

# Artistically Attractive European

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As the hobby of collecting gambling chips grows and spreads attention will be drawn to some of the overseas items. Many are very attractive. Recently a “bag” of 120 chips was sold by an English auction house which included the items pictured. The 100 pesetas octagonal multi-coloured chips are extremely rare because of their condition. They were made of compressed cardboard circa the 1920s and usually turn up in very worn and damaged shape. They are from the Gran Casino San Sebastian.

The oval 500 pesetas has a silver centre with royal arms while the rectangular plaque for 5000 pesetas has a silver cherub in the centre. All are believed to be about the same period. Some lovely mother of pearl chips were included from French casinos. The oval piece was issued by the Cercle Artistique de la Seine and was for 500 francs. The rectangular mother of pearl monogrammed (CNC)? Has “Mille Francs” on the reverse. Can anyone identify the casino.

