## *NEW DISCOVERY: A LOEWENBERG-STYLE DECAL USED ON A COVER*, by Charles J. DiComo, PhD

This article has described the discovery of a Loewenberg-style decal affixed to a cover sent through the mails on a Due 6 unpaid envelope. This new decal utilizes a portion of the ABNCs engraved design found on the reverse of the Scott #PC1 postage currency note and physically matches the process described in Patent 40,489, whereby a printed design (the decal) is transferred to a surface (the cover), adhering with the gum-like substance. Significantly, this resembles the earliest known Loewenberg decal. The probable period of use is late 1863 or early 1864. In December 2023, the PF issued its certificate 557,941, inscribed as follows: "Loewenberg 'test' decalcomania essay on cover to Belleville, Pa., ms. 'Due 6' at upper right. We are of the opinion that it is genuine, the image is the design from the reverse of PC1, the gum is scientifically matched to the Loewenberg decal. It was not recognized as postage and was charged 6¢ postage due."