

OFFICIAL SEALS OF THE US AND ITS POSSESSIONS  
1871-1919

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**OFFICIAL SEALS**

OF THE

**UNITED STATES**

AND IT'S

**POSSESSIONS**

**1871-1919**

**An Exhibitable Collection of**

Essays

Proofs

Stamps

Cancels

Covers

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# OFFICIAL SEALS OF THE UNITED STATES AND POSSESSIONS

1872-1919

This exhibit covers the seals issued from the first registered seal in 1872 to 1919, when the Quartermaster General's Office Seal was issued.

The first U.S. Official Seal, the Registered Seal of 1872, was used to seal an envelope used to transmit registered mail between post offices.

Beginning in 1872 and continuing to the present day, the seals have been used for four general purposes

1. To seal mail found unsealed in the mails
2. To seal mail opened by incorrect addressees and returned to the Post Office.
3. To reseal mail opened by post office personnel to determine sender.
4. To repair mail damaged in handling.

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World's First Official Seal

## REGISTERED SEAL

Designed to seal envelopes for dispatch of registered mail. Printed by typography by the National Bank Note Company, New York. At least 6 printings between June 30, 1872 and December 9, 1874, produced 5,922,100 seals. An additional million seals were probably printed since 6.9 million envelopes were delivered.

### Essays



Blue Die essay on Card.

The essays of the Registered Seal have "Registered" in the foreground of the other lettering on the seal. The die was then re-engraved and "Registered" placed in the background.

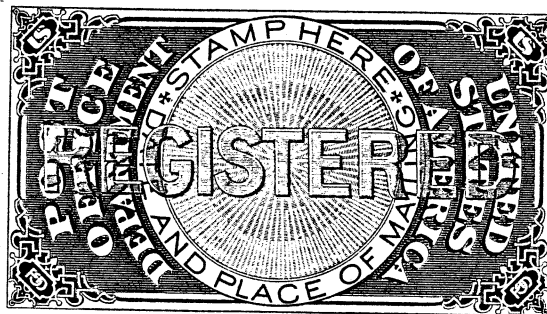


Brown Die essay on Card.

REGISTERED SEAL



Orange Die essay on Card.

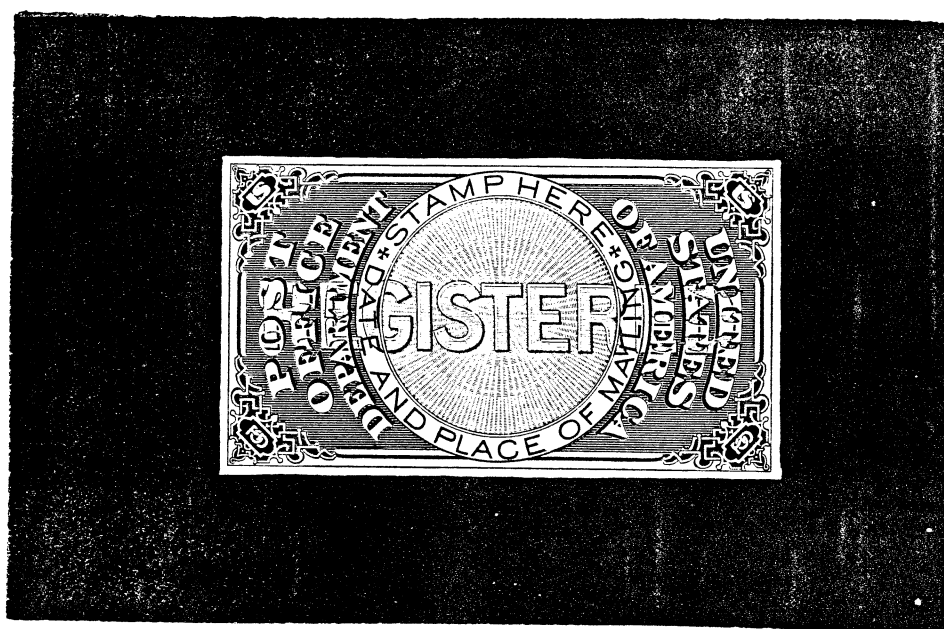


Green Die essay on Card.

REGISTERED SEAL



Blue Trial Color Die Proof



Brown Trial Color Die Proof

REGISTERED SEAL



Reverse Proof from Transfer Roll  
Chocolate on India



India Proof Die Sunk on Card

REGISTERED SEAL



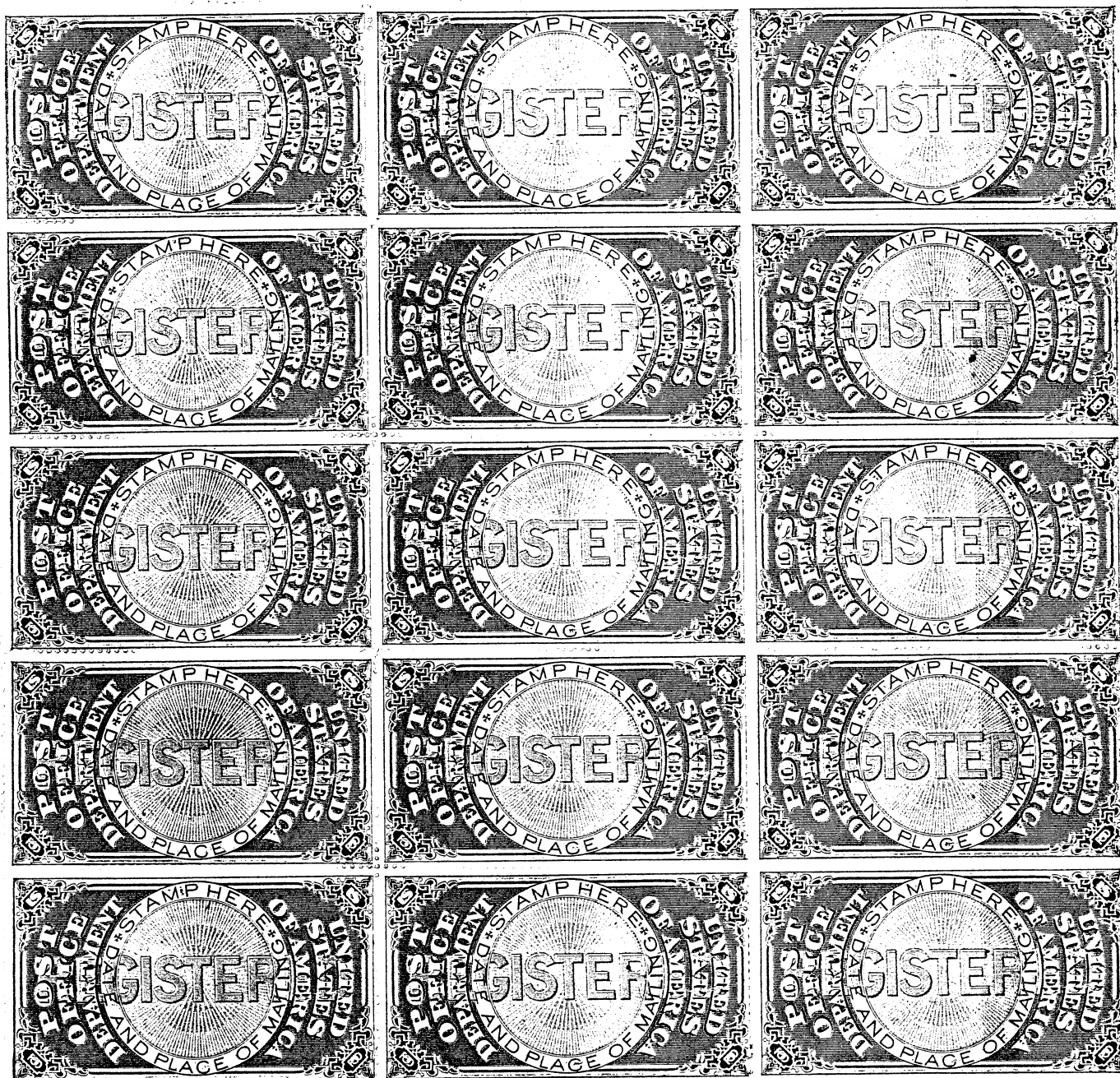
Die Proof  
Untrimmed Die  
Thick Glazed Paper



Die Proof  
Trimmed Die  
Card

REGISTERED SEAL

Top pane of 15 Without Selvage



# REGISTERED SEAL



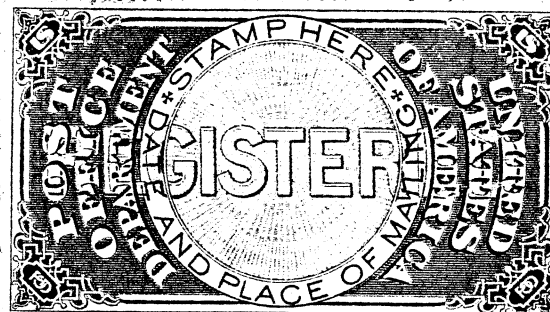
Prelure Paper



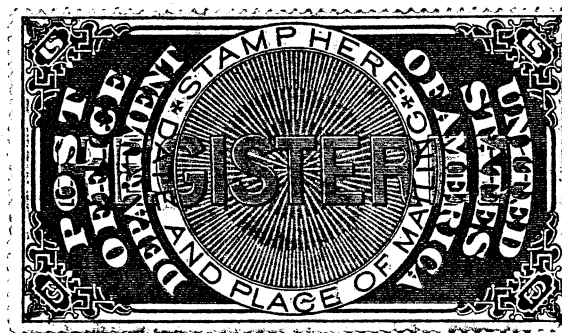
Laid Prelure Paper



Medium Paper



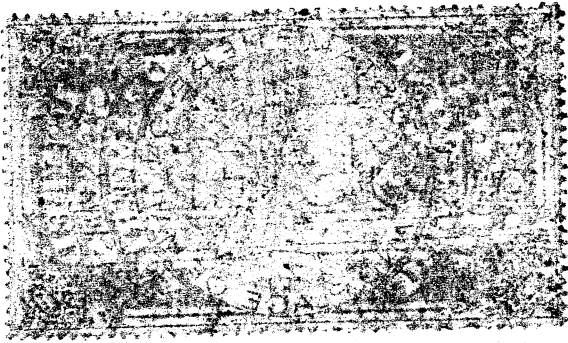
Thick Laid Paper



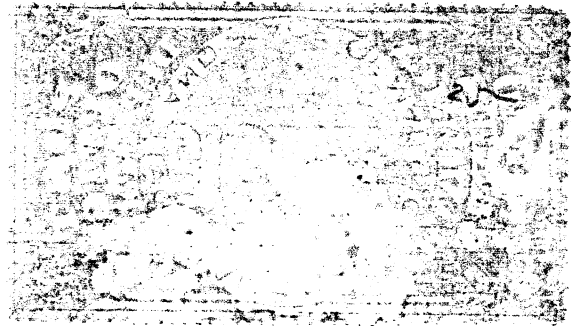
Bluish Green, Soft Porous Paper  
Some believe this is a Special  
Printing and others a late printing



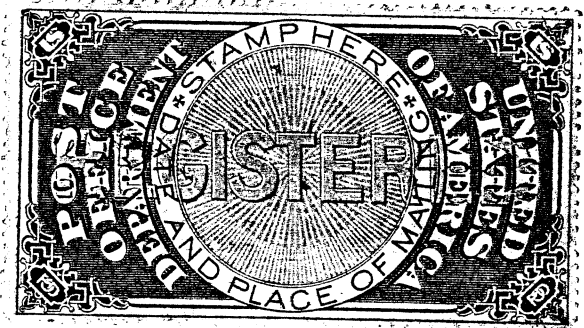
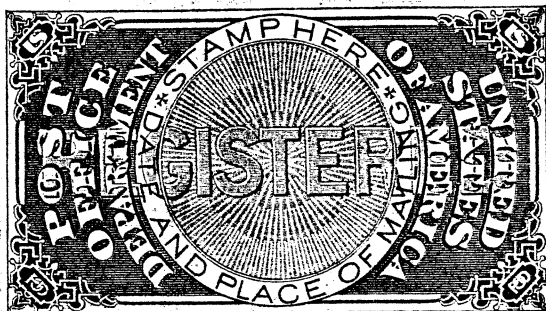
# REGISTERED SEAL



Printed Both Sides  
Normal



Printed Both Sides  
Inverted



## Double Impression

Light impression 10mm above and  
3 1/2 mm to left of final impression.

Light impression 7mm above and  
1 1/2 mm to left of final impression

# REGISTERED SEAL



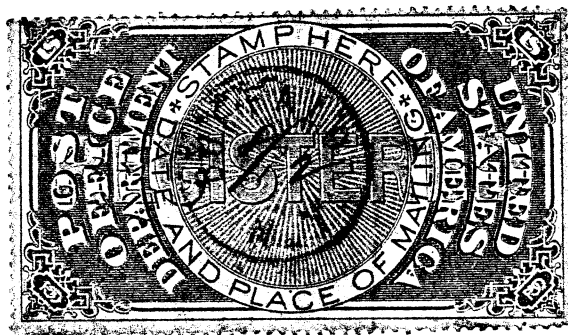
"Speciam" Probably Prepared  
by a local postal employee  
as a gift to a collector.



Blue Town



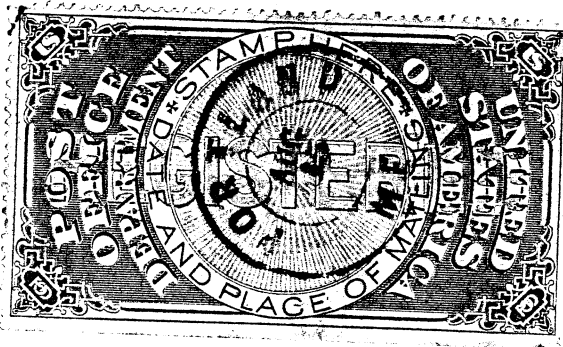
Black Town



Black Town with  
Manuscript Date



Manuscript Date



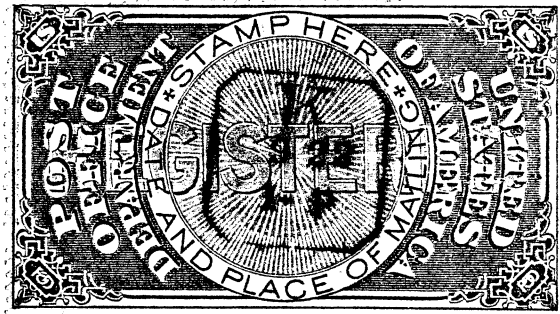
Double Circle Town



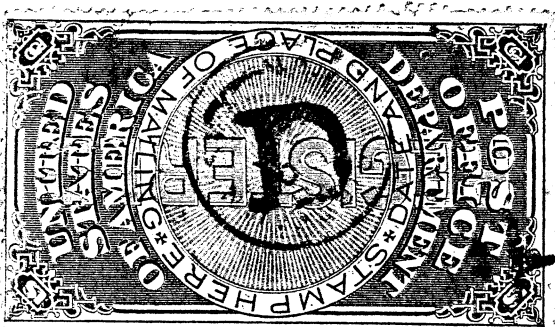
Blue Oval Town



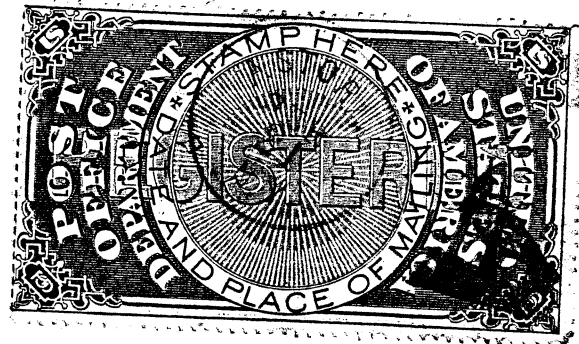
Red Town



Octogonal Carrier

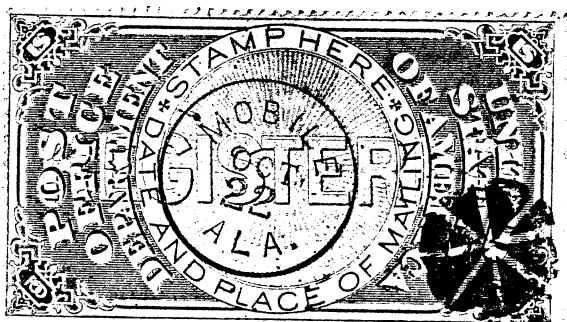


Round Carrier



Aster, N. Y. "A"

# REGISTERED SEAL



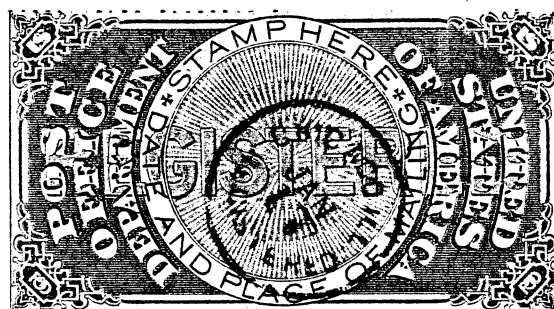
Duplex with Killer



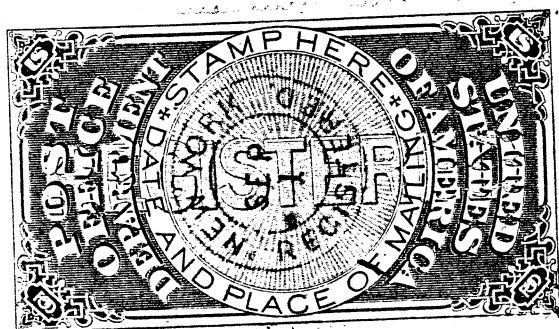
Mute Killer



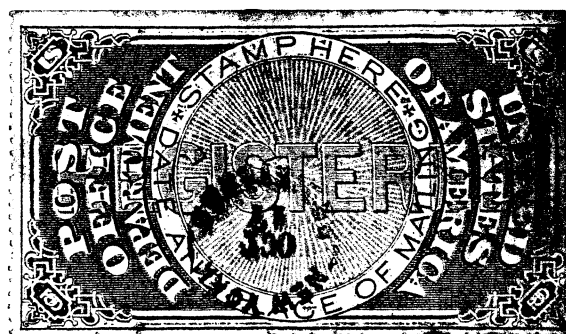
Black Registered Circle



Blue Registered Circle



Black Registered  
Double Circle



Black Registered  
Rimless

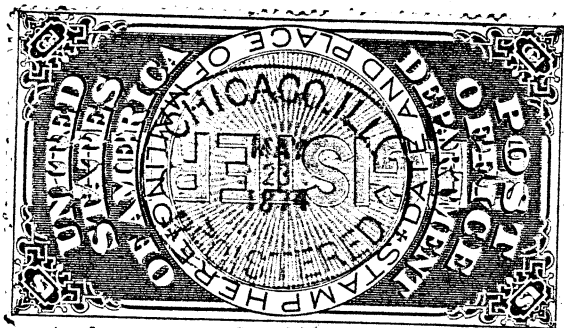
REGISTERED SEAL



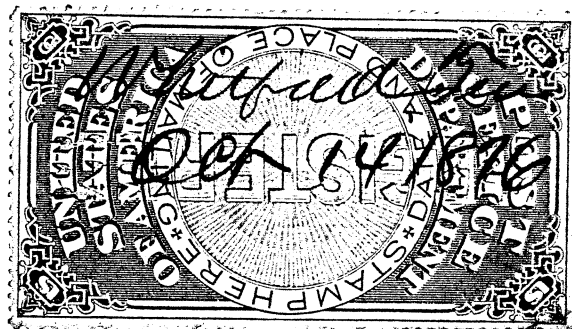
1872



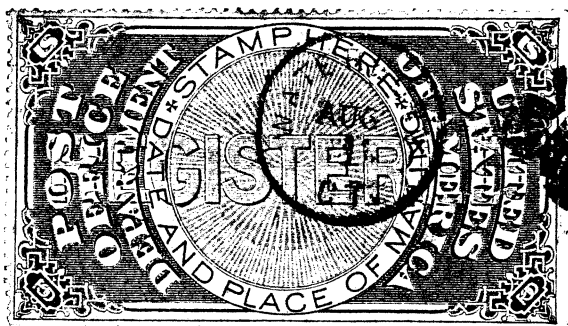
1873



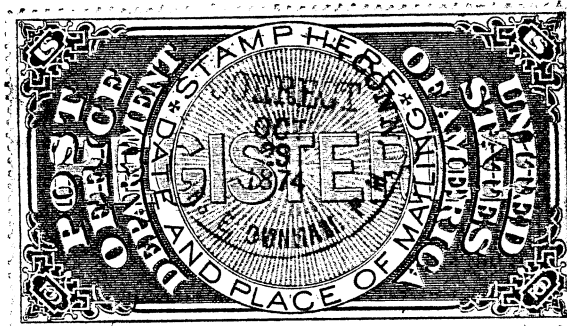
1874



1876



Waterbury Conn. Leaf  
Used August 1874



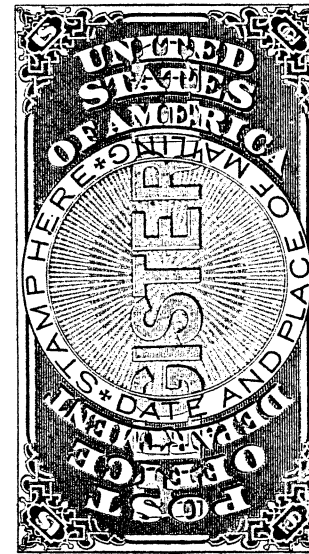
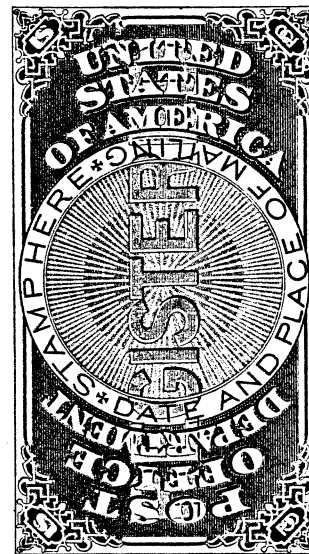
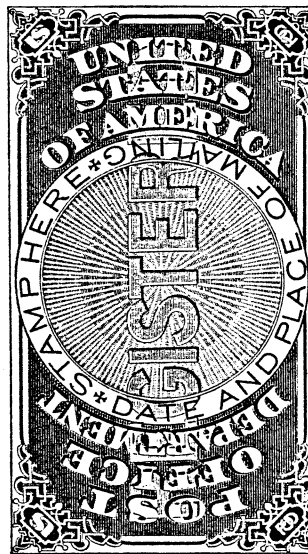
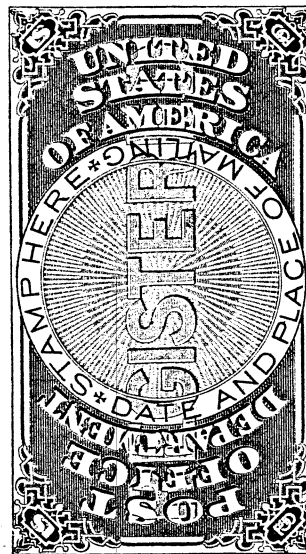
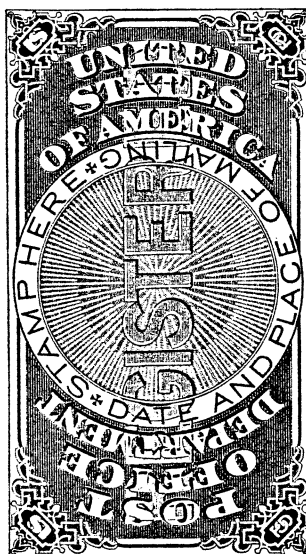
Postmaster Cancel  
October 1874



REGISTERED SEAL

Imperf Sheet of 9 on Stamp Paper

Attributed to Continental Bank Note Company, New York



# REGISTERED SEAL

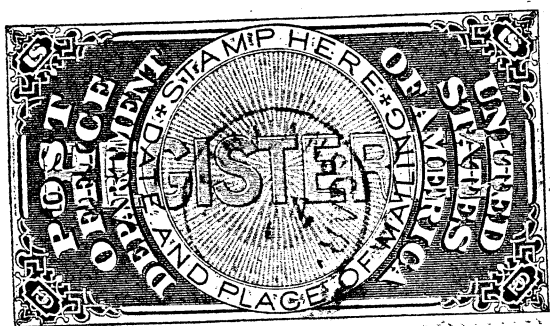


Plate Proof  
Thin Glazed Card

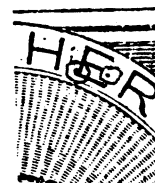


Used  
Same paper as imperf sheet

Both the proof and used seal above have a large dot flaw 2 mm to right of lower upright of the N in United. The same flaw can be seen in the bottom center stamp of the imperf sheet on the previous page. Both the used seal and the seal in the imperf sheet also have a dot on the inside of the outer right frame right of the right (lower) side of the T of United and a small dot to the left of that dot just inside the first white space above the T. These two dots are not on the plate proof.



Used  
Same paper as imperf sheet



This seal has a large dot flaw in the lower left corner of the first E in Here and a dot to the right of the center stroke of the same letter. These flaws are also on lower left stamp of the imperf sheet.

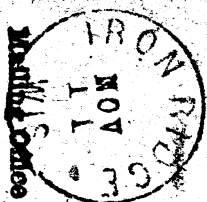
Neither of these flaws can be found on either pane of the sheet of 30 which shows that the sheet of nine was regularly issued.

REGISTERED PACKAGE

# POSTMASTER

No. 10

## FOOTNOTES ON



The seal was used on envelopes designed to carry and record the handler of the item.

The first contract for these envelopes was awarded to the Morgan Envelope Company, Springfield, Conn., on June 30, 1872.

Condition	Signature
Gross or Had	By Whom Received and Date

[illegible]

All Postal Officers handling this Package must keep a Record of its Number, Postmark with Date, Address, Date of Receipt and Disposition made of it so that it may be traced from Place of Mailing to the Destination, always taking a Receipt for it when practicable. If such Receipt can not be obtained at the time, a Receipt properly filled up must be placed in the Porch with the Package, to be signed by the P. M. of the next office where the Porch is opened, and by him returned to the forwarding Route Agent or Railway Clerk by next mail.

W. H. H. TERNELL,  
Third Assistant Postmaster General



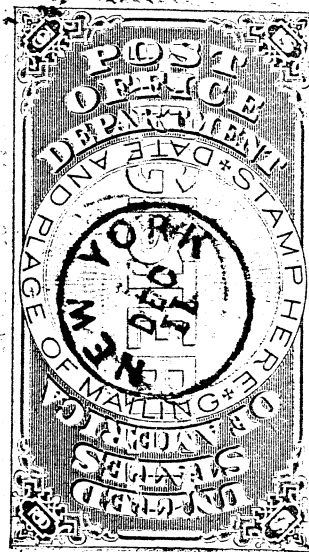


# REGISTERED PACKAGE

POSTMASTER AT

*East Post Office*

*Railroad Co*



No. 3786

Postmark of



Mailing Office.

Open by Cutting this End

REGISTERED SEAL

In 1873 the contract for the envelopes was given to George Nesbitt and Company New York.

This example of the Nesbit printing was used that yea

## RECORD OF TRANSIT.

Condition.	Signature.
Good or Bad.	By Whom Received and Date.
	<i>Marshall</i>

## INSTRUCTIONS.

All Postal Officers handling this Package must keep a Record of its Number, Postmark with Date, Address, Date of Receipt and Disposition made of it, so that it may be traced from Place of Mailing to its Destination always taking a Receipt for it when practicable. If such Receipt cannot be obtained at the time, a Receipt properly filled up must be placed in the Pouch with the Package to be signed by the P.M. of the next office where the Pouch is opened, and by him returned to the forwarding Route Agent or Railway Clerk by next mail.

E. W. BARBER,  
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

# RECORD OF TRANSIT.

REGISTERED SEAL

At the time the contract was awarded to Nesbitt, Terrell was succeeded by E. W. Barber, whose name appears on the instructions of the new envelope.

Condition.

Signature.

Good or Bad.

By Whom Received and Date.

*Good.*

*E. W. Barber*

*4/14*

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**E. W. BARBER,**

Third Assistant Postmaster General.

# REGISTERED SEAL

This envelope appears to have been issued after the first Nesbitt envelopes in 1873 and before 1876.

A Post Office Department Circular, dated only 1875, and signed by E. W. Barber advises that the Registered Seals are not required on the "new envelopes". All registered seals were ordered returned when the old envelopes were used.

The "new envelopes" referred to had an interlocking gummed flaps that did not require a seal.

Both examples of this envelope seen were used from New York and have the same rimless registered cancel.

A similar envelope was used to send stamps and/or cash between Post Offices and was sealed with a special "Stamp Agency Seal". Some obsolete Registered Seals may have been used during a shortage of Stamp Agency Seals.



13822

N  
X

**POSTMASTER AT**

**Postmasters and Route Agents**  
HANDLING THIS Package, ARE REQUIRED TO  
KEEP A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE NUMBER,  
ADDRESS, DATE OF ITS RECEIPT, TO WHOM  
DELIVERED, DATE OF SUCH DELIVERY, &c.  
RECEIPTS FOR THE SAME MUST BE TAKEN  
WHEN PRACTICABLE. THEY WILL PROVIDE A  
BOOK SPECIALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

RESPECTFULLY,

*E. W. Barber,*

THIRD ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL.

PATENT APPLIED FOR

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

*Philbrook*

*Dutchess*

County,

*NY*

REGISTERED

REGISTERED  
MAY 15 1896  
PORTLAND, ME

E. T. WHELOCK  
MAY 16 West  
PORT & SWAN R. P. O.

POSTAGE STAMP AGENCY  
SEAL

8th recorded type, 1894.

OPEN AT END.

THE POSTMASTER TO WHOM THIS PACKAGE IS SENT MUST NOTE ITS CONDITION AND CAREFULLY COUNT ITS CONTENTS. If it shows signs of having been tampered with, the fact should be reported to the THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

If the count shows a deficiency in the contents of the package, or an excess, the case must be treated as indicated in Sec. 120 P. L. & T. The Postmaster should not correspond with the Stamp Agent, but with the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. See also Sec. 1088 as to misdirected packages.

KERR CRAIGIE,  
Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

1770 & 60 St 5116

BOSTON, MASS  
MAY 15 1896  
DIVISION

82  
Cordill

REGISTERED

A Penalty of \$300 is fixed by law for using this Envelope for other than Official Business.

MAY 14 1896  
WASHINGTON

Post Office Department.

POSTAGE STAMP AGENCY.

Reg. No. 36732  
91 83 91 - 2  
70 32  
55 1174  
256

POSTMASTER AT

Oxford County

Postmasters and Postal Clerks  
HANDLING THIS Envelope, ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE NUMBER, ADDRESS, DATE OF ITS RECEIPT, TO WHOM DELIVERED, DATE OF SUCH DELIVERY, &c., AND TO TAKE RECEIPTS FOR THE SAME WHEN PRACTICABLE. THEY WILL PROVIDE A BOOK SPECIALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

REGISTERED  
JUL 25 1899  
Woods Falls, N. K.

REGISTERED  
JUL 25 1899  
Woods Falls, N. K.

REGISTERED  
JUL 22 1899  
ALBANY, N. Y.

POSTAGE STAMP AGENCY  
SEAL

10th recorded seal, 1897

**REGISTERED**

not to be used for official business.

POSTMASTER AT

Reg. No. 12813

POSTAGE STAMP AGENCY

*W. H. H. H. H.*

*W. H. H. H. H.* County

Postmasters and Postal Clerks  
HANDLING THIS *Envelope*, ARE REQUIRED TO  
KEEP A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE NUMBER,  
ADDRESS, DATE OF ITS RECEIPT, TO WHOM DE-  
LIVERED, DATE OF SUCH DELIVERY, AND  
TO TAKE RECEIPTS FOR THE SAME WHEN PRA-  
CTICABLE. THEY WILL, PROVIDE A BOOK SPECI-  
ALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.  
BY ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,  
**JOHN A. MERRITT,**  
THIRD ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL.

**OPEN AT END.**

THE POSTMASTER TO WHOM THIS PACKAGE IS SENT MUST NOTE  
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with, the fact should be reported to the THIRD  
ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

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Postmaster-General. See also Sec. 1088 as to misdirected packages.

**JOHN A. MERRITT,**

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

**REGISTERED**

REGISTERED  
JUL 22 1899  
CALDWELL, N. Y.

REGISTERED  
JUL 25 1899  
ALBANY, N. Y.

# REGISTERED.

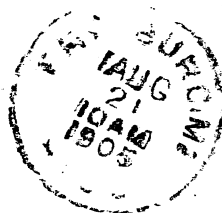
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**EDWIN C. MADDEN,**  
Third Assistant Postmaster-General.



POSTAGE STAMP AGENCY  
SEAL

These seals, used on shipments of stamps were first issued in 1875.

14 types are recorded, the last being issued in 1935.

This is the 11th recorded type and was issued in 1899.

# REGISTERED

Postmasters and Postal Clerks  
HANDLING THIS *Envelope* ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP  
A COMPLETE RECORD OF THE NUMBER, ADDRESS,  
DATE OF ITS RECEIPT, TO WHOM DELIVERED, DATE  
OF SUCH DELIVERY, AND TO TAKE RECEIPTS  
FOR THE SAME WHEN PRACTICABLE. THEY WILL  
PROVIDE A BOOK SPECIALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.  
BY ORDER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.  
**EDWIN C. MADDEN,**  
THIRD ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL.

POSTMASTER AT

Reg. No.

35609

POSTAGE STAMP AGENCY.

County,

1111

120

23

This example is the seven printing and the earliest recorded use is in 1891.



REGISTERED ENVELOPE

10th Printing, Earliest recorded use 1897.

# RECORD OF TRANS.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
By Whom Received and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Condition \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE IF NOT GOOD \_\_\_\_\_

## NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

To facilitate tracing, a complete record must be placed in a new Registered Package Envelope at the office where the injury occurs, or when damage should this package become damaged, it must be placed in a new Registered Package Envelope at the office of a Postal Clerk, at the post office at the time of his route.

The original Registered Package Envelope must be removed, but, before enclosing the new one, be endorsed with a certificate stating the exact condition of the old one, and the postmaster, or the fact of re-shipment, must be noted on the records of the Regulations.

Receipts must be given, on delivery of envelope by next mail, which receipts should bear the mark of date of return.—See Sections 1063 and 1064.

Failure to comply with above instructions will result cause for removal.

JOHN A. MERRITT,  
Third Assistant Postmaster General

# U. S. P. O. D. REGISTERED PACKAGE.

**BE SURE TO SEAL THIS PACKAGE SECURELY, AND TO POSTMARK IT PLAINLY.**

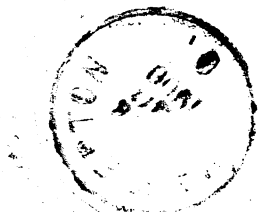
☒ Fourth-class P.Ms. must write in ink, in the brackets, on each envelope, the names of their Post-Offices, whenever they receive a new supply. [P. O. \_\_\_\_\_ State, \_\_\_\_\_]

ASTERTON, O.

[P. O. \_\_\_\_\_ State, \_\_\_\_\_]

OPEN BY DRAWING POINT OF ANGLE FROM A TO B WITHOUT DETACHING END OF ENVELOPE

Postmark of _____	Mailing Office, _____ on date when mailed.
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No. 72

POSTMASTER AT \_\_\_\_\_

*Archers Fork*

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

*Yash*

(No. 7-R. P.)

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

*Ohio*

PATENTED JUNE 4th, 1878.





# RECORD OF TRANSIT

REGISTERED ENVELOPE

15th Printing. Earliest  
Recorded Use 1907.

[illegible]

## INSTRUCTIONS

Every postal employee receiving this package must receipt for it, and indorse this envelope in the manner required by Section 843, Postal Laws and Regulations, and he must keep record thereof.

Should this package be damaged it must be indorsed with a statement of its condition signed by the postmaster, or postal clerk, and inclosed in a new registered package envelope at the post office where the injury was noticed or at the post office at the terminus of the postal clerk's route.

The original registered package envelope must not be removed and the new envelope must bear the number, date, name of office of origin and address of the old one. The new envelope must be postmarked and marked "Re-enveloped at (name of post office)".

Packages must be signed for at the time they are delivered, or the accompanying receipt forms must be signed, postmarked and returned in the next mail.

**A. L. LAWSHE,**

**L. LAWSON,**  
Third Assistant Postmaster General.

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A. L. LAWSIE,

**Third Assistant Postmaster General**

## DEAD LETTER SEAL

Brown Shades, Perf 12

Engraved and printed by the National Bank Note Company, New York.  
One printing of 50,000 in sheets of 100 (10x10).  
Delivered to the Dead Letter Office on March 16, 1877  
Used by the Dead Letter Office and by larger post offices  
to seal opened or unsealed mail.



Partially Printed Trial Color Plate Proof  
India Paper

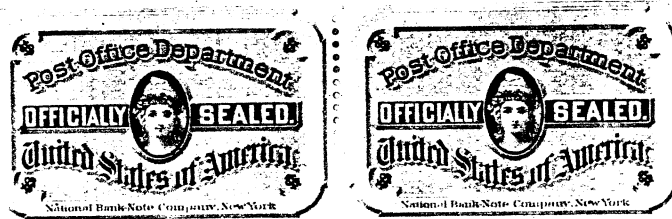


Plate Proof on Stamp Paper  
Perforated and Gummed



Plate Proof on India



Hybrid Die Proof  
India Paper, Die sunk on Card

DEAD LETTER OFFICE SEAL



Unused Block



Cincinnati, Ohio  
July 20, 1877



1884  
Late Use

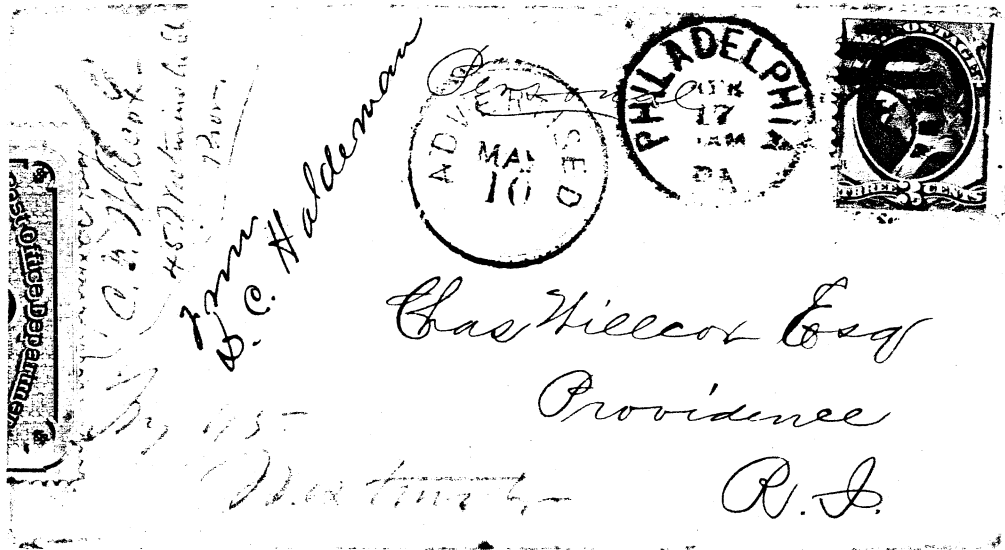


Detroit, Mich.  
April 16, 1878



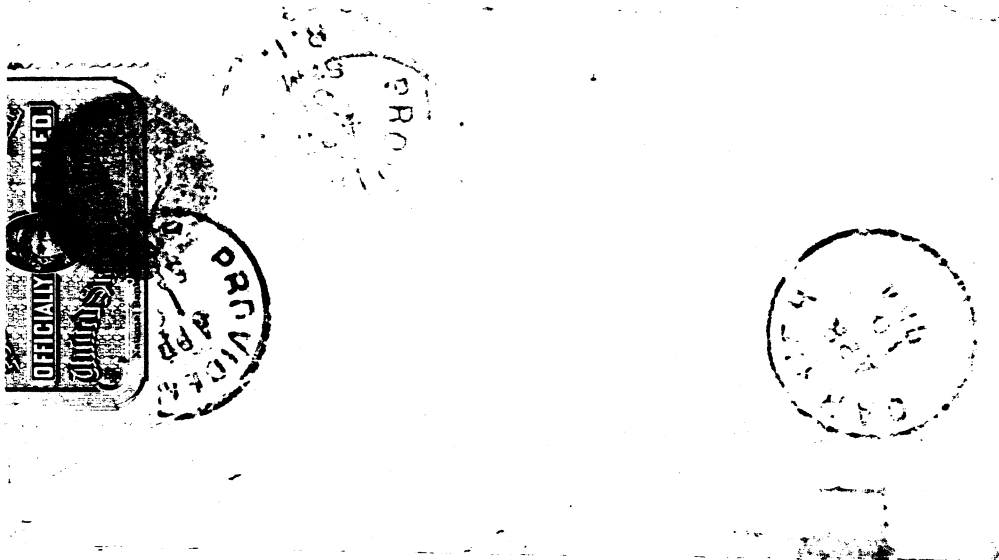
Offi(cially Sealed)  
Boston, Mass.  
April 18, 1879

DEAD LETTER SEAL



April 1879

Sealed in Providence after letter was opened by C.F. Wilcox, who was the wrong Wilcox and returned the letter to the P.O. The date determined by the Philadelphia Duplex, which was used between July 1878 and September 1879.





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Printed by the American Bank Note Company, from plate prepared by them from a die made by the National Bank Note Company.



Plate Proof on India, Cardboard Backing



Deep Brown  
1st Printing

The first printing can be identified because the paper is fluorescent under black light. None of the later printings fluoresce.



8-21-79  
Deep Brown  
Earliest Recorded Use

Left Pane from First Plate, which lacked a Plate Number. Later Printing, Red Brown.



# ISSUE OF 1879

Brown, Thin Porous Paper  
1st Printing from Plate 2, 1880 or 1881

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AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY, NEW YORK.



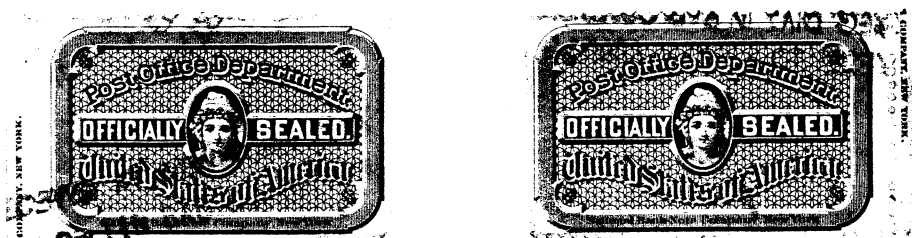
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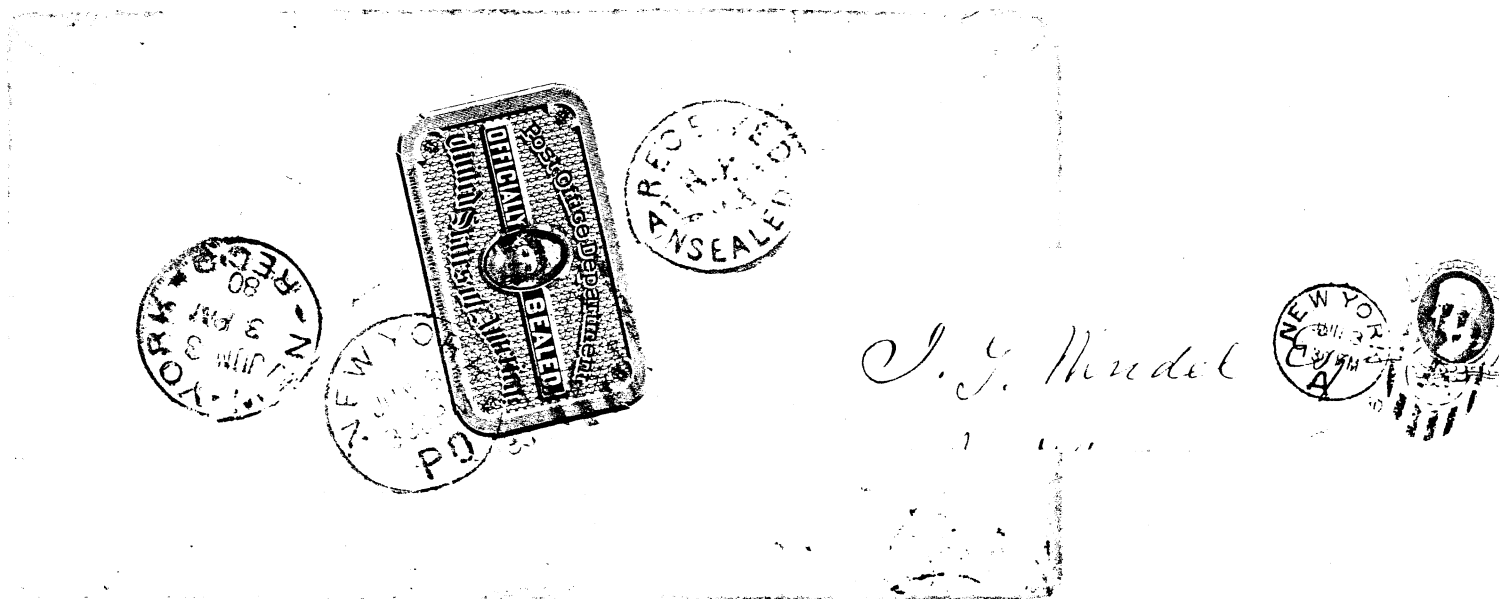
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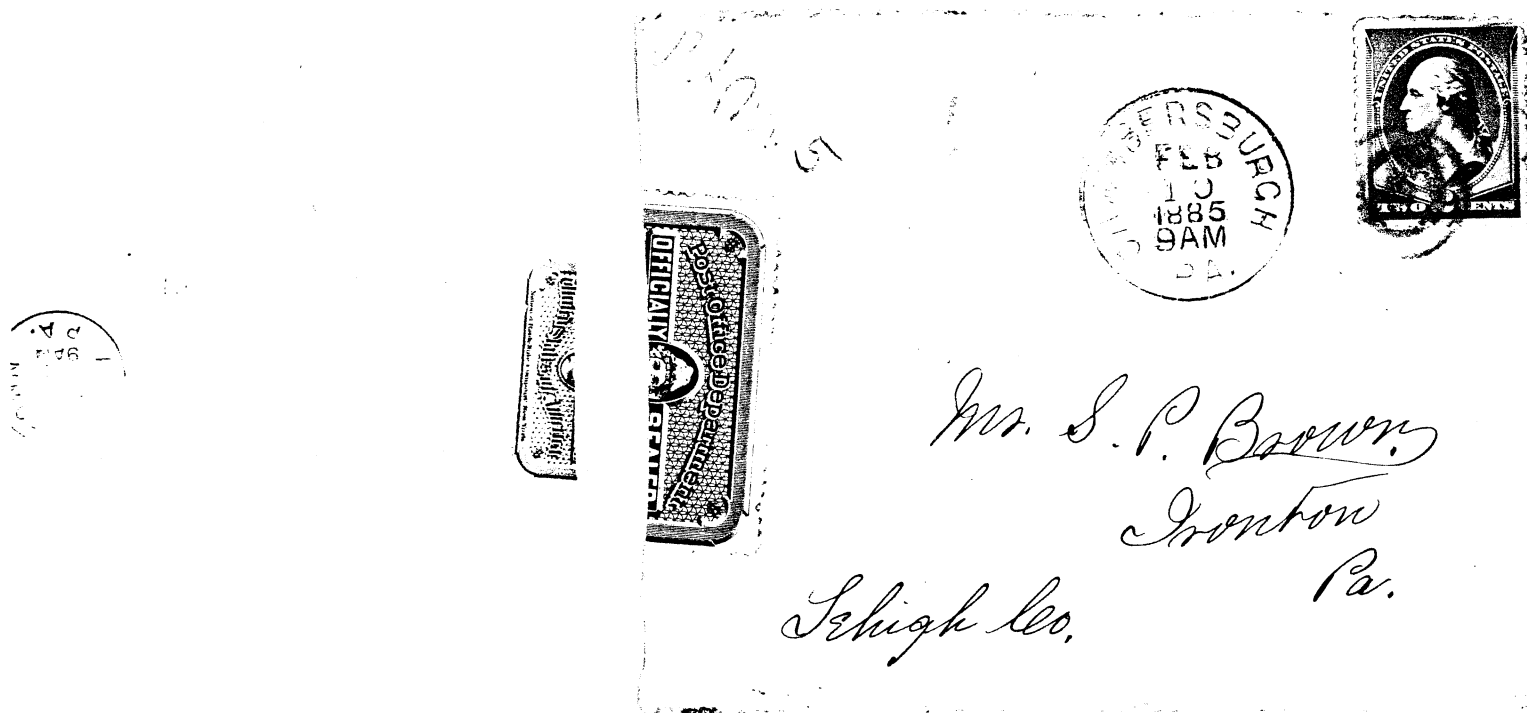
Yellow Brown  
2nd Printing



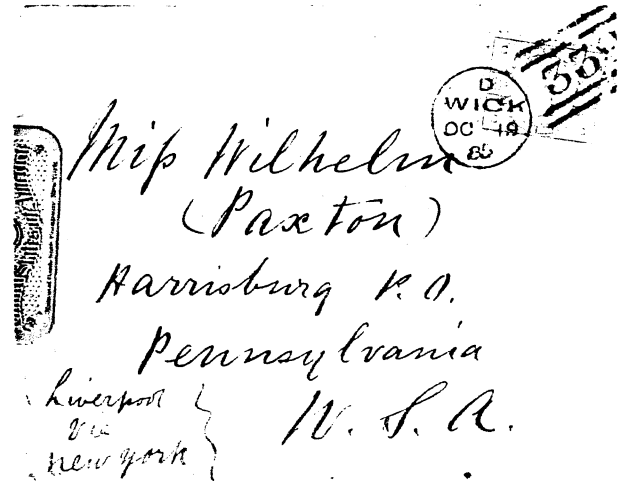
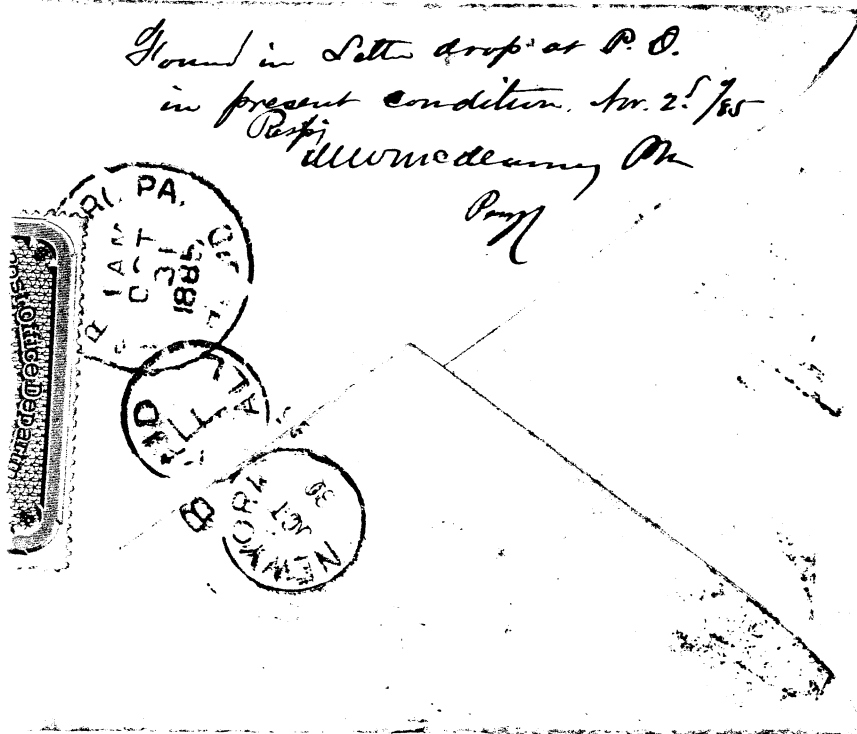
Red Brown Imprint Copies  
Late Printings



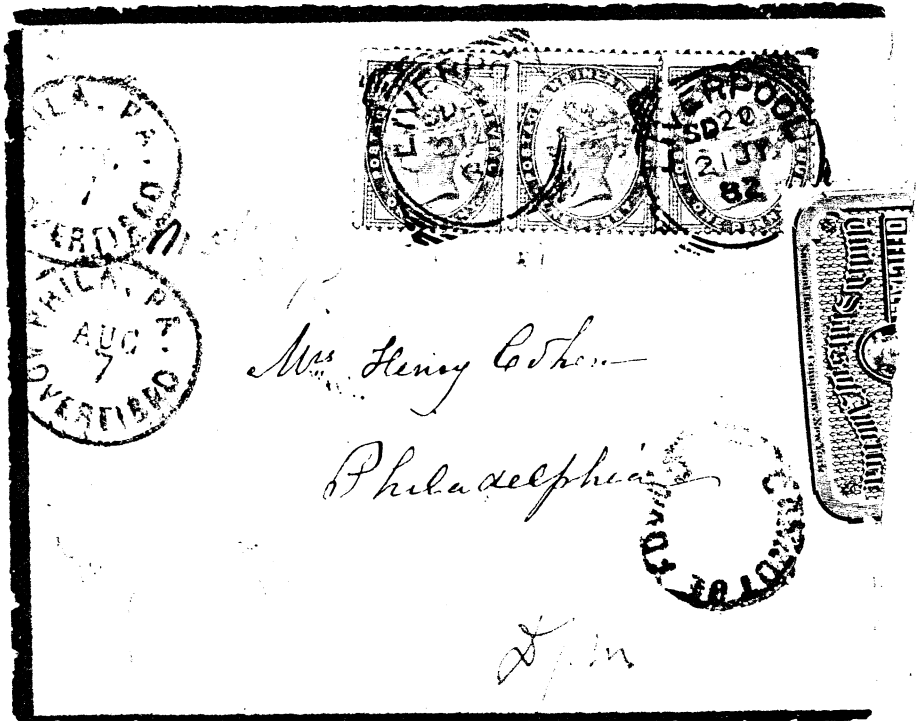
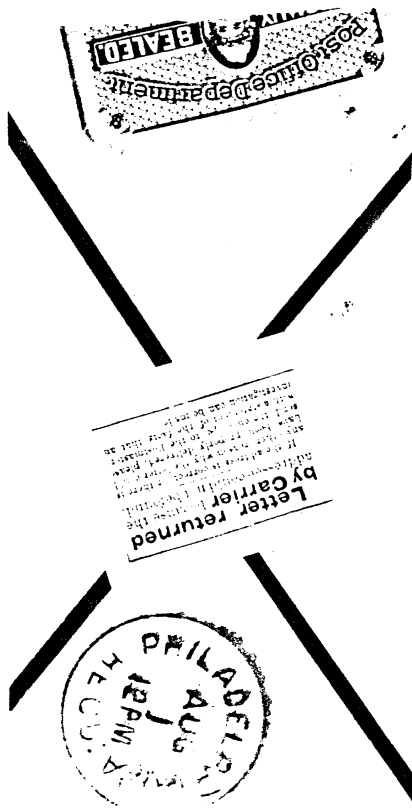
Second Printing, Medium Brown, June 3, 1880, Received Unsealed



Medium Brown, February 12, 1885, Opened by Mistake



Scotland to U. S., 1885

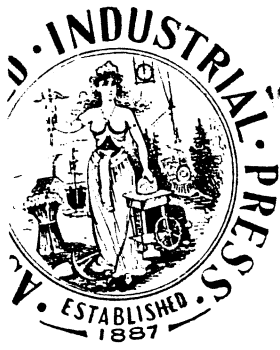
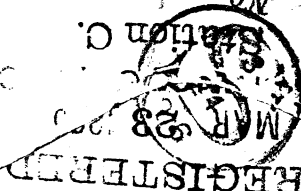
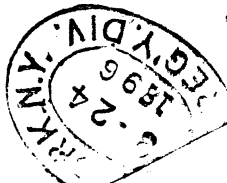


Advertised, Cannot be Found, with Letter Returned by Carrier Seal

*Associated Trade & Mercantile  
P.O. Box 1000*

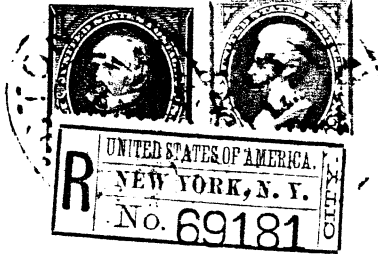
*Draw*

RECEIVED AT NEW YORK  
(REG. DIV.) IN BAD CONDITION



EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
ROOMS 9, 10, 11, 12 AND 13,  
610 THIRTEENTH ST.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

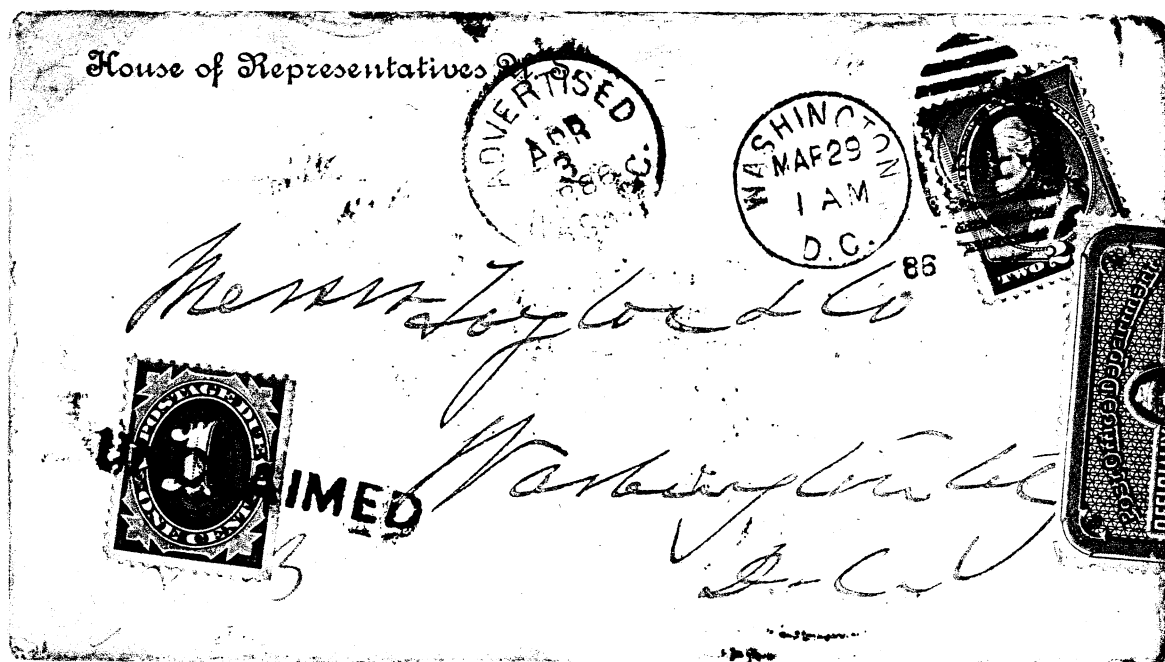
REGISTERED  
MAR 23 1896  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
Station C.  
No. 3461



on only...  
United States...  
Post-office...  
Haiti.

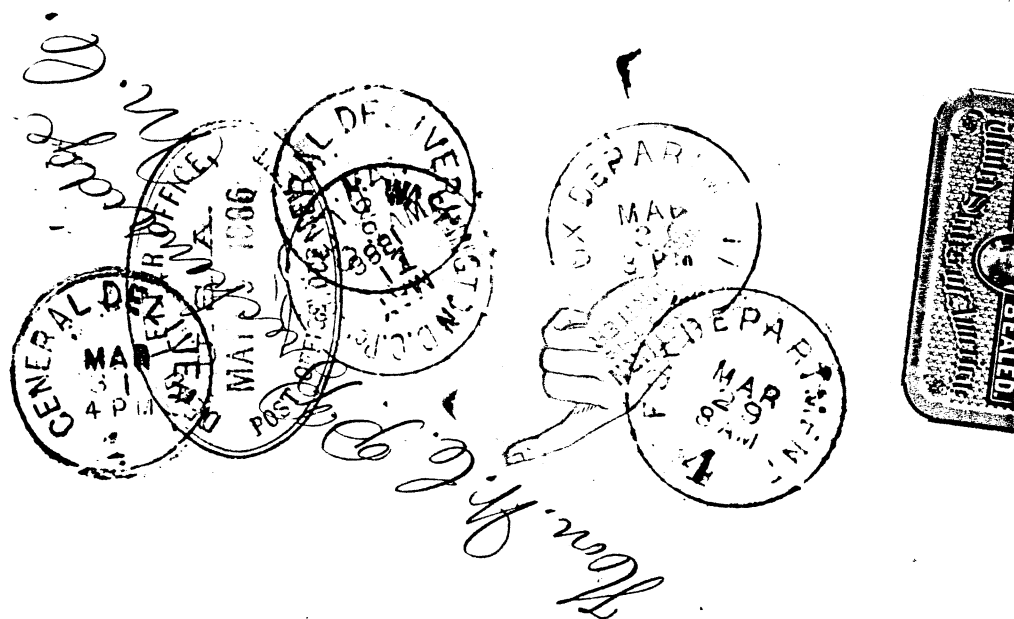
22470

Washington, D.C. to Haiti



This letter was mailed with A House of Representatives corner card, but no name ( March 29, 1886. After attempts to deliver the letter, it was advertised on April and assessed one cent. When it went unclaimed for a month, it was sent to the Dead Letter Office, arriving on May 5th. It appears to have been opened there at the name of the sender, W.C.P. Breckinridge, was written on the reverse and a pointing finger to return to the sender applied.

William Campbell Preston Breckinridge Served the Union in the 9th Kentucky Cavalry during the Civil War, he was a well known writer and employed as a reporter for the Lexington, Ky. Herald He was elected to Congress in 1884 and served four terms. He died in Washington shortly after his last term in Congress





## ISSUE OF 1888

This issue was printed by typography by the Government Printing Office and perforated by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

2,486,800 seals were produced in 16 printings between June 30, 1888 and September 11, 1899. The seals were printed in many shades of brown on thick, medium and thin paper. They appeared perf 12, rouletted 5½ and hyphen-hole 7. Many imperf and mis-perforated varieties exist and are believed to mostly come from printers waste.

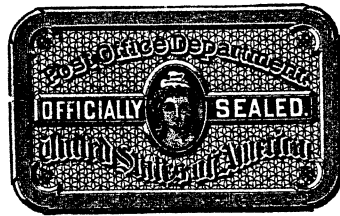


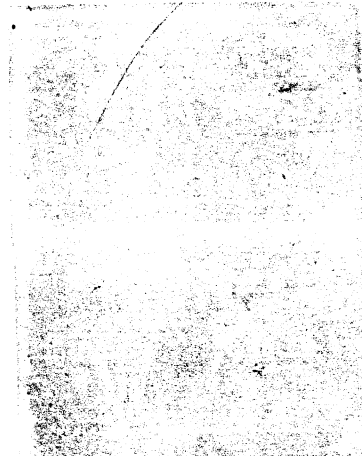
Plate Proof on India Paper  
Cut to Shape and Die Sunk  
on Cardboard.

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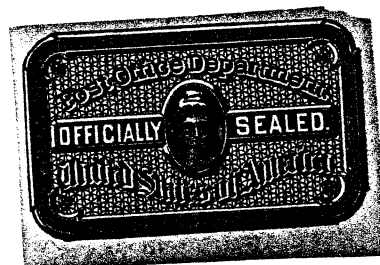
1st Printing  
Chocolate Shades, Medium Paper  
Imperf



Over Inked



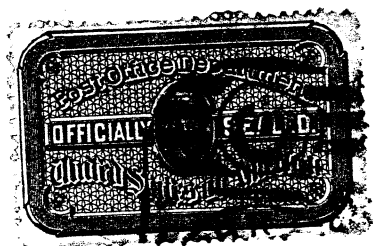
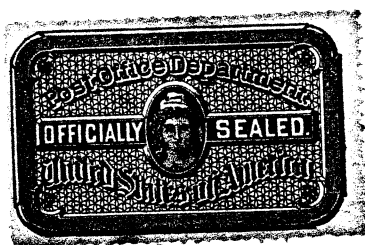
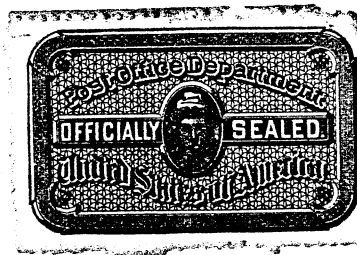
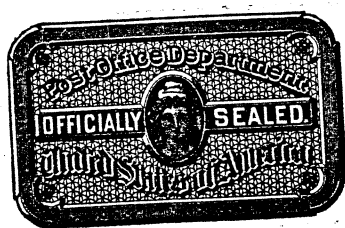
Cut from a strip of three, the left pair shows an uninked impression of the typograph plate and the right stamp shows the offset present on all three stamps.



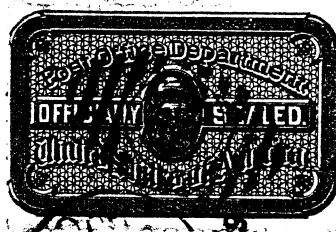
Toned Paper

ISSUE OF 1888

Chocolate Shades, Medium Paper  
1st Printing  
Perf 12



1889



1889



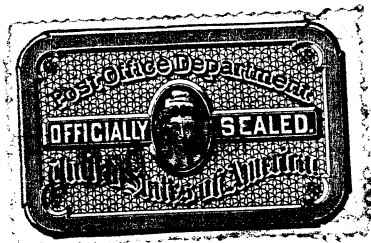
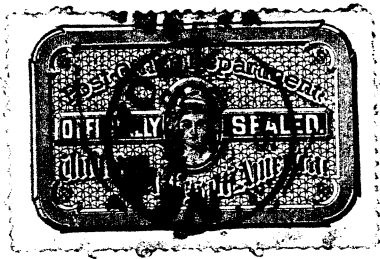
1890

First Printing, Chocolate,  
Court House Cover to Texas  
with pair of 4 cent issue  
of 1888 and 10 cent  
reengraved issue of  
1882.



ISSUE OF 1888

Thick Paper, Medium Bistre Brown Shades  
Rough Perf 12  
Second Printing



Bistre Brown, Thick Paper  
Printings 3 to 7



This block is from a different setting than the complete imperf sheet shown as the seals in the next to last row do not have the dented top right frame line.

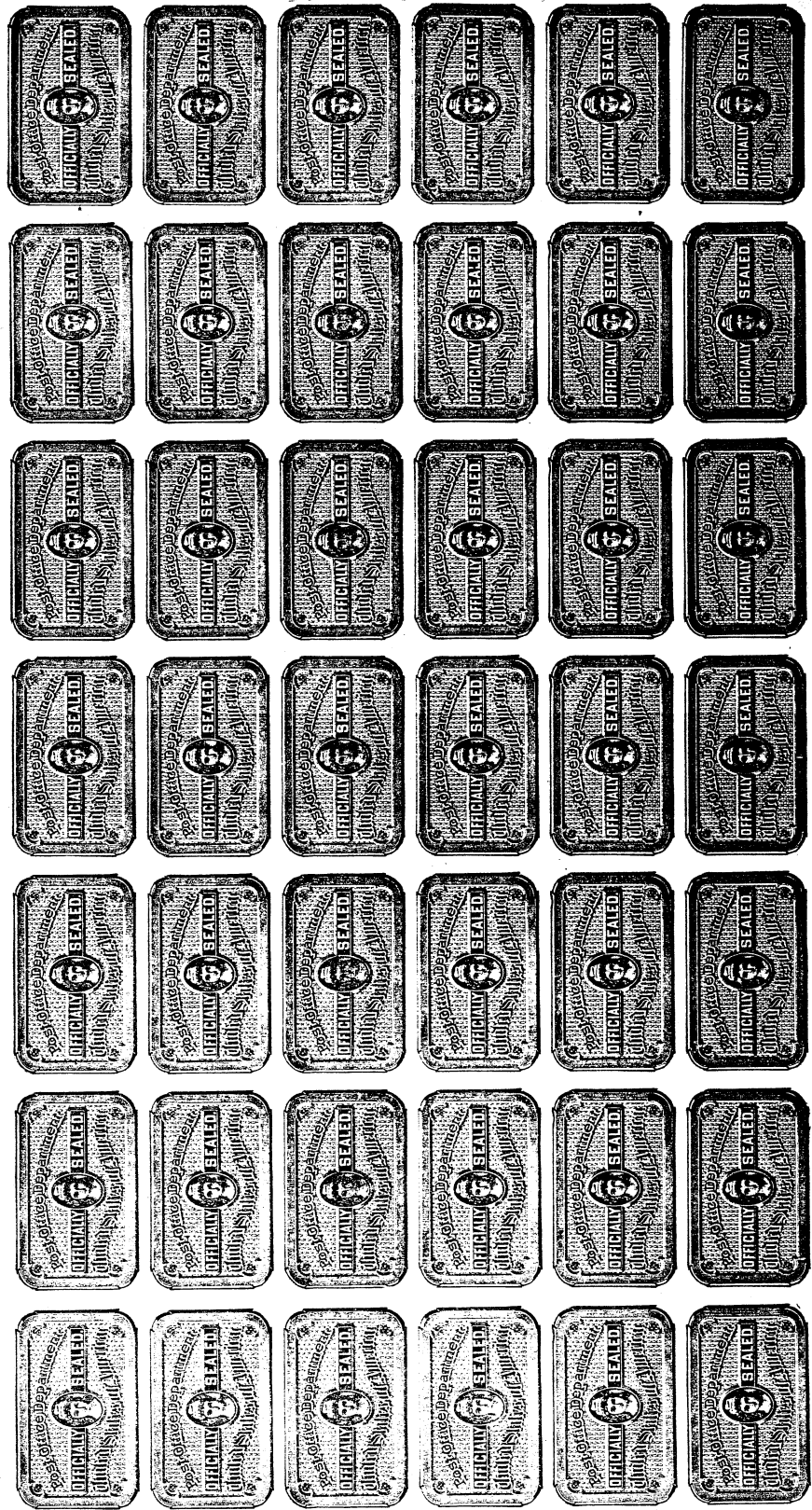


Extra Row of Perfs  
Both bottom seals show nick  
at lower left corner

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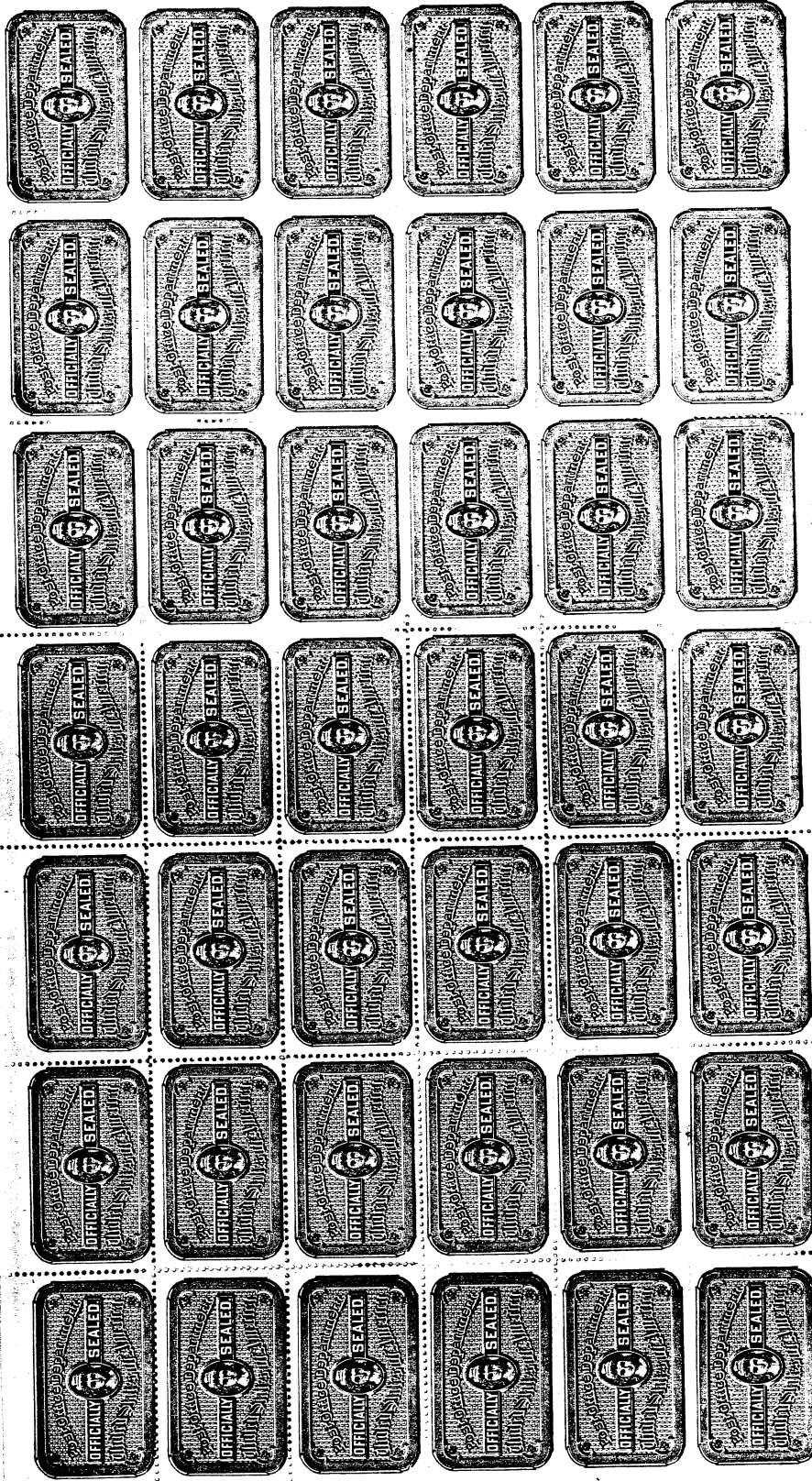
Right end stamp in 3rd row has gash in the lower left corner. First 6 stamps in 5th row have dented on the top left frame line.

Bistre Brown





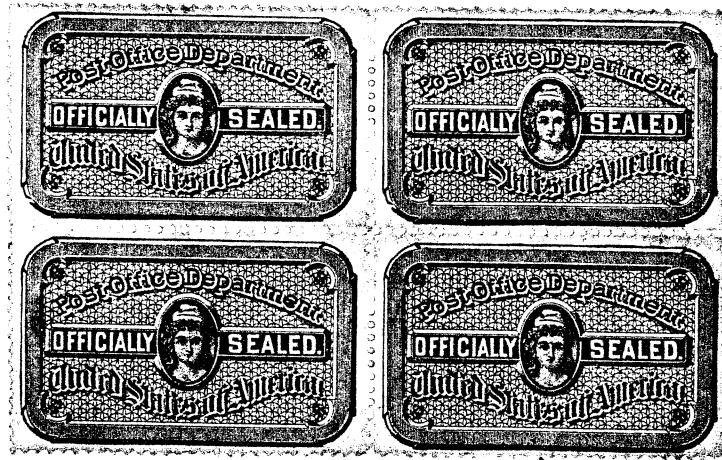
From 6th or 7th printings, delivered in February and December 1893. Identified by the deep nick in the lower left corner of each seal in the third row from the top. This setting was only used for these two printings.





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Bistre Brown Shades, Thick Paper  
3rd to 7th Printing

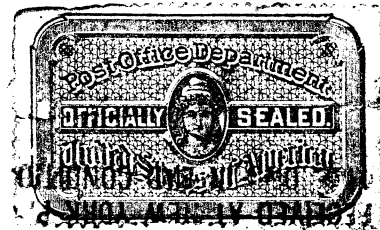


Toned Paper



ISSUE OF 1888

Bistre Brown Shades, Thick Toned Paper  
3rd to 7th Printing



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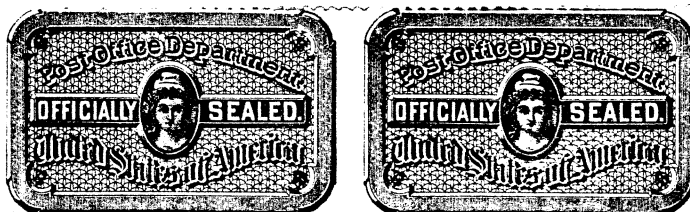
Bistre Brown, Thick Paper  
Printings 3 to 7



Horizontal Pair, Imperf Between



Vertical Pair, Imperf Between



Horizontal Pair, Imperf Vertically

ISSUE OF 1900  
Lithographed  
James L. Kervand Company, Washington, D. C.

A lithographic stone was prepared from a proof sheet of the Engraved Issue of 1879.

The "National Bank Note Company" imprint was then covered with lithograph transfers.

This was done on a block of 24, which was fully repeated 4 times and partly repeated 4 times. Because of the difficulty of this process, each of the positions can be identified by the alignment of the bottom frame.

The 24 transfers (4X6) were repeated to make a plate of 143 seals. This size fit the size of the paper, which was furnished by the Government Printing Office.

For convenience the 24 transfers are identified by letters A through X. The layout of the sheet follows:

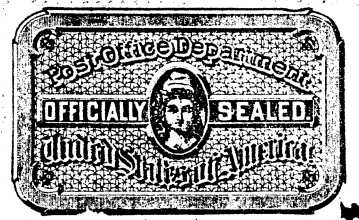
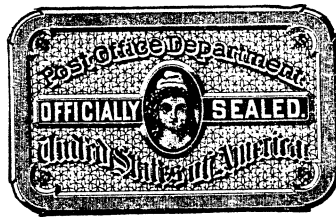
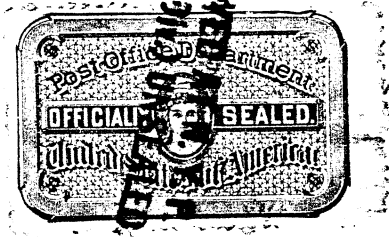
A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C
E	F	G	H	E	F	G	H	E	F	G
I	J	K	L	I	J	K	L	I	J	K
M	N	O	P	M	N	O	P	M	N	O
Q	R	S	T	Q	R	S	T	Q	R	S
U	V	W	X	U	V	W	X	U	V	W
A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C
E	F	G	H	E	F	G	H	E	F	G
I	J	K	L	I	J	K	L	I	J	K
M	N	O	P	M	N	O	P	M	N	O
Q	R	S	T	Q	R	S	T	Q	R	S
U	V	W	X	U	V	W	X	U	V	W
A	B	C	D	M	N	O	P	I	J	K



Plate proof on India, cut to shape  
and Die sunk on Card.

ISSUE OF 1888

Bistre Brown Shades, Thick Paper  
3rd to 7th Printing  
Dent in Top Right Frame

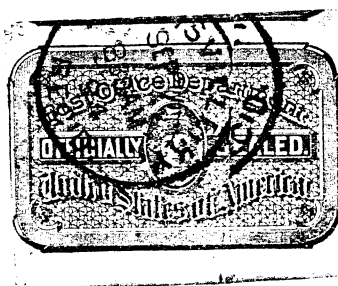


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Bistre Brown Shades, Thick Paper  
3rd to 7th Printing



Imperf



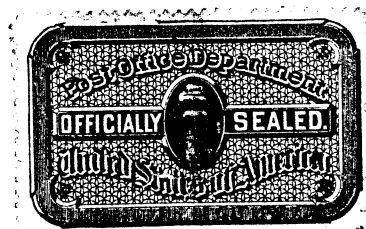
Used, Imperf



Damaged Left Frame



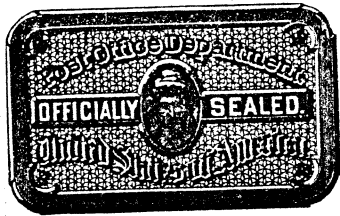
Gash, Bottom Frame at Right



Damaged Top Left Frame

ISSUE OF 1888

Bistre Brown Shades, Thick Paper  
3rd to 7th Printing



ISSUE OF 1888

Thick Paper, Bistre Brown  
Printing 3 to 7

Gash in Lower Left Frame



Top Right Stamp with Gash





Bistre Brown, Thick Paper  
Printings 3 to 7  
Cancels



1891



1893



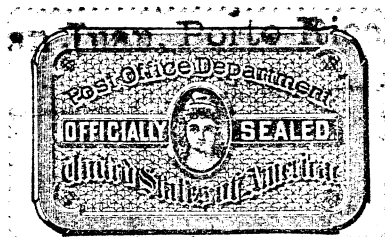
1895



1897



1899



Used in San Juan, Puerto Rico.  
English Spelling "Porto" indicates  
use early in occupation.



Received at N.Y.P.O.  
(Reg. Div.) Unsealed

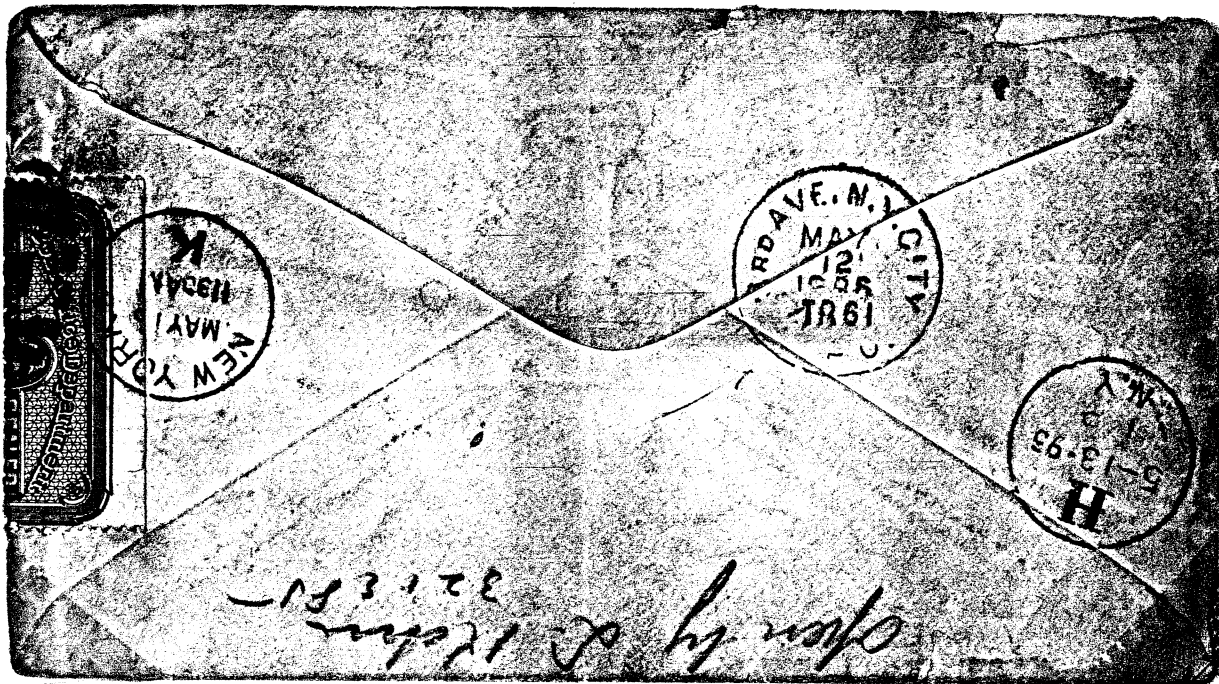


Received at N.Y.P.O.  
(Reg. Div.) in Bad  
Condition

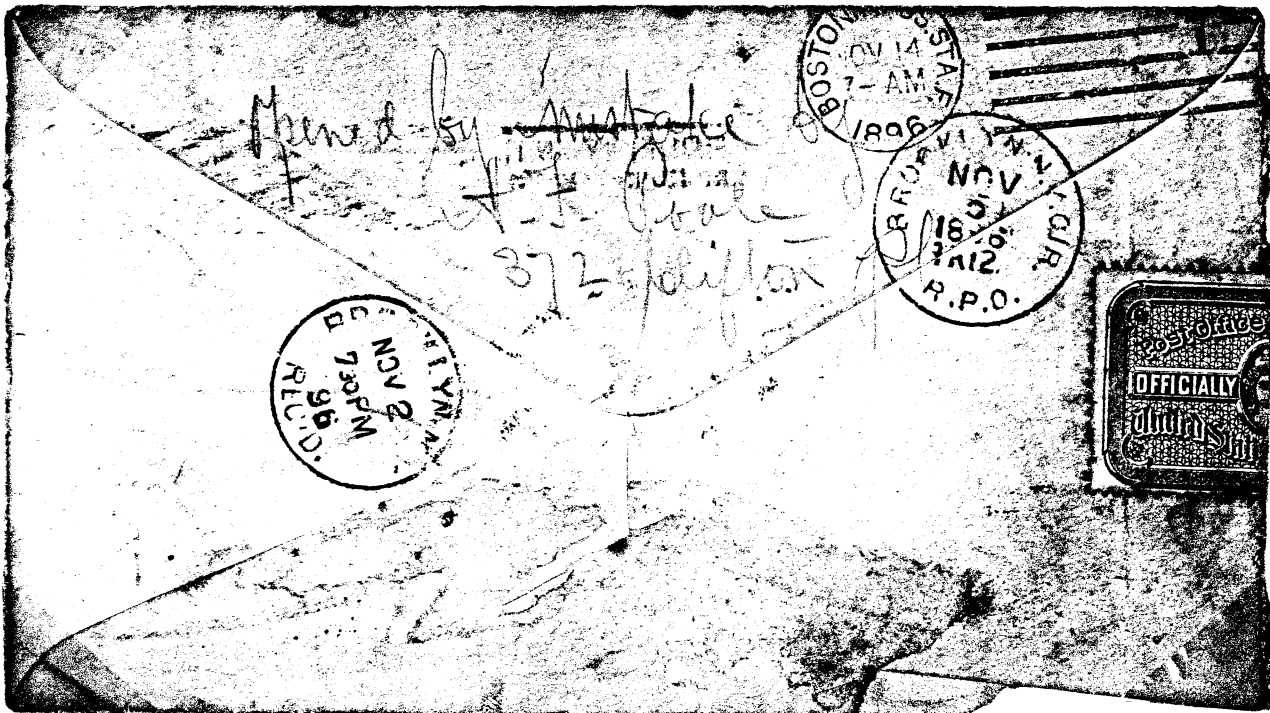


Value Asked  
& Not Given

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Thick Paper, Bistre Brown  
Backstamped 3rd Ave. N.Y.City, New York's only Street Car P.O.



Thick Paper, Bistre Brown  
Backstamped Brooklyn N.Y.Cir(cuit). This was the first year  
this Street Car P.O. operated. It continued to operate until  
1914.

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Gray Brown Shades, Thick Paper  
8th to 11th Printing



Top Right Frame Dented

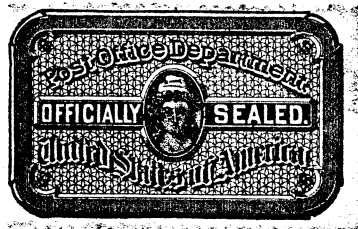
ISSUE OF 1888



Medium Brown  
Thick Paper  
12th Printing



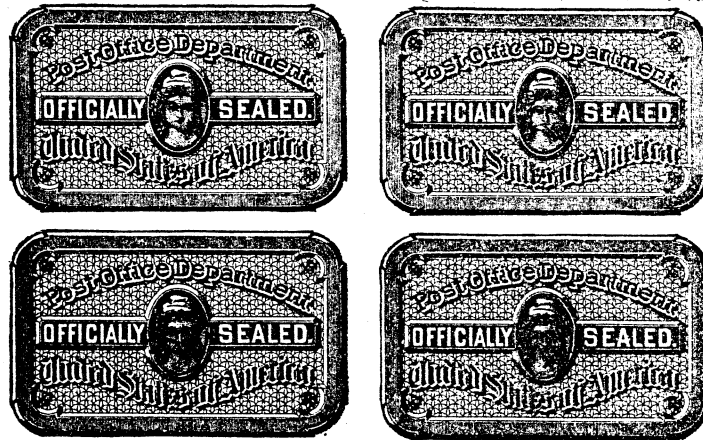
Rose Brown, Thick Paper  
Strongly Fluorescent, Pale Green  
Unidentified Printing



Orange Brown  
Thick Paper  
Unidentified Printing

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Medium Brown Shades, Thin Porous Paper  
13th to 16th (Last) Printing



Imperf



Dent, Upper Right Frame Line

Gash, Right Frame Line



Overweight cover to London England Times.  
 5 penny due, Refused, Returned to sender  
 through Washington, D.C. Dead Letter  
 Office. Sender charged 10 cents due.

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Rouletted 5 1/2



Yellow Bistre

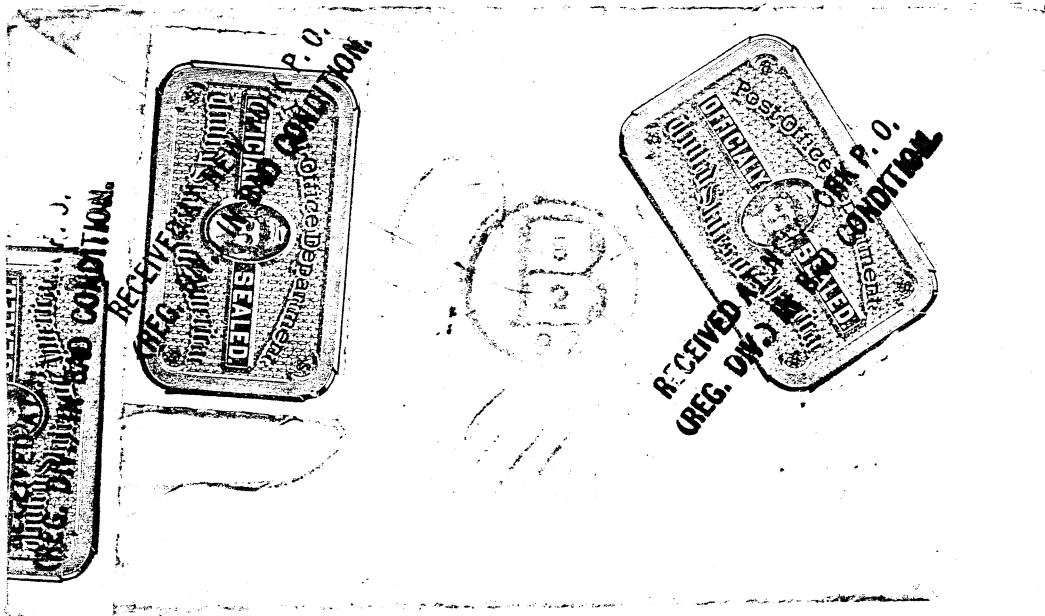
From 4th Printing, Delivered June 27, 1891



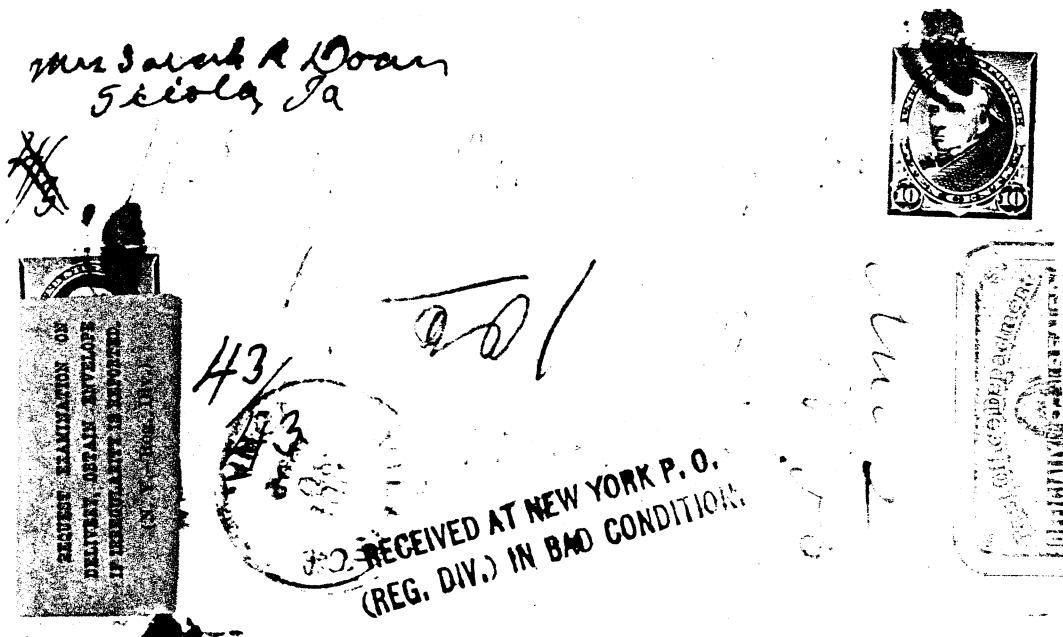
Dull Bistre

From 5th Printing, Delivered January 22, 1892

Rouletted 5 1/2



Both 4th Printing, Left, and 5th Printing Rouletted seals were used on this July 30, 1892, Registered Cover



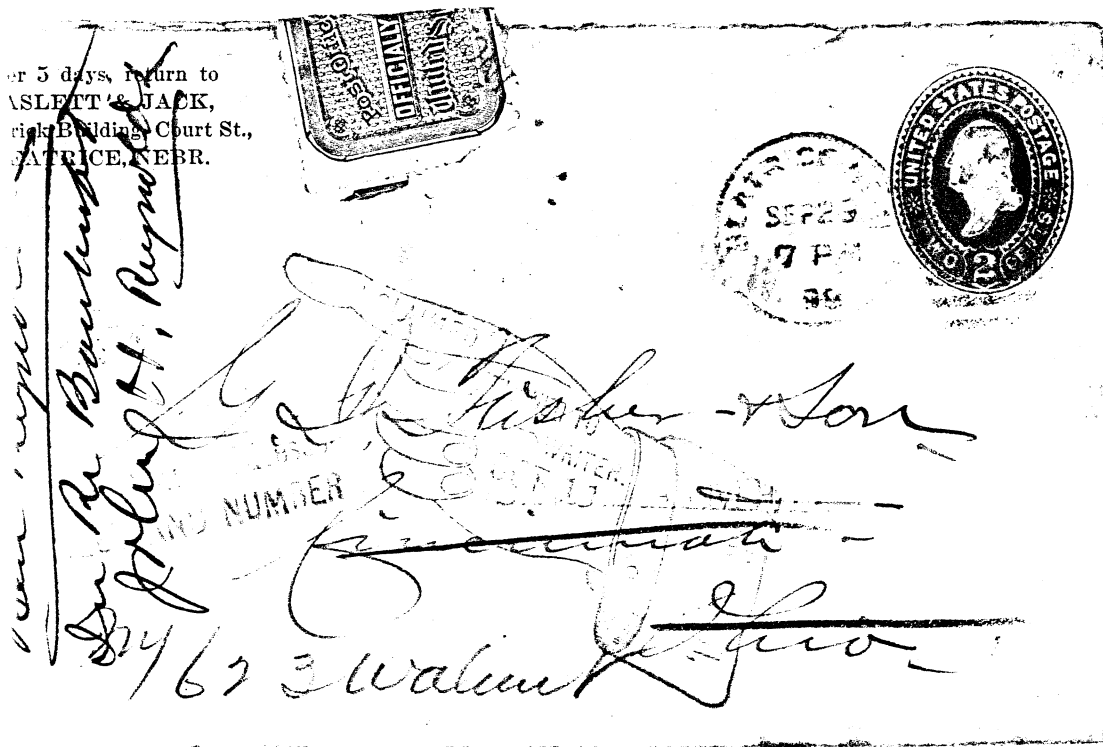


Hyphen Hole Perf 7  
8th Printing, Gray Brown



Gash, Bottom  
Frame at Right

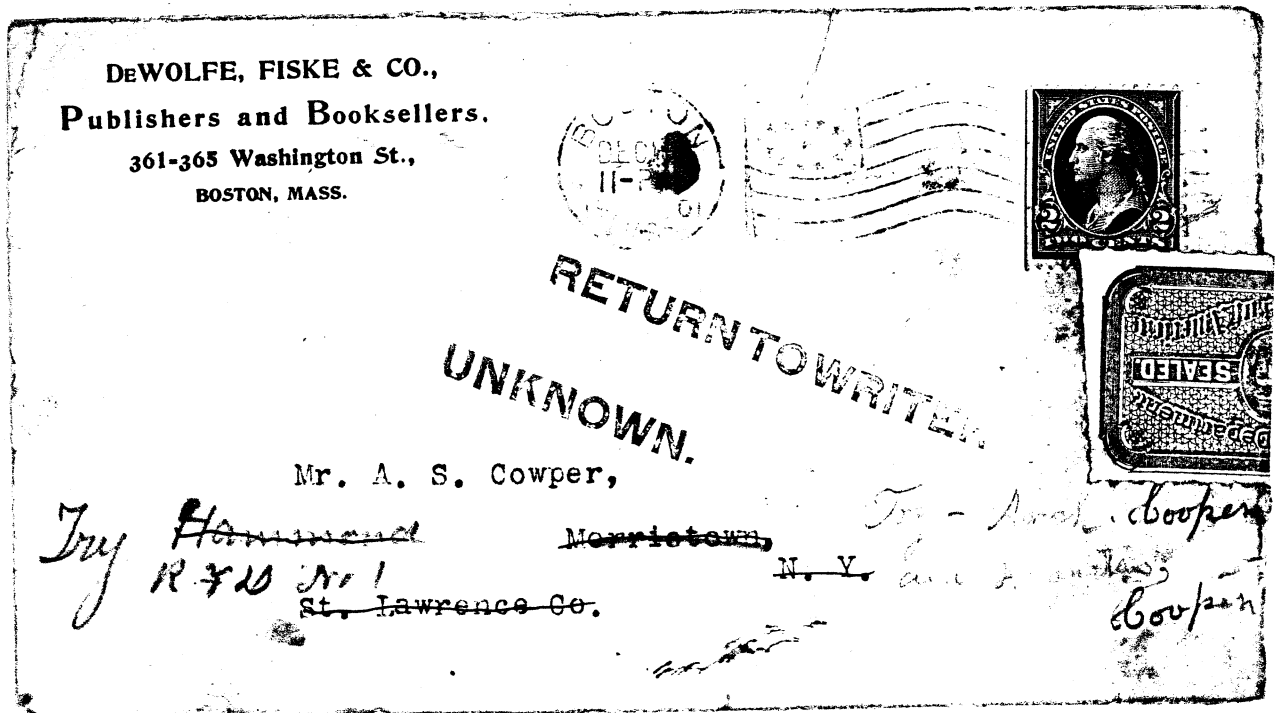
Used



Cincinnati, Ohio, Precancel on Seal

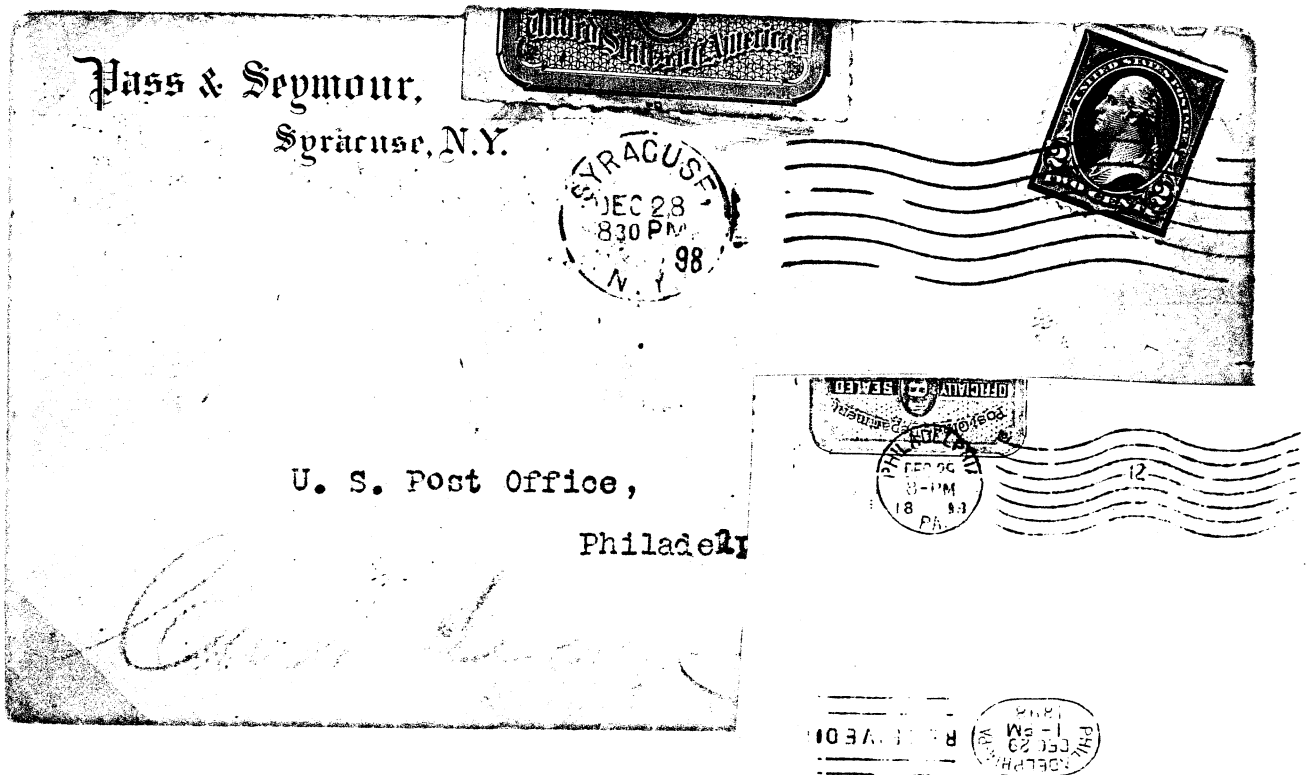
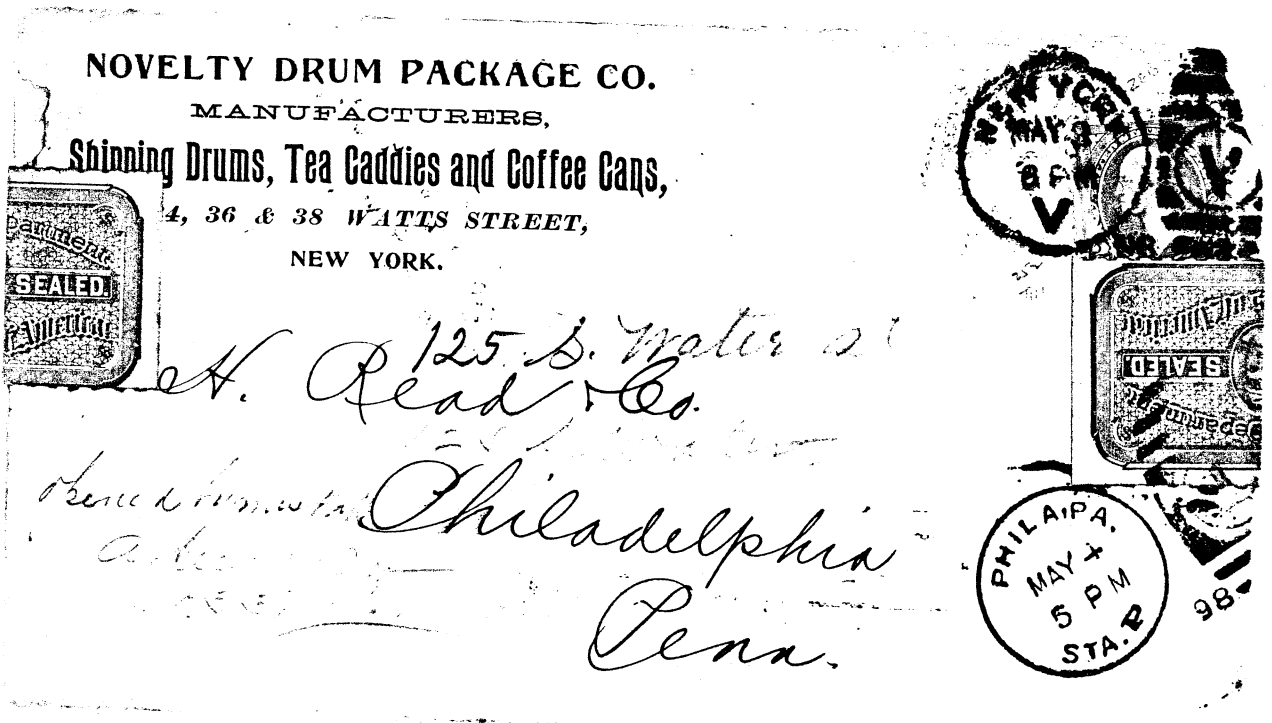
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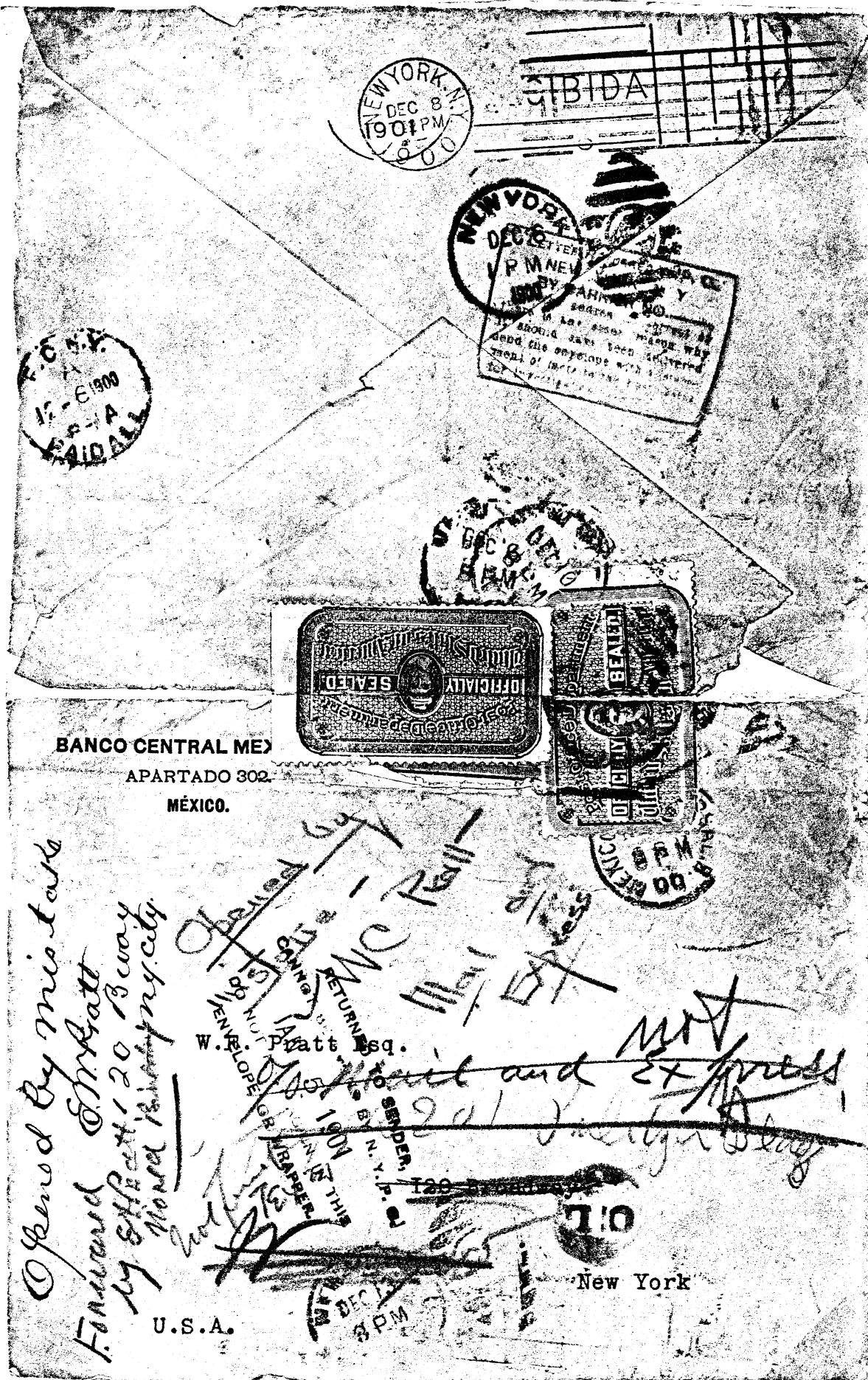
Gray Brown, Thick Paper  
Hyphen-Hole 7



ISSUE OF 1888

Gray Brown, Thick Paper  
Hyphen-Hole 7





Two first printing Red Brown Issue of 1900 were first applied and a single thin paper Copper Brown from the last printing of the issue of 1888 was later applied over the 1900 seals on cover from Mexico.

ISSUE OF 1900



Orange Brown, Imperf top right corner block,  
Showing types A-C, E-G, I-K, M-O, Q-S, and  
U-W.



Positions not in block on previous page, D, H, L, P, T, X.



Two unidentified types. They probably replaced damaged transfers or were replaced during the early printings. Their position is currently unknown.



Brown  
Double Perfs at Right

Deep Red Brown  
Imperf Sides and Bottom  
Blind Perfs, Top



Two Received in Bad Order at N.Y. P.O. Cancels



ISSUE OF 1900



Black Brown

Olive Brown



Deep Brown

Orange Brown

ISSUE OF 1900



Red Brown Shades



Bistre Brown Shades



ISSUE OF 1900

Orange Brown to Deep Brown Shades



ISSUE OF 1900

Black Brown to Light Bistre Shades



Imperf



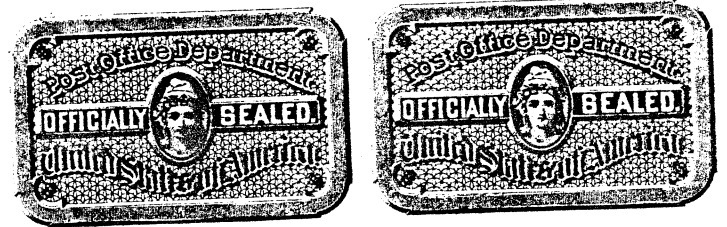
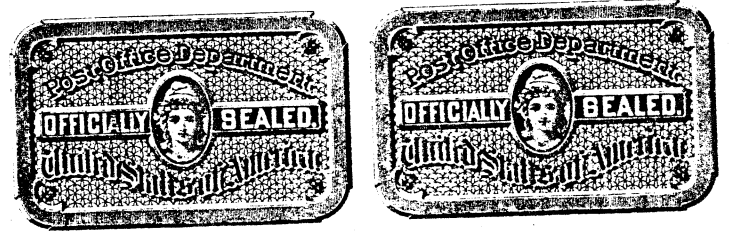
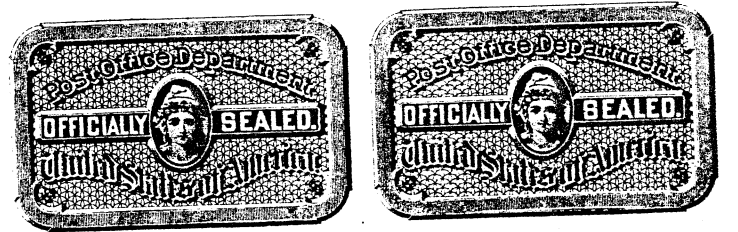
Red Brown



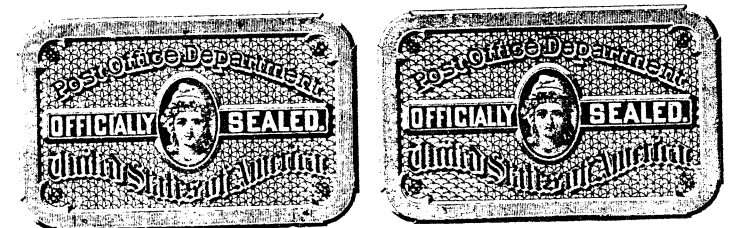
Orange Brown



Deep Brown



Deep Red Brown

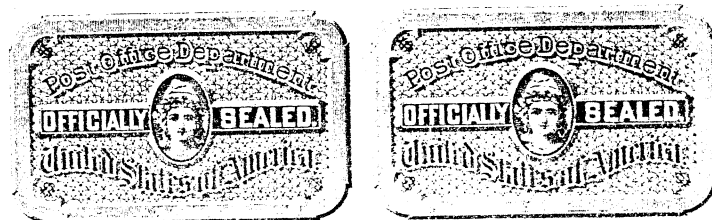


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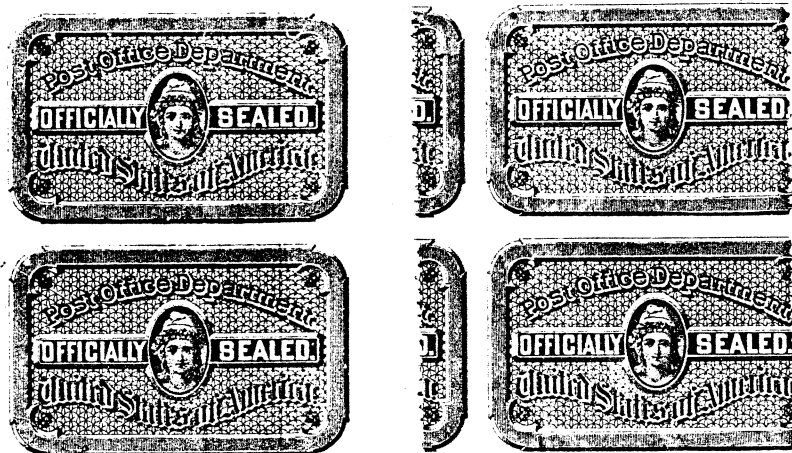


Deep Brown, Imperf Vertical

Light Red Brown, Imperf Vertical

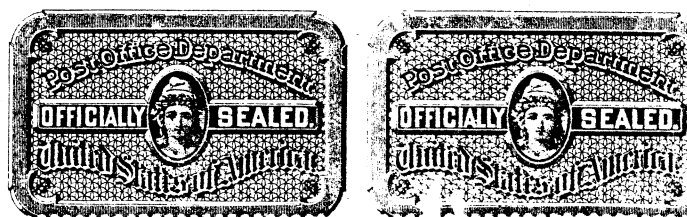


Bistre Brown, Imperf Vertical



Red Brown                      Deep Brown  
Imperf Horizontal

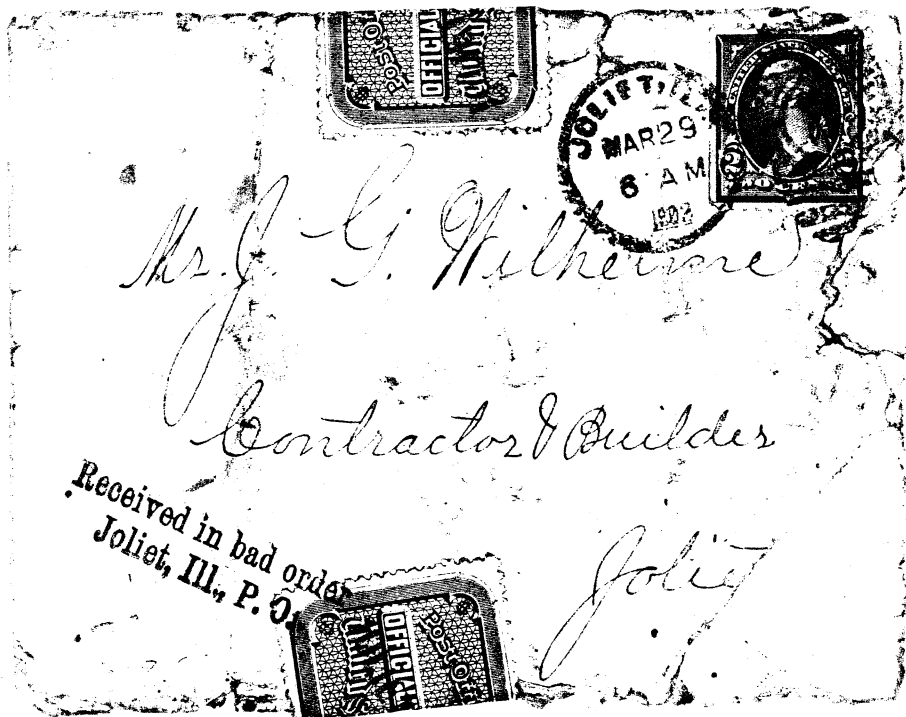
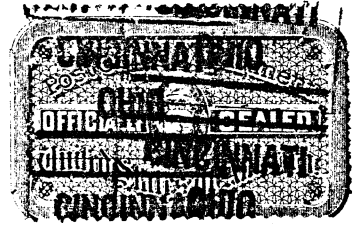
Red Brown, Imperf Vertical  
Blind Horizontal Perfs



Deep Brown, Imperf Between

Orange Brown  
Perf at top only

Precancels



Joliet, Illinois Precancel



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**Postmark of**

## Mailing Office,

on date when mailed.

# POSTMASTER AT

COUNTY OF

(No. 7-B P.)

NEVADA CITY, CAL.

L. C. CALKINS

Registered package mailed 1-30-  
Lowell Hill. Cal. to Postmaster  
Washington, Nevada County, Cal.

The Postmaster of Nevada City,  
Cal. Opened it by mistake and  
after sealing it with 1900 seal  
Sent it to Washington 2-1-01.

Note Ogden & San Fran. R.P.O.,  
2-1-03 on and above oval Nevada  
City Registered handstamp on  
reverse.

## RECORD OF TRANSIT

[illegible]

## NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

To facilitate tracing, a complete record must be made by every postal officer handling this package, as set forth in Section 1081, Page 284 of the Regulations.

Should this package become damaged, it must be placed in a new Registered Package Envelope at the post office where the injury occurs, or when damaged in the hands of a Postal Clerk, at the post office at the terminus of his route.

The original Registered Package Envelope must not be removed, but, before enclosure in the new one, must be endorsed with a certificate stating its exact condition, to be signed by the Postmaster and the Postal Clerk, to whom delivered, or from whom received. The new Envelope must bear the address and registered number of the old one, and the postmark of the office at which the package is re-enveloped. The fact of re-enclosure must be noted on the records of transit.

Receipts must be given, on delivery of envelopes, or by next mail, which receipts should bear the postmark of date of return.—See Sections 1063 and 1075

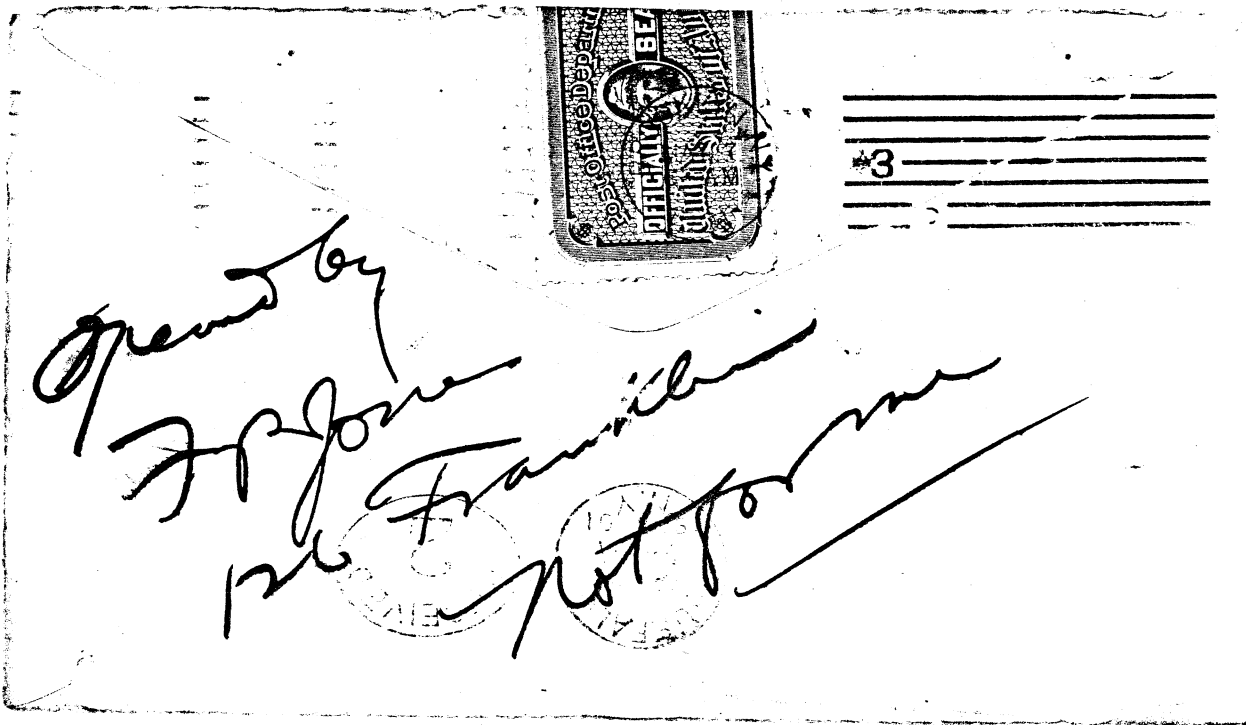


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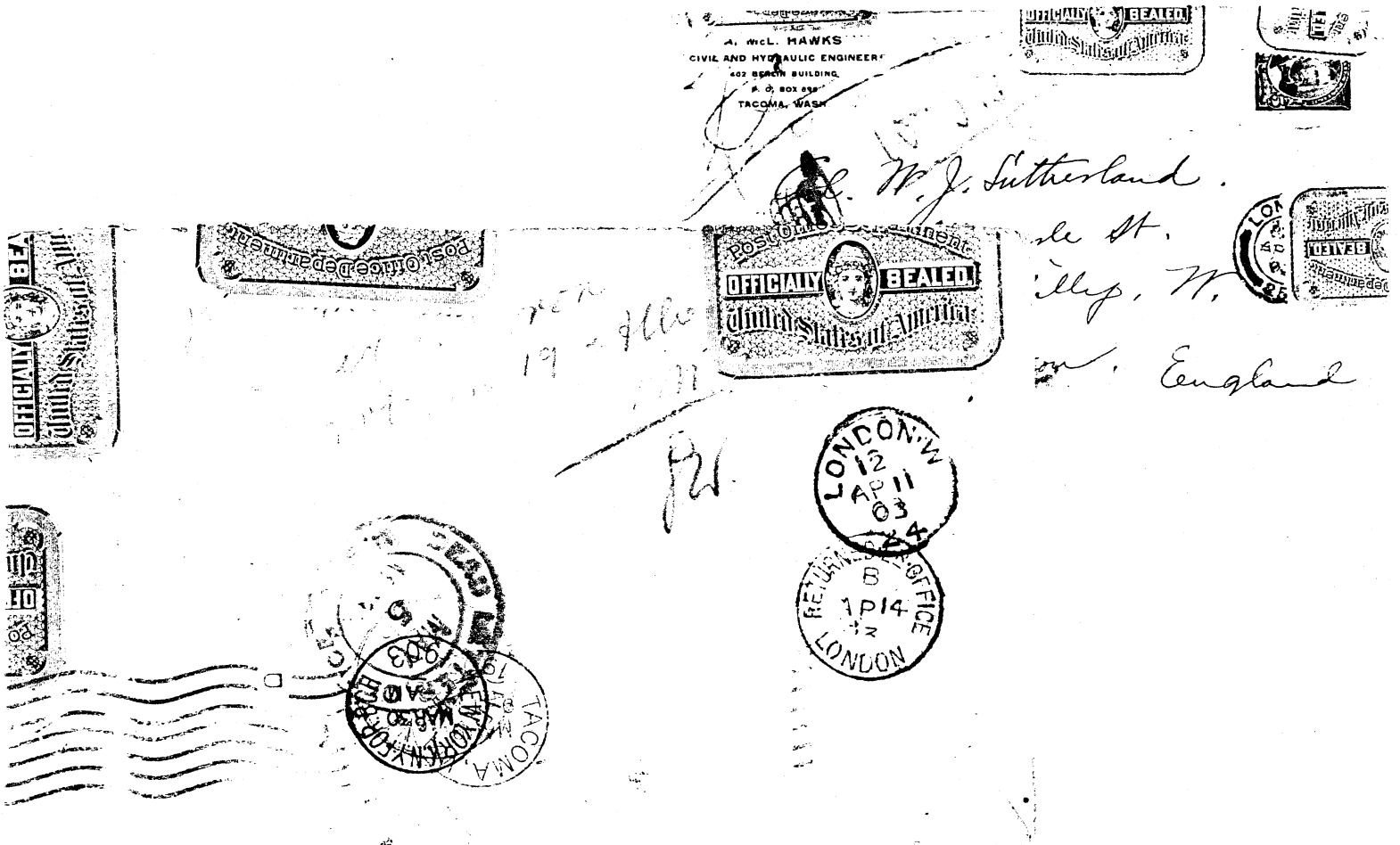


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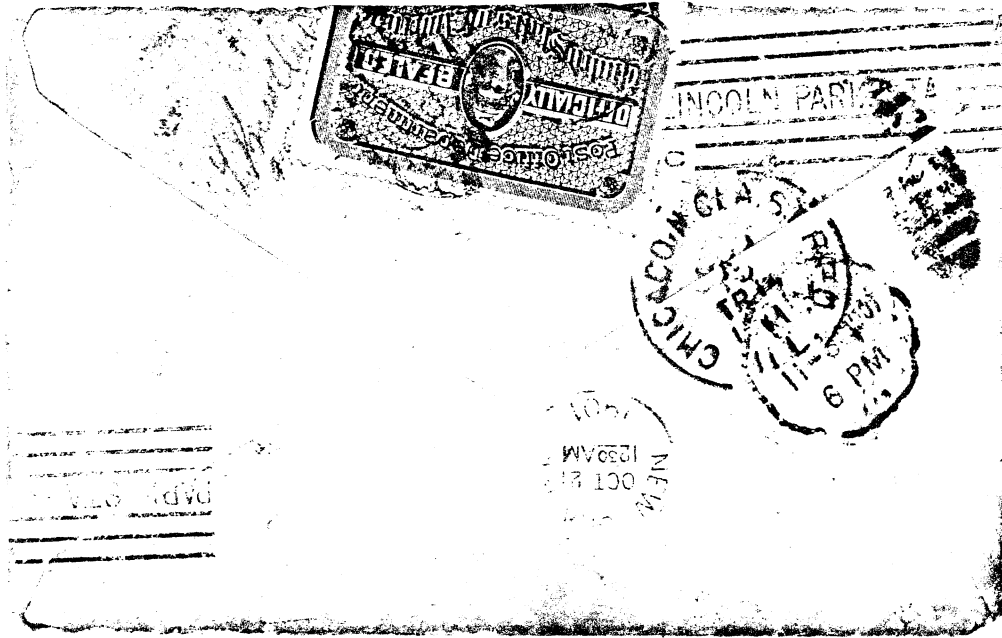


5-7-01  
Bistre Brown



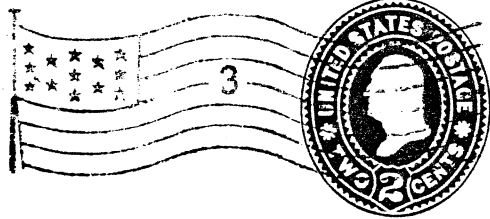
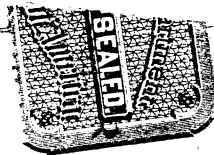
The top three seals are light brown and the seal at the left Dark Brown.

Markings: Posted Tacoma, Washington, Mar. 25, 03; New York Foreign Branch Transit Mar. 30; London, England Receiving Apr. 11; London, returned to office, Apr. 14; Dead Letter Office, May 5; Reposted Washington, D.C.,



11-27-01  
Yellow Brown  
Chicago N. Clark St. R.P.O. (Streetcar) Transit

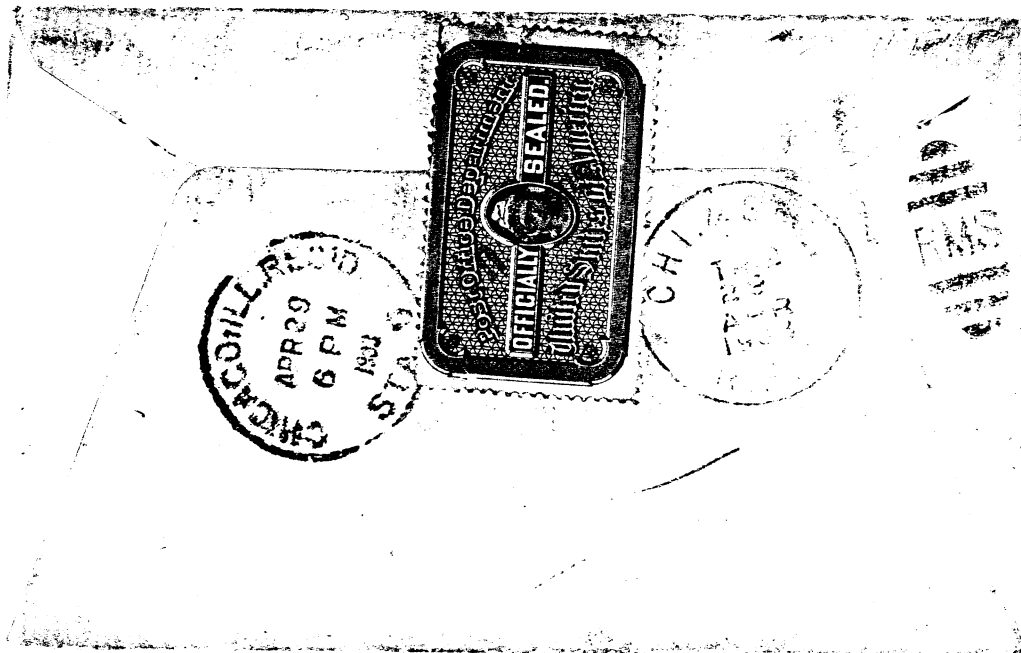
After 10 days, return to  
BILLINGS BROTHERS,  
60 Union St.,  
PROVIDENCE, R. I.



*Mr A A Harris*  
*Harris Steam & Co*  
*City*

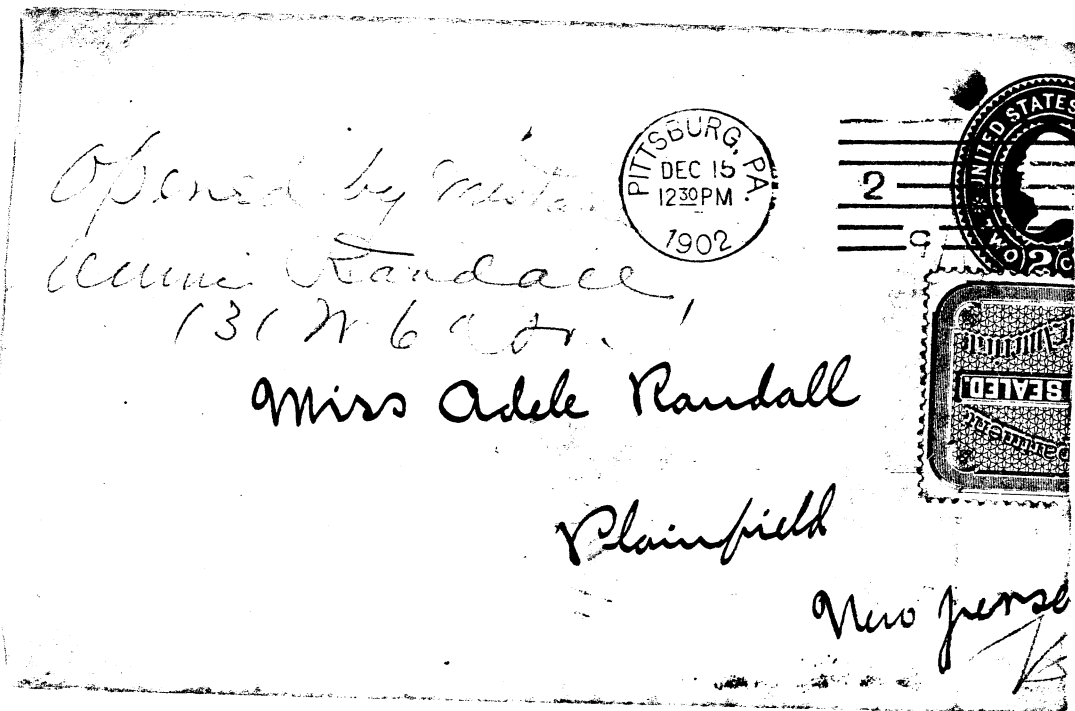
12-2-02  
Light Brown  
Providence, R.I. Precancel





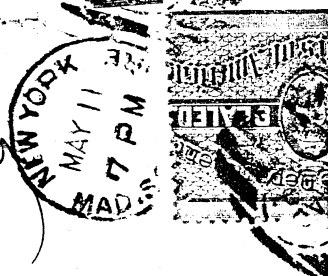
Miss U. Rotunche  
4547 Ellis Ave  
Chicago  
Received Unsealed.  
Station U. Chicago, Ill.

4-29-03  
Red Brown  
Station U Precancel  
Chicago & St. Louis R.P.O. Transit



12-15-02  
Bistre Brown  
Opened by Mistake

The Publishing House of H. S. Barnes  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.



*De Wolfe Hiske Co*  
*Boston Mass*



5-11-03  
Brown



ITHACA,  
N.Y.  
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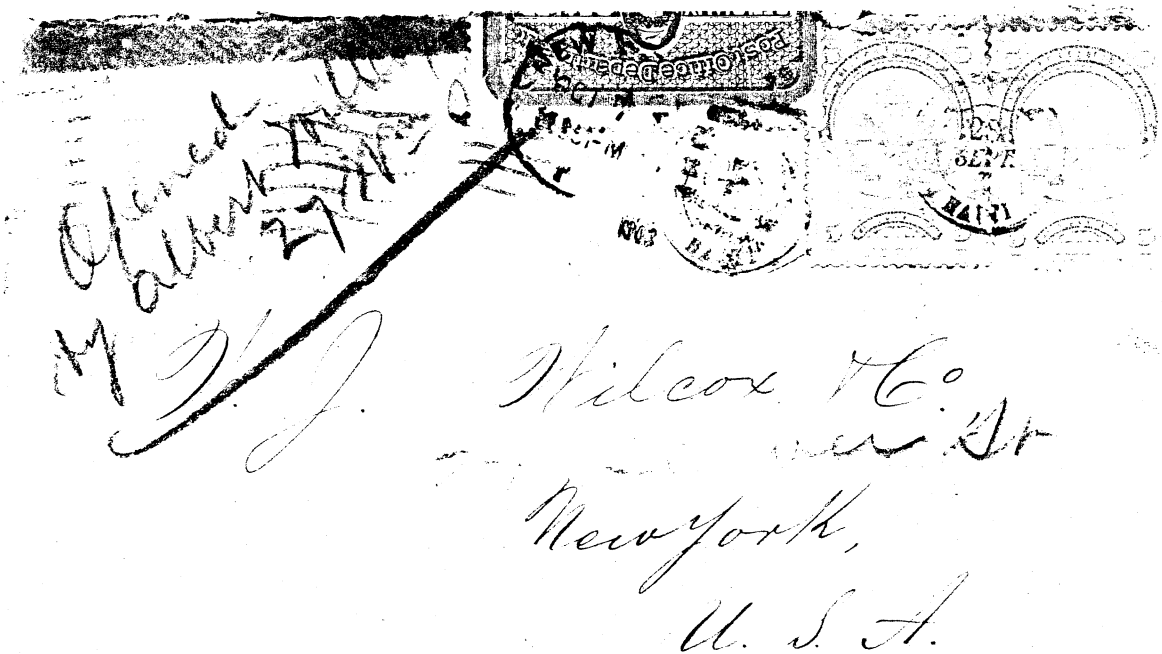


*Dr. E. L. Titchener*

*Hand by mistake.*  
*C.P.D.*

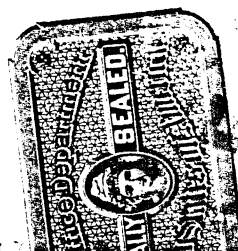
*Ithaca*  
*N.Y.*

6-18-03  
Brown

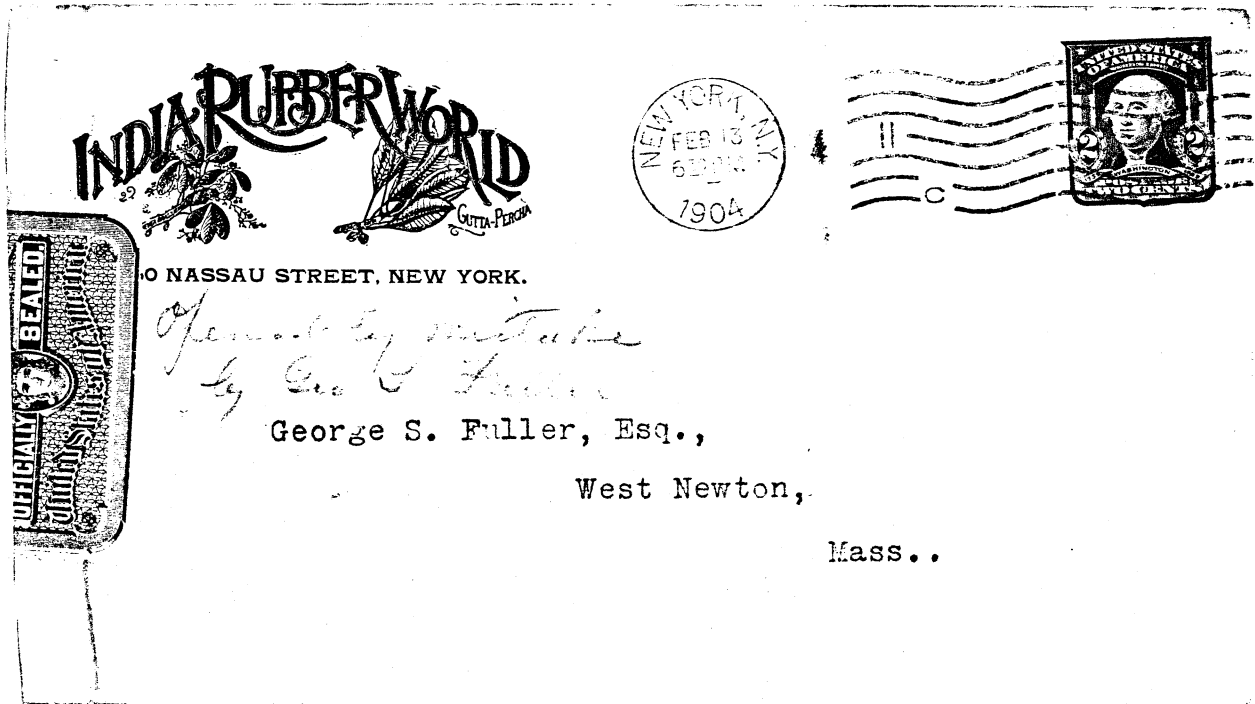


10-7-03  
Bistre Brown  
Haiti to New York

GREENWICH, CONN.  
NOV 27 6 30 AM 1903



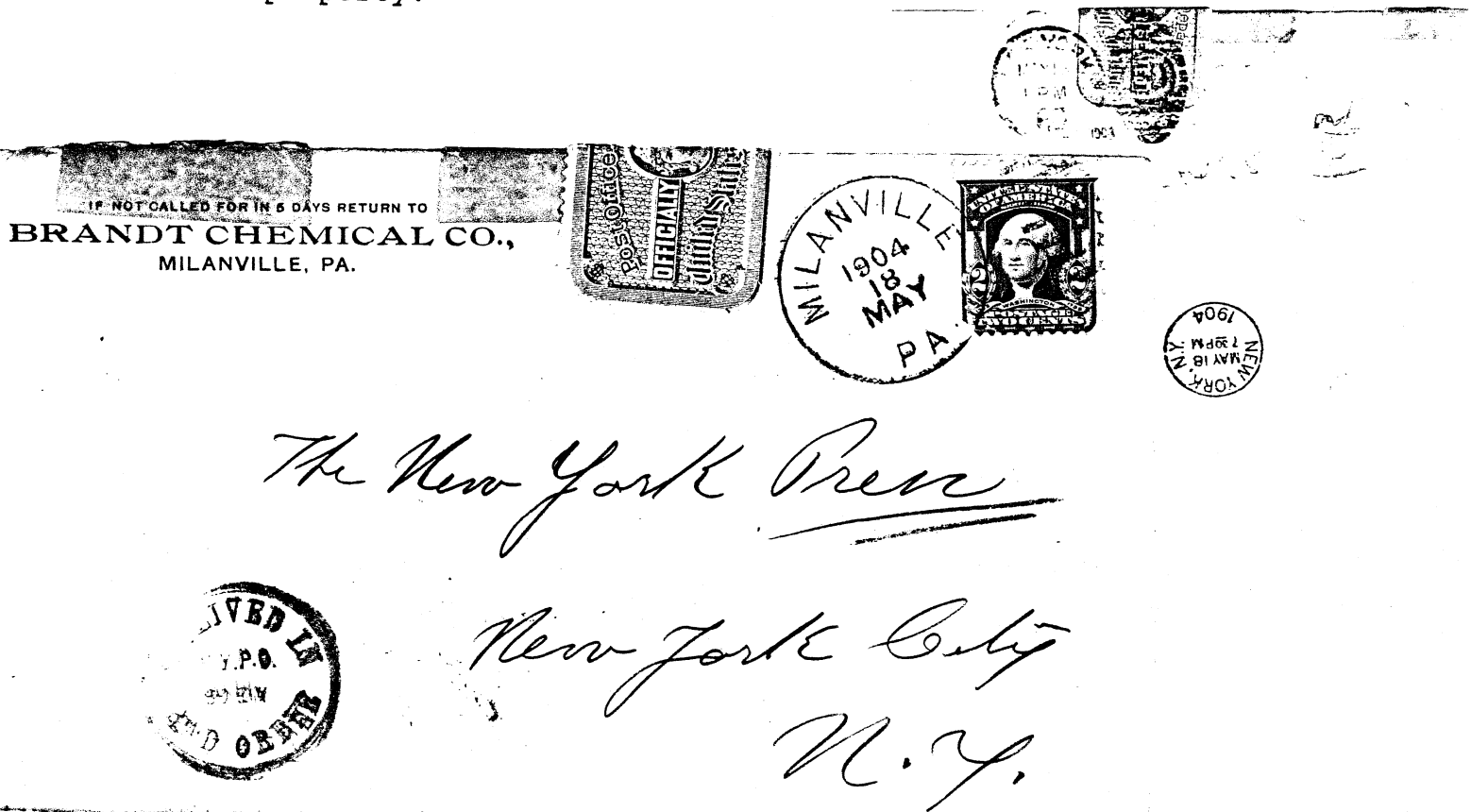
11-27-03  
Red Brown  
Natal to Greenwich, Conn.  
Hampden Cancellling Machine Company, Holyoke, Mass., Cancel on reverse.



2-13-04

Light Red Brown

This seal and others matching its color are fluorescent under short wave ultraviolet light as red-orange. This is the only color 1900 seal found to have this property.



5-18-04  
Orange Brown

Washington  
ATOMIC



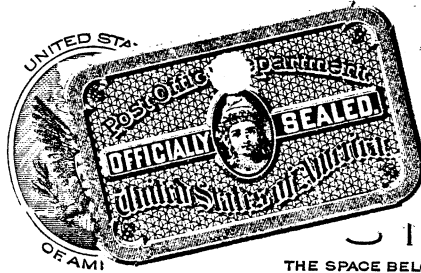
*Doctor Frank H. Foxworthy*  
UNCLASIFIED  
OCT 29 1905  
Returned from Hotel



10-16-05  
Red Brown  
Returned from Hotel



12-21-04  
Red Brown



SPECIAL CARD.

THE SPACE BELOW IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

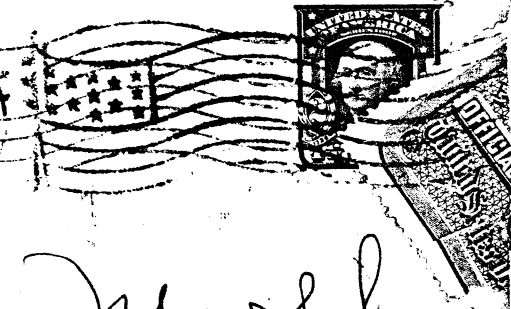
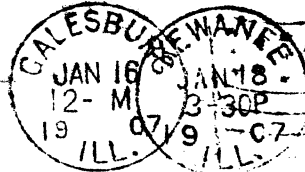
*W. J. Allen Gray, Jr.  
Tucker St.  
Chicago, Ill.*

12-8-05

Red Brown

Use on Postal Card

ALDRICH & LONGBRAKE, & Ripley  
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS,  
204 EAST MAIN STREET,  
GALESBURG, - - ILLINOIS.

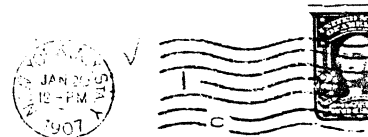


*Mr. John Murphy,  
not Galbraith  
Opened by  
Mistake John Murphy, Ill.*

1-18-07

Red Brown

A. U. Rochester  
235 Broadway  
New York



Abraham Patterson, Esq.  
377 Broadway  
New York City

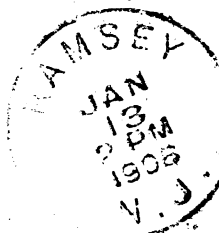
NOT IN DIRECTORY.  
SEARCHER No. 1  
STATION - B.  
N. Y. P. O.



1-20-07

Red Brown

Opened by wrong party. Front stamped "Not in Directory, Searcher No. 1, Station - N.Y.P.O.". Also "Returned to sender, Could not be found by N.Y.P.O., Do not post again in this envelope or wrapper". Reverse handstamp reads "Letter returned to P.O., New York, N.Y., by carrier No. 3. If the address is correct or there is any other reason why it should have been delivered, return the envelope with a statement of facts to the Postmaster for investigation."



Mrs. John Todd,  
James St.  
Hackensack  
N.J.

1-13-08  
Red Brown

# ISSUE OF 1907

Printed by the Government Printing Office and Perforated by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Issued in panes of 20 and Half Panes of 10.

Royal Blue, Unwatermarked  
1st Printing



Received in Bad  
Order N.Y.P.O.



Syracuse, N. Y.

Strip from Pane  
of 20.



Block from Half Pane of 10



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## Royal Blue, Unwatermarked 1st Printing

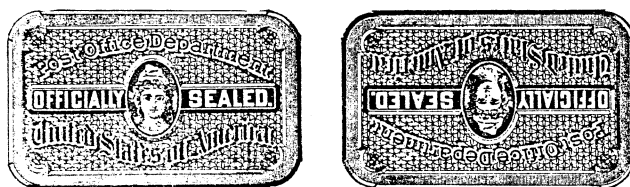
These seals were printed in sheets of six panes, two rows of three panes. The rows were printed tete beche. These varieties probably came from printers waste.



Imperf



Gutter Pair  
Imperf Between



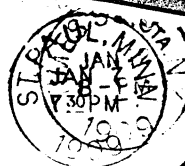
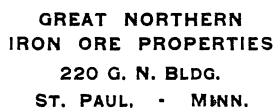
Tete Beche, Imperf Between



Imperf, Tete Beche  
Vertical Gutter



## Imperf, Multiple Impression Printers Waste

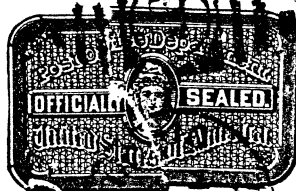


Not 10-792-1  
 RETURNED TO SENDER  
 FEB 13 1909  
 Mr. Wm. H. ...  
 New York City.

Opened by Mistake. Franked with \$.02 Issue of 1903, Die II, Lake.  
Great Northern Railway Perf-in.

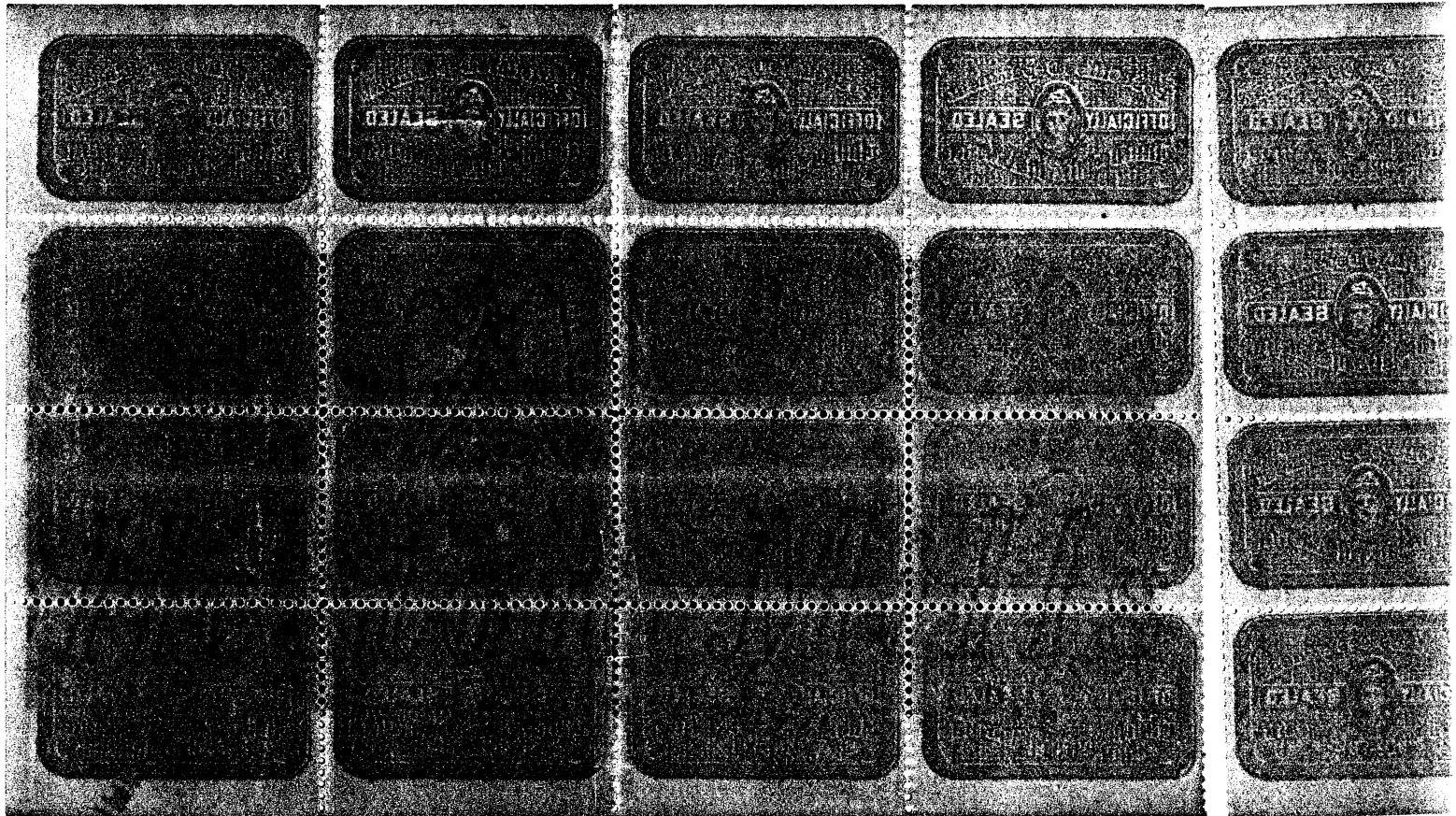
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Blue Shades, Unwatermarked



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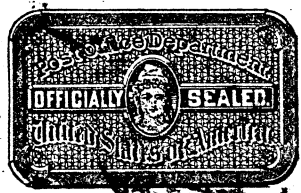
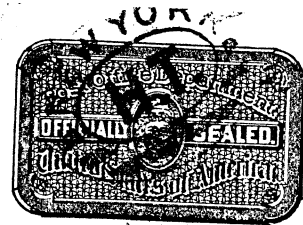
Blue, Perf 12



Pane of 20, Without Salvage  
Showing Watermark "Rolleston Mills".

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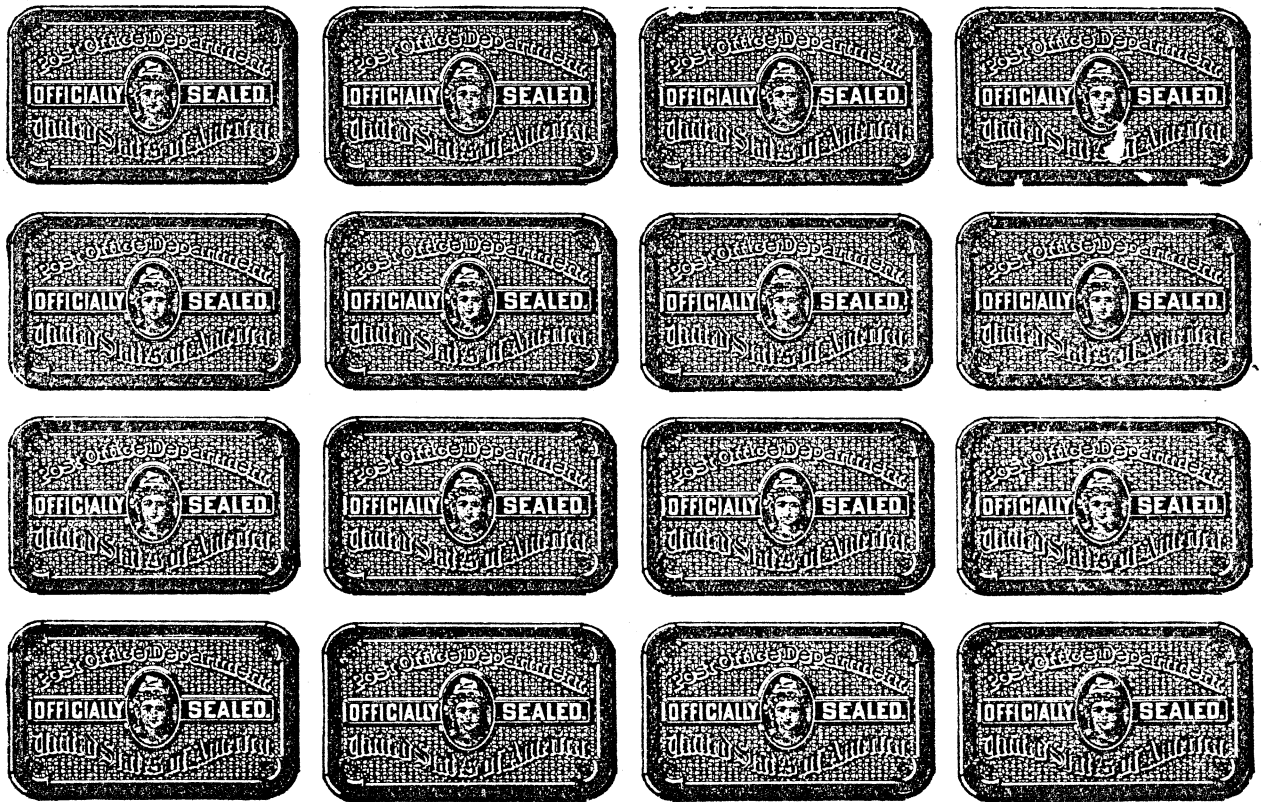
Blue Shades



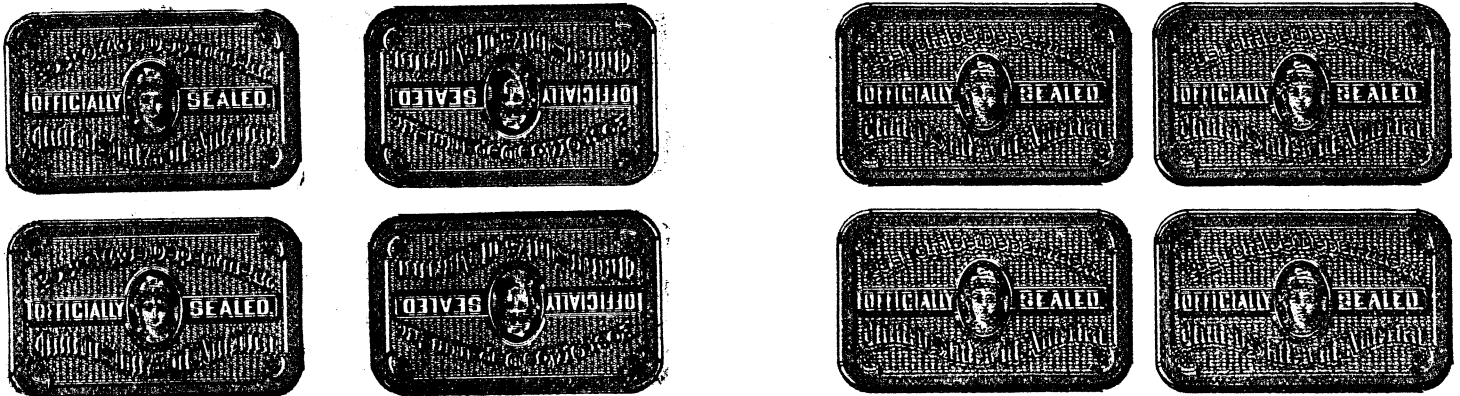
Watermarked Double-Line "Rolleston  
Mills", in Sheet.



Watermarked Great Seal in Sheet



Blue Violet, Watermarked Great Seal, Olive Leaves at Left Regular and elongated.  
Imperf



Blue, Tete Beche, Imperf  
Unwatermarked, Double Impression

Blue, Imperf, Unwatermarked  
Double Impression

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Violet Blue Shades, Unwatermarked



Block from Pane of 20



Block from Half Pane of 10



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Violet Blue Shades, Unwatermarked



Toned Paper



Vertical Pair  
Imperf Between



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Violet Blue, Watermarked Double-Line "Rolleston Mills".



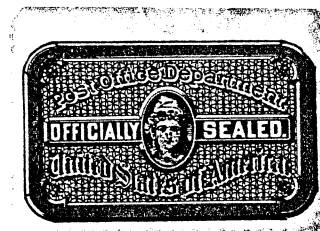
Block, From pane of 20.



Shades



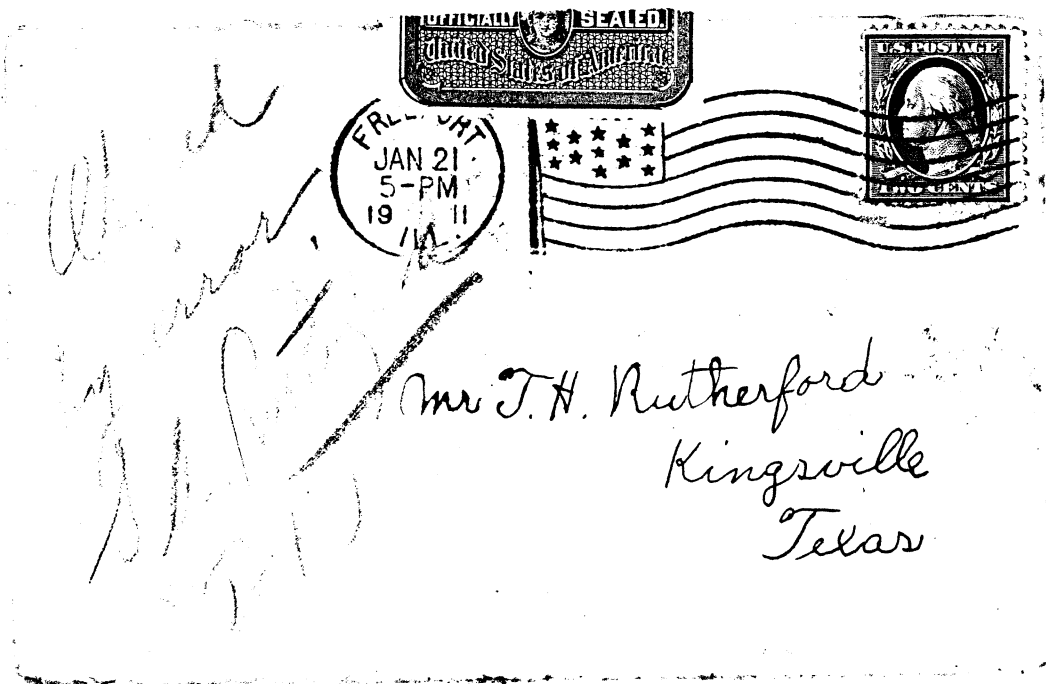
Single, From Half  
Pane of 10.



Toned Paper

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Violet Blue, Perf 12.



Issue of 1907

Violet Blue, Perf 12

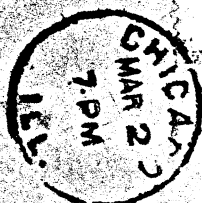
34 SO. CLARK STREET  
CHICAGO  
RETURN IN 8 DAYS



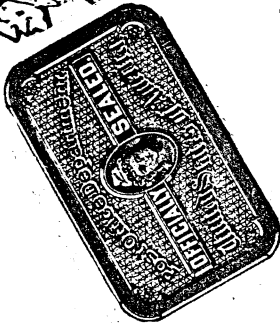
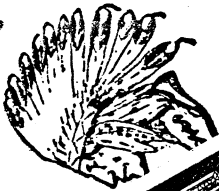
Received in bad condition at  
Chicago, Ill. P. O. 4 M. O.

Bank of Nova Scotia.

Campbellton, N.B. Canada.



Chicago, Ill., to Canada  
Received in bad condition  
at Chicago, Ill. P. O. 4  
M. O.



Received Unsealed at Chicago, Ill.  
P. O. Canal Sta. M. D.

# NIGHT LETTERGRAM

—MESSAGES TO ALL THE WORLD—

ESSANAY FILM MANUFACTURING COMPANY

—CANAL ST. —

**NIGHT LETTERGRAM**

PHOTOPLAY EDITOR  
PORTAGE DEMOCRAT  
PORTAGE, COLUMBIA  
COUNTY WIS

No. \_\_\_\_\_

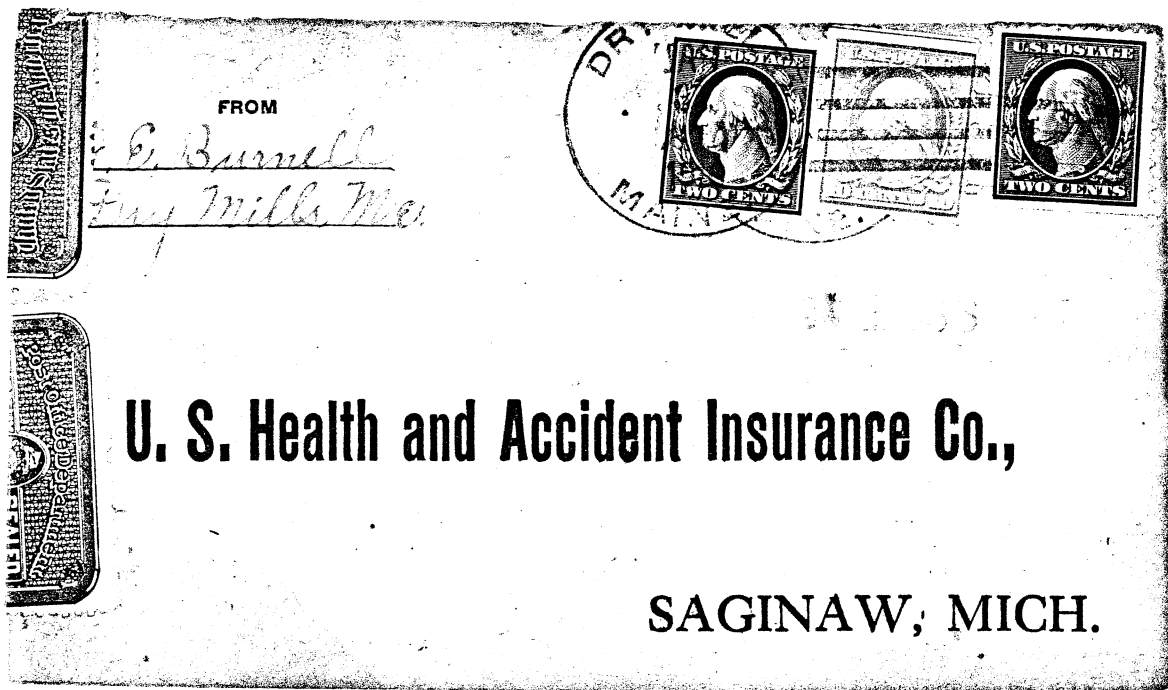
CHARGES \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT PRESS DISPATCHES

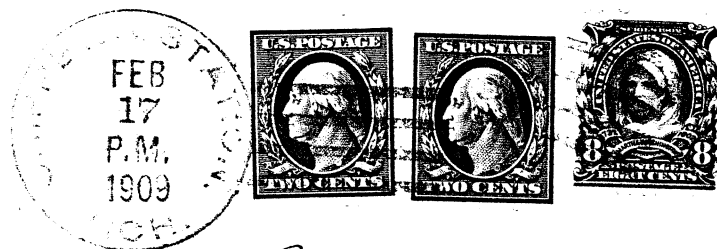
Received Unsealed at Chicago, Double Rate letter franked with Single Line,  
Watermarked, Perf 10, Washington issue of 1914.

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Violet Blue  
Registered Covers



Return after five days to  
**E. W. HALL**  
DEALER IN  
General Merchandise, Drugs and  
Patent Medicines  
CHIPPEWA STATION, MICH.



*Symant Bros & co*

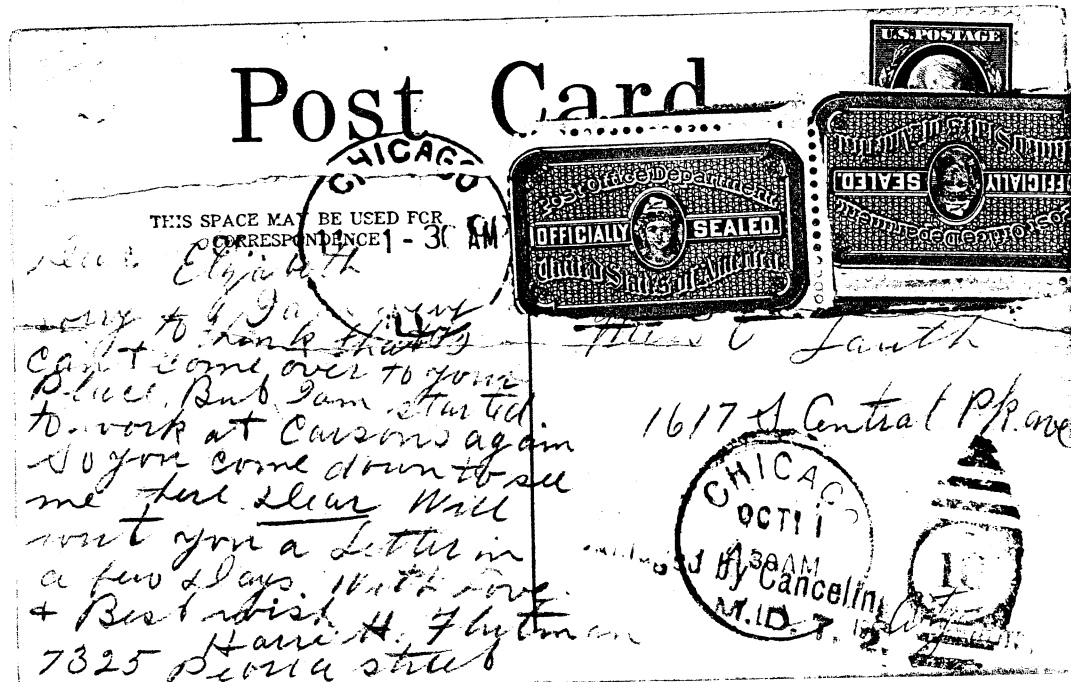
*Saginaw E co*

*Mich*





Costa Rica to New York City



Post Card, Damaged by Canceling Machine

Return to Isaac C. Cook  
Box 74  
Washington, D.C.



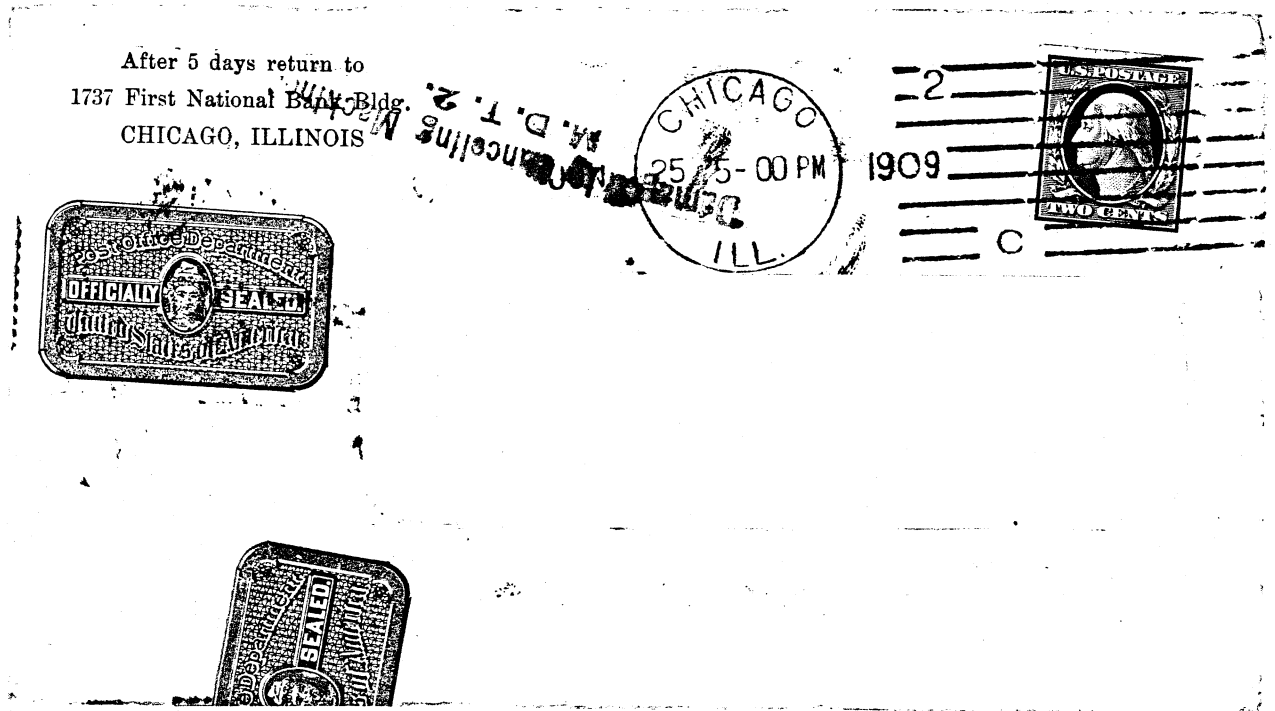
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Hamilton National Bank  
Fort Wayne Ind.

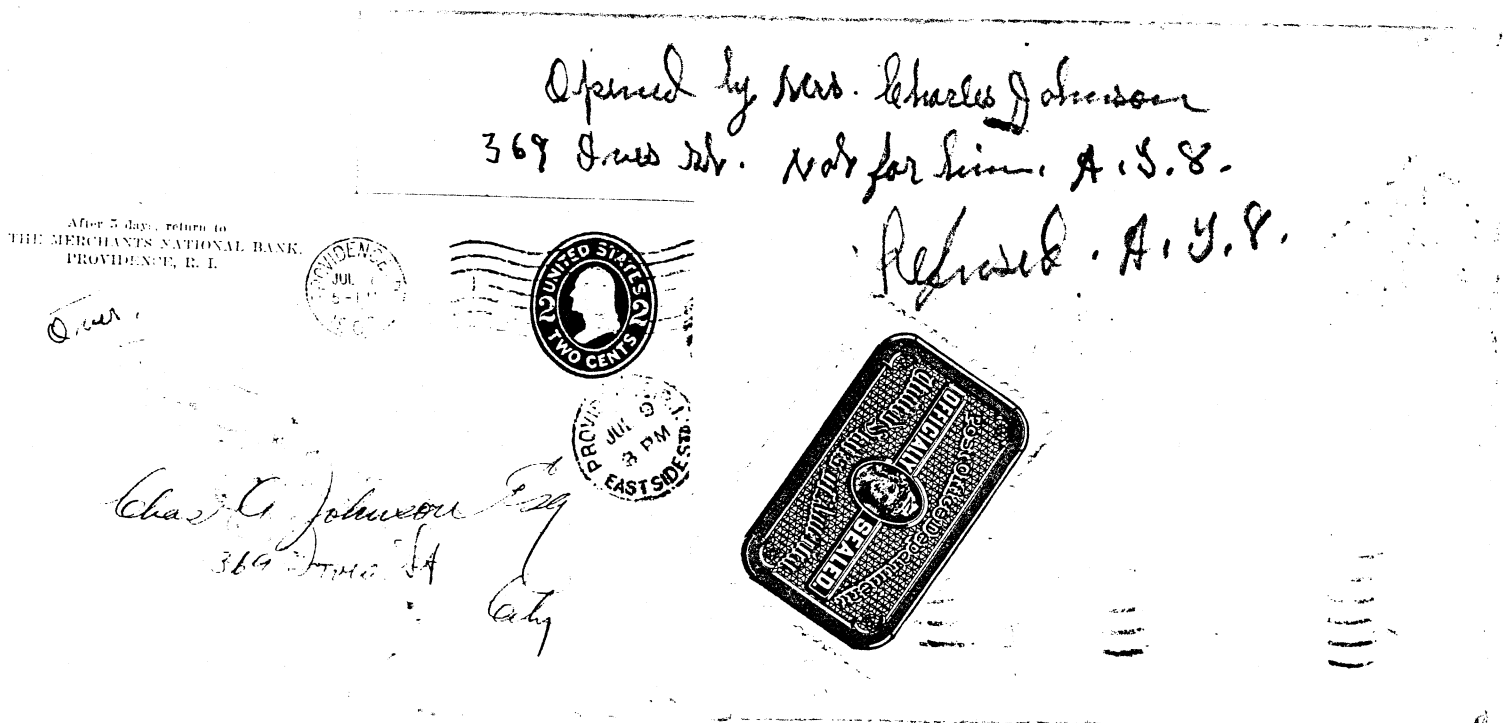
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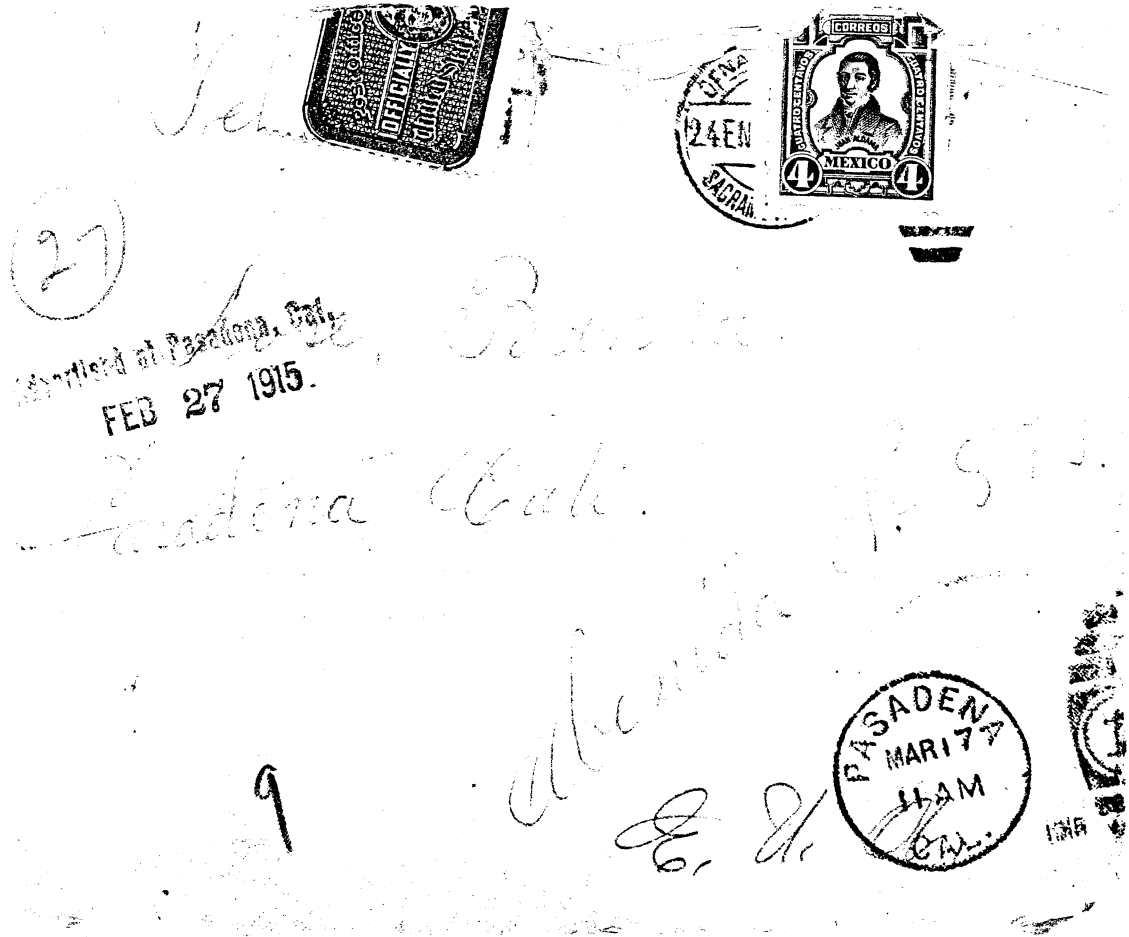
Damaged by Cancelling Machine



Opened and unclaimed by wife of addressee



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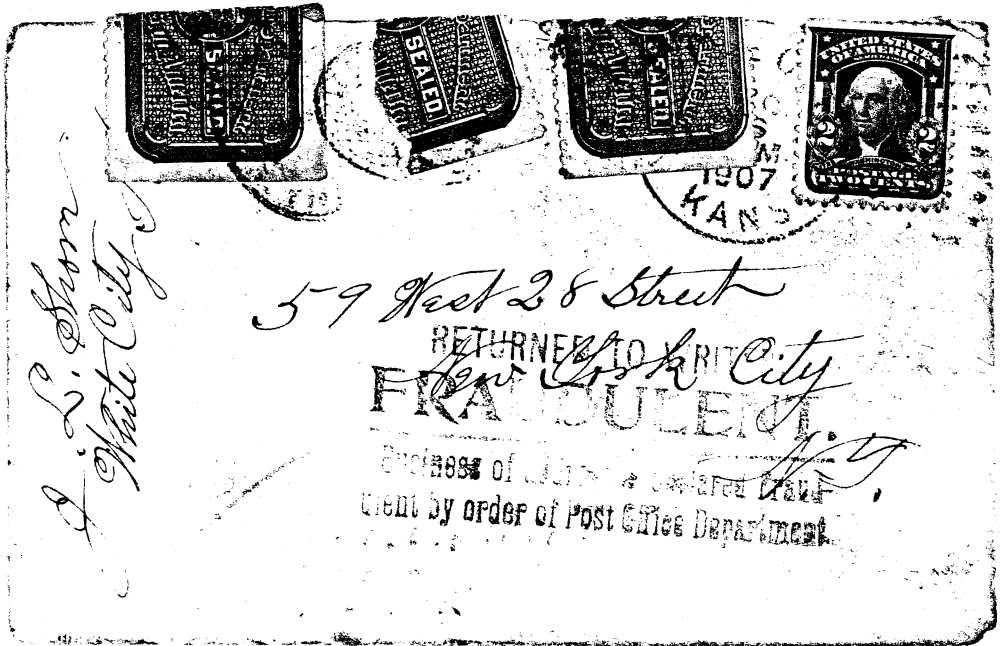


(27)  
PASADENA, CALIF.  
FEB 27 1915.

Pasadena Cal.

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abandoned  
E. H.



L. L. Shorn  
White City

59 West 28 Street

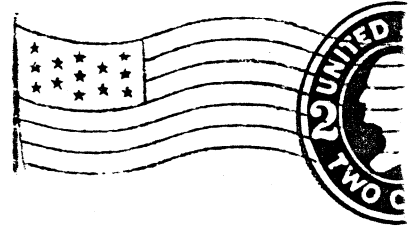
RETURNED TO WRITER  
FRAUDULENT

Business of L. L. Shorn  
declared fraudulent by order of Post Office Department.

Returned to Writer, Fraudulent, Business of Addressee Declared  
Fraudulent By Order of Post Office Department.

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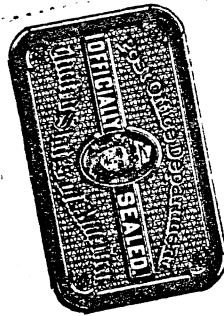
After 3 days, return to  
CHASE ROLLING MILL CO.,  
WATERBURY, CONN.



Norton Co.,

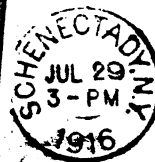
Worcester,

Mass.



Perf 12, "Received Unsealed at Worcester, Mass."

After 3 days return to  
GENERAL ELECTRIC CO  
SCHENECTADY, N.



*Yours truly,  
Fred M. Norton*

Perf 12 by Hyphen-Hole 6 1/2, with General Electric Perf-in.

Blue, Hyphon-Hole 6½



Unwatermarked



Rolleston Mills  
Watermark



Rolleston Mills  
Watermark



Unwatermarked

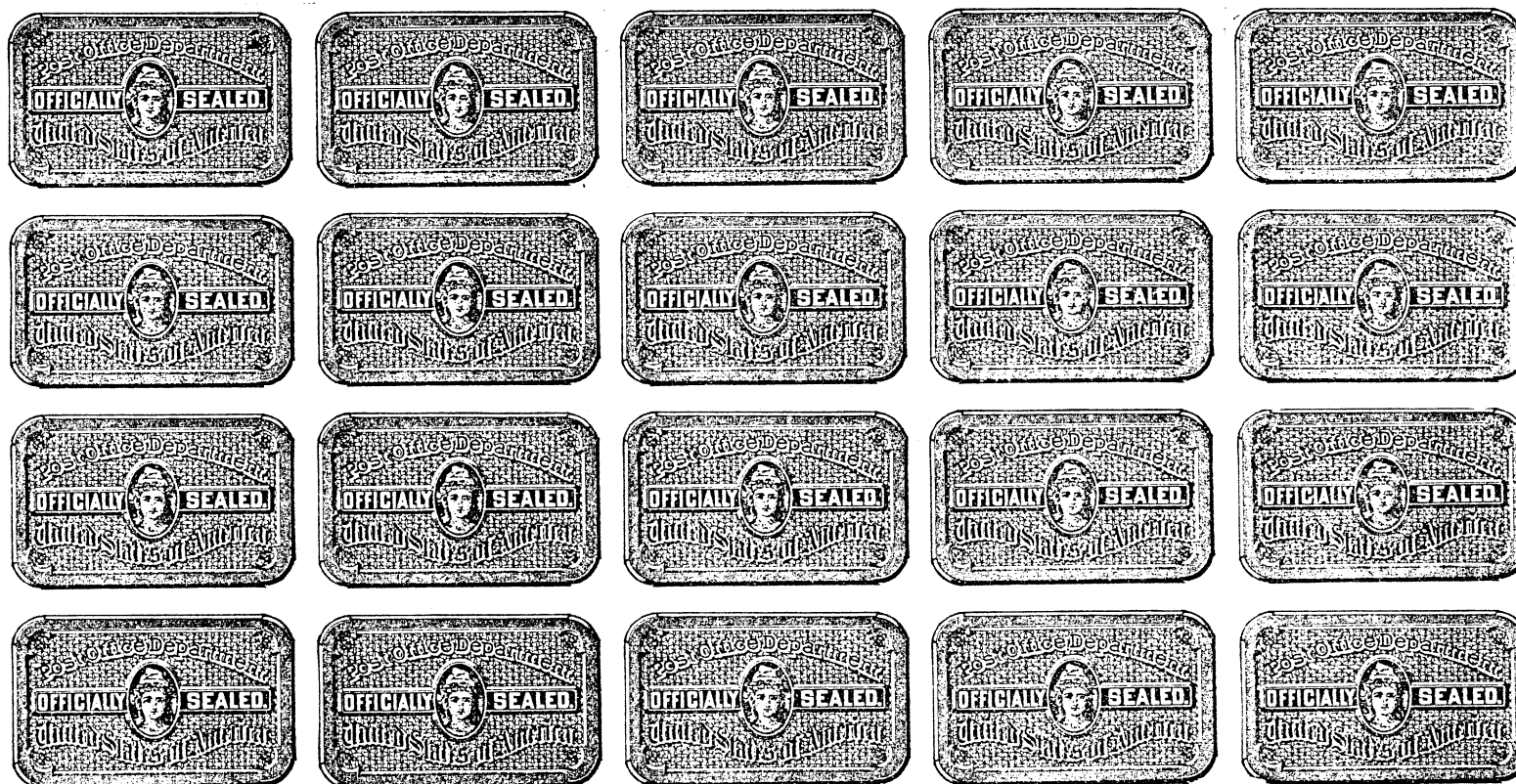


Rolleston Mills  
Watermark



Unwatermarked

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Hyphen-Hole 6 1/2



Pane of 200, Without Selvage  
Watermarked "Rolleston Mills" in Sheet

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1912  
ILL.

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**D.S. KOMISS & Co.**  
301-303 S. STATE ST.  
SOUTH EAST COR. JACKSON BOUL.

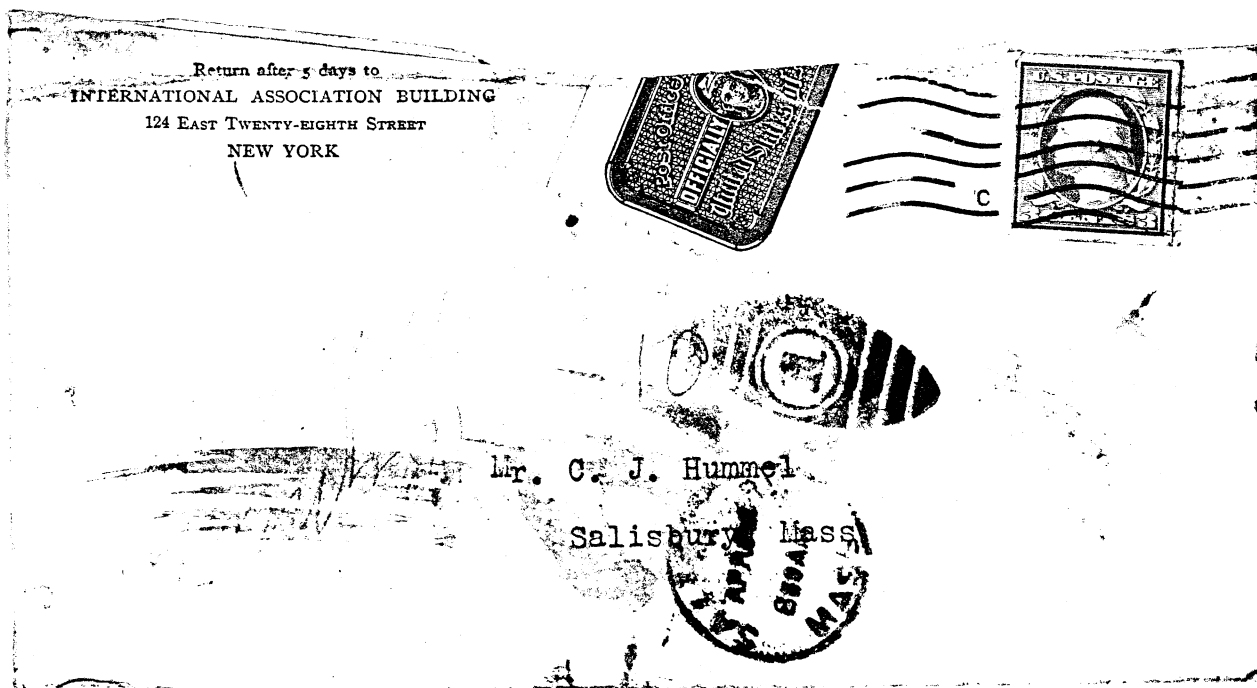


Received at Chicago Unsealed

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Blue, Hyphen-Hole 6½



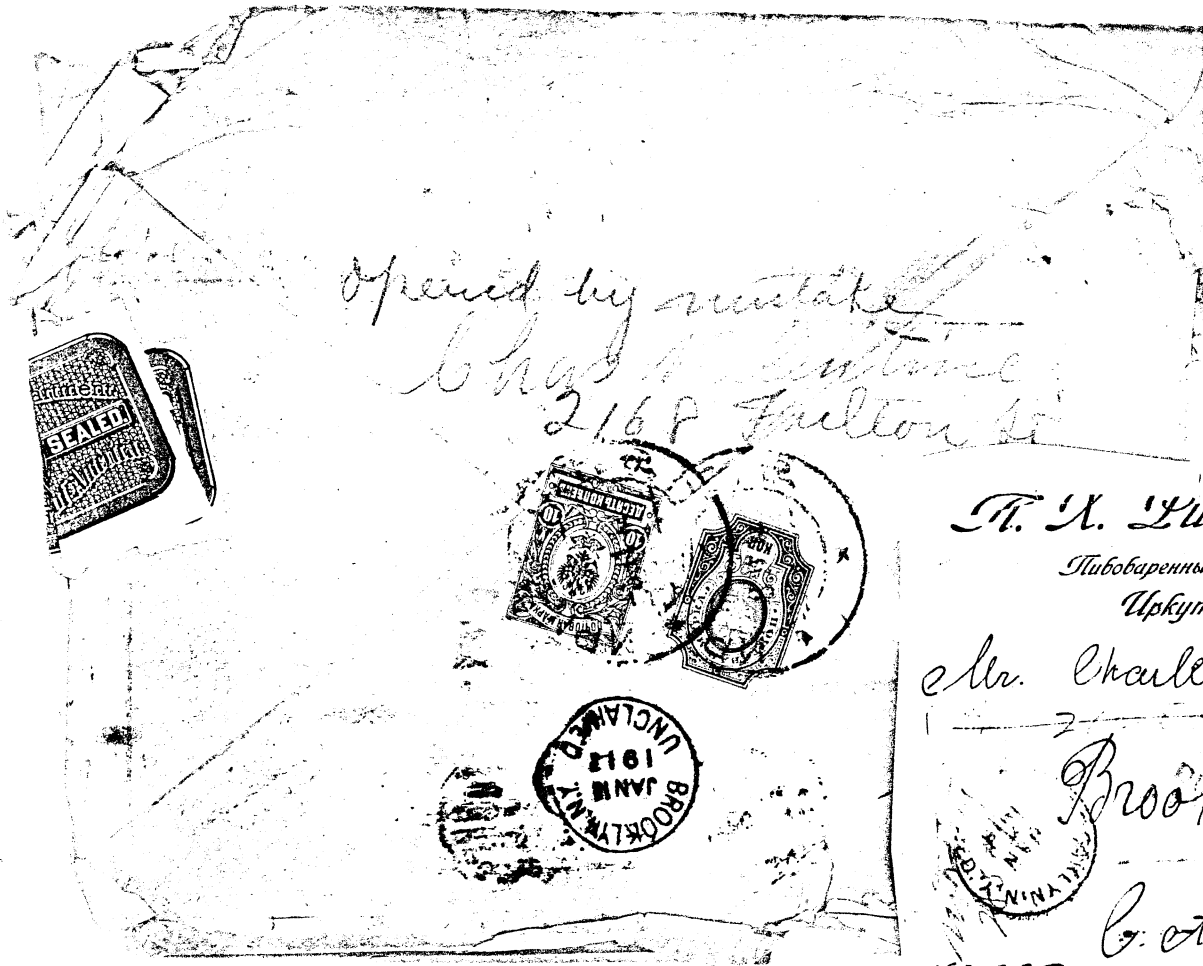
Received in bad condition, Chicago, Ill. P.O. 5 M D



Opened By Mistake

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Hyphen-Hole 6 1/2



*П. Х. Лигресталь.*

*Тюбоваренный завод.*

*Иркутск.*

*Mr. Charles Valentine*

*Brooklyn N.Y.*

*G. A. C. W.*

*Not at Post.*

*Ames*



*Frank A. Hamilton*  
*268 Sacramento St.,*  
*San Francisco,*  
*California.*



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Blue  
Hyphen-Hole 6 1/2 by Perf 12



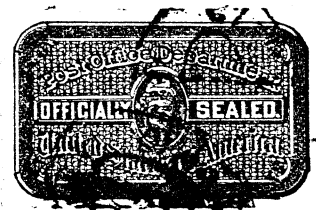
Watermarked Great Seal



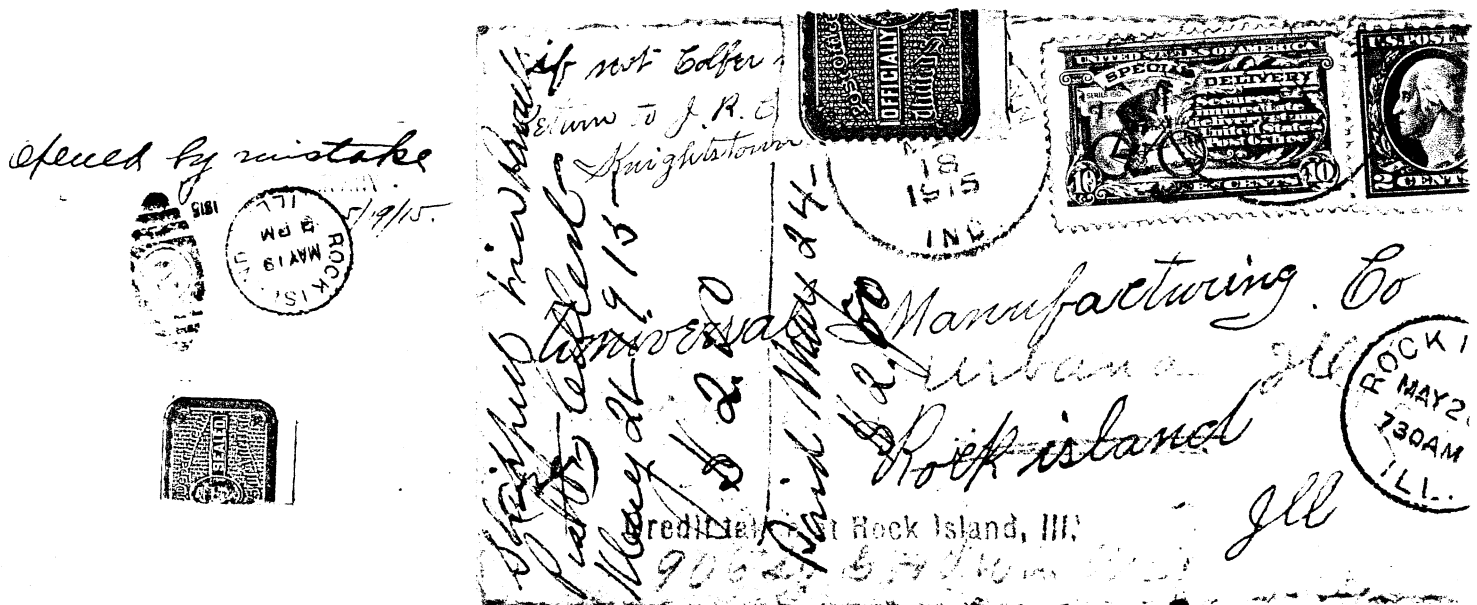
Great Seal  
Watermark



Rolleston Mills  
Watermark



Unwatermarked



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Blue, Perf 12 by Hyphen-Hole 6 1/2



Great Seal  
Watermark



Unwatermarked  
From Pane of 10



Great Seal Watermark



Unwatermarked



Great Seal Watermark



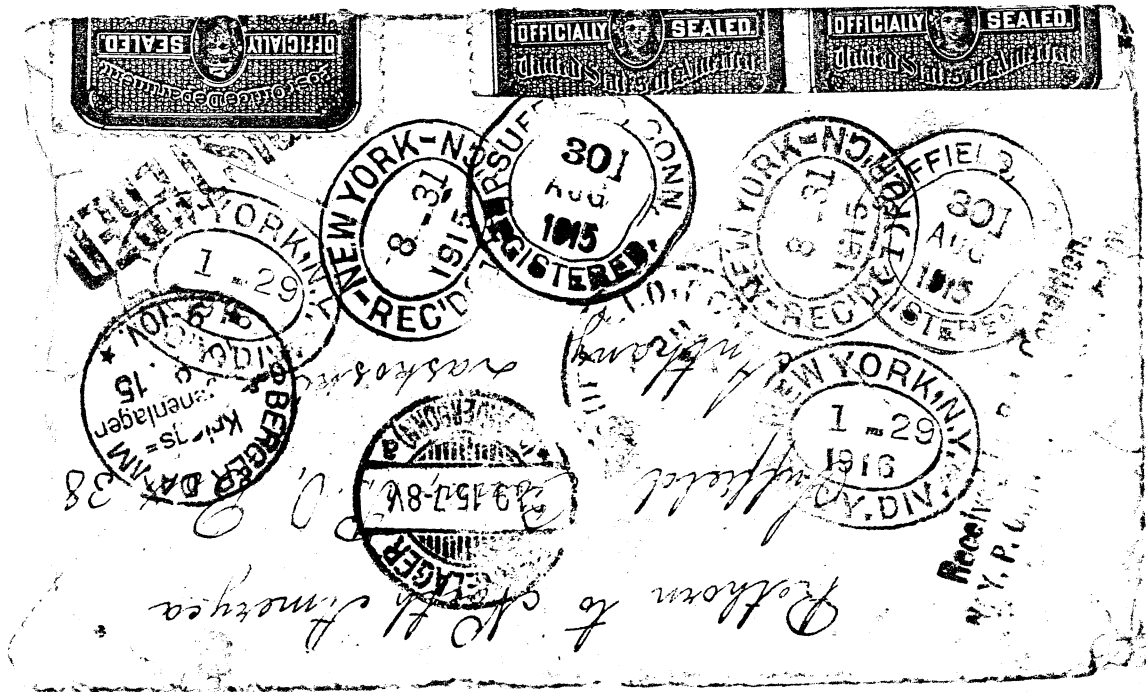
Unwatermarked  
Precancelled



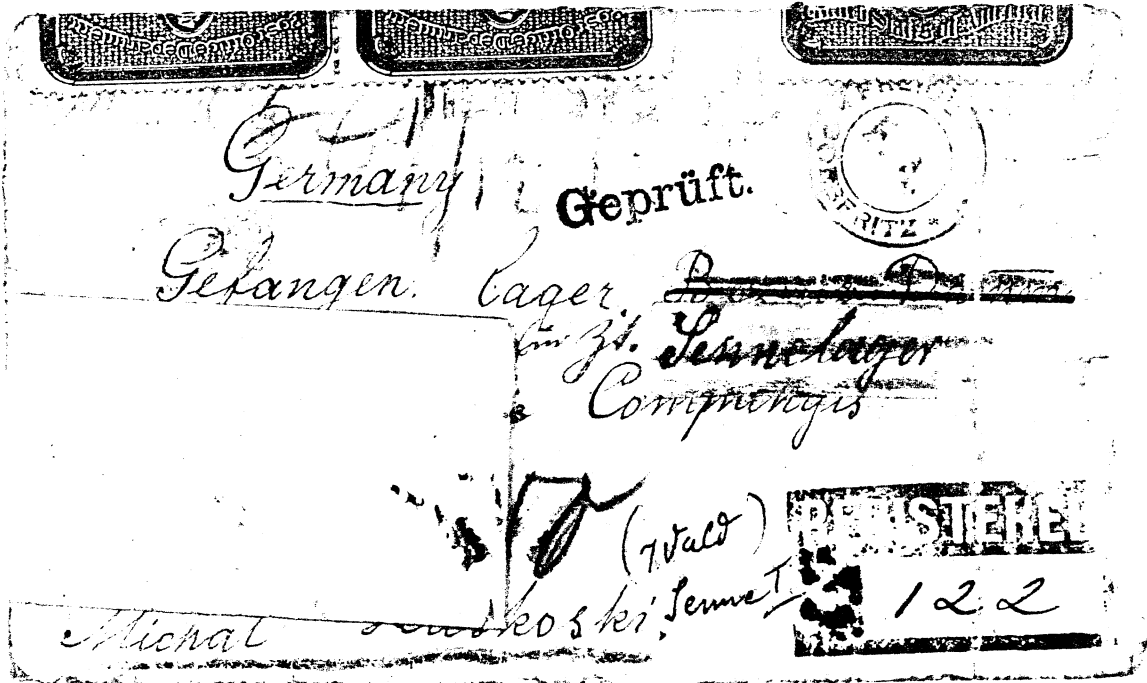
Unwatermarked  
Violet Blue

Perf 12 three sides, Hyphen-Hole  
6 1/2 on Right, From a pane tha  
was perforated along the salvag





Registered from Suffield, Conn., Aug. 30, 1915, to German Prisoner of War. Sent two camps in Germany and Austria, then to Berlin, and back to sender through New York, where it arrived Jan. 29, 1916. Seals applied at New York.



*bei Auen*

*Deutschland*

*Michael Koski Sennet*

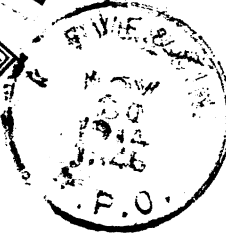
Zurück an den Auflieferer,  
Retour à l'envoyeur,  
Empfänger nicht ermittelt.  
destinataire introuvable.

Kaiserlich Deutsches Postamt  
Berlin N 24.

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Blue, Perf 12 by  
Hyphen-Hole 6 1/2

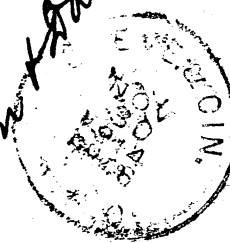


REGISTERED

MS

Quincy, Ohio

3786



REGISTERED  
No. 176

# 722

Rocky Falls Bldg.

Price. album + post.

John A. Albini

May 3. 1912  
J. H. C.

Black, Pink Paper, Perf 12



Jet Black



Black



Gray Black



Used Examples

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Pane of 20  
Imperf Vertically



*Altered by mistake  
Mrs. Ella Hubbard*

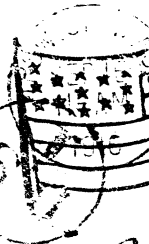


Miss Alma R. Hubbard.  
Nantucket,  
Massachusetts.

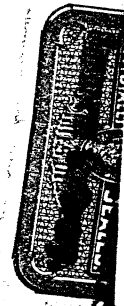


Earliest Recorded Use

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO  
**Manzer & Damon**  
IPSWICH, MASS.



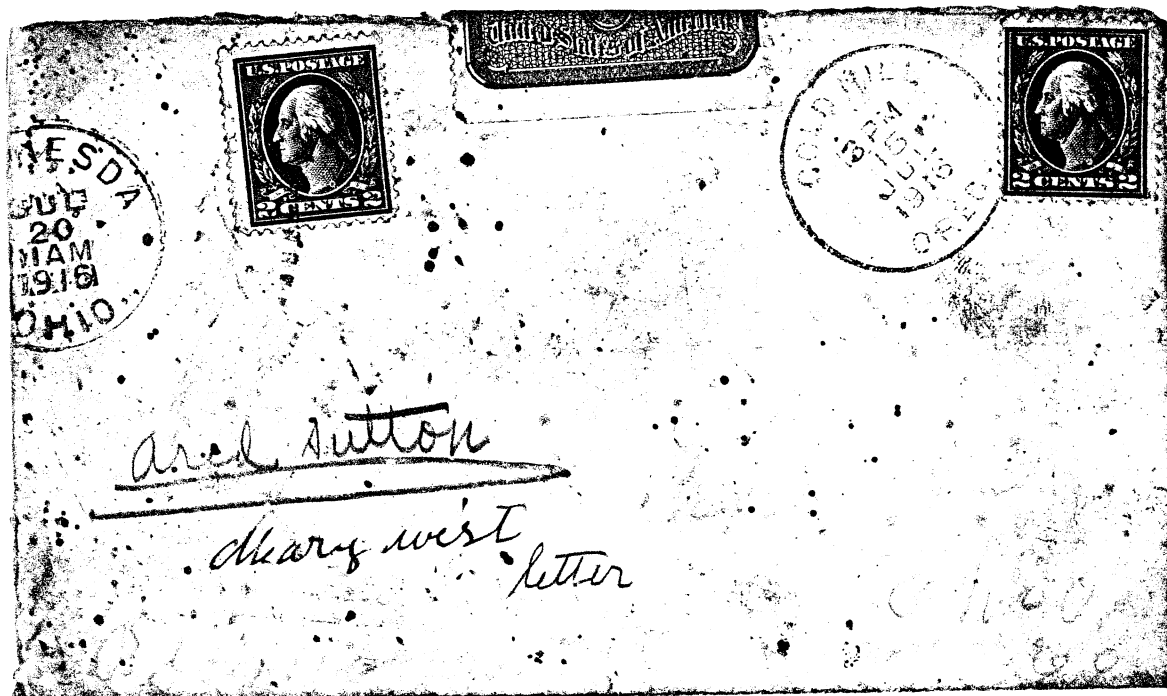
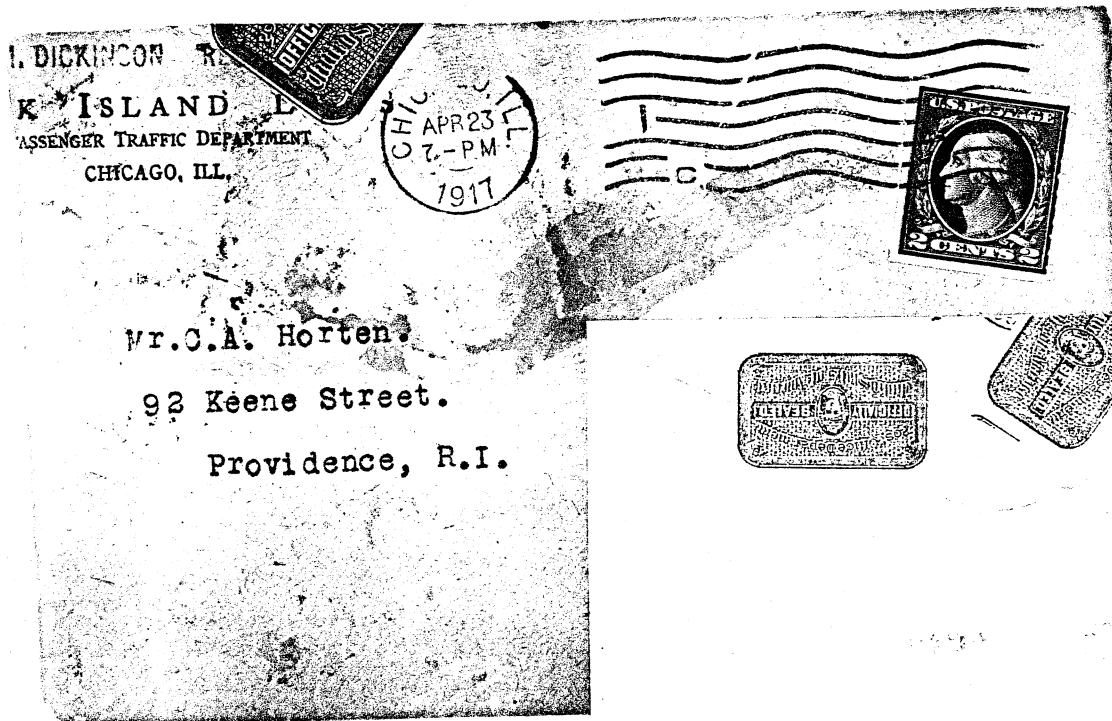
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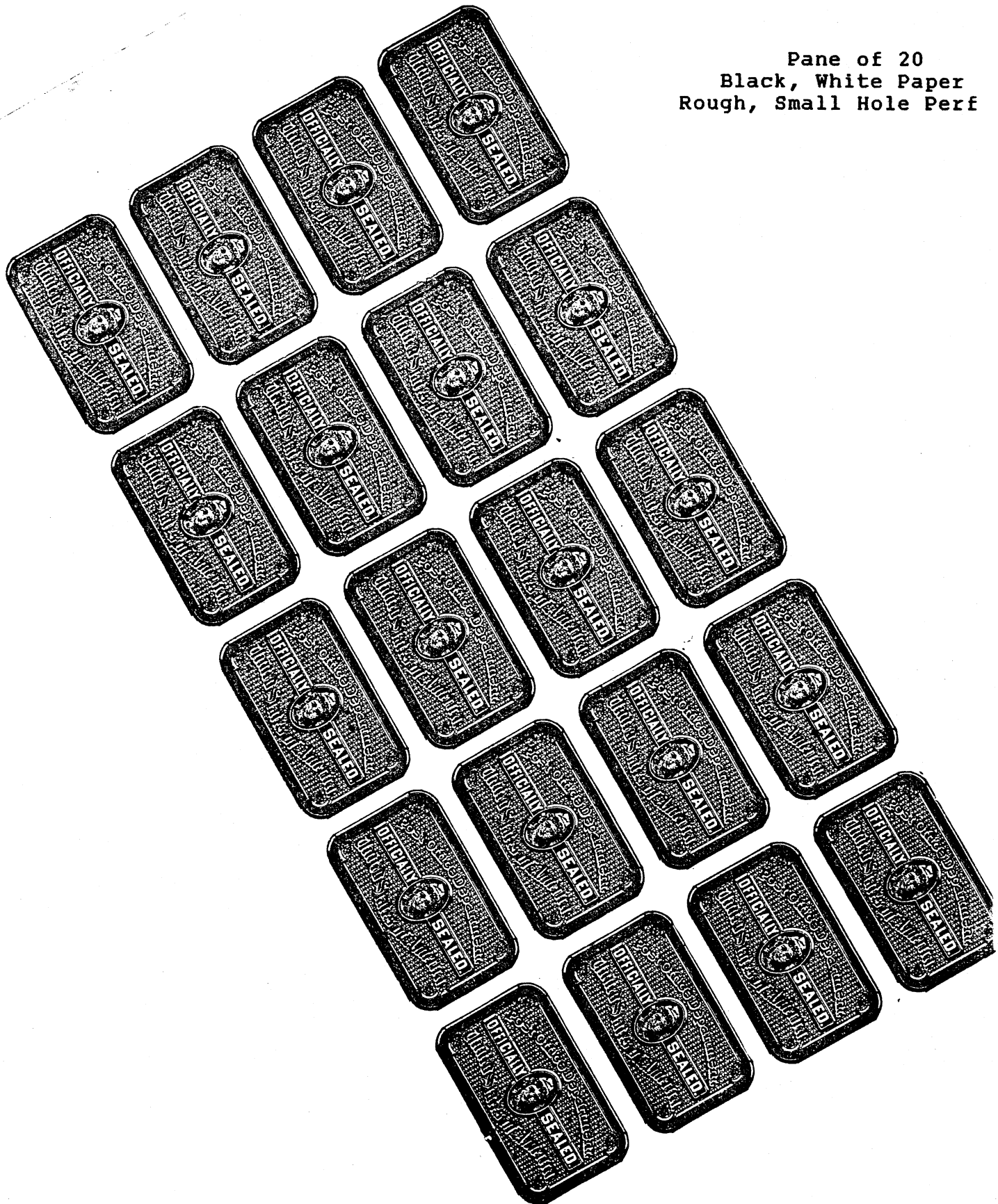
*Mr. J. Parker  
2nd St  
Boston  
Ma  
11 Park Sq*

**RECEIVED**





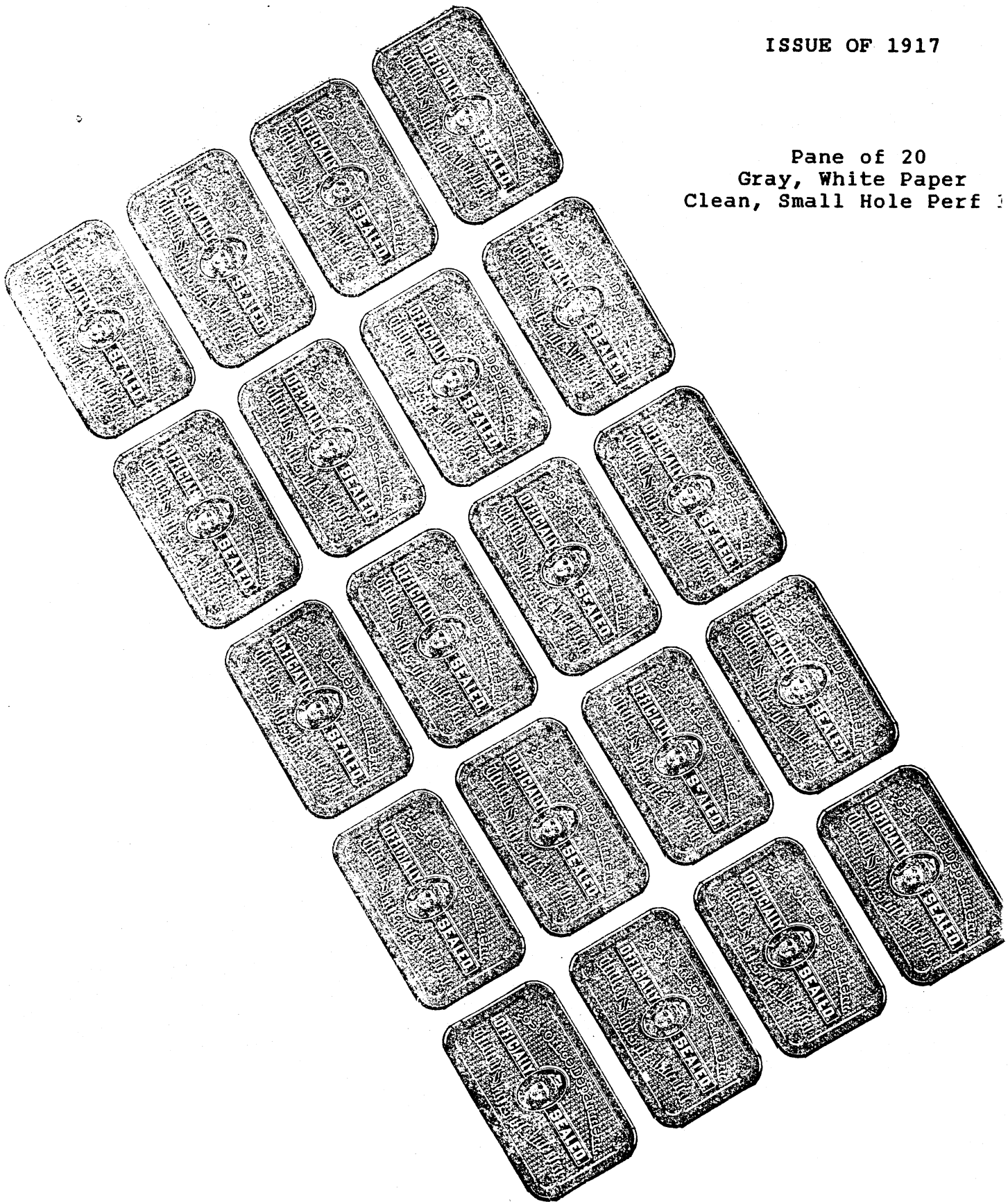
Pane of 20  
Black, White Paper  
Rough, Small Hole Perf





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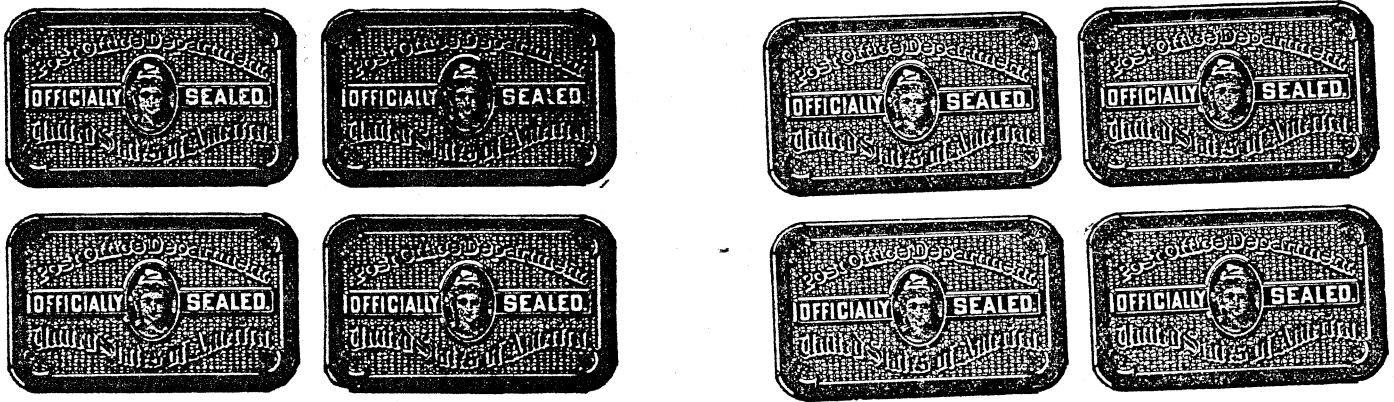
Pane of 20  
Gray, White Paper  
Clean, Small Hole Perf





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## Black, White Paper



## Jet Black Regular Perfs

Top Right Seal, Damaged top frame line

## Black Regular Perfs

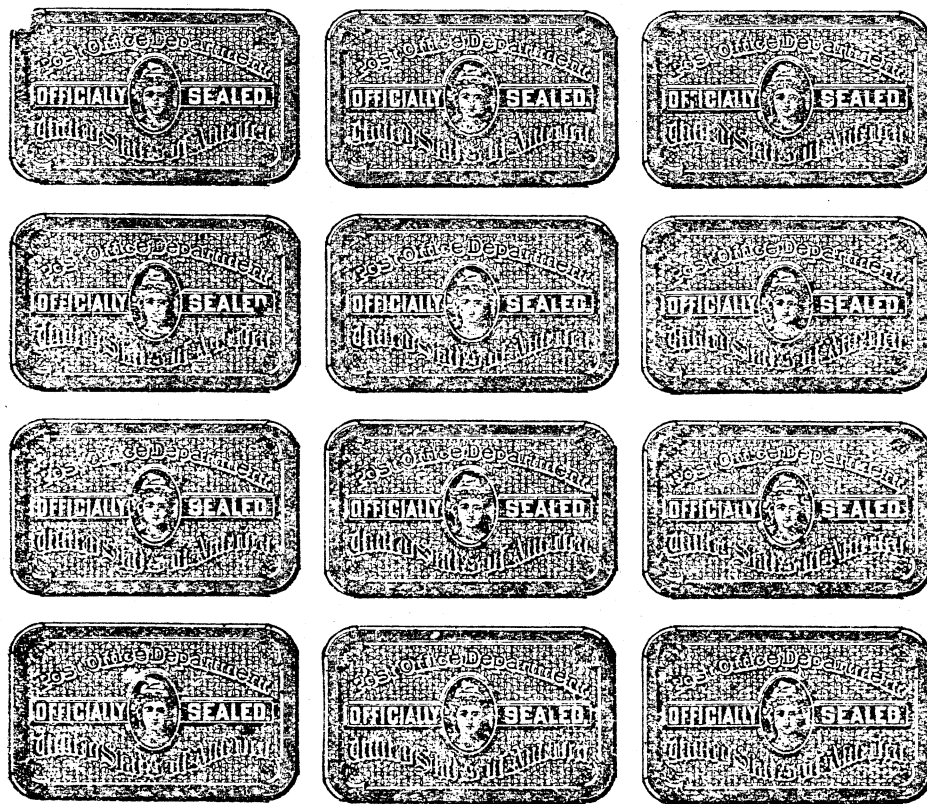


## Black, Toned Paper

Top Right Seal shows damaged Top Frame Line  
Position 15 on Pane of 20



## Gray Black, Small Rough Perfs



Imperf Vertically



Double Perfs

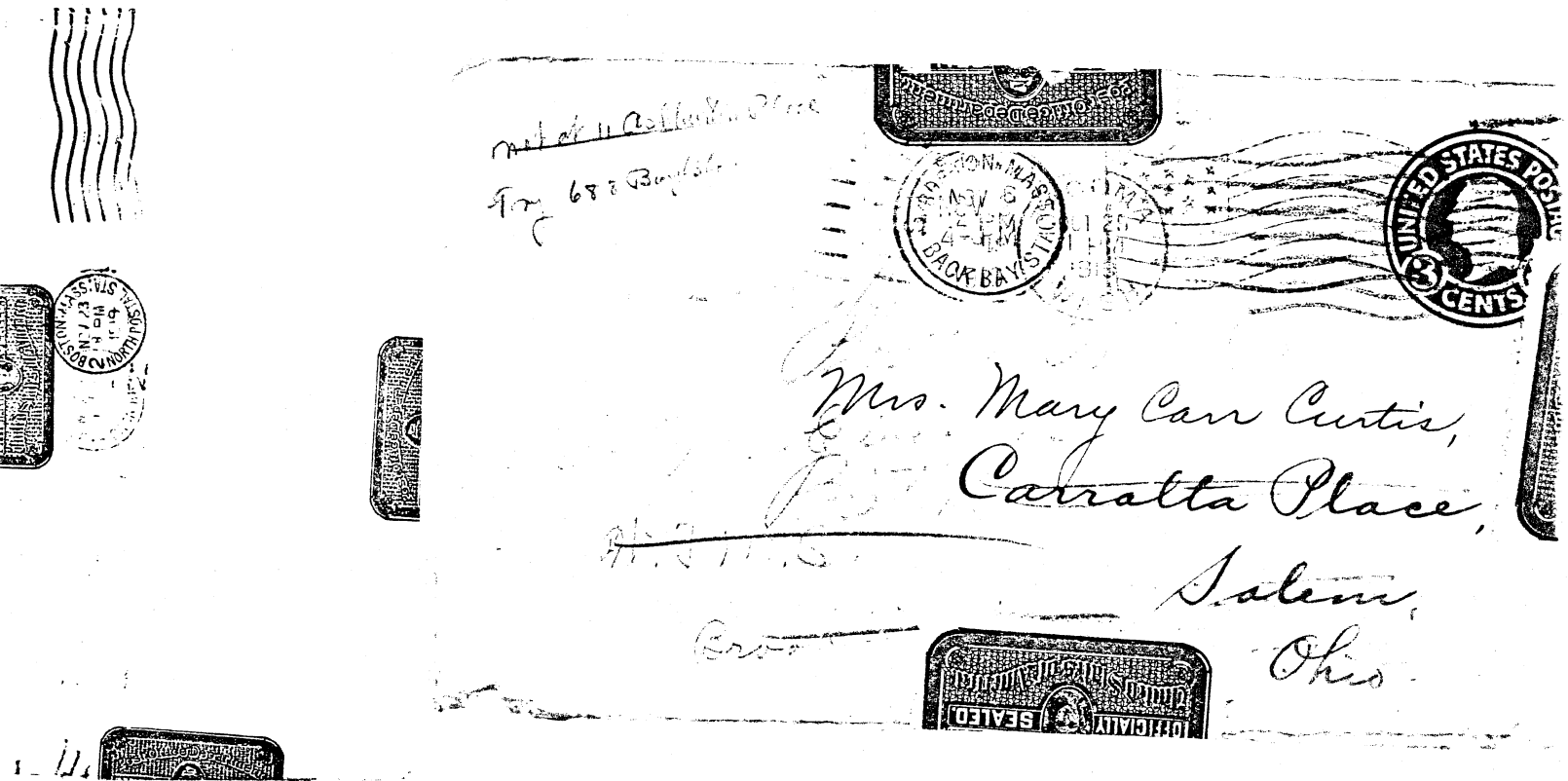
Damaged Frame  
Line at Left

Partial Offset  
on Back



Imperf Between Vertically

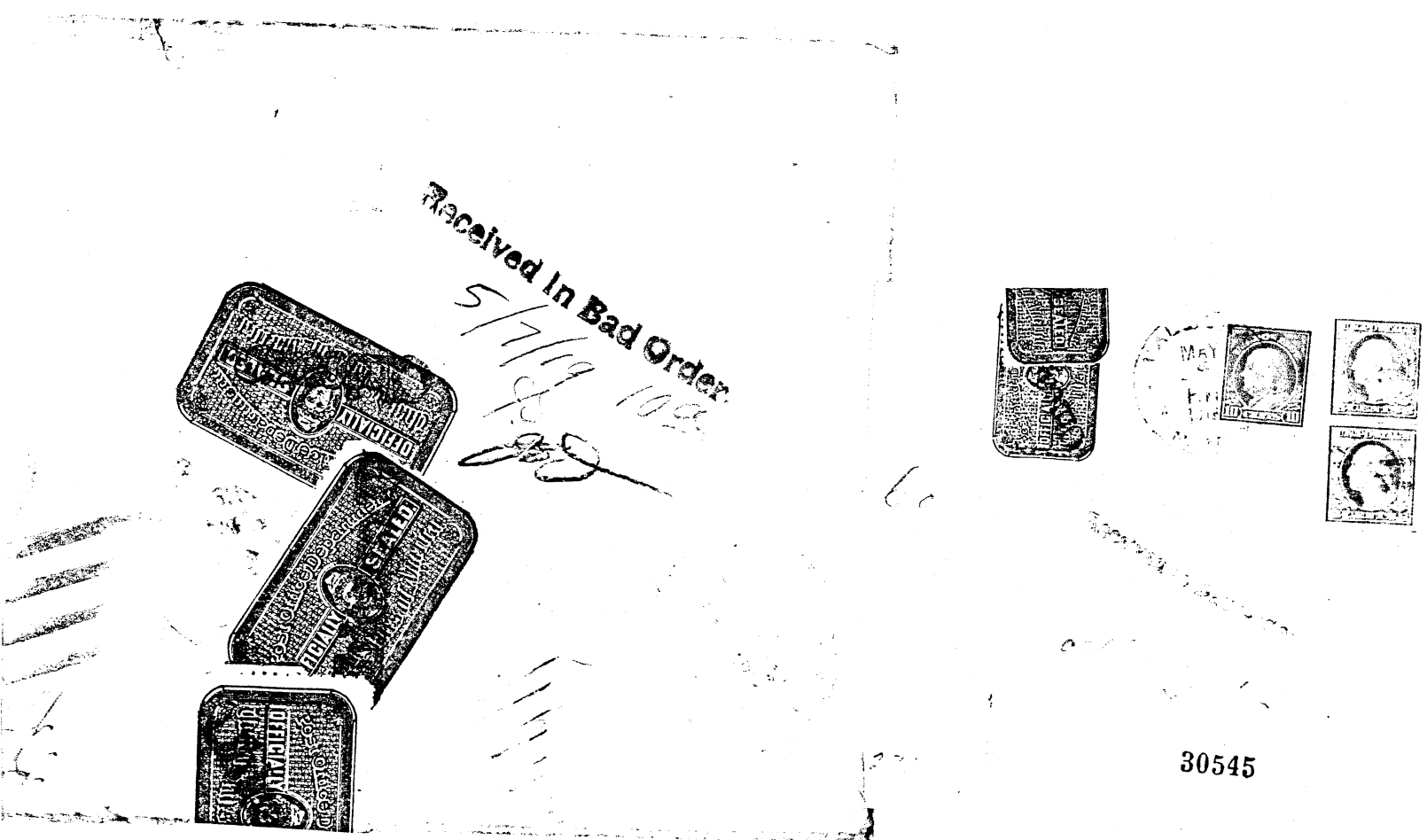
Imperf Between Horizontally



not at 11 Colfax Place  
For 68 & 300/100



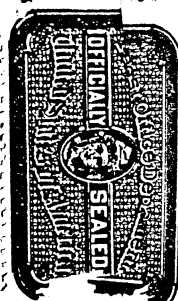
Mrs. Mary Carr Curtis,  
Carratta Place,  
Salem,  
Ohio



Received In Bad Order  
5/7/19 100  
[Signature]

30545

**Bennett's Travel Bureau, Inc.**  
 Little Building, Boston, Mass.  
 Return in Five Days



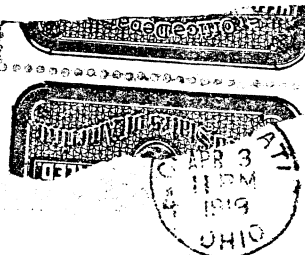
*4/18*  
*P. Preston Wentworth*

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The North American Aerial Transportation Company,  
 Washington, D. C.

*where is the company located  
 not connected with Dept*

Addressee could not be located, Sent to the War  
 Dept., where it was opened. Sealed and returned  
 to sender.



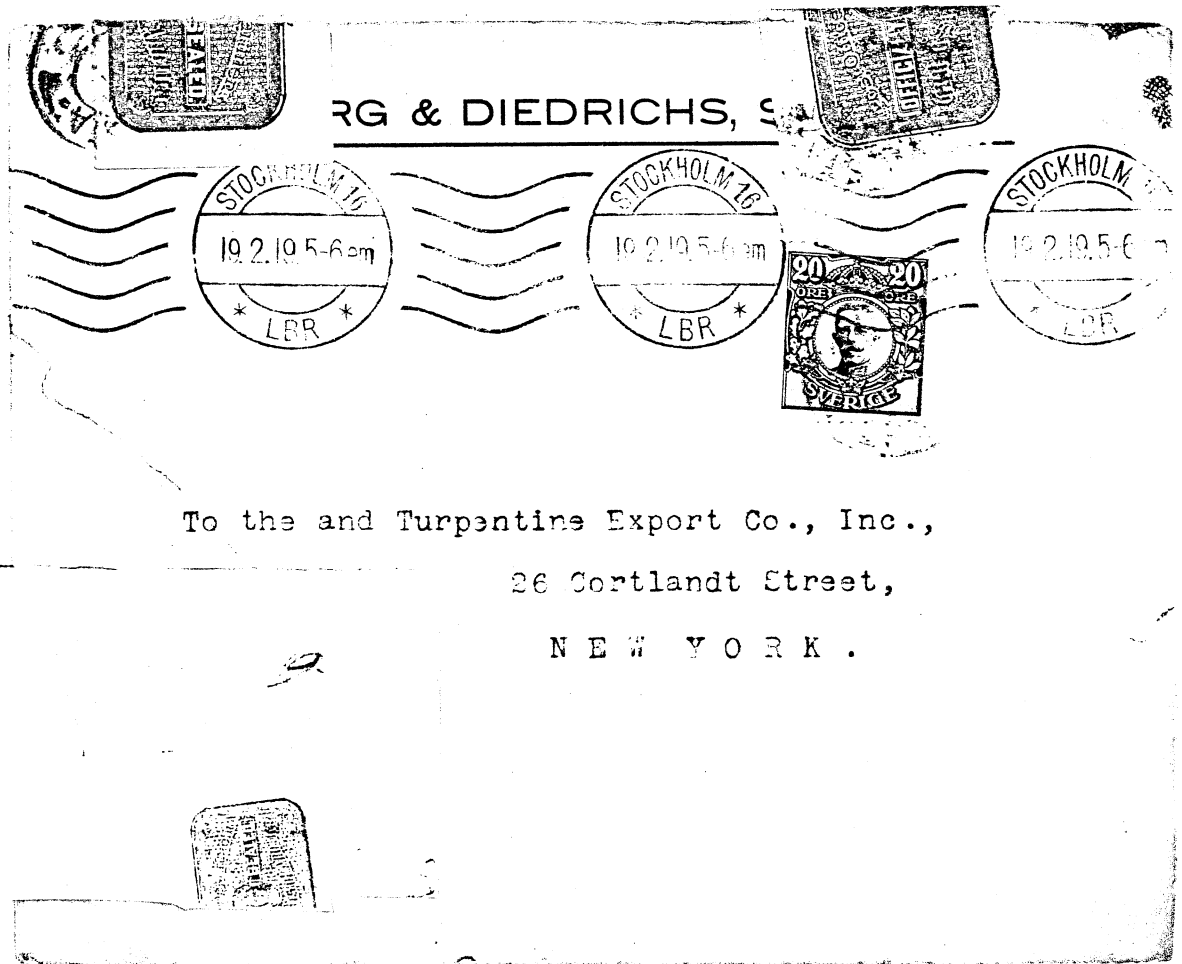
Mr. J. Schroth,  
 Gormany & Township Aves.,  
 Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Address same in directory*

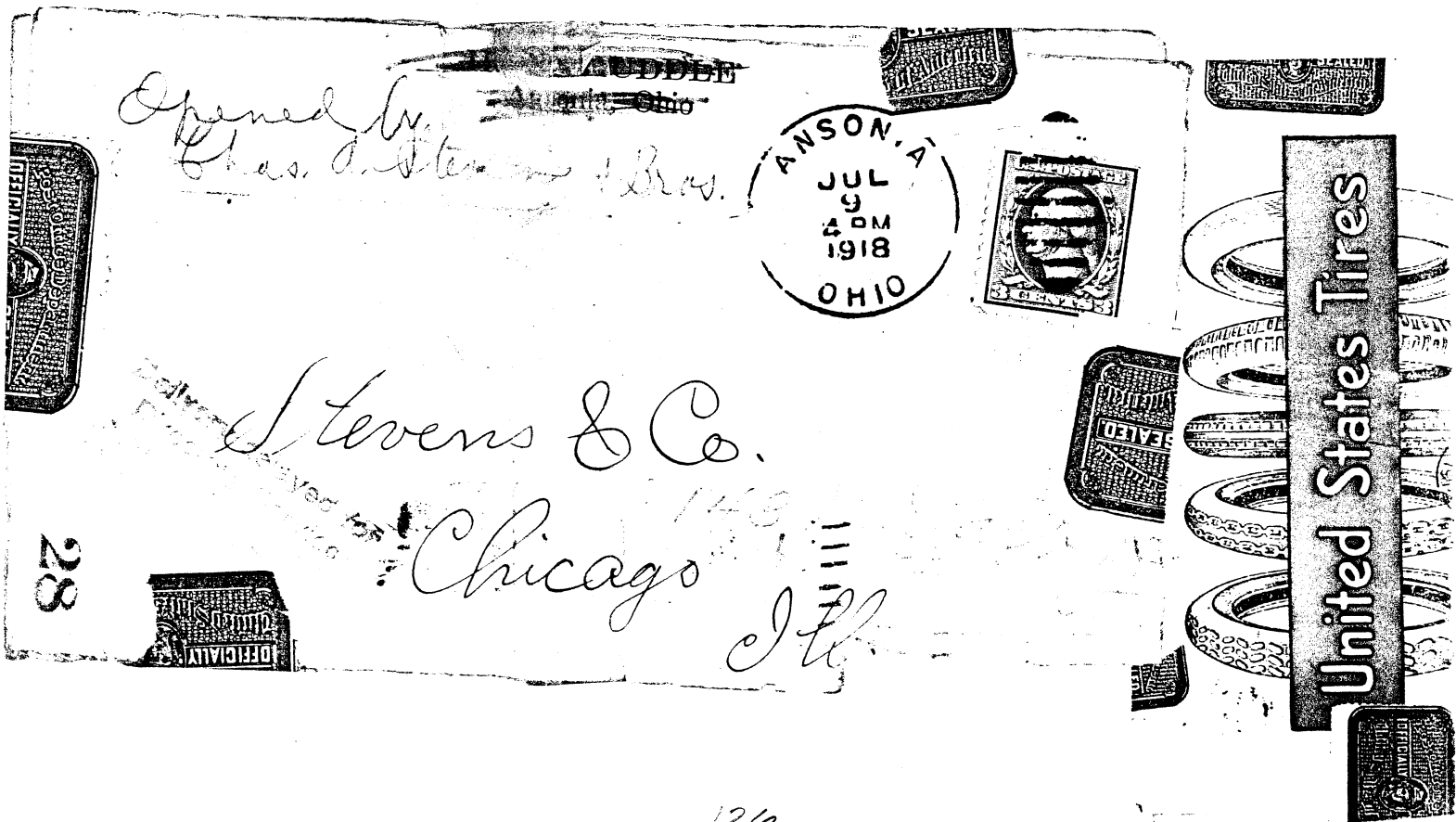
*Not for John H. Schroth  
 Mr. J. Schroth  
 Gormany Township  
 Ohio*

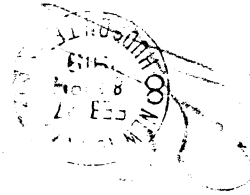
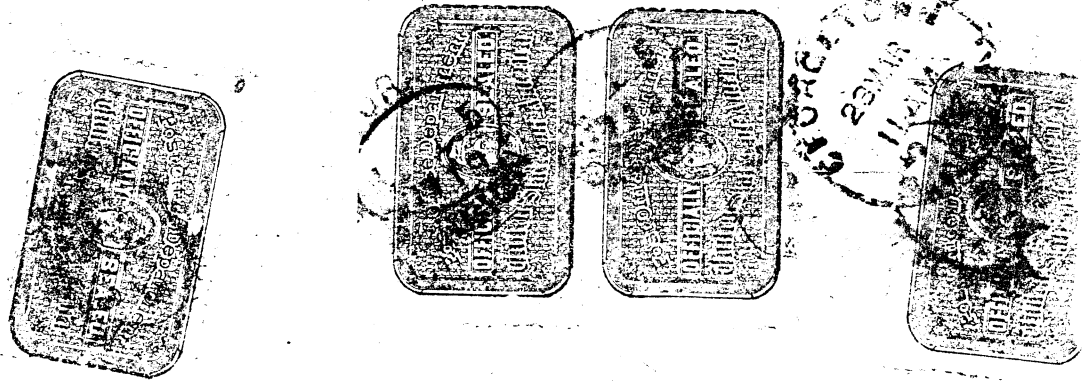


Opened by addressee, then returned and sealed  
 because contents not for him.



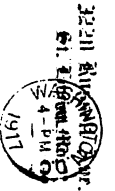
To the and Turpentine Export Co., Inc.,  
26 Cortlandt Street,  
NEW YORK.





*Carlos Costello*  
*Consulado Geral de Portugal*  
*Britannica*  
*Remessa New York*

Received in Bad Condition in New York  
 Brazil To New York City, Forwarded to British Guiana



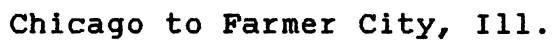
P. Albertus M. Boegle,

Unsere Fahne,

Canisiassgasse 16,

Wien IX/4, Austria.

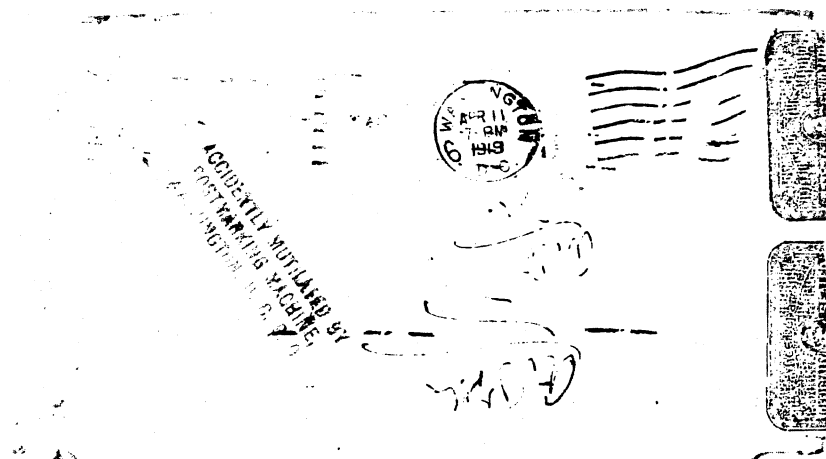
"Mail Services Suspended to Country Addressed" Pointing Finger to "Over" indicat  
 Return Address on the Reverse.







To Lt. in AEF, France; Forwarded to two Base Hospitals, then marked "Return to U  
"Accidentally Mutilated By Postmarking Machine, Washington D.C. G.P.O."





QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE  
MAIL AND RECORDS SECTION

The Quartermaster General's Office was responsible for all Federal procurement during WW I.

The Mail and Records Section opened all mail for that office and ordered the seal to use on mail improperly opened that was to be returned to private sector addresses.

5,000 seals were delivered on 11-14-19. By that time the heavy volume of mail due to the war was winding down.

The use of the seals ended on 12-17-19 because an internal reorganization eliminated the Mail and Records Section.

The seals were issued in panes of 10, both perf 12 and Hyphen-Hole Roulette 7, unwatermarked on white paper. One of the Rouletted stamps is known used and two or three unused singles are known. No perforated examples are known used.



These seals were privately printed, both on order from individual Post Offices and in common types for sale to any Post Office.

Ornate Border

MORRILL BROS., P. O. SUPPLY PRINTERS, FULTON, N. Y.

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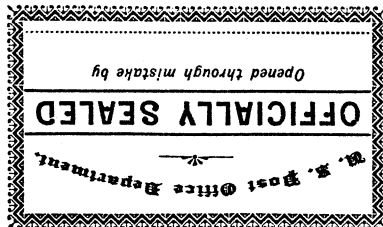


**OFFICIALLY SEALED LABELS.**

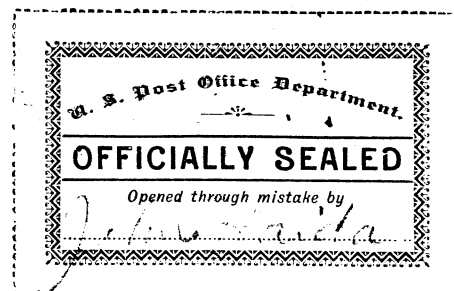
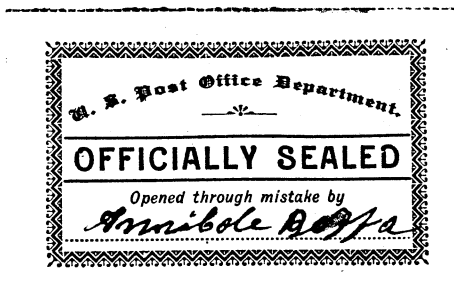
Labels same as this sample, printed on gummed paper, for sealing letters opened by mistake, received in bad order, or otherwise. One of the many little conveniences that are always handy to have in your office, which you will not be without after once using.

Prices: 100, 25 cents; 250, 40 cents; 500, 65 cents; 1000, \$1.00; post-paid.

Advertisement from Morrill Brothers Catalogue of Post Office Printed Supplies, 1897-98



Rouletted 12 1/2  
Sheet of 4, Tete Beche

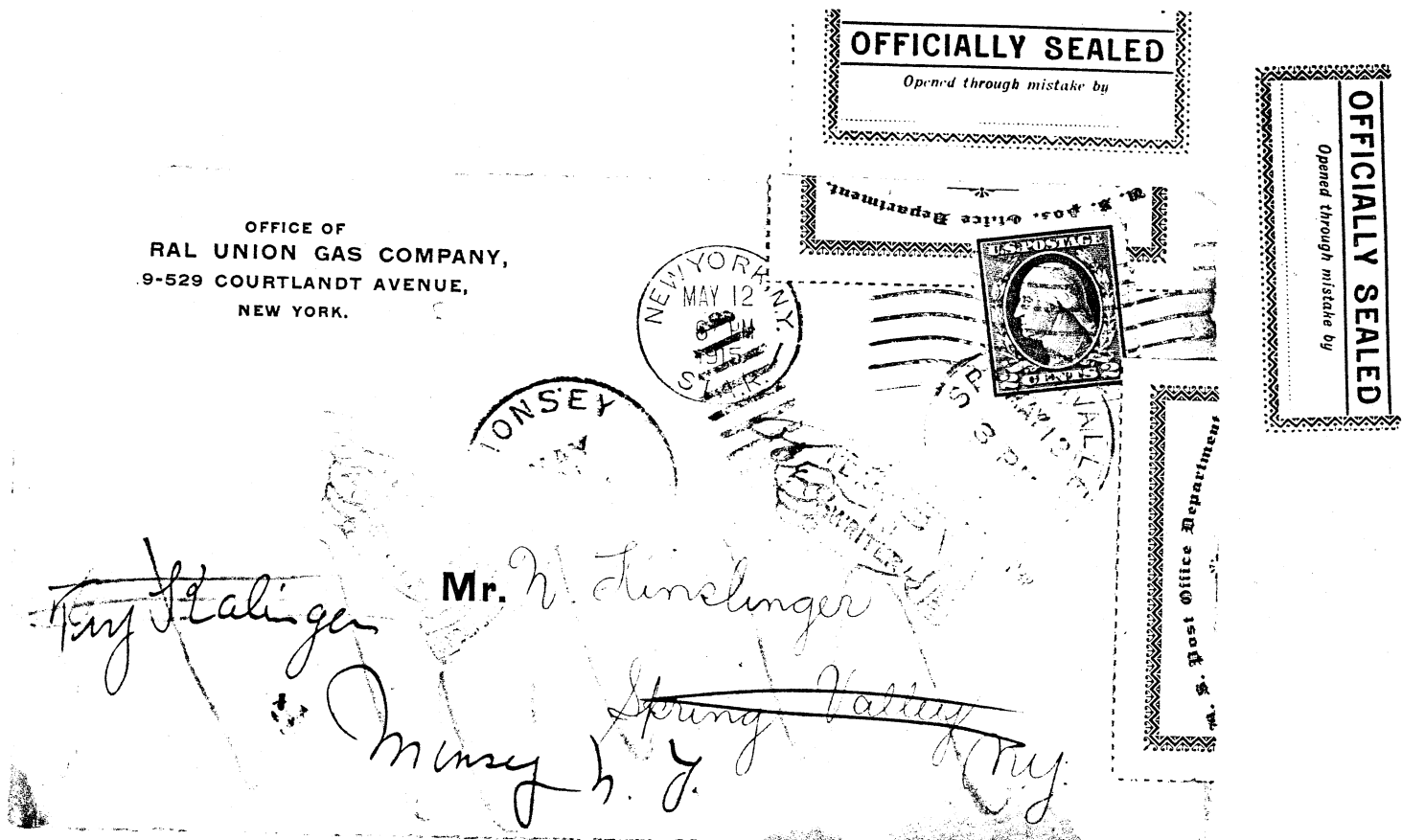


3rd dot from right on  
signature line missing

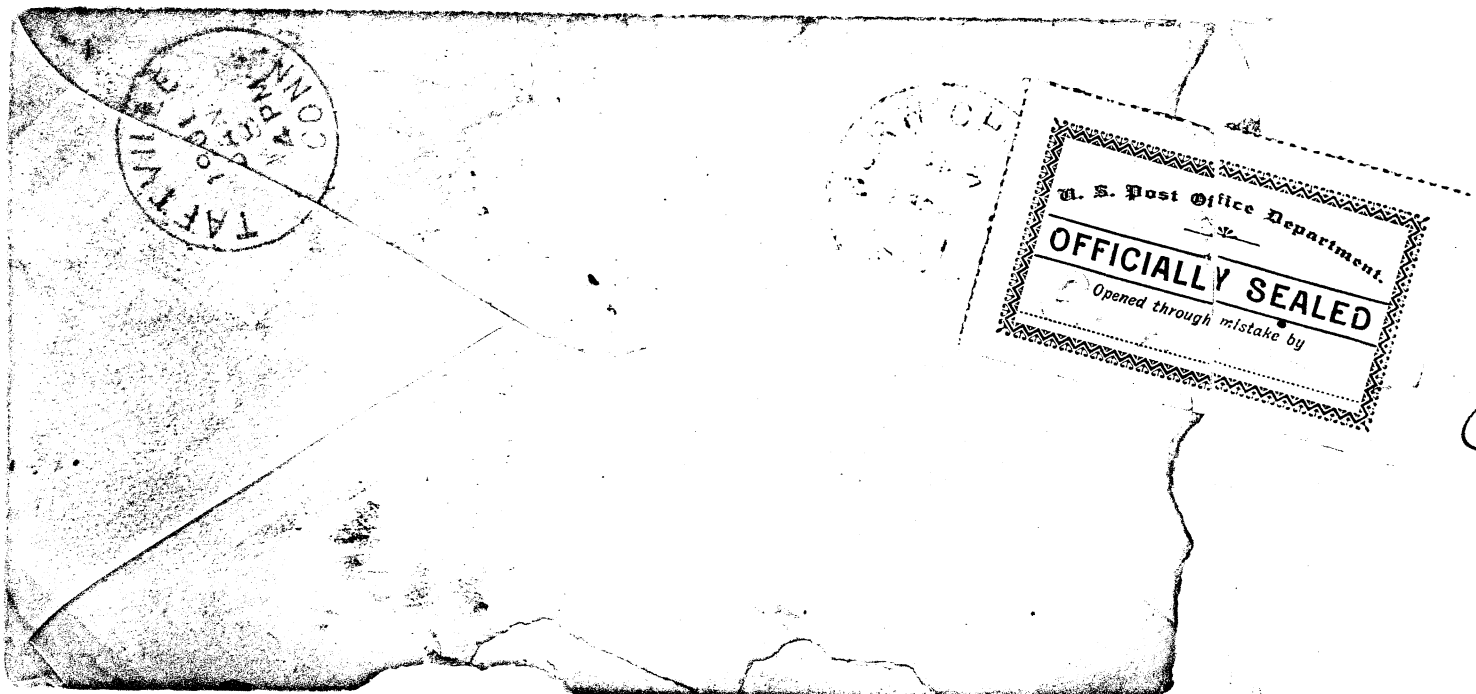
Rouletted 16, Used

# TYPESET SEALS

## Ornate Border



Rouletted 11 1/2, First sent to Spring Valley, N.Y., where someone wrote "Try Kalinger, Monsey N.Y". The seals are signed Karlinger. Letter was then returned to sender.

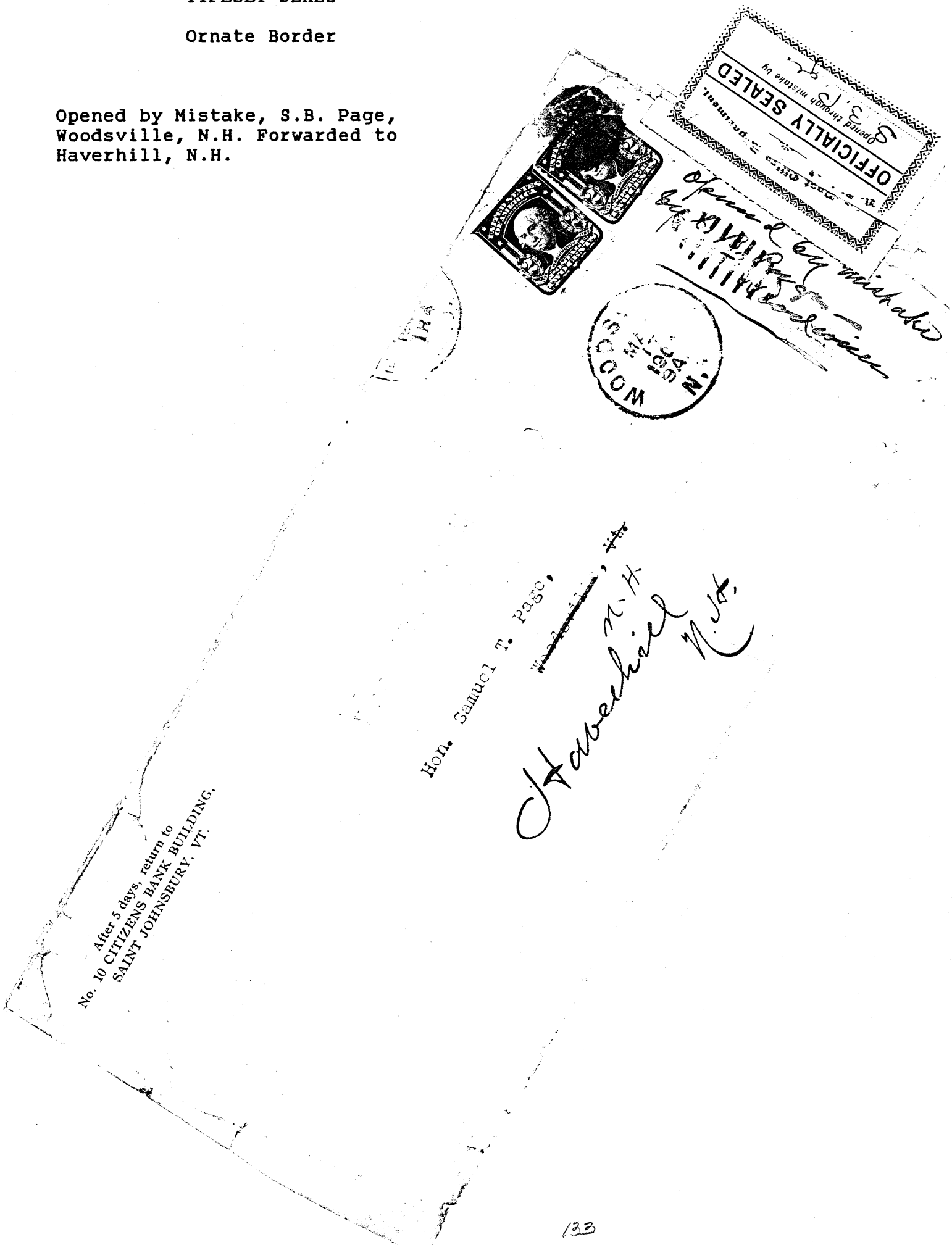


Rouletted 12 1/2, Norwich, Conn., 2:30 pm, Jan. 8, 1901 and Taftville, Conn. 4 pm CDS's. Addressed to C.W. (????) Taftville, Conn. Seal signed C.W. Grant.

TYPESET SEALS

Ornate Border

Opened by Mistake, S.B. Page,  
Woodsville, N.H. Forwarded to  
Haverhill, N.H.



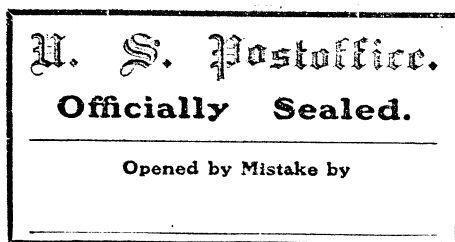
OFFICIALLY SEALED  
Opened through mistake by  
S.B. Page  
May 1894  
Haverhill, N.H.

Hon. Samuel T. Page,  
Woodsville, N.H.  
Haverhill N.H.

No. 10  
After 5 days, return to  
CITIZENS BANK BUILDING,  
SAINT JOHNSBURY, VT.

TYPESET SEALS

U.S. Postoffice

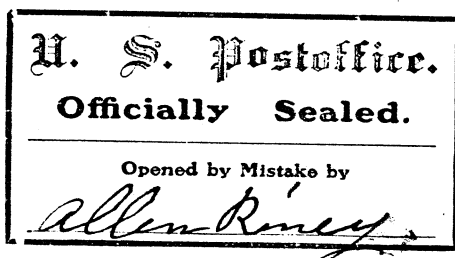


Unnused, Blue

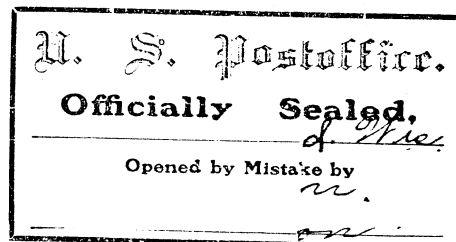


Unused, Blue

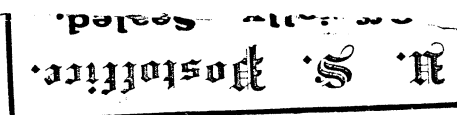
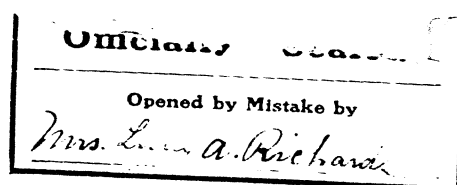
Damaged Bottom right  
frame line



Used Blue

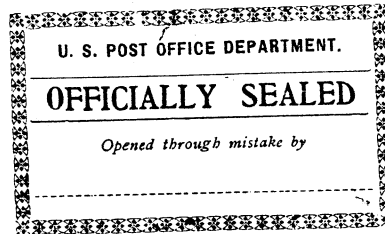


Used Blue



Mrs. Lucy W. Richards,  
Weymouth,  
Mass.

Letter addressed to Lucy W. Richards, Weymouth, Mass.  
Opened by Lucy A. Richards whose name is, also on seal.

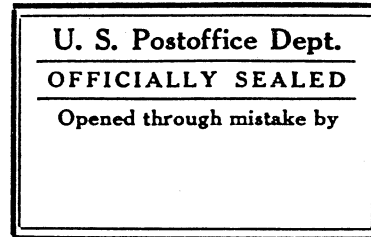


Floral Border

**OFFICIAL SEALS**

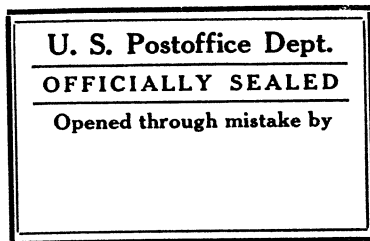
*Like Cut at the Right.* Every Postmaster should keep on hand a supply of these GUMMED STICKERS.

PRICE - 100 for 25 cents, 250 for 40 cents, 500 for 65 cents, 1000 for \$1.00.



Address-The Lemoyne Supply Co., Box 335 Lemoyne, Pennsylvania.

Excerpt from advertisement found in cover dated 1918.

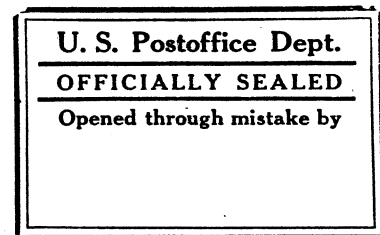


Blue

Thin rules above and below  
"Officially Sealed"

Identical to cut in  
above Advertisement.

*Officialled sealed*  
*39 1/4 mm*



Black

Thick lines above and below  
"Officially Sealed"

Probably also sold by  
Lemoyne Supply Co.

*Officialled sealed*  
*37 1/4 mm*

# TYPESET SEALS

Black, Imperf



Line above Officially  
Sealed square at left  
46 mm long



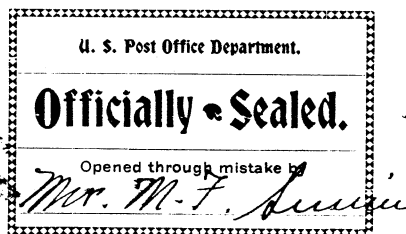
Line above Officially  
Sealed diagonal at left  
45 1/2 mm long



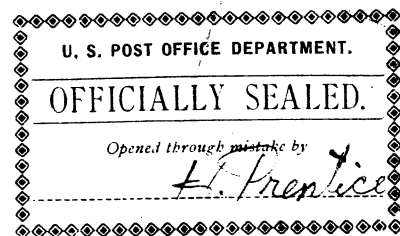
Leaf Border



Leaf Border  
Plymouth, Michigan



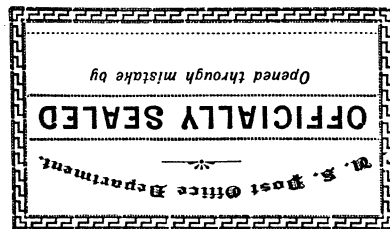
Used  
Geometric Border



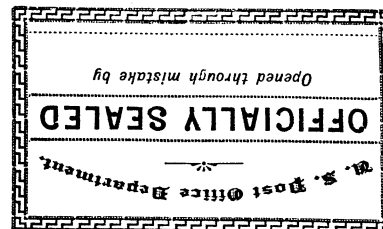
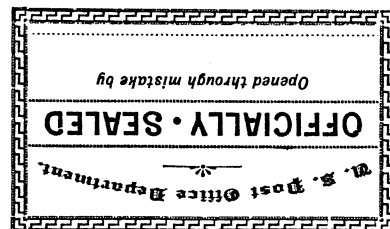
Used  
Diamond Border

# TYPESET SEALS

Dotted Line Above and Below Officially Sealed  
Thin Hard Paper, Rouletted 12 1/2



Tete Bache Pane of Four



Tete Bache Pane of Four  
One seal with period between Officially and Sealed



# TYPESET SEALS

Soft Wove Paper, Rouletted 12½



Tete Beche Pane of Four.



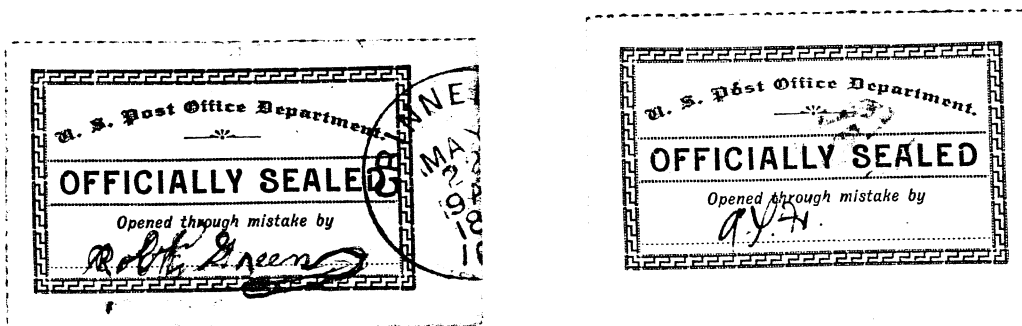
Tete Beche Pane of Four.  
One Seal with Period between Officially and Sealed.

# TYPESET SEALS

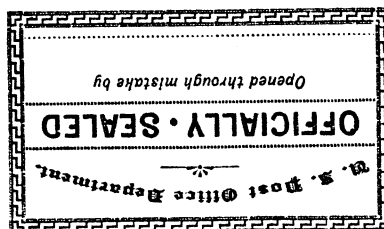
Dotted Line Above and Below Officially Sealed  
Soft Wove Paper



Double Impression, One Inverted  
Used, Rouletted 12½



Used, Rouletted 12½

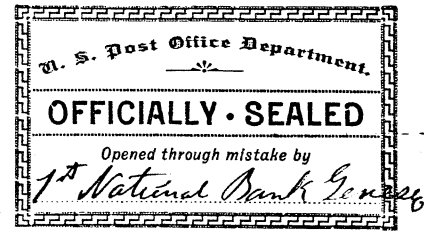


Tete Beche Pane of 2, Rouletted 16  
Both stamps with dot between Officially Sealed

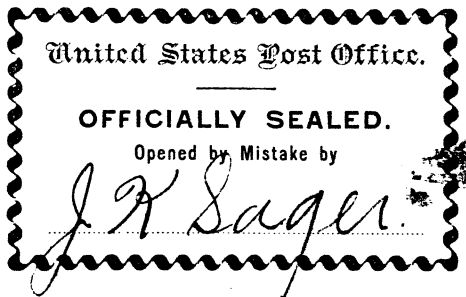
# TYPESET SEALS



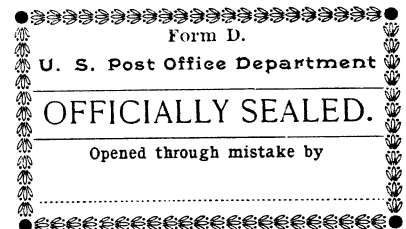
Black, Rouletted 16  
Solid Line Above and  
Below Officially Sealed  
From Vertical Pane of  
2 or more.



Blue, Rouletted 12  
From Vertical Pane  
of 2 or More.



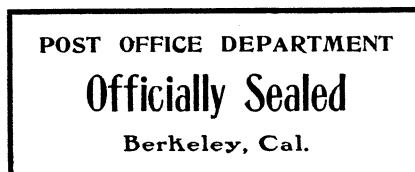
Blue, Imperf  
Ribbon Border



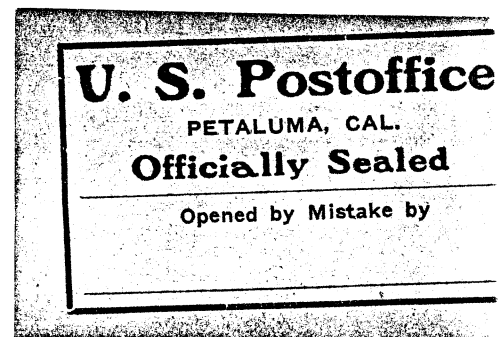
Black, Rouletted 9 1/2  
Form D



Imperf  
Birmingham, Ala.



Imperf  
Berkley Cal.



Imperf  
Petaluma, Cal.

Typeset Seals

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO  
**NISCO**  
COLDWATER, OHIO.

Opened through mistake by  
OFFICIALLY SEALED  
U. S. Postoffice Dept.



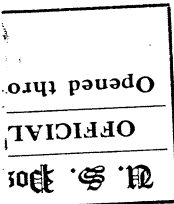
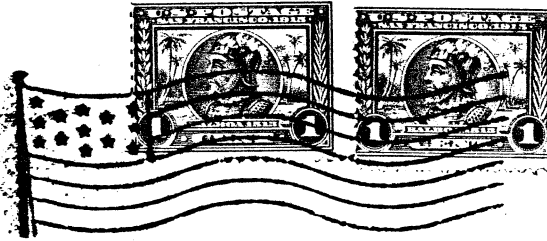
*C. Wilson*  
*Delmar Del*

July 1, 1919  
Unrecorded Seal

TYPESET SEALS

*Opened by Mistake*

*to Gerran Box 64  
Saratoga Ave  
Santa Clara Co.*



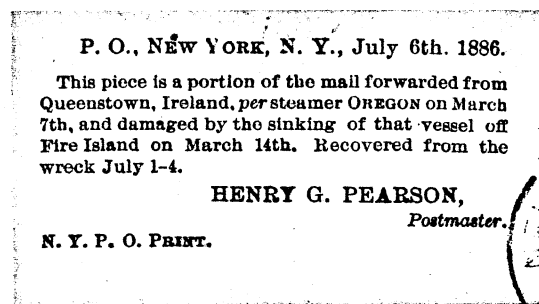
*M. M. A. Wetmore*

*La Plymouth P.O., Cal., L.*

*Plymouth*

*Amador Co., Cal.*

Seal probably applied at Plymouth, Cal.

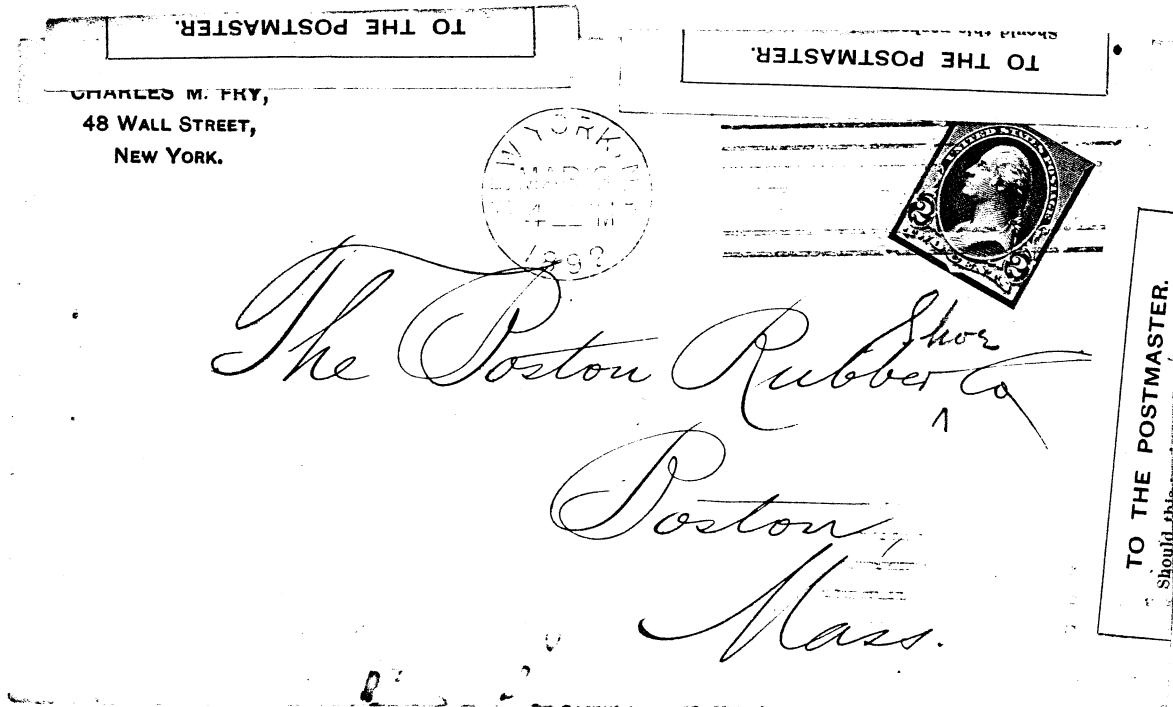


Seal printed by N.Y.P.O for use on mail recovered from the wreck of the SS Oregon, March 14, 1886, off of Fire Island, near New York. The Oregon departed Queenstown, Ireland for New York on March 7.

The 7,500 ton Cunard Line ship carried 598 bags of mail and 869 passengers and crew.

All aboard were saved and 465 bags of mail washed ashore between Portland, Maine and Cape Hatteras, N.C. All recovered mail was processed by the N.Y.P.O. between March 24 and July 26, 1886.

# PRIVATE SEALS



A package label used privately to seal a letter opened by mistake. The letter was delivered to the Boston Rubber Company. After opening, it was sealed and the word "Shoe" inserted in the address. The Boston Rubber Company and The Boston Rubber Shoe Company both operated in Boston during 1892.

Should this package miscarry or remain uncalled for, we will send necessary stamps to prepay its return, if you will kindly inform us of the amount required.  
BOSTON RUBBER CO., Boston, Mass.

Should this package miscarry or remain uncalled for, we will send necessary stamps to prepay its return, if you will kindly inform us of the amount required.  
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BOSTON RUBBER CO., Boston, Mass.

CANAL ZONE

Blue, First Issue, 1907  
Spaced  $3\frac{1}{2}$  mm apart vertically and horizontally  
Unwatermarked



Pane of 8



Reperforated at Left

Shades of Blue



Pane of 8

Spaced 1 1/2 mm Horizontally, 4 mm Vertically

Bottom 4 Seals show part of Great Seal Watermark, Type A, with elongated olive leaf



Unwatermarked  
Seals 1/2 mm apart  
Horizontally and Vertically



Watermarked  
"Rolleston Mills"  
Seals 1/2 mm Apart  
Horizontally and Vertically

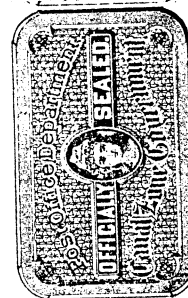


Seal from 1/2 mm sheet both  
Horizontally & Vertically.

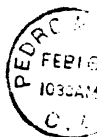
An over franked cover to U.S.  
with blocks of two cent issues  
of May and Nov., 1909 and seal  
believed to have been issued  
in 1910;

Gerald D. Bliss, P.M., Pedro  
Micuel, Canal Zone handstamp  
above corner card does not  
show on copy of front.

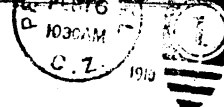
Bliss, a collector, appears  
to have added the new seal  
as a gift to another  
collector.



ISTHMIAN CANAL COMMISSION  
CANAL ZONE.  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

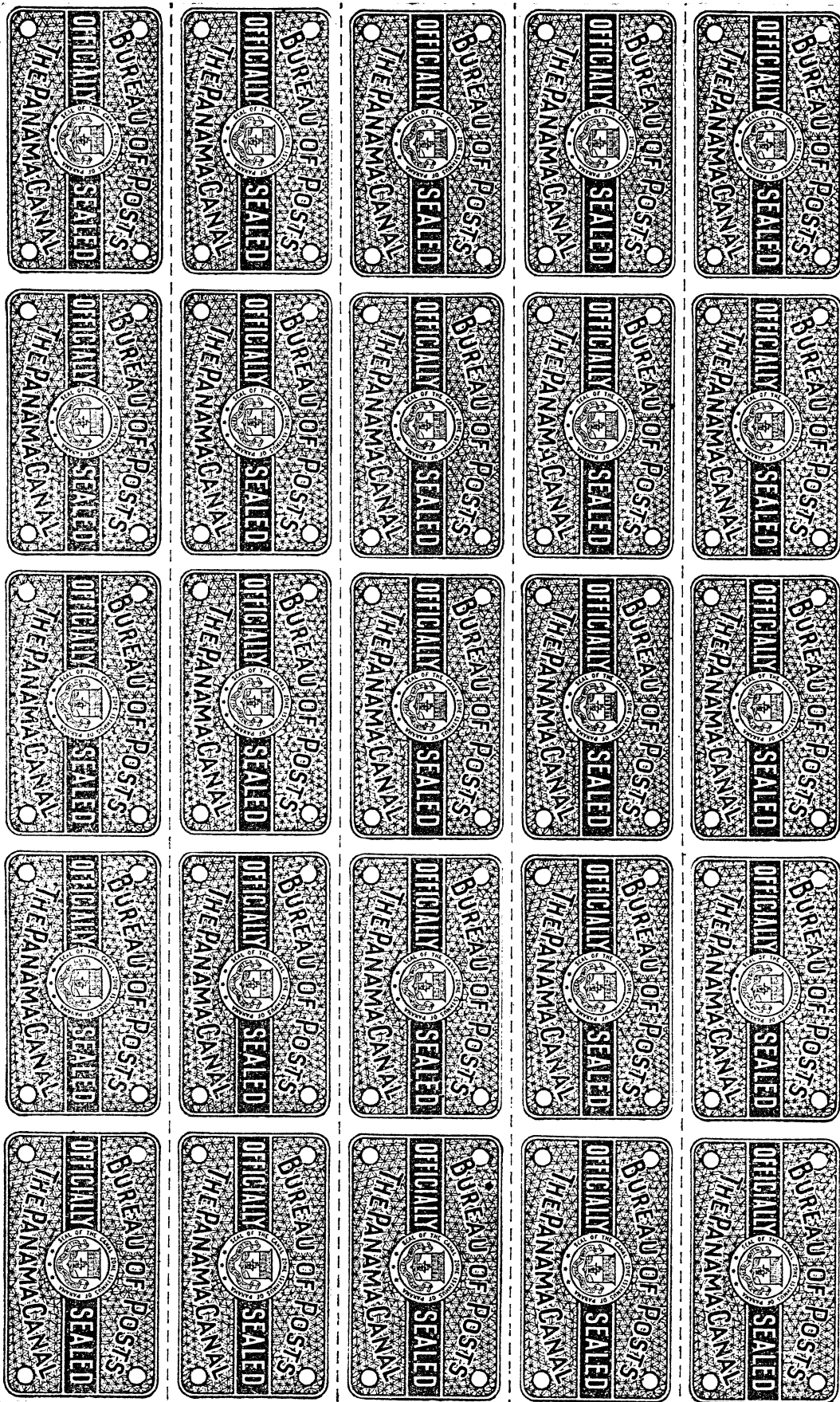


El Senor  
Robert S. Nelson  
821 Empire Bldg.  
Birmingham  
Alabama.

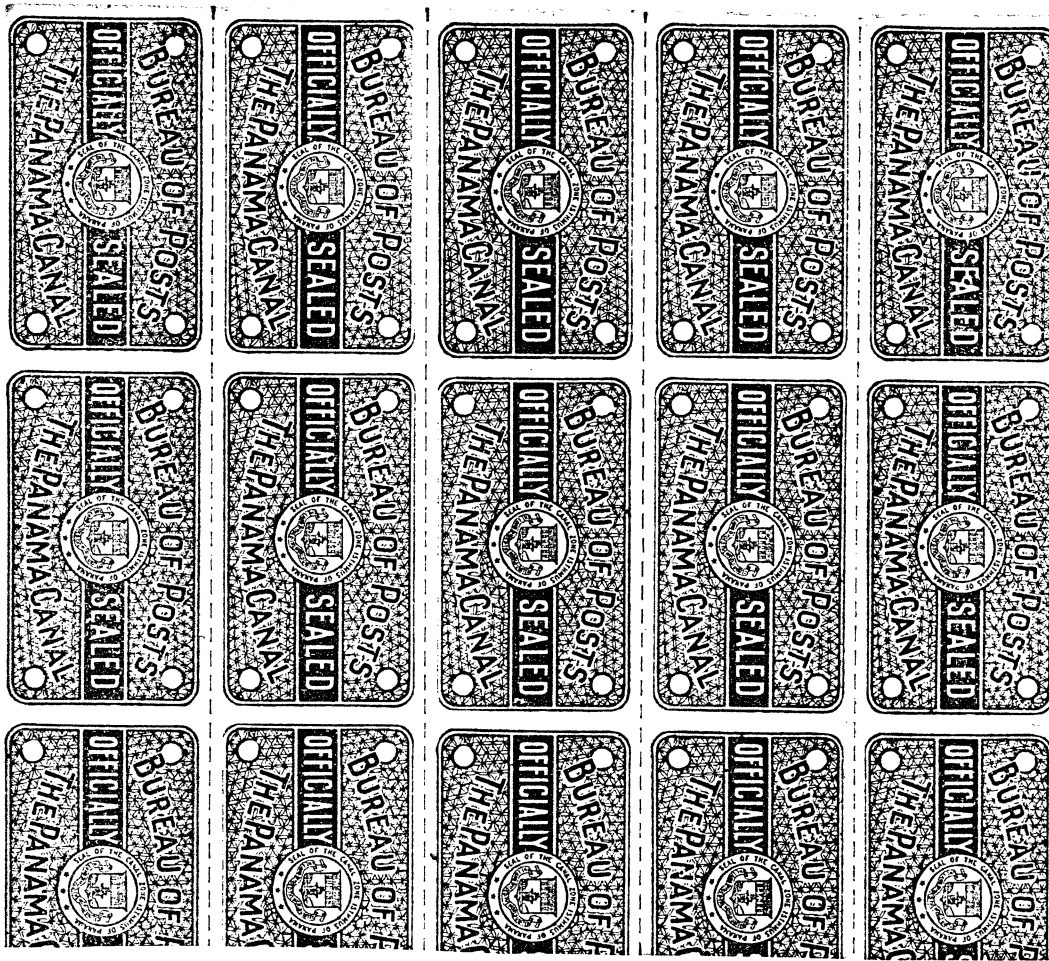


CANAL ZONE

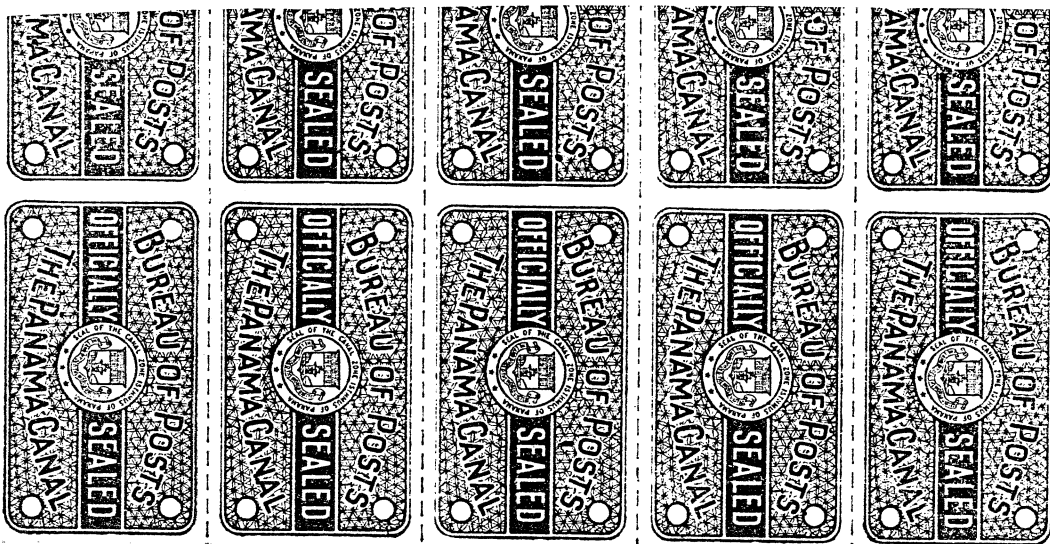
Rouletted 6 in color by 6 colorless, Unwatermarked.



# CANAL ZONE



Rouletted 6 in color by 6 colorless. Typographed in Violet Blue by the Panama Canal Press, Mount Hope, C.Z. Double line Watermark "SYLVANIA" in sheet, 85 mm X 18 mm. The watermark will show in from two to six stamps.

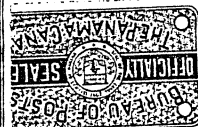
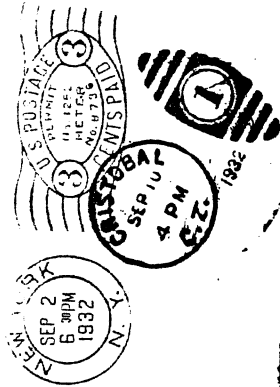


CANAL ZONE

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Torn by accident  
G.D. Bliss, Postmaster

*Torn by accident*  
G. D. Bliss, Postmaster,  
Asst. P. M.



Mr. Fabien Englander

Post 1221  
Cristobal, 21- Canal Zone

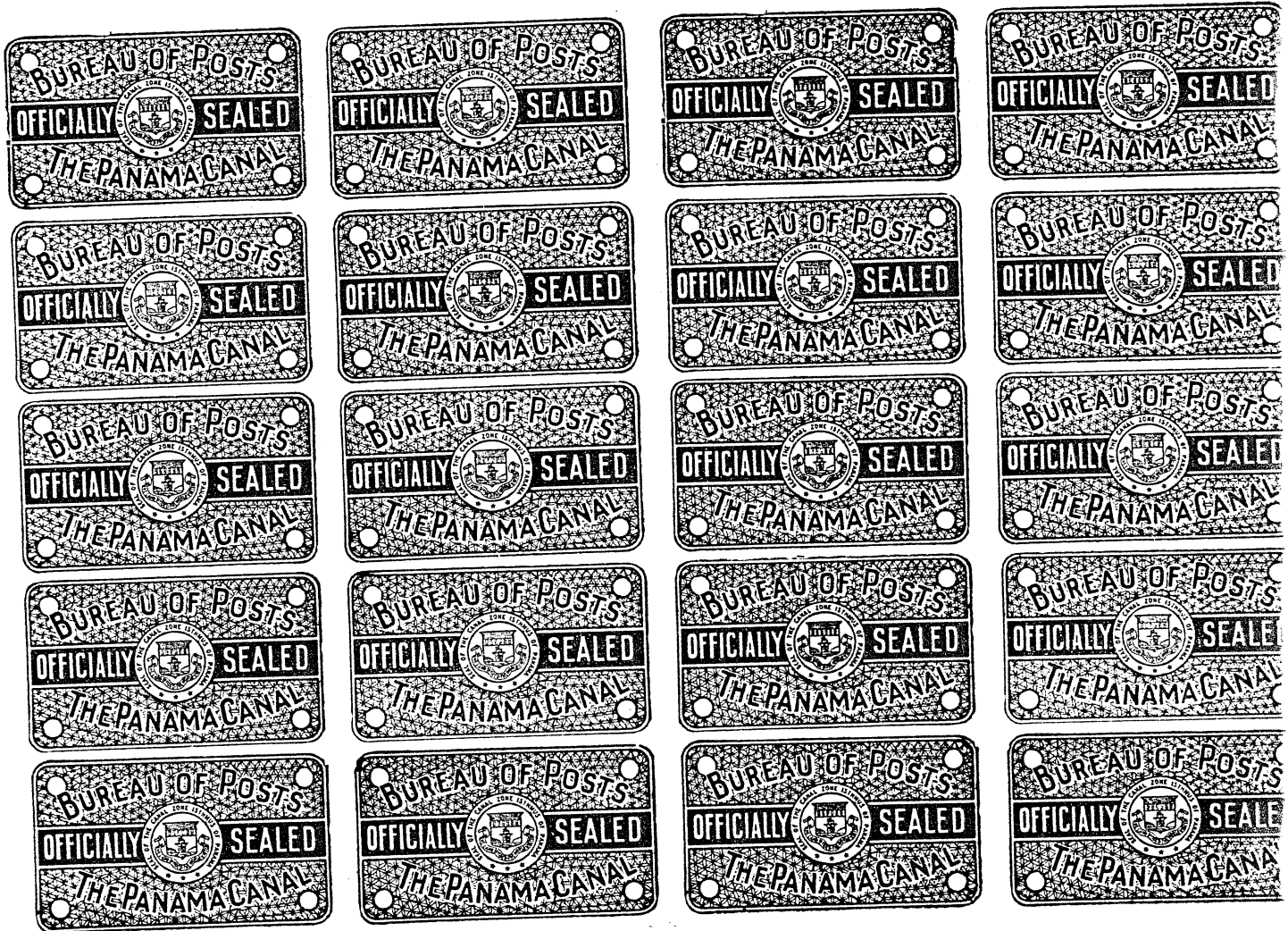


Box 192  
Hudson Falls  
New York

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR  
WASHINGTON SQUARE EAST  
NEW YORK

CANAL ZONE

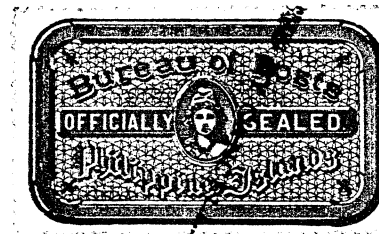
Blue, Rouletted 6½, Typographed, Pane of 20  
Panama Canal Press, Mount Hope, C.Z., 1946.



U.S. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILIPPINES



Light Brown, Unwatermarked  
Perf 12, 1906



Stamped "(SEAL?)ED  
BY CANCELLA(TION?)

Orange Brown, Perf 12, Watermarked Double Line PIRS, 1907  
The standard catalogue lists this stamp an Light Brown



Light Shade

Orange Brown, Hyphen-Hole 7, 1907  
Watermarked Double Line PIRS



U.S. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

Watermark Double Line PIRS, Hyphen-Hole 7.



Vertical Watermark



Vertical Watermark



Inverted Watermark  
Flaw in 1st L in  
Officially

Olive Bistre, 1911



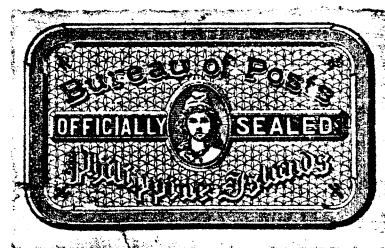
Brown, Inverted Watermark



Brown Red, Inverted Watermark



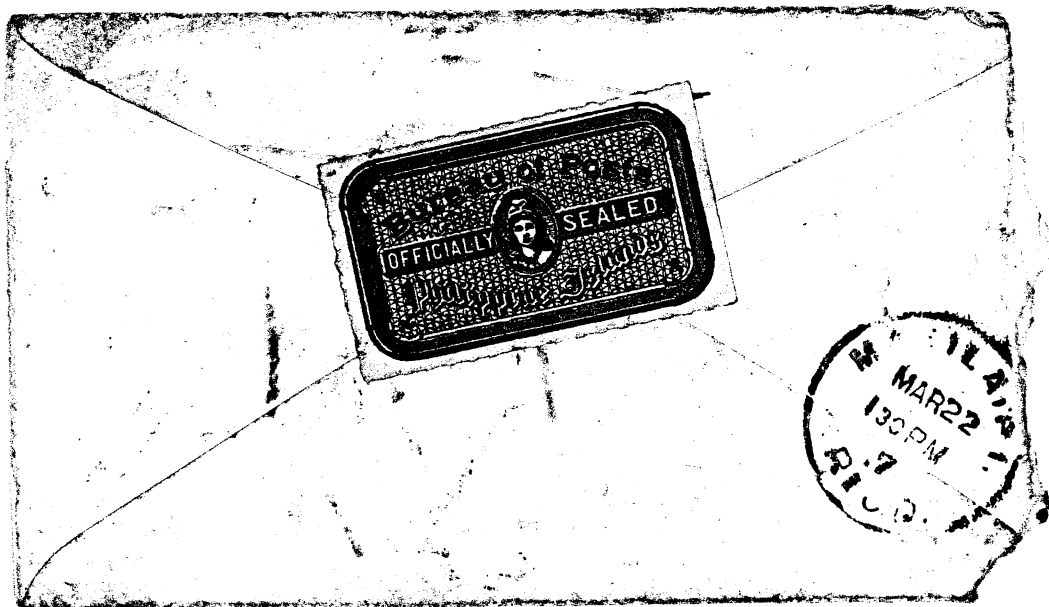
Horizontal Watermark



Used, Vertical Watermark

Yellow Brown

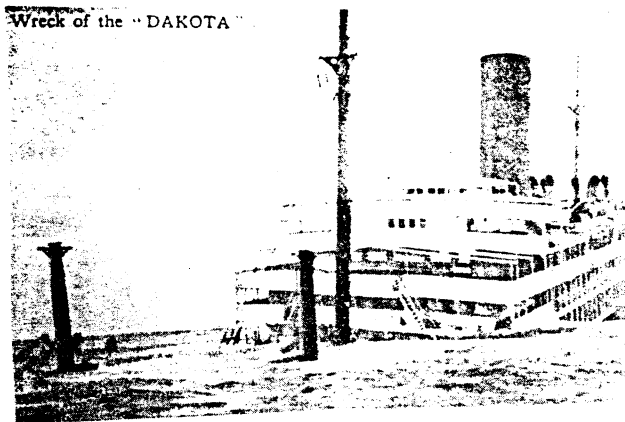
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Orange Brown, Hyphen-Hole 7, Watermarked Double Line PIRS.

The 13,306 ton SS Dakota, owned by the U.S. Great Northern Railway Co., was wrecked on March 3, 1907, near Tokyo, Japan, enroute from Seattle to Yokohama and Hong K. Most of the mail was saved but 80 bags, with 20,000 ordinary and 533 registered letters were washed ashore. Letters to the Philippines were processed in Manila on March 22, 1907.

Wreck of the "DAKOTA"



DAMAGED MAIL FROM  
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