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736	First National Bank of Provincetown, Massachusetts	Provincetown
743	Mechanics National Bank of New Bedford, Massachusetts	New Bedford
746	First National Bank of Woburn, Massachusetts	Woburn
753	Railroad National Bank of Lowell, Massachusetts	Lowell
764	Oxford National Bank, Oxford, Massachusetts	Oxford
765	Citizens National Bank of Worcester, Massachusetts	Worcester
766	Bristol County National Bank of Taunton, Massachusetts	Taunton
767	Marblehead National Bank of Marblehead, Massachusetts	Marblehead
769	Whitinsville National Bank, Whitinsville, Massachusetts	Whitinsville
770	National City Bank of Cambridge, Massachusetts	Cambridge
778	Hamilton National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts	Boston
779	Plymouth National Bank, Plymouth, Massachusetts	Plymouth
781	Wamesit National Bank of Lowell, Massachusetts	Lowell
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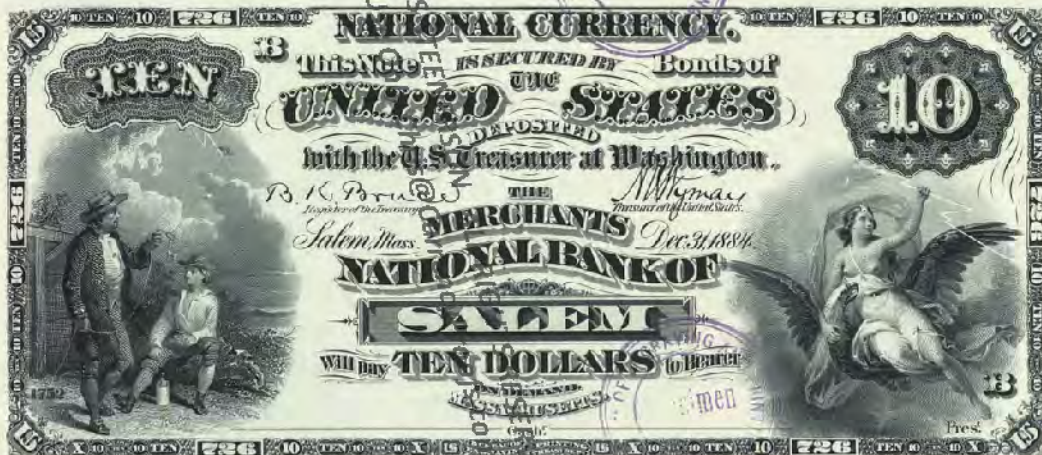
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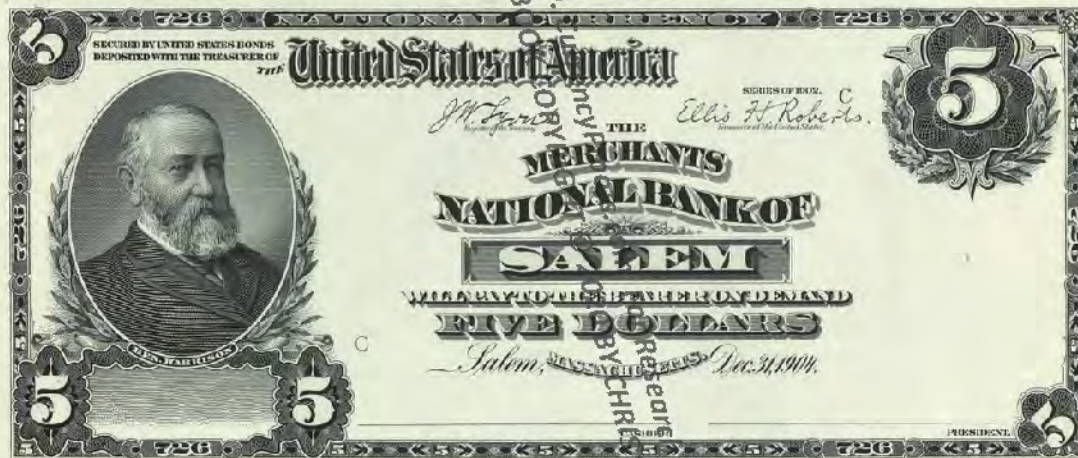
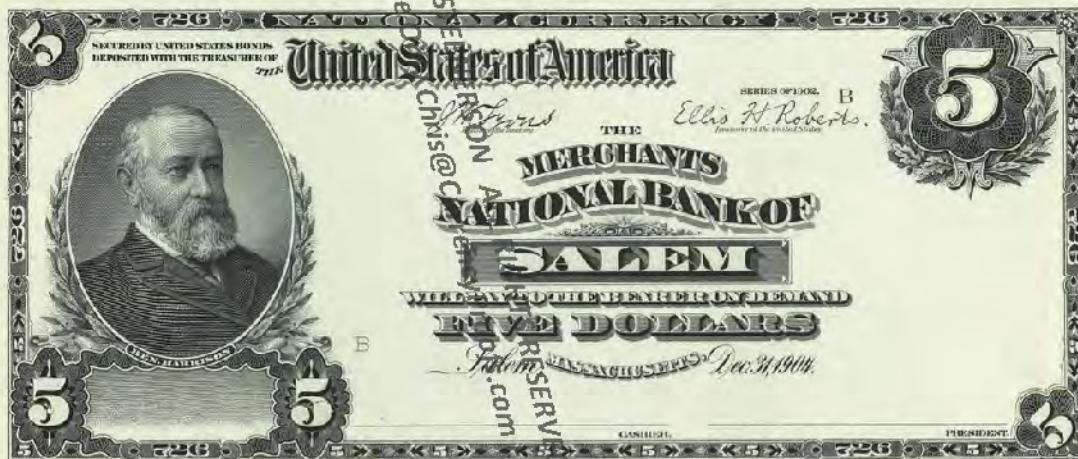
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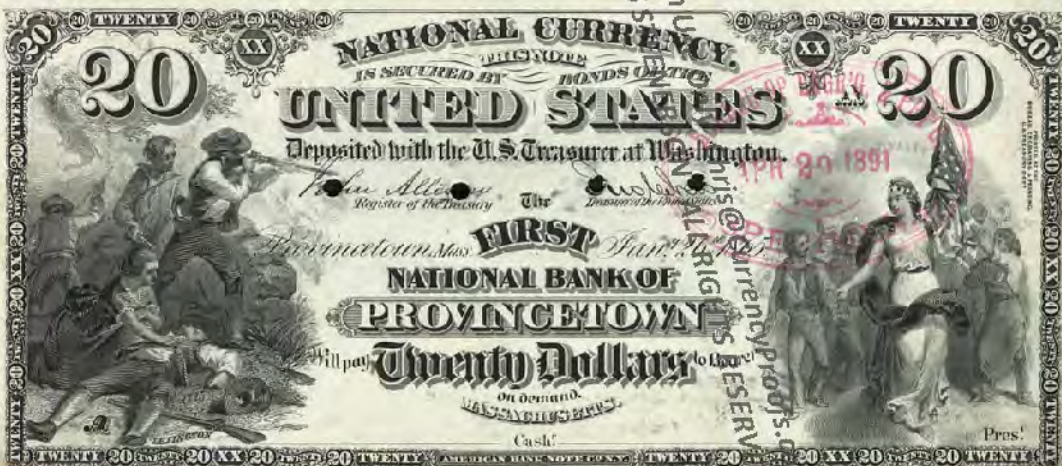
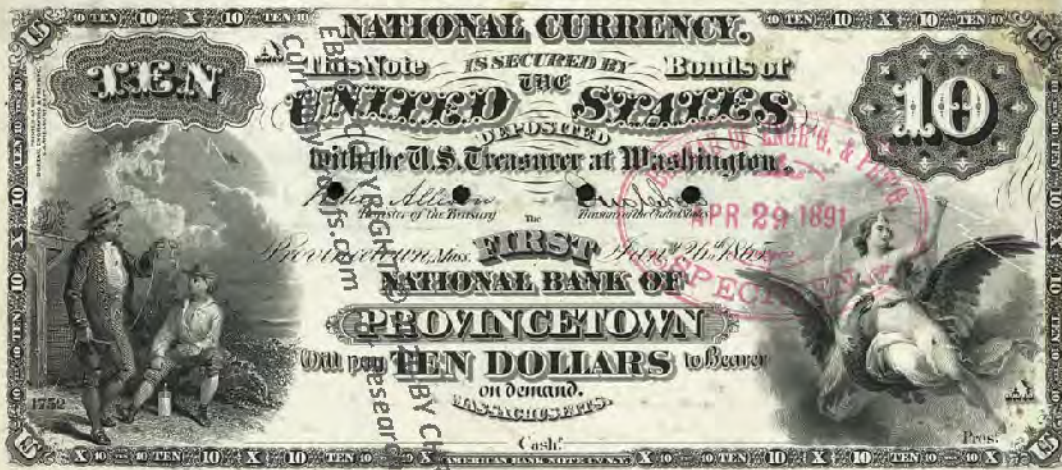
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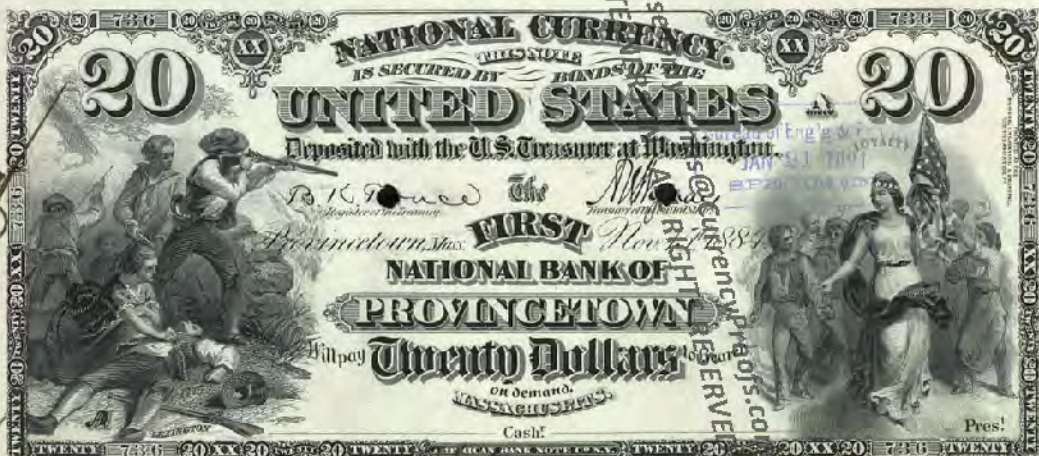


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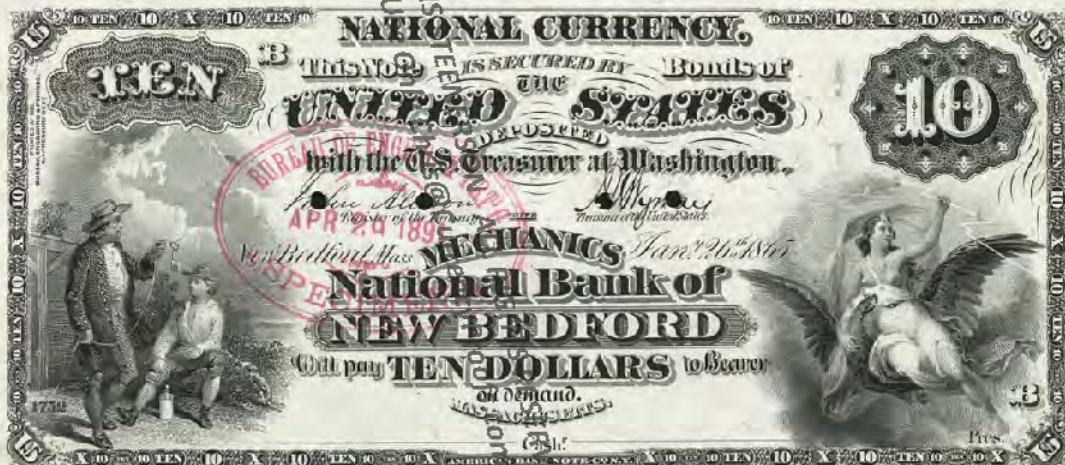
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