

Spokes
7/7/1869
to
6/29/1871



Jul 7, 1869 to England on Cunard Line's *Russia* going via Queenstown 15, thereby creating a record crossing time of 8 days 30 minutes. It arrived London 16.

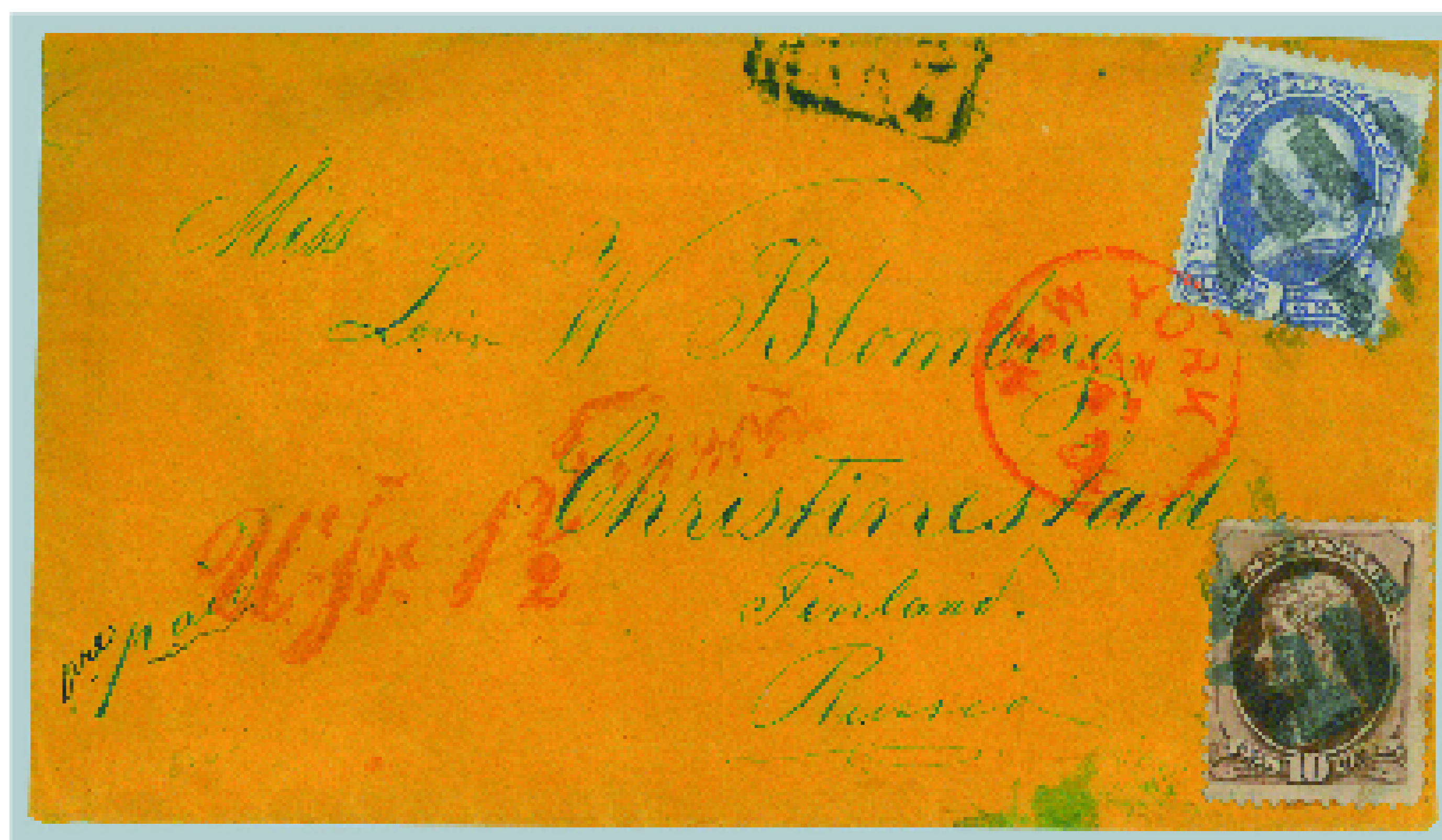
Postage of 24¢ paid the double 12¢ British treaty rate.



8 segment
bar grid
8/17/1869
to
4/16/1874



St. Petersburg arrival
date stamp on the
reverse (in Russian)



Jan 24, 1873 to Finland (Russia) on Hapag Line's *Silesia* going via Plymouth Feb 3, Aachen, rail to St. Petersburg, arriving per the *Julian Calendar* Jan 27 (Feb 8 by the *Gregorian Calendar*, used in the US and Europe). Then to Christinestad, arriving the same day.

Finland was an autonomous duchy of the Russian Empire until 1917 when it declared independence. **This is one of three known NYCFM covers to Finland.**

Postage paid the 11 ¢ per half ounce NGU closed mail rate.



■ 'Rosette'
 12/15/1869
 to
 4/29/1871



Feb 9, 1870 to France carried on the final voyage of Guion Line's *Nebraska* going via Queenstown 20, Calais and Paris, arriving Montpellier 23.

Postage paid the 4¢ British open mail rate (double weight 10 decimes due for up to 30 grams).



■ Irregular nine
 segment grid
 2/26/1870
 to
 8/8/1871



Feb 26, 1870 three colour franking cover to Germany carried on NGL Line's *Main* going via Southampton Mar 9, by train via Aachen (Verviers-Coeln Mar 10) to Stuttgart.

The earliest known of 2 uses of this cancel on cover. This cancel is traced as probably regularly used *after* breakage which was a frequent occurrence with earlier NYCFM cork cancels.

Postage paid the 15¢ closed mail rate.



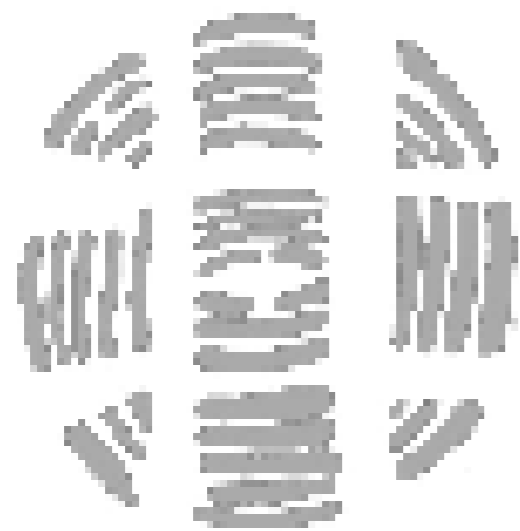
18 segment grid
3/12/1870



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Mar 12, 1870 to France, carried on NGL Line's *Weser II* going via Southampton 23, Calais and Paris 24 en route to Bordeaux. **A perfect strike of the only example known on cover.**

Postage prepaid the 10¢ direct rate by French or U.S. packet, either of which would have been subject to an 8 decimes postage due but was sent via England as an overpaid 4¢ open mail rate with 5 decimes postage due.



9 section grid
4/26/1870
to
6/11/1872



In black



Feb 22, 1872 to Danish West Indies, going via St. Thomas 29 en route to St. Croix (both part of the Virgin Islands). **Note the negative lines in the segments.**

Postage of 20¢ paid the double 10¢ rate by American packet.



5 pointed star

5/4/1870 to 7/21/1872

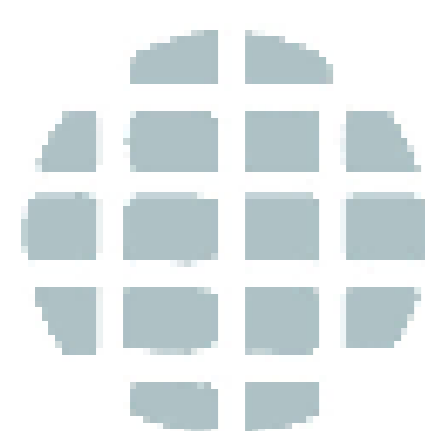
May 4, 1870, to Spain on Guion Line's *Nebraska* going via Queenstown 15, London 16 Calais, arriving Cadiz 20.

An earliest use of this cancel.

Postage shows a 2¢ overpayment of the 4¢ rate per one-half oz by British mail.



C



22 mm diam
16 segments
8/6/1870 to 8/20/1871

Aug 6, 1870 to Sweden on Inman Line's *City of London* going via Queenstown 17, London 18, to Gothenburg. **There are 6 NYCFM uses known to Sweden.** Postage paid the 14¢ rate via NGU dosed mail rate.

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THE SOLE KNOWN NYCFM COVER TO ECUADOR

Aug 20, 1871 to Ecuador. This is the latest use of this cancel. Postage of 24¢ overpaid the 22¢ American packet rate to Panama then by British packet to Ecuador.





DUAL FRANKING US/FRENCH STAMPS



Quartered segmented grid
5/21/1870 to 5/22/1870

3 covers are known with this cancel. The 6¢ US postage overpaid the 4¢ British open mail rate via England. 60 centimes in French postage was prepaid at the point of origin. At Calais it was accepted as prepaid instead of being charged 5 decimes (50 centimes). It was unusual that France allowed the 40 centime stamp that had been cancelled in NY to be seen as valid for of French postage.

May 21, 1870 to France on Inman Line's *City of London* going via Queenstown 31, London and Calais Jun 2.



26 segment grid
9/9/1870 to 9/14/1870



Sep 14, 1870 to Algeria, carried on Guion Line's *Manhattan* going via Queenstown 26 and Calais 28.

The latest of 2 covers known with this cancel.

1 of 3 NYCFM covers known to Algeria.

Postage paid the 4¢ British open mail rate with 5 decimes due on arrival.



12 segment grid
9/20/1870 to 6/12/1873

Sep 20, 1870 to Talchuhana (Chile). The earliest of 4 covers known with this cancel. Postage paid the 22¢ rate by American pkt to Panama then by British packet.





8 wedges cancel
26-28mm diam

9/8/1870
to
12/10/1873



C

Oct 23, 1873 supplementary mail to France carried on Hapag Line's *Frisia* going via Plymouth Nov 2, London, Calais and Paris 3 enroute to Aniane. **This is the sole known NYCFM cover bearing two 1870-73 US Bank Note Issue 15¢ stamps cancelled in red.** With 68 known uses, this was one of the most common NYCFM designs.

Postage of 32¢ paid the 16¢ British progressive treaty rate plus the 16¢ supplementary mail fee.



Duplexed in
black

Nov 8, 1873 to Mexico carried on New York and Mexican Steamship Company's *City of Mexico*, arriving Veracruz 21. Postage of 40¢ paid 4 x 10¢ American direct packet rate.

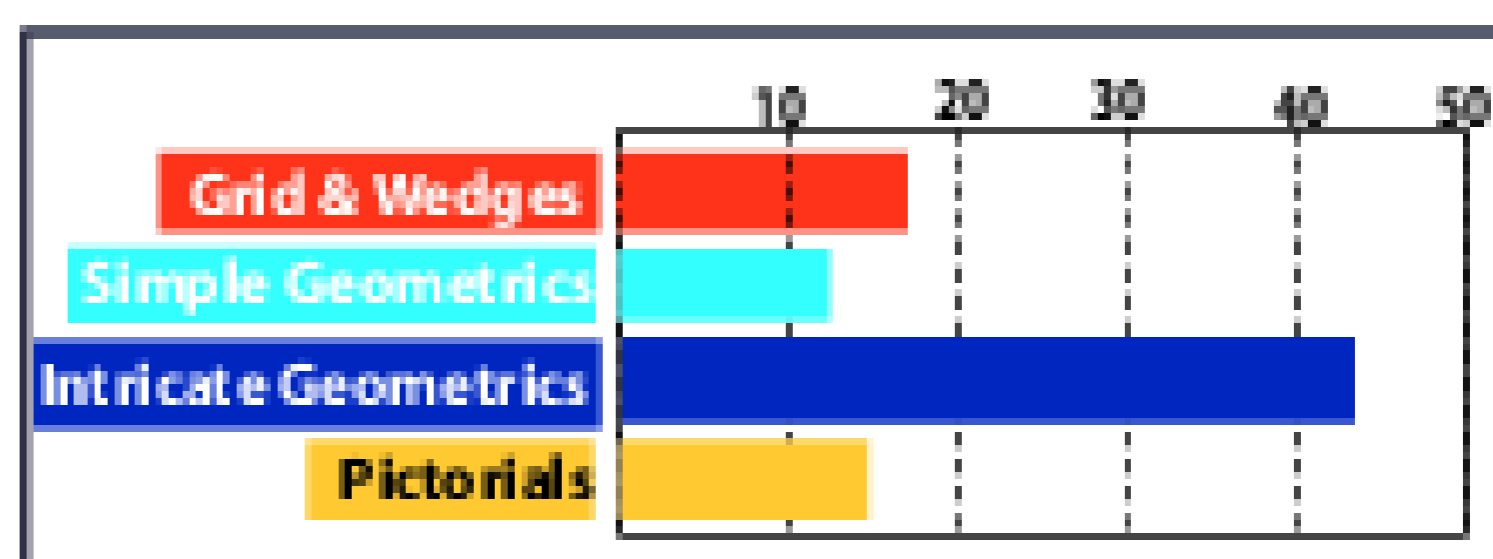
DATA BLOCK

Postal progression

- ~42 separate ratings/treaties
- ~44 different foreign destinations (at right)
- ~67 different ships from 17 shipping lines
- ~ total of 6,961,000 NYCFM letters sent in this period

Algeria	Egypt	Japan	Portugal
Argentina	England	Luxembour	Roumania
Australia	France	bourg	Russia
Austria	Germany	Malta	(Ukraine)
Barbados	Greece	Mexico	Salvador
Belgium	Hawaii	Natal	Scotland
Brazil	Holland	N Zealand	Spain
Burma	Hungary	Norway	Switzerland
China	India	Panama	Tunisia
Columbia	Ireland	Peru	Turkey
Cuba	Italy	Philippines	Uruguay
Denmark			Venezuela

Cancel progression



28 segments
23mm diam

2/4/1871



A NEW DISCOVERY NYCFM GRID CANCEL

Feb 4, 1871 to Spain carried on Inman Line's *City of Antwerp* going via Queenstown 15, London 16, enroute to Cadiz.

Postage paid the 28¢ rate by British mails via France for a letter weighing 1/2 to 3/4 ounce.



Cross

1/19/1871
to
5/18/1872



Duplexed

Feb 22, 1871 to Switzerland (from Boston 23) carried on Cunard Line's *Calabria* going via Queenstown Mar 5, Ostende, arriving Neuchatel 8.

This cover is interesting. Only one of the 'cross' cancels is duplexed. The right hand cross is at exactly the same attitude as the left one, but is not accompanied by a datestamp. Was there a way the clerk could blank off the cancel with a flick of his finger?

Postage of 20¢ paid the double 10¢ Swiss closed mail rate.



'Flying clothes pins'

3/18/1871
to
9/28/1872



Sep 16, 1871 to Germany carried on NGL Line's *Donau* going via Bremen 29, arriving Berlin 30.

Postage paid the 7¢ NGU rate via Bremen.



Mar 13, 1872 to France carried on Guion Lines's *Nevada* going via Queenstown 24, London and Calais, arriving Lyon 27. Of 49 covers with this cancel this is the sole recorded with a 15¢ stamp. 16¢ postage paid was for a double rate cover over a 1/3 but less than 1/2 ounce. However, the letter weighed less than 1/3 ounce so as a single rate cover just 10¢ was due.



Apr 4, 1872 to Turkey carried on Hapag Line's *Hammonia II* going via Hamburg 17, enroute to Dardanelles.

Postage paid the 12¢ NGU closed mail rate via Hamburg per 1/2 ounce effective Oct 1, 1871 to Jun 30, 1875.



8 pointed star with negative centre

5/23/1871 to 7/14/1877

Oct 7, 1871 to Holland carried on Inman Line's *City of Paris* going via Queenstown 16, arriving Amsterdam 18. Postage of 20¢ paid the double 10¢ Netherland closed mail rate.



Shield

6/3/1871
to
7/9/1871



C ORIGINATING OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY YET ATTRACTING A NYCFM CANCEL

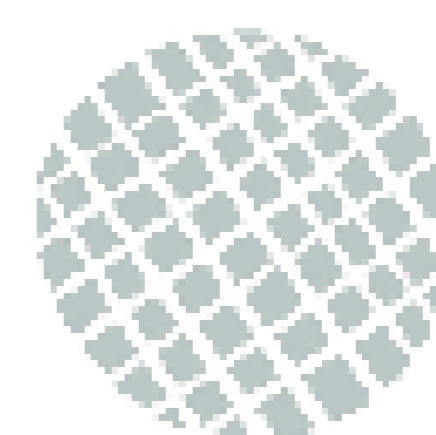
Jun 3, 1871 (date entered US mails at New York) **6c Well Fargo Stamped Envelope to England** carried on Cunard Line's *Batavia* going via Queenstown 13, arriving Lewes 14.

This is the earliest of 9 covers with this cancel and the sole known use of a US 1869 Issue 6¢ stamp on an entire from Vancouver Island to England.

Wells Fargo received the letter in Victoria, where the British Columbian 5¢ and US 6¢ stamps were affixed. The 5¢ stamp remained uncanceled because the cover never entered the mails in British Columbia and Victoria Island who required that the Colonial postage had to be paid even on privately carried mail (as in this case). The US 6¢ stamp plus the 6¢ entire, paid the double 6¢ treaty rate to England.



Arrival datestamp



60 segment grid

5/13/1871 to 5/20/1871

May 13, 1871 to Italy carried on NGL Line's *Hermann* going via Southampton 24, arriving Volterra 27. This is the earliest of two covers known with this cancel.

Postage paid the 10¢ Italian closed mail rate.



14 segment grid
6/23/1871 to 8/8/1871

Aug 8, 1871 to England carried on Hapag Line's *Holsatia* going via Plymouth and London 18. This is the latest of 2 covers known with this cancel. Postage paid the 6¢ British treaty rate.



23 segment grid

7/8/1871

Jul 8, 1871 to Germany carried on NGL Line's *Weser II* going via Southampton 19, Bremen 21, arriving Menslage 22.

This is one of two covers known with this cancel.

Postage paid the 7¢ NGU direct mail rate via Bremen.



8/29/1871
to
9/27/1871

 Cross with negative square



ORIGINATING OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY YET ATTRACTING A NYCFM CANCEL

Aug 29, 1871 to England 6¢ Wells Fargo Stamped Envelope from Vancouver Island, British Columbia, going via New York (letter contained in an addressed envelope pasted to the rear) carried on Hapag Line's *Silesia* going via Plymouth Sep 8, arriving London the same day.

This is the earliest of 3 covers recorded with this cancel.

Two corrections were made to the postal markings;

- a) the red 'NEW YORK AUG 29' is imposed on a similar black datestamp (the post office thought it underpaid so initially used a black handstamp but reconsidered and applied the red handstamp showing it fully prepaid and
- b) a black 'LONDON E.C. SP 8 71' is imposed on a red 'LONDON SP 8 71' showing the envelope was received as prepaid (the 'LONDON' postmark was struck co-incidentally over the red datestamp).

The vertical handstamp at left reads 'For Great Britain and Ireland'. The blue handstamp reads 'WELLS FARGO & CO - EXPRESS - VICTORIA V.I.'. The British Columbia overprinted 5¢ stamp, affixed when the U.S. 6¢ Stamped Envelope was bought, prepaid postage to G.B.





26 segment grid
9/21/1871



Sep 21, 1871 to England carried on NGL Line's *Bremen* going via Southampton Oct 3, arriving London 4.

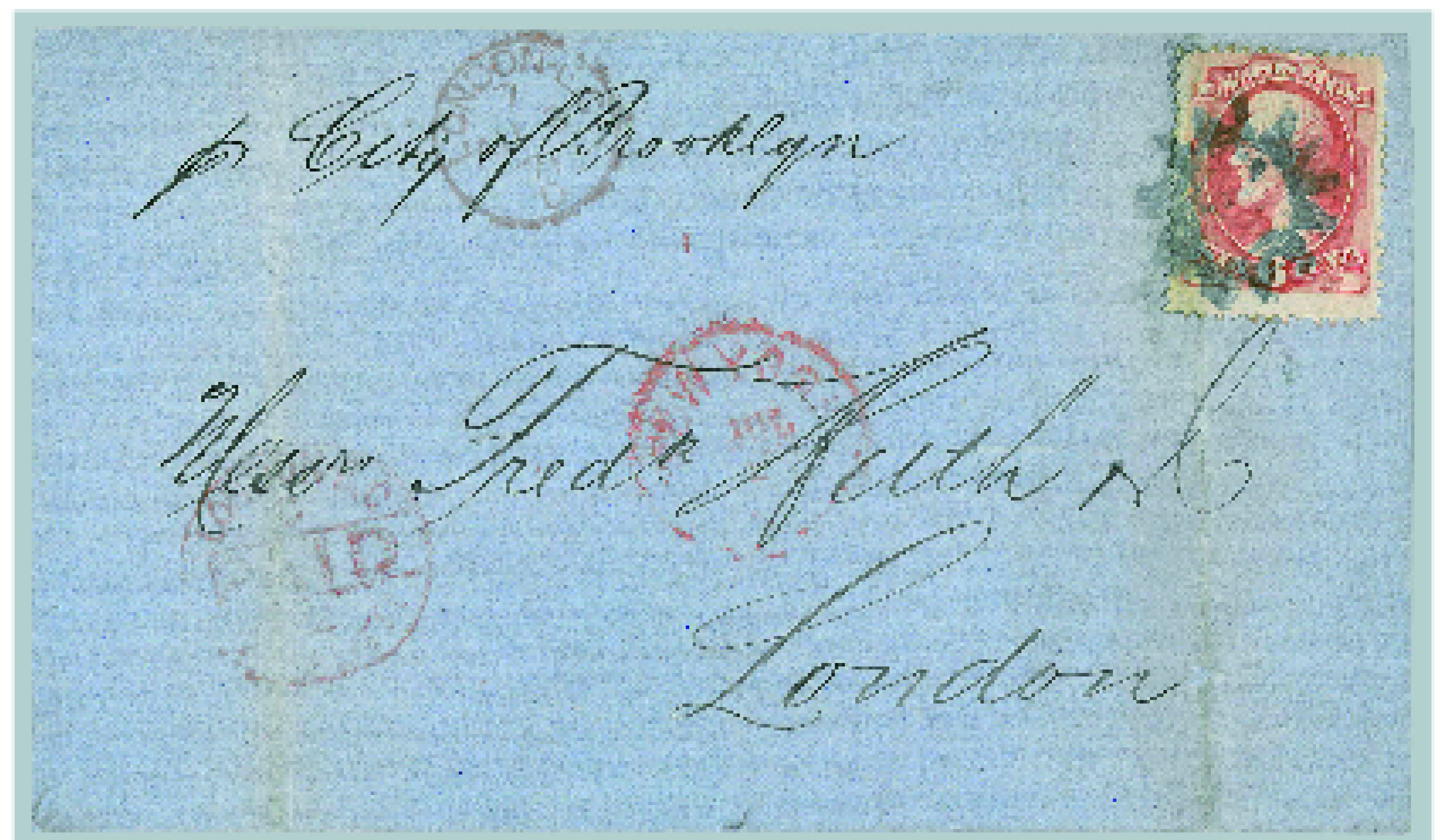
This is 1 of 2 covers known with this cancel, both dated the same day.

Postage paid the 6¢ British treaty rate.



12 pointed hollow star

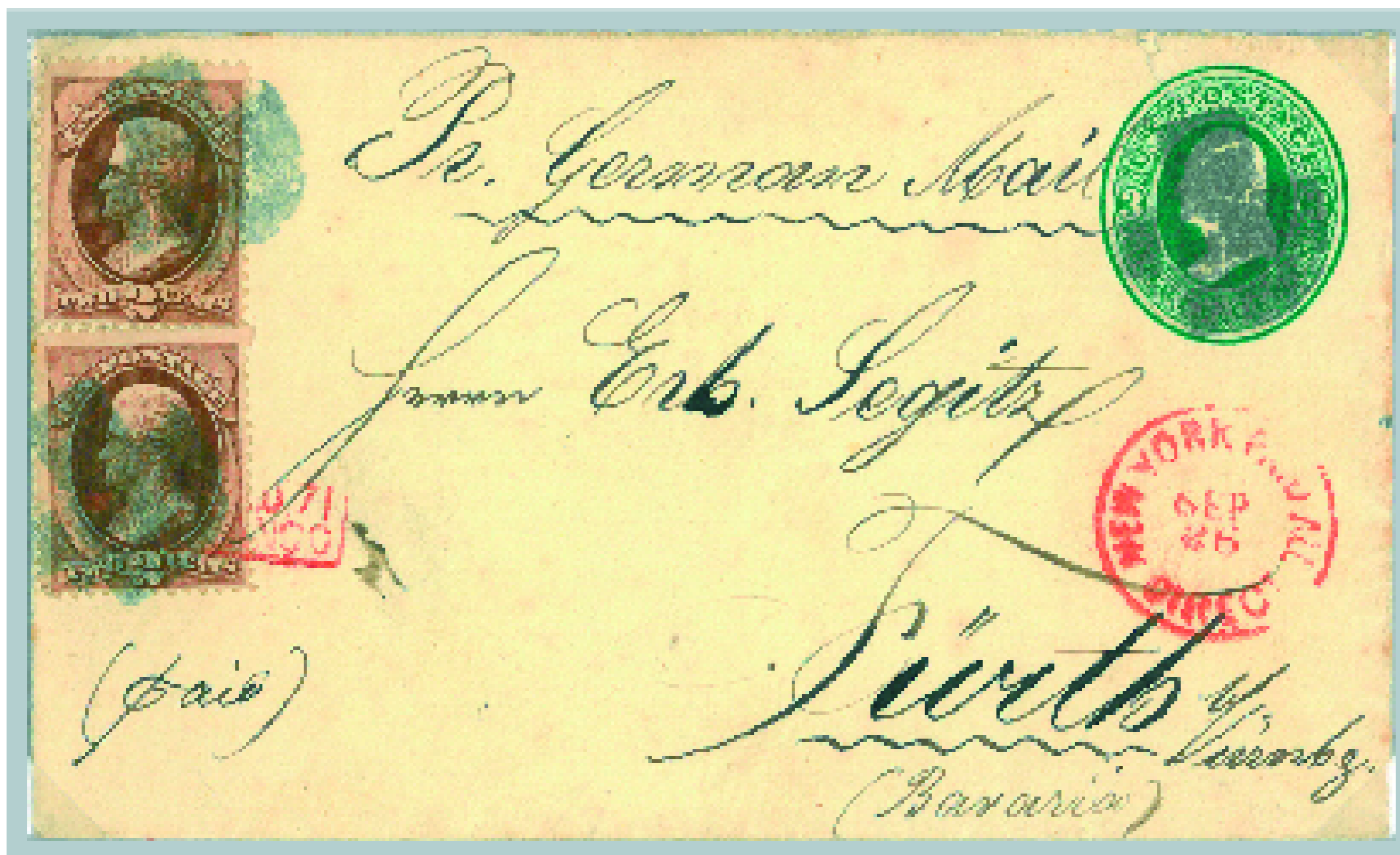
7/22/1871 to 11/13/1871



Jul 22, 1871 to England carried on Inman Line's *City of Brooklyn* going via Queenstown Aug 1, arriving London 3.

This is the earliest of two covers known with this cancel.

Postage paid the 6¢ British treaty rate.



Yellow square icon: 'Cross'

9/26/1871
to
10/20/1877



Sep 26, 1871 3¢ Stamped Envelope to Germany carried on Hapag Line's *Thuringia* going via Plymouth Oct 6, arriving Furth 10.

This is the earliest known of 4 covers recorded with this cancel. Stamped Envelopes are approx 3.5% of NYCFM.

Postage paid the 7¢ NGU direct mail rate.



Blue square icon: Quartered geometric

11/19/1871
to
7/15/1876



Nov 25, 1871 to England carried on Inman Line's *City of Brussels* to Liverpool Dec 5.

There are 6 covers known with this cancel.

Postage of 12¢ paid the double 6¢ British treaty rate.



Letters 'NY P.O.'
 4/30/1872 to 5/4/1872

May 4, 1872 to England on Inman Line's *City of London* via Liverpool 15, arriving Warrington 16.

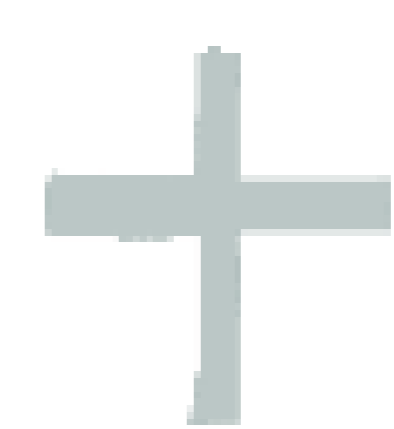
This is a unique style of NYCFM cancel where 'NEW YORK POST OFFICE' is abbreviated to a two line 'NY P.O.'

This is the last known use of this cancel. Postage paid the 6¢ British treaty rate.



Quartered geometric
 5/1/1872 to 5/11/1872

May 8, 1872 to Japan, train to San Francisco, then Pacific Mail Steamship Co's *Colorado* via Yokohama Jun 10, arriving Jedo 11. Postage paid the 10¢ US direct mail rate via Aspinwall.



'Cross'
 5/8/1872 to 5/18/1872

May 8, 1872 to Saxony, carried on Guion Line's *Minnesota* going via Queenstown 20, arriving Leipzig 25.

This is the earliest and clearest strike of four covers known with this cancel.

Postage paid the 7¢ N.G.U. rate via the UK and Belgium.





Leaf (10 petals)
5/16/1872



C

May 16, 1872 to Holland carried on Hapag Line's *Hammonia* going via Plymouth 26, arriving Amsterdam 28.

This is the sole known use of this cancel on cover.

Postage of 20¢ paid the double 10¢ Netherlands closed mail rate.



Leaf (11 petals)
5/30/1872
to
7/13/1872



C

May 30, 1872 to Aspinwall (Panama) carried on Pacific Mail Steam Ship Company's *Rising Star*. Aspinwall, now known as 'Colon', is at the Caribbean entrance to the Panama Canal.

There are 4 NYCFM covers recorded to Panama.

Postage paid the 10¢ American direct packet rate.