



 'Bear's paw'

6/5/1872
to
6/15/1872

Jun 6, 1872 to England carried on Hapag Line's *Westphalia* going via Plymouth 16, arriving London 17.

7 covers are known with this cancel.

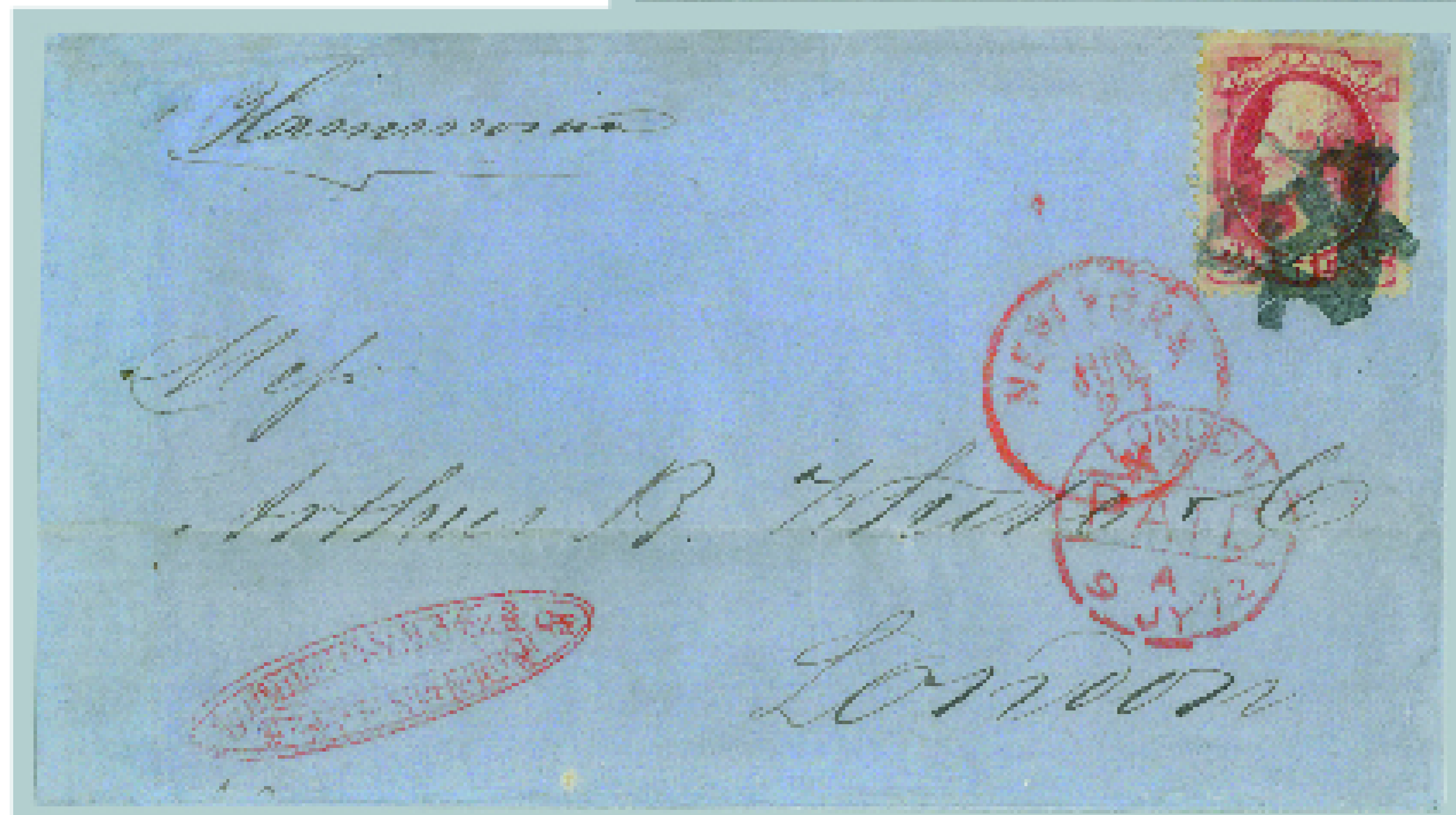
Postage paid the 6¢ British treaty rate.



 4 bar grid
27mm diam
6/20/1872
to
12/4/1875

Dec 24, 1873 to Roumania carried on Guion Line's *Idaho* via Queenstown Jan 4, 1874, then Aachen, arriving Bucharest 10.

2 NYCFM covers are recorded to Roumania. Postage paid the 9¢ NGU direct mail rate.



 Idiosyncratic geometric
6/26/1872
to
6/29/1872

Jun 27, 1872 to England carried on Hapag Line's *Hammonia II* going via Plymouth Jul 8, arriving London 9.

6 covers are known with this cancel.

Postage paid the 6¢ British treaty rate.



Radial spokes

10/9/1872
to
12/16/1874



Missing supplementary mail octagon

C

Oct 9, 1872 red supplementary mail to France carried on Guion Line's *Manhattan* going via Queenstown 20, London, Calais and Paris, arriving Marseilles 23.

This is the earliest known use of this classic geometric cancel design.

Extraordinarily, the next known use of this cancel is not until Sep 30, 1874 (see cover below).

Postage of 9¢ overpaid the 4¢ British open mail rate plus the 4¢ supplementary mail fee.



Sep 30, 1874 to Norway carried on NGL Line's *Mosel* going via Bremen Oct 13, arriving Christiania (Oslo) 21.

Postage paid the 10¢ Swedish-Norway closed mail rate.



Sep 30, 1874 mourning cover to France carried on Cunard Line's *Algeria* going via Queenstown Oct 9, arriving Paris 12.

A cover which shows every marking to perfection. A delight for the eye.

Postage paid the 10¢ French treaty rate.

C

Nov 14, 1874 to Russia carried on NGL Line's *Donau* going via Bremen 27, then train to Moscow then on to Nizhni Novgorod arriving Dec 3, 1875, (per back stamp).

However, until 1918, Russia used the **Julian** calendar. In 1874/75 this meant Russian dates were minus 12 days vis a vis **Gregorian** calendar dates used in the US.

Postage of 24¢ overpaid the double NGU 11¢ closed mail rate of 22¢.



Originating in Cuba Nov 11, 1874 going via New York to Spain carried on Guion Line's *Wisconsin* going via Queenstown Dec 5 enroute to Madrid.

Postage of 27¢ underpaid the second step weight rate (1/3 to 1/2 ounces) for the British open mail rate to Spain via England and France (28¢ due) or overpaid the 14¢ combination rate of the 10¢ packet rate plus the 4¢ British open mail rate (which paid to England).



On the reverse

ORIGINATING OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK CITY BUT STILL ATTRACTING A NYCFM CANCEL



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DUAL COUNTRY FRANKING CUBAN/US STAMPS

From Cuba to Spain via New York where it departed Nov 21, 1874 carried on NGL Line's *Hohenstaufen* going via Southampton Dec 3, enroute to Barcelona.

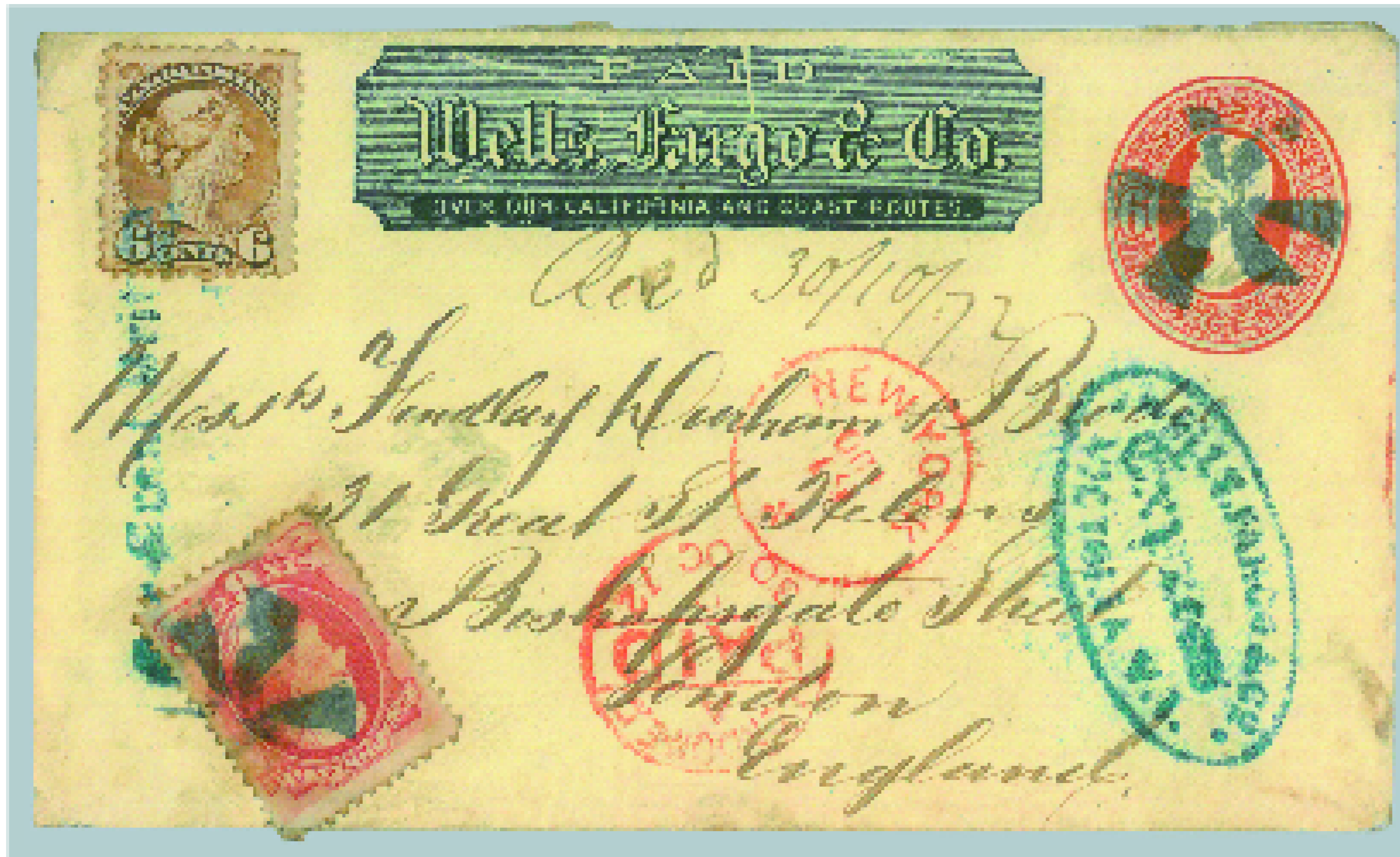
The cover bears US 1869 issue 2¢ and 1873 issue 10¢ (x6) and 4 Cuban issue 25 centavos stamps.

US stamps were not valid in Cuba but were available from the US Consul.

The postage payable from New York to Spain was for a second step weight rate (one-third to one-half ounce) was 28¢ according to the British open mail rate to Spain via England and France. So as the correct postage due was the 28¢ plus 20¢ (American double packet rate), a total of 48¢, so U.S. postage applied of 62¢ was overpaid by 14¢.

The cover is noted in Spanish 'duplicate of the letter sent 21st Nov 74'. It was common to send duplicates of important information to ensure receipt of the information. The sender probably sent an identical letter on Cunard Line's *Samaría* to see which routing was the quickest.





'Six spokes'

10/19/1872

DUAL COUNTRY FRANKING
CANADIAN/US STAMPS

C

ORIGINATING OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK CITY BUT STILL ATTRACTING A NYCFM CANCEL

Oct 19, 1872 Wells Fargo Imprinted 6¢ Envelope to England originating in Victoria, Vancouver Island (which became part of Canada in Jul, 1871). Carried by Wells Fargo to New York City, it entered the US mails and attracted the NYCFM cancels. It left New York carried on NGL Line's *Weser II* going via Southampton 30, arriving London the same day.

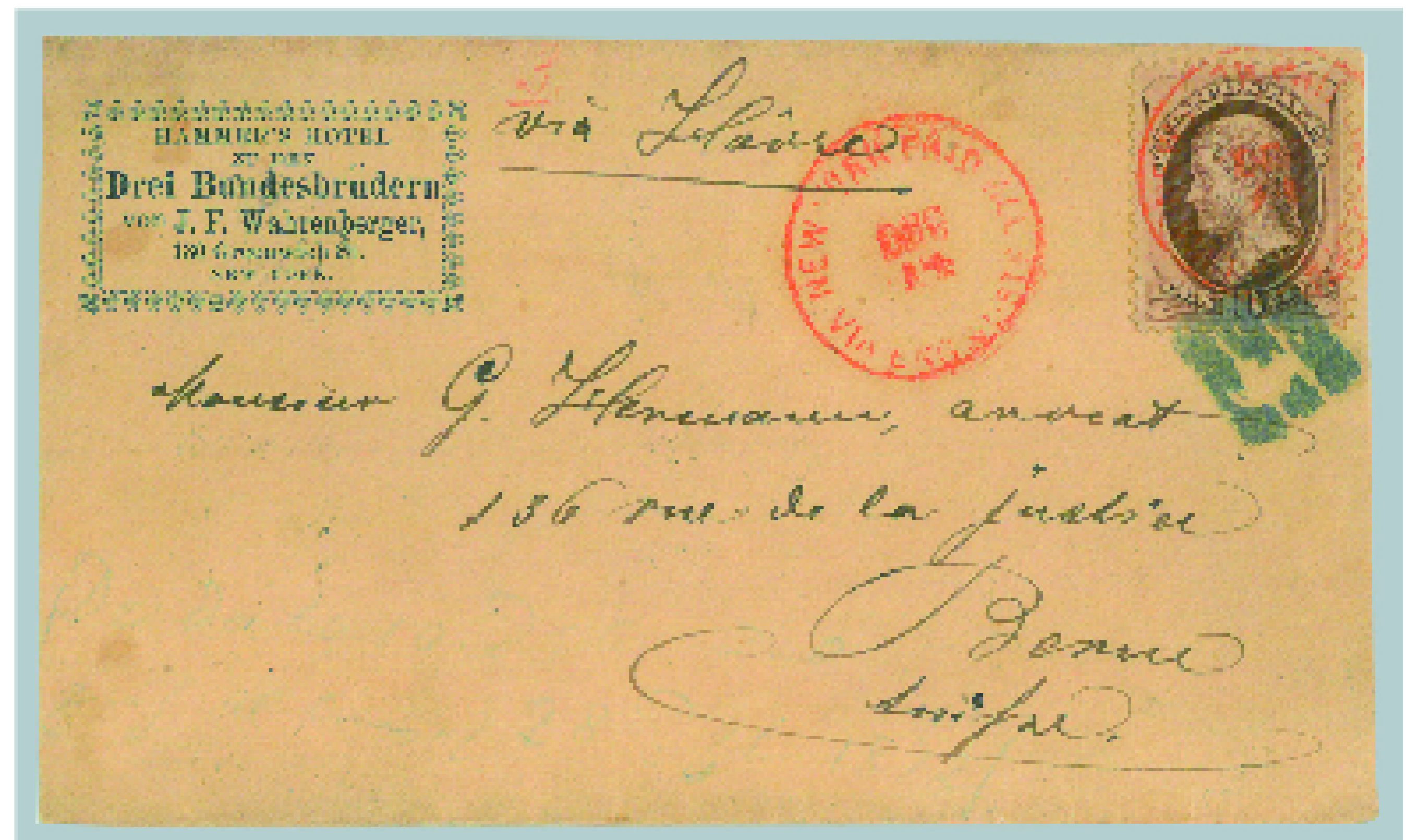
This is one of three covers known with this cancel all dated the same day.

The US postage of 12¢ (6¢ adhesive plus the 6¢ stamped envelope) paid the 12¢ British treaty rate to England. The Wells Fargo fee was paid in cash at the their Office. The 6¢ Canadian stamp applied by Wells Fargo at the point of origin, was required to be prepaid even although it never entered the Canadian post office.



'Tankard' or a negative 'H'

12/12/1872
to
12/14/1872



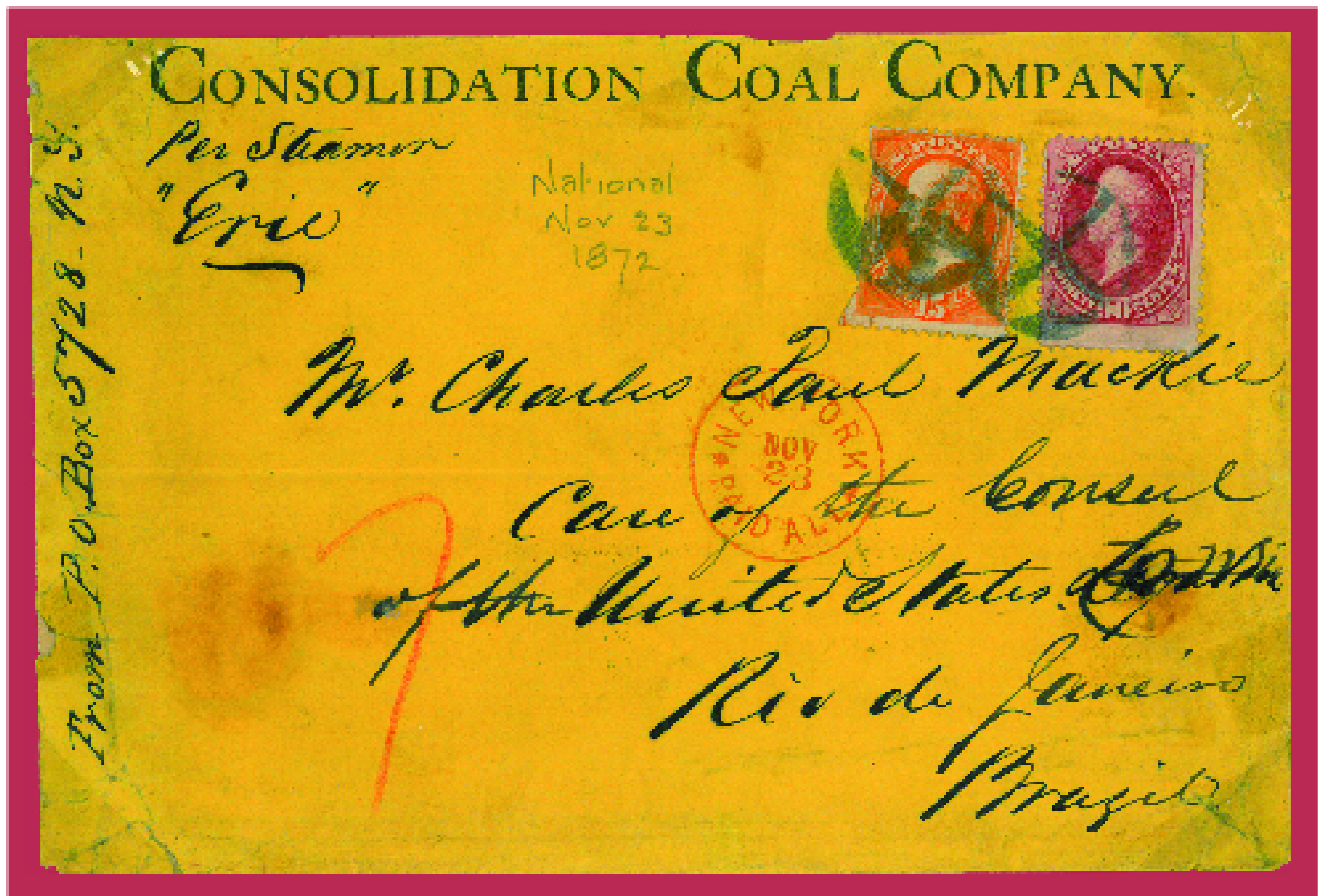
Dec 14, 1872 to Switzerland carried on NGL Lines's *America* going via Southampton 26, then Ostend, arriving Basel 28 and Bern the same day.

Whatever the cancel represents this is, by far, the clearest strike. Most unusually the clerk duplicated the Exchange Office datestamp on the stamp. Maybe he thought the fancy did not obliterate the stamp sufficiently. **This is the last known use of this cancel.** Postage paid the 10¢ Swiss closed mail rate via England.



Quartered circle

10/24/1872
to
3/2/1873



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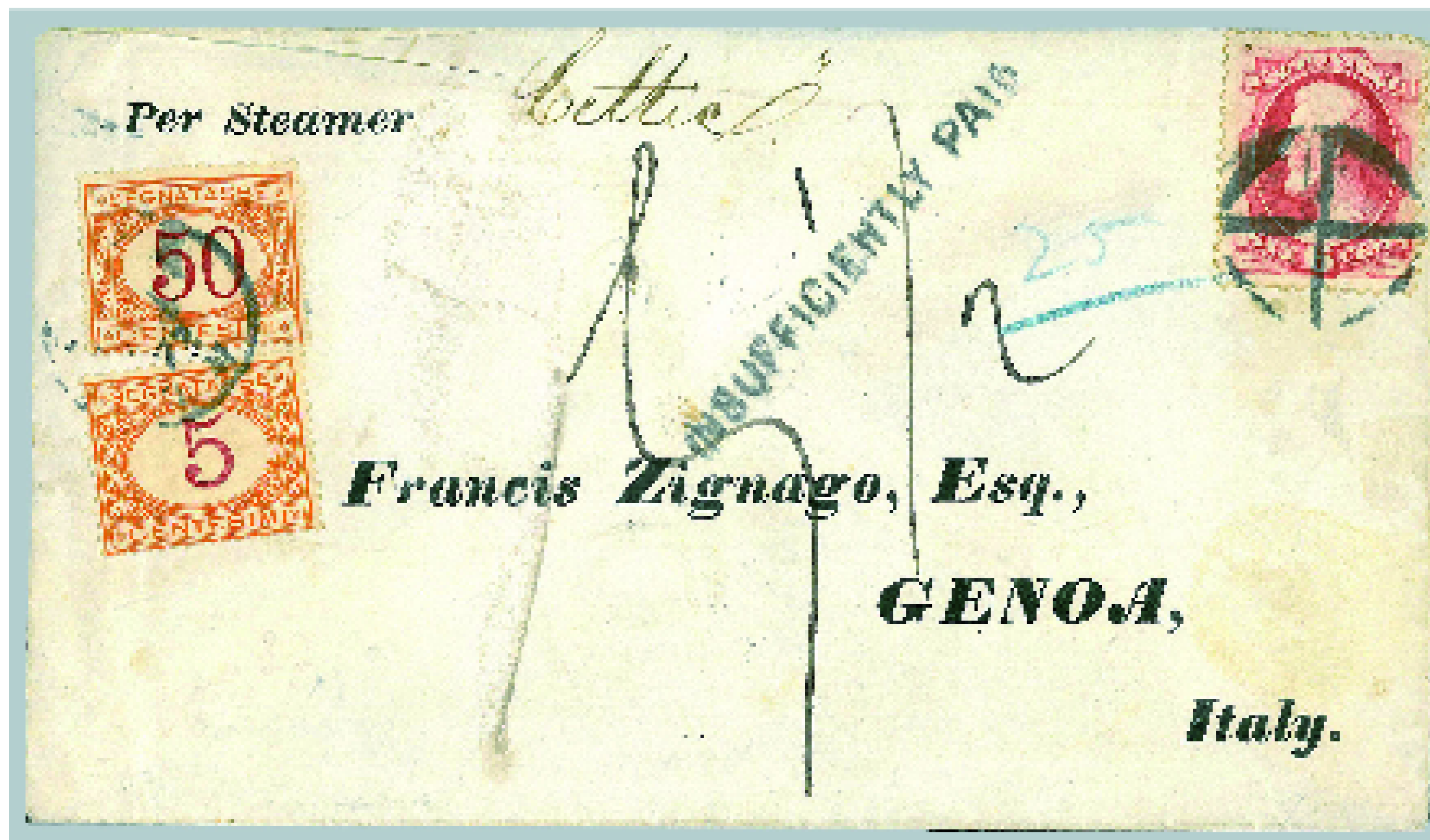
THE UNDISPUTED KING OF NYCFM POST-1870

This is the sole known cover bearing an 1870 Issue United States ungrilled National Bank Note Company 90¢ stamp.

Nov 23, 1872 to Brazil carried on the monthly United States and Brazil Mail Steamship Company's American *Erie*, arriving Rio de Janeiro Dec 21.

The addressee, Charles Paul Mackie, a mining engineer, was the renowned author of , *With the Admiral of the Ocean Sea, a Narrative of the First Voyage to the Western World* , based on the diaries of Christopher Columbus.

Postage of 105¢ paid the septuple 15¢ per half ounce rate as indicated by the red crayon '7'.



Exchange Office datestamp on the reverse (in black to indicate short paid postage)

Nov 9, 1872 to Italy carried on White Star Line's *Celtic* going via Queenstown 18, arriving Genoa 25.

There are 8 covers known with this cancel. Postage of 6¢ insufficiently prepaid the 10¢ Italian closed mail rate. On arrival the 6¢ prepayment was ignored meaning full postage of 10¢ was debited (equivalent to Italian 55 Centesimi).

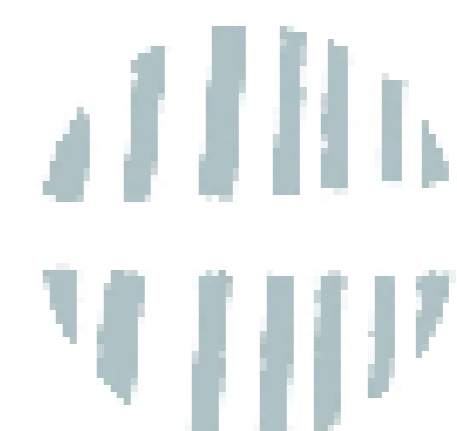


C

ORIGINATING OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK CITY BUT STILL ATTRACTING A NYCFM CANCEL

DUAL COUNTRY FRANKING CANADIAN/US STAMPS

Wells Fargo 1872 6¢ Stamped Envelope from Vancouver Island to England carried from New York Nov 20 on Cunard Line's *Russia* going via Queenstown 29, arriving London Dec 2. The Canadian 6¢ stamp paid the three times 2¢ drop letter rate in Victoria (uncancelled as per directive). The two US 6¢ stamps plus the 6¢ Stamped Envelope paid the triple 6¢ British treaty rate to Great Britain. The letter was carried by Wells Fargo via San Francisco where the US stamps were affixed.




■ Bisected 7 bar grid
12/25/1872 to 1/4/1873

Dec 28, 1872 to Germany carried on NGL Line's *Deutschland* going via Southampton Jan 7, 1873, arriving Kiel 10.

3 covers known with this cancel.

Postage of 9¢ overpaid the 7¢ NGU closed mail rate.

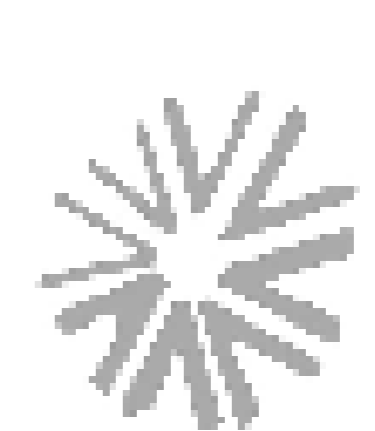


■ 6 section grid
1/9/1873 to 2/20/1875

Jan 11, 1873 to Norway carried on NGL Line's *Rhein* going via Bremen 23.

4 covers are known with this cancel (all show the negative zigzag in lower left segment).

There are 9 NYCFM uses known to Norway. Postage paid the 12¢ NGU closed mail rate.



■ 1/22/1873 to 4/19/1873
18mm diam
■ Minature circle of V's

Apr 19, 1873 to France carried on NGL Line's *Main* going via Southampton 29, Marseilles, arriving Aniane May 2.

The latest of 4 covers known with this smallest of NYCFM 'circle of V's' cancels. Postage paid the 16¢ mail rate by British mail.



■ 'Starburst'
 17 spokes
 20mm diam
2/27/1873
 to
 3/19/1873



ONE OF TWO NYC FM COVERS KNOWN TO NATAL

Mar 19, 1873 to Natal carried on Guion Line's *Manhattan* going via Queenstown 31, London Apr 2, Southampton 5 then by a Union Line steamer to Cape Town, and local steamship to Durban.

The latest known of 6 covers known with this cancel (5 are to Mexico).

In 1838 the Boers took possession of 'Port Natal' and established the 'Natalia Republic'. Under British military pressure Natal became a British Colony in 1843. In 1910 it combined with three other colonies to become the 'Union of South Africa'.

Postage paid the 28¢ British mail rate via Southampton.

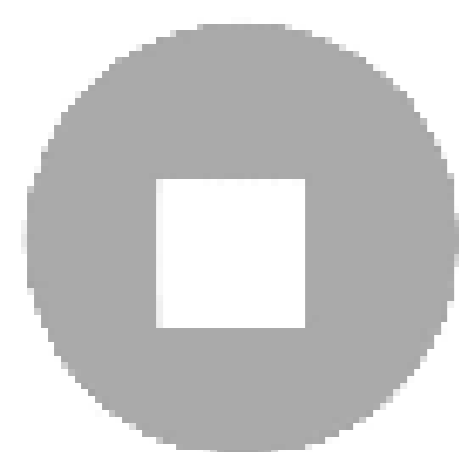



 'H' in circle
1/9/1873
to
8/2/1873

Aug 2, 1873 6¢ envelope to Prussia carried on NGL Line's *Mosel* going via Bremen 15, arriving Arnswalde 16.

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

Postage paid the 6¢ NGU direct mail rate via Bremen or Stettin.



 Square in solid circle
1/28/1873
to
3/12/1873

Feb 15, 1873 to France carried on White Star Line's *Baltic* going via Queenstown 25, London, Calais and Paris, arriving Bordeaux 28. **Five covers are known with this cancel.** Postage paid the 10¢ French treaty rate.



 4 'fans blades'
1/29/1873
to
12/2/1873

Jan 29, 1873 to England carried on Guion Line's *Minnesota*, arriving London Feb 11. **The earliest of five covers known with this cancel.** Postage paid the 6¢ British treaty rate.



4 point star in broken circle

2/27/1873
to
3/6/1873



Feb 27, 1873 to England carried on Hapag Line's *Cimbria* going via Plymouth Mar 10, arriving London the same day.

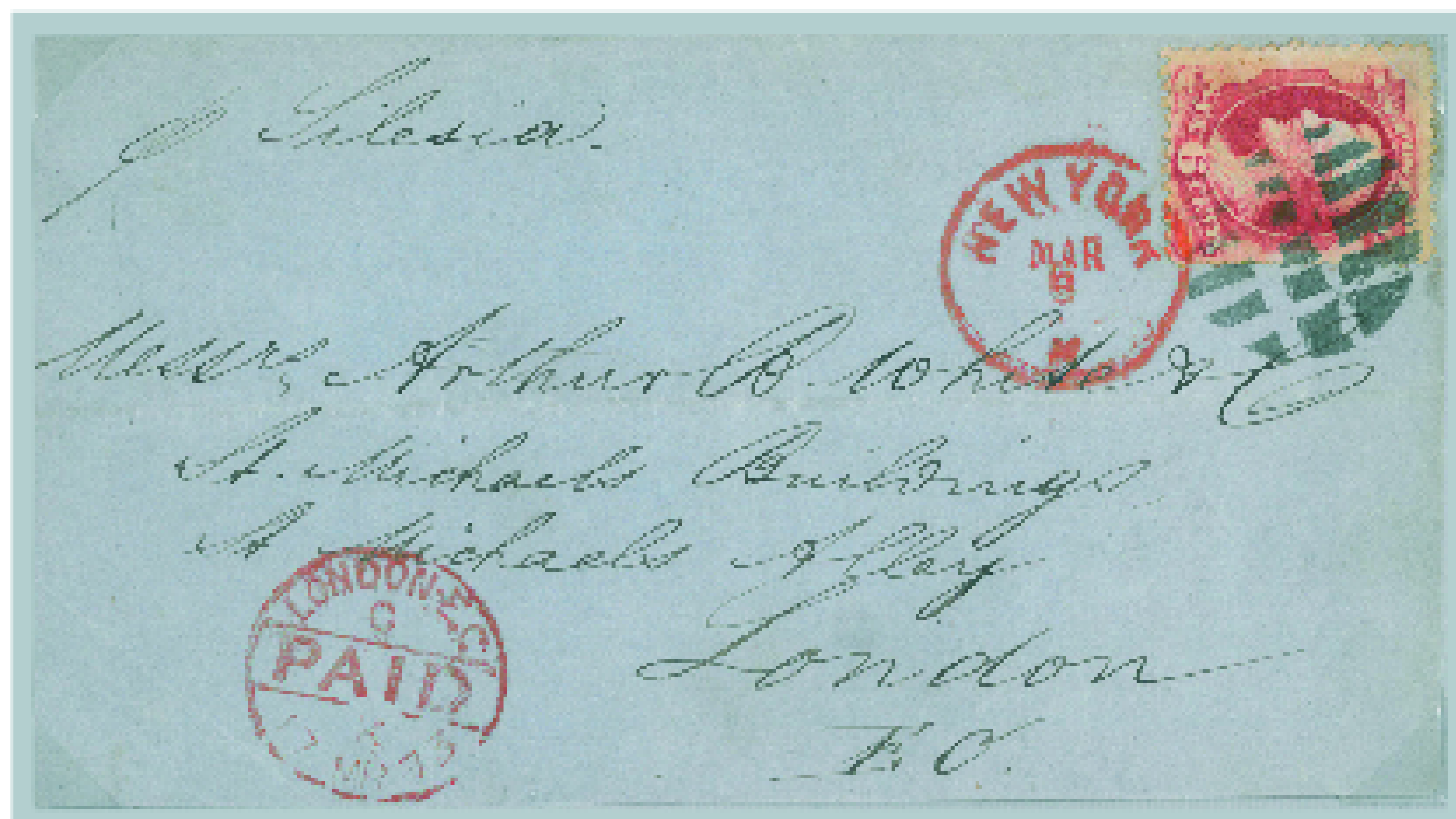
This is the earliest of 4 covers known with this cancel.

Postage of 18¢ paid the triple 6¢ British treaty rate.



18 segment grid

3/6/1873



Mar 6, 1873 to England carried on Hapag Line's *Silesia* going via Plymouth 17, arriving London the same day.

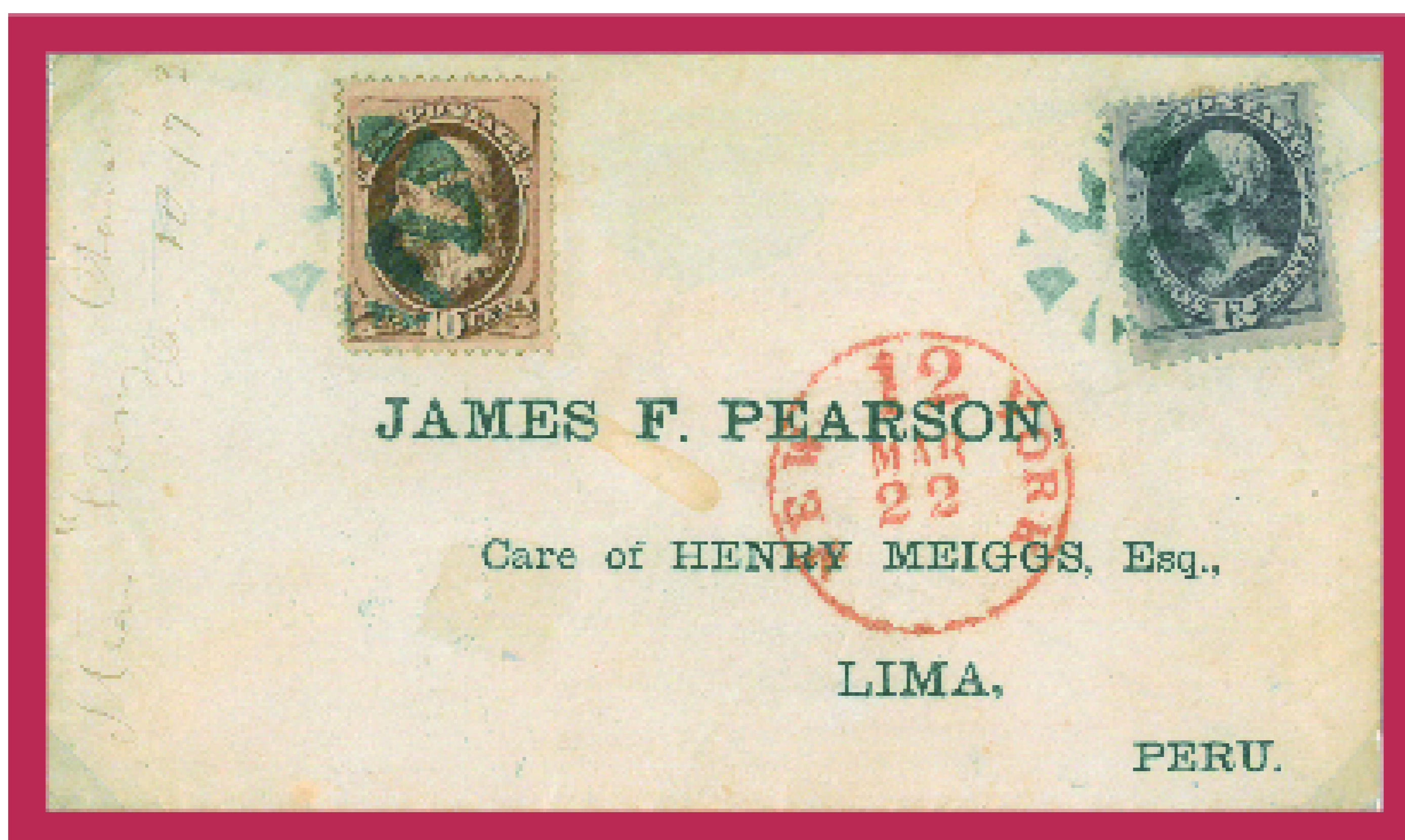
This is the sole known use of this cancel on cover.

Postage paid the 6¢ British treaty rate.



Idiosyncratic
geometric

3/22/1873



THE SOLE KNOWN USE OF THIS CANCEL ON COVER

Mar 22, 1873 to Peru carried on British Pacific Steamship Navigation Company's *Henry Chauncey* going via Aspinwall (Colon), Panama April 3, arriving Lima 8.

Postage paid the 22¢ rate by US packet to Colon, then by British packet to Peru.



4 'arrow heads' within 8 wedges

3/8/1873

Mar 8, 1873 to France carried on French Line's *Pereire* going via Brest and Havre 18, arriving Paris 19.

Two covers are known with this cancel, both dated the same day.

Postage of 20¢ paid the double 10¢ via French packet direct to France.



Negative 'H'

Black duplexed datestamp and cancel as normal under block rate to S. America.

3/24/1873
to
9/23/1873



Red Exchange Office datestamp initially applied inadvertently



Sep 23, 1873 to Brazil carried on United States and Brazil Mail Steamship Company's *Ontario* going via St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, arriving Para Jan 3, 1874.

This is the last use of 6 covers known with this cancel.

Crayon '2' (centavos) was due for inland postage port to destination.

Postage paid the 15¢ treaty rate by American packet from New York.



Star and 'arrow heads' within circle

3/26/1873 to 4/10/1875

C

INCOMING STEAMSHIP LETTER FOR ONWARD TRANSIT

May 28, 1873 from Cuba via New York to Spain transiting New York departing Jun 11 on Guion Line's *Manhattan*, going via Queenstown 23, arriving Madrid 30.

Carried 'out of the mails' from Cuba to New York.

Postage paid the 16¢ rate by British packet via France to Spain.



Aug 23, 1873 to Argentina carried on US British Mail Steamship Company's *South America* going via Rio de Janeiro, then coastal steamer, arriving Buenos Aires Oct 2.

5 NYCFM uses are known to Argentina.

20¢ postage overpaid the 18¢ American packet rate to Rio de Janeiro then British packet to Buenos Aires.



8 pointed solid star in circle

4/5/1873 to 10/8/1873



C

Apr 10, 1873 to Mexico carried on New York and Mexican Mail Steamship Company's *City of Mexico* going via Veracruz 24, enroute to Puebla.

Postage of 40¢ paid the quadruple 10¢ American packet rate.



Negative fleuron in solid circle

4/24/1873 to 6/11/1873



part red cachet at low left of 10¢ pair



Jun 5, 1873 supplementary mail to France carried on Hapag Line's *Frisia* going via Plymouth and London 16, Calais, Paris 17 then via Lyon, arriving Aniane 19.

5 covers are known with this cancel - all in red - suggesting the cancel was kept by the supplementary mail clerk who used red ink as a matter of course. Postage of 20¢ paid the 10¢ packet rate service via GB to France plus the 10¢ supplementary mail fee.



6/6/1873
to
8/30/1874

■ Idiosyncratic
geometric

Sep 4, 1873 to Germany carried on Hapag Line's *Silesia* going via Plymouth 14, arriving Bremen 16. There are 8 covers known with this cancel.

Postage of 14¢ paid the double 7¢ NGU closed mail rate.



■ 'Leaf'
7/9/1873
to
9/18/1873

Jul 23, 1873 'Wallis half-cover' to Spain. 3 covers are known with this cancel.

Postage paid the 16¢ British mail rate via France to Spain.



■ 'Heart'
7/24/1873

Jul 24, 1873 to France on Hapag Line's *Frisia* going via Plymouth Aug 3, London 4, then Calais and Lyon, arriving Aniane 5.

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

Postage paid the 16¢ French progression mail rate via GB to France.