



Young Numismatist's Monthly Discussion
The U.S 3 Cent "Nickel"

1. Who designed this coin and what were some of the other denominations that he designed?
2. When (and why) was the metallic composition of the 3 cent piece changed?
3. Why was the silver "trime" replaced with the 3 cent "nickel"?
4. Which year had the highest mintage? How many circulation pieces were produced? What dollar amount is that?
5. Why did the mintages drop so drastically in the years that followed: starting in 1866?
6. What are the two major varieties of 1873?
7. Were there any years that only proofs were issued? Why was that?
8. Were there any overdates in the series? Were there more of the overdate or more of the "regular" date?
9. What year had the lowest proof mintage; and is thus the hardest to obtain?
10. What was the final year of production? Which other denomination(s); designed by this same designer were also disc