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Post Offices in China and Japan

COLLECTORS AND POSTAL HISTORIANS HAVE LONG BEEN FASCINATED with the post offices operated by one country in the territory of another. And for good reason—the subject is rich in history and artifacts.

All of the major empire-building nations—England, France, Germany, Russia, Spain and Italy—established post offices in their far-reaching colonies. The United States, which was morally and constitutionally opposed to imperialism, nonetheless found political justification to establish a presence in certain places around the world that were deemed vital to American defense and commercial interests. With each new outpost came the need for a post office or agency to handle mail.

The History and Timeline presented on pages 107-110 of this catalogue provide a necessarily brief overview of events related to the establishment and operation of the United States mail system in the Far East. Much of the material in this catalogue has been arranged chronologically, to give bidders some sense of how historical events influenced postal operations.

Beginning with maritime letters from the early 19th century, the Drucker collection traces the history of the United States Post Offices in China and, to a lesser extent, in Japan.

Special attention was paid to unusual postal markings and usages from the U.S. consular office in Shanghai and from Chinese treaty ports, which relied on local posts to bring mail to and from Shanghai. The Druckers also concentrated on the unofficial Darrah overprints and 1919-22 currency surcharges on the Washington-Franklin series, forming one of the most outstanding specialized collections of this issue ever assembled.

The Druckers' accomplishment in building this area of their diverse stamp collection is even more remarkable when one considers the intense competition they faced from collectors in Asia during the past 30 years. The presence of so many major rarities gleaned from significant collections—sold privately and at auction—is testimony to their determination. Their professional advisor, Albert Chang, was of great assistance in locating items and assessing market value, and his guidance is gratefully acknowledged by the Druckers.

Collectors will view this sale from different perspectives, because many of the items combine several rare elements that appeal to different collecting interests. However, we urge everyone to recognize that the remarkable abundance of rarities in this sale is an aberration in the marketplace. Such opportunities are growing less and less frequent.

— SCOTT R. TREPEL

AFTERNOON SESSION (LOTS 1-345)
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003, AT 1:30 P.M.

THE DRUCKER FAMILY COLLECTION OF
UNITED STATES POST OFFICES IN CHINA AND JAPAN
EARLY SHIP-LETTER MAIL FROM CHINA TO THE UNITED STATES

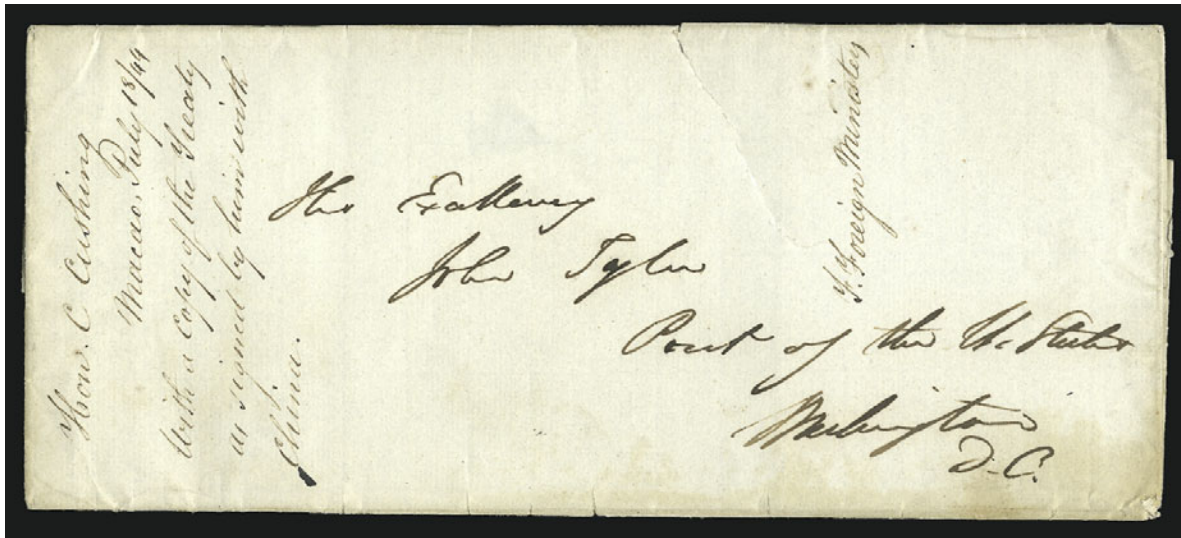


- 1 ☒ **"Canton March 16, 1819"**. Dateline on folded letter to Philadelphia Pa., red "6" handstamp (2c plus 4c), Sep. 4 receipt docketing indicates 173 days in transit, contents separated from cover, some slight splitting along folds, small tear at top, otherwise Fine, scarce early usage E. 400-500
- 2 ☒ **"Canton 15 January 1834"**. Dateline on folded letter to New York City, red "Boston Ms. May 7" circular datestamp and "Ship" handstamp, ms. "20¾" rate (2c plus 18¾c), ship routing "Neponset", letter reads in part "The hardest of the season however is over. We have now but 6 or 7 ships left. . .", light vertical file folds, Very Fine, 113 days in transit E. 400-500
- 3 ☒ **"Canton December 26, 1837"**. Dateline on folded letter from Wetmore & Co. to Boston Mass., red "Ship 6" handstamp, ship routing "Grand Turk", interesting letter gives summary of strengths and weaknesses of imports and exports and also a list of American ships operating and their destinations, additional notation that "The Brig 'Theodore', bound here from Singapore, went ashore on the coast of Luconia off Cape Bolinas in a gale on the 25th. Her cargo would probably be saved, but it was expected the vessel would be lost", some splitting along folds, otherwise Very Fine E. 200-300



- 4 ☒ **"Canton August 11th 1838"**. Dateline on folded letter to Boston Mass., blue "Philadelphia Pa. Feb. 6" circular datestamp and matching "Ship" handstamp, ms. rate "20 $\frac{3}{4}$ " (2c plus 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ c), ship routing "Commerce", business contents from Russell & Co., light horizontal file fold, Very Fine, 180 days in transit from Canton to Philadelphia..... E. 200-300
- 5 ☒ **"Shanghai April 25th 1845"**. Dateline on folded letter to Philadelphia, red "New-York Ship 7 cts Oct. 26" integral-rate circular datestamp, ship routing "Suppho", fresh and Very Fine, 185 days in transit from Shanghai to New York E. 150-200
- 6 ☒ **"Shanghai February 24th 1853"**. Dateline on 2pp folded printed circular from Russell & Co. to New York, sent via British Mails and with bold "65" debit handstamp, red "28 AP 1853" backstamp, additional ms. rating and endorsed "Via Marseilles", first page of circular discusses current state of the market and political unrest incl. "this season movement has been prevented or delayed by fears as to the result of the rebellion... the alarm at Soochow has been so great as to cause a rise of 15% in the price of gold...the impression is gaining ground among the Chinese that the rebels will not risk an attempt upon Nanking...the hindrance to trade will be felt rather in imports, than exports.", fresh and Very Fine, unusual usage, the 65c pays 34c British rate, 10c French, 16c transatlantic and 5c U.S. inland postage E. 200-300
- 7 ☒ **"Shanghai Sept. 5, 1856"**. Dateline on folded letter from Augustin, Heard & Co. to New York, sent via British Mails and endorsed "Via Marseilles", neat "Hong Kong 12 SE 1856" and Oct. 30 London backstamps, bold "96" due marking, "New-York Br. Pkt. Nov. 13" circular datestamp, light horizontal file fold, Very Fine double-rate usage, the 96c pays British, French and 1U.S. postage E. 150-200
- 8 ☒ **"Shanghae, 25th May 1857"**. Dateline on part-printed circular from Wetmore & Co. to Boston and forwarded to Salem Mass., sent via British Mails and endorsed "Via Marseilles", neat "Hong-Kong 5 JU 1857", London and Boston backstamps, bold "39" due handstamp uprated in ms. to "42" to pay forwarding postage, "Due 3 cents" crossed out and "Forwarded" handstamps, some erosion along vertical file fold, otherwise Fine usage, 84 days in transit from Shanghai to Boston..... E. 150-200

THE CUSHING MISSION TO CHINA



9

- 9 ☒ **The 1844 Treaty of Wanghsia.** Legal-size folded cover addressed from Caleb Cushing to President John Tyler, docketed “Hon. C. Cushing Macao, July 18, 1844, With a copy of the Treaty as signed by him with China.” and with “F. Foreign Ministry” at bottom, sealed tear at top and some edgewear

THIS IS THE COVER THAT TRANSMITTED THE UNITED STATES 1844 TREATY WITH CHINA, KNOWN AS THE TREATY OF WANGSHIA.

The following historical note comes from: <http://web.jjay.cuny.edu/~jobrien/reference/ob51.html>:

“After the Anglo-Chinese Nanking treaty of 1842, other Western trading nations hastened to obtain peacefully the advantages won by Britain in the Opium war. President Tyler of the U.S., with the approval of Congress, decided to dispatch a trade mission to China and secure these advantages by treaty. The House representative from Massachusetts, Caleb Cushing, headed the Mission which was conveyed by a small naval squadron to China, landing at Macao in Feb. 1844 after a voyage lasting 208 days. He had been directed to go to Peking, if possible, in order to present at the Imperial Court the president’s letter to the emperor requesting trading concessions on an equitable basis along the lines of the (British) Nanking treaty concluded earlier.

“True to form, and despite advance notice of several months, his Chinese hosts adopted the usual delaying tactics and undiplomatic stratagems: any possibility of a journey to Peking would have to await the emperor’s will; a sea-journey northward to Tientsin would not be looked upon favorably; any discussion of trade matters could only be done by intermediaries, and so on. So Cushing and his companions meanwhile had to cool their heels at Macao until the emperor’s wishes became known. After two-and-a-half months the decision came back; a visit to the capital (Peking) would be highly irregular and, instead, the envoy should await the arrival of the emperor’s Commissioner Ch’i-ying (who had two years earlier negotiated the Nanking treaty with Britain).

“Pleased by the conciliatory attitude of the Chinese negotiator, Cushing decided not to insist on the main sticking-point—the visit to Peking—and with that issue removed, Ch’i-ying duly arrived at Macao in June and the treaty was completed and signed on July 3, 1844 as the Treaty of Wanghsia. As in the British treaty, five ports were opened to the trade of Americans and the residence of consuls, most-favored-nation and extraterritoriality provisions were included and, in contrast to the Anglo-Chinese agreement, the trading of opium was specifically prohibited. The treaty was subject to revision in twelve years. It is interesting that throughout his long stay in China Cushing never set foot in Chinese territory proper: denied entrance to Canton and refused the overland trip to Peking, he remained at Macao, territory at the entrance to Canton harbor leased by China to Portugal.” E. 4,000-5,000



UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI

This section is arranged in chronological order, beginning with mail sent via the U.S. Consulate office in Shanghai. For a timeline of relevant postal history, please see page 109.

- 10 ☒ **30c Orange (71).** Used with **3c Rose (65)** and horizontal pair of **10c Yellow Green (68)**, tied by New York City grids on cover **to Hong Kong, China**, stamps also tied by red “London Paid 20 FE 67” transit datestamp, bold red “1d” British Colonial rate handstamp and magenta “32” credit, backstamped with red “**Consulate of the United States of America Hong Kong**” in large three-line circle, bold “Hong Kong AP 28 67” receiving backstamp, **forwarded to Shanghai** where blue “**U.S. Consulate General/Shanghai**” two-line handstamp and pencil “4/23/67” date were applied on back, **forwarded again to Yokohama, Japan**, ms. Jun. 7, 1867 receipt docketing on back, opened for display, bottom perfs of 10c pair trimmed off, one 10c stamp also barely affected from placement near edge of cover

VERY FINE. A RARE AND ATTRACTIVE DOUBLE-FORWARDED USAGE FROM THE UNITED STATES TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATES IN HONG KONG, SHANGHAI AND YOKOHAMA. THE HONG KONG CONSULAR SEAL HANDSTAMP IS REPORTEDLY UNIQUE, AND THE SHANGHAI TWO-LINE HANDSTAMP IS EXTREMELY RARE.

Ex Ishikawa and Paliafito. Illustrated in *Imperial China, History of the Posts to 1896* by Major Richard Pratt, FRPSL E. 15,000-20,000



11

- 11 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Two, tied by well-struck cogwheels and “San Francisco Cal. Mar. 21” double-circle datestamp on blue 1867 cover to Bristol N.H., cover **originating in Asia** and with bold “**STEAM CHINA**” handstamp applied at San Francisco, equally bold “Due 4” handstamp indicates underpayment of 10c transcontinental rate, ms. “Colorado” at top left indicating ship of sending, barely reduced at right

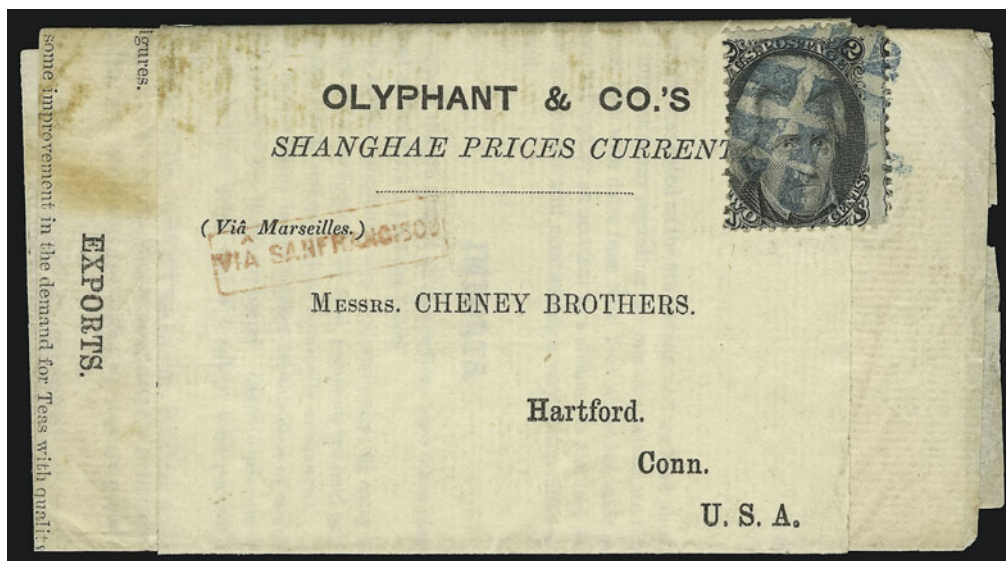
EXTREMELY FINE. AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE SHORT-PAID USAGE OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RATE ON A COVER SENT FROM ASIA. CARRIED ABOARD THE FIRST RETURN TRIP OF THE *COLORADO*, WHICH WAS THE MAIDEN VOYAGE FOR SERVICE BY THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY TO CHINA AND JAPAN.

In August 1865 the Pacific Mail Steamship Company (P.M.S.S.) received a contract to provide monthly mail service between the west coast and China and Japan. The sailings were timed at one end to coincide with arrivals in San Francisco of vessels carrying mail from Panama, and with British and French steamships departing Hong Kong.

According to unpublished research by Lee Scamp, the *Colorado* left San Francisco on Jan. 1, 1867, and arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 24. She then departed Yokohama for Hong Kong, arriving on Jan. 31. For the return trip, the *Colorado* left Hong Kong on Feb. 17, arriving at Yokohama on Feb. 25. She departed Yokohama on Feb. 27, arriving in San Francisco on Mar. 20.

The “Steam China” marking was applied either at San Francisco or on board the *Colorado*. The port of origin is not indicated on the cover, and so it could have been put aboard the *Colorado* at either Hong Kong or Yokohama.

Ex Meroni and Ishikawa. Illustrated in *Letters of Gold* on p. 127. E. 5,000-7,500



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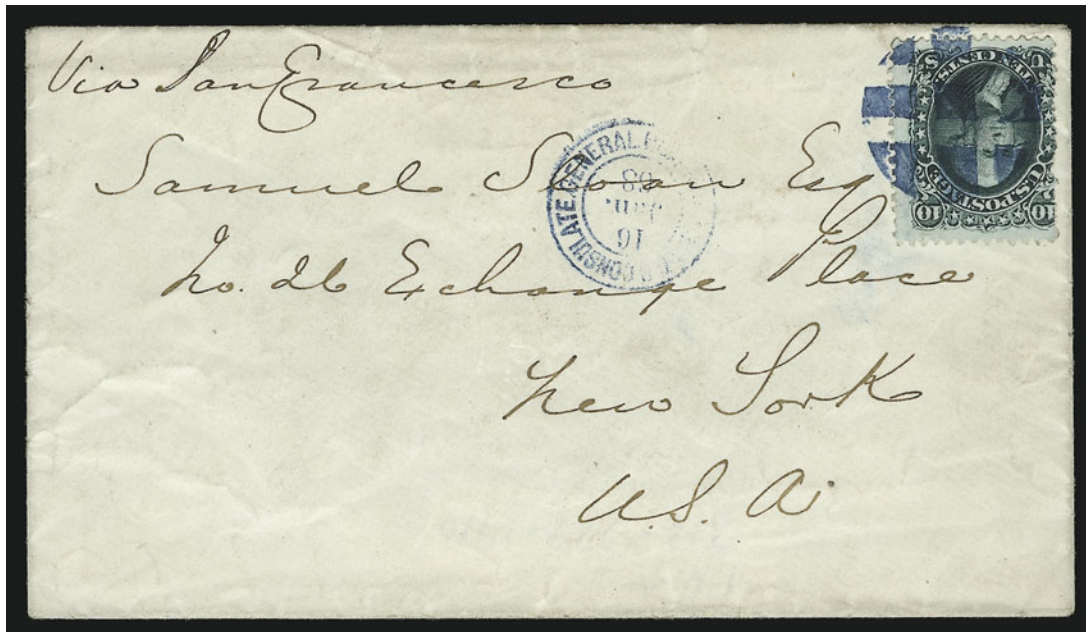
- 12 ☒ **2c Black (73).** Centered to bottom left, tied by **rare blue segmented cork** cancel on wrapper with printed prices current **from Olyphant & Co. in Shanghai to Hartford Conn.**, red boxed "Via San Francisco" handstamp, printed dateline "Shanghae, October 16th, 1867", trivial edgewear

A FINE AND RARE EARLY USAGE FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI.

According to the Pratt book (p. 168), the United States Post Office in Shanghai opened on June 10, 1867. The first American mail arrived on May 20, and the first direct delivery of mail arrived on August 3, 1867. Previously, letters were sent either via British or other mails, or carried privately aboard ships where they would enter the mails on arrival. A notable exception is the cover offered in lot 10 which bears the "U.S. Consulate General/Shanghai" handstamp.

The U.S. Postal Agency first operated out of a room at the U.S. Consulate at 12 Chinkiang Road in Shanghai. It is unknown when the first consignment of stamps was received. Early mail was cancelled by the U.S. Consulate datestamp. Two slightly different datestamps are reported, each unique (see lot 13). The circular-rate cover offered here did not receive a datestamp.

Ex Rorke. With 1981 P.F. certificate E. 3,000-4,000



13

- 13 ☒ **10c Yellow Green (68).** Dark shade, tied by **rare blue segmented cork** cancel, matching “**U.S. Consulate General P.O.D. Shanghai 16 Jan. 1868**” double-circle datestamp on cover to New York City, stamp with few pulled perfs at left

VERY FINE. THE ONLY REPORTED EXAMPLE OF THE EARLY “U.S. CONSULATE P.O.D. SHANGHAI” DOUBLE-CIRCLE DATESTAMP.

As the previous description explains, the U.S. Post Office in Shanghai was opened on June 10, 1867. Early mail from this office was cancelled by a modified consular datestamp until the new cancelling device was received. There are two varieties of this datestamp, each represented by one known example. The other variety, used on Nov. 27, 1867, reads “U.S. Consulate General, Shanghai, Nov. 27, 1867”. The modified datestamp offered here bears the additional “P.O.D.” designation. The superseding device (see example offered in lot 16) is found on covers beginning March 20, 1868.

E. 3,000-4,000

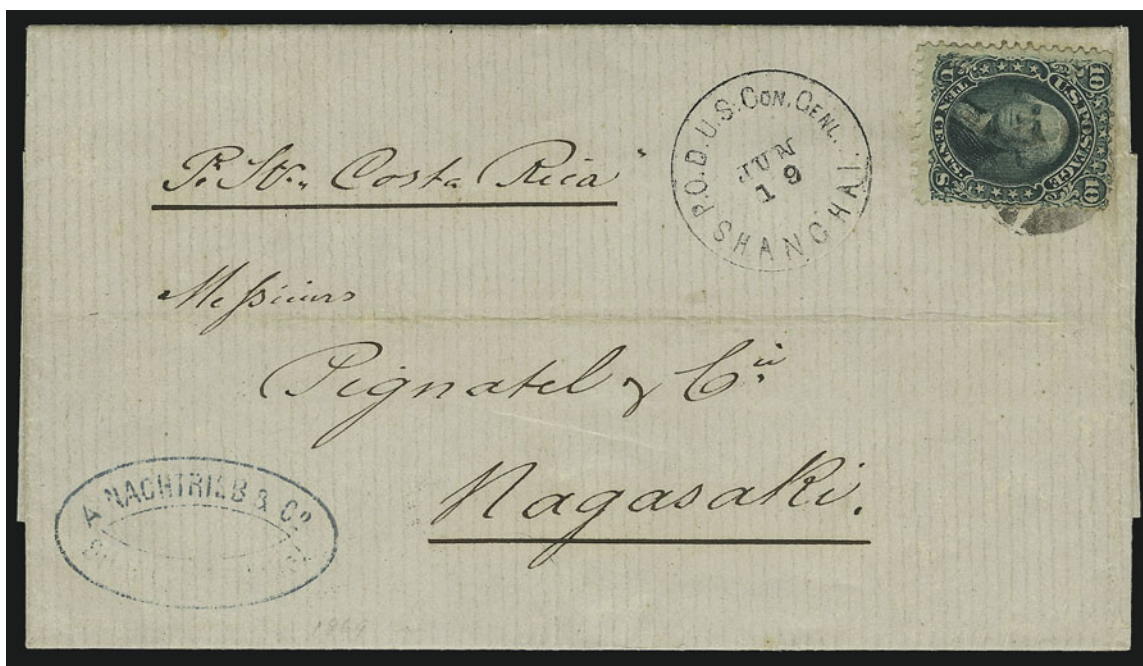


14

- 14 ☒ **10c Yellow Green, F. Grill (96).** Horizontal pair, deep rich color and choice centering, tied by **segmented cork cancel** with matching **"P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai 21 Jan."** circular datestamp on blue 1869 folded cover **to Montreal, Canada**, clear red **"China and Japan Steam Service"** double-line oval handstamp, "San Francisco Cal. Feb. 24" transit also ties pair, Montreal receiving backstamp (Mar. 25, 1869), light file folds, each stamp slightly wrinkled from application to cover

EXTREMELY FINE. A SPECTACULAR COVER IN THE FINEST ATTAINABLE CONDITION. ONE OF THREE RECORDED COVERS WITH THE 10-CENT 1861-67 ISSUE USED FROM CHINA TO CANADA VIA THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE POST OFFICE IN SHANGHAI.

The 20c postage overpays by 4c the 10c transpacific and 6c U.S.-Canada rates. We record three such usages. A similar cover, sent on the same date from the same correspondent, is illustrated and discussed in Richard B. Graham's series on the China and Japan Steam Service (*Chronicle*, Aug. 1972, p. 139); it realized \$5,250 hammer in our Sale 820 (lot 248). The third cover is dated Mar. 20 at Shanghai (ex Ishikawa, Sotheby's Sale 58, lot 69). E. 5,000-7,500



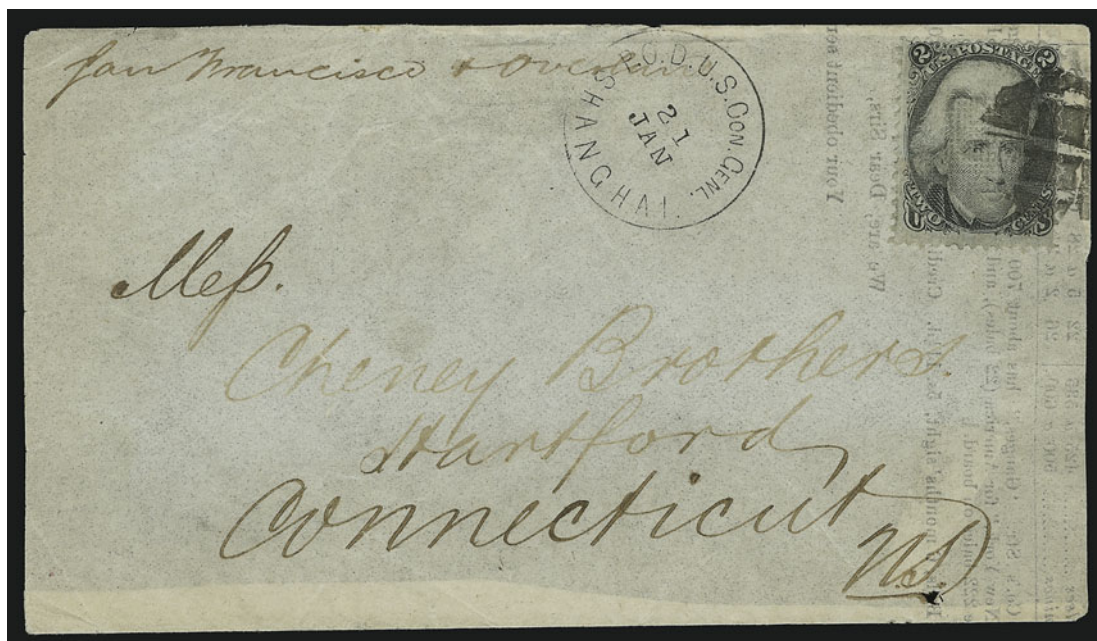
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- 15 ☒ **10c Yellow Green (68).** Tied by quartered cork, “P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai, Jun. 19” circular datestamp on 1869 folded letter to **Nagasaki, Japan**, ship routing “Pr. Str. *Costa Rica*”, blue “A. Nachtrib & Co., Shanghai” sender’s handstamp at bottom left, light horizontal file fold well clear of stamp and markings

VERY FINE AND RARE USAGE PAYING THE 10-CENT RATE BETWEEN UNITED STATES CONSULATES AT SHANGHAI AND NAGASAKI. VERY FEW INTER-CONSULAR USAGES ARE KNOWN.

The *Costa Rica* was a vessel of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, which operated on a branch line between Shanghai and Nagasaki. It alternated with the *New York* to provide bi-monthly service.

Ex Ishikawa. With 1990 P.F. certificate..... E. 3,000-4,000



16

- 16 **2c Black, F. Grill (93).** Tied by segmented cork, clear strike of “P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai 21 Jan.” circular datestamp on front of printed prices current to Hartford Conn., sender’s routing “*San Francisco & Overland*” at top left, some slight wear, Very Fine, scarce circular usage of the grilled Black Jack from Shanghai..... E. 750-1,000

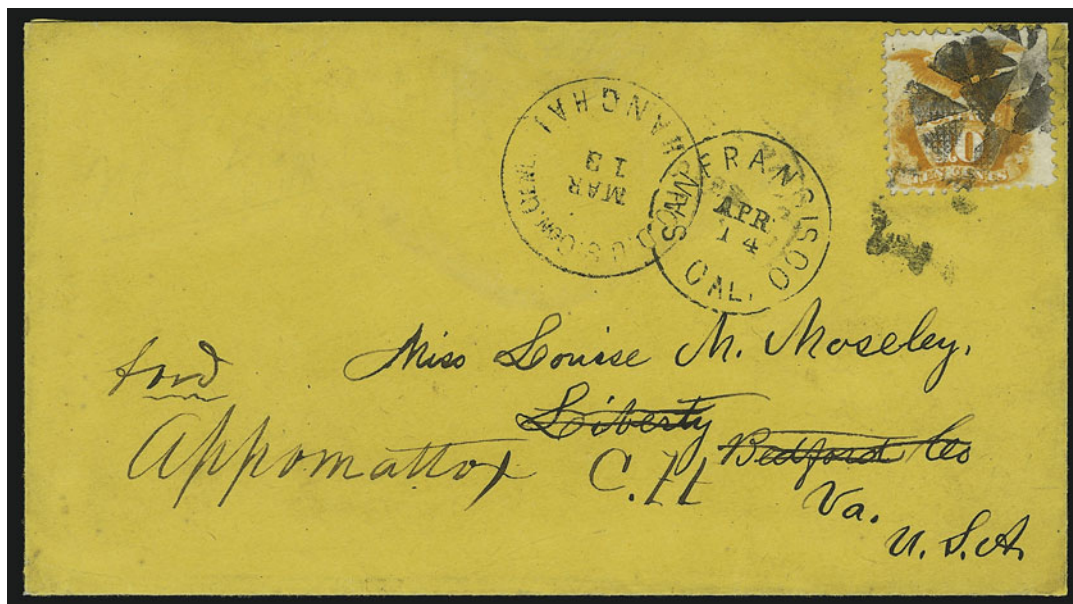


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- 17 ☒ **24c Lilac (78).** Two singles, used with 2c Brown and 10c Yellow (113, 116), tied by circle of wedges cancels and "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Jan. 14" circular datestamp on legal-size cover to Boston Mass., neat "San Francisco Cal. Feb. 17" circular datestamp indicates year of use either 1870 or 1871, expertly repaired tears along left edge, skillfully cleaned with some edge improvements

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE USAGE FROM SHANGHAI COMBINING THE 24-CENT 1861 AND 1869 PICTORIAL ISSUES.

The Feb. 17 arrival date at San Francisco corresponds with the arrival of vessels in both 1870 and 1871. In 1870 the P.M.S.S. Co. steamer *Japan* arrived on Feb. 16. In 1871 the steamer *Great Republic* arrived on Feb. 16. Due to the absence of a ship-name designation, we are unable to further narrow the year date. E. 5,000-7,500



18

- 18 ☒ **10c Yellow (116).** Bright color, two short perfs at upper right, tied by circle of wedges cancel, neat "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Mar. 13" circular datestamp on orange cover to Liberty Va. and forwarded to Appomattox C.H. Va., clear "San Francisco Cal. Apr. 14" circular datestamp, Very Fine, scarce usage E. 1,000-1,500

MAIL TO AND FROM JAPAN



19

- 19 ☒ **3c Green (147).** Sheet selvage at left, tied by bold circle of wedges, "Yokohama, Japan, May 20" circular datestamp on blue 1871 folded letter to Nagasaki, Japan, endorsed "Pr. 'Oregonian'", light horizontal file fold at bottom and some slight age bleaching around stamp, Very Fine and rare interconsular rate usage, ex Ishikawa E. 1,000-1,500



20

- 20 ☒ **15c Bright Orange (152).** Vibrant color, cancelled by perfect strike of New York Foreign Mail Geometric cancel on blue cover to Yokohama, Japan, sender's routing "Overland Mail" at top left, red "New York Dec. 23" and red "Yokohama Paid All Jan. 29" backstamps, Extremely Fine, a beautiful cover and scarce 15c rate usage E. 1,500-2,000

UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI 1870-1900

Arranged in chronological order



21

- 21 ☒ **10c Brown, Grill (139).** Clear grill points, tied by bold circle of wedges, "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai, Jun. 13" circular datestamp on 1871 cover to Amenia Union N.Y., neat "San Francisco Jul. 16" transit, barely reduced at left, Very Fine, very rare use of the 10c Banknote Grilled Issue, ex Gibson E. 1,000-1,500



22

- 22 ☒ **2c Red Brown, 6c Carmine (146, 148).** Horizontal pair of 2c, tied by bold circle of wedges, "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai, Sep. 12" circular datestamp on mourning cover to Elk Creek Wis., San Francisco transit backstamp, few small edge tears, Very Fine, scarce usage, carried aboard the P.M.S.S. *America* from Shanghai via Yokohama to San Francisco E. 1,000-1,500



23

- 23 ✉ **2c Red Brown, 10c Brown (146, 150).** Two 2c and four 10c, tied by circle of wedges with "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jul. 3" circular datestamp on cover to **Tacna, Peru**, endorsed "*via San Francisco*", "San Francisco Cal. Aug. 9" circular datestamp, red "12" credit handstamp, blue "49" crayon marking, Ningpo printed return address on backflap, small piece out on back, slight edgewear

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. PROBABLY A UNIQUE DOUBLE-RATE USAGE FROM CHINA TO PERU THRU THE UNITED STATES MAILS AND THEN VIA BRITISH PACKET.

From December 1871 to July 1875, the rate was 22c for a letter sent to Peru by American Packet, then British Packet via Colon. This cover, mailed at the U.S. Post Office in China, was rated as if it were mailed from the mainland United States. E. 5,000-7,500



- 24 ✉ **10c Brown (150).** Wide margins, tied by two bold strikes of **Hollow Star in Circle** fancy cancel, matching "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai, May 2" circular datestamp on 1873 cover to Clarksville Tenn., "San Francisco Cal. Jun. 1" transit, slightly reduced at left, Very Fine and rare use of this fancy cancel, carried aboard the *Quang Se* which was chartered by the P.M.S.S. Co. E. 750-1,000
- 25 ✉ **10c Brown (150).** Horizontal pair, crisp impression and choice centering, tied by bold strikes of **Hollow Star** fancy cancel, "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai, May 27" circular datestamp on cover to Hingham Mass., blue "Forwarded by Russell & Co. Shanghai, May 26, 1873" oval backstamp, "San Francisco Cal. Jun. 28" transit, missing part of top flap, Very Fine, beautiful and scarce usage with the Hollow Star cancels. E. 750-1,000
- 26 ✉ **2c Brown (157).** Cancelled by circle of wedges on Dec. 1873 printed prices current to New York, "Vogel Hagedorn & Cie Shanghae 11 Dec. 73" blue company datestamp on back, Very Fine E. 400-500
- 27 ✉ **2c Brown (157).** Horizontal pair and single, cancelled by circle of small wedges and tied by "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai, Dec. 13" circular datestamp on cover to Chicago, neat "San Francisco Cal. Jan. 25" transit, blue "Chicago Ill. Carrier CA2 Feb. 2" backstamp, small sealed tear at bottom, fresh and Very Fine, beautiful cover overpaying the 5c U.P.U. rate by 1c E. 400-500



28

- 28 ☒ **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai/Registered/Jun. 18/187-.** Full bold strike with absent fourth digit in year date, three additional strikes tying pair and single 5c Blue (179), few trivial perf flaws, on c. 1877 cover to San Francisco, slightly reduced at left, slight vertical bend clear of stamps

FRESH AND VERY FINE COVER. ONLY THREE OR FOUR COVERS WITH THIS RARE SHANGHAI REGISTERED MAIL MARKING ARE KNOWN. ONE OTHER 5-CENT TAYLOR COVER, WITH THE DATESTAMP IN RED, IS CONTAINED IN THE MIZUHARA MUSEUM COLLECTION.

The 15c postage prepaid the 5c rate and 10c registry fee. The sender's name, Edgar Ellis, is written on back as required for registered mail.

Purchased by the Druckers in our Sale 789 (lot 971), where it realized \$16,500 hammer.
..... E. 10,000-15,000

Please see lot 32 for another example of the rare U.S. Shanghai Registered datestamp

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31

- 29 ☒ **5c Blue (179).** Choice centering, bright color, tied by circle of wedges, “U.S. Postal Agc’y Shanghai, Oct. 14” circular datestamp on 1873 cover to Warsaw N.Y., neat “San Francisco Cal. St. Shp. Nov. 22” circular datestamp, carried aboard the *Great Republic* to San Francisco, fresh and Extremely Fine, scarce with the San Francisco steamship marking..... E. 750-1,000
- 30 ☒ **5c Blue (179).** Bright color, tied by circle of wedges and “U.S. Postal Agc’y Shanghai, Mar. 21” circular datestamp on 1877 cover to Ithaca N.Y., blue “Forwarded by Russell & Co., Shanghai Mar. 21, 1877” oval backstamp, opened for display, fresh and Very Fine .. E. 750-1,000
- 31 ☒ **10c Brown (161).** Cancelled by circle of wedges, “U.S. Postal Agc’y Shanghai, May 1” circular datestamp on cover with printed “United States Consulate General Shanghai” return address to Rutland Vt., red “San Francisco Pd. All May 31” backstamp, opened on three sides and also partly at bottom, some edge tears and toning, otherwise Fine..... E. 200-300



32

- 32 ☒ **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai/Registered/Jun. 3/1879.** Multiple strikes with absent fourth digit in year date, tying **5c Blue (179)**, **10c Brown (161)** and **France 5c Ceres** on registered cover to New York City street address, French stamp partly covered by 10c, magenta "San Francisco Cal. Jul. 5, 1879" four-line datestamp on back, 5c stamp barely affected from placement over edge of cover

VERY FINE. AN ATTRACTIVE AND RARE COMBINATION OF UNITED STATES AND FRENCH STAMPS ON A REGISTERED COVER FROM CHINA TO THE UNITED STATES. VERY FEW COVERS ARE KNOWN WITH THIS REGISTERED DATESTAMP.

The French stamp was probably affixed in anticipation of mailing via the French Post Office in Shanghai, but it did not serve postal duty, because the sender evidently changed his mind and used the U.S. office. The U.S. Post Office in Shanghai circular datestamp with the integral "Registered" is extremely rare (see lot 28).

With 1985 P.F. certificate..... E. 7,500-10,000

Please see lot 28 for another example of the rare U.S. Shanghai Registered datestamp



- 33 ✉ **2c Vermilion (178).** Tied by "Worcester Mass. May 21" duplex on 1c Postal Card **sent around the world**, sender's instructions requesting forwarding to the next American Consulate on the list, postmarks incl. Shanghai, Cairo and Lisbon, some slight wear, Fine, rare and attractive around-the-world usage..... E. 300-400
- 34 ✉ **5c Yellow Brown (205).** Fresh color, tied by **red grid**, matching "U.S. Postal Age'y Shanghai, Feb. 12" circular datestamp on cover to Mass., red "San Francisco Pd. All Mar. 8" transit backstamp, barely reduced at right affecting top right corner of stamp, otherwise Very Fine, scarce with the cancels struck in red, ex Knapp E. 500-750
- 35 ✉ **5c Yellow Brown (205).** Tied by purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 24 Sep. 1886" oval datestamp on blue cover with printed "United States Consulate at" with "Shanghai" in ms., to Hartford Conn., red "San Francisco Pd. All Oct. 20" and receiving backstamps, small tear at top affects postmark and few toned spots around stamp, otherwise Fine..... E. 300-400
- 36 ✉ **5c Yellow Brown (205).** Tied by black grid and purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 23 Dec. 1886" oval datestamp on cover with printed "Consulate of the United States, Hankow, China" return address, to Kansas City Mo., red San Francisco and receiving backstamps, partly intact red consular seal wax seal on back, barely reduced at left and some slight toning, Fine, scarce usage E. 500-750



- 37 ☒ **5c Yellow Brown (205)**. Horizontal pair, s.e. at right, tied by black grids, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 22 Apr. 1887" oval datestamp on cover with printed "Consulate of the United States, Hankow, China" return address, to Kansas City Mo., purple "United States Consulate Hankow" oval backstamp, some edgewear, Fine and rare double-rate usage from Hankow E. 500-750
- 38 ☒ **5c Yellow Brown (205)**. Choice centering, bright shade, tied by grid, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 9 Nov. 1888" oval datestamp on cover to New York, receiving backstamp, Extremely Fine, a beautiful cover in every respect E. 400-500
- 39 ☒ **10c Brown (209)**. Horizontal pair, tied by large "X" brush stroke cancels on **registered** cover to Hartford Conn., purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 7 Dec. 1888" oval datestamp, red "Registered" handstamp applied at origin, bright red four-line San Francisco backstamp, fresh and Fine E. 400-500
- 40 ☒ **5c Indigo (216)**. Cancelled by black grid, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 4 May 1889" oval datestamp on cover to Dexter Iowa, red San Francisco and receiving backstamps, barely reduced at left, fresh and Fine E. 200-300
- 41 ☒ **1c Gray Blue (206)**. Horizontal strip of five, tied by black grids and light strike of purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 7 June 1889" oval datestamp on cover to Rutland Vt., second strike at bottom, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, barely reduced at right, fresh and Very Fine, scarce franking for 5c rate E. 400-500



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- 42 ☒ **10c Brown, 30c Orange Brown (209, 217).** Two 10c and one 30c, tied by black grids, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 13 Jul. 1889" oval datestamp on large cover with printed address to New York, San Francisco Paid All and receiving backstamps, some edgewear often associated with oversize covers, still a Very Fine 10-times rate cover, usage of the 30c 1888 stamp from China is extremely rare E. 1,500-2,000



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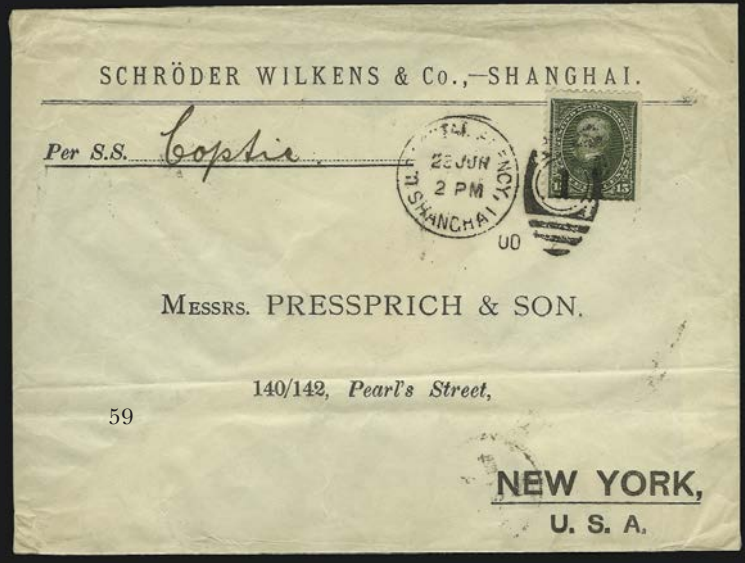
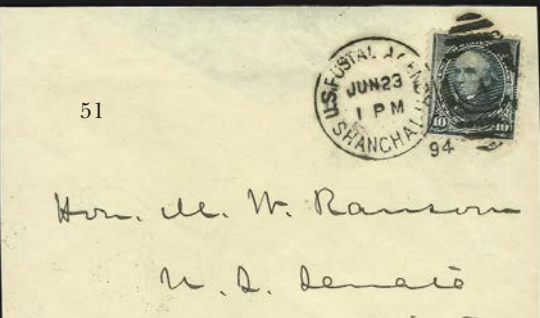
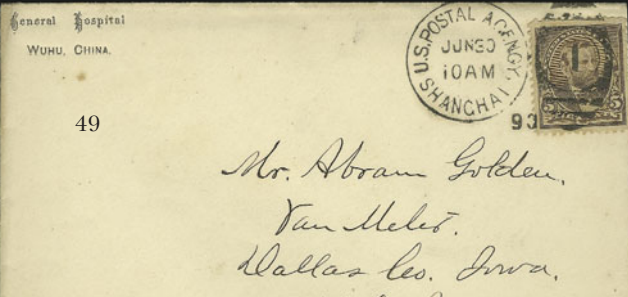


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- 43 ☒ **5c Indigo (216).** Deep rich colors, small pieces out at top and right, cancelled by black grid, bold strike of purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 15 Nov. 1889" oval datestamp on cover to Philadelphia, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, small cover tear at right, otherwise Fine..... E. 200-300
- 44 ☒ **5c Indigo (216).** Cancelled by black grid, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 31 Jan. 1890" oval datestamp on cover to Brushton N.Y., San Francisco Paid All and receiving backstamps, barely reduced at left, fresh and Fine, this is reportedly the latest known date of use of the third type of oval datestamp..... E. 200-300



- 45 ☒ **5c Indigo (216).** Horizontal pair, cancelled by bold black grids, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 26 Jun. 1891" oval datestamp on cover to Richmond Va., blue "Shanghai Local Post JU 26 91", San Francisco and receiving backstamps, large "T" with well-struck "U.S. Charge to Collect 10 Cents" handstamp, back of cover bears **5c Red Brown, Postage Due (J18)** cancelled in blue (matching Shanghai Local Post datestamp), reduced at left and some edgewear, Fine and unusual usage, the 5c Postage Due stamp is for 5c due to deliver the letter to the U.S. Postal Agency, the local-post rate was 2½c, which if unpaid was doubled to 5c due..... E. 500-750
- 46 ☒ **5c Indigo (216).** Cancelled by black grid, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 17 Jul. 1891" oval datestamp on cover to Montreal, Canada and forwarded to Saranac Lake N.Y., blue "Shanghai Local Post Jul. 11 91" backstamp, San Francisco, Montreal and receiving transits, minor edgewear, fresh and Fine, unusual usage E. 300-400
- 47 ☒ **1c Ultramarine, 2c Green, 5c Blue (212, 213, 215).** Three 1c, cancelled by black grids, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 7 Jul. 1891" oval datestamp on cover to New York, neat San Francisco and receiving backstamps, few stamps with small faults, otherwise Fine, colorful usage E. 750-1,000
- 48 ☒ **5c Chocolate (223).** Two, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Aug. 2? 92" duplex datestamp on cover from Ningpo to Boston Mass., printed "U.S. Consulate, Ningpo, China" return address and with purple serrated oval "U.S. Consulate, Ningpo, China, Aug. 24, 1892" oval datestamp struck once at top left as corner card and once on back, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, slightly reduced at right, Fine, scarce usage from the U.S. Consulate in Ningpo..... E. 300-400



- 49 ☒ **5c Chocolate (223).** Tied by bold strike of “U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Jun. 30 10AM 93” duplex datestamp on cover to Iowa, printed “General Hospital Wuhu, China” return address, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, slightly reduced at right, some toning mostly on back, otherwise Very Fine usage, probably carried privately from Wuhu to the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai..... E. 200-300
- 50 ☒ **5c Columbian (234).** Tied by “U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Mar. 16 10PM 94” duplex datestamp on cover **from Tientsin, China** to Normal Ill., printed “United States Consulate Tientsin, China” return address, San Francisco, Chicago and receiving backstamps, with original contents dated 1894, contents read in part “*we managed to reach Tientsin by the last steamer from Shanghai to Tientsin before the closing of the port for the winter*”, trivial edgewear, Very Fine, scarce usage, the port at Tientsin froze between November and late February every year, making the carriage of mails somewhat difficult at best as the nearest usable port was at Chinkiang, some 700 miles away..... E. 200-300
- 51 ☒ **10c Green (226).** Tied by well-struck “U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Jun. 23 1PM 94” duplex datestamp on cover to U.S. Senate in Washington D.C., San Francisco and receiving backstamps, reduced at sides and missing top flap, otherwise Very Fine, pretty double-rate usage..... E. 300-400
- 52 ☒ **5c Chocolate, Columbian entire (U350).** Cancelled by well-struck “U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Jul. 31 10PM 95” duplex datestamp, to San Francisco, purple “Mustard & Co. Shanghai” sender’s handstamp at top left, receiving backstamp, fresh and Very Fine, a pretty usage..... E. 200-300
- 53 ☒ **1c Blue, 2c Carmine Lake, Ty. I (247, 249).** Two 2c, tied by “U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Dec. 11 10PM 95” duplex datestamp on Southern Presbyterian Mission corner card cover to Boston, receiving backstamp, one 2c stamp torn at top prior to use, otherwise Fine..... E. 100-150
- 54 ☒ **5c Chocolate (255).** Tied by bold U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai duplex datestamp on cover to Raymilton Pa., blue “Shanghai Local Post MR 15” backstamp, San Francisco (Apr. 19, 1896) and receiving backstamps, “U.S. Charge to Collect 10 Cents” handstamp, paid by **five 2c Postage Due** stamps cancelled by targets, lifted and hinged in place causing some ink bleed, few small faults, Fine and rare Postage Due usage..... E. 200-300



- 55 ☒ **1c Blue, 2c Carmine, Ty. III, 5c Chocolate (264, 267, 270).** Two 5c, tied by “U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, May 3 12PM 98” duplex datestamp on **registered** cover to New York, “United States Postal Agency, Shanghai, China” printed return address, bold strike of purple “Registered No.” handstamp, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, 2c stamp creased prior to use, otherwise Very Fine, only two examples of this purple “Registered” marking are known E. 750-1,000
- 56 ☒ **1c Blue, 2c Carmine, Ty. III, 5c Chocolate (264, 267, 270).** Horizontal pair of 5c, tied by neat strikes of “U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, May 5 6PM 99” duplex datestamp on **registered** cover to Cleveland O., blue “Consulate General of the United States Shanghai China” printed return address, **Shanghai registry label** at bottom left, stamps with light creases prior to use, otherwise Very Fine, scarce with the blue return address and also as a registered commercial usage E. 750-1,000
- 57 ☒ **5c Trans-Mississippi (288).** Tied by well-struck “U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Aug. 15 6PM 99” duplex datestamp on cover to Chicago Ill., clear strike of “Forwarded by Wisner & Co. Shanghai 15 Aug. 1899” backstamp, San Francisco transit, large “Chicago Ill. Sep. 14 1899 Mail Delayed Train Late” backstamp, minor edgewear, Fine and unusual usage..... E. 300-400
- 58 ☒ **5c Trans-Mississippi (288).** Fresh color, tied by “U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Dec. 4 8AM 99” duplex datestamp on cover to New Haven Conn., bold San Francisco and “Train Late Mail Delivery” backstamps, docketing at left indicates letter written on Nov. 19, slightly reduced at right, Very Fine, scarce usage..... E. 200-300
- 59 ☒ **15c Olive Green (284).** Natural s.e. at right, tied by bold “U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, 22 Jun. 2PM 00” duplex datestamp on European-size cover with printed address to New York, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, some minor cover wear, fresh and Fine triple-rate usage E. 300-400

INBOUND MAIL TO CHINA



- 60 ✉ **5c Blue (185).** Cancelled by "Exeter N.H. Mar. 21" duplex on cover **to Foochow, China**, Boston (Mar. 21), San Francisco (Mar. 28) and purple **"U.S. Consulate General, Shanghai, China, May 6, 1882"** backstamps, fresh and Fine, scarce usage with the U.S. Consulate receiving handstamp used as a transit marking..... E. 200-300
- 61 ✉ **5c Yellow Brown (205).** S.e. at right, tied by "Baltimore Md. Sep. 21, 1886" duplex on cover **to Shanghai, China**, San Francisco transit, purple oval **"U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 1 Nov. 86"** receiving backstamp, Very Fine, China did not gain entry to the U.P.U. until 1913 and so the mail was sent thru the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai at the prevailing 5c U.P.U. rate E. 150-200
- 62 ✉ **5c Chocolate (223).** Tied by neat "Holton Kas. Jul. 7, 1891" duplex on cover **to Chowfoo, China**, in care of a Shanghai address, neat San Francisco (Jul. 12) transit, purple **"U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 7 Aug. 1891"** oval backstamp, blue **"Shanghai Local Post AG 7 91"** datestamp on back, slightly reduced at left and minor edgewear, Fine use of the oval Shanghai datestamp as a receiving mark..... E. 200-300
- 63 ✉ **5c Chocolate (223).** Tied by Boston duplex partly struck off of cover to John Fowler at the **U.S. Consulate at Ningpo, China**, embossed "Senate Chamber Boston" return address, backstamped Boston (Mar. 27), San Francisco (Apr. 1), "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai Rec'd Apr. 28 8AM 93" and purple "United States Consulate Ningpo, China Apr. 28, 1893" serrated oval, opened for display, minor edgewear, Very Fine E. 150-200



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- 64 ☒ **1c Deep Green (279).** Horizontal pair, natural s.e. at bottom, tied by neat "Philadelphia Pa. May 29 1:30P 1900" wavy-line machine cancel on cover **to Shanghai, China**, bold "T" handstamp and pencil "15" (centimes) deficiency, red "12c" in ms. (double the amount of postage due), **bearing 5c Large Numeral and 1c Bureau Postage Dues (J18, J31)** tied by blue **"U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Jun. 27, 1900"** double-circle datestamp, transit backstamp and "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai Rec'd. Jun. 27, 1900" backstamp, slightly reduced at left and minor edgewear

VERY FINE AND RARE SHORT-PAID INBOUND USAGE TO SHANGHAI, WITH TWO DIFFERENT POSTAGE DUE ISSUES TIED BY THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY DATESTAMP.

Sent underpaid by 3c (15 centimes), this cover was correctly assessed double the deficiency as postage due. The meaning of the "12c" is uncertain. E. 1,500-2,000



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- 65 ☒ **Nicaragua, 1900, 5c Dark Blue, 10c Violet (125, 127).** Tied by large blue U.S. Consulate, Managua oval handstamp on green cover to **Hankow, China** and forwarded to Champaign Ill., stamps also tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Jun. 22 12PM 1902" duplex datestamp, Hankow local post circular datestamp (Jul. 19, 1902) and red "U.S. Consulate, Hankow, China Jul. 19, 1902" oval datestamp, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, trivial edgewear, Very Fine, scarce usage from U.S. Consulate in Nicaragua to the U.S. Consulate in Hankow, then forwarded to U.S. E. 500-750



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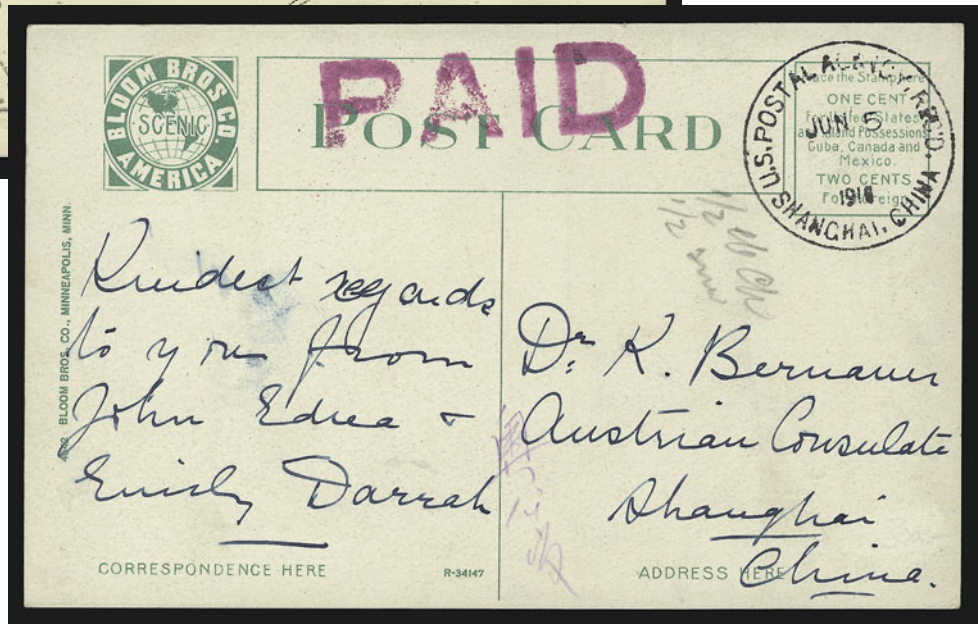
- 66 ☒ **10c Orange Brown, Ty. II (283).** Tied by "Boston Ma. Feb. 4 5PM 1903" duplex datestamp on cover to **Chefoo, China**, Seattle transit, "U.S. Post. Ag'y, Shanghai, China, 3 Mar 2:30PM 1903" and receiving backstamps, opened for display, minor edgewear, Very Fine, early usage of this Shanghai cancelling device which was used from early 1903 thru 1906..... E. 150-200

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- 67 ☒ **2c Carmine, Ty. I (319).** Bright color, tied by purple “Received, Feb. 28, 1905, U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China” four-line datestamp on picture postcard depicting Seoul, Korea, to Shanghai and forwarded to Hong Kong, Very Fine usage.. E. 400-500
- 68 ☒ **1c Deep Green (279).** Natural s.e. at bottom, tied by “U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Jul. 26 5PM 5” duplex datestamp on picture postcard of Astor House in Shanghai to Canton, China, Aug. 8 receiving datestamp, neat “U.S. Charge to Collect 2 Cents” handstamp, Very Fine, unusual short-paid usage..... E. 150-200
- 69 ☒ **U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Rec'd Jun. 5, 1916.** Large and clear datestamp on postcard addressed to the Austrian Consulate in Shanghai, unusual large purple “Paid” handstamp, note reads “Kindest regards to you from John, Edna & Emily Darrah”, fresh and Very Fine, sent by the U.S. Postmaster at Shanghai who was creator of the Darrah overprints E. 150-200

CHINA LOCAL POSTS

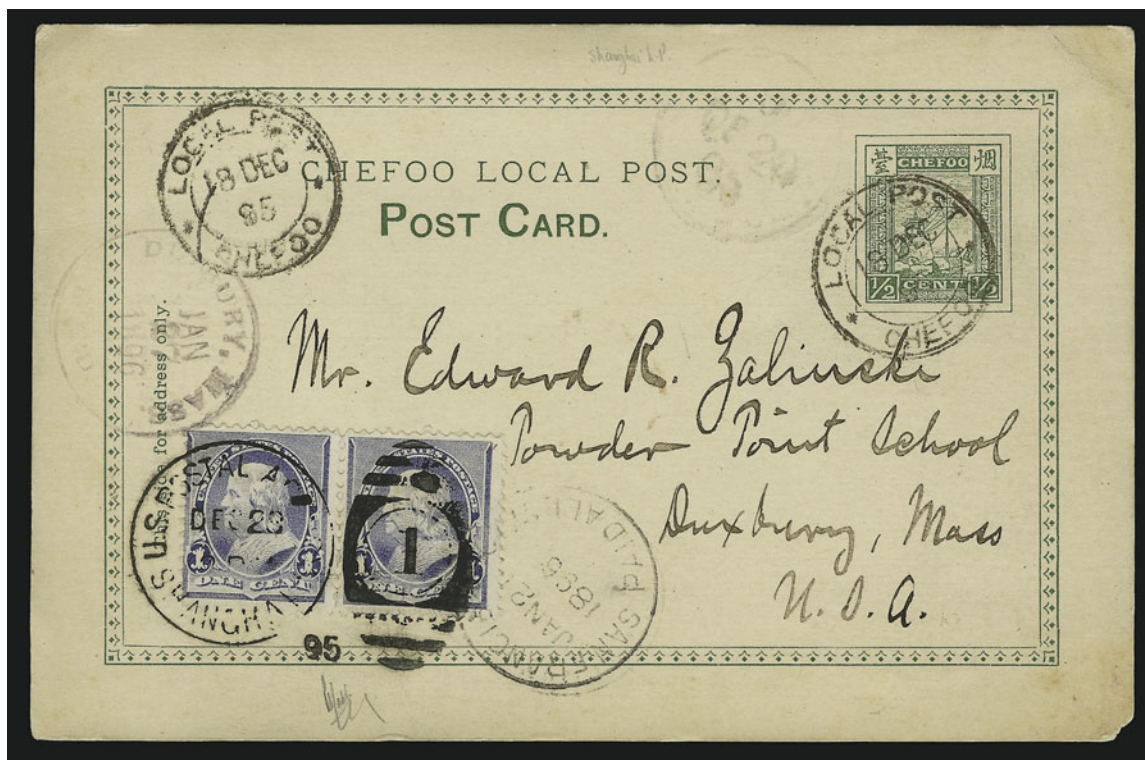


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- 70 ☒ **2c Carmine (220).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, May 4 2PM 95" duplex datestamp and **used on Chefoo ½c Postal Card** to Louisville Ky., "Local Post Chefoo 24 APR 95" double-circle datestamp on indicia, second strike at left, faint blue "Shanghai Local Post AP 26 95" datestamp, San Francisco (May 27) and receiving transits, contents discuss in part "You cannot imagine the sickness and the suffering. . .famine is often staring the people in the face. As one Christian sister said to me recently 'Is this the beginning of the last days?'" , small scotch tape stains on back

VERY FINE AND RARE COMBINATION USAGE OF THE ½-CENT CHEFOO LOCAL POST CARD AND THE 2-CENT 1890 ISSUE.

This postal card and the following lot would make an outstanding exhibit page.....
 E. 2,000-3,000



71

- 71 ☒ **1c Dull Blue (219).** Horizontal pair, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Dec. 28 2PM 95" duplex datestamp on 1/2c **Chefoo Postal Card** to Duxbury Mass., postal card cancelled by "Local Post Chefoo 18 Dec. 1895" double-circle datestamp, second strike at left, faint strike of blue "Shanghai Local Post DE 20 95" datestamp, San Francisco (Jan. 21) and receiving transits, trivial edgewear

FRESH AND VERY FINE. A RARE AND ATTRACTIVE COMBINATION USAGE OF THE CHEFOO LOCAL POSTAL CARD AND THE U.S. STAMPS.

With 1986 Holcombe certificate. E. 2,000-3,000



72

- 72 ☒ **1c Blue Green (300).** Horizontal pair, used with **Chinese Imperial Post 2c Scarlet** tied by circle with "Shanghai 14 Mar. 05" backstamp on cover to St. Louis Mo., pair of 1c stamps tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China" duplex datestamp, bold "T" handstamp applied by Chinese Post Office at Shanghai, San Francisco (Apr. 7) and receiving (Apr. 11) backstamps, Very Fine, an attractive combination cover..... E. 750-1,000



73

- 73 ☒ **13c Purple Black (308).** Tied by target on **registered cover from Chinkiang, China, to Switzerland**, cover also bears **Chinese Imperial Post 20c stamp** tied by "Chinkiang 4 Jan. 1906" datestamp, purple "Registered/Jan. 8, 1906/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, Chinkiang registry handstamp and New York registry label, Shanghai (Jan. ?), San Francisco (Feb. 1), New York (Feb. 6) and receiving (Feb. 14) backstamps, few light toned spots, sealed cover tear at right, otherwise Very Fine, scarce combination registered usage from Chinkiang to Switzerland using both the Chinese and U.S. mails E. 1,000-1,500



74

- 74 ☒ **10c Green (226).** Bright color, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Nov. 21 1:30PM 94" duplex datestamp and **used with Chinkiang Local Post 1c Ultramarine** tied by "Chinkiang * Postal Service * 5 P.M. 94 19NV" double-circle datestamp on oversize cover to Alameda Cal., second strike of Chinkiang datestamp on back, indistinct strike of blue "Shanghai Local Post NO 20 94" backstamp, San Francisco (Dec. 14) and Oakland (Dec. 14) backstamps, cover tears expertly repaired also affect U.S. stamp

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE EARLY COMBINATION USAGE OF THE CHINKIANG LOCAL POST AND UNITED STATES STAMP.

According to the Webb book, the local posts were set up to cover the cost of conveying local mail to and from the Shanghai postal system. By prior arrangement, the mails were handed directly to the foreign post offices without going through the Chinese post office.

..... E. 3,000-4,000



75

- 75 ☒ **1c, 2c Columbian (230, 231).** Two 2c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Apr. 7 10:30AM 94" duplex datestamp on cover **originating in Foochow, China**, to Omaha Nebr., clear strike of **blue "Local Post Agency-Foochow-MR 24 94"** circular datestamp, San Francisco (Apr. 28) and receiving (May 1) backstamps, some slight edgewear

VERY FINE. A RARE USAGE OF THE COLUMBIAN ISSUE FROM THE FOOCHOW BRANCH OF THE SHANGHAI LOCAL POST OFFICE. THIS FOOCHOW MARKING IS EXTREMELY RARE IN BLUE.

According to the Pratt book (p. 345), the Foochow office of the Shanghai Local Post was opened sometime in 1890. Two types of datestamps are known. The marking struck on this cover was primarily used between 1890 and 1893; Reinhardt records it only in black. The second type of marking, with Chinese characters in place of the date, is known only in blue, used during the same time period. The example offered here is a relatively late usage (1894) for the marking and is a rare blue strike. The office closed on Dec. 31, 1894, with the opening of the independent Foochow Local Post Office on Jan. 1, 1895. E. 1,000-1,500



- 76 ✉ **5c Chocolate (223).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Oct. 9, 3:30PM 94" duplex datestamp on cover **originating in Foochow, China**, to College Corner O., blue "Local Post Agency-Foochow-OC 4 94" datestamp, printed return address from Methodist Episcopal Mission at Foochow, backstamped "Shanghai Local Post OC 9 94", San Francisco (Nov. 7) and receiving datestamp, slight edgewear and few edge tears, Very Fine and rare late usage from the Foochow branch of the Shanghai Local Post office, the previous description discusses the history of this office and its markings E. 500-750
- 77 ✉ **5c Chocolate (255).** Tied by segmented cork cancel, matching "Hong Kong JU 25, 1895" circular datestamp on cover to Oberlin O., printed return address from **Foochow, China**, marked 5c due with precancelled U.S. 5c Postage Due (J25), San Francisco and receiving backstamps, barely reduced at right, Fine and unusual routing from Foochow thru Hong Kong and San Francisco E. 500-750
- 78 ✉ **5c Chocolate (255).** Tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Sep. 7 8PM 95" duplex datestamp on cover **originating in Foochow, China** to Oberlin O., faint strike of "Postal Service Foochow, China Aug. 20 95" circular datestamp with red "Paid" handstamp, San Francisco (Oct. 1) and receiving backstamps, slightly reduced at right and minor edgewear, Very Fine, scarce early usage from Foochow Local Post office, the Foochow office was opened Jan. 1, 1895, but stamps were not available until August — early usages bear the "Paid" handstamp, and this Aug. 20 cover was mailed about the time stamps arrived..... E. 1,000-1,500



- 79 ☒ **1c, 4c, 8c Trans-Mississippi (285, 287, 289).** Tied by partly clear strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Feb. 11 6PM 01" duplex datestamp on **registered** cover with printed address to Springfield Mass., **originating in Foochow, China, with Foochow 6c Red** also tied by U.S. duplex, neat "Foochow 23 Jan. 01" datestamp, Shanghai registry label and bold "R" handstamp, San Francisco (Feb. 26) and receiving backstamps, **accompanied by original registered receipt** from Chinese Imperial Post
 VERY FINE. A COLORFUL AND RARE REGISTERED COMBINATION USAGE OF THE UNITED STATES TRANS-MISSISSIPPI ISSUE AND THE FOOCHOW LOCAL STAMP.
 Although philatelically inspired, this franking is very rare and desirable. The Chinese Imperial Post registered receipt and Shanghai registry label are also quite scarce. E. 2,000-3,000
- 80 **10c Pale Red Brown (307).** Horizontal pair, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on large part of registered wrapper **from Kuliang, China**, to Alfred Me., also bearing **China 5c and vertical strip of four and single of 10c** tied by Kuliang datestamps, Kuliang registry handstamp, purple "Registered/Aug. 31, 1909/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp partly overstruck by Chicago customs handstamp, minor edgewear, Fine and colorful combination usage E. 500-750
- 81 ☒ **5c Dark Blue (281).** Tied by neat strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Mar. 1 9AM 99" duplex datestamp on cover with printed "Boone School, Wuchang" return address **from Hankow to New Haven Conn.**, bold strike of "**Hankow 23 Feb. 99**" circular datestamp, also similar "Shanghai 26 Feb. 99" backstamp, San Francisco (Mar. 24) and receiving (Mar. 29) backstamps, few light toned spots, Very Fine, unusual usage as no indication of payment to Chinese postal system is indicated E. 400-500



82 Front and Back

- 82 ☒ **6c Dull Brown, 8c Violet Brown (271, 272).** Tied by New York Sta. P double oval cancels on **registered cover to Kantcheufu, China and returned to United States**, red boxed "Registered, Apr. 27, 1896, Branch P.O. Station P. New York P.O." datestamp, Fernand Noel backstamp (the sender was a New York City stamp dealer), San Francisco registry label, **used with Shanghai Local Post 1c and 4c stamps**, tied by "Registered-Shanghai JU 15?" datestamp, neat "Customs Shanghai Jun. 15, 1896" backstamp, ms. "*Try Via Newchwang*" crossed out in blue crayon with "*Not Known*" added at bottom left, clear strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Jul. 25 10:30AM 95" duplex datestamp (mis-dated "95"), San Francisco (Aug. 13) backstamp where "Returned to Writer" handstamp applied

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE REGISTERED COMBINATION USAGE OF UNITED STATES STAMPS AND SHANGHAI LOCAL POST ISSUES.

This cover was mailed during a transitional period in the history of the Chinese posts. According to Webb, an Imperial Decree announced in March 1896 formally established an Imperial Chinese Postal Administration under the direction of Sir Robert Hart. The Local Posts were absorbed into this new administration over a period of time ending in November 1897. The cover offered here was sent approximately one month after the Imperial Decree, yet before it could fully be implemented. E. 5,000-7,500



83 Front and Back

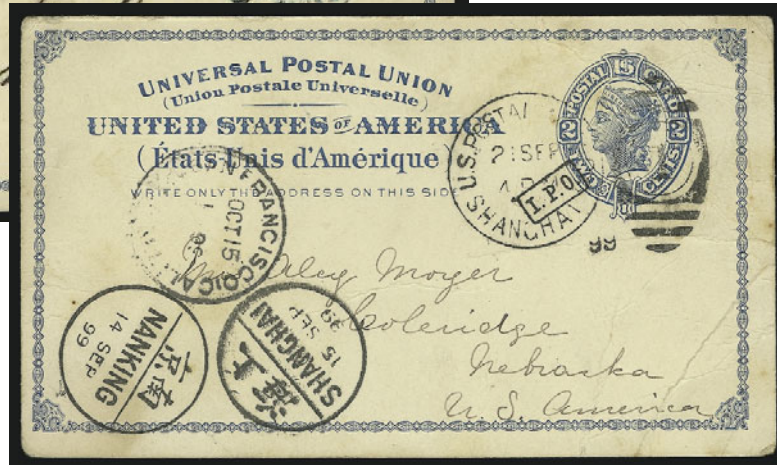
- 83 **6c Dull Brown, 8c Violet Brown (271, 272).** Tied by "New York" registry ovals on registered cover to **Kiew Kiang, China** and returned to **United States**, purple boxed "New York, N.Y. Aug. 25, 1896 Reg. No." datestamp, scarce Tacoma Wash. registry label, **used with Shanghai Local Post 5c stamp**, tied by red "Shanghai Local Post OC 3 96" datestamp, scarce Shanghai Local Post registry label tied by "Registered-Shanghai OC 3, 1896" datestamp, purple boxed Kewkiang registry handstamp and matching "Kewkiang Local Post 6 Oct. 1896" oval backstamp, red ms. "Unknown at Kewkiang", stamps additionally tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Nov. 9 11AM 96" duplex datestamp, San Francisco (Nov. 30) and receiving (Dec. 7) backstamps, part of return address eradicated

VERY FINE. AN ASTONISHING ARRAY OF STAMPS AND MARKINGS REPRESENTING THE REGISTRY SYSTEMS OF THE SHANGHAI AND KEWKIANG LOCAL POSTS, AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES HOMELAND AND ITS POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI.

The cover offered here was also sent after the March 1896 Imperial Decree, yet before the Local Posts could fully be absorbed into the new postal administration. The use of two local posts, at Shanghai and Kewkiang, as well as the U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai for the return trip, is extremely unusual. Please see previous lot for additional historical information. E. 7,500-10,000



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- 84 ☒ **2c Blue, Postal Card (UX6).** Cancelled by well-struck "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Nov. 2 5:30PM 95" duplex datestamp to Mt. Pleasant O., large blue **"Postal Agency Nanking"** double-circle datestamp, San Francisco transit, Very Fine, rare early usage from Nanking to U.S. thru Shanghai..... E. 400-500
- 85 ☒ **2c Blue on Cream, Postal Card (UX13).** Cancelled by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, 21 Sep. 4PM 99" duplex datestamp to Coleridge Nebr., **originating in Nanking** with bold "Nanking 14 Sep. 1899" circular datestamp, neat "Shanghai 15 Sep. 1899" transit, also framed "I.P.O." handstamp, San Francisco transit, card with few bends, otherwise Very Fine, scarce usage E. 500-750

SHANGHAI LOCAL POST



86

- 86 ☒ **U.S. Consulate General, Shanghai, China. Jan. 31, 1890.** Consular double-circle datestamp on cover addressed to Central Hotel in Shanghai, **carried solely by local post**, blue "Shanghai Local Post JA 24, 1890" circular datestamp with matching "8" in circle on back, fresh and Very Fine, scarce "local" usage from U.S. Consulate to a hotel via Shanghai Local Post E. 400-500



87

- 87 ☒ **2c Carmine Lake, Ty. I (249).** Two, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, May 22 10PM 96" duplex datestamp on 1c Shanghai Municipality Postal Card to Lemberg, Austria (now Lvov, Poland), neat "Shanghai Local Post MY 18, 1896" datestamp, large U.S. Postal Agency double-circle datestamp at left overstruck by "San Francisco Paid All Jun. ?" transit

VERY FINE AND RARE USE OF UNITED STATES STAMPS ON A SHANGHAI MUNICIPALITY POSTAL CARD TO EUROPE.

The additional 2c was not required by U.P.U. regulations, but may have been applied because of a misunderstanding of postal card rates. E. 2,000-3,000



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- 88 ☒ **2c Trans-Mississippi (286).** Natural s.e. at right, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Dec. 13 4PM 99" duplex datestamp on picture postcard to Kansas, used with China Imperial Post 5c Orange, tied by rectangular grid and "Shanghai Local Post DE 13, 1899" datestamp, San Francisco transit, trivial toned specks around stamps

VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE MIXED FRANKING WITH UNITED STATES TRANS-MISSISSIPPI ISSUE AND CHINESE IMPERIAL POST STAMP.

This picture postcard was mailed by a tourist visiting Shanghai and en route to Ceylon. The 2c Trans-Mississippi stamp was applied after the Chinese stamp was cancelled. It is essentially a non-philatelic use of the Trans-Mississippi Issue with Chinese postage. E. 1,500-2,000



- 89 ☒ **2c Carmine, Ty. III, 3c Purple (267, 268).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jan. 2 4PM 01" duplex datestamp on cover with printed address to Springfield Mass., **used with Shanghai Local Post 4c and 2c stamps** tied by U.S. duplex, San Francisco (Feb. 2) and receiving (Feb. 7) backstamps, Very Fine, an attractive philatelically-inspired combination cover..... E. 500-750
- 90 ☒ **1c Deep Green (279).** Tied by blue "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Aug. 8, 1901" double-circle datestamp on picture postcard to Germany depicting fort at Taku, **used with stamps of Russia, China, Japan, French Post Offices, Hong Kong and German Post Offices** with each stamp tied by their respective country's datestamp, Very Fine, colorful usage containing stamps from each of the post offices operating in Shanghai..... E. 500-750
- 91 ☒ **Philippines, 1899, 1c Yellow Green (213).** Used on Philippines 1c Postal Card (UX1) and tied by "Manila, Phi. May 24 4PM 1903" duplex datestamp, to Shanghai, China, neat "**Shanghai Local Post JU 2 03**" receiving datestamp, card with light bend, Very Fine..... E. 100-150
- 92 ☒ **2c Carmine (301).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Nov. 22 5" duplex datestamp on cover **used with Chinese Imperial Post 1c Orange** from Shanghai to Palisades N.Y. and forwarded to New York City, Chinese stamp tied on back by circular handstamp, matching "Shanghai 19 Nov." datestamp, second strike dated 20 Nov., bold San Francisco and other transit backstamps, "T" handstamp applied in Shanghai by Chinese post, opened for display, minor edgewear, Very Fine..... E. 400-500
- 93 ☒ **2c Carmine, Ty. I (319).** Natural s.e. at right, tied by bold "Honolulu, H.I. Nov. 16 10:30AM 1906" duplex datestamp on picture postcard to **Shanghai, China**, neat "U.S. Postal Sta. Rec'd, Shanghai, China, Dec. 14, 1906" and Shanghai Local Post datestamps, card with trivial bend, Very Fine usage ... E. 150-200

TIENTSIN



94 Front and Back

- 94 ☒ 5c Chocolate, 10c Dark Green (255, 258). Used on registered cover originating in Tientsin, China, to U.S. Navy Pay Office in Washington D.C., mixed franking with horizontal pair of China 6c Empress Dowager Issue with gutter selvage at left, cancelled by blue customs "seal" on back, matching "Customs Tientsin Jan. 7, 1895" double-circle datestamp, also blue "Customs Shanghai Jan. 20, 1895" transit, U.S. stamps tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Jan. 25 10PM 95" duplex datestamp, blue "Registered" handstamp probably applied at Shanghai Customs Office, red "R" in oval, purple San Francisco (Feb. 24) and receiving (Mar. 2) backstamps, light edgewear

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR AND EXTREMELY RARE OUTBOUND REGISTERED USAGE FROM TIENTSIN TO THE UNITED STATES, WITH A MIXED FRANKING OF THE CHINA DOWAGER ISSUE AND UNITED STATES FIRST BUREAU ISSUE.

The cover was carried by Imperial Chinese Post from Tientsin to Shanghai, where it was handed to the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai for delivery to final destination. The registry fee at this time was 8c, thus the 15c U.S. postage overpays the 5c U.P.U. rate and registry fee by 2c. E. 10,000-15,000



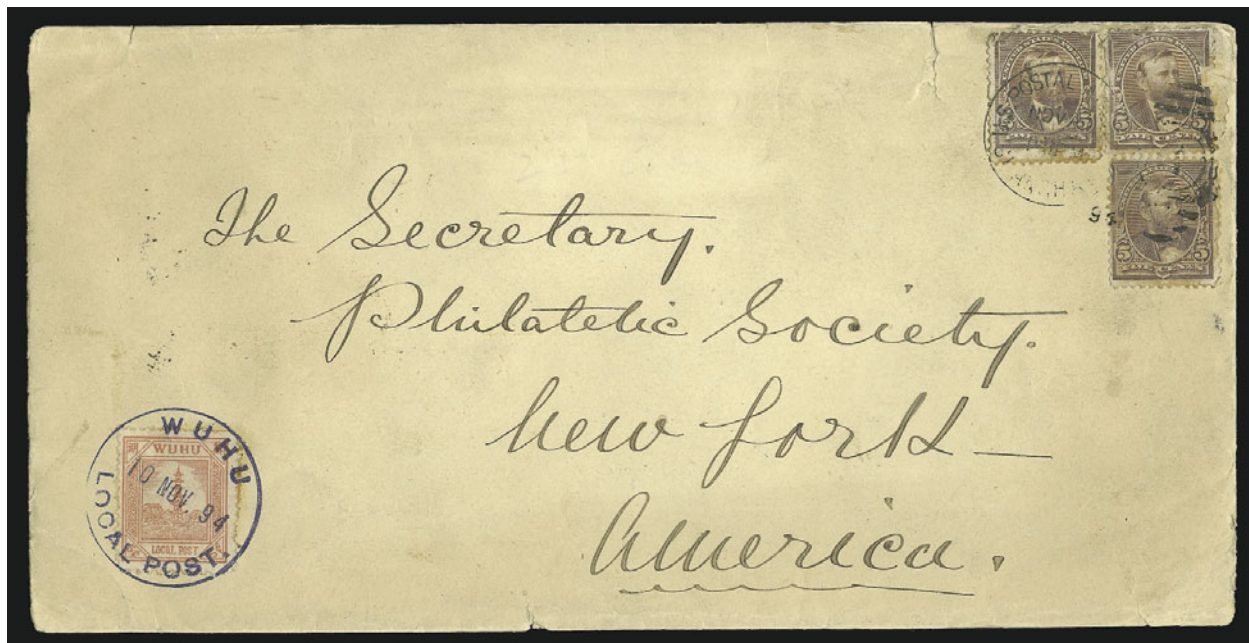
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- 95 **5c Dark Blue (281)**. Eleven, eight originally forming horizontal strip with natural s.e. at bottom, used with 2c Red, Ty. IV (279), vertical pair, also **used with Chinese Imperial Post 1c, 4c, two 5c and 10c stamps** tied by **"Tientsin 30 Mar. 1901"** datestamps on large part of registered parcel wrapping to Bangor Me., registry label, purple sender's company handstamp at bottom left from H.M. Schultz & Co. in Tientsin, ms. *"Insured for \$43"* at bottom, China 10c stamp fell off during transit and was reattached with purple *"Bangor Maine May 3, 1901 Registry Dept."* firmly tying stamp, bold *"Shanghai 10 Apr. 1901"* circular datestamp from Chinese post, U.S. stamps applied at Shanghai and cancelled by grids, stamps slightly faulty as to be expected on such an oversize package wrapper, Very Fine, a colorful and rare combination usage..... E. 2,000-3,000



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- 96 ☒ **10c Orange Brown, Ty. II (283).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Jan. 4 1PM 01" duplex datestamp on cover **used from Tientsin** to San Francisco, cover also bears **Chinese Imperial Post 10c Green** tied by "Tientsin 30 Dec. 1901" datestamp, Shanghai (Jan. 2, 1902) and receiving (Jan. 27) backstamps, tiny cover tear at top, Very Fine, scarce combination usage, the U.S. Postal Agency forgot to change the yeardate slug in the duplex..... E. 1,000-1,500



97

- 97 ☒ **5c Chocolate (223).** Three, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Nov. 21 1:30PM 94" duplex datestamp on large cover to New York City, **used with Wuhu 5c Local Post stamp**, tied by perfect strike of blue "Wuhu Local Post 10 Nov. 1894" circular datestamp, blue "Shanghai Local Post NO 22, 1894" and transit backstamps, some edgewear affects stamps incl. one with piece out at right, still Fine, scarce combination, this is reported to be **the earliest recorded use of the Wuhu local stamp**..... E. 500-750

THE BOXER REBELLION



- 98 ☒ **Soldier's Letter.** Pencil endorsement on cover to Portland Me., San Francisco Paid All and receiving backstamps, bearing **2c Postage Due (J39)** precancelled at Portland, with original enclosure (10 half-pages front and back), fascinating contents describe in great detail a battle against 400 Boxers and daily life, including capturing cattle and note about burning a village, minor edgewear, Fine, unusual usage with wonderful content..... E. 200-300
- 99 ☒ **Post Office Department. Post Office, Military Station 1, China. Official Business.** Printed penalty envelope cancelled by "Mil. PSta. No. 1, Tientsin, China, Sep. 24, 1900" duplex datestamp to postmaster at Malden Mass., Boston (Nov. 8) and receiving backstamps, faint vertical file fold, Very Fine E. 400-500
- 100 ☒ **Mil. PSta. No. 1, Tientsin, China, 25 Sep. 1900.** Neat strike of duplex datestamp on cover to Washington D.C., sender's military address at Peking, purple "**Due 2 Cents**" handstamp and with **2c Postage Due (J39)** applied and tied by purple "Washington D.C." oval handstamp, receiving backstamp, Very Fine Boxer Rebellion usage E. 200-300
- 101 **1c Deep Green, 2c Red, Ty. IV (279, 279B).** Vertical pair of 2c and two 1c, tied by large "**CHINA**" handstamps on large part of cover front only, neat "Mil. PSta. No. 1, Tientsin, China, Nov. 4, 1900" duplex datestamp, part of address removed, Very Fine strikes of the large "**CHINA**" handstamps, which were used only in Tientsin E. 400-500
- 102 ☒ **1c Black on Buff, Postal Card (UX14).** Cancelled by "Mil. P. Sta. No. 1, Taku, China, Nov. 13, 1900" duplex datestamp to local address, used by local postmaster, trivial edgewear, otherwise Very Fine, scarce usage, according to Webb, Taku was a head office near Tientsin used on the Peking route E. 200-300
- 103 ☒ **2c Red, Ty. IV (279B).** Cancelled by target and "Mil. P. Sta. No. 1, Peking, China, Nov. 24, 1900" circular datestamp on legal-size **silk brocade envelope** to Plattsburgh N.Y., sender's address at "**Hospital Corps, U.S. Army, Peking, China**", receiving backstamp, Very Fine, beautiful and unusual Boxer Rebellion usage E. 750-1,000



104

- 104 ☒ **8c Violet Brown, 2c Red, Ty. IV (272, 279B).** Two 2c, different shades, tied by **large "CHINA."** handstamps on 2c Pink entire addressed to Wells, Fargo & Co. Express at San Francisco, purple "Registered, Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1, China, Nov. 22, 1900" double-circle datestamp, receiving backstamps (Jan. 4, 1901), sender's military address at Tientsin
VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE COMMERCIAL USAGE OF THE STRAIGHTLINE "CHINA." HANDSTAMP, USED AT TIENTSIN DURING THE BOXER REBELLION.

This cover was mailed in November 1900, shortly after Peking had been captured by allied foreign government forces on Aug. 14, 1900, and before the final peace settlement was signed in September 1901..... E. 3,000-4,000



- 105 ✉ **2c Red, Ty. IV (279B).** Tied by "Mil. PSta. No. 1, Tientsin, China, Nov. 24, 1900" duplex datestamp on cover to Washington D.C., typed "Office of Chief Quartermaster, U.S. China Relief Expedition" at top left and printed penalty notice, **red Chefoo local post** cancel partly struck at center, receiving backstamp (Jan. 5, 1901), fresh and Very Fine, late usage of the military postmark..... E. 400-500
- 106 ✉ **2c Red, Ty. IV (279B).** Defective corner at top right, tied by "Mil. P. Sta. No. 1, Pekin, China, Nov. 30, 1900" duplex datestamp on cover to Benicia Cal. and **forwarded to Manila, Philippines**, with **U.S. 5c Dark Blue (281) used as postage due at Manila**, tied by cork cancel, San Francisco (Jan. 25), Benicia (Jan. 25 and Jan. 31) and receiving (Mar. 2) backstamps, some slight edgewear, Fine and unusual usage E. 300-400
- 107 ✉ **2c Red, Ty. IV (279B).** Two covers, both sent from Washington D.C. to Tientsin, China, purple "**Now in Manila**" handstamps, edte tears and wear, Fine, unusual usages.....(**Photo Ex**) E. 100-150
- 108 ✉ **2c Red, Ty. IV (279B).** Missing corner at top right, tied by "Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1, China, Dec. 10, 1900" duplex datestamp on cover to Benicia Cal. and **forwarded to Manila, Philippines**, with **U.S. 5c Dark Blue (281) used as postage due at Manila** and tied by due marking, San Francisco (Jan. 25), Benicia (Jan. 25 and Jan. 31) and receiving (Mar. 2) backstamps, some slight edgewear, Fine and unusual usage E. 300-400



- 109 **2c Red, Ty. IV, 5c Dark Blue, 10c Orange Brown, Ty. II (279B, 281 (2), 283).** Tied by large "CHINA." handstamp on large part of registered cover front only to Tacoma Park Wash., purple "Registered Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1, Jan. 5, 1901" double-circle datestamp and matching "Soldiers Mail (Souvenir)" handstamp, return address at Tientsin, additional purple "Missent to Washington D.C." handstamp, vertical file fold affects one 5c stamp, pre-use creases affect 10c, otherwise Fine, colorful and scarce usage during the Boxer Rebellion..... E. 400-500
- 110 **1c Deep Green (279).** Choice centering, used on 1c Postal Card (UX14) and tied by "Mil. Post Station No. 1, China, Jan. 2, 1901" datestamp to Germany and forwarded within Germany, neat strikes of German military post markings, card is datelined Tientsin, Very Fine, scarce routing and destination E. 300-400
- 111 **2c Red, Ty. IV (279B).** Tied by "Mil. PSta No. 1, Tientsin, China, Jan. 22, 1901" duplex on cover to Baltimore Md., return address reads "Geo. A. Durst P.M. Shen Kai Kuan Sta. of U.S.M.P. Sta. #1 China", back of cover bears "Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1 Jan. 22, 1901" and Mar. 6 Baltimore receiving backstamp, some edgewear and slightly reduced at right, vandal's notation "U.S. Stamps used in China" lightened, otherwise Fine, scarce and unusual usage, Durst opened the Shen Kai Kuan office in late 1900 in order to facilitate the handling of the mails during winter, the station was only open two to three months..... E. 500-750
- 112 **10c Orange Brown, Ty. II (283).** Natural s.e. at top, tied by well-struck "Mil. Postal Sta. China No. 1, Feb. 4, 1901" duplex datestamp on cover to New York, neat "Feldpost-Brief" handstamp in red at top, trivial edgewear, Very Fine, attractive Boxer Rebellion usage sent by a member of the German forces thru the U.S. postal system E. 200-300



113

- 113 ✉ **1c Deep Green, 5c Dark Blue, 8c Violet Brown, 10c Orange Brown, Ty. II (279, 281, 272, 283).** Each stamp tied by large "CHINA." handstamp on registered cover to **Hannover, Germany**, purple "Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1, China. Registered Feb. 12, 1901" double-circle datestamp, New York registry label, San Francisco, New York and receiving backstamps

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. THIS IS REPORTEDLY THE EARLIEST USAGE OF THE "CHINA" STRAIGHT-LINE HANDSTAMP, WHICH WAS ONLY USED AT TIENTSIN ON MILITARY MAIL DURING THE SHORT-LIVED BOXER REBELLION.

With 1986 Holcombe certificate. E. 3,000-4,000



- 114 ☒ **2c Carmine, entire (U362).** Cancelled by "Mil. PSta. No. 1, Tientsin, China, Feb. 25, 1901" duplex to San Francisco, typed return address from "W.C. Horton, Military Postal Service, China", Mar. 29 receiving backstamp, Very Fine E. 300-400
- 115 ☒ **2c Orange Red, Ty. IV, Booklet (279Be var).** Horizontal pair and single from a booklet pane, tied by "Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1, China, Mar. 9, 1901" duplex datestamp on cover **to Manila, Philippines**, receiving backstamp, stamps creased prior to use, otherwise Very Fine, scarce usage of booklet stamps E. 300-400
- 116 ☒ **8c Violet Brown, 2c Red, Ty. IV (272, 279B).** Cancelled by grids, purple "Military Postal Sta. No. 1, China, Mar. 13, 1901" double-circle datestamp on registered cover to Baltimore Md., San Francisco and receiving backstamps, slight edgewear, fresh and Very Fine E. 200-300
- 117 ☒ **1c Deep Green, 2c Red, Ty. IV (279, 279B).** Horizontal pair of 2c, tied by well-struck "Mil. PSta. No. 1, Tientsin, China, Mar. 21, 1901" duplex datestamp on cover **to Versailles, France**, endorsed "Via San Francisco", Paris circular datestamp also ties stamps, slightly reduced at left and some overall wear, Very Fine E. 300-400
- 118 ☒ **2c Red, Ty. III (279B).** Bright color, tied by "Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1 China Jun. 26" duplex datestamp on green letter to Bath N.Y., printed "Consular Service, U.S.A." with ms. "Tientsin, China" underneath, 1901 receiving backstamp, stamp with small tear at top right, otherwise Fine E. 400-500
- 119 ☒ **1c Deep Green (279).** Ten, defective, tied by large "R" in circle handstamps on cover to San Francisco, endorsed "**Sailor's Letter, J.F. Campbell, U.S. 'Monocacy', Taku, China**", purple "Registered Mil. Postal Sta. No. 1, China. Jul. 2, 1901" double-circle datestamp, second type of Sta. No. 1 marking of the same date, Aug. 2 receiving backstamps, some toning, otherwise Fine, rare usage of the "R" in circle on sailor's mail from a Yangtze River gunboat, also accompanied by photo of the *Monocacy* E. 300-400
- 120 ☒ **Boxer Rebellion Covers.** Nine covers, one piece and a collateral photo of American Co. in Shanghai escort to General Rogers on his departure for Cuba, all soldier's letters incl. three with enclosures, mostly bearing No. 279B though one with Philippines ovpt. and two are entires (one Philippines), some better contents incl. "troop is about to go to bring the Empress back to Peking and as she has about six or eight thousand soldiers with her we are liable to have a fight. . .", few small faults, Fine-Very Fine group Not illustrated E. 400-500

UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI POST-1900

Arranged in chronological order

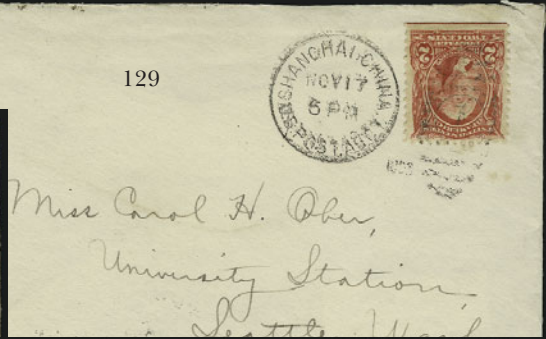
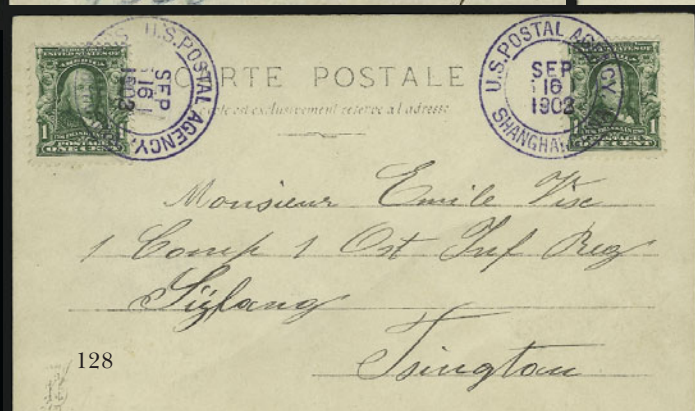
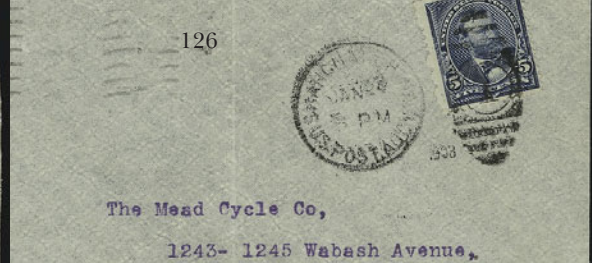
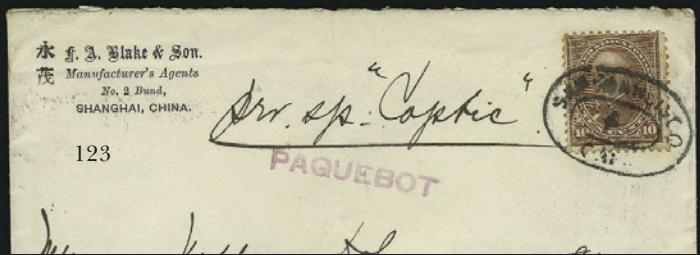


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- 121 **1c-\$5.00 1895-98 Bureau Issues (268, 272, 275a, 276, 277, 278, 279, 279B, 280-284).** Rich colors, arranged by denomination and each stamp only partly affixed and tied by clear strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * China" circular handstamp on large piece, ms. "Collection Americaine a la poste de Shanghai", piece with light horizontal fold not affecting stamps

FINE-VERY FINE. AN UNUSUAL AND COLORFUL "SET" OF UNITED STATES BUREAU ISSUES CANCELLED BY FAVOR OF THE SHANGHAI POST OFFICE.

This U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai handstamp has been noted by past students, but it is not known used on any mail. Its origin and purpose are uncertain. In this case it was obviously intended to satisfy philatelic demand at a total cost of \$9.04 in postage.
 E. 4,000-5,000

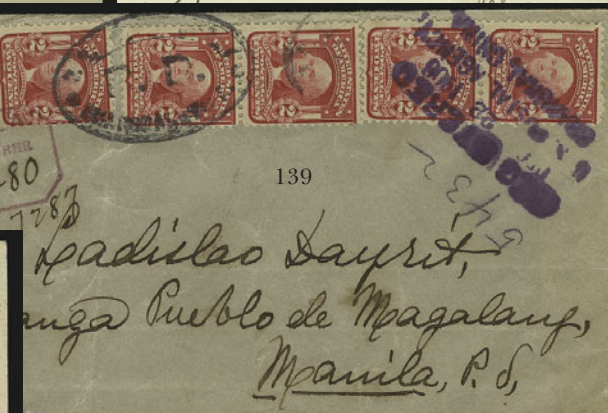
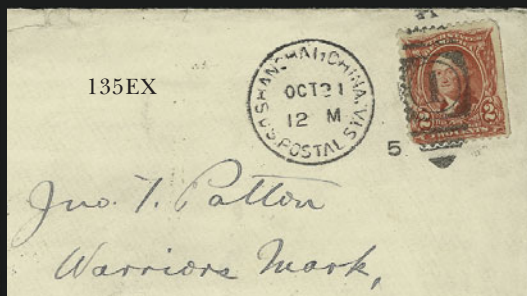
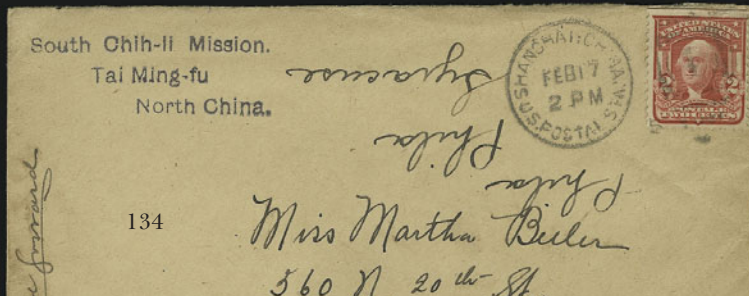
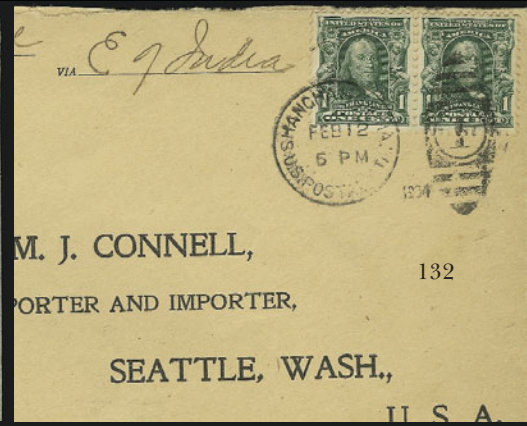


- 122 ☒ **2c Blue on Cream, Postal Card (UX13).** Cancelled by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Oct. 9, 1900" duplex datestamp to Louisiana, sent by Deputy Postal Agent A. H. White and with blue "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China. Oct. 9, 1900" and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, the blue Postal Agency datestamp is rarely seen on cards E. 200-300
- 123 ☒ **10c Brown, Ty. I (282C).** Tied by "San Francisco Cal." oval datestamp on cover **carried outside of the mails from Shanghai** to San Francisco, printed sender's return address at top left, ms. "pr. sp. Coptic", purple "Paquebot" handstamp and "San Francisco Paid All May ?" backstamp, light file folds well clear of stamp, trivial toning around a few perf tips, otherwise Very Fine, unusual usage E. 150-200



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- 124 ☒ **1c Deep Green, 10c Orange Brown, Ty. II (279, 283).** Horizontal strip of three of 1c, natural s.e. at bottom, deep rich color and choice centering, tied by neat "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, 2 Aug. 4PM 1902" duplex datestamp on registered cover to Springfield Mass., "U.S. of America, Shanghai, China" registry label with narrow "R", sender's backstamp from The Missionary Home in Shanghai, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, fresh and Very Fine, this is the reported to be the latest known use of this duplex cancelling device E. 750-1,000
- 125 ☒ **15c Olive Green (284).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Sep. 27 2PM 1902" duplex datestamp on registered cover to New York City, "U.S. of America, Shanghai, China" registry label, oval "The Missionary Home and Agency Shanghai Sep. 27, 1902" sender's backstamp, Seattle and N.Y. backstamps, Very Fine, beautiful usage E. 400-500
- 126 ☒ **5c Dark Blue (281).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agcy Shanghai, China, Jan. 23 5PM 1903" duplex datestamp on cover to Chicago Ill., purple "Forwarded by Frazar & Co. Shanghai" and receiving backstamps, vertical file fold well clear of stamp and markings, Very Fine E. 200-300
- 127 ☒ **3c Purple, 5c Dark Blue (268, 281).** Two 5c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agcy, Shanghai, China, Feb. 22 2:30PM 1903" duplex datestamp on registered cover to Denver Col., "U.S. of America, Shanghai, China" registry label with narrow "R" overlaps 3c stamp, purple Seattle and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, scarce E. 500-750
- 128 ☒ **1c Blue Green (300).** Two, each tied by perfect strike of blue "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Sep. 16, 1902" double-circle datestamp with yeardate changed in both cases to 1903 by hand, on picture postcard to Tsingtao, Extremely Fine and rare E. 500-750
- 129 ☒ **2c Carmine (301).** Natural s.e. at bottom, tied by "U.S. Post. Agcy. Shanghai, China, Nov. 17 5PM 1903" duplex datestamp on cover to Seattle Wash., receiving backstamps, Very Fine, this is reported to be the latest recorded use of this duplex cancelling device E. 300-400
- 130 ☒ **2c Carmine (301).** Natural s.e. at left, tied by "U.S. Post. Agcy Shanghai, China, Nov. 20 5PM 1903" duplex datestamp on cover to Plainfield N.J., forwarded to Westchester Pa., printed "American Church Mission Agankin, China" return address, with original contents incl. two photographs and long letter about daily activities, bold "Plainfield N.J. Dec. 17 6PM 1903" machine cancel also ties stamp, Very Fine E. 150-200
- 131 ☒ **4c Rose Brown, 2c Carmine (280, 301).** Horizontal pair of 4c, tied by neat "U.S. Postal Agcy. Shanghai, China, Nov. 27 5PM 1903" duplex datestamp on registered cover to New York, "U.S. of America, Shanghai, China" registry label, scarce blue "U.S. Postal Agency-Reg. Div. * Shanghai, China * Nov. 27, 1903" oval backstamp, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, stamp with faults, otherwise Very Fine, scarce combination of mixed-issue franking, registry label and oval registry division backstamp E. 500-750



- 132 ☒ **1c Blue Green (300)**. Horizontal pair, tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Feb. 12 5PM 1904" duplex datestamp on cover to Seattle Wash., receiving backstamp, missing part of top flap, Very Fine, reported to be the earliest recorded use of this duplex cancelling device. E. 200-300
- 133 ☒ **2c Carmine, 4c Brown (301, 303)**. Two 4c, tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Mar. 21 5PM 1904" duplex datestamp on **registered** cover to Springfield Mass., "U.S. of America, Shanghai, China" registry label with slightly shorter and heavier "R", purple "Registered/Mar. 19, 1904/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line backstamp, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, 2c stamp faint crease at right, Very Fine, scarce duplex postmark which was only in use for a few months in the beginning of 1904..... E. 500-750
- 134 ☒ **2c Carmine, Ty. I (319)**. Natural s.e. at top, tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Feb. 17 2PM 5" duplex datestamp on cover to Philadelphia, **originating in Tai Ming-fu, North China**, South Chih-Li Mission corner card, receiving backstamp, with original contents dated Jan. 2, 1905, missing top flap, Very Fine, scarce usage, carried outside of the mails to Shanghai..... E. 200-300
- 135 ☒ **1c Blue Green, 2c Carmine (300, 301)**. Cover and picture postcard, former with 2c tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Oct. 21 12M 5" duplex datestamp, second with 1c tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Nov. 22 12M 1904" duplex datestamp to Atlanta Ga., some trivial wear, Fine(Photo Ex) E. 100-150
- 136 **U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Dec. 29 5PM 5**. Duplex datestamp on **Shanghai Post Office Official Penalty** cover front only to Ga., Fine and scarce E. 100-150



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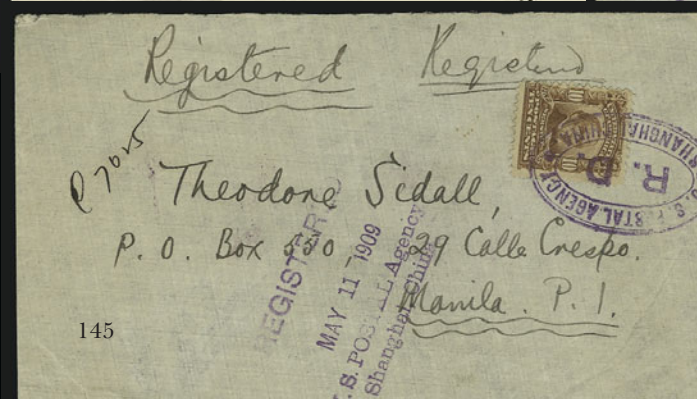
- 137 ☒ **1c, 2c, 10c Pan-American (294, 295, 299)**. Tied by two clear strikes of purple "Registered/Apr. 4, 1906/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, third strike on **registered cover to Moudon, Switzerland**, New York registry label, San Francisco, New York and receiving backstamps, also with purple "John M. Darrah, Postmaster" and "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China" two-line backstamps, Very Fine, rare usage of the Pan-American issue from the U.S. Post Office in Shanghai..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 138 ☒ **1c Blue Green (300)**. Tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Nov. 2 3:30PM 6" duplex datestamp on multicolored Russo-Japanese caricature postcard to Detroit Mich., San Francisco transit, minor edgewear, Very Fine, unusual postcard design E. 100-150
- 139 ☒ **2c Carmine, Ty. I (319)**. Two vertical pairs and single, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp and purple "Registered/Dec. 22, 1906/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp on **registered cover to Manila, Philippines**, receiving backstamps, some edgewear, Fine and scarce usage..... E. 300-400
- 140 ☒ **1c Blue Green (300)**. Tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Jun. 23 3PM 7" on picture postcard to **Buenos Aires, Argentina**, underpaid 1c, receiving backstamp, fresh and Fine E. 150-200
- 141 ☒ **6c Claret (305)**. Used with two 2c Carmine (319) and tied by light strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp on **registered** cover to New York, forwarded to Old Lyme Conn., unusual **serifed** "Registered/Jul. 12, 1907/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China." four-line datestamp, purple "Forwarded/N.Y. Reg. Div." two-line handstamp also ties one stamp, one 2c stamp small fault, few light toned spots, otherwise Fine, scarce usage, one of only two reported examples of this serifed "Registered" handstamp E. 500-750



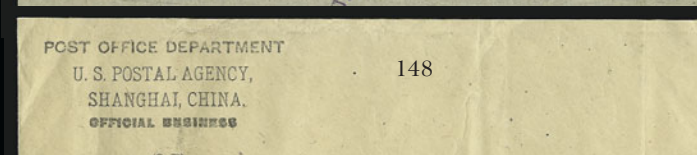
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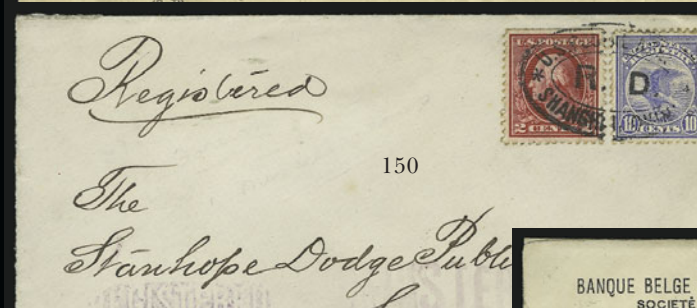
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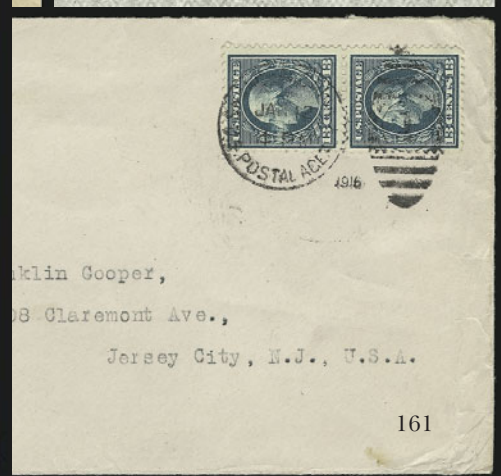
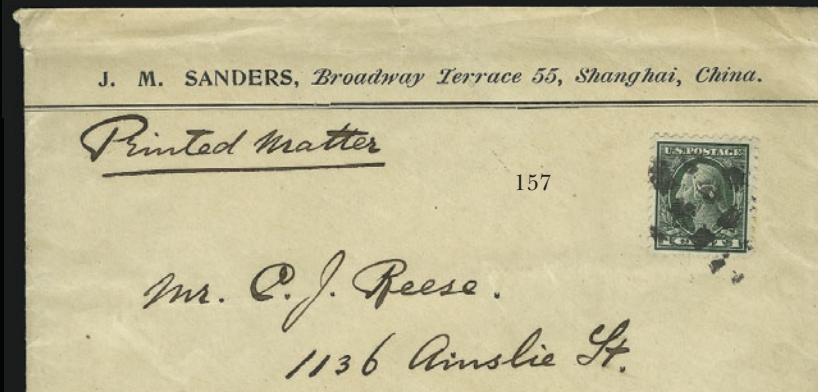
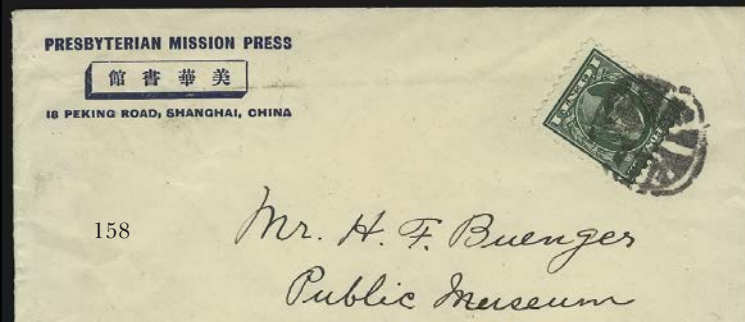
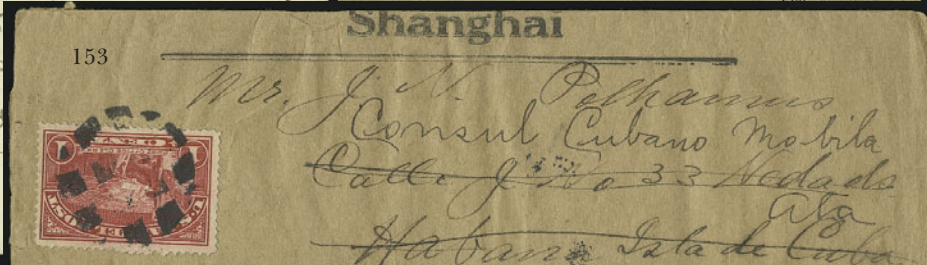
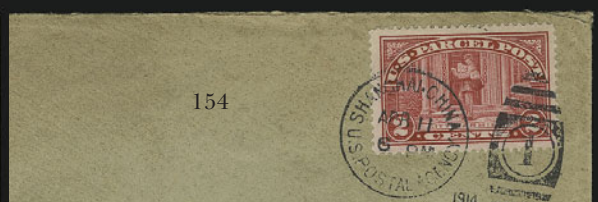
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- 142 ☒ **2c Carmine (301).** Natural s.e. at right, tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Aug. 3 5PM 7" duplex datestamp on cover to **Honolulu, Hawaii**, purple oval St. John's University sender's handstamp, receiving double-circle datestamp, fresh and Very Fine E. 200-300
- 143 ☒ **5c Blue (304).** Horizontal pair, natural s.e. at top and s.e. at right, tied by neat strike of **purple** "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** cover to Mountain Grove Mo., purple "Registered/Nov. 30, 1908/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China." four-line datestamp, Seattle and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, scarce with the oval datestamp struck in purple E. 300-400

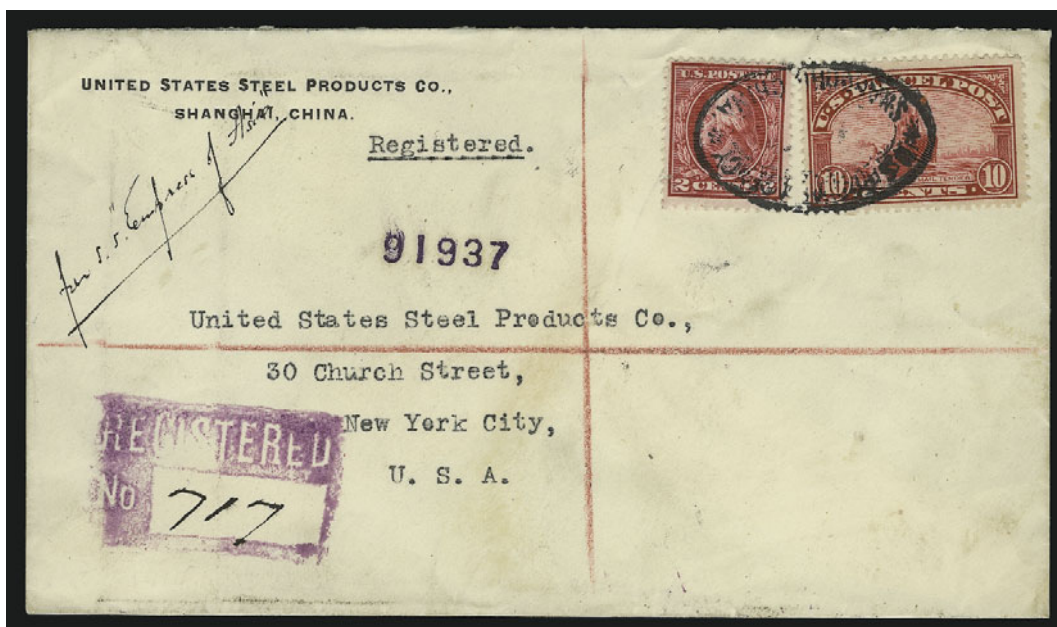


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- 144 ☒ **10c Pale Red Brown (307).** Tied by **purple** "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** cover to **Guadalajara, Mexico**, purple "Registered/Dec. 15, 1908/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, **scarce El Paso Tex. registry label** and backstamp, San Francisco transit and receiving backstamp, slightly reduced at left, Very Fine, exceedingly rare combination of elements E. 750-1,000
- 145 ☒ **10c Pale Red Brown (307).** Tied by well-struck **purple** "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** cover to **Manila, Philippines**, purple "Registered/May 11, 1909/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, purple receiving backstamp, Very Fine usage E. 300-400
- 146 **1c Blue Green (300).** Vertical strip of three, vertical pair and single, tied by two neat strikes of "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Sep. 1 5PM 9" duplex datestamp on large cover front only to Seattle Wash., fresh and Very Fine E. 100-150
- 147 ☒ **3c Bright Violet, 4c Brown, 5c Blue (302-304).** Bright colors, tied by **purple** "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** cover to New York, purple "Registered/Jan. 24, 1910/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, receiving backstamps, Very Fine and beautiful usage E. 750-1,000
- 148 ☒ **Post Office Department, U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Official Business.** Printed legal-size penalty envelope cancelled by "U.S. Postal Agcy., Shanghai, China, Jun. 2 4PM 1910" duplex datestamp to **Chemnitz, Germany**, barely reduced at top, few light vertical folds, Very Fine, scarce early usage of this penalty envelope to Germany E. 200-300
- 149 ☒ **4c Brown, 8c Olive Green (377, 380).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** cover to Minneapolis Minn., purple "Registered/Dec. 11, 1911/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, San Francisco (Jan. 7) and receiving (Jan. 11) backstamps, barely reduced at top and missing small part of top flap, Very Fine E. 300-400
- 150 ☒ **10c Registration (F1).** Used with 2c Carmine (406), natural s.e. at top, both tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** cover to Larchmont N.Y., backstamped purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Nov. 22, 1913" double-circle, New York and Larchmont backstamps, Very Fine, a beautiful and scarce usage of the Registration stamp E. 400-500
- 151 ☒ **10c Registration (F1).** Used with 2c Carmine (406), horizontal pair, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** European-size cover to New York, purple "Registered" handstamps, Very Fine, scarce use of Registration stamp E. 400-500



- 152 ☒ **1c Parcel Post (Q1).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China Mar. 23 5PM 1914" duplex datestamp on postcard to Gloversville N.J., minor edgewear, Fine, unusual usage of the 1c Parcel Post on postcard E. 100-150
- 153 ☒ **1c Parcel Post (Q1).** Tied by **third-class mail segmented cork cancel** from U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai on wrapper for *The China Press* from Shanghai to **Havana, Cuba**, forwarded to Mobile Ala., trivial edgewear, Very Fine and rare use of Parcel Post issue from China to Cuba E. 500-750
- 154 ☒ **2c Parcel Post (Q2).** Perfectly centered with enormous margins, brilliant color, tied by perfectly struck "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China, Apr. 11 6PM 1914" duplex datestamp on cover to Yonkers N.Y., Extremely Fine, a superb stamp and cover. E. 200-300
- 155 ☒ **Philippines, 1911, 4c Carmine Lake (262).** Tied by perfect strike of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China, May 13 5PM 1914" duplex datestamp on cover to Pittsburgh Pa., printed "Philippine Steamship Co. S.S. 'Rubi'" at top left and ms. Manila return address on back, trivial edge tear at top, Very Fine, scarce usage, posted aboard a Philippine ship, it entered the U.S. postal system at Shanghai E. 100-150



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- 156 ☒ **10c Parcel Post (Q6).** Used with 2c Carmine (406), both tied by bold "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** cover to New York, purple backstamped "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Jul. 30, 1914" double-circle, receiving backstamps, Very Fine, scarce Parcel Post usage E. 500-750
- 157 ☒ **1c Green (424).** Tied by **third-class mail segmented cork cancel** from U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai on unsealed printed return address cover to Chicago Ill., trivial edgewear, Very Fine printed matter usage E. 200-300
- 158 ☒ **1c Green (424).** Tied by **third-class mail circle of wedges cancel** from U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai on Presbyterian Mission Press corner card cover (unsealed) to Milwaukee Wis., light horizontal bend at top barely affects stamp, otherwise Fine, scarce printed matter usage E. 200-300
- 159 ☒ **8c Pale Olive Green, 10c Orange Yellow (414, 433).** Tied by perfectly struck "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp on **registered** European-size cover to **Rotterdam, Holland**, backstamped purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Sep. 15, 1915" double-circle, New York and receiving backstamps, Very Fine usage to a scarce destination E. 150-200
- 160 ☒ **3c Deep Violet, 12c Claret Brown (426, 435).** Tied by well-struck "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp on registered European-size **registered cover to Rotterdam, Holland**, backstamped purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Nov. 17, 1915" double-circle, New York and receiving backstamps, 3c slightly discolored, otherwise Very Fine E. 200-300
- 161 ☒ **13c Blue Green (339).** Vertical pair, fresh color, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Jan. 12 4PM 1916" duplex datestamp on cover to Jersey City N.J., Very Fine, late use of this duplex which was in service from 1913 thru 1916 E. 150-200



- 162 ☒ **1c Green (462).** Tied by neat strike of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China, May 24 4PM 1917" duplex datestamp over **Chinese 1c Postal Card** with printed information on back from University of Nanking Library at Nanking, sent to Corvallis Ore., fresh and Very Fine, either carried privately and put in the mails at the U.S. Postal Agency, or carried by Chinese mails which did not cancel the postal card and then put into the U.S. mail at Shanghai..... E. 150-200
- 163 ☒ **4c Orange Brown, 10c Orange Yellow (465, 472).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Jul. 20 10AM 1917" duplex datestamp on large printed address cover to **Amsterdam, Holland**, three British official seals read "Found Open (or torn) and officially sealed" tied by datestamp, slight edgewear affects 4c stamp, otherwise Very Fine, scarce usage E. 200-300
- 164 ☒ **1c Green, 10c Orange Yellow, 20c Light Ultramarine, 2c Carmine, Ty. VII (498, 510, 515, 528).** Tied by targets on large part of **registered parcel wrapper** from U.S. Steel Products Co. in Shanghai to New York City, purple "U.S. Customs Free of Duty, J.M. DeV., Port of New York" boxed handstamp, **Portland Ore. International Parcel Post 5c Due label**, stamps slightly faulty, otherwise Fine, scarce and unusual usage of Parcel Post Postage Due label from Portland..... E. 500-750



- 165 ☒ **1c Green (498).** Horizontal pair and single, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jan. 31 5PM 1919" duplex datestamp on corner card cover to Chicago Ill., Fine, 3c war rate E. 100-150
- 166 ☒ **1c Green, 3c Purple, Ty. IV (498, 530).** Two horizontal pairs of 3c, tied by bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** cover to San Francisco, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered, Mar. 5, 1919" double-circle and receiving backstamps, Fine, the overprinted stamps were not put on sale until July 1, 1919 E. 200-300
- 167 ☒ **2c Rose, Ty. I, 3c Light Violet (499, 501).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jun. 12 4PM 1919" duplex datestamp on corner card cover to **Greenwich, England**, fresh and Fine E. 100-150
- 168 ☒ **2c Carmine, Ty. VII (528B).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Oct. 11 9AM 1921" duplex datestamp on college corner card cover to St. Louis Mo., **used with China 1c stamp on its First Day of Issue**, tied by Shanghai circular datestamp, "Shanghai Local Post Oct. 10, 1921" backstamp, minor edgewear, Very Fine E. 200-300



- 169 ☒ **5c Blue (504).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jan. 6 3PM 1922" duplex datestamp on **Post Office Department, Shanghai penalty envelope** to Zion City Ill., some edgewear affects stamp, still Fine usage of the unoverprinted stamp, this is also reported to be the earliest known use of the ninth (and last) of the duplex postmarks E. 200-300
- 170 ☒ **12c Brown Carmine (512a).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D" oval registry handstamp on Asia Banking Corporation **registered** cover to New York City, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered, Aug. 19, 1922" double-circle datestamp on back, unusual large rectangular "Registered" handstamp, Very Fine E. 300-400
- 171 ☒ **2c Carmine, Ty. VII (528B).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 29 12PM 1922" duplex datestamp on cover to Portland Or., unusual return address at top left reads "Henningsen Produce Co., Ltd., Box 892 U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China", minor edgewear, Very Fine, interesting reference to a P.O. box at the U.S. Postal Agency E. 100-150

WORLD WAR I CENSORED MAIL



- 172 ✉ **2c Carmine, Die 3, entire (U411b).** Cancelled by "U.S. Postal Ag., Shanghai, China, Sep. 29 12PM 1917" duplex datestamp on **censored** cover to San Francisco, censor's label affixed at right, Very Fine usage prior to the war emergency rate increase... E. 200-300
- 173 ✉ **1c Green (424).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Ag., Shanghai, China, Oct. 27 10AM 1917" duplex datestamp on multicolored Chinese Landscape postcard to San Francisco, bold strike of purple "**Censored**" handstamp, Very Fine usage prior to war emergency rate increase... E. 150-200
- 174 ✉ **3c Light Violet, Ty. I, 10c Orange Yellow (501, 510).** Tied by unusual "U.S. Post Office, Shanghai, China" oval handstamp on **censored registered** cover to San Francisco, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered, Jan. 21, 1918" double-circle datestamp and receiving backstamps, censor's label applied at right, small tear at top with small scotch tape stain, otherwise Very Fine... E. 200-300
- 175 ✉ **1c Green, 12c Claret Brown (498, 474).** Tied by neat strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **censored registered** corner card cover to Chicago Ill., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered, May 27, 1918" double-circle datestamp on back, Seattle and receiving backstamps, censor's label affixed at right partly over 12c stamp, Very Fine, a beautiful censored war rate cover.... E. 200-300



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- 176 ☒ **U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Oct. 14, 1918.** Bold strike of duplex datestamp on soldier's letter to Chicago, purple "A.E.F. Siberia Censored" two-line handstamp, with original Y.M.C.A. enclosure datelined "A.E.F. Siberia Oct. 7th 1918", top flap split at fold and reattached, Very Fine, scarce usage of the Shanghai datestamp on mail from A.E.F. forces in Siberia, the first American troops of the A.E.F. expeditionary forces in Siberia arrived in Sep. 1918, early mail was sent thru the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai before the Postal Agency in Siberia was established (earliest known use Oct. 23, 1918), very few are known..... E. 300-400



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- 177 ☒ **1c Green, 12c Claret Brown (462, 474).** Horizontal strip of three of 1c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **censored registered** cover to **Stockholm, Sweden**, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Dec. 27, 1918" double-circle datestamp on back, New York and receiving backstamps, censor's labels affixed partly over stamps, Very Fine, scarce usage..... E. 200-300
- 178 ☒ **U.S. Post Office in China, Balance of Covers.** Six covers and one piece of newspaper, incl. No. 499 tied by 1917 duplex to N.J., No. 462 tied by Aug. 5, 1916 duplex to Lincoln Nebr., No. 498 strip of three tied by Oct. 4, 1918 duplex on legal-size cover to New Haven Conn., Nos. 430 and 432 tied by Sep. 22, 1915 duplex to Jersey City, pair of No. 462 tied by Dec. 4, 1916 duplex to Boston, No. 281 on cover to Chefoo, China with May 1902 Shanghai and receiving backstamps, last is No. 332 on piece of newspaper to Los Gatos Cal., few small faults to be expected, overall Fine-Very Fine and worthwhile groupNot illustrated E. 300-400

1913-14 UNOFFICIAL OVERPRINTS APPLIED BY JOHN DARRAH



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- 179 ★ **Darrah Ty. I Handstamped Overprint.** 27 stamps, each with "S'HAU. CHINA" two-line overprint from rubber stamp, incl. 1c-50c Washington-Franklin, 10c Special Delivery, 10c Registration, 13c 1902 Issue, 2c Postage Due, 1c-25c Parcel Post and 1c-25c Parcel Post Postage Due, h.r., a few minor imperfections to be expected

FINE-VERY FINE CENTERING. A RARE ASSEMBLAGE OF THE FIRST DARRAH OVERPRINTS.

The first overprints by John Darrah were applied using a rubber stamp. They were superseded by the typographed overprint (offered in the lots that follow). This set of the First Issue overprints is extremely rare..... E. 2,000-3,000

- 180 ★ **13c Purple Black, Darrah Ty. II Overprint (308 var).** Small h.r., deep rich color, centered to left as are all known examples, Very Fine, scarce, very few known E. 300-400



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- 181 ☒ **4c Orange Brown, 6c Red Orange, 10c Registration, Darrah Ty. II Overprint (334 var, 336 var, F1 var).** Tied by well-struck "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Rec'd, Jul. 28, 1914" circular datestamp on European-size cover with printed address to Paris, France, purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Jul. 28, 1914" double-circle datestamp on back, Hong Kong and receiving backstamps, few file folds well clear of stamps, Very Fine, scarce usage of the Type II Darrah overprints..... E. 750-1,000



- 182 **1c-50c Washington-Franklin, Darrah Ty. II Overprint.** Nine used stamps, Nos. 374, 376-380, 416 and 421, each with neat "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Rec'd, Dec. 9, 1913" circular datestamp, 3c-5c tiny toned spots, Fine-Very Fine, scarce group (Photo Ex) E. 500-750
- 183 **10c Ultramarine, Special Delivery, Darrah Ty. III Overprint (E8 var).** Deep rich color, neat strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Rec'd, Dec. 9, 1913" circular datestamp, Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 184 **10c Ultramarine, Registration, Darrah Ty. II Overprint (F1 var).** Bright color, neat strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Rec'd, Dec. 9, 1913" circular datestamp, fresh and Fine E. 200-300
- 185 **2c Deep Claret, Postage Due, Darrah Ty. II Overprint (J39 var).** Rich color, tied by "U.S. Pos. Agency, Shanghai, China, Nov. 17 5PM 1922" duplex datestamp on small piece, fresh and Fine E. 200-300
- 186 **2c Deep Claret, Postage Due, Darrah Ty. II Overprint (J46 var).** Rich color, neat strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Rec'd, Dec. 9, 1913" circular datestamp, fresh and Fine E. 200-300
- 187 **1c-25c Parcel Post, Darrah Ty. III Overprint (Q1 var-Q9 var).** Complete set of nine known values, each with "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Rec'd, Dec. 5, 1913" circular datestamp, bright colors, fresh and Fine, scarce used set (Photo Ex) E. 1,000-1,500
- 188 **1c-25c Parcel Post Postage Due, Darrah Ty. III Overprint (JQ1-JQ5 var).** Complete set with **Red overprint** plus additional 10c and 25c with **Black overprint**, each with neat "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Rec'd, Dec. 5, 1913" circular datestamp, 10c small toned spot at top, otherwise Fine-Very Fine, scarce (Photo Ex) E. 1,000-1,500



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- 189 ★田 **1c Parcel Post, Darrah Ty. III Inverted Overprint in Blue (Q1 var).** Block of four, tropicalized o.g., deep rich color, fresh and Fine, rare block..... E. 1,000-1,500



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- 190 匣 **1c Parcel Post, Darrah Ty. III Inverted Overprint in Blue (Q1 var).** S.e. at left, used with 1c Green (498), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on cover with printed local address
 VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE ONE-CENT PARCEL POST WITH INVERTED DARRAH OVERPRINT. VERY FEW ARE KNOWN.
 With 1978 P.F. certificate..... E. 2,000-3,000

U.S. POST OFFICE IN CHINA 1919-22 OVERPRINTS



- 191 ★ 1c-30c Offices in China (K1-K12). Lightly hinged, rich colors, choice centering, fresh and Extremely Fine.....(Photo Ex) 805.00
- 192 ★★ 2c on 1c Offices in China (K1). Mint N.H., perfectly centered with well-balanced margins, deep rich color, Extremely Fine Gem..... 50.00
- 193 ★★ 4c on 2c Offices in China (K2). Mint N.H., brilliant color, perfectly centered, Extremely Fine Gem.... 50.00
- 194 4c on 2c Offices in China (K2). Brilliant color on bright paper, bold **third-class mail segmented cork cancel**, Very Fine..... 32.00
- 195 ★★ 6c on 3c Offices in China (K3). Mint N.H., rich color on fresh paper, Extremely Fine..... 105.00
- 196 ★★ 6c on 3c Offices in China (K3). Mint N.H., intense color, Very Fine..... 105.00
- 197 ★★ 8c on 4c Offices in China (K4). Mint N.H., wide margins, fresh and Extremely Fine..... 110.00
- 198 ★★ 8c on 4c Offices in China (K4). Mint N.H., fresh color, wide margins, Very Fine..... 110.00
- 199 ★★ 12c on 6c Offices in China (K6). Mint N.H. with plate no. at top, brilliant color except some minor oxidation, wide margins, Extremely Fine..... 170.00
- 200 ★★ 12c on 6c Offices in China (K6). Mint N.H., brilliant color except some oxidation at top, Very Fine... 170.00
- 201 12c on 6c Offices in China (K6). Perfectly centered with Jumbo margins, bold strike of oval cancel, Extremely Fine Gem, a superb stamp in every respect..... 110.00



- 202 ★★ 14c on 7c Offices in China (K7). Mint N.H., perfectly centered, intense impression on bright paper, Extremely Fine Gem 175.00
- 203 ★★ 16c on 8c Offices in China (K8). Mint N.H., perfectly centered, brilliant color, Extremely Fine Gem 130.00
- 204 ★★ 16c on 8c Olive Green, Offices in China (K8a). Mint N.H., bright color on crisp paper, wide margins, Extremely Fine example of the First Printing, with 1979 P.F. certificate..... 120.00
- 205 ★★ 18c on 9c Offices in China (K9). Mint N.H. with plate no. at left, almost perfectly centered with Jumbo margins, brilliant color, Extremely Fine Gem..... 130.00
- 206 ★ 18c on 9c Offices in China (K9). Barely hinged, bright color, unusual overprint plate workup "lead" at right, Very Fine printing variety, Scott Retail as normal 65.00
- 207 ★★ 20c on 10c Offices in China (K10). Mint N.H., wide margins, intense color, fresh and Extremely Fine..... 120.00
- 208 ★★ 24c on 12c Offices in China (K11). Mint N.H., deep rich color on bright paper, Jumbo margins, interesting overprint shift slightly to top, Extremely Fine Gem, a huge stamp, with 1982 P.F. certificate.. 140.00
- 209 ★★ 24c on 12c Claret Brown, Offices in China (K11a). Mint N.H., perfectly centered with wide and well-balanced margins, deep rich color on bright paper, Extremely Fine Gem, a beautiful stamp..... 185.00
- 210 ★★ 30c on 15c Offices in China (K12). Mint N.H., wide margins, bright color, fresh and Extremely Fine 175.00
- 211 ★★ 40c on 20c Offices in China (K13). Mint N.H., unusually bright color, Jumbo margins, Extremely Fine Gem..... 280.00
- 212 ★ 40c on 20c Offices in China (K13). Small h.r., rich color on bright paper, almost perfectly centered, Extremely Fine..... 140.00



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- 213 ★★ **60c on 30c Offices in China (K14).** Mint N.H. perfectly centered, beautiful warm color on bright paper, Extremely Fine Gem 240.00
- 214 ★ **60c on 30c Offices in China (K14).** Lightly hinged, brilliant color, Very Fine and choice 120.00



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- 215 ★★ **\$1.00 on 50c Offices in China (K15).** Mint N.H. with sheet margin at top, bright color and crisp impression, extra wide margins
EXTREMELY FINE GEM. A SUPERB MINT NEVER-HINGED
EXAMPLE OF THE \$1.00 OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE.
With 1983 P.F. certificate 1,150.00

- 216 ★ **\$1.00 on 50c Offices in China (K15).** Lightly hinged, deep rich color, perfectly centered with extra wide margins, Extremely Fine Gem, a beautiful stamp, with 1979 P.F. certificate..... 575.00

- 217 ★ **\$1.00 on 50c Offices in China (K15).** Lightly hinged, intense color, fresh and Very Fine 575.00

- 218 ★ **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China (K16).** Small h.r., deep rich color and proof-like impression, almost perfectly centered with wide margins, Extremely Fine ... 450.00



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- 219 ★ **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China (K16).** Lightly hinged, intense color, additional spot of red from overprint at left possibly from workup lead, Very Fine..... 450.00
- 220 **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China (K16).** Almost perfectly centered with Jumbo margins, deep rich color and proof-like impression, neat strike of circular datestamp, Extremely Fine Gem, a superb stamp in every respect, with 1978 A.P.S. certificate, undercatalogued as used 550.00
- 220A ★ **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China, Partially Split Overprint (K16 var).** H.r., rich color, overprint shifted dramatically upwards with part of "Shanghai" at bottom, light natural gum crease, Very Fine, scarce overprint variety, Scott Retail as normal..... 450.00
- 221 ★★ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K17).** Mint N.H., almost perfectly centered with wide margins, brilliant color, Extremely Fine Gem, with 1983 P.F. certificate 220.00
- 222 ★ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K17).** Barely hinged, rich color, perfectly centered, Extremely Fine 110.00
- 223 **2c on 1c Offices in China (K17).** Rich color, neat strike of duplex datestamp, fresh and Extremely Fine, scarce used, undercatalogued in Scott..... 125.00
- 224 ★★ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K18).** Mint N.H., gargantuan margins all around, brilliant color on bright paper, Extremely Fine Gem, a superb stamp in every respect 200.00
- 225 ★ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K18).** Barely hinged, intense shade, wide margins, Extremely Fine 100.00
- 226 **No Lot**

\$2.00 ON \$1.00 DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR



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227 ★田 **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a).** Top plate no., part imprint and letter "A" block of four, barely hinged, deep rich color, clear and well-shifted second impression of the overprint, light natural gum bend at top

EXTREMELY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED BLOCK OF THE \$2.00 DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR WITH A PLATE NUMBER. ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE RARITIES OF THE ISSUE.

With 1983 P.F. certificate. Purchased by the Druckers in our 1986 Rarities sale. Scott Retail as four singles is \$20,000.00 E. 30,000-40,000

- 228 ★ **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a).** Barely hinged, rich color, almost perfectly centered with wide and well-balanced margins, dramatic doubling of the overprint

EXTREMELY FINE GEM. A SUPERB EXAMPLE OF THE RARE \$2.00 DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR IN THE FINEST CONDITION ATTAINABLE. A REMARKABLE STAMP.

This stamp is superb in every respect — quality of gum, size of margins, significant doubling of the overprint and color.

With 1968 P.F. certificate for block of four, this being the bottom right stamp 5,000.00



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- 229 ★ **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a).** Barely hinged, deep rich color, clear second impression of the overprint, wide margins

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF THE RARE \$2.00 DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR.

With copy of 1968 P.F. certificate for block of four, this being the top left stamp..... 5,000.00

- 230 ★ **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a).** Lightly hinged, crisp impression, extra wide margins, part pencil notation on back from post office instructions to destroy the sheet

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB WIDE-MARGINED EXAMPLE OF THE RARE \$2.00 DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR.

With 1983 P.F. certificate 5,000.00



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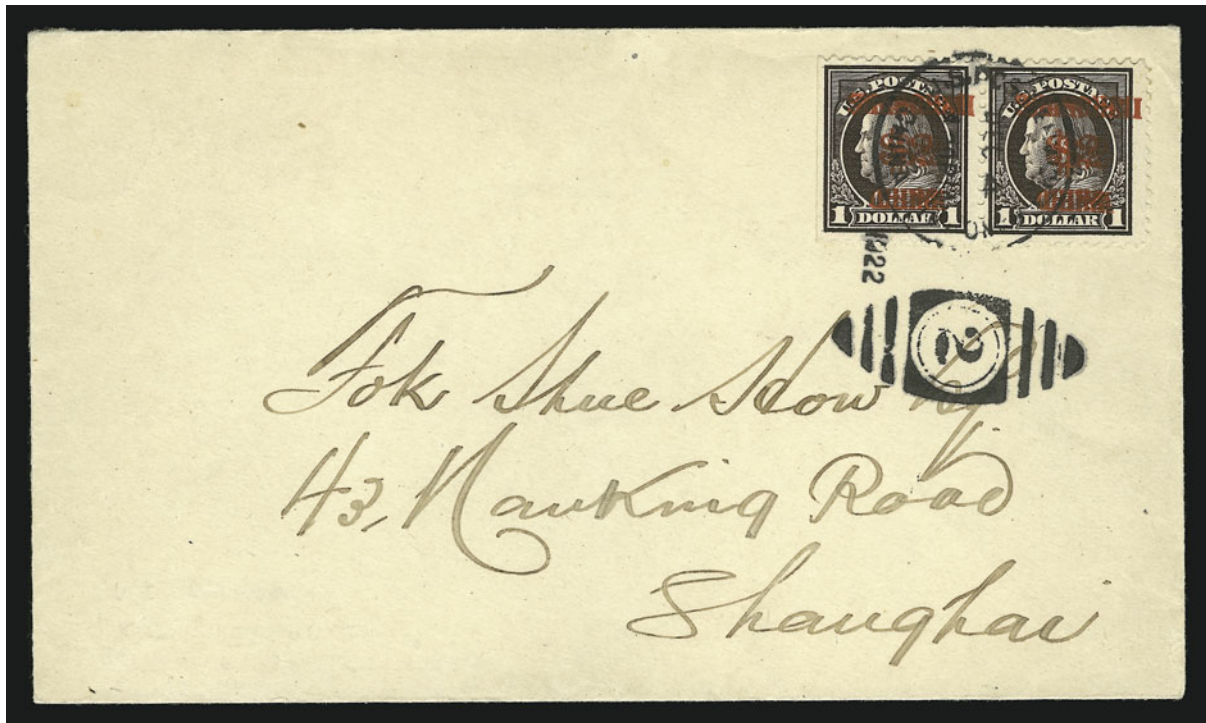
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- 231 **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a).** Rich color, clear second surcharge, tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 31" duplex datestamp on small piece

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE \$2.00 DOUBLE SURCHARGE, USED ON THE LAST DAY THE U.S. POST OFFICE IN SHANGHAI WAS OPEN.

This stamp is far scarcer in used condition. Approximately six covers are known. The last time we offered a sound used copy was in our 2002 Rarities sale. That stamp, centered significantly to bottom, realized \$6,000 hammer.

With 1986 P.F. certificate..... 6,000.00



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232 ☒ **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a).** Horizontal pair, natural s.e. at left, deep rich color, clear and well-shifted second impression of surcharge, tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Dec. 4 4:30PM 1922" duplex dates-tamp on cover addressed to Fok Shue How at Shanghai

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB PAIR OF THE \$2.00 DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR ON COVER. ONE OF THE GREATEST RARITIES OF THE ISSUE AND ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING COVERS IN 20TH CENTURY UNITED STATES PHILATELY.

It has been reported that the Double Surcharge sheets were among the last to be put on sale before the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai closed on December 31, 1922. The Deputy Postal Agent, Mr. E. H. Murray, knew of the error, but allowed it to be put on sale, as he was retiring and the Agency was closing. There are at least six covers recorded. The example offered here is addressed to the chief Chinese postal clerk.

With 1972 P.F. certificate. Scott Retail as two used singles is \$12,000.00
..... E. 15,000-20,000

- 233 ★ **4c on 2c Offices in China, "China" Only (K18 var).** In vertical pair with normal, the error with sheet selvage at top, brilliant color, perfect centering

EXTREMELY FINE. AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE "CHINA" ONLY SURCHARGE, WHICH IS MISSING BOTH THE "SHANGHAI" AND THE DENOMINATION.

As shown by this pair and the block offered in lot 234, the "China" Only and "Shanghai" Missing errors probably resulted from a foldover or overlap that prevented part of the surcharge from printing on the top row of one sheet.

With 1982 P.F. certificate. Listed but unpriced in Scott
..... E. 10,000-15,000



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- 234 ★田 **4c on 2c Offices in China, "Shanghai" Missing (K18 var).** Top margin block of four, bottom stamps normal and top stamps the error, few sensibly reinforced perf separations, light natural gum bend at top right mentioned only for complete accuracy

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE BLOCK OF THE 4-CENTS PROVISIONAL OVERPRINT WITH THE TOP STAMPS MISSING "SHANGHAI"

The top stamps in this block show the "Shanghai" Missing error and, upon closer examination, the tops of the numeral "4" and letter "C" of "Cts." of the left stamp are missing. This error and the "China" Only error in lot 233 are believed to have come from the top row of one sheet, which was affected by a foldover or overlap that prevented the surcharged from printing completely. The missing portion of the surcharge was graduated from stamp to stamp.

With 1982 P.F. certificate..... E. 5,000-7,500



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- 235 ★ 田 **4c on 2c Offices in China, Horizontally Split Overprint (K18 var).** Top margin block of four, overprint shifted dramatically upwards so that "Shanghai" appears partly printed at both top and bottom, bottom right stamp lightly hinged, other three Mint N.H., brilliant color

VERY FINE AND CHOICE, A BEAUTIFUL BLOCK OF THE 4-CENT PROVISIONAL SURCHARGE WITH DRAMATICALLY SHIFTED OVERPRINT.

The Scott Catalogue does not list this variety. E. 2,000-3,000



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- 236 ★ **2c-14c Offices in China, Overprint Varieties.** Five singles and one pair, incl. Nos. K1 (2) one with broken "H" and one with sheared "S", K2 with sheared "S", K4 with sheared ovpt. at top, K7 with part-printed "S", K18 with defective "4" in pair with normal, also incl. K6 oxidized color changeling, h.r., Fine and interesting group, Scott Retail as normal(Photo Ex) 505.00

OVERPRINT BLOCKS AND PLATE BLOCKS



- 237 ★田 2c on 1c Offices in China (K1). Top plate no. 13318 block of six, center stamps lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., intense color on bright paper, choice centering throughout, Extremely Fine..... 300.00
- 238 ★田 2c on 1c Offices in China (K1). Bottom plate no. 8431 block of six, five stamps Mint N.H., center stamp at top small h.r., brilliant color, beautiful centering, Extremely Fine 300.00
- 239 ★★田 2c on 1c Offices in China, Double Transfer (K1 var). Mint N.H. block of four, double transfer at bottom of left stamps, rich color, fresh and Extremely Fine, unlisted in Scott, Scott Retail as normal Mint N.H. singles 200.00
- 240 ★田 4c on 2c Offices in China (K2). Top plate no. 13440 block of six, center stamps lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., deep rich color, beautiful centering, fresh and Extremely Fine plate block from the second printing..... 300.00
- 241 ★田 4c on 2c Offices in China (K2). Top plate no. 9199 block of six, center stamps Mint N.H., others h.r., bright color, fresh and Very Fine..... 300.00
- 242 ★田 6c on 3c Offices in China (K3). Left plate no. 8456 block of six, center stamps h.r., others Mint N.H., deep rich color, choice centering, Extremely Fine 550.00



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- 243 ★★田 8c on 4c Offices in China (K4). Mint N.H. top plate no. 12552 block of six, rich color, beautiful centering, Extremely Fine Gem, a stunning plate block 1,025.00
- 244 ★田 8c on 4c Offices in China (K4). Top plate no. 8496 block of six, center stamps lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., fresh color, Very Fine 650.00
- 245 ★田 10c on 5c Offices in China (K5). Bottom plate no. 9117 block of six, center stamps Mint N.H., others lightly hinged, deep rich color, choice centering, Extremely Fine 600.00
- 246 ★田 10c on 5c Offices in China (K5). Bottom plate no. 13275 block of six, two stamps at top lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., intense color, fresh and Fine 600.00
- 247 田 10c on 5c Offices in China (K5). Block of four, natural s.e. at top, rich color, neat strike of Shanghai roller cancel, small thin spot at top left, right stamps light wrinkles, otherwise Fine, scarce used block 450.00
- 248 ★田 12c on 6c Offices in China (K6). Top plate no. 7834 block of six, top left stamp lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., vibrant color, Very Fine, Scott Retail as singles 935.00
- 249 田 12c on 6c Offices in China (K6). Block of four, brilliant color, light strike of 1920 Shanghai duplex cancel, fresh and Fine, scarce used block 650.00
- 250 ★田 14c on 7c Offices in China (K7). Bottom plate no. 8898 block of six, center stamp at top lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., crisp impression, almost perfectly centered with wide margins, Extremely Fine Gem, a superb plate block, Scott Retail as singles 962.00
- 251 ★田 14c on 7c Offices in China (K7). Top plate no. 12562 block of six, center stamp at top h.r., others Mint N.H., intense shade and impression, Very Fine, a beautiful plate block, Scott Retail as singles 962.00
- 252 ★★田 14c on 7c Offices in China (K7). Mint N.H. bottom right corner margin block of four with siderographer's initials, rich color and proof-like impression, Very Fine, scarce corner position block, Scott Retail as singles 700.00



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- 253 田 **14c on 7c Offices in China (K7).** Block of four, intense impression, sharp strike of 1920 Shanghai duplex cancel, fresh and Fine, scarce used block 800.00
- 254 ★田 **16c on 8c Offices in China (K8).** Top plate no. F10788 block of six, center stamps lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., rich color on bright paper, few light natural gum skips, Very Fine, Scott Retail as singles 650.00
- 255 ★★田 **18c on 9c Offices in China (K9).** Mint N.H. top plate no. F11776 block of six, deep rich color on bright paper, almost perfectly centered, Extremely Fine Gem, a superb plate block 1,100.00
- 256 ★★田 **18c on 9c Offices in China (K9).** Mint N.H. left plate no. 6918 block of six, brilliant color, Very Fine, a beautiful plate block..... 1,100.00
- 257 田 **18c on 9c Offices in China (K9).** Block of four, neat strike of 1920 Shanghai duplex cancel, bright color, Very Fine, scarce used block 550.00
- 258 ★田 **20c on 10c Offices in China (K10).** Top plate no. 8438 block of six, top center stamp h.r., others Mint N.H., intense shade and impression, almost perfect centering throughout, Extremely Fine Gem, an incredible plate block, Scott Retail as singles 660.00
- 259 ★田 **20c on 10c Offices in China (K10).** Left plate no. 13403 plate block of six, top left stamp h.r., others Mint N.H., vibrant color on bright paper, fresh and Extremely Fine, Scott Retail as singles 660.00
- 260 田 **20c on 10c Offices in China (K10).** Block of six, bright color, neat strikes of Shanghai roller cancels, faint horizontal crease at top, otherwise Very Fine, scarce used multiple, Scott Retail as block of four and two singles..... 565.00
- 261 ★田 **24c on 12c Offices in China (K11).** Left plate no. 6934 block of six, center stamps lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., deep rich color and proof-like impression, bottom left stamp with unusual defective "Shanghai" with latter part of ovpt. shifted, large pencil notation in margin (probably from Bureau of Engraving and Printing), Very Fine, unusual variety, Scott Retail as normal plate block 900.00
- 262 ★★田 **24c on 12c Claret Brown, Offices in China (K11a).** Mint N.H. top plate no. F10621 block of six, intense color and impression, wide margins, Very Fine, scarce Mint N.H. plate block of this shade, especially with full selvage at top 1,500.00
- 263 田 **24c on 12c Claret Brown, Offices in China (K11a).** Block of four, rich color, neat strike of Shanghai roller cancel, beautiful centering, Extremely Fine, a rare used block especially in such superb condition 675.00



- 264 ★★田 **30c on 15c Offices in China (K12).** Mint N.H. bottom plate no. 7929 block of six, deep rich color and sharp proof-like impression, beautiful centering, few light natural gum wrinkles, Extremely Fine Gem, a scarce plate block in such wonderful condition 1,100.00
- 265 ★田 **40c on 20c Offices in China (K13).** Right plate no. 7033 block of six, center stamps Mint N.H., others lightly hinged, bright color, fresh and Extremely Fine 1,400.00
- 266 ★田 **40c on 20c Offices in China (K13).** Right plate no. 12594 block of six, center stamps lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., rich color, Very Fine 1,400.00



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- 267 ★★田 60c on 30c Offices in China (K14). Mint N.H. left plate no. 6927 block of six, intense color on bright paper, superb centering throughout

EXTREMELY FINE GEM. A BEAUTIFUL MINT NEVER-HINGED PLATE BLOCK OF THE 60-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA IN THE FINEST CONDITION ATTAINABLE.

Superb in every respect — color of stamp, freshness of paper and gum, centering and impression..... 1,600.00

- 268 ★田 60c on 30c Offices in China (K14). Right plate no. 6928 block of six, top pair h.r., others Mint N.H., intense color, light natural wrinkles, Fine, Scott Retail as singles... 1,200.00



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- 269 田 60c on 30c Offices in China (K14). Block of twelve, bright color, four neat strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp, few sensibly reinforced perf separations, minor faults to be expected on such a large multiple, otherwise Fine, scarce large used block of a higher-denomination Offices in China issue, Scott Retail as two blocks of four and four singles..... 3,000.00



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- 270 ★田 **\$1.00 on 50c Offices in China (K15).** Top plate no. 7040 block of six, top center stamp lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., brilliant color, wide margins

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. THE \$1.00 IS THE RAREST PLATE BLOCK OF THE OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE. THE EXAMPLE OFFERED HERE IS ARGUABLY THE FINEST IN EXISTENCE.

The Scott Catalogue does not price this plate block in Mint N.H. condition, as it may not exist. Interestingly, the catalogue price for six Mint N.H. stamps is \$6,900.00, whereas the price for a *hinged* plate block is \$11,500.00. The plate block offered here, containing five Mint N.H. stamps, with its superb centering and bright color, is a remarkably rare and choice item. 11,500.00



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- 271 ★田 **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China (K16).** Top imprint, plate no. 5782 and letter "A" block of six, barely hinged (appears Mint N.H.), deep rich color and proof-like impression on bright paper, almost perfectly centered with wide margins

EXTREMELY FINE GEM. A SUPERB AND REMARKABLY BEAUTIFUL PLATE BLOCK OF THE \$2.00 OFFICES IN CHINA.

The \$2.00 plate block is exceeded in rarity only by the \$1.00. The top plate block offered here is one of the finest in existence.

With 1986 P.F. certificate. 7,000.00



- 272 ★田 \$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China (K16). Right arrow block of four, bottom pair Mint N.H., top pair lightly hinged, deep rich color, Fine, scarce position block, Scott Retail as singles..... 2,700.00
- 273 ★★田 2c on 1c Offices in China (K17). Mint N.H. top plate no. 11792 block of six, bright color, extra wide margins, Extremely Fine Gem, a beautiful plate block, scarce in such pristine condition..... 1,300.00
- 274 田 2c on 1c Offices in China (K17). Block of four, Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Nov. 11 9AM 1922" duplex datestamp on piece, fresh and Fine, scarce used block 650.00
- 275 ★★田 4c on 2c Offices in China (K18). Mint N.H. top plate no. 13129 block of six, brilliant color, extra wide margins, Extremely Fine Gem, a superb plate block 1,250.00
- 276 田 4c on 2c Offices in China (K18). Block of four, deep rich color, bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp, Very Fine, scarce used block .. 550.00

OVERPRINTS USED ON COVER



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2c-\$2.00 Offices in China (K1-K18). Each tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 31 6PM 1922" duplex datestamp on large sheet of paper, a few folds not affecting stamps

FINE-VERY FINE AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE OFFICES IN CHINA SURCHARGED ISSUE, POSTMARKED ON THE LAST DAY THE STAMPS WERE SOLD.

Scott Retail as used stamps is \$2,815.00..... E. 2,000-3,000



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- 278 ☒ **2c-\$2.00 Offices in China (K1-K16).** Tied by neat strikes of "U.S. Postal Service, Shanghai, China, Rec'd, Sep. 27, 1920" circular datestamp, additional "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 27 1PM 1920" duplex datestamp on European-size **registered** cover to Eugene Klein in Philadelphia, purple San Francisco and receiving backstamps, negligible toning

FINE-VERY FINE. A COLORFUL AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE BUREAU-OVERPRINTED OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE USED ON COVER.

The return address on back is Arnhold Brothers & Co. in Shanghai. The enclosed letter is from Theodore Siddall, a stamp dealer, to his more famous American colleague, Eugene Klein. Siddall writes a fascinating philatelic letter about the Offices in China overprints, sending ten sets by mail, commenting "the American post office is the least accommodating of all the offices here, and anyway their cancellation is the worst of all" and other notes about German and Russian Offices in China issues. E. 3,000-4,000



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- 279 ☒ **2c-\$2.00 Offices in China (K1-K16).** Tied by neat strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp on large **registered** cover to Washington D.C., typed "War Trade Board, Washington" return address crossed out and ms. "United States Postal Agency, Shanghai, China" written in its place, no origin datestamp but with Chicago Aug. 4, 1919 and Aug. 6 receiving backstamps, minor edgewear barely affects a few stamps, folds do not affect stamps

FINE-VERY FINE. A COLORFUL EARLY USAGE OF A COMPLETE SET OF THE OFFICES IN SHANGHAI OVERPRINTS.

The normal transit time was approximately 25-30 days, with some taking slightly longer. Working backwards towards the July 1, 1919 issue date, this cover was probably sent during the first week the stamps were on sale, if not on the first day. The addressee, H. F. Colman, was a prominent Washington D.C. stamp dealer. E. 1,500-2,000



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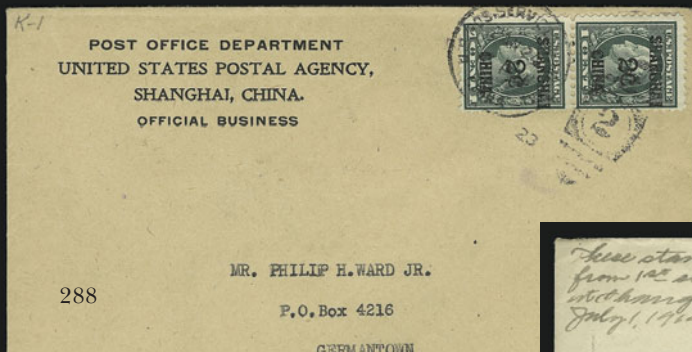
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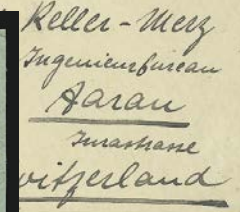
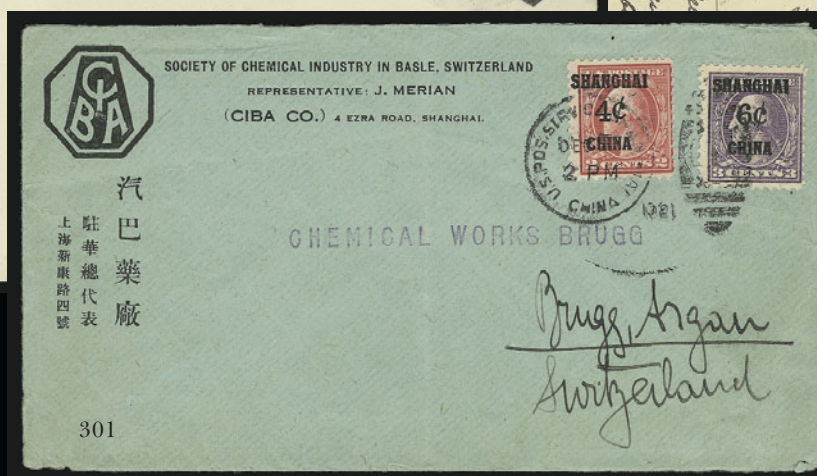
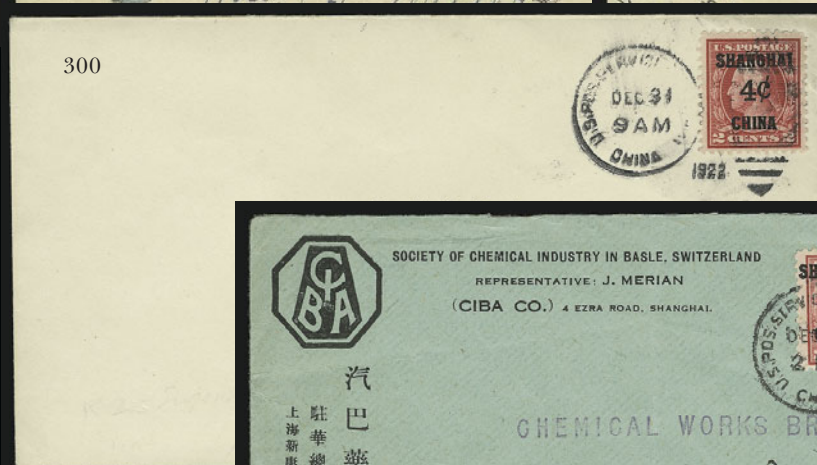
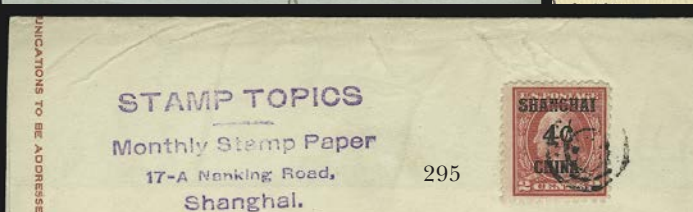
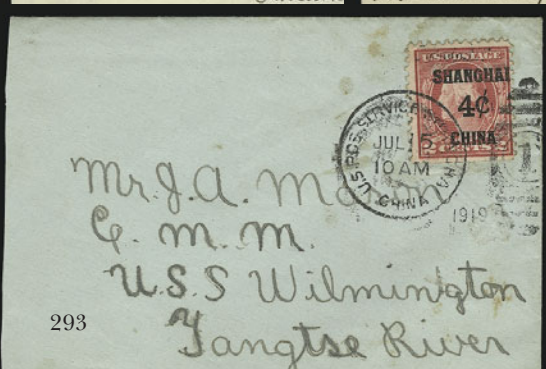


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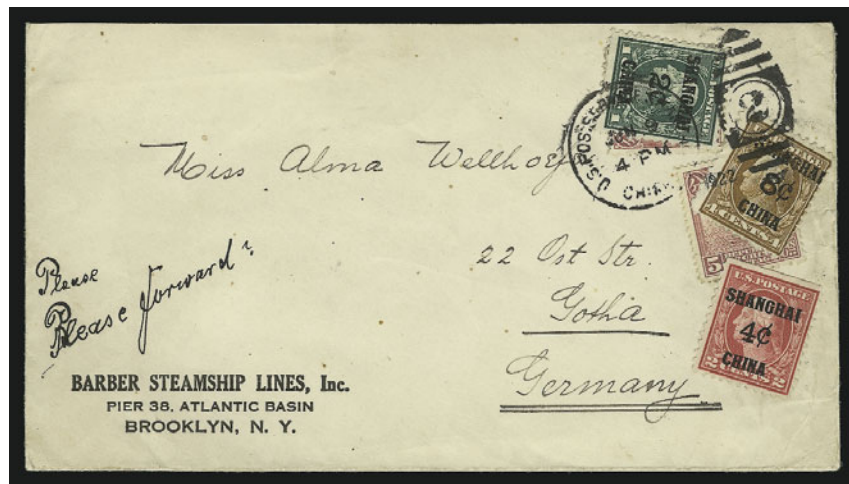


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- 280 ☒ **2c-20c Offices in China (K1-K10).** Rich colors, tied by bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** 1919 cover to local address, purple Oct. 25 origin and Oct. 27 receiving backstamps, some overall wear, opened for display, Fine and colorful usage..... E. 500-750
- 281 ☒ **2c on 1c, 4c on 2c, 6c on 3c Offices in China (K1-K3).** Used with 5c Blue (504) and tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamps on **registered picture postcard to Amsterdam, Holland**, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Mar. 23, 1921" double-circle datestamp, oval "New York, U.S.A. Foreign 4-18 1921" transit and receiving datestamp, Very Fine, rare registered postcard used from the U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai during the period when stamps were withdrawn from sale..... E. 500-750
- 282 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Tied by target cancel on **wrapper** to Philadelphia, light horizontal file fold at bottom well clear of stamp, Very Fine..... E. 100-150
- 283 **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Three, used with vertical pair of 20c Light Ultramarine (515) and block of four of 50c Red Violet (517), tied by roller cancels on part of parcel, few small faults, otherwise Fine, attractive item E. 200-300
- 284 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Two, tied by light strike of "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, ?, 1919" duplex datestamp on cover to Woonsocket R.I., back of wrapper bears two copies of **Post Office Department Official Seal OX18** with small purple "Shanghai" handstamps, few edge tears at left, one K1 small corner crease, otherwise Very Fine, scarce usage with the official seals, with 1987 P.F. certificate..... E. 400-500
- 285 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Block of ten and horizontal pair, tied by well-struck "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 16 12PM 1922" duplex datestamps on **Special Delivery** cover to Madison Wis., purple "Special Delivery" handstamp, receiving backstamp, Very Fine..... E. 400-500
- 286 **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Tied by bold "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 30 2PM 1922" duplex datestamp on cover front only to Boston Mass., purple "**Due 1 Cent.**" handstamp and **precanceled 1c Postage Due (J61)**, purple private receiving handstamp, Fine and unusual second-to-last day usage E. 100-150
- 287 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Horizontal pair, tied by neat strike of "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 31 9AM 1922" duplex datestamp on cover to Washington D.C., Very Fine usage on the last day the post office was officially open..... E. 200-300
- 288 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Vertical pair, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jan. 24 5PM 1923" duplex datestamp on Postal Agency in Shanghai printed corner card cover to Philip Ward at Germantown Pa., fresh and Fine usage after the office of the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai closed on Dec. 31, 1922 E. 100-150
- 289 ☒ **2c on 1c, 4c on 2c Offices in China (K1-K2).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jul. 2 10AM 1919" duplex datestamp on cover to Oswego N.Y., ms. notation at top left reads "*These stamps are from 1st sheets sold at Shanghai China July 1, 1919*" and signed by sender, Palace Hotel in Shanghai return address on back with typed sender's name, trivial wear, Very Fine, used on the second day the stamps were available at the post office in Shanghai E. 500-750
- 290 ☒ **2c on 1c, 4c on 2c Offices in China (K1, K2).** Two vertical pairs of K1, block of four of K2, cancelled by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on registered cover to New York City, dateless "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China" double-circle handstamp and matching registered marking, dated "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Jul. 11, 1919" double-circle datestamp on back, fresh and Very Fine, unusual corner card formed by the dateless Shanghai double-circle and an early usage only eleven days after the first day..... E. 500-750



- 291 ☒ **2c on 1c, 4c on 2c Offices in China (K1, K2).** 1c natural s.e. at top, used on cover **originating in Tsinan, China**, to Urbana Ill. and forwarded to Frankfort Mich., blurry **"Shanghai Local Post Jul. 14 19"** circular datestamp, neat "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jul. 15 10AM 1919" duplex datestamp, Urbana machine cancel also ties stamps, barely reduced at left, Very Fine, the Chinese postage to Shanghai was paid in cash E. 300-400
- 292 ☒ **2c on 1c, 4c on 2c Offices in China (K1, K2).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Nov. 22 2PM 1919" duplex datestamp on cover to movie star Wallace Reid in Hollywood Cal., barely reduced at top and trivial edgewear, Fine usage overpaying the war emergency rate by 1c, the war emergency rate was repealed July 1, 1919 E. 150-200
- 293 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Natural s.e. at bottom, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jul. 15 10AM 1919" duplex datestamp on small green cover addressed to "Mr. J.A. Mason, C.M.M., U.S.S. 'Wilmington', Yangtse River", slightly reduced at left, Very Fine, scarce usage fifteen days after the first day of issue to a U.S. gunboat on the Yangtse River E. 400-500
- 294 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Used with 10c Orange Yellow (510), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp on **registered cover to Honolulu, Hawaii**, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered, Dec. 5, 1919" and Dec. 22 receiving backstamps, fresh and Fine, scarce combination usage of overprinted and regular stamps..... E. 200-300
- 295 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Tied by target cancel on **philatelic publication wrapper** to New York, some slight edgewear, Fine E. 150-200
- 296 **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Block of six and single, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** legal-size cover front only to New York, light file fold affects few stamps, otherwise Fine double-rate registered usage E. 150-200
- 297 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 3 3:30AM 1920" duplex datestamp on cover with **multicolored lantern with scene**, to Canton O., minor edgewear affects top right corner of stamp, otherwise Fine E. 100-150
- 298 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Tied by neat "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 16 12PM 1920" duplex datestamp on native cover with illustrated design to Chicago Ill., some slight edgewear affects stamp, otherwise Very Fine, attractive usage..... E. 100-150
- 299 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Overprint shifted slightly to right with part of "I" at left, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Nov. 20 7AM 1920" duplex datestamp on picture postcard **to Switzerland**, endorsed "*Per Empress of Asia*", fresh and Fine usage during the period when the stamps were withdrawn from sale..... E. 100-150
- 300 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Tied by bold "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 31 9AM 1922" duplex datestamp on cover to Washington D.C., Very Fine last day usage..... E. 200-300
- 301 ☒ **4c on 2c, 6c on 3c Offices in China (K2, K3).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. ? 2PM 1921" duplex datestamp on green chemical industry corner card cover **to Switzerland**, partly opened on three sides and small cover tear at bottom, Fine, scarce destination E. 200-300



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- 302 ☒ **2c on 1c, 4c on 2c, 8c on 4c Offices in China (K1, K2, K4).** Two tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jun. 9 4PM 1922" duplex datestamp on Barber Steamship Line corner card cover **to Germany**, U.S. stamps partly placed over **two China 5c stamps** which are also tied, some slight edgewear, Fine, probably stamped on ship but mailed at U.S. post office E. 300-400



- 303 ☒ **8c on 4c Offices in China (K4).** Block of four, used with horizontal pair of No. 646 and Nos. 616, 647, 648 and C11 on picture postcard **flown by Graf Zeppelin to Friedrichshafen, Germany**, "Varick St. Sta. N.Y. Oct. 2?, 1928" machine cancel and New York ovals, purple cachet also ties some stamps, receiving backstamp, Very Fine, Scott Retail for used block of four of the K4 is \$450.00 E. 400-500
- 304 ☒ **2c on 1c, 4c on 2c, 10c on 5c Offices in China (K1, K2, K5).** Vertical strip of five and pair of K1, block of four of K2 (uncancelled), on **registered cover to Paris, France**, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Registered, Nov. 21, 1919" double-circle datestamp on back, New York transits, red wax seal from Weichow Custom House, some slight edgewear, Fine E. 500-750
- 305 ☒ **10c on 5c Offices in China (K5).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Feb. 6 1PM 1920" duplex datestamp on "The Denniston Players" (actors group) **advertising cover to Petrolea, Canada**, few light toned spots and trivial edgewear, Fine usage paying the correct rate to Canada E. 200-300
- 306 ☒ **4c on 2c, 10c on 5c Offices in China (K2, K5).** Pair of No. K5, tied by well-struck "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamps on **registered Post Office Department, Shanghai penalty envelope** to Cincinnati O., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Sep. 10, 1921" double-circle datestamp struck four times on back, Chicago and receiving backstamps, opened for display, Very Fine, the stamps were withdrawn from sale for approximately one year beginning Oct. 1920 E. 300-400
- 307 ☒ **10c on 5c Offices in China (K5).** Two, used with 2c Carmine, Ty. VII (528B), tied by bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp on **registered cover to Oakland Cal.**, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Jul. 29, 1922" and transit backstamps, one 10c with ntural s.e. at left, fresh and Fine, scarce combination, used less than one month after the provisional overprints were made from Scott 528B E. 200-300
- 308 ☒ **16c on 8c Offices in China (K8).** Block of four, rich color, tied by neat "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 31 9AM 1919" duplex datestamp on cover **to Lisbon, Portugal**, neat "Justice" embossing at bottom right, Very Fine, scarce used multiple E. 500-750
- 309 ☒ **16c on 8c Olive Green, 20c on 10c Orange Yellow Offices in China (K8a, K10).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp on legal-size **registered legal-size Post Office Department Official Business penalty envelope to Honolulu, Hawaii**, with original July 9, 1919 enclosure, receiving backstamp, minor edgewear, Very Fine, this is the **earliest recorded usage of the 16c on 8c Offices in China stamp** E. 750-1,000
- 310 ☒ **16c on 8c Olive Green Offices in China (K8a).** S.e. at top, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Aug. 9 3PM 1919" duplex datestamp on oversize cover **to Stockholm, Sweden**, endorsed "via America", blue receiving backstamp, Fine, scarce E. 400-500
- 311 ☒ **14c on 7c, 16c on 8c Olive Green Offices in China (K7, K8a).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp on **registered Post Office Department, Shanghai penalty envelope to Maduro, India**, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Registered, Nov. 25, 1919" backstamp, Hong Kong and receiving backstamps, Fine, 10c registry and 5c U.P.U. rate to India E. 750-1,000
- 312 ☒ **6c on 3c, 18c on 9c Offices in China (K3, K9).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp on legal-size **registered Post Office Dept., Shanghai penalty envelope** to Minneapolis Minn., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Aug. 8, 1919" double-circle datestamp on back, Seattle and receiving backstamps, slightly reduced at left and minor edgewear, Very Fine E. 400-500
- 313 ☒ **4c on 2c, 20c on 10c, Offices in China (K2, K10).** Affixed to **Customs Declaration** tag, cork cancels, addressed to San Francisco, originally attached to a tin, contents reads "Samples of printing ink", with date of posting as 8/11/1920, neat "Export Duty Free" boxed handstamp, few faults, otherwise Fine, scarce usage of the Shanghai overprints E. 500-750



- 314 ☒ **6c on 3c, 24c on 12c Offices in China (K3, K11).** Tied by bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered cover to Greenville Ill., accompanied by original registry receipt** dated Aug. 9, 1922, matching purple datestamp on back of cover, missing top flap, Very Fine, scarce, very few covers are known with the original registry receipt E. 750-1,000

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From *to Paris* class postage paid.

Addressed to *Mrs. K. E. Briggs*

Return receipt desired *Yes*

Delivery restricted To addressee in person *Yes* 319 Receipt
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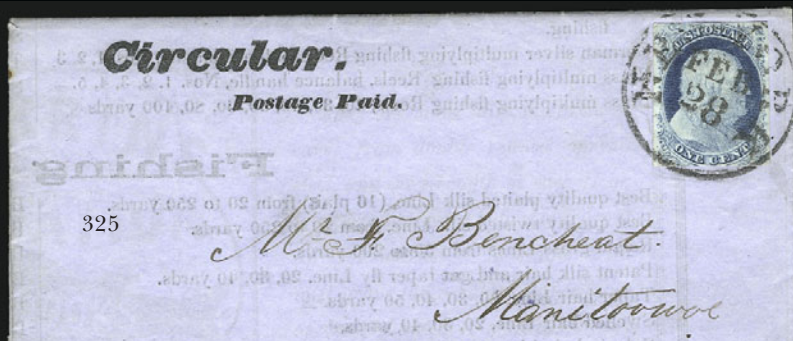
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- 315 ☒ **8c on 4c, 24c on 12c Offices in China (K4, K11).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on legal-size **registered Post Office Department, Shanghai China penalty envelope** to Philadelphia, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered, Jul. 8, 1920" and transit backstamps, Very Fine, attractive and rare commercial usage overpaying..... E. 300-400
- 316 ☒ **24c on 12c Claret Brown, Offices in China (K11a).** Used with two 2c on 1c Offices in China (K1), tied by bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** cover to Cleveland O., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Oct. 24, 1922" backstamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, purple "Postal Agent. Shanghai, China." handstamp used for return address, trivial edgewear, Very Fine, scarce usage of the 12c stamp in the color of the second printing, with 1978 P.F. certificate..... E. 300-400
- 317 ☒ **30c on 15c Offices in China (K12).** Natural s.e. at right, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered cover to Frankfurt, Germany**, purple "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China, Sta. A, Registered Jul. 31, 1919" double-circle datestamp on back, New York and receiving backstamps, trivial edgewear, Very Fine first month usage E. 500-750
- 318 ☒ **30c on 15c Offices in China (K12).** Centered to top right, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on blue **registered cover originating outside of Shanghai** to Boston, four strikes of red courier chops, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Jul. 28, 1921" and transit backstamps, some cover wear affects stamp, sealed tears at top from opening, otherwise Fine, single usages of this stamp are scarce, this cover was used during period when surcharges were withdrawn from sale E. 300-400
- 319 ☒ **60c on 30c Offices in China (K14).** Tied by bold "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered cover originating in Peking** and addressed to Greenville Ill., **accompanied by original registry receipt** dated Nov. 3, 1922, matching purple datestamp on back, Chicago and receiving backstamps, fresh and Fine usage carried outside of the mails from Peking to Shanghai E. 500-750

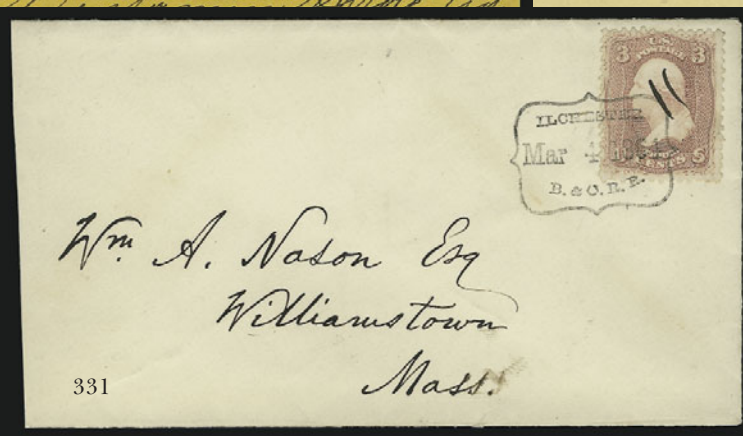
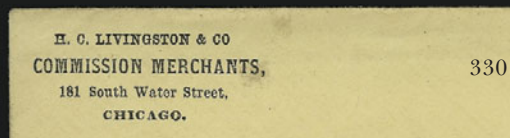
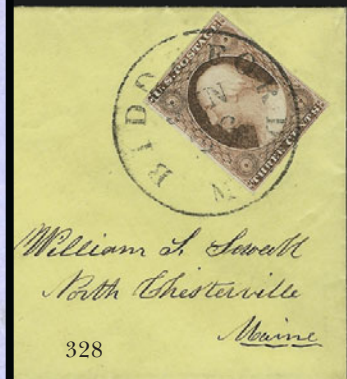
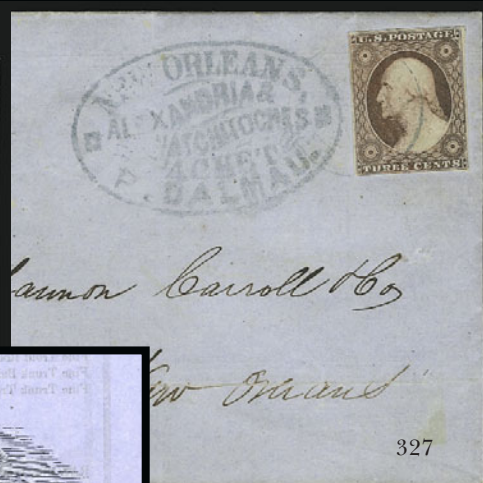
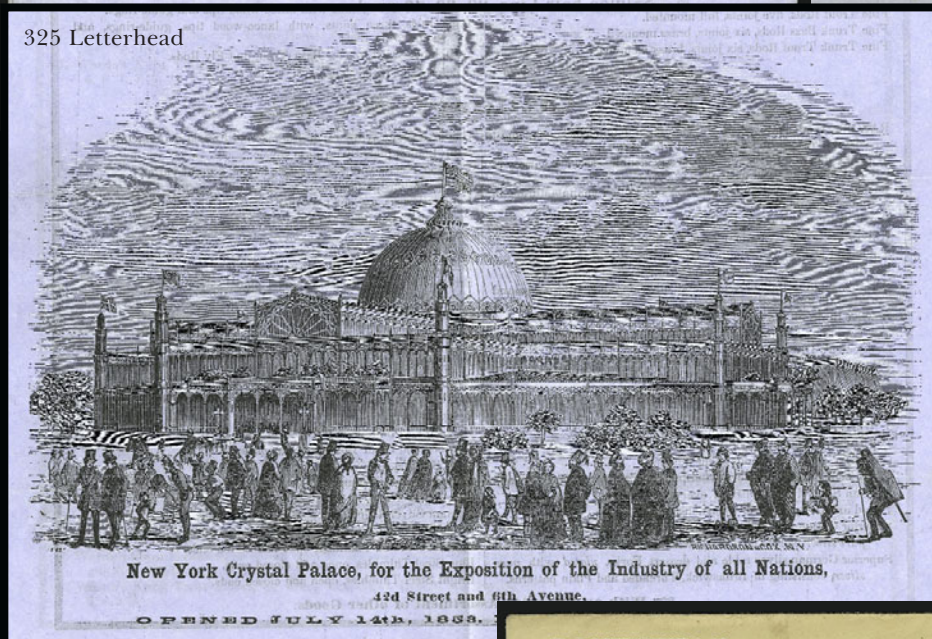


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- 320 ☒ **\$1.00 on 50c Offices in China (K15).** Deep rich color, choice centering, tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** cover to Greenville Ill., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Oct. 21, 1922" double-circle and transit backstamps, Very Fine, scarce single-franking of the \$1.00 on 50c Offices in China stamp in the finest condition attainable, with 1979 P.F. certificate E. 750-1,000
- 321 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K17).** Tied by well-struck "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Aug. 18 9:30AM 1922" duplex datestamp on locally addressed cover, block of four of "Help Win the War" American Red Cross China charity seal at right, fresh and Fine usage paying the 1c city delivery rate E. 200-300
- 322 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1, K17).** Latter s.e. at bottom, tied by neat "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Aug. 30 12PM 1922" duplex datestamp on postcard to local address, Very Fine, unusual combination of two different overprints of same denomination..... E. 300-400
- 323 ☒ **6c on 3c, 10c on 5c, 2c on 1c, 4c on 2c Offices in China (K3, K5, K17, K18).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval registry handstamp on **registered** 2c Red entire (U429) to Hartford Conn., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Jul. 22, 1922" backstamp with matching "Postal Agent, Shanghai, China" two-line handstamp, Chicago and Hartford transits, Very Fine, unusual usage of both the regular and provisional overprints on an entire..... E. 400-500
- 324 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K18).** Tied by perfect strike of "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Aug. 12 6PM 1922" duplex datestamp on cover to Rhode Island, embossed sender's information at left, fresh and Fine, scarce single usage of the provisional overprint E. 200-300



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- 325 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. IV (9).** Large margins to just in, tied by "New-York Feb. 28" (1853) circular datestamp on blue folded printed circular with **Crystal Palace Exhibition** illustration, to Manitowoc Wis., fresh and Very Fine E. 200-300



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- 326 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. IV, 10c Green, Ty. II (9, 14).** Horizontal pair of 10c, large margins, tied by red grids, matching "Providence R.I. Jul. 23" circular datestamp on 1855 folded letter **to Paris, France**, bold "8" decimes due handstamp, British and French transits, carried aboard the Collins line steamer *Pacific*, Very Fine, scarce Collins Line usage to France, with 1983 P.F. certificate E. 1,000-1,500
- 327 ☒ **3c Brownish Carmine (11 var).** Large margins to clear, intense color (slightly oxidized), tied by faint strike of blue circular handstamp, matching "**New Orleans, Alexandria & Natchitoches Packet P. Dalmau**" oval handstamp on blue 1852 folded cover to New Orleans, endorsed "*Valuable*" at top, light horizontal file fold at bottom, Very Fine name-of-boat usage, with 1980 P.F. certificate E. 200-300
- 328 ☒ **3c Brownish Carmine, Major Plate Crack (11 var).** Position 84L5L, clear crack at right, large margins to clear, tied by neat "Biddeford Me. Jun. 26" circular datestamp on yellow cover to North Chesterville Me., slightly oxidized, still Very Fine E. 300-400
- 329 ☒ **3c Rose, Ty. I, Dull Red, Ty. II (25, 26).** Two covers, matching illustrated corner card covers, first tied by "Cleveland O. Apr. 13, 1859" circular datestamp, second tied by "Dunkirk N.Y. Aug. 8" circular datestamp, Very Fine (Photo Ex) E. 100-150
- 330 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Bright color, tied by blue "**Chicago Supplementary Mail Apr. 9**" circular datestamp on return address cover to Williamstown Mass., slightly reduced at right, Very Fine E. 100-150
- 331 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Bright color, cancelled by two small penstrokes and tied by "**Ilchester B. & C. R. R. Mar. 4, 1864**" framed route agent's datestamp on cover to Williamstown Mass., stamp creased at left prior to use, otherwise Very Fine, scarce railroad marking E. 100-150



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- 332 ☒ **2c Black (73).** Tied by bold strikes of crossroads cancel on Jan. 13, 1866 printed prices current **to Schiedam, Holland**, receiving backstamp, triangular due marking, fresh and Very Fine, attractive and scarce usage E. 300-400
- 333 ☒ **10c Yellow Green, F. Grill (96).** Wide margins, deep rich color, cancelled by bold **red** cork cancel, matching "Baltimore Md. Sep. 2" circular datestamp on 1868 folded letter **to Bremen, Germany**, red "New York Paid All Direct Sep. 3" transit, Extremely Fine usage paying the 10c rate via North German Union direct, ex Grunin E. 400-500
- 334 ☒ **15c Black, F. Grill (98).** Sharp impression, cancelled by **red Dot in Circle** cancel, matching "Baltimore Md. Aug. 21" circular datestamp on blue folded cover **to Amsterdam**, red "New York Paid All" transit also ties stamp, neat "Insufficiently Paid" handstamp crossed out by blue crayon, red 1869 receiving backstamp, part of sender's handstamp crossed out, light horizontal file fold well away from stamp, Very Fine, sent via the scarce Netherlands Closed Mail route which was in effect for only a two-year period, the Dot in Circle cancel was used on foreign mail for about two months, with 1983 P.F. certificate ..
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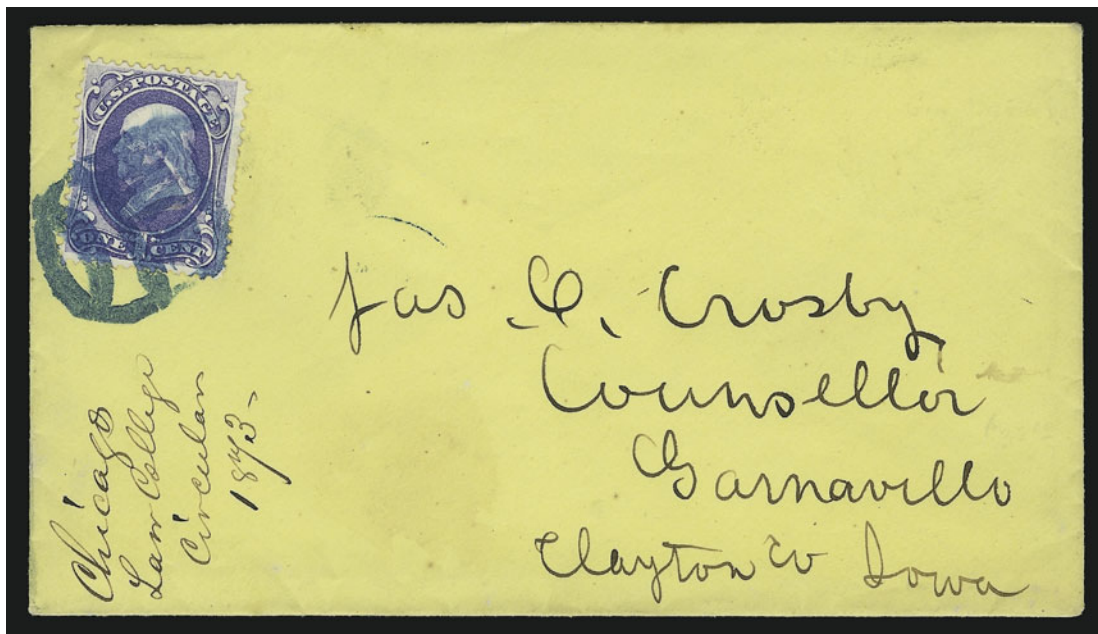
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- 335 ☒ **2c Brown (113).** Tied by neat strike of New York Maltese Cross cancel on folded printed prices current dated Dec. 23, 1869 to **Puebla, Mexico**, neat "1/2" due marking, fresh and Very Fine circular-rate usage to Mexico..... E. 500-750
- 336 ☒ **12c Green (117).** Choice centering, tied by **red Dot in Circle cancel** and matching "Baltimore Md. Sep. 12" circular datestamp on orange cover to **Oxford, England**, red New York transit, 1869 receiving backstamp, barely reduced at top, Very Fine, the Dot in Circle cancel was used on foreign mail for a two-month period, with 1977 P.F. certificate E. 400-500
- 337 ☒ **6c Carmine, Grill (137).** H. Grill, perfectly centered with wide and well-balanced margins, rich color, few noticeable grill points at center, cancelled by **blue Star cancel** and tied by matching "Chicago R.P.O. Aug. 9" circular datestamp on 1871 cover to **Montreal, Canada**, receiving backstamp, barely reduced at right, Extremely Fine E. 500-750



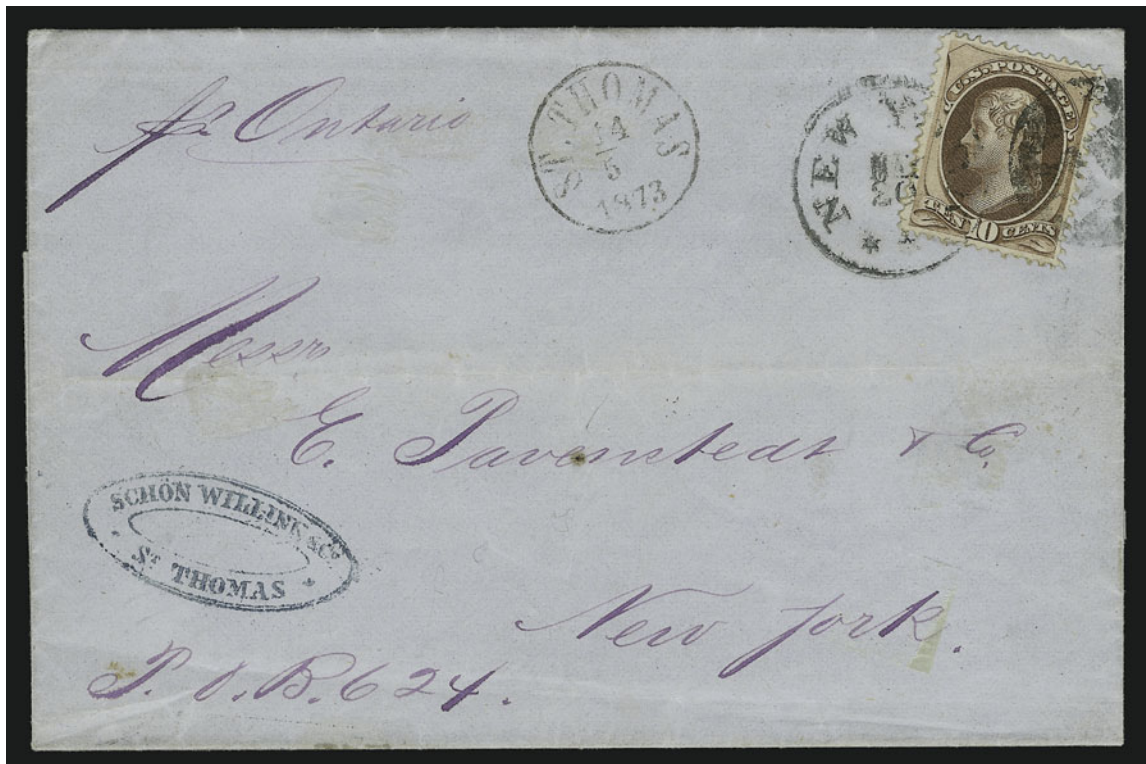
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- 338 ☒ **10c Brown, Grill (139).** H. Grill, choice centering, fresh color, tied by red target, matching "Baltimore Md. Dec. 26" circular datestamp on blue folded letter to **Amsterdam**, endorsed "Via England", Jan. 1872 receiving backstamp, Extremely Fine, scarce usage, signed Sloane, with 1984 P.F. certificate..... E. 750-1,000



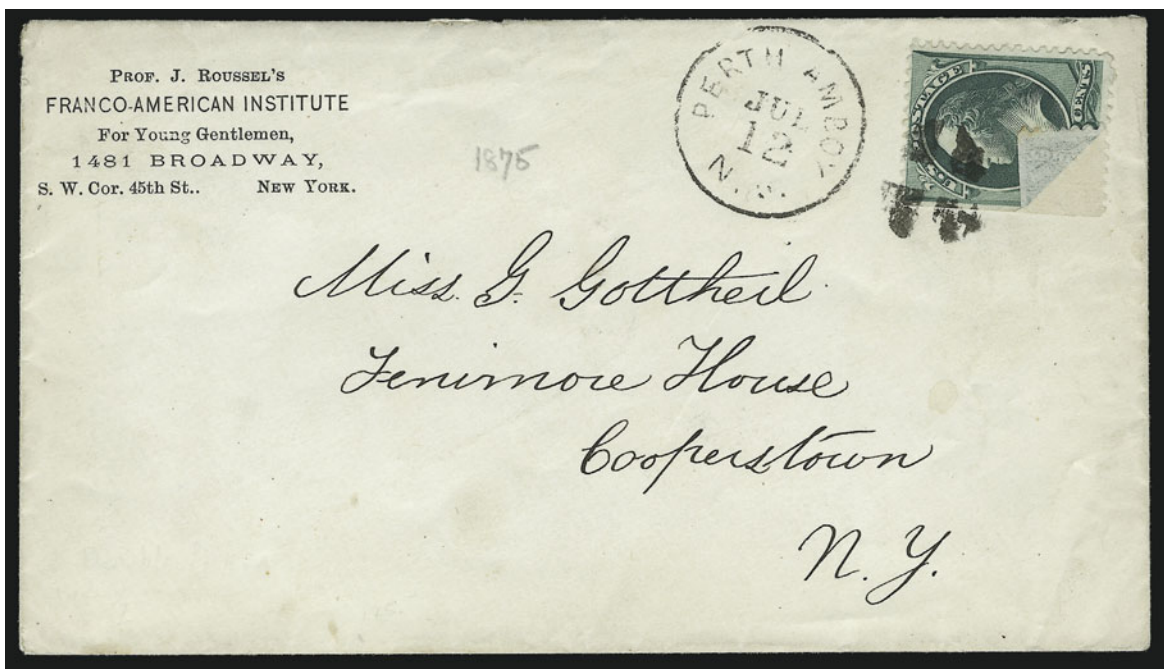
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- 339 ☒ **1c Ultramarine (145).** Deep rich color, tied by well-struck blue **Chicago "Gin" Barrel fancy cancel** on yellow cover to Garnaville Ia., original enclosure from Union College of Law and Northwestern University, 1873 docketing at left, fresh and Very Fine, a superb strike of this fancy cancel..... E. 400-500



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- 340 ☒ **10c Brown (150).** Choice centering, bright color, tied by NYFM cancel and "New York May 20" circular datestamp on blue 1873 folded letter **from St. Thomas to New York**, neat "St. Thomas 14/5 1873" origin datestamp, horizontal file fold clear of stamp and markings, Very Fine, unusual use of the NYFM cancel on incoming mail. E. 750-1,000



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- 341 ☒ **3c Green, Double Paper (158 var).** Tied by quartered cork, "Perth Amboy N.J. Jul. 12" circular datestamp on corner card cover to Cooperstown N.Y., stamp peeled partway back to reveal the variety, Very Fine E. 150-200



- 342 ☒ **1c Dark Ultramarine (182).** Rich color, choice centering, tied by perfectly struck "Wilmington N.C. Nov. 1 8PM" duplex datestamp on folded cover to **Arendal, Norway**, Extremely Fine Gem, a beautiful usage..... E. 100-150
- 343 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Deep rich color, tied by "Washington D.C. ? 27" duplex on cover to Shreveport La., red "Department of State" handstamp, fresh and Fine, ex Knapp 450.00
- 344 ☒ **3c + 1c Red and Blue, entire (U28).** Cancelled by "New-York Jul. 17" circular datestamp to Painesville Ohio, Extremely Fine 500.00
- 345 ☒ **Cover Balance.** 1857-93, five covers, incl. No. 24 used in Philadelphia, No. 26 tied by red "Baltimore R.R." straightline to Portland Me., No. 73 used in Boston with original 1865-dated printed enclosure from Union League of America, No. 231 tied by Jul. 31, 1893 Expo cancel to Chiloway N.Y., fresh and Very Fine groupNot illustrated E. 200-300

END OF SALE—THANK YOU

History of United States Postal Relations with China

Prior to the War for Independence, trade between the American Colonies and China was channeled through Great Britain. After Independence, U.S. merchants started to deal directly with China, trading for valuable commodities such as silk, spice, tea and wood.

With the increase in trade came an increased need for communication between company outposts in China and their offices and trading partners back in the United States. The local Chinese postal system was inefficient and unreliable. Due in part to isolationist attitudes and a lack of deep-water-capable vessels, China could not be relied on to carry mails. Most mail during the early period was carried privately aboard ships to and from China.

After the First Opium War and the signing of the Treaty of Nanking in 1841, the British set up a system of post offices in strategic port cities to facilitate their trade with China. It was not long before other major powers, including France, Japan and the United States, followed, gradually expanding from Shanghai to other cities such as Amoy, Tientsin and Nanking. Shanghai was a strategically important city, as it was the northernmost deep-water port that could be kept open all year, and served as a conduit for goods from northern China.

Mail to and from the U.S. was sent through the U.S. Consulate in Shanghai, and at first there was no dedicated postal employee. The sorting and sending of the mails was handled by consular employees, who frequently had to stop other duties to handle the increasing volume of mail. As the volume increased, a petition was made and eventually granted for the Consulate to hire a separate paid clerk to sort the mails, with a budget and authorization to hire additional workers as needed.

The following summary of postal receipts in 1885 indicates the relative volume of mails of the different postal services operating in Shanghai in 1885 (from *Imperial China: History of the Posts to 1896* by Major Richard Pratt FRPSL):

British Postal Agency—\$17,259

British Postal Agency (Rent from Private Letter Boxes)—\$1,400

French Post Office—\$13,000

Japanese Post Office—\$14,000

U.S. Postal Agency and Municipal Local Post Office—\$12,000

Shanghai Local Post Office—\$7,200

By early 1900, a vocal and violent opposition to foreigners resulted in the Boxer Rebellion. The first Boxers were members of a secret group loosely translated as “Fists of Righteous Harmony”, who received the name of Boxers by westerners due to their practice of martial arts. This movement was dedicated to halting the increasing influence of foreigners in the daily affairs of governance and independence of China. The Boxers isolated and besieged communities of foreigners in Beijing. A coalition of international forces, including those from the United States, were sent to end the sieges and reassert foreign influence in China. On August 14, 1900, the city of Beijing was occupied by the foreign coalition, who looted the city.

The Boxer Protocol, signed on September 7, 1901, forced heavy restriction on China, including substantial fines, a prohibition on the importation of arms, the destruction of key forts such as the one at Taku, and permission for foreign powers to maintain a presence in additional cities to facilitate trade and communication.

In 1907 the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai moved from its offices at the the U.S. Consulate to a separate location at 16 Whangpoo Road. A full-time postal agent, John Darrah, was appointed by the U.S. Postal Service.

The punitive terms, in addition to other factors such as increased focus on Western education and other standards, eventually led to the collapse of the Manchu dynasty in 1911. The next several years were ones of great political turmoil, as entrenched power bases fought against more modernizing ideas.

The admission of China into the U.P.U. in 1913 was not cause enough for the foreign powers to close their post offices. In 1919 the United States introduced sixteen denominations of surcharged stamps for use in the Post Offices in China. The surcharged value was exactly twice the face value of the stamp, reflecting the value of the local Chinese currency which traded at 2-to-1 to the U.S. dollar. Prior to the surcharges, payment had to be made in U.S. dollars for postage stamps, which was an inconvenience to users.

For approximately one year, beginning in October 1921, the overprinted U.S. stamps were withdrawn from sale, because the local currency fell in relation to the U.S. dollar, creating the opportunity for currency arbitrage.

After the close of World War I, provisions were made for the closing of all foreign post offices in China except as specifically provided for in the treaty. Accordingly, the U.S. Postal Office in Shanghai was closed for business after December 31, 1922.

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Timeline of Historical Events

- 1786**
Opening of first U.S. Consulate in China, in Canton.
- 1839**
Mar. 10—Imperial Chinese Commissioner Lin Tse-hsu arrives at Canton, signaling the start of the First Opium War.
- 1841**
Jan. 26—Date of secession of Hong Kong to Great Britain.
- 1842**
Signing of Treaty on Nanking by China and Great Britain, marking end of the First Opium War.
- 1844**
Apr. 16—British Post Office opens in Shanghai
Jul. 3—U.S. and China sign Treaty of Wangshia at Macao, opening five ports of trade for Americans and the residence of U.S. Consuls. Treaty to be renewed after twelve years.
U.S. opens consulate in Amoy.
- 1856**
October—Start of Second Opium War.
- 1858**
Jun. 18—Treaty of Tientsin negotiated between the U.S. and China, which replaces the Treaty of Wangshia. Allows U.S. citizens permission to “frequent the port and cities of Canton and Chau Chau, Amoy, Fuh-chau, Taiwan, Ningpo and Shanghai”
- 1865**
Feb. 17—President Lincoln signs bill authorizing establishment of mail service to China
- 1867**
Jun. 10—Opening of U.S. Consular Postal Service at Shanghai.
Nov. 19—Arrival date of cover bearing first recorded use of “China & Japan Steam Service” oval handstamp
- 1869**
Nov. 22—Arrival date of cover bearing latest recorded use of “China & Japan Steam Service” oval handstamp
- 1873**
Aug. 6—American-Japanese Postal Convention limits American Postal Agencies in Japan to the exchange of mail between Yokohama and Hong Kong
- 1875**
July 1—General Postal Union established. 5c rate applies to mails sent to/from China. China is not admitted as a member, but the rate is applied due to other conventions between China and Britain. 10c rate to Hong Kong in effect until 1877.
- 1887**
Apr. 1—Admission of British Post Office in Hong Kong and its sub-offices and Agencies in China to the U.P.U.
- 1895**
Jan. 1—Opening of Foochow local post office, independent of the Local Post Office in Shanghai.
- 1896**
Mar.—Imperial Decree establishes Imperial Chinese Postal Administration, under the direction of Sir Robert Hart.
Jun. 30—American Consulate at Ningpo closed. Thereafter, according to Pratt, mail was sent to the house of “a reliable American citizen—The Reverend J.R. Goddard”.
- 1900**
Jun.—International coalition of forces sent to China to quell the Boxer Rebellion.
Aug. 14—Entry of foreign forces into Beijing
- 1901**
Sep. 7—Boxer Protocol (Treaty of Peking) signed, setting out terms after Boxer Rebellion
- 1903**
Jun. 1—Rates for covers sent to U.S. from U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai made equal to U.S. domestic rates.
- 1907**
Oct. 1—U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai separated from the Consulate at 2 Chinkiang Road and moved to 16 Whangpoo Road. Appointment by Post Office Department of John M. Darrah as full-time postal agent at Shanghai.
- 1911**
Collapse of Manchu Dynasty
- 1913**
China joins U.P.U.
Dec. 20—Washington D.C. issues order denying its sanction of the Darrah overprints.
- 1917**
March—John M. Darrah resigns as postal agent at Shanghai. He is succeeded by Edward H. Everett.
Nov. 2—War Emergency Rate established
- 1919**
Jul. 1—War Emergency Rate repealed
Jul. 1—First Day of issue of the Offices in China currency surcharge overprints (Scott K1-16)
- 1920**
Oct.—Overprinted stamps withdrawn from sale when Chinese currency drops below 2-for-1 with U.S. dollar
- 1921**
Approx. Oct.—Overprinted stamps put back on sale when Chinese currency returns to 2-for-1 level.
- 1922**
Dec. 31—Last day of service of U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai (office closed at midnight, and declared discontinued as of Jan. 31, 1924). Col. Clyde S. Ford is last Postal Agent.

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1	550	47	400	90	350	133	1,400	176	625	221	450	266	800	309	1,150
2	575	48	800	91	300	134	200	177	240	222	150	267	1,100	310	400
3	575	49	500	92	500	135	100	178	625	223	375	268	425	311	1,350
4	750	50	525	93	75	136	160	179	4,250	224	475	269	1,350	312	500
5	550	51	270	94	8,000	137	4,250	180	750	225	160	270	21,000	313	250
6	400	52	625	95	4,750	138	50	181	4,000	227	57,500	271	7,500	314	675
7	350	53	200	96	3,250	139	950	182	1,700	228	10,000	272	800	315	750
8	450	54	280	97	3,500	140	75	183	900	229	6,250	273	1,800	316	700
9	3,250	55	1,700	98	400	141	1,150	184	450	230	6,250	274	300	317	850
10	27,000	56	1,800	99	1,050	142	120	185	650	231	9,500	275	1,800	318	210
11	21,000	57	260	100	575	143	525	186	450	232	21,000	276	450	319	950
12	3,750	58	400	101	675	144	2,400	187	2,200	233	14,000	277	1,700	320	1,700
13	21,000	59	550	102	400	145	750	188	2,700	234	8,500	278	6,750	321	1,000
14	13,500	60	85	103	625	146	65	189	1,500	235	2,100	279	3,750	322	500
15	10,000	61	100	104	6,750	147	950	190	3,000	236	475	280	750	323	1,500
16	1,700	62	270	105	700	148	475	191	1,050	237	375	281	260	324	650
17	2,600	63	240	106	550	149	125	192	210	238	220	282	170	325	1,250
19	3,500	64	7,500	107	300	150	750	193	350	239	240	283	50	326	2,900
20	5,250	65	650	108	325	151	625	194	75	240	525	284	3,000	327	240
21	1,500	66	190	109	700	152	65	195	180	241	140	285	650	328	210
22	3,000	67	375	110	475	153	400	196	75	242	750	286	450	329	260
23	8,500	68	600	111	5,500	154	160	197	230	244	500	287	180	330	475
24	1,700	69	425	112	500	155	50	198	75	245	475	288	325	331	180
25	1,150	70	5,250	113	6,250	156	400	199	260	246	280	289	575	332	300
27	650	71	6,250	114	300	157	90	200	65	247	160	290	500	333	525
28	23,000	72	2,000	115	450	158	95	201	325	248	525	291	240	334	850
29	1,050	73	3,750	116	375	159	375	202	400	249	350	292	140	335	500
31	210	74	6,250	117	400	160	100	204	280	250	1,300	293	450	336	750
32	11,500	75	3,500	118	280	161	75	205	350	251	1,250	294	425	337	950
33	600	76	1,600	119	1,050	162	75	206	55	252	625	295	190	338	700
34	425	77	1,300	120	1,800	163	160	207	325	253	325	296	90	339	600
35	150	78	2,100	121	2,100	164	700	208	575	254	475	297	75	340	750
36	800	79	3,500	122	450	165	50	210	300	255	1,500	298	55	341	65
37	850	80	1,900	123	270	166	150	211	750	256	675	299	105	342	350
38	550	81	1,800	124	2,800	167	70	212	100	257	500	300	105	343	500
39	2,100	82	8,500	125	1,400	168	550	213	625	258	750	301	350	344	700
40	160	83	16,000	126	105	169	260	214	120	259	850	302	475	345	230
41	650	84	1,600	127	1,600	170	750	215	1,900	260	300	303	1,100		
42	2,100	85	5,000	128	1,400	171	50	216	600	261	400	304	300		
43	160	86	1,600	129	100	172	160	217	350	262	2,600	305	375		
44	135	87	4,000	130	400	173	80	219	325	263	450	306	650		
45	950	88	4,000	131	1,150	174	1,250	220	800	264	1,600	307	750		
46	230	89	400	132	250	175	270	220A	750	265	1,200	308	325		