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Agenda

- Scope
- Buying online from auction sites
- Searching online & finding items
- Sniping
- Caveat Emptor
- Spotting the crooks



Scope

How long is a piece of string?



5/-
FIVE SHILLINGS
POSTAGE

List of possible topics...

- The demise of stamp shops and rise of online dealers
- Spotting stolen items
- Digital Imaging
- Expert opinion without leaving the house
- Online catalogues
- Online specialist websites
- Accessing worldwide auctions
- Research
- Easy access to worldwide Postal Systems websites
- Thematic resources
- Recruiting new members via a website
- Stamp blogs (read existing or create own)
- Podcasts (listen to existing or create own)
- Youtube how to videos (watch existing or create own)
- Access to worldwide stamp, cover, postcard exchanges.
- Postcrossing - postcard exchange
- 100stamps.club - stamp exchange
- Stampboards - stamp, postcard and cover exchanges
- Virtual exhibitions & presentations
- Virtual collections

“But there is NO substitute for the instant contact and access to millions of websites. You can improve the Internet, but there's no substitute.”

Buying online

Online Auctions

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Traditional
Auctions



Online auction sites

- eBay - <http://www.ebay.co.uk>
- Delcampe - <https://www.delcampe.net>
- Hipstamp* - <https://www.hipstamp.com>
- eBid - <http://www.ebid.net/uk/>



*Formerly BidStart (bought by SG)



Traditional Auctions

<http://www.stampdomain.com/auctionhouse.htm>

Searching online



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IF THE TEXT IS TOO SMALL - PRESS THE (CONTROL AND +) KEYS

A POSTAL AUCTION OFFERING MAINLY GB AND COMMONWEALTH POSTAL HISTORY WITH STRENGTH IN MOST AREAS

ALL BIDS WILL CLOSE AT 12.00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 28th DECEMBER 2018

ALL LOTS CAN BE VIEWED AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS/VENUES:

FELHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, BOURNEMOUTH ON THE 2nd DECEMBER

MOUNT SPACE SCHOOL, FOTTENS BAR ON THE 6th DECEMBER

THE EDWARD STAMP FAIR, ROYAL NATIONAL HOTEL, BLOOMSBURY ON THE 8th DECEMBER

<http://www.magpiecatalogue.com/>

Searching online

- Control F or Command F = Find

469. IRAN/PERSIA-Cover addressed to Marseilles with 4 x 3Ch values on the back tied by d/ring TAURIS [DEPAI cancels dated 1.5.1916. On the front is the unframed RUSSIAN censor mark-see illustration Res £25

470. JAMAICA-Postcard addressed to Haywards Heath, Sussex and redirected to Victoria with GEO V 1d Silver Jubilee value tied by d/ring MYRTLE BANK/JAMAICA dated 18.10.1935. At left is d/ring transit mark HENFIELD/SUSSEX dated 7.11.1935 Res £12

471. JAMAICA-Airmail cover addressed to New York with GEO VI 6d & QEII 1955 commem tied by d/ring T.P.O/JAMAICA dated 30.9.1955 Res £22

472. U.T-QEII 20c orange postal stationery envelope addressed to DODOMA, cancelled by d/rings DARESSALAAM-TABORA TPO DOWN dated 11.2.1956 Res £25

473. U.T-Cover addressed to a Mombasa P.O Box number with Kenya 30c wildlife definitive tied by d/ring MOMBASA/KENYA dated 2.11.1967. Centrally is rthe unframed POSTED ON MAIL TRAIN/NAIROBI-MOMBASA in blue-violet ink. Nice commercial usage Res £22

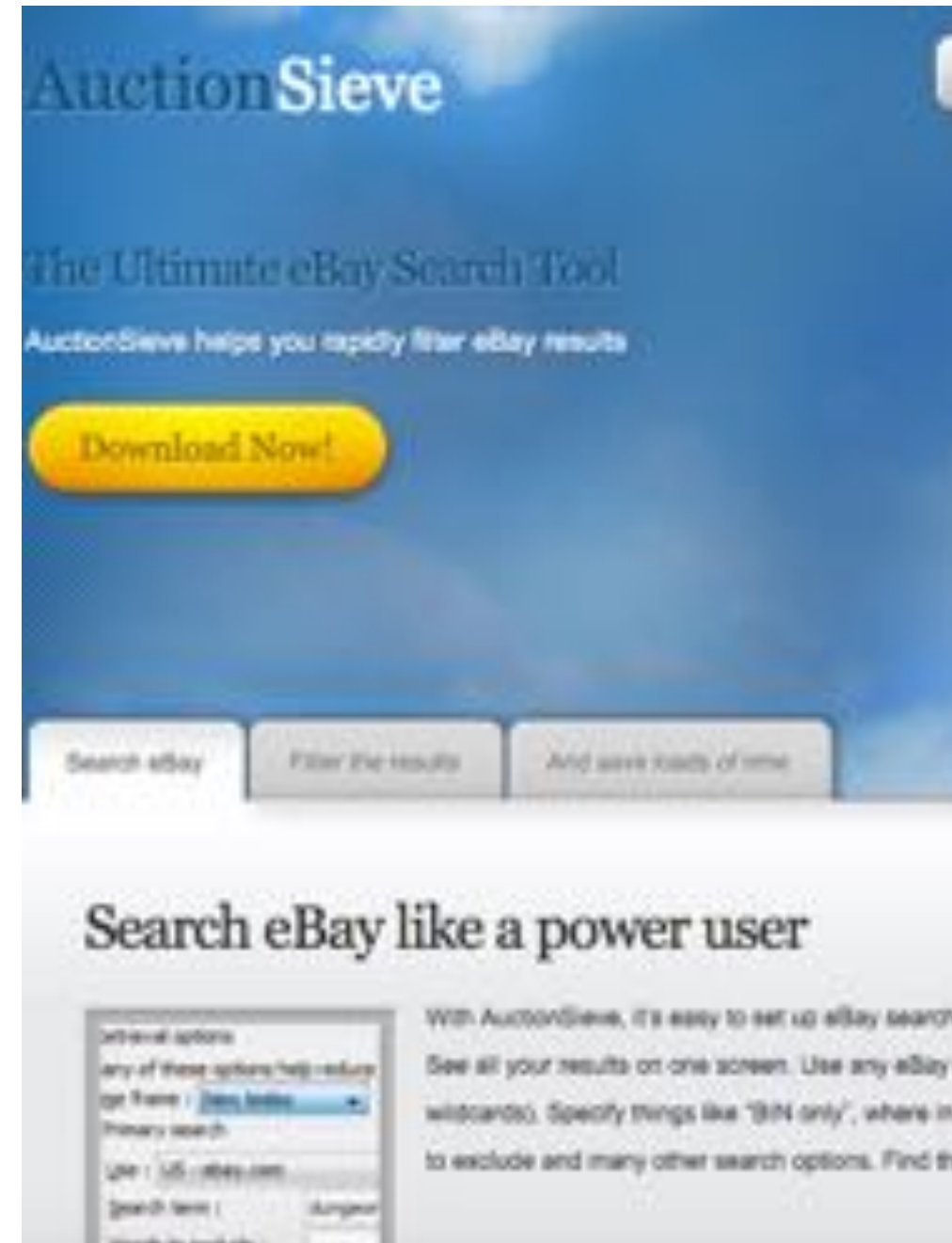
Kenya

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How to find what you want





- Google search
- Auction Sieve - <http://www.auctionsieve.com/>
- Followed Searches









Auction Sieve

Search term: [Options ▾](#) [Get auctions!](#) [Done](#) Got 5 of 5 pages New auctions : 231

Sieve results - 231 items (231 total - 0 filtered)

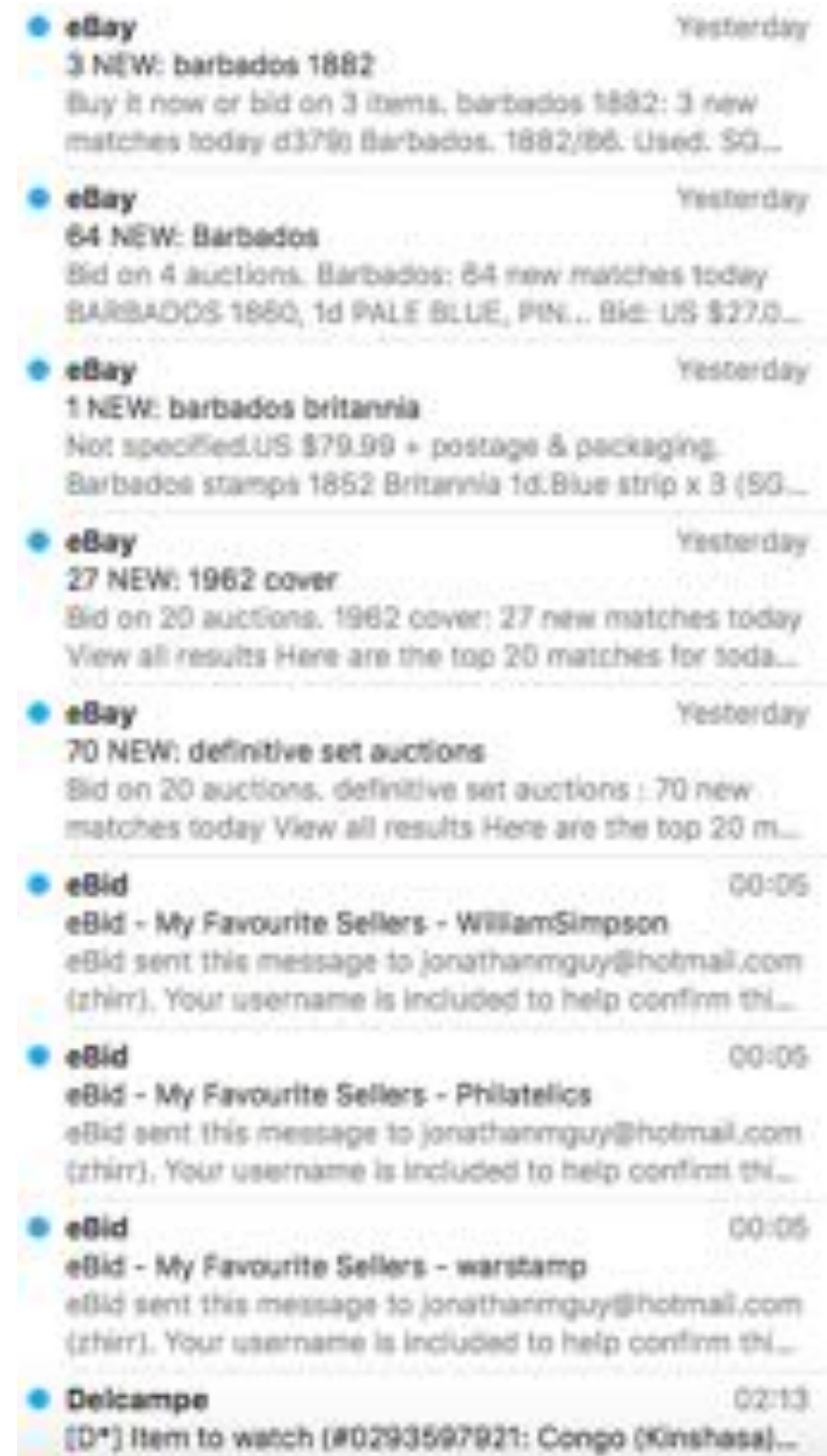
Picture	Auction title
	1948 First Day cover posted locally bearing the Royal Silver Wedding
	Barbados - 1979 Birds Defins - 4 x vals on Pictorial FDC
	Jamaica/British Guiana/Barbados Coronation FDCs
	Barbados 1981 Royal Wedding FDC Diana Charles bouquet flowers (NoL254)

Watch lists and alerts

Searches you follow			
Search name ↕	Keyword	Email settings	Actions
 1962 cover, Stamps, Auction	1962 cover	Subscribed	View items Edit search
 Australia, Auction, Year of Issue: 1911-1920(1921-1930)		Subscribed	View items Edit search
 Barbados (until 1966), Auction		Subscribed	View items Edit search
 bahamas, British Colonies & Territories, Auction, Era: George VI (1936-1952)	bahamas	Unsubscribed	View items Edit search
 barbados 1882	barbados 1882	Subscribed	View items Edit search
 barbados 1893, Stamps Unfollow Unsubscribe email	barbados 1893	Subscribed	View items Edit search

Watch lists and alerts

Watch lists will email you daily with new items that match your search criteria



eBay and sniping

Rule 1

Never bid on eBay without sniping



What is sniping?

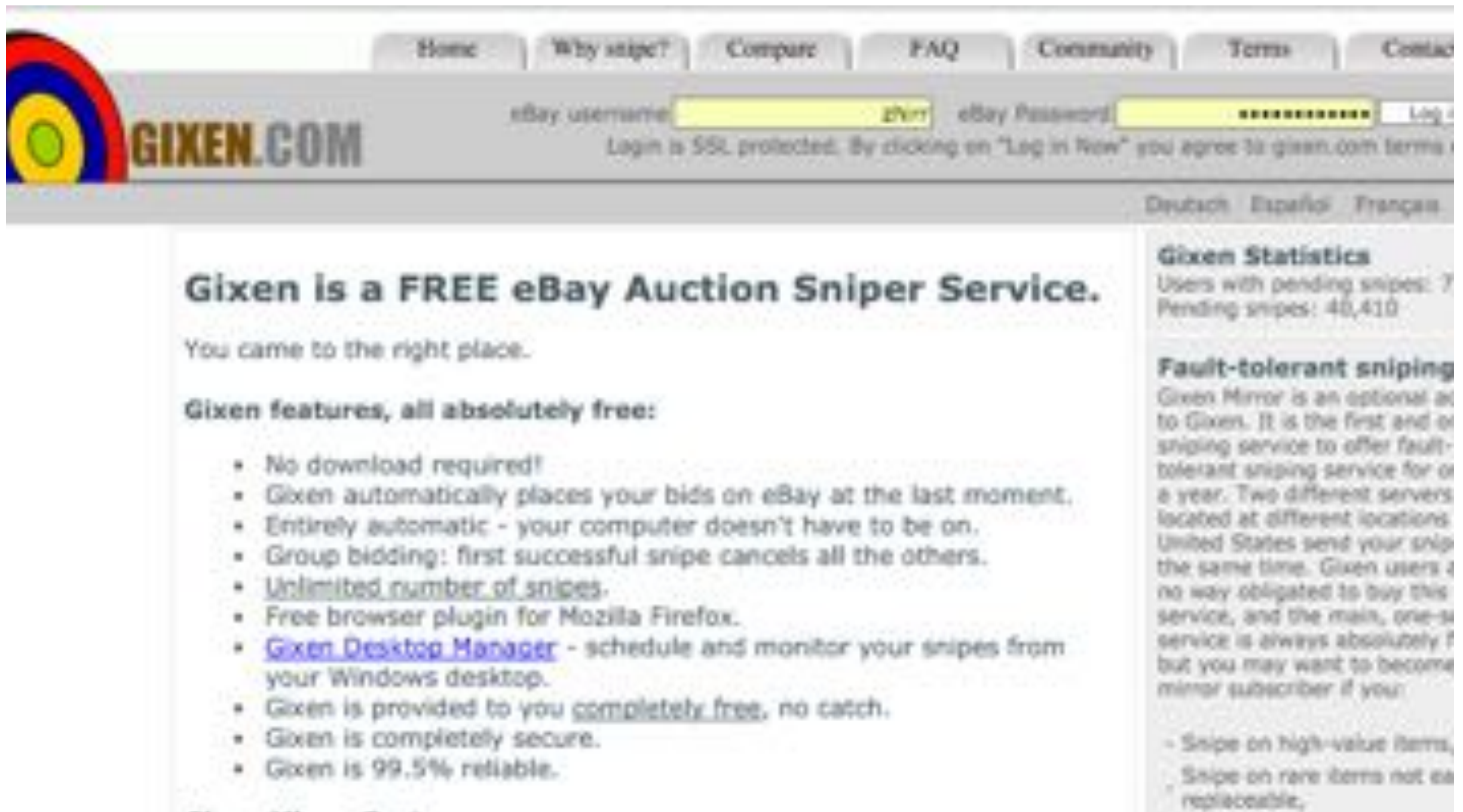
“The term sniping, sniper or snipe with regards to auctions, specifically eBay relates to the automated bidding by a piece of software or from a website service that places a bid within a period of time from the end of the auction.

Usually sniping software aims to place a bid just seconds before the end of the eBay”

Sniping programmes

- Gixen - <http://www.gixen.com/index.php>
- Goofbid - <https://www.goofbid.com>
- Auction Sniper - <http://uk.auctionsniper.com/>
- MyiBidder - <https://www.myibidder.com/>
- Bidsniper - <https://bidsniper.auctionstealer.com/>
- Bidnapper - <https://www.bidnapper.com>
- Auctionstealer - <http://www.auctionstealer.co.uk/>
- Justsnipe - <https://justsnipe.com/>
- EZSniper - <https://www.ezsniper.com>
- Snippys - <http://www.snippys.net> (also works with Delcampe)

How to snipe



The screenshot shows the Gixen.com website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Why snipe?, Compare, FAQ, Community, Terms, and Contact. Below this is a login section with fields for eBay username (containing 'zfvrt') and eBay Password (masked with asterisks), and a 'Log in' button. A note states 'Login is SSL protected. By clicking on "Log in Now" you agree to gixen.com terms'. Language options for Deutsch, Español, and Français are visible on the right.

Gixen is a FREE eBay Auction Sniper Service.

You came to the right place.

Gixen features, all absolutely free:

- No download required!
- Gixen automatically places your bids on eBay at the last moment.
- Entirely automatic - your computer doesn't have to be on.
- Group bidding: first successful snipe cancels all the others.
- Unlimited number of snipes.
- Free browser plugin for Mozilla Firefox.
- [Gixen Desktop Manager](#) - schedule and monitor your snipes from your Windows desktop.
- Gixen is provided to you completely free, no catch.
- Gixen is completely secure.
- Gixen is 99.5% reliable.

Gixen Statistics
Users with pending snipes: 7
Pending snipes: 40,410

Fault-tolerant sniping
Gixen Mirror is an optional add-on to Gixen. It is the first and only sniping service to offer fault-tolerant sniping service for one year. Two different servers located at different locations in the United States send your snipe at the same time. Gixen users are in no way obligated to buy this service, and the main, one-server service is always absolutely free but you may want to become a mirror subscriber if you:

- Snipe on high-value items,
- Snipe on rare items not easily replaceable,

I. Log in to your sniping system

How to snipe

Scheduled bids: zhrr (3) Purge Completed Import Watch list History Settings Logout
Import Gixen list

Gixen Main - Chicago **Gixen Mirror - Miami**

	eBay Item Number	Time To End	Bid	Current	Status	Edit	Delete
<input type="checkbox"/>	381068951040	Cameroun 1953 SG 263 Edea Barrage, Bird MNH D39680 (by azuckuss)				<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
		ENDED	1.55	1.75 GBP	OUTBID		
<input type="checkbox"/>	332052247711	Barbados 1970 Definitive Set to 50c Superb Used (R3-E) (by woodenmason)				<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
		ENDED	1.75	1.49 GBP	WON BY MIRROR		
<input type="checkbox"/>	172429180906	New Zealand, 1969 Captain Cook Mini Sheet, SG M5910, used, Cat 30 (by joramalick)				<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
		5 h, 21 m, 23 s	4.25	3.99 GBP	SCHEDULED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	232168398864	1d PENNY RED Stamp SG43 GB QUEEN VICTORIA Plate 197 OJ NORTHWICH 574 CANCEL (by socialhistory)				<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
		2 d, 2 h, 50 m	1.24	0.60 GBP	SCHEDULED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	192044378345	GB 1905 Post Card with d. stamp cancelled Northwich 574& 034 duplex (by gulliford)				<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
		3 d, 17 h, 22 m	1.55	0.99 GBP	SCHEDULED		

This is what it will look like

How to snipe



2. Select and copy the number of the item you want from eBay

How to snipe

eBay Item Number: Your bid: Bid group: Offset: Mirror:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	332049706361	BARBADOS. SG 123, 10d BLUE GREEN & CARMINE. MOUNTED MINT. (by sandysstamps)				<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
		6 h, 11 m, 47 s	1.95	0.99 GBP	SCHEDULED		

3. Paste it in then add your maximum bid.
Click 'Add'

Results



Barbados 1970 Definitive Set to 50c – Superb Used (R3-E)

Item condition: --

Ended: 10 Dec, 2016 23:02:54 GMT

Winning bid: **£1.49** [1 bid]

Seller information

woodenwagon (2383) ★

100% Positive Feedback

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Postage: **£3.91** Economy Delivery | [See details](#)

Item location: [Shepton Mallet, United Kingdom](#)

From to: [Worldwide](#)

Delivery: [Estimated within 7 working days](#) ⓘ

Payments: [PayPal](#)  [VISA](#)   [Process in PayPal](#), [Postal order/Banker's draft](#) | [See payment information](#)

Returns: [No returns accepted](#)

Protection: [eBay MONEY BACK GUARANTEE](#) | [See details](#)

Results



Click over image to zoom

MOMEN: BELGIAN CONGO STAMPS #13 USED SUPERB *QUALITY* S425 P1332R #2404

Item condition: —

Ended: 04 Dec, 2018 17:01:35 GMT



Winning bid: **US \$77.00** [18 bids]
Approximately £31.26

Seller information

[momenstamps](#) (22774)

99.7% Positive Feedback

[Follow this seller](#)

Visit Shop: [MOMEN STAMPS INC](#)

[See other items](#)

Postage: **US \$1.99** (approx. £1.06) USPS First Class Mail Int / First Class Package Int Service | [See details](#)

International items may be subject to customs processing and additional charges.

Item location: Cary, North Carolina, United States

Post to: Worldwide

Delivery: **Estimated delivery within 6-14 working days**

Seller ships within 1 day after receiving cleared payment.

Please allow additional time if international delivery is subject to customs processing.

Payments: Processed by PayPal | [See payment information](#)

Returns: **30 days money back, buyer pays return postage** | [See details](#)

Protection: **MONEY BACK GUARANTEE** | [See details](#)

Results



SUDN- 1951 ISSUE COMPLETE SET OF 17 VALUES - FINE USED

Item condition: --

Ended: 01 Dec, 2016 20:10:18 GMT

Winning bid: **£3.20** [3 bids]

Postage: **£0.85** Standard Delivery | [See details](#)
Item location: Dent, Sedburgh, United Kingdom
Flows to: Worldwide

Delivery: Estimated within 3 working days

Payments: [PayPal](#)     Processed by PayPal. Cash on collection | [Set account information](#)

Returns: 30 days refund, buyer pays return postage | [See details](#)

Protection:  MONEY BACK GUARANTEE | [See details](#)

Seller information

[tommys treasures](#) (2011) 

100% Positive Feedback

[+ Follow this seller](#)

Visit Shop:  [tommys treasures](#)

[See other items](#)

Registered as a business seller

Results

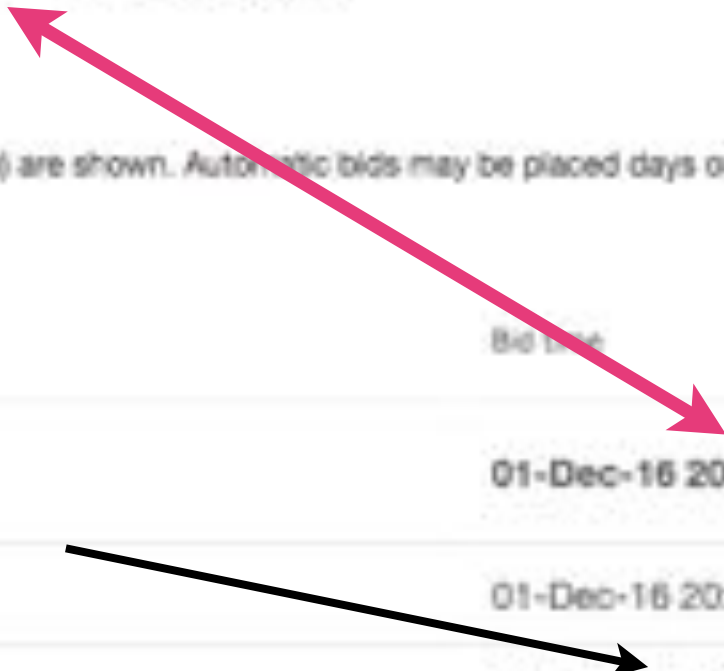
Bidders: 2 Bids: 3 Time ended: 01-Dec-16 20:10:18 GMT Duration: 5 days

✔ zhirr, you're the winner.

Only actual bids (not automatic bids generated up to a bidder's maximum) are shown. Automatic bids may be placed days or hours before a

Bidder ⓘ	Bid amount	Bid time
zhirr (1498 ★)	£3.20	01-Dec-16 20:10:13 GMT
zhirr (1498 ★)	£3.20	01-Dec-16 20:10:13 GMT
m***s (6860 ☆)	£3.00	01-Dec-16 17:32:44 GMT
Starting price	£0.99	26-Nov-16 20:10:18 GMT

If 2 people bid the same amount, the first bid has priority. Also, you can only retract your bid under certain circumstances. [Learn more.](#)



Results

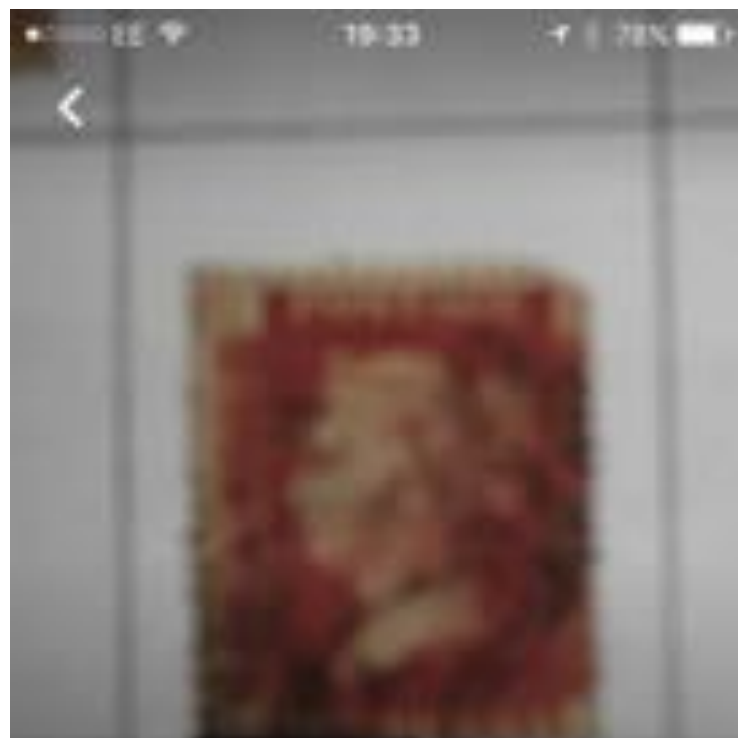
30-Day Bid History

Category	No. of Bids	Seller	Last Bid
Stamps > Nigeria (until 1960)	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Other Commonwealth Stamps	2	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Other Commonwealth Stamps	2	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Other Commonwealth Stamps	3	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Other Commonwealth Stamps	2	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Other Asian Stamps	3	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Other World Stamps	2	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Other World Stamps	3	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Other Commonwealth Stamps	2	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Belgium & Colonies	2	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Belgium & Colonies	3	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Nigeria (until 1960)	3	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Burma/Myanmar (1948-Now)	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Japan	2	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Nigeria (until 1960)	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Belgium & Colonies	5	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Japan	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Nigeria (until 1960)	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Burma/Myanmar (1948-Now)	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Nigeria (until 1960)	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Burma/Myanmar (1948-Now)	2	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Japan	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > China	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Japan	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Nigeria (until 1960)	2	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Germany & Colonies	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Germany & Colonies	1	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Belgium & Colonies	2	Seller 1	<1h
Stamps > Other Commonwealth Stamps	1	Seller 1	<1h
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More than two bids

Caveat Emptor

Most online sellers are not stamp experts



£250

Viewed by 15 people

Penny Red Rare

📍 Salford, England · about a day ago

Rare penny red stamp

Make Offer



£800

Viewed by 43 people

Penny Black Stamp

📍 Salford, England · about a day ago

Penny black stamp

Make Offer



eBay 'specials'



Australian Kookaburra Postage Stamp

Item condition: --

Ended: 12 Nov, 2018 07:41:51 AEDST

Starting bid: **AU \$200.00** [0 bids]

Postage: **AU \$13.00** Standard International Flat Rate Postage | See details
Item location: Neutral Bay, Australia
Pays to: Worldwide

Delivery: Estimated delivery within 9-18 business days
Seller posts within 1 days after receiving cleared payment. ⓘ

Payments: **PayPal** | See payment information

Returns: No Returns Accepted

Guarantee: **eBay MONEY BACK GUARANTEE** | See details
Get the item you ordered or get your money back.

Seller information
serah967 (45 ⭐)
100% Positive feedback

[Follow this seller](#)
[See other items](#)

Must view items to view

Spotting the crooks

Got him again on the one shilling in this lot of specimens.

Item: 222326690400

FALKLAND ISLAND 1935 SILVER JUBILEE SET PERFORATED SPECIMEN MUH.

<http://www.ebay.com.au/itm/FALKLAND-ISLAND-1935-SILVER-JUBILEE-SET-PERFORATED-SPECIMEN-MUH-/222326690400>



FALKLAND ISLAND 1935 SILVER JUBILEE SET PERFORATED SPECIMEN MUH.

Item condition:

"GREAT CONDITION"

Time left: 5d 5h 21m (Tue, 20:10) 22:54:40 AEST

Starting bid: **GBP 94.99**

Reserve: **GBP 97.99**

[0 bids]

Place bid

Ends: **GBP 94.99** on Wed

ADD TO WATCH LIST

ADD TO COLLECTION

100% positive feedback

Shipping: **GBP 3.75** (approx, no extra) International Tracked Postage 1 day service

Post office: New South Wales, Australia

Postal: 000000

Seller information

1234567890 (AU) (W)

100% Positive feedback

Follow this seller

See other items

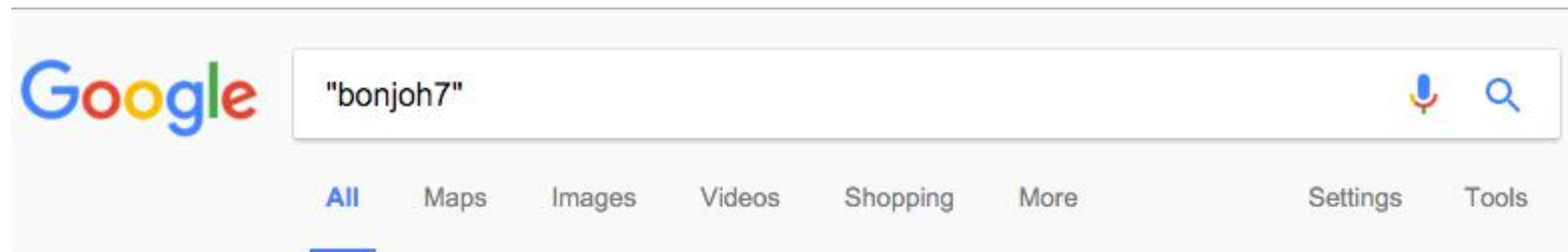




The one shilling started life as part of this lot.



Put their name into Google



If it looks too good to be true, it probably is....

bonjoh7's followers - eBay

www.ebay.com › Profile ▾

bonjoh7 has been an eBay member since Jan-05-14 and has 0% positive feedback. Check out bonjoh7's full profile.

Postage Stamp Chat Board & Stamp Bulletin Board Forum • View topic ...

<https://stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=53311> ▾

19 Mar 2014 - 45 posts - 24 authors

Many will be familiar with my work on the serial conman bonjoh7. See this ... Good to see bonjoh7 keeping abreast of things on the board.

Seller: stamps_n_coins on eBay. Another forger, now bonjoh7

www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=21&t=51157 ▾

25 Dec 2013 - 60 posts - 17 authors

Whilst waiting for Christmas lunch to be prepared by granny and she who must be obeyed (and being ordered out of the kitchen) I had a look at ...

Rhodesian Study Circle - Timeline | Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/RhodesianStudyCircle/posts/312553745617537?ref=rf> ▾

The Rhodesian Study Circle (RSC) is a membership for people interested in the study and ... A warning to all Ebay buyers - a current scam artist Seller 'bonjoh7' is ripping people off using photocopies and stamps owned by other people or ...

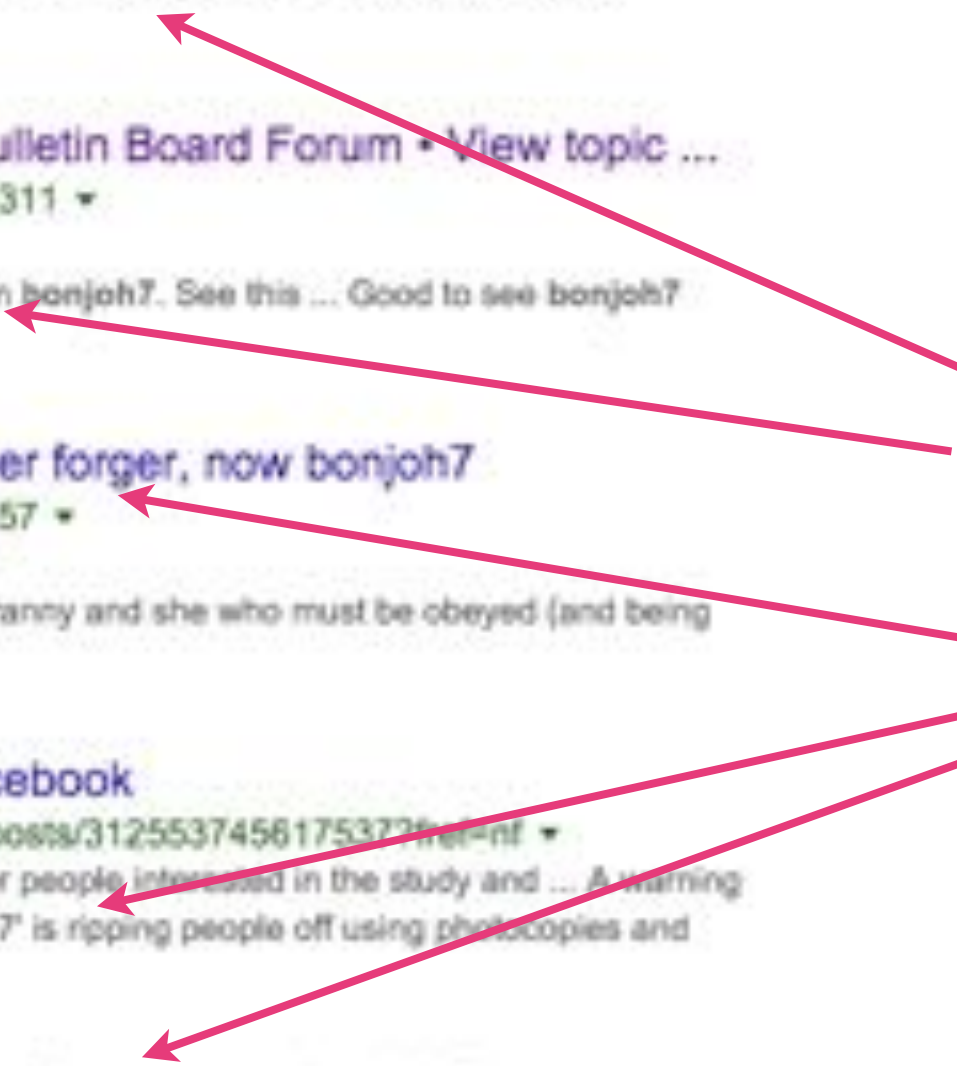
Seller: stamps_n_coins on eBay. Another forger, now bonjoh7

stampboards.net › ... › All Online Stamp Auction related discussion and overview

26 Feb 2014 - 50 posts - 13 authors

That still bidder with a 100% bid history with bonjoh7 was in early with an underpinning bid. There was no way that auction was going to be ...

The warning signs are there



Summary

- Buying online is safe, fun and can be immensely rewarding
- Do your research
- Never bid on eBay, always snipe
- Unsure about sellers? Google them

It's not all bad
out there....





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