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### **COINS WITH THE STAMP OF EMERYK KAROL HUTTEN-CZAPSKI (1828-1896) IN THE COLLECTION OF THE STATE RUSSIAN MUSEUM IN SANKT PETERSBURG**

The numismatic collection of the State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg contains more than 40 specimens of Russian copper coins dating from the years 1706-1854, formerly owned by Emeryk Hutten-Czapski. The coins from his collection are easy to recognize thanks to the use of the owner's personal stamp that represents the Latin character C with the Leliwa coat-of-arms inscribed therein (a crescent and a six-pointed star). Emeryk Hutten-Czapski began collecting Russian coins and medals in the 1850s. In 1885, he sold his collection to Grand Duke Grigory Mikhailovich and Ivan Ivanovich Tolstoy. Later on, both collections would become partially dispersed. Some of Count Tolstoy's collection was acquired by the Hermitage and the State Russian Museum, while the rest was sold at various auctions. The collection of Grand Duke Grigory Mikhailovich, donated to the State Russian Museum in 1909, was taken out of Russia following the year 1917. In 1950, part of the collection was sold at auction, while the remaining items were purchased by collectors in the USA and then donated to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. in 1961. The above-mentioned copper coins with Emeryk Hutten-Czapski's stamp came into possession of the State Russian Museum in St. Petersburg in 1961 along with the collection of the renowned Russian collector B.E. Bychovski.