

1903-08 Issue - Five Cents

On January 20, 1903, the BEP issued the new five cents Lincoln design in blue as part of the definitive issue begun in 1902. The stamps bear the double lined "USPS" watermark.

On February 24, 1908, the stamp was issued as an endwise coil, perforated horizontally. The 1908 coils were the first issued by the government. There are no recorded examples of this stamp used on cover.

On May 30, 1908, the stamp was issued imperforate. Only 13,200 were issued imperforate and most of these went to manufacturers of private vending machine coils.

In 1904, Canal Zone became under the jurisdiction of the United States and the P.O.D. overprinted stamps "Canal Zone" for use at nine post offices opened in connection with the construction of the Panama Canal.

On January 4, 1904, the P.O.D. issued the 5¢ 1903 value overprinted "Philippines" for use under American Administration of the islands.

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5¢ Perforated Unused



5¢ Endwise Coil Unused



5¢ Imperforate Unused



1903 Issue - Five Cents

Large Die Essays

rejected design - allegorical figure at right poorly draped, blank triangles below "United States"

The Only Reported Example



incomplete design - shading on allegorical figures incomplete

The Only Reported Example



**1903 Issue - Five Cents
Large Die Proof**



Die proof on India paper, die sunk on card

Three Reported Examples

Small Die Proof



Prepared in 1903 for Roosevelt Presentation Sets

Six Reported Examples

**1903 Issue - Five Cents
Issued Stamps - Shades**



Dark Blue



Blue



Blue



Bright Blue



Pale Blue

Plate Number Pieces



Imprint and plate number "1540"



Imprint and plate number "1537"



Imprint and plate number "2227"

**1903 Issue - Five Cents
Plate Varieties**



Cracked Plate



"Glass Eye"
Right eye shading deformed



Imperforate Horizontally

Note from Scott Stamp Co. stating "shown to before the imperfs were known." Although not certifiable as an imperforate between error, that is what it certainly is.

The only reported example

Printing Varieties



Pre-printing paper fold with plate number



Drastic Perforation Error



Paper fold prior to Perforation

**1903 Issue - Five Cents
Used**

**Largest
Recorded
Used
Multiple**



Block of 15

Specimens



Small Vertical
Overprint



Small Diagonal Over-
print with plate 1537



Large Diagonal
Overprint

The Post Office Department distributed stamps to members of the U.P.U., some were overprinted here and some abroad.

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Used



Shades



dark blue



bright blue



blue



blue



pale blue

Precancels



Milwaukee



Boston



Detroit, Mich



Lansing, Mich



Philadelphia

Cancels



Shanghai



New York Registry



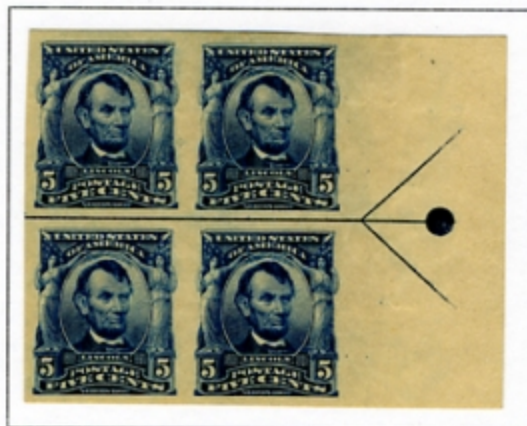
1908 Issue - Five Cents Imperforate Position Pieces



top margin imprint and plate number 2953 block of six



left arrow block with solid ball
Pressmen initials



right arrow block with solid ball

The sheet of 400 was divided into four panes of 100 stamps by guide lines. One of the five plates used to print the imperforates had guidelines with solid ball markers. Each pane of 100 stamps bore two imprint and plate number blocks.

1908 Issue - Five Cents Imperforate

Sheet Guide Line And Arrow Reconstruction



Two Reported Examples Of
Centerline Block



The sheet of 400 was divided into four panes of 100 stamps by guide lines. Because of the way these 33 sheets of imperforates were distributed, there are fewer than 6 centerline blocks that could remain intact.

**1908 Issue - Five Cents Imperforate
Used And On Cover**



PFC



PFC

bottom margin imprint and plate number 2953 block
Washington, D.C. cancels

pair
Shasta, California postmarks



10 April 1909 Boston, Massachusetts registered to New York City
8c registry fee plus double 2c postage prepaid with 5c pair and 2c entire

Two Reported Covers Bearing 5c Imperforate Pairs

**1908 Issue - Five Cents Imperforate
Private Vending Machine Coils**

U.S. Automatic Vending Company



Type I perforations (mint)



Type II perforations



Type III perforations

The U.S. Automatic Vending Company most likely received the bulk of the 10,000 imperforate stamps distributed to New York City. They applied three different types of perforation as shown above. The type III perforations were used on small counter top machines in New York City.

1908 Issue - Five Cents Imperforate Private Vending Machine Coils

Parkhurst Company



Although five sheets of the imperforate were delivered to Indianapolis for the use of the Parkhurst Company in preparing coils, the experimental strip shown here is **the only strip of four extant.**

Schermack Mailing Machine Company



Type II perforations



Type III perforations

Of the 13,200 total printing of the imperforates, it is believed that 10,000 were sent to New York City for use by U.S. Automatic Vending Company, 2,000 were sent to Indianapolis for use by Parkhurst Company and the remaining 1,200 were sent to Baltimore for use by International Vending Machine Company. Some of the sheets, likely from the stock sent to New York City, were used by Schermack Mailing Machine Company. No examples are known from International. Three types are reported from Schermack as well as U.S. Automatic Vending. Although Schermack Type I is listed, there are no certified examples and it may not exist genuine.

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Domestic Usages



Port Au Prince, Haiti by diplomatic pouch to Washington, D.C., registered to Coffeyville, Kansas
4 April 1904, 8c registry fee plus seven times 2c postage paid with 4c, 8c and pair 5c 1902-1903 issue



28 June 1907 New York, New York registered parcel tag to Paterson, New Jersey
8c registry fee plus 45c postage paid in combination with 8c, 10c, and pair 15c 1902-1903 issue
from Office Of The Assistance Treasurer Of The U.S. at New York

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Domestic Usages



15 June 1905 Waterbury, Connecticut registered to Springfield, Massachusetts
8c registry fee plus 2c postage paid with 1c, 2c and 5c 1902-1903 issue and 2c entire



17 November 1908 Wyeville, Wisconsin registered to Wonewoc, Wisconsin
8c registry fee plus 2c postage paid with 1c, 2c and 5c 1902-1903 issue and 2c entire

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Domestic Usages - Registered**



22 January 1907 Rose City Mich. registered to Delta City Ohio, prepaid by strip of three for double the 2¢ domestic rate plus 8¢ registry fee.



28 July 1906 Rochester N.Y. registered to Rome N.Y., prepaid by single with 2¢, 3¢ 1903 issues for the 2¢ domestic rate plus 8¢ registry fee.

1903 Issue - Five Cents
Domestic Usages - Registered



10 January 1908 Agricultural College New Mexico Territory registered to Akron Ohio, prepaid by pair for the 2¢ domestic rate plus 8¢ registry fee.



2 November 1903 Ferry Station, San Francisco Ca. registered to Lambertville N.J., prepaid by pair plus 4¢, 8¢ 1903 issues for seven-times the 2¢ domestic rate plus 8¢ registry fee.

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Domestic Usages - Territorial Parcel Tags



28 March 1916 Bethel **Alaska Territory** parcel tag to Northampton Mass., prepaid by single in combination with 1¢, 10¢ 1908 issue plus 25¢ Parcel Post.



2 November 1903 Canado **Ariz. Terr.** parcel tag to St. Joseph Mo., prepaid by 10 singles for twenty-five times the 2¢ domestic rate. This card was from a dealer in Navajo Blankets, Indian Curios, etc.

1903 Issue - Five Cents
Territorial Usages - Samoa



24 May 1904 Pago Pago, American Samoa to Apia, German Samoa, prepaid 5¢ UPU rate.



29 November 1904 Pago Pago, American Samoa registered to Johannesburg, South Africa, prepaid in combination with 4¢, 6¢ 1898 issues and 1¢, 2¢, 8¢, 10¢, 15¢ 1903 issues

1903 Issue - Five Cents
Domestic Usages - Special Delivery

The use of regular issue postage stamps to pay special delivery fees was authorized on the above date.



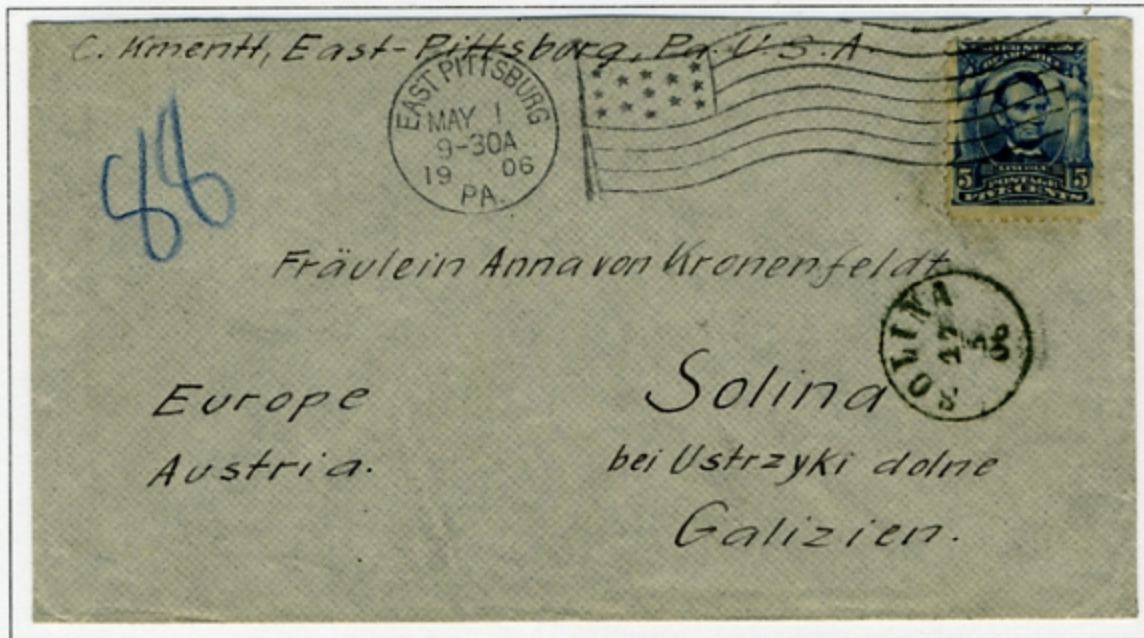
28 September 1907 Fourche Ark. special delivery to Elktown Ky., prepaid by four singles.



13 March 1909 Waterbury Conn. special delivery to Shenandoah Pa., prepaid by pair on 2¢ entire for the 10¢ special delivery fee plus 2¢ domestic rate.

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Austria / To Hungary



1 May 1906 East Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to Solina, Austria, 5c rate



18 July 1906 Leroy, New York to Szabadka, Hungary, 5c rate

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Cuba / To Argentina



23 February 1906 Sherman, New York to Havana, Cuba, 5c rate



21 December 1908 Newburyport, Massachusetts to Buenos Aries, Argentina
short payment of double 5c rate, due handstamp on verso, 1908 Christmas seal

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: From China / To China



30 November 1908 U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China to Missouri registered usage, 8c registry fee plus 2c postal rate paid with pair

The United States operated a postal agency in Shanghai, China. Mail was subject to domestic rates.



20 February 1907 Detroit, Michigan to Yochow, China double rate, Chinese Officially Sealed adhesives repairing transit damage

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Chinese Turkestan / To China



25 July 1905 Deerfield, Massachusetts to Kashgar, Chinese Turkestan, 5c rate
Russian transit backstamp



29 April 1906 South Framingham, Massachusetts to Peking, China, 5c rate

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Dominican Republic / To Switzerland



27 March 1905 Boston, Massachusetts registered to Monte Cristy, Dominican Republic
8c registry fee plus 5c postage paid in combination with 5c entire and 3c 1895 issue



9 February 1909 Brooklyn, New York registered to Stans, Switzerland
8c registry fee plus 5c postage paid with two copies 5c, single 1c 1903 issue and 2c entire

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Germany



25 December 1904 St. Louis, Missouri to Hamburg, Germany, 5c rate
1904 St. Louis World's Fair envelope



5 June 1905 Portland, Oregon to Asseln, Germany, 5c rate
World's Fair slogan postmark, 1905 Lewis & Clark Centennial envelope

1903 Issue - Five Cents
Foreign Usages: To England



30 April 1907 New York, New York to Donnington, England, 5c rate



5 March 1906 New York, New York to Liverpool, England
short paid double rate, 5d. due

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Supplementary Usage - To France / To Germany



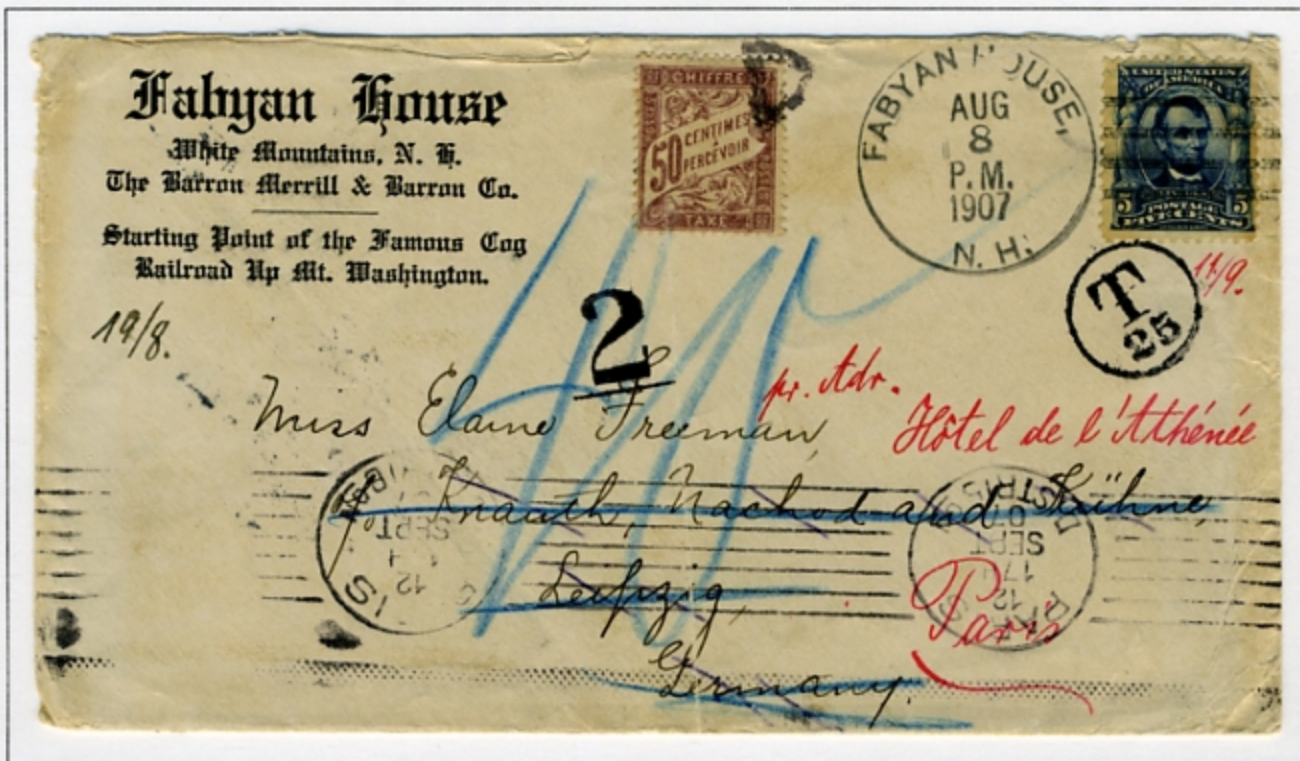
1904 New York, N.Y. to Paris, France, prepaid by three singles on 5¢ Lincoln entire for two-times the 5¢ UPU rate, which was doubled as a supplementary mail fee.



22 December 1906 New York, N.Y. to Berlin, Germany, prepaid in combination with 1¢ and 2¢ 1903 issues on 2¢ Lincoln entire for the 5¢ UPU rate, which was doubled as a supplementary mail fee.

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Germany



8 August 1907 Fabyan House, New Hampshire to Leipzig, Germany, 5c rate
forwarded unpaid to Paris, France with 50c postage due on arrival



7 August 1905 Canton, Ohio to Paris, France, 5c rate
forwarded prepaid to Coblenz, Germany with France 25c adhesive

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Germany



19 October 1905 Riverside, California to Saulgau, Germany
5c rate paid with plate number single



1 September 1908 Yonkers, New York registered to Halle, Germany
New York registry label, 8c registry fee plus 5c postage paid with 5c and 8c, albino 2c entire ignored
"Kaiserliches Postamt Halle (Saale) 1" label (official) seal on verso

1903 Issue - Five Cents
Foreign Usage - To Holland



1 June 1909 New York, N.Y. to
Amsterdam, Holland, prepaid by
single in combination with pair of
2¢ 1909 Lincoln commemorative
issue for underpayment of double
the 5¢ UPU rate.

IF NOT DELIVERED IN FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
MACKAY & CO.
NASSAU AND PINE STREETS
NEW YORK

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Italy / To Turkey



29 December 1905 New York, New York to San Remo, Italy
short payment of double 5c rate, Italy 50c postage due applied on arrival



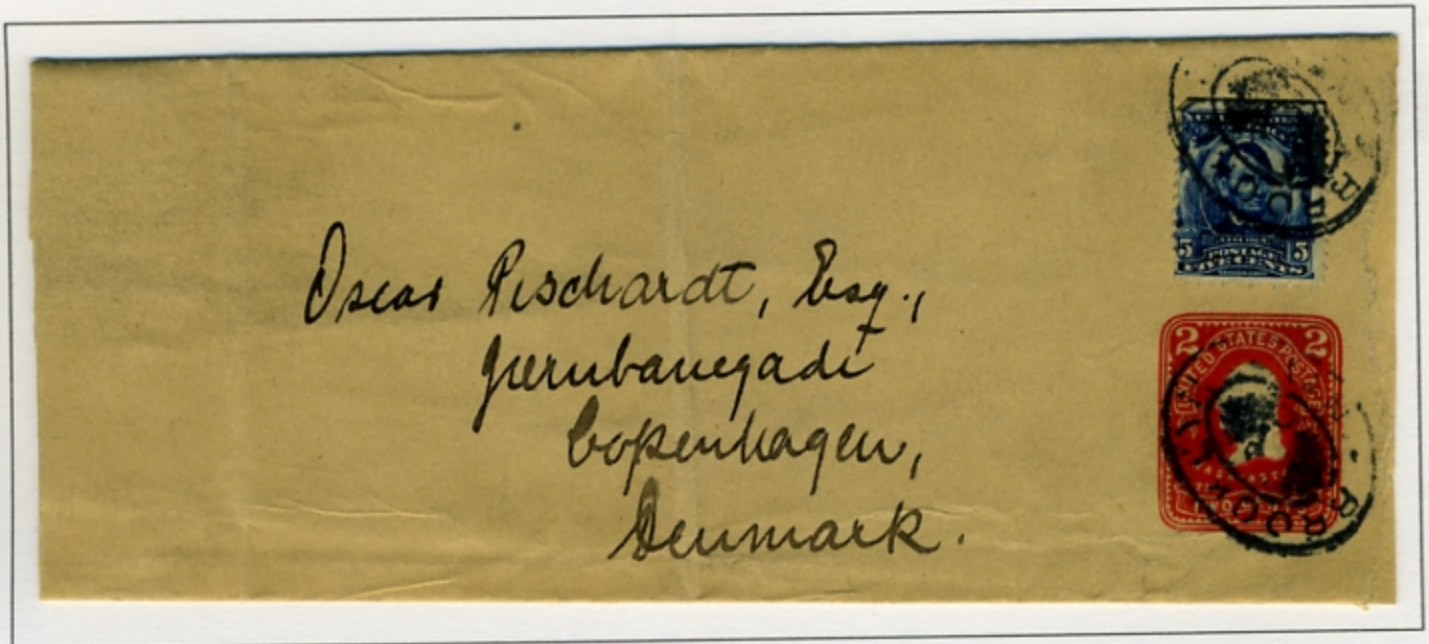
10 January New York City to Constantinople, Turkey
short payment of double rate, pair Turkey 1p postage due applied on arrival, **forwarded** out of mails to Batum

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Iceland / To Denmark



23 June 1903 Blaine, Washington to Hallorsstadir, Iceland
Vopnafjordur and Husavik (numeral 49), Iceland transits



1904 Brooklyn, New York to Copenhagen, Denmark
7c printed matter rate (12 to 14 ounces) prepaid in combination with 2c postal wrapper

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Post Card Foreign Usages: To Isle Of Man / To Turkey



21 February 1907 Honolulu, Hawaii to Andreas, Isle Of Man, prepaid 5c rate for writing on front

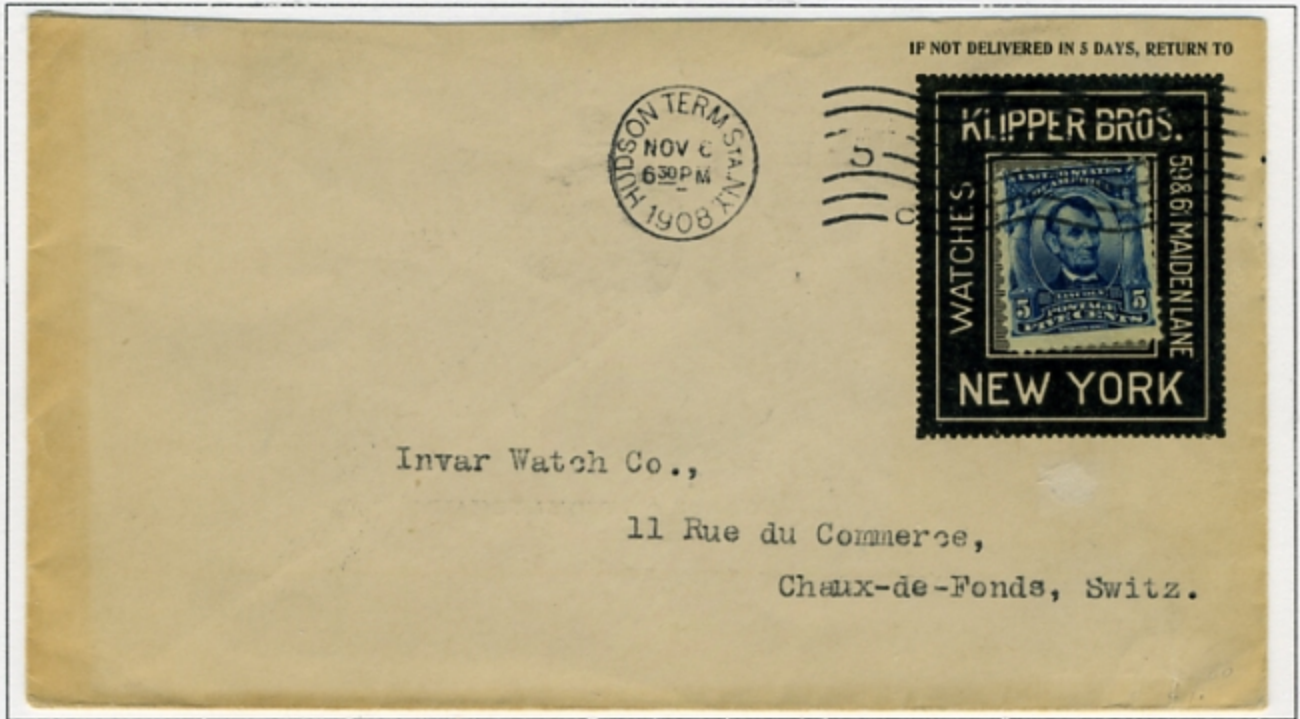


5 March 1908 Millville, Massachusetts post card to Ganas, Turkey, overpaid 2c rate

Prior to October 1, 1907 post cards were subject to the 5c letter mail rate if writing other than address appeared on the front. After that date such writing was allowed at the 2c rate.

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Switzerland / To Japan

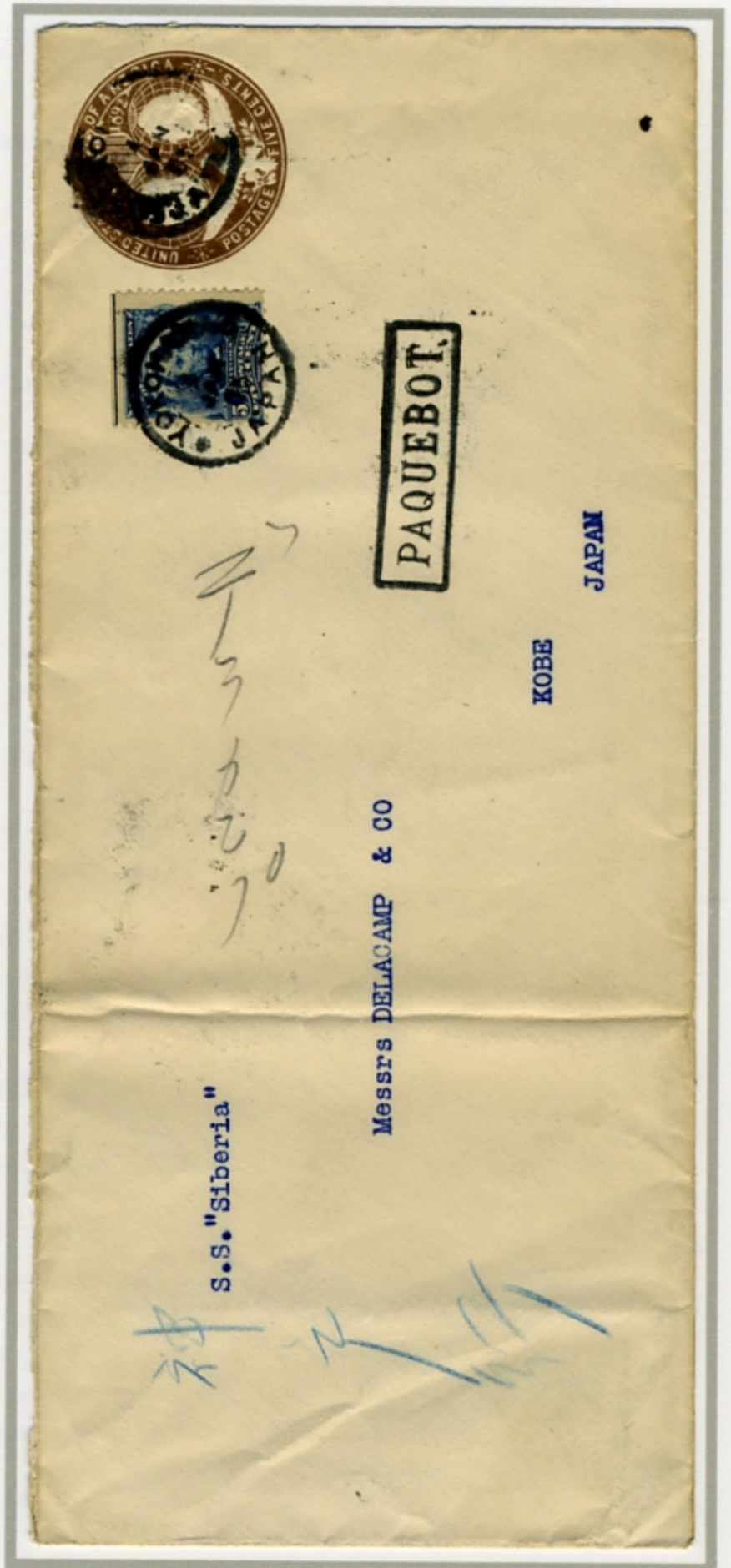


6 November 1908 Hudson Terminal Station, New York to Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, 5c rate



3 October 1905 Boston, Massachusetts to Tokio, Japan, double 5c rate
missent to Kobe, Japan with address label correction

1903 Issue - Five Cents
Foreign Usage - To Japan



Dec. 1904 San Francisco, Cal. to
Kobe, Japan mailed aboard S.S. Si-
beria, handstamped "Paquebot.",
prepaid by single on 5¢ Columbian
entire for double the 5¢ UPU rate.

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Mozambique / To Queensland



20 April 1908 Honolulu, Hawaii to Beira, Mozambique

8c double rate postage overpaid with 5c adhesive in combination with 5c entire



1 April 1903 Memphis, Tennessee to Goowooncha, Queensland
double rate postage paid in combination with 1c and 2c 1897 issue

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Dutch Indies / To Switzerland



27 March 1906 New York, New York registered to Batavia, Dutch Indies
8c registry fee plus 5c postage paid with pair 5c in combination with 1c and 2c 1902-1903 issue



13 March 1905 Billings, Montana to Klostens Platz, Switzerland
double 5c rate paid in combination with 1c 1902-1903 issue and two copies 2c 1903 issue

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usages: To Rhodesia / To Italy



4 June 1905 Niagara Falls, New York to Capetown, South Africa
6 July Capetown forwarded to Bulawayo, Rhodesia with 1d adhesive



7 March 1907 Pella, Iowa to Switzerland and forwarded to Rome, Italy
Italy 50c postage due for additional postage

1903 Issue - Five Cents

Foreign Usage - To France forwarded to Egypt and Sudan

A four country and three continent commercial usage



January 1907 Jamaica Plain, Mass. to Paris, France, forwarded to Egypt and Sudan, addressed in care of agent and prepaid by single for the 5¢ UPU rate, marked due with circled "T" handstamp and French 50c. due stamp applied, remailed to Cairo, Egypt where Egypt 2pia. orange due tied by Cairo datestamp and framed "T" handstamp, forwarded again to Khartoum, Sudan where 10m. violet and blue green horizontal pair tied by Khartoum (11.14) c.d.s.

The only recorded pair of the Sudan 10m. postage dues on cover and one of only four recorded usages.

1903 Issue - Five Cents
Usages From Sea Post Office



25 April 1907 U.S. German Sea P.O. to Carthage, Indiana
 posted on board S.S. Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, short paid double rate with postage due handstamp



25 July 1909 U.S. German Sea P.O. to Teddington, England
 forwarded to Cliftonville, England, 8c double rate prepaid in combination with three copies 1c 1902-1903 issue

1904 Canal Zone Overprints - Five Cents Issued Stamps



Usage on Cover



6 December 1904 Ancon, Canal Zone to New York, N.Y., prepaid by pair in combination with 2¢ pair, 8¢ & 10¢ blocks of the 1904 issues.

1904 Canal Zone Overprints - Five Cents
Usages on Cover



10 December 1904 Ancon, Canal Zone to Panama City, Panama, philatelic cover prepaid by complete set of the 1904 issue.



18 August 1905 Panama City, Panama registered to Boston, Mass., prepaid by single in combination with Panama 2c. (four) plus A.R. 5c. & R. 10c., and Canal Zone 5c. Pair and 10c.

1904 Philippines Overprints - Five Cents Issued Stamps



Imprint and plate number 2227

Domestic Usage - Registered



4 February 1906 Maragondon, P.I. to Manila, P.I., prepaid in combination with 1¢ and 3¢ 1904 issues for the 1¢ inter-island rate plus 8¢ registry fee.

1904 Philippines Overprints - Five Cents
Domestic Usages - To U.S.A.



12 November 1905 Manila, P.I. registered to Alfred, N.Y., prepaid by pair for the 2¢ domestic letter rate plus 8¢ registry fee.



10 August 1905 Manila, P.I. to San Francisco, Cal., prepaid in combination with 1¢ 1904 issue for triple the 2¢ domestic rate.

1904 Philippines Overprints - Five Cents
Domestic Usage -
Official Business Overprints

1 July 1906 Pasig Rizal, P.I. to Manila, P.I., prepaid by single with manuscript "O.B." overprint for Official Business at five-times the 1¢ inter-island rate.



1904 Philippines Overprints - Five Cents
Foreign Usage - To Switzerland



26 August 1905 Manila, P.I. registered to Zurich, Switzerland, prepaid in combination with 8¢ 1901 issue for the 5¢ UPU rate plus 8¢ registry fee.

1904 Philippines Overprints - Five Cents
Foreign Usages - To France / To Germany



28 May 1906
Manila, P.I. to
Paris, France,
prepaid by single
for the 5¢ UPU
rate.



14 December 1904 Manila, P.I. to Hamburg, Germany, prepaid by single for the 5¢ UPU rate.

1904 Philippines Overprints - Five Cents
Foreign Usages - To England



9 April 1905 Manila, P.I. to London, England, prepaid by single for the 5¢ UPU rate.



10 July 1905 Manila, P.I. registered to Liverpool, England, prepaid by two singles in combination with 1¢ and 2¢ 1904 issues for the 5¢ UPU rate plus 8¢ registry fee.