

SAN MARINO



1898 - 50 CENTESIMI - OBVERSE

SAN MARINO, REPUBLIC of
ROME MINT

50 CENTESIMI 18MM .835 FINE 2.5 GRAMS

1898 40,000

^OV: Crowned shield within a wreath of laurel and oak / on ribbon: LIBERTAS (Liberty) RESPUBLICA S. MARINI (Republic of San Marino) around / S below.

∇RV: 50 / CENTESIMI / 1898 within wreath of laurel tied with ribbon below / R (mintmark) below.

EDGE: Plain

MINT: R = ROME

ENGRAVER: S = Filippo Speranza, Chief Engraver, Rome mint.

REFERENCE: Y-3, CT-798, KM-3

Prezario Monete Coniate in Italia by G.Cermentini - G.Toders, Firenze, 1970

The Coinage of the Republic of San Marino and the State of Vatican City by S.A.M.LeLux, Amsterdam 1967.



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FOOTNOTE: San Marino is the smallest sovereign state in the World located inland within Eastern Italy with only 24 square miles in area, on the borders of the Provinces of Forli and Urbino, near the Adriatic coast. Although San Marino has always been a Republic there is a crown in its Coat of Arms. It is the oldest state in Europe and the last surviving representative of the Italian Republics. At the head of the government are two *Captains Regent* elected for six months. There is a militia of 950 men. The town of San Marino is protected by a wall. It occupies the crest of a rocky hill 2200 feet in height, known as Monte Titano, and is accessible only by the road from Rimini. The principal inhabitants, however reside in the hamlet of Il Borgo, at its foot. Cattle-raising and wine production are the chief occupations. Population c.1895 of San Marino Republic - 7840 and of the town about 1200. *New Cabinet Cyclopaedia, Phila., 1896.*

FOOTNOTE: Filippo Speranza, Chief Engraver at the Rome mint, was born at San Marino del Cimino in 1839 and became an apprentice at the Vatican mint in 1863. Having achieved the position of Engraver at the Papal mint in 1869, he was appointed Chief Engraver at Rome in 1870. This position he retained until 1903.

FOOTNOTE: San Marino - Embraced in the area of Italy is the independent Republic of San Marino, which claims to be the oldest State in Europe. The frontier line is 24 miles in length, area 24 square miles, and population (1915) 11,513. The chief exports are wine, cattle and stone. A new treaty of friendship with the Kingdom of Italy was concluded in 1907. San Marino has bronze and silver currency coined in Italy: 210,000 lire in silver and 119,000 lire in bronze. *The Statesman's Year-Book, London, 1916.*