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BB Bellissimo	Very fine	Sehr schön	Très beau	MBC
MB Molto bello	Fine	Schön	Beau	BC

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The Roman Republic



- 112 *Anonymous.* 60 Asses, Etruria (?) circa 208 BC, 3.34 g. Bearded and draped head of Mars r., wearing Corinthian helmet; in field l., mark of value, ΨX. Rev. Eagle standing r., with spread wings, on thunderbolt; in upper field r., staff. Below, ROMA. Bahrfeldt 4c.3 (this coin ?). Sydenham 239. Crawford 106/2. Biaggi 7 (this coin). Of the highest rarity, possibly only the third specimen known and the only one in private hands. Minor edge nick at two o'clock on obverse and light scratches on reverse, otherwise very fine / good very fine 8'000

Privately purchased from Bank Leu in 1955 for 2'000 Swiss Francs and possibly from Rollin & Feuarent sale 1896, Montagu, 5 (not illustrated).

Roman coinage was forever changed by the invasion of Italy by Hannibal, the Carthaginian general who ran the length of Italy with his armies and brought his soldiers to the walls of Rome. The Romans had never before issued gold coins, but this crisis merited it twice.

The first issue of staters and half-staters was struck c. 218-216 B.C., when Rome had suffered crushing defeats to Hannibal's army. These coins show the jugate head of the Dioscuri and an oath scene meant to shore up the traditional alliance between Rome and its Italian allies. The second coinage, to which this piece belongs, was issued c. 211-208 B.C., when the Carthaginian army was still menacing Italy, but the tide of war had shifted in favour of Rome. They were the last Roman gold coins until the Imperial period, when aurei were struck for Sulla in the late 80s B.C.

The issue is comprised of coins denominated 60, 40 and 20 asses. The martial nature of the coinage is made clear with the designs – the helmeted head of Mars, the god of war, and the eagle of the supreme god Jupiter, standing upon his thunderbolt. Various resources were tapped to create this coinage, including special levies and loot from Syracuse, which had fallen to the Romans in 212. Meanwhile, in 211, the Romans had forced Capua into submission, denying Hannibal his main supply depot in Southern Italy.

Unlike the first gold coinage (which seems to have been struck on a small scale, perhaps on a single occasion), this second was much larger and was struck in enough variety to suggest that regional or moving mints were used in addition to Rome. To the mint of Rome Crawford attributes the pieces with no symbol on the reverse (struck in all three denominations), as well as 60-as pieces with an anchor symbol. To branch mints or moving mints he suggests the following: 60-as pieces with a pentagram or a staff symbol were perhaps struck in Etruria in 209/8; 60-as pieces with a spearhead symbol may have been struck in southeast Italy in 209; and 20-as pieces with a grain-ear symbol likely were struck in Sicily in 211-210.



- 113 *Octavian.* Aureus, Gallia Transalpina and Cisalpina 43, 6.85 g. C·CAESAR·COS·[PONT·AVG] Bare and bearded head of Octavian r. Rev. C·CAESAR·DICT·PERP·P[ONT·M]AX Laureate head of Julius Caesar r. Babelon Julia 64. Bahrfeldt 28. C 2. Sydenham 1321. Crawford 490/2. Sear Imperators 132. Calicó 52. Biaggi 79 (this coin).

Very rare. Heavy traces of mounting on the edge and in both obverse and reverse field, otherwise very fine / good very fine 5'000

Privately purchased from Marley in 1954 for \$ 1,200.



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- 114 **L. Livineius Regulus.** Aureus, Roma 42 BC, 8.08 g. REGVLVS – P R· Bare head of L. Regulus r. Rev. Curule chair; on either side, three *fasces*. Above, L·LIVINEIVS and in exergue, REGVLVS. Babelon Livineia 9. Bahrfeldt 32.3 (this coin). Sydenham 1108. Crawford 494/26a. Sear Imperators 175. Calicó 15 (this coin). Biaggi 18 (this coin).

Extremely rare, only six specimens known. Slightly bent, several nicks on edge and in field, otherwise about very fine / fine

10'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1954. Ex Rollin & Feuarent 1887, Ponton D'Amecourt, 11; Hirsch XXIV, 1909, Consul Weber, 436 and Hamburger April 1912, 972 sales.

The sense of duty to the state that moneyers honoured in an earlier age had vanished by the time this aureus was issued. In the crumbling Republic the office of moneyer had degenerated to the point where opportunism and self-promotion replaced duty to Rome. A perfect illustration is the coinage of L. Livineius Regulus, a moneyer of 42 B.C.

Regulus' coins may be divided into two categories: the first has coins with the portraits of Julius Caesar and the triumvirs Antony, Octavian and Lepidus; coins of the second group bear the portrait of an ancestor, L. Regulus. With the exception of a single issue of aurei represented by this coin, the latter group consists entirely of denarii.

The ancestor portrayed here held the rank of *praetor*, or governor, and perhaps was the L. Regulus who was a friend of Cicero and an ally of Julius Caesar. Without a doubt he was the most distinguished of the moneyer's ancestors, for he is the most prominent feature of Regulus' personal coinage. The next-most-important ancestor was the Regulus identified as PRAEF VR, meaning he held the office of *praefectus urbi*, the most prestigious office in the city of Rome.

The four moneyers of 42 B.C., Clodius, Mussidius, Varus and Regulus, have been the subject of intensive study, including a specialized work by T. V. Buttrey (*ANS NNM* 137), who notes that the aurei of Regulus are unique within the group because they have no die links with the coins of the other three moneyers. For a variety of reasons, Buttrey suggests Regulus was the *primus*, or leading member, of the college of four moneyers, and that his coins were struck first, with those of Clodius, Mussidius and Varus following in a manner that allowed them to be die linked among each other.



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- 115 **C. Cassius Longinus with Lentulus Spinther.** Aureus, mint moving with Cassius (probably Smyrna) 43-42 BC, 8.00 g. C·CASSI·IMP – LEIBERTAS Diademed and veiled bust of Vesta r., wearing necklace. Rev. LENTVLVS / SPINT Sacrificial vase and *lituus*. Babelon Cassia 17. C 5. Bahrfeldt 59. Sydenham 1304. Crawford 500/4. Sear Imperators 222. Calicó 66 (this coin). Biaggi 44 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Struck on a full flan and good very fine

12'000

Privately purchased in 1952 for 1'500 Swiss Francs.



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- 116 **Q. Voconius Vitulus.** Aureus, Roma 40 BC or later, 8.09 g. IVLI·F – DIVI Laureate head of Caesar r. Rev. Q·VOCONIVS Calf advancing l.; in exergue, VITVLVS. Babelon Voconia 3. C 546. Bahrfeldt 100 and pl. X, 7 (these dies). Sydenham 1130. Crawford 526/1 (these dies, this specimen not recorded). Sear Imperators 328. Calicó 154 (this coin). Biaggi 74 (this coin).

Of the highest rarity, only the eighth specimen known and one of four in private hands.

A very interesting portrait struck on a full flan, several marks on edge,
otherwise very fine

18'000

Ex Glendining sale 20 April 1951, Ryan part IV, 1633 and from the collection of the Prince of Lichtenstein.

In 40 B.C., when this coin is thought to have been struck, the conflict between Octavian and Marc Antony not only reached a new peak, but found an uneasy resolution. In the previous months Marc Antony's wife Fulvia and brother Lucius had harassed Octavian while Antony was away in the East. Whether a serious escalation was intended cannot be assessed, but political and verbal assaults grew until Lucius gained permission to wage war on Octavian, whose allies Agrippa and Salvidienus hastily gather troops from Spain.

Thus began the Perusine War (41-40 B.C.), a brief affair in which Lucius Antony's army was besieged in Perusia (Perugia) and surrendered in February of 40 B.C. The defeated Lucius was soon assigned to a promagistracy in Spain, where he seems to have died not long thereafter. Fulvia also died in the aftermath of the war. Antony was alarmed by the state of affairs and returned to the West, where he met Octavian at Brundisium in October of that year, and the Triumvirs ironed out their disagreements.

This rare aureus was struck by the moneyer Q. Voconius Vitulus, a man who is unattested outside of his coinage. His coin types betray to his allegiance to Octavian, who must have considered him an up-and-coming ally. Inscriptions on his coins tout his status as quaestor designate, but nothing further of his career or fate is known. The obverses of Vitulus' coins bear portraits of Julius Caesar and Octavian, and stress the relationship between the slain dictator and his nephew. Some examples show a *lituus* with the portraits of both men to show that both had held the augurship, and most of the Octavian portraits are accompanied by an inscription that names him as the son of the deified Julius. The reverse type of a standing calf is strictly personal, being a punning allusion to the *cognomen* Vitulus, which literally means calf.

The Roman Empire

The mint is Rome unless otherwise stated

Octavian, 32 – 27 BC



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- 117 Aureus, Brundisium or Roma 32-29 BC, 7.80 g. Bare head l. Rev. Slow triumphal quadriga advancing r., surmounted by a small quadriga; in exergue, CAESAR DIVI F. Bahrfeldt 107.8 (this coin). C 77. BMC 590. RIC 259. CBN 80. Sear Imperators 404. Calicó 190 (this coin). Biaggi 99 (this coin).

Rare. Traces of mounting on edge and minor marks in fields, otherwise very fine

4'000

Ex Hirsch XXIX, 1910, Hezfelder, 912; Bourgey 3 June 1912, 119; Bourgey 5 May 1913, 119 and Glendining's 19 July 1950, Platt Hall part I, 778 sales.

Octavian as Augustus, 27 BC – 14 AD



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- 118 **P. Petronius Turpilianus.** Aureus circa 19 BC, 8.12 g. TVRPILIANVS – III·VIR Diademed and draped bust of Feronia r.; below, [FER] – ON. Rev. AVGVSTO / OB·C·S within oak wreath. Bahrfeldt 176 (only one specimen listed). C 477. BMC 5 note. RIC 279. CBN 109 (this obverse die). Calicó 144. Biaggi 161 (this coin).

Extremely rare, very few specimens known. Minor marks on edge,
otherwise good very fine

5'000

Ex Glendining sale 19 July 1950, Platt Hall part I. 701.



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- 119 Aureus, Colonia Patricia 19 BC, 7.84 g. CAESAR – AVGVSTVS Bare head r. Rev. S·P·Q·R Victory flying r., holding shield inscribed CL V in r. hand and branch in l. Bahrfeldt 136 (only two specimens listed). C 219 (first edition). BMC –. RIC 91. CBN 1097. Mazzini d 291 (this coin). Calicó 293 (this coin). Biaggi 144 (this coin).

Extremely rare, a few specimens known. Two minor edge marks, otherwise very fine

7'000



120



121



- 120 Aureus, Colonia Patricia 19 BC, 7.75 g. CAESAR – AVGVSTVS Bare head r. Rev. SIGNIS – RECEPTIS Mars, wearing helmet and cloak, standing l., head facing, holding *aquila* in r. hand and standard over l. shoulder. Bahrfeldt 148 (only one specimen listed). C –, cf. 258. BMC –. RIC –, cf. 80a. CBN –, cf. 1048. Calicó 271 (this coin). Biaggi 133 (this coin).

An exceedingly rare variety, apparently only the second specimen known,
of a scarce type. Very fine / fine

4'000

Privately purchased from Hesperia Art in 1952 for \$ 80.

- 121 Aureus, Colonia Patricia 19 BC, 7.82 g. CAESAR – AVGVSTVS Bare head r. Rev. MAR – VLT Mars, helmeted and cloaked, holding *aquila* in r. hand and standard over l. shoulder, standing l. within round domed temple with four columns. Bahrfeldt 160 (only two specimens listed). C 193. BMC 366 and pl. 7, 18 (these dies). RIC 68. CBN –. Calicó 243 (this coin). Biaggi 125 (this coin).

An extremely rare variety. Very fine

5'000

Purchased from Esperia Art in 1953 for \$ 168.



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- 122 Aureus, Colonia Patricia 19 BC, 7.79 g. CAESAR – AVGVSTVS Bare head r. Rev. OB CIVIS / SERVATOS Shield, inscribed S P Q R / CL V, within oak wreath. Bahrfeldt 127 (listed as a copy). C 214. BMC –. RIC 78. CBN 1131. Calicó 255 (this coin). Biaggi 129 (this coin).

Very rare. A very attractive reddish tone, fields somewhat tooled and altered,
otherwise good very fine 4'000

Ex Bourgey 18 December 1912, Cugnot, 52 and Glendining 19 July 1950, Platt Hall part I, 787 sales.

Bahrfeldt considers this coin to be a copy. We, however, completely disagree with this opinion, even if we understand the reason that led Bahrfeldt to make this error; in fact both the obverse and the reverse field have been tooled thus giving the coin a rather unnatural appearance.



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- 123 Aureus, Pergamum 19-18 BC, 7.70 g. AVGVSTVS Bare head r. Rev. SIGNIS / RECEPTIS Capricorn r. Bahrfeldt 144. C 263. BMC 680. RIC 521. CBN 979. Calicó 272. Biaggi 134 (this coin).

Rare. Minor marks, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 8'000

Ex Ratto sale 26-29 January 1955, Giorgi, 193.



124



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- 124 Aureus, Caesaraugusta 19-18 BC, 7.82 g. Oak-wreathed head r. Rev. CAESAR / AVGVSTVS Two laurel branches. Bahrfeldt 121 (only two specimens listed). C 45. BMC –. RIC 26a. CBN 1282. Calicó 179 (this coin). Biaggi 94 (this coin).

Exceedingly rare, very few specimens known. Traces of mounting, slightly bent
and a few scratches and nicks, otherwise very fine 5'000

Ex Dorotheum sale 13-15 June 1955, Apostolo Zeno, 51.

- 125 Aureus, Colonia Patricia 18 BC, 7.84 g. CAESARI – AVGVSTO Laureate head l. Rev. Slow quadriga l. containing *aquila* and surmounted by a small quadriga; in exergue, S·P·Q·R. Bahrfeldt 155 (one specimen listed). C 276 var. (head r.). BMC 395. RIC 111. CBN 1182a. Calicó 280 (this coin). Biaggi 138 (this coin).

An exceedingly rare variety, very few specimens known. Good very fine 5'000

- 126 Aureus, Colonia Patricia 18 BC, 7.84 g. CAESARI – AVGVSTO Laureate head r. Rev. S·P·Q·R Slow quadriga l. containing *aquila* and surmounted by a small quadriga. Bahrfeldt 157 (two specimens listed). C 276. BMC 395 note*. RIC 112. CBN p. 177 *. Calicó 282 (this coin). Biaggi 137 (this coin).

An extremely rare variety, very few specimens known. Minor marks on edge,
otherwise good very fine 5'000

Privately purchased from Esperia Art in 1952 for \$ 150.



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- 127 Aureus, Colonia Patricia 18 BC, 7.83 g. CAESARI – AVGVSTO Laureate head r. Rev. S·P· – Q·[R] Doomed tetrastyle temple within which triumphal *carrus* r. containing an *aquila* and surmounted by a small quadriga. Bahrfeldt 167. C 278. BMC 384. CBN 1209. RIC 118. Calicó 283 (this coin). Biaggi 141 (this coin). Very rare. Minor nicks in fields and slightly bent, otherwise good very fine 7'000

Ex Santamaria 24 January 1938, Trivulzio, 249 and Glendining 20 February 1951, Ryan part IV, 1621 sales.



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- 128 Aureus, Colonia Patricia July 18 BC – 17/16 BC, 7.82 g. CAESARI – S·P·Q·R·IMP Bare head r. Rev. QV – OD· – VIAE·MVN·SVNT Augustus, veiled, crowned by Victory behind him, standing r. in biga of elephants on square arch between roofed porticoes. Bahrfeldt 191.1 (this coin). C 230. BMC 432 note. RIC 141. CBN 1262. Jameson 20 (this coin). Calicó 262 (this coin). Biaggi 131 (this coin).

An exceedingly rare variety of an extremely rare and interesting type.

Struck on a full flan and good very fine

12'000

Ex Fellot, Paris 1904, 79 and Adolph Hess 14 April 1954 sales, 225. From the Jameson collection.

Augustus not only had a clear understanding of the nature of history, but he was not too modest to record his achievements so his place in history would be appreciated. The main document he penned on this topic is the *Res Gestae Divi Avgvsti*, 'The Achievements of the Divine Augustus', which he entrusted to the Vestal Virgins so that after his death it would be inscribed onto bronze tablets for display in front of his mausoleum.

Among the many achievements he lists is construction or rehabilitation of roads. In passage 20.5, Augustus states: "In my seventh consulship I restored the Via Flaminia from the city as far as Ariminum [Rimini], together with all bridges except the Milvian and the Ninucian." This claim is echoed by Suetonius (*Augustus*, 30) and by Dio Cassius (LII.22), who notes that Augustus erected arches topped with statues of himself on bridges at either end of the Via Flaminia.

As early as 27 B.C., the watershed year in which Augustus entered his seventh consulship, Augustus pressed generals and senators into service by demanding they oversee and pay for the repair of other main roads. The generals were to pay for this with prize money they had taken in their campaigns.

This great effort was commemorated with a series of aurei and denarii usually attributed to a Spanish mint striking in the period 18-17 B.C. This aureus, inscribed QVOD VIAE MVN[ITAE] SVNT ("For having caused the highways to be built"), shows Victory crowning Augustus, whom she accompanies in a biga of elephants upon a square arch flanked by roofed porticoes. Other coins from this series show an identical elephant-biga scene on a double-arch upon a viaduct, or on a round central arch flanked by arcades, or show Victory and Augustus in a quadriga of horses on a double-arch adorned with a rostra set upon a viaduct. We might presume these were among the statues mentioned by Dio.

Augustus' concern for road repair was practical, as highways were critical to the success of the empire. Not only were they useful for the transportation of goods and the movement of travelers, but they were essential for the efficiency of the army, which could move at great speed on these superhighways. In the instance commemorated by this aureus, Augustus was thinking ahead since he planned to use the Flaminian Way to move troops into Gaul, where he planned to launch major campaigns that would secure and further Romanize that province.



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- 129 Aureus, Lugdunum 15-13 BC, 7.83 g. AVGVSTVS – DIVI·F Bare head r. Rev. Two soldiers with *parazonium* giving branches to Augustus seated l. on a platform; in exergue, IMP·X. Bahrfeldt 199. C 132. BMC 443. RIC 164a. CBN 1370 var. (head l.). Calicó 210 (this coin). Biaggi 106 (this coin).

Rare. Good very fine 5'500

Privately purchased in 1953 for approximately 700 Swiss Francs.



130



- 130 Aureus, Lugdunum 15-13 BC, 7.95 g. AVGVSTVS – DIVI·F Bare head l. Rev. Two soldiers with *parazonium* giving branches to Augustus seated l. on a platform; in exergue, IMP·X. Bahrfeldt 200. C 134. BMC 447. RIC 164b. CBN 1370. Calicó 211. Biaggi 107 (this coin).

Rare. About extremely fine 9'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1951 and from the J.P. Morgan collection.



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- 131 Aureus, Lugdunum 15-13 BC, 7.79 g. AVGVSTVS – DIVI·F Bare head l. Rev. IMP – X Apollo Citharoedus standing l., holding *plectrum* and lyre; in exergue, ACT. Bahrfeldt 204 var. (head r.). C 143 var. (head r.). BMC 459 var. (head r.). RIC 170 var. (head r.). CBN 1394 var. (head r.). Calicó 216 (this coin). Biaggi 114 (this coin).

An apparently unique variety. Minor marks, otherwise very fine / about very fine 4'000

- 132 Aureus, Lugdunum 11-10 BC, 7.83 g. AVGVSTVS – DIVI·F Bare head r. Rev. IMP – XII Apollo Citharoedus standing l., holding *plectrum* and lyre; in exergue, ACT. Bahrfeldt 208 (one specimen listed). C 164. BMC p. 82 note †. RIC 170 var. (head r.). CBN 1417. Mazzini 164 (this coin). Calicó 226 (this coin). Biaggi 121 (this coin).

An extremely rare variety. Minor marks, otherwise good very fine 5'000



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- 133 Aureus, Lugdunum 8-7 BC, 7.82 g. AVGVSTVS – DIVI·F Laureate head r. Rev. C CAESAR Caesar galloping r., holding a sword in r. hand and shield in l.; behind, *aquila* between two standards; in exergue, AVGVST. Bahrfeldt 233. C 39. BMC 498. RIC 198. CBN 1466. Calicó 174a. Biaggi 90 (this coin).

Rare. Good very fine 6'000

Privately purchased from Hesperia Art in 1952 for \$ 62.



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- 134 Aureus, Lugdunum 8-7 BC, 7.81 g. AVGVSTVS – DIVI F Laureate head r. Rev. C CAES Caesar galloping r., holding a sword in r. hand and shield in l.; behind, *aquila* between two standards; in exergue, AVGVST. Bahrfeldt 233. C 39. BMC 498. RIC 198. CBN 1459. Calicó 174. Biaggi 91 (this coin).

Rare. A very attractive portrait. Edge nick at five o'clock on obverse and a few minor marks, otherwise good very fine

5'000

Privately purchased from Hesperia Art in 1952 for \$ 62.

- 135 Quinarius, Lugdunum 4-5 AD, 3.96 g. AVGVSTVS – DIVI F Laureate head r. Rev. TR POT – XXVII Victory seated r. on globe. Bahrfeldt 227.4 (this coin). C 315. BMC p. 86 note. RIC 215. CBN 1678. King 17e (this coin). Biaggi 147 (this coin).

Very rare. Several scratches in fields and several edge nicks, otherwise about very fine

2'000

Ex Reichmann XX, 1922, 409 and M&M 15, 1955, 710 sales.

Tiberius, 14 – 37



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- 136 Aureus, Lugdunum 14-37, 7.59 g. TI CAESAR DIVI – AVG F AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. PONTIF MAXIM Pax-Livia figure seated r. on chair with ornamented legs, holding long vertical sceptre and branch. C 15. BMC 46. RIC 29. CBN 19. Calicó 305. Biaggi 168 (this coin).

Minor edge marks, otherwise good very fine

4'000

Privately purchased in 1950 for 300 Swiss Francs.

Claudius, 41 – 54



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- 137 Aureus 41-42, 7.72 g. TI CLAVD CAESAR AVG GERM P M TR P Laureate head r. Rev. E X S C / OB CIVES / SERVATOS within oak-wreath. C 34. BMC 16. RIC 15. CBN 30. Calicó 356a. Biaggi 204 (this coin).

Minor marks in field and heavy edge nick at eleven o'clock on obverse, otherwise good very fine

6'000

Privately purchased in 1952.



- 138 Aureus 41-42, 7.84 g. TI CLAVD CAESAR AVG P M TR P Laureate head r. Rev. IMPER RECEPT inscribed on praetorian camp, at the door of which stands a soldier with a standard. C 4. BMC 5. RIC 7. CBN 23. Calicó 359 (this coin). Biaggi 205 (this coin). von Kanel 23 and pl. 1, 29.
Very rare. Wonderful reddish tone and about extremely fine 10'000

Privately purchased in 1952 for 670 Swiss Francs and probably from the Boscoreale hoard of 1895.



- 139 Aureus 46-47, 7.77 g. TI CLAVD CAESAR AVG P M TR P VI IMP XI Laureate head r. Rev. CONST ANTIAE – AVGVSTI Ceres seated l. on curule chair, raising r. hand. C 7. BMC 30. RIC 31. CBN 47. Calicó 340 (this coin). Biaggi 200 (this coin).
Rare. A very attractive portrait and about extremely fine 8'000

Privately purchased in 1954 for 1'100 Swiss Francs.

Nero caesar, 50 – 54



- 140 Aureus 50-54, 7.67 g. NERO CLAVD CAES DRVSVS GERM PRINC IVVENT Bare-headed and draped bust of Nero l. Rev. SACERD COOPT IN OMN CONL SVPRA NVM EX S C *Simpulum* on r. and *lituus* on l., above tripod and patera respectively. C 311. BMC Claudius 84. RIC Claudius 76. CBN Claudius 91. Calicó 441a (this coin). Biaggi 241 (this coin). Several edge nicks, otherwise good very fine 3'500

Ex Merzbacher 2 November 1909, 1232 and Glendining 16-21 November 1950, Platt Hall part II, 1059 sales.



- 141 Aureus circa 61-62, 7.62 g. NERO·CAESAR·AVG·IMP· Bare head r. Rev. PONTIF MAX TR – P VIII COS IIII P P EX – S C Virtus, helmeted and in military attire, standing l. with r. foot on helmet, holding *parazonium* in r. hand on knee and vertical spear in l. C 255. BMC 33. RIC 31. CBN 42. Calicó 432 (this coin). Biaggi 235 (this coin).

Well struck in high relief and with a superb reddish tone. Unobtrusive scratches on reverse field, otherwise extremely fine

8'000

Privately purchased in 1954 and probably from the Boscoreale hoard of 1895.



- 142 Aureus circa 64-65, 7.36 g. NERO CAESAR – AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. IVPPITER – CVSTOS Jupiter seated l. on throne, holding thunderbolt and long sceptre. C 118. BMC 67. RIC 52. CBN 218. Calicó 412 (this coin). Biaggi 225 (this coin).

Minor marks and traces of edge filing at seven o'clock on reverse, otherwise good very fine

4'000

Privately purchased in 1954.



- 143 Aureus circa 64-65, 7.29 g. NERO CAESAR – AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. IVPPITER – CVSTOS Jupiter, bare to waist, seated l. on throne, holding sceptre in l. hand and thunderbolt in r. RIC 52. BMC 67. C 118. CBN 213. Calicó 412a. Biaggi 226 (this coin).

A wonderful reddish tone. Almost invisible marks on obverse field, otherwise about extremely fine

6'000

Privately purchased in 1954. From the Boscoreale hoard of 1895.



- 144 Aureus circa 66-67, 7.36 g. IMP NERO CAESAR – AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. Salus seated l. on throne, holding patera in r. hand and resting l. at her side; in exergue, SALVS. C 317. BMC 94. RIC 66. CBN 236. Calicó 445 (this coin). Biaggi 245 (this coin).

Light reddish tone and about extremely fine

7'000

Privately purchased in 1954. From the Boscoreale hoard of 1895.

Galba, 68 – 69



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- 145 Aureus, Tarraco April-late 68, 7.66 g. IMP – GALBA Laureate head r., with globe at point of bust. Rev. DIVA – AVGVSTA Livia, draped, standing l., holding patera and leaning on sceptre. C –, cf. 43 (denarius). BMC –, cf. 167 (denarius). RIC –, cf. 14 (denarius). CBN –, cf. 8 (denarius). Calicó 470 (this coin). Biaggi 252 (this coin). Apparently unique. Edge nick at one o'clock on obverse, very fine 5'000

Ex Glendining sale 14-16 January 1953, Rashleigh part I, 19.



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- 146 Aureus, Tarraco April-December 68, 7.68 g. SER GALBA IMP CAESAR AVG P M TR P Laureate head r., with globe below bust. Rev. ROMA – VICTRIX Roma, helmeted and in military attire, standing l., r. foot on helmet, holding branch and leaning on vertical spear. C 224. BMC 186. RIC 59. CBN –. Calicó 501 (this coin). Biaggi 263 (this coin). Very rare. Very fine / good very fine 5'500

Ex Glendining sale 20 February 1951, 1667 and Glendining 27 September 1962, 179 sales.



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- 147 Aureus, Tarraco April-December 68, 7.57 g. SER GALBA IMP CAESAR AVG P M TR P Laureate head r., with globe at point of the bust. Rev. LIBERTAS – PVBLICA Libertas, draped, standing l., holding *pileus* and leaning on sceptre. C 113. BMC 176 note. RIC 56. CBN –. Calicó 484 (this coin). Biaggi 258 (this coin). Very rare. Several marks on edge and in fields, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine 6'000

Ex M&M sale 21, 1960, 27.

Vitellius imperator, early January – 19 April 69



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- 148 Aureus, Tarraco January-April 69, 7.27 g. A VITELLIVS – IMP GERMANICVS Laureate head l. Rev. CLEMENTIA IMP – GERMAN Clementia, draped, seated l., holding branch and long sceptre. C 9. BMC 79. RIC 1. CBN 5 var. (GERMAN on obverse). Mazzini 9 (this coin). Calicó 539 (this coin). Biaggi 275 (this coin).
Very rare. Graffito on reverse, otherwise very fine 5'000

Most of the coinage of Vitellius was struck at the mint of Rome, where he accepted from the senate the title of Augustus and established his administration. However, the Civil War of A.D. 68-69 involved most every province in the empire, so it is not surprising that other mints struck imperial (and provincial) coins on his behalf. As testimony there are three aurei of Vitellius in this sale from a Spanish mint, usually identified as Tarraco. The style and fabric of these coins is different from the Rome mint products, and distinguishing them is a comparatively easy task.

This aureus celebrates the *clementia*, or clemency, of Vitellius – always an appealing sentiment during a civil war. The obverse and reverse inscriptions both include the title *imperator* and his surname *Germanicus*, both of which Suetonius (*Vitellius* 8) tells us he received at the outset of his insurrection from the army of Upper Germany (the legions in the province he governed when Galba was murdered). We may note that Vitellius does not employ the title Augustus, which he did not start using until it was conferred upon him by the senate in Rome on April 19. Thus, all three of the Spanish-mint aurei of Vitellius in this sale were struck during his tenure as *imperator*, from early January to April 19.

Some of Vitellius' other Spanish-mint aurei addressed the armies, upon whose support Vitellius relied. One notable type, inscribed CONSENSVS HISPANIARVM, celebrates the approval he received from the Spanish army that originally had supported Galba. Others are directed toward all of Rome's armies (FIDES or CONSENSVS EXERCITVVM) or specifically toward the Praetorian guardsmen (FIDES or CONCORDIA PRAETORIANVM), whom he would have to win over by the time he arrived in the capital.



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- 149 Aureus, Tarraco January-April 69, 7.28 g. A VITELLIVS – IMP GERMANICVS Laureate bust l., with globe at point of the bust. Rev. VICTORIA IMP – GERMANICI Victory, draped, standing l. on globe, holding wreath and palm. C 106. BMC 98. RIC 16. CBN –. Mazzini 106 (this coin). Calicó 581 (this coin). Biaggi 287 (this coin).
Very rare and an unusually pleasant portrait for this mint.
About extremely fine / good very fine 8'000



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- 150 Aureus, Tarraco January-April 69, 7.16 g. A VITELLIVS IMP GERMANICVS Laureate bust l., with globe at point of the bust. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTI Victory, draped, advancing l., holding shield inscribed S P / Q R. C 98. BMC p. 387 note †. RIC 14. CBN 4. Calicó 577 (this coin). Biaggi 285 (this coin).
Very rare. Nick on edge at nine o'clock on obverse and counter-mark in reverse field, otherwise good very fine 5'000

Ex M&M sale 18, 1954, 655.

Vespasian, 69 – 79



- 151 Aureus, uncertain mint 69-70, 7.73 g. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VESP AVG FILI CAESERES Titus and Domitian, both togate, standing l. and r., each holding patera and roll. C 52. BMC 6. RIC 1364. CBN 4. Calicó 592 (this coin). Biaggi 339 (this coin).
Very rare. Traces of restoration on the edge, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 6'000

The mint for this rare and intriguing aureus has not been determined, though it is generally considered to have been in the West. Like the other coins in this group, this aureus has the diagnostic small portrait in high relief, and has a somewhat unusual reverse type. Carradice and Buttrey suggest it could be a Spanish mint and Carson notes that Aquileia and Poetovio (in modern Yugoslavia) have been suggested, and that a mint moving with armies loyal to Vespasian is also possible.

If a moving mint is the answer, the most likely solution would be the legions commanded by G. Licinius Crassus Mucianus, the governor of Syria who threw his support behind Vespasian. As Vespasian left the Judaean war in the hands of Titus and went to Egypt to secure the grain supply, he instructed Mucianus to lead 20,000 men on a slow march from Antioch through Asia, the Balkans and the Italian peninsula, hoping he would arrive just about the time the Romans either had murdered Vitellius or were willing to do so to ensure the delivery of grain

Another possibility is M. Antonius Primus, a commander in the Balkans who was eager to beat Mucianus to Rome. Before Mucianus was within striking range, Primus invaded Italy with 30,000 men, sacking Aquileia, defeating the armies of Vitellius in a horrific second battle of Bedriacum, and looting Cremona for five days straight. His advance caused chaos in Rome, which resulted in the burning of the Temple of Capitoline Jupiter and the execution of Vitellius. Soon afterward Mucianus arrived and ordered Primus' legions back to the Balkans, after which he controlled the capital for the next several months, until Vespasian arrived.

The reverse of this aureus fits well with early Flavian dynastic rhetoric, showing Vespasian's two sons, Titus and Domitian. The inscription is particularly interesting since it has been read as VESP AVG FILI CAESERES or as CAESERES VESP AVG FILI, depending on where the break in the inscription is thought to be. It is unique within this group of coinage for the engraving of its reverse inscription: the word FILI is inverted in relation to the rest of the words, and CAESERES would seem to be a misspelling of CAESARES.



- 152 Aureus 70, 7.27 g. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. COS ITER – TR POT Mars advancing r., holding spear and *aquila* over shoulder. C 86. BMC 10. RIC 22. CBN 11. Calicó 609 (this coin). Biaggi 303 (this coin).
Nick on chin, otherwise good very fine / very fine 3'000

Ex Canessa, 28 June 1923, Caruso, 241 and Ratto 19 January 1956, 86 sales.

- 153 Aureus, Lugdunum 71, 7.06 g. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG TR P Laureate head r. Rev. TITVS ET DOMITIAN CAESARES PRIN IVEN Titus and Domitian seated l. on curule chairs, both holding branch. C 543. BMC 392. RIC 1123. CBN 300. Mazzini 543 (this coin). Calicó 677 (this coin). Biaggi 337 (this coin).
Rare. Heavy traces of edge filing, otherwise very fine 2'500

Ex Bourgey sale 2 March 1925, 185.



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- 154 Aureus January-June 71, 7.31 g. IMP CAES VESP AVG P M Laureate head r. Rev. NEP – RED Neptune standing l. r. foot on globe, holding *acrostolium* and sceptre. C 272. BMC 54. RIC 44. CBN 37. Calicó 653 (this coin). Biaggi 328 (this coin).

A lovely reddish tone, extremely fine / about extremely fine

8'000

Ex M&M sale 21, 1960, 31. From the Boscoreale hoard of 1895.



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- 155 Aureus 72-73, 7.22 g. IMP CAES VESP AVG P M COS IIII Laureate head r. Rev. NEP – RED Neptune standing l., r. foot on globe, holding *acrostolium* and sceptre. C 273. BMC 68. RIC 358. CBN 52. Calicó 654a. Biaggi 330 (this coin).

About very fine

2'500

- 156 Aureus 75, 7.30 g. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. PAX AVGVST Pax seated l., holding branch in r. hand and sceptre in l. C 319. BMC 280. RIC 770. CBN 251. Calicó 662. Biaggi 332 (this coin).

A counter-mark on obverse and a light scratch on reverse, otherwise good very fine

3'500

Privately purchased in 1950.

- 157 Aureus 76, 7.25 g. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG Laureate head l. Rev. AETER – NITAS Aeternitas standing l., holding the heads of Sun and Moon in upraised l. hand; in lower field l., altar. C 23. BMC 272. RIC 839. CBN 245. Calicó 589a. Biaggi 297 (this coin).

Traces of mounting on edge and several scratches in field, otherwise about very fine

2'000



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- 158 Aureus 76, 7.17 g. IMP CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. COS VII Bull advancing r. C 177. BMC 176. RIC 840. CBN –. Calicó 622 (this coin). Biaggi 314 (this coin).

Minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine

4'000

Privately purchased in 1950.

Titus caesar, 69 – 79



- 159 Aureus 72-73, 7.31 g. T CAES IMP VESP PON TR POT Laureate head r. Rev. Titus as *triumphator*, holding branch and sceptre, standing r. in slow quadriga r. C 333. BMC Vespasian 520. RIC Vespasian 370. CBN Vespasian 73. Jameson 72 (this coin). Calicó 722 (this coin). Biaggi 390 (this coin).

Extremely rare and among the most difficult issues of the Judean series.

Minor marks, otherwise good very fine

12'000

Ex Sangiorgi sale 15-22 April 1907, 1865.

The Roman victory over rebels in Judaea was costly and difficult, and it couldn't have happened at a worse time: the end of the reign of Nero and the Civil War of A.D. 68-69 were both disastrous enough, but even the early part of Vespasian's reign was taxing since the new emperor had to re-assemble a shattered nation.

Josephus tells us that in Judaea the Roman dead numbered in the tens of thousands, and that Jewish dead were in the millions, with most having succumbed to famine or pestilence. He also describes what the Romans encountered when they breached the walls of Jerusalem and began to search the subterranean areas of the city: "So horrible was the stench from the bodies which met the intruders, that many instantly withdrew, but others penetrated further through avarice, trampling over heaps of corpses; for many precious objects were found in these passages..."

Once victory in Judaea had been secured the Romans were only too eager for a triumphal parade, which Vespasian awarded to his eldest son Titus, who in September, A.D. 70, had effectively ended the war with the sack of Jerusalem. A month after the great triumph was held in Rome in 71, Vespasian hailed Titus Imperator and awarded him the tribunician power.

We may still witness aspects of Titus' procession through the streets of Rome by examining two large sculptured panels within the Arch of Titus. One shows sacred Temple objects – notably the menorah – being carried through the streets of Rome as evidence of loot from this hard-fought war. The other shows lictors crowding around as Roma (or Virtus) leads four prancing horses that draw a chariot in which Titus is crowned by Victory. Divinities excluded, the panel would seem to give a realistic appraisal of the procession. The chariot just described is shown on coins struck for Titus, including this rare aureus from the Sangiorgi sale of 1907.

Much of the early Flavian coinage is devoted to the Judean victory. This is understandable in the light of the difficulties Rome faced in post-civil war reconstruction. The reiteration of Rome's triumph over Judaea was a patriotic message that might uplift the spirits of a people with fresh memories of the horrors within their own realm.



- 160 Aureus 73, 7.34 g. T CAES IMP VESP CEN Laureate head r. Rev. PAX – AVG Pax standing l., leaning on column and holding branch in l. hand and a caduceus over tripod in r. C 131. BMC Vespasian 110. RIC Vespasian 551. CBN Vespasian 93. Calicó 745 (this coin). Biaggi 366 (this coin).

A very attractive portrait. Several marks in reverse field and traces of edge filing,
otherwise extremely fine

4'500

Privately purchased in 1954.



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- 161 Aureus 74, 7.18 g. T CAESAR – IMP VESPASIAN Laureate head r. Rev. TR POT – PONTIF Fortuna standing l. on base, holding rudder and cornucopiae. C 166. BMC Vespasian 311. RIC Vespasian 707. CBN Vespasian 273. Calicó 752 (this coin). Biaggi 370 (this coin).

An attractive good very fine 5'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1950 for 500 Swiss Francs.



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- 162 Aureus 76, 7.39 g. T CAESAR – IMP VESPASIAN Laureate head r. Rev. COS V Cow standing r. C 51. BMC Vespasian 185. RIC Vespasian 857. CBN Vespasian 162. Calicó 733a. Biaggi 363 (this coin).

A magnificent portrait. Minor scratch on eyebrow on obverse, two small nicks and a few marks in reverse field, otherwise extremely fine 4'500

Titus augustus, 79 – 81



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- 163 Aureus 79, 7.08 g. IMP TITVS CAES VESPASIAN AVG P M Laureate head r. Rev. TR P VIII IMP XIII COS VII P P Statue of radiate male figure, holding spear and *parazonium*, standing on rostral column. C 271 var. (omits P P). BMC 12. RIC 27. CBN –. Calicó 757 (this coin). Biaggi 370 (this coin).

Very rare. Good very fine 4'000

- 164 Aureus 80, 7.42 g. IMP TITVS CAES VESPASIAN AVG P M Laureate head r. Rev. TR P IX IMP XV COS VIII P P Elephant advancing l. C 300. BMC 42. RIC 114. CBN 35. Calicó 775 (this coin). Biaggi 377 (this coin).

Good very fine 3'500

Ex Hess sale 9 May 1955, 70.

- 165 Aureus 80, 7.23 g. IMP TITVS CAES VESPASIAN AVG P M Laureate head r. Rev. TR P IX IMP XV COS VIII P P Draped seat; above, winged thunderbolt. C 315. BMC 49. RIC 117. CBN 42. Calicó 782 (this coin). Biaggi 382 (this coin).

Light scratches in field and a minor edge nick at one o'clock on reverse, otherwise very fine 2'500

Domitian caesar, 81 – 96



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- 166 Aureus 81, 7.36 g. IMP CAES DOMITIANVS AVG P M Laureate head r. Rev. TR P COS VII – DES VIII P P Garlanded and lighted altar. C 576. BMC –, cf. p. 299, † (denarius). RIC 42. CBN 21. Calicó 929 (this coin). Biaggi 435 (this coin).

A scuff on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine

4'500

Ex Glendening sale January 1953, Rashleigh, 31.



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- 167 Aureus 81, 7.39 g. IMP CAES DOMITIANVS AVG P M Laureate head r. Rev. TR P COS VII – DES VIII P P Minerva, helmeted and draped, standing l., holding Victory and sceptre; at her feet, shield. C –, cf 564 (denarius). BMC 12. RIC 61. CBN –, cf. 29 (denarius). Calicó 926 (this coin). Biaggi 432 (this coin).

Very rare. Well struck in high relief, one minor nick in reverse upper field and one at seven o'clock on reverse edge, otherwise extremely fine

7'000



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- 168 Aureus 82, 7.73 g. IMP CAES DOMITINIANVS AVG P M Laureate head r. Rev. TR POT IMP II COS VIII DES IX P P Helmeted and cuirassed bust of Minerva l., with aegis, holding spear over r. shoulder. C 609. BMC 33. RIC 138. CBN 36 var. (DES VIII). Calicó 938 (this coin). Biaggi 438 (this coin).

Very rare and an interesting type. Insignificant edge nick at ten o'clock on obverse, otherwise good very fine

5'000

Ex Glendening sale 20 February 1950, Ryan part IV, 1715.



- 169 Aureus 84, 7.43 g. IMP CAES DOMI – TIANVS AVG GERMANIC Laureate and draped bust l. Rev. P M TR POT III – IMP V COS X P P Helmeted and draped bust of Minerva r. C –. BMC 45. RIC 195. CBN –, cf. 356. Calicó 906 (this coin). Biaggi 441 (this coin).

Very rare. Two superb portraits of fine style, unobtrusive marks on edge,
otherwise about extremely fine

8'000

Privately purchased from Seltman in 1956 for \$ 350.

Minerva, the goddess of war, was the patron of Domitian. He had a shrine for her in the palace, dedicated at least two temples to her in Rome and, beginning in 83, he used her image on what would seem to be the majority of his coins. The emperor declared himself to be the son of Minerva, and the relationship between them is a recurring theme of Martial's epigrams. The poet Statius, who was a firsthand observer in the reign of Domitian, even describes the emperor as wearing a toga that Minerva had woven for him.

His patronage of Minerva can be understood in the context of the Flavian dynasty, whose members took pride in their success in war: Vespasian had emerged triumphant in the Civil War of A.D. 68-69, Titus was victorious against the Jews, and Domitian – whose resentment and inferiority complex made him eager to exceed his father and brother – launched campaigns against Germans, Dacians, Sarmatians and other foes. In all he accepted twenty-three Imperial salutations – more than Augustus himself, and he staged at least two triumphal processions.

On most of Domitian's coins Minerva is shown standing in what Carson identifies as four distinct varieties. Sometimes she holds only a spear, or a spear and thunderbolt, but more commonly she holds both a shield and a spear. Other times she rests a foot on a ship's prow and is accompanied by an owl. In this case we have a more personalized approach. It need not surprise us that her features are modelled on Domitian's, though we may describe Minerva's as Classicised and Domitians as realistic. Identifying the differences is a worthwhile exercise: Minerva's chin is rounded, her mouth softly modelled, and there is no natural contour to her profile at the point where the forehead meets the bridge of the nose.



- 170 Aureus 85, 7.67 g. IMP CAES DOMIT AVG – GERM P M TR P IIII Laureate bust r., wearing aegis. Rev. IMP VIII COS XI CENS POTES P P Germania seated r. on shield in attitude of mourning; below, a broken spear. C –, cf. 181 (denarius). BMC p. 316, 82 note. RIC 330 (this coin cited). CBN –, cf. 84 (denarius). Calicó 864 (this coin). Biaggi 415 (this coin).

A few minor edge nicks, otherwise good very fine

4'500

Ex Naville-Ars Classica III, 1922, Evans, 46; M&M 13, 1954, 668 sales.



- 171 Aureus 86, 7.43 g. IMP CAES DOMIT AVG GERM P M TR P V Laureate head r. Rev. IMP XI COS XII – CENS P P P Minerva advancing r., holding spear and shield. C –. BMC p. 318, 88 note (this coin cited). RIC 424. CBN –, cf. 97 (denarius). Calicó 870 (this coin). Biaggi 417 (this coin).
About extremely fine 6'000

Ex Bourgey December 1912, Coughnot, 109 and M&M 19, 1959, 203 sales.



- 172 Aureus 88, 7.41 g. DOMITIANVS AVGVSTVS – GERMANICVS Laureate head r. Rev. COS – XIII Column inscribed LVD / SAEC / FEC; the whole within laurel wreath. C –. RIC 603. BMC 137 note. RIC 603. CBN 128. Calicó 825 (this coin). Biaggi 400 (this coin).
Extremely rare. Very fine / good very fine 4'500



- 173 Aureus 88, 7.70 g. DOMITIANVS – AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. GERMANICVS – COS XIII Minerva, helmeted and draped, standing l., holding spear. C 140 var. (head bare). BMC p. 329, note + +. RIC 559. CBN 132 var. (Minerva holding spear and shield). Calicó 830 (this coin). Biaggi 404 (this coin).
Minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine 4'500

Ex M&M sale 15, 1955, 752.

Nerva, 96 – 98



- 174 Aureus 97, 7.52 g. IMP NERVA CAES AVG P M TR P COS III P P Laureate head r. Rev. CONCORDIA – EXERCITVM Clasped hands holding legionary eagle set upon prow l. C 28. BMC 27. RIC 15. CBN 16. Calicó 958. Biaggi 453 (this coin).

Very rare. A very attractive portrait, an almost invisible edge nick at four o'clock on obverse,
otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

8'000

Ex M&M sale 12, 1953, 807.



- 175 Aureus 97, 7.64 g. IMP NERVA CAES AVG – P M TR P COS III P P Laureate head r. Rev. LIBERTAS – PVBLICA Libertas standing l., holding *pileus* in r. hand and sceptre in l. C 112. BMC 46 note. RIC 19. CBN 31. Calicó 976 (this coin). Biaggi 458 (this coin).

Very rare. A bold portrait struck in high relief, extremely fine

20'000

Ex Glendining 14-16 January 1953, Rashleigh part I, 32.



- 176 Aureus 97, 7.43 g. IMP NERVA CAES AVG – P M TR P COS III P P Laureate head r. Rev. FORTVNA – P R Fortuna seated l., holding corn ears and sceptre. C 78. BMC 40. RIC 17. CBN 27 (miss-described). Mazzini 78 (this coin). Calicó 967 (this coin). Biaggi 456 (this coin).

Very rare. Three edge nicks on obverse at four, six and seven o'clock
and a few marks on reverse field, otherwise very fine

5'000

Trajan, 98 – 117



- 177 Aureus 98-99, 7.31 g. IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AVG GERM Laureate head r. Rev. PONT MAX TR POT COS II Fortuna standing l., holding cornucopiae and rudder over prow. C 300. BMC 7 note. RIC 14. Calicó 1072 (this coin). Biaggi 520 (this coin). Extremely fine 6'000
Privately purchased from Cahn in 1954 for 850 Swiss Francs.



- 178 Aureus 98-99, 7.59 g. IMP NERVA CAES TRAIAN AVG GERM P M Laureate head r. Rev. TR P COS II – P P Concordia seated l., holding patera and double cornucopiae; in field l., altar. C –, cf. 31. BMC 46 note. RIC –, cf. 594. Calicó 1125 (this coin). Biaggi 547 (this coin). Extremely rare. Two nicks in obverse field, otherwise good very fine / very fine 3'000
- 179 Aureus 100, 7.35 g. IMP CAES NERVA TRA – IAN AVG GERM Laureate head r. Rev. P M TR P COS III P P Roma seated l. on cuirass, holding Victory and *parazonium*. C 217. BMC p. 39 *. RIC 39. Calicó 1047 (this coin). Biaggi 504 (this coin). Almost invisible edge mark at six o'clock on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine 5'500
Privately purchased in 1954.



- 180 Aureus 100, 7.26 g. IMP CAES NERVA TRA – IAN AVG GERM Laureate head r. Rev. P M TR P COS III P P Fortuna standing l., holding cornucopiae and rudder over prow. C 218. BMC 66. RIC 34. Calicó 1048 (this coin). Biaggi 505 (this coin). Minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine 4'500
Privately purchased in 1961 and from the Johnson collection.



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- 181 Aureus 101-102, 7.19 g. IMP CAES NERVA TRAIANVS AVG GERMANICVS Laureate head r., wearing *aegis*. Rev. P M TR P – COS IIII P P Hercules standing facing on altar, holding club and lion skin. C 232. BMC 81. RIC 50. Calicó 1053 (this coin). Biaggi 509 (this coin).

A pleasant portrait. Flan crack at four o'clock on obverse, otherwise extremely fine

6'000

Privately purchased in 1961 and from the Johnson collection.



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- 182 Aureus 103-111, 7.35 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINC Libertas standing l., holding *pileus* and rod. C 70 var. (not cuirassed). BMC 312. RIC 123 var. (not cuirassed). Calicó 1001 (this coin). Biaggi 471 (this coin).

Traces of mounting, otherwise about extremely fine

3'500

Privately purchased in 1950.



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- 183 Aureus 103-111, 7.20 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINC Arabia standing l., holding branch and bundle of cinnamon sticks; at her feet, a camel walking l. C 88 var. (not cuirassed). BMC 294. RIC 142 var. (not cuirassed). Calicó 1004 (this coin). Biaggi 475 (this coin).

Rare. Unobtrusive edge mark at five o'clock on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine

6'000

Privately purchased in 1952.



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- 184 Aureus 103-111, 7.20 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINC Arabia standing l., holding branch and bundle of cinnamon sticks; at her feet, a camel walking l. C 88 var. (not cuirassed). BMC 294. RIC 142 var. (not cuirassed). Mazzini 88 var. (this coin). Calicó 1004b. Biaggi 476 (this coin).

Rare. Small nicks on obverse, otherwise very fine

2'500

Privately purchased in 1958.

- 185 Aureus 103-111, 7.20 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. COS V P P / S P Q R / OPTIMO / PRINC within oak wreath. C 101. BMC 371. RIC 148. Calicó 1013 (this coin). Biaggi 481 (this coin).

Traces of mounting, otherwise about very fine

2'000

Privately purchased in 1961 and from the Johnson collection.



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- 186 Aureus 103-111, 7.26 g. IMP CAES NERVA TRA – IAN AVG GERM Laureate head r., wearing *aegis*. Rev. DACICVS COS V P P Trajan in slow quadriga l, holding laurel branch and sceptre. C 134 var. (no *aegis*). BMC 142 var. (no *aegis*). Calicó 1020 (this coin). Biaggi 485 (this coin).

Rare. Minor nick at five o'clock on obverse, otherwise about very fine 2'000
Privately purchased from Calicó in 1952.

- 187 Aureus 103-111, 7.24 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P P Laureate bust r., wearing *aegis*. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI Trajan galloping r. and trusting spear at fallen Dacian in front of horse. C 501 var. (draped). BMC 245 note. RIC 209. Calicó 1109 (this coin). Biaggi 538 (this coin).

Traces of mounting and hair on obverse partially re-engraved, otherwise very fine 2'000



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- 188 Aureus 103-111, 7.29 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. COS V P P S P Q R OPTIMO PRINC Trajan walking r., raising his r. hand and holding spear. C 91 var. (no drapery) BMC 347. RIC 136. Calicó 1007 (this coin). Biaggi 477 (this coin).

Rare. A very attractive portrait. Scratch on cheek and minor marks on edge, otherwise good extremely fine 5'000
Privately purchased from Baranowsky in 1950.



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- 189 Aureus 103-111, 7.14 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P P Laureate head r. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI Trajan standing r. and presenting a kneeling Dacian to the Senate standing l. C 527. BMC 244. RIC 215. Calicó 1113 (this coin). Biaggi 540 (this coin).

Very rare. About very fine 3'000
Privately purchased in 1961 and from the Johnson collection.

- 190 Aureus 103-111, 7.33 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. S P Q R / OPTIMO / PRINCIPI within laurel wreath. C 581. BMC 253. RIC 150. Calicó 1121 (this coin). Biaggi 545 (this coin).

Unobtrusive scratch on the nose, otherwise about extremely fine 5'000
Privately purchased in 1954.

- 191 Quinarius 103-111, 3.41 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS V P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI Victory advancing r., holding wreath and palm. C 424 var. BMC 225 note. RIC 192 var. (drapery on l. shoulder). King 51d (this coin). Biaggi 533 (this coin).

Very rare. Good fine 1'500
Privately purchased in 1961 and from the Johnson collection.



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- 192 Aureus 112-114, 7.14 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS VI P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI Fortuna seated l., holding rudder and cornucopiae; in exergue, FORT RED. C 155 var. (not cuirassed). BMC 478 note. RIC 253 var. (not cuirassed). Calicó 1027 (this coin). Biaggi 490 (this coin). A few edge marks, otherwise good very fine / very fine 2'500

Privately purchased in 1961 and from the Johnson collection.

- 193 Aureus 112-114, 7.02 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS VI P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI Genius standing to front, head l., holding patera and corn ears; in lower field l., altar. C 399 var. (not draped and cuirassed). BMC 432 var. RIC 278. Calicó 1093 (this coin). Biaggi 531 (this coin).

Almost invisible mark on cheek, otherwise good very fine 3'500

Privately purchased in 1961 and from the Johnson collection.

- 194 Aureus 112-114, 7.05 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS VI P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. S P Q R OPTI – MO PRINCIPI Genius standing facing, holding patera and corn ears; in lower field l., altar. C 399 var. (not draped and cuirassed). BMC 432 var. RIC 278. Calicó 1094 (this coin). Biaggi 532 (this coin).

Two minor edge nicks at six and eight o'clock on obverse and a few almost invisible marks in field, otherwise a very attractive good very fine 3'500

Privately purchased in 1961 and from the Johnson collection.



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- 195 Aureus 112-114, 7.02 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS VI P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI Via Traiana reclining l., head r., holding wheel and branch; in exergue, VIA TRAIANA. C 647 var. (not cuirassed). BMC 484. RIC 266 (not cuirassed). Calicó 1128 (this coin). Biaggi 549 (this coin).

Very rare. Well centred on a full flan and a very attractive good very fine 8'000

Privately purchased in 1958.

One of the best investments ever made by the Romans was their road system, which included at least 250,000 miles of roads designed for high-speed travel that was reliable virtually year-round. No less than eleven of these major roads entered Rome, giving rise to the phrase "all roads lead to Rome". The system gave the Romans a distinct advantage over their enemies in war and their partners in commerce; in essence, it gave them an unparalleled ability to grow and to maintain their empire. The construction of these super-roads was no mean feat: it required engineering expertise, time, and significant resources. It also required a powerful centralised government and a societal belief that the enormous short-term expenses of construction were justifiable in view of the long-term benefits that would accrue. With this in mind it is hardly surprising that the construction of roads (and other architectural feats, such as the building of aqueducts, harbours and temples) is commemorated on coinage. Trajan was never shy about using coinage for this purpose, and here he celebrates his via Traiana, a new road in Italy linking Beneventum and Brundisium. It took a path alongside the famous Appian Way, which by then had been used as a military highway for more than four centuries.



- 196 Aureus 112-114, 7.19 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS VI P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. S P Q R OPTIMO PRINCIPI *Aquila* between standard and *vexillum*. C 576 var. (not cuirassed). BMC 456. RIC 294 var. (not cuirassed). Mazzini 576 var. (this coin). Calicó 1118 (this coin). Biaggi 541 (this coin).

Well struck on a full flan, minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine

6'500



- 197 Aureus circa 115, 7.35 g. IMP TRAIANVS AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS VI P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Façade of Trajan's Forum, formed by six columns; a central entrance, four niches containing statues; on top of the roof a facing quadriga between three statues on each side. In exergue, FORVM TRAIAN. C 168 var. (not cuirassed). BMC 509. RIC 257. Calicó 1031 (this coin). Biaggi 494 (this coin). Rare and in unusually good condition for the issue. Well-centred on a full flan

and about extremely fine

10'000

Ex Glendining sale 16-21 November 1950, Platt Hall part II, 1289.

Many Roman emperors were fond of architecture, and consequently for striking coins with architectural types, but in this regard we must acknowledge that Trajan was the most prolific of them all. On this aureus we have a depiction of his marvellous forum, represented by the façade of its entrance. It appears as a building of six columns with its central entrance flanked by four distyle shrines, each containing a statue and situated beneath a circular shield. The roof supports an array of statues and statuary groups; in the centre is a facing chariot of six horses; the outermost horses are assisted by standing warriors, and the whole scene is flanked by military trophies and figures of Victory. The forum was dedicated in 112 or 113, the coin types presumably were struck in 115, and the final touches seemingly were completed about two years later. Trajan struck a variety of Imperial coins with architectural reverses, including many with identifiable statues and statuary groups, such as Trajan's equestrian statue and the castellum of the Aqua Traiana. Foremost among his other architectural types are his basilica, the Circus Maximus, the 'Danube bridge,' a hexagonal harbour, a triumphal arch, Trajan's Column (see lot 73), a richly ornamented gateway to Area Capitolina, the temple of Jupiter Victor and an octastyle temple which may be that of Honos, or perhaps the one eventually dedicated by Hadrian to Trajan and Plotina that occupied the end of the forum opposite the entrance depicted on this aureus.



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- 198 Aureus circa 115, 7.35 g. IMP TRAIANO AVG GER DAC P M TR P COS VI P P Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. Façade of Trajan's Forum, formed by six columns; a central entrance, four niches containing statues; on top of the roof a facing quadriga between three statues on each side. In exergue, FORVM TRAIAN. C 167. BMC 510 var. (draped and cuirassed). RIC 255 var. (not draped). Calicó 1029 (this coin). Biaggi 493 (this coin).

Rare. Almost invisible marks on obverse, otherwise good very fine / very fine

5'000

Ex Gilhofer and Ranschburg – Hess sale 22 May 1935, Trau, 893.



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- 199 Aureus 114-117, 7.32 g. IMP TRAIANO OPTIMO AVG GER DAC P M TR P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. AVGUSTI / PROFECTIONE Trajan on horse r., holding spear, preceded by a soldier holding spear and shield and followed by three more soldiers. C 40 var. (not cuirassed). BMC 512. RIC 297 var. (not cuirassed). Calicó 986 (this coin). Biaggi 465 (this coin).

Very rare. Good very fine

6'000

Ex M&M sals 18, 1954, 675,



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- 200 Aureus 114-117, 7.21 g. IMP CAES NER TRAIANO OP – TIMO AVG GER DAC Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P COS – VI P P S P Q R Salus seated l., feeding snake coiled around altar from patera; in exergue, SALVS AVG. C 331 var. (not cuirassed). BMC 585. RIC 368 var. (not cuirassed). Calicó 1086 (this coin). Biaggi 527 (this coin).

About extremely fine

6'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1950 for 700 Swiss Francs.



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- 201 Aureus 114-117, 7.02 g. IMP TRAIANO OPTIMO AVG GER DAC P M TR P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. COS VI P – P S P Q R Jupiter standing l., holding sceptre in l. hand and thunderbolt in extended r. over the head of small figure of Trajan standing l., holding branch in extended r. hand and short sceptre in l. C 103 var. (not cuirassed). BMC 513. RIC 298 var. (not cuirassed). Calicó 1017 (this coin). Biaggi 483 (this coin). Traces of edge filing, otherwise good very fine 3'500

- 202 Aureus 114-117, 7.38 g. IMP CAES NER TRAIAN OPTIM AVG GER DAC PARTHICO Laureate bust r., with *aegis* on l. shoulder.; below bust, globe. Rev. P M TR P COS VI P P S P Q R Two mourning captives seated on ground back to back with trophy between them; on either side of captive, bow in quiver. In exergue, PARTHIA CAPTA. C 186. BMC 606. RIC 325. Calicó 1036 (this coin). Biaggi 497 (this coin). Very rare. Very fine 3'500

Privately purchased from Bank Leu in 1957 for 650 Swiss Francs.



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- 203 **Restoration issue in the name of Caesar.** Aureus 98-117, 7.21 g. DIVVS – IVLIVS Laureate head of Caesar r. Rev. IMP CAES TRAIAN AVG GER DAC P P REST Nemesis, winged, walking r., holding caduceus in l. hand and drawing fold with r.; in lower field r., serpent. C 55. BMC 689. RIC 815. Calicó 48 (this coin). Biaggi 35 (this coin). Extremely rare. Minor marks, otherwise about very fine 6'000

Ex Glendining sale 19 July 1950, Platt Hall part I, 614.

- 204 **Restoration issue in the name of Caesar.** Aureus 98-117, 6.88 g. C IVLIVS CAES – IMP COS III Bare head of Caesar r. Rev. IMP CAES TRAIAN AVG GER DAC P P REST Venus standing r. leaning on column and holding helmet and spear; at her feet, a shield. C 54. BMC 696. RIC 806. Jameson 422 (this coin). Calicó 47 (this coin). Biaggi 34 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Several nicks and scratches, fine 3'500

Ex Schulman sale December 1923, Vierordt, 484. From the Jameson collection.

It is rare enough that a Trajanic restoration aureus with a portrait of Julius Caesar is offered, but it is perhaps unprecedented that examples of both of Trajan's main types appear in the same auction. Both examples in this sale are from the celebrated Biaggi collection, and this circumstance has rarely, if ever, been achieved by other collectors.

In his study of the portraiture of Julius Caesar (appearing in *Ancient Portraits in the J. Paul Getty Museum: Volume 1*, pp. 17-40), Flemming Johansen argues that there are two main portrait types for Caesar, both of which are reflected on coinage. The standard Caesar portrait, the 'Chiaramonti type', was the model for most of the Caesar portrait coins from the Imperial age, whereas it would seem that the 'Tusculum type' was used for these Trajanic restorations as well as the very first Caesar portrait coins, denarii of M. Mettius which depict on their reverse Juno Sospita in a biga.

The 'Tusculum type' is named after a marble portrait excavated in the Forum in 1825 by Lucien Bonaparte which is now on display at the Museo di Antichità in Turin, Italy. It is recognized by the diagnostic 'saddle' on the top of Caesar's head created by the prolonged back of his cranium. Johansen considers both portrait types to have been introduced around the time of the dictator's murder in 44 B.C.

The differences between these two Trajanic aurei are of some interest. First, we note that there are two reverse types – Pax-Nemesis and Venus. The former seemingly is inspired by aurei and denarii of Claudius that coupled this design with the inscription PACI AVGVSTAE, and the latter is perhaps derived from Augustan aurei and denarii. However, the inspiration in both cases may have been coinage of the Flavians, who recycled both designs.

The obverses also invite commentary, for not only is one of the portraits adorned with a wreath and the other bare, but the inscriptions differ: the Pax-Nemesis uses DIVVS IVLIVS and the Venus aureus bears the inscription C IVLIVS CAES IMP COS III. The latter is a complete invention, as no inscription on any other coin of Caesar is remotely related.



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- 205 **Restoration issue in the name of Vespasian.** Aureus 98-117, 7.29 g. IMP CAESAR VESPASINVS AVG COS VIII Laureate head r. Rev. IMP CAES TRAIAN AVG GER DAC P P REST Captive kneeling l. below a trophy. C Vespasian 648. BMC cf. p. 145, 12. RIC 826. Mazzini Vespasian 648 (this coin). Calicó 705 (this coin). Biaggi 352 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Several scratches and nicks, otherwise good very fine

4'000



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- 206 **Divus Traianus.** Aureus 117-118, 6.98 g. DIVO TRAIANO PART H AVG PATRI Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. TRIVM – PHVS PARTHICVS Trajan in quadriga r., holding laurel branch and eagle-tipped sceptre. C 585 var. BMC Hadrian 47. RIC Hadrian 26 var. (not cuirassed and DIVI). Calicó 1123 (this coin). Biaggi 553 (this coin).

Extremely rare. About very fine

4'000

When Trajan died in Cilicia early in August, 117, he was succeeded by his kinsman Hadrian, who encountered no real opposition even though it was rumoured that he was not the rightful heir. Hadrian was careful to honour Trajan, requesting that the senate deify him and that a temple be erected in his posthumous honour. When in the fall of 117 the senate offered Hadrian a triumph for the Roman victories over Parthia, he refused and requested that the honour be awarded, posthumously, to Trajan. Not only was this a wise political decision, but there may have been an element of sarcasm, for Hadrian knew that Trajan's territorial 'acquisitions' were not defensible, and that the splendour of the victory was rapidly unwinding.

Since Augustus' tomb was now full (the last addition was Nerva), Trajan's ashes were interred at the base of his column. This was an unusual choice, and was contrary to the practice of the Romans. After Hadrian returned from the East, the promised triumph for Trajan took place in the summer of 118. It was Trajan's third such triumph, though this time he could only attend in the form of a statue, which was escorted by soldiers and senators along the triumphal way. In addition to the triumphal procession, games (*ludi Parthici*) were held, and afterward were repeated annually.

This aureus, inscribed TRIVMPHVS PARTHICVS, was struck by Hadrian, presumably in connection with the triumph itself. If we can rely on the image presented, the statue of Trajan was placed in a chariot and drawn along the route by four horses. Other coin types were struck for Trajan after his deification, including some that bear the portraits of both Trajan and Hadrian, and others that show a radiate phoenix that sometimes stands upon a laurel branch.

Hadrian augustus, 117 – 138



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- 207 Aureus 117, 7.21 g. IMP CAES TRAIAN HADRIANO AVG DIVI TRA PARTH F Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. DIVI NER NEP P M TR P COS Fortuna seated l., holding rudder in r. hand and cornucopiae in l.; in exergue, FORT RED. C 741 var. (rudder on globe). BMC 34 note. RIC 15 var. (rudder on globe). Mazzini 741 (this coin). Calicó 1257 (this coin). Biaggi 607 (this coin).

An extremely rare variety. Very fine

3'000



- 208 Aureus 118, 7.28 g. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN HADRIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust l. Rev. P M TR P COS II Radiate bust of Sol r.; below, ORIENS. C 1006. BMC 76. RIC 43c. Calicó 1296 (this coin). Biaggi 627 (this coin).

Very rare. Edge nick at nine o'clock on obverse and two minor scratches on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine

5'000



- 209 Aureus 119-122, 7.18 g. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN – HADRIANVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. P M TR P – COS III Libertas seated l., holding branch and sceptre; in exergue, LIB AVG. C 902. BMC 281 note. RIC 127b. Mazzini 902* (this coin). Calicó 1283 (this coin). Biaggi 620 (this coin).

Minor marks in field and traces of edge filing, otherwise good very fine

3'000

Ex Helbing 1931, 666 and Santamaria 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 253 sales.



- 210 Aureus 119-122, 7.24 g. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN H – ADRIANVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. P M TR P COS III Tiber reclining l., holding rudder and leaning with l. elbow on his inverted urn. C 1113. BMC 132. RIC 79. Calicó 1337 (this coin). Biaggi 642 (this coin).

Rare. Struck in high relief with a pleasant reddish tone, about extremely fine

6'000

Ex Glendining sale 20 February 1951, Ryan part IV, 1771.



- 211 Aureus 119-122, 7.38 g. IMP CAESAR TRAI – AN HADRIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P – COS III Aequitas standing l., holding scales and cornucopiae. C 1117. BMC 151. RIC 80. Calicó 1338a (this coin). Biaggi 643 (this coin).

Absolutely insignificant mark on neck, otherwise about extremely fine

5'000



- 212 Aureus 119-122, 7.35 g. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN – HADRIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P – COS III Jupiter standing facing, drapery over l. shoulder, holding thunderbolt and sceptre. C 1058. BMC 104. RIC 63c. Calicó 1301 (this coin). Biaggi 629 (this coin).

Minor marks, otherwise extremely fine

6'500

Ex Santamaria sale 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 192.



- 213 Aureus 119-122, 7.28 g. IMP CAESAR TRAI – AN HADRIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P – COS III Mars, helmeted, standing facing, l. foot on helmet, holding spear and parazonium. C 1146 (Virtus). BMC 110. RIC 66c. Calicó 1339 (this coin). Biaggi 645 (this coin).

A bold portrait struck in high relief. Almost invisible mark on neck,
otherwise extremely fine

8'000

Ex Santamaria sale 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 235.



- 214 Aureus 119-122, 7.21 g. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN – N HADRIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P COS III Hadrian standing r. receiving a globe from Jupiter standing l. and holding thunderbolt. Between them an eagle standing facing. C 1164. BMC 242. RIC 109. Calicó 1341 (this coin). Biaggi 647 (this coin).

Very rare. Good very fine

4'000

Ex Glendining sale 7-8 March 1957, Lockett, 385.



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- 215 Aureus 121, 7.24 g. IMP CAESAR TRAI – AN HADRIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P – COS III Hadrian, emerging from an oval frame, standing r., holding phoenix on a globe; below, SAEC AVR. C 1321. BMC 312. RIC 136. Calicó 1366 (this coin). Biaggi 653 (this coin).
Very rare and an interesting reverse type. Attractive reddish tone and good very fine 6'000

Privately purchased from Cahn 1950 for 600 Swiss Francs.

Though many claims made by emperors on their coinage contain no element of truth or reality, Hadrian's boastful claim on this aureus of the dawning of a 'Golden Age' (*Saeculum Aureum*) was more than mere rhetoric. With the luxury of hindsight, historians have long recognised that by Hadrian's reign the empire had entered the peak age of its existence.

Mattingly, in BMCRE, comments on this issue: "A type of exceptional interest shows a youthful genius stepping out of an oval frame—the round of the years, perhaps—holding in his hand the sign of unending succession, the phoenix on a globe. He is, as the legend [tells] us, the 'Golden Age'." He notes that in using a phoenix Hadrian links his new 'Golden Age' with the earlier one under Trajan; this is a valid observation since coins that Hadrian had just recently issued for Trajan's deification use a phoenix as a reverse type.

This aureus clearly is related to Hadrian's celebration of the *Parilia (Romaia)*, the festival of Rome's birthday, which he renamed *Natalis Urbis*. We may presume this aureus was struck in A.D. 121, not only because of the events staged by Hadrian in that year, but also because a related type that honours the 874th birthday of Rome (see lot 217 below) actually bears the date of April 21, A.D. 121. Aleius Aristides reports that some years afterward the ceremonies for Rome's birthday were held at the *templum Urbis*, which Hadrian had begun to construct in this same year, 121.

Authorities disagree about the identification of the figure who steps through the circle, which, like the phoenix, is symbolic of eternity. Mattingly and Sydenham, in RIC, described him as Hadrian, representing "the spirit of the Golden Age" – a conclusion they seem to have drawn from Cohen, who suggested the figure might be Hadrian with the attributes of Eternity. Seth Stevenson thought he might be the Genius of the Senate. But it would seem that Mattingly's view in BMCRE (published a decade after his original opinion in RIC) is correct: that it is the Genius of the Golden Age. This view is accepted by Hill, who attributes the type to the start of A.D. 121.

No less remarkable than the type is the quality of its engraving. The artist responsible for this reverse die was extraordinarily gifted, for he created a significant depth of field within a relatively low plane of relief. Much consideration was given to the circle, which takes on an oval shape since it has been foreshortened in perspective, with its interior visible on the right and its exterior visible on the left. More remarkable, though, is the Genius himself: the engraver has imbued this figure with a sense of confidence as he steps on to the bottom of the circle and hangs on the top rim with his right hand. All of these aspects create the effect that he is casually passing through a celestial portal into a new age of prosperity.



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- 216 Quinarius 119-122, 3.64 g. IMP CAESAR TRAIAN – HADRIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P – COS III Victory seated l., holding wreath and palm. C 1138. BMC 233. RIC 108. King 50b (this coin). Mazzini 1138 (this coin). Biaggi 644 (this coin).
Very rare. A few scratches on obverse, otherwise very fine / about very fine 2'500



- 217 Aureus 121, 7,30 g. IMP CAES HADRIANVS AVG COS III Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ANN DCCCLXXXIII NAT VRB P CIR – CON The Genius of the Circus reclining l., head r., balancing wheel on knee with r. hand and placing l. arm around one of the turning posts of the Circus (three obelisks on a base). C 162. BMC 333. RIC 144. Calicó 1201 (this coin). Biaggi 580 (this coin).
Extremely rare and a very fascinating issue. Good very fine / very fine 8'000

Ex Schulman 1923, Vierdordt, 1285 and Santamaria 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 269 sales.

This aureus commemorates games held on April 21, A.D. 121, to mark the 874th birthday of the city of Rome (*natali urbis* or *natalis Romae dies*). The games associated with the celebration took the name Parilia in honour of the deity Pales, though at some point in the 2nd Century they apparently took on the alternative title Romaia. The origins of the festival were quite rustic, with participants jumping through bonfires and purifying animals from their flocks and herds with ashes and blood dispensed by the Vestals. By Hadrian's time it no doubt had acquired a more cosmopolitan flavour.

What makes this type so unusual is the reverse inscription, for it records the year of the games with the *anno urbis conditae* formula. ANN DCCCLXXXIII NAT VRB tells us this coin was issued to celebrate what Romans considered to be the 874th birthday of their capital. The design itself refers to the games, showing a genius seated at the base of an obelisk, or meta (three *metae* are shown on sestertii of this type), around which he places his left arm as he steadies a wheel on his knee.

The meaning of the rest of the inscription, P CIR CON, a series of three abbreviations, is not certainly known, and has been read differently by authorities. Two options include: *populo circenses concessit* ('the spectacle of games in the circus at Rome given to the people') and *primum circenses constituti* ('the games of the circus were for the first time instituted to be given'). The latter reading would suggest Hadrian took credit for some kind of renewed or revitalized version of these games; considering that in 121 he left Rome on a four-year trip to the provinces, he no doubt considered it wise to provide a spectacle in Rome before his departure.



- 218 Quinarius 125-128, 3.50 g. HADRIANVS – AVGVSTVS Laureate bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. COS – III Spes advancing l., holding flower in upraised hand and raising skirt. C 389. BMC 416. RIC 181d. King 5c (this coin). Biaggi 586 (this coin). Extremely rare. About very fine 2'500

Ex Hirsch sale 33, 1913, 1241 and Santamaria 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 315 sales.

- 219 Aureus 132-134, 7.15 g. HADRIANVS – AVGVSTVS Bare-headed and draped bust l. Rev. CO – S – IIII – P P Hadrian on horse prancing r., holding spear. C 492. BMC 535 and pl. 57, 16 (these dies). RIC 205h. Mazzini 492 (this coin). Calicó 1246 (this coin). Biaggi 602 (this coin).

Two edge nicks at ten and eleven o'clock on obverse, otherwise good very fine 4'000

Ex Santamaria sale 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 374.

- 220 Aureus 134-138, 7.20 g. HADRIANVS – AVGV COS III P P Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. AEGYPTOS Egypt reclining l., holding *sistrum* and resting l. elbow on basket around which snake coils; in field l., ibis standing l. on column. C 105 var. (draped and cuirassed). BMC 793 and pl. 62, 15 (these dies). RIC 296c. Mazzini 105v. (this coin). Calicó 1190 (this coin). Biaggi 575 (this coin).

Very rare. Very fine 4'500



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- 221 Aureus 134-138, 7.27 g. HADRIANVS – AVG COS III P P Bare-headed and draped bust l. Rev. ADVENTVI – AFRICAE Hadrian, togate, standing l. raising r. hand and holding roll, facing Africa, wearing elephant skin headdress, standing l., holding patera and corn ears, at her feet, calf. Between them, tripod. C 8 var. (ADVENTVI AVG). BMC 786 var. (ADVENTVI AVG). RIC 315 var. (ADVENTVI AVG). Mazzini d. 8 (this coin). Calicó 1172 (this coin). Biaggi 571 (this coin).

An exceedingly rare variety, apparently only the second specimen known, of a rare and interesting type. Good very fine

4'500

Ex Santamaria sale 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 594.



222



- 222 Aureus 134-138, 7.38 g. HADRIANVS – AVGVSTVS P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. COS – III Hadrian on horse pacing r., raising r. hand. C 410. BMC 503. RIC 348c. Calicó 1221 (this coin). Biaggi 589 (this coin).

A bold portrait struck on a very broad flan. Insignificant marks on reverse field and on edge, otherwise good extremely fine / extremely fine

7'500

Ex M&M sale 13, 1954, 685.



223



- 223 Aureus 134-138, 7.19 g. HADRIANVS – AVG COS III P P Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. FORTV – NA SPES Fortuna standing r., resting r. hand on rudder set on globe and holding cornucopiae, facing Spes advancing l., holding flower in upraised r. hand and raising skirt with l. C 780. BMC 644. RIC 246c. Calicó 1264 (this coin). Biaggi 610 (this coin).

Rare. About extremely fine

5'000

Ex M&M sale 17, 1957, 449.



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- 224 Aureus 134-138, 7.16 g. HADRIANVS – AVG COS III P P Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. HIS – PANIA Hispania reclining l., holding branch and leaning on rock behind him; in front, rabbit. C 824. BMC 843. RIC 305c. Calicó 1272 (this coin). Biaggi 614 (this coin).

Rare. Nick on edge at seven o'clock on obverse, otherwise very fine / good very fine

5'000



225



- 225 Aureus 134-138, 7.23 g. HADRIANVS – AVG COS III P P Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. LIBER – A – LITAS AVG Liberalitas standing l., holding *tessera* and cornucopiae; in exergue, VI. C 934. BMC 664 note. RIC 253. Calicó 1285 (this coin). Biaggi 621 (this coin).

A magnificent portrait of fine style. Extremely fine / good extremely fine

12'000

Ex Santamaria 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 462.



226



- 226 Aureus 136, 7.17 g. HADRIANVS – AVG COS III P P Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. RESTITVTORI – ACHIAIAE Hadrian, togate, standing r., holding roll in l. hand and extending r. to raise up kneeling figure of Achaia in front of him; between them, palm in vase. C 1214. BMC 868. RIC 321c. Calicó 1345 (this coin). Biaggi 648 (this coin). Very rare. About extremely fine

8'000

Ex Santamaria sale 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 610.



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- 227 Aureus 134-138, 7.18 g. HADRIANVS – AVG COS III P P Bare head r. Rev. SECVRI – TAS AVG Securitas seated l., holding cornucopiae and resting head on l. hand; behind her on chair, cornucopiae. C 1404. BMC 731 note. RIC 273. Mazzini 1404 (this coin). Calicó 1377 (this coin). Biaggi 657 (this coin).
Good very fine / about extremely fine 5'000

Privately purchased in 1954.



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- 228 Aureus. 134-138, 7.06 g. HADRIANVS – AVG COS III P P Bare head r. Rev. VICTO – R – IA AVG Victory advancing r., looking backwards, holding wreath and palm. C 1452. BMC 763 note. RIC 283c var. (draped). Calicó 1394 (this coin). Biaggi 662 (this coin).
Good very fine / about extremely fine 5'000

Ex Santamaria sale 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 509.



229



- 229 Aureus. 134-138, 7.27 g. HADRIANVS – AVG COS III P P Bare head r. Rev. VICTO – R – IA AVG Victory standing facing, head l., holding eagle with wreath in beak and palm. C 1459. BMC 767. RIC 284a. Calicó 1397 (this coin). Biaggi 665 (this coin).
Good very fine / about extremely fine 5'000

Privately purchased in 1958.



230



- 230 Aureus 134-138, 7.18 g. HADRIANVS – AVG COS III P P Laureate head r. Rev. VOTA / SVSCE / PTA within oak wreath. C 1486 var. (bare head). BMC 782 var. (bare head). RIC 291a. Calicó 1407 (this coin). Biaggi 667 (this coin).
Rare. Minor scratch on cheek, otherwise very fine 3'500

Ex Santamaria sale 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 516.

Sabina, wife of Hadrian



- 231 Aureus 129, 7.43 g. SABINA AVGVSTA – HADRIANI AVG P P Draped bust r., hair in stephane and in long tail at back. Rev. CONCOR – DIA AVG Concordia seated l., holding patera and leaning l. elbow on statue of Spes. C 13 var. (cornucopiae below throne). BMC Hadrian 894. RIC Hadrian 398 var. (cornucopiae below throne). Calicó 1429 (this coin). Biaggi 675 (this coin).

Rare. An attractive portrait of high style struck on large flan,
good very fine / about extremely fine

10'000

Privately purchased in 1950.



- 232 **Diva Sabina.** Aureus circa 138-139, 7.11 g. DIVA AVGVSTA – SABINA Veiled and diademed bust r. Rev. CO – NSE – CRAT – IO Sabina, holding sceptre in r. hand and with a scarf open behind her, borne aloft by eagle r. on sceptre. C 27. BMC Hadrian 956 and pl. 66, 7 (these dies). RIC Hadrian 418a. Calicó 1432 (this coin). Biaggi 677 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Very fine / good very fine

7'000

Ex Gilhofer and Ranschburg – Hess 22 May 1935, Trau, 1382 and Santamaria 26-28 June 1950, Magnaguti, 1083 sales.

Oftentimes the portrait similarity of emperors and their wives is uncanny. This might be excused in the case of siblings, or parents and their children, but in the case of husbands and wives it cannot be ascribed merely to family resemblance. On this aureus the head of Sabina is precisely Hadrian, except for the absence of a beard. The stephane, of course, is a regal ornament suited only to women.

After an unpleasant thirty-six year marriage to Hadrian, who merely tolerated his royal bride, Sabina died in 136 or 137, and was deified. Here Sabina is shown ascending to the heavens upon Jupiter's eagle, a sceptre at her side, holding aloft a length of cloth. Deified empresses were usually shown riding to the heavens on Juno's peacock, but other times, such as on coins of Sabina, Plotina, Marciana and Faustina Junior, they rest upon an eagle.

Antoninus Pius augustus, 138 – 161



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- 233 Aureus 138, 7.17 g. IMP T AEL CAES HA – DRI ANTONINVS Bare head r. Rev. AVG PIVS P M TR P COS DES II Pietas standing r. by altar, raising r. hand and holding box of incense in l. C 70. BMC 28. RIC 13. Calicó 1469 (this coin). Biaggi 697 (this coin). About extremely fine 4'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1950 for 375 Swiss Francs.



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- 234 Aureus 139, 7.00 g. ANTONINVS – AVG PIVS P P Laureate head l. Rev. TR POT – COS II Pietas, veiled, standing r. by altar, raising r. hand and holding box of incense. C 865. BMC p. 19 * note. RIC 52c. Calicó 1648 (this coin). Biaggi 761 (this coin).

Minor edge marks, otherwise good very fine

3'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1950 for 500 Swiss Francs.



235



- 235 Aureus 140, 7.15 g. ANTONINVS AVG PI – VS P P TR P COS III Laureate head of Antoninus Pius r. Rev. AVRELIVS CAESAR AVG P II F COS Bare-headed draped and cuirassed bust of Marcus Aurelius l. C 25. BMC 154 and pl. 4, 17 (these dies). RIC 417e. Mazzini 25 (this coin). Calicó 1728 (this coin). Biaggi 797 (this coin).

Very rare. A lovely reddish tone, good very fine / about extremely fine

6'500

Privately purchased in 1958.



236



- 236 Aureus 140, 7.18 g. ANTONINVS – AVG PIVS P P Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. COS III A. Pius, holding eagle-tipped sceptre, between M. Aurelius and L. Verus in triumphal quadriga l.; in exergue, TR POT. C 191 var. BMC 239 and pl. 6, 9 (this obverse die). RIC 93b var. (omits P P). Calicó 1494 (this coin). Biaggi 702 (this coin).

Extremely rare and an intriguing issue. Good very fine 5'000

Ex Hess-Leu sale 16 April 1957, 370.

The terms under which Antoninus became emperor upon the death of Hadrian included his adoption of Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus, the two young men who Hadrian ultimately wanted to succeed him. Antoninus was meant to be a responsible place-holder until the moment arrived when the boys would have matured and Antoninus, ideally, would be ready for deification. But Antoninus reigned for more than two decades – no doubt longer than anyone had anticipated. On this rare aureus of A.D. 140 Antoninus is shown in a quadriga with the boy-heir Marcus Aurelius. The occasion was Antoninus' third consulship, and the first consulship of Marcus Aurelius. Other types were struck for the event, including dual-portrait coins, and those showing platform and donation scenes, which indicate there was also a donative.



237



- 237 Aureus 140-143, 7.28 g. ANTONINVS – AVG PIVS P P Laureate head r. Rev. TR POT – C – OS III Romulus advancing r., holding spear and trophy. C 910. BMC 238 note. RIC 90c. Mazzini 910 (this coin). Calicó 1651 (this coin). Biaggi 763 (this coin).

Minor edge nick at seven o'clock on obverse, otherwise extremely fine / about extremely fine 4'500

Privately purchased in 1958.



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- 238 Aureus 140-143, 7.28 g. ANTONINVS AVG – PIVS P P TR P COS III Laureate head l. Rev. ROM – A – AETERNA Roma seated l. on a shield, holding Victory and spear. C –. BMC p. 34 *. RIC 80c. Calicó 1616 (this coin). Biaggi 791 (this coin).

A few edge marks and a scratch on reverse, otherwise good very fine 3'500

Ex M&M sale 18, 1954, 694.



239



- 239 Aureus 143-144, 7.17 g. ANTONINVS AVG PI – VS P P TR P COS III Bare head r. Rev. IMPERA – TOR II Victory advancing r., holding trophy in both hands. C 428. BMC 492 note. RIC 109b. Calicó 1547 (this coin). Biaggi 726 (this coin). About extremely fine / extremely fine 5'500

Ex M&M sale 18, 1954, 692.



240



- 240 Aureus 143-144, 7.11 g. ANTONINVS AVG PI – VS P P TR P COS III Bare head r. Rev. IMPERA – TOR II Jupiter seated l., holding thunderbolt and sceptre. C 420 var. (laureate). BMC 490 note. RIC 108a var. (laureate). Calicó 1543a (this coin). Biaggi 723 (this coin). Minor marks, otherwise good extremely fine 5'500

Ex M&M sale 25, 1962, 611.



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- 241 Quinarius 143-144, 3.42 g. ANTONINVS AVG PI – VS P P TR P COS III Laureate head r. Rev. IMPERA – TOR II Victory standing l., holding wreath and palm. C 436. BMC 494. RIC 110. King 13f (this coin). Biaggi 729 (this coin). Very rare. Very fine / good very fine 3'000

Ex Rollin & Feuardent 1896, Montagu, 319; Hirsch 34, 1910, Herzfelder, 1043; Canessa 28 June 1923, Caruso, 333 and M&M 15, 1955, 785 sales.

- 242 Aureus 145-161, 7.07 g. ANTONINVS AVG – PIVS P P TR P COS IIII Laureate head r. Rev. A. Pius seated l. on platform extending r. hand and holding scroll in l.; before him Liberalitas standing l., holding account-board and cornucopiae; in front, citizen with outstretched hands. In exergue, LIB IIII. C 496 var. (head bare). BMC 546. RIC 141c var. (head bare). Calicó 1572 (this coin). Biaggi 739 (this coin). About extremely fine 5'000

- 243 Quinarius 145-161, 3.54 g. ANTONINVS – AVG PIVS P P Laureate head r., with aegis Rev. TR PO – T – COS IIII Liberalitas standing l., holding abacus and cornucopiae; in exergue, LIB IIII. C –. BMC 567 note. RIC 155. Mazzini p. 490 (this coin). King 21d (this coin). Biaggi 736 (this coin). Rare. Edge nick at nine o'clock on reverse, otherwise good very fine 2'500

Ex Santamaria sale 24 January 1938, 549.



- 244 Aureus 145-161, 7.47 g. ANTONINVS – AVG PIVS P P Laureate head r. Rev. TR POT – COS IIII Roma seated l. on a shield, holding Victory and spear. C 934. BMC 557. RIC 147c. Calicó 1655 (this coin). Biaggi 765 (this coin). Extremely fine 5'500
- Privately purchased from Cahn in 1950 for 360 Swiss Francs.



- 245 Aureus 145-161, 6.99 g. ANTONINVS AVG – PIVS P P TR POT COS IIII Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. A. Pius, radiate, standing l., holding branch and spear. C 1177 var. (not draped and cuirassed). BMC p. 84, * and pl. 12, 17 (these dies). RIC 160 var. (not draped and cuirassed). Calicó 1465 (this coin). Biaggi 790 (this coin). Minor edge nick at eight o'clock on obverse and two traces of edge filing, otherwise very fine 3'000
- Ex M&M sale 18, 1954, 697.



- 246 Aureus 147-148, 7.31 g. ANTONINVS AVG – PIVS P P TR P XI Laureate head r. Rev. PRIMI / DECEN / COS IIII within oak wreath. C 669. BMC 630 note. RIC 171b. Calicó 1610 (this coin). Biaggi 752 (this coin). Very rare. Extremely fine 9'000
- Ex M&M sale 18, 1954, 693.

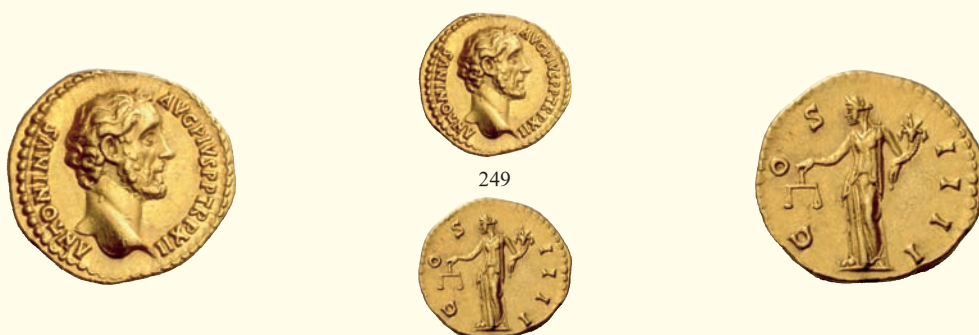


- 247 Aureus 147-148, 7.08 g. ANTONINVS AVG – PIVS P P TR P XI Laureate head r., with *aegis*. Rev. COS – IIII VO – TA A. Pius, togate, standing l., sacrificing with patera over tripod. C 1093 var. (head bare). BMC 629 var. (head bare). RIC 170b var. (head bare). Calicó 1695 (this coin). Biaggi 780 (this coin). Rare. About extremely fine 4'500
- Ex Glendining sale 25 november 1953, 172.



- 248 Aureus 148-149, 7.29 g. ANTONINVS AVG – PIVS P P TR P XII Laureate head r., with *aegis*. Rev. C – OS – IIII Aequitas standing l., holding scales and cornucopiae. C 235. BMC 651 note. RIC 177 var. (no *aegis*). Calicó 1504 (this coin). Biaggi 707 (this coin).

Struck in high relief and extremely fine 7'500



- 249 Aureus 148-149, 7.44 g. ANTONINVS – AVG PIVS P P TR P XII Bare head r. Rev. CO – S – IIII Aequitas standing l., holding scales and cornucopiae. C 237. BMC 646. RIC 177a. Calicó 1498 (this coin). Biaggi 706 (this coin).

An invisible mark on chin, otherwise extremely fine

5'000

Ex Glendining sale 7 March 1957, Lockett, 388.



- 250 Aureus 150-151, 7.32 g. ANTONINVS – AVG PIVS P P TR P XIII Laureate head r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. LAETI – TIA Ceres standing r., holding corn-ears and beside her, Proserpina standing facing, head l., holding pomegranate; in exergue, COS IIII. C 478 var. (no drapery). BMC 724 note. RIC 199a var. (no drapery). Mazzini 478 (this coin). Calicó 1559 (this coin). Biaggi 733 (this coin).

An almost invisible mark on neck, otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc

8'000

Privately purchased in 1958.



251

- 251 Quinarius 150-151, 3.53 g. ANTONINVS AVG PI – VS P P TR P XIII Laureate head r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. COS – IIII Victory seated l., holding wreath and palm. C –. BMC –. RIC –. King 4a (this coin). Mazzini dopo 262 (this coin). Biaggi 712 (this coin).

Apparently unique. Insignificant metal flaw on obverse, otherwise good very fine

3'500

Ex Santamaria sale 24 January 1938, 537.



252

- 252 Aureus 155-156, 7.22 g. ANTONINVS AVG – PIVS P P IMP II Laureate head r. Rev. TR POT XIX – COS IIII Victory advancing l., holding wreath and palm. C 993. BMC 862. RIC 255a. Mazzini 993 (this coin). Calicó 1670 (this coin). Biaggi 771 (this coin).

Good extremely fine

6'500



253

- 253 Aureus 157-158, 7.24 g. ANTONINVS AVG – PIVS P P IMP II Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. TR POT XXI – COS IIII Salus standing r., feeding snake, held in her arms, out of patera. C 1044. BMC 906 note. RIC 279. Calicó 1864 (this coin). Biaggi 777 (this coin). Virtually as struck and almost Fdc

7'500

Ex Rollin & Feuardent 26-27 May 1909, Evans, 123 and Hess-Leu 2, 1955, 98 sales.



254

- 254 Aureus 158-159, 7.19 g. ANTONINVS AVG – PIVS P P TR P XXII Laureate head r. Rev. VOTA SVSCE – PTA DEC III Antoninus Pius, veiled, standing l., sacrificing with patera over tripod; in exergue, COS IIII. C 1103 var. (head bare). BMC 953. RIC 294d. Mazzini d 1119 (this coin). Calicó 1714. Biaggi 782 (this coin).

Weakly struck on obverse, otherwise extremely fine

5'000



- 255 Aureus 159-160, 7.26 g. ANTONINVS AVG PIVS P P TR P XXIII Laureate head r. Rev. PIETATI – AVG COS IIII Pietas standing l. between two children, holding globe and child. C 622. BMC 984. RIC 302a. Calicó 1602 (this coin). Biaggi 748 (this coin). Extremely fine 7'000
Privately purchased in 1950 from Cahn for 525 Swiss Francs.

Faustina I, wife of Antoninus Pius



- 256 Aureus 138-139, 7.35 g. FAVSTINA AVG – ANTONINI AVG P P Draped bust r., hair coiled on top of head. Rev. IVNONI – REGINAE Throne on which is a wreath; in field l. and r., peacock and basket of fruit. A sceptre rests on throne. C 75. BMC A. Pius 403. RIC A. Pius 357. Calicó 1758 (this coin). Biaggi 807 (this coin). Rare. Metal flaw on cheek, otherwise about extremely fine 3'500

Privately purchased in 1958.

- 257 *Diva Faustina.* Aureus after 141, 7.28 g. DIVA – FAVSTINA Draped bust r., hair coiled on top of head. Rev. AVGV – STA Ceres, veiled, standing l., holding torch in each hand. C 233 var. BMC A. Pius 44. RIC A. Pius 332. Calicó 1792 (this coin). Biaggi 825 (this coin). Minor marks in field and on edge, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine 3'500

Privately purchased in 1950 from Cahn for 575 Swiss Francs.



- 258 *Diva Faustina.* Aureus after 141, 7.13 g. DIVA – FAVSTINA Draped bust r., hair coiled on top of head. Rev. Faustina standing l., holding sceptre, and Sol (?) bending forward, in fast quadriga l.; in exergue, CONSECratio. C 168. BMC A. Pius p. 45, 302 note. RIC A. Pius 383c. Calicó 1781 (this coin). Biaggi 818 (this coin). Very rare. Reddish tone, two nicks on edge, otherwise good very fine 4'000

Ex Hess 1933, 585 and Glendining 16-21 November 1950, Platt Hall part II, 1493 sales.

- 259 *Diva Faustina.* Aureus after 141, 7.21 g. DIVA AVGV – TA FAVSTINA Veiled and draped bust r., hair waved and coiled on top of head. Rev. Hexastyle temple surmounted by small quadriga. C 317 var. (not veiled). BMC A. Pius p. 51, ||. RIC A. Pius 406b. Calicó 1742 (this coin). Biaggi 835 (this coin). Very rare. Minor marks on edge, otherwise very fine 2'500



- 260 **Diva Faustina.** Aureus after 141, 7.32 g. DIVA AVGVSTA – FAVSTINA Draped bust r., hair waved and coiled on top of head. Rev. PIE – TAS AVG Pietas, veiled, standing l., sprinkling incense on altar and holding box. C 232. BMC A. Pius 334. RIC A. Pius 394. Calicó 1794 (this coin). Biaggi 826 (this coin).
Extremely fine / good extremely fine 7'500
Privately purchased in 1958.



- 261 **Diva Faustina.** Aureus after 141, 7.28 g. DIVA AVGVS – TA FAVSTINA Draped bust r., hair waved and coiled on top of head. Rev. PIE – TAS AVG Pietas, veiled, standing l., sprinkling incense on altar and holding box. C 240 var (head l). BMC A. Pius 335. RIC A. Pius 395. Calicó 1796 (this coin). Biaggi 830 (this coin).
Extremely fine 7'000
Privately purchased in 1958.



- 262 **Diva Faustina.** Aureus after 141, 7.45 g. DIVA AVG – FAVSTINA Veiled and draped bust r., hair waved and coiled on top of head. Rev. PIETA – S AVG Pietas, veiled, standing l., sprinkling incense on altar and holding box. C 235. BMC A. Pius 310 note. RIC A. Pius 394b. Calicó 1800 (this coin). Biaggi 828 (this coin).
Absolutely invisible mark on cheek, otherwise good extremely fine 6'000
Privately purchased in 1958.

Marcus Aurelius caesar, 139 – 161



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- 263 Aureus 140-144, 7.06 g. AVRELIVS CAE – SAR AVG PII F C – OS Bare head l. Rev. IVVEN – TAS Iuventas standing l., holding patera and placing a grain of incense on a candelabrum. C 386. BMC A. Pius 268 note. RIC A. Pius 423b. Calicó 1875 (this coin). Biaggi 857 (this coin).

Rare. Minor nick on neck, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 4'000

- 264 Aureus 140-144, 7.13 g. AVRELIVS CAE – SAR AVG PII F COS Bare head r. Rev. PIETAS AVG Knife, sprinkler, ewer, *lituus* and *simpulum*. C 450. BMC A. Pius 276. RIC A. Pius 424. Calicó 1883 (this coin). Biaggi 860 (this coin). Traces of mounting and slightly bent, otherwise good very fine 3'500

- 265 Aureus 145-146, 7.12 g. AVRELIVS CAES – AR AVG PII F COS II Bare head r. Rev. VOTA PV – B – LICA Faustina II, on l., and M. Aurelius, on r., clasping hands; between and behind them, Concordia standing r. C 1021. BMC A. Pius 611. RIC A. Pius 434. Calicó 2035. Biaggi 909 (this coin).

Rare. Good very fine 4'000



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- 266 Aureus 146-147, 7.21 g. AVRELIVS CAE – SAR AVG PII F Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. TR POT – COS II Mars, helmeted, standing r., holding spear and resting l. hand on shield. C 594. BMC A. Pius 613. RIC A. Pius 435d. Calicó 1923 (this coin). Biaggi 870 (this coin)

A lovely portrait struck in high relief. Pleasant reddish tone, minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine 5'500

Ex Glendining sale 20 February 1951, Ryan part IV, 1797.



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- 267 Aureus 147-148, 7.22 g. AVRELIVS CAE – SAR AVG PII F Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. TR·POT II – COS·II Mars, helmeted, standing r., holding spear and resting l. hand on shield. C 606. BMC A. Pius 640 note. RIC A. Pius 438a. Mazzini 606 (this coin). Calicó 1925 (this coin). Biaggi 872 (this coin).

A lovely portrait struck in high relief, about extremely fine 5'500



- 268 Aureus 148-149, 7.27 g. AVRELIVS – CAESAR AVG PII F Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. TR POT III – COS II Fides standing r., holding corn ears in r. hand and basket of fruit in upraised l. C 625 var. (not draped). BMC A. Pius 695. RIC A. Pius 445A c. Calicó 1933 (this coin). Biaggi 874 (this coin).

Well-struck in high relief and good extremely fine 10'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1951 for 700 Swiss Francs.



- 269 Quinarius 152-153, 3.56 g. AVRELIVS CAE – SAR AVG PII FIL Bare head r. Rev. TR PO – T – VII COS II Roma, helmeted, standing l., holding Victory and *parazonium*. C 658. BMC A. Pius 803. RIC A. Pius 457a. Biaggi 878 (this coin). Rare. Good very fine 4'000



- 270 Aureus 153-154, 7.16 g. AVRELIVS CAE – SAR AVG PII FIL Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. TR POT – VIII – COS II Roma, helmeted, standing l., holding Victory and *parazonium*. C 672 var. (also cuirassed). BMC A. Pius 824 note (this coin). RIC A. Pius 460 var. (also cuirassed). Calicó 1949 (this coin). Biaggi 882 (this coin). Well struck in high relief and good extremely fine 10'000

Ex Ars Classica sale 16, 1933, 1831.



- 271 Aureus 154-155, 7.24 g. AVRELIVS CAESA – R AVG PII FIL Bare-headed and draped bust l. Rev. TR PO – T – VIII COS II Roma, helmeted, standing l., holding Victory and *parazonium*. C 680 var. (also cuirassed). BMC A. Pius 840 var. (also cuirassed). RIC A. Pius 464a var. (also cuirassed). Calicó 1951 (this coin). Biaggi 884 (this coin). Good very fine 3'500



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- 272 Aureus 155-156, 7.22 g. AVRELIVS CAES – ANTON AVG PII F Bare head l. Rev. TR POT X – COS II Minerva, helmeted, advancing r., brandishing javelin and holding shield. C 684 var. BMC A. Pius 868. RIC A. Pius 465c. Calicó 1953 (this coin). Biaggi 885 (this coin).

Good very fine / about extremely fine

4'500



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- 273 Aureus 156-157, 7.36 g. AVRELIVS CAE – S ANTON AVG PII F Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. TR POT – XI – COS II Apollo standing l., holding patera and lyre. C 705. BMC A. Pius 890 and pl. 19, 4 (these dies). RIC A. Pius 469b. Calicó 1958 (this coin). Biaggi 889 (this coin).

Well struck in high relief and good extremely fine

8'000

Privately purchased in 1950.



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- 274 Aureus 158-159, 7.23 g. AVRELIVS – CAES AVG PII F Bare-headed and draped bust r. Rev. TR POT XIII – COS II Virtus, helmeted, standing r., l. foot on helmet, holding spear and *parazonium*. C 747 var. (AVRELIVS ANTON...). BMC A. Pius 962. RIC A. Pius 480b. Calicó 1969 (this coin). Biaggi 892 (this coin).

Lovely reddish tone, about extremely fine / extremely fine

6'500

Privately purchased in 1950.

Marcus Aurelius augustus, 161 – 180



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- 275 Aureus 163-164, 7.07 g. M ANTONINVS AVG IMP II Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SALVTI AVGVSTOR TR P XVIII Salus standing l., feeding out of patera snake twined round altar and holding sceptre; in exergue, COS III. C 570. BMC 244 and pl. 57, 15 (these dies). RIC 98. Mazzini 570 (this coin). Calicó 1921 (this coin). Biaggi 869 (this coin).

About extremely fine

5'500



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- 276 Aureus 163-164, 7.15 g. ANTONINVS – AVG ARMENIACVS Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P XVIII IMP II COS III Victory standing facing, head r., holding palm in r. hand and fixing a shield inscribed VIC / AVG to a palm tree. C 466 var. (COS II). BMC 270. RIC 90. Calicó 1887 (this coin). Biaggi 862 (this coin).
Extremely fine 6'500



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- 277 Aureus 163-164, 7.45 g. M ANTONINVS – AVG ARMEN P M Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. TR P XVIII COS III Victory standing to front, head r., holding palm in r. hand and fixing a shield inscribed VIC / AVG to a palm tree. C –, cf. 855 (on shield VIC PAR). BMC –, cf. 277 (on shield VIC PAR). RIC –, cf. 116 (on shield VIC PAR). Mazzini 855 v. (this coin). Calicó 1988 (this coin). Biaggi 896 (this coin).
An apparently unique variety. About extremely fine 5'500



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- 278 Aureus February-December 168, 7.28 g. M ANTONINVS – AVG ARM PARTH MAX Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. TR P XXII IMP V COS III Aequitas seated l. holding scales and cornucopiae. C 900. BMC 466 and pl. 61, 19 (these dies). RIC 190. Calicó 2006 (this coin). Biaggi 901 (this coin).
Extremely fine 8'000

Ex Feuadent 16 June 1924, Valette and Bourgey 18-19 November 1957, 313 sales.



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- 279 Aureus circa 173-174, 7.17 g. M ANTONINVS – AVG TR P XXVII Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IMP VI C – OS III Marcus Aurelius on horse r., raising r. hand. C 302. BMC 575 note. RIC 281. Calicó 1867 (this coin). Biaggi 854 (this coin).

Several scratches on obverse and reverse field and edge nick at eleven o'clock on obverse,
otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 7'000

Ex Dorotheum 13-16 June 1955, Apostolo Zeno part I, 1151.



- 280 *Divus Marcus Aurelius*. Aureus after 180, 7.20 g. DIVVS M ANT – ONINVS PIVS Bare head r. Rev. CONSE – CRATIO Four-storey funeral pyre garlanded and adorned with statue; surmounted by Marcus Aurelius in quadriga. C 96. BMC Commodus 26. RIC Commodus 275. Calicó 1834 (this coin). Biaggi 913 (this coin). Very rare. Good very fine / about extremely fine 6'000
Ex Hess sale 1951, 165.

Faustina II, daughter of Antoninus Pius and wife of Marcus Aurelius



- 281 Aureus 147-152, 7.27 g. FAVSTINAE – AVG PII AVG FIL Draped bust r., with band of pearls around head. Rev. VE – NVS Venus standing l., holding apple in r. hand and rudder in l. with dolphin twined. C 260 var. (no dolphin). BMC A. Pius 1063. RIC A. Pius 517a. Jameson 134 (this coin). Calicó 2097b (this coin). Biaggi 943 (this coin). A superb portrait of fine style. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 10'000
Privately purchased from J. Hirsch in 1951 for \$ 325. From the Jameson collection.



- 282 Aureus 147-152, 7.37 g. FAV – STINA AVG – PII AVG FIL Draped bust r., wearing stephane. Rev. LAETITIAE – PV – BLICAE Laetitia standing l., holding wreath and sceptre. C 156. BMC A. Pius 1047. RIC A. Pius 506c. Calicó 2069 (this coin). Biaggi 933 (this coin). Very fine 2'500
Ex Glendining sale 7-8 March 1957, Lockett, 397.
- 283 Aureus 161-176, 7.27 g. FAVSTINA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. FECVND AVGVSTAE Fecunditas standing l. between two girls and holding two infants in her arms. C 94. BMC M. Aurelius 89 note. RIC M. Aurelius 675. Calicó 2052 (this coin). Biaggi 927 (this coin). Minor marks on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine 5'000



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- 284 Aureus 161-176, 7.21 g. FAVSTINA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. HIL – A – R – ITAS Hilaritas standing l., holding long palm and cornucopiae. C 110. BMC M. Aurelius 98. RIC M. Aurelius 684. Calicó 2057 (this coin). Biaggi 929 (this coin).

Scrape at five o'clock on reverse, otherwise good very fine

3'500

Privately purchased in 1956 for 600 Swiss Francs.



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- 285 Aureus 161-176, 7.25 g. FAVSTINA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. VENVS – FELIX Venus setaed l., holding group of the Three Graces and a sceptre. C –. BMC –. RIC M. Aurelius 732. Calicó 2099 (this coin). Biaggi 945 (this coin).

Very rare. About extremely fine

5'000

Lucius Verus, 161 – 169



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- 286 Aureus March-December 161, 7.24 g. IMP CAES L AVREL VERNVS AVG Bare head r. Rev. CONCORDIAE AVGVSTORVM Concordia Augusta standing facing each other, clasping hands; in exergue, COS II. C 43 var. (omits COSII). BMC M. Aurelius p. 390, note *. RIC M. Aurelius 449 var. (omits COS II). Calicó 2110 (this coin). Biaggi 948 (this coin).

Good very fine / about extremely fine

5'000

Ex Hess 5 April 1955, 114 and Glendining 14-16 January 1953, Rashleigh. 42 sales.



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- 287 Aureus 163-164, 7.25 g. L VERNVS AVG – ARMENIACVS Bare head r. Rev. TR P IIII – IMP II COS II Verus seated l. on platform; behind and before him respectively, officer and soldier. Below platform, king Soahemus standing l. and raising r. hand to his head. In exergue, REX ARMEN / DAT. C 158. BMC 300. RIC 512. Calicó 2154 (these dies). Biaggi 956 (this coin).

Utterly insignificant metal flaw at twelve o'clock on reverse,
otherwise extremely fine

10'000

Privately purchased in 1950.



- 288 Aureus 163-164, 7.28 g. L VERVS AVG – ARMENIACVS Bare-headed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. TR P IIII – IMP II COS II Hercules standing to front, head r., wearing lion skin on head and over l. arm, holding laurel branch and club. C 238 var. (laureate). BMC M. Aurelius 280. RIC M. Aurelius 518. Calicó 2171 (this coin). Biaggi 959 (this coin).

Very rare. Absolutely invisible marks, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine 6'000
Privately purchased in 1952 for 700 Swiss Francs.



- 289 Aureus 164-165, 6.68 g. L VERVS AVG – ARMENIACVS Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. TR P V – IMP II COS II Roma standing l., holding Victory and trophy. C 268. BMC M. Aurelius 379. RIC M. Aurelius 535. Calicó 2181 (this coin). Biaggi 963 (this coin).

Traces of edge filing, otherwise good very fine 3'000
Privately purchased in 1952 for 400 Swiss Francs.

Lucilla, wife of Lucius Verus



- 290 Aureus 164-169, 7.21 g. LVCILLA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r., hair tied back in double chignon. Rev. FECVN – DITAS Fecunditas (or Lucilla) seated r., holding a child on her lap; before her, a young girl. C 18. BMC M. Aurelius 336 and pl. 59, 3 (this obverse die). RIC M. Aurelius 764. Vidal Quadras 3562 (this coin). Calicó 2212 (this coin). Biaggi 975 (this coin).

Very rare. An elegant portrait of exquisite style, extremely fine 9'000
Ex Bourgey 6 December 1913, Vidal Quadras, 330 and M&M 19, 1959, 231 sales.

Lucilla was the second of six daughters born to the emperor Marcus Aurelius and his wife Faustina II. She was a twin of Titus Aurelianus Antoninus, but he died within a year of their birth. When the emperor Antoninus Pius died in 161 and was succeeded by Lucilla's father and his co-heir Lucius Verus, Lucilla was betrothed to Verus in a gesture meant to tie the two emperors along family lines as well as by their collective Imperial duties. However, since she was just twelve years old, the marriage was delayed until 164, when Lucilla was fifteen or sixteen. At that time her prospective husband was in Asia Minor leading a campaign against the Parthians, so she sailed east and he took leave of campaign to marry her at Ephesus. The imperial couple had at least one child, but the fate of it or any others they may have had is unknown. After Verus' unexpected death in 169, Lucilla's personal life worsened. The young woman was next married to an elderly senator and she engaged in frequent infidelities. A decade later Lucilla was involved in the plot to assassinate her only surviving brother Commodus, who had become unstable and despotic as emperor. However, her role was discovered in the plot before it came to fruition, and in 182 or 183 she was banished to Capri where she subsequently was executed.

Commodus caesar, 166 – 177



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- 291 Aureus 177, 7.20 g. IMP L AVREL COMMODVS AVG GERM SARM Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. TR P II – COS P P Two captives seated l. and r. at foot of trophy; in exergue, DE SARM. C 98. BMC M. Aurelius 758 and pl. 69, 3 (these dies). RIC M. Aurelius 634. Mazzini 98 (this coin). Calicó 2239 (this coin). Biaggi 985 (this coin).

Very rare. Minor marks on obverse and on edge, otherwise good very fine

6'500

Privately purchased in 1958.

This aureus celebrates Roman victories on the empire's northern frontier in a series of wars known as the *Bellum Germanicum et Sarmaticum*. These annual confrontations demanded the presence of the emperor Marcus Aurelius while his young son Commodus remained in Rome, largely unaffected. His later experiences at his father's side on the battlefield may have convinced Commodus to entrust such campaigns to his generals while he remained in Rome to enjoy the comforts of his palace and the spectacles of the circus and the Colosseum.

When this aureus was struck in 177, Commodus had just been raised from the rank of Caesar to co-Augustus with his father, though as yet he had not personally witnessed the terrors of war on the Rhine and Danube; that would be reserved until 178, when the heir-apparent joined his father to help wage the second Marcomannic War. Even without battle experience, Commodus none the less shared in his father's hard-earned titles of *Germanicus* and *Sarmaticus*, both of which are included in his inscription.

The reverse relates to these campaigns with the inscription DE SARM beneath a military trophy flanked by two bound and mourning captives. Many other types celebrate Roman victories in this theatre, and they are the centrepiece of coin propaganda of the era. Considering these wars were not only a source of financial strain, but annually cost the lives of young Romans, it was essential for the imperial family to show success in the form of attractive coin types with bound barbarians, trophies, and piles of captured shields, weapons and trumpets.



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- 292 Aureus 177, 7.26 g. L AVREL COMMODVS – AVG GERM SARM Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. IVNONI SISPIAE TR P II IMP II COS P P Juno Sospita advancing r., brandishing javelin and holding shield; in lower field r., serpent. C –, cf. 270 (denarius). BMC M. Aurelius 760 note (this coin). RIC 645 (this coin). Jameson 147 (this coin). Mazzini dopo 270 (this coin). Calicó 2268 (this coin). Biaggi 993 (this coin). Extremely rare. Several marks, nick on nose on obverse and two nicks on edge at eleven o'clock on obverse and four o'clock on reverse, otherwise good very fine

4'000

From the Mazzini and Jameson collections.

Commodus augustus, 177 – 192



- 293 Aureus 179-180, 7.12 g. L AVREL COM – MODVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. TR P V IMP III COS II P P Victory seated l., holding patera and palm. C 778. BMC 813 note. RIC 3. Calicó 2341 (this coin). Biaggi 1017 (this coin). Struck on a very broad flan and extremely fine 10'000

Ex M&M sale 17, 1957, 501.



- 294 Aureus 181-182, 7.26 g. M ANTONINVS CO – MMODVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS AVG TR P VII IMP IIII Virtus (or Roma) seated l., holding Victory and spear; in exergue, COS III P P. C 965. BMC 91 and pl. 93, 6 (these dies). RIC 40 var. (not cuirassed). Calicó 2364 (this coin). Biaggi 1025 (this coin).

Insignificant die break on obverse, otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc 10'000

Privately purchased from Leu in 1955 for 1'000 Swiss Francs.



- 295 Aureus 183-184, 6.93 g. M COMMODVS – ANTON AVG PIVS Laureate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. P M TR P VIII IMP VI COS IIII P P Jupiter standing l., holding sceptre and thunderbolt; at feet, eagle. C 422. BMC 116 and pl. 94, 1 (this obverse die). RIC 70. Calicó 2299 (this coin). Biaggi 1002 (this coin). Traces of edge filing, otherwise very fine 3'500



- 296 Aureus 186-189, 7.29 g. M COMM ANT P – FEL AVG BRIT Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ROMAE AET – ERNAE Roma seated l. on shield decorated with *gorgoneion*, holding Victory and reverted spear; in exergue, C V P P. C –, cf. 647 var. (denarius). BMC 238. RIC 195a var. (obverse legend misdescribed ?). Calicó 2320 (this coin). Biaggi 1010 (this coin).

Unobtrusive metal flaw on obverse field, otherwise virtually as struck and almost Fdc

12'000

Privately purchased from Leu in 1965 for 8'500 Swiss Francs.

When this aureus was struck, sometime after Commodus' fifth consulship on January 1, 286, the emperor must have had a fresh and wary perspective on the hazards of his office. The previous year had begun well enough: on the heels of a swift victory in Britain, Commodus began to celebrate the vows for his *decennalia*, or tenth year of power; he even went so far as to describe the event as the dawn of a new Golden Age, which he inaugurated with *Primi Decenales* games.

However, the celebratory atmosphere dampened with the revolt in that same year of his praetorian prefect Perennis, who intended for his own son to replace Commodus as emperor. It was a serious coup that shook his confidence, and that required him to pay a largess to the army (which he honoured with special coin types, including one showing the emperor haranguing the troops). This fiasco was followed in 286 with a guerilla war in Spain and Gaul led by a deserter named Maternus, who in the following year came to Rome intent on murdering Commodus. It must have disturbed the emperor to realize that his would-be assassin might have succeeded had he not been betrayed the day before he planned to strike.

With so much treachery about his person, Commodus could hardly have enjoyed his lot as emperor, and the rather festive appearance of this aureus, inscribed C. V. P. P. for *Consul V Pater Patriae*, represented the bright side of his otherwise perilous life.



- 297 Aureus 187-188, 7.24 g. M COMM ANT P – FEL AVG BRIT Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust 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. C –, cf. 966 (denarius). BMC –, cf. 227 (denarius). RIC –, cf. 160 (denarius). Calicó 2366 (this coin). Biaggi 1026 (this coin).

Apparently unique. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc

16'000

Privately purchased from Leu in 1965 for 8'500 Swiss Francs.



- 298 Aureus 187-188, 7.29 g. M COMM ANT P – FEL AVG BRIT Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR XIII IMP VIII – COS V P P Fortuna seated l. on throne, holding rudder and cornucopiae; in exergue, FOR RED. C –. BMC –. RIC –. Calicó 2252 (this coin). Biaggi 1005 (this coin). Cf. NFA 29, 1984, 452 (this reverse die).

Of the highest rarity, apparently only two specimens known. Good extremely fine 10'000

Privately purchased from Leu in 1965 for 7'800 Swiss Francs.



- 299 Aureus 190, 7.37 g. M COMM ANT P F – EL AVG BRIT P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. TEMP FELIC P M TR P XV IMP VIII COS VI Winged caduceus set on two cornucopiae in saltire. C 718 var. BMC 282. RIC 214. Calicó 2335 (this coin). Biaggi 1013 (this coin).

Rare. Scratches in fields and slightly bent. Several marks on edge, probably traces of mounting, otherwise very fine 3'500

Ex M&M sale 35, 1967, 76



- 300 Aureus 190-191, 7.29 g. M COMM ANT P F – EL AVG BRIT P P Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GEN AVG FELIC COS VI Genius standing l., sacrificing out of patera over altar and holding cornucopiae. C 171. BMC 288. RIC 227a. Calicó 2254 (this coin). Biaggi 988 (this coin).

Extremely fine 9'000

Ex Hirsch 15, 1906, 1404; Rosenberg 1914, 410 and M&M 15, 1955, 798 sales.



- 301 Aureus 191-192, 7.35 g. L AEL AVREL CO – MM AVG P FEL Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PROVIDENTIAE – AVG Hercules standing l., r. foot on prow, clasping hands with Africa; at her feet, lion. C 642 var (not cuirassed). BMC 355 note. RIC 259d. Mazzini 642 var. (this coin). Calicó 2319 (this coin). Biaggi 1009 (this coin).

Invisible graffito on obverse, scratch on reverse and two traces of edge filing at twelve and six o'clock, otherwise extremely fine

5'000



- 302 Aureus 192, 7.30 g. L AEL AVREL CO – MM AVG P FEL Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. LIB AVG P M TR – P XVII COS VII P P Libertas standing l., holding *pileus* and sceptre. C 287 var. (with *aegis*). BMC 307 var. (with *aegis*). RIC 241a var. (with *aegis*). Mazzini dopo 287 (this coin). Calicó 2271 (this coin). Biaggi 994 (this coin). Good extremely fine 10'000

Privately purchased in 1958.

Pertinax, January 1st – March 28th 193



- 303 Aureus January 1st – March 28th 193, 7.30 g. IMP CAES P HELV – PERTIN AVG Laureate head r. Rev. AEQVIT AVG TR P COS II Aequitas standing l., holding scales and cornucopiae. C 1. BMC 14 and pl. 1, 13 (these dies). RIC 1a. Woodward, NC 1957, pl. 10, 2. Calicó 2379a. Biaggi 1038 (this coin).

Rare. Two hairline scratches one on obverse and one on reverse and two minor marks on edge, otherwise about extremely fine

15'000

Privately purchased in 1950.

Septimius Severus, 193 – 211



- 304 Aureus 193-194, 7.33 g. IMP CAE L SEP SE – V PERT AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICT AVG T – R P COS Victory advancing l., holding wreath in r. hand and palm in l. C 681 var. (SEPT). BMC 27. RIC 22. Calicó 2546 (these dies). Biaggi 1107 (this coin). Extremely fine 8'000

Ex Glendining sala 14-16 January 1953, Raschlegh, 60.



- 305 Aureus 194, 7.19 g. L SEPT SEV PE – RT AVG IMP III Laureate head r. Rev. DIS AVSP – ICI B – TR P II Hercules, on l., standing r., holding club and lion skin, and Bacchus, on r., standing l., holding *oenochoe* over panther and *thyrsus*; in exergue, COS II P P. C 114. BMC 63. RIC 31. Jameson 161 (this coin). Calicó 2446a (this coin). Biaggi 1069 (this coin).

Very rare. Light scratch on reverse field, otherwise about extremely fine 5'500

Privately purchased in 1951 from Hubert Herzfelder for \$ 250.



- 306 Aureus 194, 7.18 g. L SEPT SEV PE – RT AVG IMP III Laureate head r. Rev. P M TR P II – C – O – S II P P Jupiter, on r., standing l. handing globe to Emperor, on l., standing r. and holding reversed spear. C 378. BMC 67 and pl. 7, 5 (these dies). RIC 35 var. (omits P P). Vidal Quadras 3618 (this coin). Calicó 2493 (this coin). Biaggi 1084 (this coin). Very rare. Extremely fine 10'000

Ex Bourgey 16 December 1916, Vidal Quadras, 373. Privately purchased from Cahn 1956 for 1'600 Swiss Francs.



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- 307 Aureus, Emesa 194-195, 7.37 g. IMP C AEL SEP SE – V PERT AVG COS II Laureate head r. Rev. LIRERA – L – AVG Liberalita standing l., holding *abacus* and cornucopiae. C –, cf. for reverse type 283 (denarius). BMC 372 and pl. 16, 13 (these dies). RIC 400 var. (LIBERAL). Calicó 2474 (this coin). Biaggi 1076 (this coin). Very rare and an interesting issue. Extremely fine 9'000

Ex Hess-Leu sale 16 April 1957, 390. From the Jacob Hirsch collection.



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- 308 Aureus 196-197, 7.36 g. L SEPT SEV PERT AVG IMP P VIII Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M – TR P V – COS II P P Pax seated l. holding branch and sceptre. C 443. BMC 215 note. RIC 88b. Calicó 2500 (this coin). Biaggi 1088 (this coin). Very appealing reddish tone. Virtually as struck and almost Fdc 15'000

Ex Hess sale 5 April 1955, 127.



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- 309 Aureus, Laodicea 198-202, 7.31 g. L SEPT SEV AVG IMP – XI PARTH MAX Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SAECVLI FELICITAS Confronted busts of Caracalla, on l., laureate, draped and cuirassed and Geta, on r., bare-headed and draped. C –. BMC p. 288 *. RIC 513. Calicó 2605 (this coin). Biaggi 1130 (this coin). Extremely rare, very few specimens known. About extremely fine 16'000

Privately purchased in 1954.

The dynastic coinage of the Severans offers a variety of types showing the portraits of the four principal members of the early Severan family, Septimius Severus, Julia Domna, Caracalla and Geta. They appear in numerous combinations, ranging from two to four portraits per coin. On very rare occasions, Caracalla's wife Plautilla is included, but she is the sole exception.

This particular aureus, inscribed SAECVLI FELICITAS ('felicity of the age'), is especially interesting since it was struck at a branch mint, seemingly Laodicea, which would be appropriate considering the Imperial family was still in the East when it was struck. The engraver was zealous in advertising the difference in status between the brothers Caracalla and Geta, for at the time Caracalla held the title of Augustus and Geta only that of Caesar. It is worth noting that on this particular die the size of Caracalla's bust dwarfs that of his brother. This general type, with the portrait of Severus on the obverse and the two brothers confronted on the reverse, usually bears the inscription AETERNIT IMPERI ('the eternity of the empire').

Although the brothers were relatively close in age, Caracalla had been hailed Augustus in 198 and Geta remained Caesar until 209. The explanation for this disparity may never be known, but we can be sure it aggravated the rivalry that already existed between the siblings. As time passed each brother attracted his own faction of supporters in Rome and throughout the empire, and after Caracalla murdered Geta he wasted no time in tracking down and murdering a great many people who had been loyal to his brother.



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- 310 Aureus, 201-210, 7.35 g. SEVERVS – PIVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. RESTITVTOR – VRBIS Roma seated l. on shield, holding *palladium* and spear. C 605. BMC 358. RIC 288. Calicó 2529 (this coin). Biaggi 1101 (this coin). Scratch on obverse and test-cut on edge at eleven o'clock on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 5'000
Ex M&M sale 13, 1954, 726,



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- 311 Aureus 201-210, 7.14 g. SEVERVS - PIVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICTORIAE Victory in biga prancing r.; in exergue, AVGG. C 712. BMC 369 and pl. 36, 16 (these dies). RIC 299. Calicó 2559 (this coin). Biaggi 1109 (this coin). Minor mark on cheek, otherwise about extremely fine 5'500
Ex Glendining 16-21 November 1950, Platt Hall part II, 1678 and Hess-Leu 7 April 1960, 356 sales.



312



- 312 Aureus 201-210, 6.92 g. SEVERVS – PIVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICT – PART – MAX Victory advancing l., holding wreath and palm branch. C 743. BMC 365 note. RIC 235. Calicó 2566 (this coin). Biaggi 1112 (this coin). Good extremely fine 14'000
Privately purchased from Cahn in 1950 for 1'500 Swiss Francs.



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- 313 Aureus 201-210, 7.40 g. SEVERVS – PIVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. P M TR P XIII – COS III P P Jupiter, naked but for cloak over shoulders, standing l. and holding thunderbolt; at feet l., eagle. C 468. BMC 469. RIC 196. Calicó 2508 (this coin). Biaggi 1090 (this coin). Extremely fine / good extremely fine 10'000



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- 314 Aureus 210, 7.08 g. SEVERVS – PIVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. P M TR P XVIII COS III P P Victory advancing r., holding trophy over l. shoulder and leading captive by hand. C 544. BMC 23. RIC 237. Calicó 2517 (this coin). Biaggi 1096 (this coin).

Rare. An absolutely insignificant trace of edge filing at five o'clock on obverse,
otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine

6'000

Ex Bourgey sale 13-15 November 1951, Motté collection, 41.

Julia Domna, wife of Septimius Severus



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- 315 Aureus 196-211, 7.34 g. IVLIA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. DIANA – LVCIFERA Diana standing l., holding torch in both hands. C 31. RIC S. Severus 548 var. (no crescent). BMC S. Severus 14. Calicó 2610 (this coin). Biaggi 1135.

Virtually as struck and Fdc

12'000

Privately purchased from Jacob Hirsch in 1951.



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- 316 Aureus 198-211, 7.23 g. IVLIA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. DIANA – LV – CIFERA Diana, with crescent on neck, standing l., holding long torch with both hands. C 26. BMC S. Severus 14 note. RIC S. Severus 548. Calicó 2609 (this coin). Biaggi 1134.

Extremely fine

7'500

Ex M&M sale 17, 1957, 514.



- 317 Aureus 196-211, 7.29 g. IVLIA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. HIL – A – R – ITAS Hilaritas standing l., holding long palm and cornucopiae. C 71. BMC S. Severus 30. RIC. S. Severus 556. Calicó 2615 (this coin). Biaggi 1139 (this coin).
About extremely fine 5'500
Ex M&M sale 13, 1954, 730.



- 318 Aureus, uncertain mint 196-211, 6.11 g. IVLIA DO – MNA AVG Draped bust r. Rev. VENER – I – VICTR Venus standing r., leaning l. elbow on column and holding apple and palm. C –. BMC Geta cf. 123. RIC –. Calicó 2642 (this coin). Biaggi 1154 (this coin).
Extremely rare and a very interesting issue. Good very fine / about extremely fine 5'000
Privately purchased in 1954.



- 319 Aureus 196-211, 7.31 g. IVLIA – AVGVSTA Draped bust r. Rev. IVNO – REGINA Juno, veiled, standing l., holding patera and sceptre; at her feet, peacock l. C 96. BMC S. Severus 42 note. RIC. S. Severus 560. Calicó 2618 (this coin). Biaggi 1142 (this coin).
Extremely fine 7'500
Privately purchased from Cahn 1956 for 1'700 Swiss Francs.



- 320 Aureus 211-217, 6.41 g. IVLIA PIA – FELIX AVG Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. VENVS GENETRIX Venus seated l., holding globe and sceptre; at her feet, Cupid with raised hands. C 204. BMC Caracalla 28 note. RIC Caracalla 389a. Calicó 2644 (this coin). Biaggi 1158 (this coin).

Very rare. A magnificent portrait of exceptionally good style stuck in high relief.

Invisible marks on obverse, otherwise extremely fine

9'000

Ex Hess sale 9 May 1951, 205.

Caracalla augustus, 198 – 217



- 321 Aureus 198, 7.11 g. IMP CAE M – AVR ANT AVG Laureate bust r., wearing cuirass decorated with *aegis*. Rev. SPES PV – BLICA Spes advancing l., holding flower and raising skirt. C 598 var. (different bust and legend). BMC 646 and pl. 43, 18 (these dies). RIC 333. de Sartiges 269 (this coin). Mazzini dopo 598 (this coin). Calicó 2821 (these dies). Biaggi 1220 (this coin).

Very rare. An interesting and unusual portrait well struck in high relief,

virtually as struck and almost Fdc

12'000

Ex Ars Classica 18, 1938, 436. From the de Sartiges collection and the Karnak hoard of 1901.



- 322 Aureus, Laodicea 198, 6.97 g. IMP CAE M AVR A – NT AVG P TR P Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. MINE – R – V – ICT – RIX Minerva standing l., holding Victory and sceptre; in field r., trophy. C 158. BMC 639. RIC 336b. Calicó 2695 (this coin). Biaggi 1184 (this coin).

Minor scratch on obverse and slightly bent, otherwise good very fine

4'000

Ex Gilhofer and Ranschburg – A.Hess sale 22 May 1935, Trau, 2188.



- 323 Aureus, Laodicea (?) 201, 7.09 g. ANTONINVS – AVGVSTVS Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PART MAX PONT TR P IIII Trophy; on either side, captive seated in attitude of mourning; in exergue, COS. C 176 var. (not cuirassed). RIC 55 (Rome). BMC p. 204 note *. Calicó 2701 (this coin). Biaggi 1186 (this coin).
Very rare. Good extremely fine 12'000

Ex Egger 39, 1912, Doubles du Cabinet de Vienne, 1112 and M&M 15, 1955, 812 sales.



- 324 Aureus 203-204, 7.08 g. ANTONINVS – PIVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. INDVLGENTIA AVGG Cybele-Dea Caelestis, holding thunderbolt and sceptre, riding lion running r. over waves gushing from rock; in exergue IN CARTH. C 96 var. (CART, a slip?). BMC 280 note. RIC 130b. Calicó 2678 (this coin). Biaggi 1175 (this coin).
Very rare. Invisible marks, otherwise extremely fine 9'000

Ex Hess-Leu sale 7 April 1960, 361.

This interesting type, INDVLGENTIA AVGG IN CARTH ('the indulgence of the Augusti towards Carthage'), suggests Septimius Severus and Caracalla made improvements to Carthage, the North African capital to the west of the imperial family's native Tripolitana. The evidence is slim, but it seems the imperial family and its entourage crossed to Africa in 202, a few months after they had returned to Rome from a five-year absence in the East.

The family apparently wintered in Lepcis Magna, Severus' home town (which he may not have visited for about thirty years) and they returned to Rome in the following year. In addition to touring the region and overseeing building projects, the Severan entourage was in North Africa to deal with military matters, including a campaign against the tribes who raided Roman provinces from the deserts to the south and east.

The reverse depicts a towered goddess sitting upon a lion that springs from a rocky outcrop from which water flows. This latter feature has led to the suggestion that aqueducts or waterworks of some kind in Carthage were constructed or repaired at state expense. A similar scene appears on imperial coins struck by Commodus in 191/2, and earlier still on rare imperial bronzes of Faustina Senior, though in both cases without the rocks and flowing water.

The goddess riding the lion is Cybele (*Mater Deum*; 'mother of the Gods') or Dea Caelestis ('celestial goddess'), essentially the Roman identification of Tanit (the patron goddess of Carthage), who may be more precisely understood as a moon-goddess, who the Romans equated with Juno Caelestis or Cybele. On this aureus she holds a scepter and a thunderbolt, though on some other coins from the series she holds a scepter and a musical instrument that is a tympanum (a small drum or tambourine) or a *crotalum* (castanets or cymbals). Curiously, more than a decade later Elagabalus chose to marry his Emesan sun-god Heliogabalus to the Carthaginian moon-goddess Dea Caelestis, thus uniting sun and moon deities and symbolically linking the Syrian and North African ancestries of the Severan dynasty.



- 325 Aureus 201-206, 7.24 g. ANTONINVS – PIVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ROM – A – AETERNA Roma seated l., holding *palladium* and spear; beside her, shield. C 554. BMC p. 210 note †. Calicó 2809 (this coin). Biaggi 1216 (this coin). Minor marks, otherwise extremely fine 7'500

Ex Bourgey sale 25 May 1950, 156.



- 326 Aureus 203, 7.38 g. ANTON P AVG PON – TR P VI COS Laureate bust r., with *aegis*. Rev. VIRTU – S – AVGG Caracalla standing l., holding Victory and spear, crowned by Minerva standing behind him and holding spear. C 668 var. (no PON). BMC cf. 241 note † (misdescribed as a denarius). RIC 73 (misdescribed as a denarius). Calicó 2845 (this coin). Biaggi 1228 (this coin). Very rare. Good extremely fine 12'000

Ex Münzhaltung Basel 22-23 March 1937, 895 and Hess-Leu 23 March 1961, ESR, 263 sales.



- 327 Aureus 203, 7.38 g. ANTON P AVG PON – TR P VI COS Laureate bust r., with *aegis*. Rev. VIR – TVS – AVGG Caracalla standing l., holding Victory and spear, crowned by Minerva standing behind him and holding spear. C 668 var. (no PON). BMC cf. 241 note † (misdescribed as a denarius). RIC 73 (misdescribed as a denarius). Calicó 2845 (this coin). Biaggi 1227 (this coin). Very rare. An insignificant metal flaw on cheek, otherwise good extremely fine 10'000

Privately purchased in 1952.



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- 328 Aureus 215, 7.08 g. ANTONINVS PIVS AVG GERM Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P XVIII COS IIII P P Caracalla in military attire, standing l., sacrificing over lighted altar before domed temple of Vesta, behind him *pontifex*, wearing *apex*, and a child; before him, two *Vestales* and a child. C 350 var. (not draped). BMC p. 458 note * var. (not draped). RIC 272b var. (not draped). Mazzini dopo 250 (this coin). Calicó 2735 (this coin). Biaggi 1191 (this coin).

An apparently unique variety of an extremely rare and interesting type. A bold portrait and finely detailed reverse composition. Two minor marks on edge at two o'clock on obverse, otherwise extremely fine

16'000

Privately purchased in 1958.

Late in his reign Caracalla was afflicted with megalomania. He began to consider himself *Alexander novus*, a second Alexander the Great, and he satisfied this inclination in 214 by mounting an expedition against the Parthians in imitation of Alexander's famous invasion of Persia nearly 550 years before.

He first recruited a phalanx of 16,000 men whom he outfitted just as Alexander's soldiers had been, and who he had led by men with the same names as Alexander's subordinates. He then followed the same path as Alexander, visiting Troy, where he held military exercises to honour heroes of the Trojan War, casting himself in the role of Achilles. In 215, in the midst of his operations in the East, he visited Alexander's tomb in Alexandria, Egypt. His long-anticipated invasion of Parthia began in 216 – an ideal moment since the kingdom was then divided between rival siblings, Artabanus IV and Vologases VI. Perfect timing aside, Caracalla could not realize his Alexandrine dream, for he was murdered near Carrhae on April 8, 217 by his praetorian prefect and successor, Macrinus.

The reverse scene on this aureus perhaps shows sacrifices Caracalla had made at the Temple of Vesta before departing on campaigns, though he may have been absent from Rome from 213 until the end of his life. Motivation for this type may also have come from his mother Julia Domna, who travelled with Caracalla on his campaign, and who played a key role in his administration. She was especially devoted to the cult of Vesta, which she commemorated extensively on coinage struck in her name.

Always a religious and superstitious woman, Domna's interest may have been piqued when in 191, not long before her husband rose to imperial power, a slight earthquake and a devastating fire caused great damage to Rome: the Temple of Peace, part of the imperial palace, and the Temple of Vesta were among the casualties. The destruction of the Temple of Vesta was so complete that the Palladium – the most sacred of Roman relics – was exposed, and had to be rushed along the Sacred Way by Vestal Virgins, who deposited it in part of the palace which had survived the conflagration. Upon becoming Augusta in 193, Domna took it upon herself to restore the temple, which, apart from some modern restoration, is the version that survives to this day.



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- 329 Aureus 216, 6.41 g. ANTONINVS PIVS AVG GERM Laureate and cuirassed bust l., with drapery on r. shoulder. Rev. P M TR P XVIII COS IIII P P Sol on quadriga prancing l. C 354 var. (laureate and draped). BMC 174. RIC 282d. Calicó 2749 (this coin). Biaggi 1198 (this coin).

Rare. Minor marks on both sides and out of a setting, otherwise good very fine

3'500

Ex Glendining sale 25 November 1953, 187.



- 330 Aureus 217, 6.42 g. ANTONINVS PIVS AVG GERM Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P XX – COS IIII P P Serapis, wearing *polos*, standing l., holding wreath of corn ears and sceptre. C 381 var. (also draped). BMC 186 note. RIC 289b. Calicó 2761 (this coin). Biaggi 1200 (this coin).
Rare. Minor mark on cuirass, otherwise about extremely fine 7'000

Ex Serrure March 1914, 459 and M&M 17, 1957, 521 sales.



- 331 Aureus 217, 6.30 g. ANTONINVS PIVS AVG GERM Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P XX COS IIII P – P Lion, radiate, leaping l., holding thunderbolt in its jaws. C 401. BMC 196 note. RIC 296a. Calicó 2771 (this coin). Biaggi 1202 (this coin).
Very rare. Scratch on obverse and a few marks on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine 8'000

Ex Dorotheum sale 13-16 June 1955, Apostolo Zeno, 1560.

Plautilla, wife of Caracalla



- 332 Aureus 202-205 (?), 7.53 g. PLAVTILLAE – AVGVSTAE Draped bust r., hair waved and caught back behind. Rev. CONCORDIAE AETERNAE Caracalla and Plautilla clasping hands. C 9. BMC Caracalla 400 and pl. 37, 18 (these dies). RIC Caracalla 361. Jameson 195a (this coin). Calicó 2869 (this coin). Biaggi 1237 (this coin). Extremely rare. An unusually pleasant portrait struck on a broad flan and an interesting reverse composition, about extremely fine 25'000

Ex Hirsch sale XXIX, 9 November 1910, Herzfelder, 1191 and from the Jameson collections.

Plautilla's marriage in 202 to the 14 year old emperor Caracalla was an act of political expedience rather than love; we are told she despised her husband so much that she would not even dine with him. Plautilla's father Plautianus had for five years been Caracalla's praetorian prefect, and by this marriage he sought to strengthen his ties to the Imperial family. He had prepared his daughter well, sparing no expense along the way. Dio, who attended the wedding, tells us that Plautianus had castrated one hundred Romans of good birth just so his daughter would have a suitable number of eunuchs to school her in the finer arts of life, and that the dowry he offered was fifty times the normal amount for a royal woman. Plautianus' wealth, power and ego grew immensely, and he even held the consulship in 203. This alone would have infuriated Caracalla, but the additional insult was that Geta, the brother who Caracalla hated perhaps even more than Plautianus, was his colleague in that consulship. The prefect had become virtual co-emperor with Septimius Severus, the senior emperor and Caracalla's father. Nevertheless, as history has shown Caracalla was no shrinking violet, and as his own power and independence grew he became less tolerant of Plautianus and Plautilla. By early 205 he had assembled enough evidence to murder Plautianus and to banish his wife to Lipari, a volcanic island north of Sicily. Plautilla remained there for the better part of a decade until, upon becoming sole Augustus, Caracalla had her murdered.

Macrinus, 217 – 218



- 333 Aureus January-June 218, 7.40 g. IMP C M OPEL SEV MACRINVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PONTIF MAX TR P II COS II P P Felicitas standing to front, head l., holding caduceus and cornucopiae. C 92. BMC 56 note. RIC 40 (this coin). Calicó 2963 (this coin). Biaggi 1273 (this coin). Very rare. An attractive portrait, virtually as struck and almost Fdc 35'000

Ex Hirsch sale 29, 1910, Herzfelder, 1204.

A trusted administrator under the Severans, Macrinus rose to become one of two praetorian prefects under the emperor Caracalla. He took a leading role in the plot to murder his benefactor, having himself enlisted the assassin. Three days after Caracalla's assassination, Macrinus was nominated Augustus by the soldiers after pretending to show sorrow for his master's death. For a time he continued the war against the Parthians, but soon tired of it and sued for peace, offering the enemy large payments in exchange for a non-aggression pact. This did not bode well with the soldiers, who perhaps wanted to pursue the campaign and have an opportunity to claim their share of the legendary wealth of the East. Thus, many soldiers soon deserted to the cause of a new rival, the 14-year-old grandnephew of Julia Domna, Elagabalus, who was alleged to be an illegitimate son of Caracalla. When the opponents finally clashed near a small Syrian village outside Antioch, the forces of Elagabalus got the upper hand and Macrinus fled the field. He made his way in disguise as far as Calchedon before he was captured and executed.



- 334 Aureus 217-218, 6.57 g. IMP C M OPEL SEV MACRINVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FELICITAS TEMPORVM Felicitas standing l., holding caduceus and cornucopiae. C 14. BMC p. 496 * (this coin). RIC 58 (this coin). Calicó 2938 (this coin). Biaggi 1264 (this coin). Very rare. A bold portrait struck on a full flan, good extremely fine 32'000

Ex Gilhofer und Ranschburg - A.Hess 22 May 1935, Traus, 2371 and Glendining 14-16 January 1953, Raschleigh, 65 sales.

Elagabalus, 218 – 222



- 335 Aureus 219, 6.19 g. IMP CAES M AVR M ANTONINVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PONTIF MAX TR P II COS II P P Roma seated l., holding Victory and spear; by her side, shield. C 230 var. (not cuirassed). BMC p. 243 *. RIC 26b. Jameson 209 (this coin). Calicó 3024 (this coin). Biaggi 1294 (this coin).
Rare. Good extremely fine / extremely fine 14'000

From the Jameson collection. Privately purchased in 1951 from Hubert Herzfelder for \$ 250.



- 336 Aureus 218-222, 6.13 g. IMP ANTONINVS PIVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ADVENTVS AVGVSTI Elagabalus on horseback l., raising r. hand and holding vertical spear. C 4. BMC 195 note. RIC 576. Jameson 508 (this coin). Calicó 2985 (this coin). Biaggi 1282 (this coin).
Rare. Extremely fine / about extremely fine 10'000

Privately purchased in 1951 for \$ 376.



- 337 Aureus 218-222, 6.34 g. IMP CAES AN – TONINVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FIDES EXERCITVS Fides seated l., holding eagle on extended r. hand and standard in l.; before her, another standard. C 29. BMC 105. RIC 66. Calicó 2991 (this coin). Biaggi 1284 (this coin).
Lovely reddish tone and extremely fine 10'000

Ex Rollin & Feuardent 20-28 April 1896 sale, Montagu, 541.

Severus Alexander, 222 – 235



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- 338 Aureus 222-228, 6.09 g. IMP C M AVR SEV – ALEXAND AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IOVI CONSE – R – VATORI Jupiter, naked but for cloak over his shoulders, standing l., holding thunderbolt and sceptre. C 69 var. (omits C M AVR). BMC 55. RIC 140. Calicó 3056 (this coin). Biaggi 1304 (this coin).
Minor marks, otherwise extremely fine 5'000

Privately purchased from Bank Leu in 1957 for 1'225 Swiss Francs.



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- 339 Aureus 222-228, 6.19 g. IMP C M AVR SEV – ALEXAND AVG Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. A – EQVITA – S AVG Aequitas standing facing, head l., holding scales and cornucopiae. C 8. BMC 328 and pl. 12, 328 (these dies). RIC 126. Jameson 455 (this coin). Calicó 3052 (this coin). Biaggi 1302 (this coin).
Minor area of weakness on ear on obverse, otherwise extremely fine / good extremely fine 5'000

Ex Bourgey 12 December 1913 sale, Vidal Quadras 435 and from the Jameson collection.



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- 340 Aureus 222-228, 5.91 g. IMP C M AVR SEV – ALEXAND AVG Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. PAX – AVG Pax string l., holding branch and sceptre. C 186 var. (also cuirassed). BMC 362 and pl. 12, 362 (this obverse die). RIC 167c. Mazzini 186 var. (this coin). Calicó 3078 (this coin). Biaggi 1317 (this coin).
Insignificant marks on reverse field, otherwise about extremely fine 4'000

Privately purchased in 1958.



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- 341 Aureus 224, 6.47 g. IMP C M AVR SEV – ALEXAND AVG Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. P M – TR P III – COS P P Jupiter, naked but for cloak over his shoulders, standing l., holding thunderbolt and sceptre. C 248. BMC 159 and pl. 6, 159 (these dies). RIC 34. Calicó 3096 (this coin). Biaggi 1323 (this coin).
Minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine 4'000

Ex Ratto sale 26-29 January 1955, Giorgi, 965.



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- 342 Aureus 225, 6.47 g. IMP C M AVR SEV – ALEXAND AVG Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. P M – TR P IIII – COS P P A. Severus, in military attire, standing l., holding globe and reversed spear. C 268. BMC 252. RIC 46. Mazzini 268 (this coin). Calicó 3102 (this coin). Biaggi 1324 (this coin).

Privately purchased in 1958.

About extremely fine

4'500



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- 343 Aureus 228-231, 6.39 g. IMP SEV ALE – XAND AVG Laureate bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. VIRT – V – S AVG Severus as Romulus, in military attire, advancing r. holding trophy and transverse spear. C 583 var. (no drapery). BMC 521 var. (no drapery). RIC 223 var. (no drapery). Calicó 3144 (this coin). Biaggi 1341 (this coin).

Ex Hess-Leu 24, 1964, 332.

Graffito on reverse field, otherwise extremely fine

5'000



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- 344 Quinarius 228-231, 3.18 g. IMP SEV ALE – XAND AVG Laureate bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. IOVI CONSER – VATORI Jupiter, naked but for cloak over arms, standing facing, head l., holding thunderbolt and sceptre; at foot l., small figure of emperor. C –. BMC 689 * and pl. 23, 689 (this coin). RIC –. King 7b (this coin). Biaggi 1306 (this coin).

Privately purchased in 1954.

Extremely rare. Several nicks and scratches in fields and on the edge, otherwise about very fine / very fine

3'000



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- 345 Aureus 230, 6.27 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. C –. BMC 620. RIC 103. Calicó 3121 (these dies). Biaggi 1330.

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1953 for 1'400 Swiss Francs. From the Pfliger collection.

Good extremely fine

6'000



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- 346 Aureus 234, 7.00 g. IMP ALEXANDER PIVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P X – III COS III P P Sol advancing l., holding whip in l. hand and raising r. C 447. BMC 950 note. RIC 122. Calicó 3129 (this coin). Biaggi 1333.

Minor marks on obverse and a heavy nick on reverse,
otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

3'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1956 for 1'200 Swiss Francs.

Gordian III augustus, 238 – 244



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- 347 Aureus 239, 5.27 g. IMP CAES M ANT GORDIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P II COS P P Providentia standing to front, head l., holding globe and sceptre. C 195 var. (not draped and cuirassed). RIC 23 and pl. 1, 9 (this reverse die). Calicó 3213. Biaggi 1362.

Good very fine

3'000

Ex Glendining sale 14-16 January 1953, Rashleigh, 72.

- 348 Aureus 239, 5.04 g. IMP CAES M ANT GORDIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR P II – COS P P Virtus, in military attire, standing facing, head l., resting r. hand on shield and holding vertical spear. C 193 var. (not cuirassed). RIC 25. Calicó 3212. Biaggi 1361.

Good very fine

2'750

Ex Ars Classica 18, 1938, 395 and Santamaria 23-24 October 1951, Magnaguti, 264 sales. From de Sartiges collection.

- 349 Aureus March-May 240, 4.84 g. IMP CAES GORDIANVS PIVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. AEQVITAS AVG Aequitas standing l., holding scales and cornucopiae. C 21. RIC 57. Calicó 3184 (this coin). Biaggi 1350.

Several marks and scratches, otherwise very fine

2'000

Ex Ratto sale 26-29 January 1955, Giorgi, 1004.



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- 350 Aureus 241-243, 4.55 g. IMP GORDIANVS PIVS FEL AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IOVI – STATORI Jupiter standing facing, head r., holding sceptre and thunderbolt. C 108 var. (not draped and cuirassed). RIC 99. Calicó 3200. Biaggi 1358.

About extremely fine

3'500

Ex M&M sale 13 June 1953, 842.

- 351 Aureus 241-243, 5.24 g. IMP GORDIANVS PIVS FEL AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. LAETITIA AVG N Laetitia standing l., holding wreath and anchor. C 119 var. (not draped and cuirassed). RIC 101. Calicó 3202a. Biaggi 1359.

Very fine

2'000

Ex Hess sale 9 May 1951, 229.

Philip I, 244 – 249



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- 352 Aureus 248, 3.99 g. IMP PHILIPPVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SAECVLARES AVGG Low column inscribed COS III. C 191 var (not cuirassed). RIC 24a. Calicó 3258. Biaggi 1384 (this coin). Extremely rare. Several scratches and nicks in fields. Traces of mounting, otherwise about extremely fine 6'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1951 for 1'600 Swiss Francs.

One of the most interesting series of coins of the 3rd century was issued by Philip I, his wife, and his son, for the thousandth anniversary of Rome's foundation. Though archaeological evidence proves the hills of Rome were settled at least two centuries earlier than the legendary foundation date of 753 B.C. set by the sage Varro, the Romans considered that date gospel. The close of the millennium occurred, ironically, in the unsettling year 248 when four separate rebellions broke within the ranks of the army. However, none of them could lure Philip from the capital, where he initiated celebrations on April 21, and where he remained to witness the much-anticipated games later in the year. Public celebrations were accompanied by an ornamental series of coins inscribed SAECVLARES AVGG, MILIARIVM SAECVLVM and SAECVLVM NOVVM. Other coins inscribed AETERNITAS AVGG and ROMAE AETERNAE bear general relevance to the celebration. The reverse types are varied and exotic: a lion, gazelle, antelope, goat, stag, hippopotamus and elephant all relate to the games, whereas the she-wolf and twins, a low column (or cippus) and the temple of Roma Aeterna relate to the event in general, and to the hope that it would represent the beginning of a new age. Unfortunately it did – but the age was not to be happier, safer or more prosperous. Instead it would be more tragic, violent and unsettled.

Trajan Decius, 249 – 251



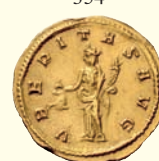
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- 353 Aureus 249-251, 3.52 g. IMP C M Q TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. DACIA FELIX Dacia standing l., holding standard. C 31. RIC 14 note. Calicó 3287 (this coin). Biaggi 1393 (this coin).

Insignificant edge mark at one o'clock on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 4'000

Ex Hess sale 9 May 1951, 234.

- 354 Aureus 249-251, 4.81 g. IMP C M Q TRAIANVS DECIVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. VBERITAS AVG Ubertitas standing l., holding purse and cornucopiae. C 104 var. (no drapery). RIC 28 and pl. 10, 15 (this obverse die). Calicó 3299 (this coin). Biaggi 1397 (this coin).

Several marks in fields and on edge, otherwise good very fine 3'000

Ex Hirsch 31, 1912, Gutekunst, 1745 and M&M 17, 1957, 547 sales.

Herennia Etruscilla, wife of Trajan Decius



- 355 Aureus 249-251, 4.89 g. HER ETRVSCILLA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. Rev. PVDICITIA AVG Pudicitia standing l., drawing veil over her head with r. hand and holding sceptre. C 16. RIC Trajan Decius 58a. Calicó 3307 (this coin). Biaggi 1402 (this coin). About extremely fine 6'500

Ex Münzhandlung Basel 10, 1938, 719 and Santamaria 23-24 October 1951, Magnaguti, 346 sales.

Trebonianus Gallus, 251 – 253



- 356 Aureus 251-253, 3.11 g. IMP CAE C VIB TREB GALLVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCORDIA AVG Concordia standing l., holding patera and double cornucopiae. C –. RIC 19A. Calicó 3330 (this coin). Biaggi 1409 (this coin). Two minor marks, otherwise extremely fine 8'000

Privately purchased in 1952 for 2'00 Swiss Francs.

Volusian, 251 – 253



- 357 Aureus 251-253, 3.25 g. IMP CAE C VIB VOLVSIANO AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SALVS AVGG Salus standing r., feeding out of patera snake held in arms. C –. RIC T. Gallus 160. Calicó 3372 (this coin). Biaggi 1423 (this coin). Rare. About extremely fine / good very fine 6'000

Ex Ars Classica 17, 1934, 909 and Hess-Leu 17, 1961, ESR, 347 sales.



- 358 Aureus 251-253, 2.85 g. IMP CAE C VIB VOLVSIANO AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ANNONA AVGG Annona standing in front, head r., holding rudder and corn ears. C –. RIC –. Calicó 3351 (this coin). Biaggi 1425 (this coin). Apparently unique. Minor marks and weakly struck on reverse, otherwise extremely fine 6'000

Privately purchased in 1959.

Uranus Antoninus, 253 – 254



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- 359 Aureus, Emesa 253-254, 5.83 g. L IVL AVR SVLP VRA ANTONINVS Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ROMAE AETERNAE Roma seated l., holding Victory and spear; shield leaning against throne. C –. RIC –. Baldus 46 and pl. 5, 46 (this coin). Calicó 3393 (this coin). Biaggi 1426 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Pierced, otherwise extremely fine

7'500

Ex Ciani-Vinchon sale 6-7 May 1955, 404.

Valerian I, 253 – 260



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- 360 Binio, Antiochia 253, 5.05 g. IMP C P LIC VALERIANVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. AETERNITAS AVG Emperor walking r., raising r. hand and holding globe with l. C 6. RIC 273. Calicó 3402 (this coin). Biaggi 1432 (this coin).

Very rare. Several scratches and traces of mounting on edge, otherwise very fine

4'000

Privately purchased from Hubert Herzfelder in 1956 for 6'000 Swiss Francs.



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- 361 Aureus 253, 2.63 g. IMP C P LIC VALERIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FIDES MILITVM Fides standing l., holding two ensigns. C 64 var. (not draped and cuirassed). RIC 35d. Calicó 3410 (this coin). Biaggi 1434 (this coin).

Very rare. Insignificant metal roughness on cheek, otherwise extremely fine

7'000

Privately purchased in 1954.



362



- 362 Aureus 253, 2.98 g. IMP C P LIC VALERIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. LAETITIA AVG Laetitia standing l., holding wreath and anchor. C 100 var. (not draped and cuirassed). RIC 41. Calicó 3423 (this coin). Biaggi 1438 (this coin).

Very rare. Extremely fine

9'000



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- 363 Aureus 255-256, 2.92 g. IMP C P LIC VALERIANVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FELICITAS AVGG Felicitas standing l., holding caduceus and cornucopiae. C 52 var. (not draped and cuirassed). RIC 34d. Calicó 3406 (this coin). Biaggi 1433 (this coin).

Very rare. Hole expertly filled at twelve o'clock on obverse and a few marks,
otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

3'000

Ex Hirsch 24, 1913, Consul Weber, 2262 and Glendining 24 November 1925, Isoler, 157 sales.

- 364 Aureus 256-257, 2.09 g. IMP C P LIC VALERIANVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. RESTITVTO – R ORBIS Emperor standing l., holding spear and raising kneeling figure. C 181 var. (not draped and cuirassed). RIC 50 var. (not cuirassed). Calicó 3441. Biaggi 1445 (this coin).

Very rare. Good very fine

5'500

Privately purchased in 1954.

Gallienus, 253 – 268



365



- 365 Aureus 253-254, 3.20 g. IMP C P LIC GALLIENVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS AVGG Soldier standing l., holding spear in r. hand and resting l. on shield. C 1287. RIC 99. Jameson 515 (this coin). Göbl 380. Calicó 3650 (this coin). Biaggi 1489 (this coin).

A magnificent portrait of fine style. Two minor marks on reverse at three o'clock,
otherwise good extremely fine

7'000

Ex L. Hamburger 27 May 1929 sale, 1509 and from the Jameson collection.



366



- 366 Aureus 253-254, 3.33 g. IMP C P LIC GALLIENVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS AVGG Soldier standing l., holding spear in l. hand and resting r. on shield. C 1286. RIC 99. Göbl pl. 7, 38p (this coin). Mazzini 1286 (this coin). Calicó 3653 (this coin). Biaggi 1490 (this coin).

Mark on obverse and a graffito on reverse, otherwise extremely fine

5'000

Privately purchased in 1958.



367



368



- 367 Aureus, Samosata (?) 255, 3.50 g. IMP C P LIC GALLIENVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P M TR III COS IT P P The Emperor, veiled, standing r., holding eagle-tipped sceptre and sacrificing out of patera over lighted tripod. C —, cf. 801 (Emperor standing l.). RIC —. Göbl —. Calicó 3571 (this coin). Biaggi 1469 (this coin).

Several edge marks, probably traces of mounting, otherwise good very fine

3'500

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1953 for 1'500 Swiss Francs.

- 368 Quinarius, Lugdunum 256, 1.96 g. IMP C P LIC GALLIENVS P F AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FELICITAS AVGG Felicitas standing l., holding caduceus and cornucopiae. C 194. RIC 73. Göbl 73. Calicó 3482 (this coin). Biaggi 1452 (this coin).

Reddish tone, minor traces of edge filing, otherwise extremely fine

4'000

Ex Hess-Leu sale 27 March 1956, 406.



369



- 369 Aureus 258, 3.07 g. IMP GALLIENVS P F AVG GERM Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA GERM Victory standing l., holding wreath and palm branch; at foot, captive. C 1158 (omits P F, a slip?). RIC 96. Göbl 117h. Calicó 3630a (this coin). Biaggi 1483 (this coin).

An unusually attractive portrait of fine style, good extremely fine

7'500

Ex Hess sale 9 May 1951, 246.



370



- 370 Heavy aureus 260-261, 3.97 g. GALLIENVS AVG Radiate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVG Victory advancing l., holding wreath in r. hand and palm in l.; in field l., T. RIC 84. C 1116. Göbl 414 (these dies). Calicó 3619 (this coin). Biaggi 1480 (this coin).

Rare. Extremely fine / good extremely fine

7'500

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1952 for 1'400 Swiss Francs.



371



- 371 Heavy aureus 260-261, 4.17 g. GALLIENVS AVG Radiate bust r. Rev. LIBERALITAS AVG Liberalitas standing l., holding *abacus* and cornucopiae; in field l., V. C 560 var. (no V). RIC 55 var. (no V). Göbl 459. Calicó 3541 var. (no V). Biaggi 1466 (this coin).

An apparently unrecorded variety. Reddish tone and two nicks in reverse field, otherwise very fine

4'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1954 for 800 Swiss Francs.



372



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- 372 Quinarius 262, 1.33 g. GALLIENVS AVG Laureate bust r. Rev. VBIQVE PAX Victory in prancing biga r. C –. RIC 121 var. (radiate head). Göbl 695. Calicó 3597 (this coin). Biaggi 1495 (this coin).

A very attractive portrait, flan somewhat irregular, otherwise extremely fine

5'000

Privately purchased in 1952 for 1'500 Swiss Francs.



373



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- 373 Quinarius 261, 2.30 g. GALLIENVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS AVG Mars standing l., holding globe and sceptre. C –. RIC –, cf. 90 (for reverse type). Göbl 406 l and pl. 36, 406 l. (this coin). Mazzini dopo 1219 (this coin). Calicó 3640 (this coin). Biaggi 1487 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Minor marks, otherwise extremely fine

5'000

Privately purchased in 1958.



374



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- 374 Quinarius 262, 1.28 g. GALLIENVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. MARTI – PACIFERO Mars standing l., holding olive branch and spear and leaning on shield. C 616. RIC 112. Göbl 657b and pl. 657b (this coin). Mazzini 616 (this coin). Calicó 3550 (this coin). Biaggi 1467 (this coin).

Slightly bent, otherwise good extremely fine / extremely fine

4'000

Ex Santamaria sale 24 January 1938, 793.



375



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- 375 Quinarius 262, 1.43 g. GALLIENVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. SECVRIT PERPET Securitas standing l., legs crossed, holding sceptre and leaning on column. C 959. RIC 118. Göbl 670b and pl. 53, 670b (this coin). Biaggi 1471 (this coin).

Minor area of weakness and slightly bent, otherwise about extremely fine

3'000

Ex Dorotheum sale 13-16 June 1955, Apostolo Zeno, 2013.



376



- 376 Quinarius 262, 1.58 g. GALLIEN – VS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICTO – R – IA – AVG Victory standing l., holding wreath and palm. C 1074. RIC 126. Göbl 697f and pl. 55, 697f (this coin). Mazzini 1074 (this coin). Biaggi 1476 (this coin).

A stunning and unusual portrait. Two minor marks on obverse field,
otherwise almost Fdc

6'000

Ex Rollin & Feuardent sale 1896, Montagu, 637.



377



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- 377 Quinarius 262, 1.33 g. GALLIENVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVG Emperor standing l., holding globe and sceptre, crowned by Victory standing behind him. C 1110. RIC 127. Göbl 696f and pl. 55, 696f (this coin). Calicó 3613 (this coin). Biaggi 1477 (this coin).

Areas of weakness on obverse and reverse, otherwise extremely fine / about extremely fine

4'000

Ex Dorotheum sale 13-16 June 1955, Apostolo Zeno, 2018.



378



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- 378 Quinarius 262, 1.10 g. GALLIENVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. FIDES MIL – ITVM Fides standing l., holding standard and sceptre. C 243. RIC 367. Göbl 672T. Biaggi 1457 (this coin).

A superb portrait of high style. Minor mark on reverse, otherwise good extremely fine

5'000

Privately purchased from Leu 1957 for 1'000 Swiss Francs.



379



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- 379 Quinarius 262, 1.61 g. GALLIENVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IOVIS – STATOR Jupiter standing to front, head r., holding sceptre and thunderbolt. C –, cf. 387 (for reverse type). RIC –, cf. 49 (for reverse type). Göbl 680g and pl. 52, 680g (this coin). Calicó 3523 (this coin). Biaggi 1462 (this coin).

An apparently unique variety. Insignificant areas of weakness,
otherwise good extremely fine

4'000

Ex M&M sale 35, 1967, 114.

Postumus, 260 – 269



- 380 Aureus, Lugdunum 261, 5.25 g. VIRTUS POSTVMI AVG Cuirassed bust r., wearing crested helmet with bowl decorated with floral pattern. Rev. VICTORIA Victory in biga prancing r.; in exergue, AVG. C 398. RIC 43. Jameson 266 (this coin). Schulte 11a and pl. 1, 11a (this coin). Calicó 3792 (this coin). Biaggi 1533 (this coin).

Very rare. An appealing portrait, minor marks on edge, otherwise about extremely fine 25'000

Ex Heberle 10 September 1884, Garte, 2888; Rollin & Feuardent 1889, Du Chastel, 569 and Rollin & Feuardent 1896, Montagu, 661 sales. From the Jameson collection.

The artistic merit and variety of types of the aurei of Postumus is well attested in this sale, which includes two aurei with helmeted busts, boastful inscriptions, and four different reverse types associated with the wartime concerns of this Gallic emperor. The two crested helmets worn by Postumus are especially ornate, suggesting they represent parade helmets. On this coin the helmet has a heavy visor and its surfaces are decorated with floral elements, and on the other example in this sale the visor is integrated into the body of the Corinthian-style helmet, and the bowl is decorated with a biga in high action.

The legends on this coin are patriotic, and worth examining. The obverse, inscribed VIRTUS POSTVMI AVG, departs from the usual formula, and is laudatory and personalised, being dedicated to "the valour of the Augustus Postumus." The reverse inscription, VICTORIA AVG, is equally flattering of the state of the empire and its leader. Together they pay homage to Postumus and the empire he had founded only a year before, and which since that time he seemed to have enlarged from Germany, Gaul and Rhaetia to include Spain and Britain.

When this aureus was struck Postumus still had eight more years to reign, and had more successes to enjoy, including a legitimate start of his *decemalium* celebrations. His aurei would retain their artistic quality and inventiveness throughout that time, though the weight would fluctuate. This coin weighs slightly less than the average of about 5.50 grams that Postumus achieved. Remarkably, near the end of his reign his aurei actually increased to an average of about 6.50 grams, a standard nearly met by the last of the Postumus aurei offered in this sale.



- 381 Aureus, Lugdunum January-March 262, 5.82 g. IMP C POSTV – MVS P F AVG Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. LI – BER – ALITAS Postumus seated l. on platform, behind him, *lictor* and before him Liberalitas holding coin-counter and cornucopiae; below, citizen; in exergue, AVG. C188. RIC 27. Schulte 31 (these dies). Calicó 3742 (this coin). Biaggi 1520 (this coin).

Extremely rare. A fine portrait and an interesting reverse composition. Several marks on edge and light scratches in field, otherwise about extremely fine

16'000

Privately purchased in 1964.

The distribution of money to soldiers was essential for any emperor who wished to extend his reign. The concept of *liberalitas* as an act of generosity to soldiers, only came into being once Rome was ruled by individuals, who relied on a professional army as their base of support and feared it as a potential source of revolution. On this aureus we have a pictorial description of that ritual (also known as a *congiarium*, or imperial bounty) in a form that would have been universally recognizable to soldiers empire-wide.

Postumus is shown seated on the platform, accompanied by Liberalitas, who personifies the distribution. She holds a cornucopia – a symbol of bounty – and a board with a handle that is perpetually mis-described as an abacus (a counting device). In fact, it is a flat board with circular depressions, each designed to accommodate a single coin. This made the distribution of the correct number of coins more efficient.

In practice, these distributions would have been tightly controlled affairs, with many soldiers and bureaucrats on hand to assure they were handled properly. For evidence we need only examine a large frieze on the north face of the Arch of Constantine, on which a line of citizens with outstretched hands await the distribution of coins. In two windows above there is a repeated scene of togate officials and their assistants removing coins from a strongbox for placement in the depressions in the tray, which represented each citizen's allotment. Meanwhile, a secretary records each distribution on a scroll. Once filled, the trays are passed to a senior official at the emperor's side, at which point the coins are distributed.

The occasion for this distribution very likely was the defence of the Rhine frontier in heavy fighting against Germans, for which Postumus had assumed the title *Germanicus maximus* by December, 261.



- 382 Aureus, Lugdunum Autumn 263, 5.16 g. POSTVMVS – AVG Cuirassed bust l., wearing crested helmet decorated with a fast biga. Rev. P M GM TP C – OS III P P Trophy; on either side, captive seated in attitude of mourning. C 232. RIC 3. Schulte 44a and pl. 5, 44a (this coin). Calicó 3751 (this coin). Biaggi 1523 (this coin).

Very rare. A lovely reddish tone and a superb portrait of fine style.

Insignificant marks on edge, otherwise good very fine

16'000

Ex Hess sale 3 May 1951, 248.

In the embattled Western provinces of the later 3rd Century A.D., warfare and images of it were a part of daily life. In this period emperors could expect to defend the Rhine on an annual basis, which meant that from 260 to 269 that responsibility was assumed by Postumus, whose rebel empire included all of the Roman territories within quick striking range of the Rhine: Germania inferior, Germania superior, Raetia and the whole of Gaul.

With this aureus, Postumus uses militant types on both sides: the obverse features the cuirassed and helmeted bust of the emperor and the reverse shows barbarian captives at the base of a trophy (decorated with some items that are distinctly Germanic and Gallic, such as elongated shields and a war trumpet, the *carnyx*).

Of no less interest is the reverse inscription, PM GM TP COS III PP, which not only abbreviates TR P in an unusual fashion (see also Schulte nos. 78 and 107), but which includes the letters GM, abbreviating *Germanicus maximus*. Though Germanic victories are referenced generically on other issues of Postumus, no other inscription on the coinage of Postumus – obverse or reverse – includes this title he claimed in honour of his victories.



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- 383 Aureus, Cologne January-June 266, 6.20 g. POSTVMVS PIVS FELIX AVG Jugate busts of Postumus and Hercules r. Rev. FELICITAS AVG Jugate busts r. of Victory, holding wreath and palm, and Pax, holding olive branch. C 45. RIC 267. Jameson 271 (this coin). Schulte 109d (this coin). Calicó 3720 (this coin). Biaggi 1516 (this coin).

Very rare. A fantastic issue with two impressive jugate portraits of superb style.

Minor marks in reverse field and on edge, otherwise about extremely fine

25'000

Ex Rollin & Feuardent sale 1889, Du Chastel, 563.

As the extravagant appearance of this aureus would suggest, it was struck at a moment of relative security in the western provinces ruled by the rebel Postumus. Its reverse trumpets the happiness of the emperor (FELICITAS AVG) and, in essence, depicts victory and peace in union, something rarely found on other ancient coins. Postumus had good grounds to make such claims, for he had ruled over the impoverished and vulnerable West more effectively than the ordained emperors Valerian and Gallienus, who were constantly distracted by crises elsewhere.

But Postumus' success did not prevent Gallienus from trying to remove him from power. Two attempts were made in quick succession in 265. The first failed, or perhaps was sabotaged by Gallienus' cavalry commander Aureolus, who three years later became Postumus' ally by holding Milan against Gallienus. Zonaras tells us the second attempt ended when Gallienus was wounded by an arrow during the siege of an unnamed Gallic town into which Postumus had been driven.

This aureus was struck in 266, in the aftermath of Gallienus' failed attempts. Thus, on the reverse we find the conjoined busts of victory and peace as a cheerful expression of the 'state of the union'. On the obverse Postumus assimilates himself with the hero Hercules, his *comes* (companion) in preserving the empire. The accompanying inscription, which describes Postumus as the dutiful and happy (PIVS FELIX) emperor, is more explicit than usual, and was used by this emperor only on coins of special character, notably on pieces relating to his *quinquennalia*.

It is worth noting that the secondary figure on the reverse, the diademed goddess who holds an olive branch, is described as Felicitas by most scholars (Mattingly and Sydenham, Carson, Schulte and Cohen), presumably because of the inscription. However, the main objects associated with Felicitas are a caduceus, cornucopia or a sceptre, and this goddess holds a branch, which clearly identifies her as Pax. This was the conclusion drawn by Kent (*Roman Coins*, no. 510). It would seem the inscription, FELICITAS AVG, merely expresses a general sentiment, and plays no role in the identification of the secondary figure.

Victorinus, 269 – 271



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- 384 Aureus, Southern mint January 271, 4.04 g. IMP C VICTORINVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. LAETITIA AVG N Laetitia standing to front, head l., holding wreath and anchor. C 55 var. (omits N). RIC 10 var. (omits N). Calicó 3825 (this coin). Biaggi 1542 (this coin).

Extremely rare. A metal flaw in obverse field and minor marks on edge,

otherwise about extremely fine

25'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1954 for 5'500 Swiss Francs.

What little we know of Victorinus suggests he hailed from a wealthy Gallic family. Thus, his counter-revolt against Marius (269), a common soldier-turned emperor, might be construed as an effort by local nobility to reassert itself in the region. With each succession among the first four Romano-Gallic emperors, the balance switched: the first, Postumus (260-269) was a man of humble origins; he was overthrown by Laelianus (269), who seems to have been the candidate of Spanish nobility; then the tide reverted when the commoner Marius revolted, only to be overtaken by the well-financed and well-connected Victorinus.

Victorinus' qualification do not seem to have been limited to mere pedigree and purse, but included administrative and military talent. Aurelius Victor (*Caes.* 33.12) described him as a soldier of considerable ability. He apparently was tribuns praetorianorum at Trier under Postumus, with whom he shared a consulship in 265 or 267.

Unfortunately, the new emperor faced a powerful enemy in Claudius II, who in 268 assumed power in the central empire. Claudius soon incited the Aedui to revolt in central Gaul, which cost Victorinus his territories east of the Rhône. Indeed, it was only after a gruelling siege of Autun in the fall of 270 that Victorinus was able to recover this part of his empire. If we believe the sources for this period, Victorinus might have been an ideal emperor were it not for his lust for other men's spouses; he is said to have been murdered in Cologne after having propositioned one too many of his officer's wives.

This did not spell defeat for Victorinus' mother, Victoria, who apparently had engineered the coup for her son in the first place. She is also said to have bribed the legions to support a new candidate, Tetricus, a Gallic nobleman and senator who was serving as *praeses provinciae Aquitaniae* when Victorinus was murdered. Along with this uniquely amicable transition of power came honours of consecration for Victorinus, who was the only Romano-Gallic emperor to receive that distinction.

Tetricus, 271 – 274



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- 385 Aureus, Treveri or Cologne Summer 272, 3.07 g. IMP C TETRICVS P F AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. VIRTU – S AVG Virtus seated l. on cuirass, holding branch and sceptre. C 202. RIC 39. Schulte 24a (this coin). Calicó 3916 (this coin). Biaggi 1557 (this coin).

Very rare. Several light scratches in fields, otherwise good extremely fine

25'000

Ex Hess-Leu sale 9 May 1951, 257.

Following the sudden and unexpected murder of Victorinus – a valiant emperor who preserved the Romano-Gallic Empire from disintegration – the political scenario in the western provinces became precarious. Stepping into the void, if we believe the notoriously unreliable *Historia Augusta*, was Victoria, mother of the slain Victorinus. Through various means she was able to have Tetricus I, who probably was her grandson, hailed emperor at Bordeaux in 271. The once strong and independent empire founded more than a decade ago by Postumus began to split at the seams under Tetricus, who associated his eponymous son with his regime. In 272 the mighty emperor Aurelian returned to Europe after having just brought a much stronger separatist empire in Palmyra to its knees. He then set his sights on recovering the western provinces. Finally, in the spring of 274, the armies of Aurelian and Tetricus met at Châlons-sur-Marne, where the central armies defeated the Gallic legions and the separatist empire was absorbed back into the central empire. Historians have questioned if the battle was legitimate or merely orchestrated based upon an earlier covert agreement by Tetricus to surrender. Afterwards, Tetricus was treated with great honour by Aurelian, who restored his family's senatorial status and appointed him governor of Lucania, where he is said to have lived to an advanced age.

Claudius II Gothicus, 268 – 270



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- 386 Aureus, Mediolanum 268-270, 4.99 g. IMP CLAVDIVS P F AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. SPES PVBLICA Spes advancing l., holding flower and raising skirt. C 280 var. (not cuirassed). RIC 133 var. (not cuirassed). Huvelin-Lafaurie pl. IV, 29 (these dies). Calicó 3952 (this coin). Biaggi 1564 (this coin).

Rare. Nicks on edge and surface corroded, otherwise very fine

2'000

Privately purchased from Bourgey in 1958.

- 387 Aureus, Mediolanum 268-270, 5.54 g. IMP CLAVDIVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVG Victory advancing r., holding wreath and long palm branch. C –, cf. 300 (Victory l.). RIC –, cf. 135 (Victory l.). Huvelin-Lafaurie pl. V, 38 (this coin). Calicó 3961 (this coin). Biaggi 1568 (this coin). Extremely rare. Scratches and nicks in field, two bumps on edge and surface

somewhat porous, otherwise good very fine

2'500

Privately purchased from Bourgey in 1958.

- 388 Aureus, Mediolanum 268-270, 5.01 g. IMP CLAVDIVS P F AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust l., breast plate decorated with *aegis*, holding spear over r. shoulder. Rev. SPES – PVBLICA Spes advancing l., holding flower and raising skirt; in exergue, P. C –. RIC –. Huvelin-Lafaurie pl. 5, 41 (this coin). Calicó 3953 (this coin). Biaggi 1570 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Several scratches and small nicks in field and on edge, surface somewhat corroded, otherwise very fine

2'000

Privately purchased from Bourgey in 1958.

Aurelianus, 270 – 275



389



- 389 Aureus, Siscia 271, 3.67 g. IMP C DOM AVRE – LIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCO – RD – IA – MILI Two Concordiae standing facing each other, holding three military ensigns. C 49 var. RIC 167 var. Göbl 175m11 (this obverse die). Calicó 3990a (this coin). Biaggi 1590 (this coin).

Very rare. A stunning portrait of great strength. Almost invisible marks and traces of over-striking, otherwise good extremely fine

7'000

Privately purchased from Bourgey in 1958.



390



- 390 Aureus, Siscia 271, 5.53 g. IMP C D AVRELIVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONC – ORDIA – MILI Two Concordiae standing facing each other, holding three military ensigns. C 49. RIC 167. Huvelin-Lafaurie pl. 8, 56 (these dies). Göbl 175/38 (these dies). Calicó 3991. Biaggi 1580 (this coin).
Very rare. A bold portrait, minor marks, otherwise extremely fine 5'500
Privately purchased from Bourgey in 1958.



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- 391 Aureus, Siscia 271, 5.62 g. IMP C D AVRE – LIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRT – V – S AVG Two captives in attitude of mourning seated at sides of trophy. C –, cf. 278 (for reverse type). RIC –, cf. 99 (for reverse type). Huvelin-Lafaurie pl. 8, 55 (this coin). Göbl 165 (this coin). Calicó 4053 (this coin). Biaggi 1591 (this coin).
Extremely rare. Several nicks and scratches and surface somewhat corroded,
otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine 1'500
Privately purchased from Bourgey in 1958.

- 392 Aureus, Ticinum end 274, 6.27 g. IMP C AVREL – IANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRO – VIDEN D – EOR Providentia standing r., holding two ensigns; in front, Sol standing l., holding globe and raising r. arm. C –. RIC 19. Mazzini p 183 (this coin). Göbl 78/159. Calicó 4025 (this coin). Biaggi 1585 (this coin).
Rare. Traces of mounting and a few nicks and scratches, otherwise good very fine 3'000
Privately purchased in 1958.

Tacitus, 275 – 276



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- 393 Aureus 275-276, 4.25 g. IMP C M CL T – ACITVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust l., holding spear and shield decorated with she-wolf and twins. Rev. ROMAE AE – TERNAE Roma seated l., holding globe and sceptre; beside seat, shield. C 113. RIC 10. Calicó 4106 (this coin). Biaggi 1603 (this coin).
Very rare and an interesting and unusual portrait. A nick on obverse field and a scuff on
reverse at nine o'clock, otherwise about extremely fine 8'000
Privately purchased from Hubert Herzfelder in 1956 for 5'000 Swiss Francs.



- 394 Aureus 275-276, 4.23 g. IMP C M CL TACITVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. ROMAE AET – ERNAE Roma seated l., holding Victory and sceptre; beside throne, shield. C 115 var. RIC 75e. Calicó 4092 (this coin). Biaggi 1600 (this coin).

Minor marks, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

6'000

Privately purchased in 1952 for 1'500 Swiss Francs.



- 395 Aureus, Antiochia 275-276, 4.55 g. IMP C M CL TACITVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ROMAE – AET – ERNAE Roma seated l., holding Victory and sceptre; beside seat, shield. In exergue, S C. C 116. RIC 209. Calicó 4096 (this coin). Biaggi 1601 (this coin).

About extremely fine

7'500

Ex Glendining sale 21 November 1950, Platt Hall, 1957.

Probus, 276 – 282



- 396 Aureus, Lugdunum November-December 276, 4.77 g. IMP C M AVR PROBVVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. MARS – VICTOR Mars advancing r., holding spear and trophy. C 333. RIC 6d. Bastien Lyon 158 and pl. 18, 158 (this coin). Calicó 4166 (this coin). Biaggi 1617 (this coin).

Minor marks on edge, otherwise about extremely fine

5'000

Ex Hess sale 3 May 1951, 263.



397



- 397 Aureus, Cyzicus 276-282, 6.58 g. IMP C M AVR PROBVVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONS – ERVAT AVG Sol standing to front, head l., raising r. hand and holding globe in l. C 175. RIC 115. Delbrueck pl. 26, 7. Calicó 4149 (this coin). Biaggi 1614 (this coin).

Extremely fine 7'000

Ex M&M sale 13, 1954, 750.



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- 398 Aureus, Ticinum 276-282, 6.42 g. IMP C M AV – R PROBVVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust l. Rev. CONSE – RVAT AVG Sol standing facing, head l., raising r. hand and holding globe in l. C 176. RIC 309 var. (P AVG). Calicó 4152a (this coin). Biaggi 1615 (this coin).

Minor marks in field and on edge, otherwise about extremely fine 5'000

Privately purchased in 1958.



399



- 399 Aureus, Siscia 276-282, 6.24 g. IMP C M AVR P – ROBVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTU – S AV – GVSTI Mars advancing r., holding spear and trophy; at his feet, on both sides, captives seated on ground with hands tied behind their backs; in exergue, SIS. C 862 var. (not cuirassed). RIC 603 (not cuirassed). Calicó 4243 (this coin). Biaggi 1634 (this coin).

Rare. Struck on large flan and extremely fine 9'000

Ex Glendining sale 14-16 January 1953, Raschlegh, 87.



400

- 400 Aureus, Serdica 276-282, 6.29 g. SOL COM – I – PROBI – AVG Jugate busts l. of Probus, helmeted and cuirassed, holding spear and shield and head of Sol. Rev. SOLI INVICTO – COMITI AVG Draped bust of Sol r. C –. RIC 829 var. (omits AVG on reverse). Calicó 4202 (this coin). Biaggi 1640 (this coin).
Exceedingly rare. Hole expertly filled at eleven o'clock on obverse, otherwise fine 1'500

Ex M&M sale 19, 1959, 250.



401

- 401 Aureus, Serdica 276-282, 5.64 g. IMP C M AVR PROBUS AVG Helmeted and cuirassed bust l., holding spear and shield over shoulder. Rev. VICTORIAE Victory in slow quadriga l., holding wreath and palm branch; in exergue, AVG. C 781 var. (with *aegis*). RIC 831. Calicó 4222 (this coin). Biaggi 1628 (this coin).
Very rare. A magnificent portrait of fine style, extremely fine 15'000

Ex Hess sale 3 May 1951, 264.



402

- 402 Aureus, Tripolis Syriae 276-282, 6.03 g. IMP C M AVR – PROBUS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. RESTITVTOR – VRBIS Roma seated l., holding Victory on globe and sceptre; at side, shield and in exergue, crescent. C –. RIC 926 (this coin). Calicó 4182 (this coin). Biaggi 1638 (this coin).
Extremely rare. Insignificant mark on obverse field, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine 7'000

Ex Sotheby's, Wilkinson and Hodge sale 13-22 July 1908, O'Hagan, 672. From the Allen collection.

Carus, 282 – 283



403

- 403 Aureus, Lugdunum September 282, 4.62 g. IMP C M AVR CARVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PAX – AVG Pax walking l., holding olive branch and sceptre. C 46. RIC 2. Bastien Lyon 442e (this coin). Calicó 4270 (this coin). Biaggi 1644 (this coin).

A few scratches in field and several marks on edge, possibly traces of mounting,
otherwise good very fine 3'000

Ex Egger 15 January 1912, 1342; J. Shulman 5 March 1923, Vierordt, 2491; Glendining 18 June 1937, 48 and Glendining 14-16 January 1953, Rashleigh, 88 sales.



404

404

- 404 Aureus 282-283, 4.12 g. IMP C M AVR CARVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PAX – A – ET – ERNA Pax walking l., holding olive branch and sceptre. C 44. RIC 31. Calicó 4269 (this coin). Biaggi 1643 (this coin).

A very attractive portrait of fine style with a lovely reddish tone. Traces of mounting on edge
and slightly bent, otherwise about extremely fine 4'000

Ex M&M sale 19, 1959, 251.



405

- 405 Aureus, Ticinum 282-283, 4.21 g. IMP C M AVR CARVS P F AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ADVENTV – S C – ARI AVG Carus on horse advancing l., raising r. hand and holding sceptre in l. C 6 (obverse description missing). RIC –. Calicó 4260 (this coin). Biaggi 1642 (this coin).

Apparently unique. Traces of mounting and some scratches on field,
otherwise very fine 3'000

Carinus caesar, 282 – 283.



406

406

- 406 Aureus 282, 4.86 g. M AVR CARINVS NOB CAES Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PAX A – ETERNA Pax walking l., holding olive branch and sceptre. C 62. RIC Carus 153. Mazzini 62 (this coin). Calicó 4351 (this coin). Biaggi 1667 (this coin).

Rare. A few minor nicks in field, otherwise extremely fine 5'500

Privately purchased in 1958.



407



407

- 407 Aureus, Cyzicus 282, 4.54 g. M AVR CARINVS NOB CAES Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. P – RINCIPIVS IVV – ENTVTI Prince, in military attire, standing r., holding globe and transverse spear; in exergue, crescent. C 109 var. (not cuirassed). RIC Carus 199 var. (not cuirassed). Calicó 4355 (this coin). Biaggi 1671 (this coin).

Very rare. A very unusual portrait. Several scratches in field and traces of mounting on edge, otherwise good very fine

3'500

Privately purchased in 1954.



408



408

- 408 Aureus, Siscia 282, 5.03 g. M AVR CARINVS NOB CAES Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTO – RIA AVG Victory standing l. on globe, holding wreath and palm branch. C 139 var. (not draped). RIC 190d. Mazzini 139 var. (this coin). Calicó 4373 (this coin). Biaggi 1676 (this coin).

Several marks in field and on edge, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

5'000

Privately purchased in 1958.

Carinus augustus, 283 – 285



409



- 409 Aureus 283, 4.73 g. IMP CARINVS P F AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. P M TR – I P COS P P Carinus in slow quadriga r., holding olive branch. C 79. RIC Carus 226e. Calicó 4352 (this coin). Biaggi 1669 (this coin).

Extremely rare and a very interesting reverse type. Extremely fine

15'000

Privately purchased in 1958.



410



410

- 410 Aureus, Siscia 284, 4.52 g. IMP C CARINVS P F AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. SPE – S – AVGG Spes advancing l., holding flower and raising skirt. C 127 var. (not drapery). RIC 311. Mazzini 127 var. (this coin). Calicó 4361 (this coin). Biaggi 1672 (this coin).

Rare. Minor marks and a light nick at twelve o'clock on reverse, otherwise extremely fine

6'000

Privately purchased in 1958.

Numerian augustus, 283 – 284



411

- 411 Aureus 284, 6.58 g. IMP NVMERIANVS P F AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r., with drapery on l. shoulder. Rev. VENE – RI VICTRICI Venus standing facing, head l., holding Victory and apple. C 93. RIC Carus 405e. Calicó 4319 (this coin). Biaggi 1662 (this coin).

Very rare. Graffito on obverse and minor marks in reverse field and on edge,
otherwise about extremely fine

7'500

Privately purchased in 1950.

Diocletian, 284 – 305



412

- 412 Aureus, Cyzicus 284-286, 4.52 g. IMP C C VAL DIOCLETIANVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IOVI CON – SERVATORI ORBIS Jupiter standing facing, head l., wearing mantle over shoulder and holding sceptre and Victory on globe. C 283. RIC 299. Lukanc 14 and p. 251 (this coin cited). Depeyrot 2/3. Calicó 4524 (this coin). Biaggi 1729 (this coin).

Minor edge nick at one o'clock on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine

5'500

Privately purchased from Bourgey in 1957.



413

- 413 Aureus, Cyzicus 284-286, 4.55 g. IMP C C VAL DIOCLETIANVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ROMA – E AE – TERNAE Roma seated l., holding sceptre and Victory on globe; at side, shield. C 431. RIC 301. Lukanc 16. Depeyrot 2/5. Calicó 4562 (this coin). Biaggi 1538 (this coin).

About extremely fine

4'500

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1953 for 1'200 Swiss Francs.



414

- 414 Aureus 285-286, 3.77 g. IMP C C VAL DIOCLETIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. ORIE – N – S A – VG Sol advancing l., raising r. hand and holding whip in l. C 349. RIC 148. Lukanc 17. Depeyrot 1a/2. Calicó 4550 (this coin). Biaggi 1736 (this coin).

An heavy nick on edge at seven o'clock on obverse, otherwise extremely fine

4'000

Ex Glendining sale 16-21 November 1950, Platt Hall II, 1377.



- 415 Aureus 285-286, 4.28 g. IMP C C VAL DIOCLETIANVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AET – ERNA Victory advancing r., holding wreath and palm branch. C 463 var. (not cuirassed). RIC 150 var. (not cuirassed). Lukanc 18 var. (P F on obverse). Depeyrot 1a/4. Mazzini 463 var. (this coin). Calicó 4568 (this coin). Biaggi 1739 (this coin). Extremely rare. Extremely fine 6'000
Ex Rollin & Feuadent 1909, Evans, 289.



- 416 Aureus, Lugdunum June 285-April 286, 4.73 g. IMP C C VAL DIOCELTIANVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. MARS V – I – CTOR Mars advancing r., holding spear and trophy. C 313. RIC 2. Bastien Lyon 1d (these dies). Lukanc 2. Depeyrot 1/1. Calicó 4543 (this coin). Biaggi 1734 (this coin). Several nicks on edge and in field, otherwise good very fine 2'500
Privately purchased from Hubert Herzfelder in 1951 for 500 Swiss Francs.

- 417 Aureus, Siscia 286, 5.63 g. IMP C DIOCLETIANVS P F AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. IOVI CONSER – VATORI Jupiter standing to front, head l., holding thunderbolt and sceptre; at his feet, eagle with spread wings, standing l. C 262 var. RIC 246 (this coin). Lukanc p. 272 (this coin cited). Depeyrot 1/1. Calicó 4495 (this coin). Biaggi 1721 (this coin). Minor marks on obverse and traces of mounting on edge, otherwise about extremely fine 4'000
Ex Sotheby's sale 1951, Seltman, 114.



- 418 Aureus 289-290, 5.86 g. IMP C C VAL DIOCLETIANVS P F AVG Laureate and draped bust r. Rev. IOVI FVL – GERAT – ORI Jupiter standing r., hurling thunderbolt at kneeling Titan; in exergue, P R. C 285 var. RIC 144b. Lukanc 14. Depeyrot 4b/1 var. Calicó 4527 (this coin). Biaggi 1732 (this coin). Almost invisible marks on obverse, two graffiti and a minor nick on exergual line on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine 5'000
Privately purchased from Hesperia Art in 1954 for \$ 260.



419



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421



- 419 Aureus, Nicomedia 295, 5.28 g. DIOCLETIA – NVS AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI CONSE – RVATORI Jupiter standing to front, head l., naked but for cloak over shoulder, holding thunderbolt and sceptre. C –. RIC 11. Lukanc 4. Depeyrot 5/1. Calicó 4507 (this coin). Biaggi 1715 (this coin).
Rare. Minor marks and a small nick at six o'clock on obverse, otherwise about extremely fine 4'000
- 420 Aureus, Thessalonica 300-303, 5.42 g. DIOCLETIA – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI CONSE – RVATORI Jupiter standing l., with cloak over shoulder, holding thunderbolt and sceptre; at his feet, eagle standing l., looking backwards, holding wreath in its beak; in field r., Σ. In exergue, T•S•. C 263. RIC 3. Lukanc 1. Depeyrot 1/3. Calicó 4504 (this coin). Biaggi 1720 (this coin).
Several nicks on edge, otherwise about extremely fine 3'500
- 421 Aureus, Nicomedia 303-304, 5.43 g. DIOCLETIA – NVS AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. XX / DIOCL / ETIAN / I AVG / S M N within wreath. C 549. RIC 13. Lukanc 5. Depeyrot 7/2. Calicó 4593 (this coin). Biaggi 1750 (this coin). Rare. Several scratches, otherwise about extremely fine 4'000
Privately purchased from Hubert Herzfelder in 1959.



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- 422 Aureus, Carthago 303, 5.24 g. DIOCLETIA – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. IOM CONSERVATORI AVGG ET CAESS NN Jupiter standing facing, head l., naked but for cloak over shoulder, holding thunderbolt and sceptre; in exergue, P K. C –. RIC 6. Lukanc 2. Depeyrot 2/5. Calicó 4522 (this coin). Biaggi 1756 (this coin).
Very rare. About extremely fine 4'000
- 423 Aureus, Carthago 303, 5.62 g. DIOCLETIA – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. SOLI INVICT CONSERVAT AVGG ET CAESS NN Sol standing facing, head l., naked but for cloak over shoulder, raising r. hand and holding globe in l.; in exergue, P K. C –. RIC 9. Lukanc 3. Depeyrot 2/9. Carson Mélanges Lafaurie p. 61, 5 (probably this coin). Calicó 4567 (this coin). Biaggi 1760 (this coin).
Extremely rare. About extremely fine 4'000
Privately purchased from Spink in 1961 for 3'500 Swiss Francs.



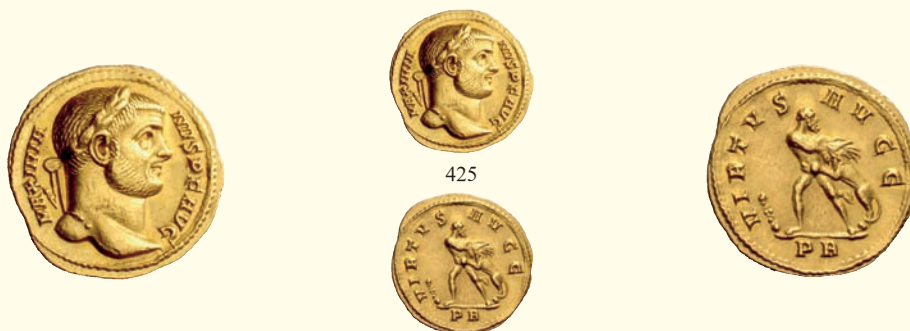
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- 424 Aureus, Aquileia 304, 5.35 g. DIOCLETI – ANVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. XX / DIOCL / ETIAN / I AVG / S M AQ within wreath. C –. RIC 10. Lukanc 3. Depeyrot 4/1. Paolucci-Zub 3 (this coin). Calicó 4592 (this coin). Biaggi 1751 (this coin).
Rare. A few scratches and nicks, otherwise extremely fine 3'500

Maximianus Herculus, first reign 286 – 305



- 425 Aureus 287, 5.63 g. MAXIMIA – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VIRTVS AVGG Hercules standing facing, head r. strangling the Nemean Lion, in lower field l., club; in exergue, P R. C 587. RIC –. cf. 499. Depeyrot 6/12. Calicó 4732 (this coin). Biaggi 1801 (this coin).

Rare. Struck in high relief and good extremely fine

7'000

Privately purchased from Forrer in 1952 for £ 125.



- 426 Aureus, Siscia circa 293-294, 5.41 g. MAXIMIA – NVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. HERCVLI D – EBELLAT Hercules standing l., fighting Hydra with club in r. hand. C 255. RIC 2. Depeyrot 3/2. Calicó 4656 (this coin). Biaggi 1788 (this coin).

Rare. Reddish tone, insignificant marks, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

5'500

Privately purchased in 1952 for 1'350 Swiss Francs.

Around the time the Tetrarchy was formed in 293 minting in the empire began to increase, partly because the size of the imperial bureaucracy had perhaps doubled, and the needs of the army were not lessened. Furthermore, there were donatives for Diocletian's *decennalia* and the courts and bodyguards of the new Caesars Constantius I and Galerius had to be established. All of these expenses carried into 294, when this aureus was struck at the Rome mint, about the time Diocletian implemented his monetary reform.

In the West the increase in expenses was piqued in 293 with the mounting of a fresh offensive against Carausius, the naval commander-turned-rebel who since 286 (or possibly early 287) had ruled Britain and controlled much of the north-western coast of Gaul. All this meant that the mint at Trier resumed production (in 293/4) after a 20-year hiatus, and that in 293 a temporary mint was established at Iantinum (Meaux).

If recent events were any guide, the success of this new venture was far from guaranteed. Maximian already had failed twice to defeat Carausius: in the spring of 289 he suffered a great naval disaster when moving against the rebel, and two years later a second attempt seems to have been thwarted, though no details of it survive. This was a source of great embarrassment to Maximian, who ultimately had to answer to Diocletian, the senior emperor in the East. It also took a great toll on the resources of the Western provinces, and threatened to inspire other would-be rebels.

Thus, when the new campaign was mounted in 293, success was essential. Maximian was relying on Constantius, his former praetorian prefect and new Caesar, who had proven his skills as a commander in the previous years. He'd registered impressive (if somewhat brutal) victories against Carausius' Frankish allies in the estuaries of the Rhine, trekking as far as the shores of the North Sea. Now, without the luxury of a fleet, he had to focus on defeating the rebel's allies in Gaul.

The campaign was fraught with hardship and uncertainty, but Constantius emerged victorious after he forced the surrender of Bononia (Boulogne), Carausius' major stronghold in Gaul. Constantius blocked the entrance to this port-city by a feat of engineering that seems to have given way to the rising tide only hours after the city had capitulated. It is not known if Carausius was in the city and escaped, or if he had been in Britain throughout the siege, but the loss of Bologne and the consequent surrender of the rest of the Continental allies caused his murder, seemingly by his successor Allectus.

Several coin types refer to this campaign, including the reverse of this aureus, which is dedicated "to Hercules the vanquisher" who is shown in the midst of his second labor, the defeat of the Lernaean Hydra. The message is clear, for Hercules was the patron deity of the ruling house of Maximian and Constantius, and the allusion of this coin type to this fresh and inspiring victory cannot be missed.



427

- 427 Aureus, Antiochia circa 293-295, 5.38 g. MAXIMIANVS – AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. CONSVL III – P P PRO COS Emperor, laureate and togate, standing l., holding globe and baton; in exergue, SMAZ*. C 80. RIC 4. Depeyrot 90/2. Calicó 4625 (this coin). Biaggi 1778 (this coin).

A bold portrait. Small edge nick at three o'clock on obverse and an invisible metal flaws on reverse field, otherwise extremely fine

6'500

Privately purchased in 1952 for 1'100 Swiss Francs.



428

- 428 Aureus circa 294, 5.21 g. MAXIMIAN – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. HERCVLI – DEBELLAT Hercules standing r., fighting Hydra with club in r. hand; in exergue, P ROM. C 255 var. (Hercules l.). RIC – (this type is unknown for this mint). Depeyrot 9/7 (this coin cited). Baldwin Brett NC 1933, 49. Calicó 4662 (this coin). Biaggi 1786 (this coin). Rare. About extremely fine / extremely fine

6'500

Ex Ratto sale 26-29 January 1955, Sangiorgi, 1082.



429

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431

- 429 Aureus circa 294-295, 5.99 g. MAXIMIA – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. CO – MITA – TVS AV – GG The two emperors riding l., both raising r. hand; the nearer holding short sceptre in l. hand. In exergue, P R. C 39. RIC 2. Depeyrot 11/2. Calicó 4603 (this coin). Biaggi 1767 (this coin).

Rare. Hole expertly filled at twelve o'clock on obverse and two nicks on edge, otherwise about extremely fine

2'500

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1954 for 750 Swiss Francs.

- 430 Aureus, Alexandria circa 294-296, 5.16 g. MAXIMI – ANVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. HERCVLI – CO – M AVGG Hercules standing facing, head l., resting r. hand on club, l. holding up four apples and lion's skin; in inner field l., star. In exergue, ALE. C 233 var. RIC 3 var. Depeyrot 5/2. Calicó 4647 (this coin). Biaggi 1782 (this coin).

Heavy nick on edge and counter mark in obverse field, otherwise extremely fine

2'500

Ex M&M sale 7, 1948, 652.

- 431 Aureus, Treveri circa 295, 5.45 g. MAXIMI – ANVS P AVG Laureate head r. Rev. PIETAS – AVG Pietas standing r. with child in arms; on either side, a child with arms raised. In exergue, PTR. C 464. RIC 70b. Depeyrot 2a/2. Calicó 4715 (this coin). Biaggi 1800 (this coin).

Rare. Good very fine / about extremely fine

3'500

Ex M&M sale 11, 1953, 150.



432

- 432 Aureus, Carthago circa 296-305, 4.78 g. MAXIMIA – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. MARTI CONSERVATORI AVGG ET CAESS NN Mars standing facing, head l., resting r. hand on shield and leaning l. on spear; in exergue, P K. C 392. RIC 8. Depeyrot 2/7. Carson Mélanges Lafaurie 6 (this coin with wrong weight). Calicó 4709 (this coin). Biaggi 1798 (this coin).

Very rare. Good very fine

4'500

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1962 for 4'000 Swiss Francs.



433



433

- 433 Aureus, Alexandria circa 305, 5.20 g. MAXIMI – ANVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI CON – SERVATORI Jupiter standing facing, head l., wearing *chlamys* over shoulders and holding Victory on globe in r. hand and sceptre in l.; in field r., Γ and in exergue, ALE. C 359. RIC –. Depeyrot 8/1 var. (P F AVG). Calicó 4702 (this coin). Biaggi 1873 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Minor marks on edge, otherwise about extremely fine

4'500

Maximianus Herculius, second reign 307 – 308



434



434

- 434 Aureus Autumn 307, 5.38 g. MAXIMIANVS – SEN P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. CONCORD MILIT FELIC ROMANOR Concordia, veiled, standing r., leaning on sceptre and shaking hands with Hercules standing l., leaning on club; in exergue, P R. C 42. RIC 176 var. (omits SEN). Depeyrot 15/1 (obverse) and 16/2 (reverse). Carson Mélanges Lafaurie 68 (possibly this coin with wrong weight). Calicó 4607 (this coin, misdescribed). Biaggi 1768 (this coin).

Extremely rare. About extremely fine

5'000

Privately purchased from Cahn 1962 for 4'500 Swiss Francs.

Constantius Chlorus caesar, 295 – 305



435



435

- 435 Aureus, Ticinum circa 293, 4.79 g. CONSTAN – TIVS CAESAR Laureate head r. Rev. HERCVLI – CONSERVATORI Hercules standing facing, head l., holding olive branch in r. hand and club and lion skin in l.; in exergue, SMT. C 147. RIC 4. Depeyrot 4/2. Calicó 4838 (this coin). Biaggi 1828 (this coin).

Minor nicks on edge and a scratch on cheek, otherwise about extremely fine

3'500

Privately purchased in 1952 for 1'400 Swiss Francs.



- 436 Aureus, Antiochia circa 293, 5.30 g. CONSTANTIVS – NOB CAES Laureate head r. Rev. HERCVLI – CONS CAES Hercules standing facing, head l., leaning r. hand on club and holding up apples and lion skin in l.; in exergue, SMAZ. C 145. RIC 7. Depeyrot 8/3. Calicó 4831 (this coin). Biaggi 1829 (this coin).
Minor marks in field and traces of setting on edge, otherwise extremely fine 4'000

Ex Glendining sale 16-21 November 1950, Platt Hall part II, 1997.



- 437 Aureus circa 294, 5.37 g. D N CONSTA – NTIO NOB C Laureate head r. Rev. PRINCIPI IVV – ENTVTIS Prince standing l., in military attire, holding ensign and sceptre; in exergue, P ROM. C 233 var. RIC –. Depeyrot 9/12. Calicó 4865 (this coin). Biaggi 1838 (this coin).
Rare. Graffito on obverse and minor nicks on edge, otherwise very fine 3'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1953 for 1'200 Swiss Francs.



- 438 Aureus circa 294-299, 5.47 g. CONSTAN – TIVS CAES Laureate head r. Rev. VIRTVS – MILITVM Camp gate with door open; in exergue, P R. C 317. RIC 8a. Depeyrot 12b/3. Calicó 4882 (this coin). Biaggi 1844 (this coin).
Minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine 4'500

Ex Hess sale 9 May 1951, 274.



- 439 Aureus, Antiochia 299-302, 5.31 g. CONSTANTIVS – NOB CAES Laureate head r. Rev. HERCVLI – CONS CAES Hercules standing facing, head l., leaning r. hand on club and holding up apples and lion skin in l.; in inner field l., star. In exergue, SMAZ*. C 145. RIC 24. Depeyrot 16/3. Calicó 4834 (this coin). Biaggi 1830 (this coin).
A bold portrait struck in high relief, minor marks, otherwise extremely fine 5'500

Ex Rollin & Feuardent 26-27 May 1909, Evans, 309 and M&M 17, 1957, 593 sales.

Constantius Chlorus augustus, 305 – 306



440



441



- 440 Aureus, Nicomedia circa 305, 5.38 g. CONSTANTI – VS AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. HERCVLI – VICTORI NK *ligate* Hercules standing facing, head r., leaning r. hand on club and holding up apples and lion skin in l.; in exergue, SMN. C –. RIC 32 (this coin cited). Depuyrot 9/1. Jameson 331 (this coin). Calicó 4845 (this coin). Biaggi 1851 (this coin).

Very rare. Several marks on field and traces of mounting on edge, otherwise very fine 2'500

Ex Hess sale 14 April 1954, 375. From the Jameson collection.

- 441 Aureus, Aquileia circa 305-306, 5.40 g. CONSTANT – IVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. CONCORDIA AVG – G NOSTR Concordia seated l., holding patera and double cornucopiae. C 13. RIC 41a. Depuyrot 6/1. Paolucci-Zub 66 (this coin). Mazzini 19 (this coin). Calicó 4814 (this coin). Biaggi 1825 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Several scratches and graffito in field and traces of mounting on edge, otherwise about very fine 3'000

Ex Gilhofer und Ranschburg-Hess sale 22 May 1935, Trau, 3533.

Galerius Maximianus caesar, 293 – 305



442



442

- 442 Aureus, Treveri circa 302, 5.40 g. MAXIMIA – NVS NOB C Laureate head r. Rev. MARTI PRO – PV – GNATORI Mars advancing r., holding spear and shield; in exergue, T R. C 132 var. (in exergue SIS). RIC –. Depuyrot 7a/7. Mazzini 132 (this coin). Calicó 4933 (this coin). Biaggi 1863 (this coin).

About extremely fine 4'500

Privately purchased in 1958 for 2'000 Swiss Francs.



443



443

- 443 Aureus, Aquileia 303, 4.90 g. MAXIMIAN – VS CAESAR Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI CONS – ERVATORI Jupiter standing facing, head l., naked but for *chlamys* over shoulder, holding thunderbolt and sceptre; in exergue, SMAQ. C 123 var. RIC 9. Depuyrot 3/2. Paolucci-Zub 83 (this coin). Calicó 4915 (this coin). Biaggi 1861 (this coin).

Very rare. Good very fine 4'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1959 for 2'500 Swiss Francs.



444



- 444 Aureus, Treveri circa 303, 5.65 g. MAXIMI – ANVS NOB C Laureate head r. Rev. VOT / XX / CAESS within wreath. C –. RIC –. Depuyrot 9/6. Calicó 4961 (this coin). Biaggi 1868 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Two nicks on obverse, otherwise good very fine 3'000

Galerius Maximianus augustus, 305 – 311



- 445 Aureus, Ticinum circa 305, 4.86 g. MAXIMIA – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. FELICITAS AVGG NOSTR Felicitas seated l., holding caduceus and cornucopiae; in exergue, SMT. C 100 (Maximianus Herculus). RIC 52. Depeyrot 8/5. Calicó 4900 (this coin). Biaggi 1871 (this coin).

Very rare. Several small nicks in field and two nicks on edge at three and nine o'clock on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine

5'000

Ex Dorotheum sale 13-16 June 1955, Apostolo Zeno, 2192.

Galeria Valeria, wife of Galerius Maximianus



- 446 Aureus, Serdica circa 308, 5.45 g. GAL VAL – ERIA AVG Diademed and draped bust r. over crescent. Rev. VENERI V – ICTRICI Venus standing facing, head l., holding apple in r. hand, raising drapery over l. shoulder with l. hand; in field, crescent – Σ. In exergue, •SM•SD•. C 1 var. (no crescent). RIC 33 (this coin). Depeyrot 9/2 (this coin). Calicó 4902 (this coin). Biaggi 1878 (this coin).

Very rare. A wonderful portrait struck on a full flan. Hole expertly filled in at twelve o'clock on obverse, otherwise good extremely fine

6'000

Ex Bourgey sale 16 December 1913, 648.

Severus II augustus, 306 – 307



- 447 Aureus, Aquileia late 306, 5.34 g. SEVERV – S P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. FELCITAS SAECVLI AVGG NN Two Victories holding up wreath in which VIC / AVGG; in exergue, SMAQ. C 11. RIC 74. Depeyrot 8/1 (this coin cited). Paolucci-Zub 125 (this coin). Calicó 4982 (this coin). Biaggi 1882 (this coin). Extremely rare. A few marks on obverse, otherwise very fine

4'000

Ex Hirsch XXIV, 1909, Consul Weber 2532; J. Schulman 1924, Vierordt 2598 and M & M XI, 1995, 857 sales

Maximinus II Daia caesar, 305 – 309



448



449



- 448 Aureus, Aquileia 305-306, 5.28 g. MAXIMI – NVS CAES Laureate head r. Rev. FELCITAS SAECVLI CAESS NN Two Victories holding up wreath in which VIC / CAES; in exergue, SMAQ. C 14. RIC 52 (this coin, misdescribed). Depeyrot 7/3 (this coin cited). Paolucci-Zub 136 (this coin). Calicó 5008 (this coin). Biaggi 1889 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Several marks in field and traces of mounting on edge, otherwise very fine 2'000

Ex Canessa sale 28 June 1923, Caruso, 535.

- 449 Aureus circa 306-307, 4.75 g. MAXIMINV – S NOB CAES Laureate head r. Rev. PRINCIPI I – VVENTVT Prince, in military attire, standing l., holding sceptre and raising r. hand; in field r., ensign. In exergue, P R. C 140. RIC 149 (misdescribed). Depeyrot 14/1. Mazzini 140 (this coin). Calicó 5023 (this coin). Biaggi 1895 (this coin).

Very rare. Graffito on obverse and traces of edge filing, otherwise very fine 2'500

Privately purchased in 1958 for 2'000 Swiss Francs.

Maximinus II Daia augustus, 310 – 313



450



- 450 Aureus circa 310-313, 4.78 g. MAXIMIN – VS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. PRINCIPI IV – V – ENVTIS Prince, in military attire, standing r., holding spear and globe; in exergue, P R. C 147 var. RIC –, cf. 841b (Treveri). Depeyrot –. Calicó 5024 (this coin). Biaggi 1902 (this coin).

Exceedingly rare. Minor marks on reverse, otherwise good very fine 3'000

Maxentius caesar, 306 – 307



451



452



- 451 Aureus late 306 to early spring 307, 4.91 g. MAXENTIVS – PRINC INVICT Laureate head r. Rev. HERCVLI COMITI – AVGG ET CAESS NN Hercules standing facing, head l., leaning r. hand on club and holding bow in l.; lion skin over l. arm. In inner field l., E and in exergue, P R. C 80 var. RIC 138. Depeyrot 15/5. Calicó 5064 (this coin). Biaggi 1915 (this coin).

Very rare. Scuff on obverse, otherwise good very fine 3'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1963 for 12'000 Swiss Francs.

- 452 Aureus late spring-summer 307, 5.35 g. MAXENTIVS – PRINC INVICT Laureate head r. Rev. CONSERVAT – O – R VRBIS SVAE Roma seated l. on shield, holding in r. hand Victory on globe and leaning l. on sceptre; in exergue, P R. C 48. RIC 144. Depeyrot 14/3. Calicó 5051. Biaggi 1909 (this coin).

Very rare. Traces of mounting and hole expertly filled at twelve o'clock on obverse, otherwise very fine / good very fine 2'000

Ex Rollin & Feuardent 25-30 April 1887, Ponton D'Amecourt, 650; Hirsch 24, 1909, Consul Weber, 2549 and Naville Ars Classica 18, 1938, de Sartiges, 501 sales.

Maxentius augustus, 307 – 312



453



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- 453 Aureus Autumn 307, 5.33 g. MAXENTI – VS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. HERCVLI C – OMITI AVG N Hercules standing facing, head r., leaning r. hand on club and holding bow in l.; lion skin over l. arm. In exergue, P R. C 76. RIC 181. Depeyrot 16/6. Calicó 5059 (this coin). Biaggi 1913 (this coin).

Extremely rare. A magnificent portrait of great strength. Minor marks on obverse,

otherwise good very fine

6'000

Privately purchased from Spink in 1961 for 11'000 Swiss Francs.

Licinius I augustus, 308 – 324



454



455 1,5:1



455



- 454 Solidus, Ticinum 312-313, 4.28 g. LICINI – VS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. PERPETVA VI – RT – VS AVG Licinius riding r., preceded by helmeted soldier holding shield; in exergue, SMT. C 140. RIC 112. Depeyrot 11/1 and pl. 10, 11/1 (this coin). Biaggi 1944 (this coin).

Very rare. Two nicks on edge, otherwise good very fine

3'500

Ex Naville sale 3, 1922, Evans, 178.

- 455 Solidus 315, 4.48 g. LICIN – IVS AVG Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIAE LAETAE PRINC PERP Two Victories holding shield, set on short column, inscribed VOT / X; in exergue, P R. C 175. RIC vol. VI p. 688. Depeyrot 18/3. Biaggi 1948 (this coin).

A wonderful portrait of fine style. A nick on forehead and traces of edge filing,

otherwise about extremely fine

3'500

Privately purchased in 1954 for 2'500 Swiss Francs.



456



456 1,5:1



457



- 456 Aureus, Siscia 316, 5.46 g. LICINIVS – AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI CONSE – RVATORI AVG Jupiter standing facing, head l., naked but for *chlamys* over l. shoulder, holding thunderbolt; at his feet, eagle holding wreath. In field r., X and in exergue, SIS. C –. RIC 20 (this coin cited). Calicó 5119 (this coin). Biaggi 1937 (this coin).

Nick on cheek, otherwise extremely fine

4'000

Ex Canessa sale 28 June 1923, Caruso, 554.

- 457 Aureus, Nicomedia 317-318, 5.26 g. LICINIVS – AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI CONS – LICINI AVG Jupiter standing l. on platform, *chlamys* across l. shoulder, leaning on sceptre and holding Victory on globe; at feet, eagle with wreath. The platform is inscribed SIC X / SIC XX. In exergue, SMN. C 130. RIC 20. Depeyrot 27/1 (this coin cited). Calicó 5099 (this coin). Biaggi 1942 (this coin).

Hole expertly filled at three o'clock on obverse, otherwise good very fine

2'000

Ex Gilhofer und Ranschburg-Hess sale 22 May 1935, Trau, 3806.

Constantine I, 307 – 337



- 458 Medallion of 1 1/2 solidi, Treveri circa 309-313, 6.63 g. IMP C CONSTANTINVS P F AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRINCIPI I – VVENTVTIS Prince, in military attire, standing r., holding spear and globe; in exergue, PTR. C 409. RIC 802. Depeyrot p. 151. Alföldi 326. Arras 448. Perret 142 (this coin). Biaggi 1987 (this coin).

Rare. Minor marks in field and on edge, otherwise about extremely fine

12'000

Privately purchased from Bourgey in 1958.



- 459 Aureus, Antiochia circa 310-311, 5.24 g. CONSTAN – TINVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. CONSVL P P – PRO CONSVL Emperor, togate, standing l. holding globe and baton; in exergue, crescent SMAZ*. C 116. RIC 127b. Depeyrot 26/3. Alföldi –. Calicó 5159. Biaggi 1963 (this coin).

Bold portrait, minor marks, otherwise good very fine

4'000

Ex M&M sale 11, 1953, 156.

- 460 Solidus, Treveri circa 310-313, 4.39 g. CONSTAN – TINVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VBIQVE – VI – CTOR Emperor standing r., holding spear and globe; on either side, captive seated on ground. In exergue, PTR. C 565. RIC 816. Depeyrot 15/8. Alföldi 512. Biaggi 2001 (this coin).

Minor marks in field and on edge, otherwise good very fine

3'500



- 461 Solidus, Treveri circa 310-313, 4.18 g. CONSTAN – TINVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. GAVDIVM ROMANORVM Francia seated l. on ground, wearing pointed cap and resting head on r. hand; behind, trophy. In exergue, FRANCIA. C 168. RIC 824. Depeyrot 18/3. Alföldi 153. Biaggi 1962 (this coin).

Very rare. Minor marks in field, two nicks and a heavy trace of edge filing at

eleven o'clock of obverse, otherwise about extremely fine

6'000

Ex Hess sale 9 May 1951, 278.



462



462 1,5:1



463

- 462 Aureus, Thessalonica circa 311-313, 4.93 g. CONSTANTIN – VS AVGVSTVS Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI CONSER – VATORI AVGG Jupiter standing facing, head l., naked but for *chlamys* over l. shoulder, holding thunderbolt and sceptre; at his feet, eagle with spread wings holding wreath in its beak. In field r., Z and in exergue, •SM•TS•. C 305. RIC 44c (this coin cited). Depeyrot 5/4. Alföldi 236-7. Jameson 347 (this coin). Mazzini 305 (this coin). Calicó 5172a (this coin). Biaggi 1980 (this coin).
Graffito on reverse field and edge filing at three o'clock on obverse, otherwise good very fine 3'000
Ex Rollin & Feuardent 14 May 1888, De Quelen, 2066. From the Jameson and Mazzini collections.

- 463 Aureus, Siscia Summer 311-313, 5.55 g. CONSTAN – TINVS AVG Laureate head r. Rev. IOVI – CONS – ERVATORI Jupiter standing facing, head l., naked but for *chlamys* over l. shoulder, holding thunderbolt and sceptre; at his feet, eagle with spread wings holding wreath in its beak; in exergue, SIS. C 287 var. (P F AVG). RIC 214. Depeyrot 13/1. Alföldi 213. Calicó 5168 (this coin). Biaggi 1978 (this coin).
Rare. Several scratches and nicks on obverse and a scuff on reverse at two o'clock, otherwise about extremely fine 3'000
Privately purchased in 1954 for 1'000 Swiss Francs.



464



464

- 464 Aureus, Siscia 313, 5.28 g. CONSTAN – TINVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VOTIS V – MVLTI S X Victory standing r., holding shield, set on column, inscribed VI / CTO / RIA / AVG. In exergue, SM[HTB]. C –. RIC 3. Depeyrot 3/1. Alföldi –. Calicó 5195 (this coin). Biaggi 2035 (this coin).
Very rare. Several marks in field and on edge, otherwise good very fine 3'500
Privately purchased in 1954 for 1'200 Swiss Francs.



465



466



- 465 Solidus, Arles 313, 4.49 g. CONSTANT – INVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. PRINCIPI S PROVIDENTISSIMI Owl standing l. on column inscribed SAP / IEN / TIA. On ground l., helmet and to r., shield and spear. In exergue, SARL. C 453. RIC 3. Depeyrot 1/2. Alföldi 423. Mazzini 453 (this coin). Biaggi 1989 (this coin).
Very rare. Several nicks and scratches, otherwise very fine 1'500
Privately purchased in 1958 for 2'000 Swiss Francs.
- 466 Solidus, Arles 313, 4.52 g. CONSTANTI – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VIRTVS AVGVSTI Lion standing l., head facing; above, club to l. In exergue, SARL. C 679. RIC 4. Depeyrot 1/6. Alföldi 671 var (TARL). Biaggi 2030 (this coin).
Extremely rare. Several nicks and scratches, otherwise about very fine / fine 1'800



- 467 Medallion of 1 1/2 solidi, Treveri 313-315, 6.73 g. IMP CONSTANTINVS P F AVG Radiate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. SECVRITAS REIPVBLICAE. Securitas, standing facing, holding scepter in l. hand, presenting Victory-on-globe to Constantine, togate and radiate, who is crowned by Victory; pellet between. In exergue, PTRE beneath confronted lioness(?), at l., and lion, at r., two pellets between. C –. RIC 2 (this coin cited). Depeyrot p. 151. Toynbee pl. 34, 9 (this coin). Tocci 92 and pl. LIV, 92. Alföldi 454 (this coin cited). Kent-Hirmer 630. Jameson 348 (this coin). Biaggi 1993 (this coin).

Of the highest rarity, only the third and by far the finest specimen known. An issue of tremendous importance and fascination. Scratch on cheek-bone and a few marks in field, otherwise about extremely fine / good very fine

15'000

Ex Egger sale 20 April 1904, 252. From the Jameson collection.

As emperor, Constantine achieved much during his thirty years at the helm, including the unprecedented support of Christianity. Though his religious sincerity will forever be a matter of debate, we may be certain he did not begin his reign as a Christian, and that he was slow to adopt the tenets of Christianity, even after he allegedly converted on the eve of his defeat of Maxentius at the Milvian Bridge late in 312.

A prime example of Constantine's *épagan* behaviour, even after Lactantius claims he converted, is his feeding of Frankish captives to wild beasts in the amphitheatre at Trier sometime in 313. Not only is this unsavoury detail preserved in a panegyric made to Constantine in that year, but it would seem to be referenced by the lions in the exergue of this gold medallion of 1.5-solidus (6 *scrupula*) weight.

The oration (*Pan. Lat.* XII(9) includes: "What is lovelier than this triumphal celebration in which [Constantine] employs the slaughter of enemies for the pleasure of us all, and enlarges the procession of the games out of the survivors of the massacre of the barbarians? He threw so great a multitude of captives to the beasts that the ungrateful and faithless men experienced no less suffering from the sport made of them than from death itself. This is the reason why, although they might defer their end, they rush to their ruin and offer themselves to lethal wounds and to death. It is apparent from this very fact how great a thing it is to have conquered men so wasteful of themselves." (23.3-4)

Then we have this medallion, presumably struck soon after Constantine's return to Trier in 313. After so much success in Italy, Constantine returned to his court to engage in the recurrent, annual warfare on the Rhine. But this year he seems to have had a major victory, and the timing for these games, the *ludi Francici*, could not have been better. Constantine was riding the crest of his victory over Maxentius in 312, his meeting with Licinius early in 313 (at which they issued the *ē*Edict of Milan'), and his new Frankish victory, all as preambles to his initial *decennalian* festivities.

The type was also struck as a medallion of 1.5-solidi at Thessalonica in 315, after Constantine had seized that capital from his former ally Licinius (see Kent-Hirmer 630). The Thessalonica issue seems to have been copied from the Trier coinage; it is of simpler execution and differs in some details, such as showing Securitas in profile. It is possible that on the Thessalonica issue the lions indicate similar games in that city, but more likely they were merely copied from the Trier original, by which time the original significance was lost.

We are fortunate that this medallion is well enough preserved to identify the two animals in the exergue – they are wild cats, the one on the right being a male lion with its mane, and the one on the left a female, without a mane. Whether she is, perhaps, a tiger, cannot be determined with precision, nor is it clear what is meant by the two pellets before the mouths of the great cats.

For more than a century the identification of the figures on the reverse has been a matter of debate, and it would seem that they still require attention. As is suggested by the inscription SECVRITAS REIPVBLICAE, the scene alludes to the security of the state. Tocci, Bruun and Toynbee all describe the figure on the right as Securitas, handing a Victory-on-globe to Respublica (i.e. Trier). Kent, Alföldi and Jameson seem to agree that the figure on the right is Securitas, but Alföldi considered the figure on the left to be Orbis (but it is radiate, not turreted, as he had thought), and Kent and Jameson describe the recipient as Constantine. The Br. der Egger catalog, in which this coin appeared in 1904, also identified the figure on the left as Constantine, but described the one on right as Jupiter.

All considered, it would seem that the correct version was posited by Jameson (a former owner of this medallion) and adopted by Kent. The figure on the right must be Securitas, holding a sceptre as she does in so many other instances, passing Victory and globe to Constantine, who wears a radiate crown, just as he does on the obverse. Considering the emperor's inflated ego at this heady phase of his reign, he would not have hesitated to portray himself as the inheritor of Roman victory and security.



468



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470



- 468 Solidus, Treveri 313-315, 4.25 g. CONSTANTI – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. RESTITVTOR – I LI – BER – TATIS Roma seated r. on throne, holding sceptre in l. hand and presenting globe to Emperor standing l., in military attire, holding short sceptre. In exergue, PTR. C 466. RIC 23. Depeyrot 20/after11. Alföldi 428. Biaggi 1990 (this coin).

Rare. Traces of mounting on edge, otherwise about extremely fine 3'000

Privately purchased in 1954 for 2'000 Swiss Francs.

- 469 Solidus, Treveri 313-315, 4.34 g. CONSTANTI – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. P M TRIB P COS IIII P P PRO COS Emperor, togate, seated l. on curule chair, holding globe and short sceptre; in exergue, PTR. C 398. RIC 19. Depeyrot 21/2. Alföldi 301. Biaggi 1984 (this coin).

Rare. A few marks in field and on edge, otherwise about extremely fine 4'000

- 470 Solidus, Treveri 313-315, 4.38 g. CONSTAN – TINVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICTORIA CONSTANTINI AVG Victory advancing l., holding wreath and palm branch; on either side, captive seated on ground. In exergue, SMT. C 602. RIC 32. Depeyrot 12/11. Alföldi 577. Biaggi 2015 (this coin).

Rare. Very fine 3'000



471



- 471 Solidus, Ticinum July to end of 316, 4.44 g. CONSTANTI – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICTOR OMNIV – M GE – NTIVM Emperor, in military attire, standing l., holding globe and leaning on spear, crowned by Victory, holding palm branch, standing l. behind him; in exergue, SMT. C 573. RIC 57. Jameson 353 (this coin). Depeyrot 16/7. Alföldi 657. Biaggi 2002 (this coin).

Minor marks, otherwise extremely fine 7'000

From the Jameson collection.

This aureus, which describes Constantine as victor over all peoples, is especially appropriate for the time when it was struck, as Constantine and fellow Roman Licinius were going to war for the first time. Four years earlier Constantine had already made war on another Roman, Maxentius, and now it was time for him to prosecute the second of his three civil wars.

This solidus was struck at Ticinum in the second half of 316, covering the period when Constantine moved from Trier to a temporary base at Ticinum, before advancing to Verona to launch his campaign into Licinian territory in the Balkans. By early October Licinius was on the run, which paved the way for each emperor to expand his royal house by appointing children as Caesars, and, in the case of Licinius, by taking on an unfortunate co-emperor, Valerius Valens. However, by early December Licinius agreed to peace terms in which he forfeited Greece, most of the Aegean islands, and all of his Danubian lands except Thrace, the European territory that bordered on what remained of his empire in Asia.

Other inscriptions on Late Roman coins are similar to the VICTOR OMNIVM GENTIVM, that appears on this solidus. Indeed, it had been used by Maxentius before him, though with the ending AVG N, which personalized the type. Constantine later used the inscription DEBELLATORI GENTIVM BARBARARVM (‘the conqueror of the barbarian tribes’), and his youngest son, Constans, later still, introduced TRIVMFATOR GENTIVM BARBARARVM (‘vanquisher of the barbarian nations’) to Roman coinage.



472



- 472 Solidus, Arles 317, 4.20 g. CONSTANT – INVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VIRTVS EX – ERCITVS GAL Mars advancing r., with *chlamys* flying, holding spear and trophy; on either side, captive seated on ground in attitude of mourning. In exergue, PARL. C 702. RIC 115. Depeyrot 3/1. Alföldi 699. Mazzini 702 (this coin). Biaggi 2032 (this coin).

Rare. Light marks on obverse and minimal traces of edge filing,
otherwise about extremely fine

4'500

Privately purchased in 1958 for 1'850 Swiss Francs.



473



- 473 Solidus, Sirmium 323, 4.42 g. CONSTANTIN – NVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. SECVRITAS PER – PETVAE Emperor, in military attire, standing l. and holding spear, crowning trophy at foot of which cuirass and shield; in exergue, SIRM. C 496. RIC 42. Depeyrot 7/5. Alföldi 451. Biaggi 1991 (this coin).

About extremely fine

5'500

Privately purchased in 1954 for 2'000 Swiss Francs.



474



- 474 Solidus, Cyzicus 324, 4.63 g. CONSTANT – INVS P F AVG Laureate head r. Rev. VICTORIB AVGG ET CAESS NN Victory seated r. on cuirass and shield, holding shield inscribed VOT / XX. In field r., trophy at foot of which captive. In exergue, SMKE. C 649. RIC 22. Depeyrot 16/4. Alföldi 632. Biaggi 2027 (this coin).

Good very fine

4'000

Ex M&M sale 13, 1954, 767.



- 475 Festaureus or medallion 1 1/4 solidi, Constantinopolis 326, 5.36 g. CONSTANT – INVS AVG Diademed head r. Rev. Emperor standing facing in quadriga, seen from front, raising r. hand and holding eagle-tipped sceptre in l. C 759 var. (laureate head). RIC 1. Depeyrot 20/1 (Ticinum). Toynbee pl. II, cf. 15. Mazzini dopo 459 (this coin). Biaggi 2040 (this coin).

Very rare. A very attractive and interesting issue struck on a full flan, minor marks on obverse and a light scuff at five o'clock on reverse, otherwise extremely fine

15'000

Privately purchased in 1955 for 7'000 Swiss Francs.

The mint at Constantinople began to strike coins in 326, some four years before the city had its formal dedication on May 11, 330, and this ceremonial *festaureus* seems to have been produced in relation to one of those two occasions. Sutherland and Carson, in RIC VII, describe this issue as "...a reminder of the imperial largesses distributed during the major anniversaries..." and list it as the first gold coinage at Constantinople. However, they acknowledge that it may have been struck for the dedication ceremonies of 330.

Constantine is shown standing in a chariot drawn by four rearing horses. In this procession the emperor is shown holding an eagle-tipped scepter (*scipio*) and raising his right hand to address what we must presume was an anxious crowd of spectators. Most (if not all) later examples of this type show the emperor tossing coins. In that regard this coin is more closely related to earlier types, such as the PACATORES GENTIVM issue of the first Tetrarchy and the FEL PROCES(S) CONS II AVG N coins of Maxentius.

The placement of the type is difficult because it has no mintmark, and its attribution to Constantinople is based solely on the similarity of its reverse with one produced a decade later for Constantine and sons at Constantinople (RIC VII, nos. 103-106). The lack of a mintmark may indicate it was struck before mint signatures had been developed at the new facility, but at the very least it attests to the special character of this issue.

Beyond its festive design and lack of mintmark, this gold piece is of interest for its weight. At 5.36 grams – approximately the Diocletianic aureus struck at 60 to the Roman pound – it is an unusual weight for this late in Constantine's reign, when the standard gold coin was the solidus, struck at 72 to the Roman pound (c. 4.55 grams). These gold pieces are generally called *festaurei*, and they certainly were intended for ceremonial use.

The relationship between the *festaureus* and the solidus is of some interest, for the *festaureus* is essentially a 1° solidus; thus four of these coins are equal in weight to five solidi. Since the accession bonus during the time of Julian II onward was fixed at five solidi and a pound of silver, we may have a meaningful antecedent for that convention in coins such as this *festaureus* of Constantine.



- 476 Solidus, Constantinopolis 330, 4.37 g. D N CONSTANTINVS MAX AVG Diademed bust l., wearing *trabea*, holding eagle-tipped sceptre in r. hand. Rev. VICTORIA CONSTANTINI AVG Victory seated r. on cuirass and shield, holding shield, supported by Genius, inscribed VOT / XXX. In exergue, CONS. C –. RIC 51. Depeyrot 7/13. Alföldi –. Mazzini dopo 613 (this coin). Biaggi 2018 (this coin).

Extremely rare. An unusual and interesting portrait. Minor edge mark at eleven o'clock on obverse, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

4'500

Ex Gilhofer und Ranschburg-Hess sale 22 May 1935, Trau, 3885. Privately purchased in 1955 for 2'000 Swiss Francs.



477

- 477 Solidus, Treveri circa 335, 4.30 g. CONSTANTINI – NVS MAX AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTVS EXERCITVS GALLIARVM Mars advancing r., with *chlamys* flying, holding spear and trophy; on either side, captive seated on ground in attitude of mourning. In exergue, T R. C 702 var. (different obverse legend). RIC –. Depeyrot –. Alföldi –. Biaggi 2033 (this coin).

Apparently unrecorded. Several marks in field and traces of mounting on edge,

otherwise very fine

2'000

Privately purchased from Hess in 1956 for 900 Swiss Francs.

- 478 No lot.

Crispus caesar, 316 – 326



479

- 479 Solidus, Treveri 319-320, 4.43 g. FL IVL CRISPVS – PVS NOB CAES Laureate head r. Rev. GAVDIVM ROMANORVM ALAMANNIA seated l. on ground, wearing pointed cap and resting head on r. hand; behind, trophy. In exergue, ALAMANNIA. C 74. RIC 243. Depeyrot 28/4. Alföldi 123. Biaggi 2058 (this coin).

Very rare. Minor edge marks, otherwise about extremely fine / extremely fine

12'000

Privately purchased from Hubert Herzfelder in 1953 for 2'200 Swiss Francs.

As Constantine expanded his territories in 312 to include Italy and North Africa (the former holdings of Maxentius) and part of the Balkans (which he confiscated from Licinius) in 317, he had to rely on his eldest son, Crispus, to help rule his empire. He sent Crispus to his old court at Trier to continue the Rhine defense and to govern the westernmost provinces while, for the next seven years, Constantine himself remained in the Balkans and in North Italy to secure his new territories and to keep a wary eye on his neighbour Licinius.

Crispus soon experienced the difficulties of war against the Germanic nations across the Rhine, for by 318 he was already commanding troops against the Alamanni. The warfare continued into 319 and 320 and included campaigns against the Frangi. By 320 Crispus apparently had made enough headway to celebrate victories against the Germans, as is recorded by this solidus. His victory was complete enough that he could leave Trier later in 320 to winter with his father in Serdica, after which Crispus assumed the consulship there on January 1, 321 with his four-year-old brother Constantine II.

This reverse type is of a classic composition: a mourning captive at the base of a trophy composed of arms and armor, with shields piled at its base. The inscription, GAVDIVM ROMANORVM ALAMANNIA, is equally cheerful in the tradition of Roman militarism, for it trumpets the Roman joy at the defeat of the Alamanni. Since Constantine was headquartered quite a distance from Trier, and the Rhine legions had been commanded by Crispus for two or three seasons already, one can imagine the kind of loyalty they may have felt toward this young prince, especially when donatives came in the form of solidi like this, bearing his wreathed portrait.



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- 480 Solidus, Treveri 319-320, 4.45 g. FL IVL CRISPVS – PVS NOB CAES Laureate head r. Rev. SECVRITAS R – EI PVBLICAE Securitas standing facing, head r., leaning on column and placing r. hand on head; in exergue, PTR. 134. RIC 247. Depeyrot 27/4. Alföldi 459. Biaggi 2065 (this coin).

Rare. Scuff on edge at three o'clock on obverse, otherwise

about extremely fine / good very fine

6'500

Ex Hess sale 9 May 1951, 283.



481



- 481 Solidus, Ticinum 320-321, 4.39 g. FL IVL CRIS – PVS NOB CAES Heroic laureate bust l., with spear pointing forward and shield before chest. Rev. VICTORIAE PERPETVAE Victory seated r. on cuirass, holding shield, supported by Cupid, inscribed VOT / XX; in exergue, SMT. C –. RIC –. Depeyrot –. Alföldi –. Biaggi 2069 (this coin).

Apparently unique and unrecorded. Traces of mounting on edge,
otherwise about extremely fine

7'500

Privately purchased in 1952 for 3'000 Swiss Francs.

Constantine II caesar, 316 – 337



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- 482 Solidus, Treveri 324, 4.43 g. FL CONSTAN – TINVS IVN N C Laureate head r. Rev. PRINCIPI IV – VENTVTIS Prince, in military attire, standing r., holding globe and transverse spear; in exergue, T R. C 142. RIC 447. Depeyrot 31/1. Alföldi 347 var. Biaggi 2078 (this coin).

Several edge marks, otherwise good very fine

3'500

Privately purchased in 1952 for 900 Swiss Francs.

- 483 Quinarius, Nicomedia 325-326, 1.65 g. CONSTANTINVS IVN NOB C Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRINCIPI•IVVENTVTIS Prince standing r., holding globe and transverse spear; in exergue, N. C 146. RIC 114. Depeyrot 38/9. Alföldi 368 (this coin). Biaggi 2080 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Minor traces of edge filing, otherwise very fine

2'500

Ex Gilhofer und Ranschburg-Hess sale 22 April 1935, Trau, 4065.



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- 484 Solidus, Siscia 326-327, 4.38 g. COSTANTINVS IVN NOB C Laureate and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRINCIPI IVVENTVTIS Prince, in military attire and with cloak over l. shoulder, standing l., holding transverse spear and standard inscribed VOT / XX. In exergue, SIS. RIC 209. Depeyrot 22/2 var. (also draped). Alföldi –. Biaggi 2081 (this coin). Very rare. About extremely fine / extremely fine

4'000



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- 485 Solidus, Antiochia 335-336, 4.46 g. CONSTANTINVS IVN NOB C Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – CAESAR NN Victory advancing l., holding wreath and palm; in exergue, SMAN. C 203. RIC 97. Depeyrot 47/1. Alföldi 551 var. Biaggi 2086 (this coin).

Minor metal roughness on cheek and two edge marks,
otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine

3'000

Privately purchased from M&M in 1954 for 1'250 Swiss Francs.

Constantine II augustus, 337 – 340



- 486 Solidus, Antiochia 337-347, 4.51 g. CONSTAN – TINVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass holding shield, supported by winged genius, inscribed VOT / XXX. In exergue, SMANA•. C 598 (Constantine I). RIC 13. Depeyrot 4/1. Biaggi 2008 (this coin).
Extremely rare. Good extremely fine 6'000



- 487 Solidus, Thessalonica 337-340, 4.52 g. CONSTANTI – NVS P F AVG Rosette diademed draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – DD NN AVGG Victory advancing l., holding palm and trophy; in exergue, TSE. C –. RIC 2. Depeyrot 1/1. Biaggi 2099 (this coin).
A few nicks in reverse field, traces of mounting on edge and slightly bent,
otherwise good very fine 1'000

Constans caesar, 333 – 337



- 488 Solidus, Siscia 335, 4.37 g. FL CONSTANTIS BEA C Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. PRINCIPI IVVENTVTIS Prince standing r., holding globe and transverse spear; in exergue, SIS. C 92. RIC 245. Depeyrot 23/5. Alföldi 397. Biaggi 2110 (this coin).
Rare. Several scratches and marks in field and traces of mounting on edge,
otherwise good very fine 1'500

Constans augustus, 337 - 350



- 489 Solidus, Antiochia 337-347, 4.38 g. FL IVL CONS – TANS PERP AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass holding shield, supported by winged genius, inscribed VOT / V / MVLT X. In exergue, SMANZ C 140. RIC 29. Depeyrot 5/7. Biaggi 2116 (this coin).
Two absolutely minor edge marks, otherwise extremely fine 1'500
Ex Hess-Leu sale 3, 1956, 428.



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- 490 Solidus, Antiochia 337-347, 4.51 g. FL IVL CONS – TANS PERP AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass holding shield, supported by winged genius, inscribed VOT / V / MVLT X. In exergue, SMANZ. C 140. RIC 29. Depeyrot 5/7. Biaggi 2115 (this coin).

Minor scratches on obverse, nick at seven o'clock on reverse and a few marks on edge, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 1'000

Ex Rollin & Feuarent 25-30 April 1887, Ponton D'Amecourt, 719 and Rollin & Feuarent 20-28 April 1896, Montagu, 857 sales.



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- 491 Solidus, Aquileia 340-350, 4.50 g. FL IVL CONS – TANS P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. OB VICTORIAM TRIVMFALEM Two Victories facing each other, holding between them wreath inscribed VOT / X / MVLT XV. In exergue, SMAQ. C 88. RIC 39. Depeyrot 3/1.

Very rare. Minor marks on obverse, otherwise extremely fine / good extremely fine 2'000

Privately purchased from Cahn in 1954 for 450 Swiss Francs.



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- 492 Solidus, Siscia 340-350, 4.48 g. FL IVL CONS – TANS P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. OB VICTORIAM TRIVMFALEM Two Victories facing each other, holding wreath between them inscribed VOT / X / MVLT XV. In exergue, SIS*. C -. RIC 114. Depeyrot 9/1. Biaggi 2106 (this coin).

Good extremely fine 1'500

Privately purchased from Leu in 1956 for 385 Swiss Francs.



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- 493 Semis. Siscia 340-350, 2.22 g. CONSTAN – S P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIAE DD NN AVGG Two Victories facing each other, holding wreath between them inscribed VOT / X / MVLT XV. In exergue, branch SIS*. C 175. RIC 143. Depeyrot 14/5.

Extremely rare. Pierced at one o'clock on obverse, otherwise very fine 500

Privately purchased from Hubert Herzfelder in 1961 for 300 Swiss Francs.

Constantius II caesar, 324 – 377



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- 494 Solidus, Nicomedia 325, 4.56 g. FL IVL CONSTANTIVS NOB C Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VIRTUS CON – STANTI CAES Prince, in military attire, advancing r., holding trophy over shoulder and transverse spear; at his feet, captive sitting on ground. In exergue, SMN. C 319. RIC 106. Depeyrot 36/5. Alföldi 689. Biaggi 2183 (this coin).

Very rare. Several edge marks, otherwise good very fine 1'000

- 495 Solidus, Antiochia 336-337, 4.45 g. CONSTANTIVS NOB CAES Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – CAESAR NN Victory advancing l., holding trophy and palm branch; in field, * – LXXII. In exergue, SMAN. C –. RIC 102 var. (SMAN•). Depeyrot 50/2 var. (NOB C). Alföldi 552 var. Biaggi 2172 (this coin).

An apparently unrecorded variety. Several marks on edge and in field, otherwise good very fine / about extremely fine 1'500

- 496 Solidus, Constantinopolis 336-337, 4.33 g. FL – IVL CONSTANTIVS NOB CAES Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust l. Rev. PRINCIPI – IVV – ENTVTIS Prince, in military attire, holding vexillum and long sceptre; to r., two standards. In exergue, CONS. C 163. RIC 112. Depeyrot 7/8. Alföldi 375. Biaggi 2160 (this coin).

Several edge marks, probably traces of mounting, otherwise very fine 800

Constantius II augustus, 337 – 361



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- 497 Solidus, Antiochia 337-347, 4.43 g. FL IVL CONSTAN – TIVS PEP AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. FELICITAE ROMANORVM Wreath enclosing VOTIS / XV / MVLTIS / XX. In exergue, SMANF. C 76 var. (FELICITAS). RIC 31 note var. (FELICITAS). Depeyrot 5/8. Mazzini dopo 76 (this coin). Biaggi 2134 (this coin).

An apparently unrecorded variety. Minor marks on edge and in field, otherwise good extremely fine 1'000

Privately purchased in 1958.



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- 498 Solidus, Siscia 337-340, 4.32 g. CONSTANTI – VS MAX AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust l. Rev. GLORIA – CONS – TANTI AVG Emperor, diademed and in military attire, standing facing, head r., holding sceptre and standard with banner inscribed VOT / XX; to r., captive seated on ground, raising l. hand to his head. In exergue, SIS. C –. RIC 5. Depeyrot 1/3. Biaggi 2186 (this coin).

Good extremely fine 1'500

Ex Dorotheum sale 13-16 June 1955, Apostolo Zeno, 2290. Privately purchased from Cahn in 1956 for 950 Swiss Francs.



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- 499 Solidus, Constantinopolis 337-340, 4.46 g. D N CONSTA – NTIVS AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA CONSTANTI AVG Victory seated r. on cuirass holding shield, supported by winged genius, inscribed VOT / XX / MVLT XXX. In exergue, CONS. RIC 10. Depeyrot 1/9. Biaggi 2175 (this coin). Traces of mounting on edge, otherwise good very fine 800

Privately purchased in 1958.

- 500 Solidus, Antiochia 337-347, 4.46 g. CONSTAN – TIVS AVG Laureate, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTI Victory seated r. on cuirass holding shield, supported by winged genius, inscribed VOT / XXX. In exergue, SMANT. C 221. RIC 11. Depeyrot 4/2. Biaggi 2164 (this coin). About extremely fine 1'200

Ex Santamaria sale 13 March 1953, Signorelli, 1384.

- 501 Solidus, Treveri 347-348, 4.46 g. CONSTANTI – VS AVGVSTVS Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIAE DD NN AVGG Two Victories facing each other, holding wreath between them inscribed VOT / XX / MVLT XXX. In exergue, TR. C 280. RIC 132. Depeyrot 6/1. Biaggi 2180 (this coin). Traces of mounting, otherwise good very fine 800

Privately purchased in 1952 for 250 Swiss Francs.



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- 502 Solidus, Thessalonica 355-361, 4.57 g. D N CONSTANTIVS – MAX AVGVSTVS Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GLORIA – REI – PVBLICAE Roma and Constantinopolis seated facing, holding wreath between them inscribed VOT / XXX / MVLT / XXXX. In exergue, KTES. C 122. RIC 193. Depeyrot 13/1. Biaggi 2148 (this coin).

Minor nick at eleven o'clock on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine

1'200

Privately purchased from Leu in 1958 for 300 Swiss Francs.



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- 503 Solidus, Antiochia 355-361, 4.43 g. CONSTAN – TIVS P F AVG Pearl diademed head r. Rev. GLORIA – REI – PVBLICAE Roma and Constantinopolis seated facing, holding wreath between them inscribed VOT / XXXX. In exergue, ANTA. C 126. RIC 172. Depeyrot 12/1. Biaggi 2152 (this coin).

About extremely fine

1'200



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- 504 Solidus, Constantinopolis 351–355, 4.47 g. FL IVL CONSTAN – TIVS PERP AVG Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust facing, holding spear in r. hand and ornamented shield in l. Rev. GLORIA – REI – PVBLICAE Roma and Constantinopolis, enthroned facing, supporting a wreath between them inscribed VOT / XXX / MVLT / XXXX; in exergue, CONS. C 116. RIC 96. Depeyrot 3/3. Biaggi 2139 (this coin).
Good extremely fine 1'500

Privately purchased in 1955.



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- 505 Solidus, Constantinopolis 351–355, 4.47 g. FL IVL CONSTAN – TIVS PERP AVG Diademed, draped and cuirassed bust facing, holding spear in r. hand and ornamented shield in l. Rev. GLORIA – REI – PVBLICAE Roma and Constantinopolis, enthroned facing, supporting a wreath between them inscribed VOT / XXX / MVLT / XXXX; in exergue, SMNS. C 112. RIC 74. Depeyrot 5/2. Biaggi 2144 (this coin).
Extremely fine 1'400

Privately purchased from Hubert Herzfelder for 300 Swiss Francs.

Julian II caesar, 355 – 360



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- 506 Solidus, Lugdunum 360, 4.37 g. FL CL IVLIA – NVS P P AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GLORIA – REI – PVBLICAE Roma and Constantinopolis, enthroned facing, supporting a wreath between them inscribed VOTIS / V / MVLTIS / X; in exergue, LVG. C 30. RIC 206. Depeyrot 4/1. Biaggi 2215 (this coin).
Traces of mounting and several nicks, otherwise about very fine 500

Ex Bourgey sale 1 March 1925, 535. Privately purchased from Cahn in 1954 for 400 Swiss Francs.

Julian II augustus, 360 – 363



- 507 Solidus, Arles 360-363, 4.45 g. FL CL IVLIAN – NVS PERP AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GLORIA – RE – I – PVBLICAE Roma and Constantinopolis, enthroned facing, supporting a wreath between them surmounted by eagle and inscribed VOT / V / MVLT / X; in exergue, KONSTAV. C 27 var. RIC 284. Depeyrot 9/4 (this coin). Biaggi 2214 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Minor scratch on reverse, otherwise about extremely fine

4'500

Ex Glendining sale 14-16 January 1950, Rashleigh part I, 121.



- 508 9 Siliquae, Arles 360-363, 1.62 g. FL CL IVLIAN – VS P F AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass, holding shield, supported by small genius, inscribed VOT X. In exergue, KONSTAV. C –. RIC 288. Depeyrot 10/3. Biaggi 2217 (this coin).

Extremely rare. About extremely fine

2'500

Ex Hess-Leu sale 22, 1963, 267.

Valentinian I, 364 – 375



- 509 Solidus, Treveri 367-375, 4.47 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR – IA AVGG Two emperors seated facing, holding globe; behind them, Victory facing with spread wings. In lower centre field, palm branch upright. In exergue, TROBT. C 43. RIC 17b. Depeyrot 29/1. Biaggi 2237 (this coin).

Reddish tone and a minor scuff at nine o'clock on reverse, otherwise good very fine

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- 510 Solidus, Antiochia 364-367, 4.46 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. RESTITVTOR – REIPVBLICAE Emperor standing facing, holding labarum ornamented with Christogram in r. hand and Victory on globe in l.; in field l., long cross. In exergue, * ANTI *. C 26. RIC 2b. Depeyrot 20/1. Mazzini 26 (this coin). Biaggi 2233 (this coin).

Traces of mounting on edge, otherwise very fine / about very fine

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- 511 Solidus, Antiochia 367-375, 4.49 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GLORIA – R *Christogram* O – MANORVM Roma and Constantinopolis, enthroned facing, supporting a wreath between them inscribed VOT / X / MVL / XX; in exergue, PAN OBΘ. C 5 var. RIC 16b. Depeyrot 40/1. Mazzini 5v. (this coin). Biaggi 2230 (this coin).

Minor edge filing, otherwise good very fine 800

- 512 Semmissis 367-375, 1.73 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVG Victory seated r. on cuirass, holding shield, supported by small genius, inscribed VOT / V / MVL / X. In exergue, *CONS wreath. C 41 var. RIC 30a. Depeyrot 24/1. Biaggi 2236.

Very rare. Heavy nick on edge and slightly bent, otherwise very fine 500

Privately purchased from Hubert Herzfelder for 400 Swiss Francs.

- 513 Solidus, Constantinopolis 367-375, 4.47 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass, writing VOT / V / MVL / X on shield placed on small column; in field r., B. In exergue, COMTM*. C 51. RIC 26a var. (mintmark of 26b). Depeyrot 26/1. Biaggi 2240 (this coin).

Extremely rare. Scratches on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 800

Ex Hess-Leu sale 11, 1959, 386.

Valens, 364 – 378



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- 514 Solidus, Thessalonica 364-367, 4.44 g. D N VALEN – S P F AVG Pearl diademed bust l., wearing imperial mantle and holding *mappa* and short sceptre. Rev. SALVS – REIP Emperor standing facing, head r., holding *labarum* and Victory on globe and spurning with r. foot captive kneeling l.; in field r., star. In exergue, SMTES. C 43. RIC 3b. Depeyrot 30/2. Mazzini 43 (this coin). Biaggi 2256 (this coin).

Very rare. Minor edge marks, otherwise good very fine / very fine 1'500

- 515 Solidus, Antiochia 364-367, 4.42 g. D N VALENS – PER F AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass, writing VOT / X / MVL / XX. In field r., *Christogram*. In exergue, ANOBH. C 62. RIC 22c. Depeyrot 38/6. Biaggi 2258 (this coin).

Minor traces of edge filing and minor marks on obverse, otherwise extremely fine 800

Ex M&M sale 11, 1953, 190.

- 516 Solidus, Antiochia 367-375, 4.43 g. D N VALENS – PER F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. GLORIA – R *christogram* O – MANORVM Roma and Constantinopolis, enthroned facing, supporting between them a wreath inscribed VOT / X / MVL / XX; in exergue, ANOBH. C 7. RIC 16d. Depeyrot 38/3. Mazzini 7 (this coin). Biaggi 2250 (this coin).

Minimal traces of edge filing, otherwise about extremely fine 800



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- 517 Solidus, Constantinopolis quinquennalia of 368, 4.48 g. D N VALENS – P F AVG Pearl diademed bust l., wearing imperial mantle and holding *mappa* and short sceptre. Rev. VOTA – PV – BLICA Valentinian and Valens, nimbate, draped in imperial mantle, seated facing on throne, each raising *mappa* and holding sceptre. On either side, captive seated on ground; in exergue, *CONS wreath. C 82 var. RIC 29b. Depeyrot 22/2. Mazzini 82 (this coin). Biaggi 2266 (this coin). Very rare. Good very fine 1'500

Privately purchased in 1958.

Gratian, 367 – 383

- 518 Solidus, Antiochia 367-375, 4.45 g. D N GRATI – ANVS AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass, writing VOT / V / MVL / X. In field r., Christogram. In exergue, ANOBE. C 47 var. RIC 21c. Depeyrot 38/9. Biaggi 2282 (this coin). Minor traces of edge filing, otherwise extremely fine 1'200

- 519 1 _ scripula, Treveri 367-375, 1.66 g. D N GRATIA – NVS P F AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victory advancing l., holding wreath and palm; in exergue, TROB. C 44. RIC 21d. Depeyrot 22/5. Biaggi 2280 (this coin). Very rare. Good very fine 1'200

Privately purchased in 1958 from Cahn for 500 Swiss Francs.

Valentinian II, 375 – 392



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- 520 Solidus, Constantinopolis 378-383, 4.42 g. D N VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCORDI – A AVGGGS Constantinopolis, helmeted and with head r., seated facing on throne, holding sceptre and globe; r. foot on prow. In exergue, CONOB. C 1 var. RIC 45b. Depeyrot 33/2. Biaggi 2287 (this coin). Good very fine 600

Ex M&M sale 12, 1953, 880.

- 521 Solidus, Thessalonica 383-384, 4.45 g. DN VALENTINI – ANVS P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCORDI – A AVGGG Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated facing on throne, head r., holding sceptre and shield inscribed VOT / XV / MVL / XX; r. foot on prow. In exergue, COMOB. C 7 var. RIC 54 var. (pearl diadem). Depeyrot 39/1 var. Mazzini dopo 7 (this coin). Biaggi 2290 (this coin). An apparently unrecorded variety. Traces of mounting, otherwise good very fine 500

Theodosius I, 379 – 395



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- 522 Solidus, Constantinopolis 378-383, 4.47 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Rosette diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. CONCORDI – A AVGGGF Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated facing on throne, head r., holding sceptre and shield inscribed VOT / V / MVL / X; r. foot on prow. In exergue, COMOB. C 10. RIC 47b. Depeyrot 38/1. Biaggi 2301 (this coin). Good very fine / about extremely fine 1'200
Ex M&M sale 17, 1957, 634.

- 523 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 383-388, 1.51 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victory standing facing, holding wreath and cross on globe; in exergue, CONOB. C 46. RIC 75b. Depeyrot 50/2. Mazzini 47 (this coin). Biaggi 2306 (this coin). Very rare. Minor marks, otherwise about extremely fine 1'200

Honorius, 393 – 423



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- 524 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 397-402, 1.50 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victory standing facing, holding wreath and cross on globe; in field r., star. In exergue, CONOB. RIC 20. Depeyrot 50/4. LRC 751. Biaggi 2323 (this coin).
Two nicks on obverse and several marks on edge, otherwise about extremely fine 400
Ex Hess-Leu sale 11, 1959, 390.

- 525 Solidus, Constantinopolis 403-408, 4.48 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Helmeted, pearl diademed and cuirassed bust facing three-quarters r., holding spear and shield with horseman and enemy motif. Rev. CONCORDI – A AVGG A Constantinopolis, helmeted, seated facing, head r., on throne ornamented with lions' heads, holding sceptre and Victory on globe, r. foot on prow; in field l., eight-rayed star. In exergue, CONOB. C 3. RIC 30. MIRB 13a. LRC 765. Depeyrot 57/2. Biaggi 2316 (this coin).
Good very fine / about extremely fine 500



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- 526 Solidus circa 404-407/8, 4.43 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORI – A AVGGG R – M Emperor standing r., holding standard in r. hand and Victory on globe in l., spurning captive with his l. foot. In exergue, CONOB. C 44. RIC 1253. LRC 725. Depeyrot 34/2.
Traces of edge filing, otherwise good very fine 500

- 527 Semissis 407, 2.20 g. D N HONORI – VS P F AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA AVGVSTORVM Victory seated r. on cuirass, holding shield, supported by small genius, inscribed VOT / X / MVL / XX. In exergue, COMOB. C 51. RIC 1257. Depeyrot 35/1. Mazzini 51var. (this coin). Biaggi 2326. Rare. Good very fine 1'000
Privately purchased in 1958.

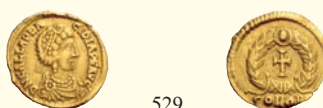
Theodosius II, 402 – 450



- 528 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 425-429, AV 1.48 g. D N THEODO – SIVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTOR – IA – AVGVSTORVM Victory advancing r., head l., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. RIC 276. Depeyrot 70/1. MIRB 45. LRC 325.

Good extremely fine 700

Galla Placidia, wife of Constantine III and mother of Valentinian III



- 529 Tremissis, Ravenna or Roma 455, 1.44 g. D N GALLA PLA – CIDIA P F AVG Pearl diademed, draped bust r., with cross on shoulder. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, COMOB. RIC 2062. Depeyrot 47/9. LRC 831 (these dies).

Rare. Marks on edge, possibly traces of mounting, otherwise good very fine 800

Valentinian III, 425 – 455



- 530 Tremissis, Constantinopolis 425-429, 1.43 g. D N VALENTINIANVS P F AVG Pearl-diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. VICTORIA – AVGVSTORVM Victory advancing r., head l., holding wreath and *globus cruciger*; in exergue, CONOB. RIC 250. Depeyrot 70/2. LRC 329.

Traces of double striking, two scratches on obverse and a graffito on reverse, otherwise good very fine 400
Privately purchased in 1956.

- 531 Tremissis, Ravenna and or Roma circa 455, 1.48 g. D N VALENTINIANVS P F AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, COMOB. RIC 2030. Depeyrot 18/2 var. LRC 851 var.

Reddish tone and extremely fine 600

Anthemius, 467 – 472



- 532 Tremissis circa 468, 1.38 g. D N ANTHEMI – VS P F AVG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, COMOB. RIC 2842. Mazzini 21v (this coin). Depeyrot 71/5. LRC – . Lacam 125.

Rare. Traces of edge filing, otherwise very fine 1'000

- 533 Tremissis, uncertain mint 467-472, 1.40 g. D N ANTHEMIVS VG Pearl diademed, draped and cuirassed bust r. Rev. Cross within wreath; in exergue, COMOB. RIC 2906. Mazzini d 28 (this coin). Depeyrot – Lacam 146 (these dies).

Extremely rare. Reddish tone, slightly bent and about very fine 1'000