	
African Elephant	500	500	500	with a blue backgra	
African Giraffe	50			50	
African Hippopotamus	10			Dollars for 1996, 19	
African Hyena	5	5	5		
African Lion	25		25	The lost illustration	
African Rhinoceros	5			collection which is	
African Tiger	25		25	25	
American Bear	25	25			
American Deer	10	10		12) many (12)	
American Eagle	500				
Arabian Camel	10			2 May 18	
South American Donkey	5			2 M 2 M 2 M 2 M 2 M 2 M 2 M 2 M 2 M 2 M	
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South American Parrot	500		500		







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# Chocolate Currency



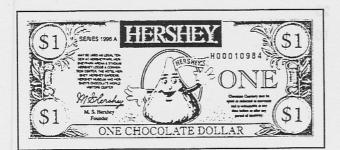
By Millard W. Hajek

An article titled "Chocolate Dollars Circulate in Hershey" in the November 30, 1998 issue of Coin World written by Paul Gilkes, prompted me to dash off a letter inquiring about their availability. And, indeed, a couple weeks later, I received a letter from the Hersheypark Guest Services that included an order blank. The \$1, \$5, and \$10 Chocolate dollars for the years 1996, 1997, and 1998 were available at face cost plus \$4 postage and handling.

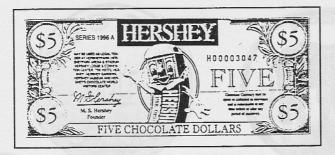
The Hershey "Chocolate Dollars" act as cash and are redeemable for merchandise, refreshments and other services at Hershey facilities in Hershey, PA. Chocolate dollars have been around since they were first issued in 1994. According to Kathy Burrows, Hersheypark public relations coordinator, the idea behind the scrip notes was not only to provide a colorful souvenir for visitors to the Hershey properties, but also add 1-for-1 in equal exchange for genuine U.S. circulating currency.

The full color notes are issued in \$1, \$5 and \$10 denominations, with different face and back vignettes for each denomination and series. The face and back of the 1996 series notes are predominately a light purple with a blue background inside the oval around a Hershey Kiss. Similarly, the 1997 Series face side is green and the 1998 Series hot pink. The denomination of each series is over a blue background at the bottom of each note. The notes carry an eight-digit serial number on the face with a single digit prefix letter. Chocolate Dollars for 1996, 1997 and 1998 are illustrated below at 50% actual size. Actual size is 6 1/4" by 2 3/4".

The last illustration, also at 50% actual size, is another type of "Chocolate Currency" that I have in my collection which is worth \$2.00 off the Hershey Lake Compounce Regular Admission in Bristol, CT. The discount note, dated 1987 is printed in brown ink on ivory or buff colored paper.





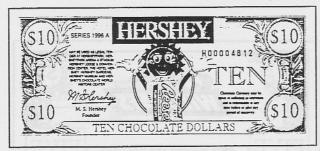


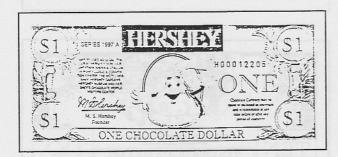


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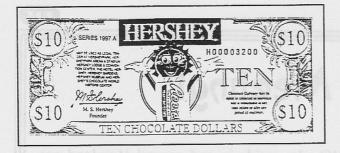


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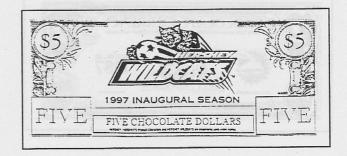












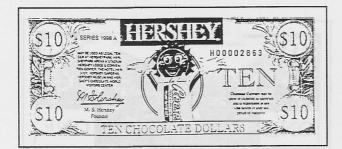




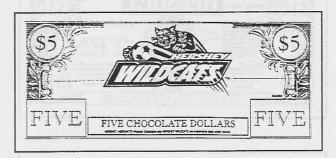
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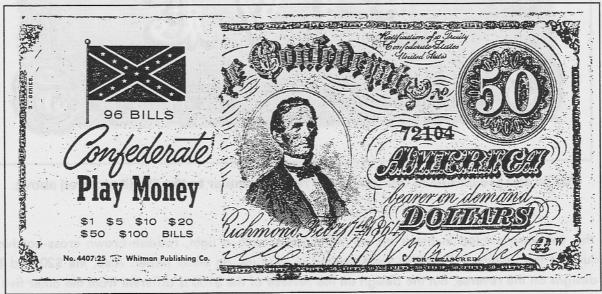
# East Coast Meeting!

Members of The American Play Money Society (APMS) who reside in and around Maryland are planning to hold an informal meeting during the Maryland State Numismatic Association's Atlantic Rarities Coin Exposition on Saturday, June 12, 1999, from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. It's just going to be a social gathering of folks with similar collecting interests in "play money" where we can buy and sell, swap or trade, share our experiences and get acquainted. The show and meeting will be held in downtown Baltimore at the Baltimore Convention Center on Pratt Street. Please check at the registration desk for the room number and location of the meeting. All APMS members, guests and show visitors are welcome! Any questions can be directed to Millard W. Hajek, 1404 Harberson Rd., Baltimore, MD 21228-1116.

## **Confederate Play Money**

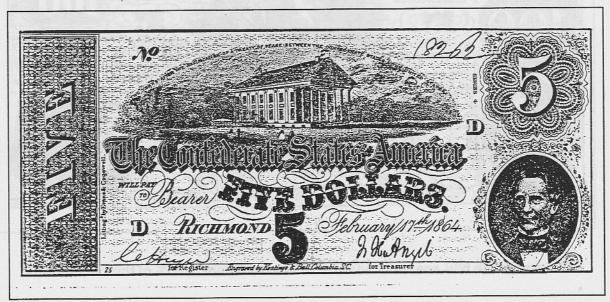
By C.R. Clark

A pile of confederate play money was noticed recently by Bob Clark at a local shop. The money had a brownish color, but there was no date to help determine the year of issue. The bills looked like common Confederate fake bills found regularly at flea markets and similar places. However, some of the information that was missing previously was printed in blue, black and red ink on a yellow stripe at the left on a cardboard 50. This cardboard piece, pictured below, was evidently on the top of a stack of 96 bills--probably sold in a cellophane wrapper.

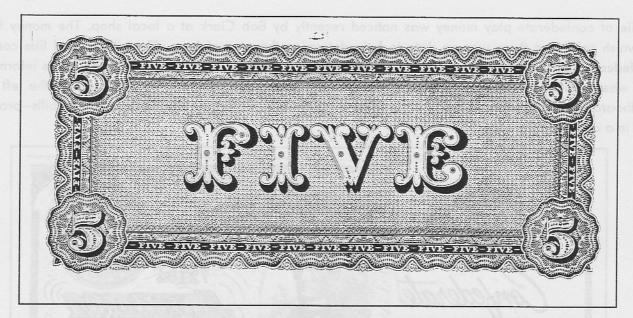


The cardboard piece is pictured at 85% of actual size. It has a blank reverse.

Even though the words Play Money do not appear on the bills, we know now that these Confederate bills were sold in packages as play money. As we can see on the label, the set has \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills made by Whitman Publishing Co. with their No. 4407:25. *Printed in U.S.A.* appears in very small print.



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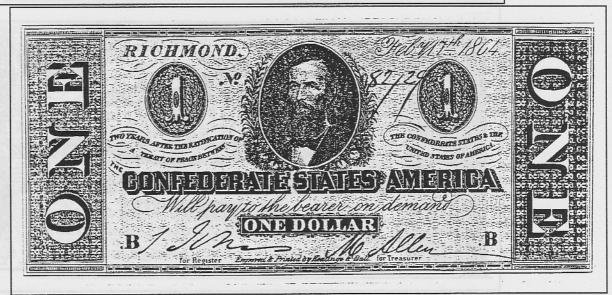
The \$1 and \$10 bills have designs on the reverse similar to the \$5 bill pictured above.

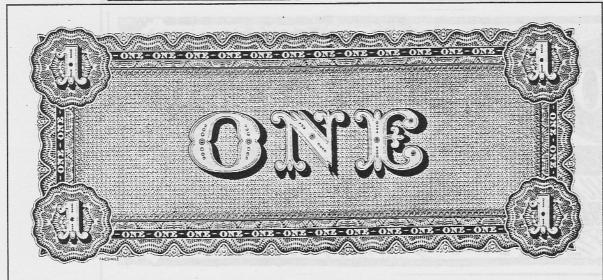
Bills in this set were printed in black ink on white paper with a light, reddish-brown cross-hatching in the background of the obverses. Reverses were printed in blue ink on white paper. Also, the \$20 and \$50 have similar designs on the reverse, but the design on the reverse of the \$100 is different from the other five bills. All six bills have obverses which appear to be copies of real Confederate bills.



Pictures of the bills are reduced from 185mm by 83mm to 85% of their actual size.

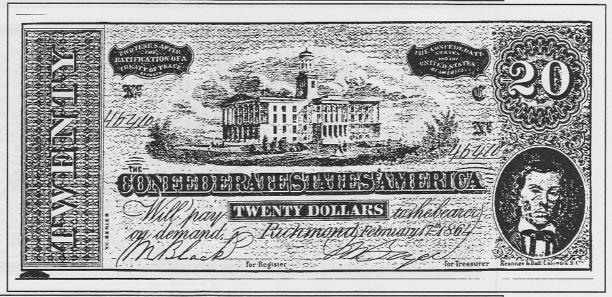


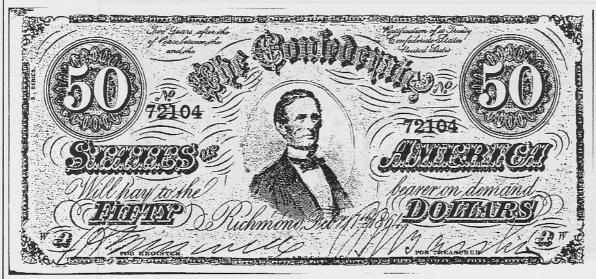


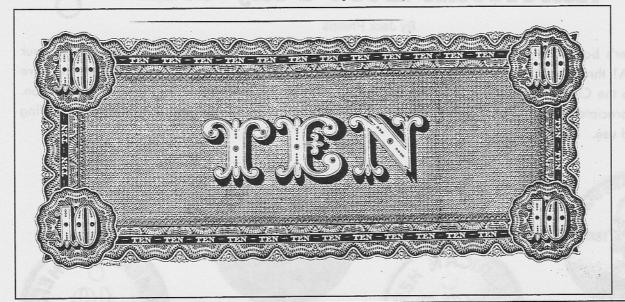


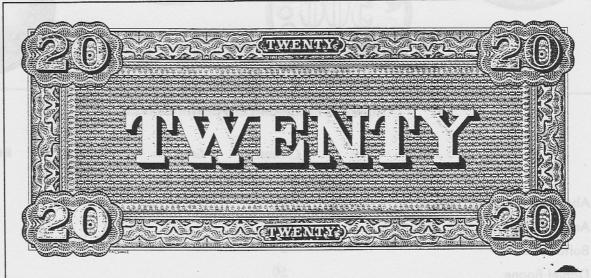
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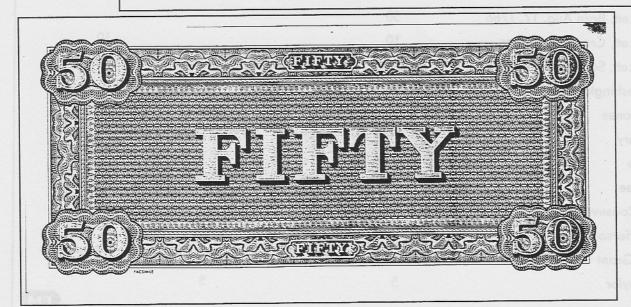












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# American Hero Play Coin



By Jack Phillips

Richard Clothier's book, *Play Money of American Children*, has no information on this series and lists four known coins: A1 through A4. The coins are round, plastic and measure about 30 mm in diameter. They are quite similar to the Circus Play Coins (C115). The following table shows the pieces in the author's collection. We would appreciate hearing about any other coins not listed and any background information regarding their origin and use.









Numbers in columns are denominations							
Hero	Cream	Gray	Green	Red			
Abraham Lincoln	500	500					
Andrew Jackson	500						
Buffalo Bill	5						
Daniel Boone	50			50			
Davy Crockett, Born Aug. 17, 1786	50						
Davy Crockett, Crossing A River	10			10			
Davy Crockett, Saving An Indian	50			50			
George Washington	500						
John Paul Jones	5		5				
Patrick Henry	100	100	100				
Paul Revere	100						
Robert E. Lee	100						
Theodore Roosevelt	10						
Thomas Jefferson	25						
Ulysses S. Grant	10			10			
Zachary Taylor	5		5				

# Milton Bradley & Company

By Jack Phillips

Sometime ago I acquired a reprint of the 1883-84 "Milton Bradley & Co's Catalog of Games, Toys and Novelties". The cover is shown below in reduced size; the booklet measures about 6 inches by 9 1/4 inches. It is a 56 page, soft cover book that does not show the date it was reprinted. Naturally, it is full of wonderful pictures, both color and black and white, of the toys and games that were available in that time period. Page 28 is shown on the right; it was the only reference to toy money. I have the United States version in my collection; however, I have never seen the Canada set. How many of us would pay 25¢ to purchase this box now?



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#### EDUCATIONAL TOY MONEY.

Having secured control of the United States patent authorizing the manufacture of toy money and securing the same to E. S. Fisher, we now offer it in a revised and improved form.

This money consists of discs of very heavy cardboard made expressly for this purpose, on which are imprinted accurate representations of the various coins in common use, the silver on a white board and the copper on a colored board.

As at present made there are two sets, one representing the common current coins of the United States, and the other of Canada.

This money is interesting as a toy with which the children can "play store," and at the same time unconsciously learn the art of readily and accurately making change.

It is also valuable as a strictly educational appliance in commercial and common schools, and is being so introduced; one superintendent of schools in a New England city having ordered a large number for his schools. Each box contains eight small trays which are removable.

## McDonald's Fun Money

By C.R. Clark

The McDonald's Fun Money bill pictured below was found in Sarasota, Florida. As shown, it is from Arkansas and is good for two dollars off admission to Magic Springs and Dogpatch USA. It is dated 1989, with black print on cream colored paper and is blank on the reverse.



## **Marx Toy Money**

By Jack Phillips

A recent acquisition through my favorite on-line auction site, eBay, was a set of five denominations of coin-type Marx Toy Money. They are all made of cardboard and the reverses are blank. Listed under each picture is the diameter in millimeters. The one cent piece is orange in color while the other four are silver. I have no idea how they were used or date of manufacture. Any ideas?









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# Found on The Web

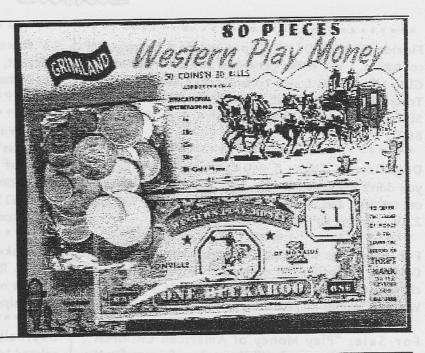


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From Richard Clothier:

I saw this play money package on E-Bay today and thought you might want to print a copy of it in the newsletter. In my book I called these coins "Play Money (Star In Center)". Obviously, I was wrong. They are another of the Grimland family. I'm sure our members would like the update.





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Dorothy Hajek, #38

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# CLASSIFIED ADS



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For Sale: One set Loonie-Tune Stickers (16 in set) Colorful microchip foil dollar bills with Loonie Tune characters. \$6.00 +55¢ shipping to Jane Sears, 9323 Waltham Woods Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234-1550.

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Wanted: Charms Coins, American Hero Play Coins, Pied Piper Ice Cream Coins, Cracker Jack Presidents, and Red Goose Play Money.

Buy or Trade: Lucky Bucks and/or "Seeing Star Stamps."

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We collect play money, transportation tokens, dog license tags and milk bottle caps. Correspondence welcome from fellow members. Oliver & Ruth Brauer, 18330 Pretty Boy Dam Rd., Parkton, MD 21120-9466.