

NEWS & NOTES *continued*

SPIKED EYE

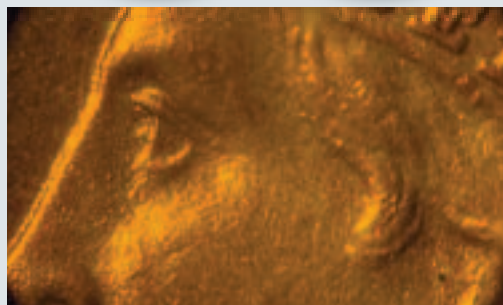
NEW DISCOVERY

*A collector uncovers an
Indian Head cent die variety.*

Hobbyist Richard Stinchcomb recently came upon a new 1868 Indian Head cent die variety. Richard Snow of Eagle Eye Rare Coins confirmed the find after Stinchcomb submitted the peculiar piece as a possible discovery coin.

Referred to as the “Spiked Eye,” the variety is “characterized by a die imperfection (or ‘doubling’) that resulted in what appears to be a ‘spike’ in the eye,” says Stinchcomb. The new variety is cataloged as S-14 in the online third edition of Snow’s *Flying Eagle & Indian Cent Attribution Guide, Volume 1 (1856-1877)*.

Other areas that feature doubling include the lower part of the hair curl to the right of the eye and the repunched date at “86.”



▲ The newly cataloged 1868 Indian Head cent variety is distinguished by a doubling in the eye, which gives it a “spiked” appearance, as well as in the hair curl and at “86” in the date.

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