

NOTGELD COLLECTOR'S GUIDE

Part I. Outline of Das Deutsche Notgeld Katalog, Kleingeldscheine 1916-1922, IV. Teil: Serienscheine, Keller. Edited by Pick and Siemsen (1975). Battenberg Verlag München.

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Ausg.	Ausgabe (issue)
ausg.	ausgegeben (issued)
bds.	beiderseits (on both sides)
d., dkl.	dunkel (dark)
Dr.	Druck (print)
Drfa.	Druckfirma (printing company)
Faks.	Faksimile (according to Keller a handstamped signature as opposed to a printed or handsigned one.)
h	hell (light)
hdschr.	handgeschrieben (handwritten)
KZ	Kontrollziffer, Nummer (control or "serial" number)
l.	links (to the left)
m.u.o.	mit und ohne (with and without)
Ndr.	Neudruck (reprint)
o.	oben (top)
o.D.	ohne Datum (without date)
Or., Orig.	Original
Pp., Pap.	Papier (paper)
r.	rechts (to the right)
Rs.	Rückseite (back side, reverse)
rs.	rückseitig (on back)
St.	Stelle der KZ (digits in control number)
-st. (4st)	4-stellig (4 digits)
Stpl.	Stempel (handstamp)
u.	und, unten (and, below, at the bottom)
Udr.	Unterdruck (underprint, background)
Uschr.	Unterschrift (signature)
vorgedr.	vorgedruckt (a prefix. For example a 5 digit number with a prefix may appear to be a 6 digit number)
Vs.	Vorderseite (face or front side)
vs.	vorderseitig (on front)
Wz.	Wasserzeichen (watermark)
WZ	Wertziffer (Numeral of value, denomination of note)

Type I, II. Serial numbers come in two basic types. The difference can only be seen on numbers 2, 4, 5 and 7. Type I has the horizontal line of 2, 5 and 7 as wavy or flaglike rather than straight. Figure 4 is open at top. Type II has straight horizontal lines with figure 4 closed.

x(mal). The "x" stands for times in a catalog entry. When, for example, Lobeda 644a reads 10 3x25 4x50 it means that the set consists of one 10 Pf. note, 3 different 25 Pf. notes and 4 different 50 Pf. notes.

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Part II. Additional information about the catalog.

Watermarks. Some notes differ only in the type of watermark in the paper. Some of the watermark varieties are:

Flämmchen (flames)
heile Kreuze (light crosses)
dunkle Kreuze (dark crosses)
Ovalmuster (oval pattern)
Tropfen (drops)
Wellen (waves)
verschlungene Kreise (interlaced circles)
verschlungene Quadrate (interlaced squares)
Rautensterne (stars formed of lozenges)
Zickzacklinien (sig-zag lines)
Z-Muster (pattern formed of Z's)
Kreuzmäander (cross meander)
Rheinische Wellen (Rhenish waves, large diagonal waves)
Waben (honeycombs)

Asterisks. There are two types of asterisks depending on whether the line through the X is vertical or horizontal.

Part III. Translations of words encountered by the notgeld collector.

Aktien Gesellschaft- stock company, corporation.

Aufdruck- overprint.

Auflage- edition.

Ausgabe- issue.

Aushilfsschein- assistance note, provisional note.

Bad- bath (spa), health resort.

Bezahlen (Bezahlt)- to pay, paid.

Bezirk- district.

Brotmarke- bread token or stamp.

die, der, das- the.

diese, dieser, diessen- this, these, these.

Einheit- unit.

Ersatzschein- substitute note.

Fabrik- factory.

fein- thin (letters or numbers).

fett- fat or thick (letters or numbers).

Gefangenentalager- prison camp.

Gemeinde- community, township.

Gültig bis 6 Monate- good until 6 months (after).
Gültig bis einen Monat nach Aufruf (Aufklärung)- good until one month after recall.
Gut fur- good for.
Gutschein- note good for.
Handelskammer- Chamber of Commerce.
Kasse, Kassen- pay office, cash office.
Kassenschein- cash note, treasury bill.
Kleingeld-Ersatz- substitute for small change.
Kriegsgeld- war money.
Kriegsnotgeld- war emergency money.
Kriegsnotschein- war emergency note.
Kreis- district ("county").
Magistrat- chief administrative officer.
Mit- with
Mitte- center.
Notgeld- necessity or emergency money.
Notschein- necessity note.
Pfennig, Pfg., Pf.- "penny," 1/100th of a Mark.
Rahmen- frame, border.
Reihe- series.
Schein- note, bill.
Sparkasse- savings bank.
Speismarke- food token or stamp.
Stadt- city, town, municipality.
Stadtbank- city bank.
Stadtgemeinde- city community.
Stadtgirokasse- city transfer bank office.
Stadtkassa- city treasury.
Stadtkassenschein- city treasury note.
Verwaltung der Stadt- city administration.
Wechselschein- exchange note.

Prefixes, suffixes and parts of words:

Alt- old	Furt- fort, ford	Ober- upper
Au- lowland shore	Gau- district, region	Ost- east
Bach- brook, creek	Gross- large	See- lake
Bad- bath, spa	Haufen- houses	Stein- stone
Berg- mountain	Heim- home	Tal, Thal- valley
Brücken- bridges	Klein- small	Unter- under, below
Burg- citadel, fortress	Mühle- mill	Wald- woods, forest
Dorf- village	Neu- new	Weiler- hamlet
Eck- corner	Nieder- lower	Werk- work
Colors:	Schwarz- black	Gelb- yellow
	Blau- blue	Grün- green
		Rot- red

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