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Spl Splendido	Extremely fine	Vorzüglich	Superbe	EBC
BB Bellissimo	Very fine	Sehr schön	Très beau	MBC
MB Molto bello	Fine	Schön	Beau	BC



Barry R. Feirstein, a Harvard graduate began a Wall Street career in the 1970's. A collector of American coins in his youth, he reconnected with his hobby after attending an ancient coin auction in New York in 1994.

The historical significance of ancient Roman coins became his primary interest and he focused on collecting portraits of Roman emperors. As his collection evolved he became interested in the artistic aspect of coins and added many Greek coins to his collection. Barry has been honoured to own and enjoy these coins and now offers them to others who will appreciate their beauty and historical significance

The ability to achieve something momentous in a very short space of time is possibly one of the most important American traits. Indeed, this collection demonstrates such a trait. It is surprising how Barry Feirstein has been able to form, in little less than ten years, a collection of such importance and taste. This collection marks not only his kudos as a collector but more importantly his eye for beauty.

In this second catalogue of the Barry Feirstein collection we offer, in the first part, all the coins from Elagabalus up to the fall of the Empire with the addition of the last Byzantine coin (the Silver stavraton of Constantine XI Paleologus) and, in the second part, we offer coins of "lower commercial value", but not, however, of lower numismatic interest. Amongst the items in this part of the catalogue, very rare coins can be found, even if they are not in very good condition, as one can find extremely common specimens which are well preserved. All of these coins which, at a brief initial examination could appear useless in such a context, instead, in Barry's collector optics had a sense, which is unfortunately a little lost in modern numismatics, that is, a sense of "completeness".

The first part, dedicated to the coinage that runs from the third to the fifth century A.D, is instead one of the best sets both for the quality and for the completeness offered in the last twenty years on the numismatic market. The noteworthy series of coins is consistently extensive whether it be gold, silver or bronze, especially for the excellent condition in which some coins very difficult to find on the market are offered. We would like to mention only some of these: denarii from Pacatian (lot 160), Jotapian (lot 161), Regalian (172) and Dryantilla (lot 173), the wonderful antoninianus of Carausius (lot 189), the solidi of Fausta (lot 205), undoubtedly the finest specimen known, Priscus Attalus (lot 236), Constantius III (lot 242) Petronius Maximus (lot 252) and Avitus (lot 253). Finally we would like to also refer to two siliques; that of Constans, son of Constantine III, (lot 237), one of the rarest "names" in the entire imperial series, and that of Maximus (lot 238), which is by far the best specimen ever offered of this particular issue.

The last part of Barry's collection, dedicated to Roman republican coinage and to the first two centuries of the Roman Empire, will be offered in Spring 2008

# The Barry Feirstein Collection Part II

## Roman Coins

### The Roman Empire

The mint is Roma unless otherwise stated

#### Elagabalus 218 – 222



- 147 Aureus 220, AV 6.32 g. IMP ANTONINVS PIVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P III COS III P P Emperor, laureate, seated l. on curule chair, holding globe and sceptre; in field r., star. RIC 33. BMC 181. C 166. Calicó 3007.

Rare. An absolutely insignificant nick on edge at eleven o'clock on reverse, otherwise extremely fine

12'500

Ex Tkalec sale 2000, 330.

#### Julia Paula, wife of Elagabalus



- 148 Denarius 219-220, AR 2.73 g. IVLIA PAVLA AVG Draped bust r. Rev. CONCORDIA Concordia seated l., holding patera and cornucopiae; in field l., star. RIC Elagabalus 211. BMC Elagabalus 173. C 6.

Toned and about extremely fine

300

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

#### Aquilia Severa, second wife of Elagabalus



- 149 Denarius 220-222 (?), AR 3.01 g. IVLIA AQVILIA SEVERA AVG Draped bust r. Rev. CONCORDIA Concordia standing l., sacrificing out of patera over lighted altar and holding double cornucopiae; in field l., star. RIC Elagabalus 225. BMC Elagabalus 185. C 2.

Toned and about extremely fine

300

Ex CNG 43, 1997, 2151.



**Julia Maesa, grandmother of Elagabalus**



- 150 Denarius 218-222, AR 3.45 g. IVLIA MAESA AVG Draped bust r. Rev. FECVNDITAS AVG Fecunditas standing l., extending r. hand over child and holding cornucopiae in l. RIC Elagabalus 249. BMC Elagabalus 63. C 8. Extremely fine 200

Privately purchased from Freeman & Sear.

**Severus Alexander, 222 – 235**



- 151 Aureus 230, AV 5.84 g. IMP SEV ALE – XAND AVG Laureate bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. P M TR P VIII – CO – S III P P Romulus advancing r., holding spear and trophy. RIC 103. BMC 620. C –. Calicó 3121. Virtually as struck and Fdc 6'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

**Gordian I, 1st – 22nd April 238**



- 152 Sestertertius 1st-22nd April 238, Æ 18.72 g. IMP CAES M ANT GORDIANVS AFR AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGG S – C Victory advancing l., holding wreath and palm branch. RIC 12. BMC 16. C 14. Rare. Green patina and good very fine 4'000

Ex Santamaria 25 May 1926, 664 and Schulman 5 June 1930, 548 and Stack's 1967, Hall Park Mc Coullough, 1495 sales.

**Gordian II, 1st – 22nd April 238**



- 153 Sestertius 1st-22nd April 238, Æ 19.73 g. IMP CAES M ANT GORDIANVS AFR AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PROVIDENTIA AVG S – C Providentia standing l., legs crossed, leaning on column and holding wand over globe and cornucopiae. RIC 4. BMC 21 (these dies). C 6.  
Rare. A pleasant portrait struck on a very broad flan, good very fine 4'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

**Balbinus, 22nd – 29th July 238**



- 154 Sestertius 22nd April-29th June 238, Æ 17.51 g. IMP CAES D CAEL BALBINVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P – COS II P P S – C Emperor, togate, standing l., holding branch and parazonium. RIC 16. BMC 28. C 21. Delightful green patina and good very fine 2'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

**Gordian III augustus, 238 – 244**



- 155 Aureus circa 239, AV 5.34 g. IMP CAES M ANT GORDIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCORDIA AVG Concordia seated l. on throne, holding patera and double cornucopiae. RIC 41. C 49 var. (not draped and cuirassed). Calicó 3189. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 5'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



### Tranquillina, third wife of Gordian III



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- 156 Antoninianus or double-denarius 241, AR 4.54 g. SABINA TRANQVILLINA AVG Diademed and draped bust r., on crescent. Rev. CONCORDIA AVGG Concordia seated l., holding patera and double cornucopiae. RIC Gordian III 249. C 1. Kent-Hirmer pl. 125, 451. Mazzini 1 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Toned and good very fine 5'000

Ex Leu 28, 1981, 538 and Leu 48, 1989, 394 sales. From the Mazzini collection.

The coins of Tranquillina are inexplicably rare. They include the full range of denominations then being struck for her husband in silver and bronze, lacking only gold coins or medallions. Though Tranquillina's series shows every sign of being the first output of a substantial coinage, it must have ceased after the initial issue.

Tranquillina was the daughter of Timesitheus, whom Gordian III made commander of his praetorian guards in 241; his appointment must have occurred contemporarily, or just prior, to the royal wedding in May, 241. Celebrations were probably brief as Gordian, Timesitheus and Tranquillina soon marched east at the head of an army to answer the invasion of Roman Syria by the Persian king Shapur.

To have arranged his own high appointment and the marriage of his daughter to the emperor, we may be sure Timesitheus held sway over the timid boy-emperor. It remains a mystery why Tranquillina's coinage ended as soon as it began, for Timesitheus remained praetorian prefect until his death two years later, and Gordian remained married to Tranquillina for the remaining three years of his own life.

### Divus Marinus, father of Philip I



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- 157 Bronze, Philippopolis Arabiae circa 244-249, 17.69 g. ΘΕΟ ΜΑΡΙΝΟ Bare-headed bust r. supported by eagle. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΠΟΛΙΤ – ΩΝ ΚΟΛΩΝΙΑΣ S – C Roma, helmeted, seated l., holding eagle supporting two small figures and spear; at side, shield. C p. 180, 1. Spijkermann pl. 58, 1 (this obverse die).

Extremely rare. Fine 4'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

In addition to promoting his immediate family, Philip I also lavished honours upon his deceased father, Julius Marinus, whom he deified. Philip's family hailed from a somewhat obscure town in Arabia Trachonitis (the modern village of Shahba, Syria) situated about 60 miles east of the Sea of Galilee and 25 miles north of Bostra, the capital of Roman Arabia. Philip took full advantage of his new position as emperor to honour his hometown, which he elevated to a Roman *colonia*, and renamed Philippopolis.

Beyond these honorary upgrades, Philip made capital improvements in his hometown. He built a temple for the worship of his now-deified father, and had numerous mosaics, a theatre, baths and temples constructed. The ruins of these survive today, and it is likely that most – if not all – were completed under Philip's watch. Since the town was not on a major road or trade route, its prosperity and fame eventually faded.

The coinage of Philippopolis was an isolated event, as no coins had been struck there before Philip's reign, and none were produced afterward. Since no die links between this city's coinage and any other was documented in Konrad Kraft's monumental 1972 study of provincial die links, it is possible the coins were actually produced in Philippopolis, rather than at a larger regional mint. The coinage was struck only in the name of Philip I, his wife, his son and deified father, and was limited to two base metal denominations. A further peculiarity is that even though Philippopolis was a Roman *colonia*, its coin inscriptions (except the formulaic SC) are rendered in Greek.

The reverses depict a seated goddess and a standing goddess. Though the standing goddess still merits her identification as Roma, the seated goddess is perhaps better identified as Allat based upon her similarity to statues found at Palmyra and Suweida. Allat was a remarkably old fertility/mother goddess representing the earth. Her worship was important to agriculture, and she belonged to the trinity of desert goddesses, the other two being Al-Uzza, the morning-star goddess, and Menat, the goddess of fate and time.

### Philip I, 244 – 249



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- 158 Antoninianus or double-denarius 247, AR 4.47 g. IMP PHILIPPVS AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA CARPICA Victory advancing r., holding wreath and palm branch. RIC 66. C 238. Extremely rare. Lightly toned and about extremely fine 400  
Ex CNG 37, 1996, 1723.

### Philip II caesar, 244 – 247



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- 159 Antoninianus or double-denarius 245-246, AR 3.69 g. M IVL PHILIPPVS CAES Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRINCIPI I – VVENT Philip II, in military attire, standing l., holding globe and reversed spear. RIC 218d. C 48. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 200  
Ex CNG 43, 1997, 2245.

### Pacatianus, 248-249



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- 160 Antoninianus or double-denarius Viminacium 248-249, AR 4.20 g. IMP T C L MAR PACATIANVS P F AV Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PAX – AETERNA Pax standing l., holding branch and transverse sceptre. RIC 5. C 6. Szaivert 8. Extremely rare. Lightly toned and struck on an unusually good metal, good very fine 10'000

Ex Hirsch 24, 1909, Consul Weber, 2193 and Schulman 3 November 1923, Vierordt, 2234.

The year 248 marked what Romans believed was the thousandth anniversary of their capital city – a milestone by any standard. While the games went on in Rome the empire was sinking ever deeper into danger from its enemies on the borders, and these concerns were taking their toll in the provinces. One particularly vulnerable region was the Balkans, which existed under the ever-present threat of barbarian invasion across the Danube.

Finally, in the spring or early summer of 248 the legions on the Danube supported their commander Pacatian in a rebellion against the reigning emperor Philip I 'the Arab', who sent his prefect Decius to put down the uprising. The revolt lasted a few months at the most, and sometime between the spring of 248 and early 249 Pacatian was murdered by his own men.

Though it had ended, Pacatian's revolt indirectly caused the downfall of Philip, for the soldiers brought their complaints forth to Decius, who in the meantime had won his men's respect by cleaning the region of Goths, Germans and Dacian Carpi who had invaded Roman territory during the rebellion. In about June, 249 the same soldiers who had sponsored Pacatian hailed Decius their emperor, and encouraged him to march on Rome. Philip brought a large army against him, but was defeated in September or October, 249, thus ending his bashful and ineffective reign of five years.

The only coinage known for Pacatian is double-denarii that were over-struck upon earlier Roman silver coins. Find spots and stylistic considerations have led scholars to attribute them to a mint in Moesia, perhaps Viminacium, a legionary stronghold near the Danube in Moesia Superior. Ever since a mint was opened there by Gordian III, Viminacium had been a prolific issuer of provincial coins, yet there are none for Pacatian, and the issues at this mint for Trajan Decius in 248 are either dubious or non-existent. Either Pacatian's rebellion and the resulting barbarian invasions prevented the mint from operating at that time or it did not issue provincial coins because it was occupied with striking the double-denarii Pacatian used to pay his legions.



### Jotapian, 248 – 249



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- 161 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Nicopolis Seleucia (?) 248-249, AR 3.83 g. IMP M F R IOTAPIANVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVG Victory advancing l., holding wreath and palm. RIC 2b var. C -. Band, Essays Carson Jenkins, -, cf. 9a.  
An apparently unrecorded variety of an extremely rare type. Good very fine 15'000

Purchased in a German auction sale.

From the outset of his reign, Philip I displayed a general gift of incompetence. He clearly was skilled enough to climb the ranks and then to treacherously eliminate the prefect Timesitheus and the emperor Gordian III, but once he had no peer to overcome it was clear that he did not have the talent to rule.

Philip's first mistake was to make peace with the Sasanians on terms which were not only disgraceful to the army, but expensive. Zosimus (I, 20, 2) tells us this was the spark for the revolt of Jotapian among the Syrian legions. Philip had to pay a severe ransom to the Persians in exchange for Roman captives, while also having to absorb the expense of building his home town of Philippopolis in Arabia from the ground-up and staging lavish games for the millenary celebration in Rome. Another mistake was entrusting the administration of the East to his brother Priscus, who ruled harshly and increased taxation beyond what could be sustained.

These circumstances brought forth Jotapian, an army commander who Aurelius Victor says was related to Severus Alexander, and who may in fact have been a descendant of the royal house of Commagene. Jotapian was proclaimed emperor by his soldiers and for several months may have controlled a vast area, for Polemius Sylvius places the revolt in Cappadocia and Victor describes it as having started in Syria (which, if true, could only include the northern part, for he did not strike coins at Antioch).

Opinions on when the uprising began vary, with the conventional view being the summer of 248. But much light was shed on the subject by Roger Bland in a 1993 study, in which he suggests the revolt did not occur until the fall of 249. More importantly still, Bland produced convincing evidence that Jotapian's coins were struck at Nicopolis, a city located about 100 miles north of Antioch, quite near the former kingdom of Commagene. Bland cataloged only double-denarii for Jotapian, but since his study was published a piece of double-denarius weight but with a laureate bust has surfaced (CNG 61, lot 2027), allowing for the possibility, at least, that Jotapian coined aurei or intended to do so.

### Trajan Decius, 249 – 251



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- 162 Double-sestertius 249-251, Æ 34.19 g. IMP C M Q TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. FELICITAS SAECVLI S - C Felicitas standing l., holding long caduceus and cornucopiae. RIC 115a. C 39.

A magnificent portrait well-struck in high relief and a very pleasant green patina.

Insignificant mark in reverse field, otherwise extremely fine

6'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 163 Dupondius or as 249-251, Æ 11.46 g. IMP C M Q TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVG S – C Victory advancing l., holding wreath and palm branch. RIC 108b var. (TRAI). C 121 var. (TRAI). Green patina and about extremely fine 500

Ex Santamaria June 1961, 246 and M&M 28, 1964, 454 sales.

### Hostilian augustus, 251



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- 164 Antoninianus or double denarius 251, AR 3.55 g. IMP CAE C VAL HOS MES QVINTVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SECVRTAS AVGG Securitas, standing front, head l. and with legs crossed, resting r. head on head and leaning l. elbow on column. RIC 191a. C 59. Very rare. Toned and about extremely fine 300

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Trebonianus Gallus, 251 – 253



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- 165 Sestertius 251-253, Æ 21.03 g. IMP CAES C VIBIVS TREBONIANVS GALLVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IVNONI MARTIALI S – C Juno seated front in round distyle temple; at her side, peacock. RIC 110a. C 50. A superb green patina and extremely fine 1'500

Ex Chirsite's 1949, Fitzwilliam, 342 and Leu 10, 1974, 343 sales.



### Volusian augustus, 251 – 253



- 166 Aureus 251-253, AV 3.58 g. IMP CAE C VIB VOLVSIANO AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. AETERNITAS AVGG Aeternitas standing l., holding phoenix on globe and raising skirt at side. RIC 154. C 10. Calicó 3349. Delbrück pl. 11, 3.

Very rare. An invisible metal-flaw on neck and behind eye,  
otherwise good extremely fine

10'000

Ex Sotheby's 21-22 June 1990, Hunt part II, 809; Leu 10, 1974, 345 and Triton III, 1999, 1154 sales. From the collection of Marian A. Sinton.

### Aemilian, 253



- 167 Antoninianus or double-denarius 253, AR 5.12 g. IMP CAES AEMILIANVS PIVS FEL AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ERCVL VICTORI Hercules standing r., resting r. hand on club and holding bow; lion-skin on l. arm. RIC p. 196, 3. C –. Toned and extremely fine 350

Ex Pegasi sale II, 1996, 414.

### Uranus Antoninus, 253 – 254



- 168 Tetradrachm, Emesa early 254, AR 7.91 g. ΑΥΤΟ Κ ΟΥ ΚΟΥ ΕΟΥΗ ΡΟΚ ΑΝΤΩΝΙΝΟΚ ΕΕ Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ΑΕΜΑΡΧΕΞ ΟΥΚΙΑΚ ΥΠΙΒ S – C Tyche standing l., holding rudder and cornucopiae. Baldus, Die Reformierte Tetradrachmen des Uranus Antoninus, pl. 22, 19 (this obverse die) and pl. 23, 6 (this reverse die). Baldus, JNG XXXIII, pl. 11, 15. Prieur 1070.

Extremely rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Toned, light traces of  
over-striking, otherwise extremely fine

8'000

Ex M&M 86, 1998, 95 and Triton II, 1998, 639 sales.

**Gallienus, 253 – 268**



169

- 169 Aureus 256-257, AV 3.72 g. IMP C P LIC GALLIENVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. LIBERALITAS AVGG III Liberalitas standing l., holding *abacus* and cornucopiae. RIC 83. C 578. Calicó 3545 (these dies). A very attractive portrait. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 8'000

Ex Tkalec sale 2000, 265.



170

- 170 Antoninianus or double-denarius 260-268, AR 4.02 g. GALLIENVS AVG Radiate head r. Rev. SECVBITAS AV – G Securitas standing l., raising r. hand to head and leaning l. elbow on column; in field r., VI. RIC 277 var. C 951 var. Cunetion Hoard 1096. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 100

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk

**Saloninus caesar, 258 – 260**



171

- 171 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Antiochia 258-260, billon 3.81 g. SALON VALERIANVS NOB CAES Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SPES PVBLICA Spes presenting flower to Prince; above, wreath. RIC 36. C 95. About extremely fine 100

Privately purchased from CNG.

## Regalianus, 260 - 261



172

- 172 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Carnuntum 259-260, AR 3.20 g. IMP C P C RE[GALIAN]VS AVG Radiate and draped bust r. Rev. CONCORDIA AVGG Emperor and Empress standing face to face. RIC 2. C 1. Gšbl, Regalianus und Dryantilla, p.13, B1 and pl. I (these dies).

Extremely rare and in exceptional condition for this very difficult issue.

Evident traces of over-striking on a denarius of Maximinus I,  
otherwise extremely fine

18'000

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Most every aspect of Regalianus' uprising is shrouded in mystery, as our sources for the period are limited and often contradictory. The traditional view is that Regalianus revolted in Pannonia soon after Gallienus had stamped out a similar rebellion by the Pannonian governor Ingenuus. The two revolts are generally thought to be contemporary – in the summer and fall of 260 – and related in that they were inspired by news of Valerian's capture by the Sasanian king Shapur.

The authors of the *Historia Augusta* tell us Regalianus was a native of Dacia who was promoted to commander in Illyricum; we are also told he counted among his ancestors king Decebalus, who long before had been defeated in a series of campaigns by the emperor Trajan. Dryantilla, for whom coins of this rebellion were also struck, was presumably Regalianus' wife; she seems to have been the daughter of a senator, and epigraphic evidence suggests she hailed from an important family in Lycia.

The chronology of these rebellions was challenged in a 1966 monograph *Ingenius et Rēgalien* by Jenš Fitz, who argued that the two uprisings were not related – that Ingenuus probably revolted in 258, and that Regalianus was hailed by his legions in 259 for a completely different reason. His thesis rests on a chronology in which Gallienus was in Gaul from 257 to early 258, then in 258 went to Pannonia to defeat Ingenuus, after which he went to northern Italy in 259 to repel an invasion of Alamanni.

During this time Pannonia was overrun by Sarmatians and Quadi, an event which Fitz suggests coin evidence can isolate to 259/60. He notes that no ancient source places the Pannonian invasion before Ingenuus' revolt, and that the *Historia Augusta* actually places it after the uprising of Regalianus. If true, Ingenuus' revolt must have occurred before mid-259, which would support the *Historia Augusta* (Tyr. Trig. 9.1), that by consular pair dates Ingenuus' rebellion to 258.

Furthermore, Victor (33.1) says Gallienus went to Pannonia via Gaul. Fitz suggests coins reveal Gallienus was in Gaul in 257 and part of 258, and that he left in 258 after having proclaimed Saloninus Caesar in the early or mid-part of that year. Citing further evidence, Fitz rounds out his case by suggesting that the Alamannic invasion of Italy did not occur until 259 (a year later than commonly believed), and that the capture of Valerian occurred in the summer of 259 (not in 260).

In summary, Fitz believes the rebellion of Regalianus occurred in 259 and was not related to the earlier uprising of Ingenuus (indeed, the *Epitome de caesaribus* (32.3) links his rebellion with that of Postumus, not Ingenuus). Though details of the revolt are not preserved, Fitz (contra Victor) believes that Gallienus defeated Ingenuus, but that Regalianus was defeated by barbarians, presumably during the invasion of Pannonia of 259/60.



### Dryantilla, wife of Regalianus



- 173 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Carnuntum 260-261, AR 2.97 g. SVLP DRYANTILLA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. on crescent. Rev. AEQVITAS AVGG Aequitas standing l., holding scales in r. hand and cornucopiae in l. RIC 1. C -. Göbl p. 26, D1 and pl. III (these dies).

Excessively rare and among the finest specimens known. Traces of over-striking on a denarius of Severus Alexander. Lightly toned, extremely fine

18'000

Ex Triton sale III, 1999, 661.

The rebel coinage of Regalianus and his wife Dryantilla was struck briefly in 260/261, at a moment when the Empire was in complete chaos. The Persian king Shapur had captured Rome's senior emperor, Valerian I, in the summer of 260, and several rebellions soon broke out: Postumus in Gaul, Macrianus and Quietus at Antioch, and the governor Ingenuus at Sirmium. The latter was soon defeated, only to be succeeded by Regalianus, who was hailed by his soldiers at Carnuntum. Regalianus struck coins in his own name and in the name of a Sulpicia Dryantilla, a woman we must presume was his wife, though it has been suggested she was his mother. Virtually nothing is known of her except that she was the daughter of Claudia Ammiana Dryantilla and Sulpicius Pollio, an accomplished senator and officer under Caracalla. Their coins were extremely crude productions over-struck on earlier coins, principally Severan denarii, but ranging in date from Septimius Severus to Maximinus I 'Thrax'.

### Laelianus, 269



- 174 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Moguntiacum or Treviri 269, billon 3.61 g. IMP C LAELIANVS P F AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTO - R - I - A AV - G Victory advancing r., holding wreath in r. hand and palm branch over l. shoulder. RIC 9. C 4. Elmer 622. Gilljam obv. IV and rev. V and pl. C, 7. Rare. Brown tone and extremely fine

1'500

Ex Tkalec 1996, 238 and Tkalec 1998, 280 sales.

### Marius, 269



- 175 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Colonia Agrippina 269, billon 2.89 g. IMP C M AVR MARIVS AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI - A AVG Victory standing l., holding wreath and palm branch. RIC 17. C 21. Rare. About extremely fine

300

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### Victorinus, 269 – 271



176

- 176 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Colonia Agrippina 269-271, billon 5.48 g. IMP C VICTORINVS P F AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PA – X – AVG Pax standing l., holding branch and transverse spear; in field, V - \*. RIC 118. C 84. Toned and extremely fine 100

### Aurelian, 270 – 275



177



177

- 177 Denarius, Roma (?) 270-275, billon 2.73 g. IMP AVRELIANVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. DAC – IA FELIX Dacia standing l., holding standard. RIC –. C –. Hunter –. Göbl Aurelianus –. Apparently unique and unrecorded. Good very fine 500

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### Zenobia, mother of Vabalathus



178



178

- 178 Tetradrachm, Alexandria 271-272, billon 8.34 g. CEITIMIA ZHENOBIA CEB Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. Elpis standing l., holding flower and raising skirt; in field, L – E. Dattari 5511. BMC 2399. Geissen 3065. Very rare. Very fine 1'500

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### Vabalathus, 270 – 272



179



179

- 179 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Antiochia 271, billon 3.24 g. IMP C VHABALATHVS AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IVENVS (sic!) AVG Hercules standing r., leaning on club and holding three apples; lion-skin over l. arm. In field l., star. RIC 4. C 3. Göbl Aurelianus pl. 136. 359aO. Rare. About extremely fine 800

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

## Tacitus, 275 – 276



- 180 Aureus, Siscia 275-276, AV 4.88 g. IPM C M CL TACITVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ROMAE AET – ERNAE Roma seated l., holding Victory and sceptre; below seat, shield. RIC 75. C 115. Calicó 4088. An absolutely insignificant edge mark at seven o'clock on obverse, otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc 15'000

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## Julian I of Pannonia, November 284 – February 285



- 181 Aureus, Siscia late 284, AV 4.77 g. IMP C IVLIA – NVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. LIBERTAS PVBLICA Libertas standing l., holding *pileus* in r. hand and *cornucopiae* in l.; in field r., large star. RIC 1. C 3. Calicó 4414a (this coin). Kent-Hirmer pl. 148, 562. Biaggi 1691 (this coin). Extremely rare. Two insignificant nicks in reverse field and minor edge marks, otherwise extremely fine 25'000

Ex Gilhofer & Ranschburg and Hess 22 May 1935, Trau, 3244; Glendining 16-21 November, 1950, Platt Hall, 1972 and Leu 71, 1997, 521 sales.

In 284 the Empire was in crisis: the 'dynasty' founded by Carus and his two sons in 282 had virtually collapsed, for not only had Carus died in 283 while campaigning against the Persians, but his youngest son, Numerian, who was leading the army back from the Persian front, died in the fall of 284. Remaining in power legitimately was the older brother, Carinus, who in the meantime had been ruling in the West. Following Numerian's murder, another commander, Diocles (the future emperor Diocletian), was hailed emperor in his place, and in opposition to Carinus in the West. Caught between these two rivals was a third commander, Julian of Pannonia, who then was governing the province of Venetia and determined to stake his claim. While keeping a wary eye on the approach of Diocletian, Carinus quickly dealt with the nearer usurper, Julian, whom he defeated early in 285. All of Julian's coins – billon aureliani and gold aurei (of which perhaps thirty are known) – were struck at Siscia, the only mint-city under his control.



## Probus, 276 – 282



182



182

- 182 Antoninianus or double-denarius 276-282, billon 3.77 g. IMP C P R – OBVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust l., holding eagle-tipped sceptre and wearing imperial mantle. Rev. ROMAE – AETER Hexastyle temple within which cult statue of Minerva, holding Victory and sceptre; in exergue, R thunderbolt E. RIC 184 (this officina unlisted). C 535. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 100

Privately purchased from CNG.



183



183

- 183 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Siscia late 284, billon 3.50 g. IMP C M AVR IVLIANVS PF AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICT – ORI – A – AVG Victory standing l., holding wreath and palm-branch; in fields, S – A. In exergue, XXI. RIC 5. C 8. Very rare. Minor area of weakness on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine 3'000

Ex CNG sale 36, 1995, 2479.

## Diocletian, 284 – 305



184



- 184 Aureus, Nicomedia circa 294, AV 5.35 g. DIOCLETIA – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI CONSE – RVATORI Jupiter standing l., holding thunderbolt and sceptre; in exergue, SMN. RIC 5a. C 251. Lukanc p. 230, 2. Calicó 4506. Depeyrot 2/4. A magnificent portrait, virtually as struck and almost Fdc 9'000

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185



- 185 Argenteus, Cyzicus circa 294-295, AR 3.21 g. DIOCLETI – ANVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICTORI – A SARMATICA Six-turreted camp gate with the four tetrarchs swearing over tripod; in exergue, CM. RIC 5a. C 490 var. Lightly toned and virtually as struck and Fdc 800

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

**Maximianus Herculius augustus first reign, 286 – 305**



- 186 Aureus, Cyzicus circa 293, AV 5.45 g. MAXIMIANVS – AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. CONCORDI – AE AVGG NN The two Augusti seated l., each holding globe and parazonium, crowned by Victory between them. RIC 601. C 47. Calicó 4612. Depeyrot 13/3.

Minor nick at eleven o'clock on obverse edge and a small mark on neck,  
otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc

6'000

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- 187 Argenteus, Cyzicus circa 294-295, AR 3.29 g. MAXIMIA – NVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICTORI – A SARMATICA The four tetrarchs sacrificing over tripod before six-turreted camp gate; in exergue, CM. RIC 5b. C 551.

Extremely fine

500

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- 188 Argenteus, Ticinum circa 295, AR 2.70 g. MAXIMIA – NVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICTORIA – SARMATICA The four tetrarchs sacrificing over tripod before six-turreted camp gate. RIC 16b. C 548. Sisak Hoard 37.

Old cabinet tone and virtually as struck and almost Fdc

800

Ex NFA XX, 1988, 470 and Superior August 1995, 973 sales.

**Carausius, 286 – 293**



189

- 189 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Camulodunum 287-288, billon 4.15 g. IMP CARAVSIVS P F AVG Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust facing. Rev. SALV –S AVG Salus standing l., feeding snake raising from altar and holding sceptre; in exergue, C. RIC 400. C 311. Kent-Hirmer 573 (this obverse die).

Of the highest rarity, the finest of only four specimens known. A magnificent portrait well struck on a full flan, green patina and extremely fine 55'000

Ex Tkelec sale 2000, 379.

Not until late in the Constantinian Era did facing portraits become commonplace on Roman coinage. Thus, on the rare occasion we encounter facing busts in earlier times we may be sure they were important issues. With this double-denarius of Carausius we have a particularly mesmerizing item, for it is not struck in precious metal, but belongs to the lowliest denomination that he produced.

It may be no mere coincidence that Postumus and Carausius, each founders of rebel states in the West, used facing portraits. The coinages of both men were remarkably varied and creative, and we might presume that Carausius had some fond recollections from his younger days about the variety of coinage he encountered when Postumus ruled. The flamboyant, defiant facing portraits on the gold coins of Postumus suggest he had something of a Neronian flair which Carausius has done his best here to emulate.

It is not certainly known when this issue was struck, but some time soon after he revolted against Maximian seems appropriate; by contrast, the mint appears to be fairly well established as Camulondunum, modern Colchester.

The tradition of facing portraits established by the rebels Postumus and Carausius (there is even a facing-head gold quinarius of Tetricus II) very likely made an impression on later emperors, for there were four important issues of gold with facing busts struck from c. 310 to c. 321. The first appears on aurei of Maxentius struck c. 310-312, the next on solidi of Constantine I "the Great" struck in 316, and the last two were produced for Licinius I and his son in about 321. Thereafter, beginning with Constantius II, facing-head solidi began to be struck on a large scale – a trend that endured well into the Byzantine era.



190

- 190 Antoninianus or double-denarius, uncertain mint 286-293, Æ 2.95 g. IMP CARAVSIVS P AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ROMANO RENOV She-wolf r., suckling twins; in exergue, RSR. RIC 615. C 292. Hunter 167 var. Very rare. Green patina and good very fine / very fine 800

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.





191

- 191 Antoninianus, Londinium 288, Æ 4.67 g. CARAVSI – VS AVG Radiate, helmeted and cuirassed bust l., holding spear and shield decorated with medusa. Rev. ADVE – N – TVS AVG Emperor riding horse l., raising r. hand and holding sceptre in l.; at foot, captive. In exergue, ML. RIC 11. C 6. Hunter -, cf. 18 for reverse. Very rare. Brown tone and good very fine 600

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### Allectus, 294 – 297



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192

- 192 Quinarius, Camulodunum circa 294-297, Æ 3.11 g. IMP C ALLECTVS P F AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS AVG Galley r., with seven oarsmen; in exergue, [QC]. RIC 128. C 83. Hunter 67. Very rare. Tooled green patina and extremely fine 400

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### Constantius I caesar, 293 – 305



193

- 193 Argenteus, Siscia circa 294-295, AR 3.00 g. CONSTANTI – VS CAESAR Laureate head r. Rev. VIRTVS M – ILITVM The four tetrarchs sacrificing over tripod in front of eight-turreted camp gate. RIC 47a. C –. Sisak Hoard 9c. Extremely fine 750

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



194

- 194 Aureus, Treveri circa 303, AV 5.50 g. CONSTAN – TIVS NOB C Laureate head r. Rev. HERCVLI CONSER – AVGG ET CAESS NN Hercules standing to front, head l., leaning l. hand over club, holding bow, quiver and lion-skin over shoulders. In exergue, TR. RIC 45. C –. Calicó 4836. Depeyrot 10B/7. A very attractive portrait, minor marks and about extremely fine 6'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

**Galerius Maximianus ceasar, 293 – 305**



195

- 195 Aureus, Antiochia circa 293-295, AV 5.26 g. MAXIMIANVS – NOB CAES Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI CONS – CAES Jupiter standing l., holding thunderbolt in upraised l. hand and vertical sceptre in l.; at his feet, eagle. In exergue, SMAΣ. RIC 9. C 118. Calicó 4910. Depeyrot 8/4.

Virtually as struck and almost Fdc

10'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



196

- 196 Argenteus, Thessalonica circa 302, AR 3.31 g. MAXIMIA – NVS NOB C Laureate head r. Rev. VICTORIAE – SARMATICAE Camp gate with four turrets, doors ajar; above entrance, star. In exergue, TS•A•. RIC 10. C –. Rare. Iridescent tone. Minor marks, otherwise good extremely fine

1'200

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

**Alexander, 308 – 310**



197

- 197 Follis, Carthago 308-309, Æ 5.60 g. IMP ALEXANDER P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICTORI – A – A – LEXANDRI AVG N Victory advancing l., holding wreath and palm branch; in exergue, P K. RIC 73. C 13.

Very rare. Very fine

3'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



198

- 198 Follis, Carthago 308-309, Æ 4.63 g. IMP ALEXANDER P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. ROMAE AET – ERNAE Roma standing l., holding Victory and reversed spear; in exergue, P K. RIC 71. C 9.

Very rare. Very fine / about very fine

2'500

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## Valerius Valens. 316 – 317



199



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- 199 Follis, Alexandria circa 316-317, Æ 2.48 g. IMP C AVR VAL VALENS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI CONS – ERVATORI AVG Jupiter standing l., *chlamys* across l. shoulder, holding sceptre and Victory on globe; at feet, eagle with wreath in beak. In field, K – wreath / X / A. in exergue, ALE. RIC 19. C 2.

Extremely rare. Flan crack at nine o'clock on obverse, otherwise about very fine 15'000

Ex J. Malter sale XXIV, 1986, 879.

Valerius Valens was among Rome's less fortunate emperors, as there was little time or cause for celebration during his three-month reign, and his execution was swift and unceremonious. Historians should rightly describe this Valens as "Valens I" since a later Valens (who should be "Valens II"), ruled the Eastern Roman Empire from 364-378. By comparison, the Julian who reigned from 360-363 is called "Julian II" because the usurper Julian of Pannonia reigned before him, in 284-285.

The first civil war between Licinius and Constantine I began poorly for Licinius: his army was narrowly defeated at Cibalae on October 8, 316, which sent him into a retreat. In a hasty move either at Cibalae or while on the run, Licinius declared Valerius Valens, one of his frontier generals, emperor in place of Constantine, whom he symbolically deposed. Constantine's relentless pursuit ended in a truce by which Constantine gained control of much of the Balkans and claimed for himself the title of Senior Augustus. His third condition was that Valens be deposed; Licinius exceeded his demand by executing Valens. Whether this was a demonstration of good faith or a convenient excuse to remove a potential rival is not known.

During the fighting retreat from Constantine, copper nummi were struck for Valens at Cyzicus and Alexandria. In type and style they were identical to the companion coins of Licinius I, with little more than the inscription to distinguish them. At Cyzicus, all eight officinae were striking for Licinius, and it is possible that all eight were also striking for Valens. At present, however, RIC documents only the sixth officina.

## Martinian, 324



200



- 200 Follis, Nicomedia 324, Æ 3.22 g. D N M MARTINIANO P F AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IOVI CONS – ERVATORI Jupiter standing l., holding Victory on globe in r. hand and eagle-tipped sceptre in l.; at feet, eagle holding wreath in beak. In upper field r., X / III and below, captive on ground. In exergue, SMNA. RIC 46. C 4.

Extremely rare and in exceptional condition for the issue.

Dark tone, about extremely fine / good very fine 9'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

Martinian was the unfortunate soul who Licinius made his co-emperor in a moment of desperation following his defeat by Constantine at Adrianople on July 3, 324. Under virtually identical circumstances eight years before, Licinius had done the same disservice to Valerius Valens, who was executed after Licinius sued for peace. With this in mind, we can only imagine Martinian's desperation in accepting his hasty promotion from *magister officiorum* (head of the civil service) to emperor. We are fortunate that coins were struck in Martinian's name, for their inscriptions provide him the title of Augustus – a contradiction to most of the literary sources, which only describe him as having held the subordinate rank of Caesar.

The war quickly evolved on a disastrous path. Licinius was no better prepared the second time to meet Constantine, who this time was determined to make his victory complete. The armies were enormous: the combined land forces exceeded 250,000 men and the seas were crowded with some 500 ships. From the first engagement Licinius was on the retreat, falling back to the Bosphorus and instructing Martinian to raise reinforcements and to prevent Constantine from crossing into Asia Minor. But Crispus, the eldest son of Constantine, won a spectacular naval battle and took command of the Sea of Marmara, thus allowing a flotilla to deliver Constantinian troops onto Asian soil. Eventually Licinius took refuge in Nicomedia with a fraction of his original army. His surrender was arranged by Constantia, who was trapped in the middle as the wife of Licinius, the mother of Licinius II, and the half-sister of Constantine. Though the lives of Licinius and his son were initially spared, Martinian was executed not long after he had been sent in exile to Cappadocia.



### Constantine I caesar, 306 – 309



- 201 Aureus circa 307, AV 5.37 g. CONSTAN – TINVS NOB C Laureate head r. Rev. PRINCI – PI IVVENT Prince standing l., holding standard and sceptre; in exergue, P R. RIC 151. C 406. Calicó 5184.  
Minor mark on cheek, otherwise good very fine 5\*000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Constantine I augustus, 307 – 337



- 202 Medallion of five siliquae, Constantinopolis circa 11 May 330, AR 17.88 g. Head r., wearing rosette diadem. Rev. D N CONSTANTINVS – MAX TRIVMF AVG Roma, helmeted and draped, seated r. on throne, head facing, holding globe and sceptre; l. foot on stool. On l. of throne, shield; in exergue, M CONSS. RIC –. C – . Gnechi –. Tkalec sale 1998, 330.

Of the highest rarity, apparently only the fourth specimen known. An issue of tremendous historical interest and fascination. Scratch on cheekbone and restauration on cheek, otherwise good very fine

10\*000

Ex Giessener Munzhandlung sale 71, 1995, 856.

There were numerous milestones in the long and eventful reign of Constantine, and it would be fascinating to learn which of them he considered most gratifying. Though being hailed emperor by his father's army in 306 and his victories over Maxentius in 312 and over Licinius in 324 would be strong candidates, it is likely that he derived the most satisfaction from presiding over the dedication of Constantinople. Not only would it have fed his insatiable ego to a degree unimagined, but it would have represented the consolidation of his success after twenty four years at the helm. Hereafter he would rule knowing that his legacy was secure and that his name would resonate through the ages whenever someone uttered the name of his great city.

It also was confirmation that he desperately needed at the time. Ever since 325, the triumphant year in which he basked in his victory over Licinius and presided at the Council of Nicaea, Constantine had been overshadowed by personal tragedies and political deadlocks. His reputation had been greatly damaged by the unexplained executions of his wife Fausta and his eldest son Crispus, and he was deeply affected by the death of his elderly mother Helena only a few months before this event.

Constantine was famous for his lavish spending, not only on himself and his court, but on his friends; he was the material opposite of the frugal Tiberius, Vespasian or Antoninus Pius, and preferred to live in the style of Hadrian, Aurelian or Diocletian. Thus, we could be certain that on this, likely the greatest occasion of his reign, Constantine was especially generous with his gifts, which would include coins and medallions to suit every class of recipient.

These silver medallions are among the largest and most impressive of the numismatic souvenirs that survive from the dedication of Constantinople on May 11, 330. There were gold aurei and multiples, sometimes of four and nine solidus weight, and one piece in the Vienna cabinet weighs in at thirty solidi. For the less-exalted guests and the commoners there were silver tokens of varying weights (see the following lot) and anonymous silvered-bronzes inscribed POP ROMANVS. We can only presume that in addition to the aforementioned gold medallions, the high-level dignitaries received objects more valuable still, such as large plates of gold or silver.

These silver medallions were struck in two varieties, one, as here, portraying Roma seated, and the other depicting Constantinopolis. This was in keeping with Constantine's balanced approach of honoring both the old and new capitals on the coinage; however, since his focus clearly was his eponymous city, his 'new Rome', Constantine struck those honoring Constantinopolis at six officinae, and those for Roma at only one.

With this medallion we can detect Constantine's appreciation for Greek culture, for he abandons Roman numismatic traditions. The portrait is diademed rather than laureate, the obverse bears no inscription, the city goddess is flanked by inscriptions in vertical lines rather than inside the circumference of the die, and its fabric approximates a Greek tetradrachm. In all but the decidedly Late Antique style, this medallion compares well with ancient Greek coins, with certain Antiochene tetradrachms of the Seleucid king Demetrius I being especially close (c.f. Houghton, ACNAC 4, 152). The weights of the silver medallions and coins associated with these ceremonies defy easy classification (see the silver piece below for a fuller discussion). These large medallions, for example, range in weight from about 15 grams to 19 grams, even though it is clear that they were all part of a single, intensive production. This particular example is about the weight of five siliquae, but we should avoid classifying it as such because of the variability of the other known specimens.



203

- 203 Medallion of five siliquae, Constantinople 11 May 330, AR 17.49 g. Head r., wearing rosette diadem. Rev. D N CONSTANTINVS – MAX TRIVMF AVG Constantinopolis, turreted and draped, seated r. on throne, head facing, holding branch and cornucopiae; l. foot on stool. On l. of throne, shield; in exergue, M CONS Z. RIC 53 (this officina unlisted). C 136. Toynbee pl. 37, 9. Alföldi pl. 18, 225. Gneecchi p. 58, 11 var. and pl. 28, 13 var. Dressel 200 and pl. 23, 2.

Very rare. Lightly toned, minor marks and good very fine

15'000

Ex Leu sale 22, 1979, 383.



204

- 204 Follis, Londinium 310-312, AE 4.08 g. CONSTANTI – NVS P AG Laureate bust l., holding eagle-tipped sceptre in r. hand and wearing consular robes and cuirass decorated with medusa on breast plate. Rev. COMITI – AVGG NN Sol standing l., with *chlamys* falling from l. shoulder, holding up globe in r. hand and whip in l.; in exergue, TLN. RIC 178. C 44. P. Strauss, *Mélanges Bastien*, pl. 13, 9.

Rare. A beautiful obverse representation and an untouched green patina. Good extremely fine

750

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

## Fausta, wife of Constantine I



205

- 205 Solidus, Thessalonica circa 324, AV 4.53 g. FLAV MAX – FAVSTA AVG Draped bust r., wearing pearl necklace. Rev. SPES REIP – VBLICAE Fausta, draped and veiled, standing facing, head l., holding two children in her arms; in exergue, SMTSA. RIC 137. C 14. Depeyrot 10/7. Alföldi 505 (different officina letter). Extremely rare and undoubtedly the finest specimen known. A fantastic portrait of fine style, virtually as struck and Fdc 125'000

Ex NAC sale 15, 1999, 498.

As the younger daughter of the emperor Maximian, Fausta was born into a political existence. While still a child – perhaps even an infant – she was betrothed to Constantine, the son of her father's Caesar, Constantius. It was a classic political union made long before Fausta was eligible for marriage. When she eventually married Constantine in 307, it was, again, a matter of political opportunism: Constantine had taken control of the Western provinces after his father's death, and Fausta's father, Maximian, now co-ruler with his son in Italy, was in need of an ally. By this time Fausta would have reached an appropriate age for marriage – probably between 15 and 18 years old – yet she was still much younger than her husband, who was perhaps 35 years old and who already had a grown child from a previous union.

During the first decade of their marriage they produced no children, but thereafter Fausta gave birth to five children who grew to maturity. Three were boys, all of whom succeeded Constantine upon his death in 337. But in the early stages of their lives a more prominent character, Constantine's first son Crispus, must have been considered most likely to succeed, for he was substantially older than Fausta's sons and he was popular with the army. With this in mind, there is good reason to believe that Fausta was opposed to the promotion of her stepson Crispus, fearing her own sons would suffer as a result.

The outcome of this irreconcilable state of affairs was a family tragedy in 326, less than two years after Constantine and Crispus had combined efforts to eliminate their last rival, Licinius. In the summer or fall of 326 two executions occurred in quick succession: Crispus was killed after a swift trial on charges that remain a mystery, and Fausta was suffocated in a steam bath for reasons that are not known, but are rightly associated with the execution of Crispus. Constantine suppressed the facts in these cases, and there was no official account of their deaths. Indeed, by the end of the 4th century John Chrysostom (*Ep. ad Philipp.*, 4, 15, 5) apparently believed Fausta had died in the amphitheater, where she was devoured by wild beasts.

But this solidus was struck at a happier time, soon after the title of Augusta was awarded to Fausta and her mother-in-law Helena, seemingly on November 8, 324. Prior to this event, both women possessed the lesser title *Nobilissima Femina*, and, except for a special issue of silver half-argentei for Fausta at her wedding in 307, their coinage had been limited to a single issue of billon coins struck c. 318 to 319 at Thessalonica.

The new coinage for Fausta and Helena was produced on a grand scale at mints across the empire, and this time it included gold solidi and medallions. Constantine was careful to distinguish the presumed roles of his wife and mother by identifying Helena with *securitas publica* (the "well-being of the State") and Fausta with *salus publica* and *spes publica* (the "health of the State" and the "hope of the State"). Both of Fausta's types reflect her role of motherhood, for the health and the hope of the empire, simultaneously, were seen as essential elements of the well-being and success of the Constantinian dynasty.



**Crispus caesar, 316 – 326**



- 206 Follis, Treveri circa 317, Æ 3.26 g. FL IVL CRISPVS NOB CAES Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CLARITAS REIPVBLICAE Sol standing l., raising r. hand and holding globe in l.; *chlamys* over shoulder. In field, T – F and in exergue, •ATR. RIC 151. C 52. Brown tone and good extremely fine 200  
Ex CNG sale 43, 1997, 2557.

**Constantinus II caesar, 316 – 337**



- 207 Follis, Treveri 317-318, Æ 3.38 g. FL CL CONSTANTINVS IVN N C Bare-headed and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRINCIPI I – VVENTVTIS Prince standing r., in military attire, holding globe and transverse spear; in field, F – T and in exergue, BTR. RIC 174. C 143 var. Good extremely fine 100  
Ex CNG sale 46, 1998, 1456.

**Constans augustus, 337 -350**



- 208 Siliqua, Siscia 337-340, AR 2.80 g. FL IVL CONS – TANS P F AVG Laurel and rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONSTANS AVG Three palm branches; above, star. In exergue, SIS. RIC 68. C 1. Toned and extremely fine 1'000  
Ex Triton sale I, 1997, 1705.



209



209

- 209 Medallion of four siliquae, Aquileia 342, AR 13.00 g. FL IVL CONS – TANS P F AVG Laurel and rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. TRIVMFATOR – GENTIVM BARBARARVM Emperor standing l., in military attire, holding standard with Christogram and transverse sceptre; in exergue, AQ. RIC 49 var. (PIVS FELIX AVG). C 112. Gnechi –. Paolucci-Zub 380. Sagradora 381 (this coin).

Excessively rare, apparently only the second specimen known. An impressive portrait and an appealing tone. Light scratches, otherwise good very fine

15'000

Ex Leu 36, 1985, 341 and NFA XX, 1988, 529 sales.

The reverse of this medallion, inscribed TRIVMFATOR GENTIVM BARBARARVM ('triumphator over the barbarian nations'), is a celebration of Roman supremacy over its foreign enemies, a claim that had been well established by the Constantinian dynasty. Foreign enemies had been dominated throughout the reign of Constantine I 'the Great' and the recent record of his sons – at least in the West – was laudable. Constans defeated the Sarmatians in 339, and in 342 he scored a resounding victory over the Franks.

It would seem that this medallion celebrates Constans' recent victory over the Franks, and perhaps was distributed as a bonus to his troops. It may also have been associated with the beginning of his tenth anniversary (*decennalia*), which began on December 25, 342 and was followed by a visit to Britain, which required a winter crossing of the channel early in 343.

The type was an invention of Constans and was struck only at mints under his control: Trier, Aquileia, Siscia and Thessalonica. It took the form of silver medallions and miliarenses struck in his name and that of his surviving brother Constantius II, who ruled in the East. Several later emperors adopted the type, with the most exceptional case being the rebel Magnentius, who struck silver medallions of the same weight after he had defeated Constans and assumed control of the Aquileia mint; since his medallions are excessively rare they probably were struck with a reverse die left over from Constans' original production.

The weight of these medallions is of some interest, for they consistently weigh about 13 grams (slightly less than 12 scruples), meaning about 25 of them were produced from a Roman pound of silver. They were nearly the equivalent of three light miliarenses or four heavy siliquae and, depending on the prevailing gold-to-silver exchange ratio, approximately five of them would have been equal in value to a gold solidus.

### Constantius II augustus, 337 – 361



210



- 210 Light miliarense, Nicomedia circa 355-360, AR 4.02 g. D N CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GLORIA ROMANORVM Emperor, in military attire, standing facing with head l., holding standard with Christogram on banner in r. hand and resting l. on shield. In exergue, SMN. RIC –. C –.

Apparently unique and unrecorded. Attractively toned, minor marks and two flank cracks at eleven and one o'clock on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine

3'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



211



211

- 211 Heavy miliarensis, Constantinopolis 355-361, AR 5.34 g. D N CONSTANTINVS MAX AVG Pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONSTANTINVS AVG Four standards; in exergue, C•Z. RIC 131. C 9. Gnechi p. 65, 10 and pl. 31, 9. Very rare. Lightly toned and good very fine 3'000  
Privately purchased from Freeman & Sear.

### Vetranio, March 350



212



- 212 Æ 2, Siscia March 350, 5.24 g. DN VETRA – NIO P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r.; behind, A. Rev. CONCORDIA MILITVM Emperor, in military attire, standing facing, head l., holding in each hand a standard with Christogram on the banner; above his head, a star. In field l., A and in exergue, •ΓSIS•. RIC 285. C 1. Rare. Extremely fine 200

Ex CNG sale 43, 1997, 2584.

### Nepotian, 3rd – 30th June 350



213



- 213 Æ 2 3rd–30th June 350, 4.27 g. FL POP NEPOT – IANVS P F AVG Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed r. Rev. GLORIA ROMANORVM Emperor, in military attire, galloping r., spearing barbarian kneeling l. with outstretched arms; on ground shield and broken spear and in field above, star. In exergue, R S. RIC 200. C 1. Bastien Nepotian p. 408 and pl. 29, 1.

Extremely rare. A very pleasant portrait and an attractive green patina, about extremely fine

14'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

Though often artistic, coin portraits by the mid-4th Century had lost any sense of identity. Thus, the portraits of Nepotian, a counter-revolutionary from the Constantinian ranks, must be appreciated as an unexpected revival in an age of bland anonymity. Were it not for the shallower technique of die engraving, there would be little to distinguish this highly personalized image from one engraved at the same mint two centuries earlier, during the golden age of the Antonines. The reverse is remarkable for its simplicity, and it recalls the propaganda of Maxentius, the usurper who based himself in Rome from 306 to 312.

Nepotian's brief reign was desperate and violent, but the times could hardly have produced anything else, for Rome was in a state of chaos. Only about 20 weeks earlier the rebel Magnentius had assumed control of the city after murdering the emperor Constans; Nepotian responded by gathering an army of ruffians to kill Anicius, the praetorian prefect Magnentius had left behind to govern Italy. In the days that followed, more supporters of Magnentius were murdered, but that could not prevent the city from being re-taken by those loyal to Magnentius less than a month after Nepotian's counter-revolution had been launched. A vengeful purge then followed in which many of the rebel's supporters fell, including his mother.



### Magnentius, 350 – 353



214



214

- 214 Solidus, Aquileia mid 351-August 352, AV 4.28 g. D N MAGNEN – TIVS P F AVG Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVG LIB ROMANOR Victoria, standing l., and Libertas, standing r., supporting between them a trophy; in exergue. •SMAQ. RIC 136. C 48. Bastien, Magnence, 344. Paolucci-Zub 544. Sagramora 487.

Very rare for the mint of Aquileia. Several edge marks, otherwise extremely fine

3'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Decentius caesar, 351 – 353



215



215

- 215 Æ 2, Lugdunum early 351-August 352, 4.80 g. D N DECENTIVS NOB CAES Bare-headed and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIAE DD NN AVG ET CAE Two Victories standing facing each other, holding between them a wreath inscribed VOT / V / MVLX; in lower centre field, SV. In exergue, RSLG. RIC 135. C 33. Bastien Lyon 175.

Good extremely fine

200

Ex CNG 46, 1998, 1471.



216



216

- 216 Medallion 351-352, Æ 17.18 g. MAG DECENTI – VS NOB CAES Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r., holding spear in r. hand and Victory on globe in l. Rev. VIRT – VS AVGG Prince, bare-headed and in military attire, on horse prancing r., trusting with spear at barbarian holding spear in r. hand and raising l. RIC 418. C 47. Gnechi p. 155, 6.

Extremely rare. An interesting and unusual portrait, brown tone and good very fine

7'000

Ex Gilhofer & Rausch, Hess, 1935, Trau, 4296 and NAC 15, 1998, 498 sales.

### Constantius Gallus caesar, 351 – 354



- 217 Siliqua, Antiochia 351-352, AR 3.16 g. D N CONSTANTI – VS NOB CAES Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VO / TIS / V within wreath; cross within circle on top. In exergue, ANT. RIC 109. C–.

Extremely rare. A lovely iridescent tone, two minor flan cracks, otherwise good extremely fine

1'500

Ex Tkalec 1994, 370 and Tkalec 1998, 347 sales.

### Julian II augustus, 360 – 363



- 218 Reduced siliqua, Lugdunum Spring 360-June 363, AR 2.39 g. DN FL CL IVLI – ANVS PF AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VOT / X / MVLT / XX within wreath; below, SLVG•. RIC 234. C 150.

An interesting portrait. Iridescent tone and about extremely fine

200

Ex CNG sale 43, 1997, 2590.



- 219 Light miliarensis, Antiochia 3rd November 361-26th June 363, AR 4.22 g. FL CL IVLIA – NVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA ROMANORVM Emperor, in military attire, standing facing, head r., holding spear in r. hand and globe in l., crowned by Victory l., holding branch in r. hand. They stand beneath an arch with spiral decorations on the columns. In exergue, ANT. RIC 210. C 63. Kent-Hirmer pl. 150, 694 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Delightful tone and extremely fine

7'000

Ex Hess-Leu 41, 1969, 627; NAC 1, 1989, 998 and NAC 15, 1999, 502 sales.



- 220 Æ 3, Heraclea 361-363, 3.40 g. D N FL CL IVLI – ANVS P F AVG Helmeted and cuirassed bust l., holding spear and shield. Rev. VOT / X / MVLT / XX within wreath; below, HERACLA. RIC 105. C 151.

Dark tone and good extremely fine

200

Privately purchased from Pegasi Numismatics.

### Jovian, 363 – 364



221

- 221 Æ 1, Thessalonica 363-364, 8.27 g. D N IOVIANV – S P F PP AVG Laurel and rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – ROMANORVM Emperor standing to front, head r., holding *labarum* with Christogram and Victory on globe; in exergue, TESΓ. RIC 238. C 23.

Rare. Smoothed green patina, otherwise extremely fine / about extremely fine

400

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Vaelentinian I, 364 – 375



222

- 222 Semis, Antiochia 367-375, AV 2.23 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass, inscribing VOT / X / MVL / XX on shield held on her knee; behind, cuirass and in field r., Christogram. In exergue, ANT. RIC –, cf. 24a (shield held up by Genius). C –. Depeyrot –.

An apparently unrecorded variety of a scarce type. Insignificant mark on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine

2'500

Ex Tkalec sale 2000, 401.

### Valens, 364 – 378



223

- 223 Light miliarensis, Thessalonica 364-367, AR 4.45 g. D N VALEN – S P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS – EXERCITVS Emperor, in military attire, standing facing, head r., holding reversed spear and leaning on shield; in exergue, TES. RIC 10b. C 72.

Lovely toned and about extremely fine

1'500

Ex Triton sale 1, 1997, 1722.



224

224

- 224 Reduced siliqua, Treveri 367-375, AR 2.00 g. D N VALEN – S P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VRBS – ROMA Roma seated l., holding Victory on globe and sceptre; in exergue, TRPS. RIC 27e. C 109.

Attractively toned and extremely fine

200

Ex CNG-NAC sale 40, 1996, 1794. From the James Fox collection.



**Gratian, 367 – 383**



- 225 Light miliarensis, Treveri 375-383, AR 4.43 g. D N GRATIA – NVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS – EXERCITVS Emperor standing facing, head l., holding *labarum* with hooked staff and resting l. hand on shield; in exergue, TRPS. RIC 42b and 53a. C 52.  
Ex CNG sale 42, 1997, 1122. Lovely toned and extremely fine 2'000

**Valentinian II, 375 – 392**



- 226 Reduced siliqua, Siscia 375-378, AR 1.56 g. D N VALENTINIANVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGG Victory advancing r., holding wreath in both hands; in exergue, SIS CP. RIC 17. C 39.  
Ex Triton sale I, 1997, 1726. Toned and about extremely fine 300



- 227 Solidus, Thessalonica 378–383, AV 4.42 g. D N VALENTINIANVS IVN P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed small bust r. Rev. VICTOR – IA AVGG• Two emperors seated facing holding together globe, emperor on r. smaller; above, Victory facing with spread wings. In lower centre field, palm-branch. In exergue, TESOB. RIC 34e. Depeyrot 35/4.  
Almost invisible marks on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 1'200

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Theodosius I, 379 – 383



- 228 Siliqua, Aquileia 379-383, AR 2.50 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCOR – DIA AVGGG Constantinopolis, turreted, seated facing, head r., holding sceptre and cornucopiae; r. foot on prow. In exergue, AQ P S. RIC 25. C 4. Paolucci-Zub 779.

Toned and extremely fine 300

Privately purchased from Freeman & Sear.

### Arcadius, 383 – 408



- 229 Solidus, Constantinopolis 383-388, AV 4.47 g. D N ARCADI – VS P F AVG Laurel and rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCORDI – A AVGGG Constantinopolis, helmeted and with head r., seated facing on throne, holding sceptre and globe; r. foot on prow. In exergue, CONOB. RIC 67d. Depeyrot 34/1. LRC 80 (different officina letter).

Extremely fine 800

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 230 Solidus, Mediolanum 394-395, 4.50 g. D N ARCADI – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing r., r. foot on captive, holding standard and Victory on globe; in field, M – D and in exergue, COMOB. RIC Honorius 1205. Ulrich-Bansa, Moneta Mediolanensis, 60. Depeyrot 16/1. LRC 265.

About extremely fine 700

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Honorius, 393 – 423



- 231 Solidus, Mediolanum 394-395, AV 4.40 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing facing, holding standard and Victory on globe, spurning captive with his l. foot; in field, M – D. In exergue, COMOB. RIC X 1206. C 44. Ulrich-Bansa pl. 61, α. LRC 712. Depeyrot 16/2.

Extremely fine 750

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Theodosius II sole reign, 408 – 450



- 232 Solidus, Constantinopolis 415, AV 4.44 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Half figure r., wearing cuirass and crested helmet decorated with pearl diadem, holding spear and shield with horseman and fallen enemy motif. Rev. GLORIA – REI – PVBLICAE Roma and Constantinopolis enthroned facing, holding sceptres and supporting between them a shield inscribed VOT / XV / MVL / XX. In field l., star and in exergue, CONOB. RIC 207. MIRB 5. Depeyrot 66/1. LRC 346. Rare. Extremely fine 2'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



- 233 Solidus, Constantinopolis 425–429, AV 4.46 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing three-quarter r., holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. SALVS REI – PVBLICAE Δ Two emperors, the one on the r. smaller, nimbate, enthroned facing, both in consular robes, holding *mappa* and cruciform sceptre; above them a star. In exergue, CONOB. RIC 237. MIRB 23b. Depeyrot 79/1. LRC 375.

Minor mark in obverse field, otherwise good extremely fine

1'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Aelia Pulcheria, sister of Theodosius II, 414 – 453



- 234 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 414–420, AV 1.39 g. AEL – PVLCHERIA AVG Pearl-diademed bust r., wearing necklace and earrings. Rev. Cross within wreath; below, CONOB. RIC Theodosius II 214. MIRB Theodosius 49. Depeyrot 72/4. LRC 446. About extremely fine 1'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Aelia Eudocia, wife of Theodosius II



- 235 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 430, AV 1.38 g. AEL EVDO – CIA AVG Draped bust r., wearing elaborate and pearl-diademed headdress. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, CONOB. RIC Theodosius II 281. MIRB Theodosius II 50. LRC 461. Depeyrot 72/2.

Rare. Light scratch on obverse, otherwise very fine

1'500

Ex CNG sale 46, 1998, 1501.



## Priscus Attalus, 409 – 410



236

- 236 Solidus 409-410, AV 4.47 g. IMP PRISCVS AT – TALVS P F AVG Pearl and rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTI Emperor standing r., holding *labarum* in r. hand and Victory on globe in l., treading with his l. foot on bound captive to r.; in field, R – M and in exergue, COMOB. RIC 1401. C 9. Depeyrot 37/1. LRC –.

Excessively rare and among the finest specimens known.

Well-struck on a full flan and extremely fine

120'000

Ex NAC sale 18, 2000, 773.

The Roman world was at risk of extinction in 409 when Visigoths under king Alaric occupied Italy, captured Rome's granaries and laid siege to the great, walled capital. Faced with eventual starvation, the senate cooperated by electing one of their own members, Priscus Attalus, as emperor in opposition to Honorius, whose court was based in Ravenna. Attalus, a senator of Ionian Greek extraction, was known to Alaric, for in the previous year he had been the senate's representative in negotiations with the king. Since he was a pagan, Attalus had to be baptized before he could be crowned.

In the following year, 410, Alaric led part of his army north to challenge Honorius in Ravenna, but his venture failed and the Vandal king returned to Rome. In June he deposed Attalus (who was pardoned by Honorius), and late in August he led his armies into Rome, sacking the great city for three days, August 24 through 26. Every portable item of value, including hostages such as Priscus Attalus and the emperor's half-sister Galla Placidia, was taken.

Attalus remained a prisoner of the Visigoths until he was again hailed emperor against Honorius in 415 by Alaric's successor Athaulf. His second reign was based in Gaul, not Rome, and it was equally brief. Attalus' career as puppet emperor of the Goths ended in the spring of 416 when he was captured by Honorius' soldiers and taken to Rome to be paraded through the streets. He was then banished to the Lipari islands where he lived out the rest of his days, having been relieved of his right thumb and forefinger in a symbolic gesture against any future revolt.

## Constans, son of Constantine III, 410 – 411



237

- 237 Siliqua, Treveri 410-411, AR 1.58 g. D N CONSTA – NS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR – [IA] AAGGG Roma seated l. on cuirass, holding Victory on globe and reversed spear; in exergue, SMTR. RIC 1537 (this coin cited in note). C 1 var. Lafaurie –. LRC –

Of the highest rarity, only eight coins known of this ruler, of which this is the second and the only one in private hands from the mint of Treveri.

Old cabinet tone and about extremely fine.

40'000

Ex Leu sale 71, 1997, 576.

As the son of Constantine III, a soldier who was hailed emperor by his comrades in Britain, it was natural that Constans II would serve in his father's regime. Times were difficult in the West, and desperate measures were required to preserve the order. The soldiers abandoned hope that Honorius would defend the western provinces, as he was occupied with trying to keep the Visigoths out of Italy. So they hailed their own emperor three times in rapid succession – Marcus, Gratian and Constantine III. The first two were killed quickly and issued no coins, but the last survived approximately four years before he was captured and executed.

Though Britain had just been ravaged by the Picts, Constantine III crossed the Channel into Gaul to fend off Honorius' general Sarus and to try to expel the Burgundians, Vandals, Alans, Alemanni, Franks and Suevi who had crossed the frozen Rhine into Germany and Gaul. Constantine III found success and eventually enlarged his domain to include Britain, northern Spain, Germany, Gaul and seemingly also Rhaetia. His victories were significant, but his gains were temporary, as rebellions soon arose in Britain and in Spain.

Constans II apparently was a monk before he was hailed Caesar. Even his younger brother Julian seems to have been given the title *nobilissimus* at the time Constans II was hailed Caesar, but nothing else is known of him. Presumably in 408 Constans II was sent to Spain with his father's *magister militum* Gerontius to secure the peninsula. Their work was only partially successful and Constans II returned to Gaul with two ringleaders of the pro-Honorius resistance, Verenianus and Didymus, both of whom were executed at Arles.

By 410 Constans' father had raised him from Caesar to Augustus. The only coins struck for Constans II are siliquae from Arles and Trier, the inscriptions of which confirm he held the rank of Augustus. Though flattering, the promotion was an empty gesture, and we are fortunate that a handful of his coins survive as a testament to his reign. From Spain Gerontius returned to Gaul to besiege, capture and execute Constans II at Vienne, and a few months later helped to assure his father was also captured and executed.

### Maximus, 409-411



- 238 Siliqua, Barcinona 410-411, AR 1.48 g. D N MAXIM – VS P F A [VG] Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR A AVGGG Roma seated l. on cuirass, holding Victory on globe and reversed spear; in exergue, SMBA. C 1. RIC 1601. LRC –. King, *Melanges Bastien*, pp. 291-292.

Extremely rare and probably the finest specimen known. Struck on unusually good metal and large flan, attractive iridescent tone and about extremely fine

7'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

The fortune of Rome shifted incalculably downward on New Year's Eve, 406, when the Rhine froze and several barbarian nations, including Vandals, Alans and Suebi crossed into Roman territory. It could not have happened at a more critical moment, for Honorius was fully occupied with the Visigothic king Alaric (who, in 410, would sack Rome).

What followed in 407 and beyond was a mass devastation of the Western provinces: Germany and Gaul bore the brunt of the invasion, and Picts invaded Britain. Initially, Spain was spared these horrors due to its southerly position, but in 409 Vandals and other barbarians forced their way through the pass of the Pyrenees and laid waste to that land too.

There was no government in Spain to speak of, and Honorius could not help; this left only the ephemeral presence of Constans II and his British prefect Gerontius. They had arrived in 408 to oppose the pro-Honorius militias that had been raised from the estates of Honorius' relatives. Thus, even under these dire circumstances, Romans with competing loyalties still found reasons to clash with each other.

Constans II and Gerontius overcame the local militias but failed to bring northern Spain into their 'empire' for long. Vandals and Germans soon poured from Gaul and into Spain. It is difficult to know whether Gerontius betrayed Constans II by coming to a secret arrangement with the invaders, but before matters got too far out of hand Constans II returned to Gaul. Meanwhile, Gerontius and the people of Spain were left to their own fate. As Salvianus of Marseille reports in his *De gubernatione Dei* (52): "The Spaniards now began to burn in the same flames in which the Gauls had burned." Spain was looted by the invaders and a famine caused many who took refuge in walled cities to resort to cannibalism.

The blame fell upon Gerontius, who then made a pact with the invading Vandals in which he hailed Maximus the emperor of Spain; he may have been Gerontius' son, but more likely he was his senior household officer (*domesticus*). Nothing of substance is known of his reign except that it lasted until 411, by which time Honorius was in a position to recover the western provinces. In short order the rebels Constantine III and Constans II were killed and Gerontius was forced to commit suicide when his troops defected to Honorius' general Constantius III.

Maximus had apparently been in Gaul with Gerontius just before his suicide. The two-year reign of Maximus ended when he returned to Spain in 411 to seek asylum with his barbarian allies. He likely survived until about 418, but if he is the same *Maximus tyrannus* who rebelled in Spain in about 420, we would have to extend his lifespan to 422, for that rebel was executed in the year of Honorius' *tricennalia*.

## Jovinus, 411 – 413



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- 239 Solidus, Treveri 411-413, AV 4.41 g. DN IOVIN – VS P F AVG Pearl and rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. RESTITV – TOR REIP Emperor standing r., holding standard and Victory on globe, spurning captive with his l. foot; in field, T – R. In exergue, COMOB. RIC 1704. C 1. LRC –. Depeyrot 59/1. Extremely rare. Traces of mounting, otherwise good very fine 20'000

Purchased in a German auction.

When the Gallic nobleman Jovinus was proclaimed emperor in Germania Secunda in 411, his timing was ideal; the luckless Honorius had only just emerged from the horrors of 407-411, during which many crises had struck the Western empire, including the sack of Rome by the Visigoths. Jovinus already had agreements with kings of the Alans and Burgundians, and he immediately set about making alliances with other barbarian leaders, including Athaulf, king of the Visigoths. All was proceeding according to plan until Jovinus courted the Gothic dissident Sarus, and hailed his own brother Sebastianus co-emperor, for both of these actions alienated Athaulf, who instead began to co-operate with Honorius. The alliance of Athaulf and Honorius was effective, and the rebels Sebastianus and Jovinus were, in turn, captured and executed.



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- 240 Siliqua, Lugdunum 411-413, AR 1.56 g. DN IOVIN – VS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR – IA AVGG Roma seated l. on stylized cuirass, holding Victory on globe and reverted spear; in exergue, MLD. RIC 1714. C 2. LRC 809 var. (seated on curule chair). King, Melanges Bastien, pp. 288-290. Very rare. Toned, light scratch on cheek, otherwise very fine 1'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

## Johannes, 423 – 425



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- 241 Solidus, Ravenna 423-425, AV 4.43 g. DN IOHAN – NES P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing r., holding standard and Victory on globe, spurning captive with his l. foot; in field, R – V. In exergue, COMOB. RIC 1901. C 4. Depeyrot 12/1. LRC 819. Ranieri 52. Rare. Very fine 4'000

Privately purchased from CNG.



**Constantius III, 8th February – 2nd September 421**



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- 242 Solidus, Ravenna 8th February-2nd September 421, AV 4.11 g. DN CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing facing, holding standard and Victory on globe, spurning captive with his l. foot; in field, R – V. In exergue, COMOB. RIC 1325. C 1. Depeyrot 7/4. LRC 815. Ranieri 48.

Extremely rare and in very good condition for the issue. Extremely fine

40'000

Ex Tkalec sale 2000, 424.

The Danubian commander Constantius III had enjoyed a stellar career by the time he undertook a naval blockade of Spain and Gaul in 415, which caused the murder of the Visigothic king Athaulf. In achieving this victory Constantius secured the return of the emperor Honorius' half-sister Galla Placidia, who had been captured by the Visigoths when they sacked Rome in 410, and who in the meantime had been forced to marry king Athaulf. Riding the tide of his triumph, Constantius pressed for a royal marriage with the rescued empress, which occurred on January 1, 417, when he also assumed his second consulship. Slightly more than four years passed before Constantius gained enough prestige at court that Honorius reluctantly declared him co-emperor.

This elevation was well-received in the West, where the soldiers were relieved to have a proven soldier sharing the throne, but it was not acknowledged by the Eastern emperor Theodosius II. The specter of civil war loomed for seven months until the stalemate was finally resolved by Constantius' death, seemingly of natural causes, on September 2, 421. Due in part to the brevity of his reign, only gold solidi and tremisses from Ravenna were struck in Constantius' name. Beyond coinage, his other lasting legacy was his son Valentinian III, by Galla Placidia, who eventually ruled the Western Roman Empire, albeit impotently, for thirty years.

**Valentinian III, 425 – 455**



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- 243 Solidus, Ravenna 435, AV 4.40 g. D N PLA VALENTI – NIANVS P F AVG Rosette and pearl diademed bust l., holding *mappa* and long cross. Rev. VOT X – MVLT XX Facing consular figure, seated on throne, holding *mappa* and cross sceptre; in field, R – V and in exergue, CONOB. RIC 2036. C 41. Depeyrot 14/1. LRC –. Ranieri 99. Very rare. Minor graffito on neck on obverse, otherwise extremely fine

3'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



- 244 Solidus, Constantinopolis 450, AV 4.44 g. D N VALENTIN – ANVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG N Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in field r., star. In exergue, COMOB. RIC Marcian 506. MIRB Marcian 6b. Depeyrot 87/2. LRC 864.  
Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 1'200

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

#### Galla Placidia, mother of Valentinian III



- 245 Semis, Ravenna and Roma 421-422, AV 2.02 g. D N GALLA PLA – CIDIA P F AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r., wearing earring and necklace. Rev. SALVS REI – PVBLICAE Christogram within wreath; below, COMOB. RIC Valentinian III 2054. C 10. Depeyrot 47/5 (Roma). LRC 818. Ranieri 79.  
Extremely rare. Very fine / good very fine 3'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



- 246 Solidus, Aquileia 425, AV 4.46 g. D N GALLA PLA – CIDIA P F AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r., wearing necklace and crowned above by the hand of God; Christogram on shoulder. Rev. VOT XX – MVLT XXX Victory standing l., supporting linear cross; in upper field l., star. In field, A – Q and in exergue, COMOB. RIC Theodosius 1808 var. C 12. Depeyrot 23/2. LRC 825. Paolucci-Zub 825.  
Rare. About extremely fine 6'000

Ex M&M sale 86, 1998, 222.

### Licinia Eudoxia, wife of Valentinian III



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- 247 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 439 or 442/3, AV 1.39 g. AEL EVDO – XIA AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r., wearing earring and necklace. Rev. Cross within wreath; beneath, CONOB. RIC Theodosius II 336. MIRB Theodosius II 51. LRC 373. Depeyrot 72/3.

Extremely rare. Minor mark on obverse, otherwise extremely fine

3'500

Ex Triton sale II, 1998, 1096.

### Justa Gratia Honoria, sister of Valentinian III Augusta 426 (?)



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- 248 Solidus, Ravenna circa 430-445, AV 4.62 g. D N IVST GRA HO – NORIA P F AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r., cross on shoulder, crowned above by the Hand of God. Rev. BONO – REIPVBLICAE R – V Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in upper field, star. In exergue, COMOB. RIC 2022. . C 1. LRC 866. Depeyrot 15/1. Ranieri 89. Kent-Hirmer pl. 192, 756.

Very rare. Extremely fine

16'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Marcian, 450 – 457



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- 249 Solidus, Constantinopolis circa 450, AV 4.44 g. D N MARCIA – NVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing three-quarter r., holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in field r., star. In exergue, CONOB. RIC 510. MIRB 5a. LRC 476. Depeyrot 87/1.

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

Two scratches on obverse, otherwise extremely fine

500



**Contorniates, 2nd half of IV – early V century AD**



- 250 Contorniate late 4th century AD, Æ 18.01 g. NERO CAESAR AVG GERM IMP Laureate head r.; in field l., monogram PE engraved. Rev. STE – F – AN – AS Driver in slow quadriga r., looking backward, holding wreath and whip in r. hand, palm branch in l. C 170. Alföldi Contorniates p. 59, 192.12 and pl. 71, 8.  
Wonderful enamel-like green patina and extremely fine 10'000

Ex NAC sale 18, 2000, 461.

**Aelia Pucheria, wife of Marcian**



- 251 Solidus, Constantinopolis 450-453, AV 4.44 g. AEL PVLCH – ERIA AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r., wearing earring and necklace and crowned above by the Hand of God. Rev. VICTOR – I – A AVGGG Victory standing l., holding long jewelled cross; in field r., star and in exergue, CONOB. RIC Marcian 512. MIRB 7a. LRC 443 var. (officina B). Depeyrot 87/3.

Very rare. Graffito on obverse field, about extremely fine

4'000

Ex CNG sale 46, 1998, 1505.

**Petronius Maximus, 16th March – 31st May 455**



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- 252 Solidus 16th March-31st May 455, AV 4.33 g. D N PETRONIVS MA – XIMVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing facing, holding long cross and Victory on globe, foot on man-headed serpent; in field, R – M. In exergue, COMOB. RIC 2201. C 1. LRC 874. Lacam 4 and pl. 18, 4 (this coin). Jameson 411 (this coin). Depeyrot 48/3.

Very rare and among the finest specimens known. Insignificant scratch on obverse field behind head, otherwise extremely fine

30'000

Ex Sotheby's 13 June 1907, *Astronomer*, 178; M&M 12, 1953, 889; M&M 44, 1971, 189; Sternberg I, 1973, 491 and M&M 86, 1998, 224 sales. From the Jameson collection.

The 76-day reign of Petronius Maximus was anything but a success. Much to his credit, though, Petronius Maximus was one of the wealthiest senators in Rome, who after having twice served as consul, prefect of Italy, and prefect of Rome, rose to the grand position of chamberlain to the emperor Valentinian III. More powerful still was the Master of Soldiers Aetius, who controlled the army. Tensions increased, and in a surprisingly courageous move the emperor himself murdered Aetius. This solved one of the Valentinian's problems, but had he lived long enough, he no doubt would have realized his mistake, for Aetius was the best commander in the Western empire. But Valentinian's end came soon, as his chamberlain Petronius Maximus encouraged two of Aetius' former bodyguards to seek revenge by murdering the emperor. Now that the palace was cleared of both general and emperor, Petronius Maximus seized the throne himself, and with it demanded the hand of Valentinian's beautiful 33-year-old widow, Licinia Eudoxia. Desperate for help, she sent a plea to the Vandal king Gaiseric, who quickly landed an army outside of Rome. Petronius Maximus tried to flee on horseback, but instead was pelted with stones by an angry mob that dragged him off his horse, beat him to death and tossed his mutilated body into the Tiber. The Vandals breached the walls of Rome on June 1, 455 and sacked the Eternal City for fifteen days before they departed with untold treasures and three Imperial hostages, Licinia Eudoxia and her two daughters, for whom they eventually receive a king's ransom.

## Avitus, 455 – 456



- 253 Solidus, Arles 455-456, AV 4.35 g. D N AVITVS – PERP AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG Emperor standing r., holding long cross in r. hand and Victory on globe in l.; l. foot on captive. In field, A – R and in exergue, COMOB. RIC 2401. C 5. LRC 875. Lacam cf. 7-9. Depeyrot 24/1. Depeyrot Arles 212/1. Kent-Hirmer pl. 193, 759 (this obverse die).  
Extremely rare and in exceptional condition for the issue. Minor area of weakness on  
on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine 45'000

Ex Rollin & Feuardent 1896, Montegu, 1006; Schulman 1923, Vierordt, 2914; Glebdining 1950, Platt Hall II, 2098; Hess-Leu III, 1956, 445; Leu 36, 1985, 357 and Spink 13 April 2000, Dreesmann part I, 344 sales.

Like many of Rome's emperors, Avitus was hailed Augustus outside of Italy. In his case the location was the provincial capital of Arles, and the circumstances were grim. In September, 454 the emperor Valentinian III murdered his *magister militum* A'tius, which was repaid by his own murder six months later. Valentinian was replaced by Petronius Maximus, a usurper whose tyranny invited an invasion of Italy by the Vandals, who sacked Rome on June 1.

The void in the summer of 455 was considerable: there was no emperor in the West, and every portable item of value in the capital (including royal hostages) had been carted away by the Vandals. It was at this moment that Avitus courageously became emperor of the West. He did so with the support of the Visigothic king Theoderic II, but he only received the consent of the Eastern emperor Marcian later in the year, when he had made his way to Italy.

Avitus had strong connections with the Visigothic court at Toulouse, for whom he was serving as an imperial envoy. He also had extensive experience in government and had acquired military experience under A'tius, one of the most accomplished soldiers of his age.

Without A'tius to lead the western armies and fleets, Avitus found a new *magister militum* in Ricimer, who in 456 scored a major victory against the Vandals off the coast of Corsica. The talent of the new commander was a double-edged sword, for Ricimer became the most important man in the West for the next 16 years. Of more direct interest to Avitus was the fact that Ricimer soon deposed him and replaced him with a sequence of puppet emperors.

Local circumstances began to weigh against Avitus, including a famine in Rome and the loss of support from the Visigoths, who were occupied with a war against the Suevi in Spain. All the while, the popularity of Ricimer was on the rise because of his follow-up victory over the Vandals. Finally, on October 17, 456, Avitus was deposed by Ricimer, who made him bishop of Piacenza, an appointment he did not long survive.

This solidus was struck at the mint in Arles, which Avitus reopened using workers from Ravenna. Thus, it should not surprise us to see the mint signature of Arles (AR), but the style of Ravenna. Avitus' strong ties with the Visigoths also resulted in a large production of imitations of his solidi and tremisses, which presumably were struck at Toulouse for distribution among the Visigoths.

## Majoran, 457 – 461



- 254 AE4, Mediolanum 457-461, 1.27 g. [D N] IVL MAIRIANVS (*sic!*) P F AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. [VICTORIA] – AVGGG Victory standing l., holding wreath and palm branch; in exergue, [MD] (?). RIC cf. 2641 (AE3). C 6. Ulrich-Bansa cf. 106. LRC 883.

Very rare. About very fine 300

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



### Libius Severus, 461-465



- 255 Solidus, Mediolanum circa 462, AV 4.39 g. D N LIBIVS SEV – ERVS P F AVG Rosette-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGGG Emperor standing facing, holding long cross and Victory on globe, foot on man-headed serpent; in field, M – D. In exergue, COMOB. RIC 2720. C 8. Ulrich-Bansa 108. LRC 892 (these dies). Lacam pl. 17, 37 (these dies). Depeyrot 26/3. Very rare. Good very fine 5'000

Ex NAC sale 18, 2000, 785.

For having reigned a substantial four years, surprisingly little is known of Libius Severus, an emperor often called Severus III to distinguish from predecessors who also bore the name. Apparently, he was a native of Lucania in south-western Italy, he was proclaimed emperor by the generalissimo Ricimer at Ravenna on November 19, 461. Though we hear nothing of Severus' activities during his tenure, his master Ricimer was kept fully occupied campaigning against the Alans and the Vandal king Gaiseric. It would appear that Severus was nothing more than a puppet emperor who died on November 14, 465, presumably of natural causes, but the suspicion naturally exists that he may have been murdered.



- 256 Tremissis 462, AV 1.48 g. D N LIB SEVE – RVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; below, COMOB. RIC 2709. C 19. LRC 897. Lacam pl. 18, 67. Depeyrot 55/5. Very rare. Minor area of weakness on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 4'000

Privately purchased from CNG.

### Anthemius, 467 – 472



- 257 Solidus 468, AV 4.41 g. D N ANTHE – MIVS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing three-quarter r., holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. SALVS RE – I PV – BLICAE Two emperors, in military attire, standing facing, holding spears and supporting a globe surmounted by cross between them; in centre field, Christogram. In exergue, CORMOB. RIC 2822. C 4. LRC 917. Lacam 55 (these dies). Depeyrot 63/1. Rare. Well-centred on a full flan and extremely fine 6'000

Ex Leu sale 71, 1997, 583.



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#### Leo II and Zeno, 9th February – 17th November 474

- 258 Solidus, Constantinopolis 9th February – 17th November 474, AV 4.44 g. D N LEO ET Z – ENO P P AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust facing three-quarter r., holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. SALVS REI \*PVBLICAE Two emperors, nimbate, enthroned facing, each holding *mappa* in r. hand; behind them, a cross. In exergue, CONOB. RIC 803 note. MIRB 1b. LRC 600. Depeyrot 99/1. Rare. Good very fine 1'500

Privately purchased from CNG.

#### Basiliscus sole reign, 9th January 475 – August 476

- 259 Solidus, Constantinopolis early 475, AV 4.45 g. D N bASILIS – CUS P P AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTOR I – A AVGGG Δ Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in field r., star. In exergue, CONOB. RIC 1003. MIRB 1b. LRC 607. Depeyrot 101/1.

Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 2'000

Ex CNG sale 46, 1998, 1511.

#### Aelia Zenonis, wife of Basiliscus



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- 260 Æ4 Constantinopolis 475-476, 1.27 g. [A]Z[ENONIS] Pearl diademed bust r. Rev. Monogram of Zenonis, within wreath. RIC Basiliscus 1018. MIRB 14. LRC 627. Very rare. Fine 300

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

#### Romulus Augustus, 31st October 475 – 4th September 476



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- 261 Tremissis 31st October 475 – 4th September 476, AV 1.46 g. D N ROMVL AVGVSTVS P F AG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; below, COMOB. RIC 3411 (this obverse die, but legend misread). C 11 var. Lacam -. LRC -. Depeyrot 87/1.

Extremely rare. An absolutely insignificant die-break on obverse field and a nick on cheek, otherwise extremely fine

20'000

Ex CNG sale 66, 2004, 1661.

The last legitimate ruler of the Western Roman Empire was Julius Nepos, who remained the constitutional emperor *in absentia* from his base in Dalmatia. However, traditionally that honor has been incorrectly given to Romulus Augustus (sometimes surnamed Augustulus, "the little emperor"), who, after Nepos fled Italy, was hailed emperor as a figurehead of his father's army. His reign lasted just ten months before Germans under Odovacar withdrew their support and deposed both the young emperor and his father. The Germans allowed the former boy-emperor live, and provided him with an ample pension so he could engage in an early retirement to an estate on the Gulf of Naples in Campania, where he is said to have lived for at least thirty more years.

## Zeno second reign, 476-491



- 262 Solidus, Mediolanum 477-480, AV 4.42 g. D N ZENO – PERP AVG Helmeted, pearl-diademed and cuirassed bust three-quarters facing, holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. VICTOR – IA AVGGG Victory standing l., supporting long jewelled cross; in field, M – D. In exergue, COMOB. RIC Julius Nepos 3229. Lacam Julius Nepos cf. 125-126. Ulrich-Bansa –, cf. pl. XIV, 157-158 (for obverse type) LRC 677. Depuyrot cf. 27/2. Excessively rare. Good very fine 1'200

Privately purchased from Stack's.

## Byzantine Coins

### Constantine XI Paleologus, 31st October 1448 – 29th May 1453



- 263 Silver stavraton (half-hyperperon) Constantinopolis 31st October 1448-29th May 1453, AR 6.46 g. Facing bust of Christ, wearing nimbus cruciger and holding Gospels, within two circles of dots, between which eight evenly spaced globules Rev. KWNCTANTINOC ΔΕCΠIOTHC O ΠAΛEIOΛOΓ' in outer ring, ΘV XAPITH BACIAVC POMEON in inner ring, facing bust of Constantine XI. S. Bendall, "The coinage of Constantine XI," *Revue Numismatique* 1991, pl. XVI, no. 90b (this coin).

Extremely rare and among the finest specimens known. Minor areas of weakness,  
otherwise about extremely fine

12'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

Few historical events ring with such familiarity as the sack of Constantinople by the Ottoman Turks. For more than eleven centuries the walls of Constantinople had defended Christendom from rivals in the East, and when they were finally breached on May 29, 1453 an era came to a close.

The siege occurred at a time when the city had been utterly reduced from its former glory. For the Sultan Muhammed II the outcome of the siege was a foregone conclusion, though it still required seven weeks of daily warfare. The most captivating elements of the story are the courage of the defenders against overwhelming odds and the death of Constantine XI, the last Byzantine emperor, while fighting on the battlements.

It would seem that during the siege coins were being produced to pay the soldiers, mercenaries and those who worked at night to repair the walls that had been damaged in the day by Ottoman cannon fire. The silver would have come from vessels and ornaments retrieved from churches, with those decorative objects being transformed into coins of an extremely crude nature. The fact that some of the coins of Constantine XI are simplistic has led researchers to suggest they were struck during the siege, with the more elegant versions having been struck earlier in his reign, perhaps around the time he succeeded his brother as emperor in 1448.



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## Roman Coins The Roman Republic

The mint is Roma unless otherwise stated



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- 264 Denarius after 211, AR 4.19 g. Helmeted head of Roma r.; behind, X. Rev. Dioscuri galloping r.; below, ROMA in linear frame. Sydenham 229. Crawford 53/2. Extremely fine 100

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 265 Victoriatus, uncertain mint 211-208, AR 3.38 g. Laureate head of Jupiter r. Rev. Victory standing r., crowning trophy; in lower centre field, VB ligate. In exergue, ROMA. Sydenham 113. Crawford 95/1a. Lightly toned, about extremely fine / extremely fine 200

Privately purchased from Stack's.



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- 266 *L. Marcius Philippus*. Denarius 113 or 112, AR 3.79 g. Male head r., wearing diademed helmet with goat's horns; below chin, Φ. Behind head, monogram ROMA. Rev. Equestrian statue on tablet inscribed L·PHILIPVS; below horse, flower. Babelon Marcia 12. Sydenham 551. Crawford 293/1. Attractively tone. Area of weakness on reverse, otherwise good very fine 200

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 267 *Q. Pomponius Musa*. Denarius 66, AR 4.12 g. Laureate head of Apollo r.; behind, sandal. Rev. Q·POMPONI – MVSA Clio standing l., holding scroll in r. hand and resting l. elbow on column. Babelon –, Pomponia 19 (obverse) and Pomponia 11 (reverse). Sydenham –, 821 (obverse) and 813 (reverse). Crawford –, 410/9a (obverse) and 410/3 (reverse). FFC 1036 (this coin). An apparently unique (?) hybrid. Attractively toned and good very fine 750

Ex CNG sale 39, 1996, 1225.



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- 268 *Q. Pomponius Musa*. Denarius 66, AR 3.93 g. Laureate head of Apollo r.; behind, two flutes in saltire. Rev. Q·POMPONI – MVSA Eutherpis standing r., resting l. elbow on column and holding two flutes in r. hand. Babelon Pomponia 13. Sydenham 815. Crawford 410/5. Toned and very fine 300

Privately purchased from CNG.

- 269 *L. Marcius Philippus*. Denarius 56, AR 3.73 g. Diademed head of Ancus Marcius r.; behind, *lituus*. Below, ANCVS. Rev. PHILIPPVS Equestrian statue on aqueduct, within its arches A – Q – V – A – MAR partially ligate. Babelon Marcia 28. Sydenham 919. Crawford 425/1. Toned and about extremely fine 200

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 270 *M. Iunius Brutus*. Denarius 54, AR 4.03 g. BRVTVS Head of L. Iunius Brutus r. Rev. AHALA Head of C. Servilius Ahala r. Babelon Junia 30 and Servilia 17. Sydenham 932. Crawford 433/2. Lightly toned. Obverse slightly off-centre, otherwise extremely fine 700

Ex CNG sale 39, 1996, 1230.



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- 271 *Q. Pompeius Rufus*. Denarius 54, AR 4.05 g. SVLLA·COS Head of Sulla r. Rev. Q·POM·RVFI Head of Q. Pompeius Rufus r.; behind, RVFVS·COS. Babelon Cornelia 48 and Pompeia 4. Sydenham 908. Crawford 434/1. Toned and good very fine 750

Ex Triton sale VI, 2003, 744.



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- 272 *Julius Caesar*. Denarius, mint moving with Caesar 49-48. AR 3.88 g. Pontifical emblems: *culullus*, *aspergillum*, axe and *apex*. Rev. Elephant r., trampling dragon; in exergue, CAESAR. Babelon Julia 9. Sydenham 1006. C. 49. Sear Imperators 9. Crawford 443/1. Slightly off-centre, otherwise toned and about extremely fine 500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 273 *C. Antius C.f. Restio*. Denarius 47, AR 3.75 g. RESTIO Head of C. Antius Restio r. Rev. C·ANTIVS·C·F Hercules walking r., with cloak over l. arm, holding trophy and club. Babelon Antia 1. Sydenham 970. Sear Imperators 34. Crawford 455/1.

Minor area of weakness on reverse, otherwise toned and about extremely fine 400

Ex Coins Galleries sale December 1977, 346.

- 274 *Cn. Pompeius Magnus and M. Poblcius*. Denarius, Spain 46-45, AR 3.85 g. M·POBLICI·LEG Helmeted head of Roma r.; behind, [PRO]·PR. Rev. [CN·MAGNVS·IMP] Female figure standing r., with shield slung on back, holding two spears in l. hand and presenting palm-branch to soldier standing l. on prow of ship. Babelon Pompeia 9 and Poblucia 10. Sydenham 1035a. C 1. Sear Imperators 48. Crawford 469/1d.

Toned, irregular flan and good very fine 400

Privately purchased from Stack's.



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- 275 *Sextus Pompeius*. As, Spain and Sicily from 45, Æ 23.73 g. MAGN Laureate head of Janus with features of Cn. Pompeius Magnus. Rev. PIVS Prow r.; below, IMP. Babelon Pompeia 20. RPC 671. Sydenham 1044a. Sear Imperators 336. Crawford 479/1.

Green patina gently smoothed, otherwise good very fine 1'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 276 *Julius Caesar and L. Aemilius Buca*. Denarius 44, AR 4.18 g. C[AESAR DICT – PER]PETVO Wreathed head of Caesar r. Rev. L·BVCA Fasces and caduceus in saltire, in field l., axe and in field r., globe. Above, clasped hands. Babelon Julia 37 and Aemilia 17. C 25. Sydenham 1063. Sear Imperators 103. Crawford 480/6.

Areas of weakness, otherwise toned and about extremely fine 1'500

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- 277 *Julius Caesar and P. Sepullius Macer.* Denarius 44, AR 3.57 g. CAESAR – DICT PERPETVO Wreathed head of Caesar r. Rev. [P-SEPULLIVS] – MACER Venus standing l., holding Victory and sceptre resting on star. Babelon Julia 49 and Sepullia 4. C 40. Sydenham 1072. Sear Imperators 107b. Crawford 480/11.

Areas of weakness and reverse off-centre, otherwise toned and about extremely fine

1'000

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- 278 *Julius Caesar and P. Sepullius Macer.* Denarius 44, AR 3.93 g. CAESAR – DICT PERPETVO Veiled and wreathed head of Caesar r. Rev. P-SEPULLIVS – MACER Venus standing l., holding Victory and sceptre resting on shield. Babelon Julia 50 and Sepullia 5. C 39. Sydenham 1074. Sear Imperators 107d. Crawford 480/13.

Reverse slightly off-centre, otherwise toned and good very fine

1'800

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- 279 *Sextus Pompeius and Q. Nasidius.* Denarius, mint moving with Sextus Pompeius 44-43, AR 3.92 g. NEPTVNI Head of Cn. Pompeius Magnus r.; below head, dolphin and in field r., trident. Rev. Galley sailing r.; in field l., star. Below, Q-NASIDIIVS. Babelon Pompeia 28 and Nasidia 1. C 20. Sydenham 1350. Sear Imperators 235. Crawford 483/2.

Very rare. A very attractive old cabinet tone, minor areas of weakness, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

3'000

Privately purchased from Freeman & Sear.



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- 280 *Marcus Antonius.* Quinarius, Gallia Transalpina and Cisalpina 43-42, AR 1.75 g. Bust of Victory r. Rev. Lion walking r.; in exergue and above [LVG] / DVNI. At sides, A – XL. Babelon Antonia 32 var. Sydenham 1160. RPC 513. Sear Imperators 122. C Fulvia 4. Crawford 489/5.

Very rare. Counter-mark on obverse, otherwise toned and very fine

300

Ex Lanz sale 88, 1998, Benz, 894.



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- 281 *M. Aemilius Lepidus and Octavian.* Denarius, Italy 42, AR 3.86 g. [LEP]IDVS·PONT·MAX – III·V·R·P·C Bare head of M. Lepidus r. Rev. CAESAR·[IMP·III·] – VIR·R·P·C Bare head of Octavian r. Babelon Aemilia 35 and Julia 71. Sydenham 1323a. C 2. Sear Imperators 140. Crawford 495/2a. Rare. Toned and good very fine 1'200

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 282 *M. Iunius Brutus and L. Plaetorius Cestianus.* Denarius, mint moving with Brutus 43-42, AR 3.79 g. L·PLAET·CEST Laureate, draped and veiled bust of Ceres r., surmounted by *modius*. Rev. BRVT·IMP Axe and *culullus*. Babelon Junia 51 and Plaetoria 12. C 2. Sydenham 1300. Sear Imperators 214. Crawford 508/2. Extremely rare. Test-cut on reverse, otherwise attractively toned and very fine 1'200

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- 283 *Sextus Pompeius.* Denarius, Sicily 42-40, AR 3.81 g. MAG·PIVS·IMP·ITER Head of Cn. Pompeius Magnus r.; behind, jug and before, *lituus*. Rev. PRAEF Neptune standing l. and holding *aplustre*, while placing r. foot on prow, between the brothers Anapias and Anphinomus with their parents on their shoulders. In exergue, CLAS·ET·ORAE / MARIT·EX·S·C. Babelon Pompeia 27. C 17. Sydenham 1344. Sear Imperators 334. Crawford 511/3a. Rare. Old cabinet tone and very fine / good very fine 800

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 284 *C. Numonius Vaala.* Denarius 41, AR 3.60 g. C·NVMONIVS – VAALA Male head r. Rev. Soldier rushing l., attacking *vallum* defended by two further soldiers; in exergue, VAALA. Babelon Numonia 2. Sydenham 1087. Sear Imperators 322. Crawford 514/2.

Very rare. Areas of weakness, otherwise attractively toned and very fine

2'500

Ex CNG sale 42, 1997, 755.

- 285 *M. Antonius, Octavianus and M. Barbatius.* Denarius, mint moving with Mark Antony 41, AR 3.92 g. M ANT AVG IMP – III VIR R P C M BARBAT Q P Bare head of Mark Antony r. Rev. CAESAR IMP PONT·III·VIR·R·P·C Bare head of Octavian r. with slight beard. Babelon Antonia 51, Julia 96 and Barbatia 2. C 8. Sydenham 1181. Sear Imperators 243. Crawford 517/2. Toned and good very fine 800

Privately purchased from Stack's.



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- 286 *M. Antonius, Octavianus and M. Barbatius.* Denarius, mint moving with Mark Antony 41, AR 3.22 g. M ANT AVG IMP – III VIR R P C M BARBAT Q P Bare head of Mark Antony r. Rev. CAESAR IMP PONT-III-VIR-R-P-C Bare head of Octavian r. with slight beard. Babelon Antonia 51, Julia 96 and Barbatia 2. C 8. Sydenham 1181. Sear Imperators 243. Crawford 517/2.

Piece of flan missing, broken and glued together, otherwise extremely fine

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- 287 *Cn. Domitius Ahenobarbus.* Denarius, mint moving with Cn. Domitius Ahenobarbus 41-40, AR 4.16 g. AHENOBAR Male head r., slightly bearded. Rev. CN DOMITIVS IMP Trophy with two spears and shield standing facing on prow r. Babelon Domitia 21. Sydenham 1177. Sear Imperators 339. Crawford 519/2.

Very rare. Toned and about very fine

800

Ex CNG sale 42, 1997, 784.



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- 288 *Octavianus with M. Pinarius Scarpa.* Denarius, Cyrenaica 31, AR 3.85 g. IMP-CAESARI / SCARPVS IMP Open r. hand. Rev. DIVI-F / AVG:PONT Victory standing on globe r., holding wreath tied with fillet and palm-branch over l. shoulder. Babelon Pinaria 12 and Julia 142. Sydenham 1282. Sear Imperators 413. CBN 894. C 500. Crawford 546/6.

Extremely rare. Toned and very fine

1'200

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- 289 *Lysanias, king of Chalcis Syriae, 40 – 36 BC.* Bronze, Chalcis 40 BC, 4.84 g. ΠΤΟ Diademed head of Lysanias r. Rev. ΒΟC ΛΑΝΙΟΥ ΤΕΤΡΑΡΧΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΑΠΧΙΕΡΕΩΣ Athena standing l., holding Nike and resting hand on shield; in field r., ΦΛ. BMC 6. RPC 4770.

Very rare. Counter-mark on obverse, otherwise fine

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# The Roman Empire

The mint is Roma unless otherwise stated

## Octavian, 32 – 27 BC



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- 290 Denarius, Brundisium or Roma 32-29 BC, AR 3.87 g. Bare head r. Rev. CAESAR – DIVI F Naked male figure, with *petasus* slang behind, seated r. on cloak on rock, playing lyre. RIC 257. BMC 597. C 61. CBN 75. Iridescent tone and very fine 300

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

## Octavian as Augustus, 27 BC – 14 AD



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- 291 Denarius, Colonia Patricia circa 20-19 BC, AR 3.80 g. Laureate head r.; in field counter-mark, MP·VES. Rev. CAESAR Two laurel-branches; below, AVGVS TVS. RIC 51. BMC 352. C 47. CBN 1330. A very interesting counter-mark. Toned and very fine 800

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- 292 Denarius, Colonia Patricia circa 19 BC, AR 3.72 g. CAESAR – AVGVS TVS Bare head r. Rev. MAR – VLT Mars standing l., holding legionary eagle and standard in round domed temple. RIC 69a. BMC 367. C 194. CBN 1110. Test-cut on reverse and countermark on obverse, otherwise toned and good very fine 300

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 293 Denarius, Colonia Caesaraugusta circa 19-18 BC, AR 3.70 g. CAESAR – AVGVS TVS Bare head l. rev. Round shield inscribed S P Q R / CL V. RIC 42b. BMC 335. C 293. CBN 1317. Lightly toned and very fine 350

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 294 Denarius, Lugdunum 15-13 BC, AR 3.82 g. AVGVS TVS – DIVI F Bare head r. Rev. Bull butting r.; in exergue, IMP X. RIC 167a. BMC 451. C 137. CBN 1382. Attractively toned and good very fine 600

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



- 295 Denarius, Lugdunum 13-14 AD, AR 3.74 g. CAESAR AVGVSTVS – DIVI F PATER PATRIAE Laureate head r. of Augustus r. Rev. TI CAESAR AVG – F TR POT XV Bare head of Tiberius r. RIC 226. BMC 507. C 2. CBN 1682. Very rare. Attractively toned and very fine 1'500

Privately purchased from Stack's.

This denarius testify to the definitive adoption and the ensuing appointment of Tiberius as Augustus' heir. It is worth mentioning how the minting of this extremely rare issue occurred so shortly before the death of the emperor, about whose demise various leading inferences have been made. We indeed know from sources that Augustus retired to Nola and, suspicious of his entourage, would eat only figs from his gardens. All the same, this cautious diet did not save him from a possible death by poisoning. Some have suggested the involvement of Livia, a powerful and controversial personality who may have been the shadowy orchestrator behind at least some of the inexplicable deaths of many heirs previously appointed by Augustus. The first to succumb to a sudden and questionable disease, in 23 BC, was his nephew Marcellus, son of the emperor's sister Octavia and most loved potential heir. Next in line for succession was now Agrippa, but he also was not to outlive the Emperor, for an untimely albeit natural death took him in 12 BC. Then it was the turn of Agrippa's son Lucius Caesar, who died of a suspicious illness in Gaul in 2 AD, his brother Gaius having died two years previously of a too fatal wound while at war in the East. Agrippa Postumus, younger brother of Gaius and Lucius, thus became the last male descendent of the Emperor who, if the truth be told, despised him for his intractability and madness, to the point of promoting a "senatus consultu" to have him transferred to an island, in perpetual isolation and surrounded by a body of soldiers (Suet., Augusti Vita, 65). But after Augustus' death the position of Agrippa, next of blood, as legitimate heir - madness notwithstanding - could not be challenged.



- 296 *Divus Augustus*. Sestertius circa 98 BC, Æ 22.96 g. DIVVS AV – GVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. IMP NERVA CAESAR AVGVSTVS REST round SC. RIC Nerva 136. BMC Nerva 149. C 570. CBN Nerva 141. Green patina somewhat tooled and a flan crack, otherwise good very fine 800

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

#### Gaius Caesar, son of Julia and Agrippa died in 4 BC



- 297 Bronze, Laodicaea circa 5 BC, 2.75 g. ΓΑΙΟΣ – ΚΑΙΣΑΡ Bare head r. Rev. ANTΩ ΠΟΛΕ ΦΙΛΟΠΑΤ ΛΑΟΔΙΚΕΩΝ Eagle facing, head l. RPC 2899. BMC 158. Lindgren 990A var. Very rare. Brown patina somewhat corroded, otherwise fine 300

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Agrippa Posthumous, son of Julia and Agrippa



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- 298 Bronze, Corinth 4-5 AD, 5.93 g. AGRIPPA CAESAR – CORINTHI Bare head r. Rev. C HEIO POL / LIONE ITER / C MVSSIO PR / ISCO II VIR within wreath of pearsley. RPC 1141. C 1. FITA p. 268 and pl. 9, 14. BMC 510. Very rare. Brown tone, somewhat tooled and good fine 1'500

Ex Leu 10, 1974, 35 and Sternberg 9, 1979, 64 sales.

### Tiberius, 14 – 37 AD



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- 299 Denarius, Lugdunum circa 14-15, AR 3.45 g. TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. AVGVSTI F COS D[ESIG] Gaius and Lucius Caesares standing facing, each togate and resting hand shield, behind each shield a spear; in upper centre field between the spears, on l., *simpulum* and, on r., *lituus*. In exergue, CL CAESARES. RIC –. BMC –. C –. CBN –.

An apparently unique and unrecorded hybrid. Lightly toned and about very fine

750

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- 300 Denarius, Lugdunum 14-37, AR 3.87 g. [TI CAESAR D]IVI – AVG F AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. PONTIF – MAXIM Pax-Livia figure seated r., holding sceptre in r. hand and branch in l. RIC 30. BMC 48. C 16. CBN 30.

Lightly toned. Obverse slightly off-centre, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

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- 301 Sestertius 36-37, Æ 27.46 g. Empty horse-drawn quadriga r.; its side ornamented with trophy, Victory crowning trophy and captive. Rev. TI CAESAR DIVI AVG F AVGVST P M TR POT XXXIIX round S C. RIC 66. BMC 130. C 67. CBN 116.

A finely detailed obverse die and an appealing brown tone.

Surface slightly porous on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine

1'000

Ex Otto Helbing sale 23 August 1931.



**In the name of Drusus, son of Tiberius**



- 302 Sestertius 22-23, Æ 26.85 g. Confronting heads of two boys on crossed cornucopiae with caduceus in between. Rev. DRVSVS CAESAR TI AVG F DIVI AVG N PONT TR POT II round S C. RIC Tiberius 42. BMC Tiberius 95. C 1. CBN Tiberius 73. Brown tone and good very fine 2'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

**Gaius, 37 – 41**



- 303 Denarius, Lugdnum 37-38, AR 3.56 g. C CAESAR AVG GERM P M TR POT COS Bare head of Gaius r. Rev. Radiate head of Divus Augustus or Tiberius r. between two stars. RIC 2. BMC 4. C 11. CBN 3. Two pleasant portraits, very fine 2'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



- 304 Æ 28 mm. Carthago Nova Hispaniae circa 37, 15.51 g. C CAESAR AVG GERMANIC IMP P M TR P COS Laureate head of Caligula, r. Rev. CN ATEL FLAC CN POM FLAC II VIR QVINC SAL AVG Laureate head of Salus, r.; in field, SAL – AVG. SNG Copenhagen 503. RPC 185. Grant, NC 1948, pl. VI, 3. Very fine 250

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## Claudius, 41 – 54



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- 305 Aureus 46-47, AV 7.49 g. TI CLAVD CAESAR AVG P M TR VI IMP XI Laureate head r. Rev. S P Q R / P P / OB CS within oak wreath. RIC 40. BMC 42. C 86. CBN 58. Calicó 379. Fine 2'000  
Privately purchased from Stack's.

- 306 Denarius 49-50, AR 3.76 g. TI CLAVD CAESAR AVG [P M TR P VIII IMP] XVI Laureate head r. Rev. [PACI] – AVGVSTAE Pax-Nemesis, winged, advancing r., holding with l. hand winged caduceus pointing down at snake and holding out fold of drapery below chin with r. RIC 47. BMC 52. C 61. CBN –. Two test-cuts on obverse, otherwise very fine / about ver fine 500  
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- 307 Denarius 50-51, AR 2.93 g. TI CLAVD CAESAR AVG P M TR X IMP P P Laureate head r. Rev. PACI – AVGVSTAE Pax-Nemesis, winged, advancing r., holding with l. hand winged caduceus pointing down at snake and holding out fold of drapery below chin with r. RIC 52. BMC 62. C 65. CBN 67. Plated. Toned and extremely fine 300  
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- 308 Denarius 50-51, AR 2.55 g. TI CLAVD CAESAR AVG P M TR P IMP X IMP XVIII Laureate head r. Rev. S P Q R / P P / OB CS within oak-wreath. RIC 60. BMC p. 173, note. C 94. CBN –. Plated. Toned and extremely fine 300  
Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 309 *Philistos and Eikadios*, 50 -54. Bronze, Smyrna Ioniae 50-54, 3.29 g. [ZMYP] Bare head of Nero (?) r. Rev. ΦΙΛΙΣΤΟΥ ΕΙΚΑΔΙΟΣ Nike standing r. with trophy over shoulder. RPC 2476. BMC 283. Lindgren 562 (Britannicus). Somewhat corroded, otherwise about very fine 100  
Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

## Britannicus, son of Claudius and Messalina



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- 310 Bronze, Aegae Aeolidis circa 43-48, 3.21 g. BPITANNIKOC KAICAP Bare head of Britannicus r. Rev. ΑΙΓΑΕΩΝ ΕΠΙ ΧΑΛΕ / ΟΥ Zeus standing l., holding eagle and sceptre. RPC 2431. Of the highest rarity, only five specimens known. Brown tone, and traces of corrosion on obverse, otherwise very fine 750  
Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 311 Sestertius, Thracian mint circa 50-54, Æ 24.97 g. TI CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG F BRITANNICVS Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. S – C Mars, helmeted and cuirassed, advancing l., holding shield and spear. RIC p. 130 note. BMC 226. C 2. Von Kaenel, SNR 63, pl. 20, 5 (these dies).

Extremely rare. Heavy areas of corrosion, otherwise fair

1'000

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### Agrippina II, wife of Claudius and mother of Nero



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- 312 Dupondius, Thracian mint 50-54, Æ 16.92 g. AGRIPPINA AVG GERMANICI F CAESARIS AVG Draped bust l. Rev. Ceres seated l., holding wheat ears and torch. Von Kaenel SNR 63, pl. 25, 32.

Very rare. Fine

1'000

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### Nero Caesar, 50 – 54



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- 313 Denarius 50-54, AR 3.44 g. NERONI CLAVDIO DRVSO GERM COS DESIGN Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. EQVETER / OR – DO / PRINCIPI / IVVENT on shield with vertical spear. RIC Claudius 79. BMC Claudius 93. C 97. CBN Claudius 96.

Very rare. A very pleasant portrait well-struck in high relief. Surface slightly porous on obverse, otherwise good very fine

1'000

Privately purchased from Stack's.

### Nero augustus, 54 – 68



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- 314 Tetradrachm, Alexandria 63-64, AR 12.88 g. ΝΕΡΩ ΚΛΑΥ ΚΑΙΣ ΣΕΒ ΓΕΡ ΑΥ Radiated head r. Rev. ΠΟΠΠΑΙΑ ΣΕΒΑΣΤΗ Draped bust r.; in field r., ΛΙ. RPC 5275. Dattari 196. BMC 122. Milne 217. Geissen 158.

Toned and good very fine

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Ex CNG sale 46, 1998, 927,





## The Civil Wars, 68 – 69



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- 320 Denarius, Southern Gaul (?) 69, AR 3.47 g. I O M – CAPITOLINVS Diademed and draped bust of Jupiter l., with small palm branch in front. Rev. VESTA – P R QVIRITIVM Vesta, veiled, seated l. on throne, holding patera and long torch. RIC 125. C Galba 432. BMC 72. CBN 78. Martin 96.  
Very rare. Several scratches and areas of porosity, otherwise very fine 1'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

## Galba, 68 – 69



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- 321 Denarius, Tarraco (?) April-late 68, AR 3.98 g. GALBA – IMP Galba, bare-headed and in military dress, riding l. with r. hand raised. Rev. HISPANIA Laureate and draped bust of Hispania r.; behind, two javelins and below, round shield. In front, two corn-ears. RIC 2. BMC 162. C 77. CBN 3.  
Very rare. Lightly toned and very fine 800

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 322 Denarius, Tarraco (?) April-late 68, AR 3.58 g. SER GALBA IMP CAESAR AVG P M TR P Laureate head r., with globe at point of bust. Rev. ROMA – VICTRIX Roma, helmeted and in military attire and with r. foot on globe, standing l., holding branch and leaning on vertical spear. RIC 60. BMC 189. C 225. CBN 30.  
Toned and very fine 400

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

## Otho, 15th January – mid April 69



323



- 323 Denarius 15th January-8th March 69, AR 3.39 g. IMP OTHO CAESAR AVG TR P Bare head r. Rev. SECVRI – TAS P R Securitas standing l., holding wreath and sceptre. RIC 10. BMC 19. C 15. CBN 11.  
Attractively tone, very fine 400

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

## Vitellius, January – 20th December 69



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- 324 Denarius late April-20th December 69, AR 3.26 g. A VITELLIVS GERMAN IMP TR P Laureate head r. Rev. LIBERTAS – RESTITVTA Libertas, draped, standing facing, head r., holding *pileus* and long rod. RIC 81. BMC 13. C 48. CBN 41.  
A very pleasant portrait, good very fine / very fine 400

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 325 Denarius late April-20th December 69, AR 2.82 g. A VITELLIVS GERM IMP AVG TR P Laureate head of Vitellius r. Rev. VITELLIVS COS III CENSOR Laureate and draped bust of L. Vitellius r.; before, eagle-tipped sceptre. RIC 99. BMC 26. C 2. CBN 58. Rare. Lightly toned and fine 500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 326 Denarius late April-20th December 69, AR 2.68 g. A VITELLIVS GERM IMP AVG TR P Laureate head r. Rev. LIBERI IMP GERMAN Confronting busts of Vitellius' children, the son on l. and the daughter on r., both draped. RIC 101. BMC 28. C 4. CBN –. Very rare. Minor areas of corrosion, otherwise good very fine / very fine 1'500

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### Vespasian, 69 – 79



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- 327 Denarius 69-71, AR 3.53 g. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. COS I – TER – TR POT Pax standing l., holding branch and caduceus. RIC 9. BMC 21. C first edition 34. CBN 15. Attractively toned and about extremely fine 400

Ex Superior sale 13 August 1995, John Jacobs, 750.

- 328 Denarius 69-71, AR 3.39 g. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG Laureate bust r. Rev. Jewess seated r. on ground in attitude of mourning; behind, trophy. In exergue, IVDAEA. RIC 15. BMC 35. C 226. CBN 324. Toned and good very fine / about extremely fine 600

Privately purchased from CNG.

- 329 Aureus, Lugdunum 70-71, AV 7.12 g. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG TR P Laureate head r. Rev. TITVS ET DOMITIAN CAESARES PRIN IVEN Titus and Domitian seated l. on curule chair, each holding branch. RIC 293 note. BMC 392. C 3 var. (IVVEN). CBN 300. Calicó 677 (misdescribed). Very rare. About very fine 2'500

Privately purchased from Stack's.





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- 330 Sestertius 71, Æ 27.14 g. IMP CAES VESPAS AVG P M TR P P P COS III Laureate head r. Rev. SALVS – AVGVSTA Salus, veiled, seated l., holding patera and sceptre; in exergue, S C. RIC 460. BMC 574 note. C 433. CBN 534. A very attractive portrait and a lovely brown tone, good very fine 1'800

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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#### Titus augustus, 79 – 81

- 331 Denarius 80, AR 3.37 g. IMP TITVS CAES VESPASIAN AVG P M Laureate head r. Rev. TR P IX IMP XV COS VIII P P Wreath on two curule chairs. RIC 25a. BMC 66. C 318. CBN 53.

Toned and good very fine

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#### Domitian caesar, 69 – 81

- 332 Denarius 76, AR 3.49 g. CAESAR AVG F – DOMITIANVS Laureate head r. Rev. COS IIII Pegasus walking r. RIC Vespasian 238. BMC Vespasian 193. C 47. CBN Vespasian 170.

Attractively toned and good very fine

400

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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#### Domitian augustus, 81 – 96

- 333 Sestertius 86, Æ 27.51 g. IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM – COS XII CENS PER P P Laureate bust r., with aegis. Rev. S – C Domitian standing l., holding *parazonium* and spear; in front of him, German kneeling r., holding shield. RIC 318 var. BMC 379. C 490. CBN 402.

Green patina and good very fine

2'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

## Trajan, 98 – 117



- 334 Denarius 103-111, AR 3.41 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P P Laureate head r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI Pax seated l., holding branch and sceptre; at her feet, kneeling Dacian. RIC 188. BMC 216. C 417. Good very fine 150

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- 335 Sestertius 103-111, Æ 24.67 g. IMP CAES NERVAE TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P P Laureate and draped half-bust r., wearing aegis. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI S – C Spes advancing l., holding flower and raising skirt. RIC 519. BMC 810 note. C 459. Toynbee pl. 20, 10. Very rare. An unusual and appealing portrait, green patina and very fine 2'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 336 Denarius 114-117, AR 3.17 g. IMP CAES NER TRAIANO OPTIMO AVG GER DAC Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P C – OS VI P P S P Q R Felicitas standing l., holding branch and cornucopiae. RIC 344. BMC 542 note. C 279 (misdescribed). Very fine 200

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## Marciana, sister of Trajan



- 337 Denarius circa 112-113, AR 3.29 g. DIVA AVGVSTA – MARCIANA Draped bust r., hair arranged in coils on crown of head, surmounted with crescent-shaped diadem. Rev. CONSECRATIO Carpentum decorated with bas-reliefs drawn by two mules l. RIC Trajan 746. BMC Trajan 654. C 10. Very rare. Lovely iridescent tone and very fine 2'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Matidia, daughter of Marciana



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- 338 Denarius 112, AR 3.00 g. MATIDIA AVGVSTAE – MARCIANAE F Draped bust r., hair arranged in coils with jewels on crown of head. Rev. PIETAS AVGVSTAE Matidia as Pietas, veiled, standing l., sacrificing over altar decorated with garlands. RIC Trajan 758. BMC Trajan 658. C 8.

Very rare. Toned and very fine 2'500

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### Hadrian augustus, 117 – 138



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- 339 Denarius 117, AR 3.16 g. IMP CAES TRAIAN HADRIANO OPT AVG GER DAC Laureate head r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. PARTHIC DIVI TRAIAN AVGVSTVS P P TR P COS P P Pietas, veiled, standing l., raising r. hand; in field PIE – TAS. RIC 8. BMC 16. C 25 var. Good very fine / very fine 200

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 340 Sestertius 134-138, AE 24.27 g. HADRIANVS – AVGVSTVS III P P Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. ADVENTVI AVGVSTAE ARABIAE Hadrian, on l. togate, standing r., raising r. hand and holding roll in l.; in front of him, personification of Arabia sacrificing out of patera over altar and holding bundle of canes. By altar, victim and in exergue, S C. RIC 878. BMC 1636. C 20.

Rare. Green patina and good very fine 1'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 341 Cistophoric tetradrachm, Ephesus Ioniae 138, AR 10.87 g. HADRIANVS – AVGVSTVS III P P Bare head r. Rev. DIANA – EPHEUSIA Cult statue of Ephesian Artemis facing; at sides, two stags. RIC 474. BMC 1089. C 535. Metcalf pl. 2, 27 (this obverse die).

Traces of over-striking, otherwise very fine / good very fine 600

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- 342 Cistophoric tetradrachm, Mylasa Cariae 138, AR 10.83 g. HADRIANVS – AVGVSTVS III P P Bare head r. Rev. COS – III Zeus Laubrandos standing facing, holding axe and spear; his hands rest on support. RIC 496. BMC 1064. C 276 var. Metcalf 38.

Rare. Traces of over-striking on a cistophorus of Augustus, otherwise good very fine 800

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.





- 343 Aureus probably soon after the death of Hadrian in 138, AV 7.02 g. HADRIANVS – AVGVSTVS Bare youthful head r. , with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. COS – III P P Hadrian standing l., raising r. hand and holding spear; on l., two standards and one on r. RIC 204b. BMC 530 and pl. 57, 13 (this obverse die). C 485. Calicó 1239a (these dies).

Very rare. A magnificent portrait of superb style, minor scratches on obverse,  
otherwise good very fine 4'500

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

When Hadrian became emperor he exhibited a shocking new feature for an emperor: a beard. This was a novelty among the noblemen of Rome, who had been clean-shaven for centuries; beards were for Romans of low status, or for Greeks – especially philosophers and poets. Despite having to overcome centuries of tradition, Hadrian's Greek bearing took hold immediately, and beards remained the fashion for emperors through the fall of the Tetrarchy.

Virtually all of Hadrian's portraits show a middle-aged man with a full, closely cropped beard. However, on this aureus we observe a separate category of portrait: a youthful Hadrian with a partial beard that culminates into two tufts of hair at his jaw line which was described by Mattingly and Sydenham as a portrait of "exceptional beauty and distinction". This type has long puzzled scholars, and there has been no general acknowledgment of when or why it was employed.

This may be explained by the methods used to date and arrange the coins of Hadrian: there are very few chronological guideposts in his coin inscriptions, so scholars have had to rely on the evolution of inscription formats and the styles of the portraits. This approach has yielded useful conclusions, though seemingly at the expense of a clear understanding of this portrait style.

In recent decades this type has been recognized as a distinct category of Hadrianic portraiture. Comparison with sculptures in the round has identified it as Hadrian in the guise of Diomedes, the Trojan War hero who stole the Palladium from Troy, and thus assured a Greek victory in the epic siege. The Palladium reportedly was taken to Italy, either by the Trojan prince Aeneas or by Diomedes, who by one tradition returned it to Aeneas in Italy. The episode had numerous versions by Hadrian's time, but it was a core of the Roman foundation mythology and thus was a perfect marriage of this emperor's infatuation with Greece and his dedication to Rome.

Hill was probably correct when he described this aureus as having been struck by Antoninus Pius in 138, shortly after Hadrian's death. Most scholars, however, have seen it as a lifetime issue struck c. 132-135. The main problem is that this portrait type is utilized principally (or exclusively) with three different obverse inscriptions and four reverse types (and some of these reverse types are also paired with normal busts). Thus, conventional wisdom would disperse these few coins with the Diomedes portrait into different phases of Hadrian's coinage. But their great rarity and unique character argues for a separate treatment.

We must also take into account that the other three reverse types used with this bust comprise a retrospective coinage that focuses on the divine parentage of Hadrian and of Rome. They are: ROMVLO CONDITORI ('Romulus the founder'), Romulus striding r.; VENERI GENETRICI ('Venus who brings forth'), Venus standing; and DIVIS PARENTIBVS ('to his parent deities'), busts of Trajan and Plotina.

All considered, it seems that the Diomedes-portrait aurei probably were all struck contemporarily, perhaps soon after Hadrian's death as a special issue that, for reasons that remain a mystery, employed different inscriptions and reverse types. The other option is to categorize the Diomedes-portrait aurei by other dating criteria, which would seemingly eliminate any special occasion for the use of this distinctive portrait type.

### Sabina, wife of Hadrian



- 344 Denarius 136, AR 3.23 g. SABINA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. CONCOR – DIA AVG Concordia standing l., leaning on column, holding patera and cornucopiae. RIC Hadrian 390. BMC Hadrian 929. C 3 var. Toned and about very fine 100

Privately purchased from Pegasi Numismatics.

### Antinous, favourite of Hadrian



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- 345 Medallion, Smyrna Ioniae after 130, Æ 39.32 g. ANTINOOC HPΩC Bare head l. Rev. ΠΟΛΕΜΩΝ ΑΝΕΘΗΚΕΜΥΡΝΑΙΟΙC Goat standing r.; in field r., caduceus. Blum p. 40, 4 and pl. II, 8.  
Rare. A magnificent portrait of great beauty. Minor corrosions, otherwise about very fine 4'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Antoninus Pius augustus, 138 – 161



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- 346 Denarius 140-143, AR 3.26 g. ANTONINVS AVG PI – VS P P COS III Laureate head r. Rev. M – ONE – TA AVG Moneta standing l., holding scales and cornucopiae. RIC 76b. BMC 220. C 557 var.  
About extremely fine 100

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 347 Aureus 150-151, AV 7.22 g. ANTONINVS AVG PI – VS P P TR P XIII Bare head r. Rev. LAETITIA COS III Ceres standing r., holding corn-ears and beside her, Proserpina standing facing, head l., holding pomegranate. RIC 199a. BMC 724 note. C 477. Calicó 1556b.

Rare. Good very fine / very fine 3'000

Privately purchased from Stack's.

- 348 *Divo Antonino Pio*. Sestertius after 161, Æ 24.71 g. DIVVS ANTONINVS Bare head r. Rev. Statue of Antoninus seated on car drawn l. by four elephants, each with rider on neck. In exergue, S C. RIC Marcus Aurelius 1274. BMC Marcus Aurelius 891. C 766.  
Green patina and good very fine 2'000

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Diva Faustina I, wife of Antoninus Pius



- 349 Denarius after 141, AR 3.27 g. DIVA – FAVSTINA Draped bust r., hair waived and coiled on top of head  
Rev. AETE – R – NITA – S Juno (?) standing l., raising r. hand and holding sceptre in l. RIC A. Pius 344.  
BMC A. Pius 345. C 26. Good very fine 100

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 350 Dupondius, uncertain mint after 147, Æ 5.93 g. ΘΕΑ – ΦΑΥΣΤΕΙΝΑ Veiled and draped bust of Faustina  
I. Rev. Μ ΓΑΛΕΡΙΟC ΑΥΤΟΚΡΑΤΟC ΑΝΤΩΝΟΝΟΥ ΥΙΟC Bare-headed and draped bust of M. Annius  
Galerius Antoninus r. C 2. Mazzini pl. 111, 2. Niggeler part III, 1316 var. (Faustina not veiled).  
Very rare. Green patina and fine 200

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Marcus Aurelius augustus, 161 – 180



- 351 Aureus 161-162, AV 7.26 g. IMP CAES M AVREL ANTONINVS AVG Bare-headed, draped and  
cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCORDIAE AVGVSTOR TR P XVI M. Aurelius and L. Verus standing facing  
each other with clasped hands; the one on l. holds roll. In exergue, COS III. RIC 42. BMC 186 note. C 73  
var. (bare head). Calicó 1828. Good very fine 3'500

Privately purchased from Stack's.

- 352 As 172-173, Æ 12.65 g. M ANTONINVS AVG TR P XXVII Laureate head r. Rev. GERMANIA  
SVBACTA IMP VI COS III S – C Germania, surrounded by weapons, seated r. at foot of trophy. RIC 1056.  
BMC 1465. C 224. Brown tone and good very fine 300

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 353 Denarius 173-174, AR 3.46 g. M ANTONINVS AVG TR P XXVIII Laureate head r. Rev. IMP VI – COS  
III Germania, surrounded by weapons, seated r. at foot of trophy. RIC 289. BMC 595. C 298.  
Toned and about extremely fine 100

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Faustina II, wife of Marcus Aurelius



- 354 Denarius 147-148, AR 3.30 g. FAVSTINAE AVG – PII AVG FIL Draped bust r. Rev. V – E – NVS  
Venus standing l., holding apple and rudder around which dolphin twined. RIC A. Pius 517a. BMC A. Pius  
1075. C 266. Toned and about extremely fine 100





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### Lucius Verus augustus, 161 – 169

- 355 Denarius 163-164, AR 2.95 g. L VERVS AVG – ARMENIACVS Laureate head r. Rev. TR P IIII – IMP II COS II Mars standing r., holding spear and resting l. hand on shield. RIC M. Aurelius 516. BMC 287. C 230.

Toned and good very fine 100

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Commodus caesar, 166 – 177

- 356 Denarius 175-176, AR 3.23 g. COMMODO CAES AVG FIL GERM SARM Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. HIL – A – R – ITAS Hilaritas standing l., holding long palm and cornucopiae. RIC M. Aurelius 611. BMC M. Aurelius 644. C 216.

Attractively toned, extremely fine / about extremely fine 150

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### Commodus augustus, 177 – 192



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- 357 Denarius 186-187, AR 2.65 g. COMM ANT P – FEL AVG BRIT Laureate head r. Rev. VIRTVT AVG P M TR P XII IMP VIII COS V P P Virtus standing l., holding Victory and resting l. hand on shield; spear against l. side. RIC 160. BMC 227. C 966.

Toned, weakly struck on reverse, otherwise good very fine 100

Privately purchased from Stack's.

- 358 Denarius 191-192, AR 2.72 g. L AEL AVREL COMM AVG P FEL Head r., wearing lion skin headdress. Rev. HER – CVL / RO – MAN / AV – GV Club; the whole within wreath. RIC 251. BMC 339. C 190.

Toned and good very fine 300

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 359 Denarius 191-192, AR 2.50 g. L AEL AVREL COMM AVG P FEL Head r., wearing lion skin headdress. Rev. HER – CVL / RO – MAN / AV – GV Club; the whole within wreath. RIC 251. BMC 339. C 190.

Toned and very fine 200

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- 360 *Divo Commodo*. Denarius after 192, AR 2.74 g. M COMM ANTON AVG PIVS BRIT Laureate head r. Rev. CONSECRATIO Eagle standing facing on globe, head r. RIC S. Severus 72a var. (PIVS FEL). BMC p. 756 and pl. 100, 12. C 61 var. (PIVS FEL).

Excessively rare, only very few specimens known. Fine 400

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### Crispina, wife of Commodus



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- 361 Denarius 180-182, AR 2.77 g. CRISPINA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. VE – NVS Venus standing l., holding apple and gathering up drapery on l. shoulder. RIC Commodus 286a. BMC Commodus 44. C 35. Lovely toned, extremely fine / about extremely fine 250  
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### Pertinax, January 1st – March 28th 193



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- 362 Denarius January 1st–March 28th 193, AR 3.45 g. IMP CAES P HELV PERTIN AVG Laureate head r. Rev. LAETITIA TE – MPOR COS II Laetitia standing l., holding sceptre and wreath. RIC 4a. BMC 8. C 20. Lightly toned and good very fine 1'500  
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### Didia Clara, daughter of Didius Julianus



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- 363 Denarius May-June 193, AR 3.00 g. DIDIA CLA – RA AVG Draped bust r. Rev. HILA – R – TEMPOR Hilaritas standing l., holding long palm and cornucopiae. RIC D. Julianus 10. BMC D. Julianus 14. C 3. Rare. Lightly toned, flan-crack at three o'clock on obverse, otherwise very fine 2'000  
Ex CNG sale 36, 1995, 2420.

### Pescenius Niger, 193 – 194



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- 364 Denarius, Antiochia 193-194, AR 2.52 g. IMP CAES C P – ESCE NIGER Laureate head r. Rev. VICTOR – A – E ORBIS Victory standing l., holding wreath and palm branch. RIC –, cf. 86 for type. BMC –, C –, cf. 74 for type. Apparently unrecorded. Lightly toned and very fine 2'000  
Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

## Septimius Severus, 193 – 211



- 365 Denarius 200, AR 3.38 g. SEVERVS AVG – PART MAX Laureate head r. Rev. P M TR P VIII – COS II – P P Victory flying l., holding wreath in both hands; in field l., shield set on low base. RIC 638. BMC 175. C 454. Attractively toned and extremely fine 150
- Privately purchased from Freeman & Sear.

## Julia Domna, wife of Septimius Severus



- 366 Denarius Laodicea ad Mare circa 196-202, AR 2.89 g. IVLIA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. DIANA – LVCIFERA Diana, crescent on neck, standing l., holding torch in both hands. RIC S. Severus 548. BMC S. Severus 15. C 27. Toned and about extremely fine 100
- Ex Superior sale 13 August 1995, John Jacobs, 845.
- 367 Denarius 196-211, AR 3.34 g. IVLIA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. FECVNDITAS Terra reclining l. under tree, l. arm on basket of fruits and r. hand set on globe spangled with stars, on top which move four children: the four seasons. RIC S. Severus 549. BMC S. Severus 21. C 35. Very rare. Toned and good very fine 500
- Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.
- 368 Denarius 211-217, AR 3.08 g. IVLIA PIA – FELIX Draped bust r. Rev. LVNA LVCIFERA Luna, with crescent on head and cloak floating round her head, in biga l. RIC Caracalla 379. BMC Caracalla 10. C105. Very fine 100
- Privately purchased from Freeman & Sear.

## Caracalla Augustus, 198 – 217



- 369 Denarius 206, AR 3.43 g. ANTONINVS – PIVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. FELICIA / TEMPORA The four seasons. RIC 153. BMC 505. C 59. Hill 807. Extremely rare. Toned and very fine 700
- Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.
- 370 Denarius 213, AR 3.62 g. ANTONINVS PIVS – AVG BRIT Laureate head r. Rev. P M TR P XVI COS IIII P P Serapis, wearing *polos* on head, standing l., raising r. hand and holding transverse sceptre. RIC 208a. BMC 50. C 211. Lightly toned and about extremely fine 75
- Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



### Plautilla, wife of Caracalla



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- 371 Denarius, Laodicea ad Mare 202, AR 3.39 g. PLAVTILLA AVG Draped bust r. Rev. CONCORDIA Concordia seated l., holding patera and double cornucopiae. RIC Caracalla 372. BMC Caracalla 739. C 8. Toned and extremely fine 200

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- 372 Denarius 202-205 (?), AR 2.52 g. PLAVTILLA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. VENVS – VICTRIX Venus standing l., holding apple and palm-branch and resting l. elbow on shield; to her r., Cupid standing l., holding helmet. RIC Caracalla 369. BMC Caracalla 429. C 25. Toned and extremely fine 200

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### Geta caesar, 198 – 209



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- 373 Denarius 200-202, AR 3.52 g. P SEPT GETA – CAES PONT Bare-headed, draped bust r. Rev. PRINC IVVENTVTIS Geta standing l., holding branch and spear; behind, trophy. RIC 18. BMC S. Severus 236. C 157. Lightly toned and extremely fine 100

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### Geta augustus, 210 – 211



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- 374 Denarius 210, AR 3.13 g. IMP CAES P SEPT – GETA PIVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. PONTIF TR P II – COS II Felicitas standing l., holding cornucopiae and long caduceus. RIC 69a. BMC 40. C 137. Lightly toned and about extremely fine 100

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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- 375 Sestertius 211, Æ 25.35 g. P SEPTIMIVS GETA – PIVS AVG BRIT Laureate head r. Rev. FORT RED TR P – III COS II P P Fortuna seated l., holding rudder and cornucopiae; under chair, wheel. In exergue, S C. RIC 168a. BMC 40. C 52 var. (omits P P). Brown tone and very fine 1'000

Privately purchased from Stack's.

### Macrinus, 217 – 218



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- 376 Denarius 217-218, AR 3.52 g. IMP C M OPEL SEV – MACRINVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. AEQVITAS AVG Aequitas standing l., holding scales and cornucopiae. RIC 53. BMC 59. C 2. Extremely fine / about extremely fine 300

Privately purchased from Stack's.

### Diadumenian caesar, 217 – 218



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- 377 Antoninianus or double-denarius 217-218, AR 4.37 g. M OPEL DIADVMEIANVS CAES Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRINC IVVENTVTIS Diadumenian standing l., holding baton and sceptre; on r., two standards. RIC Macrinus 106. BMC Macrinus 82 note. C 11. Very rare. Toned and good very fine 1'500

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- 378 Denarius 217-218, AR 3.19 g. M OPEL ANT DIADVMEIANVS CAES Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRINC IVVENTVTIS Diadumenian standing l., holding baton and sceptre; on r., two standards. RIC Macrinus 107. BMC Macrinus 82. C 14. Good very fine 300

Privately purchased from Stack's.

### Elagabal, 218 – 222



- 379 Denarius 218-222, AR 3.08 g. Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r., with horn. Rev. INVICTVS SACERDOS AVG Elagabal, standing l., sacrificing with patera over tripod (?) and holding branch; in field r., star. On r. on ground, unidentified object (cap or horn). RIC 87. BMC 209 note. C 58.

Lightly toned and good extremely fine

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Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Orbiana, wife of Severus Alexander



- 380 Denarius 225, AR 2.60 g. SAL BARBIA – ORBIANA AVG Draped and diademed bust r. Rev. CONCORDIA – A – AVGG Concordia seated l., holding patera and double-cornucopiae. RIC S. Alexander 319. BMC S. Alexander 288. C 1.

Good very fine

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Privately purchased from Freeman & Sear.

### Maximus caesar, 235 – early 238



- 381 Denarius late 235–early 236, AR 3.99g. IVL VERVS MAXIMVS CAES Bare-headed, draped bust r. Rev. PIETAS AVG Priestly emblems. RIC Maximinus 1. BMC Maximinus 118. C 1.

Minor scratch on cheek, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine

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Privately purchased from Stack's.

- 382 As early 236–April 238, Æ 11.70 g. MAXIMVS CAES GERM Bare-headed, draped bust r. Rev. PIETAS AVG Priestly emblems; in exergue, S – C. RIC Maximinus 12. BMC Maximinus 208. C 8.

Rare. Brown tone and good very fine

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Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 383 Sestertius early 236–April 238, Æ 20.17 g. MAXIMVS CAES GERM Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. PRINCIPI IVVENTVTIS S – C Maximus standing l., holding baton in r. hand and transverse spear; behind him, two standards. RIC Maximinus 13. BMC Maximinus 213. C 14.

Brown-green patina and very fine

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### Balbinus, April – June 238

- 384 Denarius, April-June 238, AR 3.23 g. IMP CD CAEL BALBINVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PROVIDENTIA DEORVM Providentia standing l., holding wand over globe and cornucopiae. RIC 7. BMC 33. C 23. Toned and good very fine 300

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Gordian III augustus, 238 – 244

- 385 Denarius circa 241-243, AR 3.39 g. IMP GORDIANVS PIVS FEL AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVTI AVGVSTI Hercules, naked, standing r., r. hand on hip and l. resting on club set on rock. Lion-skin beside club. RIC 116. C 403. Toned and good very fine 75

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### Philip I, 244 - 249



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- 386 Antoninianus or double-denarius 244-247, AR 4.56 g. IMP M IVL PHILIPPVS AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SALVS AVG Salus standing l., feeding snake coiled round altar and holding rudder. RIC 47. C 205. Lightly toned and good extremely fine 100

Ex Superior sale 8-9 December 1995, 983.

- 387 Antoninianus or double-denarius 248, AR 3.47 g. IMP PHILIPPVS AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SAECVLARES AVGG Stag walking r.; in exergue, V. RIC 19. C 182. Lightly toned and good very fine 100

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.



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### Otacilia Severa, wife of Philip I

- 388 Antoninianus or double-denarius circa 244-246, AR 6.13 g. MARCIA OTACIL SEVERA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. on crescent. Rev. PVDICITIA AVG Pudicitia, veiled, seated l. with r. hand drawing veil and holding transverse sceptre in l. hand. RIC Philip 123c. C 53. Minor scratch on obverse, otherwise very fine 50

Ex Superior 13 August 1995, John Jacobs, 925.

### Trajan Decius, 249 – 251

- 389 Antoninianus or double-denarius 249-251, AR 4.42 g. IMP C M Q TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PANNONIAE The two Pannoniae, veiled, standing to front and looking outwards, each holding standard. RIC 21b. C 86. Attractively toned, die-break on reverse and good extremely fine 100

Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Herennia Etruscilla, wife of Trajan Decius



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- 390 Antoninianus or double-denarius 249-251, AR 3.88 g. HER ETRVSCILLA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. on crescent. Rev. PVDICITIA AVG Pudicitia, veiled, seated l., with r. hand drawing veil and holding transverse sceptre in l. hand. RIC Trajan Decius 59b. C 19. Toned and extremely fine 100  
Privately purchased from Freeman & Sear.

### Herennius Etruscus caesar, 250 – 251



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- 391 Antoninianus or double-denarius 250-251, AR 3.46 g. Q HER ETR MES DECIVS NOB C Radiate and draped bust r. Rev. PRINCIPI IVVENTVTIS Herennius, in military attire, standing l., holding wand and transverse spear. RIC Trajan Decius 147c. C 26. Very fine 50  
Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

- 392 Tetradrachm, Antiochia Syriae 250-251, AR 10.93 g. EPENN ETPOY ME KY ΔΕΚΙΟC ΚΕCΑΡ Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ΔΗΜΑΡΧΕ ΕΞΟΥCΙΑC Eagle standing r. on palm branch; below, S C. BMC 616. Prieur 631. Toned and good very fine 100  
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### Hostilian caesar, 250 – 251

- 393 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Antiochia 251 (?), AR 4.21 g. C OVAL HOSTIL MES COVINTVS CAESAR Radiate and draped bust r. Rev. ROM AETERNA AVG Roma seated l., holding Victory and spear; at her side, shield. RIC Trajan Decius 197. C 52. Toned and good very fine 150  
Privately purchased from Harlan J. Berk.

### Trebonianus Gallus, 251 – 253

- 394 Antoninianus or double-denarius 251-253, AR 5.00 g. IMP CAE C VIB TREB GALLVS AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IVNO MARTIALIS Juno seated l., holding corn-ears and transverse sceptre. RIC 35. C 46. Toned and extremely fine 100  
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- 395 Antoninianus or double-denarius 251-253, AR 4.09 g. IMP CAE C VIB TREB GALLVS AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IVNO MARTIALIS Juno seated l., holding corn-ears and transverse sceptre. RIC 35. C 46. Toned and extremely fine 100  
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### Valerian I, 253 – 260

- 396 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Antiochia circa 255-256, AR 2.89 g. IMP C P LIC VALERIANVS PIVS AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. RESTITVT ORI – ENTIS Turreted female figure (the Oriens) standing r., presenting wreath to Emperor standing l. and holding spear. RIC 287. C 189.  
Toned and about extremely fine 50  
Ex CNG sale 37, 1996, 1746.

### Gallienus, 253 – 268

- 397 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Mediolanum circa 257, AR 3.70 g. IMP GALLIENVS P F AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PAX – AVGG Pax standing l., holding branch and transverse sceptre. RIC 391. C 750.  
Toned, weakly struck on reverse and extremely fine 100  
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- 398 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Mediolanum circa 258, AR 2.89 g. GALLIENVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. LEG II ITAL VI P VI F She-wolf standing l., suckling twins. RIC 329. C 472.  
Rare. Toned, flan crack at six o'clock on obverse, otherwise good very fine 200  
Ex CNG sale 41, 1997, 2127.
- 399 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Siscia circa 260-268, AR 4.30 g. GALLIENVS AVG Radiate head r. Rev. VICTORIA AET Victory standing l., holding wreath and palm-branch. RIC 586. C 1072.  
Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 100  
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### Salonina, wife of Gallienus

- 400 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Mediolanum 253, AR 3.34 g. CORN SALONINA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. on crescent. Rev. VESTA Vesta standing l., holding patera and transverse sceptre. RIC 39. C 137.  
Toned and good very fine 50  
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- 401 Antoninianus or double-denarius 257-258, AR 3.19 g. SALONI – NA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. on crescent. Rev. VENVS GENETRIX Venus standing l., holding apple and sceptre; at foot, Cupid and in field r., VI. RIC 30. C 121.  
Toned and good very fine 50  
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### Valerian II caesar, 256 – 258

- 402 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Antiochia 256-258, billon 2.91 g. P LIC COR VALERIANVS CAES Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRINCIPI IVVENTVTIS Prince standing l., holding baton and spear. RIC 51. C 84.  
Very fine 50  
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### Dryantilla, wife of Regalianus



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- 403 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Carnuntum circa 260, AR 2.85 g. [SVLP DR]YANT [ILLA AVG] Diademed bust r. on crescent. Rev. [IVNONI REDINE] Juno, veiled, standing l., holding patera and sceptre. RIC 2. C 1. Göbl pp. 15-16 and pl. IV.

Extremely rare. Toned and with clear traces of over-striking on a denarius of Septimius Severus. Flan broken, otherwise about extremely fine

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### Postumus, 260 – 269



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- 404 Sestertius, Lugdunum 260-269, Æ 21.58 g. IMP C M CASS LAT POSTVMVS P F AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. LAETITIA Galley with mast r. with three rowers; in exergue, AVG. RIC 148. C 183. Brown tone and very fine

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### Claudius II Gothicus, 268 – 270

- 405 Antoninianus or double-denarius 268-270, billon 3.28 g. IMP C CLAVDIVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FIDES EXERCI Fides standing l., holding two ensigns, of which one is transverse. RIC 36. C 87. Brown tone and good very fine

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### Marius, 269

- 406 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Colonia Agrippina 269, billon 2.69 g. IMP C MARIVS P F AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCORDIA MILITVM Clasped hands. RIC 7. C 4. Brown tone and very fine

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- 407 Antoninianus or double-denarius, unidentified mint 269, billon 3.52 g. IMP C M AVR MARIVS AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVG Victory standing l., holding wreath and palm. RIC 17. C 21. Brown tone and extremely fine 200

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#### Tetricus I, 271 – 274

- 408 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Colonia Agrippina 271-274, billon 2.51 g. IMP TETRICVS P F AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FIDES MILITVM Fides standing l., holding two ensigns. RIC 70. C 37. Brown tone. Reverse from a very weak die, otherwise about extremely fine 50

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#### Tetricus II Caesar, 273 - 274

- 409 Antoninianus or double denarius, Colonia Agrippina or Treveri 273-274, Æ 2.71 g. PIV ESV TETRICVS CAES Radiate and draped bust r. Rev. SPES AVGG Spes advancing l., holding flower and raising skirt. RIC 270. C 88. Brown tone and extremely fine 100

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#### Quintillus, July – September 270

- 410 Antoninianus or double-denarius July-September 270, billon 3.14 g. IMP C M AVR CL QVINTILLVS AVG Radiate and draped bust r. Rev. VIRTV - S AVG Soldier standing l., leaning on shield and holding spear; in field r., B. RIC 35. C 73. Reverse off-centre, otherwise extremely fine 100

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#### Aurelian, 270 – 275



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- 411 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Siscia 273, billon 3.38 g. IMP C AVRELIANVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCORDIA MILITVM Emperor standing r., clasping hand of Concordia; in exergue, Q\*. RIC 215. C 60. Göbl pl. 98, 214 c4. About extremely fine 50

Ex Superior 8-9 December 1995, 988.

- 412 Aureus 274, AV 3.76 g. IMP C L DOM AVRE - LIANVS P F AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. V - IRTVS - AVG Mars walking r., holding spear in r. hand and trophy in l. over l. shoulder. RIC 15. C 269 var. (draped ad cuirassed). Göbl 127qo (these dies). Calicó 4048 (these dies). Very fine 2'500

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- 413 Reduced double-sestertius 274, Æ 13.16 g. IMP AVRELIANVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SEVERINA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. on crescent. RIC 1. C 1. Göbl 154c (this obverse die). Heavily tooled brown patina, otherwise very fine 800

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### Aurelian and Vabalathus, 270 – 271

- 414 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Antiochia 270-271, billon 4.00 g. IMP C AVRELIANVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust of Aurelian r.; below, S. Rev. VABALATHVS VCRIMDR Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. RIC 381. C 1. Göbl pl. 136, 353a. Very fine 100

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### Tacitus, 275 – 276

- 415 Antoninianus or double denarius, Ticinum 275-276, billon 4.57 g. IMP C M CL TACITVS AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. MART – I – P – ACIF Mars walking l., holding olive-branch, spear and shield; in exergue, S. RIC 145. C 60. Extremely fine 100

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### Probus, 276 – 282



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- 416 Antoninianus or double denarius 276-282, billon 3.67 g. PROBVS – P F AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust l., wearing imperial mantle and eagle-tipped sceptre. Rev. ROMAE – AETER Roma seated in hexastyle temple, holding Victory and sceptre; in exergue, R thunderbolt B. RIC 187. C 528. Brown tone and good extremely fine 75

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- 417 Antoninianus or double-denarius 276-282, billon 4.28 g. IMP PRO – BVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR – IA GERM Trophy between two captives; in exergue, R thunderbolt A. RIC 220. C 773. Extremely fine 150

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- 418 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Ticinum 280-282, billon 3.67 g. IM – P C PROBVS P F AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust l., wearing imperial mantle and holding eagle-tipped sceptre. Rev. VIRTVS – AVG Soldier standing l., holding Victory and spear and leaning on shield; in exergue, QXXT. RIC 436. C 817. Extremely fine 75

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- 419 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Siscia 280-282, billon 3.88 g. IMP C M AVR PROBVS AVG Helmeted and cuirassed bust l., holding spear and shield. Rev. VIRTVS PROBI AVG Emperor galloping r., spearing enemy whose shield lies beneath horse; in exergue, KAB. RIC 878. C 912. Extremely fine 100

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### Magna Urbica, wife of Carinus



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- 420 Antoninianus or double-denarius, Lugdunum 283-285, billon 3.37 g. MAGNIA VRBICA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. on crescent. Rev. VENVS G – ENETRIX Venus standing l., holding apple and sceptre; in field l., D. RIC 337. C 11. Good very fine 300

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### Carausius, 286 – 293



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- 421 Denarius, uncertain mint 287-293, Æ 2.05 g. IMP CARAVSIVS [P F AVG] Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. [.....] FIV Aequitas (?) standing l., holding scales and cornucopiae. RIC –, cf. 711. Hunter pl. 62, cf 182 and 185. Apparently unrecorded. Green patina and very fine 1'200

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### Galeria Valeria, wife of Galerius Maximianus

- 422 Follis, Cyzicus early to middle 307, Æ 6.41 g. GAL VAL – ERIA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VENERI V – ICTRICI Venus standing facing, head l., holding apple in upraised r. hand and raising with l. drapery over l. shoulder; in exergue, MKΔ. RIC 38. C 2. Tooled green patina, otherwise about extremely fine 100

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### Theodora, wife of Constantius I

- 423 Æ 4, Treveri 337-340, 1.52 g. FL MAX THEO – DORAE AVG Draped bust r. Rev. PIETAS – ROMANA Pietas standing facing, head r., carrying an infant at her breast; in exergue, TRS•. RIC 56. C 4. About extremely fine 200

Ex NAC sale H, 1998, 2194.



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### Maximinus II Daja caesar, 305-309

- 424 Follis, Alexandria late 308-309, Æ 6.06 g. GAL VAL MAXIMINVS NOB CAES Laureate head r. Rev. GENIO CA – ESARIS Genius, naked but for *chlamys* over shoulder, standing to front, head l., pouring liquid out of patera and holding cornucopiae; in field, K – S / P. In exergue, ALE. RIC 100A. C 40. Brown tone and good very fine 50

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### Maxentius augustus, 307 - 312

- 425 Follis, Aquileia late summer 307, Æ 5.76 g. IMP C MAXENTIVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. CONSERV – VRB SVAE Roma seated l. on shield within tetrastyle temple, handing globe to Maxentius in military attire, standing l. and holding sceptre; between them, a seated captive. In exergue, AQΓ. RIC 113. C 42. Paolucci-Zub 173. About extremely fine 100

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### Licinius I, 308 – 324

- 426 Follis, Cyzicus circa 309-310, Æ 6.37 g. VAL LICINNIVS LICINNIVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. GENIO A – VGVSTI Genius, naked but for *chlamys* over shoulder, standing to front, head l., pouring liquid out of patera and holding cornucopiae; in field l., B. In exergue, MKV. RIC 54. C 30 var. Brown tone and good very fine 100

Ex CNG sale 41, 1997, 2273.



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- 427 Reduced follis, Aquileia 320, Æ 2.92 g. IMP LI – CINIVS AVG Helmeted and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS – EXERCIT Standard inscribed VOT / XX with captive seated on either side; in exergue AQS. RIC 63. C 193. Paolucci-Zub 192. Extremely fine 100

Ex CNG sale 43, 1997, 2474

### Licinius II Caesar, 317-324

- 428 Reduced follies, Antiochia 317-320, Æ 2.17 g. D N VAL LICIN LICINIVS NOB C Pearl-diademed bust l., wearing consular robe and holding sceptre and *mappa*. Rev. IOVI CONS – ERVATORI CAESS Jupiter standing l., holding Victory on globe and sceptre; at his feet, captive. In field r., Γ and in exergue, SMANT. RIC 28 var. C 30. Brown tone and very fine 25

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### Constantine I augustus, 307 – 337

- 429 Reduced follis, Treveri 316, Æ 3.13 g. IMP CONSTANTINVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SOLI INVIC – TO COMITI Sol, naked but for *chlamys*, standing l., raising r. hand and holding globe; in field, T – F. In exergue, BTR. RIC 102. C 547 var. (also draped). Extremely fine 50

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- 430 Reduced follis, Treveri 316, Æ 3.13 g. CONSTANTINVS P F AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SOLI INVIC – TO COMITI Sol, naked but for *chlamys*, standing l., raising r. hand and holding globe; in field, T – F. In exergue, •ATR. RIC 105. C 546 var. (omits F). Extremely fine 50  
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- 431 Reduced follis 329, Æ 3.46 g. CONSTAN – TINVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. D N CONSTANTIN MAX AVG round wreath within which VOT / • / XXX; below, R P. RIC 318. C 132 var. Extremely fine 50  
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### Helena, mother of Constantine I

- 432 Æ 3, Treveri 327-328, 2.81 g. FL HELENA – AVGVSTA Diademed and draped bust r., wearing double pearl necklace. Rev. SECVRITAS – REIPVBLICAE Securitas standing l., lowering branch in r. hand and raising robe in l.; in exergue, STRE. RIC 508. C 12. Brown tone and about extremely fine 100  
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### Fausta, wife of Constantine I

- 433 Æ 3, Treveri 326, 3.58 g. FLAV MAX – FAVSTA AVG Draped bust r., wearing double pearl necklace. Rev. SALVS REI – PVBLICAE Empress, veiled, standing l., holding two infants; in exergue, STR. RIC 483. C 7. Brown tone and extremely fine 100  
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### Hannibalian Rex Regum, 335 – 337



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- 434 Æ 3, Constantinopolis 336-337, 1.02 g. FL HANNIBALIANO REGI Draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SE – CVRITAS PVBLICA Euphrates seated r. on ground, leaning on sceptre; urn at his side and reed in background; in exergue, CONSS. RIC 147. C 2. Rare. Brown tone and very fine 300  
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### Magnentius, 350 – 353



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- 435 Æ 2, Arles 350-351, 4.83 g. D N MAGNEN – TIVS P F AVG Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r.; behind, F. Rev. GLORIA ROMANORVM Emperor on horseback r., spearing kneeling barbarian; in field, L - \*. Below horse, broken spear and shield and in exergue, SAR. RIC 155 var. Bastien Magnence 247 var. C 20. Brown tone and about extremely fine 100  
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- 436 Æ 2, Treveri 350-351, 5.46 g. D N MAGNEN – TIVS P F AVG Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r.; behind, A. Rev. GLORIA ROMANORVM Emperor on horseback r., spearing kneeling barbarian; below horse, broken spear and shield and in exergue, TRSC. RIC 271. Bastien Magnence 32. C 20.

Brown tone and about extremely fine

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- 437 Æ 1, Ambianum 353, 7.64 g. D N MAGNEN – TIVS P F AVG Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SALVS D D N N AVG ET CAES Christogram flanked by A and Ω. In exergue, AMB. RIC 34. C 30. Bastien Magnence 135.

Brown tone and good very fine

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**Valentinian I, 364 – 375**

- 438 Siliqua, Treveri 367-375, AR 2.32 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VRBS – ROMA Roma seated l., holding Victory on globe and reverted spear; in exergue, TRPS. RIC 27d. C 81.

Toned and extremely fine

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**Aelia Flaccilla, wife of Theodosius I**

- 439 Æ 2, Nicomedia 383-388, 4.74 g. AEL FLAC – CILLA AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r., wearing double-necklace. Rev. SALVS REI – PVBLICAE Empress standing facing, head r., arms folded on breast; in field l., branch. In exergue, SMNT. RIC 43. C 6. Rare. Green patina and good very fine

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**Aelia Eudoxia, wife of Arcadius**

- 440 Æ 3, Antiochia 395-401, 2.62 g. AEL EVDXIA AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r., crowned above by the Hand of God. Rev. GLORIA ROMANORVM Empress enthroned facing, hands folded over breast, crowned by the Hand of God; in field r., cross. In exergue, ANTB. RIC 83.

Rare. Brown tone and about very fine

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**Flavius Victor, 387 – 388**

- 441 Æ 4, Arles 387-388, 1.03 g. D N FL VIC – TOR P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SPES ROMANORVM Camp gate with two turrets; above, star. In exergue, PCON. RIC 29. C 7.

Rare. About very fine

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**Aelia Verina, wife of Leo I**

- 442 Æ 2, Constantinopolis 468-473, 4.71 g. AEL VER – INA AVG Pearl-diademed and draped bust r. Rev. SALVS REI – PVBLICAE Victory seated r., supporting on a low column a shield inscribed with Christogram, to which she points; in exergue, CONE. RIC 655.

Extremely rare. Brown tone and about very fine

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