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any detailed reviews of the coins that are listed for anything except Seated Halves and Seated Dollars.

I've reported these counterfeits to Ebay on several occasions. On each report, I got a reply back within 12 hours that they looked at the listing and found no issues. Clearly, they don't care and would rather have the income from the sales than enforce their own rules.

I have about 20 coins on order. They take a while to get here because they're shipped from China. When I have them all in hand, I plan to take them to the U.S. Secret Service to see what they can do to shut down the Ebay sales. I don't have a lot of hope for that happening. I'm sure they've got a lot of bigger fish to fry. The consultation with the Secret Service probably won't happen until September. Meanwhile I'll have all the coins I've received at the Liberty Seated Collector's Club table at the ANA in Oklahoma City. I'll be glad to share them with anyone who's interested. I'm also working on a much more detailed article for an upcoming Gobrecht Journal. It will include pictures of many of the counterfeits that I've ordered and more information on how to detect them. For right now just remember that if the price seems unreasonably low, the coin is probably bogus.

<u>Photo Credits</u>: Obverse and reverse full photos: 1843 half – from the Ebay listing. Priced at \$39.99 each, with more than 10 available.

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## Announcement about the new Trade Dollar Book:

From August 15-30, 2025, the pricing for the new Trade Dollar Book has been reduced by about 10% to coincide with the ANA Convention. Lulu just increased costs but  $\sim$ 5%, so this offer will more than offset the price increase for those who might want to buy it during this promotional period. Just wanted to share with the Gobrecht Journal folks!

Best, Joe Kirchgessner, author

Special Announcement: The Fourth Annual Gathering of the Seated Half Society (SHS) will be held immediately following the Annual LSCC meeting at the ANA in Oklahoma City on August 21.

If you wish to become a member of SHS, the ANA convention is an excellent opportunity to bring your collection and qualify.

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