

EXPERIMENTAL PERFORATIONS: The so-called "experimental perforations," which are better termed "unofficial separations," were used from some cities in 1856 and 1857. Some are perforated others are saw-toothed.



Although intended to help postal patrons separate individual stamps, these examples of the Chicago perf show separation by scissors. This is normal for copies of this experimental perf.



The Chicago Perforation (83L3)-Stamps with perforations measuring from $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 are known used in Chicago from July 14, 1856, to April 2, 1857. They were used by several companies and individuals. 20 copies known.