

# Columbian Exposition Issue 1893

The collection presented herein comprises 35 years of collecting primarily with the help of a great stamp consultant Andrew Levitt. This was truly a wonderful experience, and a great opportunity for an avid stamp collector. The collection was exhibited in 1996 at Amphilex in New York City at the Biltmore hotel, as 'anonymous' through Andrew Levitt. Both pieces shown below are part of this collection. Over the years the Columbian Stamp Co. has owned and offered for sale or represented buyers of many of these items. It is fitting that Harry Hagendorf of Columbian Stamp Co. represent these items.

-Anonymous, Feb. 2009



**Figure 1** shows the largest recorded Columbian stamps, \$49.34 on a piece of registered package wrapper, mailed from Bangor, Maine, on February 19, 1897. Among the 25 Columbian series stamps are a strip of three of the \$5.00 stamp at the bottom and a single \$5.00 stamp at the top.



Fig.1 Largest recorded used multiple on package wrapper.

The PF certified the largest reported multiple, a block of 14 without gum, on October 24, 1991. (PF Certificate #250,000). **See Figure 2.**



Fig.2 Largest recorded \$5.00 stamp multiple.

See: [http://www.philatelicfoundation.org/research\\_articles/columbian.htm](http://www.philatelicfoundation.org/research_articles/columbian.htm)

## United States of America

### The Columbian Exposition Issue of 1893

In the annals of postal history, the Columbian Issue stands out as a monument in this country's 150-year history of postage stamps. From the controversy surrounding their issue in 1893 (centered mostly on the then high-dollar face value of the set) and their inherent exquisite design as America's first commemorative issue...to their legend as being perhaps the most highly sought after set of stamps in American philately, the "Columbians" offer beauty, specialization and rarity.

Less than two decades after their city virtually burned to the ground in the Great Chicago Fire of 1875, the citizens of the Midwest's teeming metropolis set out

to not only rebuild, but prove to the world that Chicago was a milestone in commercial and industrial progress. Thus, the World Columbian Exposition was staged on the shores of Lake Michigan—honoring not only the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America, but America, itself...and its preeminence in human development.

No human endeavor—during or after that Exposition—serves to better commemorate that event than this great set of stamps.

This exhibit represents selected pages from the most comprehensive collection ever formed of this issue.



Columbian stamps used on January 1, 1893, a Sunday, the first official day of use for this issue, represent great rarities since only the main post offices in New York City and Boston were open for stamp sales. 1-Cent Jan. 1 FDC from "Burger Correspondence."

With the first day falling on a Sunday, the next day, Monday, January 2, 1893, is also recognized as a first day for this issue—especially at the Exposition, itself. Two 1-cent issues pay domestic letter rate on this FDC from Chatham, Mass. on Jan. 2.



Fig.1 one Cent First Day Covers, Jan 1, and Jan 2, 1893

Pre-First Day Usages  
Usage prior to January 1, 1893, is very rare.



The one-cent issue cancelled on December 31, 1892.



The two-cent issue cancelled on December 31, 1892.

First Day Covers



Two-cent first day cover from "Burger Correspondence" postmarked Jan. 1, 1893. Backstamped the same day.



First day cover of the 2-cent value postmarked Lowell, Mass., on Monday, January 2, 1893. Received next day in Boston.

First Day Covers



Three-cent issue (from the "Burger Correspondence") postmarked Jan. 1, 1893, from New York. Backstamped same day.



Four-cent issue (from the "Burger Correspondence") postmarked Jan. 1, 1893, from New York. Backstamped same day.

First Day Covers



First day cover of the 5-cent value postmarked New York on January 1, 1893. Backstamped same day.



First day cover of the 10-cent value postmarked New York on January 1, 1893. Backstamped same day.

The Ten-Cent Issue

Pre-First Day Usage -  
Pre first day cover from  
Arlington, Mass. on December  
31, 1892. Backstamped East  
Lexington, Mass., on the same  
day. On 4-cent entire—  
franking enough for seven  
times 2-cent letter rate.



Mr. J. F. Stone  
East Lexington,  
Mass.

From Box 85  
Arlington Heights  
Mass.

Fig.6 10 Cent Columbian Pre First Day usage, Dec. 31, 1892 Very Rare. Page 6

**World's Fair Machine Cancellations of the Full Set**

Unique matched set of cacheted covers with each stamp in set (from the one-cent to the \$5.00 values) tied by World's Fair Station machine cancellation in June, 1893. Produced by Charles Gunther, Chicago confectioner, and showing only authentic portrait of Columbus.



Fig. 7 Dr. Robert Locke covers from the Exposition, incomplete set (2cent missing), found in the Virgil Brand safety deposit box at his death, sold in 1986. ( Steve Ivy auction). Page 7A ( 4 Pages.)



World's Fair Machine Cancellations of the Full Set



Fig.7B 5 Cent through 10 Cent covers.

World's Fair Machine Cancellations of the Full Set



Fig.7C 15Cent to \$1.00 exposition usage.

World's Fair Machine Cancellations of the Full Set



Fig. 7D \$2.00 to \$5.00 Covers

The One-Cent Issue  
"Columbus In Sight of Land"



Unused bottom left sheet margin copy showing unlisted perforation error.



Bottom plate number imprint strip of four with platemaker's control letters.



Usage From U.S. Postal Agency • Shanghai, China

One and 2-cent Columbian issues with 2-cent Trans-mississippi issue from Wuchow, China, to Germany in March, 1900. The U.S. stamps comprise the 5-cent UPU rate to foreign destinations. Absence of Chinese postage paying internal rate from Wuchow to Shanghai indicates probably prepayment in cash.

The One-Cent Issue



Underpaid Mail To Yokohama, Japan

One-cent issue with pair of two-cent stamps on double weight letter to Japan. Postage due paid with 10 sen Japanese due stamp at destination. From San Francisco, Jan., 1894.



Insufficiently Paid To The Netherlands

Double weight letter paid at single weight rate. Postage due at double insufficient amount, or 50 centimes...paid with Dutch due stamp.

Fig.9 Foreign Usage, Insufficient Paid Postage.

The One-Cent Issue  
Usages To Cuba and Jamaica



To Cuba

Registered and special delivery mail to Cuba following Spanish-American War in March, 1900. From Winchester, Mass., through New York to Havana. Five cents UPU letter rate, eight cents registry, plus 10 cents for special delivery.



To Jamaica

One, 2, 5 and 6-cent Columbian issues combine to pay five cent UPU letter rate and 10 cents registry to Old Harbor, Jamaica, in May, 1895.

Fig.10 Foreign Usage.

The One-Cent Issue



Paris Exposition Cancellation

The United States exhibit at the Paris, France, Exposition of 1899-1900 included a model post office station, and letters with U.S. stamps were postmarked there. One-cent Columbian covers postage for local delivery of letter in Paris.



Special Delivery Usage

One-cent issue combines with one-cent stamped envelope on domestic letter rate special delivery cover from Bridgeport, Conn., to New York City in June, 1893.

The One-Cent Issue

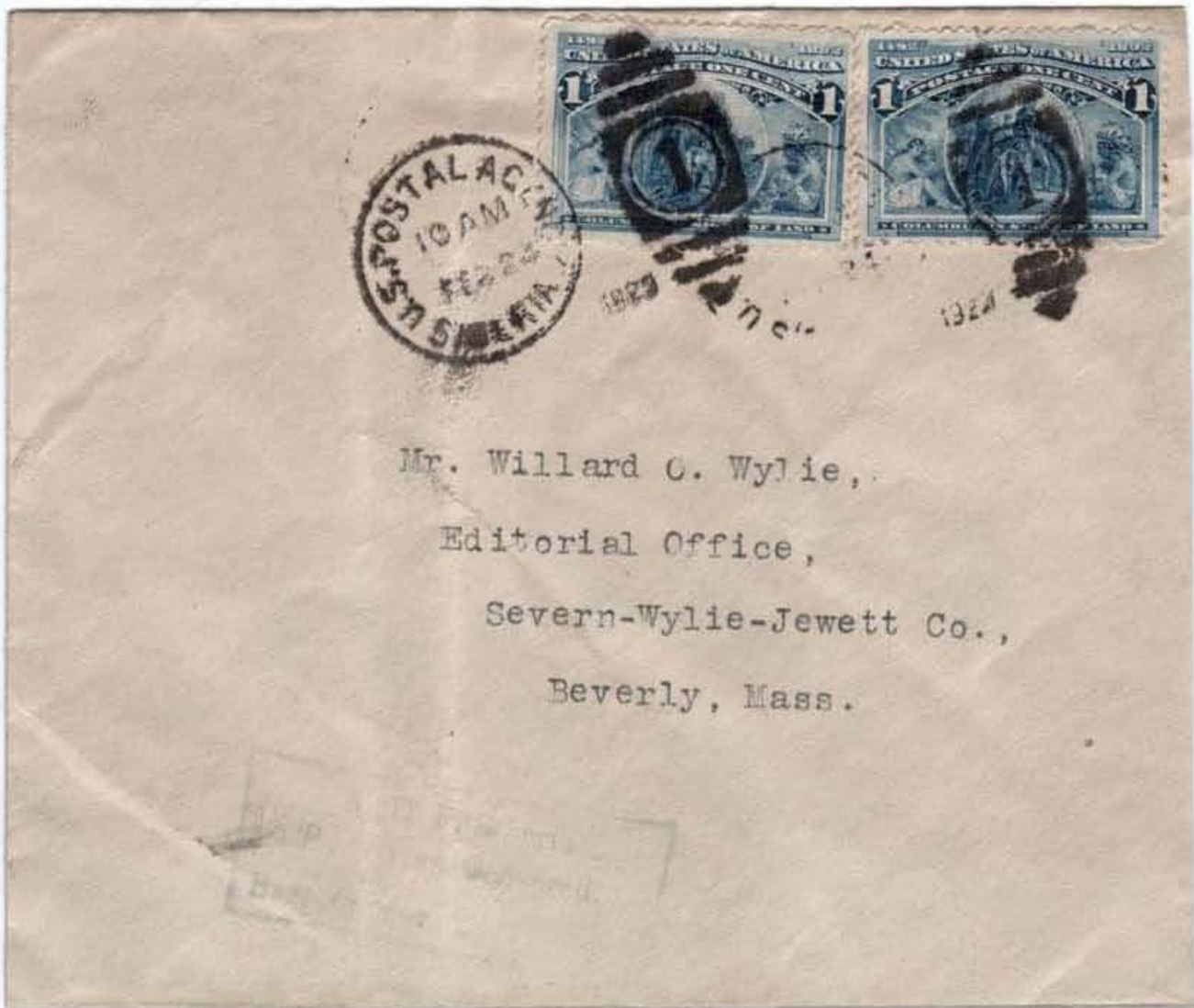


Fig. 12A U.S. Postal Agency Siberia Feb 23, 1923.



Fig. 12B U.P.U. Rate to Russia, Feb. 1893.



## The Two-Cent Issue

Printed from 200-subject plates into panes of 100. When demand caused overtaxing of larger presses, new plates of 100 subjects were laid down. "The Landing of Columbus"



Pair from damaged, imperforate, un gummed sheet discovered in New York in 1900.

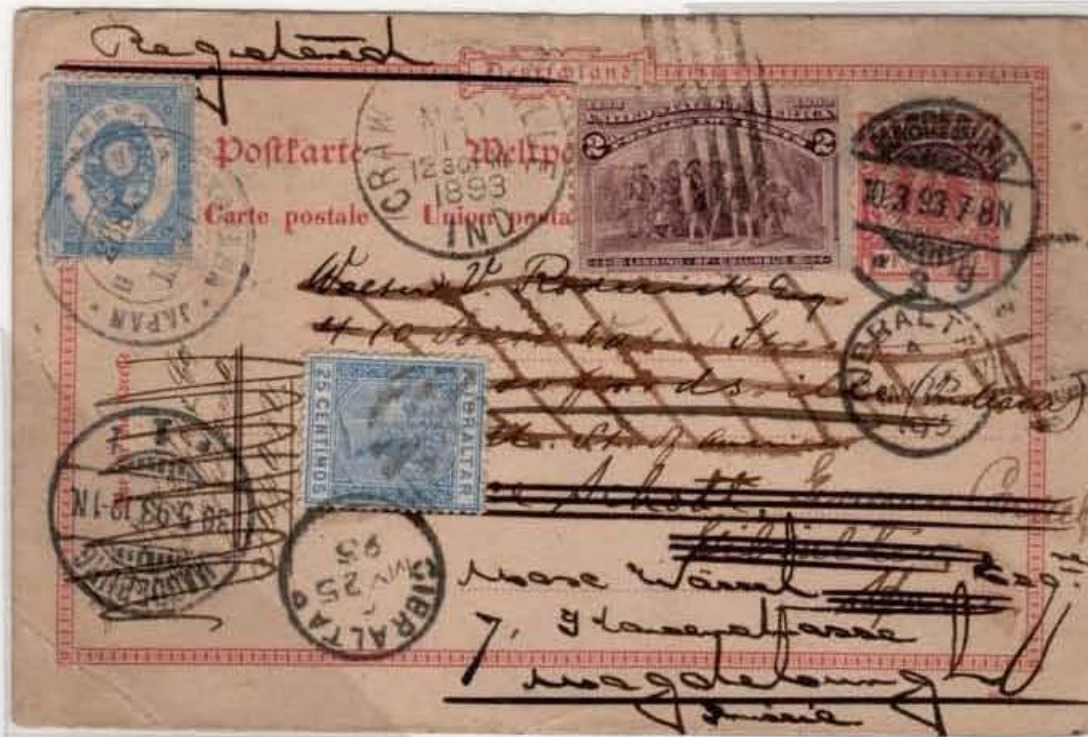


Top margin plate number imprint strip of four with ABNC imprint. Plate No. 158.



Bottom left plate number imprint block of 10.

The Two-Cent Issue  
Unusual Foreign Usages



Around The World On German Postal Card

Ten pfennig postal card sent from Germany to Yokohama, Japan. Mixed frankings with 2-cent Columbian used with German, Gibraltar and Japanese stamps. Eighty days in transit from Magdeburg, Germany from March through May, 1893.



To South Africa

Two-cent and 8-cent Columbians combine to pay double the UPU foreign letter rate to Wellington, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, in March, 1894.

The Two-Cent Issue



Fig.22a Insufficient postage to France. "T" marked postage due.



Fig.22b Underpaid to England, marked 'T' postage due. Page 22.

### The Three-Cent Issue

Printed from 100-subject plates.  
"The Flag Ship of Columbus".



Unused left sheet margin block of four.



Top plate number imprint block of eight with American Bank Note Company imprint.  
Plate No. 57 with platemaker's sequence letter "L".



On piece with postmark of U.S. Military  
postal station, Santiago, Cuba.  
September 18, 1898.

The Three-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destinations



To The Society Islands

Three, 6 and 8-cent Columbians on 4-cent entire overpay double 5-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry to Papeete, Tahiti (Society Islands) in March, 1899. Registered in New York and San Francisco.



To Nicaragua

Three-cent issue with 10 cents in 2-cent definitives pay 5-cent UPU rate and registry to Granada, Nicaragua in August, 1896.



The Three-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destinations



**To Sierra Leone**  
Three-cent issue on 2-cent entire paying UPU rate to African French colony in July, 1893.



**To Canton, China**  
Three-cent and 5-cent Columbians on 2-cent entire. Double UPU rate to China, June, 1893.

The Three-Cent Issue  
Registered Usages To Algeria & Sarawak



To Algeria

Thirteen cents for UPU rate and eight cents registry in Sept., 1898.  
On Columbian Exposition 10-cent stamped envelope.



To Sarawak

Columbian issues in combination with Trans-Mississippi and First Bureau issues on registered business reply cover to Kuching, Sarawak on Island of Borneo.



The Three-Cent Issue  
Registered Mail To Calcutta...Then Returned



Well-travelled registered cover bearing 3-cent and 10-cent Columbian issues to pay the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate and 8-cent registry from San Francisco via New York and London to India in September, 1893. Returned to sender by the Bombay, India, Dead Letter Office in early 1894.



To Mexico  
Registered usage on one-cent entire with straightline cancel from Lamar, Mo. Note "shield" registry postmark. April, 1900.

Fig. 19 Foreign Usage.

The Three-Cent Issue  
Usages To Latin America



To Guatemala

Three-cent Columbian stamp on two-cent Exposition stamped envelope paying the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate to Guatemala in May, 1893.



To Peru

The 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate to Arequipa, Peru, in February, 1894.

The Three-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destinations



Mixed Franking To Germany

Two and 3-Cent Columbians on one-cent entire. "Deutches Seepost" single letter rate, used aboard ship with 20 pfennig German stamp paying postage to Germany. Stamped envelope not valid for postage in a German post office.



To New South Wales

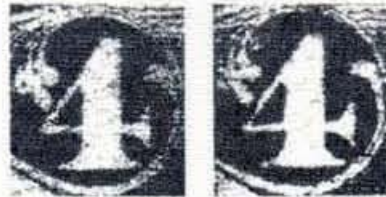
Three-cent and 8-cent Columbians on 5-cent stamped envelope with additional 2-cent Columbian on reverse. Double letter rate and registry fee to Sydney in August, 1893.

## The Four-Cent Issue



### The Error of Color

The stamp on the left is the normal ultramarine color. At right, two stamps showing (unused and used) the "error of color" with stamp printed in clear deep blue.



### The "Three Leaf" Variety

Additional projection, or "leaf", occurs to the upper left of the "4". Normal stamp at left, variety shown at right.



Light ultramarine on wove paper. Bottom plate number imprint strip of four  
Full American Bank Note Company imprint. Plate No. 20.

Fig. 23 Four Cent Error of Color mint and used.



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**EXPERT COMMITTEE**

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
233a	1893	4¢	blue

Scott's unless otherwise specified.  
 UNUSED, OG, RIGHT IMPRINT BLOCK OF FOUR.  
 AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:  
 IT IS GENUINE, NEVER HINGED. \*\*\*\*\*

Fig. 23a Imprint Margin Block of Four- Four Cent Error of Color.

No. 754

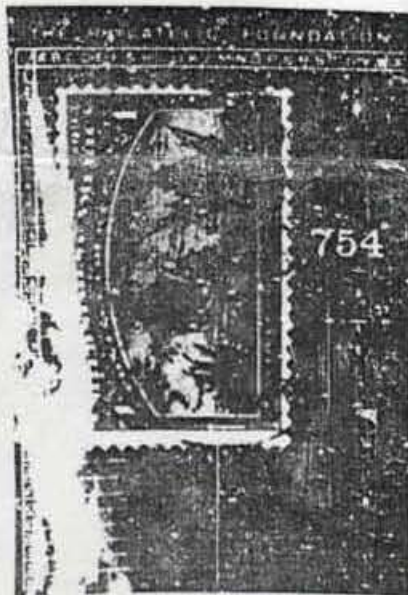
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THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION  
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NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed United States  
1893, 4¢, blue, #233a, used -----

submitted by ---Mr. Ed Busor, Jr.--- -----  
of which a photograph is attached below -----  
and are of the opinion that it is a genuine copy of  
the error in color -----



*Mary Fleming*  
For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

*M. Capary*  
*J.H. Reed*  
*Ernest R.M. Cuniz*  
*John K. Bash*



Figure 84. An illustration of a 4 Cent "Error of Color."

One of the most valuable 19th century U. S. stamps is this 4c stamp in blue, that has long been listed and recognized as an error of color. I agree that it is worth the high price it commands but often wonder what the price would be if it were recognized only as a fine shade variation. Error or shade? The answer to "What's in a name?" may be found here.

Many collectors have thought they had the 4c Error of color but the truth of the matter is that few of them ever have or ever will see one—let alone own one. The shade is very different from the normal ultramarine and once seen it is not likely to be forgotten. The usual statement that it is like the color of the 1c is not exactly accurate. It is much more like the 1c than it is the normal 4c but, if such a phrase means anything, the color seems to be a richer and more lively color than that of the 1c.

One error pane was found by J. V. Painter of Cleveland and bore the plate number D17. It is almost certain that at least one more pane of these existed in this shade and that the used copies came from this other pane. We understand that Theodore Steinway of New York found a used copy on mail received by his father. When J. V. Painter found the sheet he sold half of it to George Worthington while most of the balance was purchased by J. W. Scott, Sr. It is not known what became of the half sheet sold to Worthington as these were not found among his stamps when his estate was sold.

A superb mint block of this 4c error was in the Col. Green Collection and there was a very fine mint block of 4—not the same block as was in the Green Collection—that was sold at the Robt. Laurence Sale of September 17, 1940. We have seen a third block of four in a western collection and have seen several mint singles but we have never seen a used copy although they are known to exist. An Imprint Plate Number strip of 4 of the error was sold by Harmer,

Fig.23c Note Brookman's comment: 'we have never seen a used copy although they..

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO  
**OLD FULTON MARKET,**  
**W. C. BRACE & CO.**  
WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALERS IN  
Fish, Oysters, Game and Fancy Sea Food,  
108 PUBLIC SQUARE,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO.



J V Painter  
735 Euclid  
Ct

Fig. 23d Brookman's reference to the four cent error of color finder: J.V.Painter.



## The Four-Cent Issue



**Foreign Origination**  
Tied to piece by Military Station,  
Santiago, Cuba postmark and  
cancel in September, 1898.

## Usage To Japan



**To Nagasaki**  
Four-cent Columbian issue on one-cent Exposition stamped  
envelope. The five-cent UPU foreign letter rate from  
Chicago to the German Consulate in Nagasaki  
on August 23, 1893.

The Four-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destinations



To Alger

Four-cent Columbian issue on one-cent Exposition entire to L'Arbah, Alger in May, 1893. The five-cent UPU foreign letter rate.



To Egypt

Registered mail with 4-cent and 3-cent Columbian issues on five-cent Exposition entire. One-cent 1890 issue and three 1-cent First Bureau issue stamps on reverse. May, 1893. Overpayment of registered letter rate of 13 cents.

The Four-Cent Issue  
Mail To The South Pacific



To The Cook Islands

Four-cent, 1, 3, 5 and 6-cent issues on one-cent entire paying registered letter mail to Cook Islands. Eight cents registry plus the 12-cent rate to Cook Islands which was not a UPU member. November, 1897.



To Guam

Four-cent issue and 1-cent Trans-Mississippi stamp on 5-cent entire paying two-cent letter rate and eight cents registry to new American possession of Guam in November, 1901.

The Five-Cent Issue  
"Columbus Soliciting The Aid of Queen Isabella"



**Imprint Strip of Four**  
Unused bottom plate number imprint strip  
with American Bank Note Co. imprint. Plate No. 9.



**Imprint Block of Eight**  
Unused top margin plate number imprint block of eight with  
American Bank Note company imprint. Plate No. 6.

The Five-Cent Issue  
Mixed Frankings - Foreign Usages



**Insufficiently Paid To Japan**

Five-cent Columbian on double weight cover to Yokohama, Japan.  
Postage due paid with 10 sen Japanese due stamp  
indicating double the missing postage.



**Chefoo, China Local Stamp**

Single letter from Chefoo through U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai. One-cent  
Chefoo local issue pays internal postage from Chefoo to Shanghai.  
Shanghai Agency postmark ties stamp to cover.



The Philatelic Foundation

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New York, NY 10016

EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. S9  
0278676  
2/01/94

We have examined the following item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
234	1893	5¢	chocolate

Items unless otherwise specified.

SINGLE, 1894 U.S. POSTAL AGENCY SHANGHAI  
DUPLEX CANCEL, ON CUR TO U.S., W/ 1c SCARLET  
CHEFOO LOCAL (S.G.7), "LOCAL POST" CANCEL.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

THEY ARE GENUINELY USED ON COVER WITH A TAPE  
STAIN AT TOP RIGHT OF THE COVER. \* \* \* \* \*



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*Edmund C. ...*  
For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

Submitted by

ANDREW LEVITT PHIL. CONS

The Five-Cent Issue  
Pacific Rim Usages



A pair of the 5-cent Columbian issue paying double the UPU foreign letter rate to Peking, China. June, 1893. Arrived at U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai on July 4. Forwarded to Tientsin.



Mixed Franking From Samoa

Five-cent Columbian used with 2 1/2 pence Samoa issue to Rotherham, England in August, 1894. As Samoa was not a UPU member, the same had only local validity. Five-cent Columbian paid rate from San Francisco (to which it may have been hand carried) to England.

## South Sea Kingdom and U.S. Stamps Correctly Used on One Cover

Samoa 14a, U.S. 234 on Cover to England

By Henry Stollnitz



Certificate 101 170

In the expertizing of the stamps and covers of almost every country it can be helpful not only to be familiar with the philatelic technicalities of paper, printing methods, perforations, etc. It can also sometimes lend crucial insight to know something of the politics, economics and international relations of the period. Of no country is this truer than of Samoa, a group of islands east of Fiji and midway between Honolulu and Sydney, Australia.

Anthropologists believe that Polynesians reached Samoa about 1000 B.C. A bold, seafaring, warlike people, they continued in the next 1500 years or so to spread over the Pacific Islands, keeping Samoa as their home base. By the 19th century, U.S. missionaries, planters and merchants arrived in Samoa, settling chiefly in the area of Pago Pago harbor. The British settlers of about

Fig.29 'Opinions' - Philatelic Foundation Publication 1982.



The Five-Cent Issue  
From The U.S. Postal Agencies In China



**Mixed Franking To France**

Five-cent Columbian stamp with 2-cent China Imperial Post issue sent from Kiauchow, China, to Nancy, France. China was not a member of the UPU and the Chinese stamp paid the internal Chinese postage to the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai from Kiauchow. The 5-cent stamp paid the U.S. foreign letter rate to France. Via San Francisco in May, 1900.



**From U.S. Local Post Agency In Foochow, China**

Five-cent Columbian issue on single weight letter from Foochow, through U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, China, to Buffalo, New York, in December, 1893. Via San Francisco.

No. 103 122

Sept. 25, **19**81

**THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION**

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NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016

**EXPERT COMMITTEE**

**We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the applicant described as follows:**

Country USA Issue 1900 Denomination 5¢, 2¢

Color brown, orange Cat. No. 234

Brief description or additional information

All Catalogue numbers are Scott's unless otherwise specified.

On cover with China 88 from U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Mar. 31, 1900.  
**of which a photograph is attached and are of the opinion**

that it is a genuine usage.-----



*[Signature]*  
**For The Expert Committee  
Chairman**

**submitted by** Peter Kenedi, Inc. CA.

The Five-Cent Issue  
Mixed Frankings



**Return Postage Paid  
By British Stamp**  
 Five-cent Columbian  
 used to pay UPU rate to  
 England. cover appar-  
 ently withdrawn from  
 mails by forwarding  
 agent and returned to  
 sender with 2 1/2d  
 British stamp.

**Returned From France**  
 Five-cent Columbian used  
 to France. Withdrawn from  
 mails in Paris and remailed  
 to Cernes using two 5  
 centimes French stamps.  
 Finally returned to sender.  
 Postage due was required  
 upon return, but never  
 indicated on cover.



The Five-Cent Issue  
The 5-cent UPU Foreign Letter Rate



To The Island of Bermuda  
From Westboro, Mass., in January, 1895.



To Finland  
From Berlin, N.H., through Boston, to Finland in Sept., 1895.

The Six-Cent Issue  
 "Columbus Welcomed At Barcelona"



Block of four.



**Imprint Block of Eight**  
 Unused bottom plate number imprint block of eight with American Bank Note Company imprint.



**Partial Double Impression**  
 Unused plate number imprint strip of four with a partial double impression caused by paper being fed twice into the press.

The Six-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destinations



To The Island of Mauritius

Six, 3 and 4-cent Columbian issues pay 5-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry fee to Port Louis, Mauritius, East Africa in January, 1903.



World's Fair Corner Card

Six-cent issue overpays by one cent the 5-cent UPU rate to Holland.  
From Saratoga Springs, N.Y., to Arnhem.

The Six-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destinations



To Norway

Five-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry is paid on mourning cover to Norway by two 6-cent Columbian issues and one-cent definitive.



To Russia

A pair of the 6-cent and single 1-cent Columbian issues on 2-cent entire to St. Petersburg in October, 1893. Overpayment by two cents of UPU 5-cent letter rate and eight cents registry fee.

## The Eight-Cent Issue

"Columbus Restored To Favor"

The only Columbian stamp not issued on Jan. 1, 1893 - issued on March 2, 1893.

The first 8-cent stamp issued by the United States. Quantity: 10,656,550.



Issued stamp in magenta.



"Printed on both sides" variety.



### Imprint Block of Ten

Lower left sheet margin plate number imprint block of 10 with American Bank Note Company imprint. Plate No. 129.



Bottom plate number imprint block of six with full American Bank note company imprint.



The Eight-Cent Issue  
Unusual Usages, Foreign & Domestic



To Siberia Via Japan

Kicking mule cancels from Port Townsend, Wash., on underpaid registered cover to Vladivostok through Nagasaki, Japan, on German vessel *Peru* in April, 1901. Postage due on arrival.



To Mexico

Eight-cent with two-cent ou double registered cover from El Paso, Texas, to Oaxaca, Mexico, January, 1894.

The Eight-Cent Issue  
Foreign Usages



**From Samoa**

Eight-cent Columbian with Samoan postage. Samoan postage not valid in the U.S. since it was not a UPU member. Samoan postage transported cover to San Francisco where 8-cent issue covered delivery as registered piece in that city. From Apia, Samoa, in April, 1895.



**To Hayti**

Double 5-cent letter rate to Port-Au-Prince, Hayti, in April, 1895.  
On Wytheville, Virginia, corner card with 2-cent definitive.

The Eight-Cent Issue  
To Africa



To Sierra Leone

Eight-cent, two 2-cent and single 1-cent Columbian issues 5-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry to French colony of Sierra Leone in April, 1894. Via Liverpool, England from New York City.



To Matabeleland, South Africa

Ten-cent letter rate to non-UPU-member South Africa in March, 1895.

The Eight-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destinations



**To Portugal**  
One-cent overpayment of five times the 5-cent UPU letter rate to Oporto, Portugal, in June, 1893. Pairs of the 8-cent and 5-cent issues.



**To Ceylon**  
Registered letter mail to British colony of Ceylon. Five cents UPU letter rate plus eight cents registry. Eight-cent and 3-cent issues on 2-cent entire.

**The Eight-Cent Issue  
To Luxembourg**

Double the single UPU  
letter rate of five cents on  
large business cover to the  
Grand Duchy of Luxem-  
bourg in October, 1893.



The Ten-Cent Issue  
"Columbus Presenting Natives At Court"



Wide-margin copy of issued stamp.



Block of Four



Imprint Block of Ten

Unused top margin plate number imprint block of ten showing American Bank Note company imprint. Plate No. 101.

The Ten-Cent Issue  
Domestic Usages



**“Request Examination On Delivery”**

Ten-cent used to pay letter rate and registry. Received in bad condition and then officially sealed. New York Registry office “Request Examination” sticker.



**Double The Letter Rate**

Two-cent issue with 10-cent stamp used to pay double weight letter rate plus registry on hotel corner card. Rouse's Point, N.Y.

The Ten-Cent Issue  
Usages In The Pacific Region



To Honolulu, Hawaii

Three and 10-cent Columbians used to pay the 5-cent UPU rate (Hawaii was then an independent kingdom) and 8-cent registry. Unclaimed, sent to Honolulu Dead Letter Office, then returned to sender. April, 1893.



From U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China - To Tunis In North Africa  
Ten-cent Columbian with 3-cent small Bank Note issue on 5-cent entire  
paying double UPU letter rate of ten cents, plus eight cents registry. Transit  
through New York, Paris and Marseilles. Forwarded in Tunis.



The Ten-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destinations



To Austria

Ten and 8-cent Columbians pay double UPU 5-cent letter rate and eight cents registry to Wien, Austria in September, 1899.



To Sweden

Ten-cent Columbian stamp used to pay double the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate to Stockholm in September, 1893. "U.S. Sea Post" postmark indicates being posted on board the Steamer *Paris* sailing out of New York.

The Ten-Cent Issue



To London, England - William Waldorf Astor, Founder of Waldorf-Astoria Hotel  
 A pair of the 10-cent, plus singles of the 10-cent and 5-cent Columbian issue pay seven times 5-cent per half ounce UPU foreign letter rate.



New York Supplementary Mail Usage To Paris  
 Ten-cent issue paying double 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate to France. "Late Mail" handstamp for cover dispatched by N.Y. Supplementary Mail office at port of New York. Late fee was paid in cash for mail received too late for normal dispatch.

The Fifteen-Cent Issue  
 "Columbus Announcing His Discovery"



Mint single showing wide margins.



**Imprint Strip**

Plate number imprint strip of four showing full American Bank Note Co. imprint. Plate No. 58.



**Imprint Block**

Lower left sheet margin plate number block of ten with full ABNC imprint. Plate No. 58.

The Fifteen-Cent Issue  
The Far East



From U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China  
Overpayment of 5-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry to New York, Feb., 1894.



To Yokohama, Japan  
Three times 5-cent per half ounce UPU foreign letter rate to Japan in June, 1894.

The Fifteen-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destinations



To South  
Africa  
Six times the  
5-cent UPU  
foreign letter  
rate paid by  
two 15-cent  
Columbians.  
May, 1893.

To Uruguay  
Triple the 5-  
cent UPU  
foreign letter  
rate to  
Montevideo.  
Feb., 1893.



The Thirty-Cent Issue  
"Columbus At La Rabida"



**Imprint Strip**

Unused plate number imprint strip of four with American Bank Note Company imprint. Plate No. 59.



**Imprint Block of Ten**

Unused lower left plate number imprint block of ten with American Bank Note Company imprint. Plate No. 59.



Used block of four.

# UNITED STATES ISSUE OF 1893

## Imprint and Combination Usage



A strip of 4 with bottom imprint of the American Bank Note Co. plate no. 59.



30 cent and 8 cent Columbian along with 4 cent 1890 issue stamps on a one-cent entire. Local cover dated Sept. 30, 1893. Registry cancelled.

The Thirty-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destinations



To Germany

Thirty and 15-cent Columbians on 5-cent entire overpay eight times 5-cent UPU



To The Philippines

Thirty and 1-cent Columbians on 10-cent entire on registered cover that was used as package label for shipment of books to Manila, Philippine Islands. Return receipt requested.



The Thirty-Cent Issue  
Foreign Destination



From U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China  
Thirty and 8-cent Columbian issues pay six times the five cents  
per half ounce UPU foreign letter rate, plus eight cents registry, on cover from  
the Spanish Consulate General in Shanghai to New York in Dec., 1893.

The Fifty-Cent Issue  
"Return of Columbus"



**Imprint Strip of Four**  
Unused bottom plate number imprint strip of four with ABNC  
imprint. Plate No. 77.



**Imprint Block of Eight**  
Unused plate number imprint block of eight with  
American Bank Note Co. imprint. Plate No. 77.

United States  
COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION ISSUE OF 1893



Fig.55a Partial Imprint S, Block of Four.



Fig55b Cover piece with Four Fifty Cent Stamps, Reg. Cancellation.

*The Fifty-Cent Issue*  
Foreign Destination



Fig. 56 U.S. German Sea Post, Feb. 1893.

The Fifty-Cent Issue  
To Germany



**With Fancy Star Cancellation**

Fifty-cent single on cover overpays eight times the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate and eight cents registry from Chicago, Ill., to Germany in November, 1893. Chicago fancy star ties stamp.

The Fifty-Cent Issue  
 From New Mexico Territory  
 To Germany



From Las Vegas, New Mexico Territory  
 Fifty-cent single on corner card cover. Franking indicates  
 overpayment of eight times the 5-cent UPU foreign letter  
 rate plus eight cents registry to Westfalen, Germany, in  
 January, 1894. Registered en route at New York.

### The Fifty-Cent Issue

#### Strip of Five On Cover To England

Five 50-cent Columbian issues on  
4-cent stamped envelope  
registered to London where  
valuation of contents is indicated  
at lower right ("120,000").  
Registered at both Lynn, Mass.,  
and New York City. May, 1894.



**The \$1.00 Issue**  
 "Isabella Pledging Her Jewels"  
 Total quantity delivered: 55,050.



Example Unused



Orange, New Jersey  
 Oval Postmark



Philadelphia, Penna.,  
 Postmark

**Margin Imprint**  
**Block of 18**  
 Never hinged right  
 margin imprint  
 block of 18  
 showing full  
 American Bank  
 Note Company  
 imprint.





# The \$1.00 Issue



Fig. 61b Top Imprint No. 93, W, strip of four.



Fig. 61c Bottom Imprint, No. 93, W, Plate Block of Eight.

The \$1.00 Issue



**Used Block of Six**  
Light brown date stamps on this block which was presumably used on a parcel.



**Last Day of the Fair**  
The \$1.00 Columbian issue on 2-cent entire; registered mail postmarked on October 30, 1893, the last day of the World Columbian Exposition.

The \$1.00 Issue  
Foreign Destinations



To The Dutch East Indies  
Single \$1.00 Columbian on registered cover to Sumatra  
in August, 1898, from New York City. Transit through London.



U.S. German Sea Post  
The \$1.00 issue applied on corner card cover posted at sea on  
steamship bound for Bremerhaven, Germany. Feb., 1893.

The \$1.00 Issue  
To Germany



**"Received In Bad Condition"**

Registered to Munich, Germany, in January, 1894. Noted in New York as being "Received In Bad Condition"...yet was sent on to destination.



**Boston Registry Box Stamp ("A.R.")**

Hotel corner card cover registered to Meiningen, Germany, in June, 1893. Huge "A.R." marking.

The \$2.00 Issue  
"Columbus In Chains"  
Total quantity delivered: 45,550.



**Imprint Strip of Four**  
Unused bottom plate number imprint strip of four with ABNC imprint. Plate No. 105



**The Largest Known Multiple of the \$2.00 Value**  
Unused left sheet margin block of 25 with  
partial ABNC imprint.

The \$2.00 Issue



Imprint Block of Eight

Unused lower right sheet margin imprint plate number block of eight with full ABNC imprint. Plate No. 105.



Navy Department Corner Card

Registered cover with \$2.65 postage from Office of Inspector of Machinery for U.S. Navy, Baltimore, Maryland. October, 1893.



THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION  
 270 MADISON AVENUE  
 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016  
 EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. <sup>385</sup> 0194243  
 6/16/88

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the applicant described as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom	Color
242	1893	\$2.00	brown red

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED OG  
 BOTTOM RIGHT MARGIN BLOCK OF EIGHT, IMPRINT,  
 NUMERAL 105 AND DOUBLE "A".

OF WHICH A PHOTOGRAPH IS ATTACHED AND  
 ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE PREVIOUSLY HINGED\* \* \* \* \*



For The Expert Committee  
 VICE Chairman

A 41703

submitted by ANDREW LEVITT PHIL. CONS

*The \$2.00 Issue*



Fig.66a Margin imprint Block of Four



Fig.66b Margin Imprint, No. 105 Block of Six.



The \$2.00 Issue  
To Germany



Mourning Cover  
The \$2.00 Columbian used to Bayern, Germany  
in July, 1893.

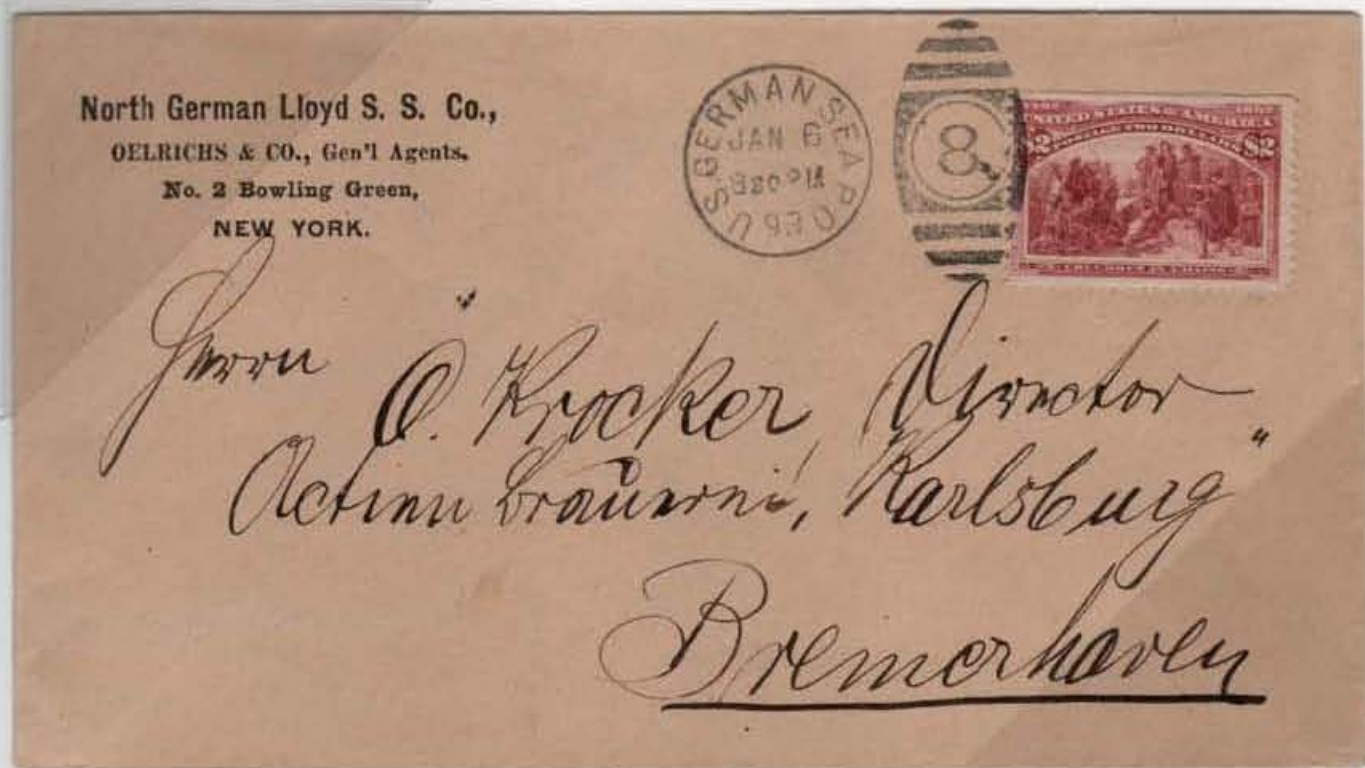


On Theater Corner Card  
Postage of \$2.56 on registered theatrical cover to Berlin,  
Germany in November, 1893. Unusual "Allegheny Clerks" registry cancel.

The \$2.00 Issue  
To Germany



Usage on one-cent exposition stamped envelope per  
Steamship *Lahn* in November, 1893, to Hamburg, Germany.



**U.S. German Sea Post**  
Posted just four days after date of issue. Mailed for dispatch on North German  
Lloyd steamship. "U.S. GERMAN SEA POST" handstamp was only used  
aboard German vessels sailing from the U.S.

The \$3.00 Issue  
 "Columbus Describing Third Voyage"  
 Total quantity delivered: 27,650.



**Strip of Four**  
 Unused bottom plate number strip of four with ABNC imprint. Plate No. 106.



**Top Imprint Block**  
 Unused plate number imprint block of six with ABNC imprint.  
 Top stamps never hinged. Plate No. 106.



**Sheet Margin Block**  
 Unused left sheet margin block with partial imprint.



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No. <sup>750</sup> 0193652  
 6/16/88

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the applicant described as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

<u>Cat. No.</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Denom</u>	<u>Color</u>
243	1893	\$3.00	yellow green

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED OG  
 TOP PLATE #106 BLOCK OF SIX.

OF WHICH A PHOTOGRAPH IS ATTACHED AND  
 ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE PREVIOUSLY HINGED WITH SOME  
 REJOINED PERFORATIONS AT LEFT \* \* \* \* \*  
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*R. Rosen*

For The Expert Committee  
 VICEChairman

submitted by ANDREW LEVITT PHIL. CONS

A 41680

The \$3.00 Issue



Tied by Washington, D.C. postmark.



Lightly-struck target cancels on strip of three.



Cata, Pa., postmarks tie \$2.00 stamp and \$3.00 partial imprint single on local cover.

The \$3.00 Issue  
To Germany



On Theatrical Corner Card

The \$3.00 value in combination with 1-cent and \$1.00 stamps on registered corner card cover to Berlin, Germany. Unusual "Allegheny Clerks" registry postmarks tie stamps. Nov., 1893.



Mourning Cover

Single on cover to Bayern, Germany. Chicago machine cancellation. July, 1893.



The \$4.00 Issue  
"Isabella and Columbus"  
Total quantity delivered: 26,350.



**Imprint Strip of Four**  
Unused bottom plate number imprint strip of four with ABNC imprint.  
Plate No. 107.



**The largest known multiple: Unused Left Margin Partial Imprint Block of Eight.**




**Used Block of Four**



The \$4.00 Issue Plate Block of six




**THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION**  
 21 EAST 40<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
 NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016  
 EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 0239244  
 7/22/92

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and described by the applicant as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA


Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
244	1893	\$4.00	pale aniline rose

Scott's unless otherwise specified


UNUSED OG  
 BOTTOM IMPRINT & PLATE NO. 107 BLOCK OF SIX.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE PREVIOUSLY HINGED IN THE TOP STAMPS ONLY, TOP LEFT WITH SMALL SURFACE SCRAPE, BOTTOM RIGHT WITH TINY THIN. \* \*



A 120859

  
 For The Expert Committee  
 Chairman

BY DIRECTION OF ACTING

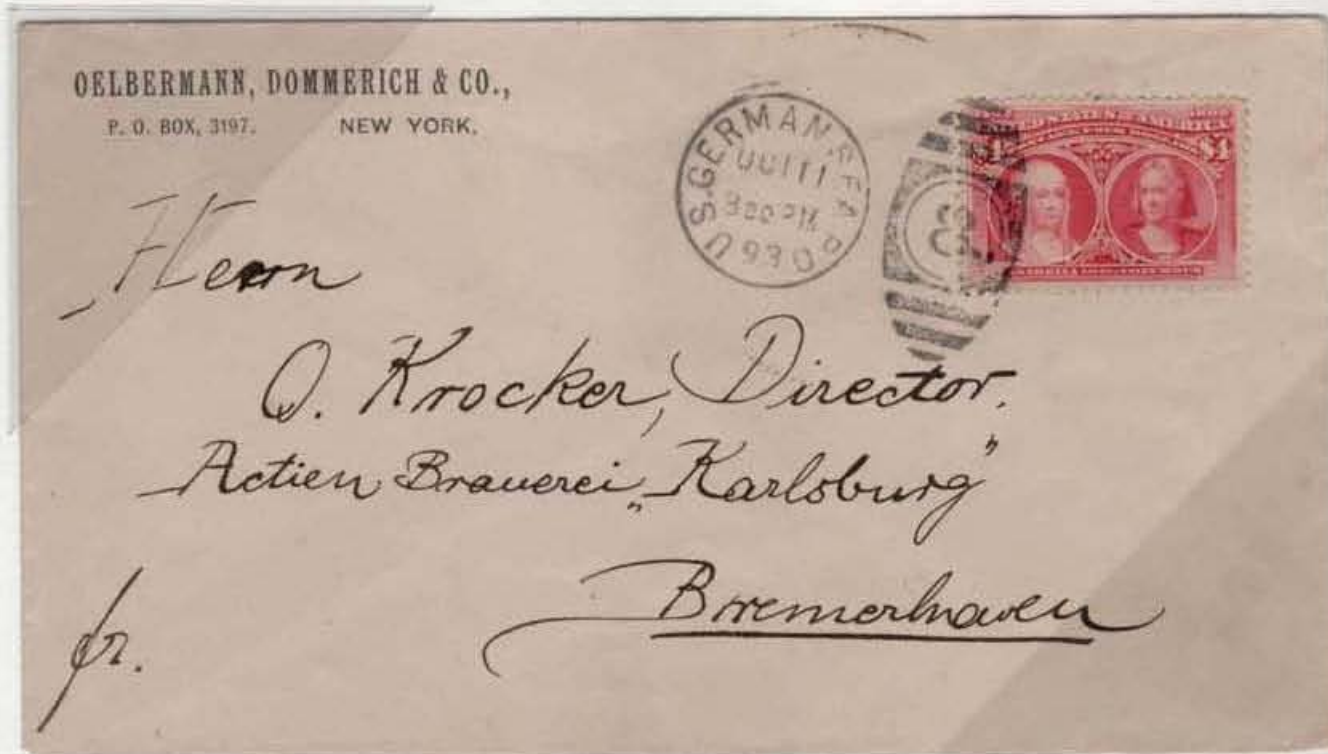
Submitted by **COLUMBIAN STAMP CO. INC**

The \$4.00 Issue  
To Germany



On Theatrical Corner Card

Franking of \$4.09 on registered corner card cover to Berlin, Germany in Nov., 1893. Unusual "Allegheny Clerks" registry cancels.



U.S. German Sea Post

Mailed for dispatch on North German Lloyd steamship, October, 1893. "U.S. GERMAN SEA POST" handstamp was only used aboard German vessels sailing from the U.S.

The \$4.00 Issue



**To Queen Lilioukalani**  
Four-dollar value with 5-cent stamped envelope on registered cover to Her Majesty The Queen of the Kingdom of Hawaii. January, 1894.



The \$4.00 value used on 2-cent exposition stamped envelope from Galion, Ohio, to Detroit, Michigan in August, 1893.

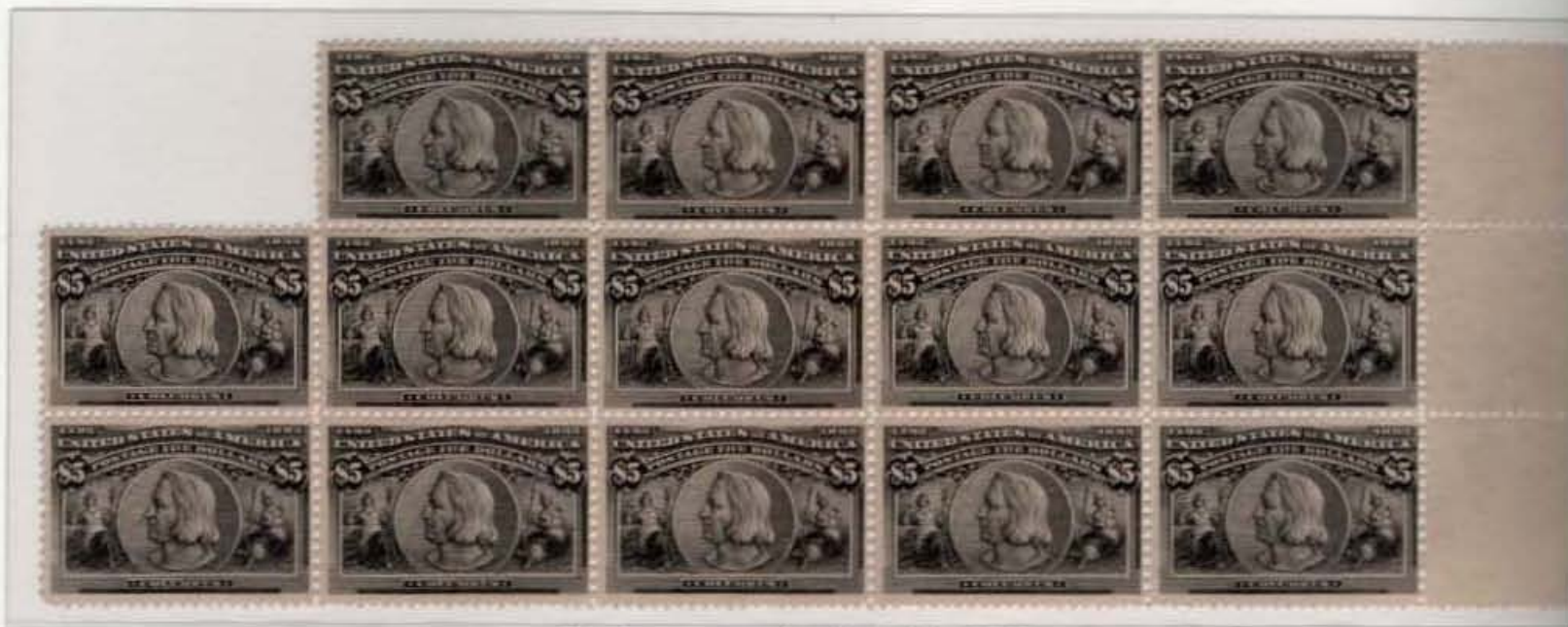
The \$5.00 Issue



Unused right bottom sheet margin single.  
Never hinged.



Bottom imprint plate number block of six, full original gum. The finest quality  
of the four reported plate blocks of this stamp.



The largest reported multiple of the \$5.00  
Columbian Issue. Honored as the 250,000th item to  
be authenticated by the Philatelic Foundation.



THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION

21 EAST 40<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016  
EXPERT COMMITTEE

No. 0250000  
10/24/91

We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and described by the applicant as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No.	Issue	Denom.	Color
245	1893	\$5.00	black

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED  
BLOCK OF 14 COMPOSED OF RIGHT MARGIN BLOCK  
OF 12(4X3) PLUS ADDITIONAL VERTICAL PAIR  
AT LEFT.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, POSITION 5 WITH A SMALL CLOSED  
TEAR AT TOP. \* \* \* \* \*



*Rosenthal*  
For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

A 106146

Submitted by JACK ROSENTHAL

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No. 49 251

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THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION  
99 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016

EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed USA

1893, \$5.00, black, Scott 245, plate block  
of 6, unused, o.g. -----

submitted by Andrew Levitt -----

of which a photograph is attached and are of the opinion  
that it is genuine. -----

*J. H. Hill, Jr.*  
For The Expert Committee  
Chairman



The \$5.00 Value



Used single with New York registry cancel.



Used on piece with Philadelphia, Pa., postmark.



Registered to Austria  
Business corner card cover registered at New York and sent to  
Vienna, Austria in April, 1893.

### The \$5.00 Issue

Design from a medal struck in Madrid, but derived from a cast of the souvenir U.S. Columbian half dollar. Total delivered: 27,350.



The \$5.00, 6 and 30-cent issues used on 10-cent Columbian entire on registered cover within New York City. Oct. 20, 1893.



The \$5.00 Columbian issue used on cover from Stony Point, California, in September, 1896.



The Dollar Values  
Unusual Usages



Used vertical pair of the \$5.00 value with clear Lake Worth, Fla., postmark.



**"World's Fair Station" Machine Cancels**

Highly unusual usage of the \$2, \$3, \$4, and \$5 values of the Columbian Issue all tied by three "World's Fair Station" machine cancels and one "World's Fair Station" duplex canceller.

The Columbian Issue - Complete set on two covers



Fig.80a Pitts. Pa to Germany Apr. 1894



Fig80b Covers to Alsace, Receiving Mark 'BARR'

The Complete Set On One Cover  
(Domestic Destination)

The full set of sixteen Columbian values on a New York registry cover in December, 1893  
...at a time the price of the set represented twice the average weekly wage.



The Exposition Stamped Envelopes  
The 2-Cent & 5-Cent Error of Color

Printed in slate (the color designated  
for the 10-Cent envelope) instead of  
violet (2-Cent) and chocolate (5-Cent).



Two-Cent slate cut square. Unused.

One of only two recorded used envelopes showing this error of color. Universal Postal Union flag machine cancellation on cover sent locally in Washington, D.C.



The Exposition Stamped Envelopes



**One-Cent Stamped Envelope From Guam**

A pair of the 2-cent First Bureau Issue overprinted "GUAM" on 1-cent entire paying 5-cent rate to U.S. Postmarked "Agana Island of Guam".



**Five-Cent Stamped Envelope To Nicaragua**

Cancelled "SHIP" in blue per Steamship *San Blas* via Champerico.  
From San Francisco to Corinto, Nicaragua.