UNITED STATES ONE CENT STAMP 1851-1861

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Essays and Plate proof

This exhibit contains examples of the only essays and plate proof believed to precede or to be contemporary with the stamps and usages which follow. Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co. were awarded the 1851 stamp contract after submitting essays of only one value. The 6¢ essay was a later suggestion. It was changed to 1¢ by need for a lower value due to rate changes of the postal law which was to go into effect from and after June 30, 1851.



Die essay of vignette without border



Die essay 6¢ cut to shape

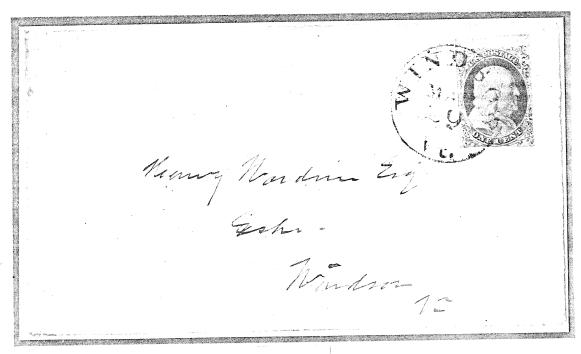


Plate proof on india 23L9 Type V

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Plate One Early

In preparing the first plate, Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co. entered three vertical positions. These were erased and ten top row positions were entered. For more room they burnished lower parts of seven entries and erased two. Position 7R, not touched, was only one to retain full type I characteristics.



7R Type I Drop letter

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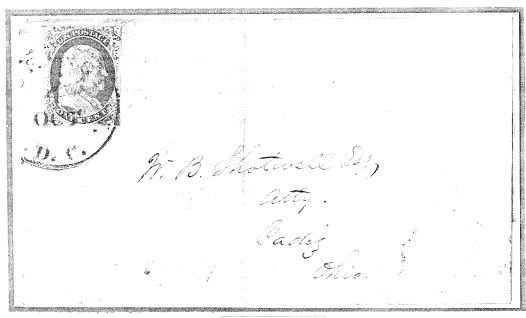
After trimming top row positions, engravers, using new transfer roll, finished the top row, re-entering the erased positions i.e., 1 & 2R.

2R Type II



3R Type IB

adjoining reliefs



3R Type IB Circular

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The remainder of plate was completed with trimmed reliefs of new transfer roll. Some entries produced broken lines at top or bottom, now called Type IIIA.

49L Type II



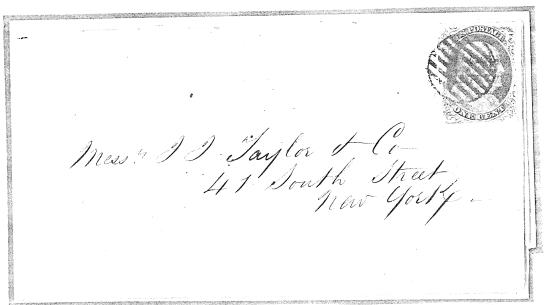


33R Type IIIA



60R Type II

Small Boston 'paid' known usage 7/12/51 - 1/15/52



32R Type IIIA First reported use of grid in New York on 1¢ in 1851. Circular of sugar prices dated New York Oct. 6, 1851.

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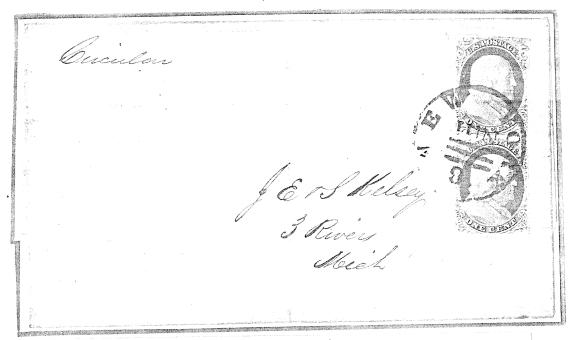
Plate One Early

71 - 73R





100R Type IIIA



61/71R Type II, IIIA - late impression 2¢ circular, '15 months rate' for distance over 500 miles n/e 1500 miles. (7/1/51 - 9/30/52)

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As mentioned, the first three vertical positions were erased. The burnishing was not thorough. Bits of original entries showed through, becoming stronger as the plate wore.

71L Type II



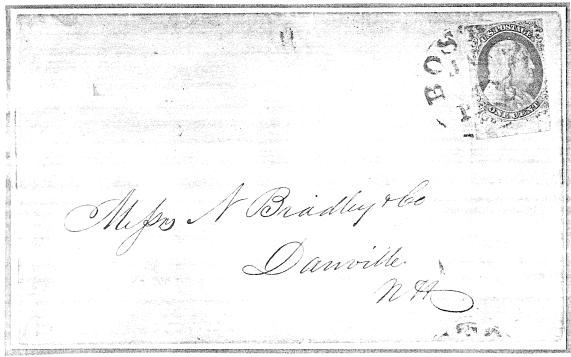
Inverted double transfer

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> 81L Type IIIA Inverted double transfer Circular

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91L Type II Inverted triple transfer Circular

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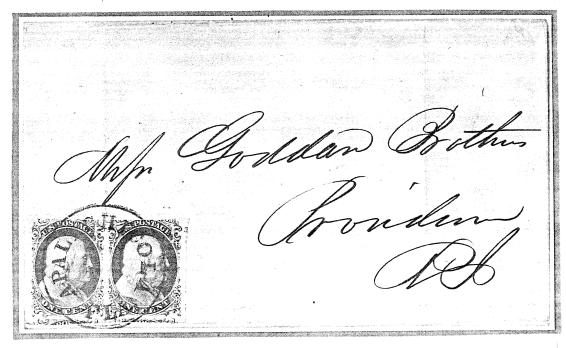
1R Type II Small Boston Paid Drop letter marking known used from 10/9 -12/28/51.



2R Type II 'Slug' found only on circulars from Nov. 1851 to July, 1852.

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87 - 88L Type II 2¢ circular, distance over 500 miles n/e 1500 miles. (7/1/51 - 9/30/52)



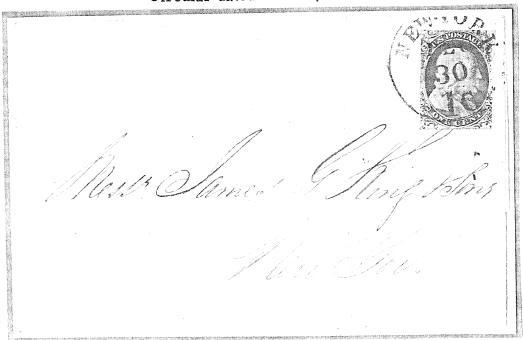
27L Type II Double transfer Prepaid way as letter given to contract carrier enroute to post office.

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Plate One Early



28R Type II Early use of 1¢. Circular dated June 30, 1851.



59R Type II Seldom seen dark shade appearing in Spring, 1852. Circular.

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Plate One Late

Plate One was reworked about May, 1852. Most positions were re-entered; all but one were recut. An imprint was added. The plate was in service until early 1857.

All stamps Type IV





First imprint number



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Plate One Late

All stamps Type IV

The 7 recuts & quantities



1L ''T'' relief



11 positions



6R "T" relief





77L "A" relief



4 positions



71R "A" relief





24R "B" relief

21 positions



52L "A" relief



92R "B" relief



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Plate One Late

All Stamps Type IV



7-8R



97 - 98R



32 - 36L early color



95L plate



96L

ate rust



97L



100L

major double transfers

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3-4R Type IV, II 4R only position not recut. Two page circular. New York - Rouse's Point.

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 $4R\ Type\ II$ Transcontinental rate after April 1, 1855.

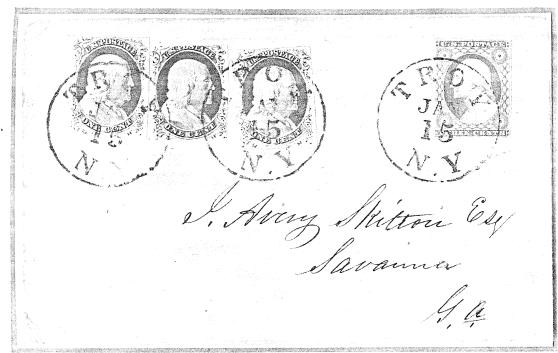
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Plate One Late

All stamps Type IV



Inverted triple transfers



91L Inverted triple transfer, 86, 95L Type IV Double rate.

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Plate One Late

Oddard water of

64L

N.Y. datemark used July 11-26



41R

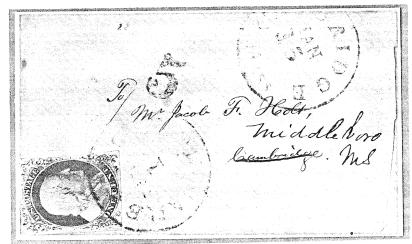
Surface crack



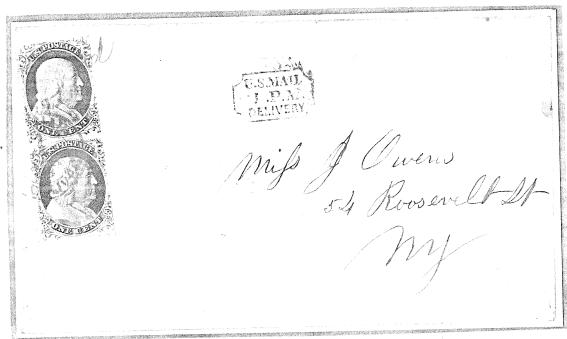
58 - 60L Type IV Surface crack on 60L Cancelled on railway car.

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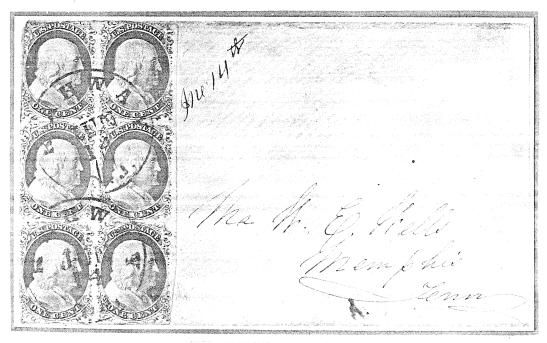


8R Type IV Drop letter; forwarded at unpaid rate.



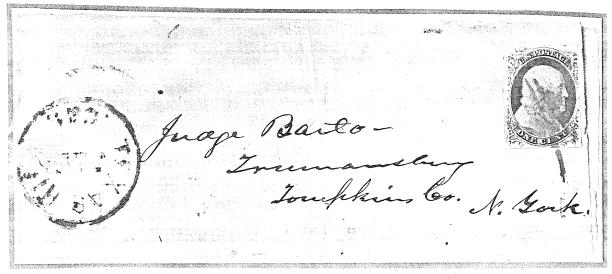
25/35L Type IV Drop letter plus carrier "from the mails".

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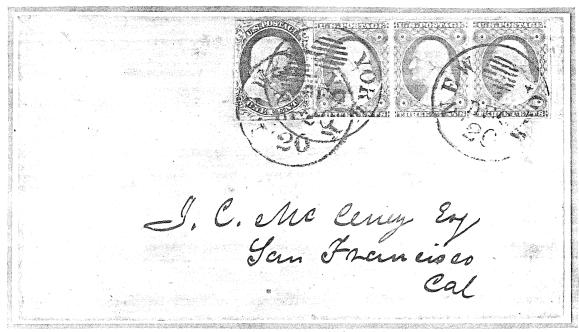


28-29, 38-39, 48-49L Type IV Double rate. Posted at Rahway, N.J.

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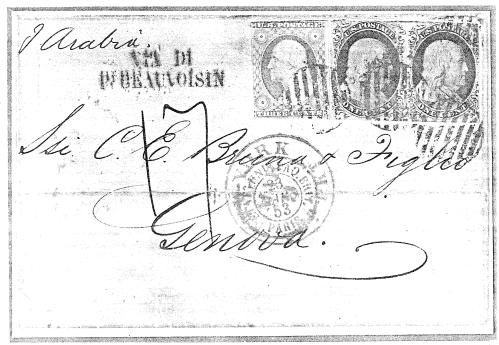
13L Type IV Texas Hill, Cal. - Trumansburg, N.Y. Wrapper.



56L Type IV "Ocean Mail" townmark.

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Plate One Late

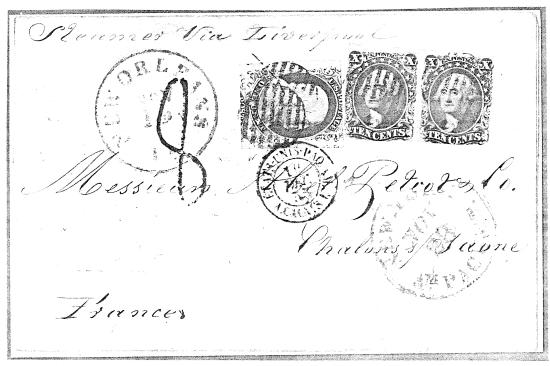


59-60L Type IV 60L recut 2 up, 1 down. From New York March 9, sent Brit open mail on Brit PKT. US inland portion prepaid. London, Paris & Genoa Mar 26, 1853. 17 dec due (33¢).



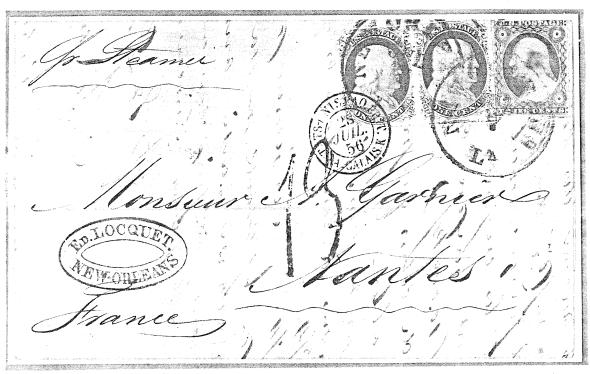
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21R Type IV 21¢ rate to France by American packet and British open mail. New Orleans, New York, London, Calais to Paris & Chalons Dec 11, '55. 8 dec due (15¢).

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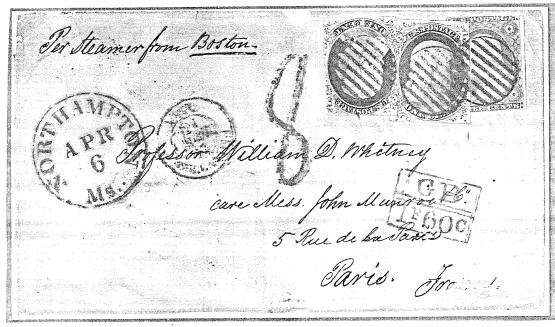


13-14L Type IV New Orleans July 7 via Boston & Brit open mail on British packet. US inland portion prepaid. London, Calais, Paris & Nantes July 29, 1856. 13 dec due (25¢).



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Plate One Late



39L, 82R Type IV
Despite US - French convention April 1, sent Brit open mail, the stamps treated as US inland portion prepaid. Put on Brit PKT at Boston April 8. Accountancy marking states Brit credit: 1F60c per oz. At Paris Apr 22, 1857, rated @ 1/4 this sum or 8 dec due (15¢).
Now considered by students as last trip in interim period to France.



Plate Two

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Plate Two was put into service in late 1855.

Prepayment for domestic mail in April had increased demand for stamps.

198 positions Type II



82L



28L



10R



52R

'Ocean mail' Scarce on Type II.



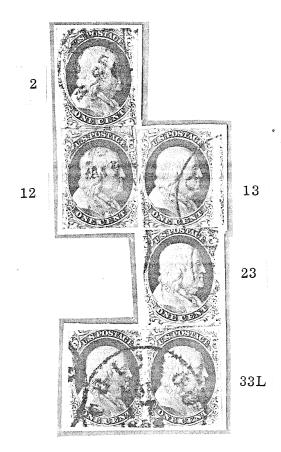
18 - 20L Type II Usage within California.

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A flaw in NW section was disregarded at first, but probably led to retirement of plate after two years' use.

All stamps Type II



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Plate Two

98 99 100R

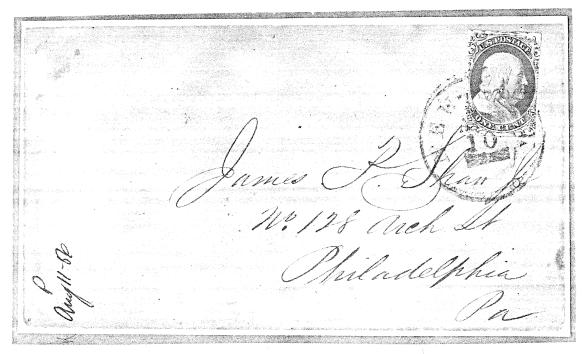
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99R Type III Boston circular Sept 1, 1856. Boston datestamp 6 Sep.

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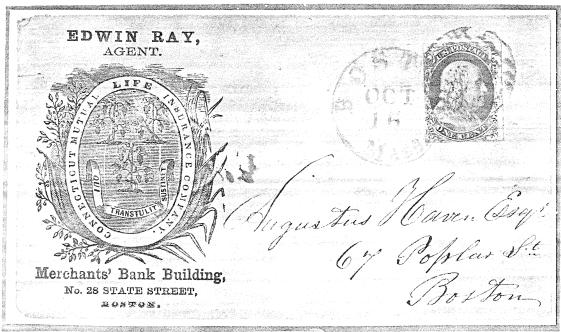
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89R Type II Largest double transfer on 1¢. Circular.

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35R Type II Circular. Advertising media of the day.

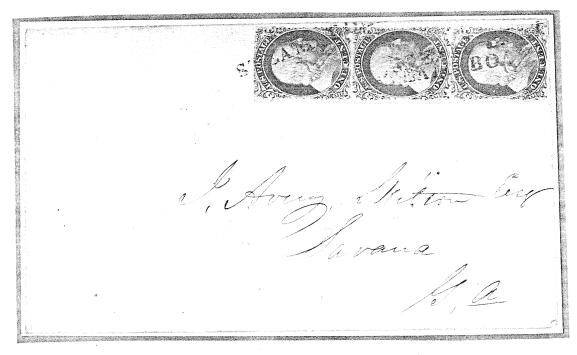
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50L Type II Valentine (drop letter). The listing copy of Plymouth Hollow heart cancel.

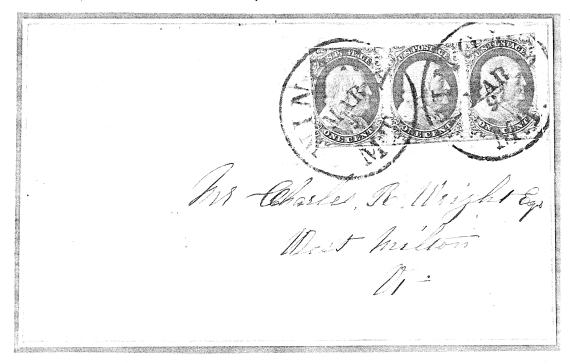


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14/24/34L Type II Savannah Steamboat marking.

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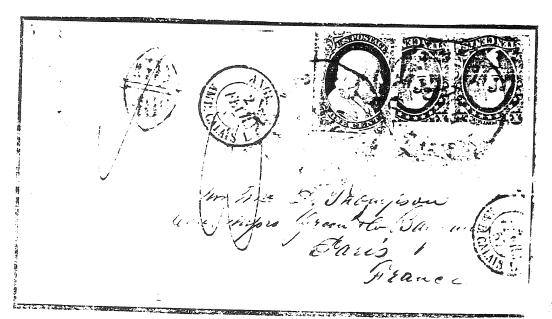
43 - 45L Type II Winonah, Minnesota Territory



14L Type II Cross border rate.

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Plate Two



15L Type II
Madison, Wisc. Dec -, 1856 via New York & Brit open mail.
US PKT portion prepaid.
London, Calais & Paris Feb 2, 1857. Dbl Fr rate due - 10 dec (19¢),
example of 71/2 gram rate vs. US-Brit rate. A 'three month's' cover.

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49-50L Type II
New Orleans Jan 20, 1857 via New York, rated as US inland prepaid via Brit PKT.
London (Feb 16 57), Calais & Italy Feb 19, 1857. 7 dec due (14¢) at Turin.
Tray marking, applied at London, shows Am PKT service which, if not in error, further indicates that the 5¢ prepayment was accepted at N. Y. exchange office.
(Both an Am PKT and a Brit PKT arrived at Liverpool on same day.)
An interim or 'three month's' period cover to Italy.



Plate Three

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Plate Three was put in service about Spring, 1856. Inexplicably, it was retired after only a year.

Prepayment in stamps on domestic mail had been required from Jan 1.

All positions Type II



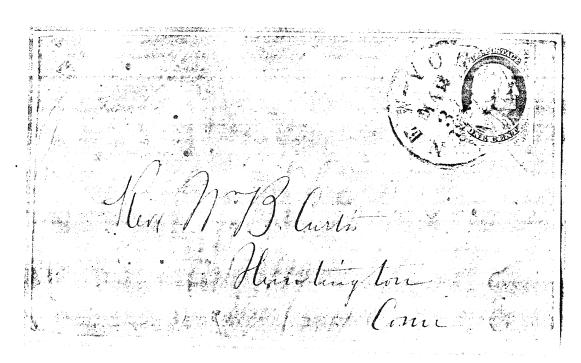
8L

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Distinctive shade Prussian blue

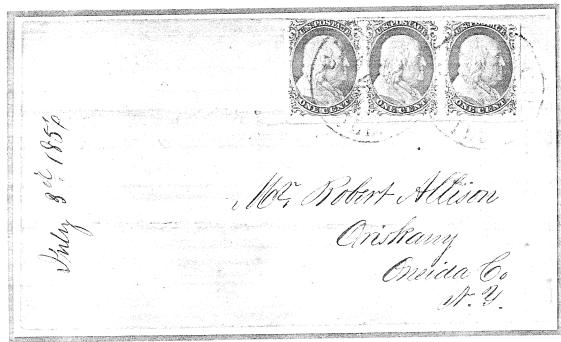




32R Type II Early gray blue shade.

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Plate Three



96-98R Type II Chicago Docketing reads "July 3rd 1856".

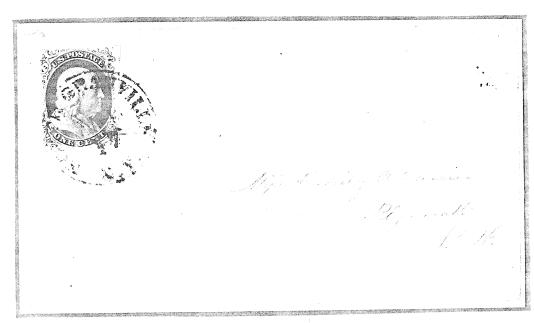
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Plate Four

Plate No. 4 was readied in February, 1857. A six relief transfer roll was used. Each relief was trimmed to make room for perforations. This produced four types plus a sub-type (IC). The plate was retired in 8 months. Imperforates were produced during the first three months.



2R Type II Only from top row



1R Type II Circular.

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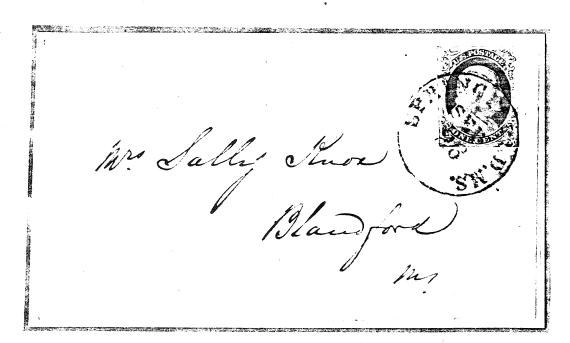


79R Type IIIA carrier



49L
Type IC
Found only in
8 positions.



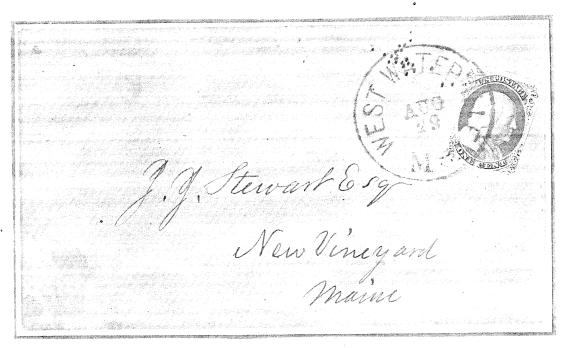


76R Type IIIA Circular dated Springfield Sep 21, 1857.

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11R Type III Shoulder curl



64L Type III Circular.

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97R Type IA Curl in 'c'.



98L Type IA
Type IA only from 18 positions in bottom row.
Circular.



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Plate One Late

Perforating was begun in July, 1857. Sheets from Plate One Late had been stacked under those from newer plates. These 'older' sheets were then perforated in turn.

All stamps Type IV The 7 recuts & quantities



8 positions

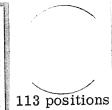
7 8L "T" relief



51L ''A''. relief



35L ''A'' relief





24L ''B'' relief

21 positions



79L "A" relief



100L "B" relief



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Plate One Late



4R Only Type II



40L Type IV Crack to left of 'One'.



4R Type II Circular.

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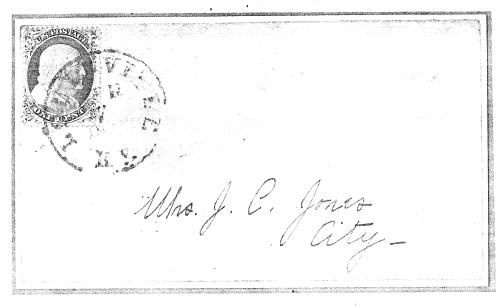
Plate One Late



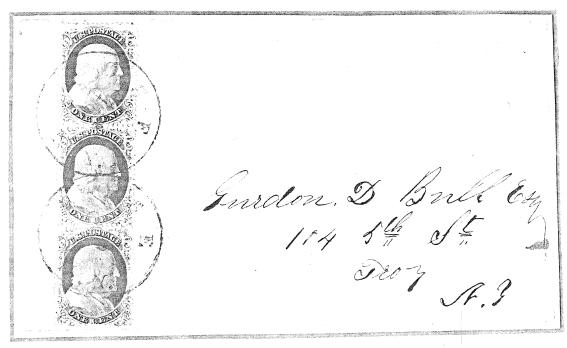
81L Type IV Inverted triple transfer. Circular.

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32R Type IV Drop letter at Louisville.



77/87/97L Type IV 97L major double transfer

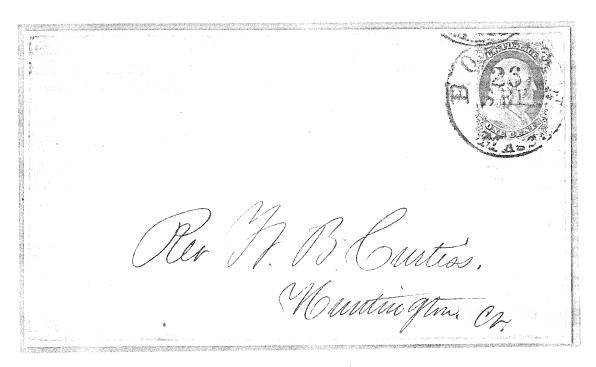
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Plate Two

When the perforating of 1¢ stamps began July, 1857, only Plates 2 & 4 were in use. These plates, with remnants of Plate One Late, supplied the 1¢ stamps until late that year. Plate 2 was continued in service until late fall, despite its flaw.



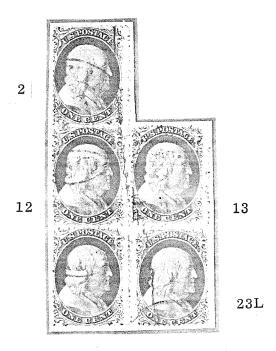
27L Type II



8L Type II Circular.

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Plate Two



Partial Reconstruction of Flaw

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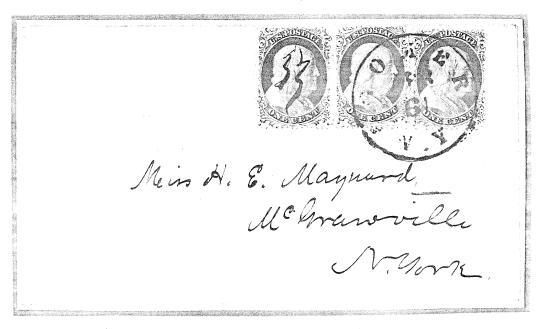


99R
Position produced
finest example
of Type III

W

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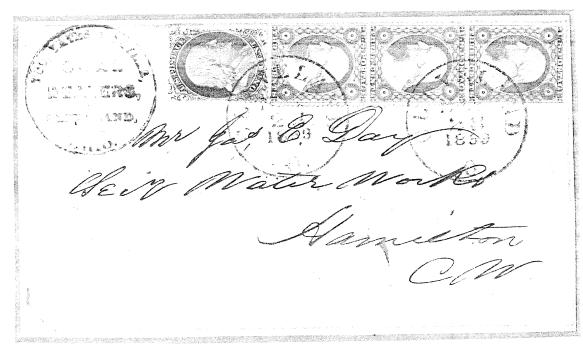
Plate Two



26-27, 32L Type II

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Plate Two



18L Type II Cross border rate. Coal dealer's advertising handstamp.



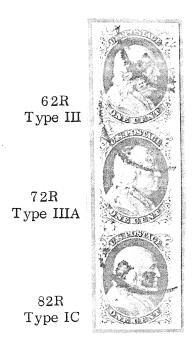
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Plate Four

Perforating of 1¢ stamps began in July, 1857. Although Plate 4 was designed for this improvement, the perforating cut into most positions.



 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Type \ II \\ Found \ \mbox{conty in top row positions} \end{tabular}$





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93L Type IA

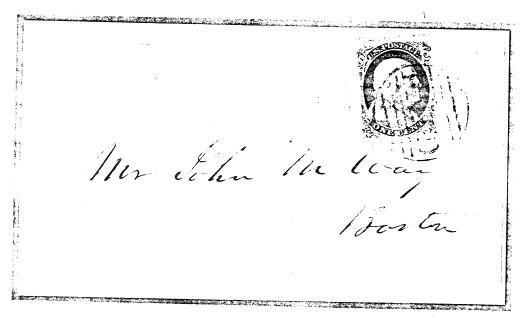


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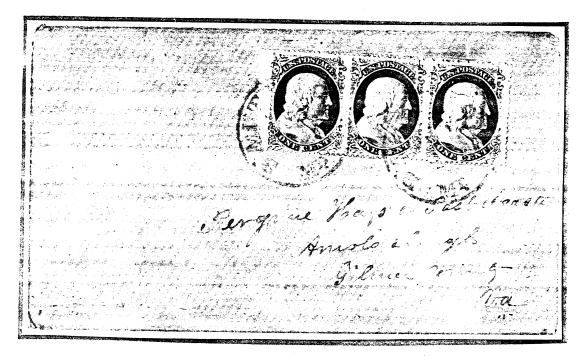
3L Type II Circular.

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48L Type III Circular.

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21-23L Type IIIA, III, III

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85R Type IIIA Boston circular Jan 27, redirected at Rochester, N.Y. Feb 4, 1858.



89R Type IC Sub-type IC found only in 8 positions. Circular.

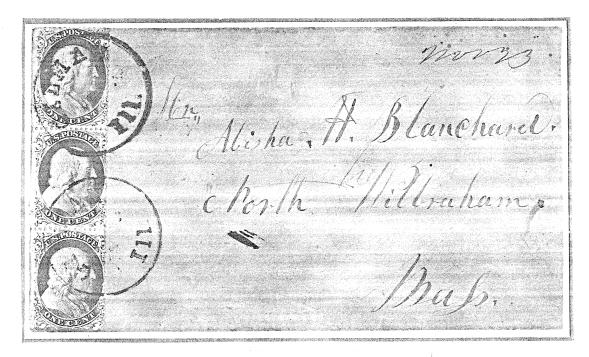
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57-58L, 87-88L Type IIIA; 47-48L Type IC & III and 38L Type IIIA. Transcontinental rate.

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Plate Four



79/89/99L Type IIIA, IIIA & IA

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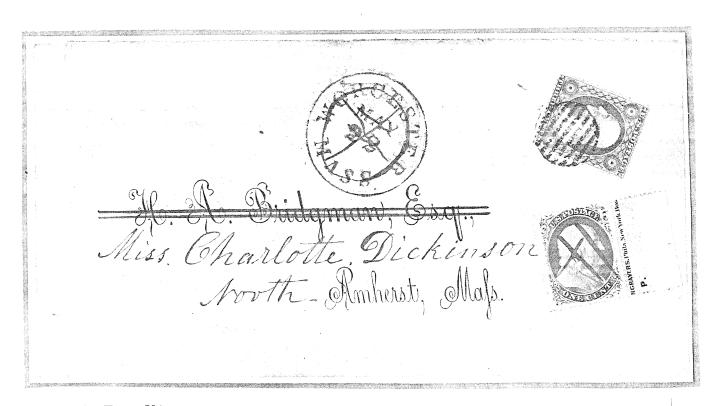
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Plate Five

The engravers prepared four plates in late 1857. Room for perforations was assured by trimming all sides of the reliefs (Type VA). On entering 14th row of Plate 5, it was felt that further room was necessary. A new roll (Type V) was used to complete Plate 5. The plate was in service for about a year.



5L Type VA



50R Type VA
Only recorded copy with part of imprint and trace of number from right pane.
Readdressed and carried privately to North Amherst with 1¢ added as drop letter.

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Plate Five Left

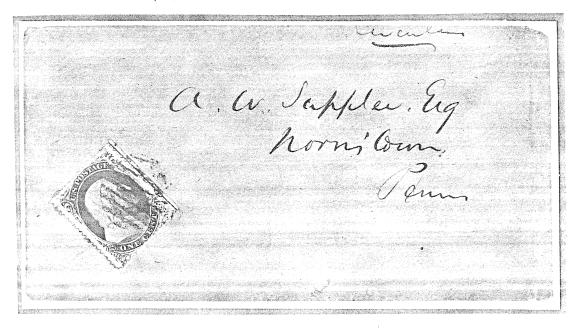
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Partial Reconstruction (51 - 100)

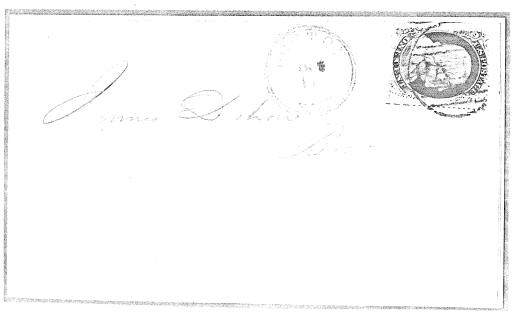
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Plate Five



40L Type VA Perforated centerline.



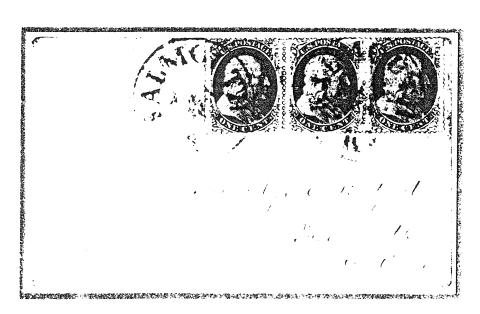
90L Type V Perforated centerline.

Plate Five

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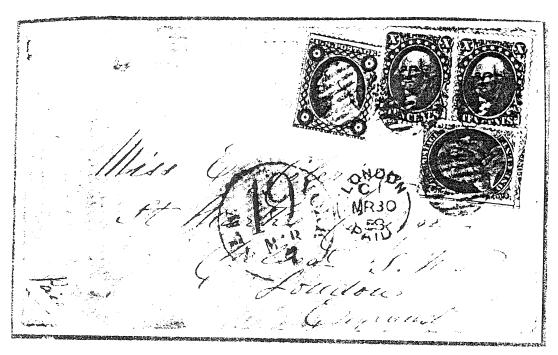
53R Type VA From Elkhorn, Wisc., crossing border at Detroit. Backstamped "Scotland Mar 28 58".



53-55L Type V Impressions from second transfer roll which produced only Type V designs.

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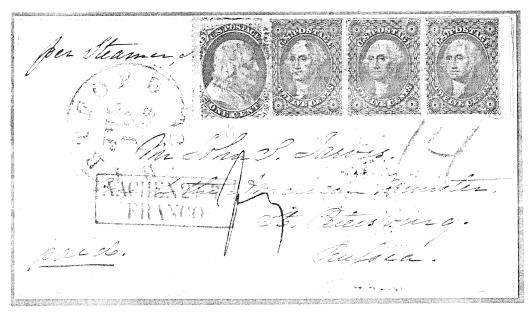
Plate Five



11R Type VA From New York Mar 7, 1858, prepaid via Brit PKT; 19¢ cr to Britain.

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Plate Five



13L Type V Hartford, Conn. July 12, 1858 via Boston & brit PKT and Prussian closed mail. At St. Petersburg 21 July (add 12 days or 2 Aug 1858). 14¢ credit to Prussia of which 7¢ to Russia.





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Plate Seven

Plate 7 was the third of the four plates prepared in late 1857. The existence of material from Plate 6 is questionable.

All stamps Type V



41/51L



50R



55/65L The discovery position of 65L.



71R perforated ¢ early print





41R carrier



88-90L

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Plate Seven

The 'Curl on Shoulder' positions



way on my

B.

99R Type V 2nd entry of curl relief. Drop letter at San Francisco.

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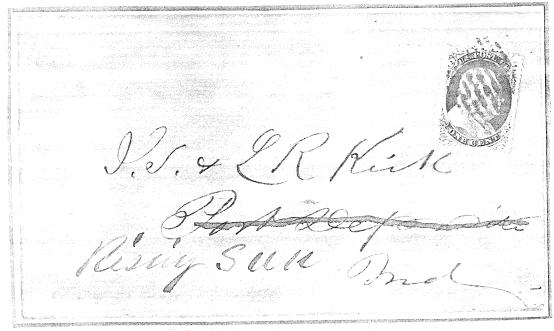
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Plate Seven



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58R Type V 3rd entry of curl relief. Transcontinental rate. 'Ocean Mail' marking.





 $9\,8R$ Type V 4th entry of curl relief. Circular.

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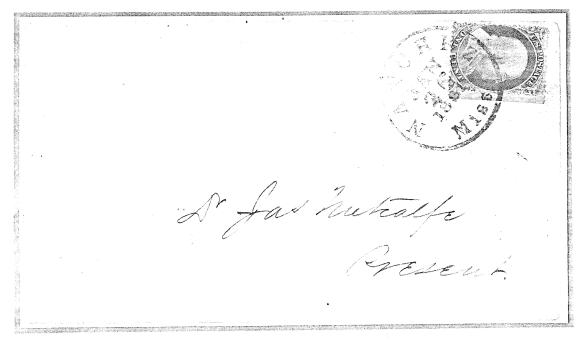
57R 5th entry





97R Type V Last entry of curl relief. Transcontinental rate. 'Ocean Mail' marking.

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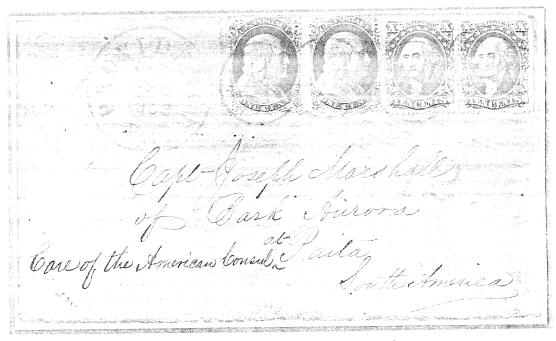


64L Type V Independent State Usage



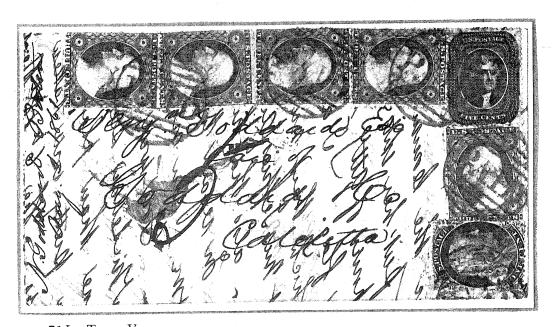
41L Type V Imprint Circular.

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69--70L7 Type V The 22¢ rate to Peru via Panama with 12¢ credit for Brit PKT service from Panama.

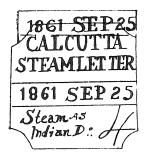
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71L Type V 33¢ rate to India via Southampton. Posted Boston, Aug 2, 1861 Am Pkt. Placed in British mails at London. English debit 5d (10¢) paid by India from their collection of 4 annas (12¢). Overage reflects colonial credit of 1d per 1/2 oz. Calcutta, Sept 25, 1861.







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Plate Eight

Plate 8 was the last of the 1¢ plates prepared in 1857.

All stamps Type V



41/51L



21R perforated ¢ early print



52R Type V Curl in hair. Curl over 'C'. Circular.

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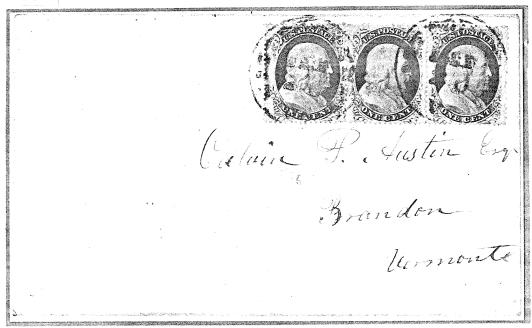
8-10R Type V 8 & 10R only double transfers on plate. Placerville to San Jose, California.

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19R, 20R & 80L Type V Scarce usage, California to Oregon. Mourning cover.

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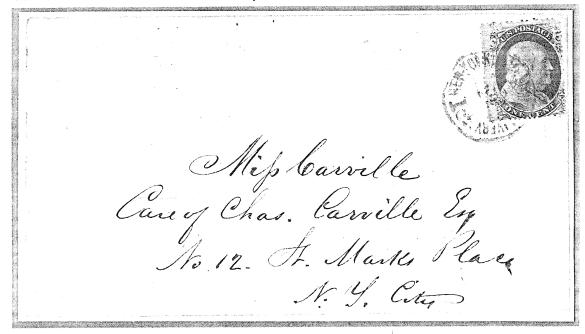


62-64L Type V Usage within Vermont.



25-26L Type V Double rate circular.

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15L Type V City delivery in New York.



68/78/88/98R Type V Carrier to the mails.

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62/72/82R Type V U tah became Terr. 1850; docketed '1860'. 3 cent over the mountains rate (4/1/55 - 2/27/61).

Plate Eight

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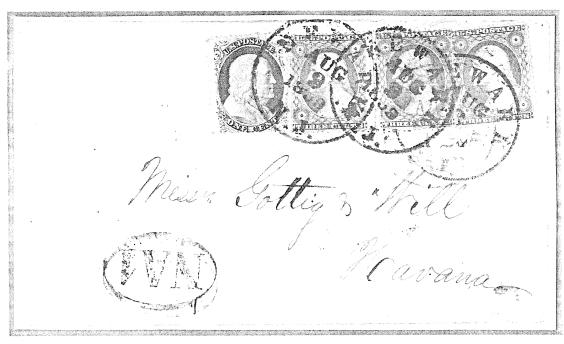
53-54R Type V Circular New Orleans - Marseilles. 15c due (3¢). Rec'd Mar 25, '58.



3-4R Type V Circular Mobile-Genoa. 15 centisimi due (3¢). Rec'd Nov 15, '59.

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47L Type V Newark, N.J. via New York to Havana Aug. 9, 1859.

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Plate Nine

Plate 9 was prepared in late summer 1859. Designs not sharp; right side ornaments shorter than on earlier plates.

All stamps Type V



41/51L



40/50R



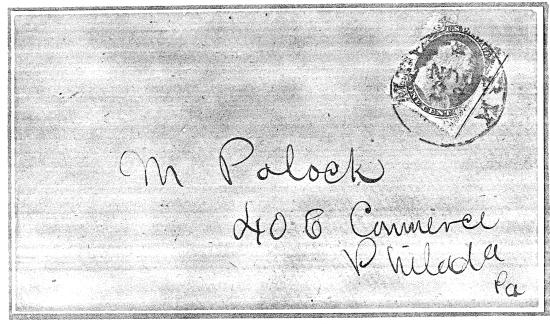
61R



38-40R Datestamp reads 'Sep 1861 27' - after official demonetization at New York.

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Plate Nine



10L Type V Ear ring flaw Circular.



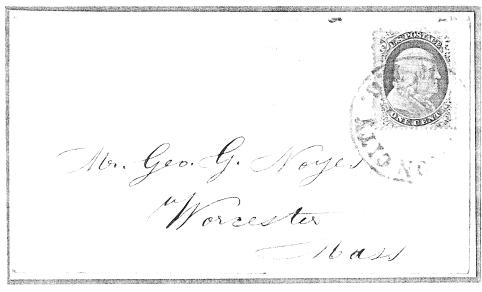
52R Type V Largest double transfer on a Type V. Drop letter.

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Plate Nine



4L Type V Carrier.



100R Type V Circular.

ONE CENT STAMP 1851 TO 1861

Plate Nine



12/22L; 94-100L Type V Triple rate.

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Plate Nine



 $69R\ \ Type\ V$ Carrier plus Transcontinental rate.



65L

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Plate Nine



50R Type V Sent from New York Feb 11 AM PKT & French mail. Single rate prepaid. At Switzerland Feb 26, 1860.

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Plate Ten

Plate 10 was made in late spring, 1860. It replaced plates 7 & 8 which were badly worn. Produced from old transfer roll, it shows nominal characteristics.

42/92L All stamps Type V Relief \mathbf{E} F 10R Relief A \mathbf{C} D E F The plate had no centerline.



20R Relief B

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Plate Ten



7 - 10

17 - 20

27 - 30L

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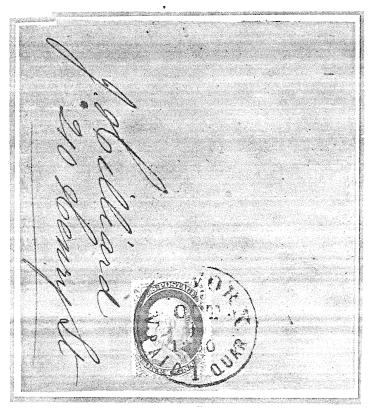
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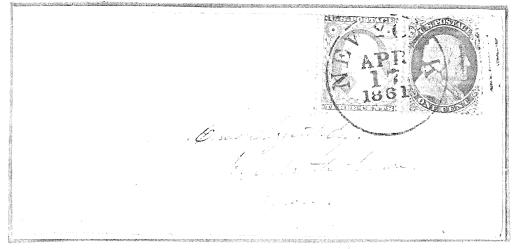
41L Type V Imprint
Davidson College, N.C. datestamp.
Wrapper.

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27L10 Type V Discovery copy of N. Y. marking used as receipt for quarterly payment of bulk mailings on wrapper.



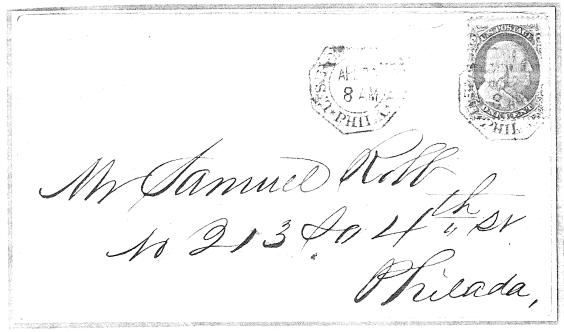
89L Type V Carrier 'to the mails'.

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3R Type V
First reported use of cancel on perforated 1¢.
Circular.



10L Type V U.S.P.O. Dispatch - city delivery.

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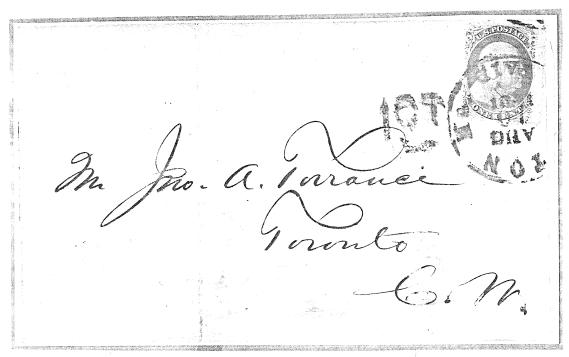
Plate Ten



 $27 L\,$ Type V Posted in Illinois, prepaying carrier fee at Philadelphia. Unusual usage.

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Plate Ten



86L Type V 1¢ prepaid circular rate to border. 1¢ due at Toronto.

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Plate Eleven

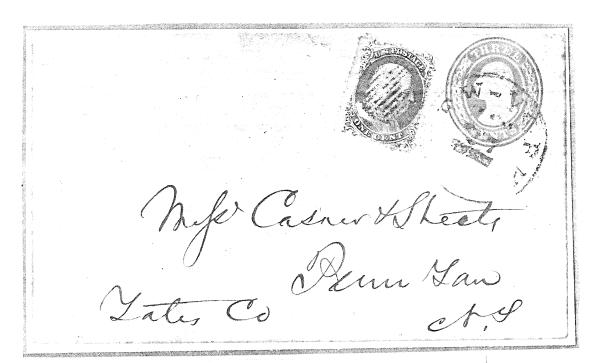
Plate Eleven was made late in 1860. It produced 20 Type II designs found only in top row; the balance were Type IIIA. Each impression had a secret dot in vignette border at left. Scarcity of material has hindered plate reconstruction.



Type II Top row



Type IIIA Wide break at top



Type II Top row stamp.

Jan 27 (1861) New York bar and a grid cancel.

Early use of Plate 11. Carrier.

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Plate Eleven



"A" relief double transfer Type IIIA Carrier. New York 1861 combination datestamp.



"B" relief double transfer Type IIIA Circular.

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Plate Twelve

Early printings of Toppan, Carpenter & Co.'s last plate had an equal number of Type I & Type II designs. All positions had a secret dot similar to Plate Eleven. Plate was made about December, 1860 despite the contract's end June 30, 1861.

21L
Type I

31L
Type II

41L
Type I

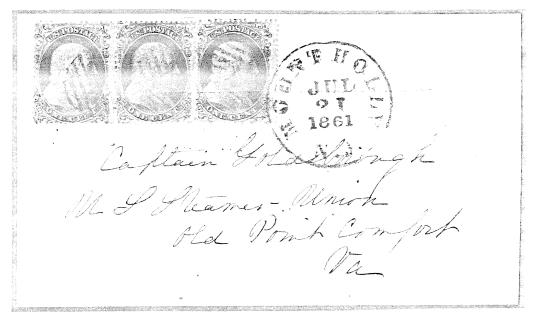
65L Type IIIA



With plate wear, 14 positions in left pane became Type IIIA.

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Plate Twelve

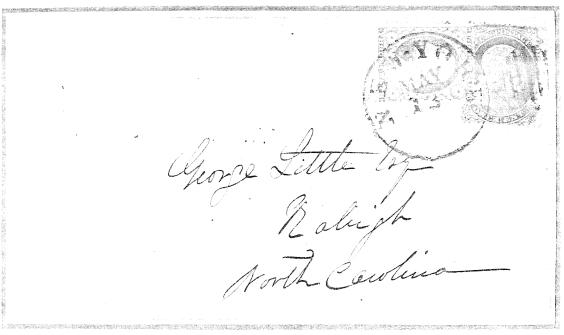


53-54L, 52L Type I, II & II This copy is discovery position of 54L.

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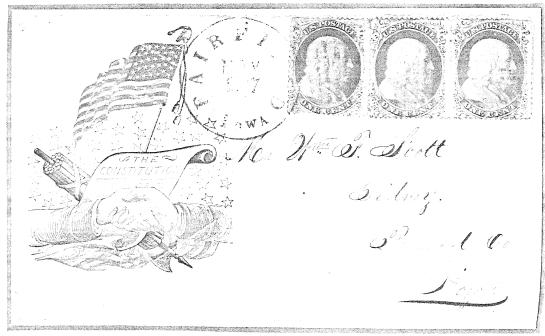
Plate Twelve



Type II Carrier. Usage just prior to order of PMG prohibiting correspondence to Southern destinations.

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Plate Twelve



48L8 Type V & 44-45R Type I Patriotic.

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