


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Facts and questions about the so-called Kuttenberg double gulden I

The medieval mining activities in Kuttenberg had two peak moments – the first one at the break of the 14th and the 15th century and the second one in the second half of the 15th century. Then, a graduate falling down has been registered. In spite of that fact, repeated attempts for restoration of mining activities were documented during that crisis. One of these attempts is recorded during the 1860s and 1870s. An important personality in Kuttenberg was active in the newly founded mining cooperative – the mining physician Dr František Stráně. In 1874, the state took over the rights of this organization. There was one condition for this taking over – commemorative silver coins must have been struck of the first silver mined there, and the former partners (but their number is not precisely known) should be given these coins. After some administrative delay, the land ministry delivered its promise, and on May 8, 1887, in Kuttenberg, the former partners and their heirs were given the commemorative silver medals, later called as the Kuttenberg double gulden in the numismatic circles. Because it was not a coin intended for circulation, but a sort of medal issue, their exact number has not been registered in the Vienna mint. The specialized literature is talking about some 400–500 pieces, but the real appearance of these rare and popular pieces could point at much higher number of these interesting coins produced at that time.

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