

## 10c 1869 TO FRANCE AND VIA FRENCH MAILS

THIS FRAME SHOWS THE 10c 1869 STAMP ON COVERS TO FRANCE AND BEYOND FRANCE VIA FRENCH MAILS. TOP ROW: COVERS AT THE 15c TREATY RATE, WHICH EXPIRED 12-31-69. SECOND ROW: "DIRECT" COVERS, PREPAID ONLY TO THE FRENCH BORDER. THIRD ROW: WAR DISRUPTION AND "VIA ENGLAND" COVERS, PREPAID ONLY TO THE BRITISH BORDER. BOTTOM ROW: POSTWAR RESTORATION OF DIRECT SERVICE, FORWARDED AND BEYOND-FRANCE USES. ALL COVERS SELECTED TO ILLUSTRATE THE COMPLEX RATINGS, ROUTINGS AND DUE MARKINGS THAT FOLLOWED THE EXPIRY OF THE POSTAL TREATY. NOTE: "PHANTOM RATE" COVERS TO FRANCE, FULLY PREPAID VIA BRITISH MAILS, ARE PRESENTED IN THE BRITISH-MAIL FRAME.



VIA  
AMERICAN  
PACKET  
DIRECT  
TO FRANCE

HAPAG  
HOLSATIA  
DEPART NYC  
4 DEC 1869

WASHINGTON, D.C./PARIS, 7 DEC. 1869. 10c OVERPAYS THE 15c (PER QUARTER OUNCE) TREATY RATE. AT THE NEW YORK EXCHANGE OFFICE, THE COVER WAS FOUND TO REQUIRE TWO RATES. PER TREATY, THE POSTAGE COUNTED FOR NOTHING. THE STAMPS WERE CROSSED OUT WITH PEN, MARKED "INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID" AND SENT AS AN UNPAID DOUBLE-RATE COVER (NEW YORK DEBIT 24 RATER). DELIVERED IN PARIS WITH 16 DECIMES PAID. THEN READDRESSED AND REMAILED TO GERMANY ("TROUVEZ A LA BOITE" LOZENGHE), 13 SILBERGROSCHEN COLLECTED FROM RECIPIENT AT GOTHA, GERMANY.

TO FRANCE  
 TREATY RATE: 15¢ PER ¼ OZ. - EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 1857 - 31 DECEMBER 1869  
 PREPAID TO DESTINATION "VIA AMERICAN PACKET VIA ENGLAND"

DOUBLE RATE  
 PHILADELPHIA  
 CREDIT 12



VIA CUNARD CHINA  
 DEPART NYC 8 SEPT 69

PHILADELPHIA/PARIS - 7 SEPTEMBER 1869

SINGLE RATE  
 BOSTON  
 CREDIT 6



VIA CUNARD SCOTIA  
 DEPART NYC 7 DEC 69

BOSTON/PARIS - 8 DECEMBER 1869

TO FRANCE

TREATY PERIOD: VIA DIRECT FRENCH PACKET

SINGLE RATES  
NY CREDIT 12

FR PACKET #3  
VILLE DE PARIS  
DEPART NYC  
12 JUNE 69



WITH 5¢ 1863, LAMBERTVILLE, N.J./PARIS, 10 JUNE 1869

FR PACKET #1  
PERIERE  
DEPART NYC  
11 MAY 69



NEW ORLEANS/CANNES, 26 APRIL 1869. FIRST MONTH OF USE, 1¢ OVERPAY.

TO FRANCE: TREATY PERIOD

AMERICAN PACKET VIA ENGLAND: UNUSUAL RATINGS



VIA IRMAN  
LINE CITY OF  
BROOKLYN  
DEPARTING  
NEW YORK  
JULY 31,  
1869

COLD SPRING, N.Y./PARIS, JULY 30, 1869. THE NY EXCHANGE OFFICE OFFICE INITIALLY RATED THIS WITH CREDIT 6 FOR SINGLE RATE PREPAYMENT, THEN REALIZED THE COVER WEIGHED OVER 1/4 OZ AND WAS THUS UNDERPAID. NY DEBIT 18 MARKING WAS STRUCK PRECISELY OVER THE CREDIT 6.



VIA NGL  
AMERICA  
DEPART NYC  
11 NOV 1869

NEW YORK  
CREDIT 6  
SINGLE  
RATE

NEW ORLEANS/BORDEAUX, NOV.7, 1869. 10¢ ACCEPTED AS FULL PREPAYMENT OF 15¢ RATE.

TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD--DIRECT TRANSIT  
 U.S. RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OUNCE, PREPAID TO FRENCH BORDER  
 FRENCH RATE: 8 DECIMES PER 10 GRAMS, COLLECT

CONTRASTING CONTRACT CARRIERS

VIA AMERICAN PACKET

"TOO LATE" FOR  
 FRENCH LINE STEAMER  
 LAFAYETTE

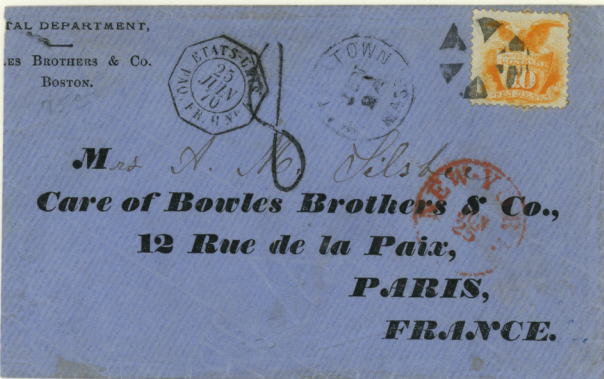


HAPAG  
 HAMMONIA II  
 DEPART NYC  
 5 APRIL 1870  
 ARRIVE CHERBOURG  
 17 APRIL

NEW YORK  
 FOREIGN MAIL KILLER  
 WEISS TYPE TR-CI

NEW YORK/PARIS, 5 APRIL 1870.

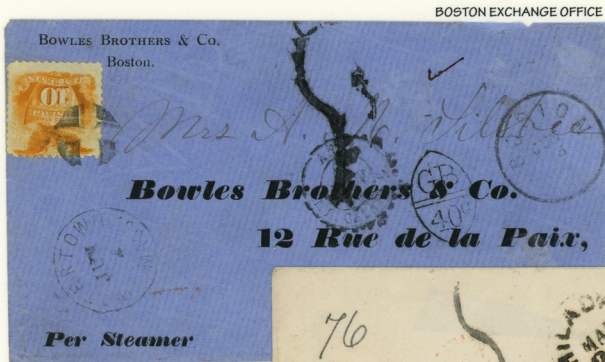
VIA FRENCH PACKET



FRENCH LINE  
 ST. LAURENT  
 DEPART NYC  
 25 JUNE 1870  
 ARRIVE BREST  
 5 JULY 1870

WATERTOWN, MASS./PARIS, 24 JUNE 1870.

TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD--VIA BRITISH OPEN MAILS  
 U.S. RATE: 4¢ PER 1/2 OUNCE, PAID ONLY TO ENGLAND  
 FRENCH RATE: 5 DECIMES PER 7 1/2 GRAMS, COLLECT  
 CONTRASTING U.S. EXCHANGE OFFICES



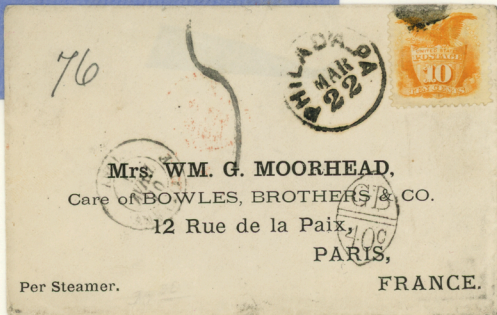
BOSTON EXCHANGE OFFICE

NGL UNION  
 DEPART NYC  
 4 JUNE 1870

GUION  
 NEBRASKA  
 DEPART NYC  
 23 MARCH 1870  
 PHILADELPHIA X.O.

WATERTOWN, MASS./PARIS, 3 JUNE 1870

CHARACTERISTIC MARKINGS:  
 "GB/40c" ACCOUNTANCY MARKING  
 "ANGL AMB CALAIS" FRENCH ENTRY  
 5 DECIMES DUE IN FRANCE



PHILADELPHIA/PARIS, 22 MARCH 1870



HARTFORD, CT./PARIS, 24 JANUARY 1857. IMPERFORATE 1851 STAMPS PAY 21¢  
 POSTAGE TO ENGLAND VIA AMERICAN PACKET; 5 DECIMES FRENCH POSTAGE DUE.

PREQUEL: DURING THE "THREE-MONTH PERIOD" AT THE BEGINNING OF 1857 (AFTER THE FIRST U.S.-U.K. TREATY AND BEFORE THE U.S.-FRANCE TREATY), THIS SAME NEXUS OF TREATIES AND MARKINGS WAS USED TO CARRY PART-PAID COVERS TO FRANCE VIA ENGLAND. BACK THEN THE REQUIRED TRANSATLANTIC PRE-PAYMENT WAS 21¢; THE OTHER CHARGES (AND MARKINGS) WERE THE SAME AS PREVAILED WHEN THIS CONNECTION WAS BRIEFLY REVIVED IN 1870.

TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD--DIRECT TRANSIT  
U.S. RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OUNCE, PREPAID  
FRENCH RATE: 8 DECIMES PER 10 GRAMS, COLLECT

MULTIPLE FRENCH COLLECTIONS



FRENCH LINE  
FEEBIE  
DEPART NYC  
14 MAY 1870  
ARRIVE  
BREST  
23 MAY 1870

PHILADELPHIA/PARIS, 14 MAY 1870. SINGLE RATE IN U.S., DOUBLE RATE IN FRANCE.



HAPAG  
SAXONIA  
DEPART NYC  
10 MAY 1870  
ARRIVE  
CHERBOURG  
23 MAY 1870

PHILADELPHIA/PARIS, 9 MAY 1870. DOUBLE RATE IN U.S., TRIPLE RATE IN FRANCE.

TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD--DIRECT TRANSIT  
10¢ PER 1/2 OUNCE PREPAID, 8 DECIMES PER 10 GRAMS COLLECT

VIA RUGER'S AMERICAN LINE



UNUSUAL DOUBLE-CIRCLE HAVRE ENTRY MARKING. HAVRE MARKINGS ARE CHARACTERISTIC OF RUGER COVERS.

NEW ORLEANS/PARIS, 24 FEBRUARY 1870, DEPARTING NYC 3 MARCH ON PADDLE STEAMER OCEAN QUEEN, CHARTERED BY RUGER'S AMERICAN LINE. RUGER MADE THREE MAIL CROSSINGS IN 1870, CARRYING ONLY 7,400 COVERS, OF WHICH NINE SURVIVORS ARE KNOWN.

TWO-COUNTRY FRANKING



HAPAG  
HAMMONIA II  
DEPART NYC  
4 JAN 1870  
ARRIVE  
CHERBOURG  
15 JAN 1870

NEW YORK CITY/PARIS, 4 JANUARY 1870, REDIRECTED WITH 10 CENTIME EMPIRE STAMP.



DISRUPTIONS OF WAR  
 OUTBREAK OF FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR  
 CAUSES REROUTING OF DIRECT (HAPAG) MAILS

NEWPORT  
 "PAID 10"

HAMMONIA DEPART NYC 28 JUNE 1870  
 LAST NORMAL CROSSING  
 FRENCH MAILS DEBARCKED AT CHERBOURG  
 "ETATS UNIS CHERBOURG" --8 DECIMES DUE



NEWPORT, R.I./PARIS, 27 JUNE 1870



NEW ORLEANS/PARIS, 29 JUNE 1870

HOLBATA DEPART NYC 12 JULY 1870  
 FRENCH MAILS DEBARCKED AT PLYMOUTH  
 COVER RATED AS IF ORIGINATING IN ENGLAND:  
 "ANGL. AMB. CALAIS" PLUS 5 DECIMES DUE



NEW ORLEANS/GIRONDE, 8 JULY 1870

CHANGING FRENCH ENTRY MARKINGS SHOW HOW  
 OUTBREAK OF FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR (JUNE 30,  
 1870) DISRUPTED WEEKLY DIRECT MAILS TO  
 FRANCE VIA HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE. SINCE  
 GERMANY HAD NO NAVY, HAPAG SHIPS RISKED  
 CAPTURE IF THEY ENTERED FRENCH WATERS.

TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD  
 U.S. RATE: 10c PER 1/2 OUNCE--PREPAID TO FRENCH BORDER  
 FRENCH RATE: 5 DECIMES PER 10 GRAMS, COLLECT

POST-WAR RESUMPTION OF DIRECT SERVICE



WINNEQANCE, ME./HAVRE, 14 JULY 1871

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR, DIRECT STEAMER SERVICE RESUMED TO PRE-WAR PORTS OF CALL AS OF 1 JULY 1871, THE FRENCH 8 DECIMES INTERNAL COLLECTION ON DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WAS REDUCED TO 5 DECIMES.

FRENCH LINE STEAMER  
 LAFFAYETTE DEPART NYC  
 15 JULY 1871, ARRIVE  
 HAVRE 27 JULY

HARRISBURG  
 NEGATIVE "H"  
 DECEMBER 25  
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!



HARRISBURG, PA./PARIS, 25 DECEMBER 1872.

HAFAG  
 STEAMER  
 CIMBRIA  
 DEPART NYC  
 25 DEC 71,  
 ARRIVE  
 PLYMOUTH  
 7 JAN 72



FRENCH LINE STEAMER  
 VILLE DE PARIS  
 DEPART NYC  
 18 MAY 1872  
 ARRIVE HAVRE  
 29 MAY 1872

THREE-ISSUE FRANKING:  
 5c 1867 GRILL AND 2c  
 BANKNOTE JOIN 10c 1869  
 ON COVER FROM SAN  
 FRANCISCO TO PARIS,  
 10 MAY 1872. IT'S HARD TO  
 GUESS WHAT RATE THE  
 SENDER INTENDED TO PAY.  
 10c WOULD HAVE DONE THE  
 JOB, BUT AT LEAST TWO  
 COVERS EXIST SHOWING  
 THIS UNUSUAL AND COLOR-  
 FUL 17c FRANKING.

TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD--VIA BRITISH OPEN MAILS  
 U.S. RATE: 4c PER 1/2 OUNCE, PAID ONLY TO ENGLAND  
 FRENCH RATE: 5 DECIMES PER 7 1/2 GRAMS, COLLECT

MULTIPLE FRENCH COLLECTIONS

U.S. CONGRESS  
 POST OFFICE  
 JAN 28, 1870



10 DECIME  
 COLLECTION:  
 7 1/2-15 GRAMS

NGL WIESEE II  
 DEPART NYC  
 29 JAN 1870  
 ARRIVE  
 SOUTHAMPTON  
 5 FEB 1870

U.S. CONGRESS/PARIS, 28 JANUARY 1870. ADDRESSED TO DIPLOMAT BENJAMIN RUSH.

**Mr. S. H. HORSTMANN,**

Care of

**WM. H. HORSTMANN & SONS,**

No. 17 PARADIS POISSONNIERE,

**PARIS,**

**FRANCE.**



15 DECIME  
 COLLECTION:  
 15--22 1/2 GRAMS

NGL DELTUSCHLAND  
 DEPART NYC  
 7 MAY 1870  
 ARRIVE  
 SOUTHAMPTON  
 18 MAY 1870

PHILADELPHIA/PARIS, 6 MAY 1870

TO FRANCE: NON-TREATY PERIOD--VIA ENGLAND  
 U.S. RATE: 4c PER 1/2 OZ., PREPAID TO BRITISH FRONTIER  
 FRENCH RATE: 5 DECIMES PER 7 1/2 GRAMS, COLLECT

CONTRASTING 16c FRANKINGS

MASSIVELY  
 OVERPAID



GUION  
 MINNESOTA  
 DEPART NYC  
 23 FEB 1870  
 ARRIVE  
 QUEENSTOWN  
 7 MAR 1870

MERCED FALLS, CAL./VAUCLUSE, 14 FEB 1870, 10c+6c 1869. 16c POSTAGE PRESUMABLY INTENDED TO PAY THE EXPIRED TREATY RATE. THE COVER WEIGHING UNDER 7 1/2 GRAMS, ONLY 4c PREPAYMENT WAS REQUIRED FOR CARRIAGE VIA ENGLAND. 5 DECIMES DUE.

PROPERLY  
 PREPAID



NGL RHEIN  
 DEPART NYC  
 14 MAY 1870  
 ARRIVE  
 SOUTHAMPTON  
 24 MAY 1870

NEW ORLEANS/PARIS, 10 MAY 1870. 10c+2 3c 1869. COVER WEIGHED BETWEEN 45 AND 52 1/2 GRAMS. 16c U.S. POSTAGE REQUIRED (4x4c). 7 FRENCH RATES (35 DECIMES) DUE ON DELIVERY.

TO SWITZERLAND  
FORWARDED FIRST TO ITALY, THEN TO FRANCE  
"SHORT PAID" MARKING APPLIED IN PARIS



NEW YORK/BASEL, 17 OCTOBER 1871. FORWARD TO ROME, THEN PARIS.

MARKING SEQUENCE (1871):

NEW YORK PAID ALL:

17 OCT

BASEL:

30 OCT

BASEL

(REPOSTED)

30 OCT

ROME:

2 NOV

ROME

(REPOSTED):

2 NOV

TURIN:

3 NOV

LANGLEBOURG

(FRENCH ENTRY):

5 NOV

PARIS

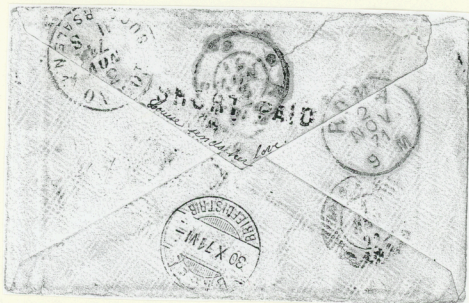
5 DECIMES DUE

"SHORT PAID"

AGENT'S MARKING

APPLIED BY MONROE & CO.,

7 RUE SCRIBE



XEROX COPY OF REVERSE

THIS COVER SPARKED THE DISCOVERY THAT THE 36-mm STRAIGHT-LINE "SHORT PAID" MARKING--LONG THOUGHT TO BE A POSTAL MARKING APPLIED AT BOSTON OR NEW YORK--IS ACTUALLY A PRIVATE AGENT'S MARKING APPLIED IN FRANCE. THE COVER WAS PROPERLY PREPAID WHEN POSTED. IT ACCUMULATED DUE CHARGES--AND THE "SHORT PAID" MARKING--AFTER LEAVING THE U.S. RESEARCH REVEALED THAT ALL KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THIS 36-mm SANS SERIF "SHORT PAID" MARKING APPEAR ON COVERS HANDLED BY THE PARIS FORWARDING OFFICE OF MONROE & CO., 7 RUE SCRIBE. THE FIRM IS PRESUMED TO HAVE CREATED THE DEVICE, MIMICKING A POSTAL MARKING USED EARLIER BY THE NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL OFFICE, TO HELP EXPLAIN AND JUSTIFY FRENCH POSTAL CHARGES ON MAIL FROM THE U.S. AFTER THE TREATY EXPIRED. THE MARKING IS ALWAYS STRUCK ON THE REVERSE.

TO GERMANY  
FORWARDED TO FRANCE

CONTRASTING FRENCH COLLECTIONS



DRESDEN/NICE:  
9 DECIMES  
COLLECTED

NYC/DRESDEN, 28 SEPTEMBER 1869, FORWARDED TO NICE.



DRESDEN/PARIS:  
12 DECIMES  
COLLECTED

PITTSBURGH/BREMEN, 18 FEBRUARY 1870. FORWARDED TO PARIS.

BEYOND FRANCE VIA FRENCH MAILS

TO CORSICA

EMBOSSSED  
ETIQUETTE  
LABEL OF  
U.S. LEGATION,  
GENEVA,  
SWITZERLAND



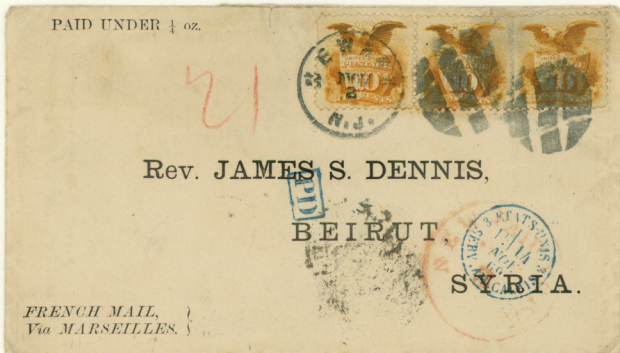
U.S. RATE:  
10¢ PER 1/2 OUNCE PREPAID  
TO FRENCH BORDER.  
FRENCH RATE:  
8 DECIMES PER 10 GRAMS,  
COLLECT

HAPAG  
SAXONIA  
DEPART NYC  
10 MAY 1870.  
ARRIVE  
PLYMOUTH  
22 MAY 1870

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT/AJACCIO, CORSICA, 8 MAY 1870. BACKSTAMPED AJACCIO, 26 MAY.  
FORWARDED TO SWITZERLAND. TO CLARA BARTON, FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

TO BEIRUT, SYRIA (OTTOMAN EMPIRE)

RATE: 30¢ PER 1/4 OZ.  
PREPAID TO DESTINATION  
PER U.S.-FRENCH TREATY  
EFFECTIVE  
1 APR 1867-  
31 DEC 1869



FRENCH  
BACKSTAMP  
"BEIRUT,  
SYRIE,  
30 NOV 69"

CUNARD  
SCOTIA  
DEPART NYC  
3 NOV 1869.  
ARRIVE  
QUEENSTOWN  
12 NOV 1869

NEWARK, N.J./BEIRUT, NOV 2, 1869. TRANSIT VIA ENGLAND WITH NEW YORK CRAYON CREDIT OF  
21¢ TO FRANCE—6¢ FOR U.K-FRANCE POSTAGE AND 15¢ FOR FRENCH CARRIAGE TO BEIRUT.

VIA FRENCH MAILS TO ARGENTINA  
 U.S. STEAMSHIP RATE: 10¢ PER 1/2 OUNCE  
 FRENCH RATE: 7 1/2¢ PER 1/4 OUNCE  
 EFFECTIVE: 7-31-67—12-31-69

SCARCE LIGNE J MARKING  
 FRENCH LINE STEAMER  
 ESTRAMADRE  
 DEPART RIO 19 DEC 1869



BRAZIL LINE STEAMER  
 SOUTH AMERICA  
 DEPART NYC 23 NOV 1869

WITH 15¢ 1869 (TYPE II) ON PIECE FROM NYC TO ARGENTINA, VIA BRAZIL LINE STEAMER TO RIO DE JANEIRO AND FRENCH PACKET FROM RIO TO BUENOS AIRES. NO FULL COVER IS KNOWN WITH THIS COMBINATION TO THIS DESTINATION. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED STRIKE OF THE LIGNE J MARKING WITH 1869 STAMPS.

LOCAL POSTAGE  
 COLLECTED:  
 2 PESOS, 4 REALES  
 IN BUENOS AIRES  
 PAPER CURRENCY  
 (APPROXIMATELY 10¢)



NY CREDIT 15  
 TO FRANCE  
 (TWO 7 1/2¢ RATES)  
 FOR FRENCH-MAIL  
 CARRIAGE FROM  
 RIO DE JANEIRO  
 TO BUENOS AIRES

BOSTON/BUENOS AIRES, OCT. 22, 1869. VIA BRAZIL LINE STEAMER MERRIMACK, DEPARTING NYC 23 OCTOBER AND ARRIVING RIO DE JANEIRO 19 NOVEMBER. CARRIAGE FROM RIO TO BUENOS AIRES VIA FRENCH STEAMER GIRONDE, DEPARTING RIO AROUND NOVEMBER 21 AND ARRIVING BUENOS AIRES ONE WEEK LATER. THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION SAYS THE 15¢ STAMP IS A SUBSTITUTE, BUT THE 10¢ 1869 ORIGINATED AND THE COVER WAS INITIALLY FRANKED WITH 25¢. THE ONLY RECORDED 10¢ 1869 COVER VIA FRENCH MAIL TO ARGENTINA.