

NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL  
CANCELLATIONS 1870-76

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# NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATIONS 1870 - 1876

**PURPOSE** - IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXHIBIT TO SHOW AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OF THE APPROXIMATELY 160 DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL DESIGNS RECOGNIZED AS NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATIONS. THIS IS NOT A STUDY OF RATES, OR DESTINATIONS, ALTHOUGH DATA OF IMPORTANCE IN THESE AREAS IS INCLUDED IN SOME CASES.

**BACKGROUND** - POSTAL REGULATIONS DURING THIS PERIOD REQUIRED THE CANCELLATION OF STAMPS TO PREVENT THEIR REUSE. THE LAWS WERE NOT SPECIFIC AS TO HOW THEY WERE TO BE CANCELLED, SO MANY POSTMASTERS AND CLERKS RELIED ON THEIR OWN INGENUITY TO CARVE AND CREATE DEVICES TO OBTAIN THIS END. ANOTHER REGULATION REQUIRED THAT ALL MAIL DESTINED FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE THE STAMPS CANCELLED AT THE OFFICES WHERE THEY WERE MAILED.

**DEFINITION** - THESE CANCELLATIONS WERE ONLY USED IN THE FOREIGN MAIL SECTION OF THE NEW YORK CITY POST OFFICE ON MAIL POSTED IN NEW YORK CITY AND DESTINED FOR ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY EXCEPT CANADA. A FEW COVERS EXIST SHOWING A FOREIGN MAIL CANCEL USED ON LOCAL MAIL, BUT THIS MERELY REPRESENTS AN ERROR ON THE PART OF THE CLERK.

**TYPES AND GROUPS** - THE VARIOUS TYPES ARE DIVIDED FOR STUDY PURPOSES INTO THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

1. STARS ('A')
2. GEOMETRICS ('G')
3. WHEELS ('W')
4. SUNBURSTS AND SPOKES ('S')
5. CONVENTIONAL DESIGNS ('C')
6. FREE HAND DESIGNS ('F')

THIS SYSTEM WAS DEVELOPED TO ALLOW FOR PREVIOUSLY UNLISTED ITEMS TO BE CONVENIENTLY ADDED AT THE END OF THE LOGICAL GROUP TO WHICH IT BELONGS. EARLIER SYSTEMS, BASED ON CONSECUTIVE NUMBERS, CAUSED NEW DISCOVERIES TO BE ADDED AT THE END, AND THE NEW NUMBER LIKELY BORE NO SIMILARITY IN DESIGN TO THE NUMBER BEFORE IT.

**SOURCE OF DESIGN** - NO RECORDS EXIST TO REVEAL WHO MADE THESE DEVICES OR WHAT TYPE OF MATERIAL WAS USED. BASED ON THEIR DURABILITY, IT HAS BEEN LOGICALLY CONCLUDED THAT THEY WERE CARVED FROM HARDWOOD. BASED ON THE GEOMETRICAL SYMMETRY OF MOST OF THE DESIGNS, THEY WERE LIKELY CARVED BY THE SAME PERSON, PROBABLY WITH A BACKGROUND IN MECHANICAL DRAWING AND GIFTED WITH CONSIDERABLE ARTISTIC ABILITY.

**COLORS** - VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE KNOWN DESIGNS ARE FOUND IN BLACK. SOME ARE ALSO FOUND IN RED, CLARET, CLARET BROWN AND BROWN.

**RARITY** - SOME OF THESE CANCELLATIONS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN USE OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS. OTHERS, OF WHICH ONLY ONE EXAMPLE KNOWN ON COVER, FOR AS LITTLE AS ONE DAY. THIS STUDY WILL INDICATE THE EARLIEST AND LATEST KNOWN DATES OF USAGE FOR EACH TYPE.

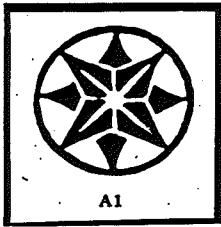
**COMPLETENESS** - PREVIOUS STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AND RECOGNIZED 133 DIFFERENT MAJOR TYPES AND 21 DIFFERENT SUB-TYPES. THIS EXHIBIT CONTAINS ALL OF THE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED TYPES AS WELL AS NUMEROUS PREVIOUSLY UNRECORDED TYPES.

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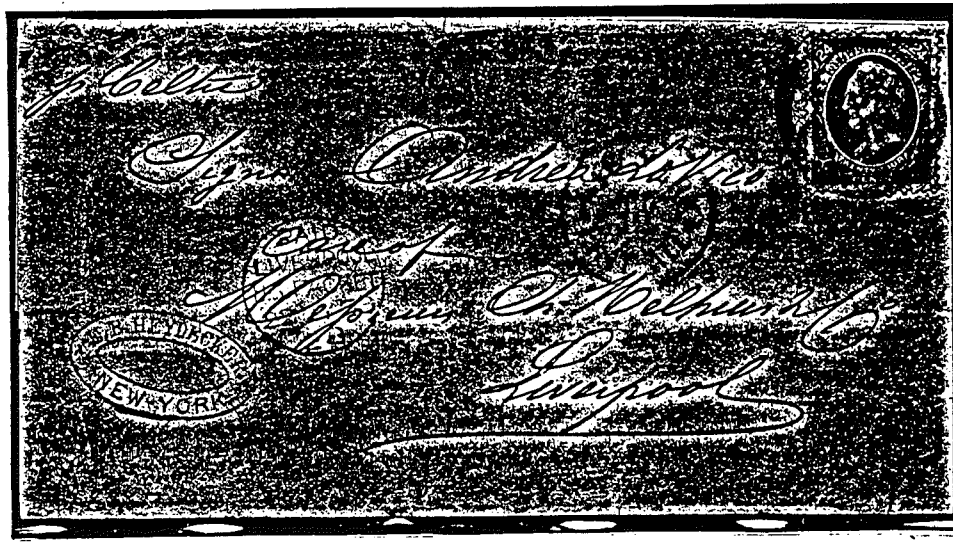
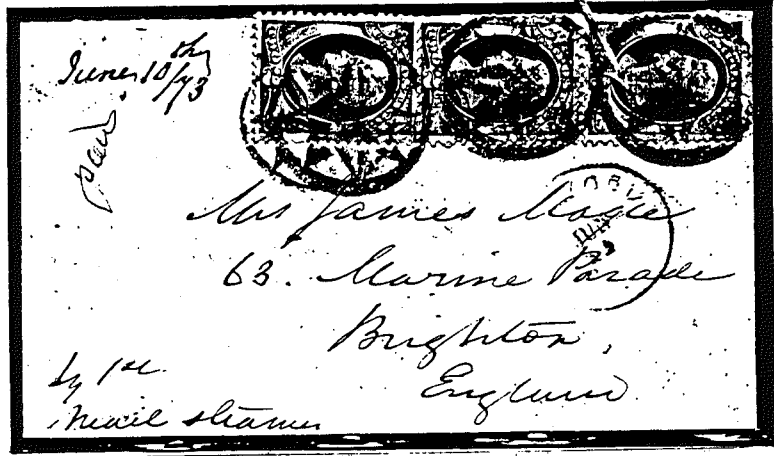
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TYPE ONE

GRILLED STAMPS



EARLIEST USE -  
 4/18/1873  
 LATEST USE -  
 5/4/1874

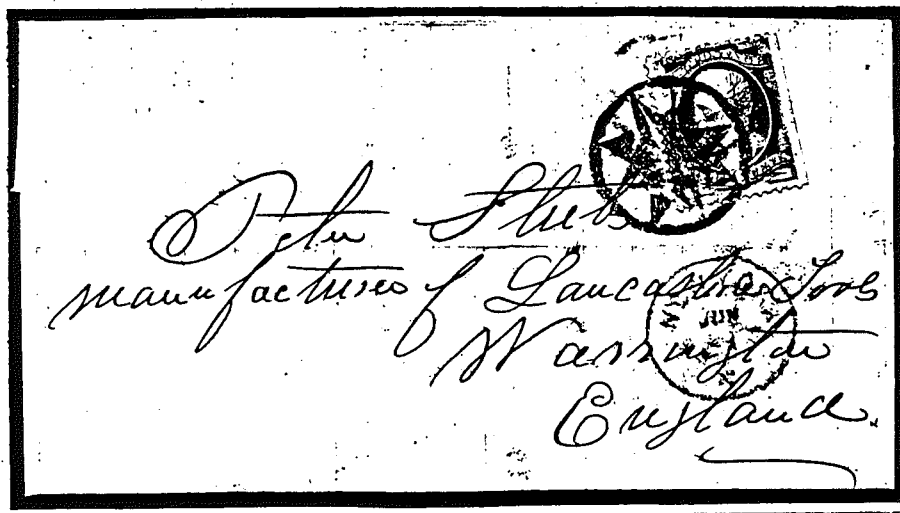
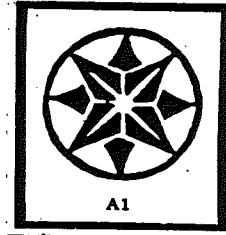


FOUR TIMES 6¢ TREATY RATE.

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TYPE ONE

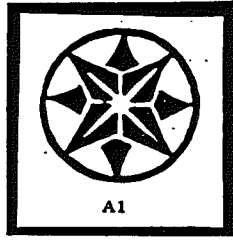




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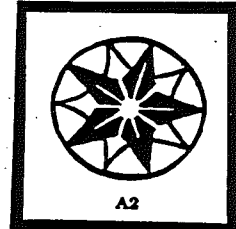
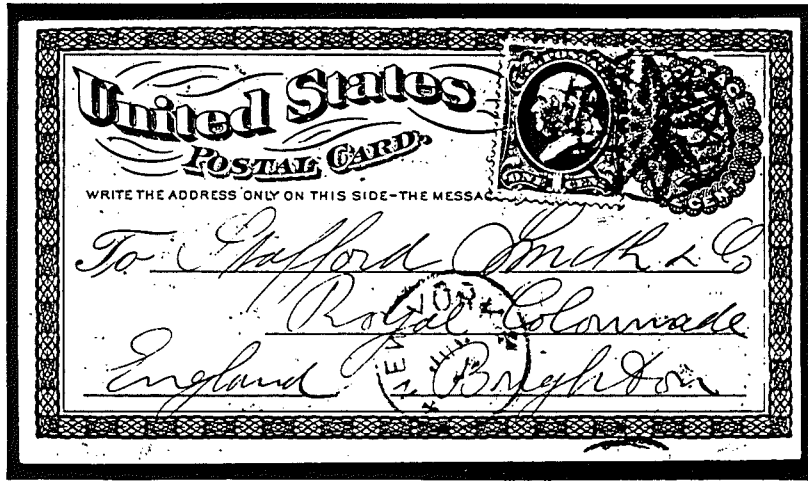
THE BLUE OVAL 'PAID' WAS APPLIED BY WELLS, FARGO. ONE OF THE FEW EXAMPLES KNOWN OF A FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATION BEING APPLIED TO MAIL ORIGINATING IN SOME OTHER CITY.



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TYPE TWO

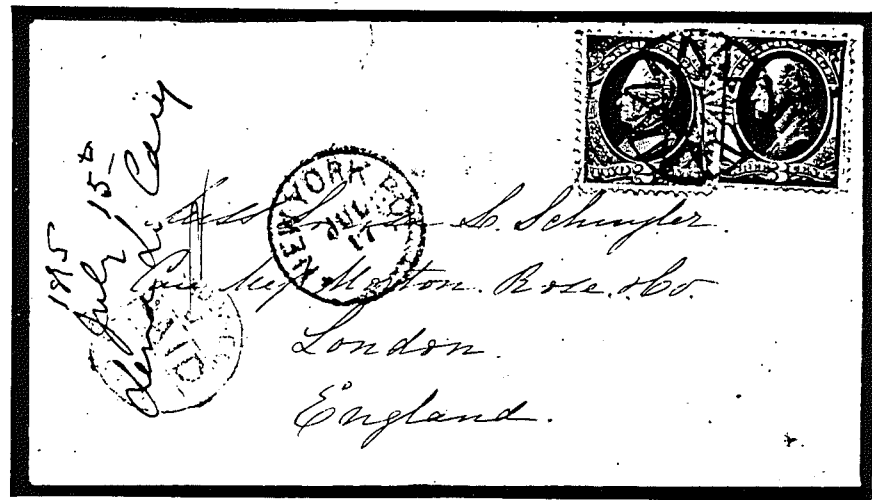


EARLIEST USE -  
10/-/1873

LATEST USE -  
7/22/1875



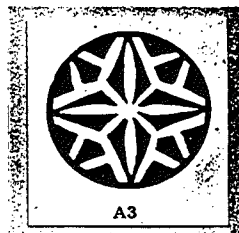
THE LATEST RECORDED USAGE OF THIS TYPE



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TYPE THREE



NO EXACT DATE KNOWN



APPLICABLE RATES TO ITALY DURING THIS PERIOD WERE 10¢, 11¢ OR 14¢, DEPENDING ON THE ROUTE. AT FIRST GLANCE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS COVER IS UNDERPAID, BUT THE 'PAID ALL' WAS OFTEN STRUCK ON MAIL CONTAINING PRINTED MATTER TO ALERT A CLERK THAT THE RATE WAS INDEED CORRECT. THIS IS ONE OF TWO KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THIS TYPE ON COVER.

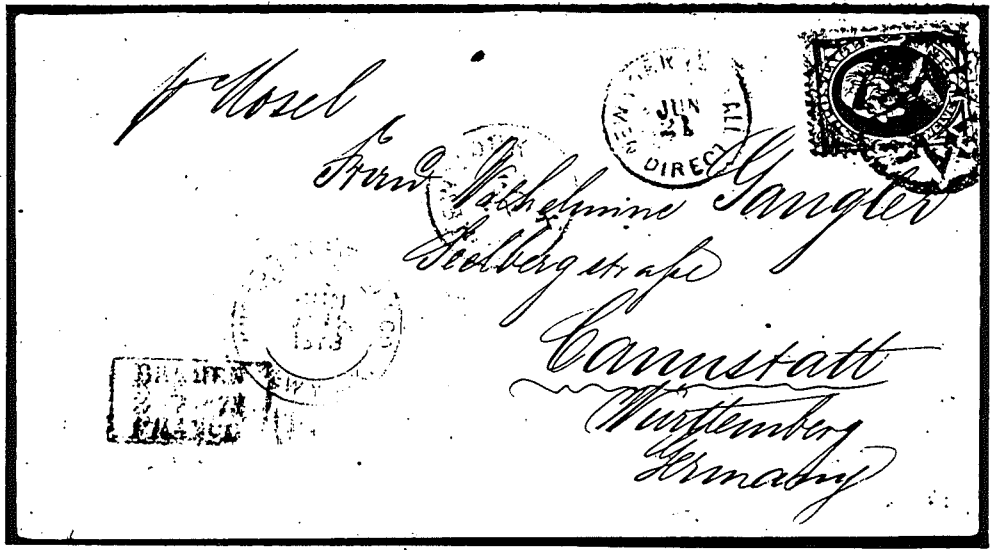
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TYPE FOUR



EARLIEST USE -  
 3/26/1873  
 LATEST USE -  
 9/04/1874

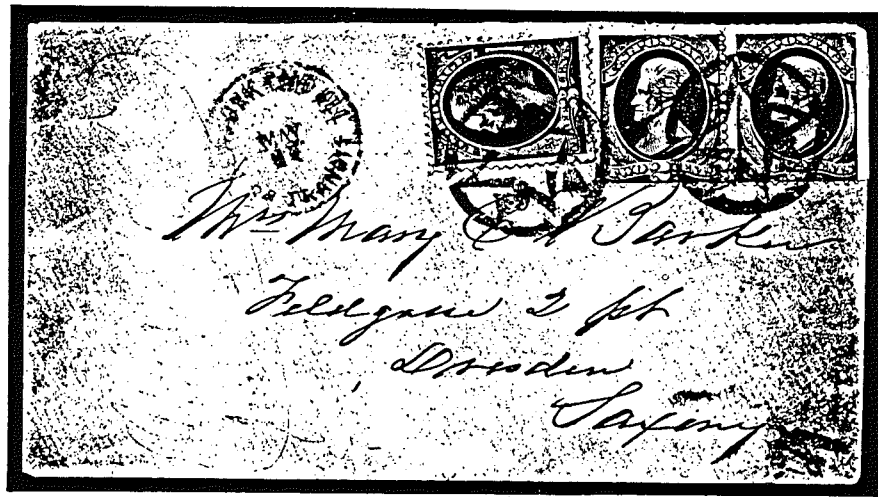
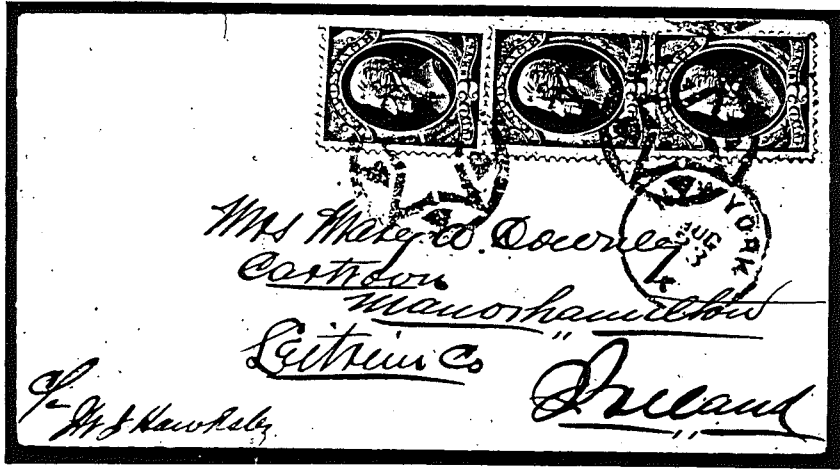


TWO TIMES THE 6¢ DIRECT RATE.

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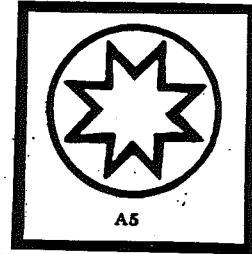
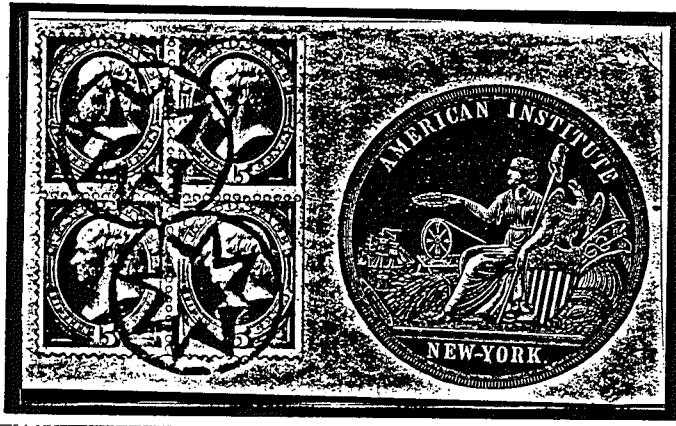
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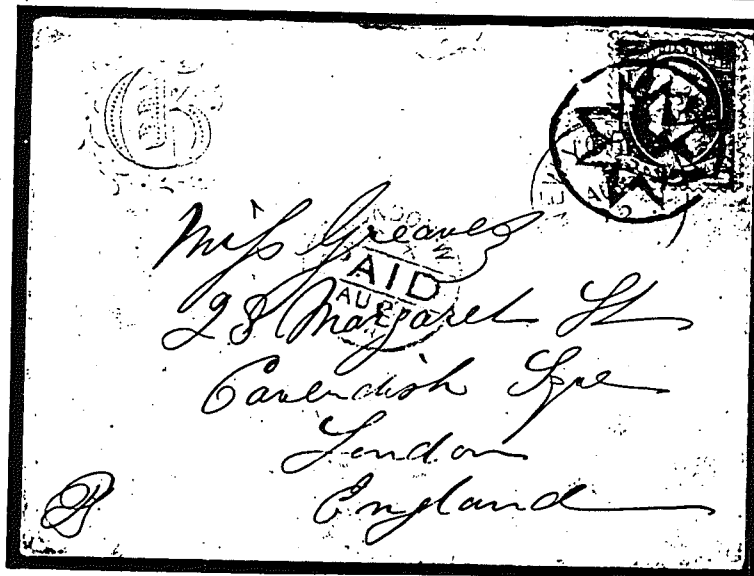
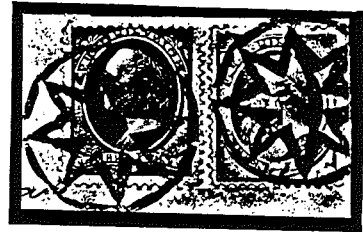
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TYPE FIVE



EARLIEST USE -  
7/08/1874  
LATEST USE -  
8/25/1874



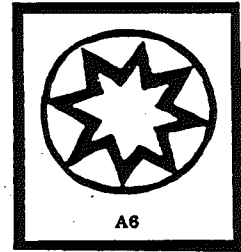
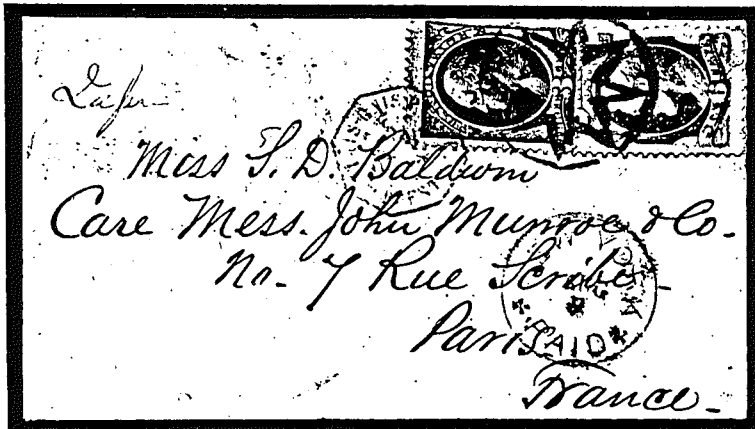
LATEST RECORDED USAGE OF THIS TYPE.

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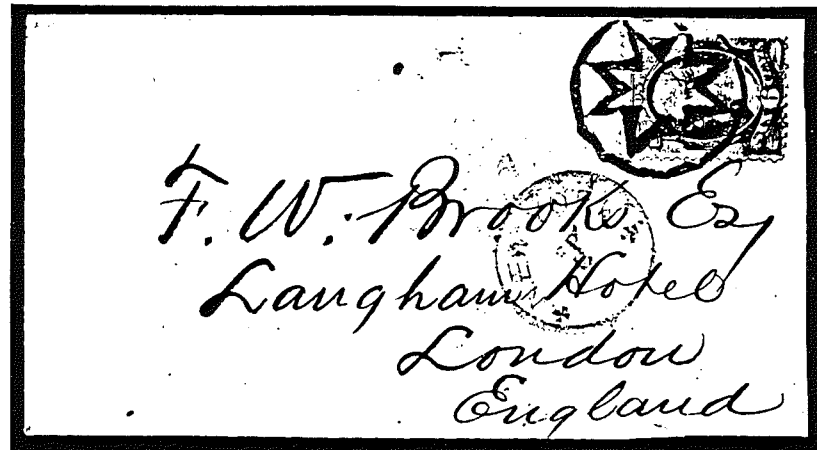
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TYPE SIX



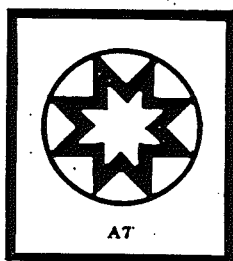
EARLIEST USE -  
 8/05/1873  
 LATEST USE -  
 10/03/1874



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TYPE SEVEN



EARLIEST USE -  
8/29/1874  
LATEST USE -  
9/05/1874



LATEST RECORDED USAGE OF THIS TYPE AND ONE OF TWO REPORTED  
EXAMPLES ON COVER.

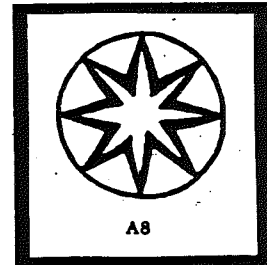




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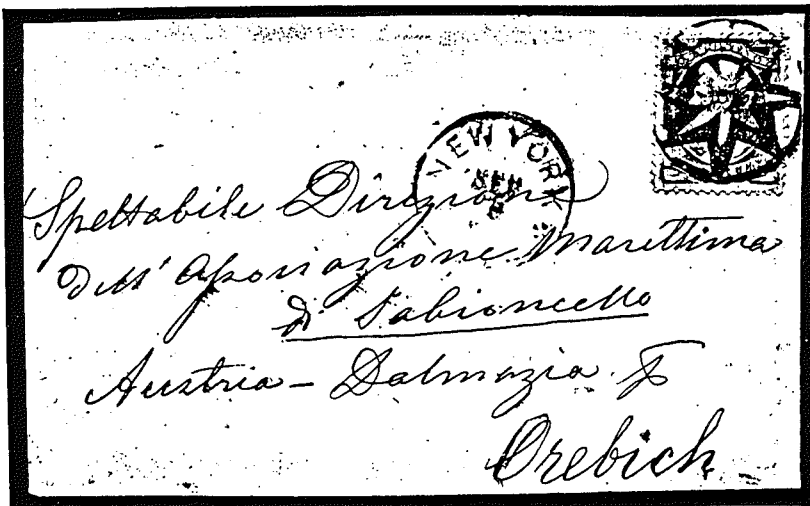
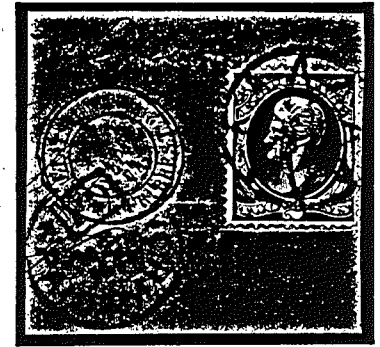
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TYPE EIGHT



EARLIEST USE -  
1/10/1874

LATEST USE -  
6/ - /1875

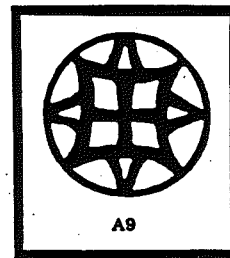
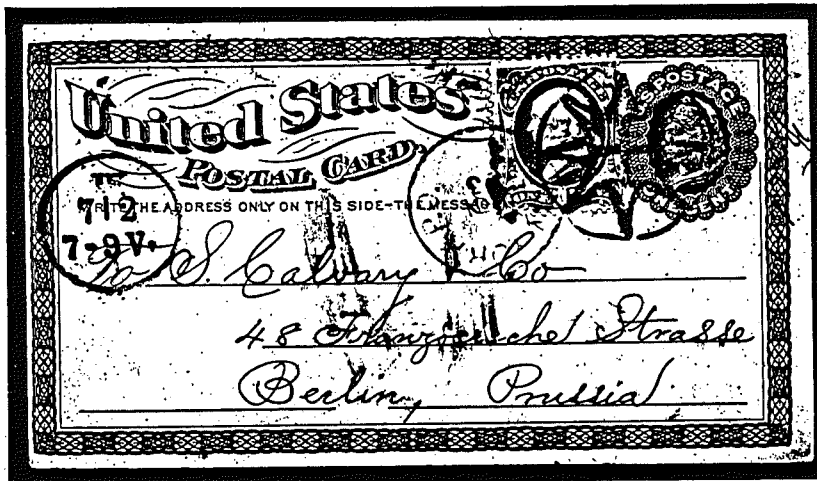


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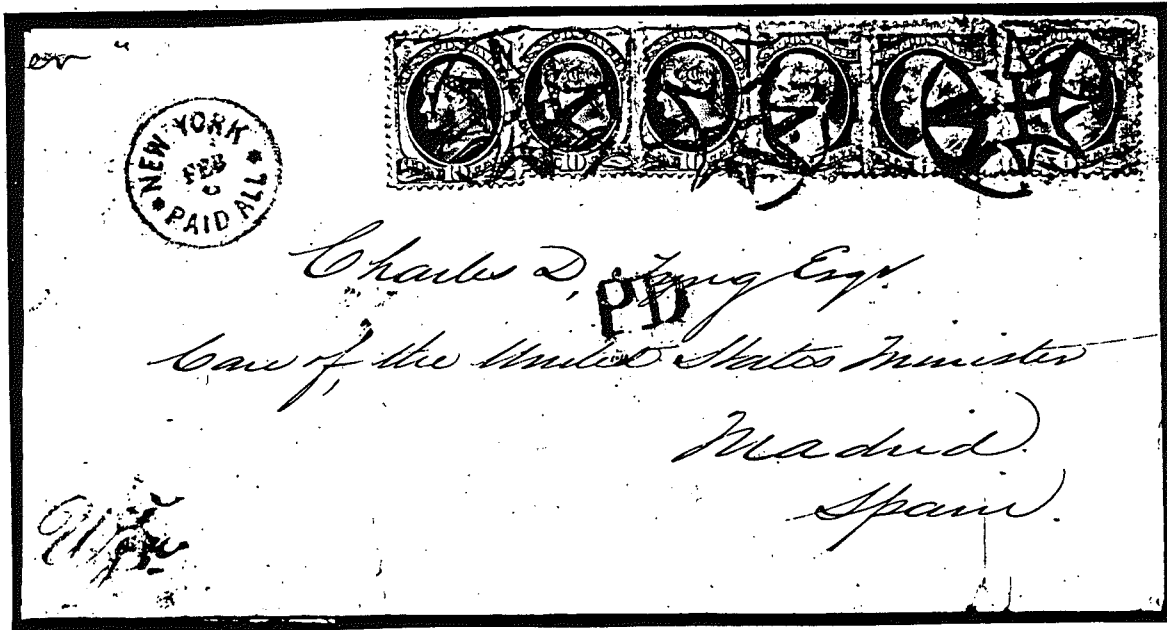
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TYPE NINE



EARLIEST USE -  
1/16/1875  
LATEST USE -  
12/15/1875

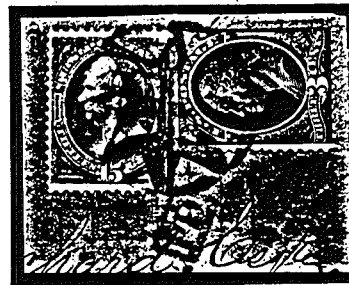
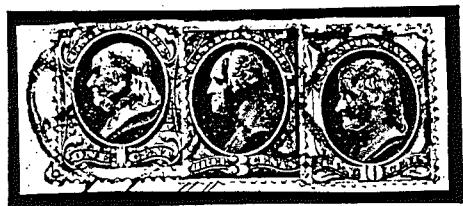
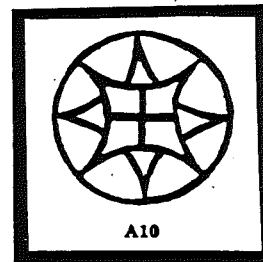
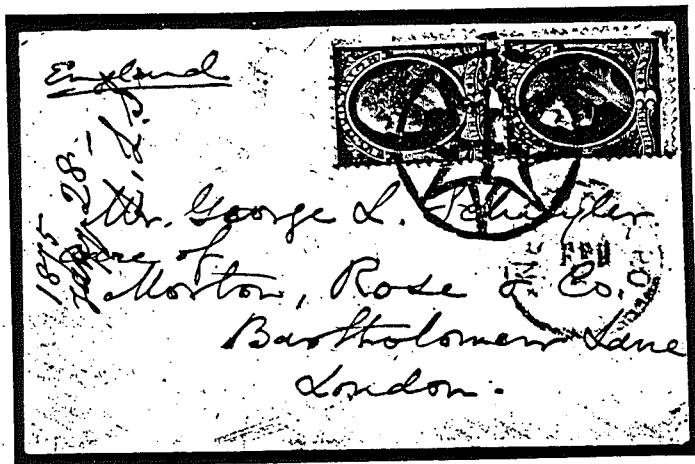
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TYPE TEN



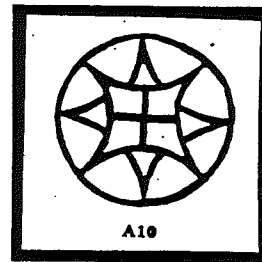
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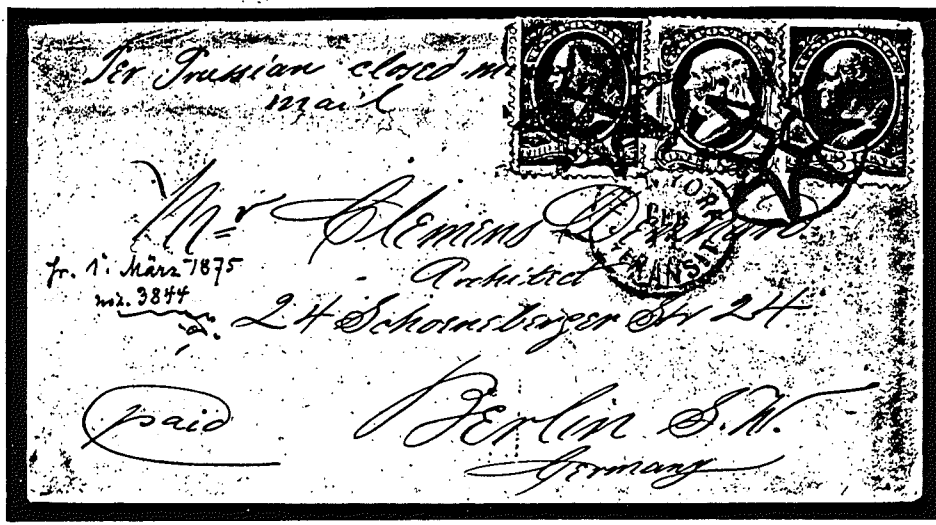
TYPE TEN



EARLIEST USE -  
 1/13/1873  
 LATEST USE -  
 2/19/1873



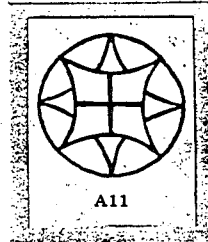
IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT SEVERAL OF THESE CANCELLATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED DIFFERENT TYPES FOR MANY YEARS, WERE ACTUALLY MADE FROM THE SAME DEVICE, BUT APPEAR TO BE DIFFERENT DUE TO DEGREE OF INKING AND/OR PRESSURE OF APPLICATION. STAR TYPES 5, 6, 7 AND 8, AND STAR TYPES 9 AND 10 FALL INTO THIS CATAGORY.



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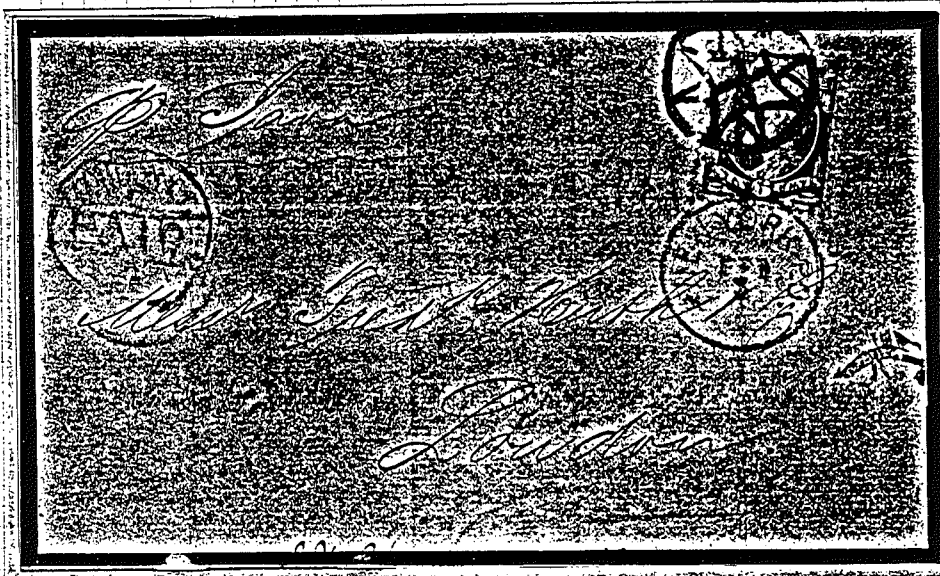
TYPE ELEVEN



EARLIEST USE -  
02/03/1875  
LATEST USE -  
12/24/1875



TYPE 11 MEASURES 1-2 MILLIMETERS LESS IN DIAMETER THAN TYPES  
9 OR 10.



THIS IS ONE OF FOUR EXAMPLES OF THIS TYPE REPORTED ON COVER.



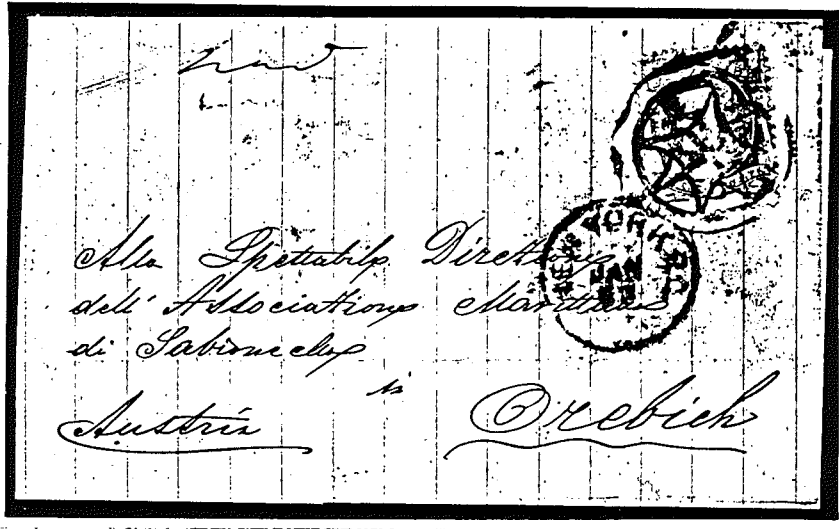
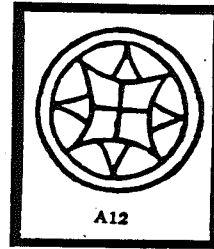
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TYPE TWELVE



EARLIEST USE -  
1/15/1875



THE ONLY REPORTED USAGE OF THIS TYPE ON COVER.

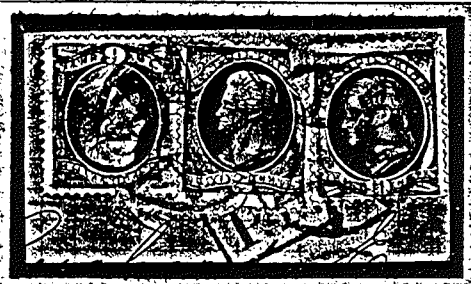
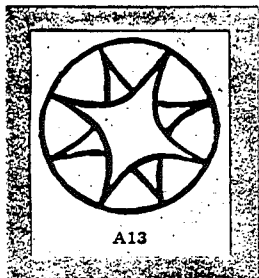


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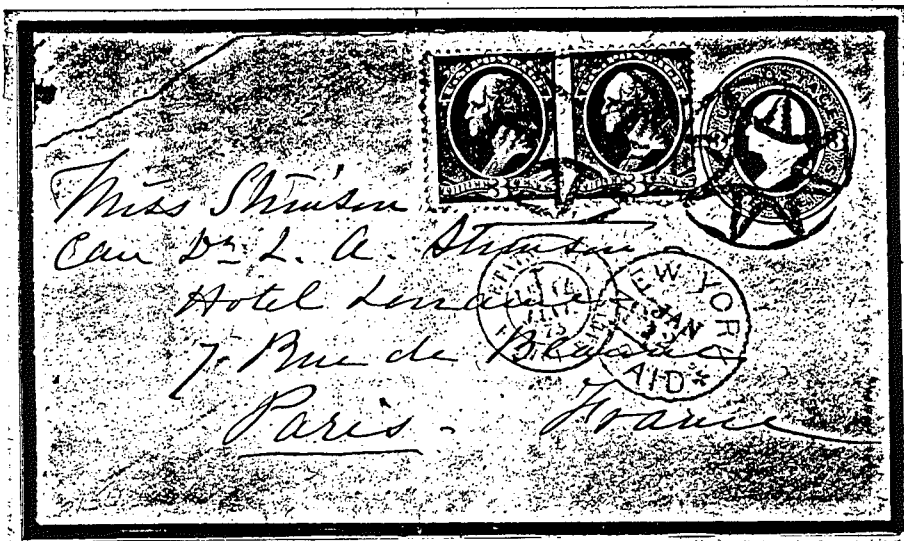
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TYPE THIRTEEN



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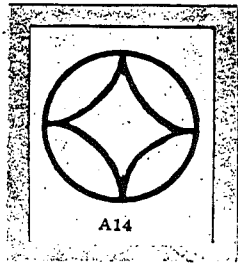
LATEST USE -  
01/06/1873



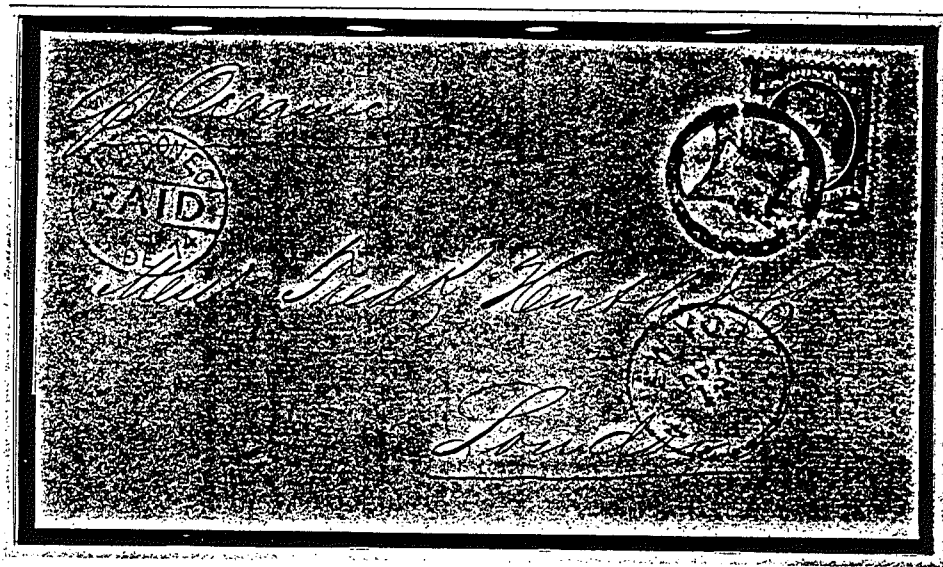
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TYPE FOURTEEN



EARLIEST USE -  
06/12/1873  
LATEST USE -  
12/12/1879



THE SIX YEAR DATE OF USE SPAN REPORTED BY EARLIER STUDENTS IS MISLEADING, AS THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE KNOWN ON COVER.

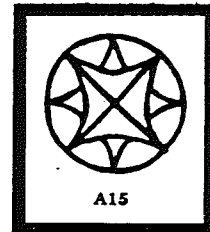




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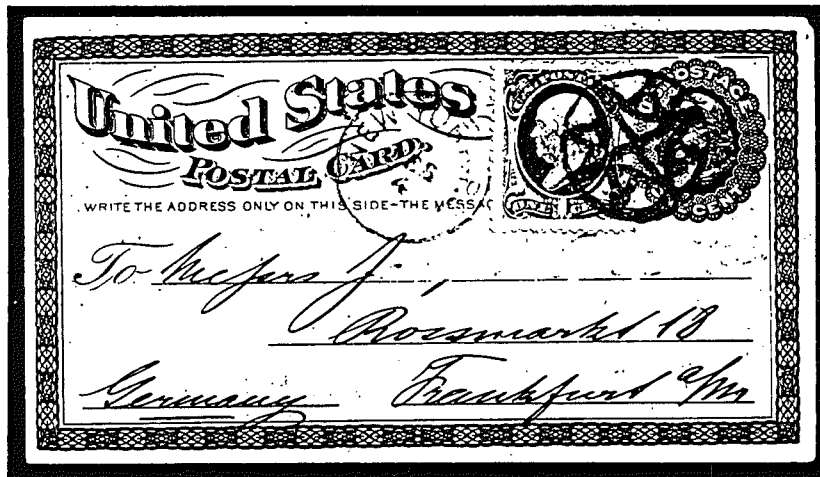
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EARLIEST USE -  
2/04/1875

LATEST USE -  
2/17/1875



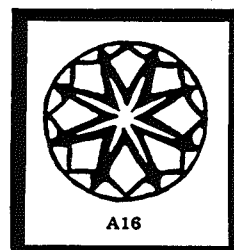
THE EARLIEST AND ONE OF THREE REPORTED USAGES OF TYPE 15 ON COVER.



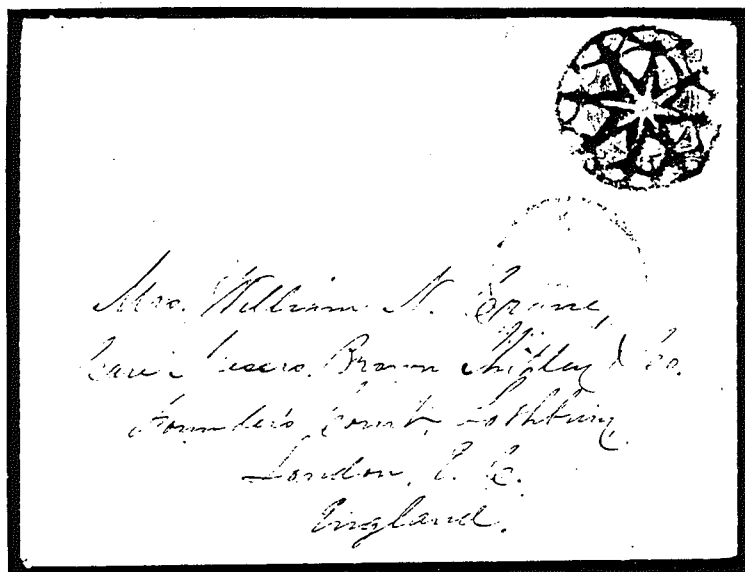
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TYPE SIXTEEN



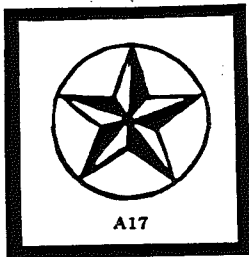
EARLIEST USE -  
4/07/1875  
LATEST USE -  
4/24/1876



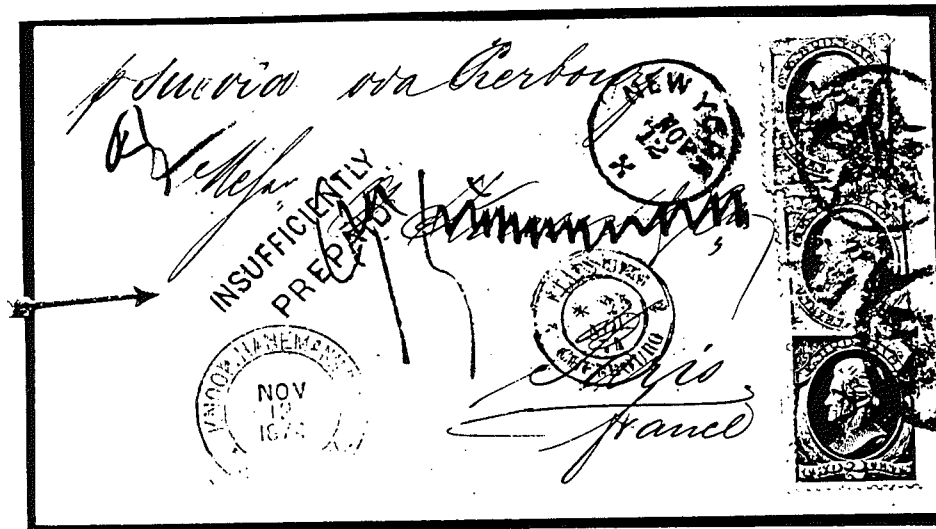
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TYPE SEVENTEEN



EARLIEST USE -  
 10/1/1874  
 LATEST USE -  
 12/24/1874



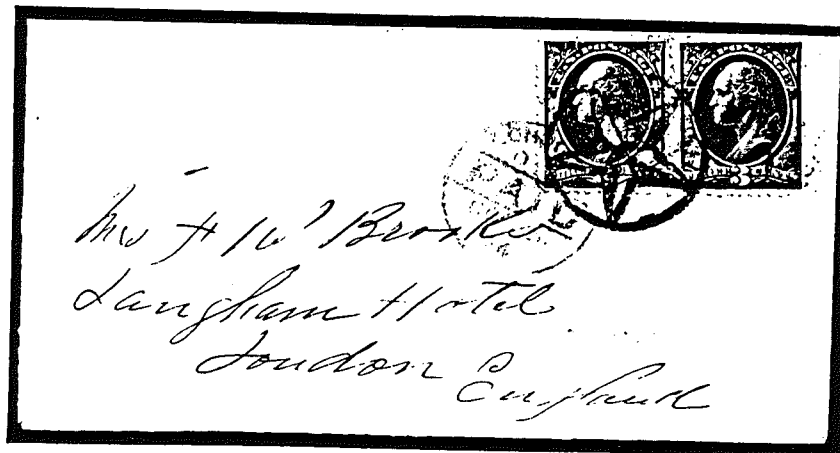
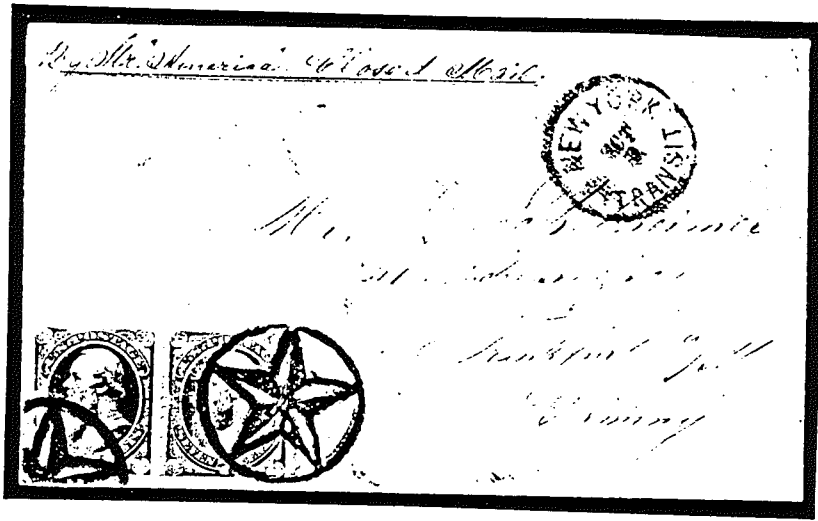
THE CORRECT 2X RATE FOR THIS COVER VIA FRENCH MAIL SHOULD HAVE BEEN 18¢.



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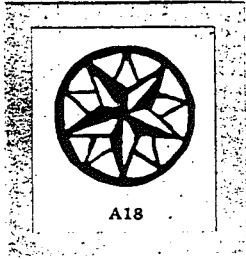
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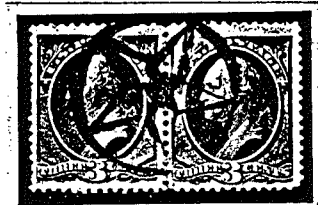
TYPE EIGHTEEN



ONLY KNOWN DATE OF  
USE - 7/18/1874

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TYPE NINETEEN



EARLIEST USE -  
9/17/1874

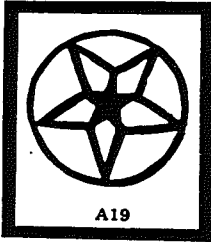
LATEST USE -  
11/30/1874



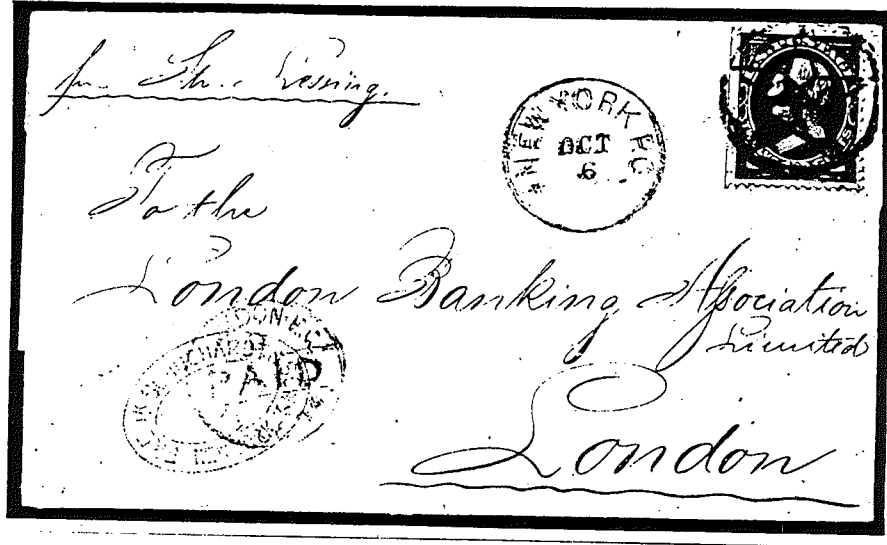
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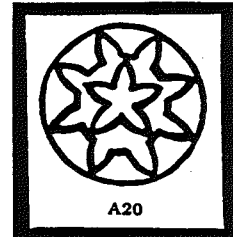
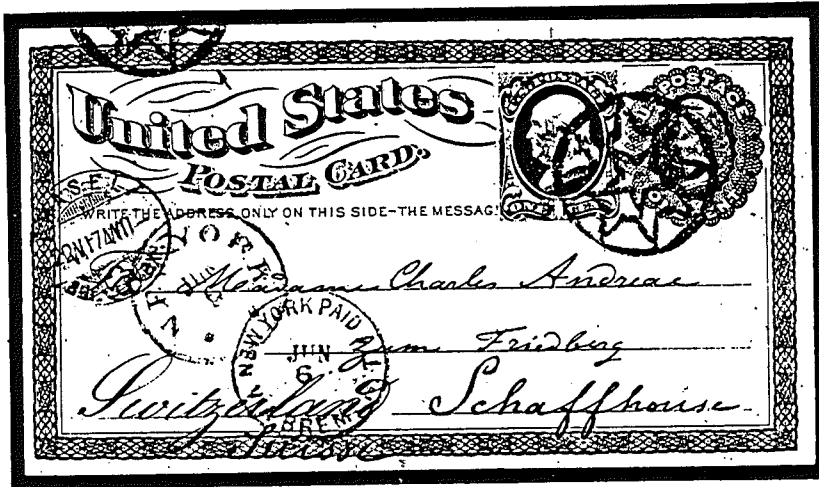
EARLIEST USE -  
9/17/1874  
LATEST USE -  
11/30/1874



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TYPE TWENTY

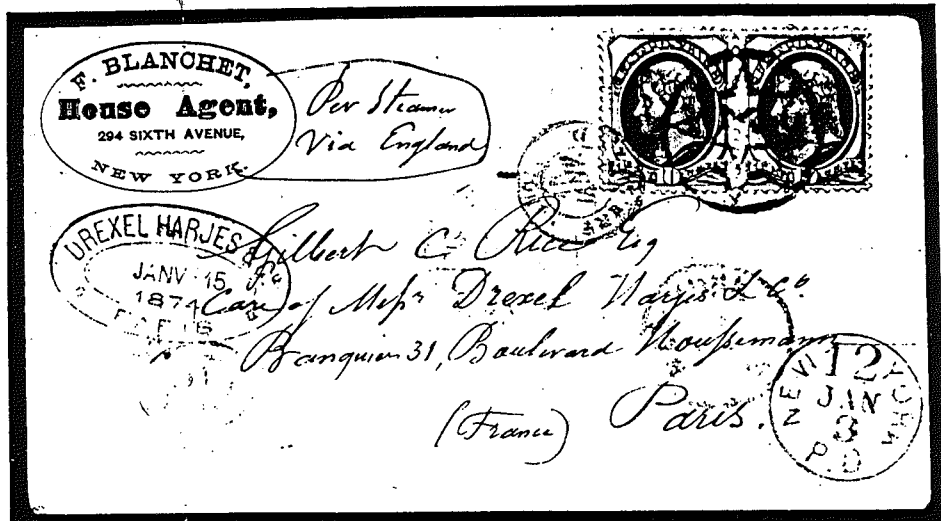


EARLIEST USE -  
2/03/1873

LATEST USE -  
12/13/1874



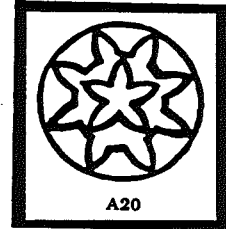
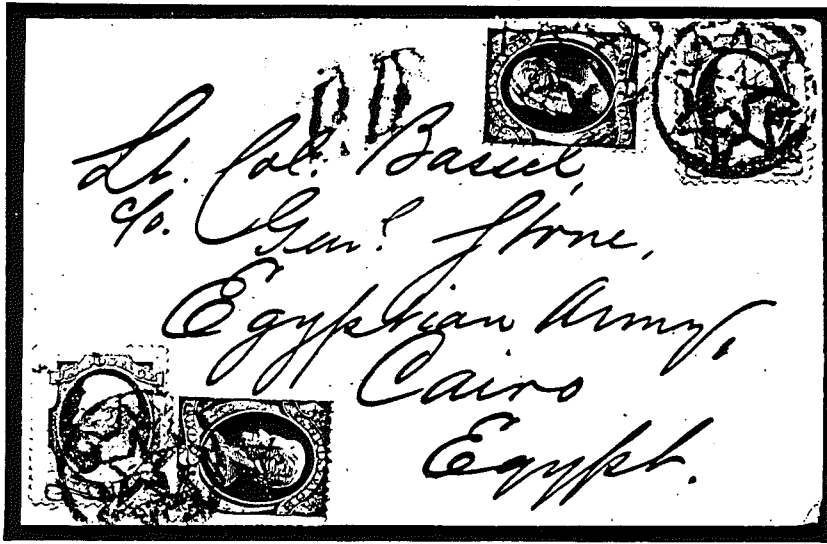
FROM JULY, 1870  
 TO AUGUST, 1874,  
 A 'PROGRESSIVE'  
 RATE, BASED ON  
 WEIGHT, WAS IN  
 EFFECT ON MAIL  
 TO FRANCE, VIA  
 ENGLAND. THIS  
 COVER WAS RATED  
 AT 20¢ BASED ON  
 A WEIGHT OF 1/2  
 TO 2/3 OZ.



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TYPE TWENTY



JUNE, 1874. VIA NORTH GERMAN UNION DIRECT MAIL.

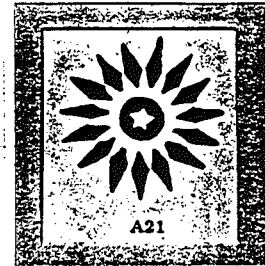
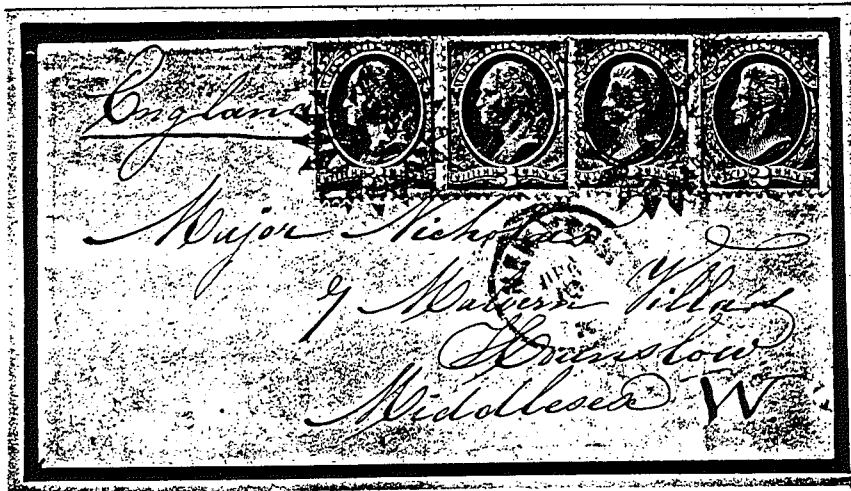




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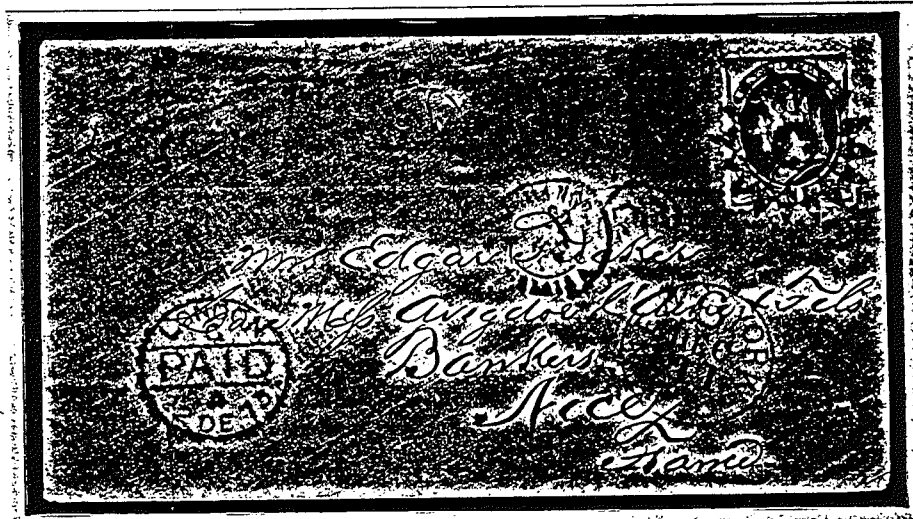
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TYPE TWENTY-ONE



EARLIEST USE -  
 12/10/1873  
 LATEST USE -  
 12/23/1873

EARLIEST RECORDED USAGE. SINGLE RATE, CURIOUSLY OVERPAID  
 BY FOUR CENTS.

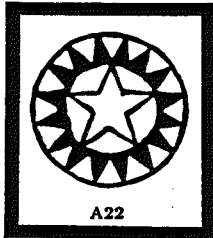


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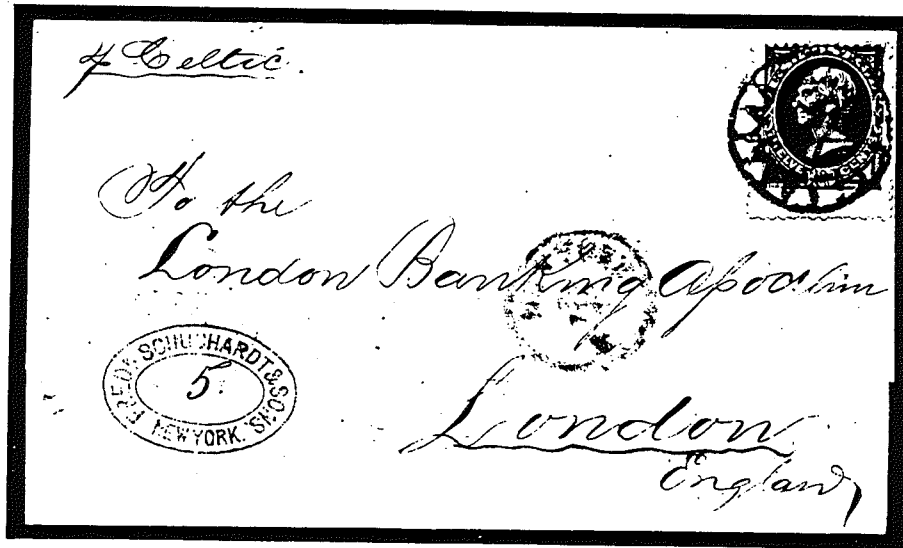
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TYPE TWENTY-TWO



EARLIEST USE -  
8/05/1874  
LATEST USE -  
9/28/1874



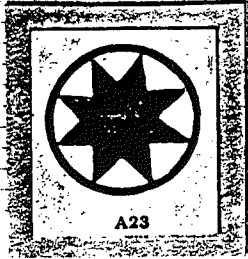
DOUBLE RATE.



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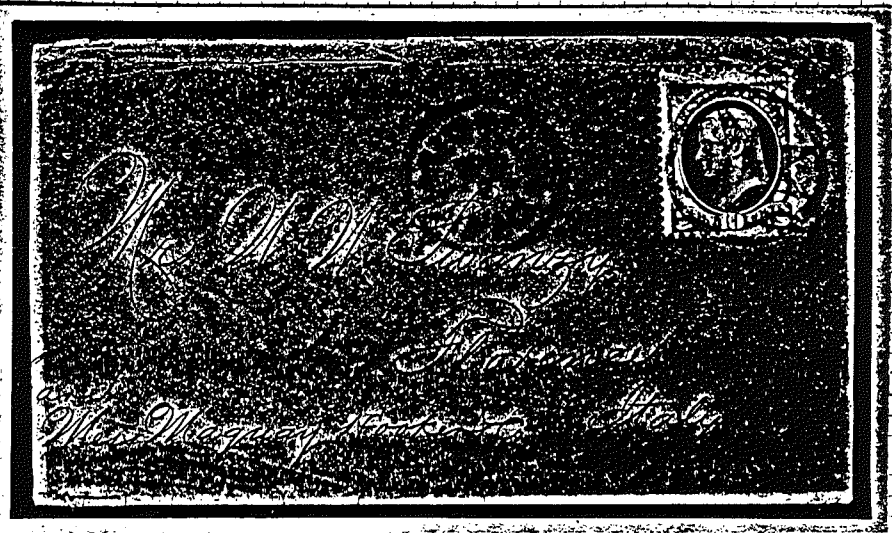
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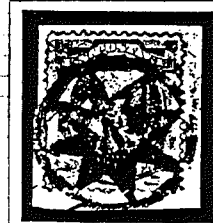
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EARLIEST USE -  
09/01/1873

LATEST USE -  
09/08/1878

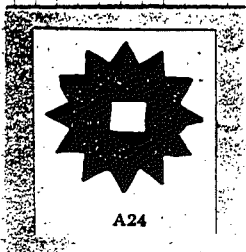


SINGLE RATE VIA DIRECT NORTH GERMAN UNION MAIL.



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TYPE TWENTY-FOUR



A24

EARLIEST USE -  
04/03/1875

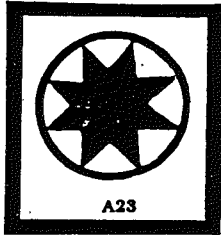
LATEST USE -  
01/11/1876



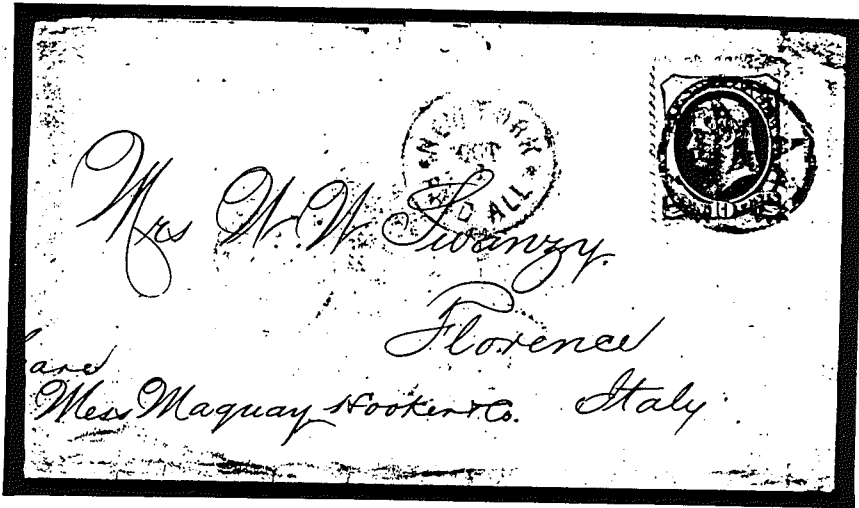
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TYPE TWENTY-THREE



EARLIEST USE -  
 9/01/1873  
 LATEST USE -  
 9/08/1878

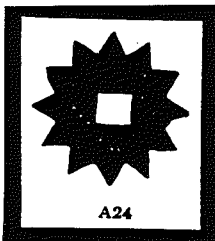


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TYPE TWENTY-FOUR



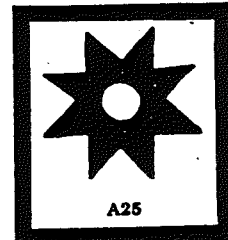
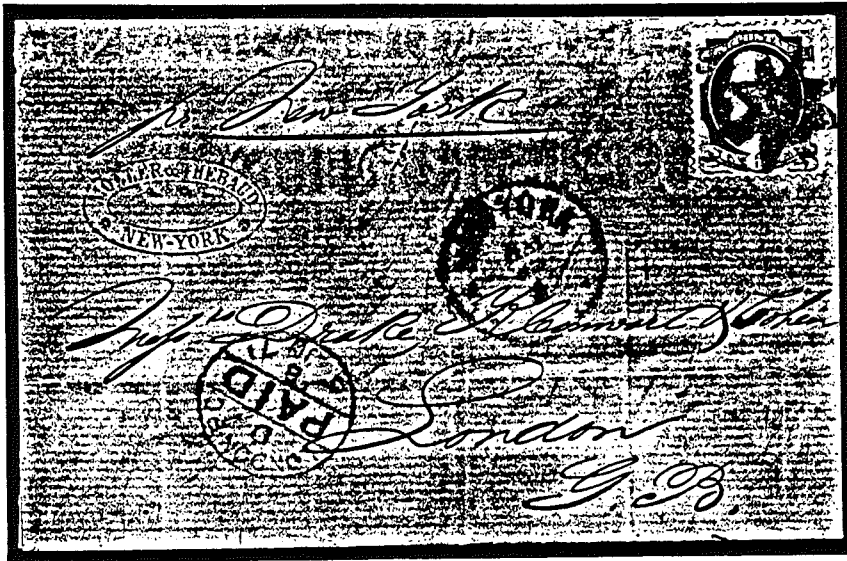
EARLIEST USE -  
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 1/11/1876



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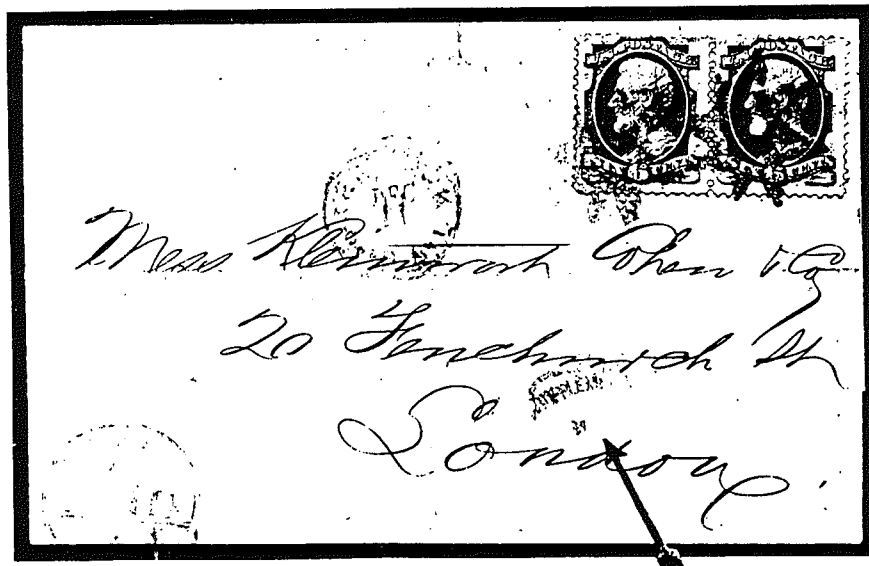
TYPE TWENTY-FIVE



EARLIEST USE -  
 3/24/1871  
 LATEST USE -  
 7/14/1877



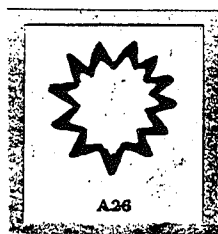
EARLIEST REPORTED USAGE.



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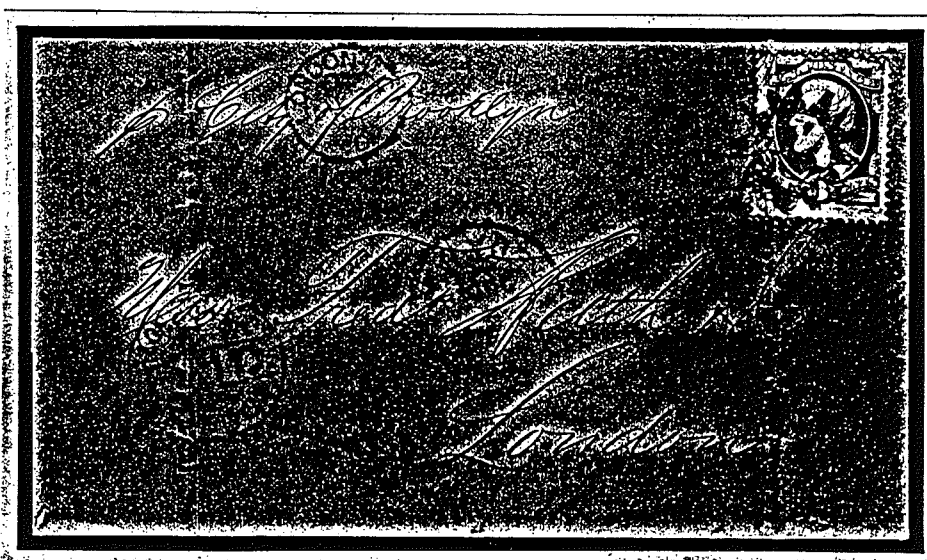
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LATEST USE -  
11/13/1871

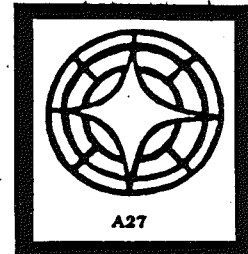
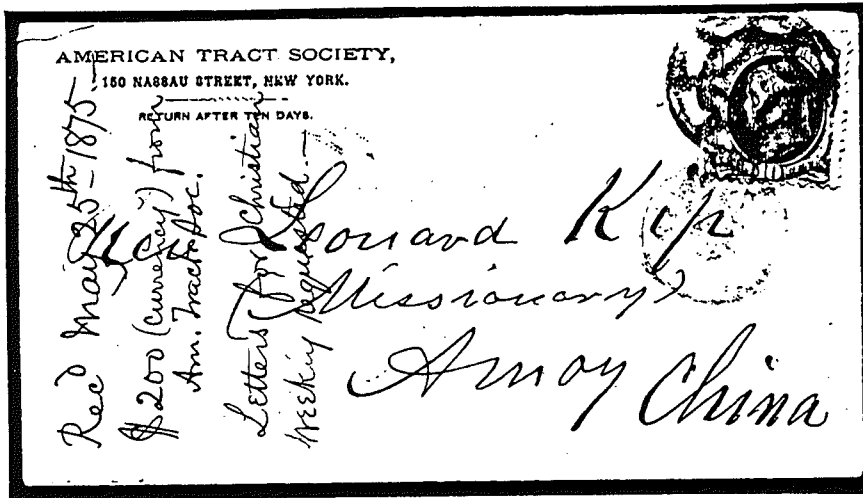


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TYPE TWENTY-SEVEN




EARLIEST USE -  
8/02/1873

LATEST USE -  
5/20/1875

SINGLE RATE BY AMERICAN PACKET VIA SAN FRANCISCO. LATEST REPORTED USAGE.



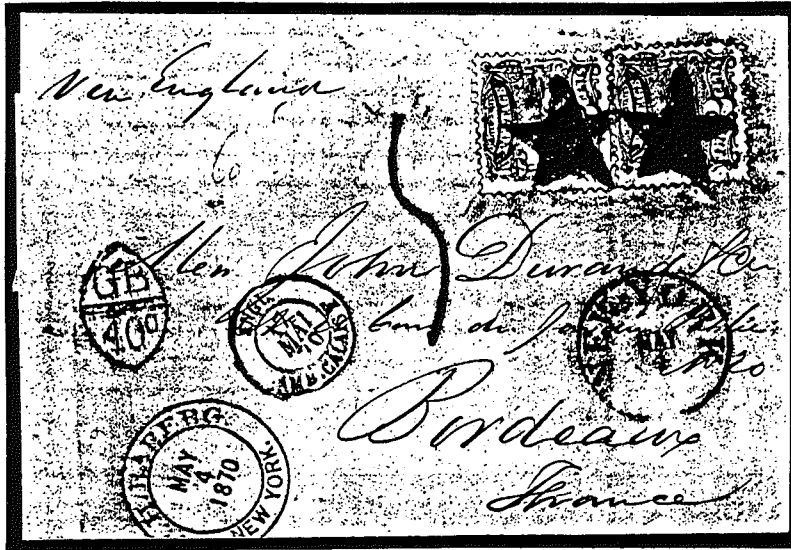
CORRECT SINGLE RATE VIA DIRECT BELGIUM MAIL, FEB. 27, 1875.  
 'INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID' APPLIED IN ERROR.

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 is earliest  
 usage

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TYPE TWENTY-NINE



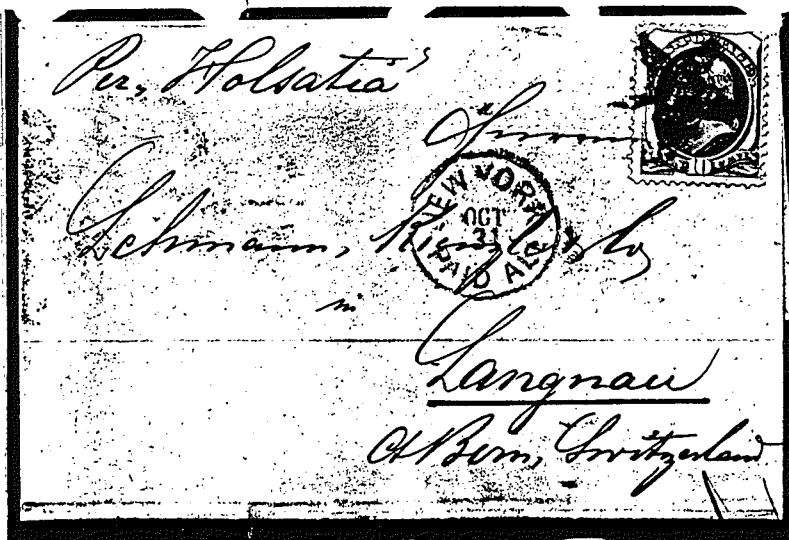
A29

EARLIEST USE -  
 5/04/1870

LATEST USE -  
 10/31/1871



SINGLE RATE BY OPEN MAIL VIA AMERICAN PACKET, PAID TO  
 BRITISH FRONTIER. FORWARDED AS UNPAID AND THE ACCOUNT  
 SETTLED BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE.



LATEST REPORTED USAGE.



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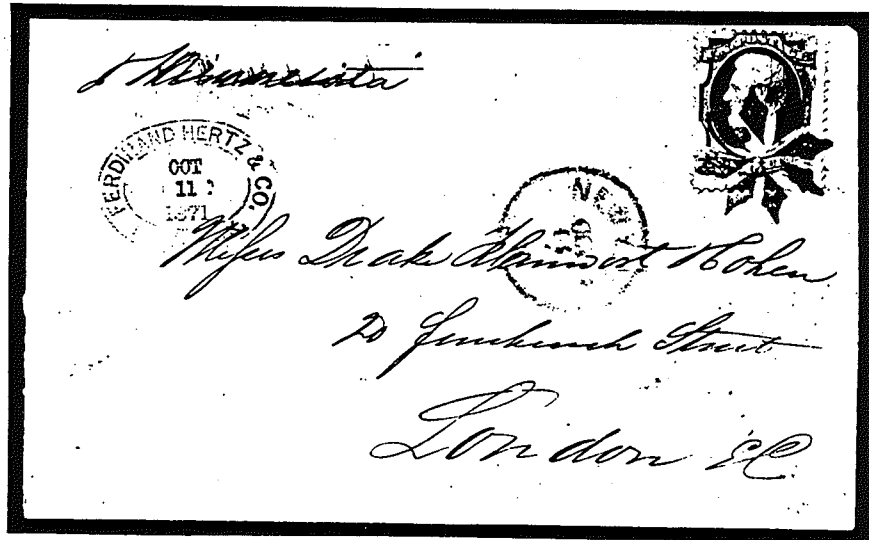
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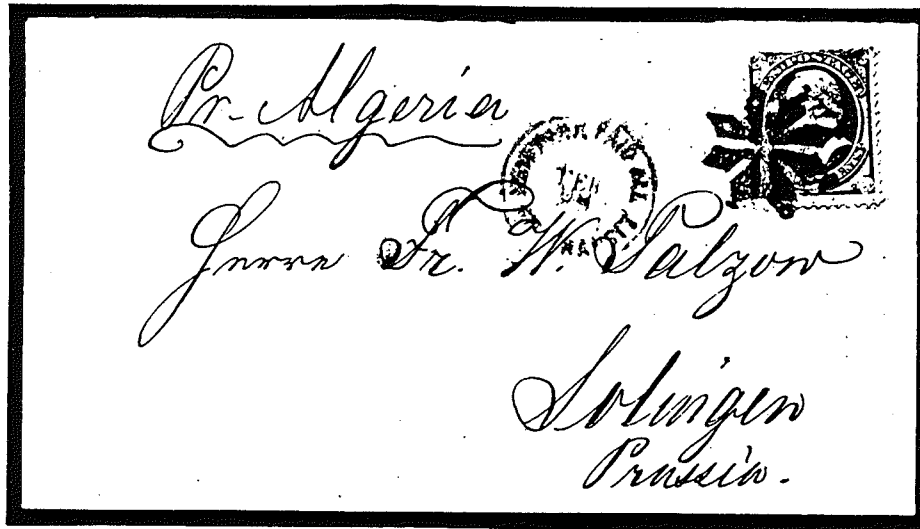


EARLIEST USE -  
10/10/1871

LATEST USE -  
1/10/1873



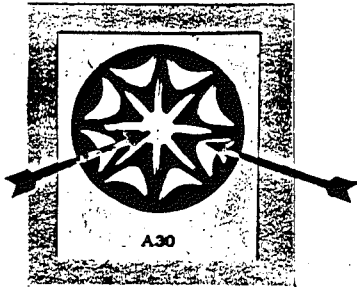
EARLIEST REPORTED USAGE.



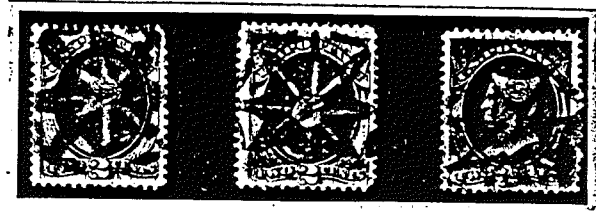
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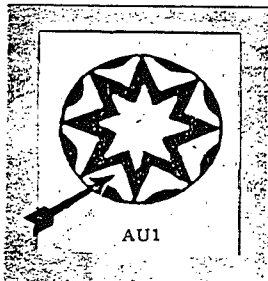
TYPE THIRTY



ONLY KNOWN 3/10/1877



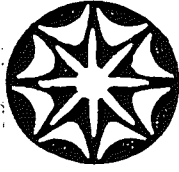
TYPES A30 AND AUI ARE VERY POSSIBLY ONE AND THE SAME CANCELLATION, IN VARIOUS DEGREES OF WEAR. NOTE THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCES AS SEEN IN THE ILLUSTRATIONS - ARE THE NEGATIVE CENTER OF TYPE 30 IN THE FORM OF A CIRCLE AND IN AUI IN A LARGER NON-CIRCULAR FORM. ALSO, THE 'VALLEY' OF THE OUTER POSITIVE POINTS APPEAR SEMI-CIRCULAR IN TYPE A30, AND POINTED IN AUI. NOTICE THE 6¢ STAMP WITH A POINTED VALLEY, BUT A CIRCULAR CENTER. NOTE DIFFERENT SIZES TO THE CENTER CIRCULAR PORTIONS OF THE 2¢, 5¢ AND 15¢ ABOVE. SINCE ONLY ONE ON-COVER USAGE OF A30 IS RECORDED AND NONE OF AUI, DIFFERENCES MUST BE DETERMINED FROM OFF-COVER EXAMPLES.



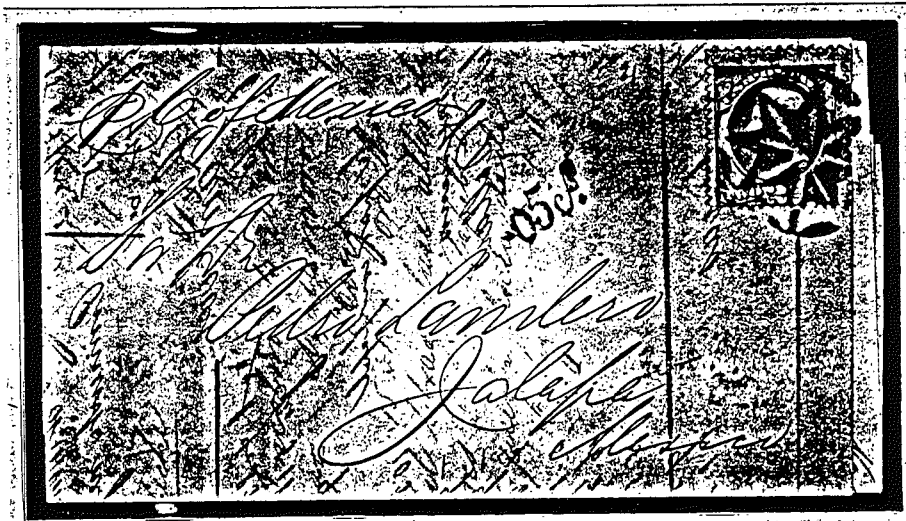
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TYPE THIRTY



A30



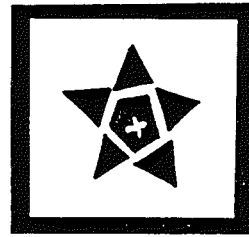
THE ONLY EXAMPLE REPORTED ON COVER. PRINTED MATTER RATE.



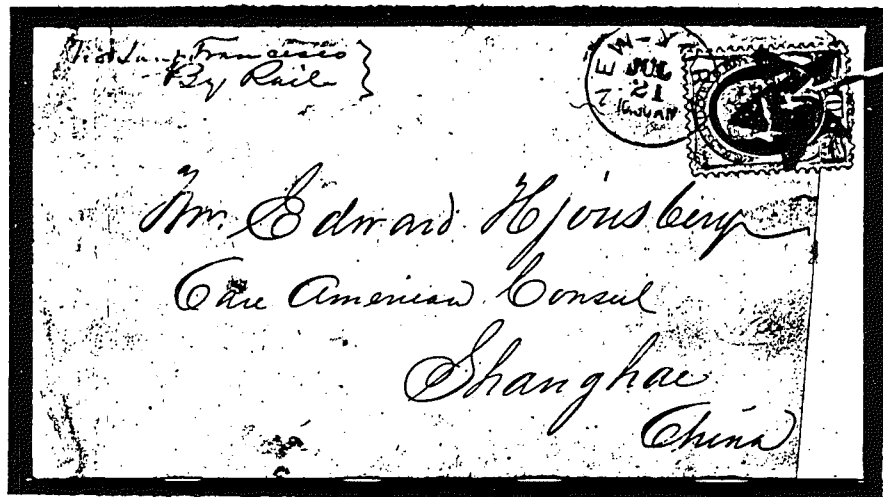
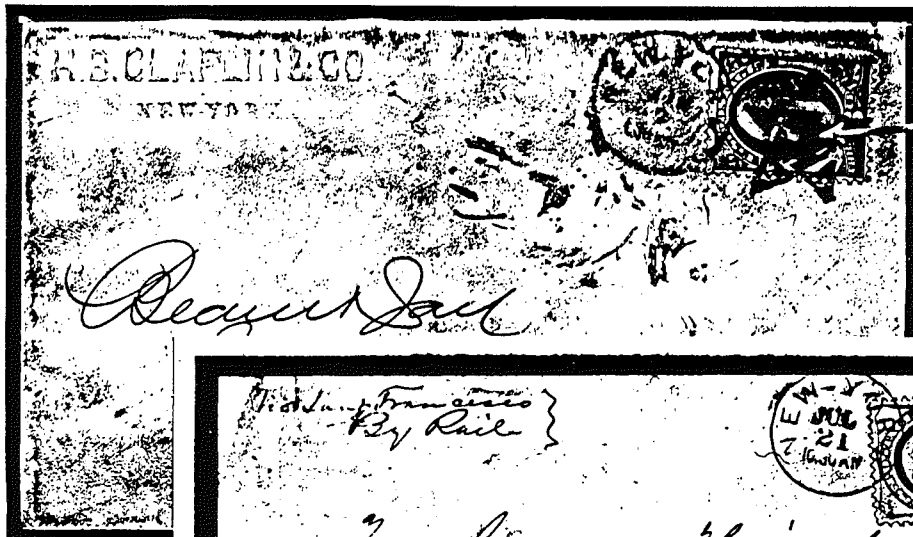
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NOT RECORDED ON COVER



PREVIOUSLY UNRECORDED TYPE



THE ONLY NOTICIBLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DOMESTIC USAGE AND THE USAGE TO CHINA IS IN THE TINY NEGATIVE 'CROSS' IN THE CENTER OF THE CANCELLATION BEING MUCH SMALLER ON THE FOREIGN USAGE.

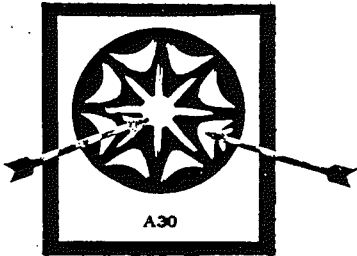
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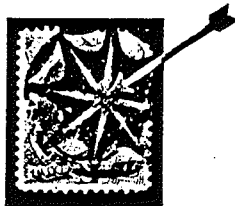
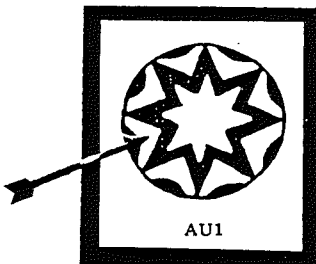
TYPE THIRTY



ONLY KNOWN 3/10/1877



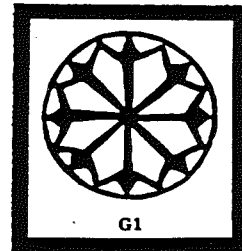
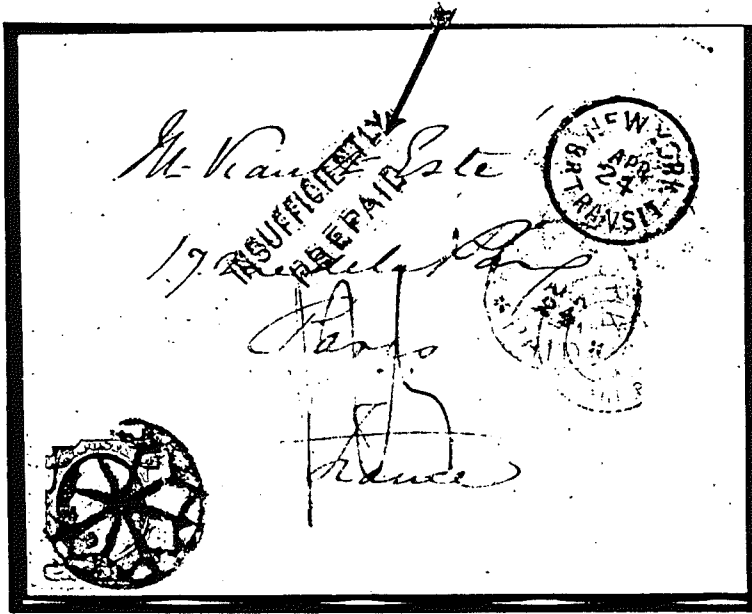
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TYPE ONE



EARLIEST USE -  
3/27/1875  
LATEST USE -  
5/12/1875

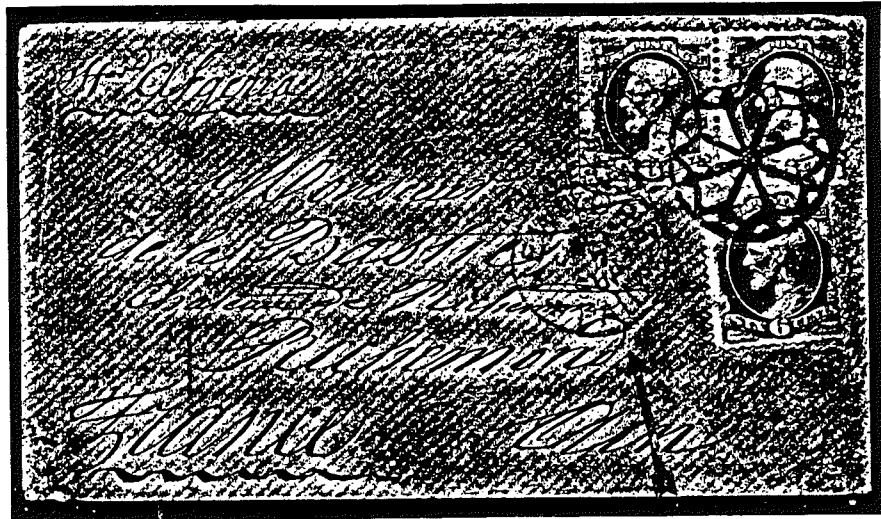
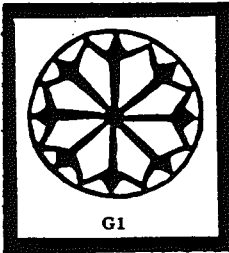
THE RATE TO FRANCE DURING THIS PERIOD WAS 10¢ (OR MORE, DEPENDING ON WEIGHT) VIA BRITISH MAIL.



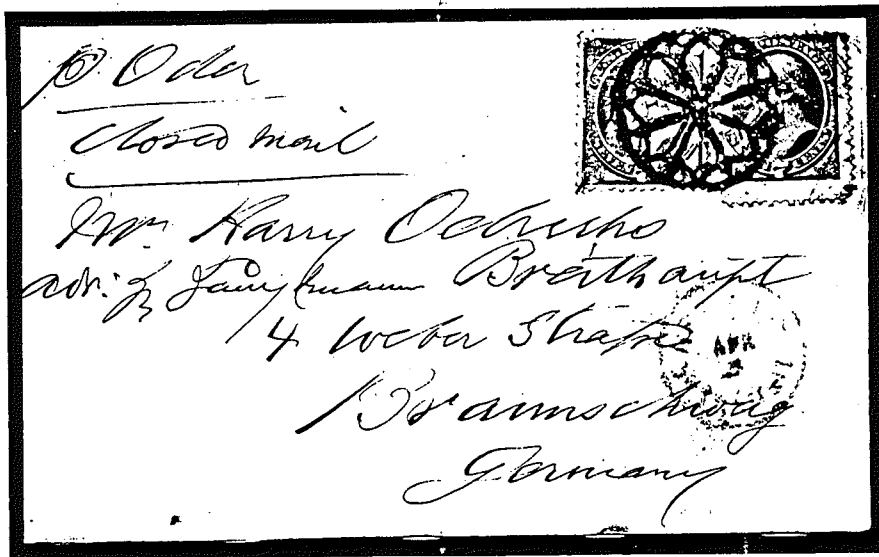
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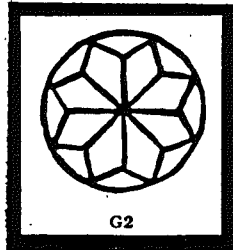
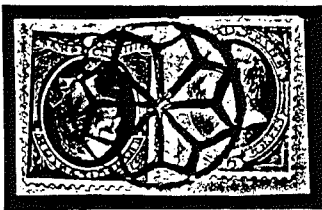
THE RATE TO FRANCE FROM AUGUST, 1874 TO JANUARY, 1876 WAS  
9¢ VIA DIRECT MAIL, THUS 18¢ FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICE.



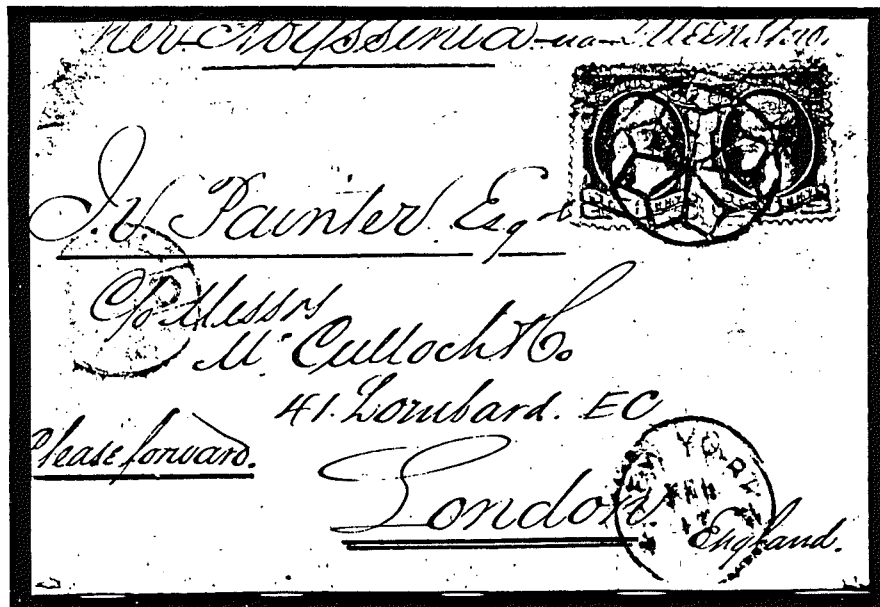
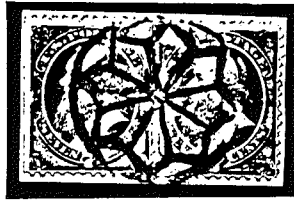
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GEOMETRIC

TYPE TWO



EARLIEST USE -  
3/5/1874  
LATEST USE -  
2/5/1876

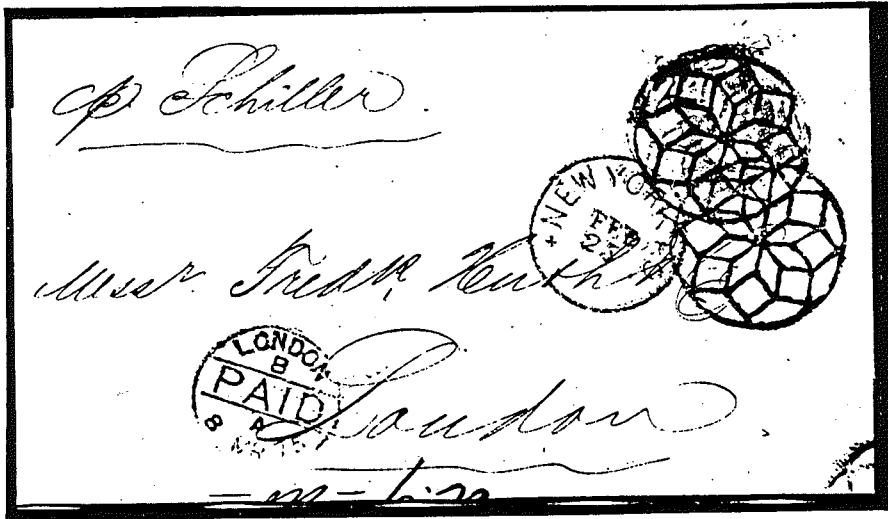




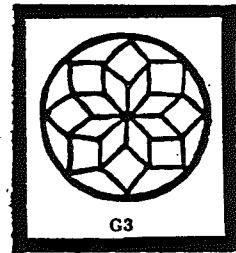
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TYPE THREE



EARLIEST REPORTED USAGE.



EARLIEST USE  
 2/23/1875  
 LATEST USE -  
 3/20/1876

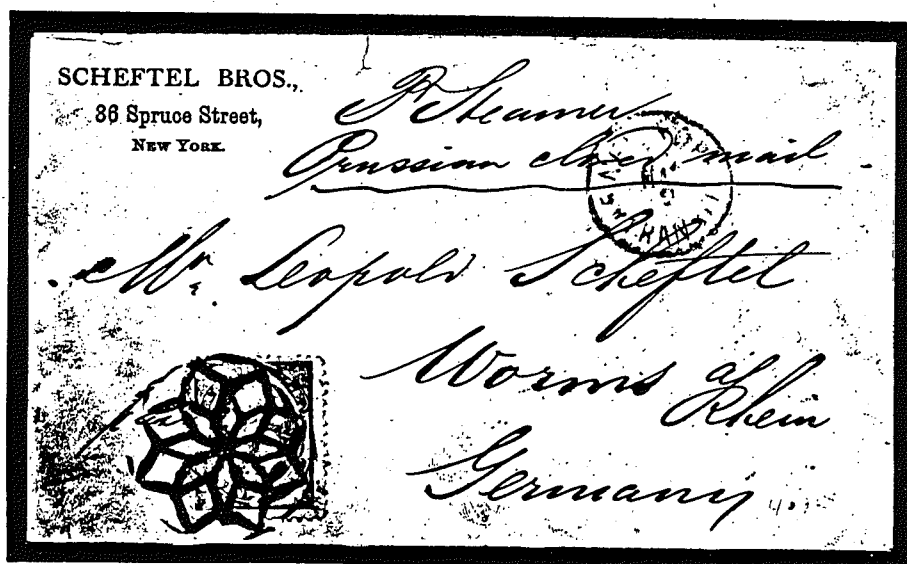
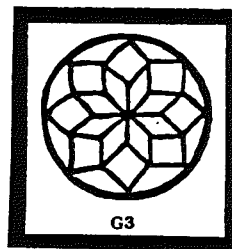
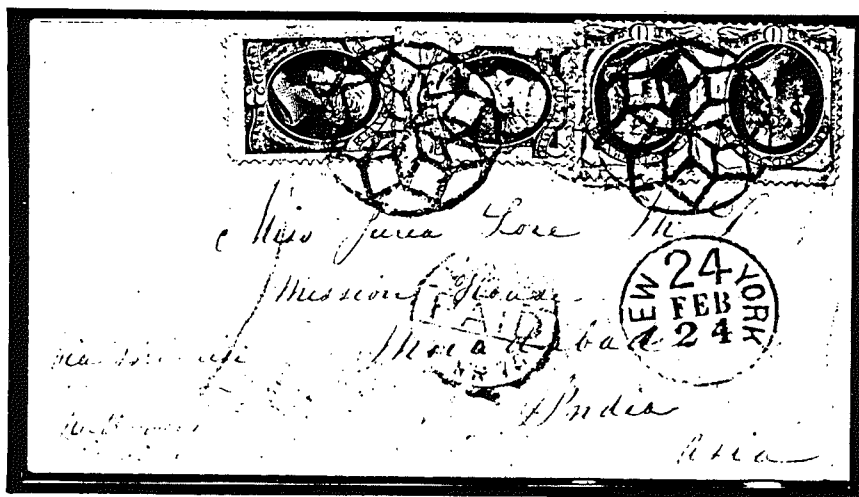


THE RATES TO TUNIS IN MARCH, 1875 WERE 14¢ BY ITALIAN MAIL AND 14¢ OR 15¢ VIA NORTH GERMAN UNION MAIL. ALL MARKINGS ON THIS COVER INDICATE ROUTING VIA ITALY, SO THE 3 LIRE POSTAGE DUE WAS APPARENTLY CHARGED EITHER IN ERROR, OR POSSIBLY FOR FORWARDING, ALTHOUGH NO SUCH INDICATION APPEARS ON THE COVER.

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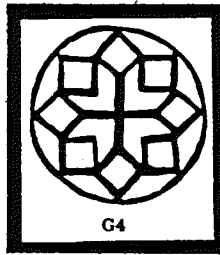
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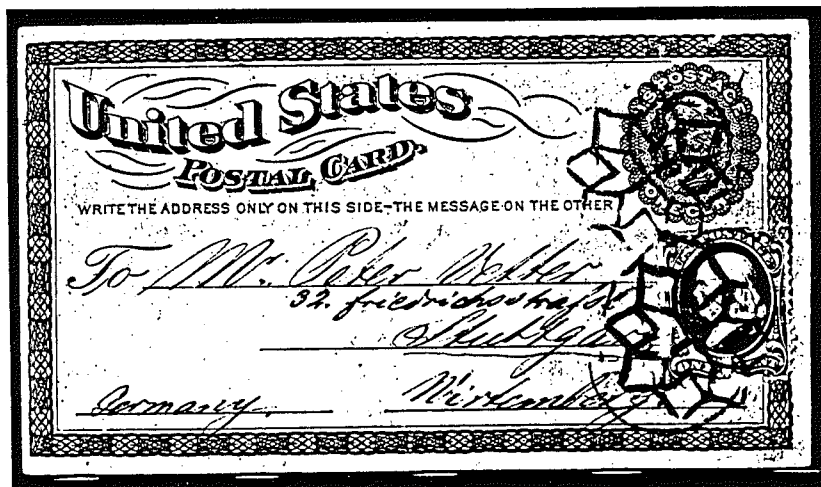
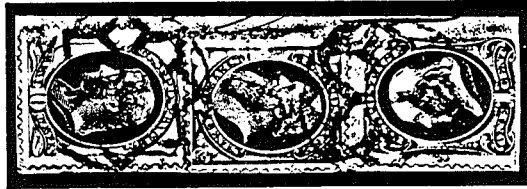
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TYPE FOUR



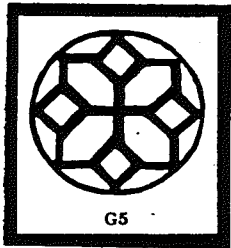
EARLIEST USE -  
2/27/1875  
LATEST USE -  
8/19/1881



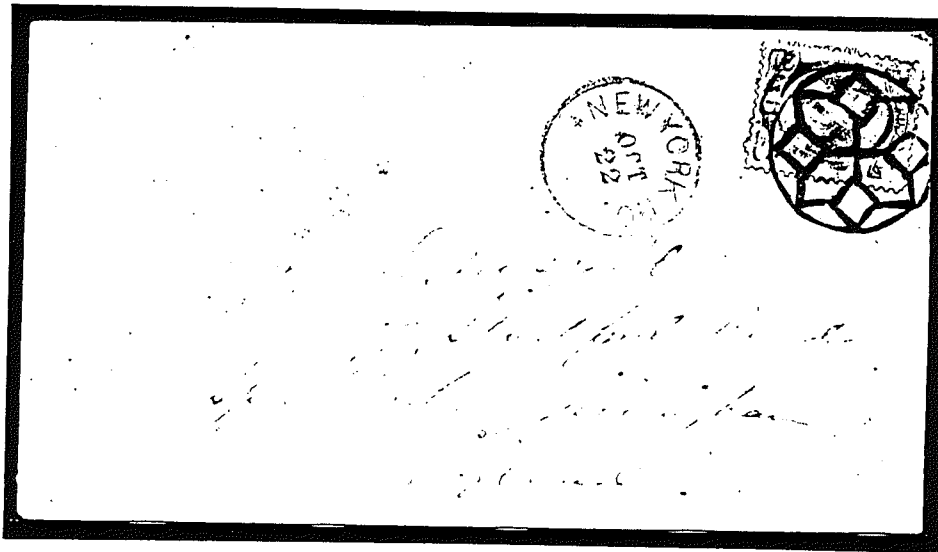
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TYPE FIVE



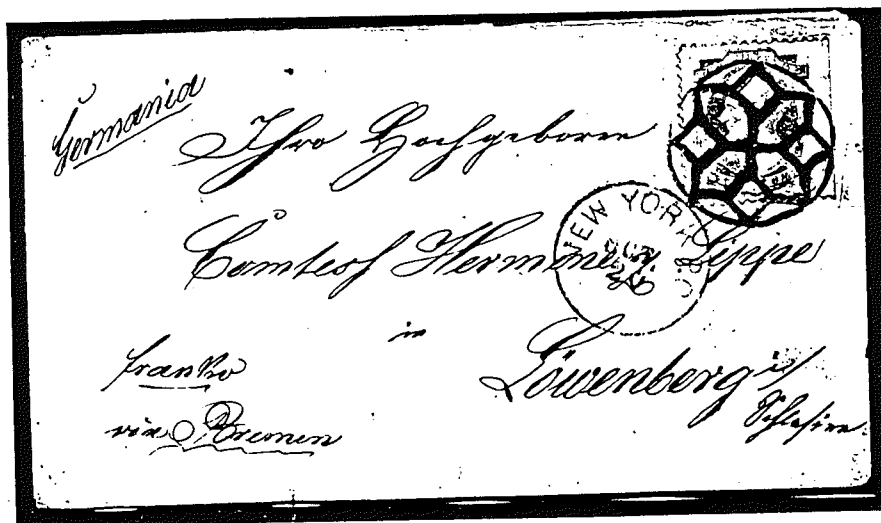
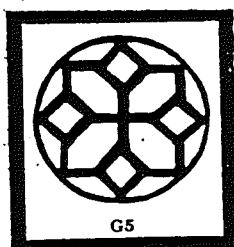
EARLIEST USE -  
10/02/1873  
LATEST USE -  
11/14/1875



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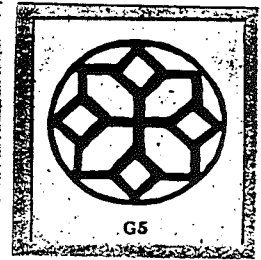
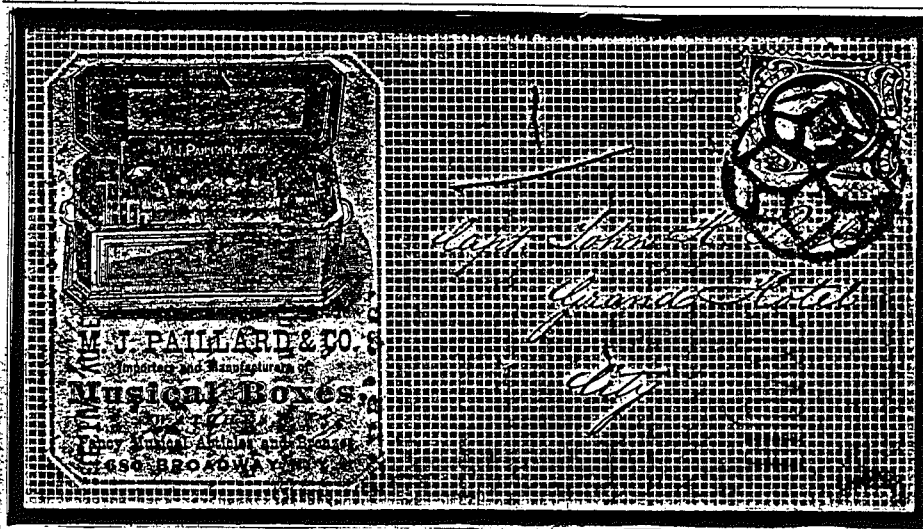
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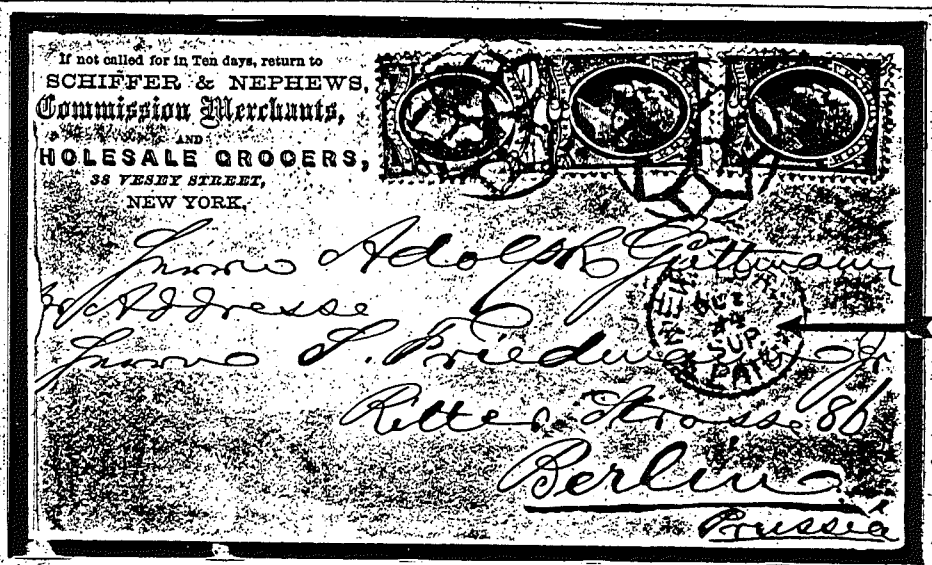
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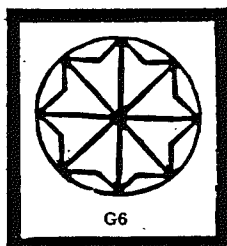
AN UNCOMMON EXAMPLE OF A FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATION APPLIED IN ERROR TO A DOMESTIC USE COVER.



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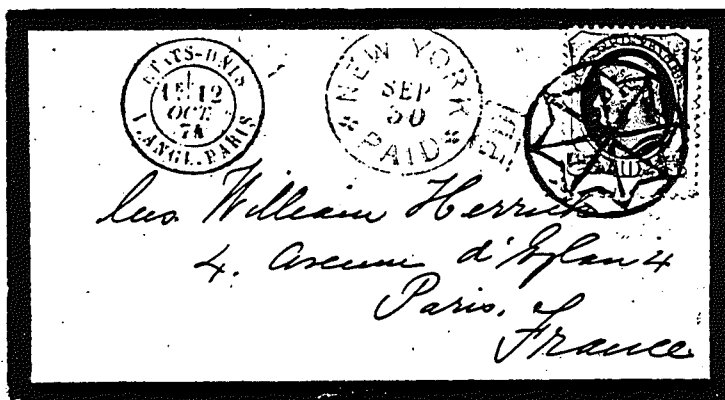
TYPE SIX



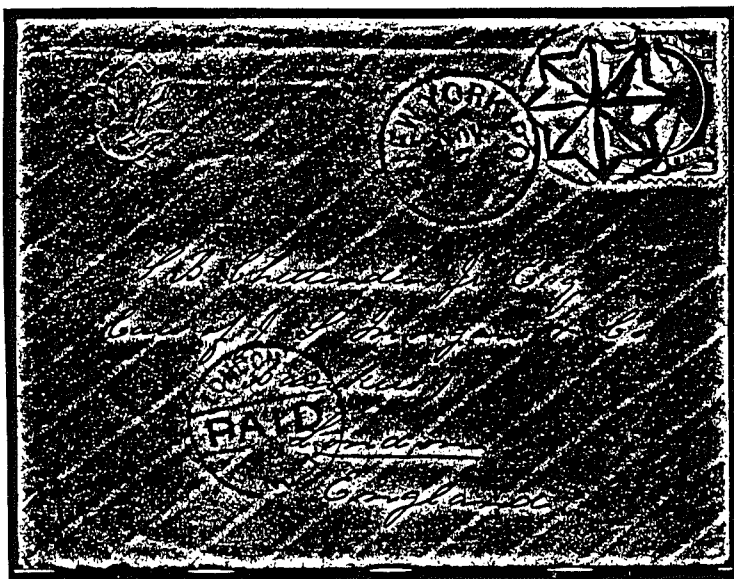
G6

EARLIEST USE -  
09/30/1874

LATEST USE -  
12/17/1874



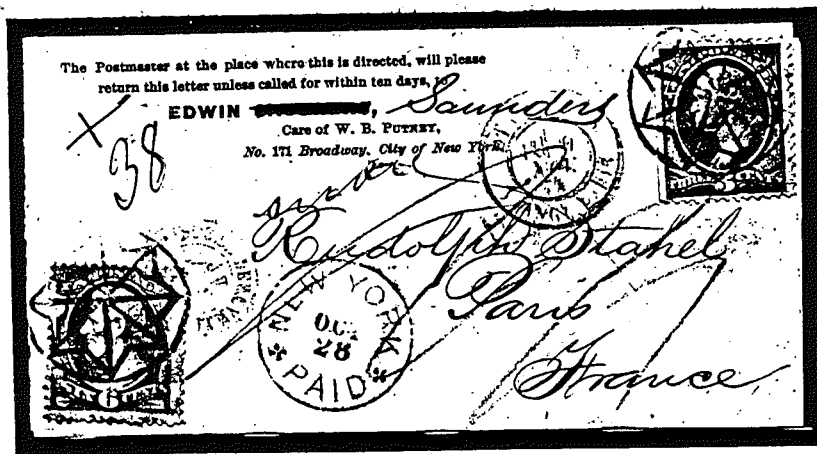
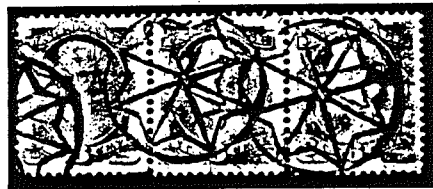
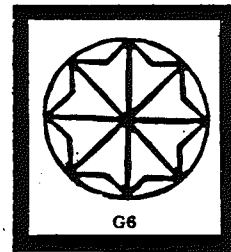
EARLIEST REPORTED USAGE OF TYPE SIX. 1¢ OVERPAYMENT OF 9¢ RATE VIA DIRECT MAIL.



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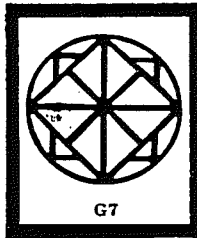




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TYPE SEVEN



EARLIEST USE -  
12/19/1874

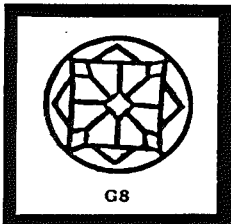
LATEST USE -  
01/03/1875



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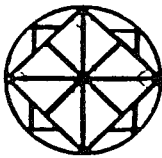
GEOMETRIC

TYPE EIGHT

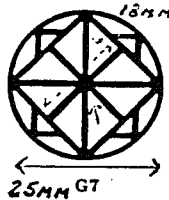
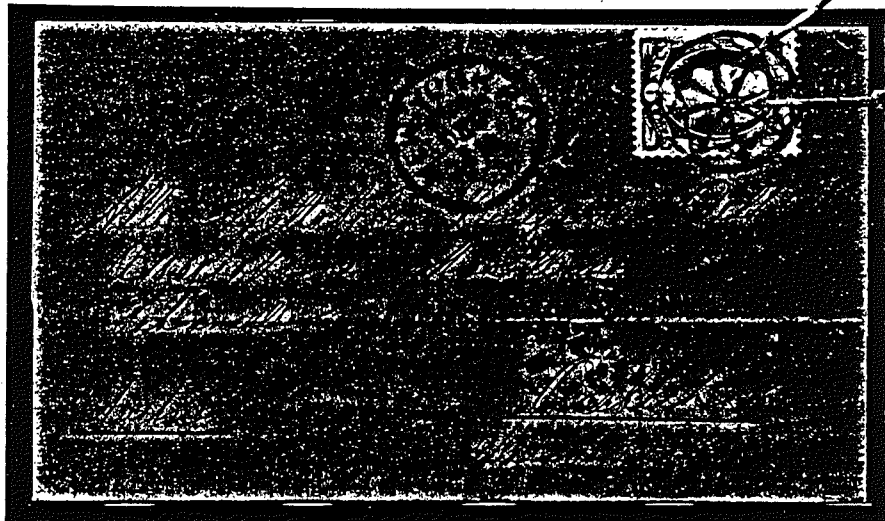


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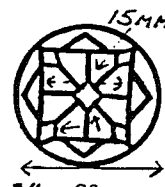
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 11/28/1874  
 LATEST USE -  
 06/22/1875



G7



25MM G7



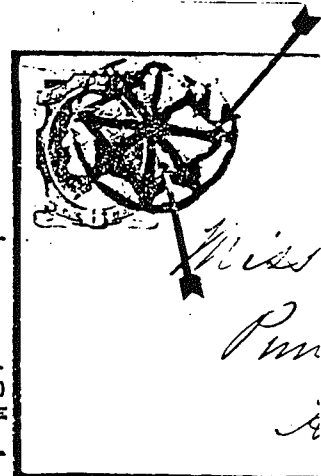
24MM G8



BASED ON THE TRACINGS SUPPLIED BY EARLIER STUDENTS, THE APPARENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TYPES G7 AND G8 ARE -

1. G7- 25MM DIAMETER CIRCLE	G8- 24MM DIAMETER CIRCLE
2. G7- 18MM ACROSS INSIDE SQUARE	G8- 15MM ACROSS INSIDE SQUARE
3. G7- NO HOLLOW DIAMONDS AT CORNERS AND CENTER OF INSIDE SQUARE.	G8- HOLLOW DIAMONDS AT CORNERS AND CENTER OF INSIDE SQUARE.

AS CAN BE SEEN WHEN PLACING A G7 TRACING IN THE SAME POSITION AS A G8 TRACING, AND ADDING FIVE DIAMONDS TO INNER SQUARE (IN RED), THE TWO ARE EXACTLY THE SAME EXCEPT FOR THE APPARENT MEASUREMENT DIFFERENCES QUOTED ABOVE. WHEN ACTUAL INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATIONS ARE MEASURED HOWEVER, NO DIFFERENCE GREATER THEN 1MM IS NOTED FROM ONE TO ANOTHER. ALSO, ITEMS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS G8 (PHOTOCOPY RIGHT) SHOW NO HOLLOW DIAMONDS IN INNER SQUARE. IT IS THEREFORE VERY LIKELY THAT G7-8 ARE ONE AND THE SAME, SOME EXHIBITING SOME HOLLOWING IN THE INNER SQUARES, OTHERS SHOWING NO HOLLOWING AT ALL. THE APPARENT 'DIFFERENCES' LIKELY BEING CAUSED BY DEVICE WEAR AND/OR OVERINKING OF DEVICE.

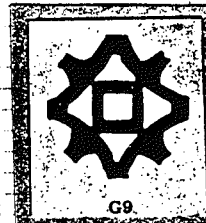
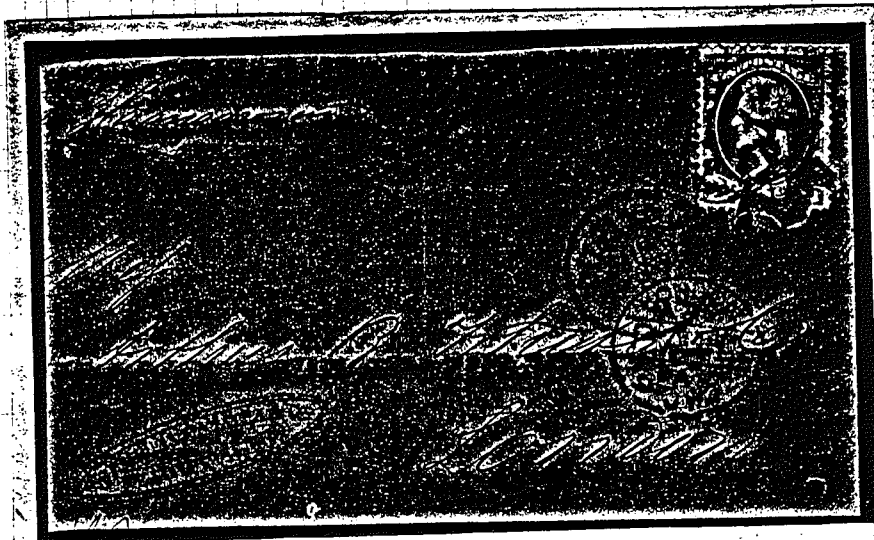


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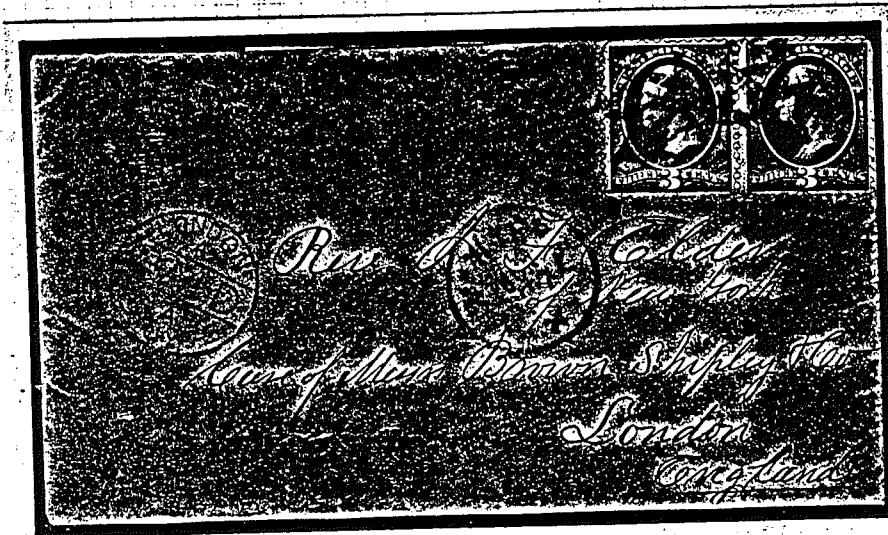
TYPE NINE



EARLIEST USE -  
06/27/1872  
LATEST USE -  
06/29/1872



REPORTED ON ONLY FIVE COVERS FOR TWO DAYS, THE DEVICE WAS  
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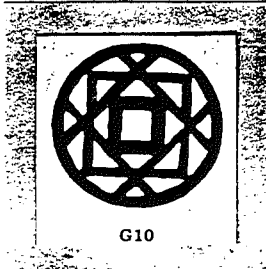


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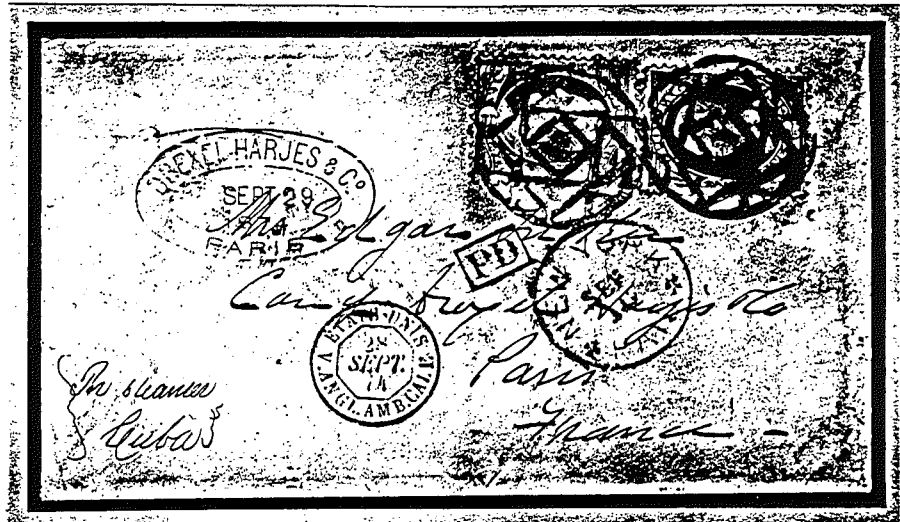
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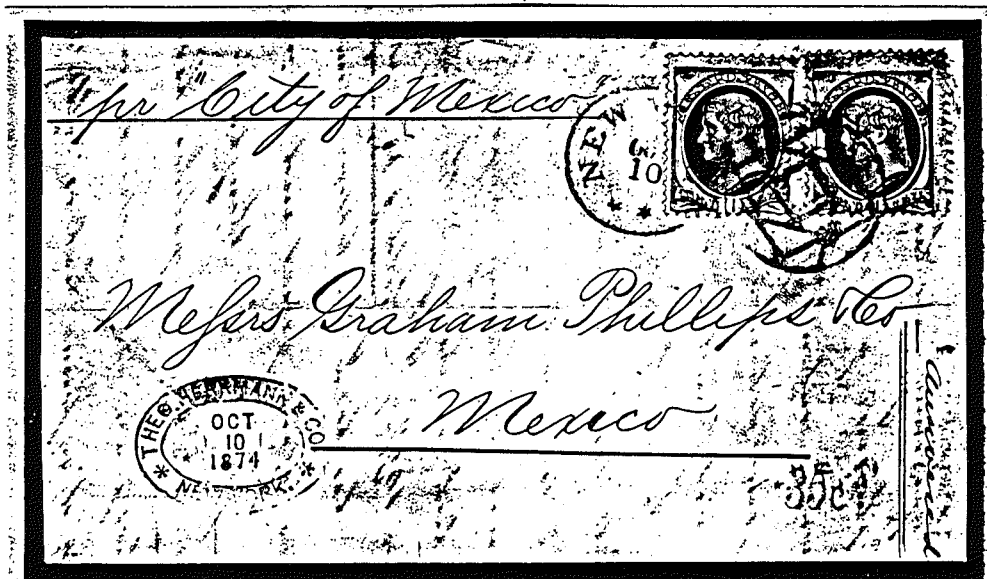


G10

EARLIEST USE -  
9/09/1874  
LATEST USE -  
6/26/1875



DOUBLE 9¢ RATE VIA FRENCH MAIL.

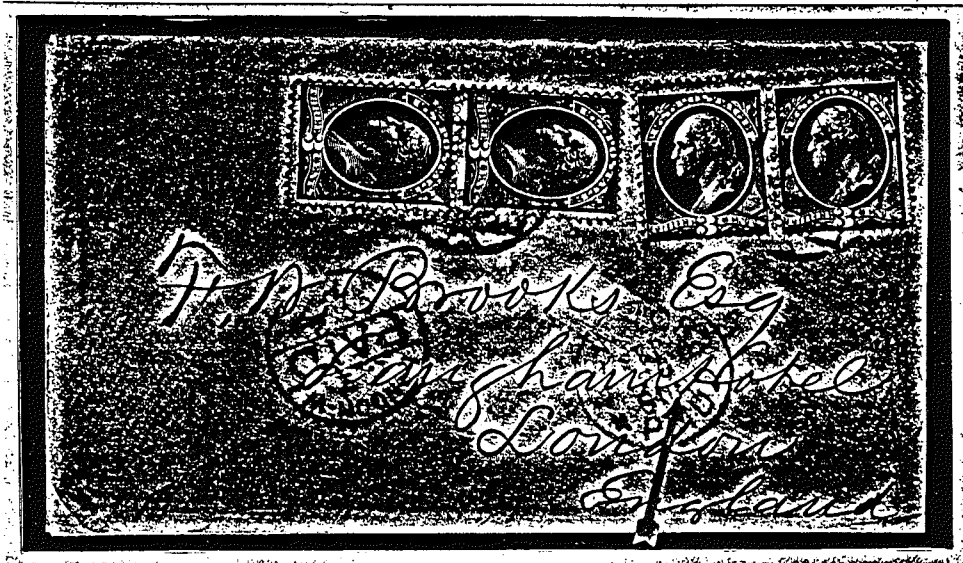
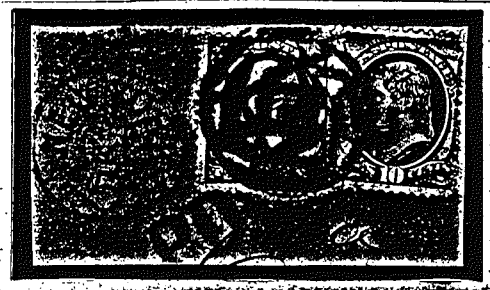


DOUBLE 10¢ RATE VIA DIRECT AMERICAN PACKET.

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TYPE TEN



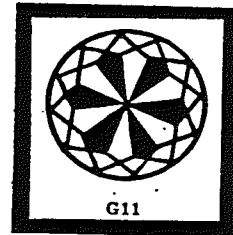
EARLIER STUDENTS THEORIZED THAT RED CANCELLATIONS WERE USED ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUPPLEMENTARY RATES. WHILE THIS APPEARS TO BE TRUE IN MOST RECORDED CASES, A NUMBER OF EXAMPLES ARE RECORDED WITH BLACK CANCELS USED WITH RED SUPPLEMENTARY MARKS AND RED CANCELS ON NON-SUPPLEMENTARY USAGES. SEE TYPE F9.



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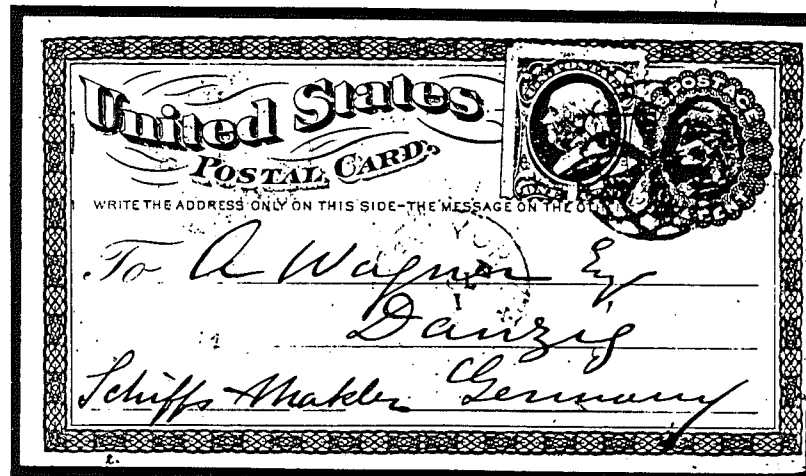
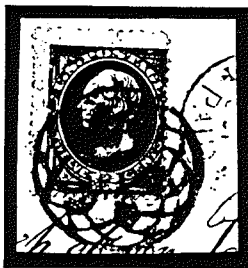
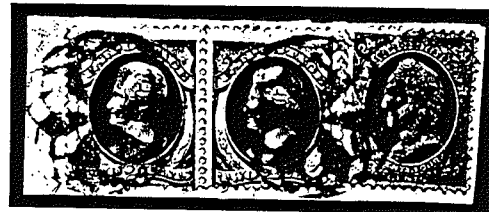
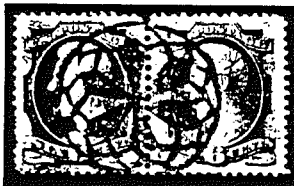
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TYPE ELEVEN



EARLIEST USE -  
6/26/1875

LATEST USE -  
7/24/1875

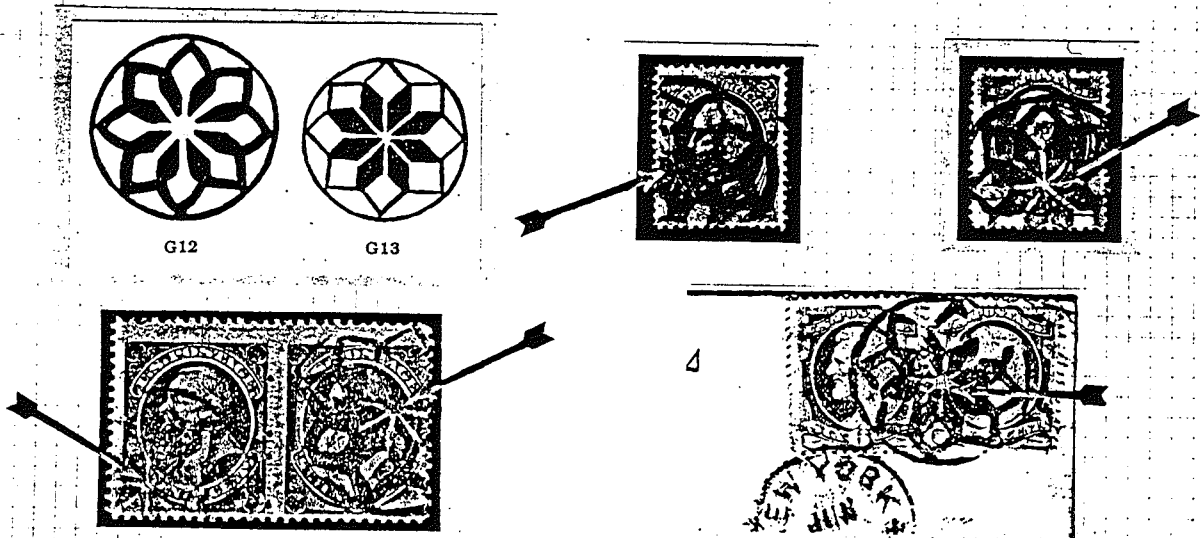


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GEOMETRIC

TYPE TWELVE

THE "MYSTERY" OF TYPE G12  
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BASED ON TRACINGS DONE BY EARLIER STUDENTS, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GEOMETRIC TYPES 12 AND 13 SHOULD BE EASILY APPARENT. ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO TYPES WITH EIGHT POSITIVE INNER 'DIAMONDS' (G21 HAS 8 DIAMONDS, BUT ALSO HAS ADDITIONAL TINY 'DIAMONDS' AT THE APEX OF EACH OUTER DIAMOND POINT), THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENCES APPARENTLY EXIST -

G12 - MEASURES 31MM IN DIAMETER	G13 - 26MM IN DIAMETER
THINNER INNER 'DIAMONDS'	THICKER INNER 'DIAMONDS'
THICK 'SPADEHEAD' OUTLINE	THIN 'SPADEHEAD' OUTLINE
WIDE 'ALLEY' BETWEEN DIAMONDS	NARROW 'ALLEY'
LARGE NEGATIVE CENTER	SMALL NEGATIVE CENTER

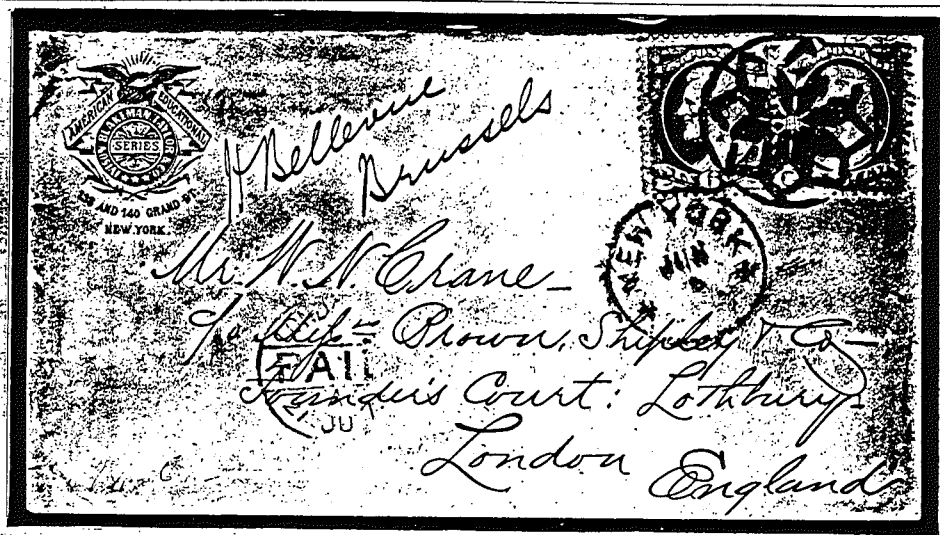
ACTUAL MEASUREMENTS OF G12-13 TYPES REVEAL THAT EVERY EXAMPLE MEASURES 29MM OR MORE, THEREFORE EARLIER STUDENT'S MEASUREMENTS ARE TOO LARGE BY 3MM OR MORE.

THE 24¢ STAMP ABOVE HAS A LARGE, CIRCULAR NEGATIVE CENTER. THE 6¢ DOES NOT. BOTH MEASURE EXACTLY 30MM (SEE ALSO EXAMPLES OF G13 ON NEXT PAGE).

THE 7¢ PAIR (ENLARGED PHOTOCOPY) IS CONSIDERED TYPE G12. NOTE THE LEFT STRIKE HAS A TINY NEGATIVE CENTER AND THE RIGHT STRIKE A LARGE NEGATIVE CENTER. THIS PROVES THAT THE SAME DEVICE, STRUCK TWO CONSECUTIVE TIMES ON THE SAME PAIR OF STAMPS, RESULTED IN EXAMPLES WITH DIFFERENT TRAITS. THE EXAMPLE ON COVER (PHOTOCOPY) MEASURES 29MM, SHOWS NARROW 'ALLEY' & MEDIUM NEGATIVE CENTER. IT WAS CONSIDERED A G12 BY EARLIER STUDENTS.

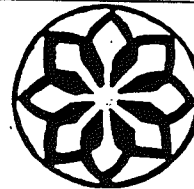
IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT TYPES G12-13 ARE ONE AND THE SAME CANCEL, SHOWING MINOR DIFFERENCES FROM STRIKE TO STRIKE BASED ON AMOUNT OF INKING AND PRESSURE OF STRIKE. SINCE ONLY TWO PROPORTED EXAMPLES OF G12 EXIST ON COVER, WE ARE FORCED TO REACH OUR CONCLUSIONS BASED ON OFF-COVER EXAMPLES.

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 GEOMETRICS-TYPES TWELVE & THIRTEEN

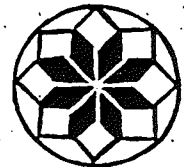


THE ABOVE COVER, SHOWN ON PREVIOUS PAGE, IS THE PROPORTED G12. THE COVER BELOW WAS CLASSIFIED BY PREVIOUS STUDENTS AS G13. BOTH CANCELS HAVE THE DIAMETER MEASUREMENT (29-30MM) OF G12, WHILE ALSO BOTH HAVING THE INSIDE CHARACTERISTICS OF TYPE G13. WHILE WE DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM OF DEFINATE IDENTIFICATION, WE CAN DEFINATELY STATE THAT-

- A. IF TYPE 13 HAS LARGE INNER DIAMONDS, THAN AN AUTHENTIC TYPE 13 MEASURES 30MM DIAMETER.
- B. NO CANCEL HAS EVER BEEN REPORTED WITH THE EXACT CHARACTERISTICS OF TYPE G12 AS SHOWN BY PREVIOUS STUDENTS.



G12



G13





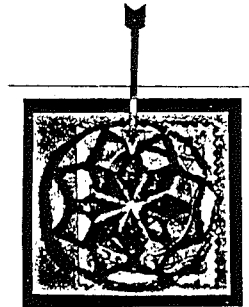
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GEOMETRIC

TYPE THIRTEEN

EARLIEST USE - 5/29/1875  
LATEST USE - 6/14/1875

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS -  
EIGHT POSITIVE DIAMOND-SHAPED  
SEGMENTS.



EARLIEST REPORTED USAGE.

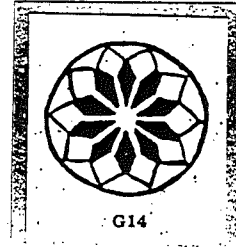
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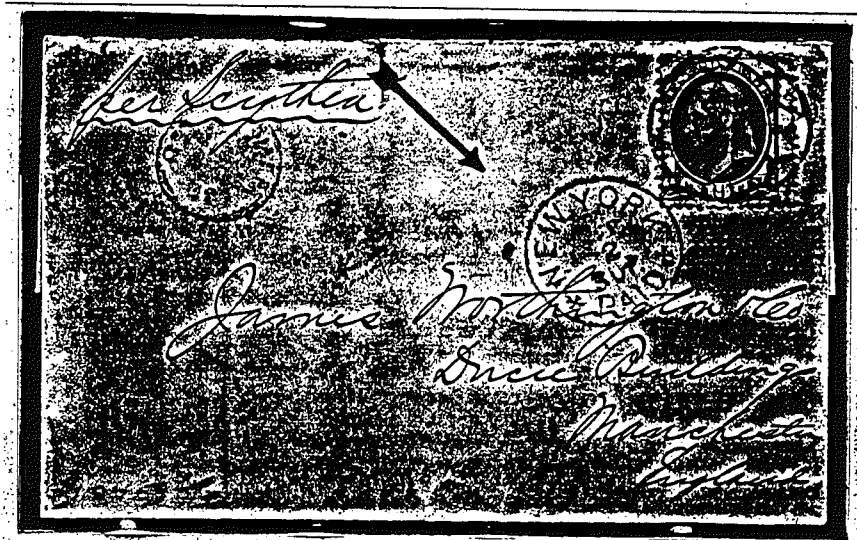
TYPE FOURTEEN



EARLIEST USE - 09/01/1873  
LATEST USE - 09/02/1873



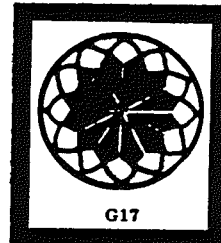
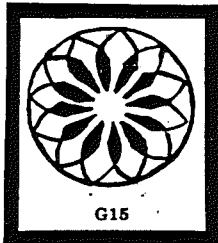
DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS -  
TEN POSITIVE DIAMOND-SHAPED SEGMENTS  
(SEE ALSO GEOMETRIC TYPE GU3)



WHILE EASY TO IDENTIFY DUE TO THE TEN INNER DIAMONDS, THIS TYPE IS ONE OF THE MOST ELUSIVE OF ALL NYFM'S, WITH ONLY TWO EXAMPLES KNOWN ON COVER, AND THIS ONE BEING THE ONLY LEGIBLE EXAMPLE. THIS EXAMPLE IS ALSO STRUCK IN CLARET, ONE OF A HANDFULL SO KNOWN.



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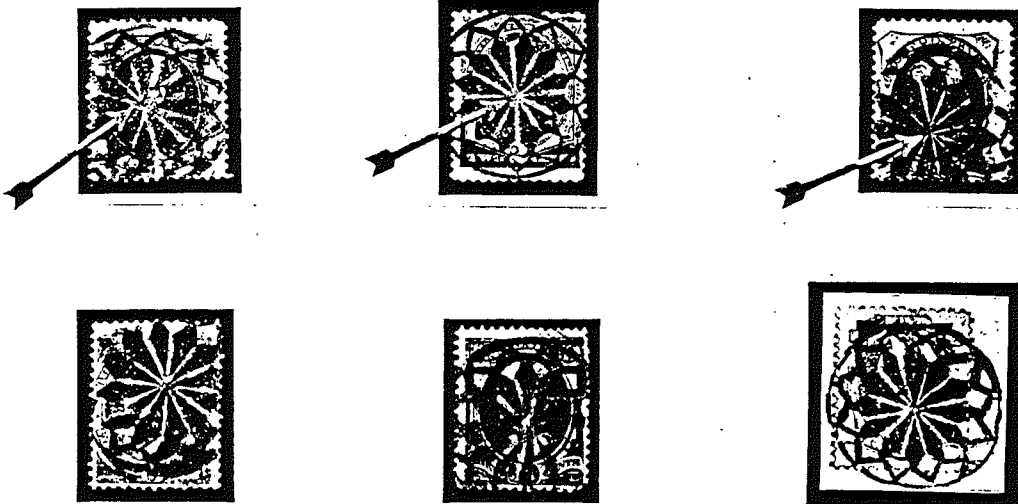
TYPES 15, 16 AND 17 ARE VIRTUALLY INDISTINGUISHIBLE FROM ONE ANOTHER. ALL THREE HAVE THE SAME FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS-

1. 26-27MM DIAMETER OUTER RIM CIRCLE,
2. TWELVE INNER POSITIVE 'DIAMONDS',
3. TWELVE INNER NEGATIVE 'SPADE-HEADS'.

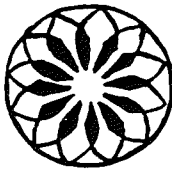
TRACINGS OF EARLIER STUDENTS SEPERATE THE THREE AS FOLLOWS-

- G15 - INNER NEGATIVE 'CIRCLE' LARGE,
- G16 - INNER NEGATIVE 'CIRCLE' SMALL,
- G17 - NO INNER 'CIRCLE'.

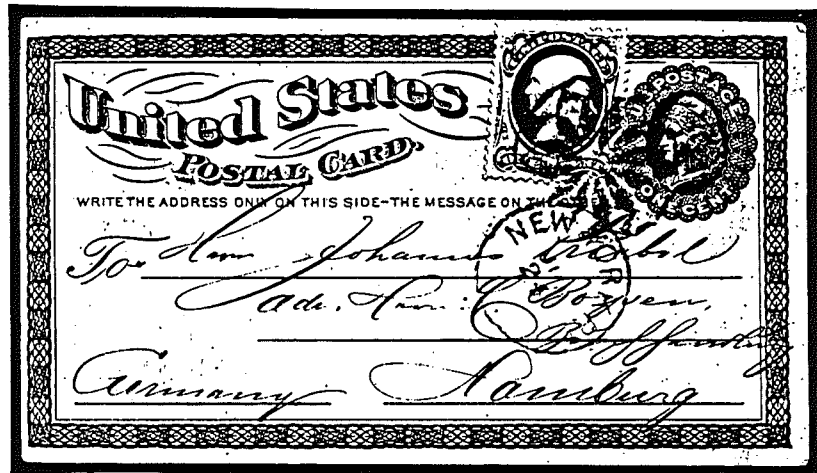
AS WE SHALL SEE, UNLESS THE CANCELLATION IS A PERFECT STRIKE, FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE THREE TYPES ARE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO DISTINGUISH FROM EACH OTHER.



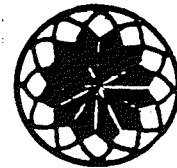
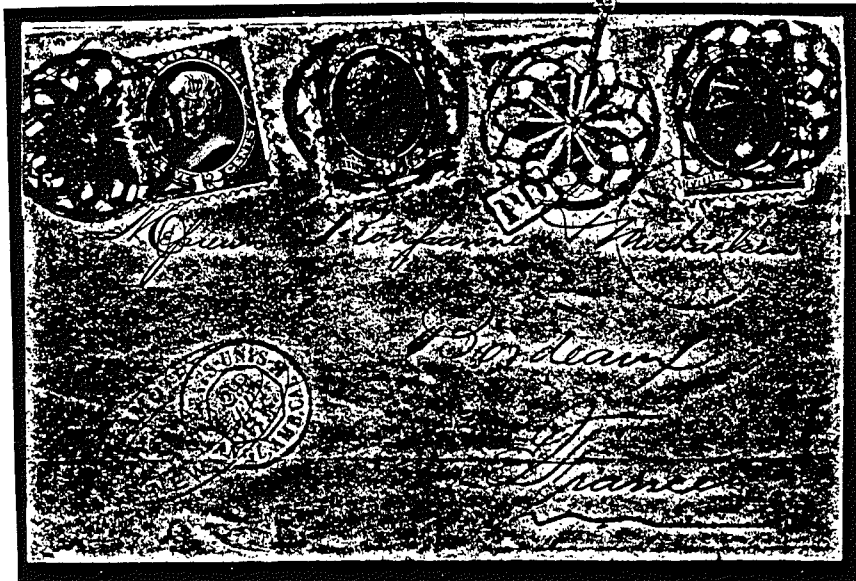
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G15



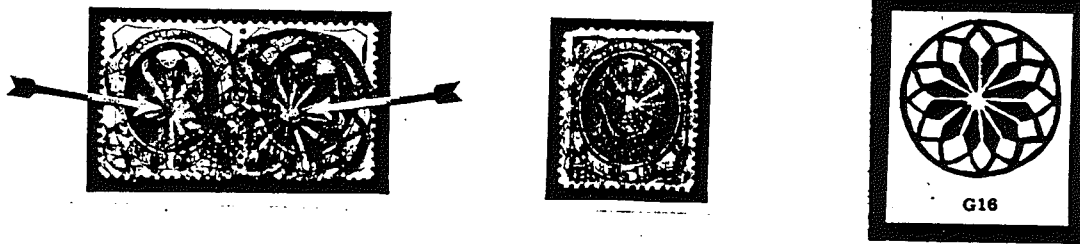
BASED ON VIRTUALLY PERFECT STRIKES, THE TWO ITEMS ABOVE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED BY PREVIOUS STUDENTS AS G15, WITH LARGE INNER NEGATIVE CIRCLE. THE TWO ITEMS BELOW HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED AS G17, WITH NO INNER CIRCLE. NOTE HOWEVER, THAT THE COVER BEARS TWO HEAVY STRIKES OF THE CANCELLATION (LEFT) AND TWO LIGHTER STRIKES (RIGHT), THE LIGHTER STRIKES SHOW A DEFINATE OPENING BETWEEN THE INNER DIAMONDS AS WELL AS SUGGESTION OF AN INNER CIRCLE, BUT THE TWO STRIKES AT LEFT SHOW NO SEPERATION BETWEEN THE DIAMONDS AS WELL AS NO INNER CIRCLE.



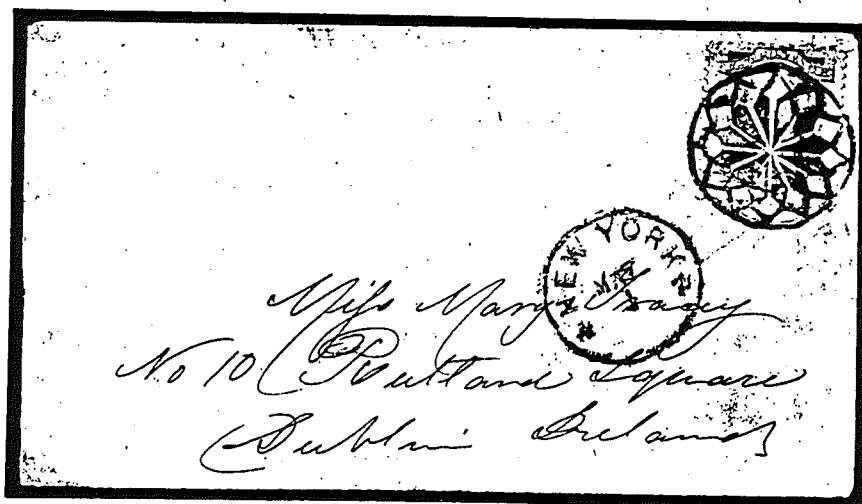
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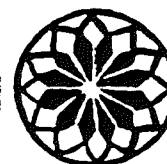
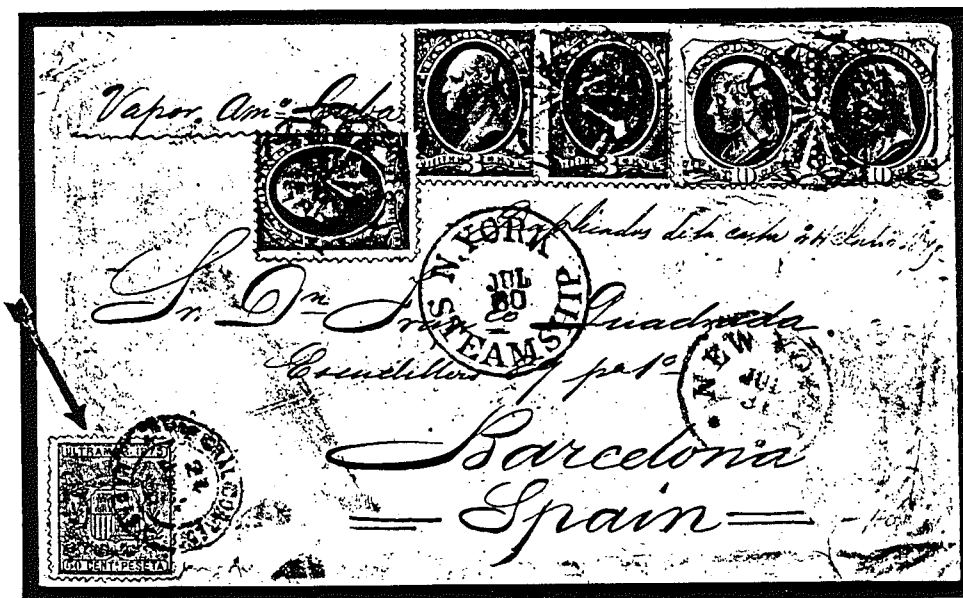
THE 10¢ PAIR (UPPER LEFT) DEMONSTRATES CHARACTERISTICS OF BOTH G15 AND G16 TYPES. THE STRIKE AT LEFT HAVING A LARGE 'INNER CIRCLE', THE STRIKE AT RIGHT HAVING A MUCH SMALLER 'INNER CIRCLE'. IT WOULD THEREFORE APPEAR TO BE THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION THAT THE ONLY WAY TO ASSIGN THESE THREE GEOMETRICS AS DISTINCT TYPES - IF IT IS NECESSARY AT ALL - IS WHEN THEY ARE 'PERFECTLY' STRUCK ONLY ONE TIME, ON EITHER A STAMP OR A COVER. EARLIEST AND LATEST USAGES KNOWN ON COVER ARE NO HELP EITHER, AS ALL THREE TYPES ARE RECORDED ON OVERLAPPING DATES BETWEEN 4/28/1875 AND 6/17/1876.



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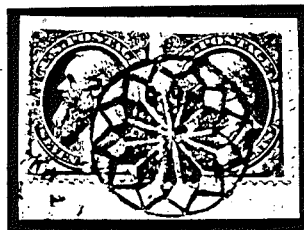
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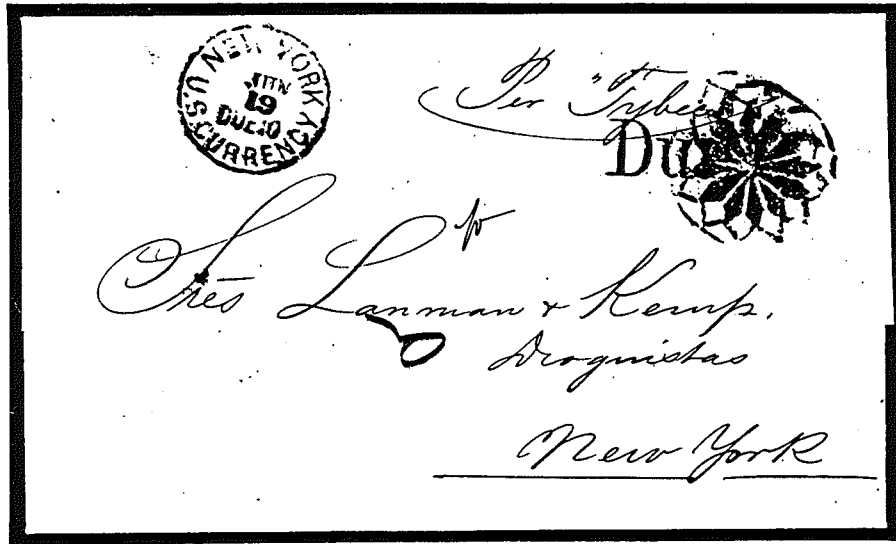


ONE OF THE FEW REPORTED COVERS BEARING NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATIONS, WHICH ORIGINATED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, AND ONE OF TWO REPORTED FROM CUBA.



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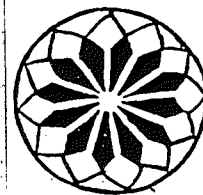
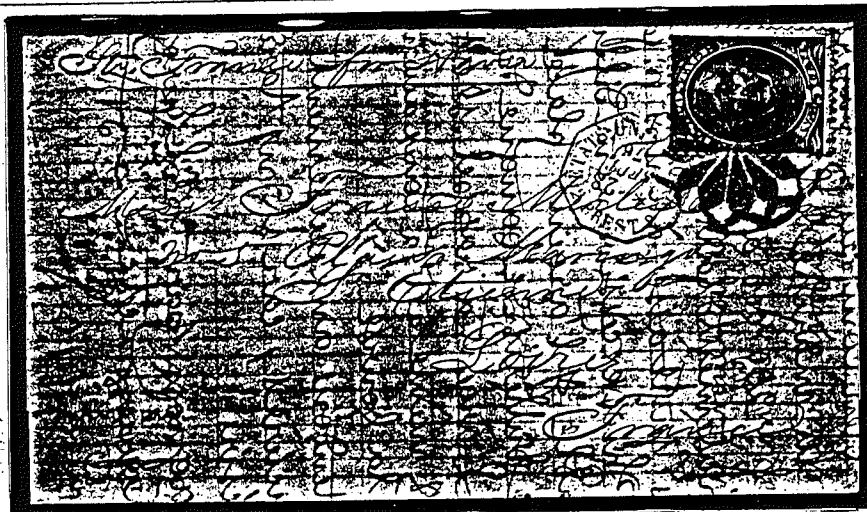
THE ONLY REPORTED EXAMPLE OF A NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATION USED AS AN INCOMING OCEAN MAIL MARKING, AND THE ONLY REPORTED EXAMPLE FROM BRAZIL.



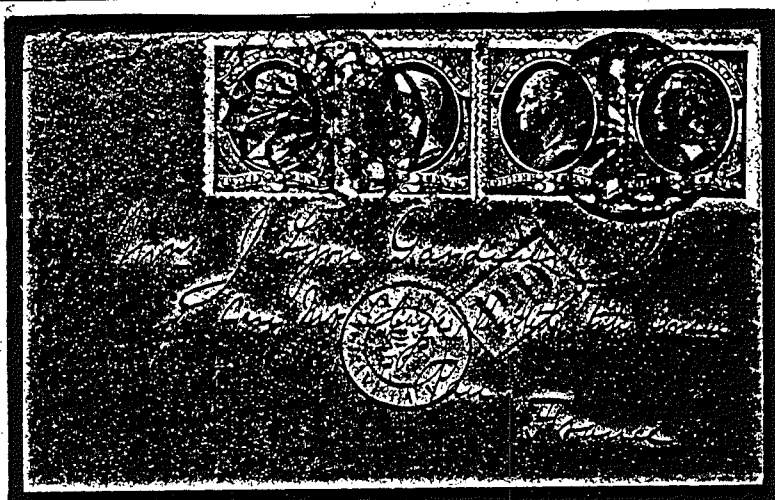
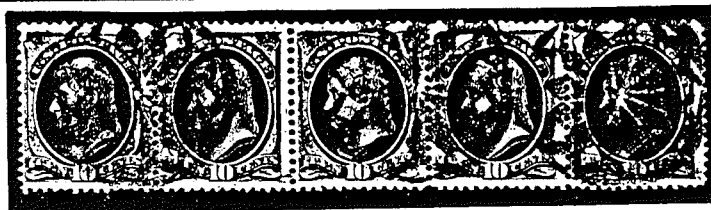
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TYPE EIGHTEEN



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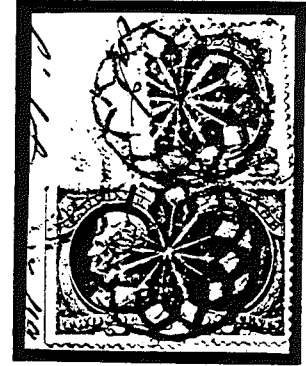
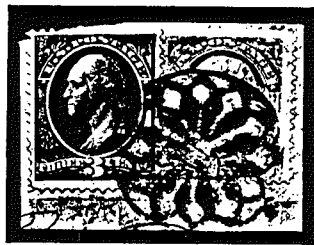
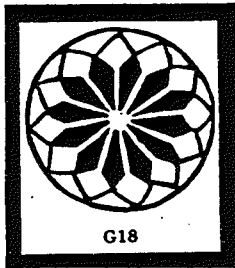




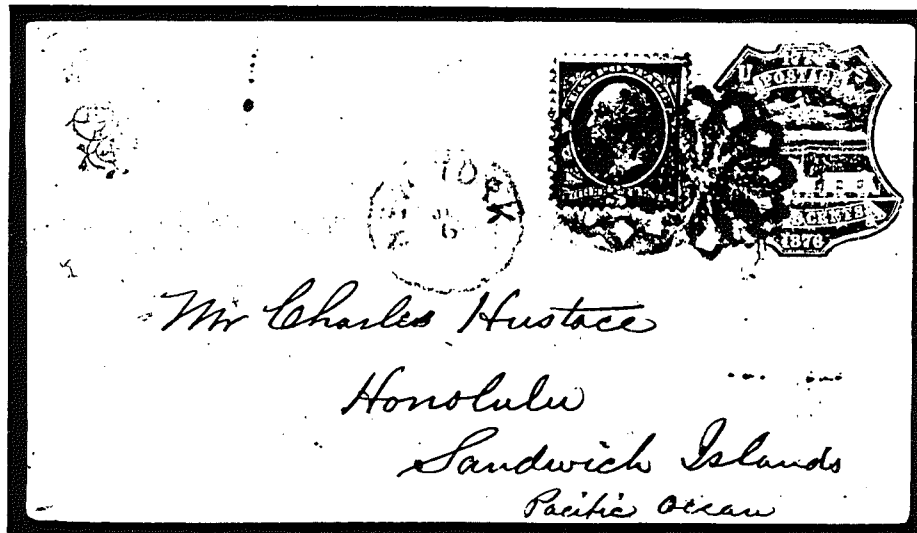
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GEOMETRIC

TYPE EIGHTEEN



EARLIEST USE- 12/09/1875, LATEST USE - 12/23/1876. APPEARS VERY SIMILAR TO TYPES G15, 16 AND 17, THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCE BEING THAT THE OUTER CIRCLE MEASURES 29-30MM, WHICH IS 2MM LARGER THEN THE OTHER THREE.

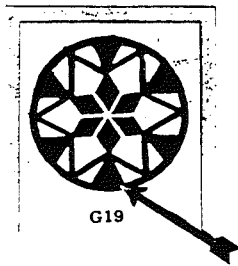


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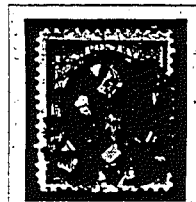
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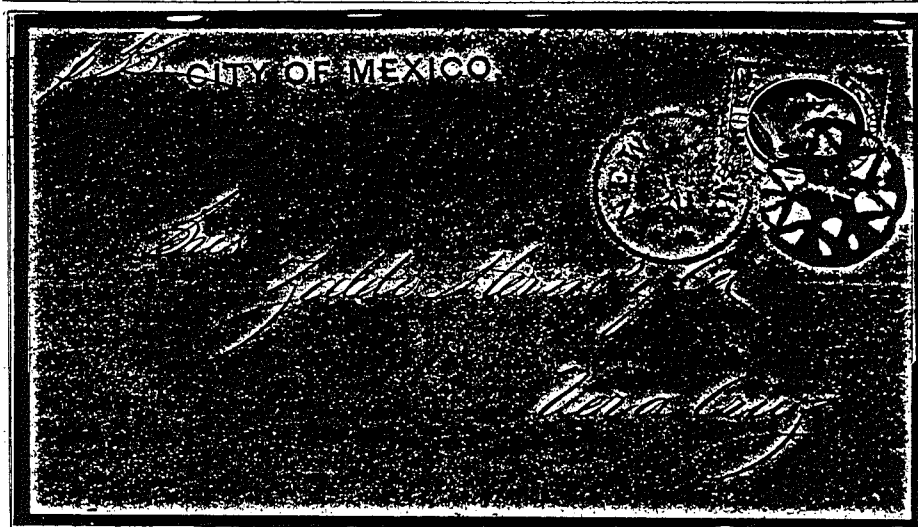


EARLIEST USE -  
04/13/1874

LATEST USE -  
04/21/1875



DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS - SIX OUTER POSITIVE TRIANGLES POINT IN.



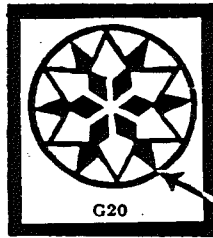
ONE OF SEVEN EXAMPLES REPORTED ON COVER.



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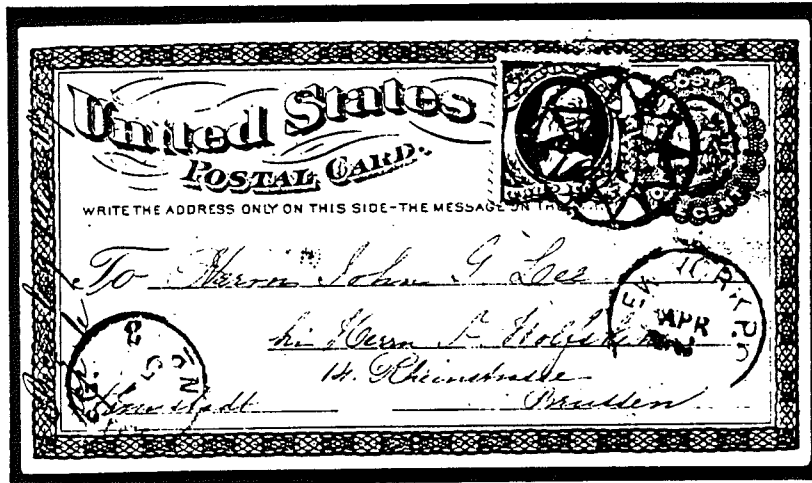
GEOMETRIC

TYPE TWENTY



EARLIEST USE -  
5/02/1875  
LATEST USE -  
6/21/1875

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS - SIX OUTER POSITIVE TRIANGLES POINT OUTWARD AND 26MM DIAMETER CIRCLE.



1¢ OVERPAYMENT OF 2¢ POSTAL CARD RATE.

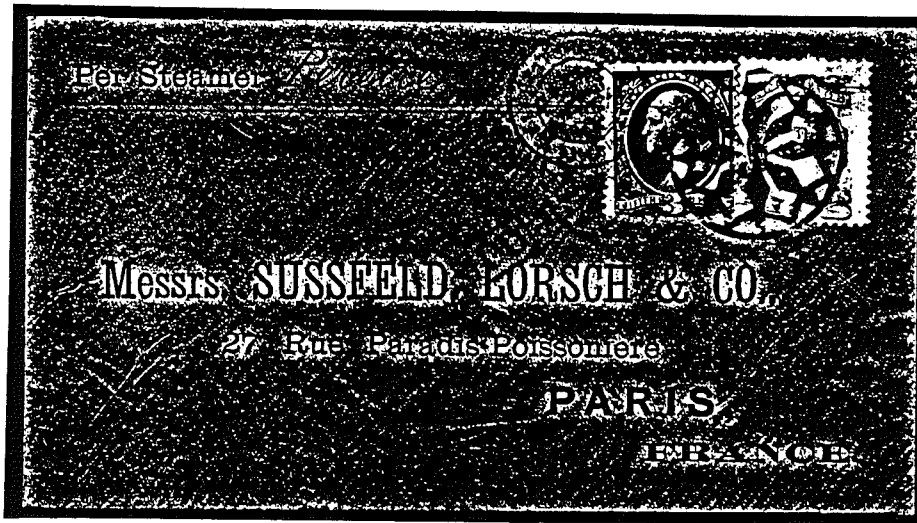
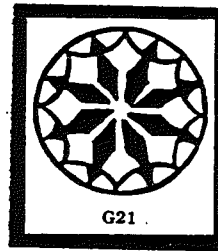
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TYPE TWENTY-ONE



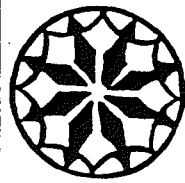
EARLIEST USE - 4/10/1875  
LATEST USE - 5/29/1875



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GEOMETRIC

TYPE TWENTY-ONE



G21



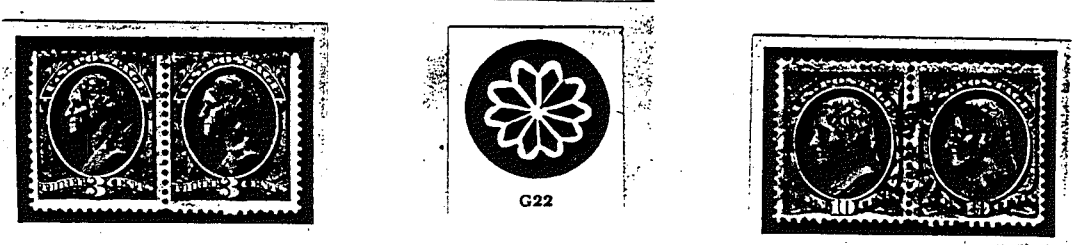
FOUR TIMES 6¢ RATE.



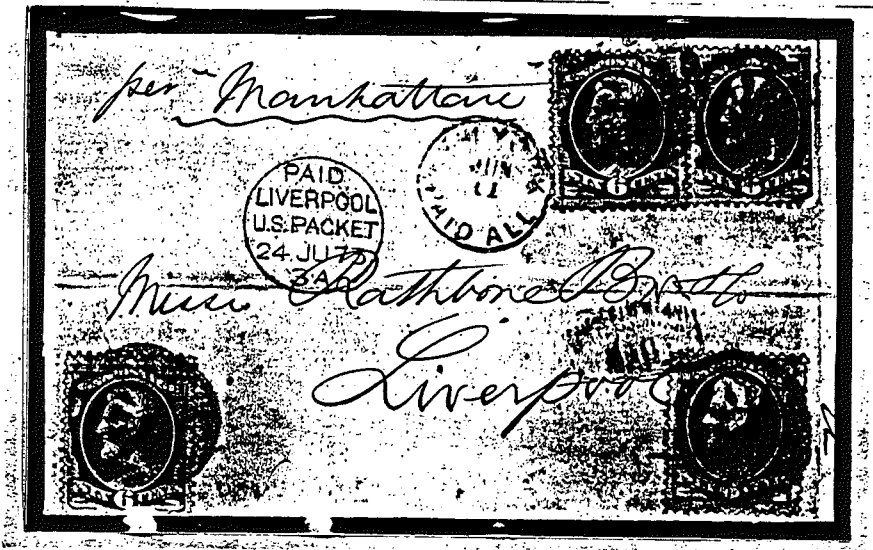
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GEOMETRIC

TYPE TWENTY-TWO



GRILLED STAMPS



DESPITE BEING TERMED 'COMMON' BY EARLIER STUDENTS, WHICH IS TRUE OF OFF-COVER EXAMPLES, THIS IS THE ONLY REPORTED USAGE ON COVER. DOUBLE RATE PLUS 12¢ SUPPLEMENTARY FEE.



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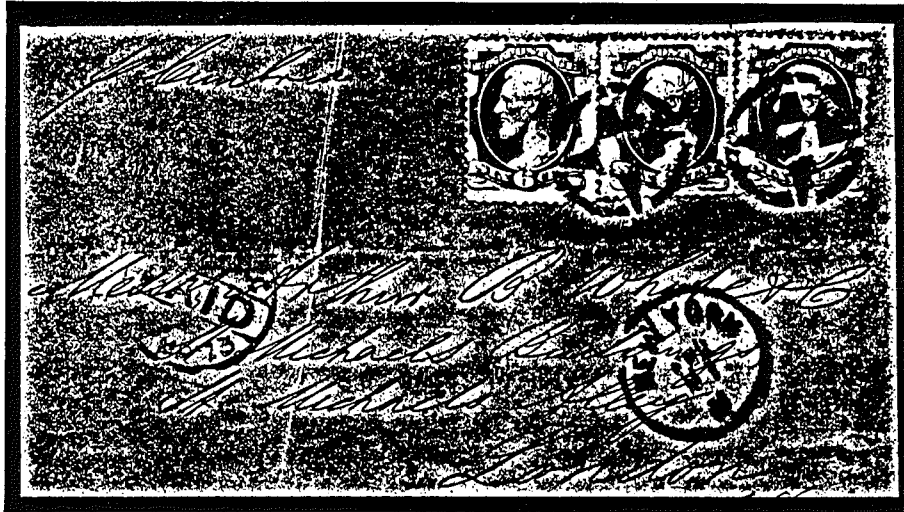
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GEOMETRIC

TYPE TWENTY-THREE



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EARLIEST REPORTED USE. TRIPLE RATE.



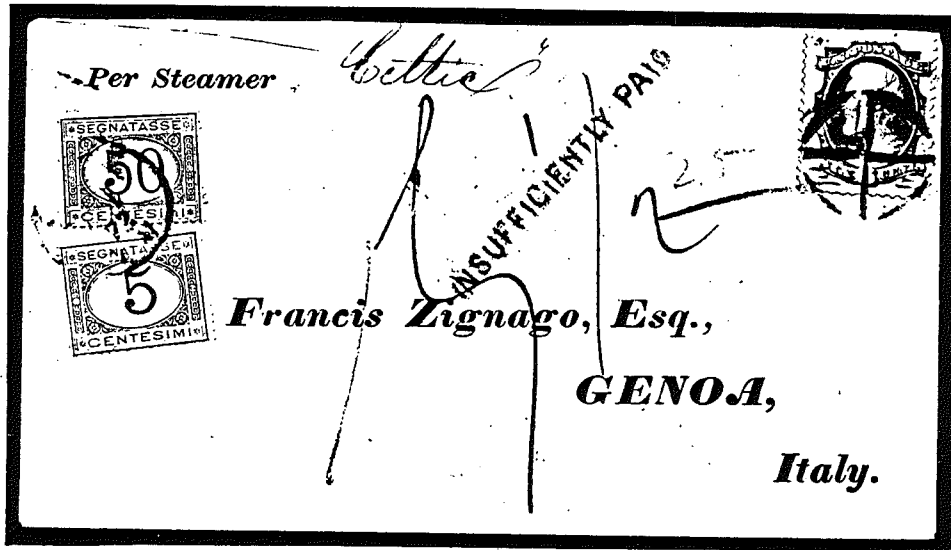
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GEOMETRIC

TYPE TWENTY-FOUR



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UNDERPAID BY 4¢.

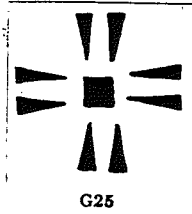




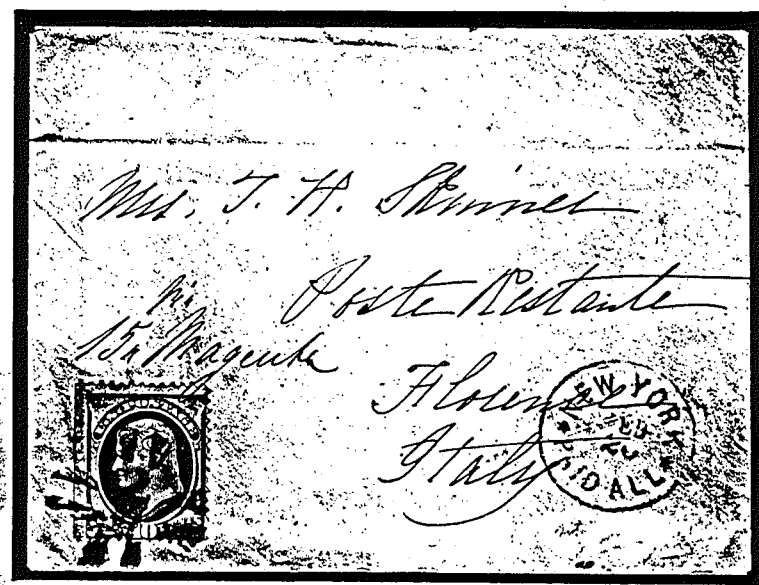
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TYPE TWENTY-FIVE



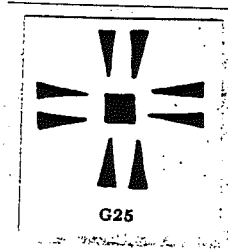
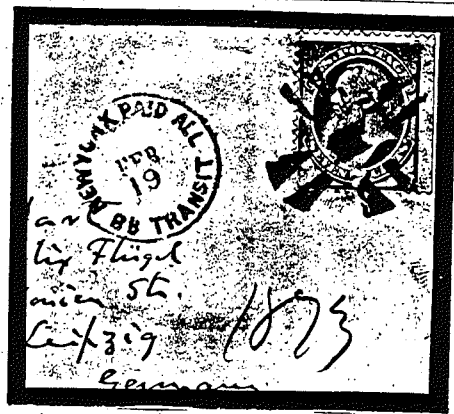
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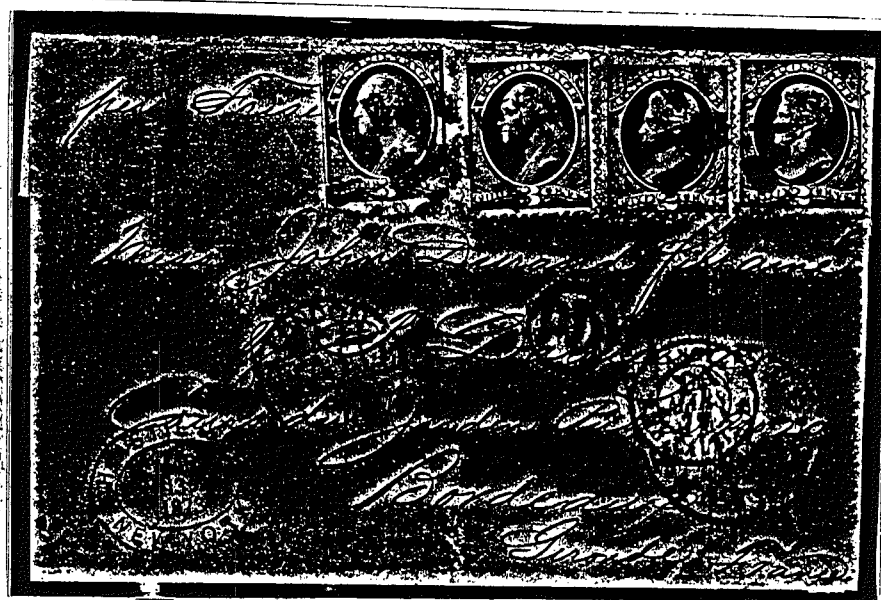
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TYPE TWENTY-FIVE



EARLY USE.



THE LATEST OF THE FOUR ON-COVER USAGES, THE DEVICE SHOWING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

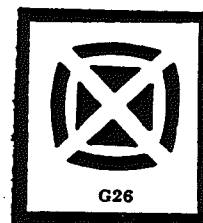
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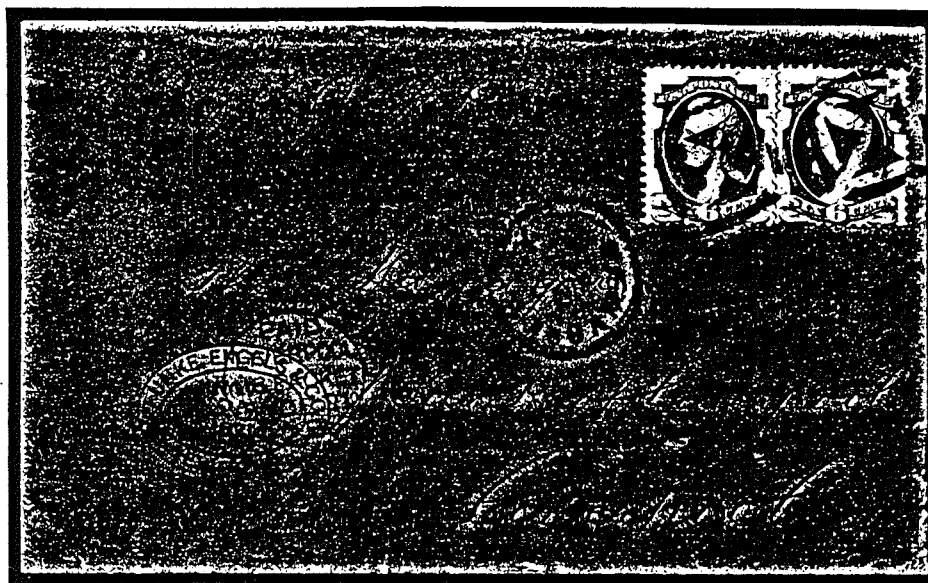
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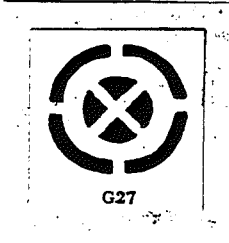
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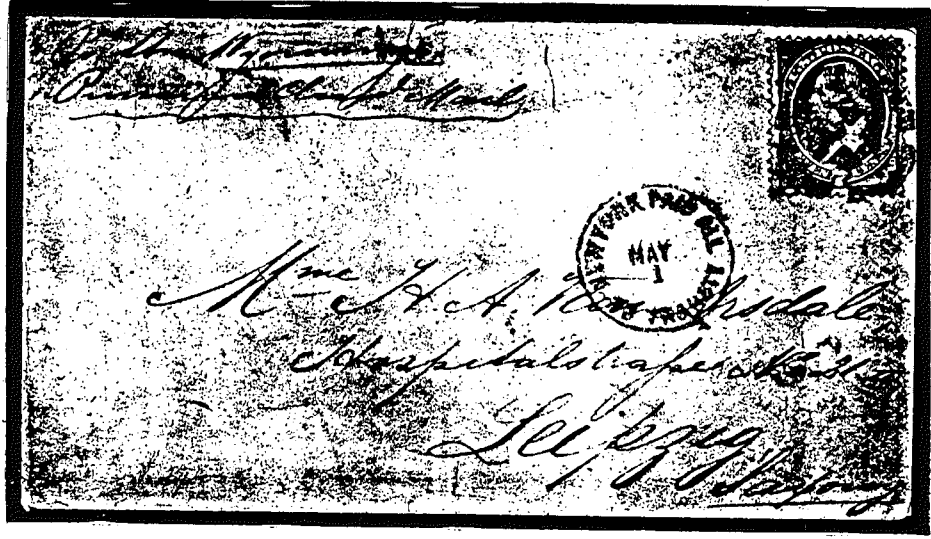
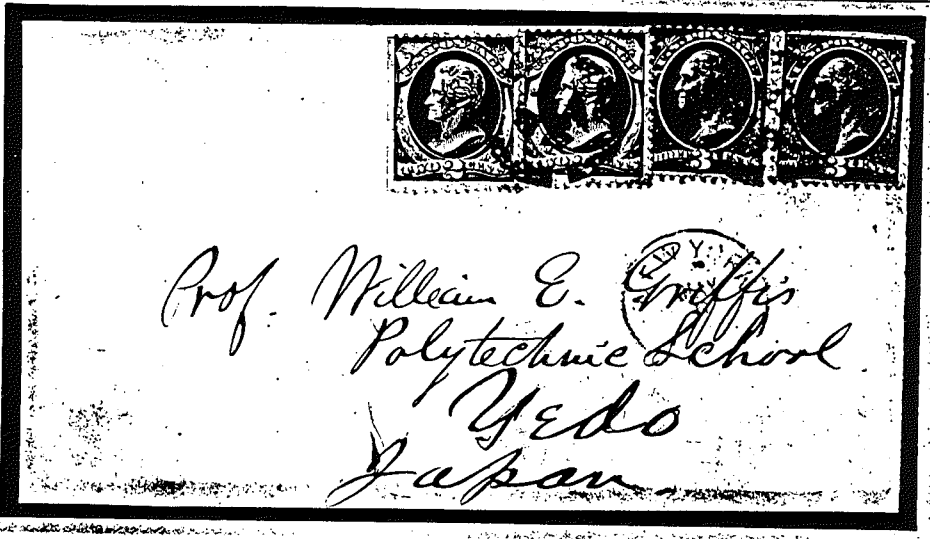
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EARLIEST USE -  
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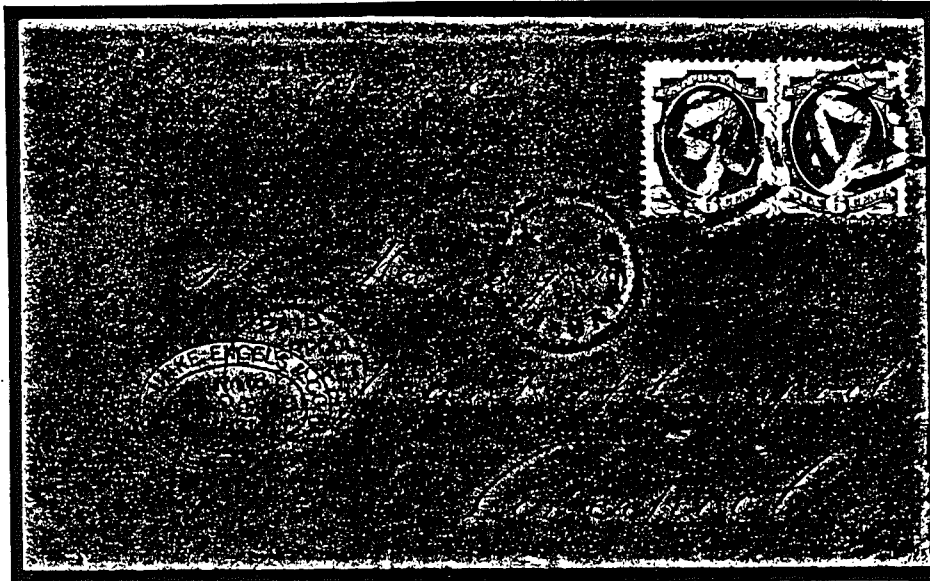
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GEOMETRIC

TYPE TWENTY-SEVEN



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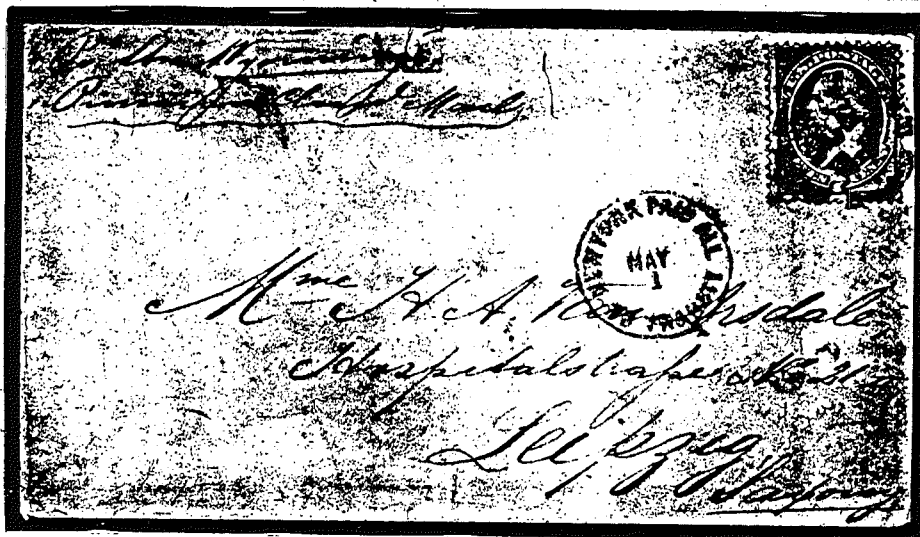
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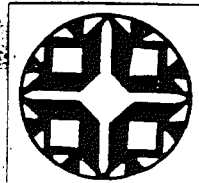


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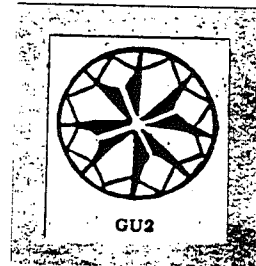
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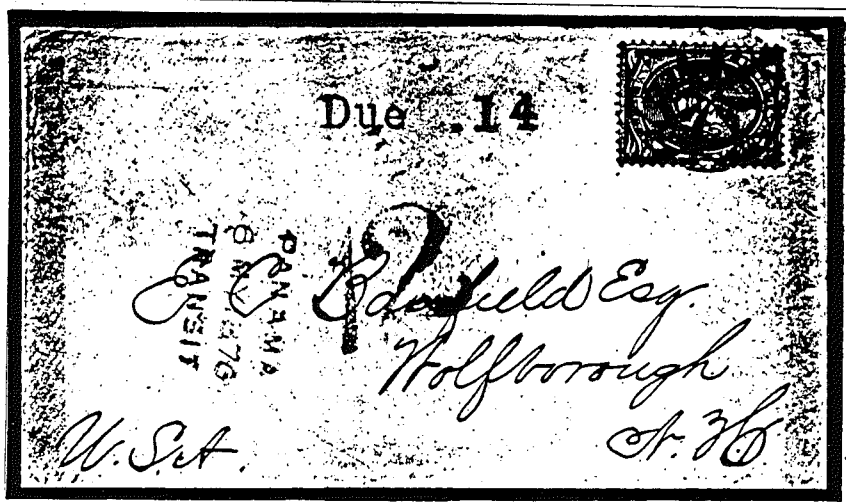
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PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED ON COVER



GU2



ONE OF THE FEW EXAMPLES OF A NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATION BEING USED AS A RECEIVING POSTMARK ON A COVER ORIGINATING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY. ALL OF THE THREE REPORTED EXAMPLES OF THIS TYPE ON COVER WERE USED FROM PERU, VIA PANAMA, TO THE U.S., BETWEEN MARCH AND MAY, OF 1876, ALL WITH BRITISH DEBIT TO THE U.S. OF 12¢ AND U.S. DUE .14 CALCULATED IN DEPRECIATED PAPER CURRENCY.