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**ORIGINATING OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY YET ATTRACTING A NYCFM CANCEL**

TRIPLE COUNTRY FRANKING US/PERUVIAN/GB STAMPS

**Oct 21, 1877 from Callao, Peru** dated by the datestamp on the rear, going by British, then American packet via Panama 28, arriving New York City Nov 9.

**This is the sole recorded cover known with a N.Y.C.F.M. cancel where stamps from THREE different countries were affixed to pre-pay postage.**



Originating datestamp on the reverse



Transit datestamp



Black New York Exchange Office datestamp

The Peruvian 10 centavos stamp paid internally to Callao; the GB 6p (pence) stamp Callao to Panama; the US 5¢ stamp Panama to the US.



Central cross surrounded by 8 apexes

32mm diam

1/13/1875  
to  
2/20/1875



**Feb 6, 1875 to Spain** carried on NGL Line's *Oder* to Bremen 20, arriving Madrid 23. This is the only known cover with this cancel bearing a combination of three 6¢ and three 10¢ stamps.

The cover shows how cancels on the same envelope vary due to under or over-inking of the cancelling device or an uneven surface caused by an enclosure.

Postage of 48¢ paid the quadruple 12¢ NGU closed mail rate.





32mm diam



Jan 14, 1875 advertisement cover to Germany carried on Hapag Line's *Suevia* going to Hamburg 28, arriving Berlin the same day.

The 'American Sardine Company' was located at Port Monmouth, New Jersey.

Postage paid the 6¢ NGU direct mail rate.



Central cross surrounded by 8 apices

25mm diam

2/3/1875

to

2/13/1875

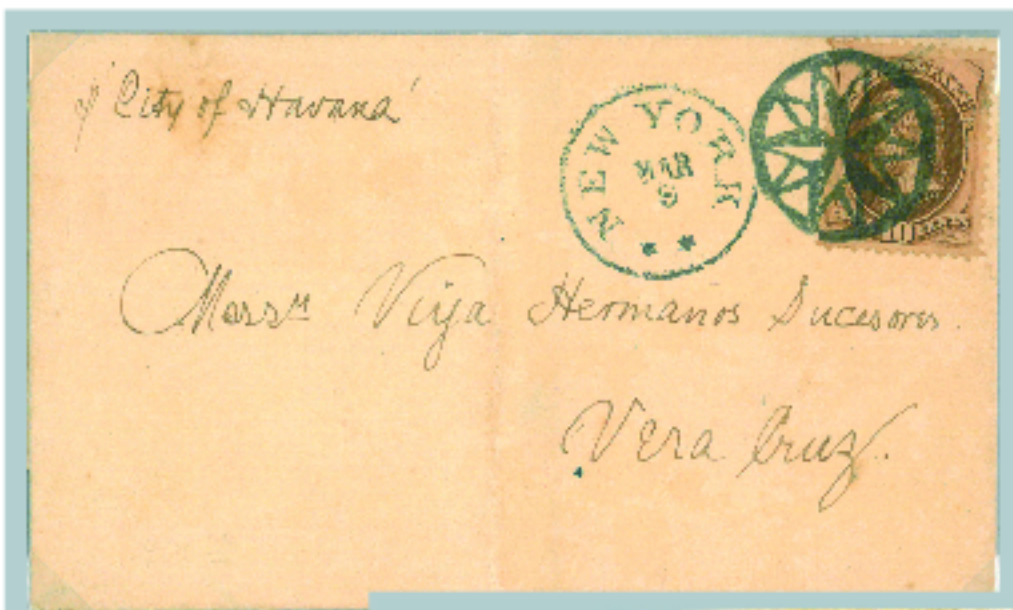


Feb 6, 1875 to France carried on French Line's *Ville de Paris* going via Havre 17, Paris, arriving Pont d'Ain 18.

Although this cancel is identical in design to the cancels shown on the cover at the top of this page and on the previous page (8-2) this smaller version is relatively rare with just 4 known covers.

Postage paid the 9¢ French mail treaty rate.





3/8/1875  
to  
3/18/1875

Half shaded star with  
5 arrow-heads

**Mar 8, 1875 to Mexico** carried on New York and Mexican Mail Steamship Company's *City of Havana*, arriving Veracruz 25.

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

Postage paid the 10¢ American packet rate.



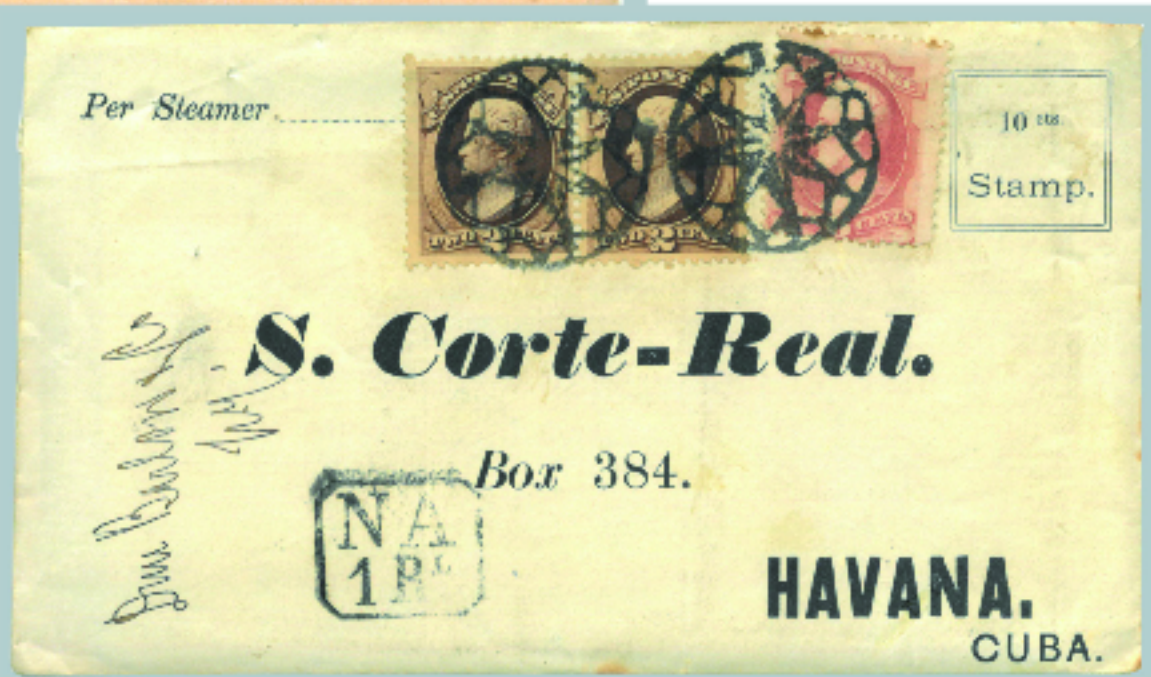
Hollow 8  
pointed  
star in a  
circle



4/1/1875  
to  
5/29/1875

**Apr 29, 1875 to Cuba** carried on Havana Direct Mail Line's *Crescent City* arriving Havana May 12.

Postage paid the 10¢ single rate per 1/2 oz by American packet.



**HAVANA.**  
CUBA.



**May 29, 1875 to Salvador** carried on *Acapulco*.

**This is the sole recorded NYCFM cover to Salvador and the latest use of this cancel** (worn as might be expected).

Salvador is the smallest and most densely populated country in South America.

Postage paid the 10¢ American packet rate via Panama. The red man uscript '20' denotes inland postage due.





26-27mm diam  
12 central diamonds

4/26/1875  
to  
4/26/1877

**Sep 17, 1875 to Australia** from NYC by train to San Francisco departing on *City of Melbourne* Oct 11 going via Sydney Nov 10, arriving Melbourne 15. Postage paid the 5¢ direct rate by American packet.

Australia did not sign a postal treaty with the U.S. until 1878.



THE ONLY KNOWN NYCFM COVER SHOWING TWO DIFFERENT NYCFM INTRICATE GEOMETRIC CANCELS

RETURNED FOR POSTAGE

**May 11, 1875 to Cuba** carried from New York, arriving Havana 18. 14¢ initial postage paid (4 x 3¢ stamp plus a 2¢ stamp at right), overpaid the 10¢ American packet rate by 4¢. The cancels were struck before realization this was a *double weight letter* and **20¢ was due**. A red **RETURNED FOR POSTAGE** was applied and 2 x 3¢ stamps at the left were added to pay the extra 6¢ which were then struck with a different canceller. The handstamp '3' represents 3 Reales due on arrival.

At the left



The two cancel designs on this cover



At the right (see 7-12)

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On the reverse

**May 4, 1875 to India** carried on Eagle Line's *Lessing* going via Plymouth 15, train to London, packet to Calais then via the Mount Cenis Tunnel, packet to Alexandria, train to Suez and packet via Aden to Bombay. It finally went overland by train and postal wagon to Moradabad (the 'SEA POST OFFICE' backstamp was applied during the packet Aden to Bombay). Postage paid the 28¢ British treaty rate via Brindisi.



**ORIGINATING OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY YET ATTRACTING A NYCFM CANCEL WITH DUAL US/CUBAN COUNTRY FRANKING**

**From Cuba to Spain via New York** departing New York Jul 3, 1875 carried on NGL Line's *Oder* going via Southampton 13, arriving Barcelona 19.

When the U.S. postage was affixed in Cuba the 31¢ postage represented a 5¢ overpayment of the 10¢ steamship rate to New York City plus the 16¢ rate to one-third ounce British mail rate. However, as the cover was posted from New York City after a Jul 1, 1875 a rate reduction to Spain of 12¢ per half-ounce by British mails meant the prepaid postage represented a larger overpayment of 14¢ The cover bears US Issues 1869 2¢ and 1873 3¢ (x3), 10¢ (x2) and a Cuban 50 centavos stamp (US stamps were available from the US Consul).





**May 13, 1875 to Italy** carried on Hapag Line's *Cimbria*, going via Plymouth 24, arriving Lake Como 27.

**This cover shows a crisp and full strike of this intricate design.**

Postage paid the 10¢ N.G.U direct mail rate.



6 inner diamonds surrounded by 6 outward pointed arrowheads

4/21/1875 to 6/21/1875

**Apr 21, 1875 to England** on Cunard Line's *Russia* going via Queenstown 30, arriving London May 1.

**This is the earliest known of 3 covers with this cancel.**

Postage paid the 6¢ British treaty rate.



29mm diam  
8 central diamonds

5/29/1875 to 6/14/1875

**Jun 5, 1875 supplementary mail to France** carried on NGL Line's *Mosel* going via Southampton 15, then Paris 16 redirected from Pont d'Ain 17 arriving Paris 18.

Postage of 18¢ paid the 9¢ French treaty rate plus the 9¢ supplementary mail fee.





6/12/1875  
to  
12/23/1876

28-31mm diam

12 central  
diamonds



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**THIS IS THE SOLE KNOWN NYC FM COVER TO THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FIRST RECORDED USE OF THIS CLASSIC NYC FM CANCEL**

**Jun 12, 1875 supplementary mail to Manila** carried on NGL Line's *Donau* via Southampton 22 arriving Manila Aug 5.

40¢ postage overpaid the 34¢ rate via British mail via Brindisi, which was the route selected although the sender had endorsed the cover 'Via Marseilles'. The cover was correctly routed in New York via Brindisi (having replaced the Marseilles routing in November, 1870). The handstamp '3' applied in Manila denotes three Reales was due for local postage from the recipient. The supplementary mail fee was paid in cash.







**Oct 16, 1875 supplementary mail to France** carried on NGL Line's *Donau* going via Southampton 27, Calais and Paris 28, arriving Montpellier 29.

Postage of 36¢ paid the double 9¢ French treaty rate plus the 18¢ supplementary mail fee .



6 diamonds surrounded by crosshatching

6/20/1875 to 9/10/1875



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**Jun 26, 1875 supplementary mail to France** carried on NGL Line's *Rhein* going via Southampton Jul 7, Calais, arriving Bordeaux 8.

Postage of 18¢ paid the 9¢ French treaty rate plus the 9¢ supplementary mail fee.





■ 'Wheel'  
25mm diam  
12 spokes  
8/7/1875  
to  
9/25/1875

**Aug 13, 1875 to Colombia, South America** carried on Atlas Mail Line's contract steamer *Etna* (a bi-monthly service to Colombia).

**This is one of two known NYCFM use to Colombia.** The Granadine Confederation became 'United States of Colombia' in 1863, then the 'Republic of Colombia' in 1886. Postage paid the 10¢ US packet rate.



■ Central sunburst surrounded by 10 arrow heads  
8/17/1875  
to  
8/22/1875

**Jul 20, 1875 1¢ Postal Card to Germany** on Guion Line's *Idaho* going via Queenstown Aug 2. **A superb strike of this scarce and complex cancel** (6 entires known).

Postage of 3¢ overpaid the 2¢ UPU Postal Card rate.



■ 25 mm diam  
10 central diamonds  
8/26/1875  
to  
5/19/1876

**Sep 2, 1875 supplementary mail to England** carried on Cunard Line's *Scythia*, going via Queenstown Sep 11, arriving Manchester 12.

Postage of 10¢ paid the 5¢ UPU rate plus the 5¢ supplementary mail fee.







7 wedge cancel  
circa 1869

**THE SOLE KNOWN NYCFM COVER PROCESSED ON THE LAST DAY OF NEW YORK CITY POST OFFICE OPERATION AT THE 'MIDDLE DUTCH CHURCH'**

**Aug 28, 1875 to France** carried on Inman Line's *City of Berlin* going via Queenstown Sep 6 then Calais, arriving Paris 8.

10¢ postage overpaid the 9¢ French treaty rate.

**The Old**



The Middle Dutch Church, home of the New York City Post Office since 1845, which closed for business **on Saturday evening, Aug 28, 1875.**



**The New**



The new purpose-built New York City Post Office at City Hall Park which **simultaneously opened for business on Saturday evening, Aug 28, 1875.**





28mm diam  
13 spokes

9/8/1875



**NEW DISCOVERY 13 SPOKE NYCFM CANCEL**

**Sep 8, 1875 to France** carried on Cunard Line's *Russia* going via Queenstown 17, then Calais arriving Marseilles 19.

This cancel was assumed to exist with just **12 spokes**. Three examples have now been discovered with **13 spokes**, all dated the same day. This cancel is also 3mm larger.

Postage paid the 9¢ French treaty rate.



25mm diam  
12 thickspokes

9/21/1875  
to  
9/25/1875



**Sep 21, 1875 to India** carried on Guion Line's *Dakota*, going via Queenstown 30, arriving Moradabad Dec 2.

This is the earliest of 3 NYCFM covers with this cancel and the only known bearing four 7¢ values.

Postage of 28¢ overpaid the 27¢ British mail rate via Brindisi.





2/9/1876  
to  
12/9/1876

4 'dovetail'  
central wings



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**ORIGINATING OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY YET ATTRACTING A NYCFM CANCEL  
WITH MIXED COUNTRY US - PERUVIAN FRANKING**

**Departed Peru Jan 14, 1876** going via Panama 20, arriving NYC Feb 9 in transit to Marblehead, Mass.

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

The cover was franked at origin with a Peru one dinero 1868 issue adhesive to pay for Peruvian inland postage as well as a US 5¢ 1875 issue stamp which paid a part of the postage to NY. The rate between the US and Peru by American packet between NY and Aspinwall and by British service between Colon and Panama City and Peru was 17¢. This cover was carried by Pacific Steam Navigation steamers from Peru to Panama City and then by rail to Colon. After transfer to the US post office in Aspinwall it was carried by US Mail Steamship Company steamer to N.Y. When this cover arrived at NY it was treated as an short paid cover at the 17¢ rate.

GB claimed 12¢ with their black debit handstamp as compensation for their service from Peru to Colon. As the accounts between the US and GB where to be settled in silver, and as at this date silver was worth more than the fractional currency most often used in the US, the NYC office of arrival struck their depreciated currency due handstamp. At this date of entry 12¢ in silver coin was equivalent to 14¢ in currency.

*Effective May 1, 1863, all postage due mail arriving from abroad could be paid either in coin at the regular rate or in depreciated currency at a rate that fluctuated with the actual value of the currency against silver.*

PANAMA  
20 JAN 1876  
TRANSIT







PANAMA  
18MR 1876  
TRANSIT

Panama transit marking.



Black New York Exchange Office datestamp on the rear.

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**ORIGINATING OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY YET ATTRACTING A NYCFM CANCEL**

This cover originated in Callao, Peru, on Mar 3, 1876 going via Panama 18, arriving New York City Apr 4 in transit to New Haven, Connecticut.

'12' original British debit to the U.S.

The postage from Peru to Panama was paid in cash. The 5¢ stamp paid from Panama to NY by US Packet. The handstamp '12' (cents), represents is a six pence British debit to the US, Peru to Panama. The 'Due .14' US currency was applied as settlements with GB were in Specie, or silver equivalent, while the US was paid in depreciated currency. This increased the debit from 12 to 14. Unlike the previous cover this cover did not need a Peruvian stamp because it was sent from the port where the Pacific Steam Navigation Company steamer departed so no internal postage was due.



Both these datestamps are on the reverse (showing just a one hour difference in domestic and foreign mail processing).



Dec 9, 1876 mourning cover to France carried on Inman Line's *America* going via Southampton 21, arriving Paris 22.

This is the latest known use of this cancel and the only use recorded to Europe.

Postage paid the 5¢ UPU rate.





10/14/1876  
to  
12/7/1876

 "Spokes"

**Nov 7, 1876 1¢ Postal Card to Budapest, Hungary** carried on US Mail Line's *Wisconsin* going via Queenstown 17. Postage paid the 2¢ UPU Postal Card rate.

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**Nov 21, 1876 to Portugal** carried on Guion Line's *Dakota* going via Queenstown, London Dec 4, arriving Lisbon 15.

Postage of 10¢ paid the double 5¢ UPU rate.



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6/14/1877  
to  
7/21/1877

 Wedges and grid

**THE LAST NYCFM HANDCARVED CANCEL**

**Jun 16, 1877 supplementary mail 3¢ Stamped Envelope to Germany** carried on N.G.L. Line's *Mosel*, arriving Mecklenburg 29. 10¢ postage paid the 5¢ U.P.U. rate plus the 5¢ supplementary mail fee.



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STEEL DUPLEX CANCELS RULE THE ROOST



Jan 16, 1878 to England duplex No `4`, carried on Cunard Line's *China* going via Queenstown 25, arriving London 28.

Postage of 25¢ paid the quintuple 5¢ UPU rate.



Jul 13, 1878 to Mexico duplex No `3` carried on American and Mexican Mail Steamship Company's *City of Merida*, arriving Veracruz 25.

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