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## Introduction

I am pleased to present as my first Confidential Bid Auction the collection of United States Postal Agency in Shanghai, China formed by George Y. Fisher of Philadelphia. Because every collection is a reflection of the person who formed it, I would like to say a few words about the gentleman I have had the privilege to know for almost twenty years.

George Fisher began collecting at the age of eight in 1922, the same year the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai was closed. After collecting United States airmails, and serving in the Navy in World War II, Mr. Fisher purchased his first U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai cover in 1947 for 25 cents at a local Philadelphia stamp show. The collection began in earnest after meeting Wylie Flack and Henry Stollnitz in 1952. With his purchase of the Wylie Flack collection in 1970, George was on his way to exhibiting this collection, as well as the seven other exhibits shown during the 1970's and 1980's. Along the way, Mr. Fisher's goals were refined with the major challenge being to put together a collection of all of the postmarks used by the Shanghai Agency. The key cover in this pursuit was the Shanghai flag cancel that he was finally able to secure in 1995. Since then, the exhibit has been shown 6 times and received gold awards at each outing. The award that means the most to George, because of his relationship with the namesake, is the James Cochrane memorial award that he received at VAPEX in 1996. Mr. Fisher continues to collect and exhibit his collection of United States Airmails.

The collection of United States Postal Agency in Shanghai that Mr. Fisher was able to form accomplished his goal in that it represents the most comprehensive showing of different postmarks ever formed. A revised and drastically expanded listing of the recorded postmarks is included in this catalog for ease of reference. Other than two Consular Agency handstamps that were pressed into service and a single Registered marking, all of the known postmarks are represented here. Much of the material has not been on the market in years. The Wylie Flack collection, purchased directly by Mr. Fisher, contained numerous pieces from the famed Ferrars H. Tows collection that was sold in 1949. Significant additional material was added from the Stollnitz, Dennison, Mizuhara and Canman collections.

The collection contains numerous highlights including the earliest reported usage of a United States adhesive from Shanghai (lot 104), the earliest reported registry label used from the postal agency (lot 145), the only reported registered newspaper wrapper used from Shanghai (lot 154), the unique example of the flag cancel on full cover (lot 159), one of three reported examples of the Darrah overprints on cover (lot 168), and the single franking of the \$2 surcharge on a commercial cover (lot 189).

For additional information on the subject the reader is referred to the series of articles by Henry Stollnitz that appeared in the *Postal History Journal* between 1975 and 1977 as well as the book of the Mizuhara collection entitled *U.S. Postal Activities in China* that was published in 1982. I hope that this catalog will serve as a useful reference in this fascinating field, as well as a tribute to George Fisher, the gentleman who formed the collection.

## Conditions Of Sale

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## Reference Listing Of The Postmarks Known Used At The United States Postal Agency In Shanghai, China

Type 1

4/23/67  
U. S. CONSULATE GENERAL  
SHANGHAI

*two line handstamp with manuscript date  
reported from before Postal Agency was established to  
August, 1867*

Type 2



*double circle date stamp  
single example reported, November 27, 1867  
**lot 104***

Type 3



*double circle date stamp  
single example reported, January 16, 1868*

Type 4



*single circle date stamp  
with "P(ost) O(ffice) D(epartment)" designation  
reported March 20, 1868 to October 24, 1871  
**lots 105-109***

Type 5



*single circle date stamp  
with "Postal Ag(ency)" designation  
minor variety exists with month in smaller type  
reported in black November, 1871 to October, 1882  
reported in red October, 1882 to July, 1886  
**lots 110-115, 118, 119***

Type 6



*single circle **registry** date stamp  
known used only in conjunction with type 5 postmark  
reported August 14, 1876 and June 18, 1877*

Type 7



double oval date stamp  
reported August 10, 1886 to November, 1890  
lots 120-125

Type 8



triple oval date stamp  
reported November, 1890 to June, 1892  
lots 126-128

Type 9



double circle date stamp  
reported February 16, 1892 to July 4, 1893  
lot 129

Type 10



duplex postmark with numeral "1" in bars  
two digit year date  
reported July 15, 1892 to May 3, 1900  
lots 131-141, 144-147

Type 11



duplex postmark with numeral "1" in bars  
four digit year date  
reported June 21, 1902 to January, 1904  
lots 148-150

Type 12



duplex postmark with numeral "1" in bars  
"US Post(al) Ag(en)cy" at bottom, four digit year date  
reported August, 1902 to January, 1904; in blue October 24, 1903  
lots 151-153

Type 13



triple oval **registry** date stamp  
reported October 24, 1903 to November 27, 1903  
**lots 153, 154**

Type 14



duplex postmark with "US Postal Station" designation,  
four digit year date  
reported February 1, 1904 to July, 1904  
**lot 155**

Type 15

**REGISTERED**  
DEC 2 1904  
U. S. POSTAL AGENCY,  
SHANGHAI, CHINA.

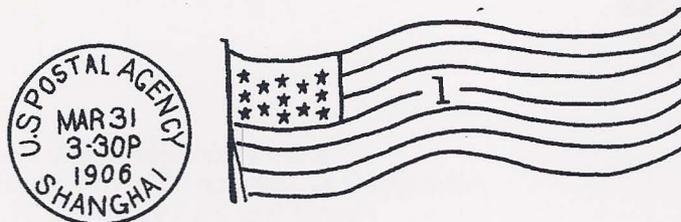
four line **registry** date stamp  
word "Registered" is 40mm long  
reported August 23, 1904 to February 19, 1906  
**lots 156, 157**

Type 16



duplex postmark with numeral "1" in bars  
single digit year date  
reported August, 1904 to November 3, 1905  
**lot 158**

Type 17



American machine flag cancel  
reported March 31, 1906 to April 6, 1906  
**lot 159**

Type 18

**REGISTERED**  
MAR 30 1907  
U. S. POSTAL AGENCY  
SHANGHAI, CHINA

four line **registry** date stamp  
word "Registered" is 48mm long, no comma after "Agency"  
reported March 30, 1907 to May 20, 1907  
**lot 160**

Type 19

**REGISTERED**  
JAN 27 1908  
U. S. POSTAL AGENCY,  
SHANGHAI, CHINA.

four line **registry** date stamp  
word "Registered" is serif type  
reported January 27, 1908  
**lot 161**

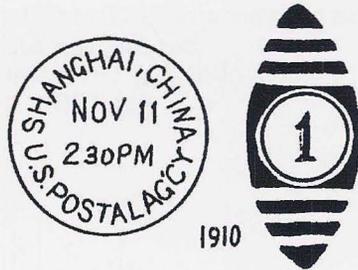
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Type 20

DEC 3 1908  
U. S. POSTAL Agency,  
Shanghai, China.

four line **registry** date stamp  
last two lines mixed upper and lower case  
reported December 3, 1908 to December 22, 1909  
**lots 162, 163**

Type 21



duplex postmark with numeral "1" in bars  
four digit year date  
reported April, 1910 to October 23, 1913  
**lot 164**

Type 22



double circle **registry** date stamp  
upper case "US POSTAL AG'CY" in parenthesis  
reported 1911 to 1915  
**lot 165**

Type 23



duplex postmark with numeral "1" in bars  
"Agency" spelled out  
reported November 26, 1913 to November, 1915  
**lot 166**

Type 24



double circle **registry** date stamp  
mixed upper and lower case "US Postal Agency" in parenthesis  
reported June 26, 1915 to July 21, 1917  
**lot 168, 173**

Type 25



duplex postmark with numeral "1" in bars  
"US POSTAL AGENCY" at top  
reported December, 1915 to July 10, 1917  
**lots 170-172**  
use in Siberia September 25 to October 17, 1918  
**lots 177, 178**

Type 26



double circle **registry** date stamp  
no parenthesis, "Shanghai" upper and lower case  
reported August, 1917 to August 15, 1918  
**lot 174, 180, 181**

Type 27



duplex postmark with numeral "1" in bars  
"U.S. POSTAL AG." at top  
reported October, 1917 to September, 1918  
**lot 175**

Type 28



duplex postmark with numeral "1" in bars  
"SERVICE" at top  
reported August 2, 1918 to December, 1921  
**lots 176, 179, 182, 183, 186-188, 190-193**

Type 29



double circle **registry** date stamp  
no parenthesis, "SHANGHAI" upper case  
reported July 19, 1919 to November, 1920  
**lot 189**

Type 30



double circle postmark  
found on registered mail  
reported July 5, 1920 to July 15, 1920  
**lot 185, 194, 195**

Type 31



duplex postmark with numeral "2" in bars  
"SERVICE" at top  
reported January 14, 1922 to December 31, 1922  
**lots 196-199, 203, 211-213**

Type 32



double circle postmark  
found on registered mail  
reported September 4, 1922 to November 3, 1922  
**lots 200-202, 204-210**

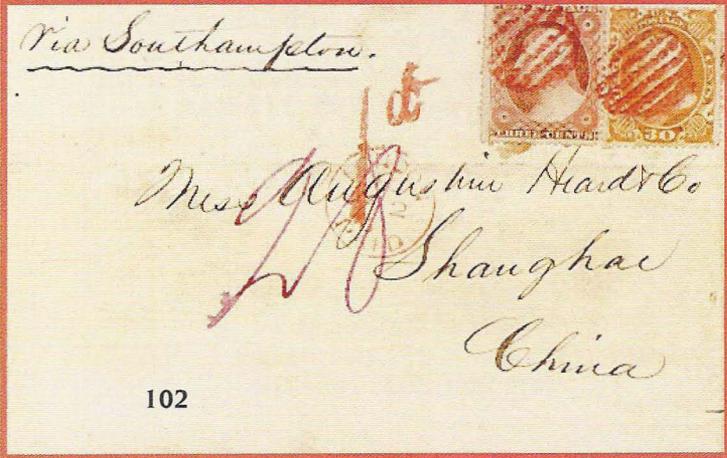
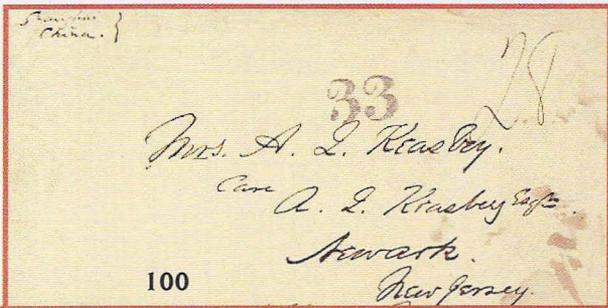
# THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, SHANGHAI, CHINA

## The George Y. n

### Pre Agency

Prior to the United States Postal Agency in 11, 1867, mails to and from the States were by French mails or by private route utilized.

- 100 **(Shanghai China)** endorsement of origin at left of cover by British mails to New Jersey, black "Hong Kong 7 Au 1858" backstamp, blue London transit and black "Boston Br. Pkt Oct 21" exchange backstamp, correct 33c rate with "33" due handstamp and manuscript "28" credit, 75 days in transit, cover stain at bottom right . . . . . 150. - 200.
- 101 **(Shanghai, China)** inbound cover with red "Boston Paid B. Pkt Dec 14" exchange postmark and pencil "39" rate, red crayon "34" credit, red "London Paid De 25 59" transit, Hong Kong transit backstamp, cover minor edge tear, scarcer rate, fine . . . . . 250. - 300.
- 102 **(Shanghai, China)** Heard correspondence 1861 folded letter addressed from New York to Shanghai, 30c orange 1860 issue (#38) used with 3c dull red 1857 issue (#26) just tied by red grid cancels, red "New York Br Pkt Dec 19" exchange backstamp and red manuscript "28" credit for correct 33c rate, red London Paid transit and red "1d" due handstamp for carriage via Suez canal, black Hong Kong transit backstamp, light filing crease away from adhesives . . . . . 1500.- 2000.
- 103 **Forwarded By H. Fogg & Co. Shanghai** red, ornamented double oval backstamp on blue cover addressed to Massachusetts, red "Shanghae Paid FE 8 64" British Office postmark and red crayon rate, Hong Kong transit backstamp, red London Paid transit, "21 cents" credit handstamp for 53c rate and red "Boston Am Pkt Paid Apr 13" exchange postmark, manuscript docket at left affects Shanghai postmark, 66 days in transit, fine . . . . . 300. - 400.



## Shanghai Postal Agency Under Consular Jurisdiction

On June 11, 1867 the United States Consul General at Shanghai, George F. Seward, received notice that his appointment as "United States Postal Agent" had been approved. This approval came from the Secretary of State's Office rather than through the Post Office. This appointment was directly the result of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company inaugurating service between San Francisco and Shanghai via Japan. The first of their steamships to arrive at Shanghai was the S.S. Costa Rica which arrived on August 3, 1867. This vessel most likely carried a supply of stamps for usage by the Postal Agency.

The Postal Agency was at this time located within the United States Consulate at 12 Chingkiang Road. The postal rates specified by the Postmaster General were ten cents per one-half ounce for letters to and from the United States with rates for foreign destinations beyond the United States to be added to the basic rate. There was also a special rate of six cents per one-half ounce for letters between Shanghai and any of the Consular Agencies in Japan.



**104 U.S. Consulate General Shanghai Nov 27 1867** black double circle datestamp (type 2) pressed into service as a postmark prior to delivery of the regular device, on cover to Iowa, 10c green 1861 issue (#68) tied by **blue** wedges cancel, carried on the Pacific Mail Steamer *China* on its first return voyage, **the earliest reported usage of a United States adhesive from Shanghai**, an extremely fine and important usage . . . . .

10000. - 15000.



**105 P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Jun 11 (1868)** circular date stamp (type 4) clearly struck on 10c yellow green postal entire (#U40) used to Louisiana, black circle of wedges cancel, "San Francisco Jul 14" transit circular date stamp, cover sealed edge tears and stain at foot, very few examples of 1861 stationery issue are known used from Shanghai . . . . .

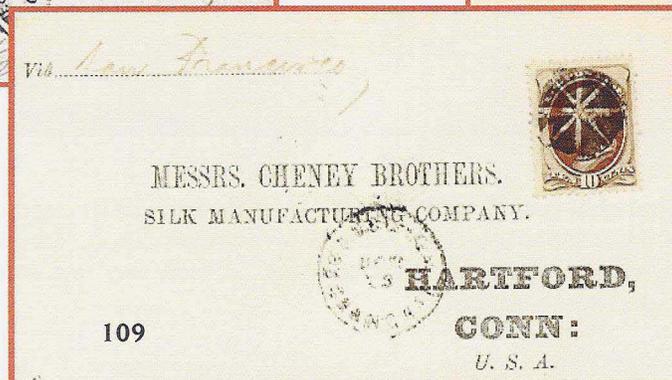
500. - 750.



China And Japan Steam Service  
double oval (30mm) in red or magenta  
reported on usages from Shanghai from October 15,  
1868 through May 19, 1869

Applied in San Francisco to letters received from  
steamships of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

- 106 P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Jan 21 (1869) mostly clear circular date stamp (type 4) on Cheney correspondence folded entire to Connecticut, 10c green 1867 issue "F" grill (#96) tied by segmented grid cancel, red **China And Japan Steam Service** ornamented oval handstamp well struck, "San Francisco Cal Feb 24" duplex transit postmark, carried on the Pacific Mail Steamer *China*, ex *Mizuhara*, very fine . . . . . 2500.- 3000.
- 107 P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Oct 24 (1869) circular date stamp (type 4), slightly blurred cds on folded letter sheet to New York, 10c yellow 1869 issue (#116) tied by small wedges cancel, reduced slightly at foot and mended edge tear at left, fine usage. 500. - 750.
- 108 P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Feb 12 (1870) circular date stamp (type 4) on cover to Iowa, 10c green 1867 issue "F" grill (#96) tied by wedges cancel, partially clear "San Francisco Mar 20" transit circular date stamp, 1870 docket on reverse, fine . . . 300. - 400.
- 109 P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Jun 13 (1871) mostly clear circular date stamp (type 4) on Cheney correspondence cover to Connecticut, 10c brown 1870 issue (#150) with neat small wedges cancel, "San Francisco Cal Jul 16" transit backstamp, fine . . . . . 300. - 400.



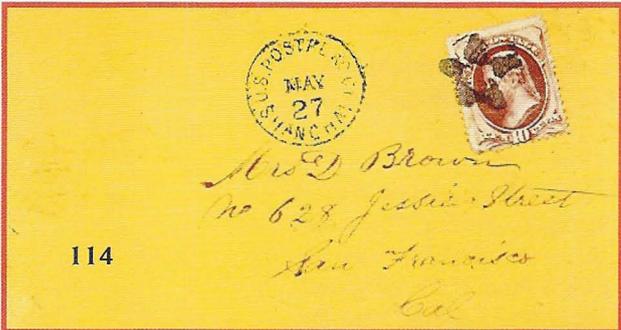
- 110 **U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Jan 12** mostly clear postmark (type 5) on double rate cover to North Carolina, pair 10c Brown 1870 issue (#150) tied by wedges cancel, very fine . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 111 **U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Jul 3** clear postmark (type 5 variety, month in smaller type) on cover to New York, 10c brown 1870 issue (#150) tied by wedges cancel, "San Francisco Cal Aug 9" double circle transit postmark, *ex Mizuhara*, very fine . . . . . 250. - 300.
- 112 **U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Feb 12** mostly clear postmark (type 5) on cover to Iowa, 10c brown 1870 issue (#150, straight edge at left) with cancel of four wedges, "San Francisco Mar 22" double circle transit backstamp, pencil 1873 docket at left, fine usage . . . . . 200. - 250.



- 113 **U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Oct 12** postmark (type 5) on **double 6c Inter Consular rate** cover to Nagasaki, Japan, blue double oval **Forwarded By Russell & Co., Shanghai Oct 11 1873** forwarder's datestamp on reverse, pair 6c carmine 1870 issue (#148) tied by wedges cancel, fewer than five examples of the double 6c rate reported from Shanghai, extremely fine . . . . . 3000.- 4000.



- 114 **U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai May 27** clear postmark (type 5) on cover to California, 10c brown 1870 issue (#150, soiled) tied by five point star cancel, partially clear "Jul 13" San Francisco arrival backstamp, cover soiled and minor wrinkle, very fine strike . . . . . 200 - 250
- Standard Universal Postal Union Rates were applied at Shanghai from July 1, 1875.**
- 115 **U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Feb 3** very clear postmark (type 5) on cover to North Carolina, 5c blue 1875 issue (#179) with matching wedges cancel, red "San Francisco Cal Paid All Mar 7" transit backstamp, very fine . . . . . 500. - 750.
- 116 **U.S. Consulate General Shanghai, China Jun 1 1882** magenta triple circle (double line outer circle) transit backstamp on Wingate correspondence **to Foochow, China**, 5c blue 1879 issue (#185, straight edge at left) with grid cancel, matching "Stratham NH Apr 20" origin circular date stamp, Boston and San Francisco transit backstamps, cover small edge tear, very fine and scarce . . . . . 200. - 250.
- 117 **U.S. Consulate General Shanghai, China Aug 23 1884** red triple circle (double line outer circle) transit backstamp on cover **to Kiu Kiang, China**, 5c brown 1882 issue (#205, faulty) with purple cancel, matching "Manhasset NY Jul 8 1884" origin postmark, New York and San Francisco transit backstamps, cover opened out for display, very fine usage . . . . . 200. - 250.
- 118 **U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Oct 3** mostly clear postmark (type 5) **in red** on cover to Massachusetts, 5c brown 1882 issue (#205) tied by matching red grid cancel, red "San Francisco Cal Paid All Oct 30" transit backstamp, *ex Emerson*, very fine . . . . . 500. - 750.
- 119 **U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai May 1** clear postmark (type 5) **in red** on cover to Massachusetts, matching red grid cancel tying 5c brown 1882 issue (#205), red "San Francisco Cal Paid All May 29" transit backstamp, very fine . . . . . 500. - 750.
- 120 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 25 Feb 87** magenta double oval postmark (type 7) on triple rate, slightly oversized, cover to Missouri, **United States Consulate at Hankow** partially printed corner card and purple **United States Consulate Hankow** oval backstamp, carried by diplomatic pouch to Shanghai where it entered the mails, strip of three 5c brown 1882 issue (#205) tied by black grid cancels, "San Francisco Cal Mar 24" transit backstamp, small stain from wax seal, very fine . . . . . 750.- 1000.
- 121 **To The Agency By Shanghai Local Post**, with partially clear **Shanghai Local Post Oc 31 88** blue circle origin datestamp on reverse of cover to Vermont, entered the U.S. mails with magenta **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 8 Nov 88** double oval postmark (type 7), 5c indigo 1888 issue (#216) with grid cancel, San Francisco transit backstamp, short paid triple rate with pair 5c postage dues (#J18, minor perf faults from placement at edge of cover) tied by "Rutland Vermont Dec 6" arrival postmarks and "U.S. Charges To Collect 10 Cents" two line handstamp, cover small edge tear at top, very fine usage . . . . . 500. - 750.
- 122 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 21 Jun 89** magenta double oval postmark (type 7) on cover to San Francisco with 5c brown 1882 issue (#205, minor perf tones) tied by grid cancel, San Francisco Paid All transit c.d.s., very fine . . . . . 150. - 200.
- 123 **To The Agency By Shanghai Local Post**, partially clear **Shanghai Local Post AP 10 90** blue circle datestamp on 2c blue postal card (#UX6) dated from **Tungchow near Chefoo, China** and used to Washington, D.C., entered the U.S. mails with magenta **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 19 Apr 90** double oval postmark (type 7), arrival backstamp, very fine. . . . . 250. - 300.



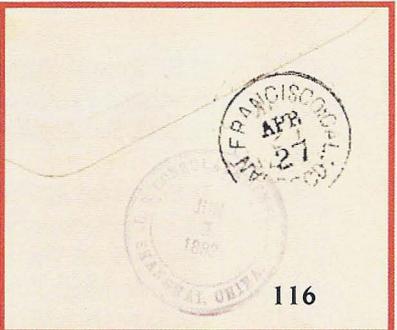
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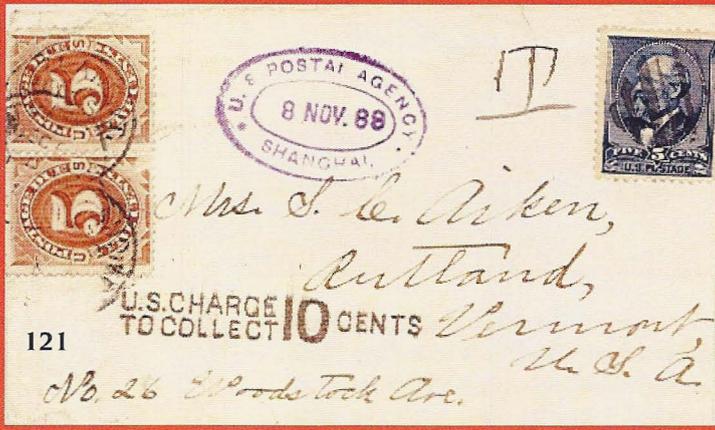


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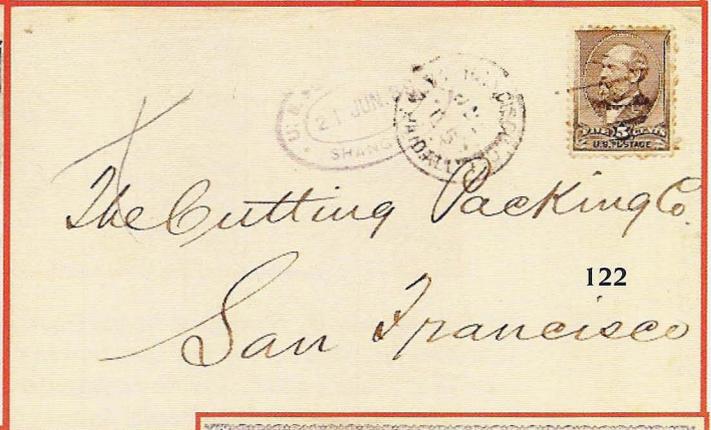


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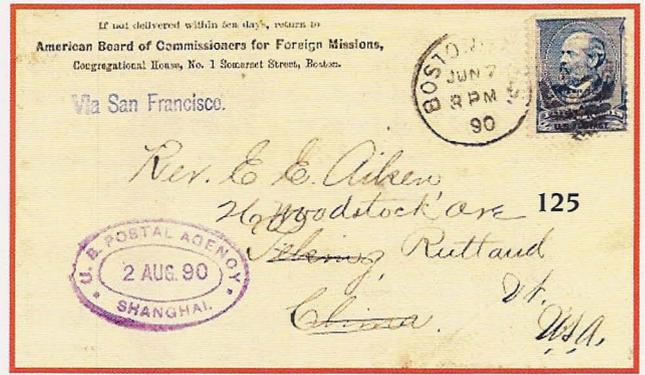
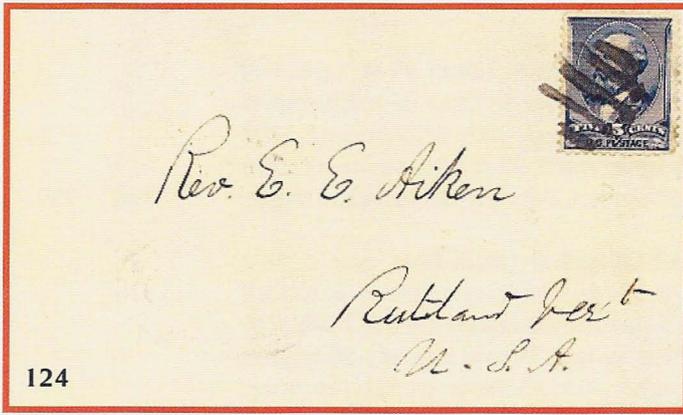


120 backstamp

- 124 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 10 Jul 90** partially clear magenta double oval postmark (type 7) on cover to Vermont with 5c indigo 1888 issue (#216) tied by grid cancel, San Francisco transit backstamp, fine . . . . . 200. - 250.
- 125 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 11 Jul 90** magenta double oval postmark (type 7) used as a forwarding backstamp on corner card cover from Boston to Peking, China and returned to Vermont, cover originated with 5c indigo 1888 issue (#216) tied by "Boston Mass Jun 7 90" origin duplex, blue **Shanghae Local Post JI 23 90** transit backstamp, additional Shanghai "2 Aug 90" postmark on front and Rutland, Vermont receiving postmark, San Francisco transit backstamps from both directions, cover small piece missing on reverse, *ex Tows*, very fine usage . . . . . 400. - 500.

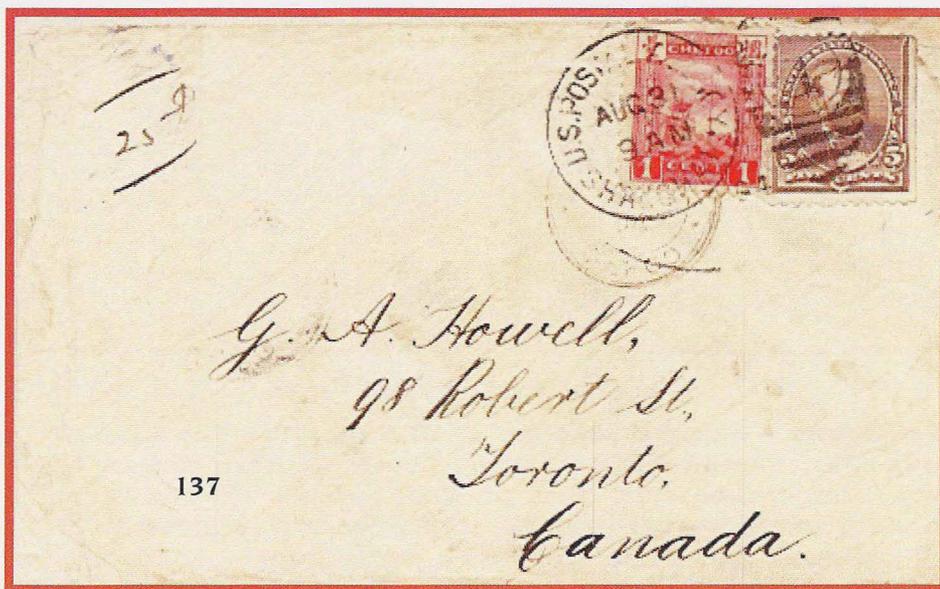


- 126 **To The Agency By Shanghai Local Post**, five values of the Shanghai Local Post adhesives (2c, 5c, 10c, 15c and 20c) tied **in combination** with U.S. 15c indigo 1890 issue (#227, black grid cancel) to **registered** cover to New York, 10c registry fee plus 5c postage, by magenta **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 3 Apr 91** triple oval postmark (type 8), two line "Registered No" magenta handstamp, magenta "San Francisco, Cal Registered Apr 25 1891" transit backstamp, three line **Received In Bad Condition** magenta handstamp applied at San Francisco and with black on pink "Request Examination On Delivery, Obtain Envelope If Irregularity Is Reported (N.Y. Reg. Div.)" label at foot, very fine and colorful usage . . . . . 1500.- 2000.
- 127 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 8 May 91** magenta triple oval postmark (type 8) on cover to Oregon with 5c chocolate 1890 issue (#223), partial San Francisco transit backstamp and Portland arrival backstamp, fine. . . . . 150. - 200.
- 128 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 8 Jan 92** magenta triple oval postmark (type 8) on cover to New York, 5c chocolate 1890 issue (#223) with black cancel, part strike San Francisco Steamship transit backstamp, cover reduced slightly at left, very fine strike . . . . . 150. - 200.
- 129 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China Feb 16 1892** bold double circle postmark (type 9) in **blue** tying 15c red orange 1879 issue (#189) to small piece which shows a small portion of a Shanghai Bank imprint, **the earliest recorded of only three examples** of this postmark, very fine . . . . . 300. - 400.

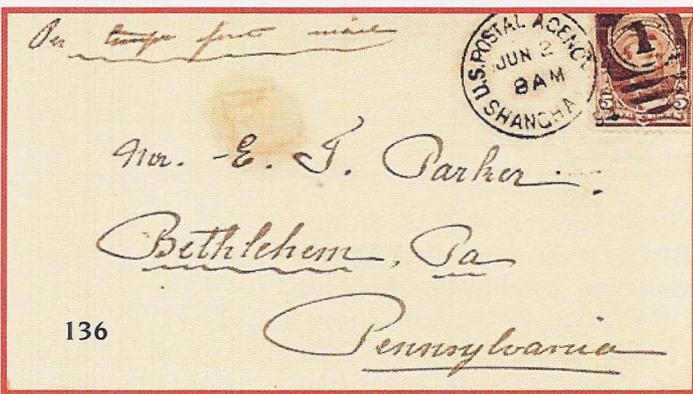


- 130 U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai Rec'd Mar 21 93 arrival circular date stamp on reverse of cover addressed to Mission Station, Huchau, Che Kiang Province, 5c chocolate Columbian issue (#234) tied by faint origin postmark, "New York Feb 10 1893" transit backstamp, San Francisco transit and blue **Shanghai Local Post Mr 25 93** delivery postmark, cover reduced slightly at left, very fine usage . . . . . 150. - 200.
- 131 To The Agency By Foochow Local Post And Shanghai Local Post, greenish "Local Post Agency Foochow" bilingual postmark on double rate cover to Ohio, blue **Shanghai Local Post Apr 27 93** backstamp, entered the U.S. mails with pair 5c chocolate 1890 issue (#223) tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Apr 28 93" duplex postmark (type 10), arrival backstamp, cover lightly aged, no back flap, fine combination usage . . . . . 400. - 500.

- 132 **To The Agency By Foochow Local Post And Shanghai Local Post**, greenish **Local Post Agency Foochow** bilingual postmark on cover to Ohio, blue **Shanghai Local Post May 23 93** backstamp, entered the U.S. mails with 5c chocolate 1890 issue (#223) tied by **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jun 3 93** duplex postmark (type 10), San Francisco Paid All transit and arrival backstamps, very fine combination usage 500. - 750.
- 133 **To The Agency By Nanking Local Post And Shanghai Local Post**, blue double circle **Local Post Agency Nanking** mostly clear bilingual backstamp on cover to New York, blue **Shanghai Local Post Au 13 93** backstamp and entered the U.S. mails with 5c chocolate 1890 issue (#223, sealed tear) tied by **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Aug 13 93** duplex postmark (type 10), San Francisco Paid All transit backstamp, cover edge faults, very fine combination usage. . . . . 750.- 1000.
- 134 **To The Agency By Foochow Local Post**, "Local Post Agency Foochow Oc 26 93" postmark on cover to Ohio, entered the U.S. mails with two copies 2c violet Columbian issue (#231, faults) and single 1c blue Columbian issue (#230) tied by two strikes **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Nov 5 93** duplex postmark (type 10), San Francisco Paid All transit and arrival backstamps, cover crease at right affecting the 2c stamps and minor aging, fine combination usage . . . . . 500. - 750.
- 135 **To The Agency By Foochow Local Post**, "Local Post Agency Foochow No 11 93" postmark on cover to Ohio, entered the U.S. mails with 5c chocolate Columbian issue (#234, faults) tied by **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Nov 17 93** duplex postmark (type 10), arrival backstamp, cover minor edge aging, no flap, fine combination usage. 500. - 750.
- 136 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jun 2 94** duplex postmark (type 10) tying 5c chocolate 1890 issue (#223, straight edge) to cover to Pennsylvania, small stain, very fine strike. 200. - 250.



- 137 **To The Agency By Chefoo Local Post And Shanghai Local Post**, 1c red Chefoo local post adhesive tied to cover **to Canada** by dark red **Local Post Chefoo** "26 Aug 94" triple circle postmark, manuscript "25c" notation at left, **Shanghai Local Post 28 Aug 94** backstamp, **combination franking** with U.S. 5c chocolate 1890 issue (#223, straight edge) tied by **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Aug 31 94** duplex postmark (type 10), Toronto arrival backstamp, cover minor corner repair, and edge wrinkles, very fine and rare usage . . . . . 3000.- 4000.



- 138 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jan 25 95** duplex postmark (type 10) struck twice tying single 1c blue 1890 issue (#219) and two copies 2c carmine 1890 issue (#220) to red band cover to Vermont, "San Francisco Paid All" transit backstamp, cover opened out for display, very fine and colorful . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 139 **To The Agency By Foochow Local Post**, partially clear Postal Agency **Foochow China Mr 31 95** circular date stamp and magenta boxed "Paid" handstamp on cover to Ohio, entered the U.S. mails with 5c chocolate 1894 issue (#255) tied by **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Apr 11 1895** duplex postmark (type 10), San Francisco Paid All transit backstamp, arrival backstamp, cover edge nick at top affecting postmark and slight stains, fine usage . . . . . 400. - 500.

- 140 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Apr 11 95** duplex postmark (type 10) on reverse of **registered** cover to Massachusetts, **United States Consulate at Ningpo, China** partially printed corner card, magenta, two line "Registered No." handstamp applied at Shanghai Agency, two copies 5c chocolate 1894 issue (#255) tied with three copies of 2c carmine lake 1894 issue (#249) by grid cancels, San Francisco Registry transit and Boston Registry arrival backstamps, cover insignificant corner tear, still very fine . . . 750.- 1000.



- 141 **To The Agency By Wuhu Local Post**, 1c brown and 5c orange Wuhu Local Post adhesives tied to **registered** cover to Massachusetts by **Wuhu Local Post 22 Mar 1895** scalloped edged postmark, blue registry handstamp, **combination franking** with U.S. 10c green 1890 issue (#226) tied with 1c ultramarine 1894 issue (#246, perf faults) and 2c carmine 1894 issue (#250) by **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 11 Apr 95** duplex postmark (type 10), their two line, magenta "Registered No." handstamp, additional strikes of both Wuhu and Shanghai postmarks on reverse as well as San Francisco, Boston and Roxbury, Massachusetts registry transits, original letter enclosure from the Wuhu Postmaster with his postmark as a letterhead, an extremely fine, colorful and rare usage . . . . . 5000.- 7500.
- 142 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Rec'd Jun 23 1897** mostly clear arrival circular date stamp on inbound 2c blue 1879 issue postal card (#UX6) with faint "Chicago Ill May 20 1897" origin postmark, San Francisco transit, about fine . . . . . 50. - 75.



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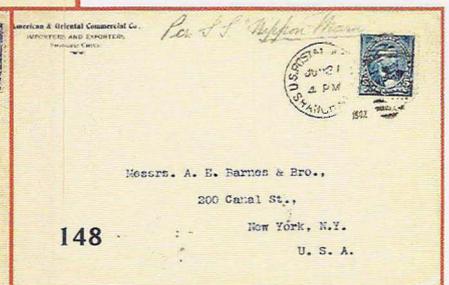
a "Par Compliance" cancel

- 143 U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China** circle cancel with "China" between bars at center, group of ten stamps, 1c to 50c denominations of the 1895-1898 issues each tied to a small piece by this enigmatic cancel, an additional pair of the 1c green tied to a large piece with "United States Postal Agency" printed imprint at top lends credence to the theory that these cancels were applied "par compliance" at the Agency in Shanghai, a couple pieces show small fragments of Japanese stamps cancelled but not tied, very fine group. . . . . 500. - 750.
- 144 To The Agency By Chinese Imperial Post**, mostly clear **Foochow 15 Sep 98** bilingual dollar chop on cover to Massachusetts, entered the U.S. mails with 5c blue 1898 issue (#281, perf stains) tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Sep 24 98" duplex postmark (type 10), San Francisco Paid All transit backstamp, cover minor reduction at left, fine combination. . . . . 300. - 400.





- 145 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Apr 8 99** mostly clear duplex postmarks (type 10) tying 1c blue (#264), 2c red (#279B), 5c chocolate (#270) and 10c green (#273) of the 1895-1898 issues to **registered** cover to Illinois, double 5c rate plus 8c registry fee franking, **United States Consulate** printed corner card and endorsed by J.Y. Wong from the Shanghai Consulate, black large format **registry label** (type I) with printed "U.S. Of America, Shanghai, China" and numbered "414," Chicago arrival backstamp, **the earliest reported usage of a Shanghai Registry label** of which I record less than five total examples, a very fine and important usage. . . . . 4000.- 5000.
- 146 **To The Agency By Chinese Imperial Post**, large part strike **Chungking 8 May 99** bilingual dollar chop on cover to Pennsylvania, entered the U.S. mails with 5c blue 1898 issue (#281) tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai May 24 99" duplex postmark (type 10), San Francisco Paid All transit and arrival backstamps, very fine combination 500. - 750.
- 147 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 1 Sep 25 99** duplex postmark (type 10) tying 5c blue Trans-Mississippi issue (#288) to cover to California, San Francisco arrival backstamp, cover minor edge tear, fine . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 148 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jun 21 1902** duplex postmark (type 11) tying 5c blue 1898 issue (#281) to corner card cover to New York, San Francisco transit backstamp, cover edge wear, fine . . . . . 100. - 150.



- 149 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Nov 8 1902** duplex postmark (type 11) struck three times tying four copies 10c orange brown 1898 issue (#282C, two copies straight edge) to front only used to Washington, attractive franking . . . . . 150. - 200.



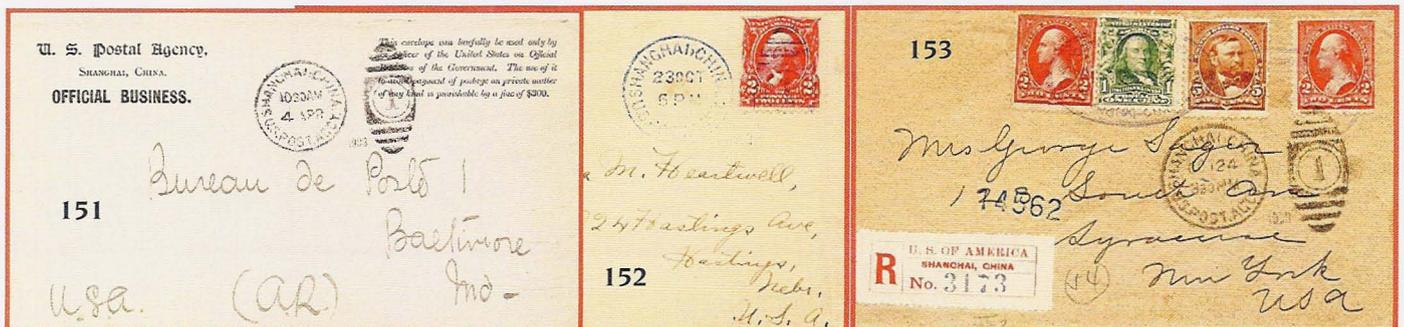
- 150 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Dec 2 1902** duplex postmark (type 11) tying 15c green Columbian issue (#238), 5c chocolate Columbian issue (#234) and 5c blue 1898 issue (#281) to **registered** cover to **Switzerland**, red Shanghai registry label (type II), red New York Exchange registry label, various transit and arrival backstamps, extremely fine and attractive cover . . . . . 2500.- 3000.

- 151 **U.S. Post. Ag'cy Shanghai, China 4 Apr 1903** duplex postmark (type 12) on "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Official Business" imprint **penalty envelope** used to Maryland, Seattle transit and Baltimore arrival backstamps, **only two reported examples of Shanghai penalty envelope**, very fine . . . . . 500. - 750.

**United States domestic postage rates were applied at Shanghai starting June 1, 1903**

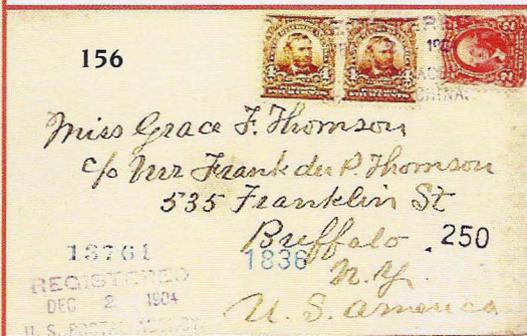
- 152 **U.S. Post. Ag'cy Shanghai, China 23 Oct 1903** duplex postmark (type 12) in blue tying 2c carmine 1902 issue (#301) to cover to Nebraska, Seattle transit backstamp, cover reduced slightly at left, **the only reported example of this postmark in blue**, extremely fine strike . . . . . 1500.- 2000.

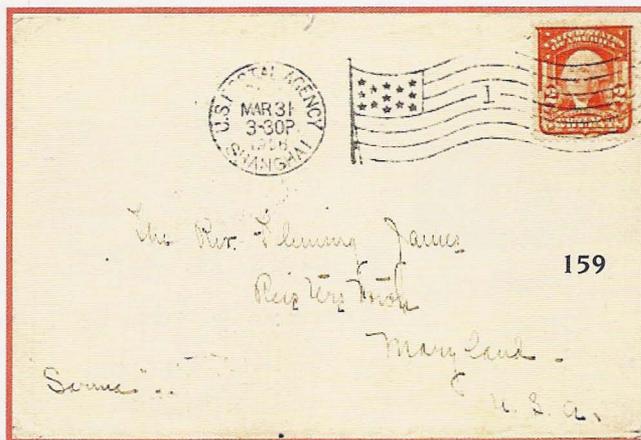
- 153 **U.S. Postal Agency-Reg. Div., Shanghai-China Oct 24 1903** bluish triple oval registry postmark (type 13) struck twice tying two copies 2c red 1898 issue (#279B), together with single 5c chocolate 1895 issue (#270) and 1c green 1902 issue (#300) to **registered** cover to New York, additional strike of "U.S. Post. Ag'cy Shanghai, China Oc 24 1903" duplex postmark (type 12) and red Shanghai registry label (type II), Seattle Registered transit backstamp, **fewer than four reported examples of this registry datestamp**, very fine . . . . . 750.- 1000.





- 154 **U.S. Postal Agency-Reg. Div., Shanghai-China Nov 27 1903** bluish triple oval registry datestamp (type 13) on **registered printed matter rate wrapper to Germany**, thirteen times rate, 6c lake 1898 issue (#282) tied with 15c olive green 1898 issue (#284) and 13c purple black 1902 issue (#308, straight edge) by cork cancels, red Shanghai registry label (type II) and New York Exchange registry label, San Francisco and New York registry transit backstamps, **the only reported registered printed matter rate usage from Shanghai**, very fine . . . . . 2000.- 2500.
- 155 **To The Agency By Chinese Imperial Post**, vertical pair China 1c orange 1900 issue (#111) tied to cover to Ohio by Peking postmark, bilingual "Peking 13 June 1904" postmark at left, **combination franking** which entered the U.S. mails with 2c carmine 1902 issue (#301) tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Jun 20 1904" duplex postmark (type 14), **the only reported example of this combination**, very fine . . . . . 2500.- 3000.
- 156 **Registered / Dec 2 1904 / U.S. Postal Agency, / Shanghai, China** magenta four line postmark (type 15) tying pair 4c brown 1902 issue (#303) and single 2c carmine 1902 issue (#301, faults) to **registered** cover to New York, San Francisco registered transit and arrival backstamps, minor age spots at right, still fine . . . . . 250. - 300.
- 157 **Registered / Mar 1 1905 / U.S. Postal Agency, / Shanghai, China** three strikes of magenta four line postmark (type 15) tying 2c carmine, 3c violet and 10c brown Louisiana Purchase issue (#324, 325, 327) to **registered** tall cover to **Germany**, San Francisco registry transit, red New York Registry exchange label and arrival backstamp, extremely fine and attractive . . . . . 1500.- 2000.
- 158 **U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China Mar 18** duplex postmark (type 16) tying bottom margin 2c carmine 1903 issue (#319, corner fault) **booklet pane** pair to double rate cover to New York, cover slightly aged, scarce usage . . . . . 200. - 250





- 159 U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Mar 31 1906** the celebrated **flag** machine postmark (type 17) tying 2c carmine 1903 issue (#319) to cover to Maryland, Seattle transit and Reistertown arrival backstamps, **the only reported example of this postmark on a full cover**, very fine, the premier item in the flag cancel collecting field . . . . . 10000.- 12500.
- 160 Registered / Mar 30 1907 / U.S. Postal Agency / Shanghai, China** violet four line postmark (type 18) on **registered** cover to New York, pair 4c brown 1902 issue (#303) tied with single 2c carmine 1903 issue (#319) by black "R.D." Registry Division cancels, New York Registered arrival backstamp, cover repaired edge at left, two reported examples of this postmark, *ex Mizuhara*, fine . . . . . 300. - 400.

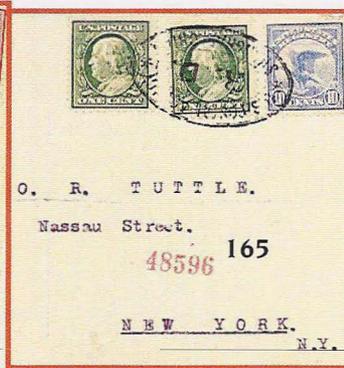
**On September 23, 1907 the Postal Agency was transferred to the Post Office Department.**

- 161 Registered / Jan 27 1908 / U.S. Postal Agency, / Shanghai, China.** magenta four line postmark (type 19) on illustrated corner card, **registered** cover to Illinois, 8c violet black 1902 issue (#306) tied with two copies 1c green 1902 issue (#300, one straight edge) by additional strike of postmark, Chicago Registered arrival backstamp, **the only reported example of this postmark**, *ex Mizuhara*, very fine . . . . . 500. - 750.
- 162 Registered / Dec 3 1908 / U.S. Postal Agency / Shanghai, China.** four line magenta postmark (type 20) on **registered** double rate cover to Pennsylvania, 8c registry fee plus 4c postage paid with pair 5c blue 1902 issue (#304) tied with 2c carmine 1903 issue (#319) to reverse by triple oval, Shanghai "R. D." Registry Division cancel, San Francisco registry transit and arrival backstamps, very fine. . . . . 200. - 250.

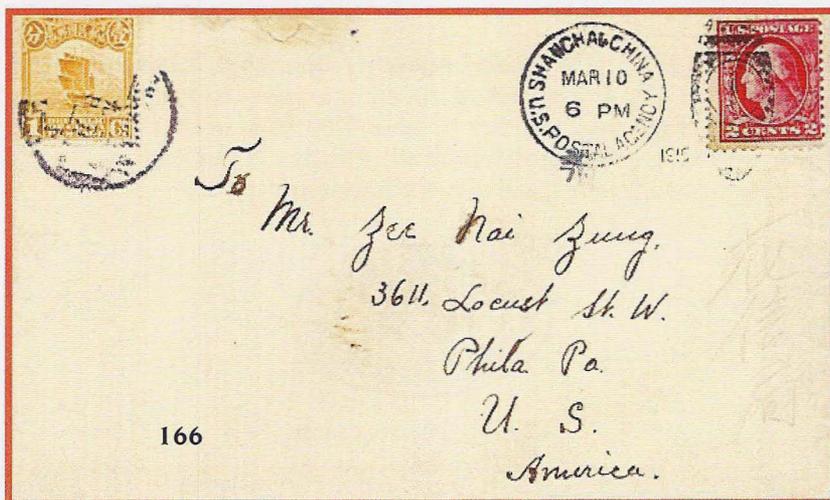


Registry Division cancel





- 163 Registered / Dec 22 1909 / U.S. Postal Agency / Shanghai, China. four line magenta postmark (type 20) struck slightly off cover, on **registered** cover to Michigan, 10c registry fee (which had just been increased to 10c in November, 1909) plus 2c postage paid by strip of three 4c brown 1902 issue (#303) tied by magenta triple oval "R.D." Registry Division cancels, transit and arrival backstamps, fine . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 164 U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai, China 25 May 1912 postmark (type 21) tying 2c carmine 1910 issue (#375) with **perforated "T. C. & S."** initials of Thomas Cook and Sons, to cover to Massachusetts, cover minor reduction at right, very fine usage . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 165 Shanghai (U.S. Postal Ag'cy) China Registered Sep 4 1913 magenta postmark (type 22) on reverse of **registered** cover to New York, two copies 1c green 1910 issue (#374) tied to front with 10c ultramarine Registry (#F1) by black "R.D." triple oval Registry Division cancel, New York registry arrival backstamp, cover opened out for display, very fine . . . . . 200. - 250.



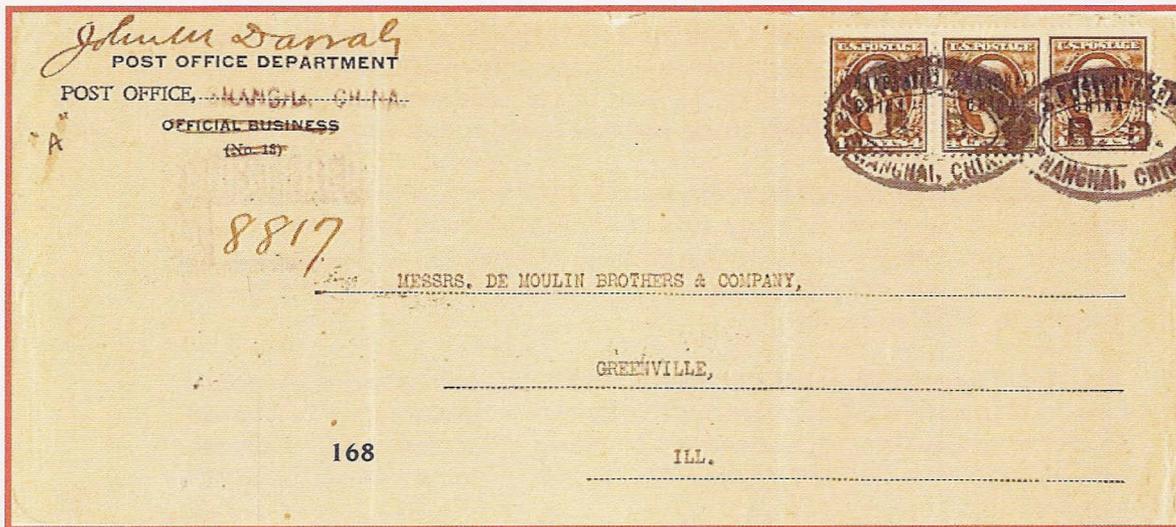
- 166 To The Agency By Chinese Imperial Post And Shanghai Local Post, China 1c orange 1913 issue tied to cover to Pennsylvania by partially clear Chinese postmark, **Shanghai Local Post Mar 9 1915** backstamp, entered the U.S. mails with 2c carmine 1912 issue (#406) tied by **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China Mar 10 1915** duplex postmark (type 23), cover mended edge tear at top, very fine **combination franking** and a late example of such a usage . . . . . 500. - 750.



# SHANGHAI CHINA

Shanghai Postal Agent John Darrah overprinted stamps locally in December, 1913. These stamps were removed from sale after one week by order of the U.S. Postmaster General.

**167 Darrah Overprints**, the unused complete set (32) as overprinted comprising **black overprints** on 13c 1902 issue (#308), 1c to 8c 1910 issue (#374-380), 10c and 50c 1912 issue (#416, 422), 2c Postage Due (#J39), 10c Registry (#F1), 1c to 25c Parcel Post (#Q1-9) and 1c to 25c Parcel Post Postage Due (#JQ1-5); **blue inverted overprint** on 1c Parcel Post (#Q1); and **red overprints** on 1c to 25c Parcel Post Postage Due (#JQ1-5), all original gum, a few are straight edge copies, a couple minor flaws, an extremely rare complete set, in fact this is the only set I have record of being offered publicly, *ex Tows*, courtesy Suburban Stamp Inc. . . . .

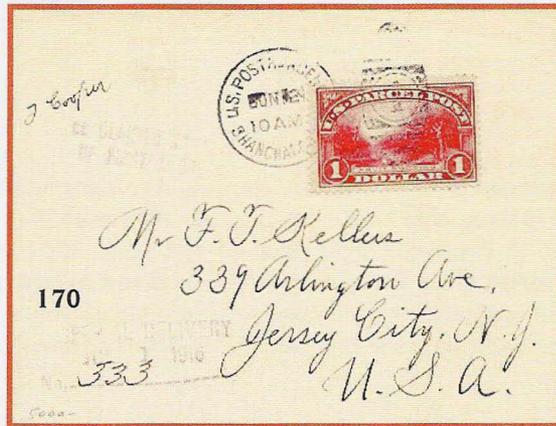


**168 Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Jun 26 1915** magenta postmark (type 24) struck twice on reverse of **registered**, Post Office Department imprint cover to Illinois, pair and single 4c brown (#377) with unauthorized **Darrah "Shanghai China" Overprints** tied by heavily struck "R.D." Registry Division cancels, the cover is endorsed by John Darrah at top left, Chicago registry transit backstamp, cover has two minor creases, **the only reported example of the 4c Darrah overprints on cover** and one of only three recorded covers bearing any values of these overprints, it has been suggested that the cancels were heavily struck in an effort by Postmaster Darrah to conceal the use of these overprinted stamps after he had been forbidden by the Post Office to sell them, a major rarity of the field. . . . .

4000.- 5000.



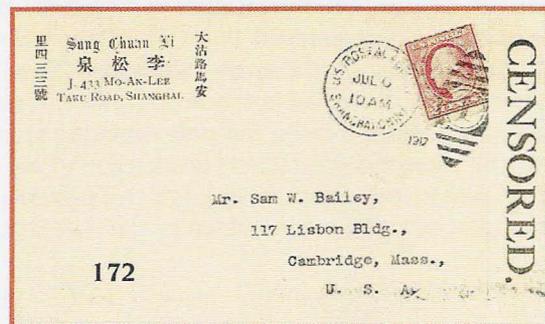
- 169 **U.S. Postal Agency, / Shanghai, China** two part roller cancel, used on parcels, tying margin block of eight 30c orange red 1916 issue (#439, straight edge at left) to piece of woven fabric, if this represents the entire franking of a package it would represent the Parcel Post Zone 8 rate of 12c per pound for a twenty pound package, very fine. . . . . 300. - 400.



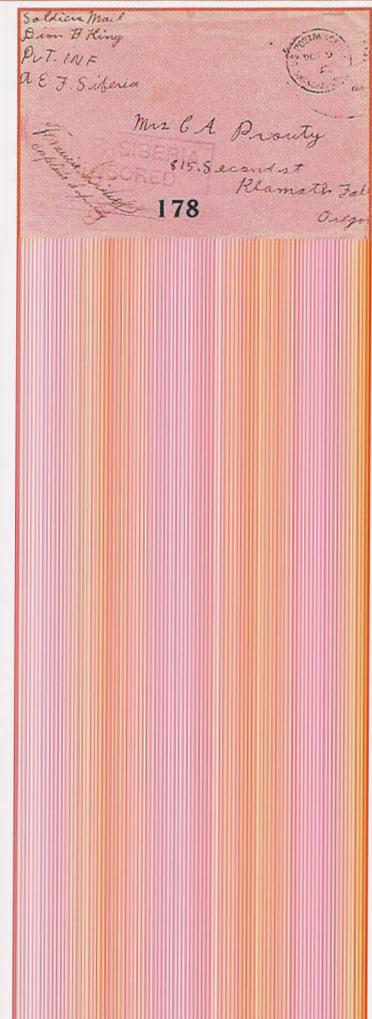
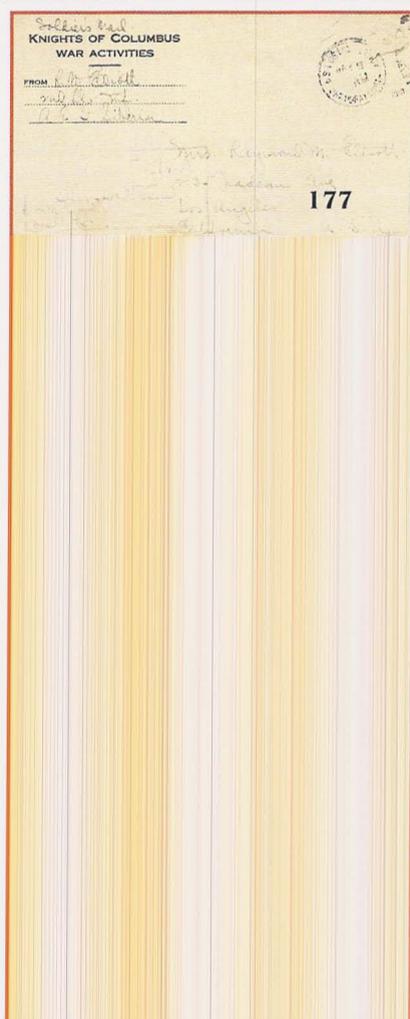
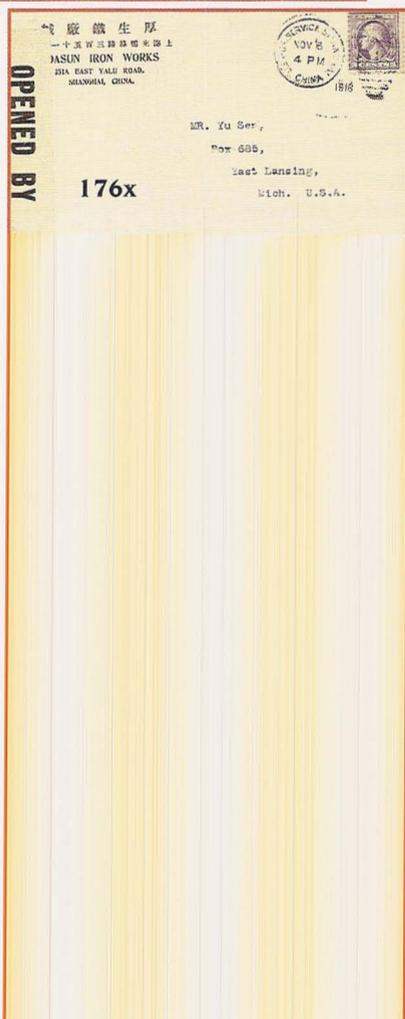
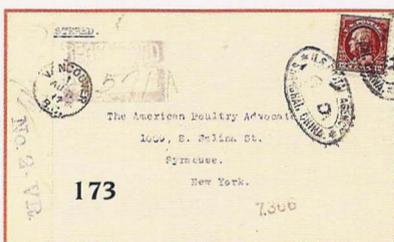
- 170 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China Jun 2 1916** duplex postmark (type 25) tying \$1 Parcel Post (#Q12) to cover to New Jersey, magenta **Special Delivery** "Jul 1 1916" three line handstamp at foot and two line "Fee Claimed" handstamp, cover no flap, **the only recorded example of this stamp used on cover**, ex Tows, very fine . . . . . 4000.- 5000.

- 171 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China Apr 10 1917** mostly clear duplex postmark (type 25) tying pair 4c orange brown 1916 issue (#465) to cover **to Holland**, correct rate for a cover over 20g and under 40g although many senders were unaware of the reduction over 20g, **censored** on arrival in Amsterdam with label across top and magenta "W" initial at left, fine . . . . . 200. - 250.

- 172 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China Jul 6 1917** duplex postmark (type 25) tying 2c carmine 1916 issue (#463) to corner card cover to Massachusetts, carried by Canadian Pacific Steam Ship Company and **censored** in transit at Vancouver, British Columbia with label applied at right and magenta "No. 26 - V.R." on reverse, arrival backstamp, very fine. . . . . 200. - 250.



- 173 **Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Jul 21 1917** magenta postmark (type 24) struck twice on reverse of **registered** cover to New York, 12c claret brown 1916 issue (#474) tied by triple oval "R.D." Registry Division cancel, carried by Canadian Pacific Steam Ship Company and **censored** in transit at Vancouver, British Columbia with label applied at left tied by "Vancouver B.C." postmark and with magenta "No. 2 - V.R." handstamp, arrival backstamp, very fine . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 174 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China Registered Nov 21 1917** magenta postmark (type 26) on reverse of **registered, special delivery** Siddall corner card cover to **Philippine Islands**, Philippines 2c green postal entire and their 20c ultramarine **Special Delivery** stamps tied in combination with U.S. 15c olive green 1902 issue (#309) by triple oval "R.D." Registry Division cancels, magenta "Return Receipt Requested" handstamp, very unusual combination during the period that Philippine stamps were valid from other U.S. possessions if used to the Philippines, as the 2c entire was equivalent to 1c U.S., the rate breaks down as double 3c **war surcharge rate** plus 10c registry fee and 10c special delivery (20c in Philippine centavos) upon arrival, Manila registry transit backstamp, the **only reported example of such a usage**, very fine. . . . . 500. - 750.
- 175 **U.S. Postal Ag. Shanghai China Mar 23 1918** duplex postmark (type 27) tying 3c violet 1917 issue to **war surcharge rate** corner card cover to Rhode Island, **censored** with magenta "P.B.C." boxed Passed By Censor handstamp, very fine . . . . . 100. - 150.
- 176 **U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China**, pair of covers, November 6, 1918 and August 2, 1918, with duplex postmarks (type 28) to the United States showing single and double **war surcharge** rates paid with 3c violet and pair of 3c violet, each **censored** with "Opened By Censor" labels at left, very fine . . . . . 200. - 250.
- 177 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China Oct 5 1918** duplex postmark (type 25) **used provisionally from Siberia** on Knights Of Columbus corner card cover to California, endorsed from a soldier "A.E.F. Siberia" and with magenta **A.E.F. Siberia Censored** boxed handstamp, cover minor edge wrinkles, fine . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 178 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China Oct 9 1918** duplex postmark (type 25) **used provisionally from Siberia** on pink cover to Oregon, endorsed from a soldier "A.E.F. Siberia" and with magenta **A.E.F. Siberia Censored** boxed handstamp, cover reduced slightly and small edge tear, fine strike . . . . . 250. - 300.



## The 1919 Bureau of Engraving Surcharges

*In 1919 United States stamps were surcharged for use by the Agency in Shanghai. Sixteen different stamps were surcharged at double the original face value. This represented the price when purchased in Chinese currency. For example, the 10c on 5c surcharge was sold for 10c in Chinese currency or 5c in United States currency (and also did duty as a 5c stamp in U.P.U. mails). Whenever the par value of the Chinese currency fell below the two to one conversion rate to U.S. currency, the stamps were withdrawn. These stamps were surcharged by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving and were placed on sale in Shanghai July 1, 1919.*

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| 179 | <b>U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Jul 4 1919</b> duplex postmark (type 28) tying <b>4c surcharge</b> on 2c rose (#K2) to cover to New York, used <b>four days after issuance</b> and four days after war surcharge rate discontinued, very fine . . . . .  | 300. - 400. |
| 180 | <b>U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China Aug 2 1919</b> magenta double circle postmark (type 26) on reverse of <b>registered</b> cover to <b>Sweden</b> , strip of five on front and pair of <b>4c surcharge</b> on 2c rose (#K2) on reverse, additional <b>2c surcharge</b> on 1c green (#K1) on reverse, all tied by oval "R.D." Registry Division cancels, correct 10c registry fee plus 5c postage rate, New York registry transit, cover opened out for display, a rare usage . . . . .   | 750.- 1000. |
| 181 | <b>U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China Nov 11 1919</b> magenta double circle postmark (type 26) on reverse of <b>registered</b> cover to Ohio, <b>24c surcharge</b> on 12c brown carmine (#K11) tied in combination with <b>6c surcharge</b> on 3c violet (#K3) and <b>2c surcharge</b> on 1c green (#K1) by blurred "R.D." Registry Division cancel, correct triple rate plus registry fee, Chicago registry transit and arrival backstamps, cover lightly aged at edges and corner wrinkle, very fine usage . . . . .            | 300. - 400. |
| 182 | <b>U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Dec 5 1919</b> duplex postmark (type 28) tying <b>4c surcharge</b> on 2c rose (#K2) to short paid cover to <b>Germany</b> , "Postage due 6 cents" handstamp with "6" inserted in pencil, "T(axe) N.Y. 30 Centimes" handstamp, very fine and scarce usage . . . . .   | 400. - 500. |
| 183 | <b>U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Dec 5 1919</b> mostly clear duplex postmark (type 28) tying <b>20c surcharge</b> on 10c orange yellow (#K10) to cover to <b>Switzerland</b> , very fine . . . . .  | 500. - 750. |
| 184 | <b>U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Rec'd 21 Jan 1920</b> circular receiving postmark, used only as a cancel on mail that did not pass through the mails, tying several surcharges to front and back of locally addressed philatelic cover, stamps include pairs of <b>2c through 30c surcharges</b> (#K1-K12, mixed centering) excepting the 20c (#K10) which is a single on front and a single on reverse, cover has been split into front and back halves, catalog value as used singles is \$1690., fine . . . . .           | 750.- 1000. |
| 185 | <b>U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Jul 5 1920</b> magenta postmark (type 30) on reverse of <b>registered</b> cover to <b>Switzerland</b> , <b>20c surcharge</b> on 10c orange yellow (#K10, straight edge) tied with pair <b>4c surcharge</b> on 2c rose (#K2, straight edges) and <b>2c surcharge</b> on 1c green (#K1) by oval "R.D." Registry Division cancels, New York registry transit, manuscript note at left noting defect, cover mended internal tear probably from transit in the mails, very fine usage. . . . . | 400. - 500. |
| 186 | <b>U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Jul 22 1920</b> duplex postmark (type 28) tying <b>6c surcharge</b> on 3c violet (#K3) and <b>4c surcharge</b> on 2c rose (#K2) to "CIBA" corner card cover of J. Merian to <b>Switzerland</b> , very fine . . . . .   | 250. - 300. |
| 187 | <b>U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Jul 31 1920</b> duplex postmarks (type 28) tying 1c green coil pair 1916 issue (#490) together with 10c ultramarine <b>Special Delivery</b> (#E11) to 2c surcharge on 3c violet revalued postal entire (#U446) used to Maryland, Washington D.C. Special delivery backstamp, very fine . . . . .   | 250. - 300. |

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- 188 U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Aug 8 1920 mostly clear duplex postmark (type 28) tying 6c surcharge on 3c violet (#K3) and 4c surcharge on 2c rose (#K2) to cover to Switzerland, fine . . . . . 250. - 300.

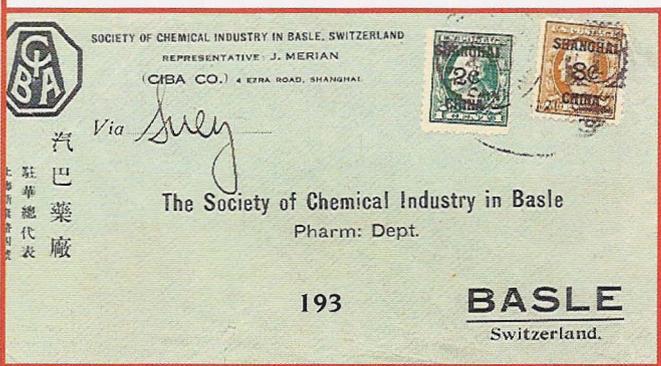
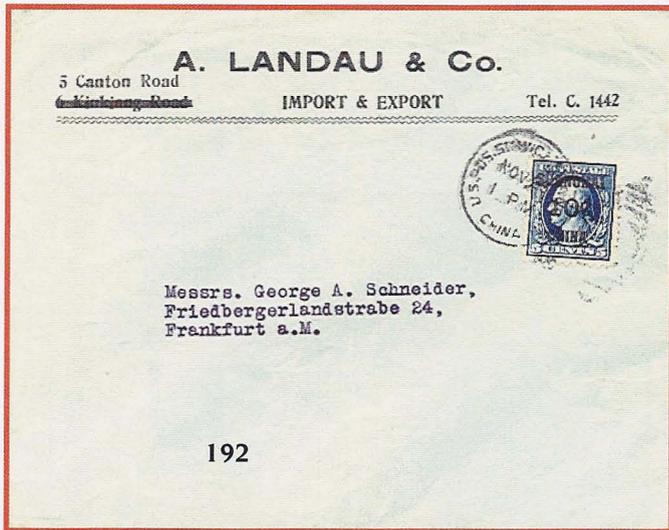


- 189 U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Registered Aug 27 1920 magenta double circle postmark (type 29) on reverse of tall, registered cover to Switzerland partially printed address to the Society of Chemical Industry in Basle and with corner card of CIBA Co. representative, J. Merian, \$2 surcharge on \$1 violet brown (#K16, centered into perforations at right) tied by double oval "R.D." Registry Division cancel, New York transit backstamp and Basle arrival backstamp, P.F. certificate, extremely fine, only two reported examples of single \$2 franking, most of the few other reported covers with the \$1 were combination franking philatelic covers made up by the dealer Eugene Klein, the double surcharge covers were all contrived by the local postal clerk Fok Due How making this commercial usage one of the great rarities of the Shanghai surcharges . . . . . 10000. - 12500.

- 190 U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Sep 29 1920 duplex postmark (type 28 variety, year date inverted) tying 2c deep rose, type 1a 1917 issue (#500) to handstamped corner card cover to Pennsylvania, P.F. certificate, the only reported usage of this scarce stamp from Shanghai, very fine . . . . . 500. - 750.

- 191 U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Nov 18 1920 duplex postmark (type 28) tying 2c rose 1917 issue (#499) to multicolor Chinese design cover to New York, usage during period when surcharges were withdrawn from sale, minor tone flecks, still fine and attractive . . . . . 75. - 100.





- 192 **U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Nov 20 1920** duplex postmark (type 28) tying **10c surcharge** on 5c blue (#K5) to tall, corner card cover **to Germany**, very fine . . . . . 150. - 200.
- 193 **U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Nov 1 1921** partially clear duplex postmark (type 28) tying **8c surcharge** on 4c brown (#K4) and **2c surcharge** on 1c green (#K1) to "CIBA Co." corner card cover **to Switzerland**, cover small tear at foot, fine . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 194 **U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Feb 3 1922** mostly clear magenta postmark (type 30) on reverse of **registered** cover to Syracuse, New York, pair **8c surcharge** on 4c brown (#K4) tied with pair **2c surcharge** on 1c green (#K1, straight edge at foot) and pair of unsurcharged 1c green (#498) by "R.D." Registry Division oval cancels, correct rate for 10c registry fee and 2c postage, registered transit backstamps, cover small corner fault at left, fine combination of surcharged and unsurcharged stamps. . . . . 500. - 750.
- 195 **U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China May 25 1922** mostly clear magenta postmark (type 30) on reverse of **registered** cover to Scotia, New York, **24c surcharge** on 12c brown carmine (#K11) tied by "R.D." double oval Registry Division cancel, registered transit backstamps, very fine . . . . . 400. - 500.



## 1922 Local Surcharges

The Shanghai Agency ran out of the two lowest values of surcharges in June, 1922 and requested a new supply from Washington. The Postmaster General authorized the local overprinting of 100 sheets each of the 2c and 4c surcharges for use until a shipment could be sent from Washington. The job was completed and stamps placed on sale on July 3, 1922. They were soon sold out but in the mean time a supply from Washington arrived at the end of July.



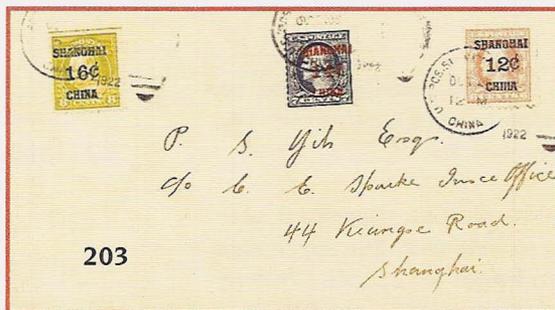
- 196 **U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China 1922** partially clear duplex postmark (type 31) tying vertical pair **2c local surcharge** on 1c green (#K17) to cover to New York, cover crease at left, fine . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 197 **U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Jul 11 1922** duplex postmark (type 31) tying **4c local surcharge** on 2c carmine (#K18) to cover to Pennsylvania, usage is just seven days after the local surcharges went on sale on July 3, 1922, very fine . . . . . 400. - 500.
- 198 **U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Aug 4 1922** duplex postmark (type 31) tying **2c local surcharge** on 1c green (#K17, straight edge) to cover to New York, magenta "Postage Due" handstamp and "1c" in pencil, 1c carmine rose postage due (#J61) not tied, very fine . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 199 **U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Aug 30 1922** duplex postmark (type 31) tying **4c local surcharge** on 2c carmine (#K18) to cover to Massachusetts, very fine . . . . . 300. - 400.



- 200 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China Oct 24 1922** magenta double circle postmark (type 32) on reverse of **registered** cover to Ohio, matching "Postal Agent Shanghai, China" handstamped corner card and "Registered" handstamp, **40c surcharge** on 20c deep ultramarine (#K13) tied by double oval "R.D." Registry Division cancel, stamp apparently applied by the agent with paste, Chicago registered transit backstamp, cover minor abrasion at left, fine . . . . . 500. - 750.



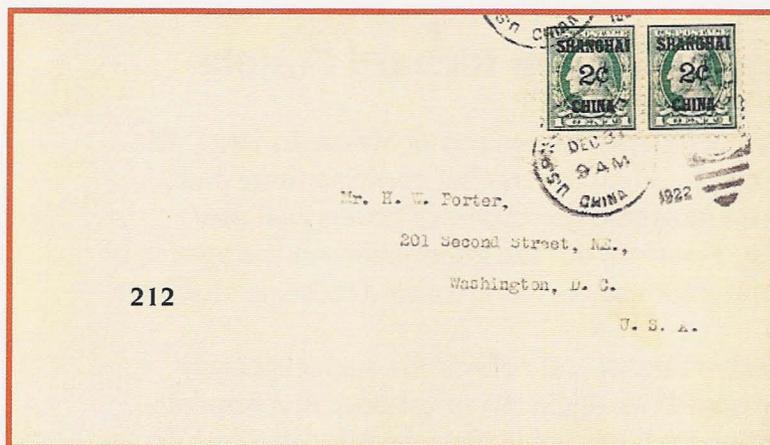
- 201 U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China Oct 24 1922** magenta double circle postmark (type 32) on reverse of **registered** cover to Ohio, matching "Postal Agent Shanghai, China" handstamped corner card and "Registered" handstamp, **60c surcharge** on 30c orange red (#K14) tied by double oval "R.D." Registry Division cancel, stamp apparently applied by the agent with paste, Chicago registered transit backstamp, cover minor abrasion at left, fine . . . . . 750.- 1000.
- 202 U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China Oct 24 1922** magenta double circle postmark (type 32) on reverse of **registered** cover to Ohio, matching "Postal Agent" handstamped corner card and "Registered" handstamp, **\$1 surcharge** on 50c light violet (#K15) tied by double oval "R.D." Registry Division cancel, stamp apparently applied by the agent with paste, Chicago registered transit backstamp, cover surface rub to left of address, fine and rare . . . . . 1500.- 2000.



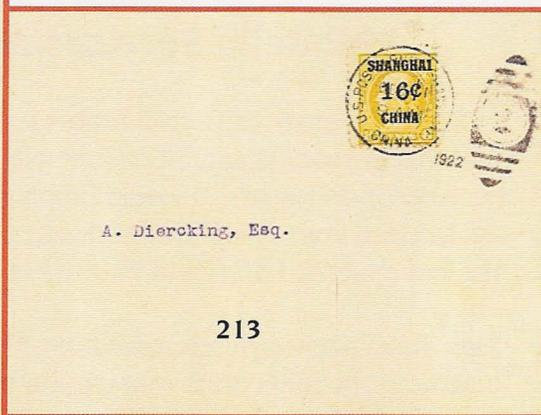
- 203 U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Oct 29 1922** duplex postmarks (type 31) tying **16c surcharge** on 8c olive green (#K8a, straight edge) together with **14c surcharge** on 7c black (#K7, straight edge) and **12c surcharge** on 6c red orange (#K6, straight edge) to locally used, overpaid cover, minor cover wrinkles . . . . . 250. - 300.
- 204 U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Dec 30 1922** magenta double circle postmark (type 32) on reverse of **registered** cover to Nebraska, **12c surcharge** on 6c red orange (#K6) tied together with **10c, 4c and 2c surcharges** (#K1, K2, and K5) by "R.D." double oval Registry Division cancel, registry transit backstamp, very fine and attractive . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 205 U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Dec 30 1922** magenta double circle postmark (type 32) on reverse of **registered** cover to Nebraska, **18c surcharge** on 9c salmon red (#K9) tied together with **6c surcharge** on 3c violet (#K3) by "R.D." double oval Registry Division cancel, registry transit backstamp, very fine . . . . . 150. - 200.



- 206 **Postal Agency Shanghai China R.D.** double oval Registry Division cancel on **registered** cover to Nebraska, **18c surcharge** on 9c salmon red (#K9) tied with **14c surcharge** on 7c black (#K7), registry transit backstamp, very fine . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 207 **U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Dec 30 1922** partially clear magenta double circle postmark (type 32) on reverse of **registered** cover to Nebraska, **20c surcharge** on 10c orange yellow (#K10) tied together with **4c surcharge** on 2c rose (#K2) by "R.D." double oval Registry Division cancel, registry transit backstamp, very fine . . . 150. - 200.
- 208 **U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Dec 30 1922** partially clear magenta double circle postmark (type 32) on reverse of **registered** cover to Nebraska, **30c surcharge** on 15c gray (#K12) tied by "R.D." double oval Registry Division cancel, registry transit backstamp, very fine . . . . . 300. - 400.
- 209 **U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Dec 30 1922** partially clear magenta double circle postmark (type 32) on reverse of **registered** cover to Nebraska, **40c surcharge** on 20c deep ultramarine (#K13, plate number single) tied by "R.D." double oval Registry Division cancel, registry transit backstamp, very fine . . . . . 400. - 500.
- 210 **U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Dec 30 1922** partially clear magenta double circle postmark (type 32) on reverse of **registered** cover to Nebraska, **60c surcharge** on 30c orange red (#K14) tied by "R.D." double oval Registry Division cancel, registry transit backstamp, very fine . . . . . 400. - 500.



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| 211 | <b>U.S. Post. Service Shanghai China Dec 31 12 PM 1922</b> clear duplex postmark (type 31) tying <b>16c surcharge</b> on 8c olive bistre (#K8) to piece only, <b>last day of operation of the agency</b> postmark, very fine. . . . .   | 250. - 300.  |
| 212 | <b>U.S. Post. Service Shanghai China Dec 31 9 AM 1922</b> duplex postmark (type 31) tying pair <b>2c surcharge</b> on 1c green (#K1) to cover to Washington, D.C., <b>last day of operation of the agency</b> usage, very fine . . . . .  | 400. - 500.  |
| 213 | <b>U.S. Post. Service Shanghai China Dec 31 9 AM 1922</b> clear duplex postmark (type 31) tying <b>16c surcharge</b> on 8c olive bistre (#K8) to locally used cover addressed to A. Diercking (Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council), <b>last day of operation of the agency</b> postmark, very fine . . . . .  | 400. - 500.  |
| 214 | <b>Important Balance of Collection</b> , partially mounted group of 46 covers or cards plus a few pieces with US Postal Agency Shanghai postmarks, wide variety of postmarks represented, includes two covers with 10c green 1867 issue (#89) used from Shanghai, later issue usages include 2c Parcel Post on cover (2), a couple censored usages, 2c Pilgrim and some scarcer regular issues, surcharges on cover include 4c local surcharge cover, three covers with low value Bureau surcharges and a piece from a parcel with 2c, condition varies, some faults, an excellent nucleus collection especially from the standpoint of postmarks represented, total retail over \$5,000. . . . . | 3000. - 4000 |

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