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117a	2c orange red, new.....
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153	20c brown, ".....
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155	1 peso blue, used.....
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129	1c blue (blk. of 4. all diff.)...
137	20c green, new.....
138	30c rose, ".....
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128-34	1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 20 and 50c,
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1896	ECUADOR
1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50c and 1s, new	HAYTI.
28	3c lilac, used.....
29	5c orange, ".....
33	2c deep blue, new.....
34	3c lilac gray, used.....
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36	7c " used.....
37	20c brown, new.....
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43	20c orange, used.....
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59	10c orange red, used.....
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