Le Timbrophile (Paris, Maury) issue of 1 November 1865 included a rendering of the 2 candareens stamp. The first row of forgeries below are derived from that illustration.

Benzinger Type "TO" with curved element in NW corner in two pieces.









black on pale buff



black on dark buff

Type "LK" with curved element in NW corner in four pieces rather than two.













Type "LM" with curved element in NW corner in one piece, "SANGHAI" at top.









character in NE corner has an upward stroke at end of the shorter horizontal line











































NE corner character has a tiny upward stroke at end, two solid ovals at top two variations: on pelure paper with intact Chinese *yin* at left and wove paper with broken *yin*

first variation on pelure paper with intact yin







singular "CANDAREEN"





plural "CANDAREENS"

second variation on wove paper with broken yin







singular "CANDAREEN"









plural "CANDAREENS"

Type "LD"

no claw above tail, top central frame slopes down at left





singular "CANDAREEN" and plural "CANDAREENS"

Type "LF"

left horn does not touch frameline, ornament at foot are joined





large numerals









small numerals, both with Chinese er (2) for denomination at left









large numerals

small numerals, Torres fake cancels

Type "LH"

reversed "N" at top, dragon's horns and ears do not touch frameline



Type "LI"

guard house door has dividing line, horns and ears do not touch frameline





Type "LI"

eight thin whiskers, horns and ears do not touch frameline





Type "LO"

side ornaments at right cross frameline, central block corners rounded





"L.F.O." instead of "L.P.O." at top, Chinese Liang for all values.





















metallic gold ink











"L.F.O." instead of "L.P.O." at top











metallic gold ink

































Type "LP"

top scroll at left connected to frameline above by vertical line



Type "LQ"

nine short whiskers, dragons has stars instead of claws





Type "LR"

five short whiskers, "HA" of "SHANGHAI" joined





Type "LS"

left horn does not touch frameline, scroll at bottom left touches dragon









large "6"

small "6" almost touching "CANDAREENS"

Type "LU"

solid ovals at top and above Dragon's tail, whiskers connect to side oval







Type "LV"

single colored oval at top right of central image







single arc in white space below guard house, the ends of the ornamental loops are solid, no period after "CANDAREENS" (one candareen with period)













framelines are all the same thickness, the letters of "CANDAREEN" are tighly spaced and the serif on the terminal "N" extends over the top line of the word



















nine whiskers, dragon's two top lines has seven defined segments, three arcs in hill beneath guard house, square piu with tail, open SW corner

modern numerals





















open SE corner

open SE corner

Chinese mace instead of fen error, modern numerals







Roman numeral I



antique numerals











laid paper

one piece element in NW corner, period after "O" of "L.P.O." is raised













































































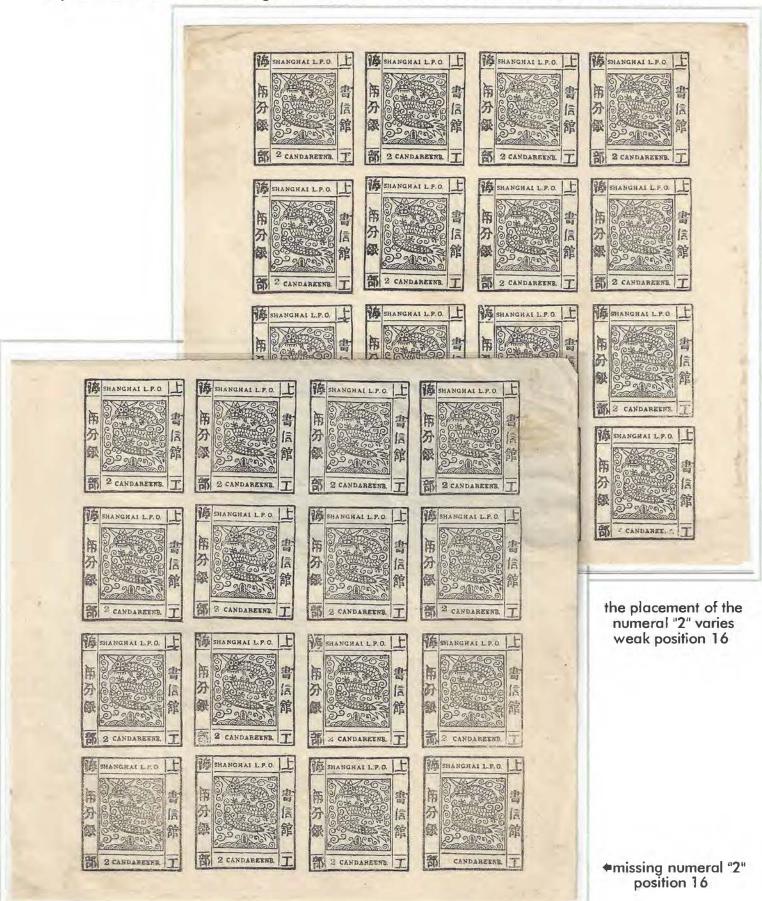


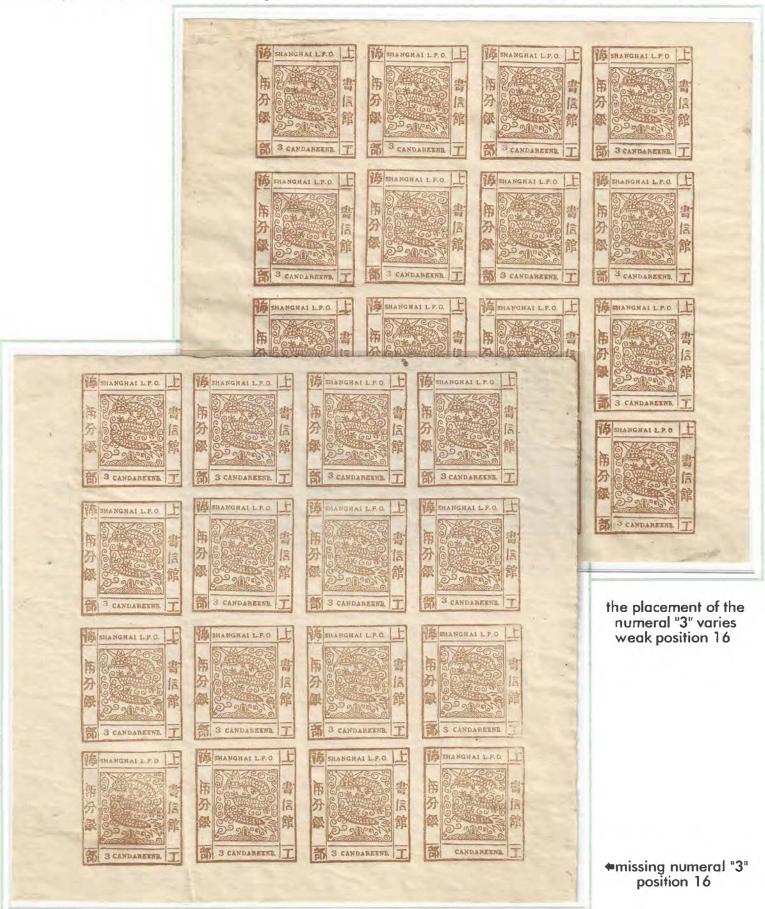


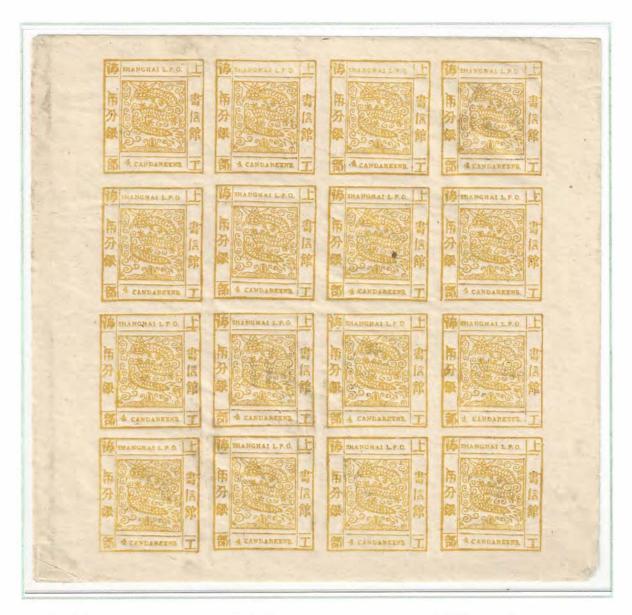
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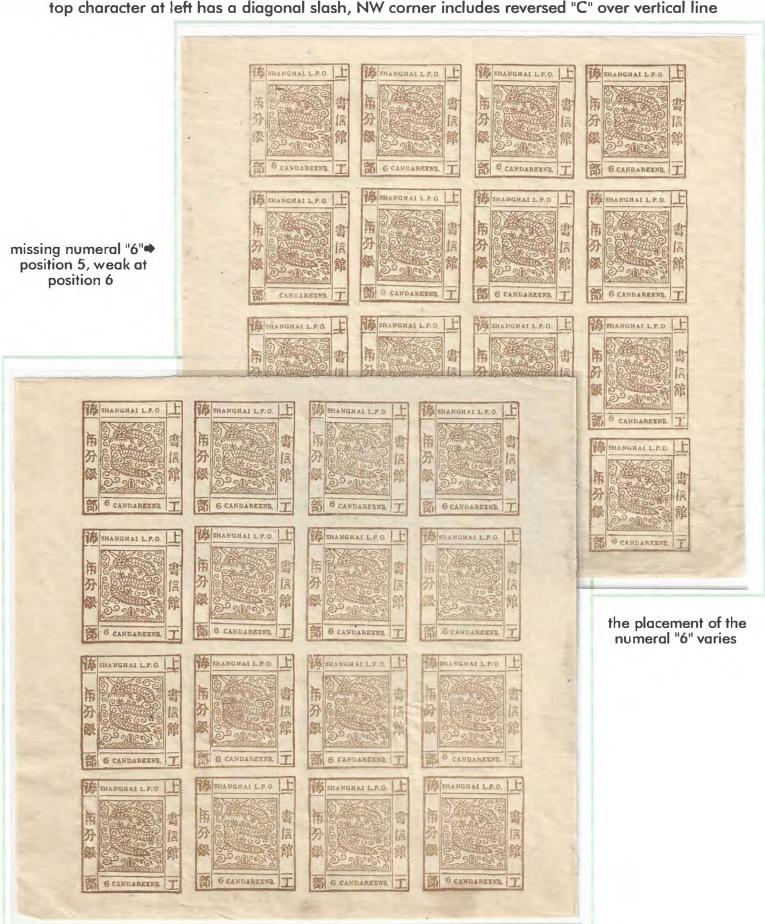
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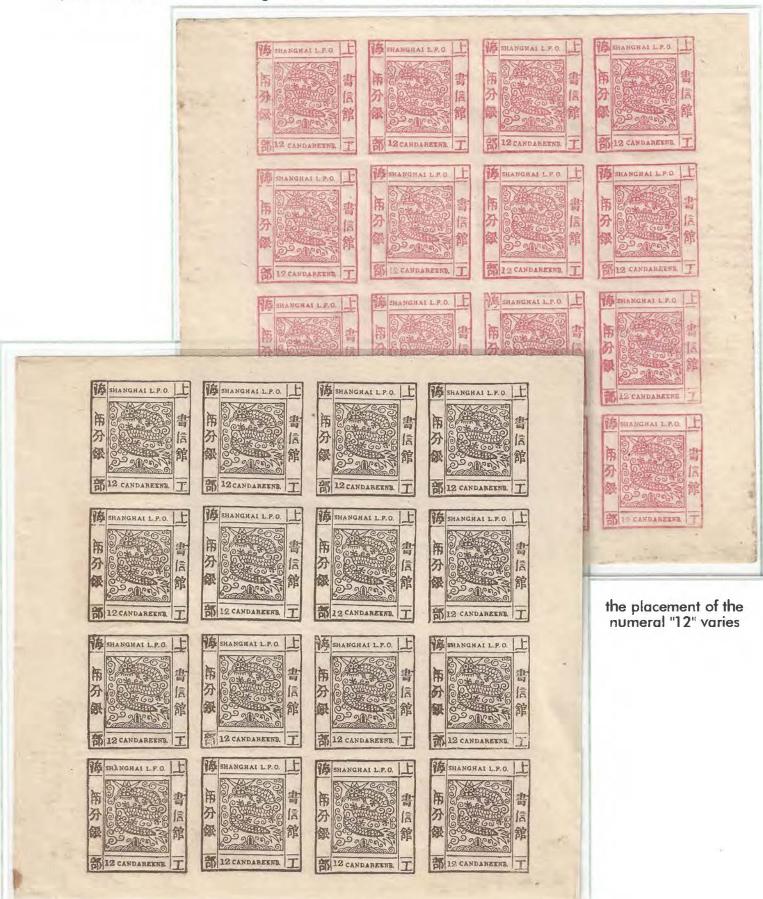
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Type 'TL"

center block almost touches framelins at sides, perforated 10.75





flaw in tail

Type "TM"

similar to Types LU and TK, unusual mustache, perforated 11.5



Torres fake cancel

Type 'TK'

similar to Types LU and TM (above), unusual mustache



Type "TS"

tail touches frameline in two places at right and corner scroll beneath



These forgeries form a group and individual values were printed in a composite setting with plural over singular denominations. Although individual cliches vary, the share characteristics: two separate arcs in hill under the guard house, the pattern in the body scales match.

singular "CANDAREEN."











plural "CANDAREENS."











combination blocks



top pair is plural, lower pair is singular



top pair is singular, lower pair is plural

See previous page. The individual values were printed in a composite setting with plural over singular denominations. Other denominations have not been reported. The Benzinger types are:

| | Benzinger Type |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1 CANDAREEN. | TX |
| 1 CANDAREENS. | TV |
| 2 CANDAREEN. | TW |
| 2 CANDAREENS. | TU |
| 4 CANDAREEN. | not listed |
| 4 CANDAREENS. | π |
| 6 CANDAREEN. | not seen |
| 6 CANDAREENS. | TAA |
| 8 CANDAREEN. | TAB |
| 8 CANDAREENS. | TAA |
| 16 CANDAREEN. | TZ |
| 16 CANDAREENS. | TH |

combination blocks



top pair is singular, lower pair is plural



top pair is plural, lower pair is singular

Miscellaneous Oddities

"32 Candareens"



possibly related to Type "TO" but frame lines cross

Unlisted







this row possible related to next row but have correct "L.P.O." at top









this row seem to be related as all have "L.F.O." at top





both with "L.F.O." at top, crude prints similar to Type "LL"



album illustration French text on reverse