Regular Issue Odd-shaped Coins of the 20th Century

Lecture Set #21

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3 Broad Types as of 1964

1) Irregular shape without a definite pattern
2) Angular shape with four or more sides
3) Scalloped edges varying in the number and arrangement of the projections
Irregular Shape, No Pattern

A 1 Pice of Bhutan, 1951
A Number of Indian States issues are irregular in shape
Four-sided

5 Cent of Ceylon, 1945, Square with Rounded Edges
Other countries with four-sided coins are Curacao, Mauritius, Seychelles, Bhutan, Sudan, Jaipur, Guadeloupe, and others
Four-sided Diamond

2 Annas of India, 1945, Square with Diamond Effect, Rounded Edges
Other countries with four-sided coins are Burma, Curacao, Pakistan, Muscat & Oman, Netherlands Antilles
Five-sided

1/8 Imadi of Yemen, 1949
Six-sided

2 Francs from Belgian Congo, 1943, Other countries with six-sided coins Include Yemen, Reunion and Egypt
Eight-sided (Octogonal)

1933 2 ½ Milliemes of Egypt
1 Anna from Mewar Udaipur is also eight-sided
Ten-sided

1959 1 Fils of Iraq
Twelve-sided

3 Pence of Great Britain, Fiji, Seychelles, Canada, & Argentina issued 12-sided coins
Eighteen-sided

50 Centimes, Guadeloupe, 1921
Twenty-sided

1903 50 Centimes Guadeloupe
Twenty-two sided

25 Centimes, France, 1905
Twenty-four sided

2000 Reis, Brazil, 1938
Six-scalloped

25 Pyas, 1952 of Burma
Eight Scallops

2 Cents, Ceylon, 1955, Scallops evenly spaced, projections distinct
Eight-scalloped, Type 2

1 Anna, Pakistan, 1953, evenly spaced slightly sloping scallops
Other countries with 8 scallops are Maldives, India
Eight-scalloped, Type 3

4 Annas, India, 1920, squared effect with the scallops
Other countries with 8 scallops are Maldives, India
Twelve Scallops

50 Centimos, Paraguay
Other countries with 12 scallop coins are Guernsey, India, Burma, Iraq, Ghana, Muscat & Oman, Pakistan, Israel, Sudan
Twelve Scallops

10 Cents, Mauritius, 1954
Scallops are arranged with two at top, two at bottom, four on each side
Fourteen Scallops

25 Cents, Ethiopia, 1952
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And there are lots more!!