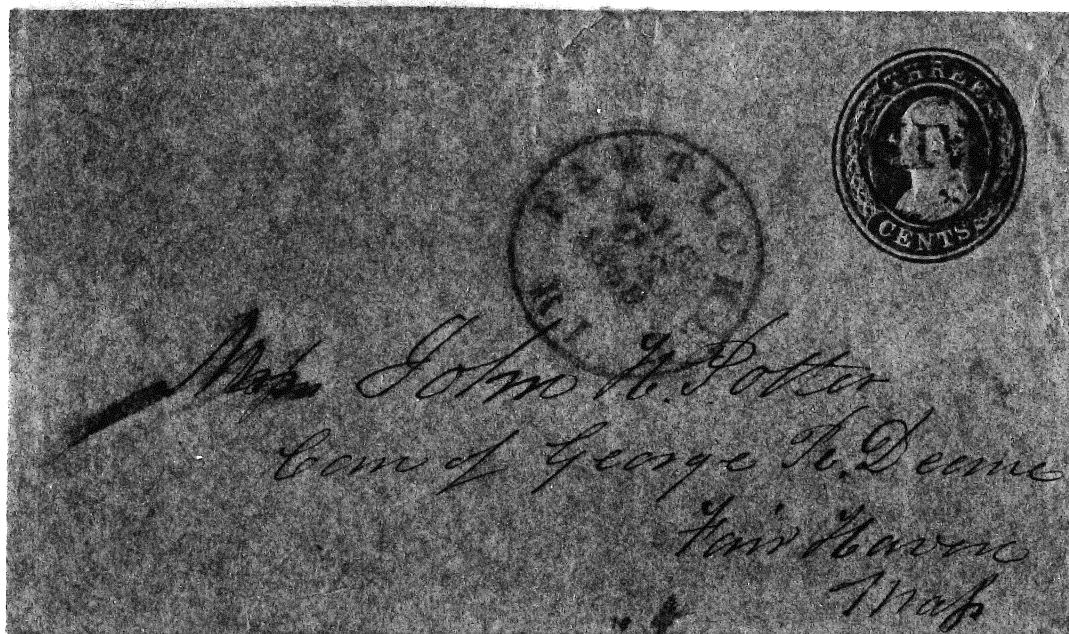


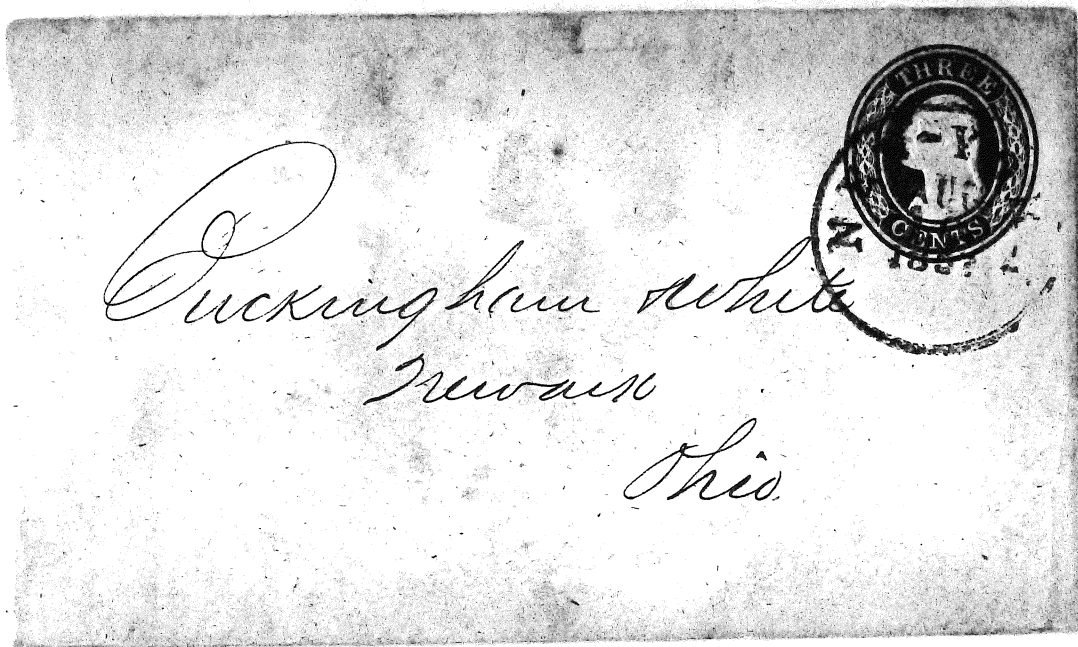


Die 5 Gp. 2 Head XV Type 14
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS Medina OH (B) Oct. 20

THREE widely spaced, center
 of 1st loop at right end of
 upper label omitted, left
 end of lower label falls away

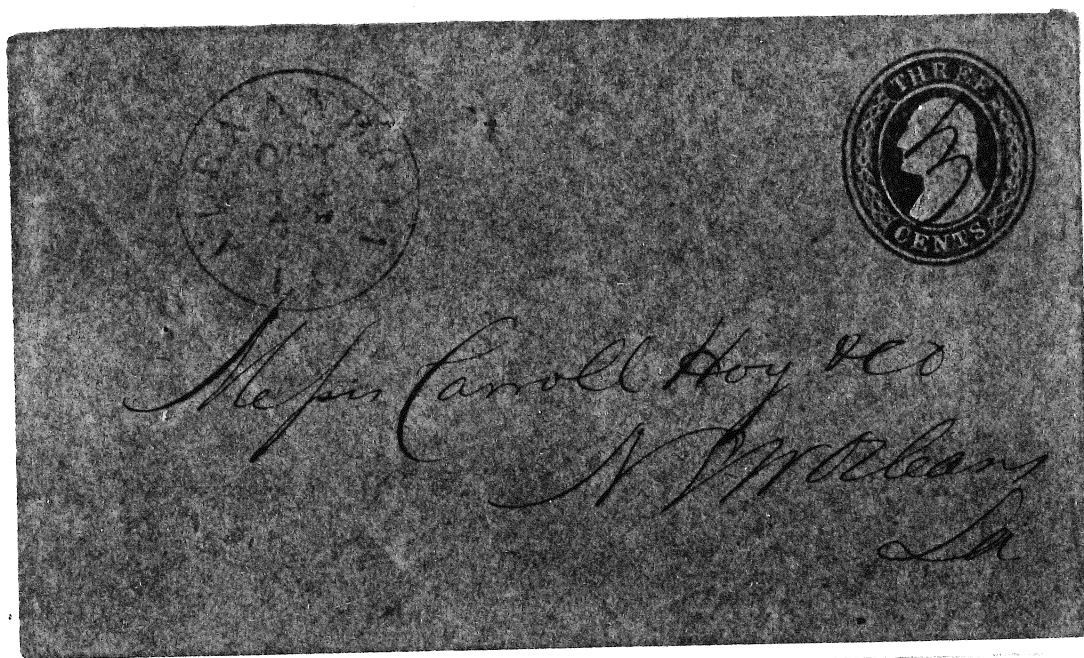


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 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS (R) Pawtucket RI Aug. 23, 1858

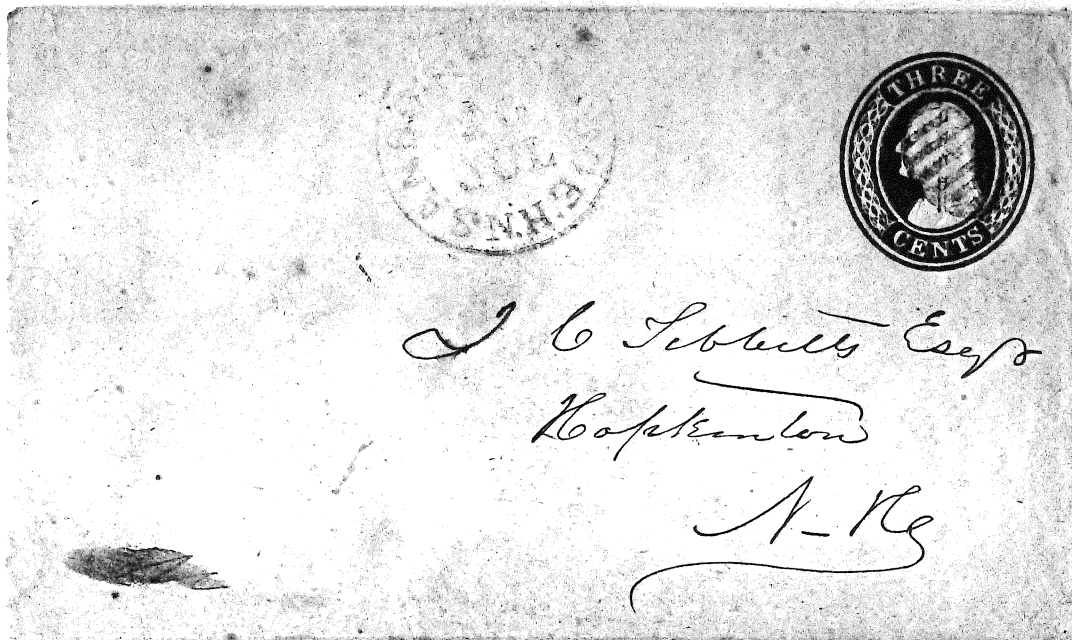


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 15
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS New York NY Aug.10,1857

RE very wide, ENTS high
 Open triangle outside
 RL curve

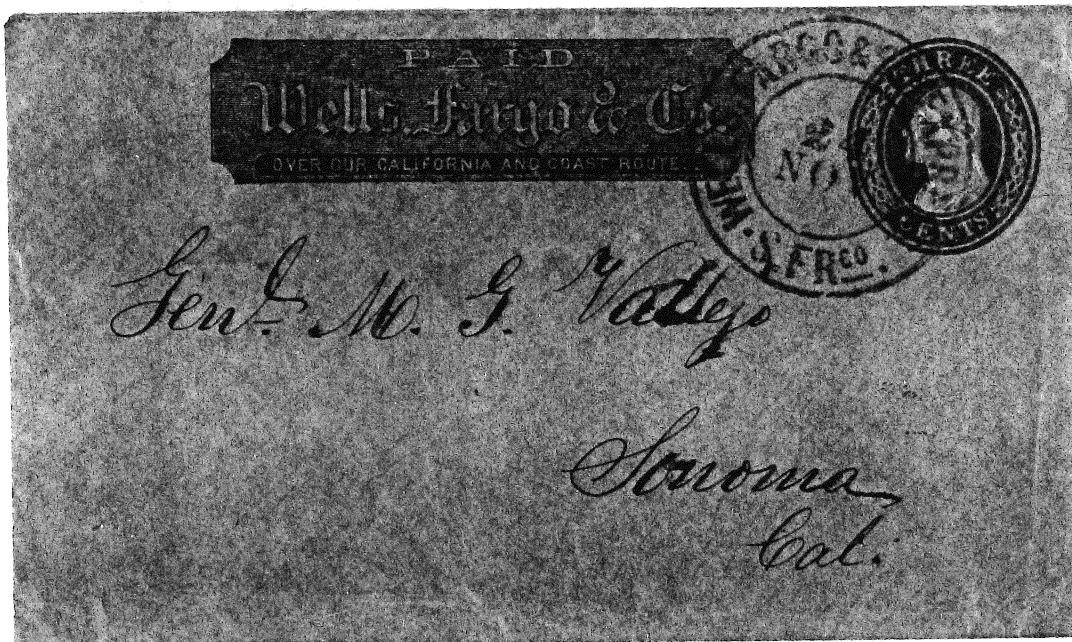


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 15
 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS (R) Alexandria LA Oct.14

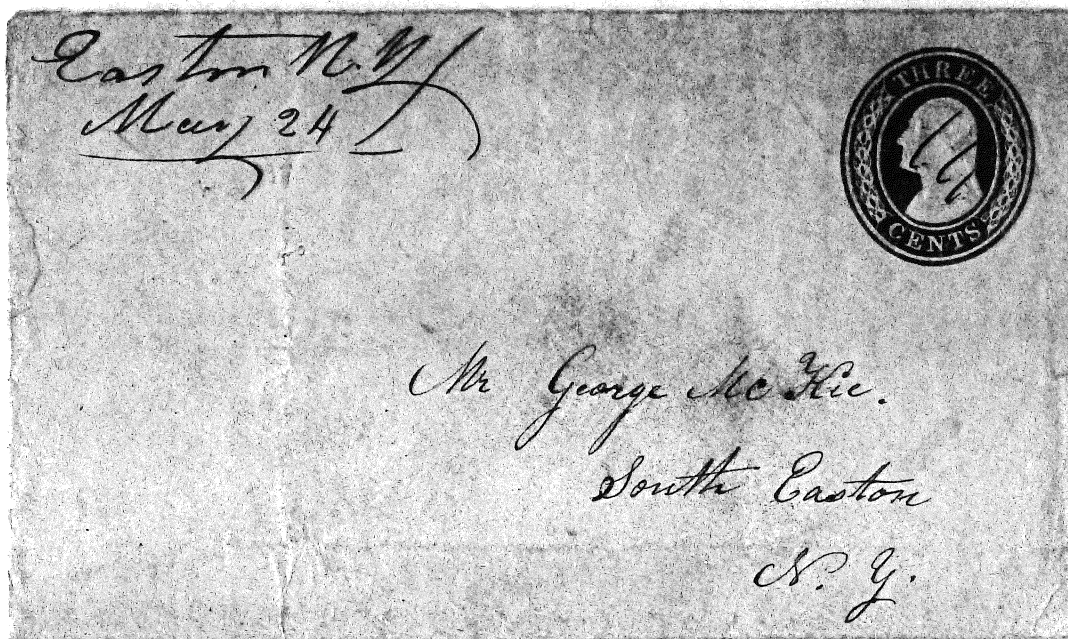


Die 5 Gp. 2 Head XV Type 16
 White Red 1953
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS Sanbo---dge NH July 20

Lower left curve falls
 away, N large & wide
 TS malaligned, S high

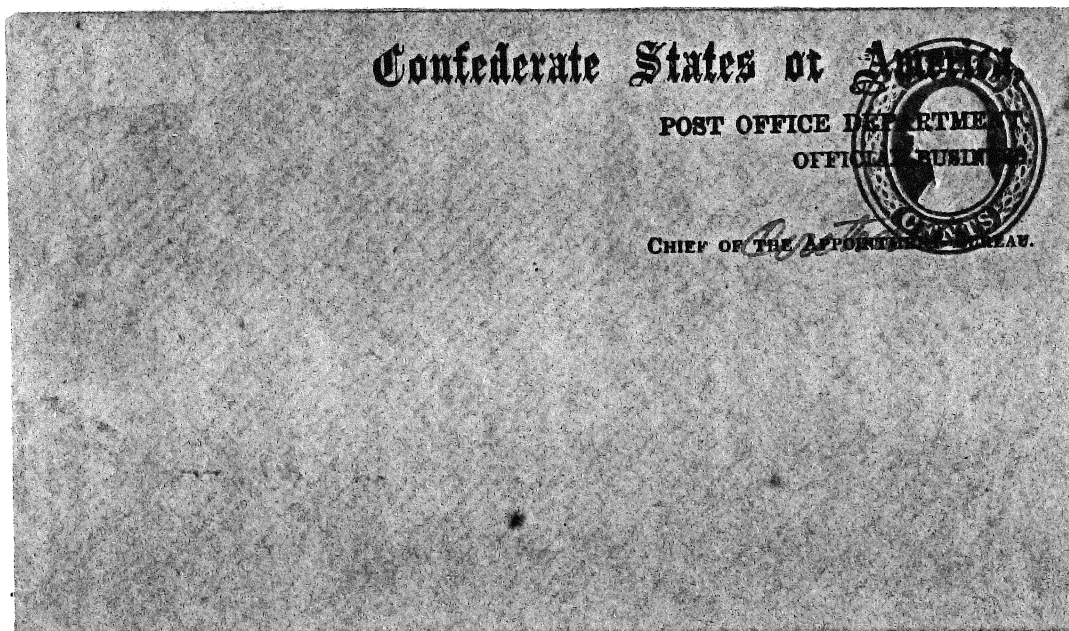


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 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 WF (BG) San Fran. Nov.24 (1858)
 Fr. WF Type 5

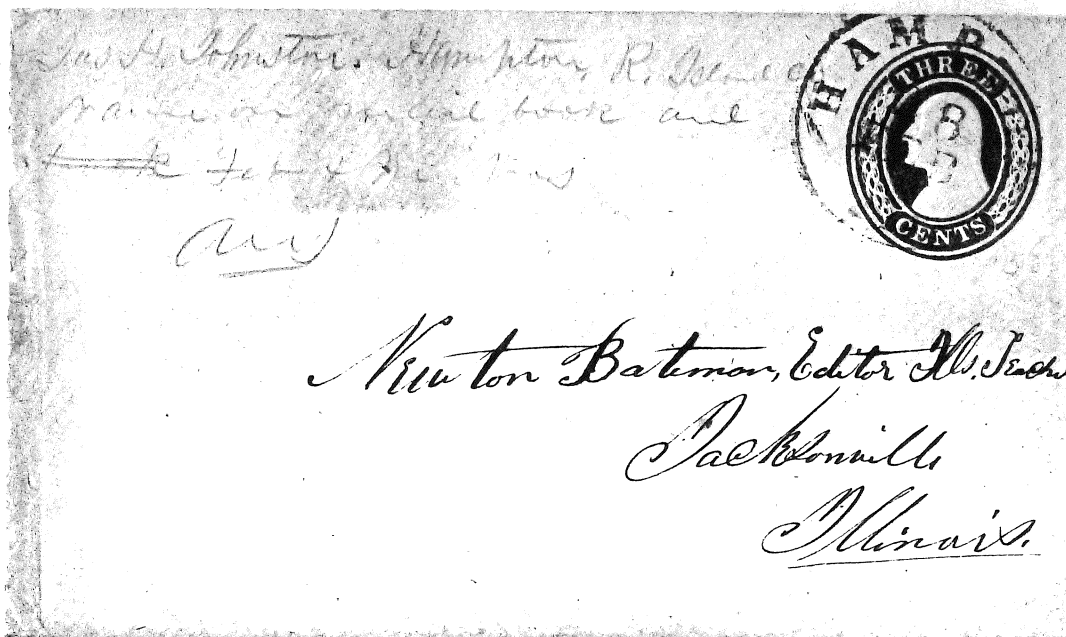


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 17
White Red 1853
Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
Ms Easton NY May 24

THREE low, R leans right
LL curve falls away
TS close S high

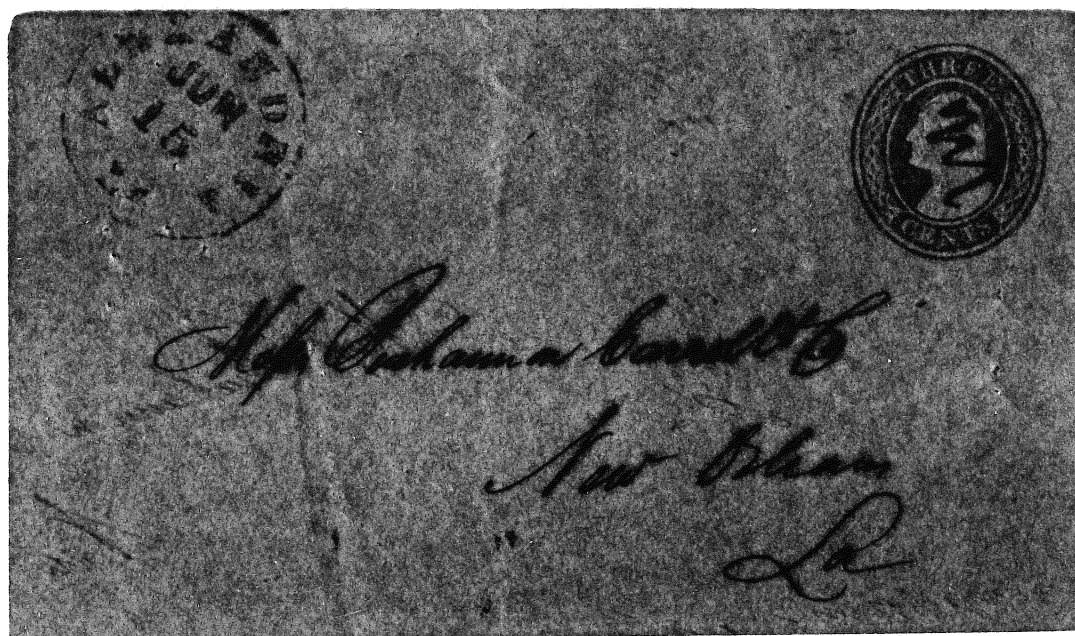


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Buff Red 1853
Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
CSA, POD Overprint
Chief of the Appointment Bureau, Coutsnott

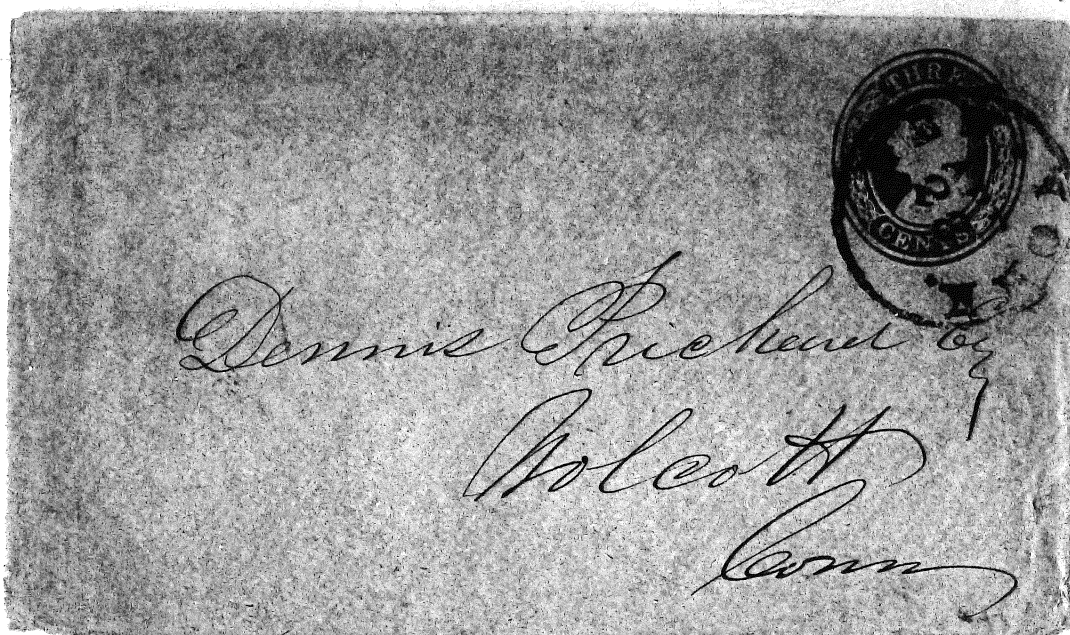


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 18
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS (B) Hampton RI Feb.28 (1858)

H high and far from R
 RE wide, Cents high
 N large , NT wide

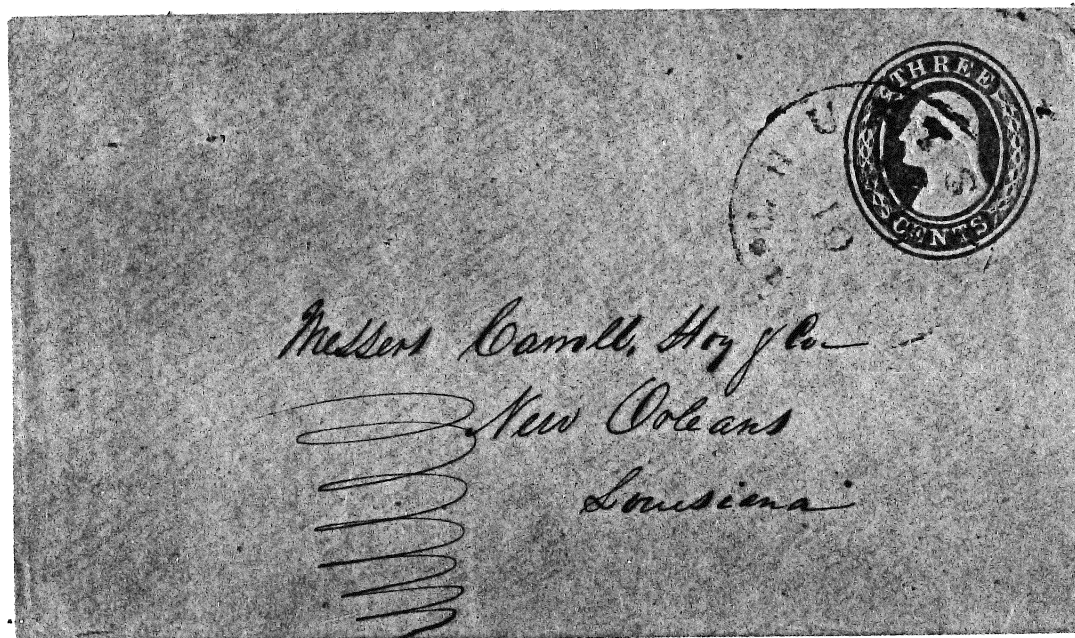


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 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS (R) Alexandria LA

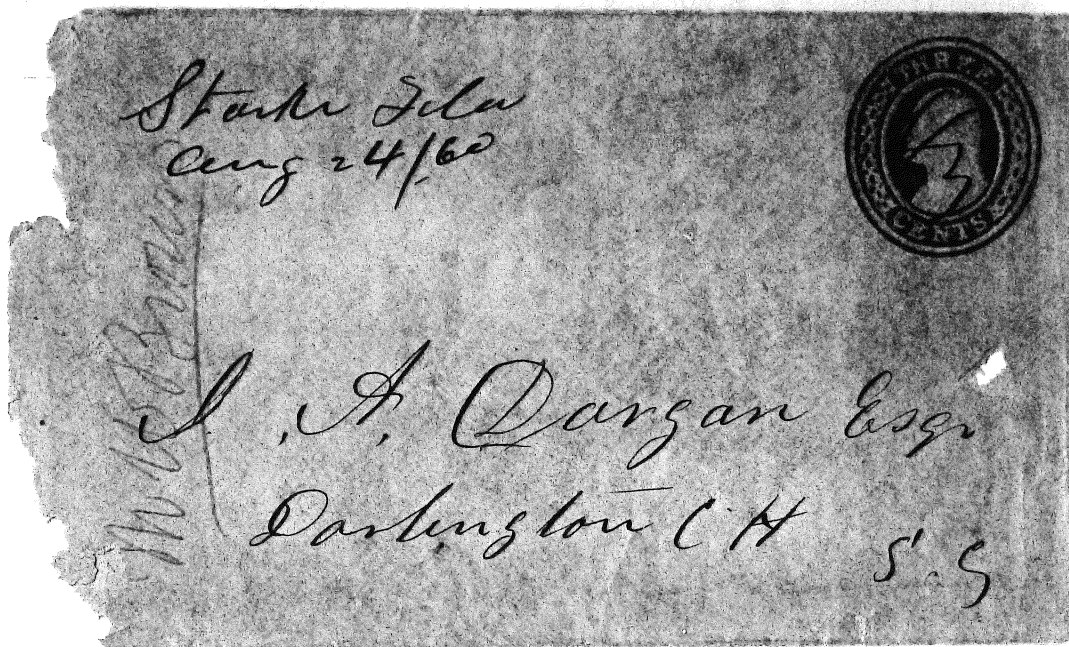


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 19
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS New York NY April 28

HRE wide CE close
 EN wide , N tall,
 NT wide

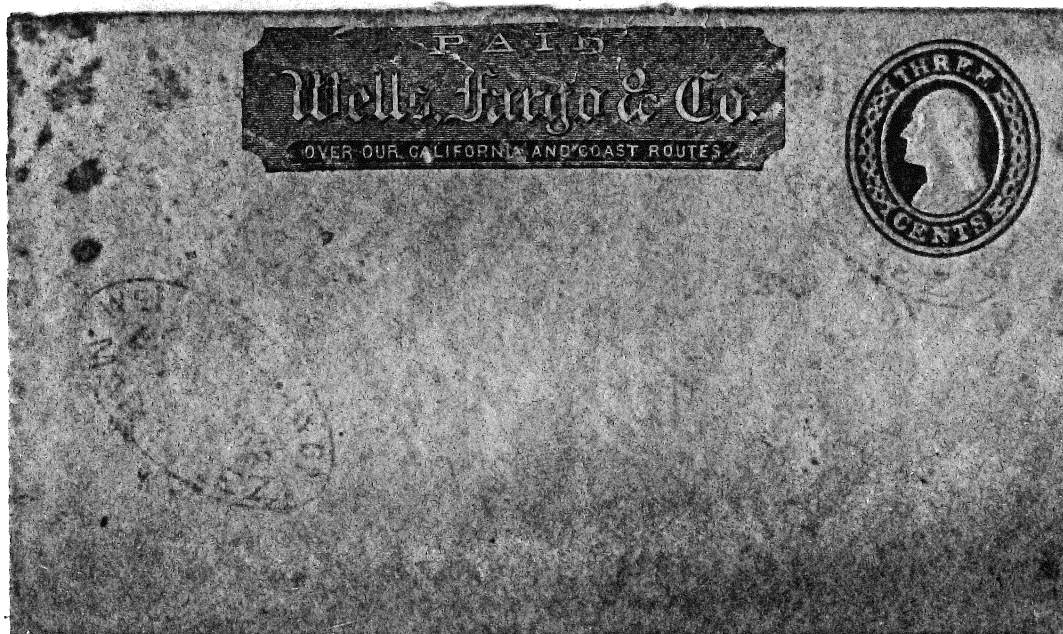


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 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS Huntsville TE May 10

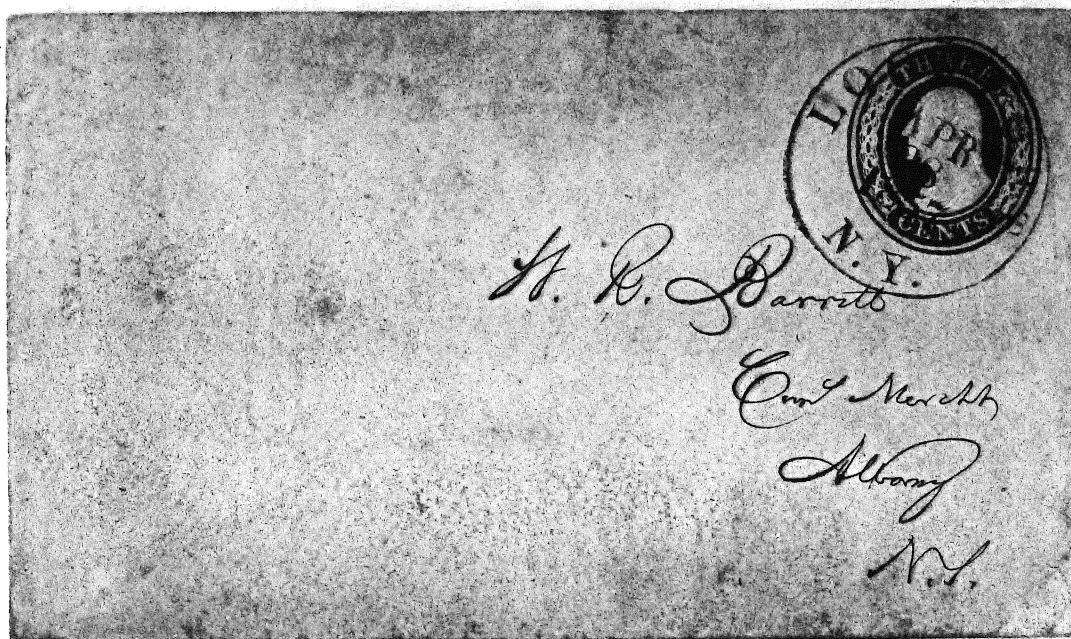


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 20
White Red 1853
Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
MS Starki FL Aug. 24, 1860

Three low in label
Final E far from curve
C high E low

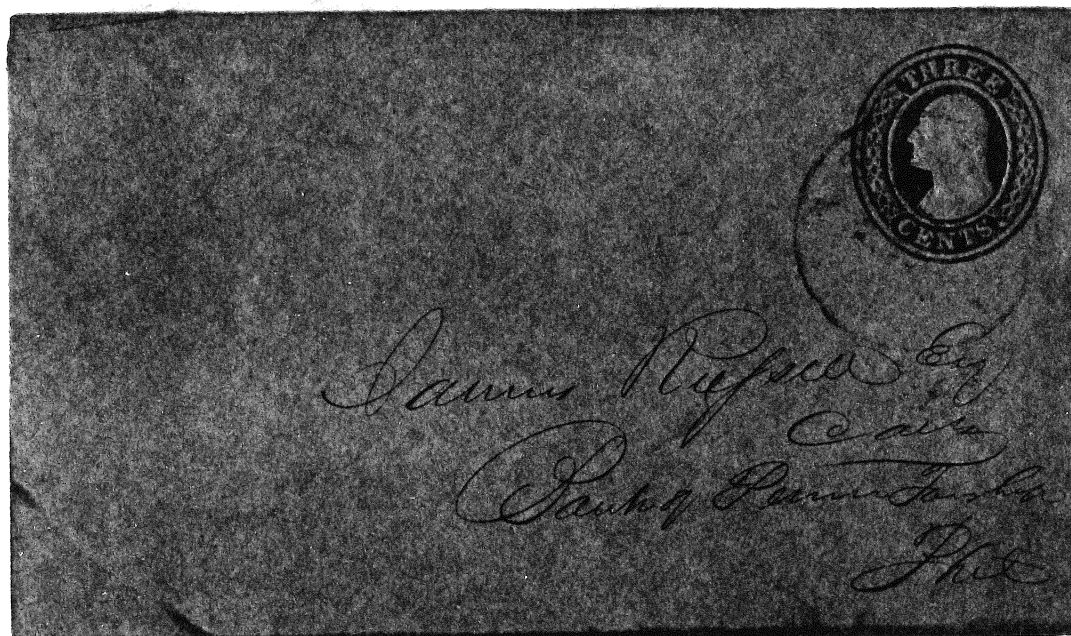


Die 5 Gp. 2 Head XV Type 20
Buff Red 1853
Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
ODS (G) W.F. & Co. Martinez
Fr.: WF & Co. Type E

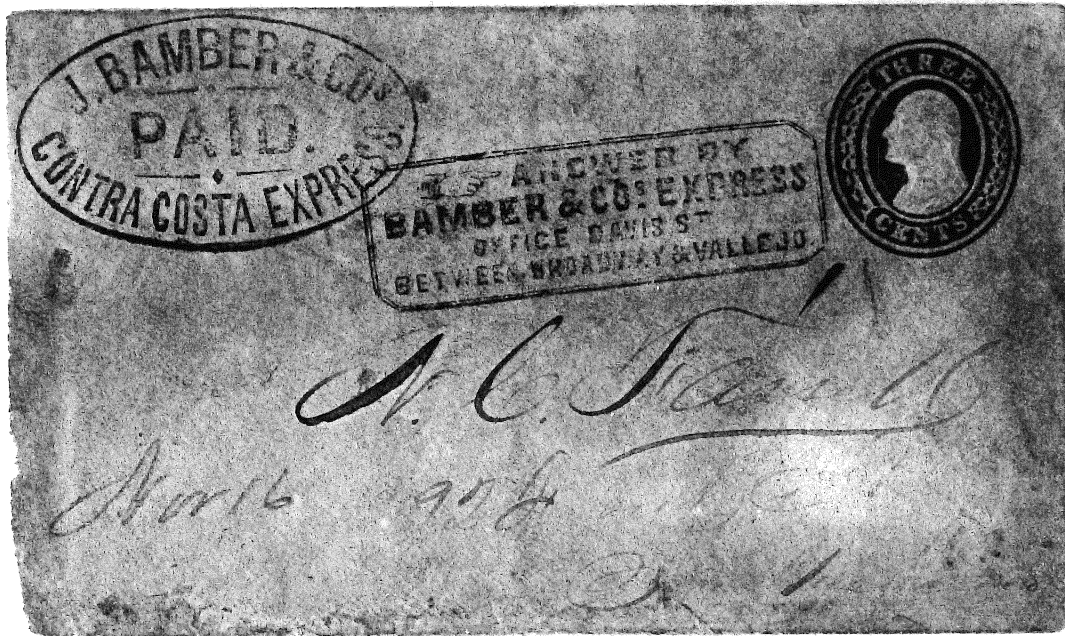


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 21
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS Lockport NY Apr.28,1857

THREE centered & spaced well
 E of CENTS low, Deep curves
 of lower label

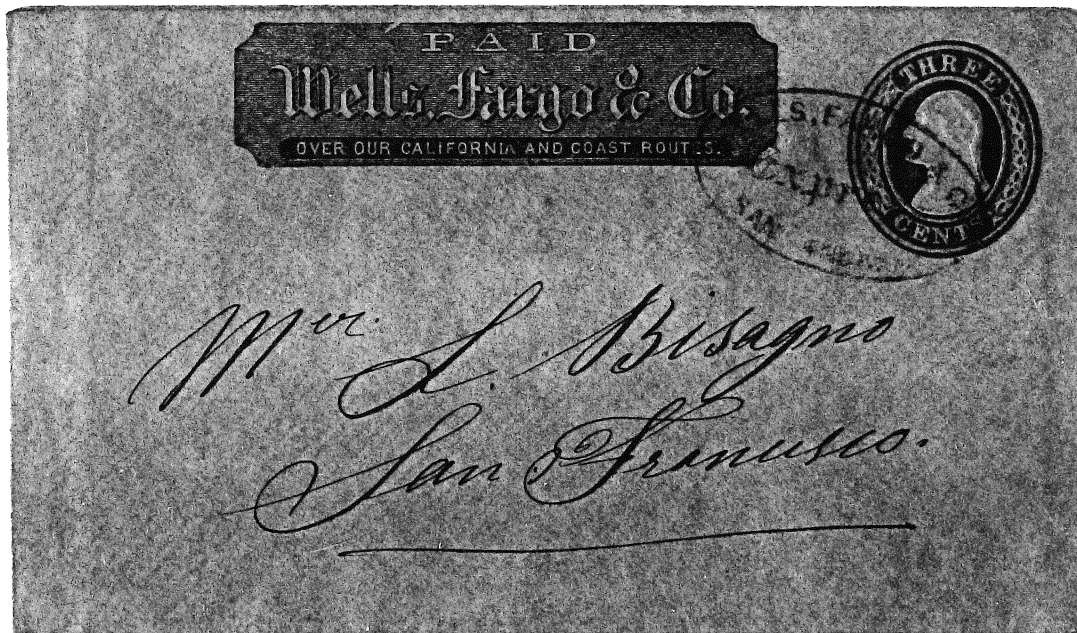


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 21
 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS Easton PA Mar. 29,1859

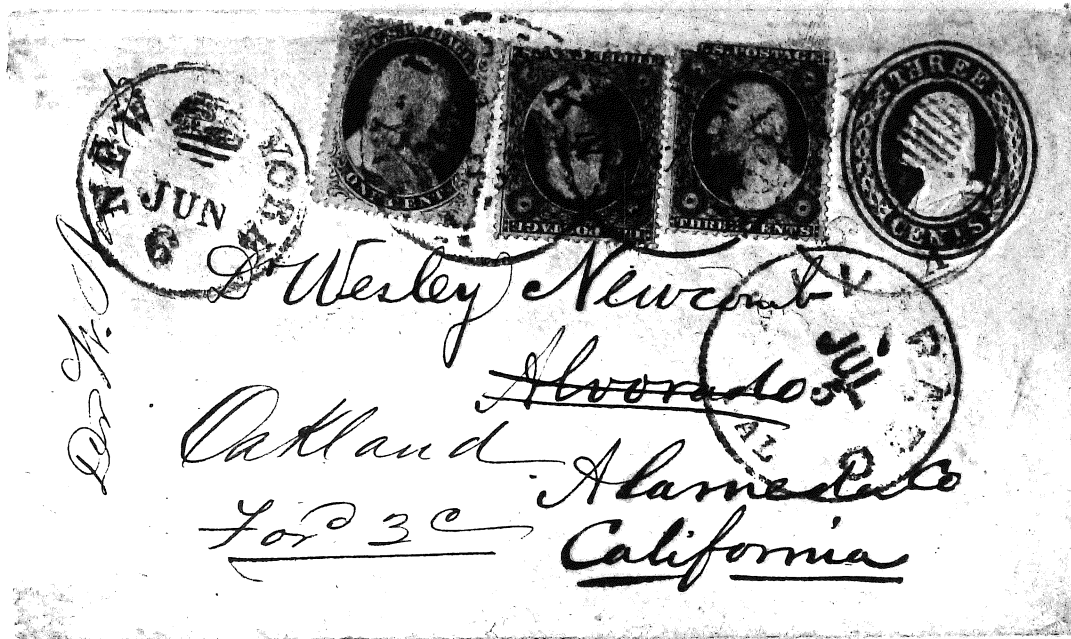


Die 5, Gp.1, Head XV, Type 22
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 Fr.: J.Bamber & Co.Contra Costa
 Express, PAID, Boxed Adv. (Nov.16)

THREE low in label
 TH parallel, HR wide
 CENTS even spaced & placed



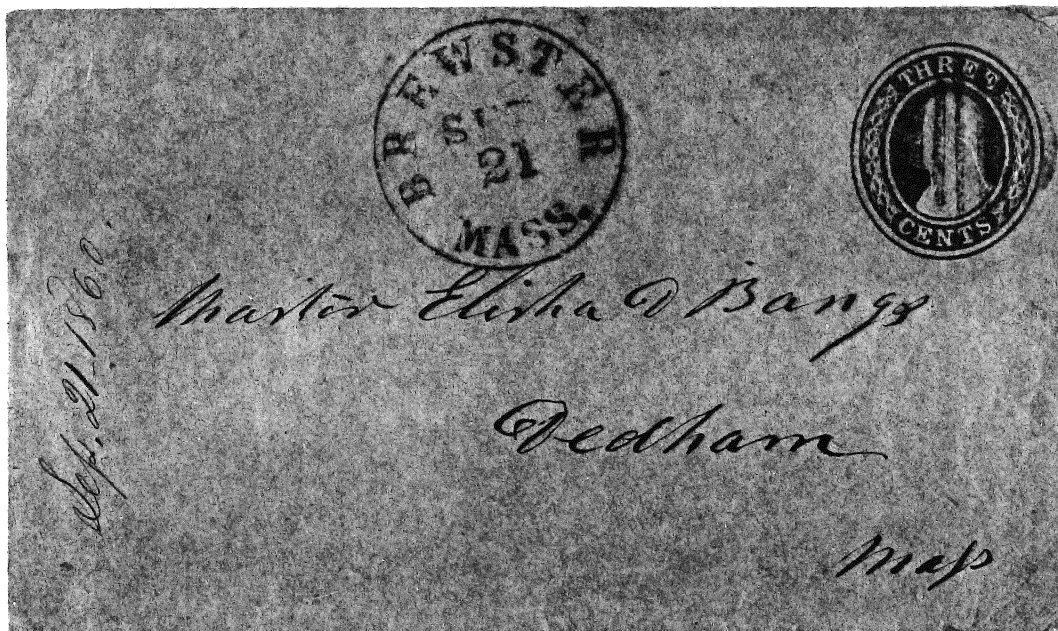
Die 5, Gp. 2, Head XV, Type 22
 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 Fr.: W.F.& Co. Type E
 ODS (B) W.F.& Co. San Andreas



Die 5 Gp.2 Head Xv Type 23
White Red 1853
Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
CDS New York May 30, 1858

T of THREE short
HR large & high, RE wide
EN close, NT wide

✓ New York (Ship) June 6 X 3 ; Rcd. Alverado Cal. July 5, Add. Fr.

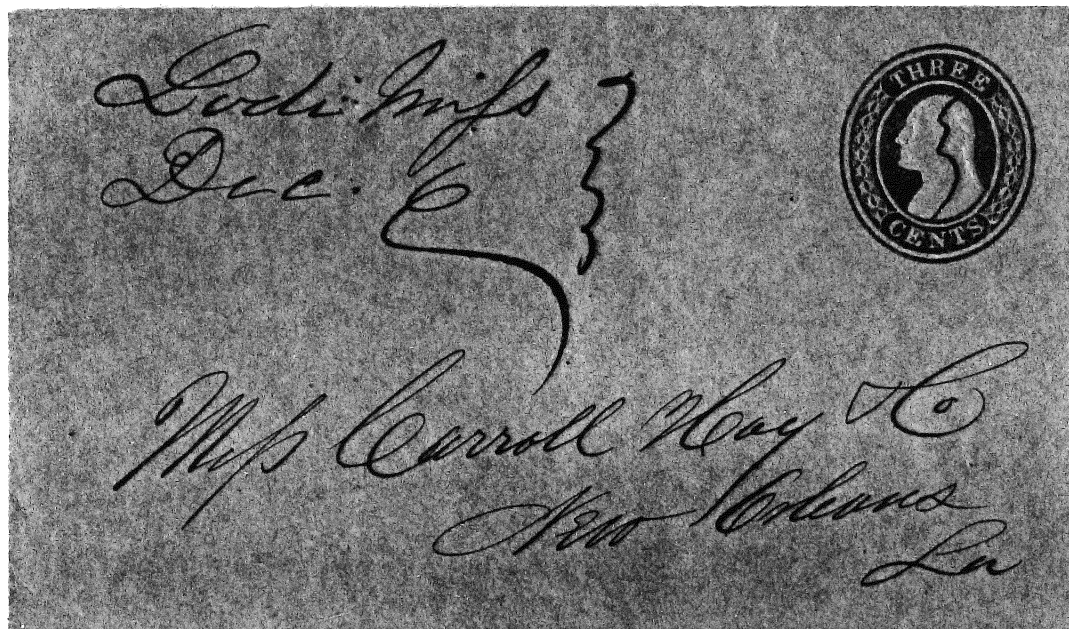


Die 5 Gp. 2 Head XV Type 23
Buff Red 1853
Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
CDS Brewster MA Sept. 21

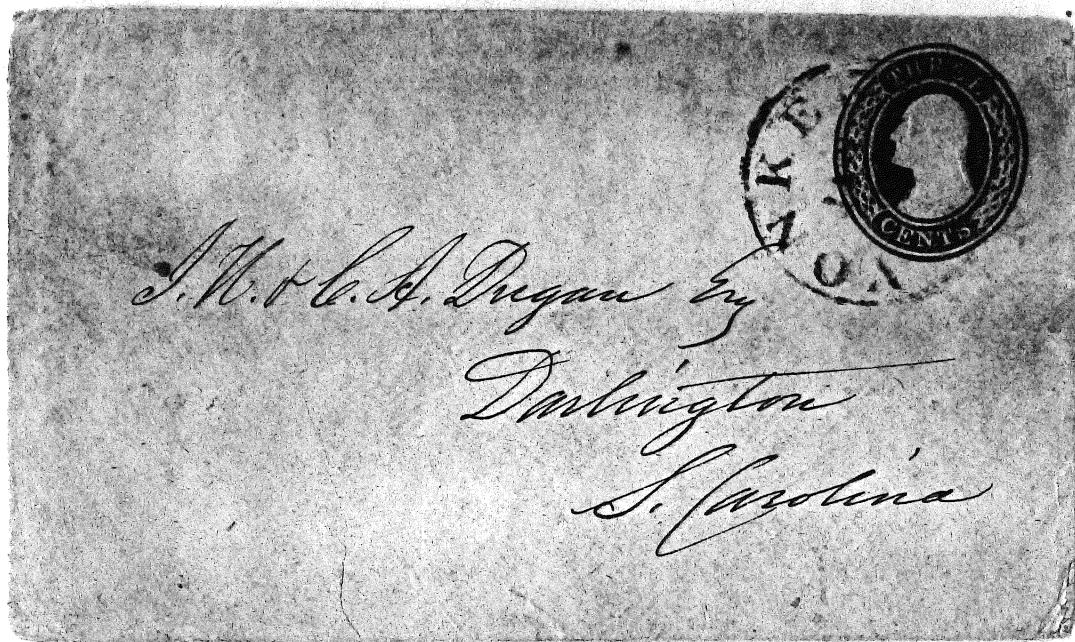


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 24
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 Ms Limee Centre MO Oct.18

TH parallel, HR wide
 RE wider, Deep curve RL label
 C low, TS high

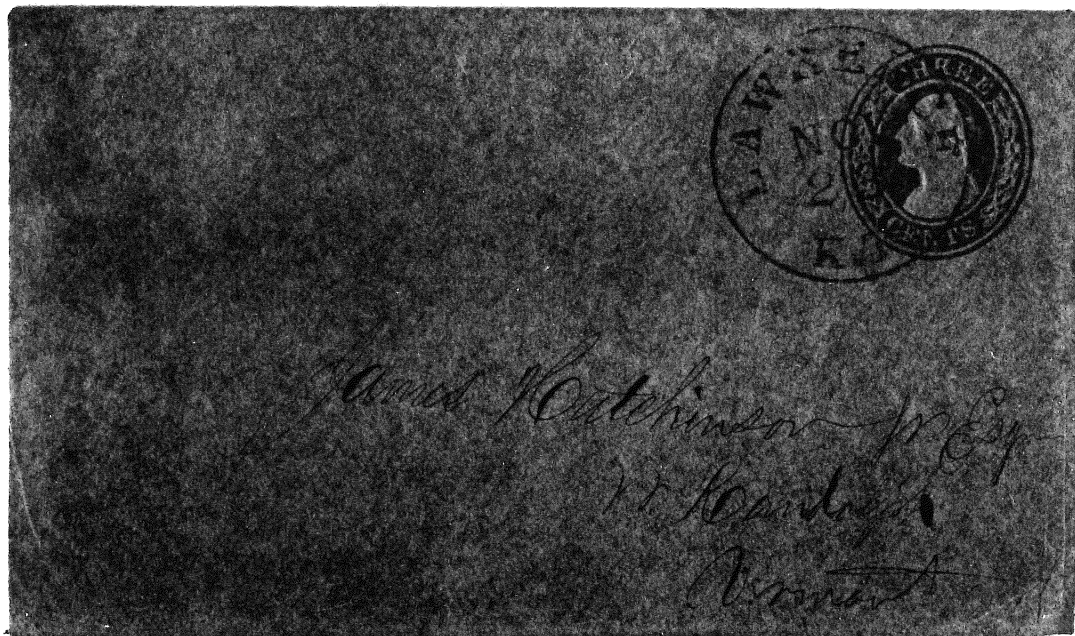


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 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 Ms Lodi MS Dec. 6

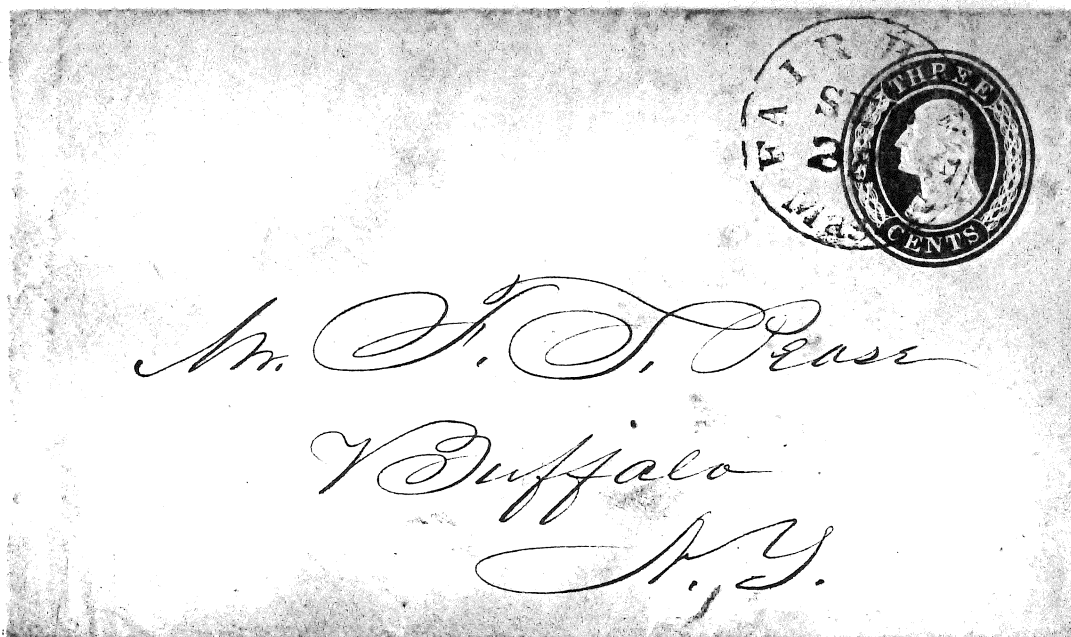


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 25
White Red 1853
Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
CDS Yonkers NY Jan. 9

Extra line on inside of
engine work above third
loop, THREE low in label
EN malaligned, S above T

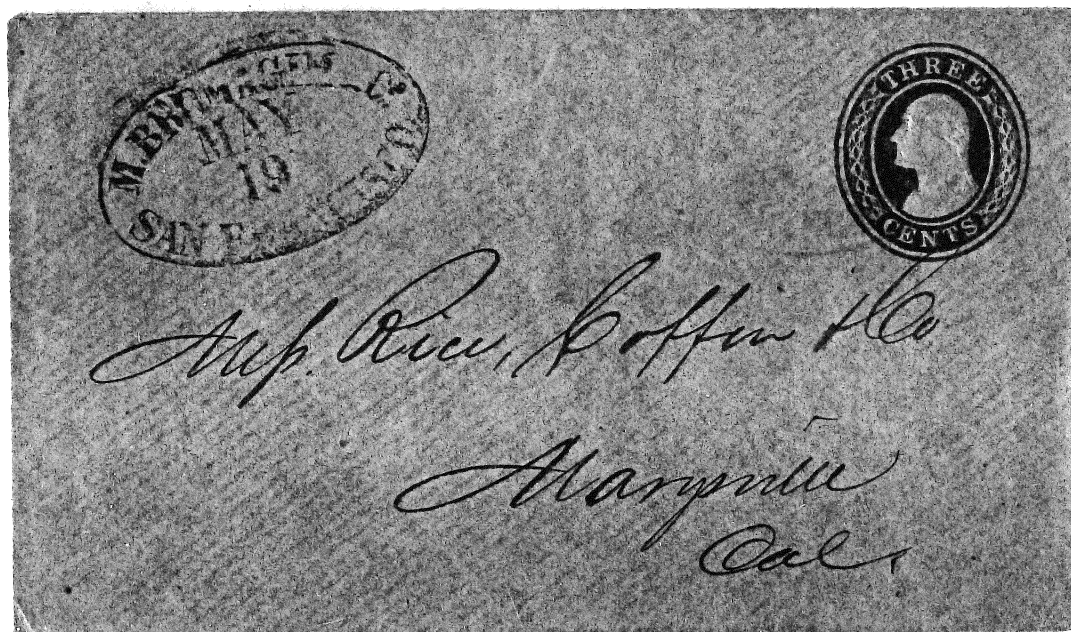


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Buff Red 1853
Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
CDS Lawrence K.I. Nov. 23

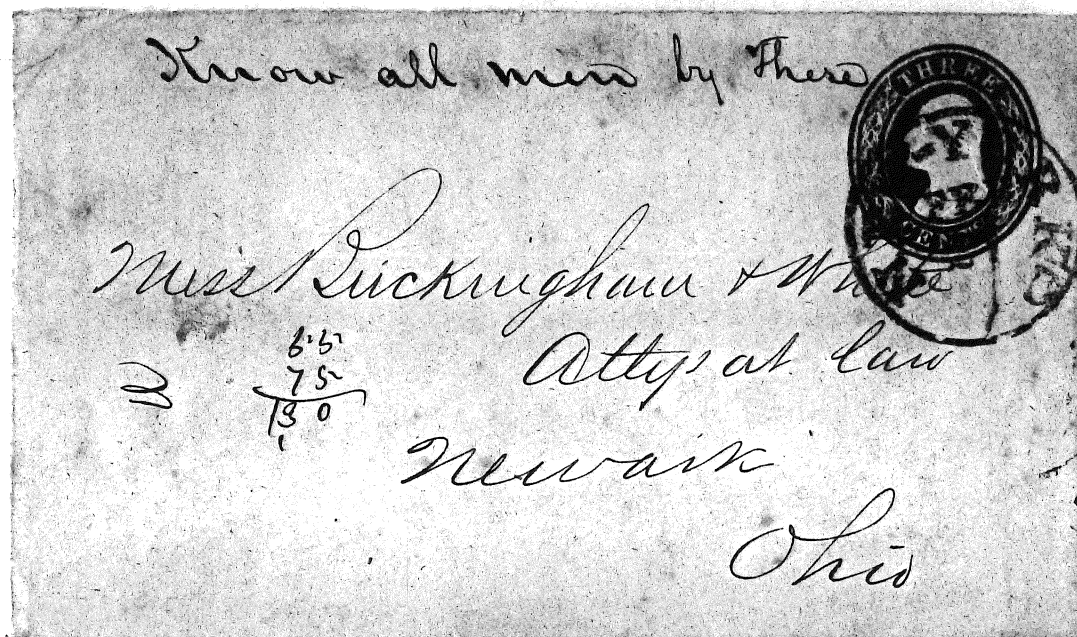


Die 5 Gp. 2 Head XV Type 26
 White RED 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS Fair Haven MA Sept. 28

HRE wide at top, EE low
 Rt. curve flattened below
 Lower left curve strength.

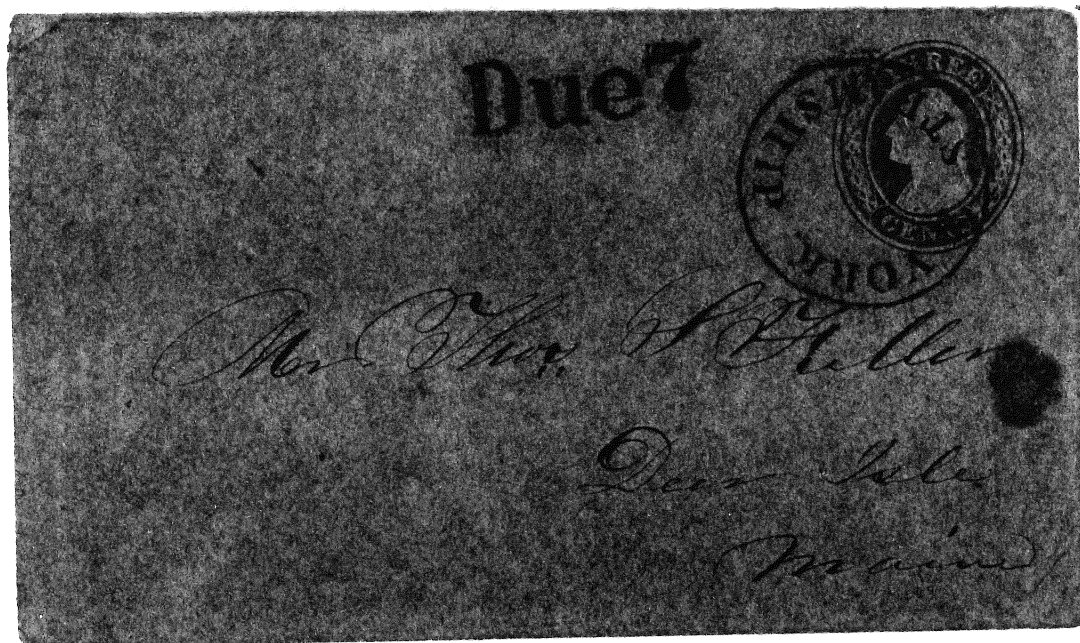


Die 5 Gp. 2 Head XV Type 26
 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 ODS W.F. & Co. San Francisco Cal
 cc. M. Bromagim & Co. May 19

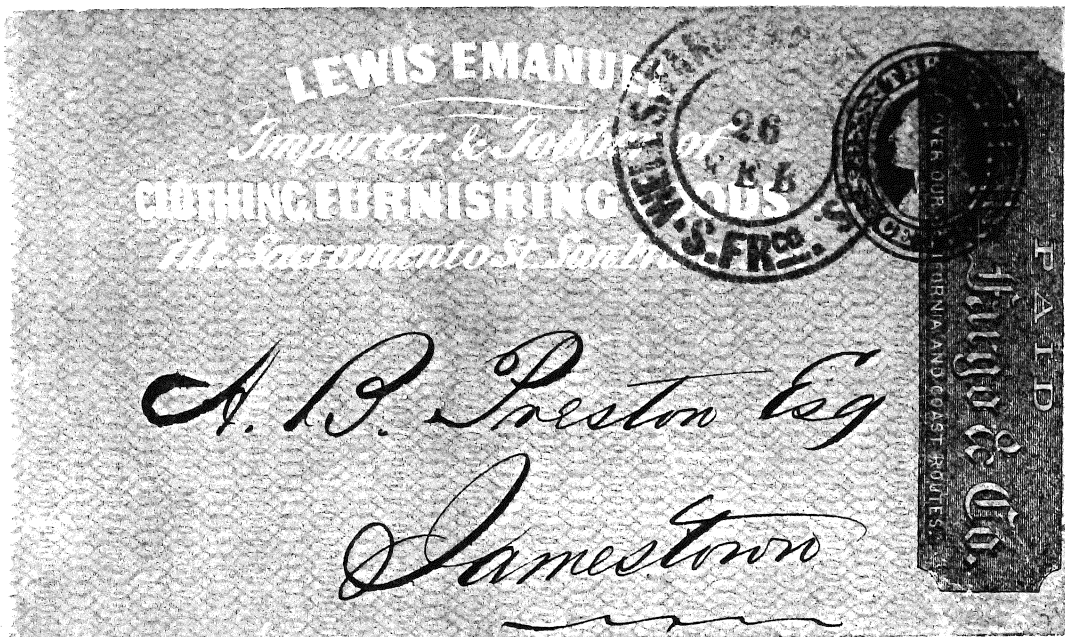


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 27
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS New York Feb. 27

Cross-bar of H low, REE low
 Final E far from curve
 C heavily backed & far from
 curve. N heavy esp. center bar.

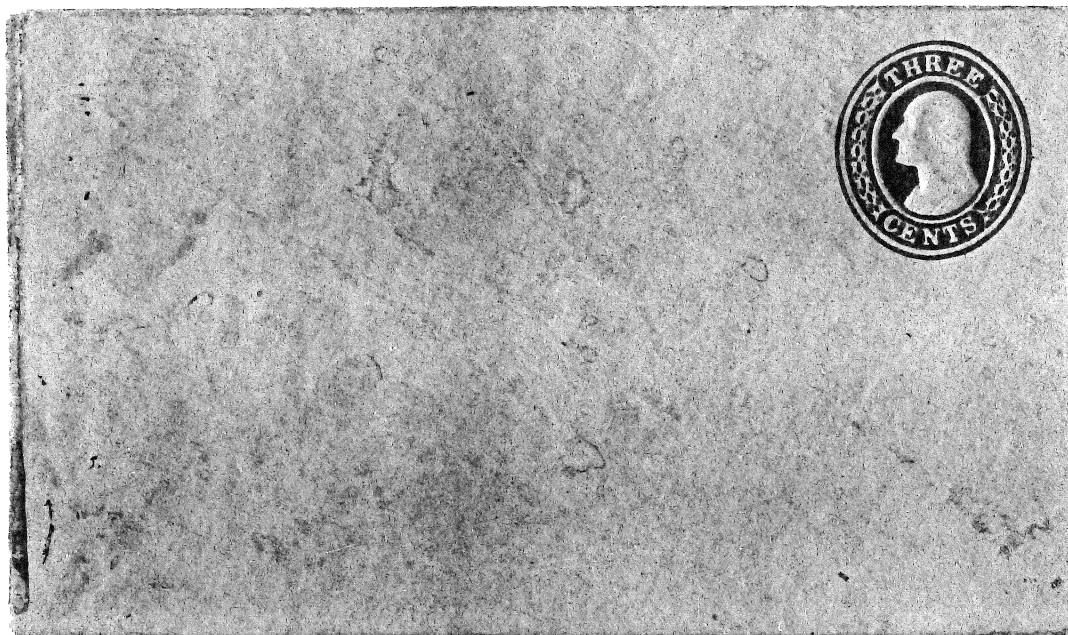


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 27
 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS N. YORK STEAMSHIP undated
 DUE 7

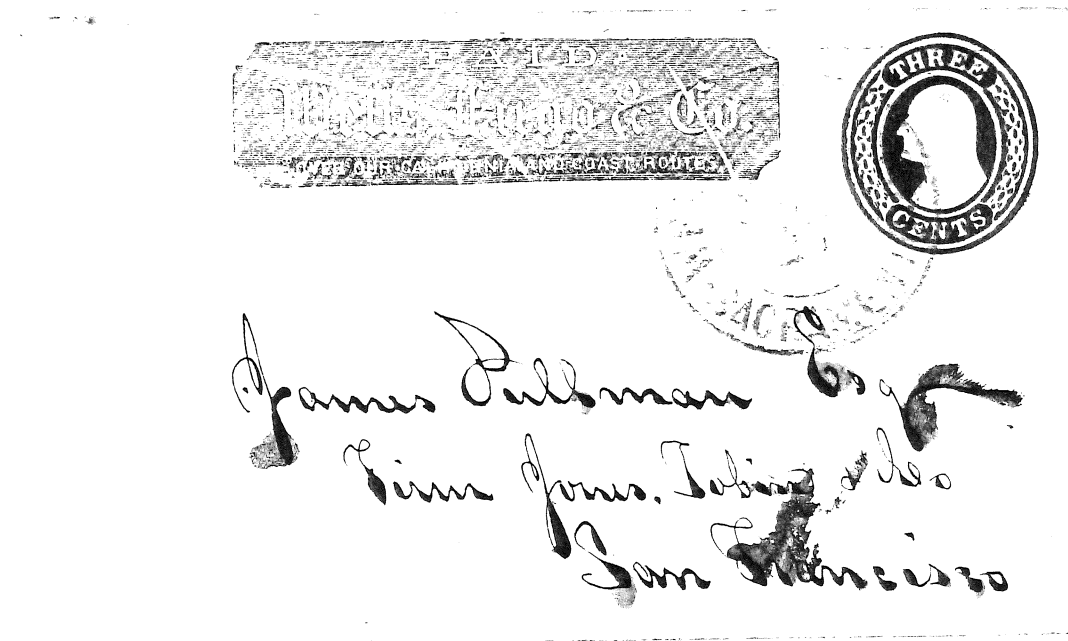


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 28
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 CDS (B) W.F. & Co. S.F.Rco. Feb.26
 Fr.: W.F. & Co. Type, Vertical R
 Over-all Neg. Green Adv.

T of THREE small & heavy
 HR tall, EE low, CE level
 S far from curve

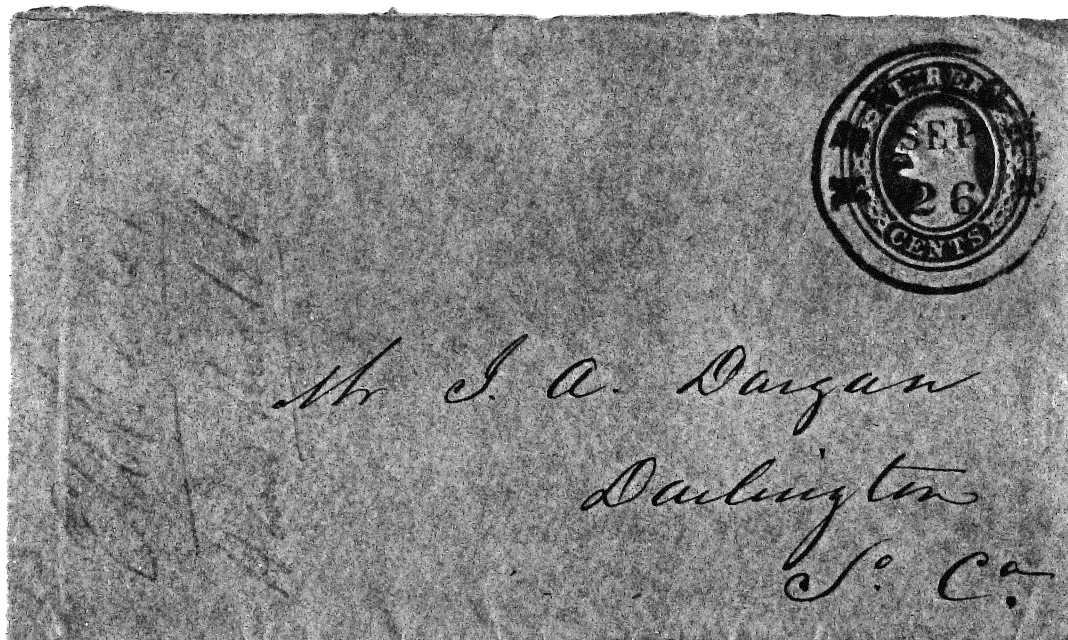


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 Size 7 Knife 20

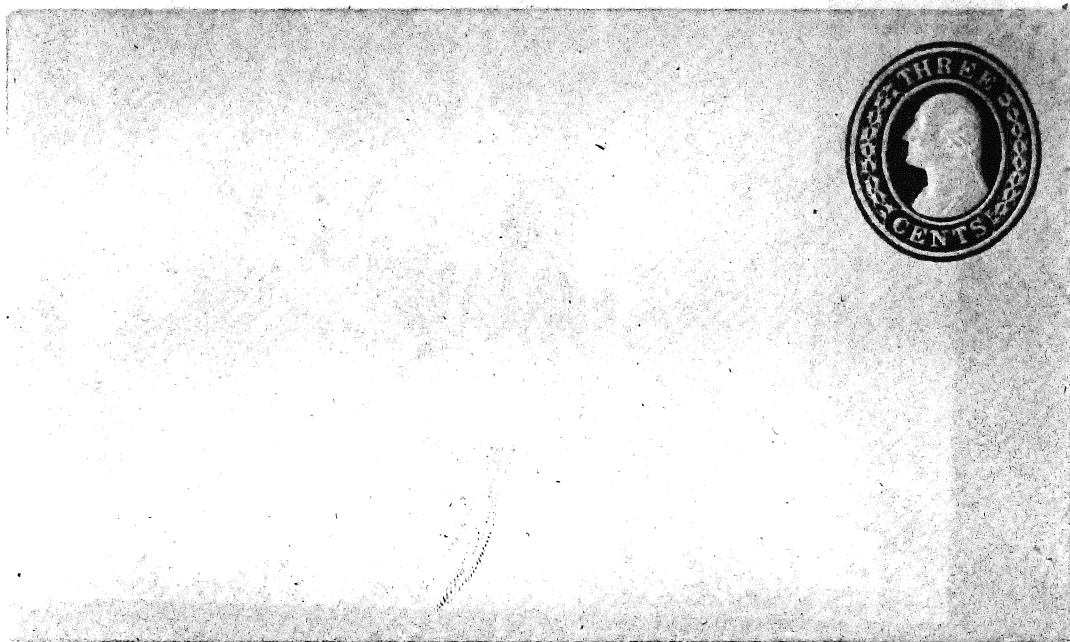


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 29
 White RED 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
 Fr.: W.F. & Co. Type E
 DCDS (B) W.F. & Co. Sacramento Nov. 27

THR close, T low
 Deep round curves upper label
 EN close, NTS wider

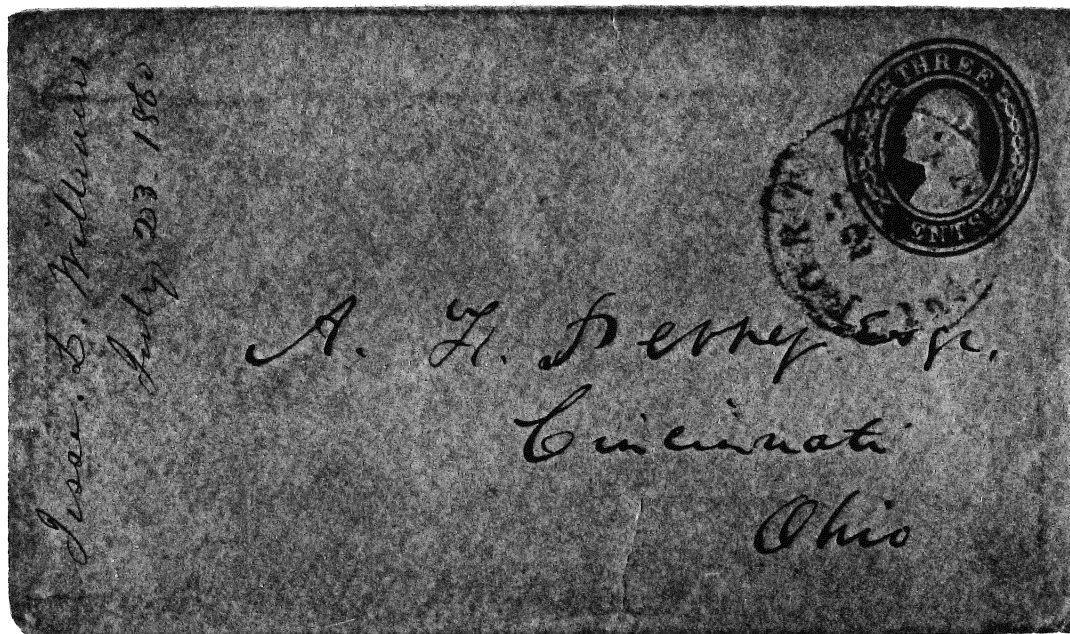


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 Buff REd 1853
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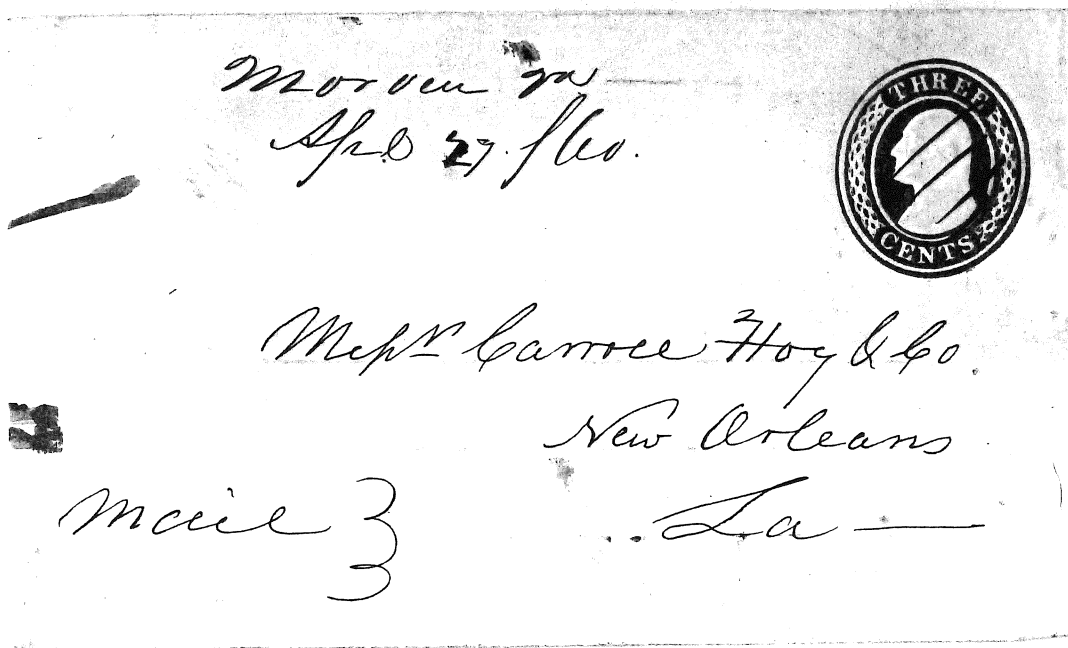


Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 30
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)

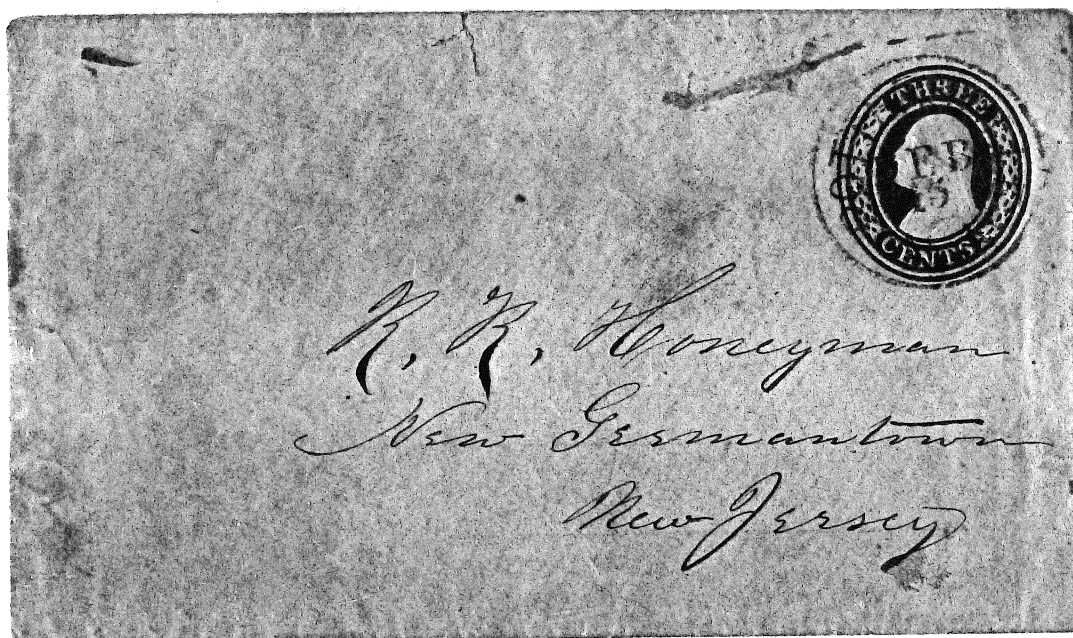
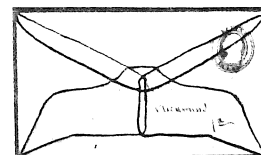
TH close, HR wide, RE wider
 Last E far from curve, CEN low
 EN close, NT far, Curve parallel
 to back of C



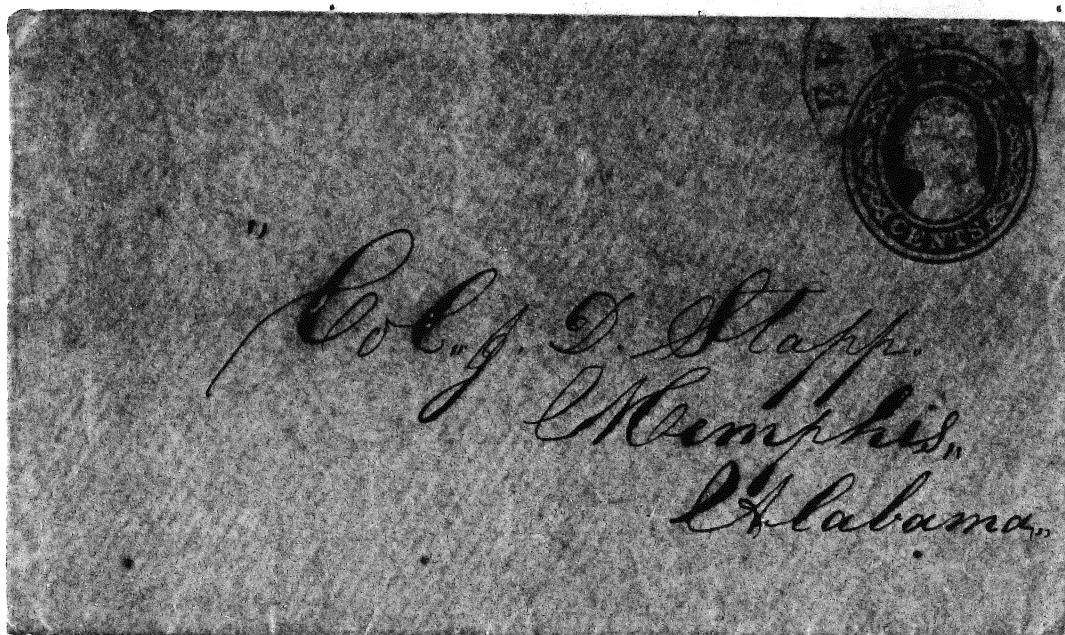
Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 30
 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS Fort Wayne IN July 24



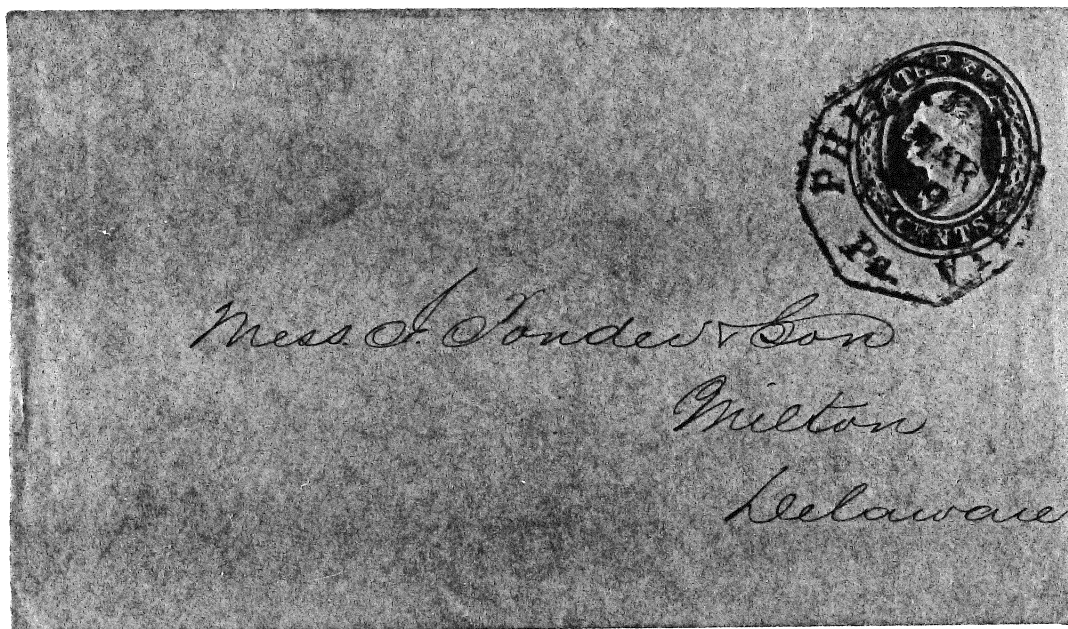
Die 5 Group 1 Type 1
White Red 1853
Size 7 Knife 21
Ms.: MONROE Va. Apr 27 1860



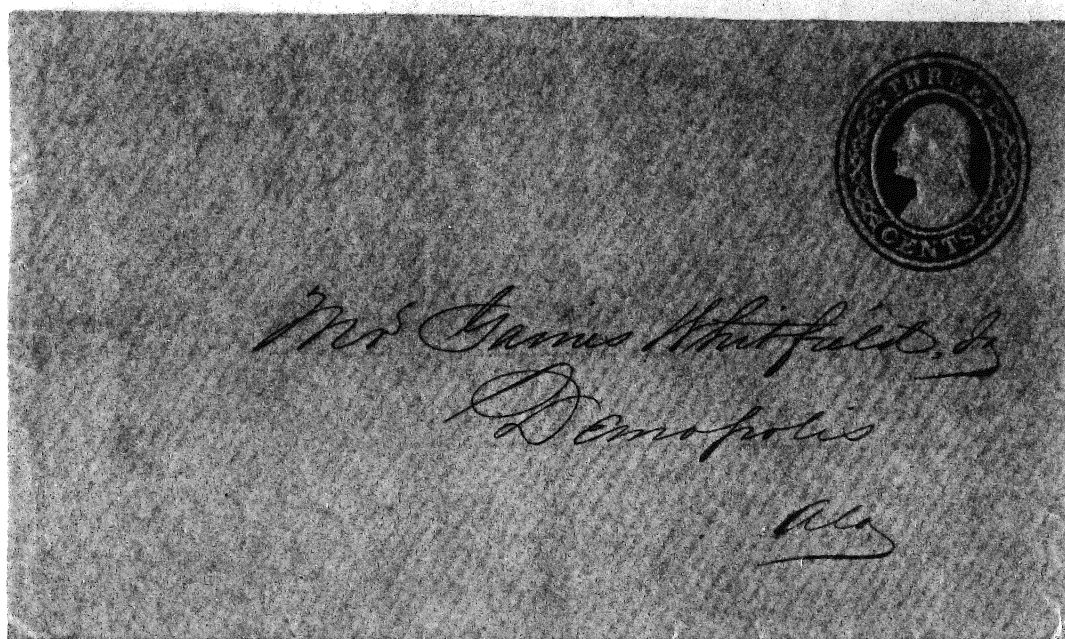
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Buff Red 1853
Size 7 Knife 21
CDS POTTERSVILLE NJ Feb 15



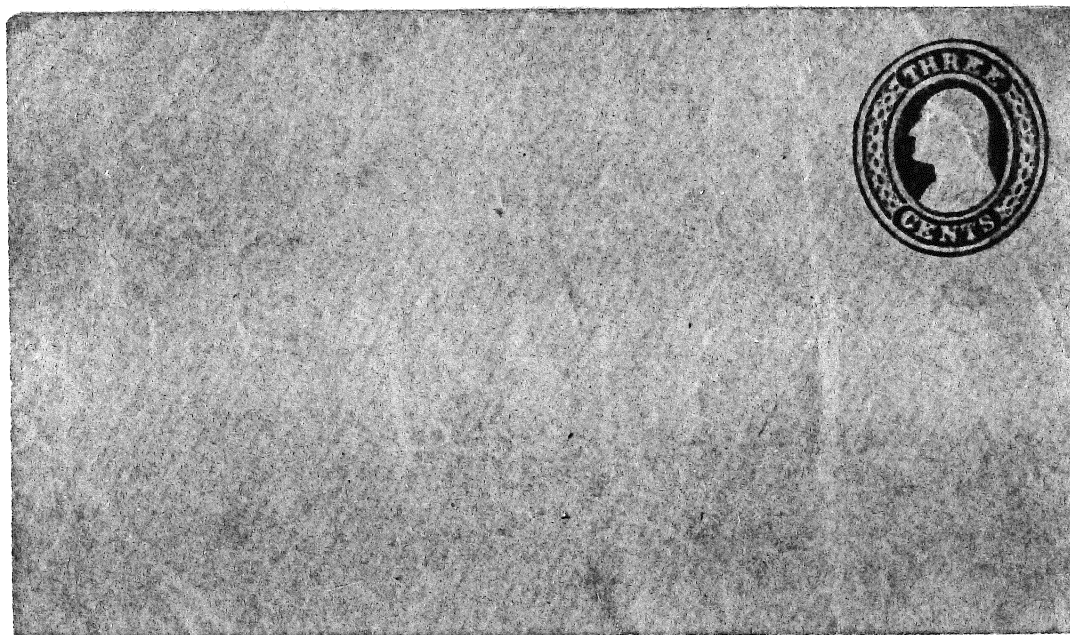
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Buff	Red	1853
Size 7		Knife 21
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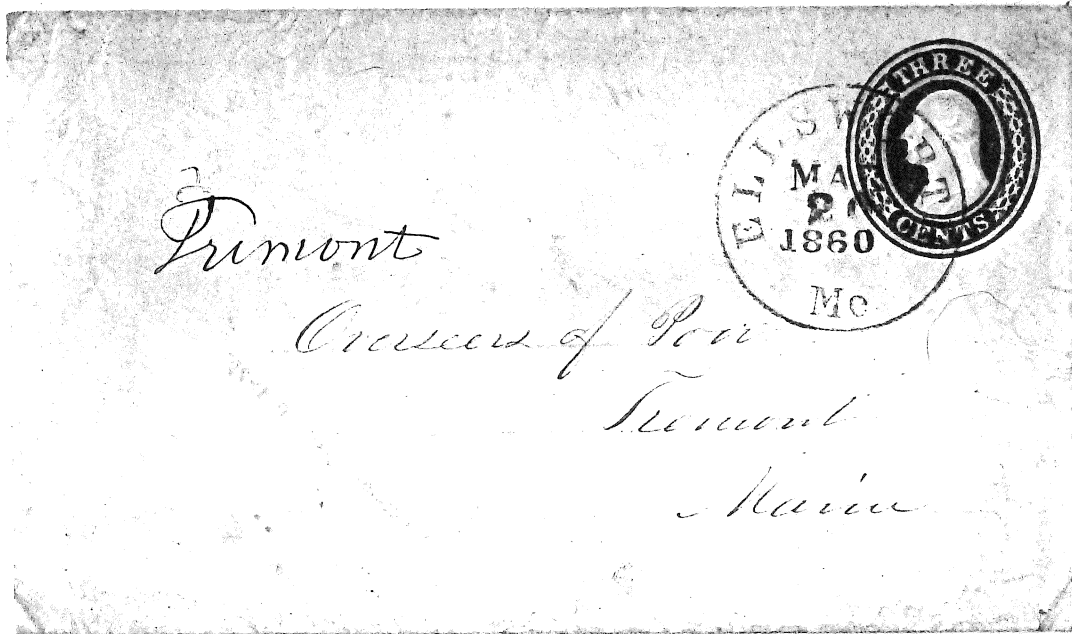
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Buff	Red	1853
Size 7		Knife 21
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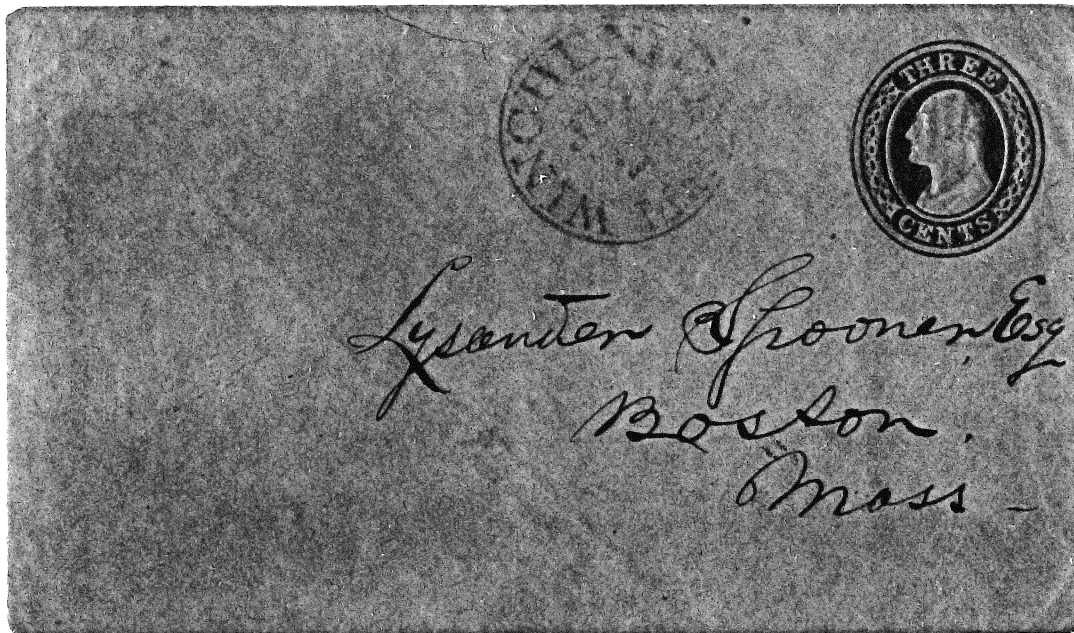
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Buff	Red	1853
Size 7		Knife 21
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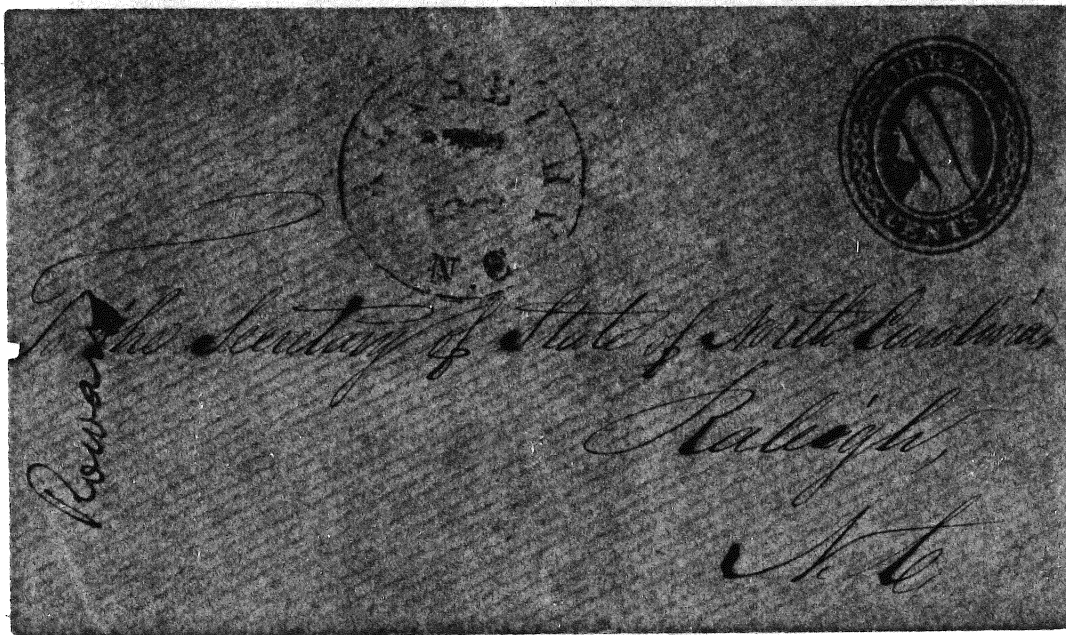
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Buff	Red	1853
Size 7		Knife 21
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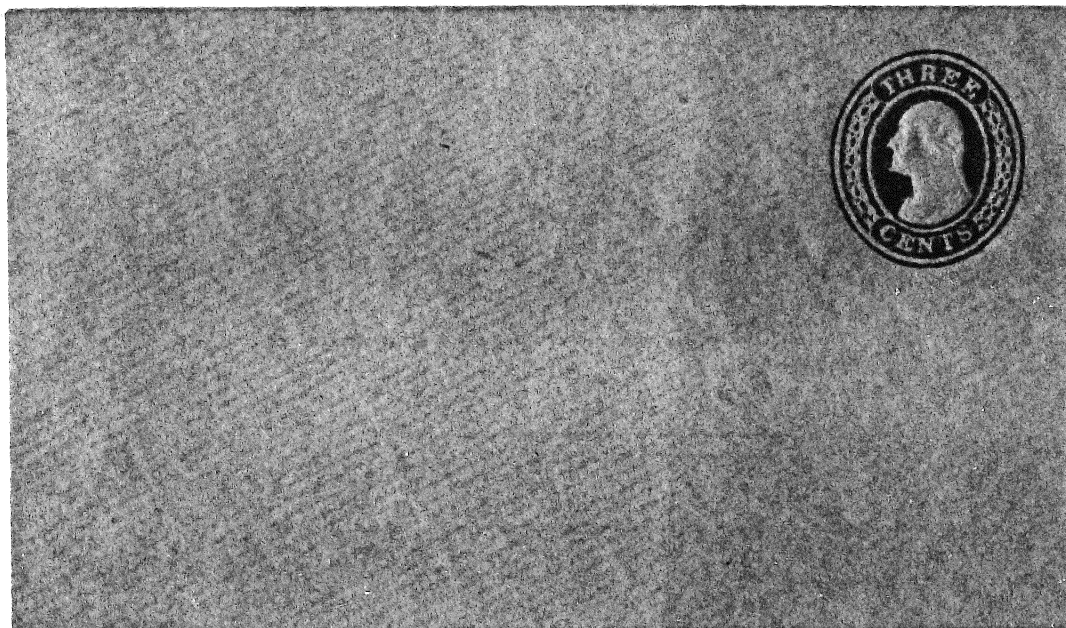
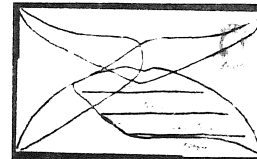
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 WHITE Red 1853
 Size 7 Knife 21
 CDS ELLSWORTH Me MAR 20 1860



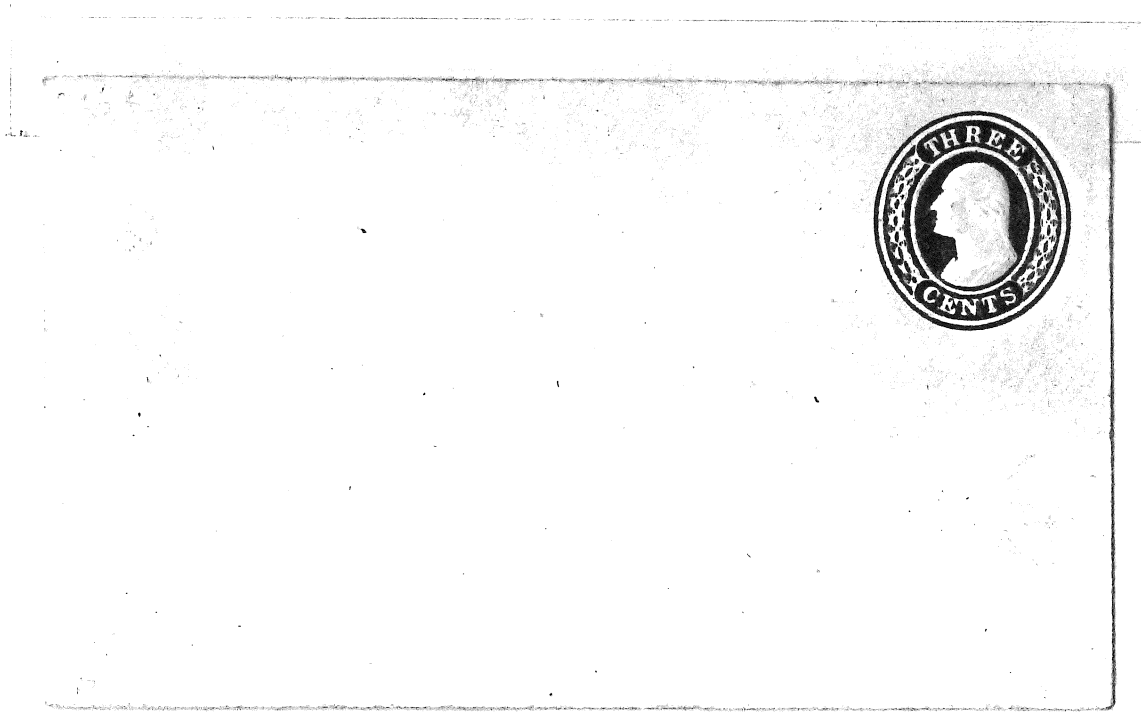
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 BS DC BOSTON Mass. JULY 24



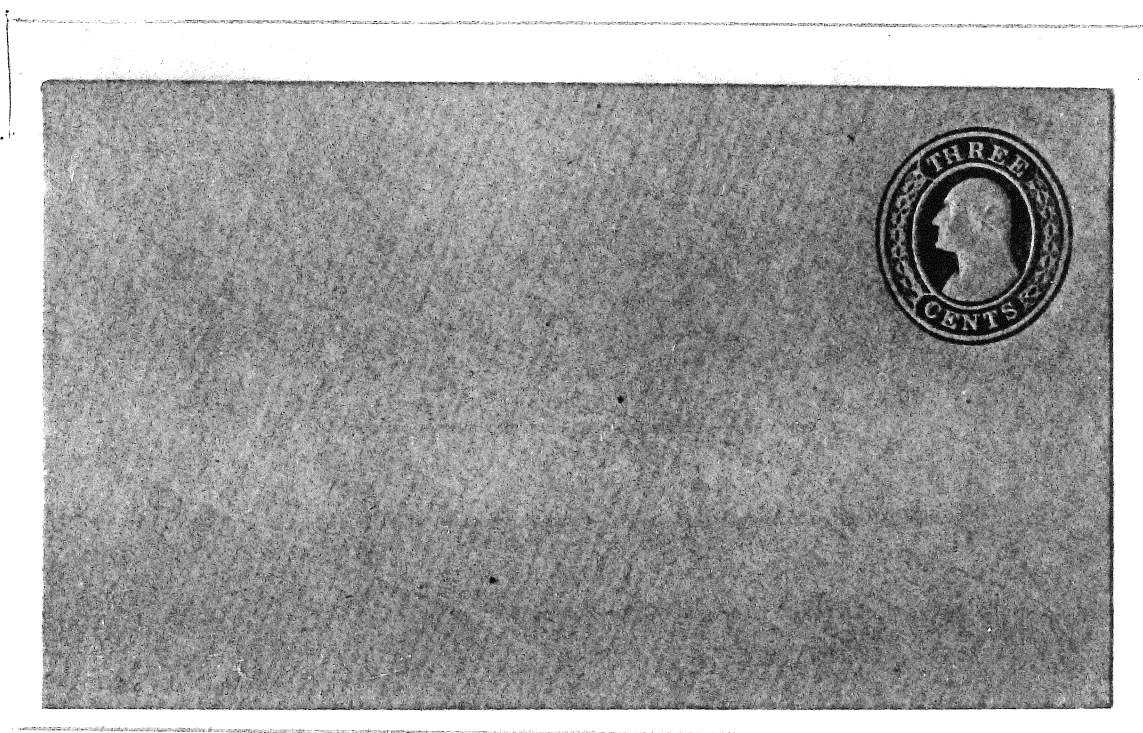
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 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 22 (5)
 CDS Salisbury NC Aug.20



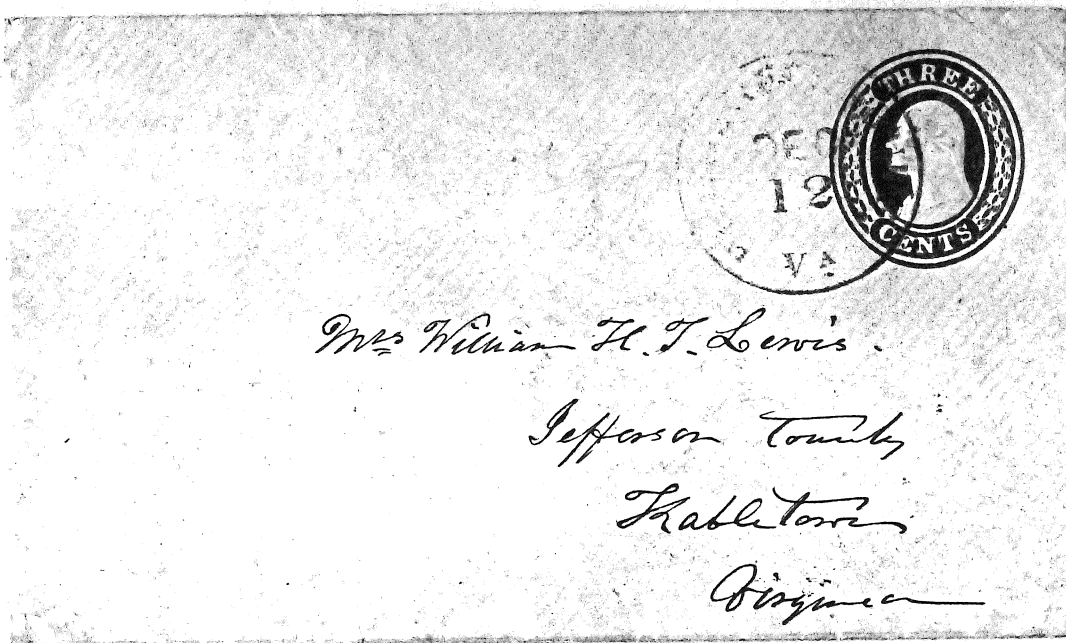
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 Size 7 (3) Knife 22 (5)



Die 5 Group 2 Head XV Type 22
White Red 1853
Size 7 Knife 22



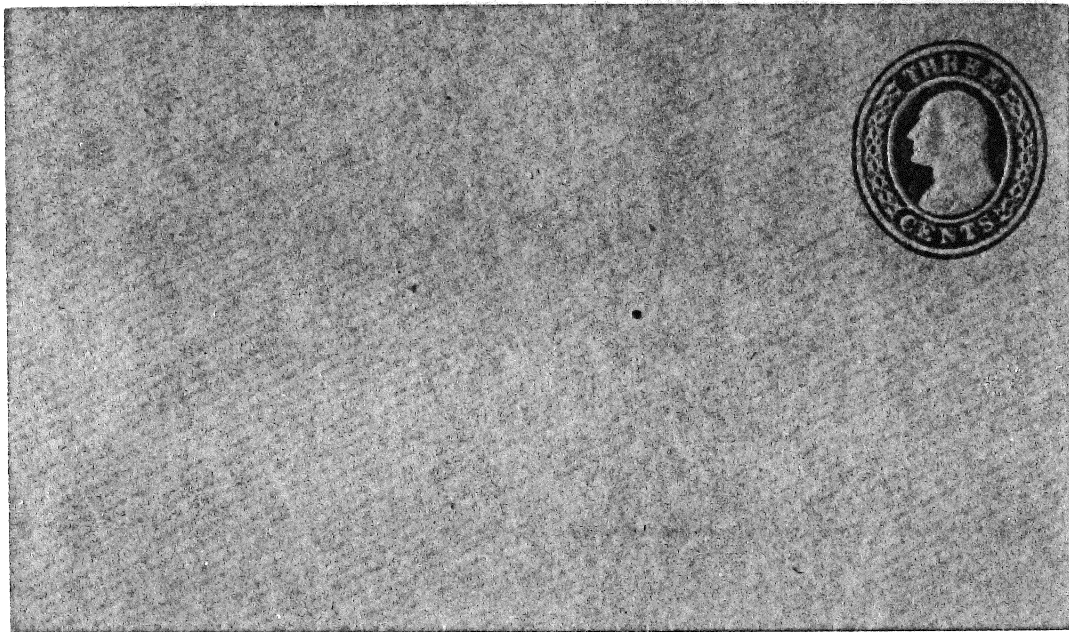
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Buff Red 1853
Size 7 Knife 22



Die 5 Head XV Type 22
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 (3) Knife 22 (5)
 CDS -----sburg VA Dec. 12



Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 24
 White Red 1853
 Size 7 Knife 22
 CDS Connellsville PA May 5, (1860)



Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 24
 Buff Red 1853
 Size 7 Knife 22



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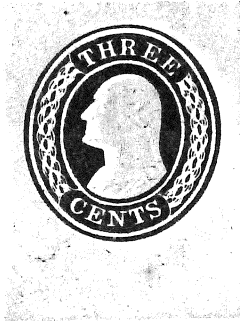
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Not Known Entire

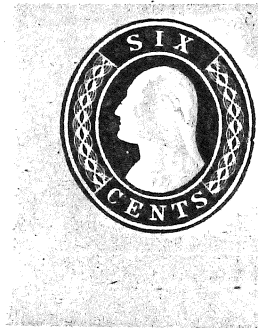
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Die 5 A



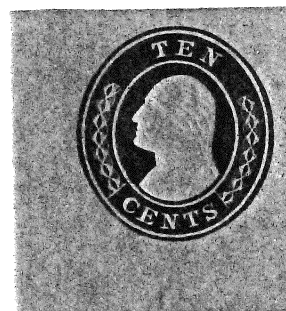
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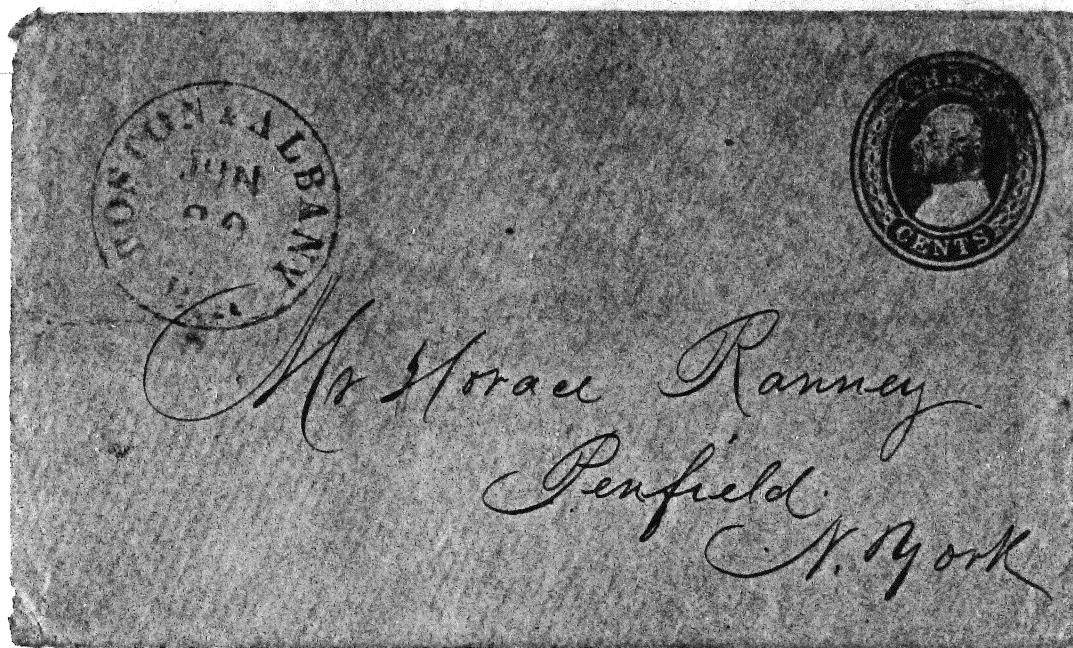


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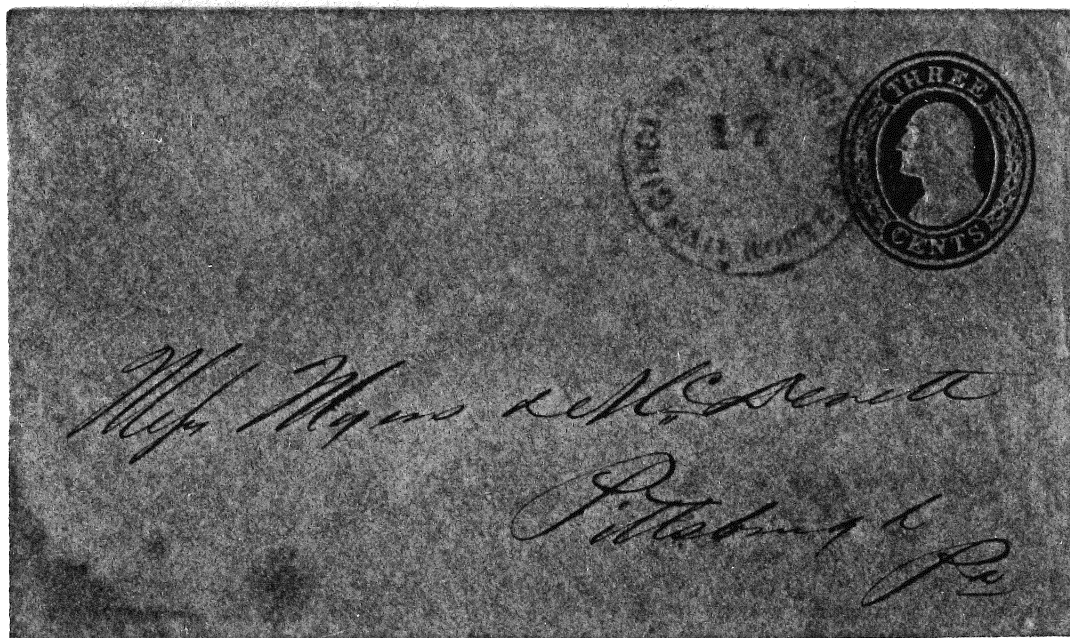


Die 8





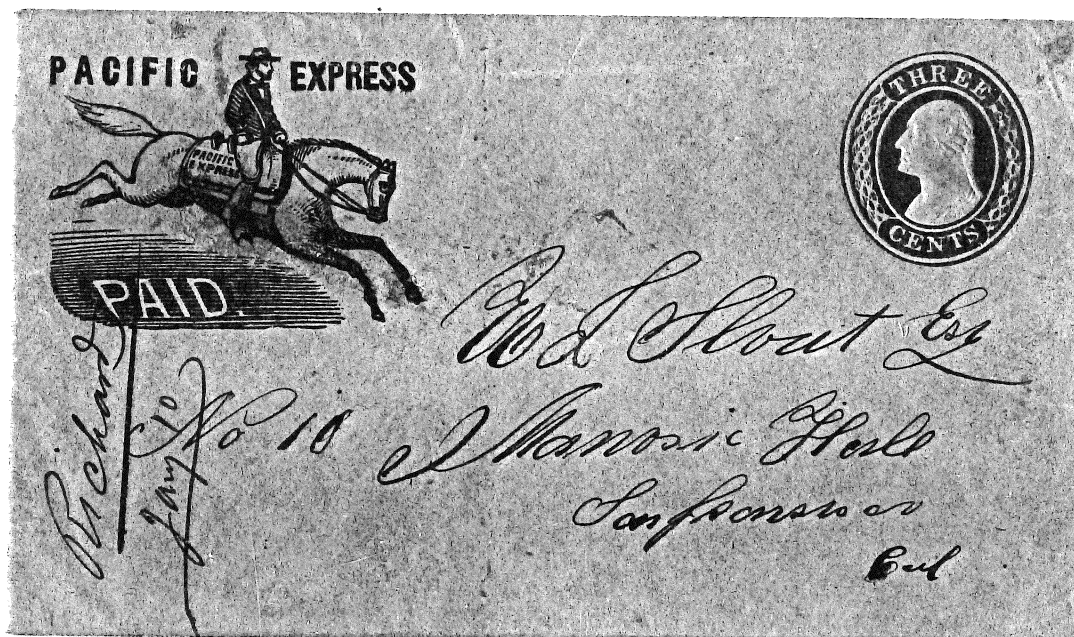
Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 22
Buff Red 1853
Size 7 (2) Knife 20 (2)
CDS Boston & Albany RR Jun 29



Die 5 Gp.2 Head XV Type 22
Buff Red 1853
Size 7 Knife 20
CDS Cincinatti Louisville MAIL ROUTE

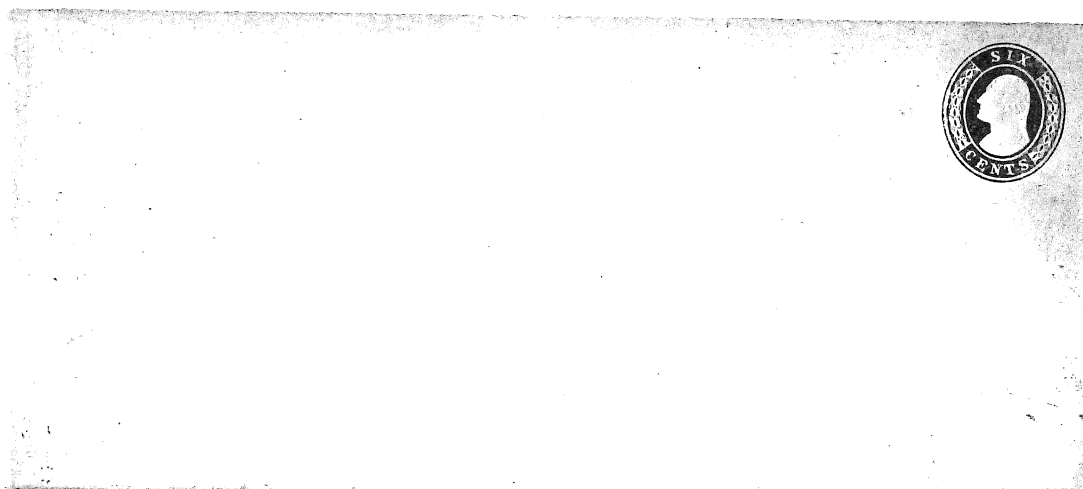


Die 5, Gp.2, Head XV, Type 22
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 Size 7 Knife 20
 ODS: Gr.& New, Weaverville CAL
 W.F.& Co. Marysville (B)
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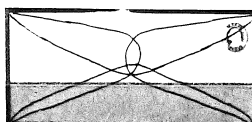


Die 5, Gp.2, Head XV, Type 18
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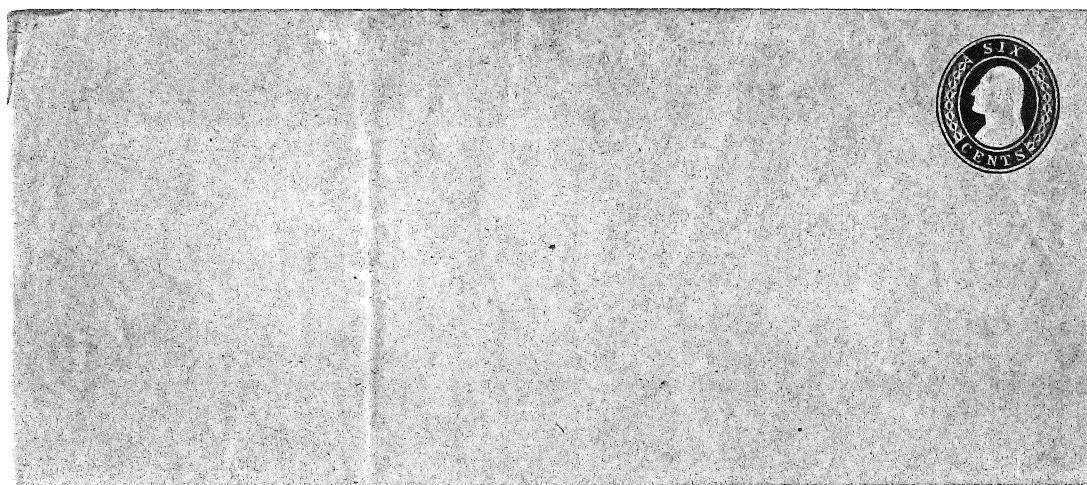
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Die 6 Head 1 Type 1
White 1853 Red
Size 21 (7) Knife 94

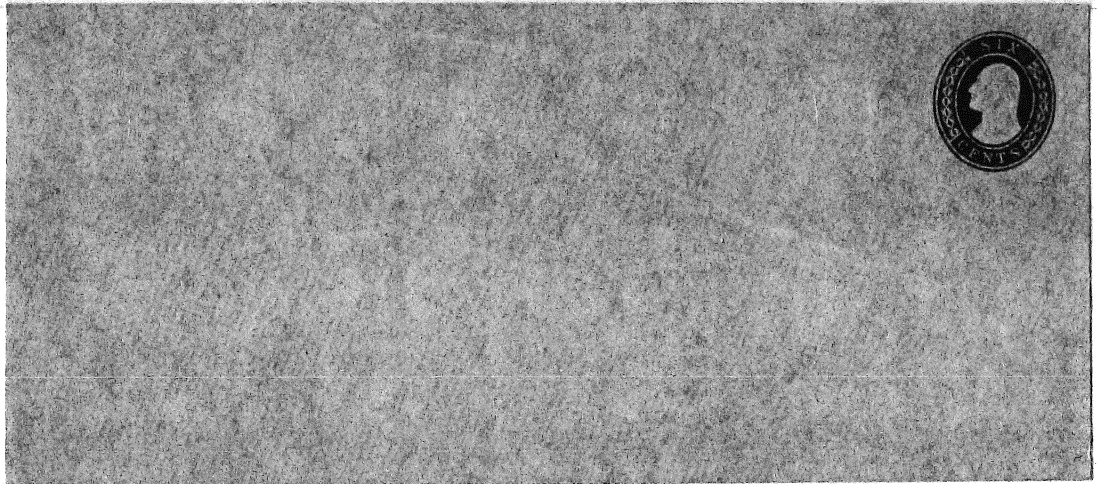


SIX measures 8mm.
CENTS low in label
CE widely spaced & wide, TS wide



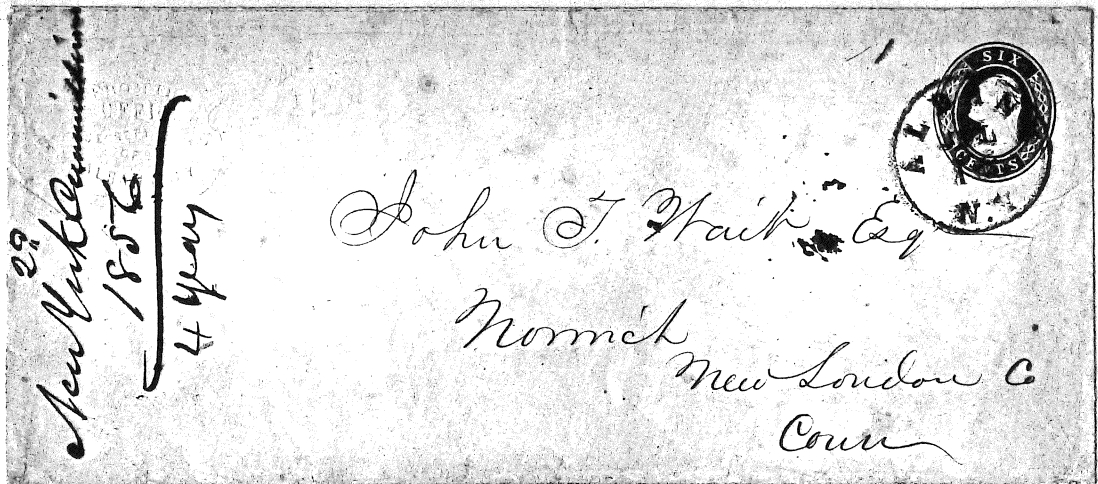
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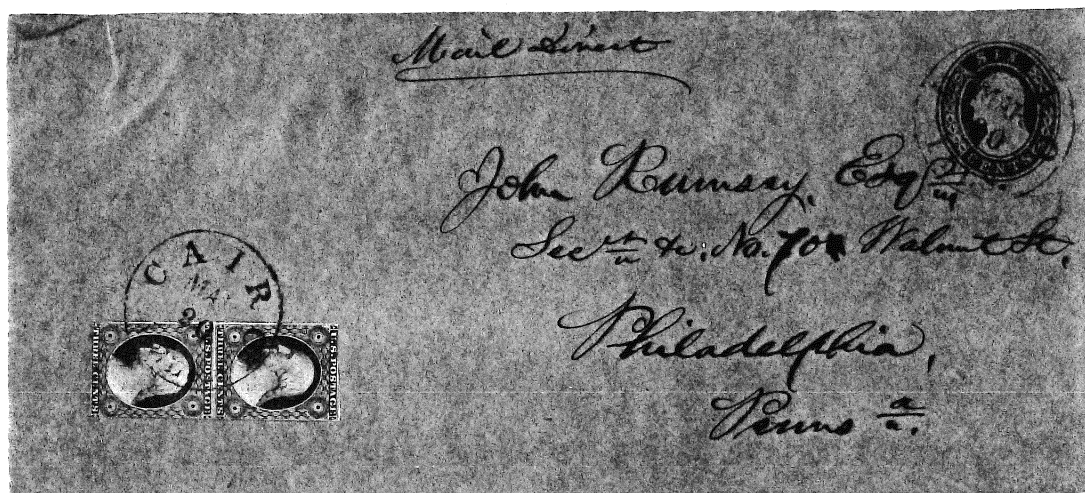
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Buff Red 1853
Size 21 Knife 94

CENTS in center of label
S high

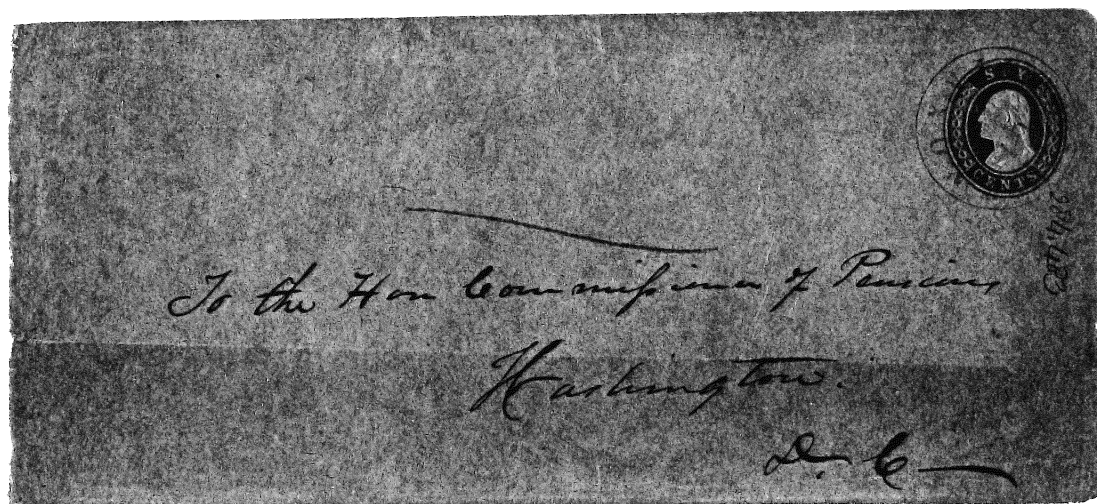


Die 6 Head XVIII Type 4
White Red 1853
Size 21 Knife 94
CDS ALBANY NY JUL 16 (1856)
cc.:Office Sec. of State, NY

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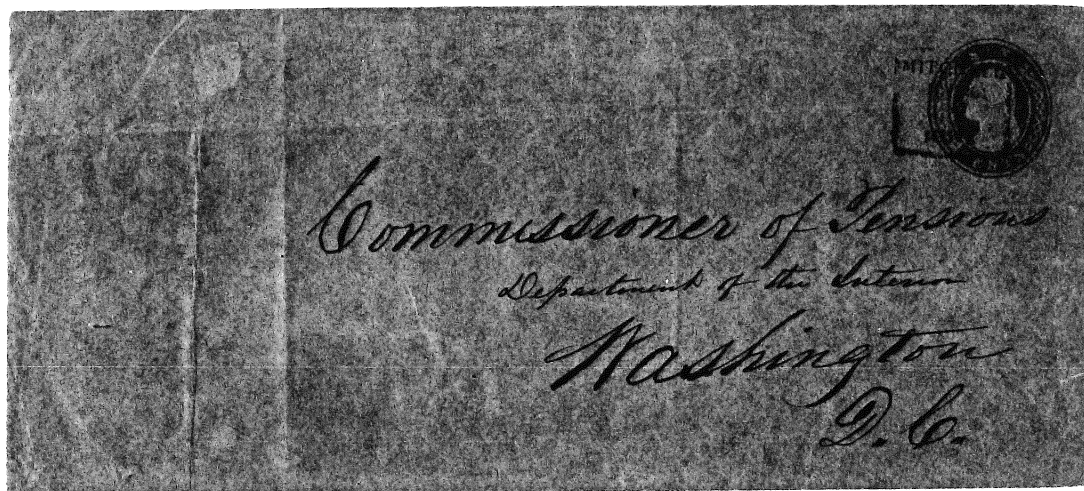


Die 6 Head XVI Type 2
 Buff Red 1853
 Size 21 Knife 94
 CDS CAIRO ILLS March 20
 Add. Fr. : Pr. # 10



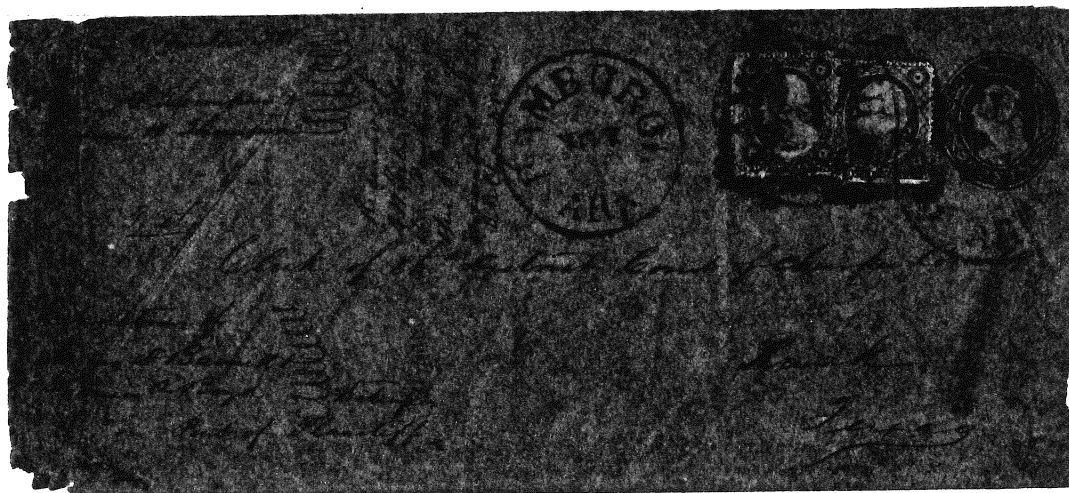
Die 6 Head XVI Type 2
 Buff Red 1853
 Size 21 Knife 94
 CDS (B) KNOXVILLE Ga. - - 19

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Die 6 Head XVI Type 2
 Buff Red 1853
 Size 21 Knife 94
 BDS MITCHELL, IOWA March 4

SIX measures 9mm.
 CE WIDE & LOW
 TS Well centered



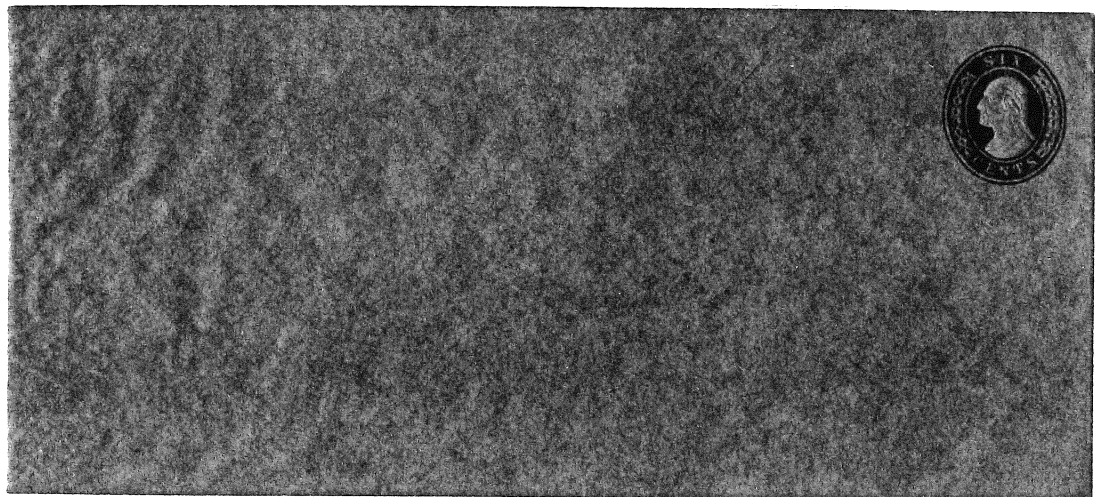
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 CDS (R) HAMBURGH ARK Nov.3 (1858)

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Die 6 Head XVII Type 3
White Red 1853
Size 21 Knife 94

SIX measures less than 8mm.
CE very wide, NT wide
T high



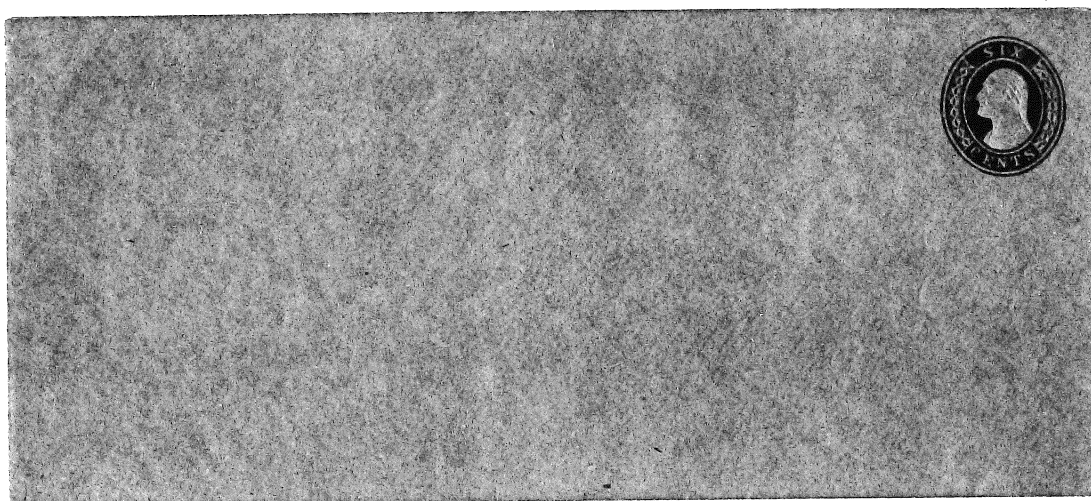
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SIX measures 8mm.
 CE very wide, T high
 TS wide, EN low, E lowest



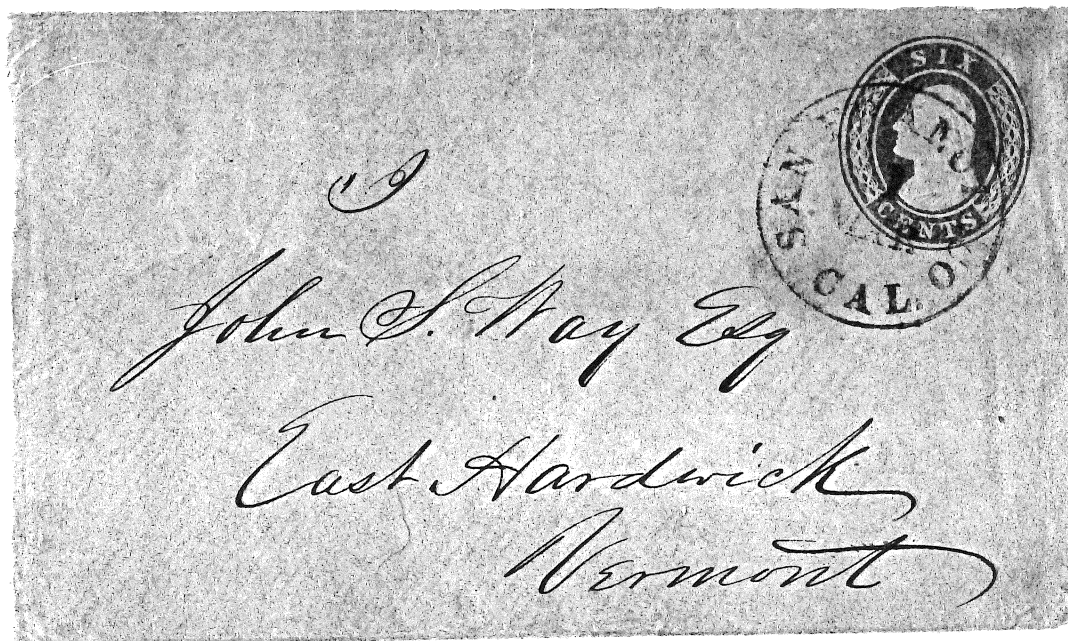
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Die 6 Head 1 Type 1
 Budd Green 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 Die rotated

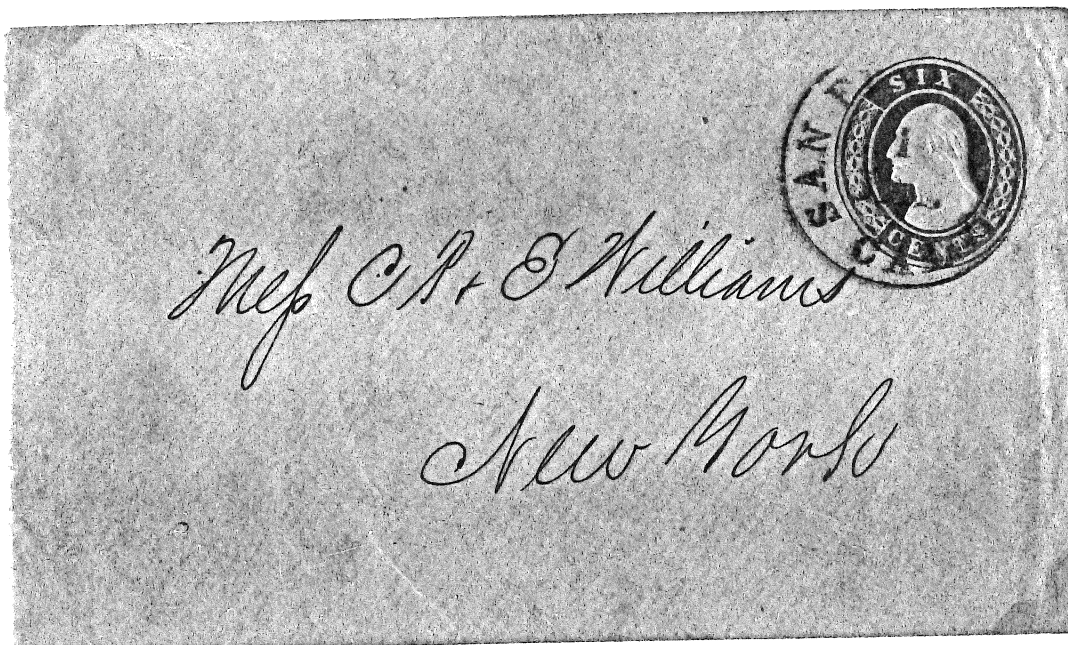


Die 6 Head XVI Type 2
 Buff Green 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS (R) San Jose CA May 31



Die 6 Head 1 1853
 Buff Pale Green Type 1a
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS San Francisco CAL.Mar.1

Head 1
 CENTS Centered
 S High

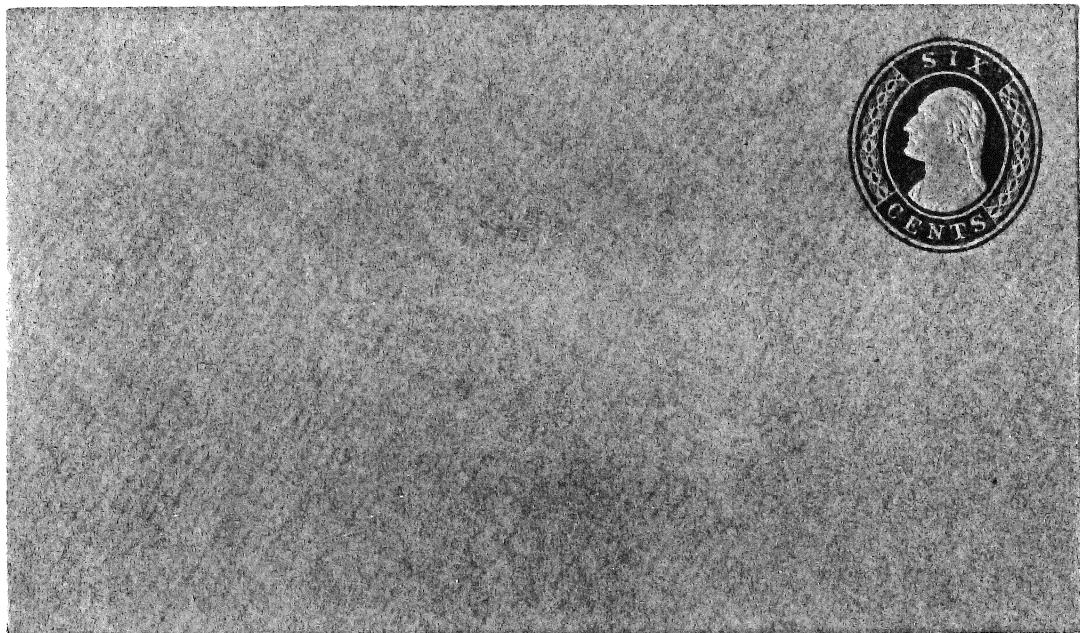


Die 6 Head XVI 1853
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 Size 7 Knife 20
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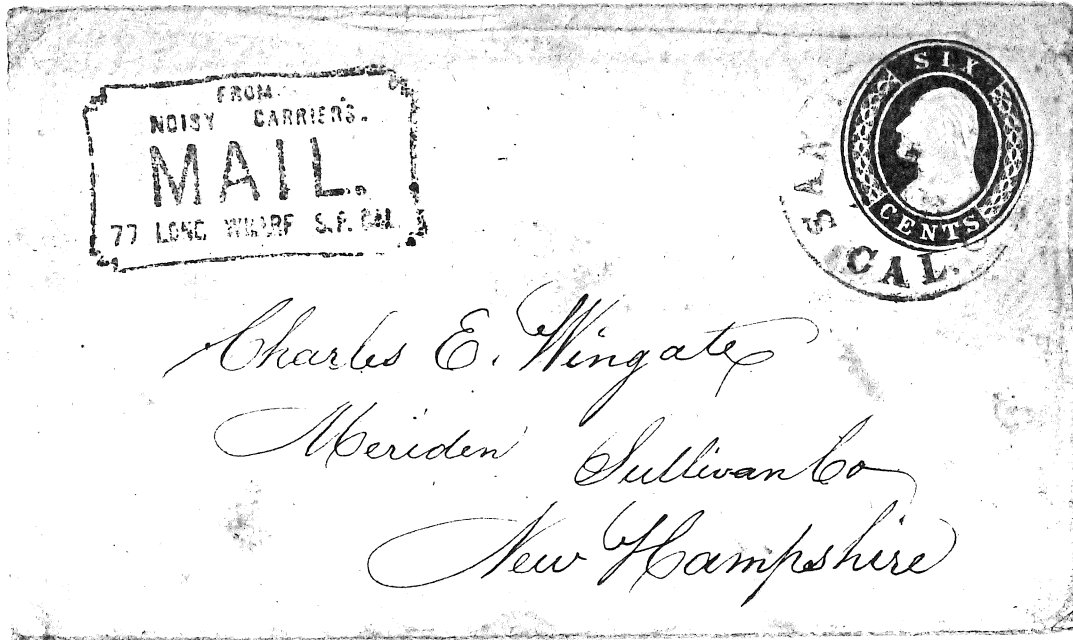
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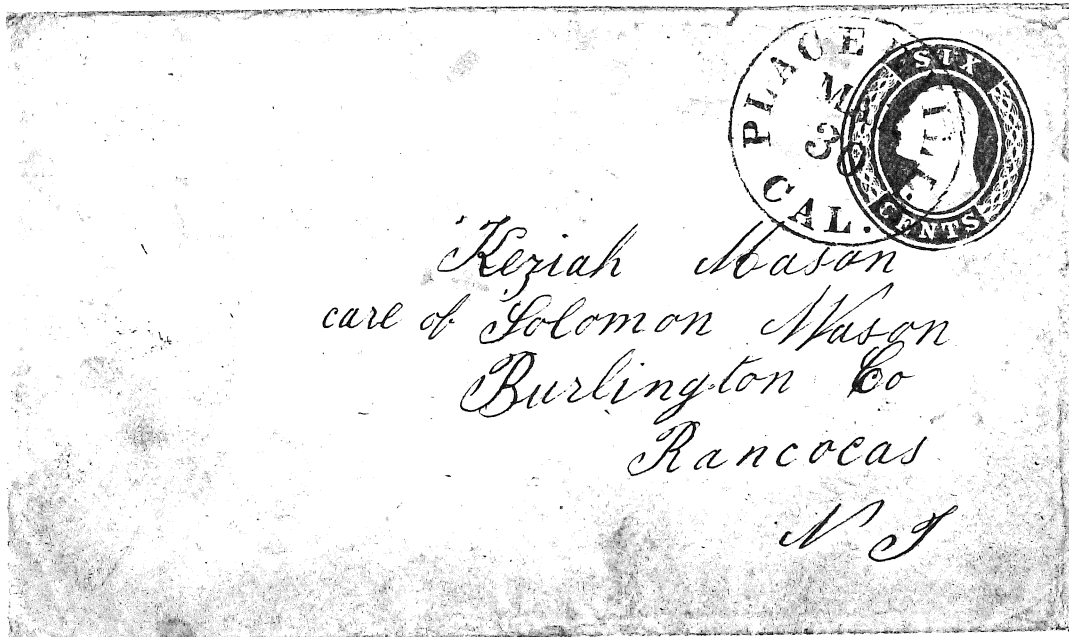
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White	Green	Type 2	4 behind
Size 7	Knife	20	CE wide & low, TS centered



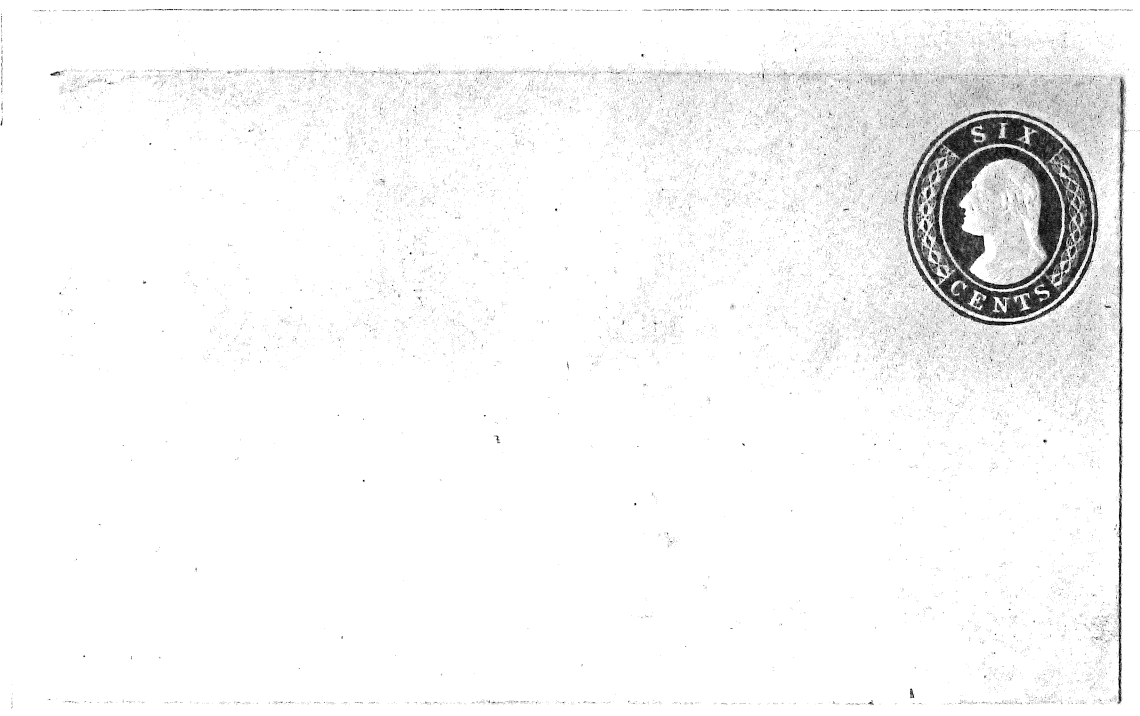
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Buff	Green	Type 2
Size 7	Knife	20



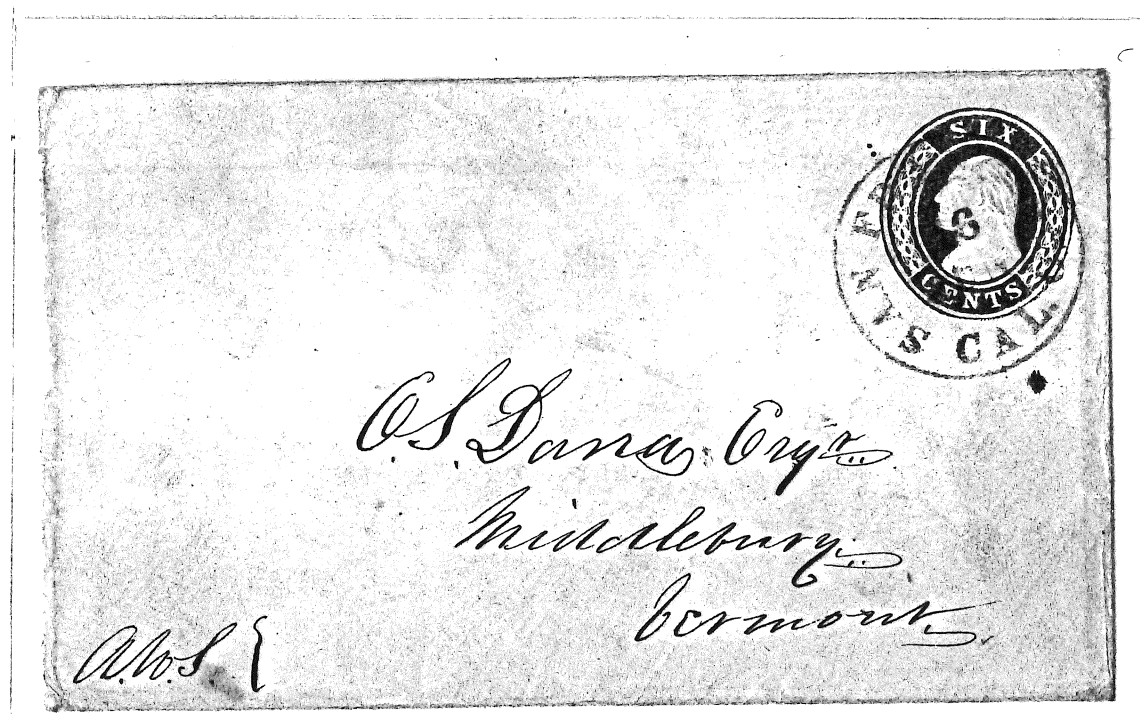
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 White Green Type 2
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS SAN FRANCISCO CAL.5 MAR.
 Hs : NOISY CARRIER'S #6



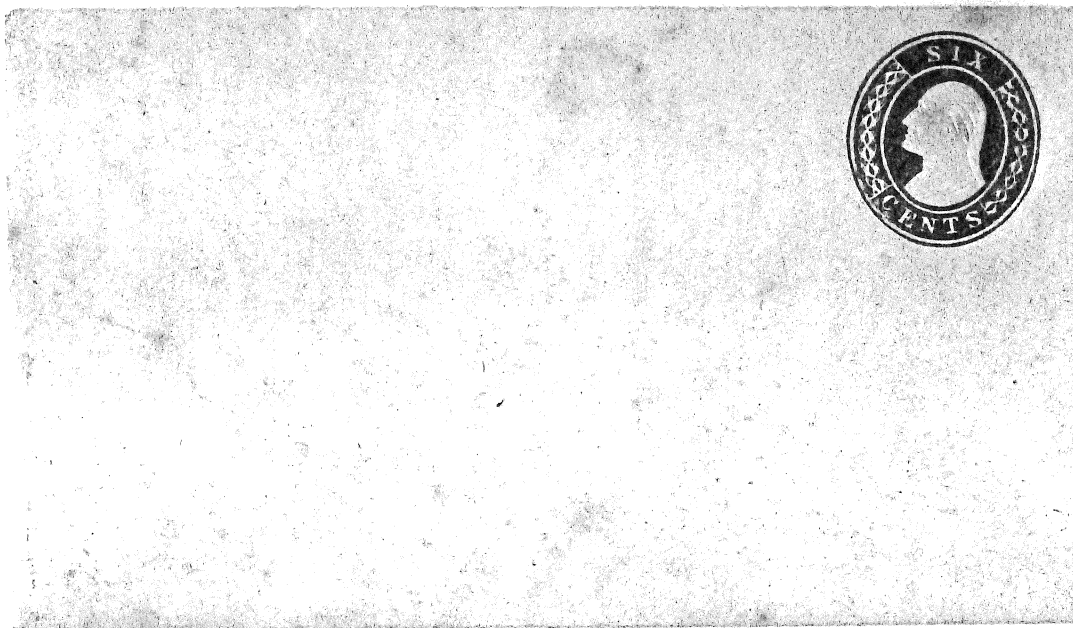
Die 6 Head XVI 1853
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 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS Placerville Cal.Mar.30



Die 6 Head XVI Type 2
 White Green 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 X L h Barkhausen

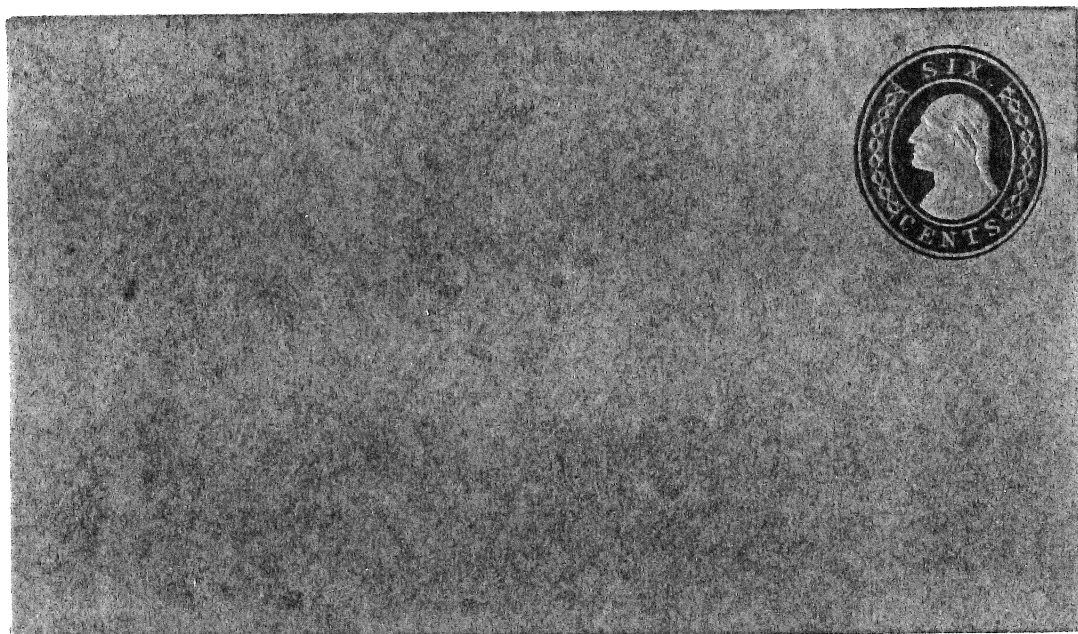


Die 6 Head XVI Type 2
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 CDS SAN FRANCISCO CAL. JUN 16

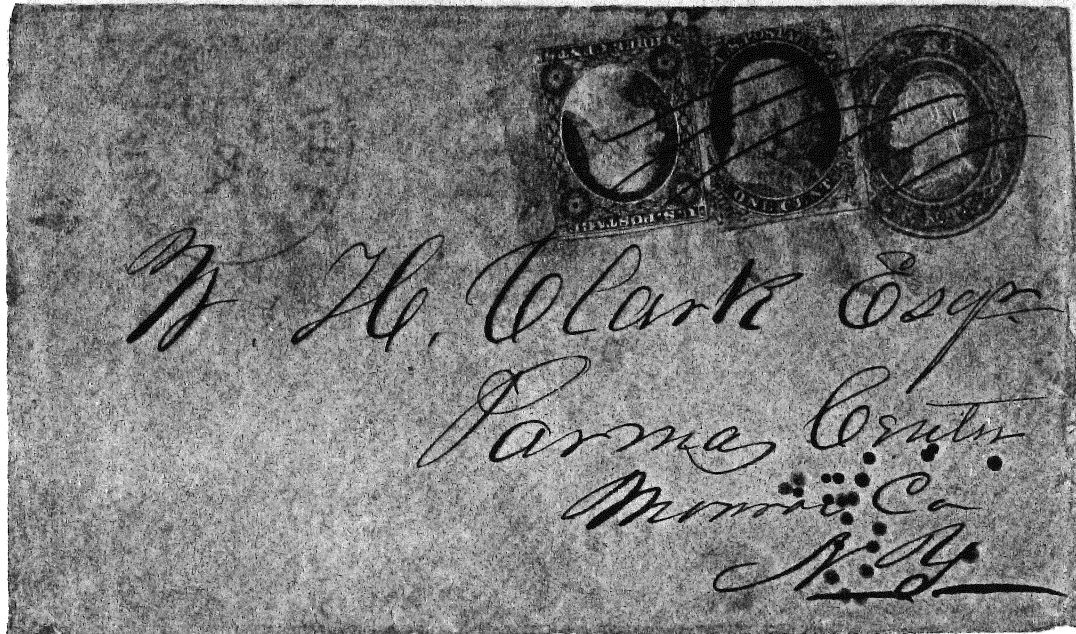


Die 6 Head XVII 1853
White Pale Green Type 3
Size 7 Knife 20

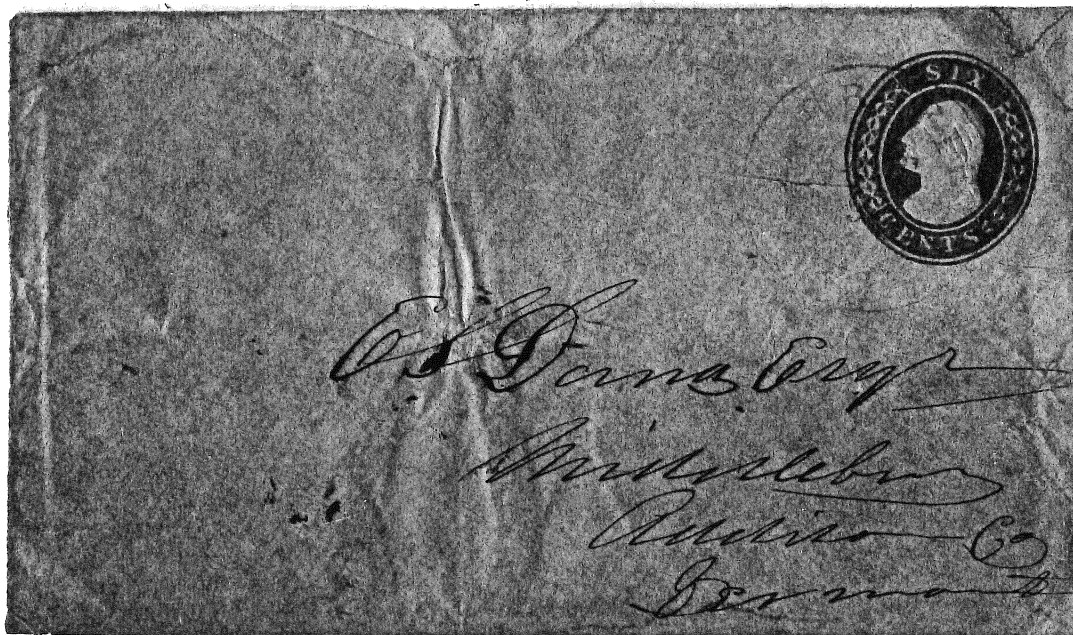
5 Long Parallel Locks
SIX short (8mm)
CE very wide, T high



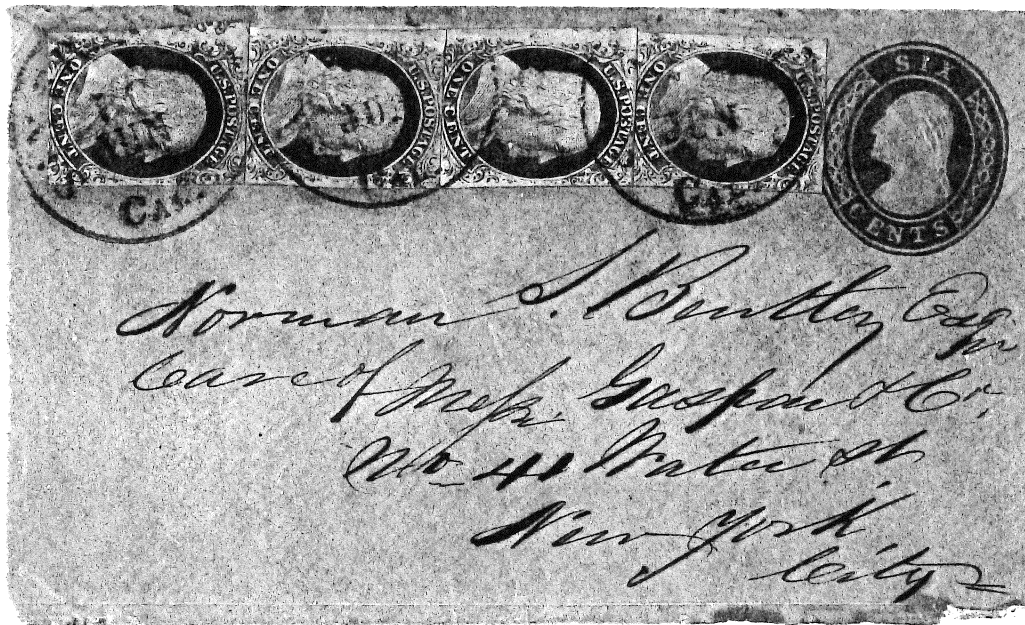
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Buff Deep Green Type 3
Size 7 Knife 20



Die 6 Head XVI Type 2
 Buff Yellow - Green 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS (R) Grass Valley CA Oct.8
 Add.Fr.: 7 Ty 2, 10 Ty 1



Die 6 Head XVII Type 3
 Buff Green 1853
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS _A_ RRSFIELD VT Oct.9 (B)

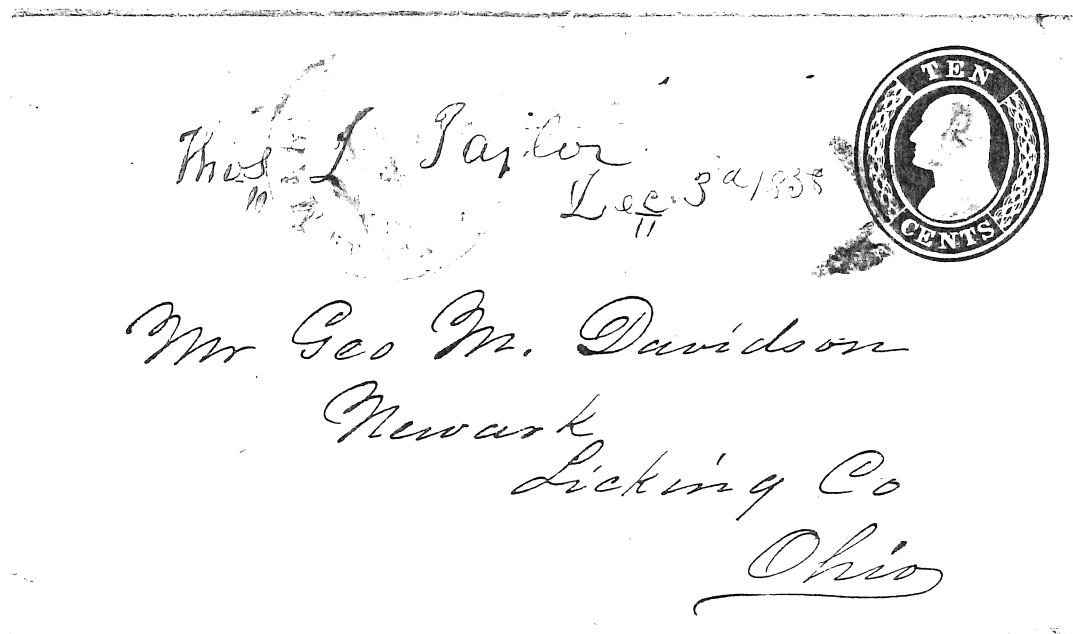


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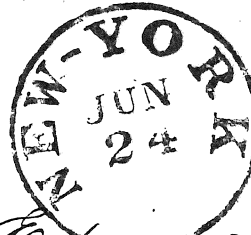


Die 6 Head XVII 1853
 Buff Green Type 3
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS Nevada City CAL 5 Dec. 13

Rates were simplified in 1855 and it became necessary to prepay domestic postage. Three cents paid for a half-ounce letter to be carried up to 3,000 miles and ten cents was required to carry a letter more than 3,000 miles; the so-called California Rate. The 10¢ denomination appeared April, 25, 1855.

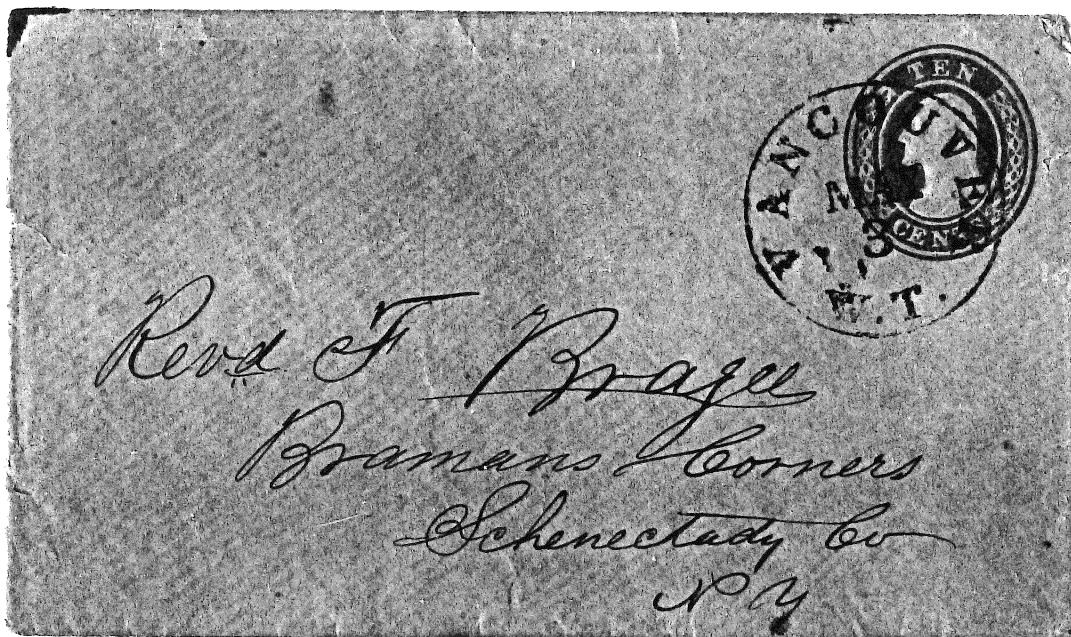


Die 7 Head XV 1855
 White Green
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS (B1) Marysville Cal
 Dec. 4 (1858) PAID BY STAMPS
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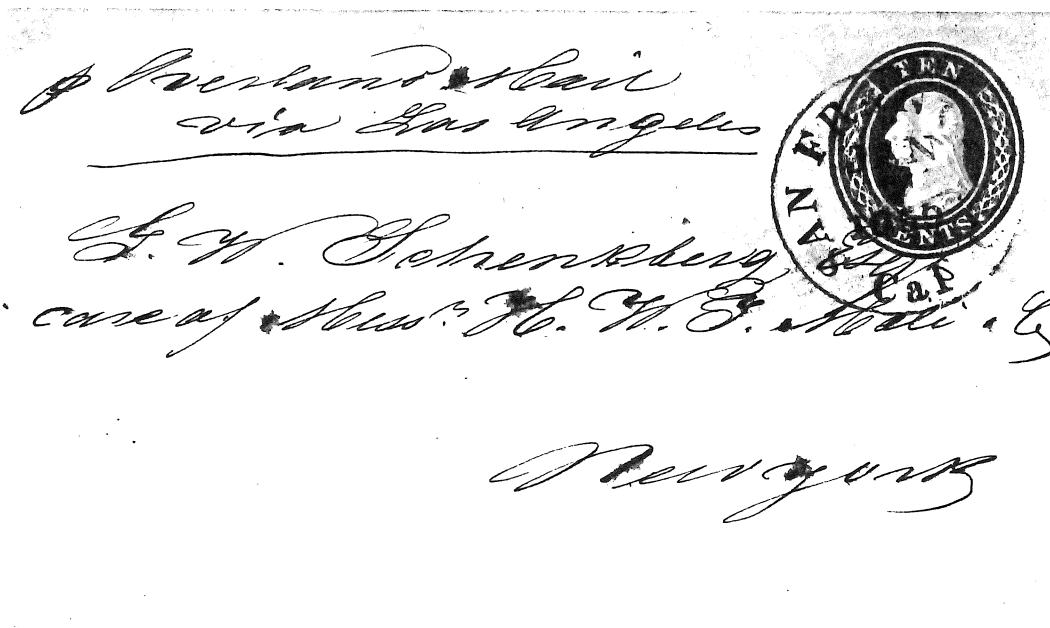


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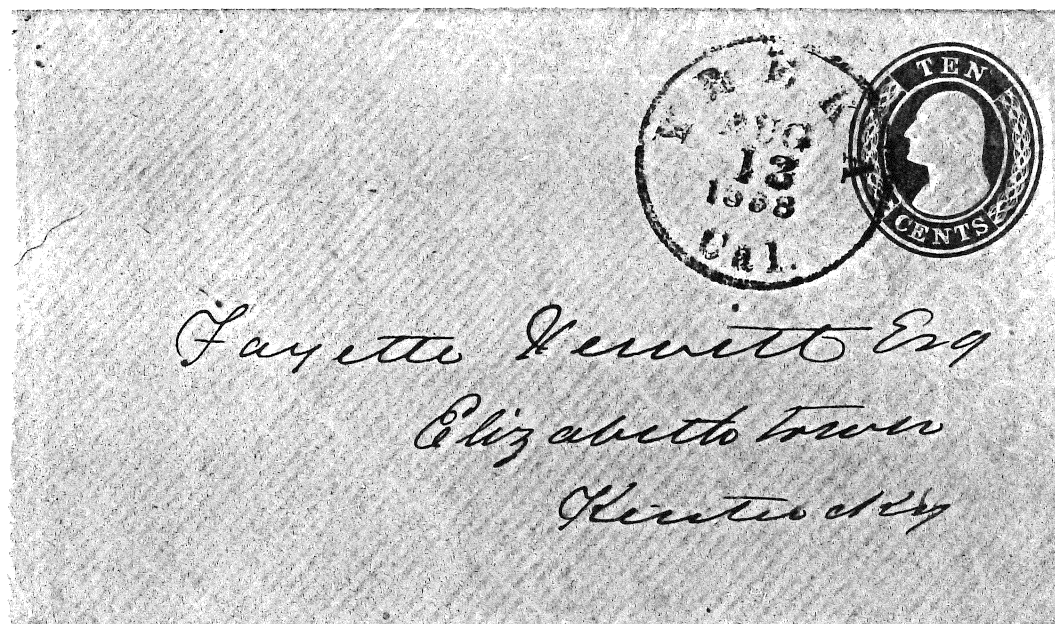
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Fr.: Langton's Pioneer Express
Type 4



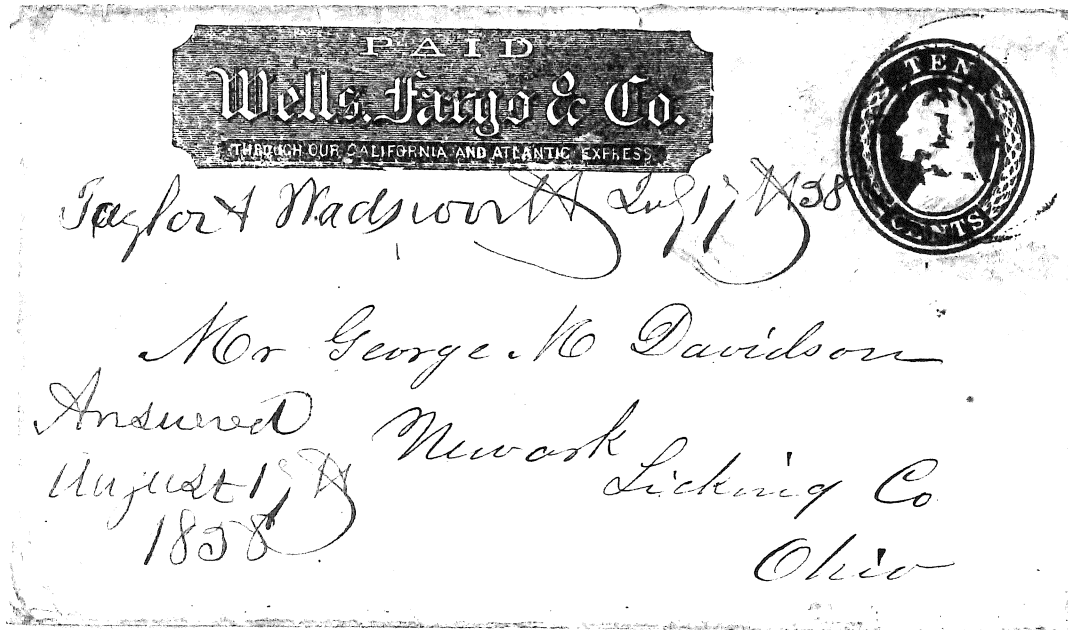
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Buff Yellow -Green
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CDS May 3 (1860) Vancouver
WASHINGTON TERRITORY



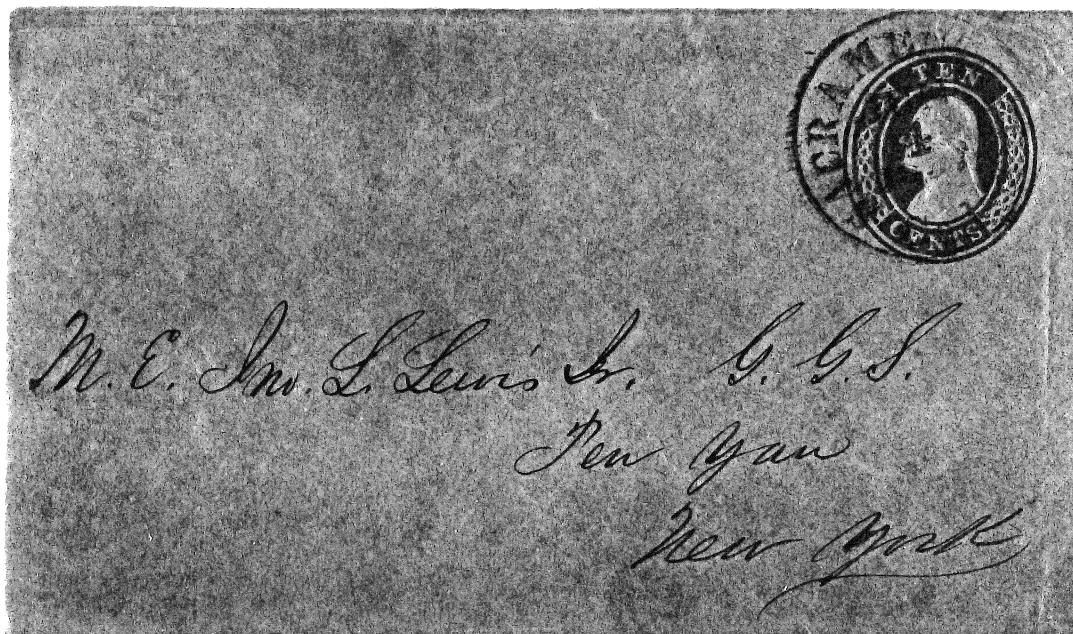
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Ms p Overland Trail vis Los Angeles



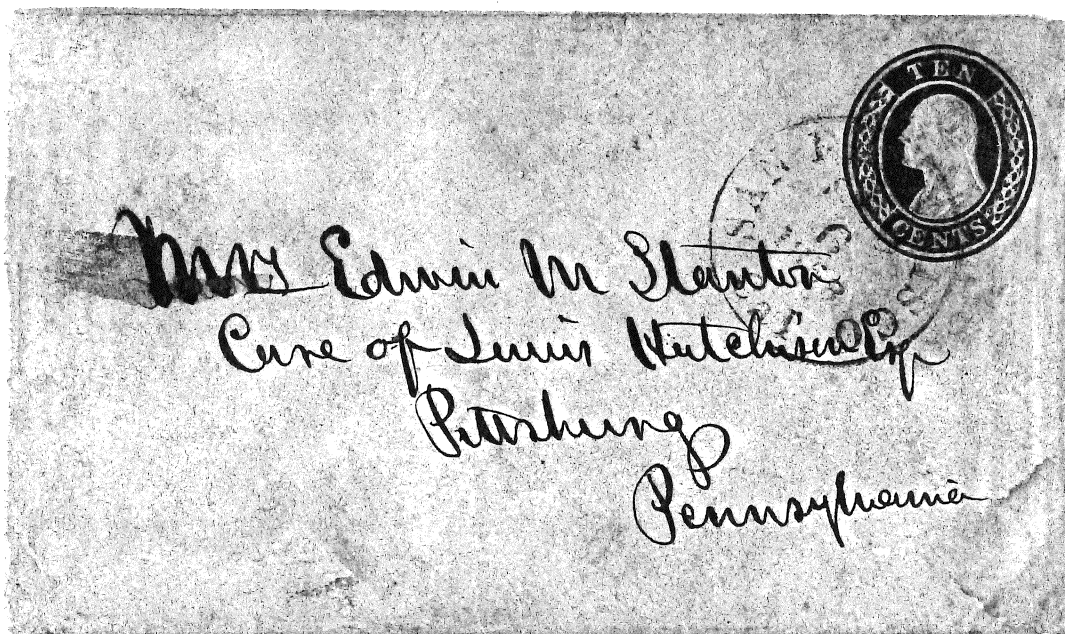
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Buff Green
Size 7 Knife 20
CDS Yreka Cal. AUG 13 1858



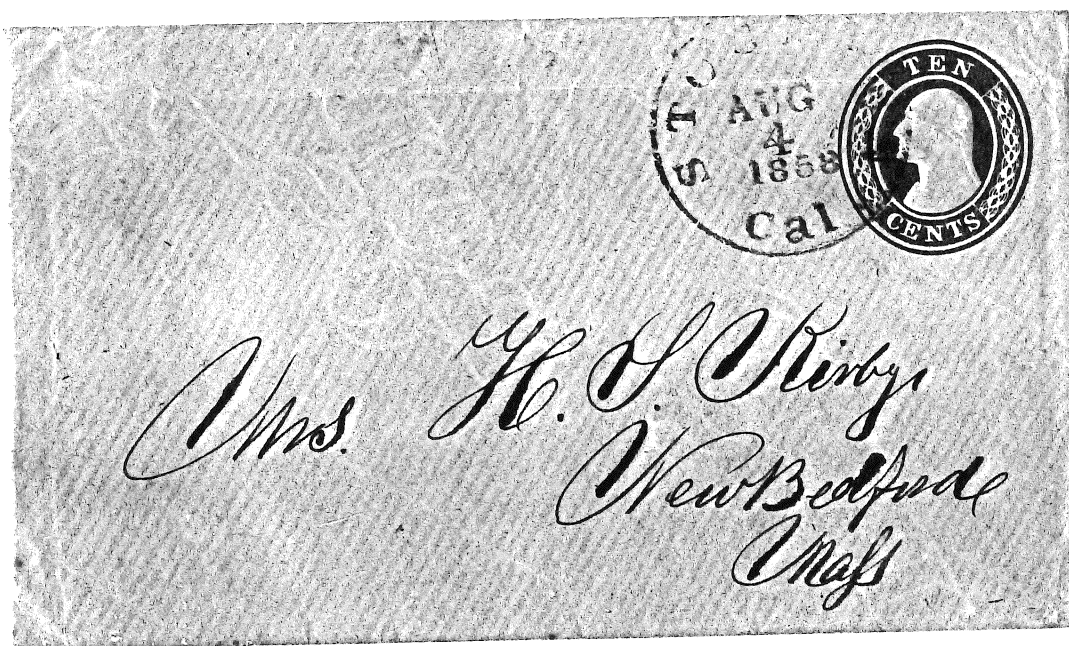
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Fr.: W.F. & Co. F (R)
CDS NEW-YORK AUG 12, 1858



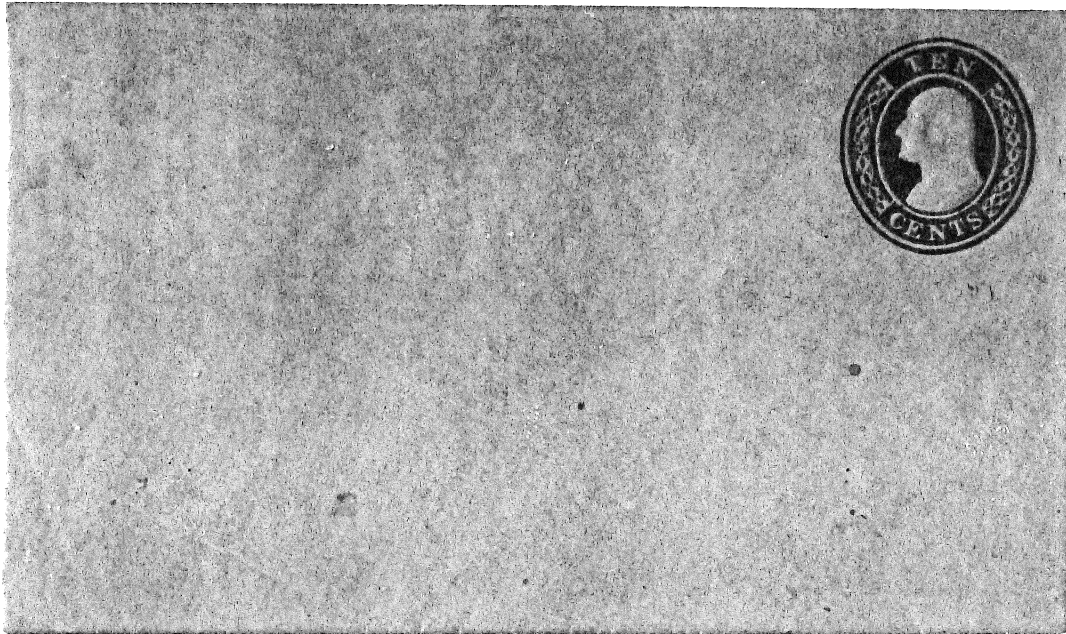
Die 7 Head XV 1855
Buff Pale Green
Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)
CDS Sacramento City CA
June 4, 1857



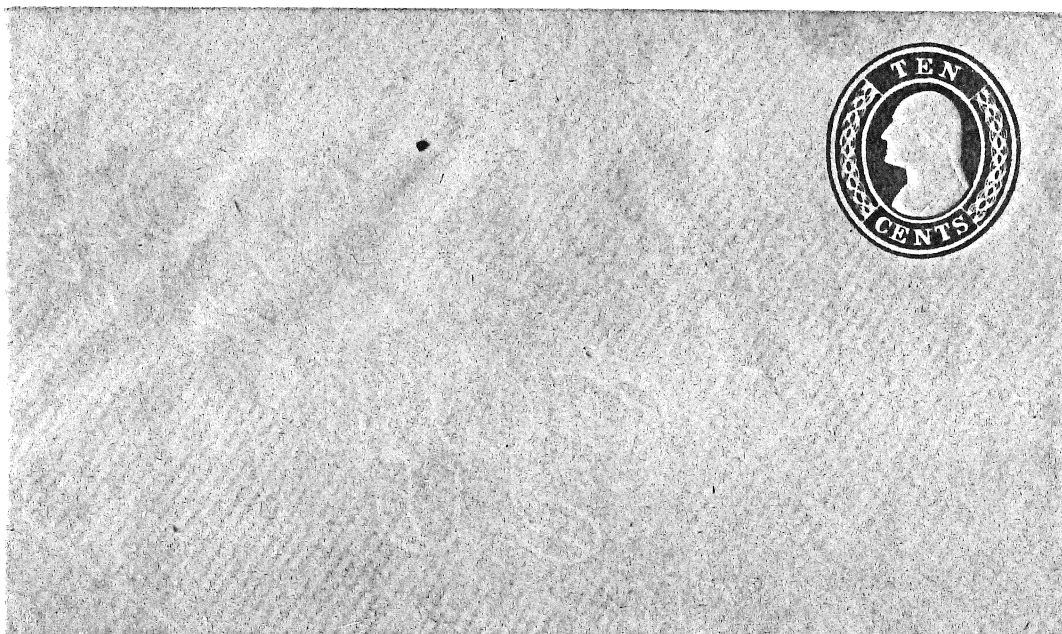
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 White Dark Green
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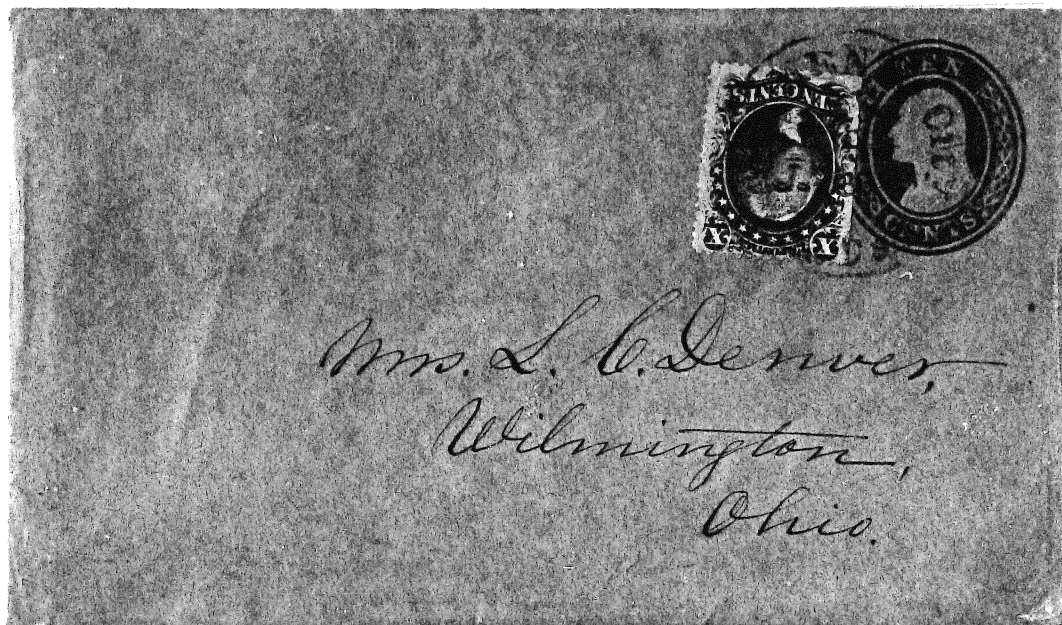
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 CDS STOCKTON CAL.Aug.4,1858



Die 7 Head XV 1855
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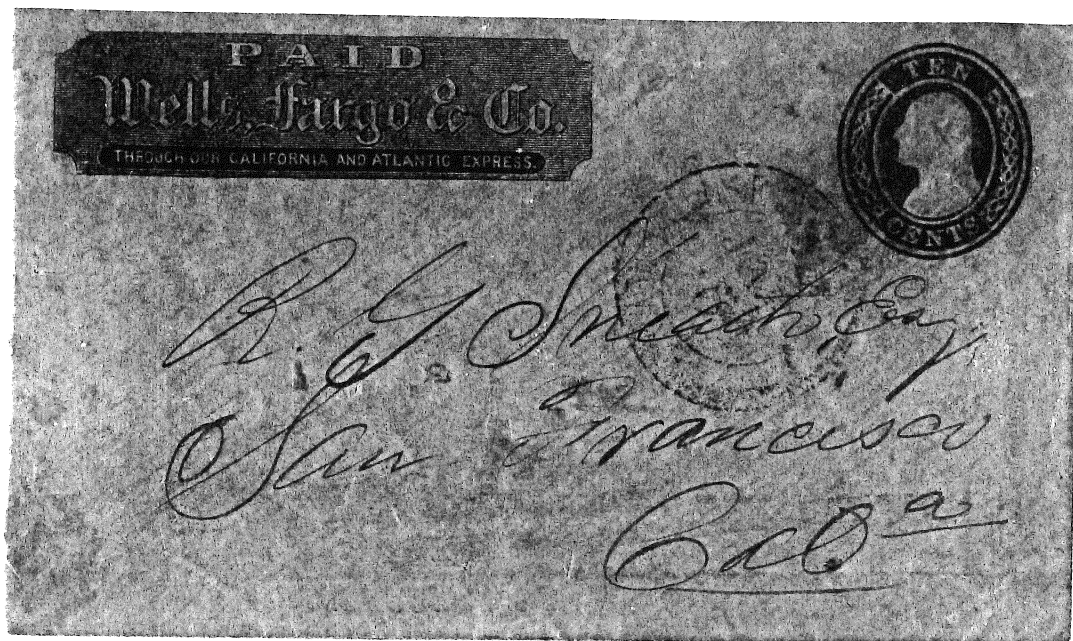
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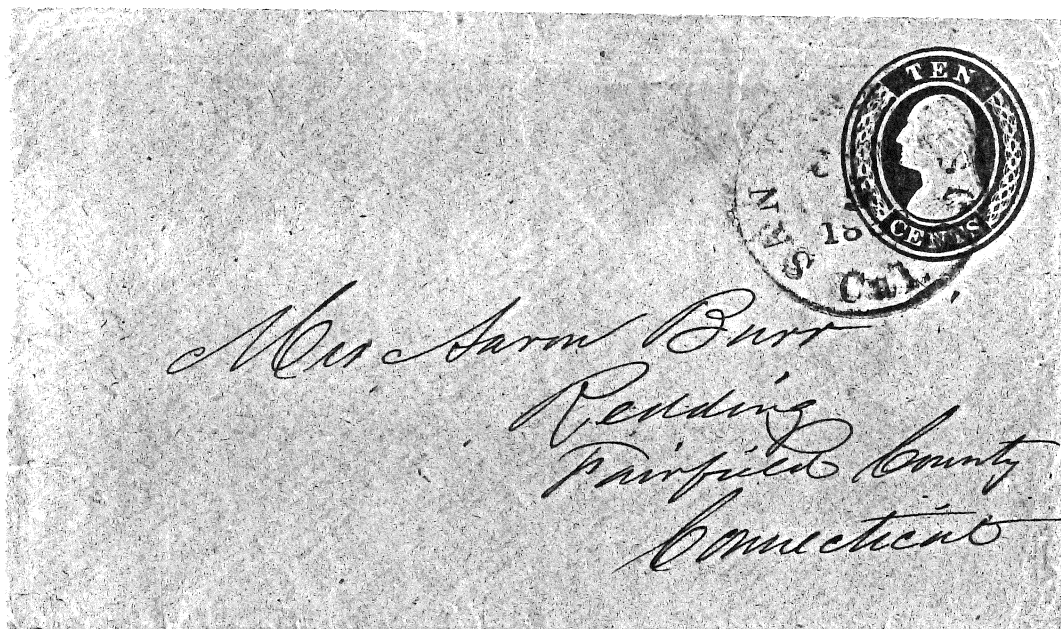
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 Add. Fr. : 10¢ Green, Type 5 (35)



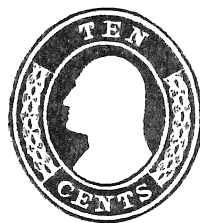
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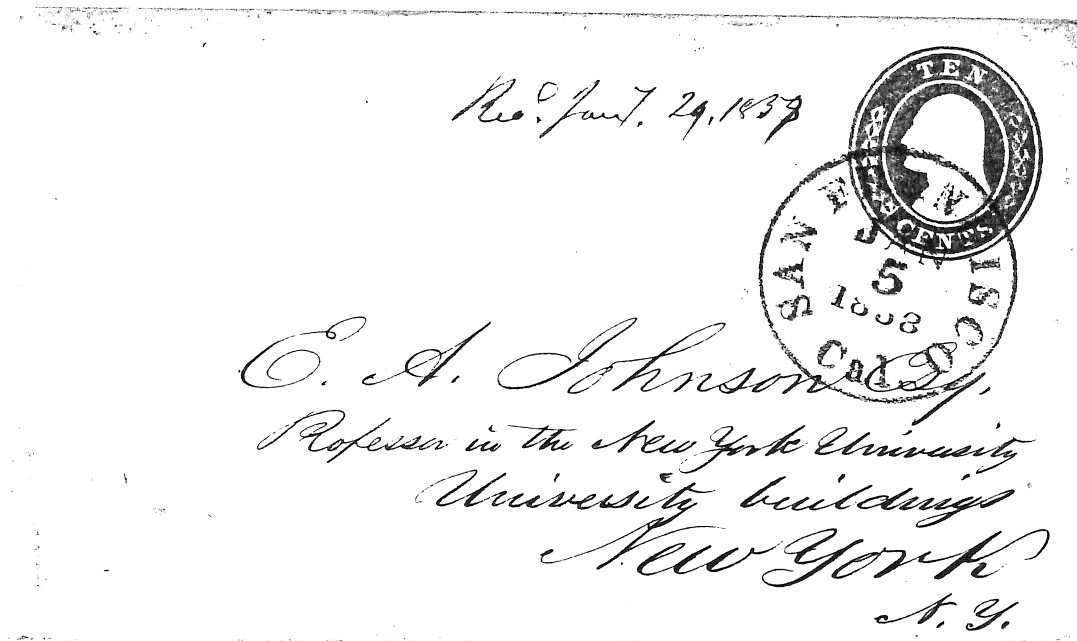
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 CDS (B) WELLES, FARGO & CO.
 New York Jan. 5
 Fr.: Welles Fargo & Co. G



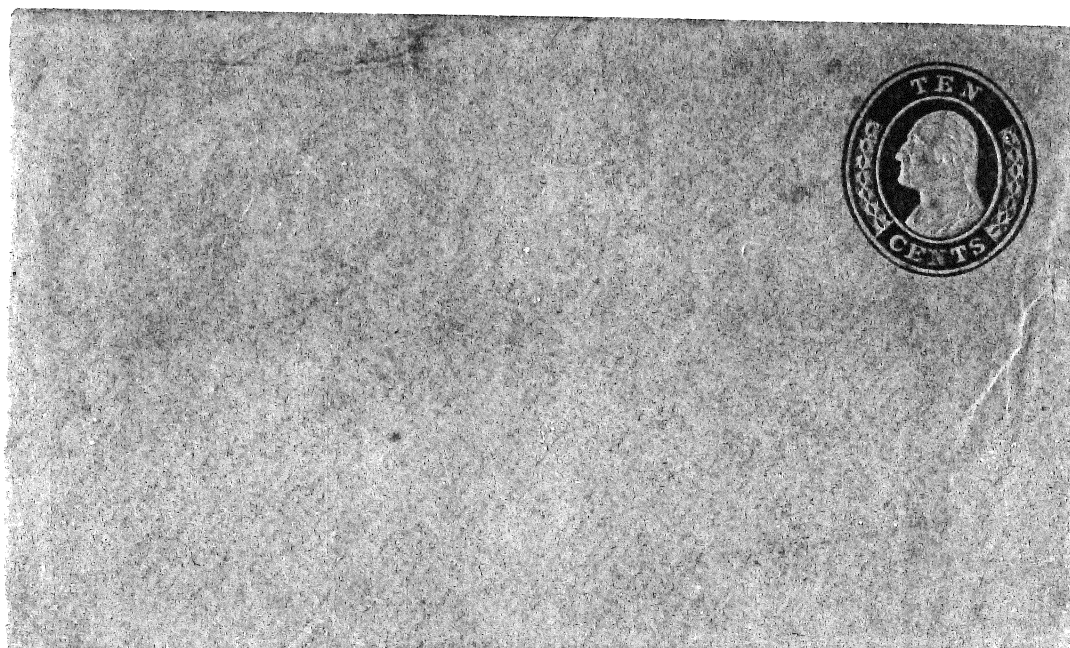
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 Buff Green
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 CDS SAN FRANCISCO Cal. Oct. 5, 1858



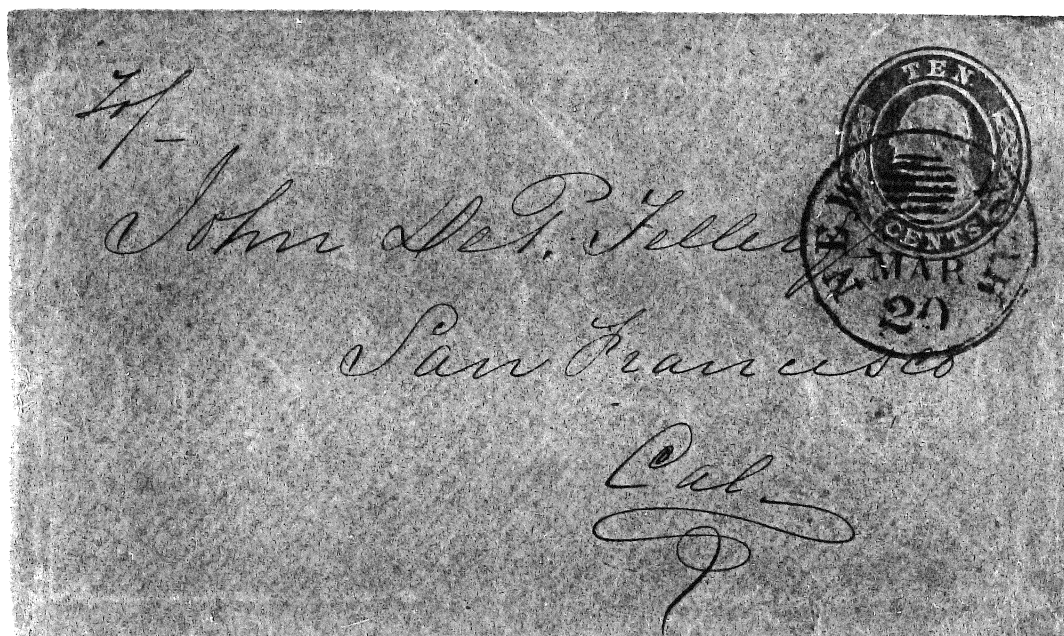
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White Green
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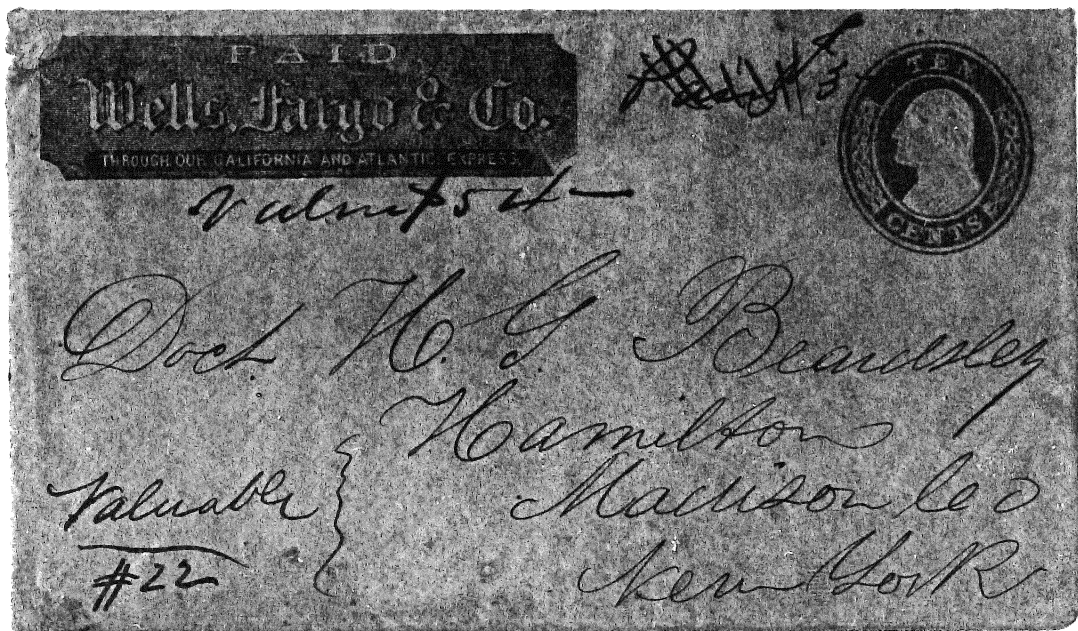
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CDS San Francisco CA Jan. 5, 1858



Die 8 Head XIX 1855
Buff Pale Green
Size 7 (3) Knife 20 (2)



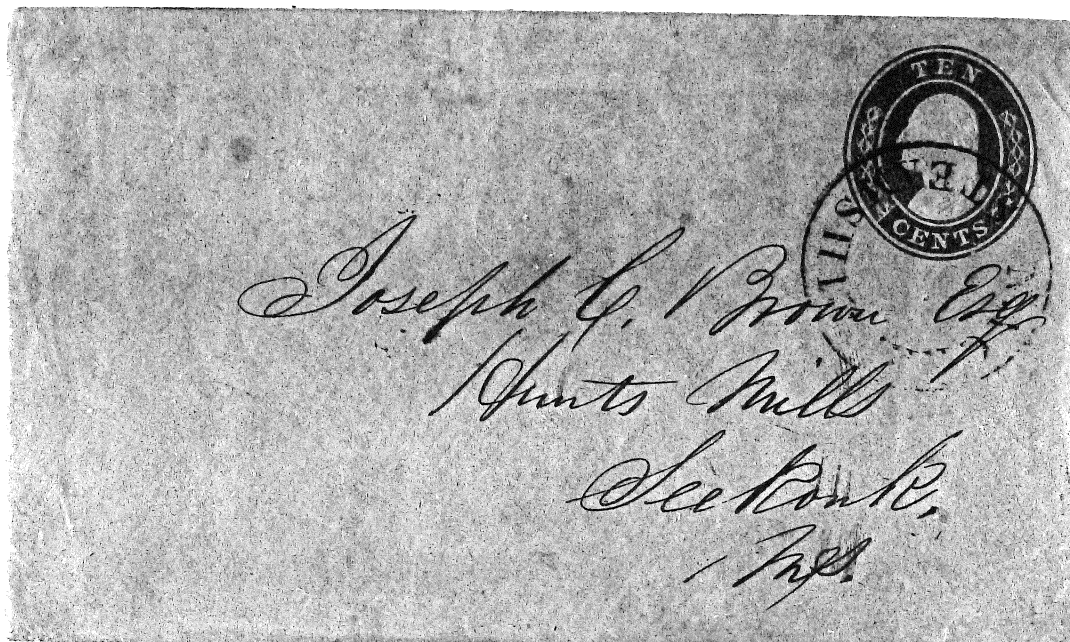
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CDS New York Mar.20
Ocean Cancel



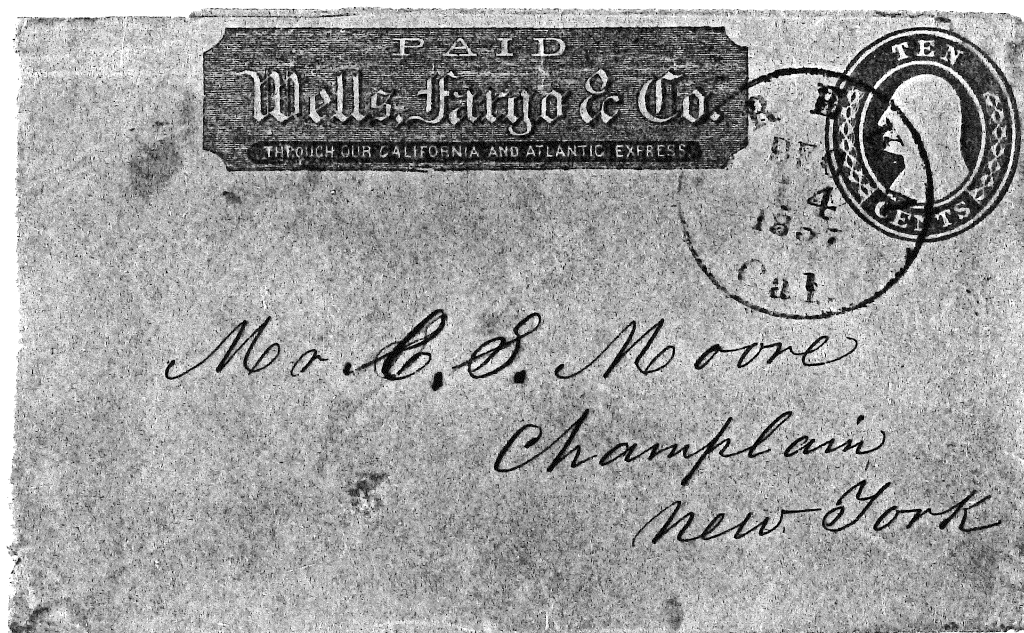
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 Add. Fr.: Wells Fargo G(R)



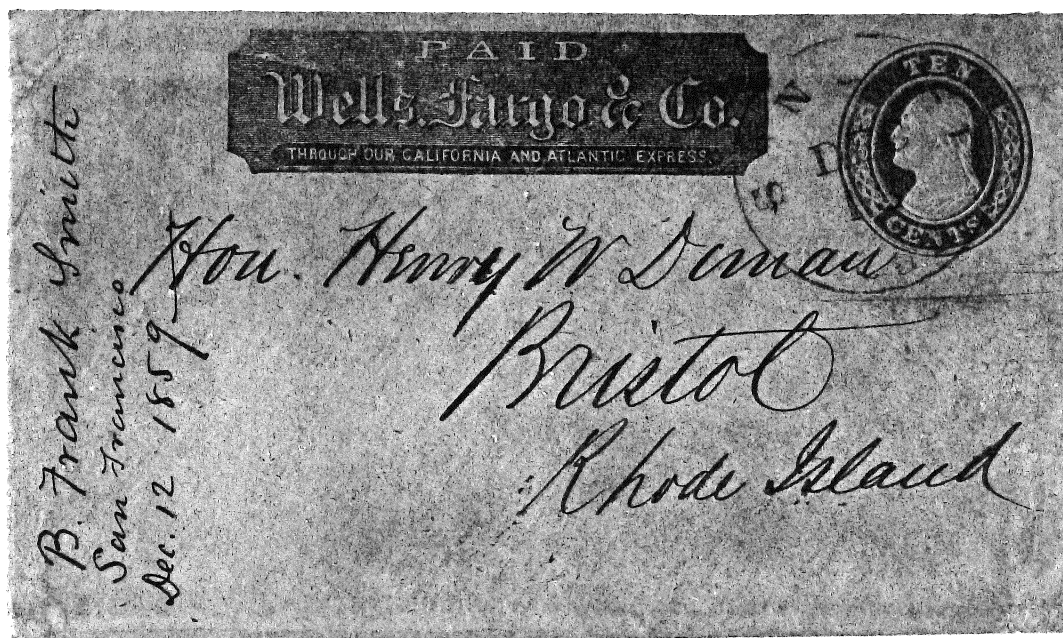
Die 8 Head XIX 1855
 Buff Yellow Green
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 CDS Benicia CA Apr 20 (1856)



Die 8 Head XV 1855
 Buff Yellow-Green
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 CDS N. York STEAMSHIP



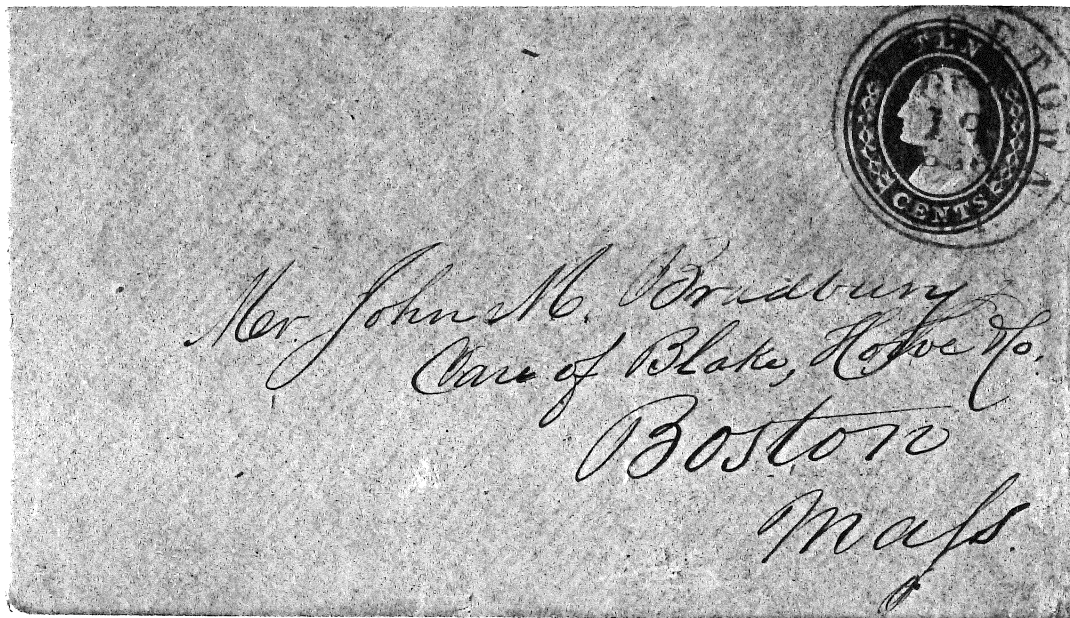
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 Fr.: W.F. & Co. Red CT Type F



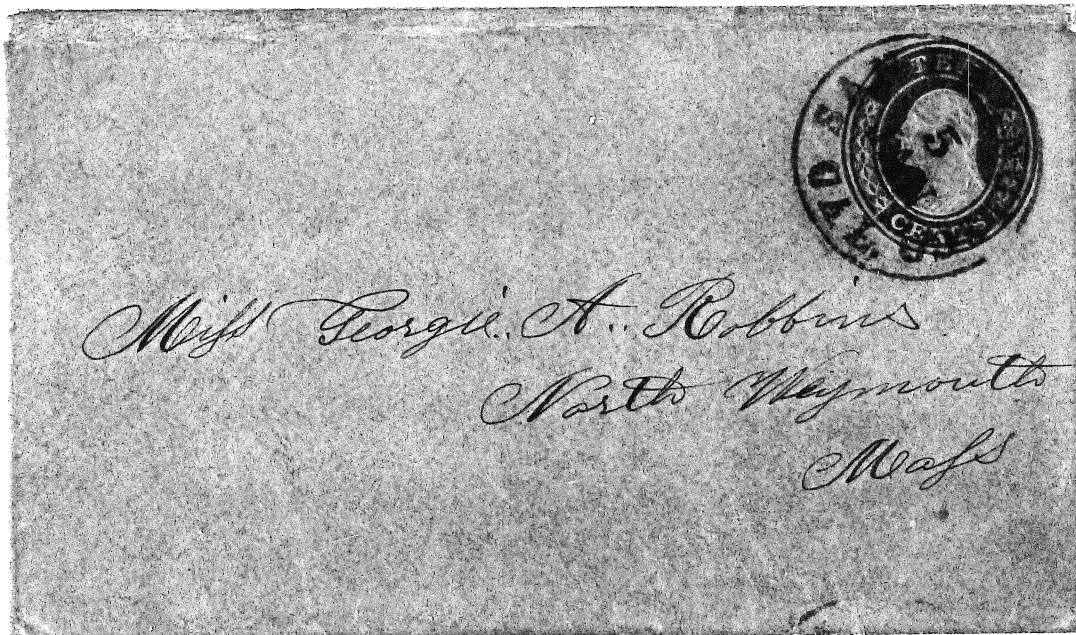
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Fr.: W W & Co. Type F Red



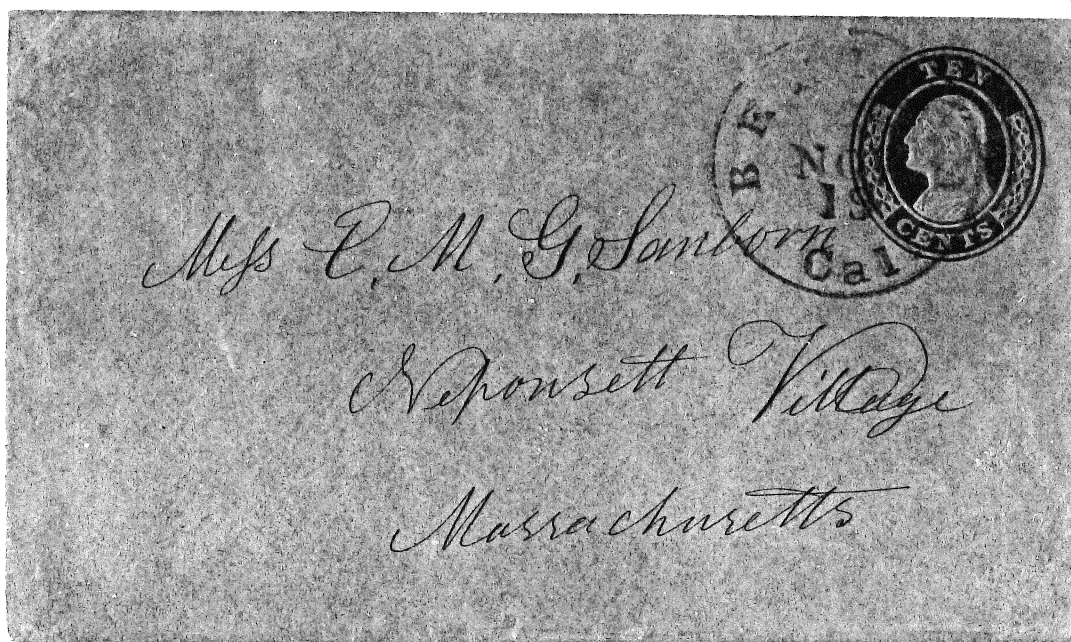
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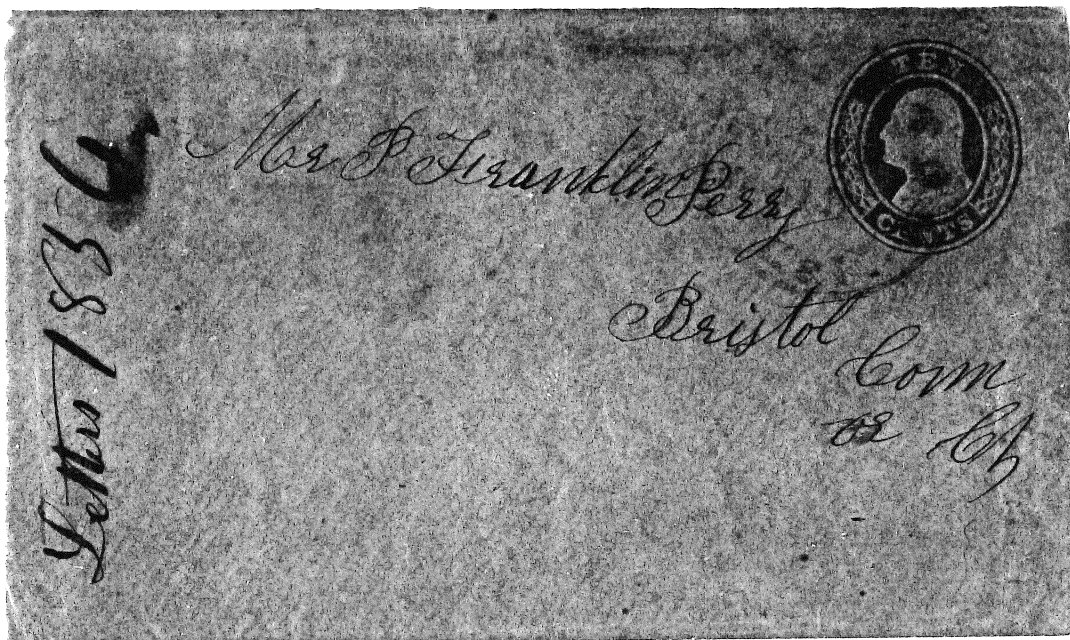
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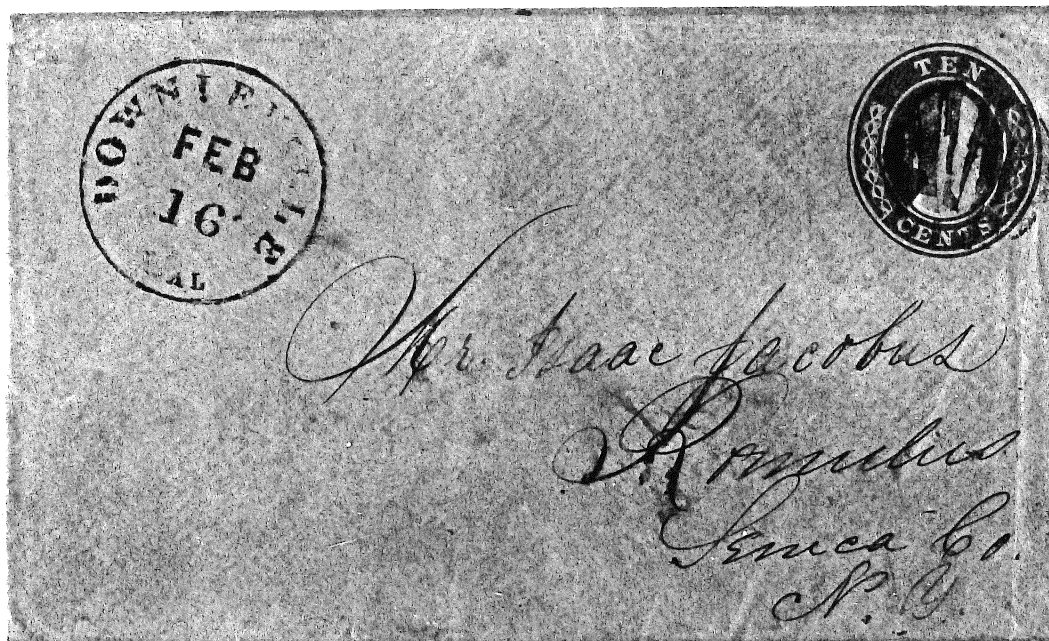
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CDS Benicia CA Nov. 19



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Buff Yellow Green
Size 7(3) Knife 20 (2)
CDS San Francisco CA 5 May (1857)



Die 8 Head XIX 1855
 Buff Yellow Green
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS STOCKTON Cal. SEP 19 (1856)



Die 8 Head XIX 1855.
 Buff Pale Green
 Size 7 Knife 20
 CDS DOWNIEVILLE Cal. FEB 16