

**The *Leeuwengroten* of Louis of Mâle (1346-1384),
Issues I, II, {III and IV}
Addenda: The CdMA Group Coins**

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The CdMA Coin Group

In our recent report on the first four issues of *leeuwengroten* under Louis of Mâle, (*A Preliminary Look at the Leeuwengroten of Louis of Mâle, Count of Flanders (1346-1384) : Issues I, II, III and IV*, ref. 18), we reported on a group of coins which we called “the CdMA Group”.

The group consisted of 8 Louis of Mâle, Issue II *leeuwengroten* that had come up for individual sale at Comptoir des Monnaies (France). Although CdMA was unable to tell us where the coins had come from, it seemed clear to us that all of them had likely come from the same source, i.e. the same original find. 4 of the coins had 3-lobed border leaves (numbers 04 - 07); of these, 2 had ‘normal’ leaves and 2 ‘unusual’ leaves (one of which (n° 07) was a unique specimen of a type we had not seen before, with a MONETA FLAND legend.

The remaining 4 coins had 5-lobed leaves (01-03, 08). All 8 coins were illustrated in our report. All 8 of the coins showed use of the notched-punch apostrophe. ^[18]

In January of 2017, Comptoir des Monnaies put another 14 *leeuwengroten* on their website for sale. The appearance of the coins gives the distinct impression that these coins also came from the same source as the original 8 pieces. The coins in the new set are numbered sequentially 500100 - 500113. 5 of the coins are from Issue I, the other 9 are from Issue II. **All 14 of the “new” coins show use of the notched-punch apostrophe** (see ref. 18).

We present here all 22 of the CdMA *leeuwengroten*, arranged by type.

Louis of Mâle (1346-1384)

Issue I (Ghent)

Issue I	MONETA	leaf	FLAND	border	status
Type 2	Ɱ	✚	Ɱ	✚	verified
Type 3	Ɱ	✚	Ɱ	✚	verified
Type 1	Ɱ	✚	Ɱ	✚	not verified
Type 4	Ɱ	✚	Ɱ	✚	not verified

Table 2
Issue I Sub-Types ^[18]

There seem to be two main types of Issue I coin: those with **straight** leaf-mark stems and those with **curved** stems – although the coins of this issue are notorious for having leaf-marks that are unclear ^[18].

Aimé Haeck described two types that we were been unable to verify ourselves, with obverse legends:

✚ MONETⱮ ✚ FLⱮND'
✚ MONETⱮ ✚ FLAND'

Instead of the “usual” MONETⱮ ✚ FLⱮND or MONETⱮ ✚ FLAND ^[18].

One of the new CdMA coins may have changed the situation, however, as it seems to have a MONETA FLAND legend (n° 505111).

- Type I-1 [?]



Haeck: I.1 / Martiny 33-1 / Torongo-v. Oosterhout 1.11 / Martiny-Torongo GE 27/1

TYPE NOT COMPLETELY VERIFIED

✠ MONET + FLAND'

See ref. 18 for further information.

- Type I-2



Haeck: I.2 / Martiny 33-2 / Torongo-v. Oosterhout 1.12 / Martiny-Torongo GE 27/2

✠ MONET + FLAND'



CdMA 505102 / 3.08 g.



(detail)

As mentioned in the original article, the coins of Issue I are notorious for having leaf-mark stems that are difficult to “read”. If a **curved** stem was intended by the mint, then coin CdMA-505102 is a cat. **Type I-2**; if it is **straight**: cat. **Type I-3**.

• Type I-3



Haeck: I.4 / Martiny 33-4 / Torongo-v. Oosterhout 1.13 / Martiny-Torongo GE 27/3

✠ MONETA ✚ FLAND'



CdMA 505100 / 3.37 g.



CdMA 505101 / 3.14 g.



CdMA 505113 / 3.06 g.

- Type I-4 [?]



Haeck: I.3 / Martiny 33-3 / Torongo-v. Oosterhout 1.14 / Martiny-Torongo GE 27/4
Ghyssens 1 (?) ^[19]

TYPE NOT COMPLETELY VERIFIED (?)

✠ MONETA + FLAND' ↓



Haeck I-3 / Martiny 33-3

Aimé Haeck reported only one example (Bergues Hoard, 1986). This specimen has 'footless' N's in the reverse, outer legend.

The "new" CdMA group contains the following example:



CdMA 505111 / 3.33 g.

Unlike the Bergues Hoard coin, there are no 'footless' N's in the reverse, outer legend.

Issue II (Ghent / Bruges)

Aimé Haeck assigned coins with a round **O** in COMES to Issue II, the current availability of these coins seems to confirm this theory^[2].

Round O coins With 3-Lobed Border Leaves

Issue II, 3-Lobe Coins With 'Normal' Border Leaves: ❄

- Type II-2a

❄ • MONETA + FLAND^r
LVD OVI C^r x C^r O MES
↓



CdMA-04 / 3.38 g.



CdMA-05 / 3.23 g.



CdMA-06 / 3.24 g.

The notched-punch apostrophe is not visible on the obverse of this piece. On the reverse, however, it is:



*The **N** of **DNI** is unusual*

(CdMA-06)



CdMA 505103 / 3.32 g.



CdMA 505104 / 3.47 g.



CdMA 505105 / 3.20 g.

Issue II, 3-Lobe Coins With 'Normal' Border Leaves (cont.)



CdMA 505106 / 3.27 g.



CdMA 505108 / 3.07 g.



CdMA 505109 / 3.20 g.



CdMA 505110 / 3.35 g.



CdMA 505112 / 3.22 g.

3-Lobe Coins With 'Unusual' Border Leaves: ❄️

• Type II-2b

✠ • ΜΟΝΕΤΑ + ΦΛΑΝΔ
ΛΥΔ ΟΥΙ Κ^{❄️}ΔΟ ΜΕΣ
↓



CdMA-08 / 3.06 g.

- Type II-3



✠ • ΜΟΝΕΤΑ + ΦΙΛΑΡΧΗ
ΛΥΔ ΟΥΙ Δ' ΧΔΟ ΜΕΣ
↓



private collection (ex- CdMA-07) / 2.83 g.

Round O coins With 5 -Lobed Border Leaves ❁

Issue II Coins With Straight-Stem Leaf-Marks ❁

• Type II-4

Coins with a **straight** leaf-mark stem and 5-lobed border leaves are the most common type of Issue II coin seen today. These coins were classified by Haeck as his Type II-6B.

The M's tend to look similar among these coins. The leaf-marks on these coins are rather "blocky," and the stems are very short: ❁. Some of them bear the notched apostrophe, while others do not.

5-Lobed Border Leaf Coins With the Notched Punch ⸮

❁ • MONETA ❁ FLAND[Ⓡ]
↓



CdMA-01 / 3.33 g.



CdMA-02 / 2.97 g.

The notched-punch apostrophe gives the illusion of a pellet left of the initial cross. The N's seem to be bordering on the 'mutilated' type seen in Issue V.



CdMA-03 / 3.10 g.



CdMA 505107 / 2.95 g.

Issue II Coins With Curved-Stem Leaf-Marks ✚

• Type II-6

There are no coins of this type in either of the CdMA groups.























Conclusion

It seems clear that someone, somewhere, is dispersing the contents of a coin hoard that contained a number of interesting *leeuwengroten*. It is impossible to say if more coins from this find will surface on the market in the future. It does not seem unreasonable to assume that some coins may never reach the market at all, having been retained by the finder of the hoard.

The end result is that, barring future publications of which we are unaware at this time, yet another medieval coin is being dispersed without ever having been properly documented.

Despite the recent efforts of a small number of researchers / authors, including myself, numismatics remains firmly entrenched in the 19th century – a sad state of affairs.

The author welcomes any and all comments or opinions regarding the contents of this paper. Any submissions of photographs of *leeuwengroten* (of any region or issuing authority) will be most appreciated.

CdMA number	Issue	Haeck type	border leaf	leaf-mark	leaf-mark stem	obverse	page
01	II	II-6 B	5 normal		straight	Λ / A	
02	II	II-6 B	5 normal		straight	Λ / A	
03	II	II-6 B	5 normal		straight	Λ / A	
04	II	II-6 A	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
05	II	II-6 A	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
06	II	II-6 A	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
07	II	—	3 unusual		straight	Λ / A	
08	II	II-6 A	3 unusual		straight	Λ / A	
500100	I	I-3	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
500101	I	I-3	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
500102	I	I-2 ?	3 normal		curved ?	Λ / A	
500103	II	II-6 A	3 unusual		straight	Λ / A	
500104	II	II-6 A	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
500105	II	II-6 A	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
500106	II	II-6 A	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
500107	II	II-6 B	5 normal		straight	Λ / A	
500108	II	II-6 A	3 unusual		straight	Λ / A	
500109	II	II-6 A	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
500110	II	II-6 A	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
500111	I	I-3 ?	3 normal		straight ?	Λ / A	
500112	II	II-6 A	3 normal		straight	Λ / A	
500113	I	I-4 ?	3 normal		straight	A / A	

The CdMA *Leeuwengroten*

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