

Egypt

Third Issue

1 Piastre.

Second Printing 1875. Perf 12½.

Forme 'A'
Plating

| | | |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 103 | 104 | 105 |
| 113 | 114 | 115 |
| 123 | 124 | 125 |



No 114
← Tête-Bêche.

Forme 'B'
Plating

| |
|----|
| 1 |
| 11 |



The second printing has an oily appearance which is caused by certain pigments, including vermilion, reacting chemically when in contact with copper. Frequent cleaning of the stereotypes, to avoid the design being obliterated, was necessary and sometimes the stereotypes were inverted when being put back. This is the reason for tête bêche stamps appearing in different positions on different sheets.