

LOCAL CURRENCY

Official Currency

Platinum: *Celestial*—This octagonal coin bears an eight-pointed star on one side and a winged angel on the other. Signifies the crown's divine right to rule. Commoners have little reason to see or talk about such wealth and thus this coin has no other commonly used name. Some children of nobility have been known to call it a star but this is usually outgrown pretty quickly.

Gold: *Sovereign*—This round coin bears the face of the current monarch (or deceased monarchs depending on the age of the coin). The Sovereign is also known as a "*Crown*," but this is more of a commoner's term than a merchant or nobles.

Silver: *Eagle*—This round coin bears the Royal Eagle Crest, also known as a "*Pound*" for it's value is roughly equal to the price of a pound of iron. Pound is the more common name of the coin among dwarves and smith's. A few other common laborers have begun to use the term as well.

Copper: *Penny*—This round coin has a circular hole in its center. Originally the purpose of the hole was to increase the size of the coin without increasing it's cost as a way for the crown and the aristocracy to appear more generous to the common laborers who were growing increasing discontent with their poverty and hunger. The nobles had underestimated the intelligence of the commoners who were quite accustomed to valuing coins by weight and thus the uprising the nobility had hoped to avoid was not delayed at all and became known as the Penny Rebellion.

After the uprising the copper coins continued to be minted with the hole in the middle, which allowed a person to thread their coins on a string and wear them in a convenient loop.

The Official Crown issued coin bears two shafts of wheat that cross at the "bottom" of the coin and curve up around the coin's hollow center. This hole in the center has jokingly been referred to as the coin's "caldera" leading locals of all classes to refer to the penny as a *Cauldron*. The previous Lord Mayor obtained a writ from the crown to mint legal coinage featuring a volcano rather than the traditional wheat. Both coins are considered legal tender.

Special Money: When the Lord Mayor's minter unveiled the first of the new coppers he also made a mere 5 sets of special "collector cauldrons." These commemorative coins were minted using the new molds but copper, silver, electrum, gold, and platinum were the metals used to make a complete set of five Cauldrons. Each of these sets came in a velvet lined rosewood box. Only the whereabouts of three sets are currently known. Two were stolen several years ago, however, dozens of sets have turned up on the black market. One authenticated set sells at Tygot's Old Things for in excess of 300gp a price greatly reduced by the counterfeit sets available on the black market. A less scrupulous merchant could probably sell a set to the right collector for 5 to 10 times as much. Oddly due to peculiarities of law each coin regardless of actual value is only legally worth in tender the value of a single copper piece.

Otherwise the coinage values are as listed in the *Player's Handbook*.