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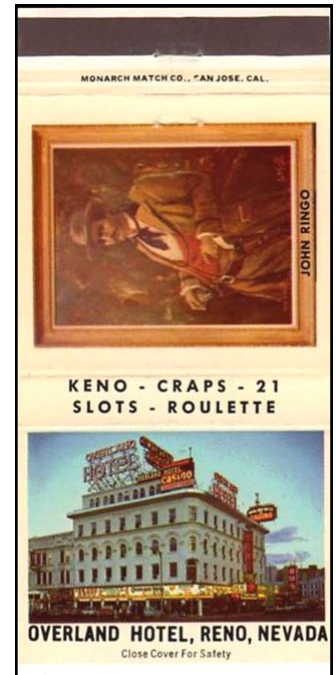
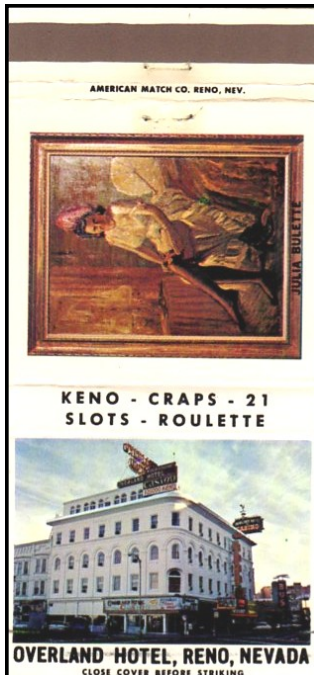
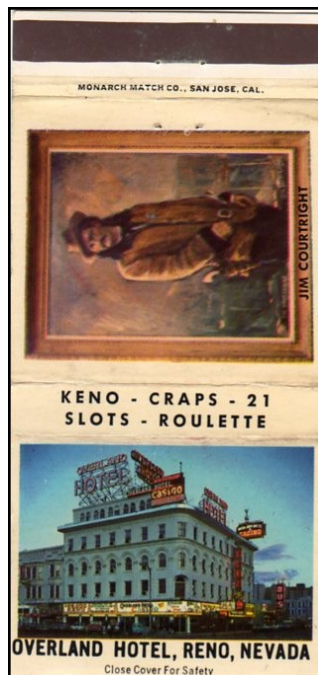
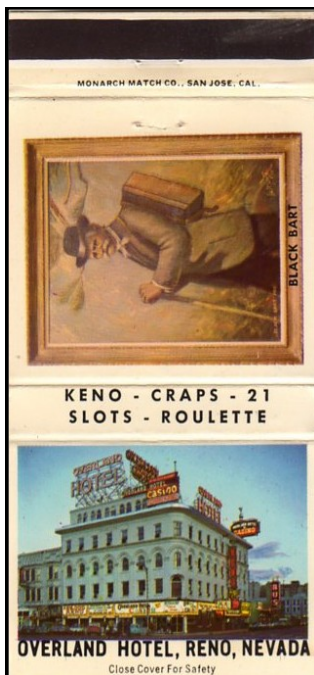
Overland Hotel

Joe DeGennaro, NY: Regarding the Overland Hotel covers. I've thought they were a series, since I didn't get them as a set, but it would seem that 15 of them could most definitely be a set. I have two different Julia Bulette 40 strike covers and at first glance they look identical but on closer study they have two different manumarks and two different safeties. One has a "True Color by Lion Match Co., Inc, Reno, Nevada" manumark with a CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING safety that has a space with a dot in between each word (it also has PFC40-4-5846 on the bottom on the back) and the other has a "True Color by LION MATCH CORP OF AMERICA, RENO, NEVADA" manumark and the other has a CLOSE COVER BEFORE STRIKING safety with no space and no dot in between each word. Only these 40's say Overland Hotel & Casino. I've always wondered if there were more of these because I have different versions of the 30 strike covers as well. I have fifteen different personalities. The two that I have that you didn't list are Wyatt Earp and Doc Holiday. In addition I have three different Julia Bulette covers. The pictures of the hotel are different on

each and one (which is likely the first 30 strike they put out) is from Diamond Match Div. - Sacramento, CA and has a drawing of the hotel on the front rather than a photo and the others are from Monarch Match, San Jose, CA. (and have a photo of the hotel on the front). The inside of the first one differs from the other two (which are the same inside). Here is the list of the others I have: 2 John Ringo; 1 Luke Short; 1 Wyatt Earp; 2 Billy the Kid; 1 Pat Garrett; 2 Bat Masterson; 1 Wes Harden; 2 Doc Holliday; 1 Wild Bill Hickok; 2 Joaquin Murrietta; 2 Black Bart; 1 Old Man Clanton; 1 Jesse James and 1 Jim Courtright.

Ellen Gutting, NV; Joyce Moyer, MA: *Ellen and Joyce sent in a copy of the CMC bulletin (#157, 2002), which gives the following info:*

Each set contains the same fourteen as far is known: Black Bart, Old Man Clanton, Jim Courtright, Wyatt Earp, Pat Garrett, Wes Hardin, Wild Bill Hickok, Doc



Sets/Series

Holiday, Jesse James, Billy the Kid, Bat Masterson, Joaquin Murrietta, John Ringo, Luke Short.

Set 1: (about 1968) - red building, clouds in the sky, three signs on the roof

Set 2: (about 1970) - white building, no clouds in the sky, three signs on the roof

Set 3: (about 1972) - white building, no clouds in the sky, five signs on the roof, and light brown striker

Set 4: (about 1973) - white building, no clouds in the sky, five signs on the roof, and dark striker

The covers picturing Julia Bulette were not part of these sets, but were issued during the same period and later on. I've [John Williams] seen nine different variations of her covers, including issues by Diamond Match. One source said that the Hotel used the sets, and Julia Bulette's cover was given out in the bar.

So, the sets are comprised of these 14 covers:

- Black Bart
- Old Man Clanton
- Jim Courtright
- Wyatt Earp
- Pat Garrett
- Wes Hardin
- Wild Bill Hickok
- Doc Holiday
- Jesse James
- Billy the Kid
- Bat Masterson
- Joaquin Murrietta
- John Ringo
- Luke Short

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