



Massimo

younger

Jean (left) and his older brother, Mariano de Sperati
in Padua, Italy. Mariano, the photographer, was 2 years
and four months older than Jean. Date unknown, but Jean
appears about 10 years old (1894) and Mariano about 12.



Jean de Sperati at age 15. Bologna, Italy in 1899.



Jean de Sperati in Bologne, probably circa 1904 at age 18.

Leghorn 2 Mai 1907
Mons. Jules Ceresche
Verviers

Je viens d'apprendre que
vous vous occupez de la col-
lection des timbres-poste et
je me permets de vous faire
la suivante proposition.

Comme je suis en train de
liquider ma collection et
mon stock, je puis vous faire
sur v. simple demande un
envoi à choix de bons et ra-
res timbres très recherchés, co-
tés avec énorme rabais, sur
tous les catalogues. Si mon
offre ne vous intéresse pas,
je vous prie de me donner
si possible quelques adresses
de collectionneurs qui achètent
de v. pays. Merci l'avance
et salutations distinguées

M. de Sperati

Fermo P.
Livorno (Toscane - Italie)



CARTOLINA POSTALE ITALIANA (Carte postale d'Italie)
RISPOSTA (Réponse)



M. de Sperati
Fermo P.

Livorno
(Toscane)
(Italie)

NB. Scrivere da questa parte l'indirizzo soltanto

A reply postcard from Massimo de Sperati to Monsieur Jules Ceresche in Verviers, Belgium, written in Leghorn 2 May 1907. Massimo, the oldest brother of Jean de Sperati, was a stamp dealer of poor reputation. The message is typical: "I have just learned that you collect postage stamps and I make the follow-
ing proposal to you. PAs I am liquidating my collection and my stock I can, on your request, make you an approval selection of very desirable good and rare stamps, priced with enormous reduction on all catalogues. If my offer does not interest you, I ask you to give me if possible several addresses of collectors from your country who are buying. Thanks in advance and distinguished greetings."

M. de Sperati
General Delivery
Leghorn (Tuscany-Italy)



The address side



A postcard made by the firm Fotocelere of Turin, found to be illegal by the court at Pisa on 7 June 1910, a decision found to be in error by the appeals court at Lucca on 6 February 1911. It was Jean de Sperati's next older brother, Mariano the photographer and shareholder in Fotocelere, who was convicted and then acquitted. In the same trials Jean's oldest brother, Massimo the stamp dealer, and Jean himself were found guilty and then acquitted on appeal for forging stamps of San Marino and Benadir. Jean was not present for either trial, having fled to France in 1909 ahead of the Italian police.

Pistoia 19/6/96
Monsieur Gërimont
Dinant

J'ai reçu votre mandat de 31 frs, dont
je vous remercie.

En-ann je vous envoie les choses demandées,
dont j'espère vous serez satisfait.
Dans l'espoir de recevoir des vos nouvelles
communes je vous salue

Dévoué

M. De-Sperati

(translation) Pistoia 19 June 1896
Mr. Gërimont
Dinant

I received your money order for 31 francs, for
which I thank you.

Herewith I am sending you the things asked for,
with which I hope you will be satisfied.

In the hope to receive new orders from you I
send you my regards.

Sincerely
M. De-Sperati

K3 4DH RACCOMANDATA
BIGLIETTO POSTALE
DA 5 CENT



Monsieur Gërimont J. B.

Rue neuve, 5

(Belgique)



Letter in possession of
M. Haus of Herstal, Belg-
ium (December 1989).

Florence, 26/10/96

Monsieur!

De Pistoia m'ont envoyé une lettre
recommandée. Je l'ai faite traduire.
Je suis surpris de son contenu.
Avant j'avais reçu une autre lettre,
avec des imitations, et n'ayant pas
bien compris son contenu, je vous
avais prié de m'écrire en
français. Aujourd'hui que j'ai
fait traduire la première et la
seconde, j'ai à vous dire que
je n'envoie pas jamais des
imitations. Les lettres que
je vous ai envoyées étaient
authentiques, et il n'y avait
pas les imitations que vous
m'avez envoyées. Je n'ai pas
peur ni de l'abbé Frossi, ni
de M. Gebüder, Senf. Si vous
avez fait des diffamations contre
moi, le consul italien, auquel
j'écrirais, agira. Je peux envoyer
des références de bon ordre.

M. De-Sperati
Ex-Directeur du Salon Marino

(translation)

Florence, 26 October 1896

Sir!

Your registered letter has been sent to me from Pistoia. I have had it translated. I am surprised at its contents. Previously I received another letter, with some imitations, and not having understood its contents well, I asked you to write me in French. Today I had the first and second letters translated. I must tell you that I have never sent imitations. The stamps that I sent you were authentic, and were not the imitations that you sent me. I have fear neither of Black Lists, nor of the Senf Brothers. If you are thinking of slandering me, the Italian consul, to whom I shall write, will act. I can provide first class references.

M. De-Sperati

Former editor of "San Marino".

Copy of a postcard from Massimo de Sperati, the oldest brother and a stamp dealer.





A POSTCARD DATED 19th OCTOBER 1932 FROM SPERATI
TO PLUMRIDGE AND CO., STAMP DEALERS OF LONDON
OFFERING A 'SELECTION FOR SALE'.

Feuille N°. 1 contenant 18 timbres valant



Argentine 1862-63
15c.



Buenos Aires
1858 2p.



B.A. 1858
3p.



Austrian 1851-58
30 Kr. 2000



Austrian 1850-72
1 Kr. 100 (af. I)



Bavaria 1849
1 Kr. 100 (interne)



Belgium 1869-78
5 frs. 100 (brun-rouge)



Belgium 1870
5 frs. 100 (brun-pâle)



Bolivia 1868
50 c.



Brazil 1851-58
100000



Colombia 1861-2
1/2 c.



Colombia 1861-2
1/2 c.



Costa Rica 1862-63
50 c.



Costa Rica 1862-63
50 c.



Cape of Good Hope
1862-63 50 c.



Naples 1851-58
1/2 t. 100



Sicily 1858
50 g.



Sicily 1858
10 g.

Feuille N°. 2 contenant 17 timbres valant



Sicily 1858
50 g.



Spain 1845-46
100 c.



U.S.A. 1869
90 c.



Providence 1851
5 c.



Photo 1852
50 c.



Costa Rica 1862-63
50 c.



Spain 1850
50 c.



Spain 1850
60 c.



Spain 1851
60 c.



Spain 1851
100 c.



Spain 1852
60 c.



Spain 1852-53
20 c.



Spain 1853-54
60 c.



Spain 1853
20 c.



Spain 1853-54
30 c. 100



Spain 1854
60 c.



Spain 1854
20 c.



Espagne 1854
1r. force



1865
cabe. rev. 12 es.



1865
19c.



1865 dent.
19cs.



1866 19c.



1868 19c.
brun



1870 - 20s.



1870 19cs.



1872 10 ptas



1873 10 ptas



1874 10 ptas



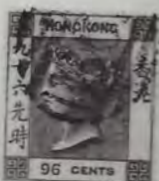
1878 10 ptas



France 1873-60
1fr.



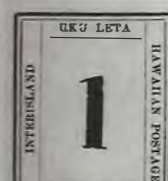
Greece (Paris)
1861-11.



Hongkong
1863 74/100 96c.
violet



Hongkong 1871
2k.



Hawaii 1864 68
1c. bleu



1864 5c. bleu
2/10 blanc



Hanovre 1892
2 pt vert



1892 1/2 gr. noir



1892 10 gr.



Lagos 1881 86
1/6 olive



Levant surr.
1868 10 pf.



Mevis 1876
1s.



Oldenburg
1858 1/3 gr. vert



1858
1/3 gr. vert



1858
2 gr. rose



1858
3 gr. jaune



1860
1/3 gr. vert marine



1860
2 gr. rouge



1860
3 gr. jaune



Philippines 1858
5c. rouge



1856
2r. bleu



1858 80 pf.



Saxony
1871 5c. noir



Saxe 1856
10 pf. bleu

Feuille N°. 5 contenant 18 timbres valant



Suède 1855, 30



Suède 1855, 2 öre



Suède 1855, 1 öre



Portugal 1841, 48 reis



Portugal 1844, 50 reis



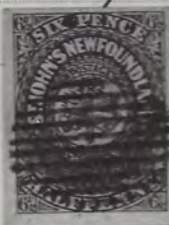
Portugal 1860, 6 p. orange



Terre-Neuve 1857, 5 p. bleu



Terre-Neuve 1857, 1 sh. vert



Terre-Neuve 1857, 6 p. vert



Uruguay 1856, 50 c. obl. plume



Uruguay 1856, 80 c.



Uruguay 1856, 1 real



Uruguay 1858, 120 c. bleu



Uruguay 1858, 180 c. vert



Uruguay 1858, 240 c. obl. plume



Uruguay 1859, 80 c.

Feuille N°. 6 contenant 6 timbres valant



Uruguay 1859, 120 c.



Uruguay 1859, 240 c.



Uruguay 1860, 80 c.



Uruguay 1860, 100 c.



Uruguay 1860, 120 c.



Uruguay 1860, 180 c.

Six feuillets contenant 95 timbres

Feuille 1 — 18 t.
" 2 — 17 t.
" 3 — 18 t.

Feuille 4 — 18 t.
" 5 — 18 t.
" 6 — 6 t.

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Nº 435

Jan 9. 1933

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If a receipt is required, please return this account.

Crix les Bains Jan. 12, 1933
To the British Philatelic Assoc. Ltd.
London

Hon. Secretary W. F. Deakin,

Dear Sir,

Enclosed a cheque on London of £15.0.0
for fees, (No: 110624, payable by the Barclay
Bank Ltd, London E.C.3) and 7½d. postage
for return registered of the Stamps
and Certificates.

Yours Sincerely

Jean de Sperati
Tilla "La Rose ^{effeuillée} effeuillée"
Boulevard des Anglais
Crix-les-Bains
(Savoie)
France Savoie

Air to Britain Jan 13/1933
British Phil. Assoc.
London
Hon. Sec. W.F. Deakin

Dear Sir
Yesterday I have sent you
a cheque of £15.0.0. for fees
and 7½ d. post. a. regis.
for return of the 95 Stamps
together the 95 Certificates.
If 7½ d. post. a. regis.
are insufficient, on
receipt of request
I will send you the
difference, Yours truly
Jean de Sperati

A POSTCARD DATED 13th JANUARY 1933 FROM
SPERATI TO Mr W.F.DEAKIN OFFERING EXTRA
RETURN POSTAGE (AND DISPLAYING SOME
IMPATIENT CONCERN AT THE TRANSACTION)

A LETTER DATED 21st JANUARY 1933 FROM SPERATI TO
Mr W.F.DEAKIN TRYING TO HURRY THE EXPERT DEPART-
MENT INTO PROVIDING (95) CERTIFICATES

FOLLOWED BY

AN UNSIGNED LETTER DATED 2nd FEBRUARY 1933 FROM
THE B.P.A. EXPERT DEPARTMENT TO SPERATI RETURN-
ING THE CHEQUE (£15) AND THE STAMPS (95) ---
SOMEONE WAS OBVIOUSLY SUSPICIOUS AND THE B.P.A.
EXPERT DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO HAVE ANYTHING TO
DO WITH IT !!!

Alix les Bains Jan. 21, 1933

Ch. W. F. Heakin Hon. Secretary London

Dear Sir Heakin,

In reception of your letter of Jan. 16;
and I am writing the expedition
of the Stamps a. Certificates.

For eventual reserve All Rights,

please to note, to return me all
the Stamps: as State a. condition,
exactly conform as sent to Mr.
Thunridge & Co.

Yours faithfully

Jean de Sperati

Ville 'Le Rose effeuillie,
Boulevard des anglais

Alix les Bains

No 880

Feb. 2nd. 1933.

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34/35 SOUTHAMPTON STREET,
STRAND, LONDON, W.C. 2.

2352-29 M-20953

Dear Sir,

I am instructed to return your
cheque for £15., together with the 95
stamps handed to us by Messrs: Plumridge.

The Expert Committee decline to
express any opinion, owing to the stamps
having been extensively repaired and
tampered with.

Yours faithfully,

Monsieur J. de Sperati,
Aix les Bains,
France.



Wedding photographs of Jean
de Sperati and Marie Louise Corne
August 1914



Marie Louise Corne in a wedding picture
circa 1 August 1914, the day of her wedding
to Jean de Sperati in Paris.



View across the site of 31, rue Nouvelle in Lyon. This was Sperati's house from 1924 to 1931, when he moved to Aix-les-Bains. Rue Nouvelle was put through in 1904 and was so known until 1954 when its name was changed to rue Henri Barbusse. It lies in the south of the 8th arrondissement, just north of Vénissieux. It is within walking distance of a large train station.



Sperati's Château du Carre, 1923-27 summers, 1927-31 year around*. The east side, overlooking the valley of the Isère River; 23 km. NE of Grenoble on the old road (N90) to Chambéry. le Carre is on the SW edge of la Terrasse where Sperati was involved with a sheet metal factory.
 *estimated dates

Photographs, 11 May 2003



From NW corner - valley of
Isère River in distance



Entry gate - south side

Château du Carre

Photography
11 May 2003



Above:
Sperati's first home in Aix-les-Bains
"La Rose Effeillée" (June 1931 to
October 1933) seen in 1998.



Right:
"Jacques Coeur" the Speratis' second
home in Aix-les-Bains (October 1933 to
1937 or 1936) in 1998.



"Claire de Lune", the Speratis' third and final home in Aix-les-Bains, from
 1936 or 1937. Above: In 1965.
 Below: In 1998.





Jean de Sperati, date unknown, perhaps near age 50, circa 1935



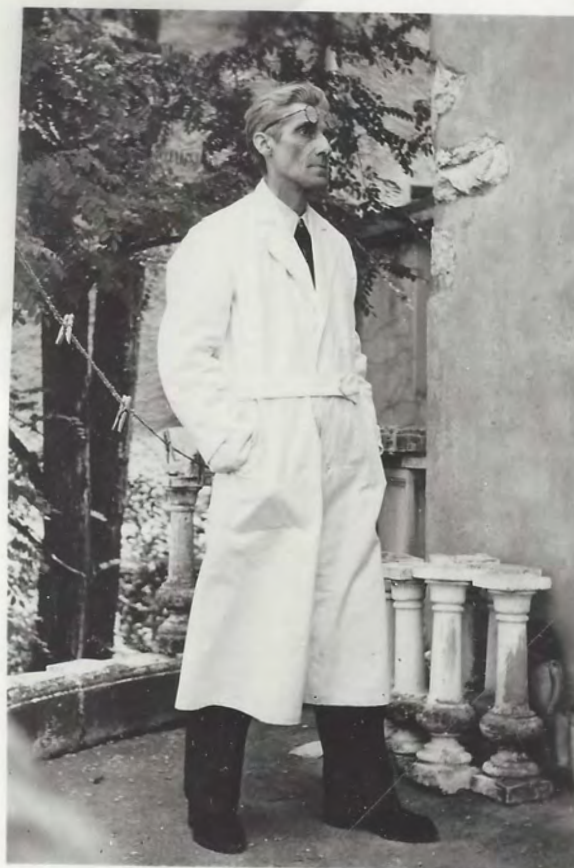
Jean de Sperati at gate to Claire de Lune, his home in Aix-les-Bains
from 1936 or 1937. Date unknown, possibly circa 1940, near age 56.



Sperati at Claire de Lune

Above: in his study, October 1947

Right: on the terrace, August 1948



Aix-les-Bains.

April 28th 1955.

Dear Mr. Ragatz,

I have just received the packet of numerous magazine cuttings, which are of great interest to me.

You are really a wonderful source of information re-the Philatelic world, my very best compliments, and thank you a thousand times.

Should you make a trip to Europe I would be most happy to make your acquaintance, and to be able to welcome you.

Cordially yours,

Henri Frey

*I have received the visit of
Bob Lyman, always gracious;
making a round through
Europe*

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AIR MAIL



*Mr.
Lowell Ragatz
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Right:

Jean de Sperati's sister-in-law,
Mlle Anna Corne (r), with
Marjorie Walske, at Claire de
Lune, 1965



Below:

Jean de Sperati's daughter and
son-in-law, Xavier and Yvonne
Pochard de Sperati, Paris, 1961.





CW with Yvonne
Pochard de Sperati
(center) and her
author-friend, Luc-
ette Blanc,
Aix-les-Bains
April 1997



Sperati's
tombstone,
Aix-les-Bains

"Here lies
Jean de Sperati,
creator of
Philatelic d'Art."

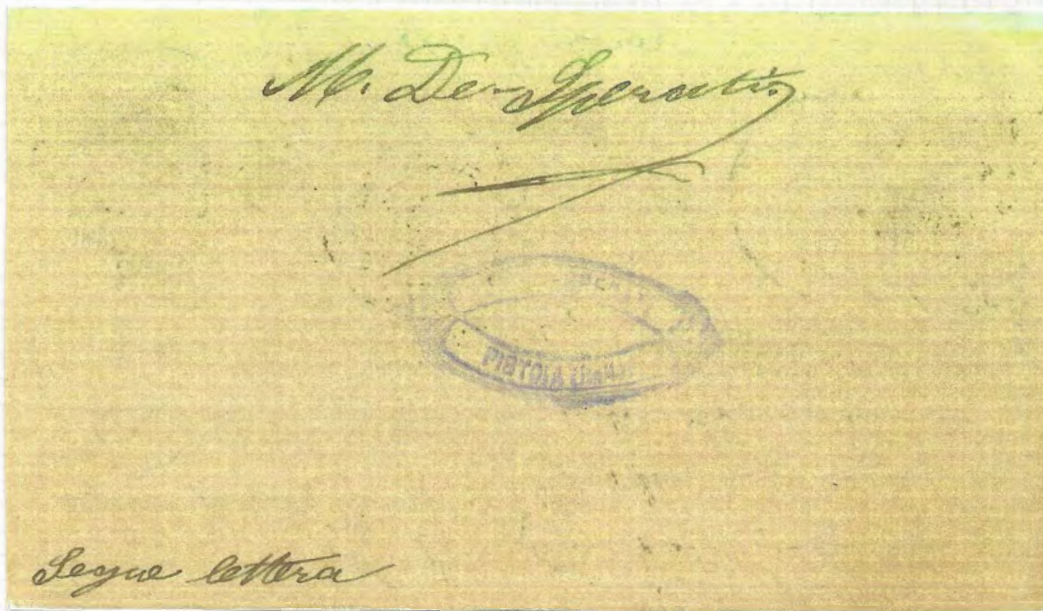


NB. Sul lato anteriore si scrive soltanto l'indirizzo.

NB. Questa parte può essere spedita a parte.

Note Massimo's personal name/address stamp.

Sender's part of a return post card, sent by Jean de Sperati's oldest brother, the stamp dealer, Massimo de Sperati, to Massawa, a port city in Eritria. Dated 9 September 1894. At this time Massimo was almost 16 years old and Jean was almost 10 years old. The post card was sent from Pistoia, from where Massimo advertised for stamp exchanges in 1893 through 1897.

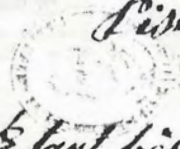


← Again Massimo's stamp.

"letter follows" →

Reverse side

Massimo's recognizable signature is at the top.

 Pistoia, Date du timbres
Monsieur,
Étant très occupé je me vois obligé
de renoncer soudainement à la
philatélie. En compensation du
reste d'abonnement au "San Mari-
no" je vous adresse le présent car-
te dont la valeur est à peu près
de 1 franc. Mon stock de timbres en-
tires étant en liquidation je vous of-
fre: 100 bons timbres mélange extra
(Senf 95, Mk 23) pour frs. 5; 100 en-
tires (Mk 50) frs. 12. Franco et
recommandé. Sincères salutations
M. De Sperati

(translation) Pistoia, Date of the stamps
Sir,

Being very busy I am unexpectedly obliged to give
up philately. In compensation for the remaining
subscription to "San Marino" I am sending you this
postcard of which the value is about one franc...
My stock of stamps and entires being in liquidation
I offer you: 100 extra good mixed stamps (Senf 95
Mk 23) for 5 francs; 100 entires (Mk 50) for 12
francs. Post free and registered.

Sincere regards,
M. De Sperati

Postcard from Massimo de Sperati, the oldest Sperati brother and a stamp dealer.
Probably written at the end of 1895 when his "San Marino" was taken over by
Vittorio Durani in Turin, or possibly early 1896.

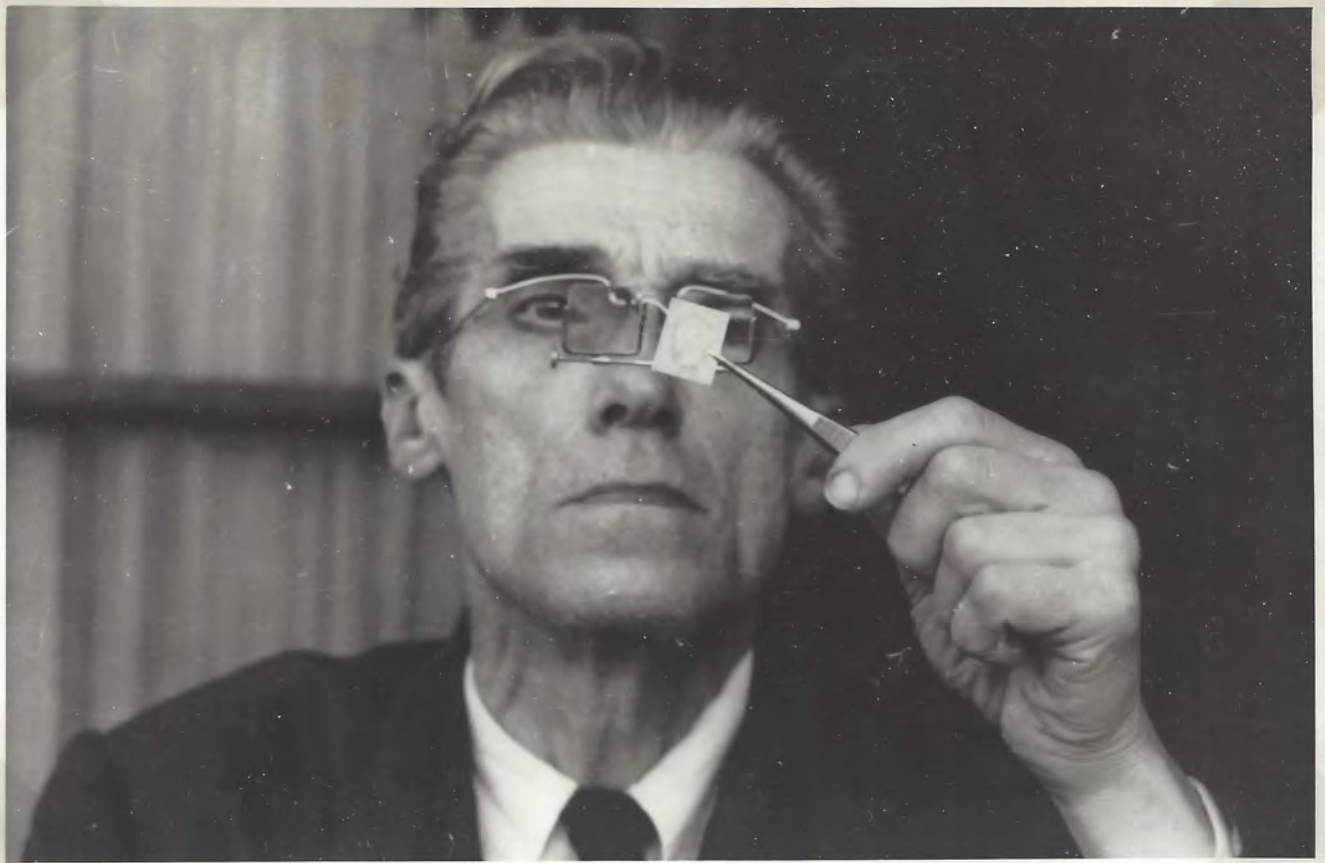


Claire de Lune
Blvd. la Roche du Roi
Aix-les-Bains (Savoie)



Mons. Pochard

Yvonne Pochard de Sperati



O. LA FLIZE

78, Cours Vitton, LYON

23 Mai 1944

Monsieur

Je vous retourne ci-joint les lettres que
vous m'avez communiquées - La majorité de
ces titres semble authentique, sauf les

Banque - 15

Honneur - 16

Oldenbourg - 13 qui sont sûrement faussés.

Brème 4. est douteuse - 1^{er} n'a pas l'air
d'élément de compensation - non plus par le

Belle 37 -

Oldenbourg 5.

Paris - 16 -

qui ne valent rien.

- il y a plusieurs pièces qui figurent avantageusement
dans une vente publique.

Avec mes meilleurs sentiments

obli

Frais... 50.-

Replote à mon C.P.

Lyon 307.69

Reçu

De faire les Bains (Suisse) de Sperati

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" " 170.000 " 200.000 frs " 5.700
" " 200.000 " 250.000 frs " 6.000
" " 250.000 " 650.000 frs " 6.500
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De faire les Bains (Suisse) de Sperati

PHILATELIE d'ART - Les Jean-de-Sperati

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