

# Gear Greenbacks

Imagine the \$10 bill with the face of Edwin R. Fellows on it and on the back, a picture of his invention: the gear shaping machine. Or the \$5 bill with George B. Grant and a picture of the first hobbing machine, which he built.

Or how about a coin with the profile of William Gleason, founder of the Gleason Corp?

The Addendum team thinks the United States Treasury would do well to take up any—even all—of these proposals as ways to recognize the gear industry's contributions to America.

After all, other countries have gear money.

Switzerland used to print a 10-franc note with a picture of Leonhard Euler, who's considered by some to be "the father of involute gearing." The note was recalled from circulation in 2000, but it's still legal tender until 2020. It's design even includes two meshing gear teeth.

And the United Kingdom has a new £2 coin with five gears in its design. The coin celebrates the 200th anniversary of an early steam-powered locomotive, the Penydarren, designed in 1804. The five gears are clear. Four of them are on the locomotive. The fifth is around the Penydarren and is a single railway track, but we know a geared rail when we see one.

So if the Swiss and British can have gear money, then so can the Americans.

Now the Addendum team understands that some people may have a problem with our gear-money proposals: presidents being pushed aside in favor of gear guys. We know that men like Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt are famous in their own ways, but what did they ever do for gearing?

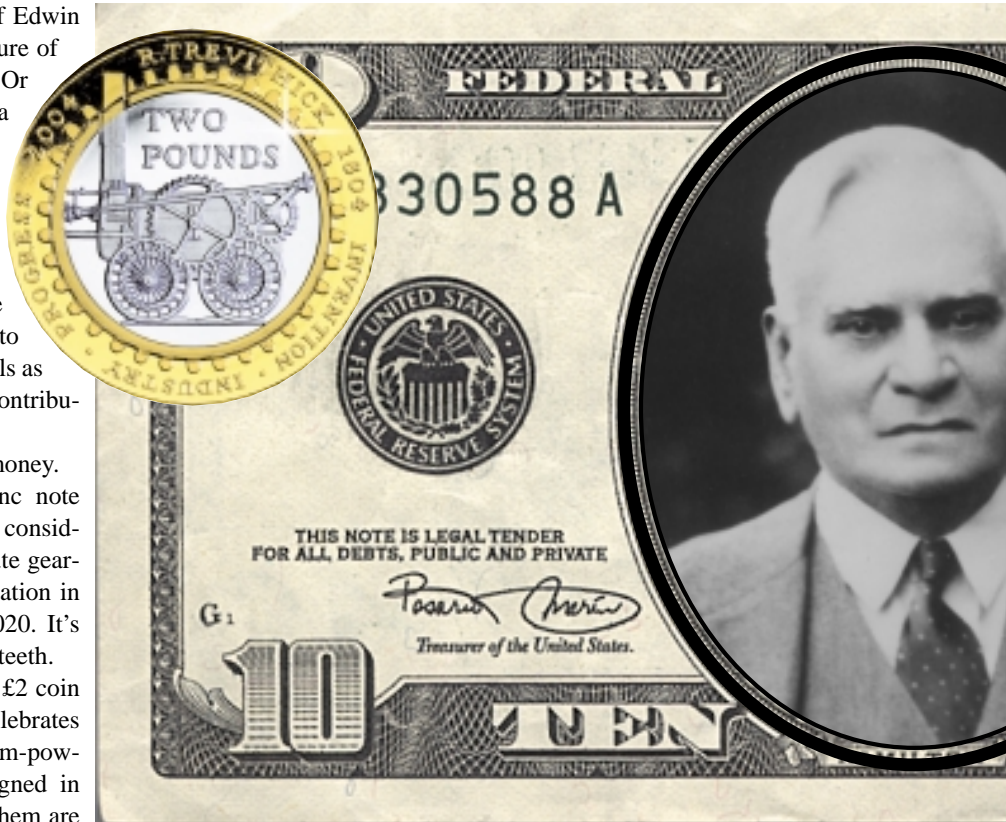
Still, we don't want to offend, so we think putting one of the gear industry's forefathers on the \$10 bill is *the* way to go.

That way we wouldn't displace any presidents. Right now, the bill features Alexander Hamilton, America's first treasury secretary. How Hamilton got on the bill, we don't know. The U.S. Treasury had plenty of presidents to choose from; there shouldn't have been a problem. Maybe they picked Hamilton because he was one of their guys, a Treasury guy.

But Hamilton made it onto the bill's face, with the Treasury Department building on the back. And there he stays, the only non-president on a widely used piece of U.S. money.

So the \$10 bill is an exception to the presidential rule. It's unique, enhancing it as *the* candidate for a gear industry forefather. After all, if we're going to create a piece of gear money, a unique bit of U.S. currency, then why not do it with a bill that's already a unique bit of U.S. currency?

We on the Addendum team think this is an excellent proposal. (We would; it's ours, after all.) Now we need a grassroots campaign from our industry. So if you want to join our campaign, give us a call; we'll give you the phone number for the U.S. Treasury.



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