

Tract House Patriotics



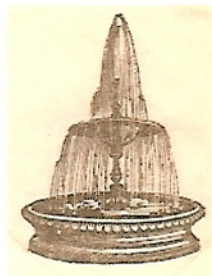
“Touch not Taste not Handle not”
Who hath contentions? - They that tarry long at the wine. - Prov. 23:29

Various printers produced and sold patriotic covers during the Civil War. The vast majority were used in the first two years of the war when the patriotic fervor was highest. These were commonly sold as “kits” which included several envelopes, with different designs, letter paper, and often a pencil.

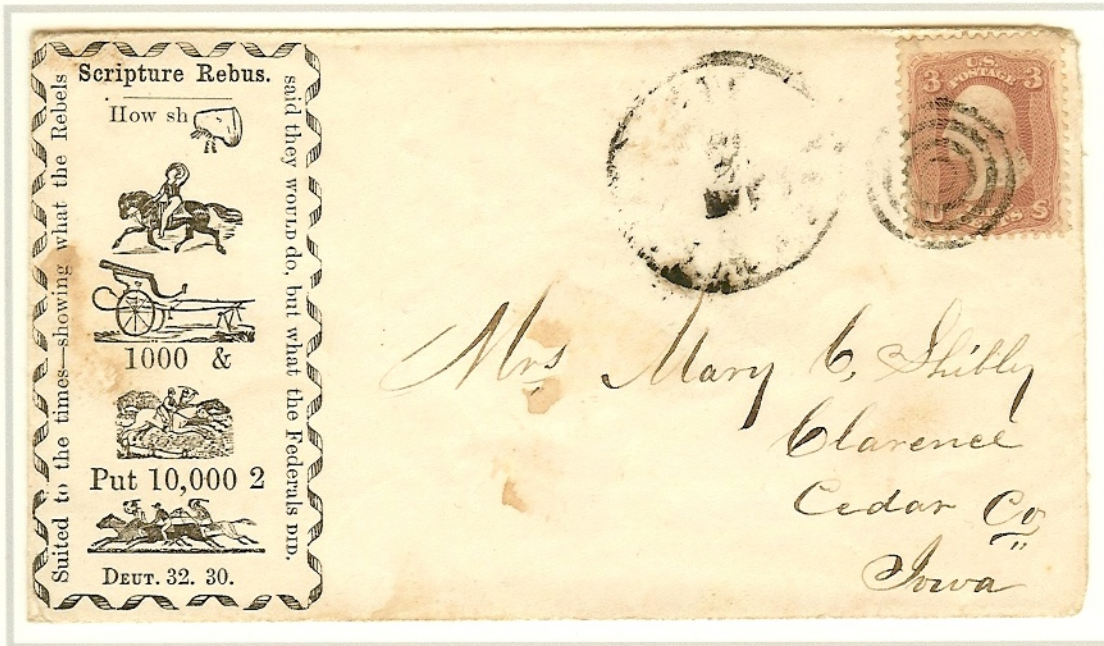
The Tract House, a printer of religious tracts located in Philadelphia, evidently came late to the game and few of their envelopes were used and have survived. The covers in this exhibit are all from a single correspondence, that of Oliver Shibley of the 31st Iowa Volunteers, to his wife Mary at Clarence, Iowa over the period between 1862 and 1865. Quite probably the covers represent a nearly complete set of the different designs contained in one of the kits.

Each cover has an imprint “Tract House, 929 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia” at the top of the back flap as well as vignette printed lower on the reverse. In an effort to record this group, the various reverse vignettes are shown adjacent to the covers.

Tract House, 929 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.



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Scripture Rebus Designs**



How Should
One
Chase
One Thousand
And Two
Put
Ten Thousand
To Flight

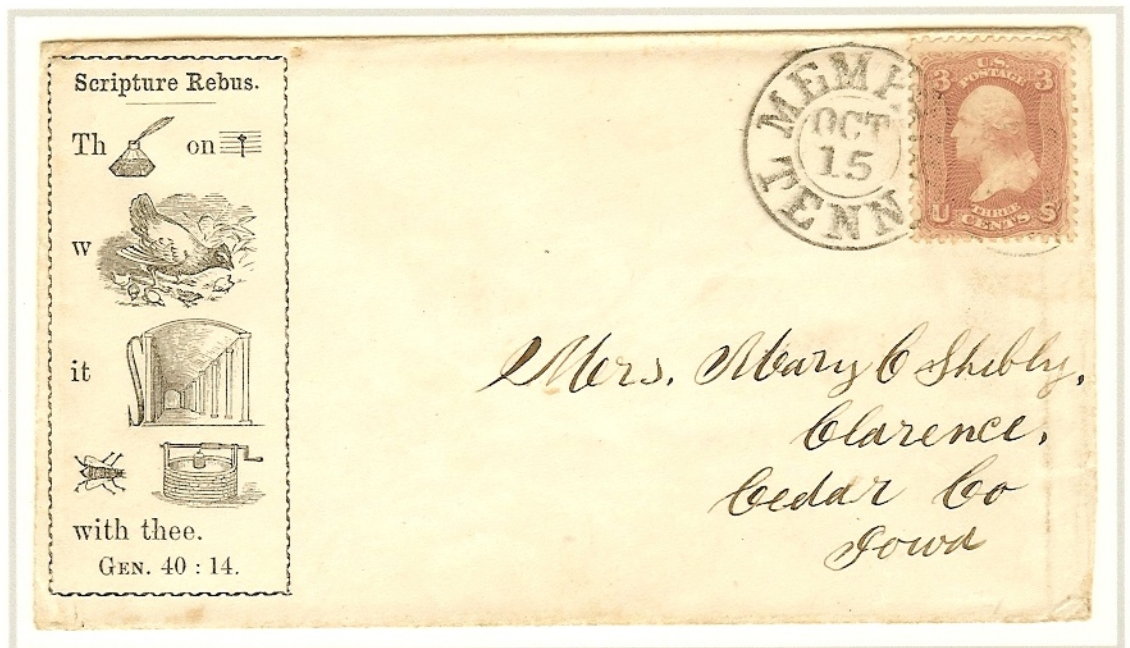
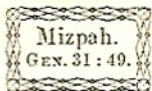
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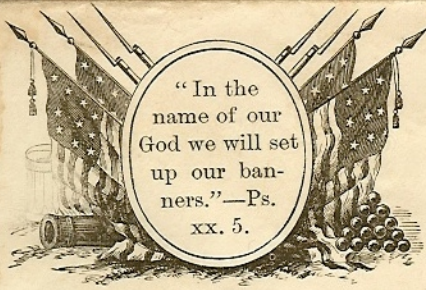
“Suited to the times - showing what the Rebels said they would do, but what the Federals did.”

Think On Me
When
It Shall
Be Well
With Thee

Gen. 40:14

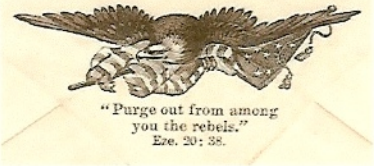


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"In the name of our God we will set up our banners."—Ps. xx. 5.

Mrs Mary C Shibly
Jones Co
Iowa



"Purge out from among you the rebels."
Eze. 20: 38.

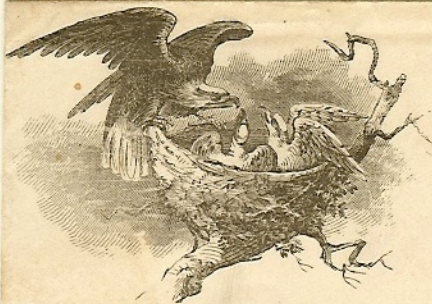
"The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David."
I SAM., xviii. 1.



"Thy God shall be my God."
RUTH I. 16.



Mrs Mary C Shibly
Clarence
Cedar County
Iowa



An eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth
ver her young, spreadeth abroad her wings.
—DEUT. 32: 11.

And as the bird each fond endearment tries
To tempt her new-fledged offspring to the skies;
Employ each art; reprove each dull delay;
Allure to brighter worlds, and lead the way



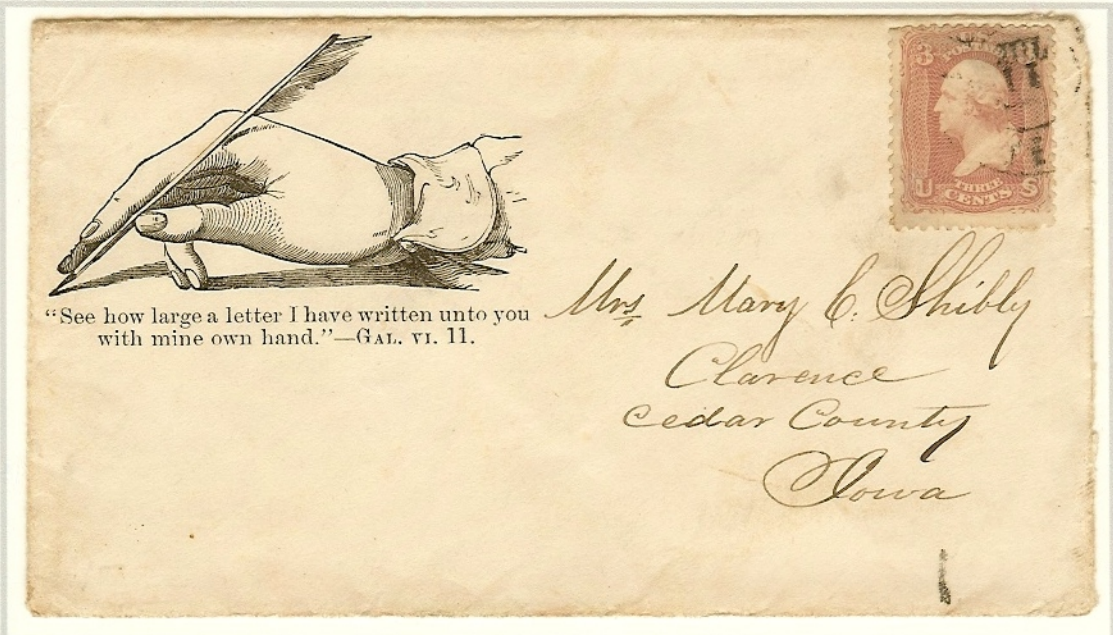
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Soon.

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Write the things which thou hast seen and the things which are.—
 Rev. 1: 19.

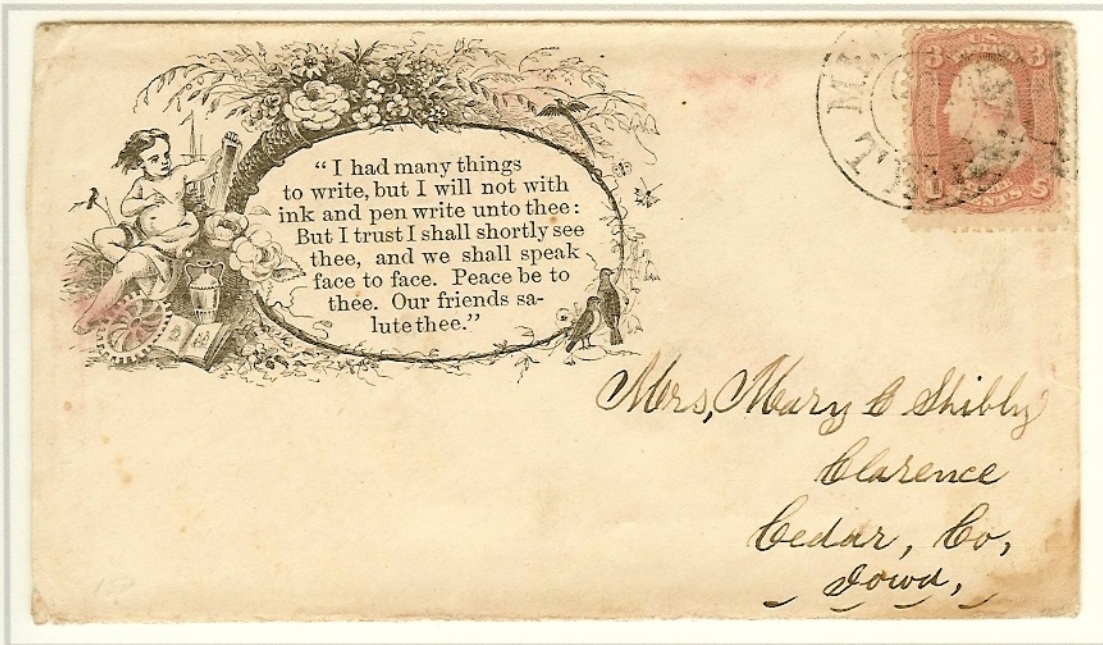


“Be rich in good works.”
 1 TIM. VI. 17.

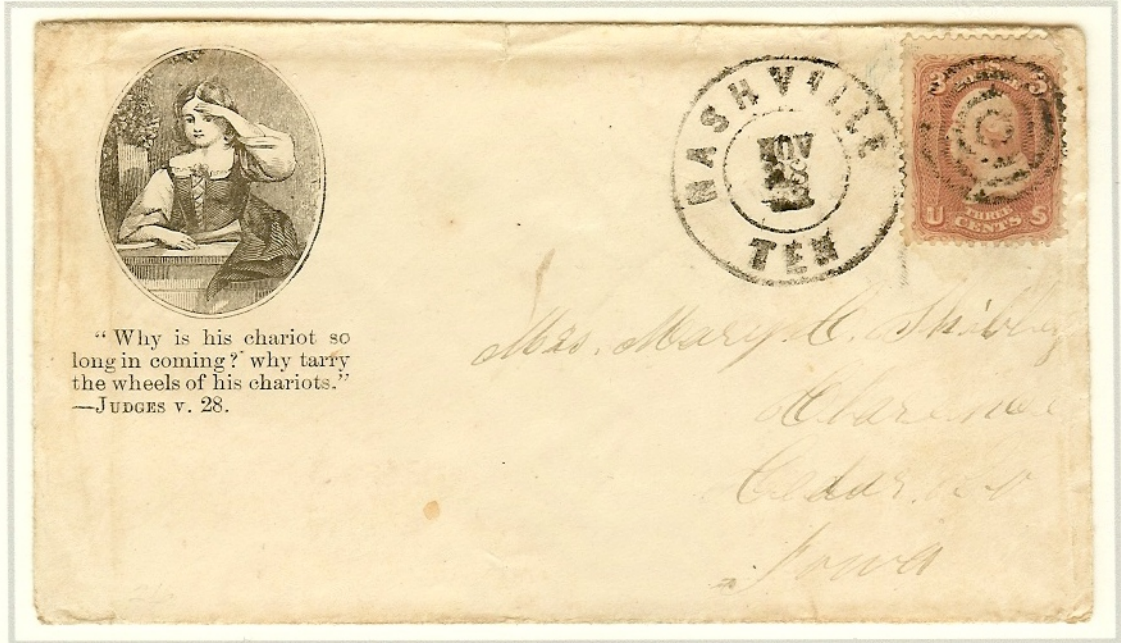
“Let no man take thy crown.”
 REV. III. 11.



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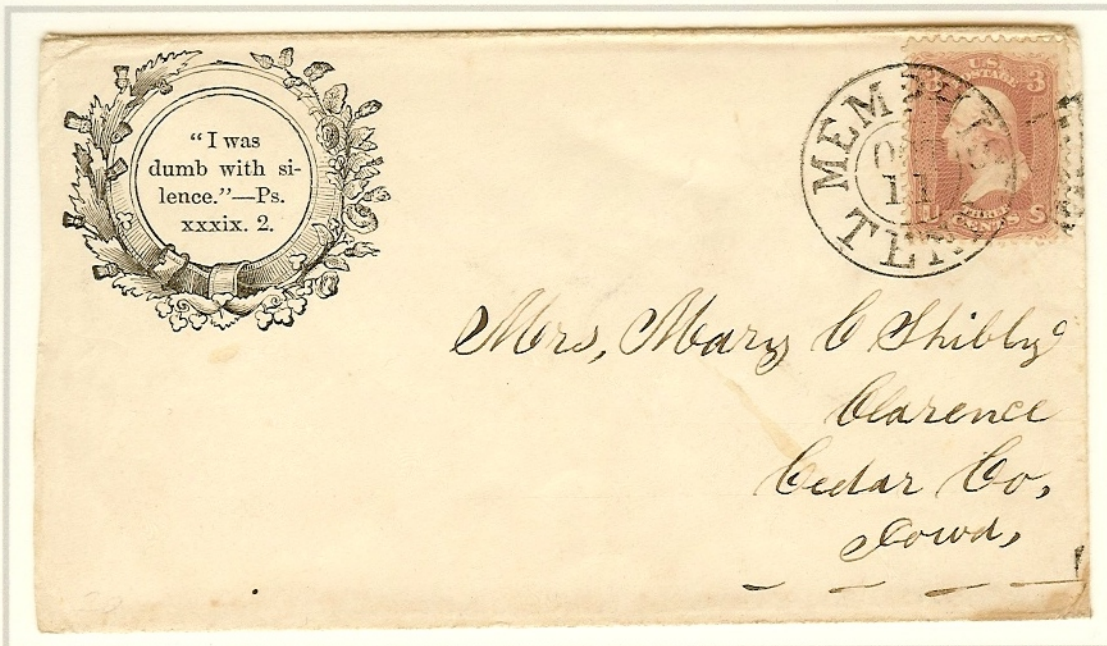
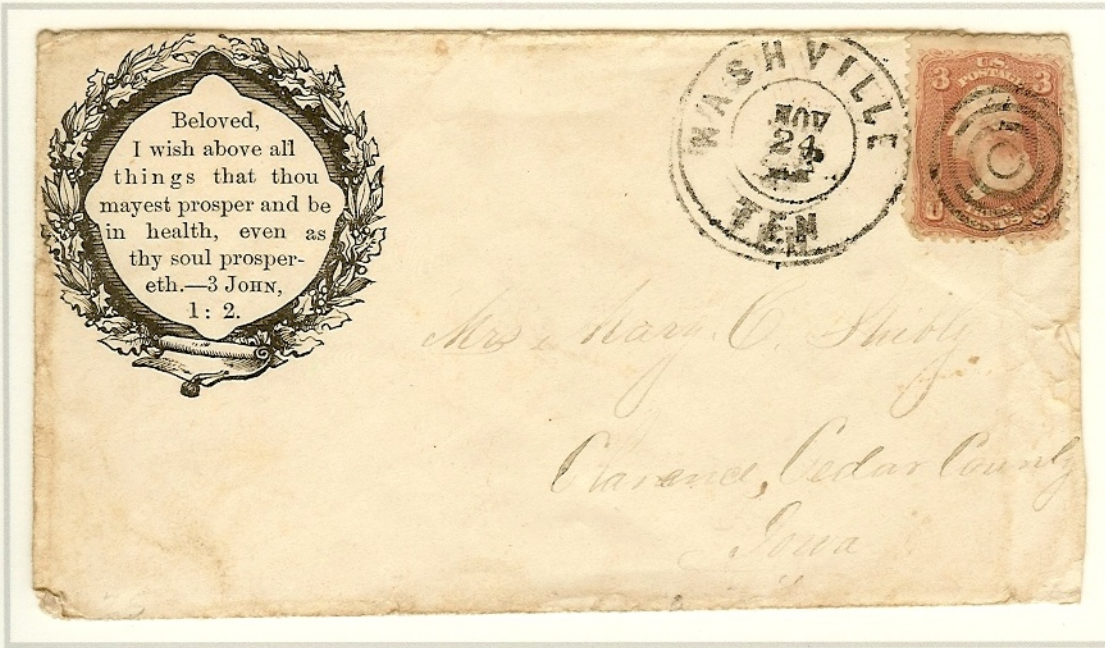


"Pleasant words
are as a honey
comb sweet to
the soul."
Prov. 16: 24.

"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick."
—Prov. xiii. 12.



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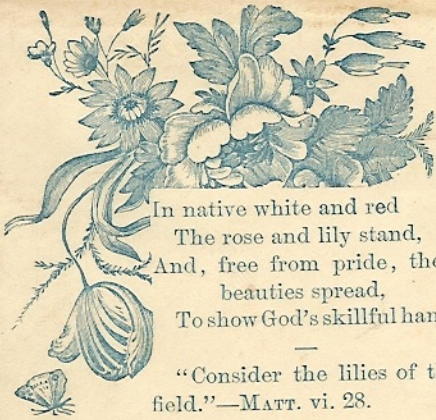
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"Go work in my vineyard."—Matt. xxi. 28.

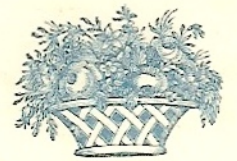
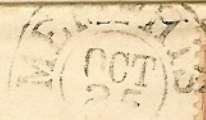


Mrs Mary C Shibly
Clarence
Cedar Co
Iowa,



In native white and red
The rose and lily stand,
And, free from pride, their
beauties spread,
To show God's skillful hand.

"Consider the lilies of the
field."—Matt. vi. 28.



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"The slothful man saith, There is
a Lion in the way."—Prov. xxvi. 13.



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