

Uses of the 1908 U. S. Coils

Purpose: This exhibit will take a traditional look at all stamps of the perforated 12, double-line watermarked Washington & Franklin coils issued 1908 to 1910 used on cover, **in period**, paying the **rates in existence** when the stamps were issued.

Organization: The exhibit is organized by face value within these sections:

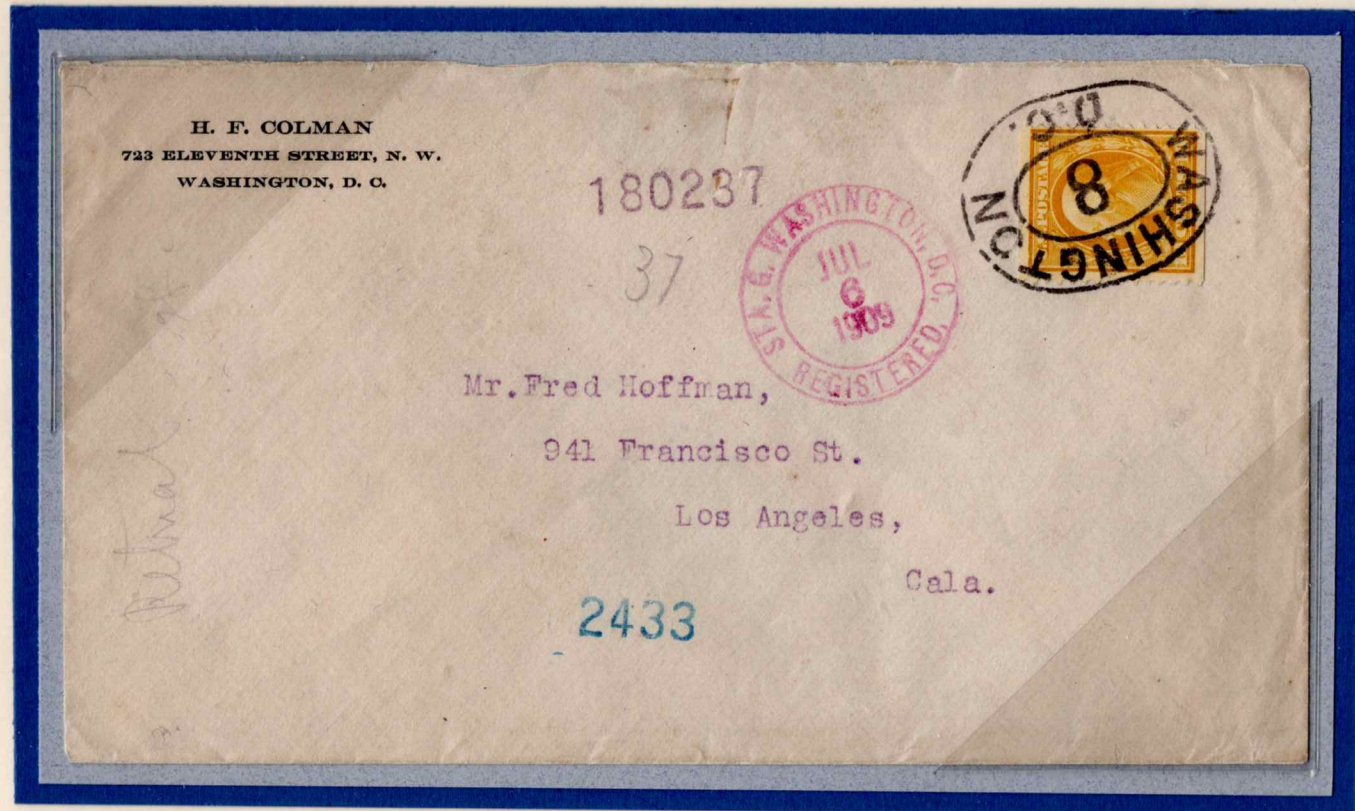
- Special Order Coil
- Vertical Format Coils
- Horizontal Format Coils

Importance: The Post Office Department, in conjunction with the vending and affixing machine companies were largely responsible for this trial run of the Washington & Franklin coils. Their intent was to determine if the coil format would lead to a reduction of labor by use of vending machines at the Post Office and the application of stamps by the larger mailers with affixing machines. **This alternative format of the new Washington & Franklin series of 1908 is the forerunner of all U.S. coils.**

Rarity: Statements of rarity or importance are bold type and significant covers are matted in blue background.

Special Order Coil

The Post Office Department allowed for special order of any desired value not otherwise able to be coiled. Only one value was ordered during this period.



First class, letter, 2 cents per ounce plus 8 cents registration fee with indemnity less than or equal to \$25. Fee effective July 1, 1902 to November 1, 1909. **This is the earliest documented cover and the only solo of the five documented covers.** psag cert 560426

This value was only ordered in small quantity by the Bell Pharmaceutical Company in Orangeburg, New York during February of 1909. They did not use the entire order and the remainders were returned to Washington, D. C.

1 cent vertical

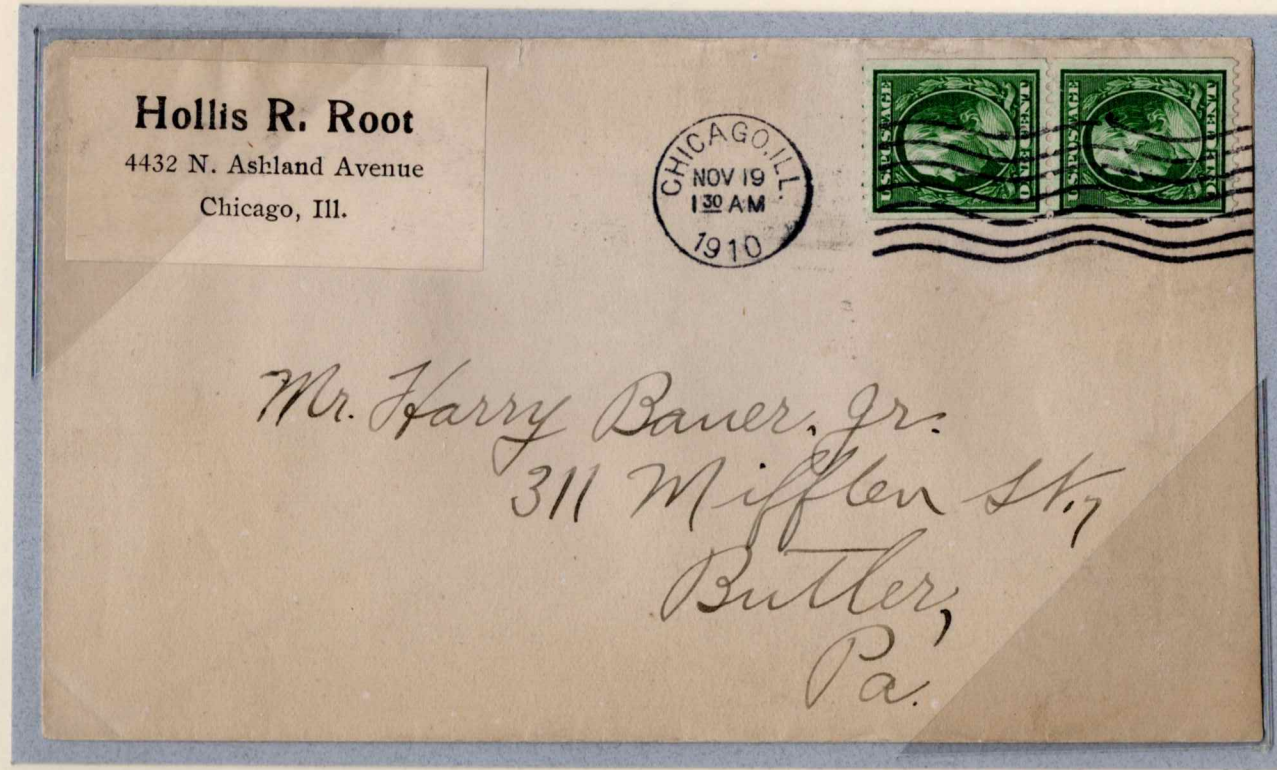


First class, post card, 1 cent per piece.

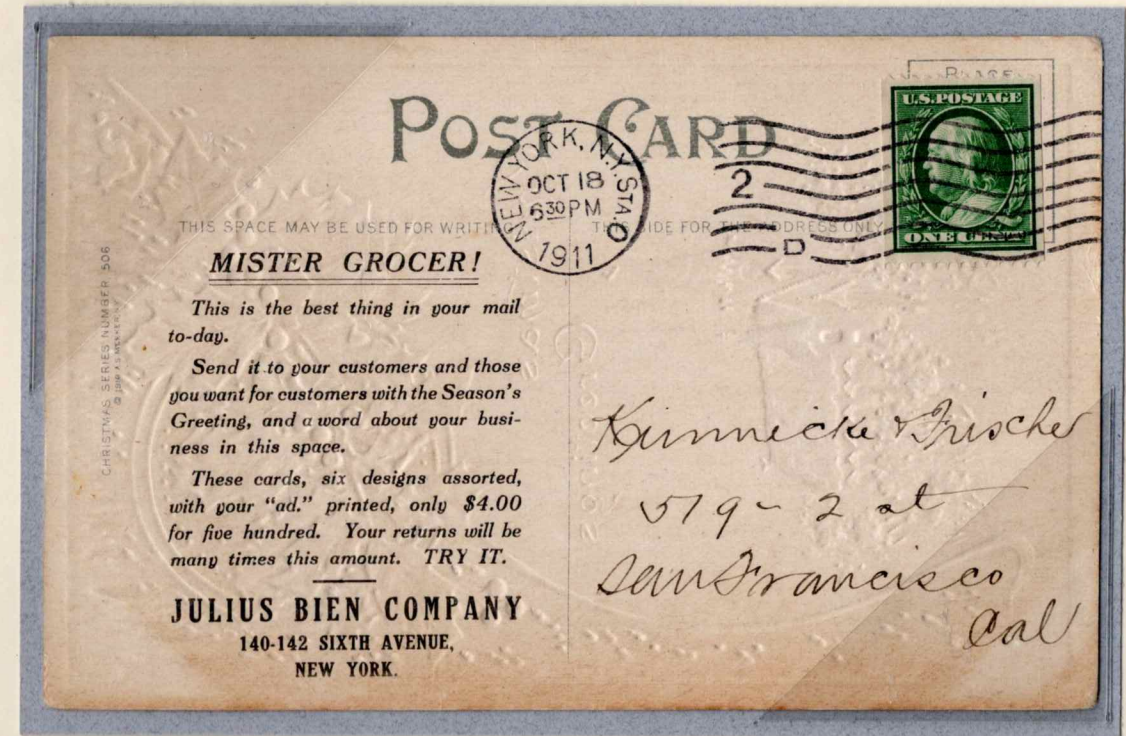
Postcard, surface rate, 1 cent per piece, **from a territory.** When Hawaii became a territory June 14, 1900, domestic rates applied.



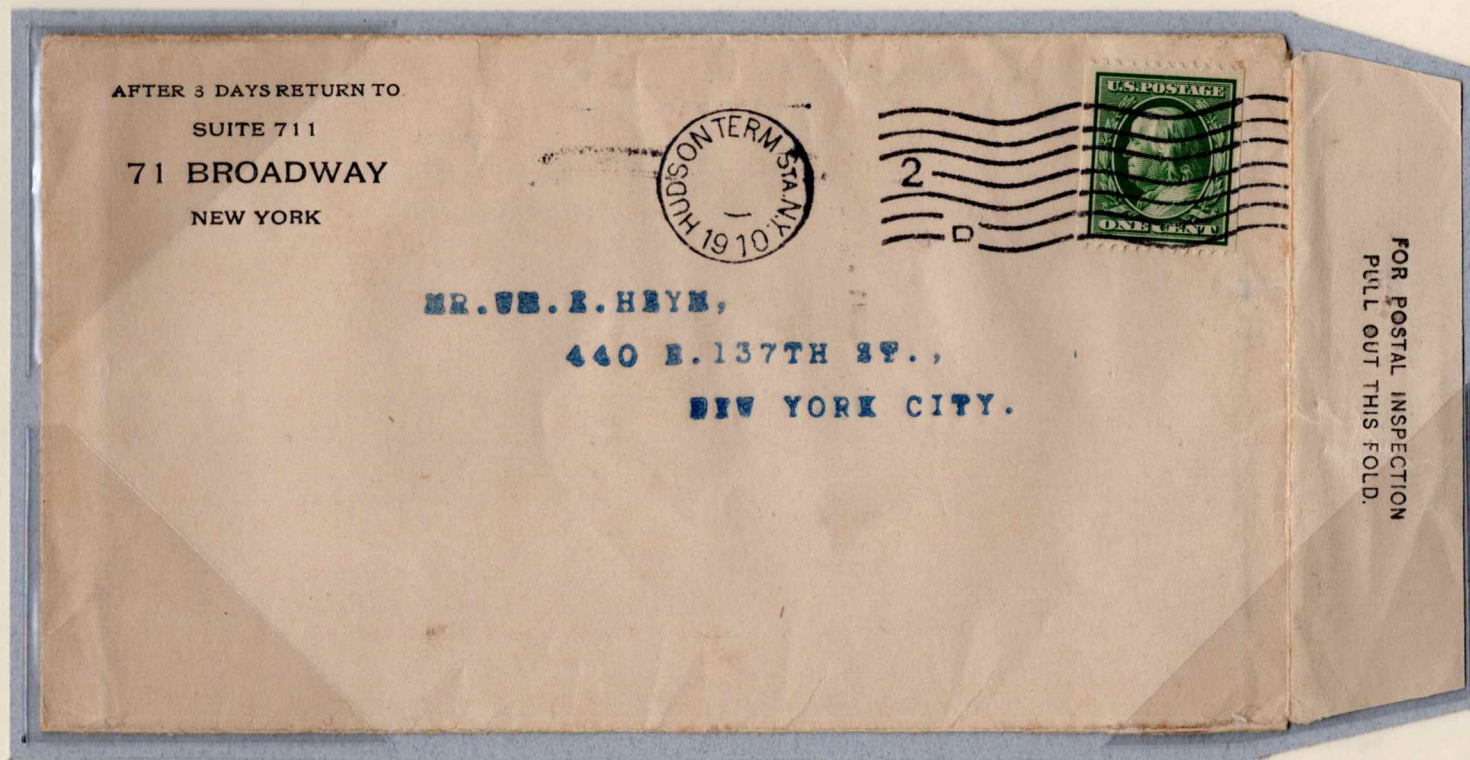
Post card, **surface rate to France**, 2 cents per piece. Universal Postal Union rate effective July 1875. Forwarded twice within France at no additional fee. **Stamps vended from an experimental Parkhurst machine** in Dansville, New York.



First class, letter, 2 cents per ounce. Apex 155530



Third class, post card, printed matter, single piece, 1 cent per 2 ounces.



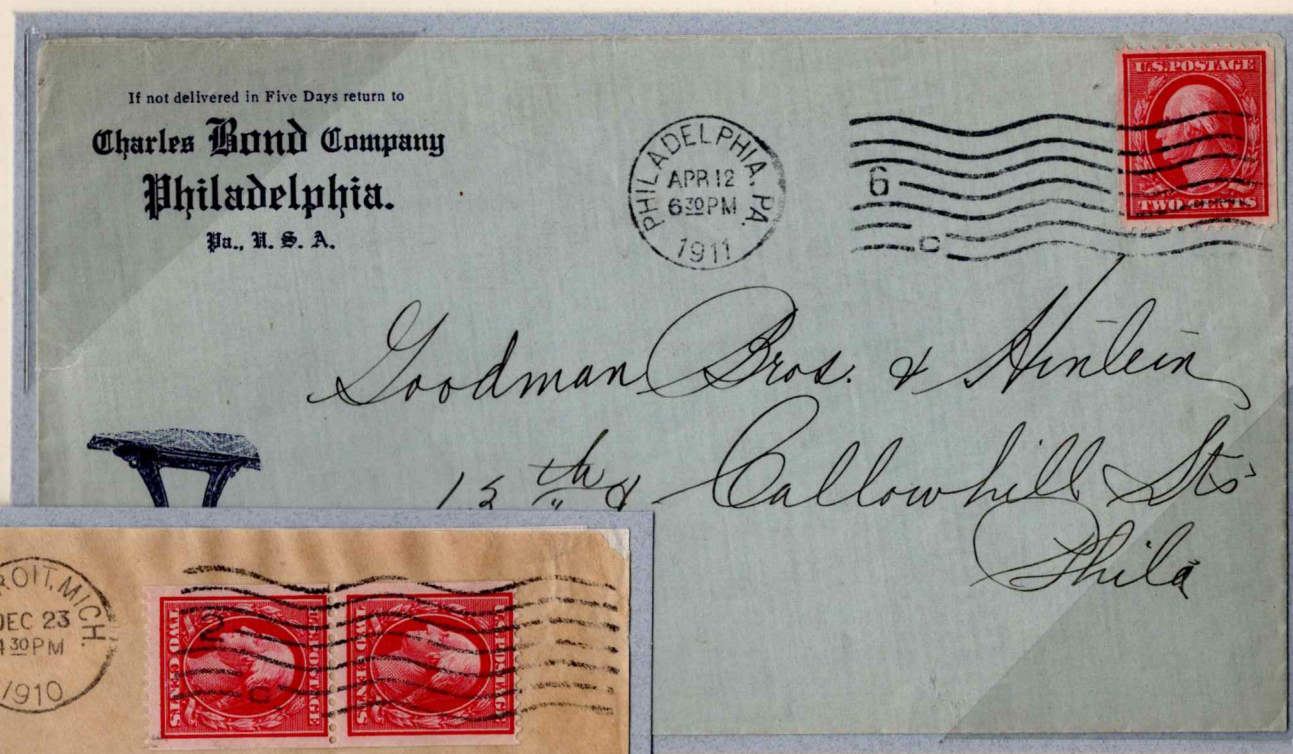
Third class, printed matter, unsealed pull out inspection fold at right, 1 cent per 2 ounces.



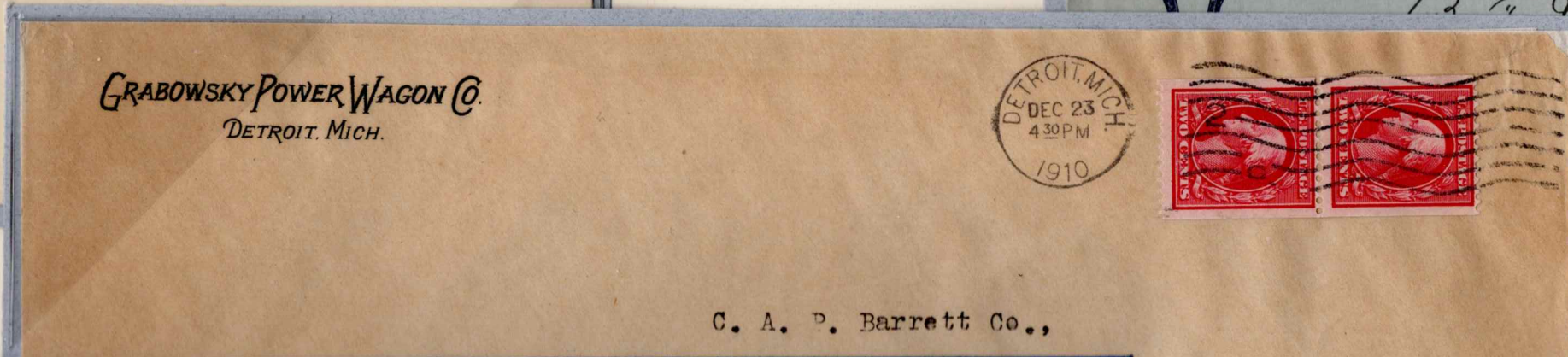
First class, treaty rate to Cuba, 2 cents per ounce plus 10 cents registration fee for indemnity up to \$50. A special treaty with Cuba in 1901 allowed letters to be sent at domestic rates. This is the largest multiple of both the 1 and 2 cent vertical coils on cover.



First class, letter, 2 cents per ounce.
Stamp affixed by simplex machine.
Apex 154336



First class, letter, **carrier Post Office, local rate.**
Mailed intracity for carrier delivery in same Post
Office delivery area. 2 cents per oz. Pfc 205431



First class, letter, **triple weight, court documents, sealed and notarized on front,** 2 cents per ounce.



First class, letter,
double weight, 2
cents per ounce.
Pfc 502151

Letter, **surface rate to Japan,** 5 cents per ounce. UPU rate
effective April, 1, 1879. Pfc 502152



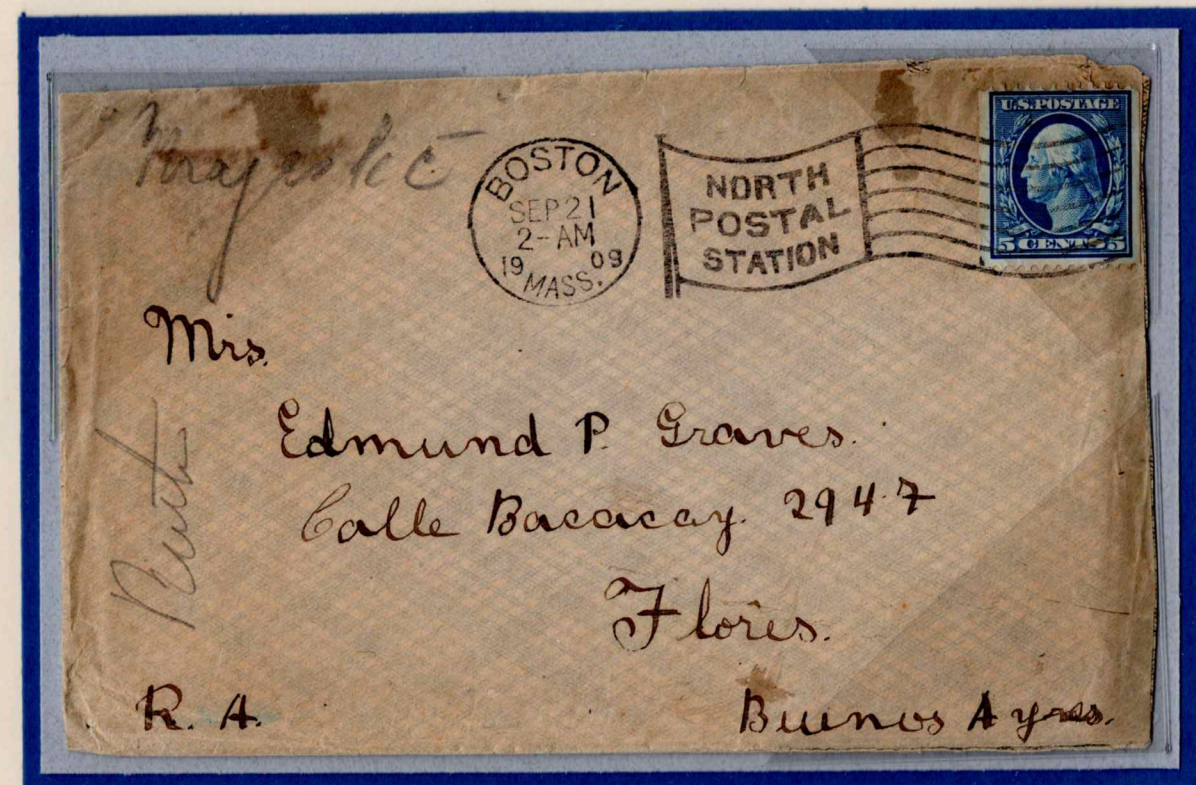
First class, double weight, 2 cents per ounce; plus 10 cents special delivery fee. **This is the only documented special delivery cover in period.** pfc 263183



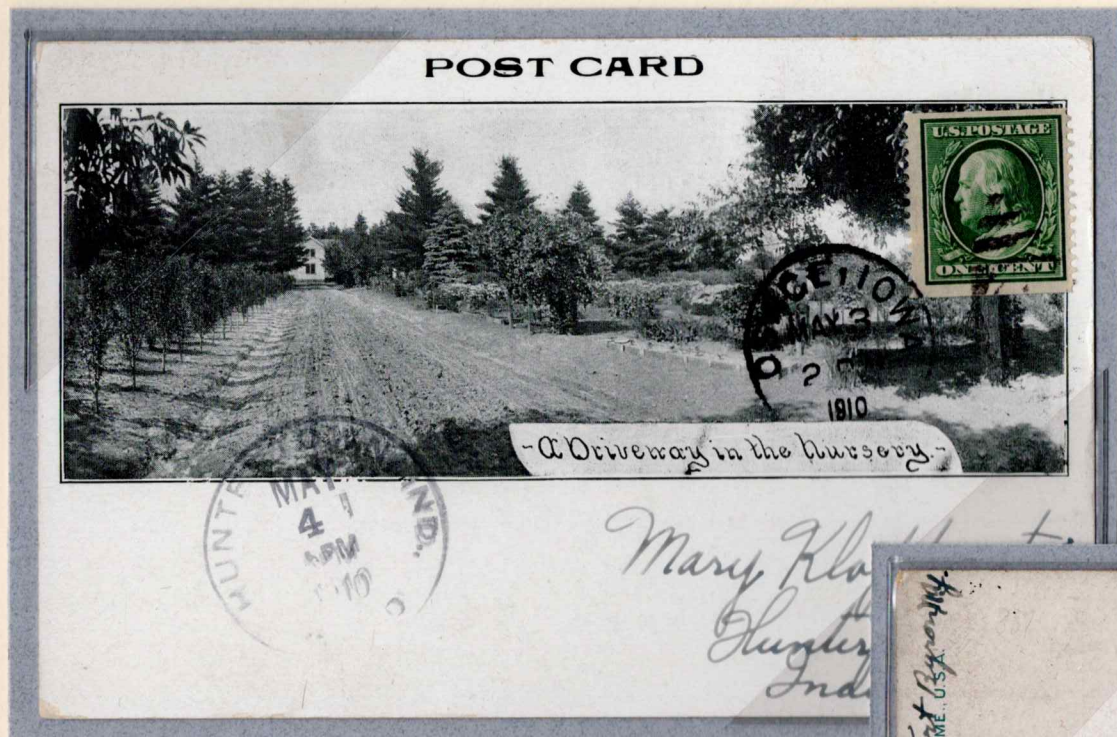
Letter, surface, to Perth, Australia, 5 cents first ounce, missent to Perth Tasmania, then Tasmanian Dead Letter Office. Returned to Washington, D.C. and then sender in Michigan. UPU rate was effective October, 1891. Three documented solo usages. Pfc 502153



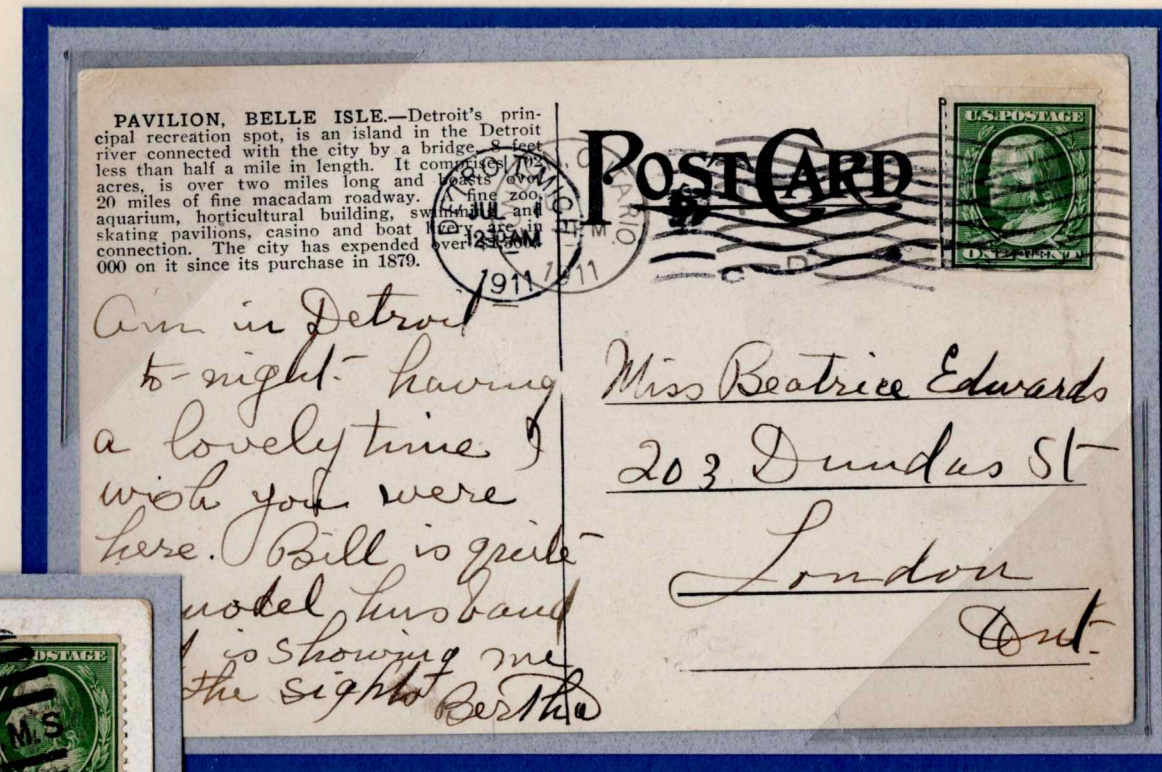
First class, letter, 2 cents per ounce plus 10 cents **registration** fee . Pfc 341372



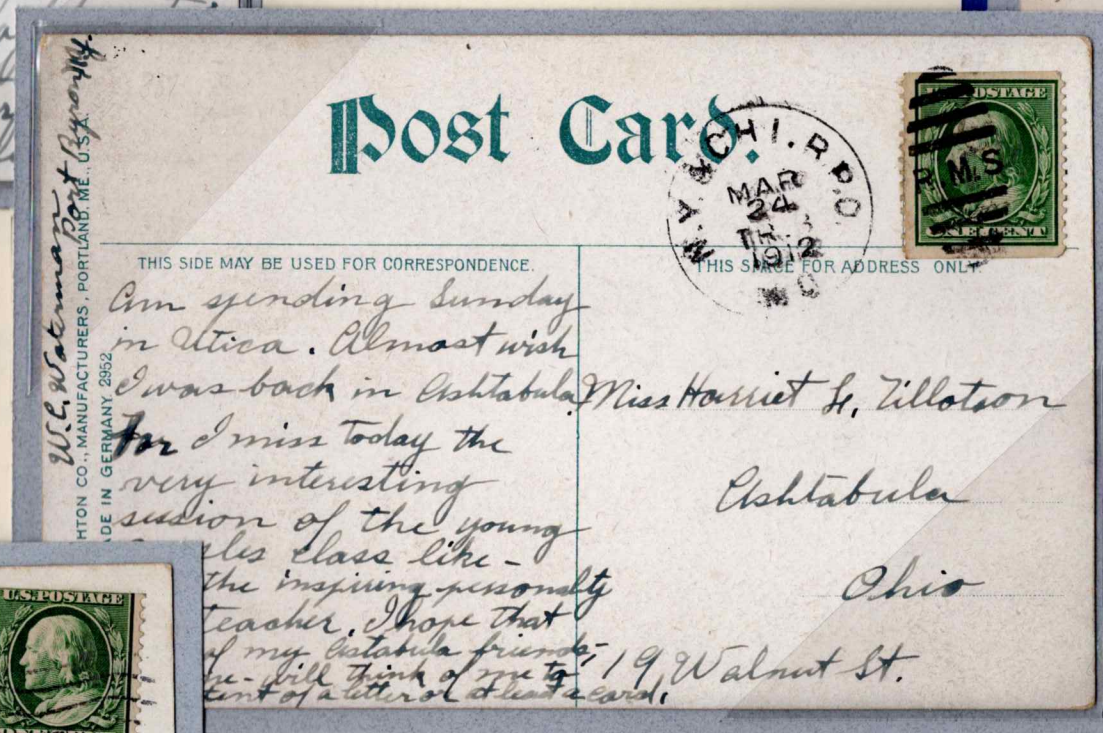
Letter, UPU surface to Argentina, 5 cents first ounce. Rate effective Apr., 1879. This is the earliest documented foreign use of three known solos. pfc 263181



First class, postcard, 1 cent per piece.



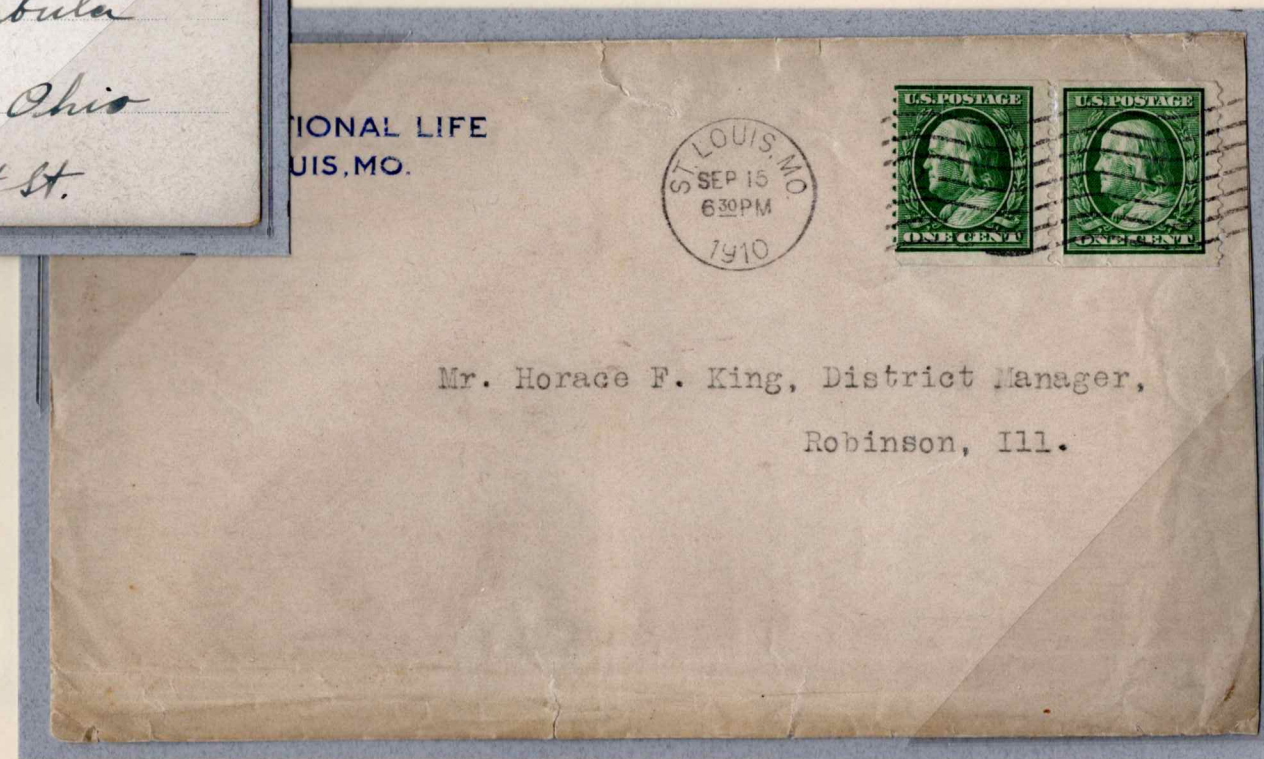
First class, postcard, special treaty to Canada, effective in July, 1898, 1 cent per piece.



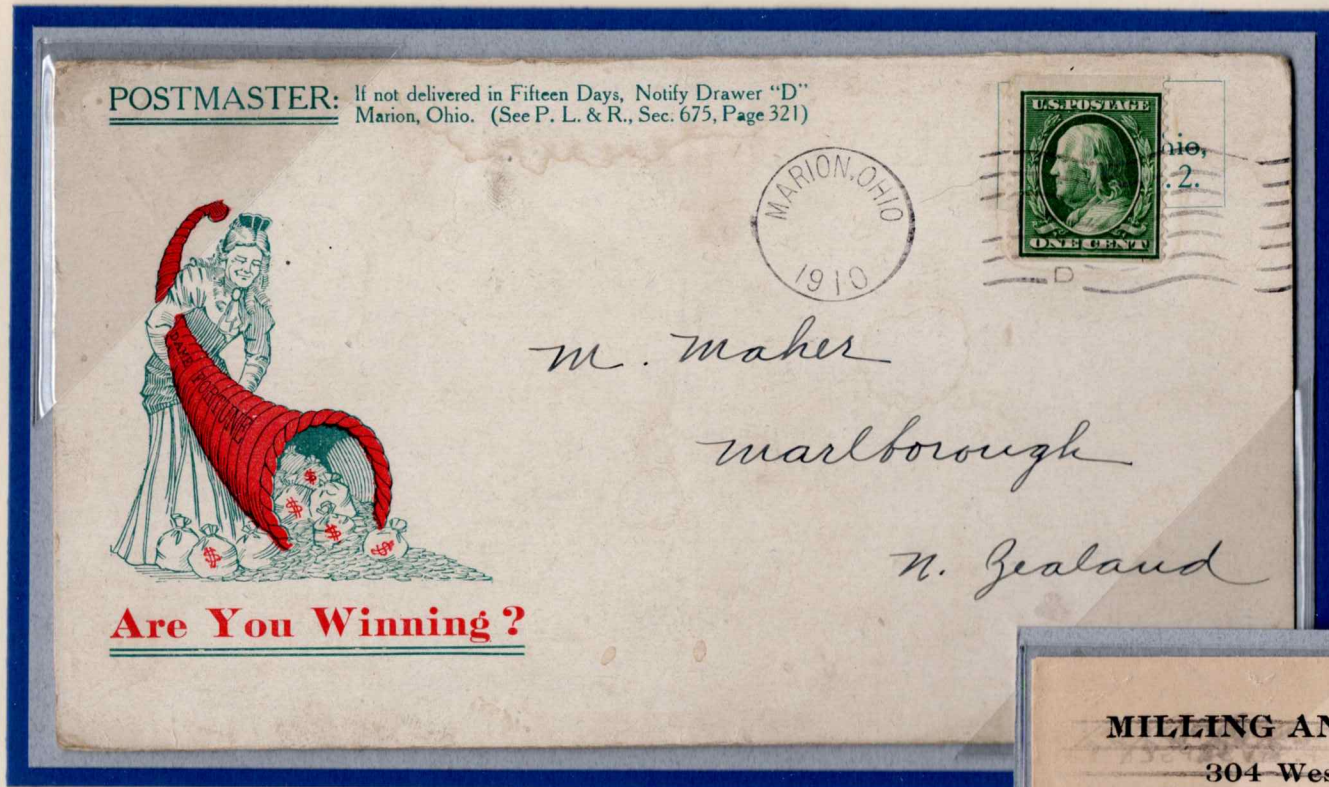
First class, postcard, RPO, delivered to mail car or letter box by traveler at railroad station. 1 cent per piece.



First class, post card, non carrier Post Office, local rate. To be picked up by addressee at same Post Office. 1 cent per piece.



First class, letter, 2 cents per ounce.

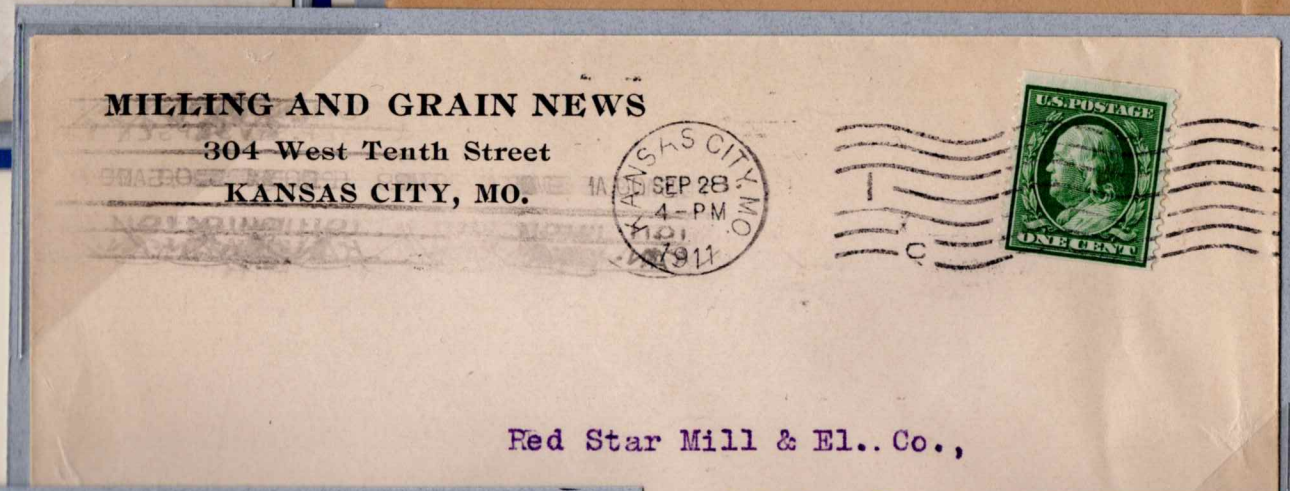


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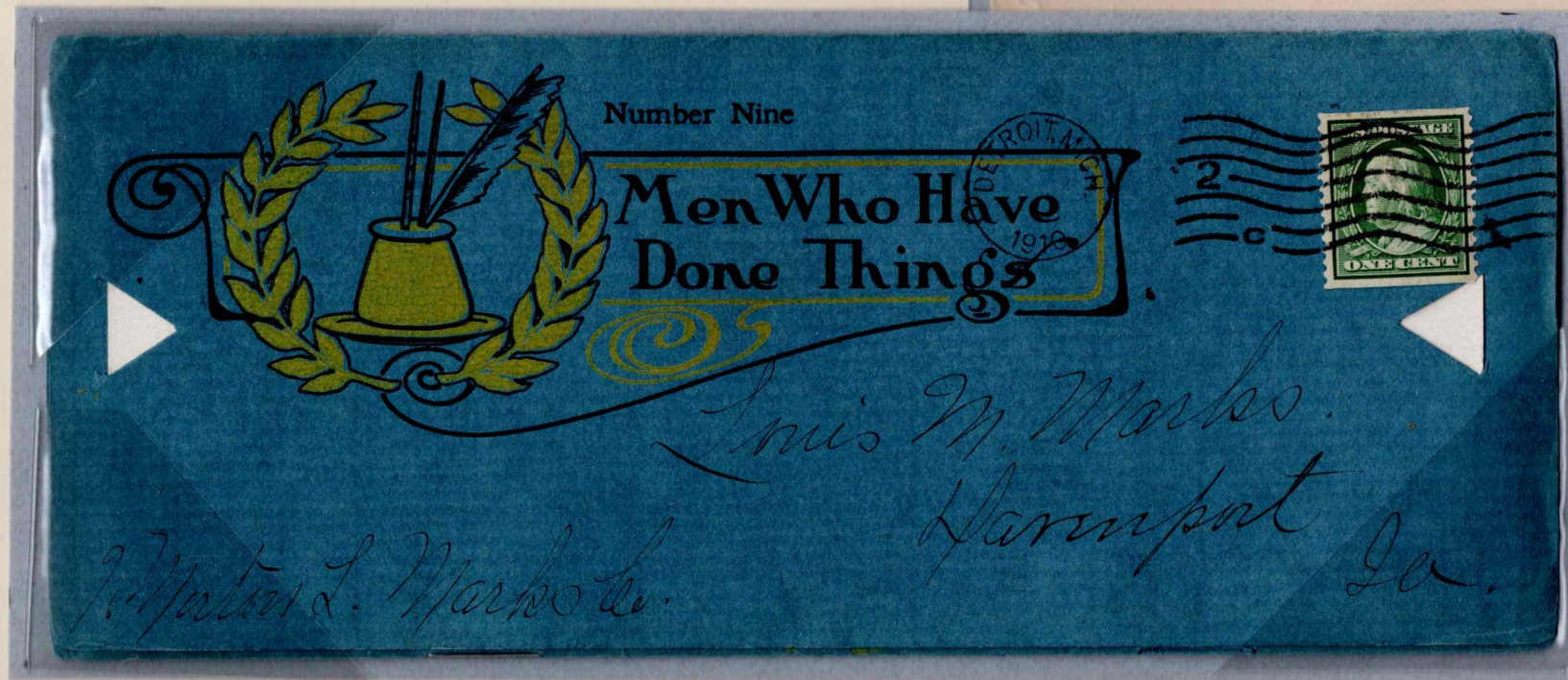
Third class, International printed matter to New Zealand, folded circular, 1 cent per 2 ounces. Pfc 502154



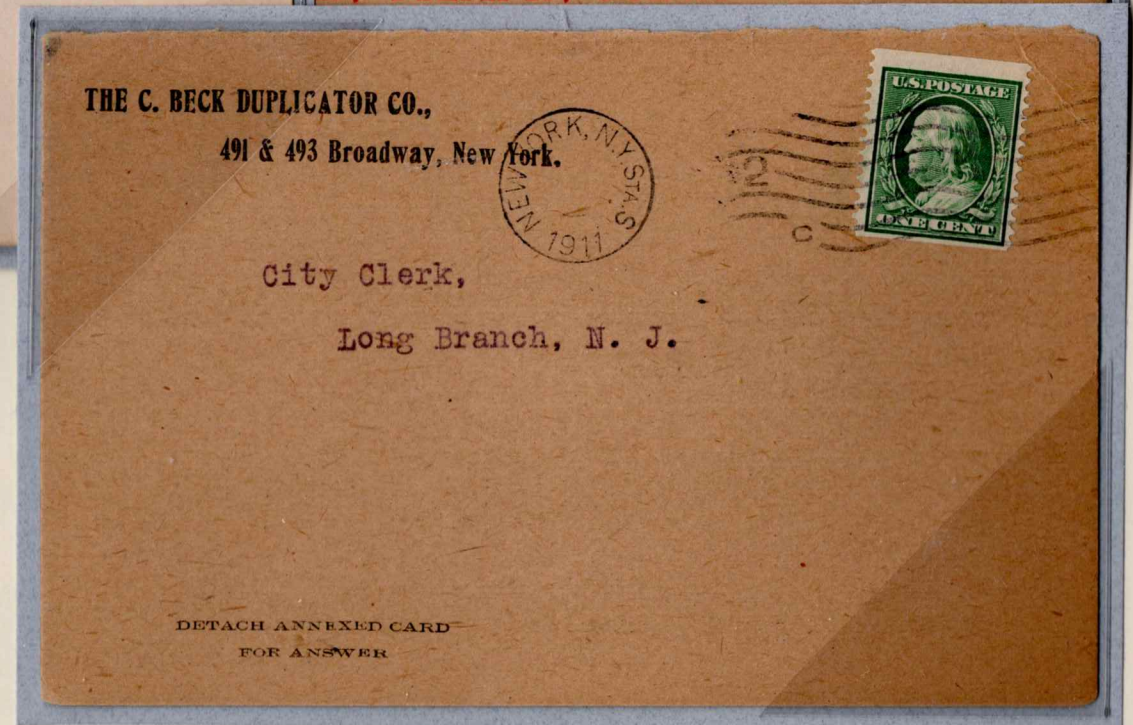
Third class, printed matter, catalog, 1 cent per 2 ounces.



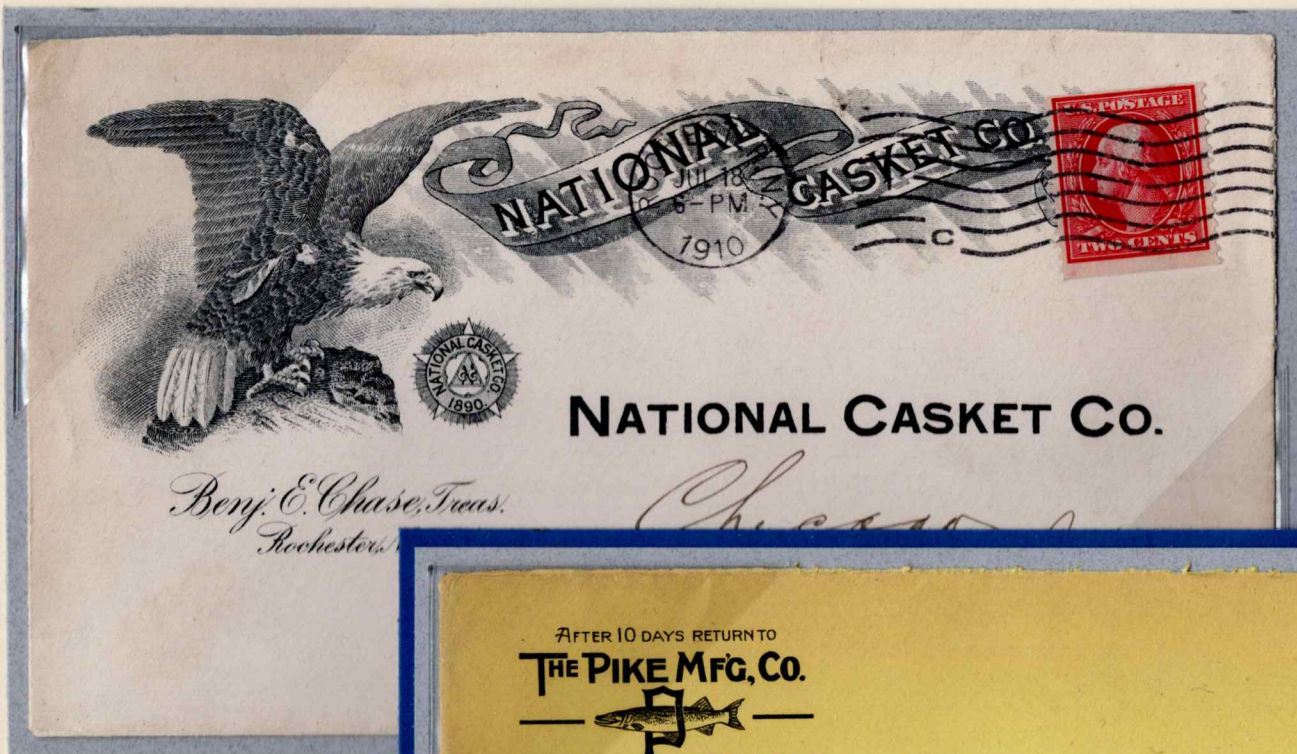
Red Star Mill & El.. Co.,
wichita, Kans..



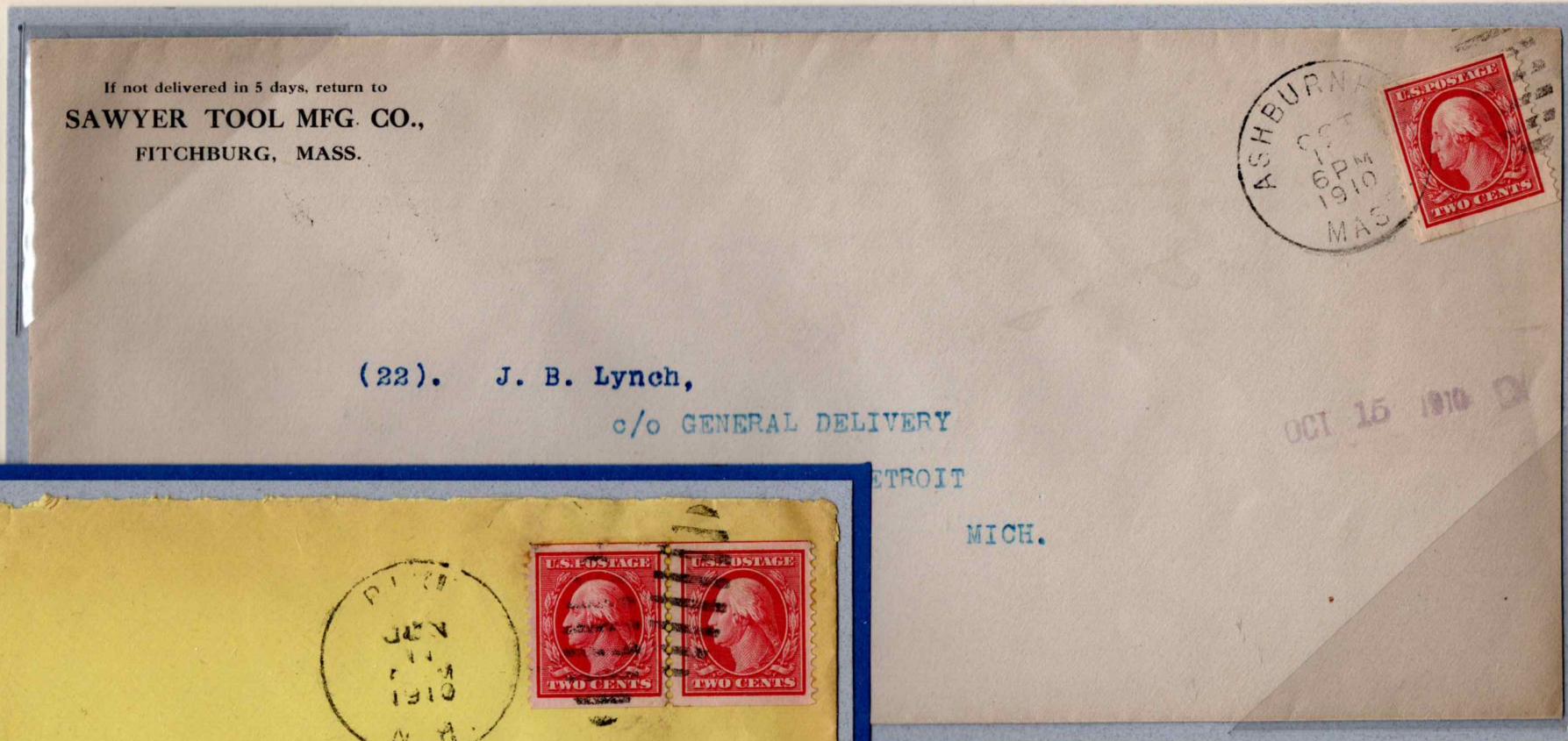
Third class, domestic printed matter, 2 ounce folded advertising for hair growing ointment, 1 cent per 2 ounces.



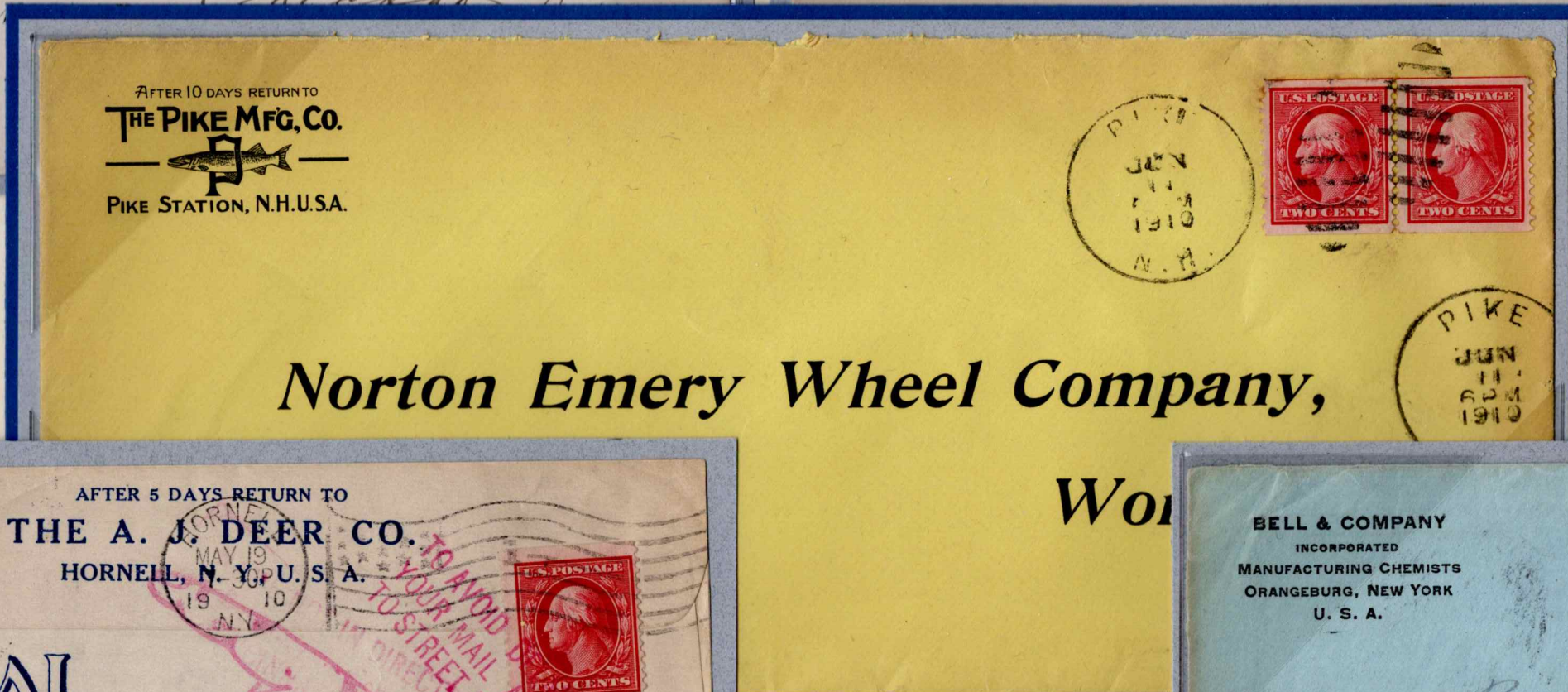
Third class, printed matter, folded reply card, 1 cent per 2 ounces.



First class, letter, 2 cents per ounce. Pfc 205434

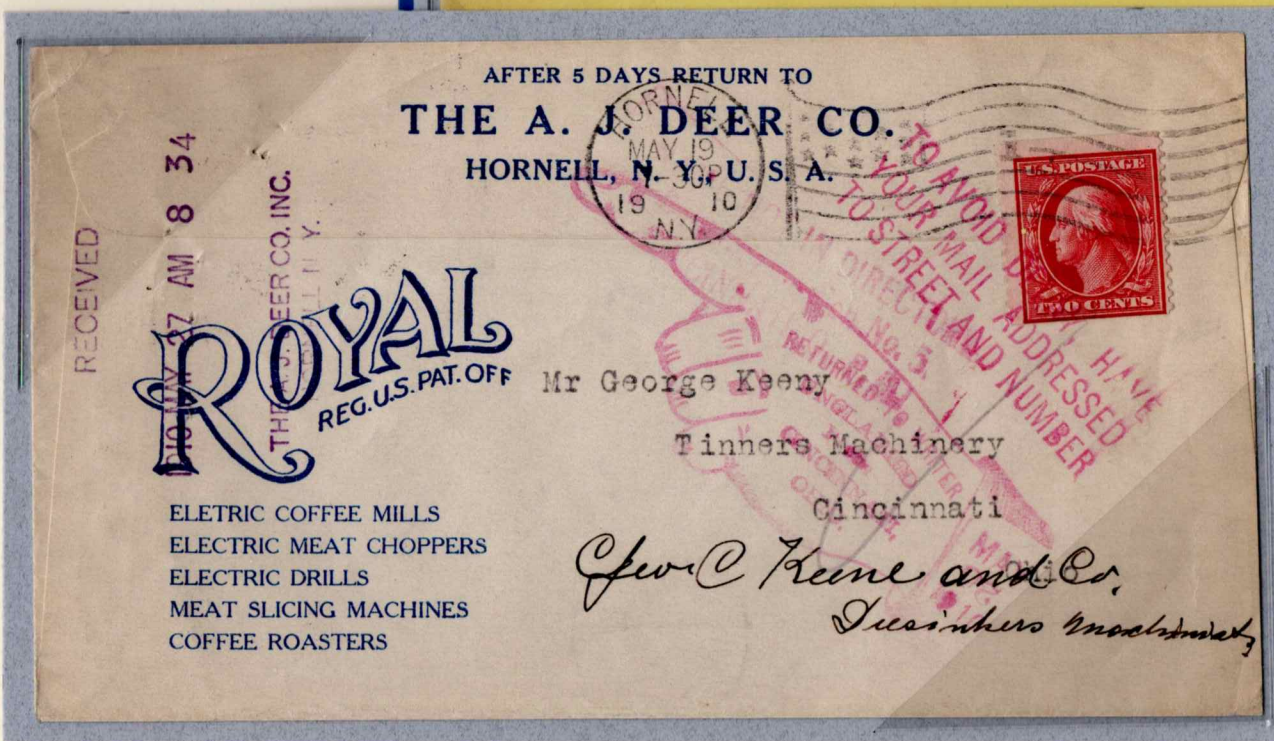


First class, **general delivery**, 2 cents per ounce. To be presented to the transient addressee upon proper identification.

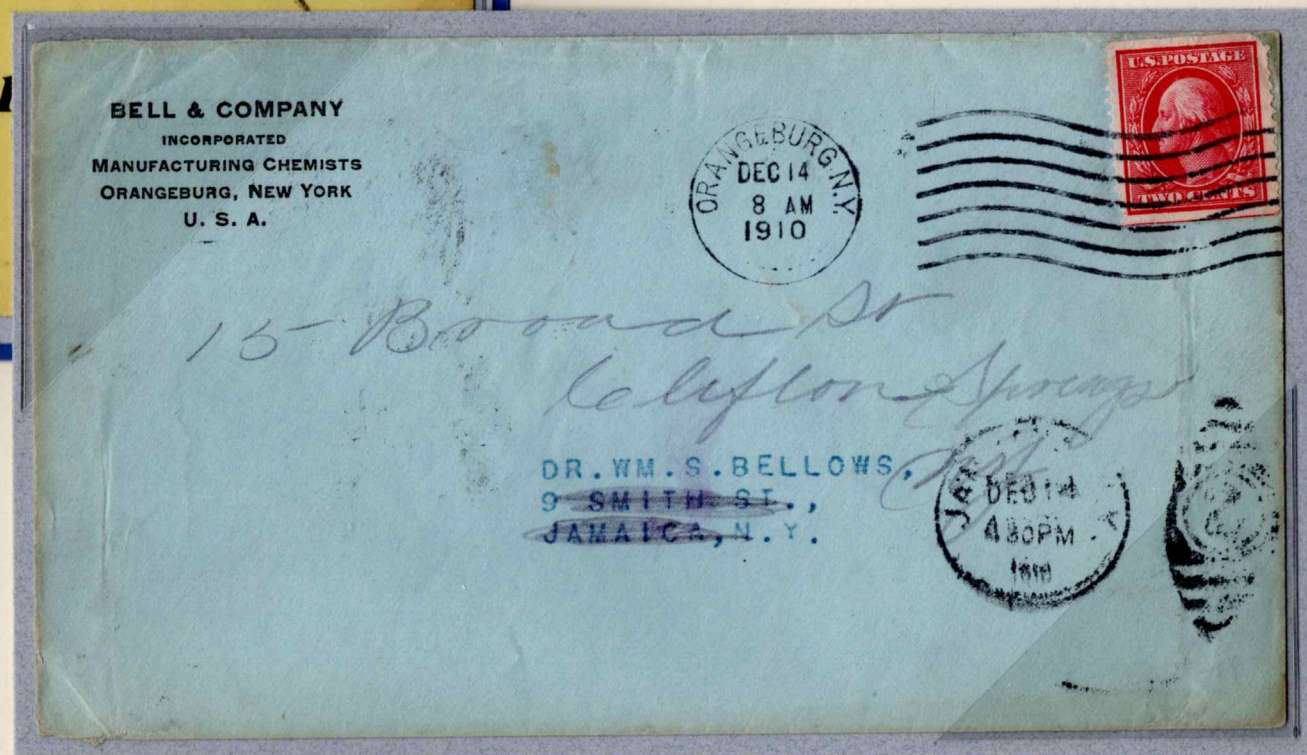


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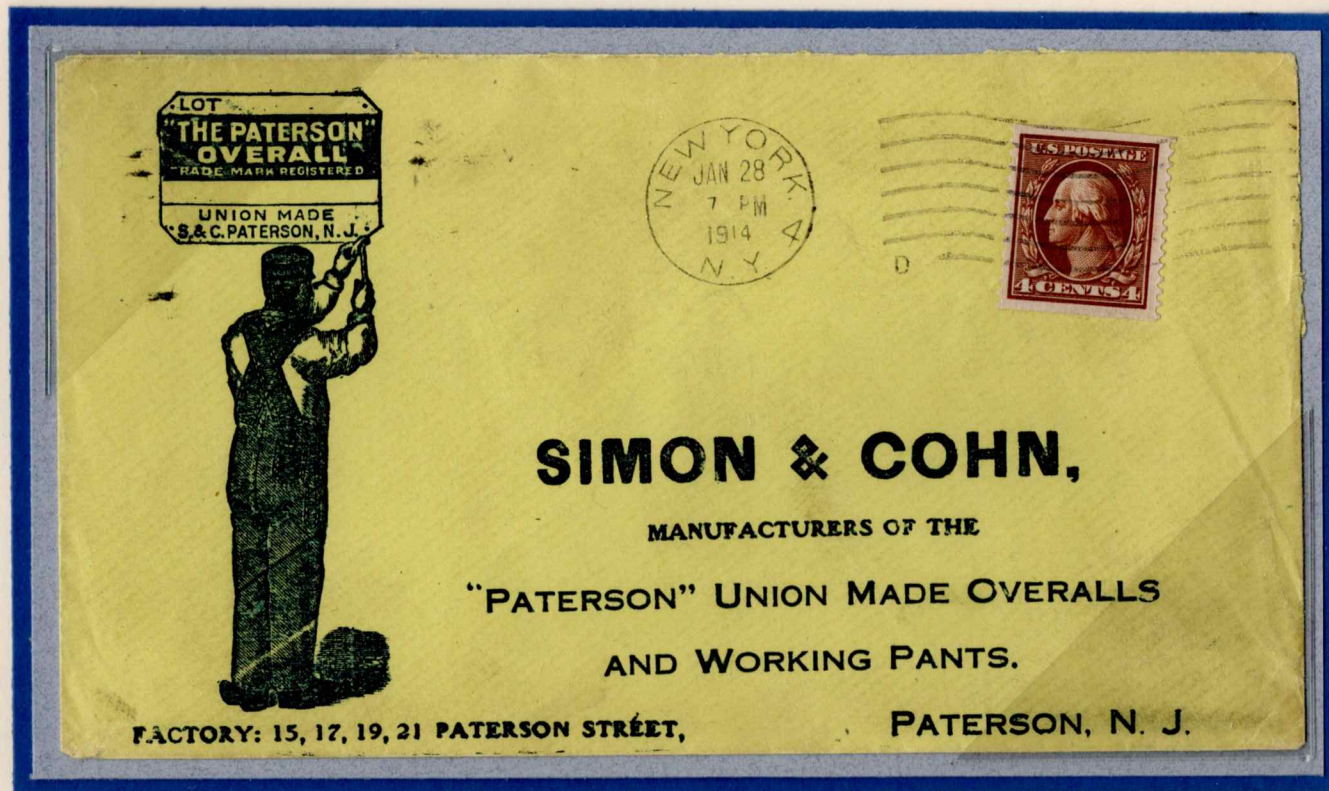
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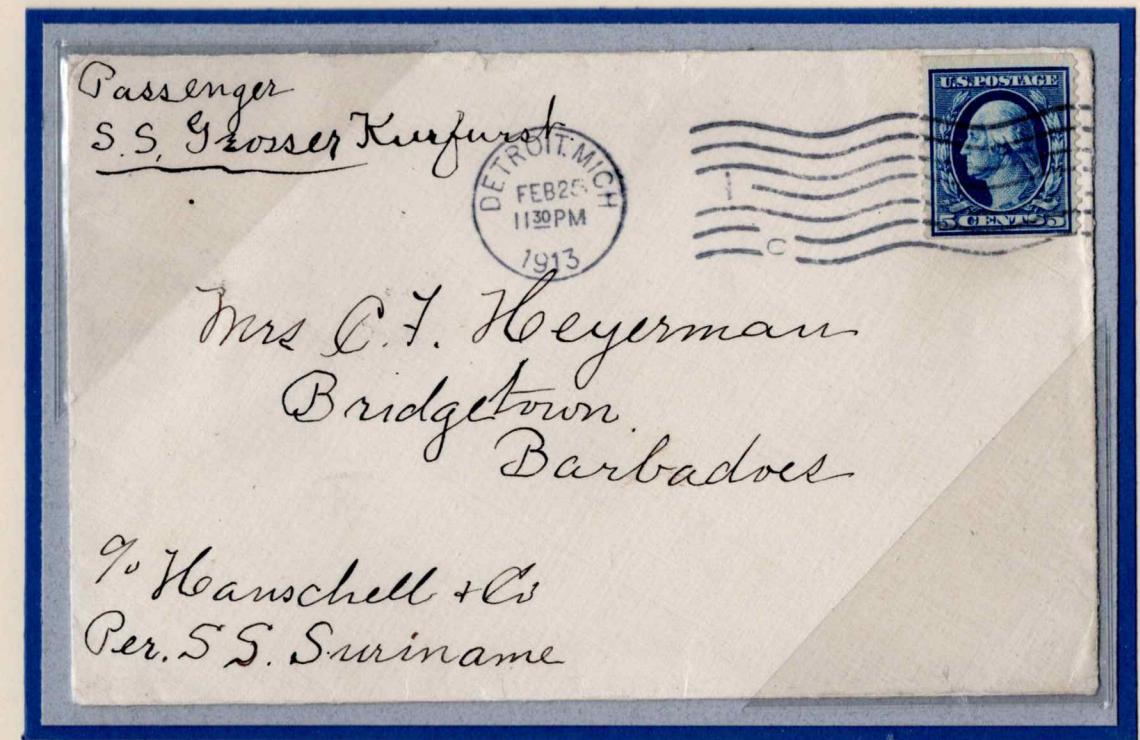
First class, routed to general delivery due to insufficient address, directory assistance given delivery failed, **returned to sender**, no additional charge.



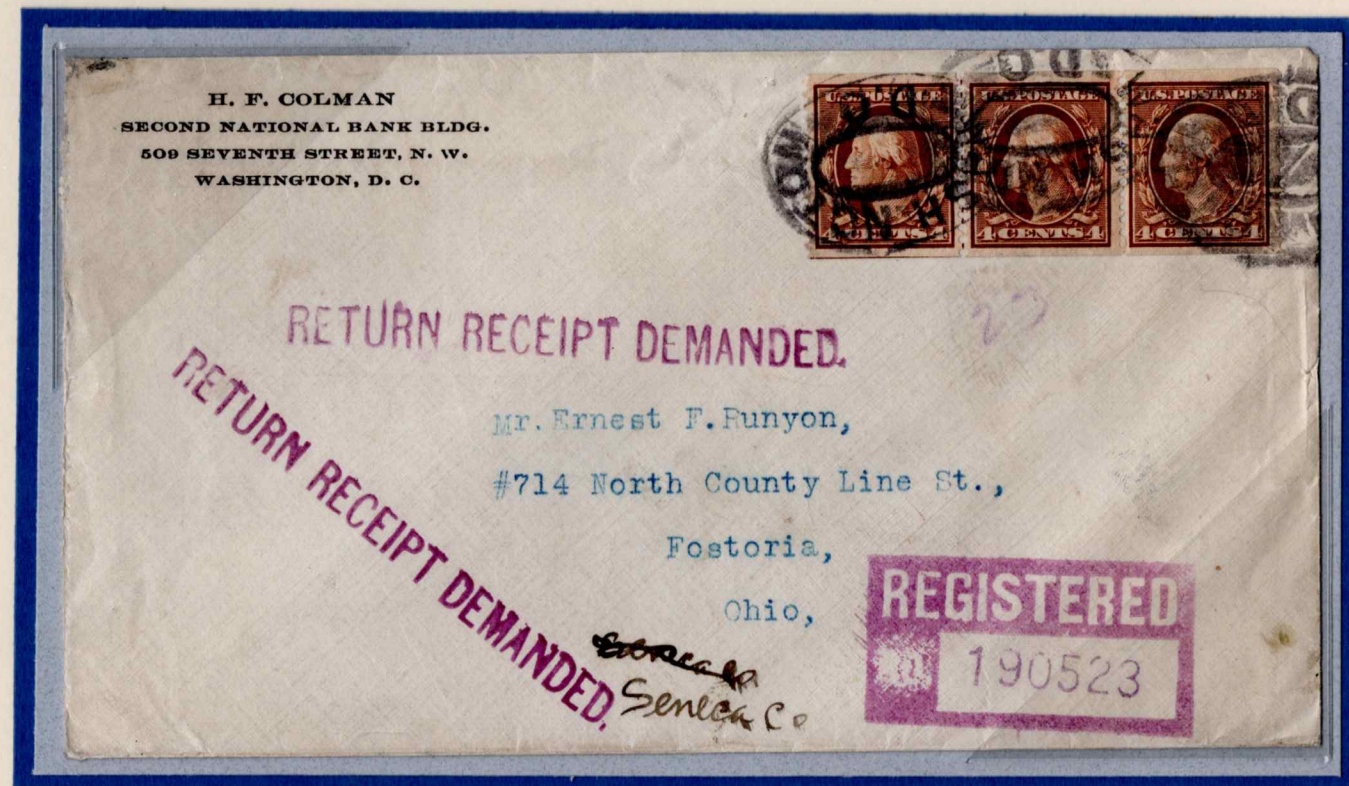
First class, letter, 2 cents per ounce, **forwarded** at no additional charge.



First class, letter, double weight, 2 cents per ounce. Only documented solo use. Pfc 261032



Letter, UPU surface to Barbados, 5 cents first ounce. Only documented solo use. Pfc 263182.



First class, 2 cents per ounce plus 10 cents registration fee, return receipt at no additional charge. Registration fees were increased to 10 cents November 1, 1909. Line strip of three.



First class, treaty rate to Great Britain, 2 cents per ounce plus 10 cents registration. UPU treaty rate effective October 1909. This 2 cent coil is on single line watermarked paper of the next issue and had increased strength and fewer production problems.