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Offices in China Surcharges on Cover (by rate) .....		1851-1971
Group Lots .....		1972-1974

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## Grades and Centering

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**Extremely Fine Gem (90-100):** The term "Gem" describes condition that is the finest possible for the issue. This term is equivalent to "Superb" used by grading services.







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**Very Fine (70-85):** Normal-size margins for the issue and well-centered with the design a bit closer to one side. "Very Fine and choice" applies to stamps that have desirable traits such as rich color, sharp impression, freshness or clarity of cancel.

**Fine (60-70):** Smaller than usual margins or noticeably off center. Pre-1890 issues may have the design touched in places.

**Very Good (below 60):** Attractive appearance, but margins or perforations cut into the design.

## Guide to Gum Condition

Gum Categories:	MINT N.H.	ORIGINAL GUM (O.G.)				NO GUM
	 <b>Mint Never Hinged</b> <i>Free from any disturbance</i>	 <b>Lightly Hinged</b> <i>Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area</i>	 <b>Hinge Mark or Remnant</b> <i>Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining</i>	 <b>Part o.g.</b> <i>Approximately half or more of the gum intact</i>	 <b>Small part o.g.</b> <i>Approximately less than half of the gum intact</i>	 <b>No gum</b> <i>Only if issued with gum</i>
Catalogue Symbol:	★ ★	★	★	★	★	(★)
PRE-1890 ISSUES	<i>Pre-1890 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value</i>			Scott Value for “O.G.”		Scott “No Gum” Values thru No. 218
1890-1935 ISSUES	Scott “Never Hinged” Values for Nos. 219-771	Scott Value for “O.G.” (Actual value will be affected by the degree of hinging)		<b>Disturbed Original Gum:</b> Gum showing noticeable effects of humidity, climate or hinging over more than half of the gum. The significance of gum disturbance in valuing a stamp in any of the Original Gum categories depends on the degree of disturbance, the rarity and normal gum condition of the issue and other variables affecting quality. For example, stamps issued in tropical climates are expected to have some		
1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for “Unused”					

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Minor nicks, short edge tears, flap tears and slight reduction at one side are normal conditions for 19th century envelopes. Folded letters should be expected to have at least one file fold. Light cleaning of covers and small mends along the edges are accepted forms of conservation. Unusual covers may have a common stamp with a slight crease or tiny tear. **These flaws exist in virtually all 19th century covers and are not always described. They are not grounds for return.**

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## Symbols and Abbreviations (see chart above for gum symbols)

⊞ Block	E Essay	pmk. Postmark	No. Scott Catalogue Number
⊞ Cover	P Proof	cds Circular Datestamp	hs Handstamp
FC Fancy Cancel	TC Trial Color Proof	var. Variety	ms. Manuscript

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1803



1802



1805



1804



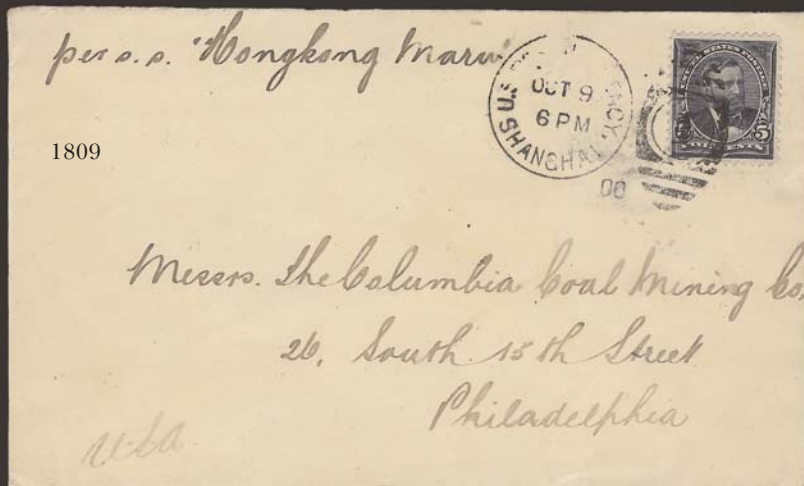
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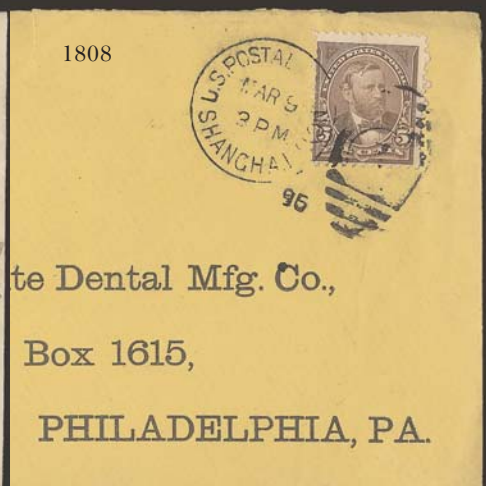
1806



1809



1808



MORNING SESSION (LOTS 1801-1974)  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010, AT 10:30 A.M.

# UNITED STATES POST OFFICES IN CHINA FEATURING THE JOHN WESLEY THOMAS COLLECTION

## EARLY USAGES



1801

- 1801 ☒ **10c Yellow (116).** Cancelled by bold strike of circle of wedges, “P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Feb. 12” circular datestamp on cover to Jefferson Iowa, neat strike of “San Francisco Cal. Mar. 19” circular datestamp, 1871 docketing, slightly reduced at right, stamp defective at top left, otherwise Fine, ex Dr. Gates ..... E. 750-1,000
- 1802 ☒ **6c Dull Pink (159).** Tied by circle of wedges cancel, “U.S. Postal Ag’cy, Shanghai, Feb. 1” circular datestamp on cover to Litchfield Ill., neat “San Francisco Cal. Feb. 28” circular datestamp, some slight wear incl. stamp with light crease at top right, Very Fine appearance..... E. 400-500
- 1803 ☒ **10c Brown (161).** Two, tied by bold circle of wedges, “U.S. Postal Ag’cy., Shanghai, Nov. 27” circular datestamp on yellow cover to Pendleton Ind., stamps also tied by “San Francisco Cal. Jan. 16” double-circle datestamp, stamps and cover with few faults incl. repair at top, otherwise Fine, ex Dr. Gates..... E. 300-400
- 1804 ☒ **10c Brown (161).** Tied by bold strike of circle of wedges, “U.S. Postal Ag’cy., Shanghai, Nov. 27” circular datestamp on cover to West Dresden N.Y., neat “San Francisco Cal. Oct. 22” double-circle datestamp, slight edgewear and few toned spots, otherwise Fine, likely an 1874 usage and carried on the *Warsaw* which arrived in San Francisco on Oct. 21, ex Dr. Gates..... E. 300-400
- 1805 ☒ **5c Blue (179).** Two, tied by circle of wedges, “U.S. Postal Ag’cy., Shanghai, Nov. 27” circular datestamp on cover to Salisbury N.C., neat “San Francisco Cal. St. Ship Nov. 22” circular datestamp, minor edgewear, Very Fine, likely an 1877 usage and carried on the *Tanner*, ex Dr. Gates..... E. 300-400
- 1806 ☒ **5c Chocolate (223).** Tied by “U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Apr. 15, 1892” duplex cancel on cover to Boston, San Francisco and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, ex Dr. Gates..... E. 300-400
- 1807 ☒ **5c Chocolate (223).** Tied by “U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Jan. 25, 1895” duplex cancel on cover to Chicago Ill., San Francisco and receiving backstamps, missing top flap, Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 1808 ☒ **5c Chocolate (270).** Tied by “U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Mar. 9, 1896” duplex on orange cover with printed address to Philadelphia, intact red wax seal on back from dental surgeon in Shanghai, also with San Francisco and receiving backstamps, small edge tears, Fine, ex Dr. Gates..... E. 300-400
- 1809 ☒ **5c Dark Blue (281).** Tied by “U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Oct. 9, 1900” duplex on cover to Philadelphia, Very Fine..... E. 200-300



## OFFICES IN CHINA SURCHARGES — SINGLES



- 1810 ★★ **2c-\$2.00 Offices in China (K1-K18).** Complete set less 40c, incl. three 8c and two each of 12c, 18c and local surcharges, mostly Mint N.H., rich colors, overall a fresh and Fine-Very Fine group, eleven with older P.F. certificates .....**(Photo Ex)** 5,897.50
- 1811 **2c-\$2.00 Offices in China (K1-K18).** Single of each, Bureau surcharges tied on separate pieces by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 28, 1922" duplexes, local surcharges similarly tied by Dec. 31 duplexes, also incl. additional pieces with pair of Nos. K17 and K18 tied by Nov. 11, 1922 duplexes and 16c tied by oval registry handstamp, fresh and Very Fine, a wonderful used set.....**(Photo Ex)** E. 1,500-2,000
- 1812 **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Horizontal strip of four, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jul. 12, 1919" duplex on piece, right stamps with **dry print** of surcharge, piece with some light wear, Very Fine, unusual with the dry printing of the surcharge..... E. 500-750
- 1813 ★ **30c on 15c Offices in China (K12).** Barest trace of hinging, Jumbo margins all around, bright shade, Extremely Fine Gem, with 1991 P.F. certificate ..... 87.50



1814

- 1814 ★ **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a).** H.r., rich color, clear second surcharge

A FINE EXAMPLE OF THE \$2.00 OFFICES IN CHINA WITH DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR.

The Office in China double surcharge error occurred during the overprinting of stamps for use at the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai. It has been reported that the errors were among the last stamps to be put on sale before the agency 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.

Signed by Livingston in pencil. With 1974 P.F. certificate. .... 8,500.00



1815

- 1815 **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a).** Rich color, clear second surcharge, cancelled by bold strike of "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 23" duplex datestamp

FINE. A RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE \$2.00 OFFICES IN CHINA DOUBLE SURCHARGE.

The Office in China double surcharge error occurred during the overprinting of stamps for use at the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai. It has been reported that the errors were among the last stamps to be put on sale before the agency 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. This stamp is far scarcer in used condition. Approximately six covers are known.

With 1985 P.F. certificate ..... 8,000.00

## OFFICES IN CHINA SURCHARGES — BLOCKS



1816EX



1817



1818

- 1816 ★田 **2c-30c Offices in China (K1-K12).** Blocks of four, 4c with plate no. selva at top, also incl. K8a, mostly with bottom stamps Mint N.H., few imperfections incl. 14c natural pre-printing paperfold at bottom left, Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail as hinged blocks..... (Photo Ex) 4,135.00
- 1817 ★田 **40c on 20c Offices in China (K13).** Block of four, bottom stamps Mint N.H., top stamps single h.r., rich color on bright paper, Fine, Scott Retail as singles ..... 860.00
- 1818 ★田 **60c on 30c Offices in China (K14).** Block of four, bottom stamps Mint N.H., top pair single h.r., vibrant color, fresh and Fine, Scott Retail as singles..... 800.00





1819

- 1819 ★田 **\$1.00 on 50c Offices in China (K15).** Block of four, bottom stamps Mint N.H. but with some natural gum skips, top stamps small h.r., radiant color, bottom right stamp unusual blurring at top from improper wiping of the printing plate

FINE-VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE \$1.00 ON 50-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE.

Scott Retail as singles..... 3,750.00

- 1820 ★田 **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China (K16).** Block of four, bottom stamps Mint N.H., top stamps single hinge mark, deep rich color

FINE-VERY FINE. A SCARCE BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE \$2.00 ON \$1.00 OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE, WITH THE BOTTOM STAMPS IN MINT NEVER-HINGED CONDITION.

Scott Retail as singles..... 2,900.00



1820



1821EX



1822

- 1821 ★田 **2c-4c Offices in China (K17-K18).** Blocks of four, 2c with selvage at left with plate no. 10595, both with tropicalized original gum, bright colors, Fine.....(Photo Ex) 900.00

## OFFICES IN CHINA SURCHARGES — PLATE BLOCKS

- 1822 ★田 **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Wide right plate no. 13301 block of six, five stamps Mint N.H., Fine-Very Fine ..... 300.00





1823



1824



1825

- 1823 ★田 4c on 2c Offices in China (K2). Left plate no. 13588 block of six, barest trace of hinging at top left, intense shade, well-balanced margins, Very Fine and choice ..... 300.00
- 1824 ★田 6c on 3c Offices in China (K3). Right plate no. 8906 block of six, bottom pair h.r., others with single h.r., intense shade, Very Good..... 675.00
- 1825 ★田 8c on 4c Offices in China (K4). Wide left plate no. 8497 block of six, top pair lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., Fine-Very Fine ..... 675.00



1826



1827



1828

- 1826 ★田 10c on 5c Offices in China (K5). Right plate no. 13275 block of six, lightly hinged, deep rich color, selvaige reduced, Fine ..... 600.00
- 1827 ★田 12c on 6c Offices in China (K6). Left plate no. 7782 block of six, top stamps single hinge mark, vibrant color except where slightly oxidized at top, Fine-Very Fine ..... 800.00
- 1828 ★田 14c on 7c Offices in China (K7). Left plate no. 12562 block of six, pos. 3 lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., Fine ..... 1,050.00





1829



1830



1831



1832



1833



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- 1829 ★田 **16c on 8c Olive Green, Offices in China (K8a).** Right plate no. 7748 block of six, natural short gum at right, three stamps affected by natural gum crease, Fine ..... 575.00
- 1830 ★田 **16c on 8c Olive Green, Offices in China (K8a).** Right plate no. 7734 block of six, plate no. single lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., pretty shade, fresh and Fine, Scott Retail as singles ..... 860.00
- 1831 ★田 **18c on 9c Offices in China (K9).** Left plate no. 6918 block of six, top pair lightly hinged, bottom four stamps Mint N.H., vibrant color, Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail as singles ..... 810.00
- 1832 ★田 **20c on 10c Offices in China (K10).** Mint N.H. right plate no. 8438 block of six, some slight overall oxidation, Fine ..... 1,300.00
- 1833 ★田 **24c on 12c Offices in China (K11).** Left plate no. 6934 block of six, center pair single hinge mark, other four Mint N.H., rich color, pencil notation on selvage only on back (looks like from B.E.P.), Fine-Very Fine, with 2003 P.F. certificate ..... 1,000.00
- 1834 ★田 **24c on 12c Offices in China (K11).** Left plate no. 6934 block of six, h.r., intense shade, Fine ..... 1,000.00
- 1835 ★田 **24c on 12c Claret Brown, Offices in China (K11a).** Vertical block of six with right plate no. 10622 selvage, center pair lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail as singles ..... 1,320.00
- 1836 ★田 **30c on 15c Offices in China (K12).** Right plate no. 7927 block of six, top right lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., Fine ..... 1,150.00
- 1837 ★★田 **40c on 20c Offices in China (K13).** Mint N.H. right plate no. 7033 block of six, beautiful color, slightly natural short gum at bottom right, Fine ..... 2,250.00
- 1838 ★田 **60c on 30c Offices in China (K14).** Right plate no. 6924 block of six, top four stamps single h.r., bottom pair Mint N.H., vibrant color, Fine ..... 1,050.00



1839

- 1839 ★田 **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China (K16).** Bottom imprint, plate no. 5782 and letter “A” block of six, tropicalized original gum as often found, h.r., rich color, few perf separations expertly reinforced  
FINE. A RARE PLATE BLOCK OF THE \$2.00 OFFICES IN CHINA.  
The \$2.00 Offices in China plate block is exceeded in rarity only by the \$1.00 value. .... 7,000.00
- 1840 ★田 **2c on 1c Offices in China (K17).** Left plate no. 10600 block of six, slightly tropicalized original gum, deep rich color and proof-like impression, Fine ..... 850.00
- 1841 ★田 **4c on 2c Offices in China (K18).** Right plate no. 13129 block of six, lightly hinged, brilliant color, fresh and Very Fine ..... 800.00
- 1842 ★田 **4c on 2c Offices in China (K18).** Right plate no. 13129 block of six, barely hinged, radiant color, few perf separations in selvage, otherwise Fine ..... 800.00





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1848EX



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1849EX



1850EX

## DARRAH OVERPRINTS

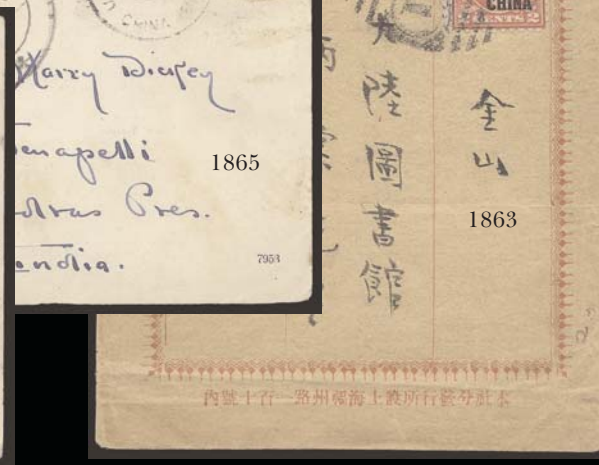
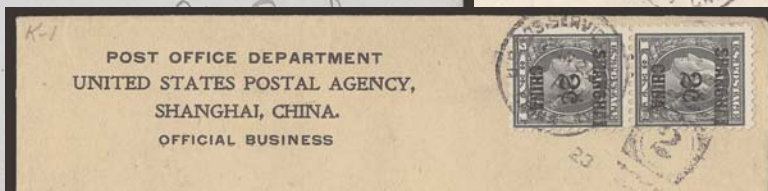
- 1843 **13c Purple Black, 50c Violet, Darrah Ty. II Overprint.** Tied on piece by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Rec'd. Dec. 20 3PM" circular datestamp, 50c small toned spot, Very Fine, scarce ..... E. 500-750
- 1844 **1c-50c Washington-Franklin, Darrah Ty. II Overprint.** Nine used stamps, Nos. 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, ex Drucker.....(Photo Ex) E. 1,500-2,000
- 1845 ★ **10c Ultramarine, Registration, Darrah Ty. II Overprint (F1 var).** H.r., bright color, wide margins, Very Fine and choice ..... E. 500-750
- 1846 **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, very scarce, ex Drucker..... E. 500-750
- 1847 ★ **1c, 3c Parcel Post, Darrah Ty. III Overprint (Q1 var, Q3 var).** Incl. three 1c each with overprint inverted, 3c overprinted normally, tropicalized original gum, Fine-Very Fine, scarce and desirable group.....(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000
- 1848 **1c-25c Parcel Post, Darrah Ty. I Overprint (Q1 var-Q2 var, Q4 var-Q5 var, Q6 var-Q7 var, Q9 var).** Each with partial strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, R.D." oval handstamps, 1c and 4c natural s.e. at top, few flaws, still Fine-Very Fine, an extremely scarce group of the first Darrah overprints .....(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000
- 1849 **1c-25c Parcel Post Postage Due, Darrah Ty. III Overprint (JQ2 var, JQ4 var-JQ5 var).** Five total, incl. 2c with both red and black overprint, 10c with red overprint and 25c with both red and black overprints, tropicalized original gum or unused (no gum), Fine, scarce group, desirable with both colors of the overprint for the 2c and 25c.....(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000
- 1850 ★ **Darrah Overprints Balance.** Three items each with Darrah Ty. II overprint, incl. Nos. 308 (defective), 406 (no gum) and J39 (used), Fine.....(Photo Ex) E. 300-400

OFFICES IN CHINA SURCHARGES ON COVER, ARRANGED BY RATE  
SET ON COVERS, ONE-CENT COVERS



- 1851 ☒ **2c-20c Offices in China (K1-K10).** Each tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 7, 1922" duplex datestamp on front of separate postcard depicting a different building or view in Shanghai, unaddressed, few light toned spots, Very Fine, Scott Retail as used.....  
.....(Photo Ex) 1,325.00
- 1852 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China Jul. 5, 1919" duplex cancel on postcard depicting "Gathering Cocoanuts, Hawaii" and sent to West Somerville Mass., affixed is article from *North-China Daily News* from July 1 announcing the issue of the U.S. stamps, Very Fine, ex Twigg-Smith ..... E. 200-300
- 1853 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China Sep. 25, 1920" duplex cancel with yeardate inverted on postcard depicting famous tea house in Shanghai, fresh and Fine ..... E. 150-200
- 1854 ☒ **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, ex Drucker..... E. 150-200
- 1855 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K17).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China Aug. 30, 1922" duplex cancel on postcard depicting troops entering Nanking, **used locally in Shanghai**, Very Fine, attractive proper local use, ex Twigg-Smith..... E. 200-300

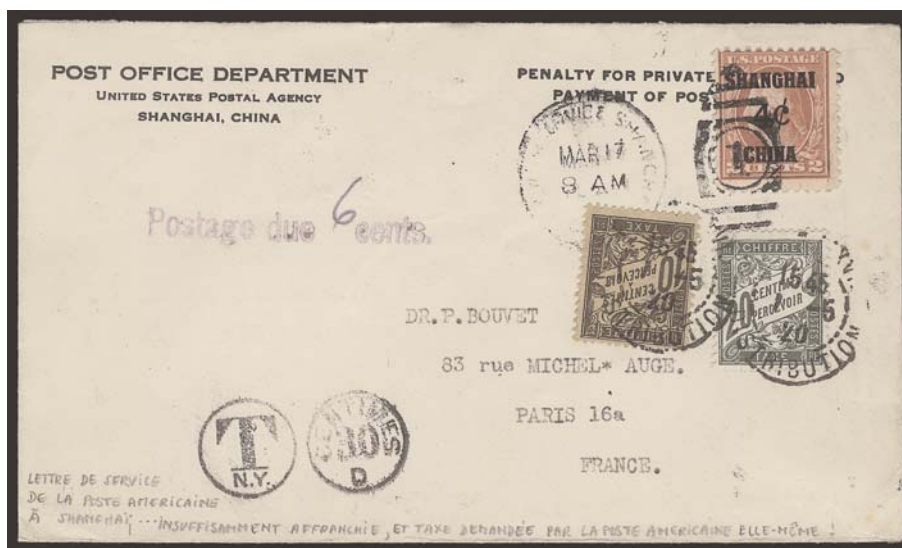






- 1856 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Natural s.e. at top, tied by circular rate cork killer, **used with U.S. 1c Green (498)**, s.e. at right and tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Apr. 29, 1921" duplex datestamp on cover to Topeka Kans., fresh and Very Fine, very unusual usage, as a sealed letter the cover required another 1c stamp and an unoverprinted one was used ..... E. 500-750
- 1857 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K17).** Natural s.e. at right, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Aug. 4, 1922" duplex datestamp on cover to Gloversville N.Y., also with **Postage Due 1c Carmine Rose (J61)** cancelled by handstamp, purple "Postage Due" handstamp and pencil "1c", Very Fine, scarce sent with postage due ..... E. 500-750
- 1858 **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Tied by bold "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 30, 1922" duplex datestamp on cover front only to Boston Mass., purple "**Due 1 Cent.**" handstamp and precancelled 1c Postage Due (J61), purple private receiving handstamp, Fine and unusual second-to-last day usage, ex Drucker ..... E. 300-400
- 1859 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K17).** Two, originally forming a horizontal pair, natural s.e. at bottom, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Aug. 4, 1922" duplex datestamp on cover to Lynn Mass., "Astor House Hotel Shanghai" printed on top flap, stamps affected from placement at edge of cover, otherwise Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 1860 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1, K17).** One of each, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jul. 3, 1922" duplex datestamp on green cover to St. Paul Minn., Very Fine, desirable with both 2c stamps and a nice commercial usage sent the first week the "2cts." stamps were issued ..... E. 200-300
- 1861 ☒ **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 **sent after the office of the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai closed on Dec. 31, 1922**, ex Drucker ..... E. 200-300

## 2-CENT COVERS



1862

- 1862 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Mar. 17, 1920" duplex datestamp on U.S. Post Office in China penalty cover **to Paris, France**, marked "**T N.Y., Due 30 centimes D**" and with France 10c and 20c Postage Due stamps, also with purple "Postage Due 6 cents", Very Fine usage underpaying the rate to France ..... E. 500-750
- 1863 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Oct. 7" duplex datestamp with indistinct yeardate on cover from the Shanghai Modern Education Co. to San Francisco Cal., cover with slight wear, still Very Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 1864 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Natural s.e. at top, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 9, 1922" duplex datestamp on "The Tor Hotel, Kobe Japan" illustrated cover to Somerville Mass., fresh and Very Fine, a beautiful cover ..... E. 200-300
- 1865 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 11, 1920" duplex datestamp on postcard depicting five temple scenes, **to Sattenapelli, India**, receiving datestamp, card with some slight wear, still Fine usage to a rare destination ..... E. 200-300
- 1866 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jul. 5, 1922" duplex datestamp on front of postcard depicting the Bund in Shanghai, **to Amsterdam**, Very Fine usage to a scarce destination ..... E. 150-200

1867

POST CARD

Address

U.S. POSTS & SEALS  
JAN 4  
6 PM  
CHINA  
SHANGHAI  
1922

4c  
CHINA  
1922

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Küsse  
vom  
Kaki

Herrn Gustav Kars,  
Goldgasse 6,  
Wien, 19.  
Österreich.

YO MURAKAMI, Art and Curios, Palace Hotel Building, SHANGHAI

1868

POST CARD

Yongfeng, 12. Januar 1922.

Lieber Papa!

Ich habe heute in der  
neuen großen Kirche, die  
mein Onkelmann hat  
das Fest der Jungfr. Marien  
gefeiert. Ich war dort  
mit meinen Eltern, aber weil  
wir zu spät kamen, ist  
meine Mutter krank. Ich  
grüße dich herzlich  
als dein Sohn.

Postmark: SHANGHAI 40 CHINA, JAN 4 6 PM, 1922.

Herrn Gustav Hars,  
Goltzgaue 6.

Wien, XIX.

Österreich

Österreich

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TOYU MURAKAMI, Art and Curio, Palace Hotel Bu

1869

1566

U.S. POSTAGE  
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4 Cts.  
CHINA  
1922

SEP. 5  
230PM  
CHINA

ene Klein,  
318 Chestnut Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

U.S. POSTAGE  
SHANGHAI  
4 Cts.  
CHINA

SEP. 5  
1 PM  
CHINA

1870

SHANGHAI  
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CHINA  
4 Cts.  
CHINA

Mrs. T. S. Young,  
337 South Lincoln  
Denver, CO

1871

2 Cts.  
CHINA

1871

SHANGHAI  
2 Cts.  
CHINA

1922

SHANGHAI  
2 Cts.  
CHINA

1922

SHANGHAI  
4 Cts.  
CHINA

1922

SHANGHAI  
8 Cts.  
CHINA

PERIOR EGG PRODUCTS CORPORATION  
SHANGHAI, CHINA.

G.Thompson,  
Amer.P.O.Box No.702,  
Shanghai, China.

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CHINA  
1900

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NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

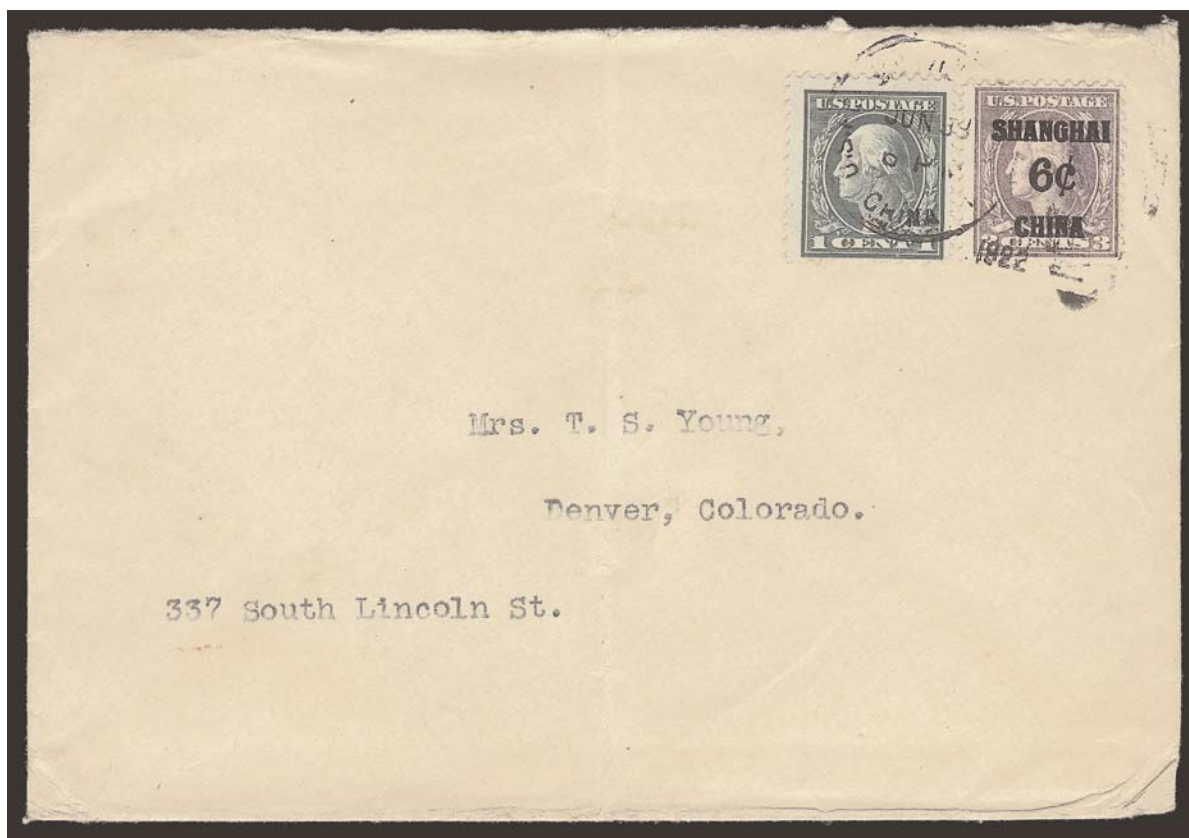
1873



- 1867 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jan. 4, 1922" duplex datestamp on postcard depicting Jessfield Park in Shanghai, **to Vienna, Austria**, some slight edgewear, still Very Fine usage to a scarce destination. E. 150-200
- 1868 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jan. 4, 1922" duplex datestamp on postcard depicting a view of Shanghai, **to Vienna, Austria**, card with some slight soiling, card with few creases, still Fine and scarce usage ..... E. 150-200
- 1869 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K18).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 5, 1922" duplex datestamp on cover to Philadelphia, cover scuff at right, otherwise Very Fine and attractive cover..... E. 150-200
- 1870 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K18).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Aug. 4, 1922" duplex datestamp on cover to Denver Col., minor edgewear, Fine .... E. 200-300

## 3-CENT AND 4-CENT COVERS

- 1871 ☒ **2c-4c Offices in China (K17-K18).** "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 5, 1922" duplex datestamps on cover to Shanghai, cover flaw at bottom, still Fine and attractive usage of both local surcharges ..... E. 200-300



1872

- 1872 ☒ **6c on 3c Offices in China (K3).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jun. 31, 1922" duplex datestamp and **used with U.S. 1c Green (498)** which is also tied by the marking, on cover to Denver Col., vertical file fold well clear of stamps, Very Fine, scarce usage caused by the absence of 1c surcharged stamps in stock, the No. K17 provisional was issued shortly afterwards on July 3..... E. 500-750
- 1873 ☒ **8c on 4c Offices in China (K4).** Rich color with **plate no. 8495** at bottom, tied by indistinct strike of "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. ?, 1922" duplex datestamp to New York, few tears at top of cover, still Fine, scarce with the plate no..... E. 200-300

## 5-CENT THRU 10-CENT COVERS



- 1874 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Five singles, tied by indistinct strikes of 1920 "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China" duplex datestamps on cover **to Wesel, Germany**, stamps with some toning around edges and few flaws, still Fine, scarce single-issue franking to Europe ..... E. 200-300
- 1875 ☒ **2c-4c Offices in China (K1-K2).** Vertical pair of 4c, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 15, 1920" duplex datestamps on cover **to Copenhagen, Denmark**, endorsed "Denmark, via Japan and U.S.A." at top, receiving backstamp, vertical file fold well away from stamps, few toned spots, still Very Fine double-rate usage ..... E. 200-300
- 1876 ☒ **4c on 2c, 6c on 3c Offices in China (K2-K3).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Feb. 27, 1920" duplex datestamp on cover **to Copenhagen, Denmark**, endorsed "Via Canada" at top, Shanghai local post backstamps, some edgewear, Fine, unusual usage ..... E. 200-300
- 1877 ☒ **4c on 2c, 6c on 3c Offices in China (K2-K3).** Tied by light strike of "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jan. 11, 1921" duplex datestamp on cover **to Leipzig, Germany**, 6c slightly affected from placement near edge of cover, still Fine, attractive combination cover ..... E. 200-300
- 1878 ☒ **10c on 5c Offices in China (K5).** Intense shade, wide margins, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 28, 1922" duplex datestamp on cover **to Hong Kong**, receiving backstamps, minor cover wrinkling and soiling, the stamp is Extremely Fine..... E. 200-300





- 1879 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Wide right plate no. 13222 block of six, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Dec. 29, 1922" duplex cancels on cover to Cleveland O., Fine-Very Fine, cancelled three days prior to closing of the post office, Scott Retail as two used singles and a used block of four ..... E. 300-400
- 1880 ☒ **8c-10c Offices in China (K4-K5).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jan. 8, 1922" duplex datestamps on legal-size cover to **Victoria, British Columbia**, latter with some slight soiling at top, Fine, attractive and scarce franking ..... E. 200-300
- 1881 ☒ **16c on 8c Offices in China (K8).** Used with 2c on 1c (K1) and tied by light strike of Shanghai registry oval on cover to **Canada**, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Feb. 11, 1922" and receiving backstamps, reduced at right, Very Fine, scarce franking ... E. 300-400
- 1882 ☒ **2c-8c Offices in China (K1-K4).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jul. 22, 1920" duplex datestamps on cover to San Francisco, also with **Chinese, British Offices, Russian, French and Japanese Offices** stamps mostly uncanceled, few small toned spots, Very Fine, colorful and unusual franking ..... E. 500-750

## 12-CENT COVERS



1883



1884



1885

- 1883 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Block of ten and pair, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 10, 1922" duplex cancels on cover to Madison Wis., also with purple "Special Delivery" handstamp, receiving backstamp, Very Fine, a rare and impressive usage which pays the correct rate..... E. 400-500
- 1884 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Block of twelve with selvage along three stamps at bottom, cancelled by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamps and tied by purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, May 15, 1922" double-circle datestamp on back of registered cover to New York City, also tied by arrival markings, Very Fine, scarce and impressive used multiple paying the correct rate ..... E. 500-750
- 1885 ☒ **2c-4c Offices in China (K1-K2).** Two pairs and single of 2c, pair and single of 4c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamps on back of registered cover to San Francisco Cal., purple June 25, 1921 origin backstamp overstruck by San Francisco double-circle datestamp, Very Fine and unusual franking paying the correct rate ..... E. 300-400





1886



1887



1888

- 1886 ☒ **2c-6c, 10c Offices in China (K1-K3, K5).** Incl. two 2c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamps on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some discoloration around stamps probably due to application of additional adhesive, Very Fine, colorful and scarce franking paying the correct rate ..... E. 750-1,000
- 1887 ☒ **2c, 4c, 18c Offices in China (K1, K2, K9).** Tied by very light strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Scotia N.Y., purple March 28, 1922 origin datestamp and Chicago backstamps, Very Fine, a colorful usage correctly paying the 10c registry fee plus 2c postage ..... E. 400-500
- 1888 ☒ **18c, 2c, 4c Offices in China (K9, K17-K18).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Boston Mass., purple Dec. 30, 1922 origin backstamp overstruck by Chicago transit, also with Boston backstamp, cover tear at right, Very Fine, scarce usage paying the correct rate with a combination of the one Bureau-printed surcharge with both locally printed surcharges ..... E. 750-1,000



- 1889 ☒ **2c, 4c, 18c Offices in China (K1, K2, K8).** Tied by bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some discoloration around stamps probably from application of additional adhesive, Very Fine usage paying the correct rate ..... E. 300-400
- 1890 ☒ **2c, 4c, 16c Offices in China (K1, K2, K8).** Two 2c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some soiling around stamps probably from application of additional adhesive, otherwise Very Fine usage paying the correct rate..... E. 400-500
- 1891 ☒ **2c, 6c, 14c Offices in China (K1, K3, K7).** Horizontal pair of 2c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Boston Mass., purple Dec. 30, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, attractive late usage properly paying the rate ..... E. 400-500
- 1892 ☒ **2c, 6c, 16c Offices in China (K1, K3, K8).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamps on registered cover to Boston Mass., purple Dec. 30, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, light horizontal file fold at bottom, Very Fine, colorful usage sent on the second to last day of service and correctly paying the rate ..... E. 400-500





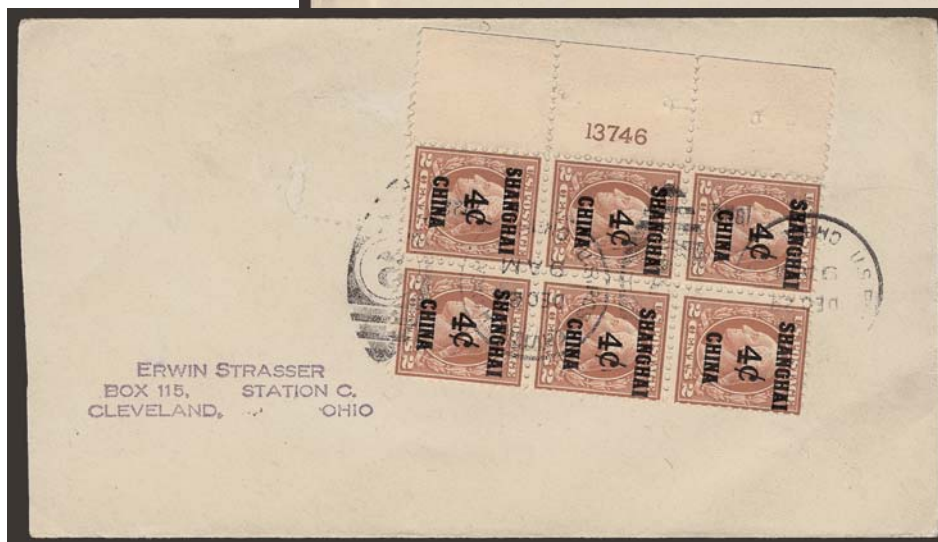
- 1893 ☒ **2c, 8c, 10c Offices in China (K1, K4, K5).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some discoloration around stamps probably from application of additional adhesive, Very Fine, colorful usage properly paying the rate ..... E. 400-500
- 1894 ☒ **2c, 8c, 14c Offices in China (K1, K4, K7).** Tied by bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24., 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some discoloration around stamps probably due to application of additional adhesive, Very Fine usage properly paying the rate ..... E. 300-400
- 1895 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Two, used with pair of 5c Blue (504), tied by indistinct strikes of Shanghai registry ovals on cover to Seattle Wash., Jan. 12 origin datestamp and Feb. 1, 1921 receiving backstamps, Very Fine, scarce mixed franking of the overprinted and unoverprinted issues ..... E. 500-750
- 1896 **2c, 10c Offices in China (K1, K5).** Pairs of each, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover front only to Chicago Ill., Very Fine, attractive usage ..... E. 200-300



1897



1898



1899

- 1897 ☒ **2c, 18c, Offices in China (K1, K9).** Incl. three 2c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some soiling around stamps probably from application of additional adhesive, cover bend at left, Very Fine, attractive usage paying the correct rate ..... E. 400-500
- 1898 ☒ **2c, 20c Offices in China (K1, K10).** Two 2c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some discoloration on cover probably from additional adhesive, Very Fine usage actually paying the U.S. 10c registry fee plus 2c postage ..... E. 300-400
- 1899 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Wide left plate no. 13746 block of six tied by U.S. Postal Agency Dec. 29, 1922 duplex datestamp on cover to Cleveland O., postmarked two days before last day of use, Fine and very scarce and desirable plate block on cover ..... E. 500-750





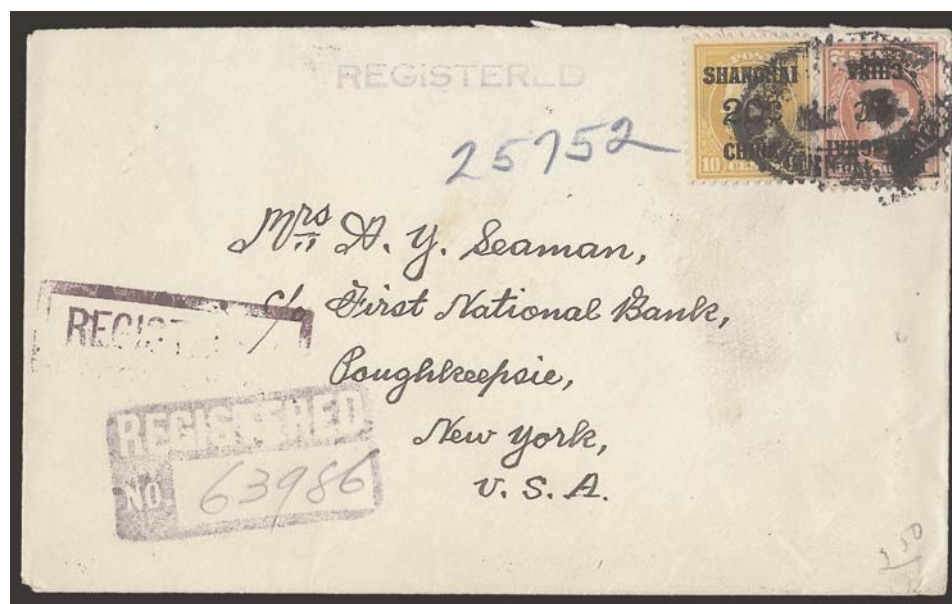
- 1900 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Six, tied by bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamps on registered cover to Cleveland O., curiously lacking origin date-stamp but with Chicago (Nov. 20, 1922) and receiving backstamps, some slight discoloration around stamps probably due to application of additional adhesive, Very Fine, attractive usage paying the correct rate..... E. 400-500
- 1901 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Block of six, beautiful color, tied by light strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to San Francisco Cal., purple Dec. 28, 1922 origin datestamp and receiving backstamps, small cover tear at top, Very Fine, scarce multiple and a late usage on cover correctly paying the rate... E. 300-400
- 1902 ☒ **4c on 2c Offices in China (K2).** Horizontal strip of three, pair and single, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 4, 1922" duplexes on registered cover to Greenville Ill., purple origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, light cover bend, Very Fine, attractive and scarce usage paying the correct rate..... E. 300-400
- 1903 ☒ **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 cover 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, ex Drucker..... E. 500-750



1905

1904

- 1904 ☒ **4c, 12c Offices in China (K2, K6).** Three 4c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some discoloration around stamps probably from application of additional adhesive, Very Fine usage properly paying the rate ..... E. 300-400
- 1905 ☒ **4c, 16c Offices in China (K2, K8).** Horizontal pair of 4c, tied by light strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Boston Mass., purple Dec. 30, 1922 origin datestamp backstamp overstruck by Chicago and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, attractive late usage properly paying the rate ..... E. 300-400



1906EX

- 1906 ☒ **4c on 2c, 20c on 10c Offices in China (K2, K10).** Tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Poughkeepsie N.Y., purple Feb. 3, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, fresh and Very Fine, scarce and desirable franking as it pays the U.S. 10c registry fee plus 2c postage .....(Photo Ex) E. 750-1,000





- 1907 ✉ **4c, 20c Offices in China (K2, K10).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to New York, purple August 13, 1920 origination and New York backstamps, return address crossed out and "c/o Russian post office (China)" written in, vertical file fold well away from stamps, some edgewear, still Very Fine..... E. 400-500
- 1908 ✉ **6c on 3c Offices in China (K3).** Block of four, cancelled by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Eugene Klein in Philadelphia, purple May 8, 1920 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, a scarce block used on cover paying the correct rate, ex Twigg-Smith..... E. 500-750
- 1909 ✉ **6c, 18c Offices in China (K3, K9).** Bright colors, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to East Downingtown Penn., purple Apr. 29, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, unopened and with original contents, some slight toning along cover seals, Very Fine usage paying the correct rate..... E. 300-400
- 1910 ✉ **6c, 18c Offices in China (K3, K9).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Oct. 18, 1922" duplex on cover to Madison Wis., with purple "Special Delivery" handstamp, receiving backstamp, slightly reduced at left, Very Fine, an attractive and scarce Special Delivery usage which correctly pays the rate ..... E. 400-500



- 1911 ☒ **6c, 18c Offices in China (K3, K9).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Boston, purple Dec. 30, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, attractive usage on the second to last day of service at the post office, also desirable as this pays the actual rate ..... E. 400-500
- 1912 ☒ **24c on 12c Offices in China (K11).** Tied by light strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Canton O., purple Oct. 23, 1920 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, horizontal file fold well away from stamp, Very Fine, attractive single usage of the 24c stamp correctly paying the rate..... E. 200-300
- 1913 ☒ **24c on 12c Claret Brown, Offices in China (K11a).** Deep shade, tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on registered cover to Staten Island N.Y., purple Dec. 30, 1922 origin datestamp, New York and receiving backstamps, light vertical file fold well away from stamp, Very Fine example of this desirable shade on cover, a late usage which correctly pays the rate ..... E. 500-750
- 1914 ☒ **24c on 12c Offices in China (K11).** Tied by light strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." oval handstamp on yellow registered cover to Arlington Mass., purple Dec. 5, 1921 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, light vertical file fold well away from stamp, Very Fine, scarce usage correctly paying the rate..... E. 300-400
- 1915 ☒ **24c on 12c Offices in China (K11).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Nov. 17, 1919" duplex on legal-size registered cover to Indianapolis Ind., origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, with original contents on U.S. Postal Agency letterhead regarding money received for stamps and the current exchange rate, trivial edgewear, Very Fine ..... E. 300-400



## 13-CENT THRU 16-CENT COVERS



1916

- 1916 ☒ **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, ex Drucker..... E. 1,000-1,500



1918

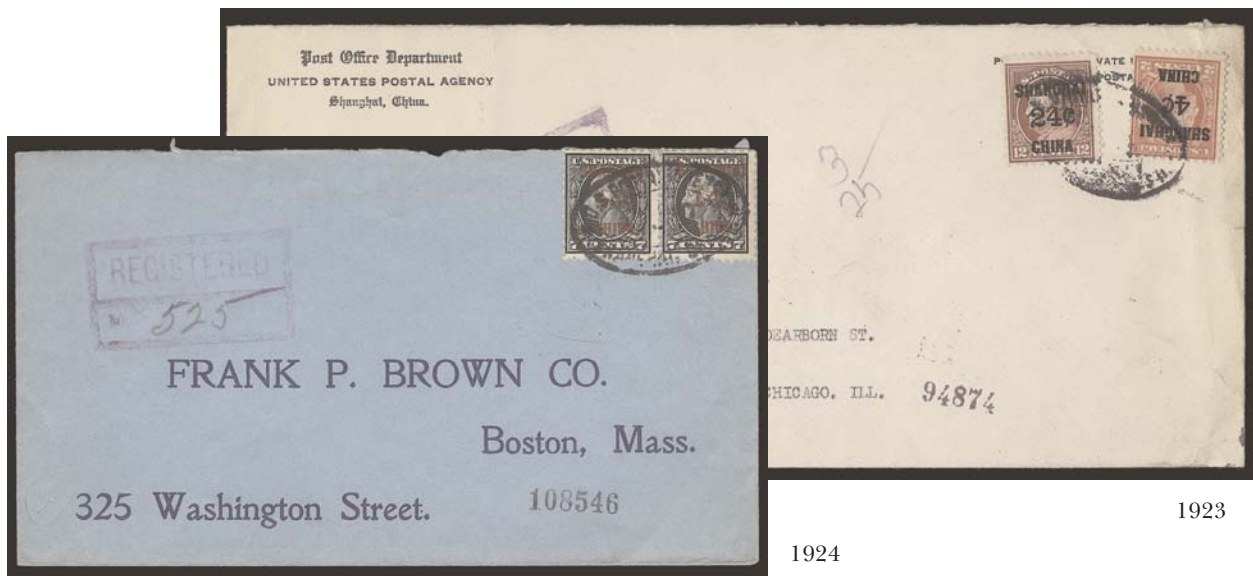
1917

- 1917 ☒ **4c, 6c, 12c Offices in China (K2, K3, K6).** Incl. two 4c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Greenville Ill., purple Sept. 16, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, original registered receipt enclosed, Very Fine, colorful usage..... E. 300-400
- 1918 ☒ **4c, 8c, 14c Offices in China (K2, K4, K7).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Greenville Ill., purple Nov. 3, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, colorful usage..... E. 300-400



- 1919 ☒ **2c, 4c, 12c Offices in China (K1, K2, K6).** Incl. two 2c and three 4c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some soiling around stamps, otherwise Very Fine, colorful and unusual franking ..... E. 400-500
- 1920 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K17).** Horizontal pair, used with 4c on 2c (K18) and also first 2c on 1c (K1) and 18c on 9c (K9), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Boston Mass., purple Jul. 22, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some slight wear and soiling, Very Fine, colorful and extremely scarce franking combining both the Bureau and local surcharges ..... E. 500-750
- 1921 ☒ **4c, 8c, 16c Offices in China (K2, K4, K8).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some slight soiling and wear, Very Fine, colorful usage ..... E. 300-400
- 1922 ☒ **20c on 10c Offices in China (K10).** Used with horizontal pair of 4c on 2c (K2) and tied by light strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, R.D." handstamps on registered cover to New York, purple Dec. 20, 1919 origin and receiving backstamps, some slight gum soiling around stamps, Very Fine, colorful and scarce usage ..... E. 200-300





- 1923 ☒ **24c on 12c Offices in China (K11).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on legal-size registered cover with U.S. Postal Agency return address to Chicago Ill., purple Dec. 11, 1919 origin and receiving backstamps, light vertical file fold well clear of stamps, 4c crease from cover, otherwise Very Fine, scarce franking..... E. 200-300
- 1924 ☒ **14c on 7c Offices in China (K7).** Horizontal pair, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Boston Mass., curiously lacking origin date-stamp but with Aug. 4 and Aug. 6, 1919 Chicago and Boston backstamps, Very Fine, scarce pair on cover..... E. 500-750



- 1925 ☒ **2c and 4c Local Surcharges (K17-K18).** Single of former, single and three horizontal pairs of latter (single natural s.e.), tied on back of 1922 registered European-size printed address cover to Chicago by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China R.D." double ovals (couple bit overinked), some stamps also tied by purple Philadelphia and Chicago registry markings, three red wax seals removed, Fine and rare usage, believed to have been sent from a Chinese coin dealer in Shanghai to coin dealer Henry Chapman in Chicago, only 10,000 of each value printed which is 3,800-4,000 less than the \$1.00 on 50c and \$2.00 on \$1.00, Scott Retail \$1,425.00 as used stamps, not listed on cover..... E. 2,000-3,000



1926

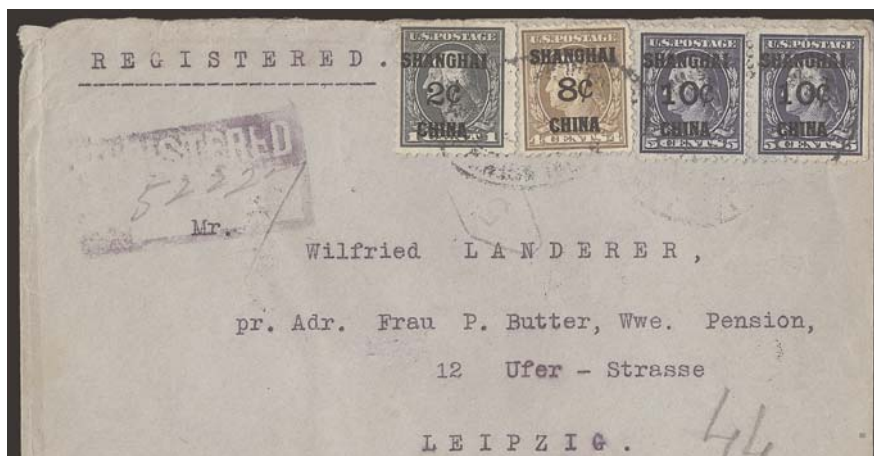
- 1926 ☒ **2c-4c Offices in China (K1-K2).** Tied by indistinct oval Shanghai registry cancels and used with U.S. 2c Rose (499) and 10c Orange Yellow (510), similarly tied, on cover to **Amsterdam, Holland**, purple "Postal Agency Shanghai Registered Sep. 20, 1919", New York and receiving backstamps, some slight soiling around perfs, otherwise Fine, scarce early mixed issue franking of the revalued stamps and regular U.S. stamps. E. 500-750



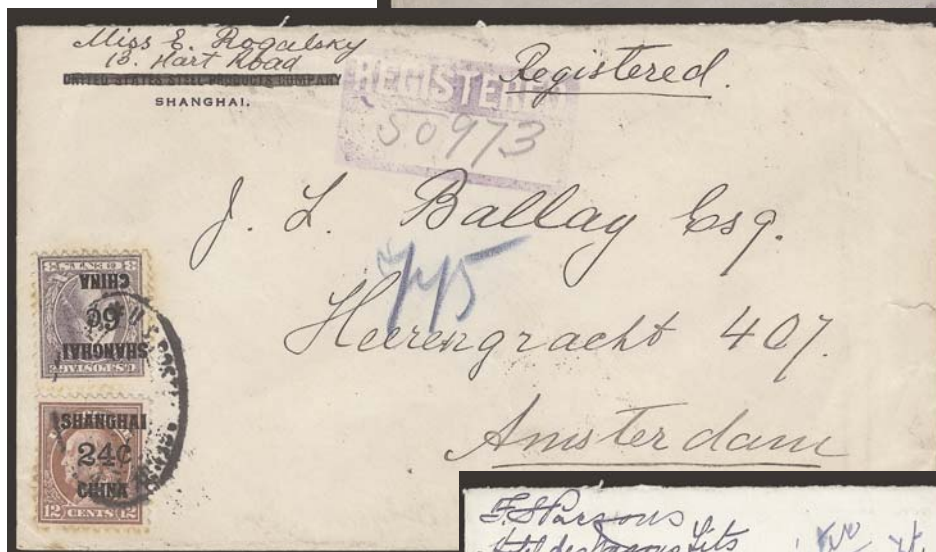
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- 1927 ☒ **2c-4c Offices in China (K17-K18).** Used with 6c and 8c Offices in China (K4, K8a), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Atlanta Ga., purple Aug. 17, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, fresh and Very Fine, colorful usage which is especially desirable with both the 2c and 4c local surcharges used with two denominations of the Bureau surcharges..... E. 500-750





1928



1929



1930

- 1928 ☒ **2c, 8c, 10c Offices in China (K1, K4, K5).** Horizontal pair of 10c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover **to Leipzig, Germany**, purple Oct. 16, 1919 origin datestamp, New York and receiving backstamps, minor edgewear affects 2c, Very Fine, colorful and scarce franking..... E. 400-500
- 1929 ☒ **6c, 24c Offices in China (K3, K11).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover **to Amsterdam**, purple Sept. 25, 1919 origin datestamp, New York and receiving backstamps, some slight soiling, otherwise Fine, rare usage to a foreign destination..... E. 300-400
- 1930 ☒ **14c, 16c Offices in China (K7, K8).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Greenville Ill., purple Aug. 17, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, fresh and Very Fine, rare franking, also accompanied by original registry receipt..... E. 500-750



- 1931 ☒ **10c, 20c Offices in China (K5, K10).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to **Fintel, Germany**, purple July 21, 1919 origin and New York backstamps, some slight toning, otherwise Fine, scarce usage E. 300-400
- 1932 ☒ **30c on 15c Offices in China (K12).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to **Fintel, Germany**, purple June 11, 1920 origin and New York backstamps, also with **German censor's label** at left, some slight edgewear, still Very Fine, scarce usage E. 500-750
- 1933 ☒ **30c on 15c Offices in China (K12).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some soiling around stamp, otherwise Very Fine E. 300-400
- 1934 ☒ **2c, 4c, 24c Offices in China (K1, K2, K11).** Incl. two 2c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some soiling around stamps, otherwise Very Fine, colorful and scarce franking E. 400-500





- 1935 ☒ **2c, 10c, 20c Offices in China (K1, K5, K10).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Philadelphia Pa., purple Oct. 22, 1920 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, also with green **Customs Duty** tag at bottom left, trivial wear, Very Fine, colorful and unusual usage..... E. 500-750
- 1936 ☒ **8c, 10c, 14c Offices in China (K4, K5, K7).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Ridgewood N.J., purple Nov. 22, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, small piece out at top right, some toning, otherwise Very Fine, colorful and scarce franking..... E. 300-400
- 1937 ☒ **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, ex Drucker..... E. 500-750

## 17-CENT AND 18-CENT COVERS



1938



1939

- 1938 ☒ **4c, 20c Offices in China (K2, K10).** Horizontal pair and single of 4c, used with 2c on 1c (K17) and tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Atlanta Ga., purple Oct. 21, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, colorful and scarce usage with the 2c local surcharge used with the Bureau surcharges, also accompanied by original registry receipt..... E. 400-500
- 1939 ☒ **4c, 24c Offices in China (K2, K11).** Horizontal pair of 4c, used with 2c on 4c (K17) and tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Greenville Ill., purple Nov. 3, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, fresh and Very Fine, a desirable franking with the 2c local surcharge used with the two Bureau surcharges ..... E. 400-500



1940



1941

- 1940 ☒ **4c, 18c Offices in China (K2, K9).** Vertical pair and two singles of 4c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Greenville Ill., purple Oct. 21, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, fresh and Very Fine, colorful usage ..... E. 400-500
- 1941 ☒ **2c, 4c, 6c Offices in China (K2, K3, K11).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Greenville Ill., purple Sept. 16, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, small cover tear at top right, otherwise Very Fine, colorful and scarce franking ..... E. 300-400

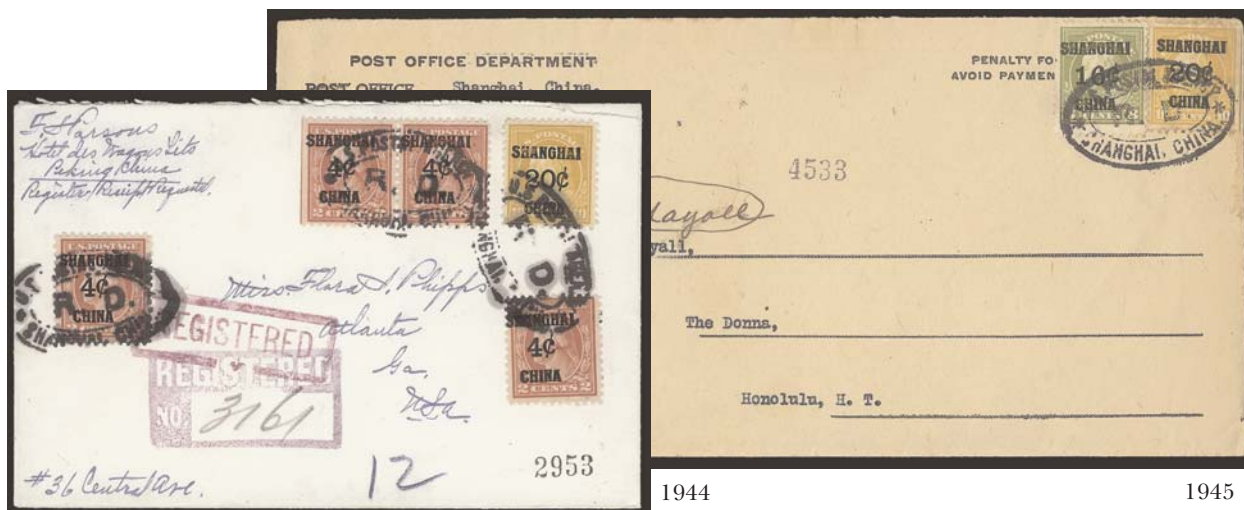




1943

1942

- 1942 ☒ **4c, 30c Offices in China (K2, K12).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Atlanta Ga., purple Nov. 3, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, fresh and Very Fine, accompanied by original registry receipt ..... E. 500-750
- 1943 ☒ **2c on 1c Offices in China (K1).** Block of twelve, vertical pair and strip of three and single, cancelled or tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Lake Forest Ill., origin backstamp no longer present due to scuffs but with Chicago and receiving backstamps of Feb. 1920, stamps with flaws incl. some from placement over edge of cover, some cover flaws, still Fine, impressive multiple on a commercial usage ..... E. 300-400



1944

1945

- 1944 ☒ **4c, 20c Offices in China (K2, K10).** Horizontal pair and two singles of 4c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Atlanta Ga., purple Nov. 3, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, colorful usage, also accompanied by original registry receipt ..... E. 300-400
- 1945 ☒ **6c, 30c Offices in China (K3, K12).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to Victoria, British Columbia, purple Oct. 3, 1921 origin datestamp, Vancouver and receiving backstamps, few soiled spots, tape stain at right, still Fine, scarce franking ..... E. 400-500



- 1946 ☒ **8c, 12c, 16c Offices in China (K4, K6, K8).** Last natural s.e. at right, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to **Zurich, Switzerland**, purple Jan. 17, 1921 origin datestamp, New York and receiving backstamps, light edgewear and few toned spots, otherwise Very Fine, colorful and scarce franking, with 2001 P.F. certificate..... E. 500-750
- 1947 ☒ **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**, ex Drucker ..... E. 750-1,000
- 1948 ☒ **16c, 20c Offices in China (K8, K10).** Tied by indistinct strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to **Forks N.Y.** purple Dec. 30, 1920, Chicago and receiving backstamps, missing part of top flap, some slight overall wear, still Fine, attractive commercial usage which pays the 10c registry fee plus four-times the 2c rate ..... E. 500-750

### 20-CENT THRU 32-CENT COVERS

- 1949 ☒ **10c, 30c Offices in China (K5, K12).** Tied by neat strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to **August Dietz in Richmond Va.**, purple June 25, 1920 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, a beautiful cover ..... E. 400-500
- 1950 ☒ **40c on 20c Offices in China (K13).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover to **Greenville Ill.**, purple "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai (China) Nov. 3, 1922", Chicago and receiving backstamps, original registry slip also accompanies, Very Fine..... E. 500-750





- 1951 ☒ **40c on 20c Offices in China (K13).** Plate no. 6938 at top, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover to Tecumseh Nebr., purple Dec. 30, 1923 origin and Seattle backstamps, small tear in selvage, still Very Fine, scarce usage of a plate no. single on cover used on the second to last day of service at the post office..... E. 400-500
- 1952 ☒ **40c on 20c Offices in China (K13).** Tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover to **Victoria, British Columbia**, purple Sept. 22, 1921 origin datestamp, Vancouver and receiving backstamps, slightly reduced at right where some wear, Fine, scarce usage..... E. 300-400
- 1953 ☒ **40c on 20c Offices in China (K13).** Tied by oily strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some cover edgewear and staining, otherwise Fine..... E. 300-400
- 1954 ☒ **2c-12c Offices in China (K1-K6).** Tied by three strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to **London, England**, purple Sept. 14, 1921 origin datestamp, New York and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, a beautiful and colorful usage..... E. 500-750
- 1955 ☒ **2c, 40c Offices in China (K1, K13).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to **Victoria, British Columbia**, purple Dec. 9, 1921 origin datestamp, Vancouver and receiving backstamps, minor edgewear, Very Fine.... E. 400-500



- 1956 ☒ **12c-16c Offices in China (K6-K8).** Each tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Oct. 25, 1922" duplex on locally addressed cover, light vertical file folds do not affect stamps, 12c few lightly toned perfs, otherwise Very Fine, attractive usage ..... E. 300-400
- 1957 ☒ **6c-18c Offices in China (K3, K6, K7, K9).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to **Victoria, British Columbia**, purple "Jan. 3, 1922" origin datestamp, Vancouver and receiving backstamps, stamps with few toned spots, still Very Fine and colorful usage ..... E. 400-500
- 1958 ☒ **2c-14c Offices in China (K1, K3, K6, K7).** Used with 1c-5c Pilgrim Tercentenary (548-550), all tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamps on registered cover to **England and forwarded** within England, purple May 17, 1921 origin datestamp, New York and various British backstamps, some wear, still Very Fine, very colorful and unusual usage, with 1994 Holcombe certificate ..... E. 400-500
- 1959 ☒ **24c, 30c Offices in China (K11-K12).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover to **Victoria, British Columbia**, purple Jan. 14, 1922 origin datestamp, Vancouver and receiving backstamps, sealed tear with tape stain at top left, some other wear, still Fine and attractive usage ..... E. 300-400
- 1960 ☒ **\$1.00 on 50c Offices in China (K15).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover to **Victoria, British Columbia**, purple Nov. 1, 1921 origin datestamp, Vancouver and receiving backstamps, some edgewear and few toned spots, otherwise Very Fine, scarce usage ..... E. 400-500





- 1961 ☒ **60c on 30c Offices in China (K14).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some soiling around stamp which looks like additional adhesive was used, still Very Fine, attractive single franking..... E. 400-500
- 1962 ☒ **4c, 20c, 40c Offices in China (K2, K10, K13).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover to Seattle Wash., purple Feb. 3, 1920 origin and receiving backstamps, 20c slightly oxidized, minor edgewear, Very Fine, colorful and scarce franking..... E. 500-750

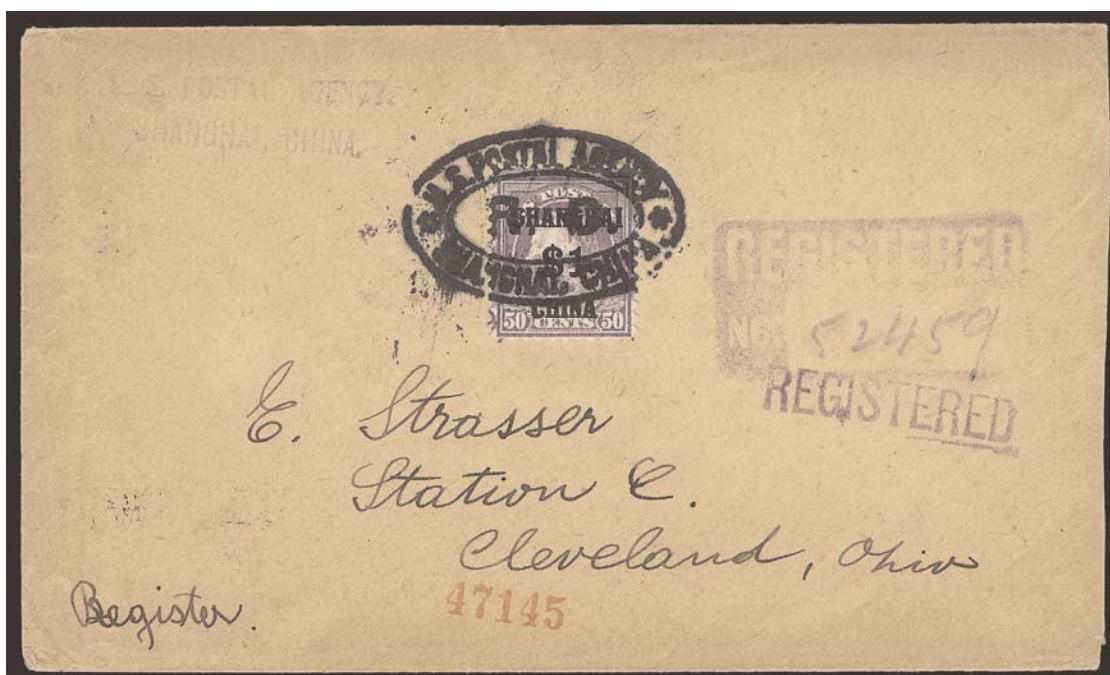
## 45-CENT THRU \$1.13 COVERS

- 1963 **10c-20c Offices in China (K5-K10).** Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on linen-backed piece, few flaws incl. toned spots and 12c small tear at top, otherwise Fine, impressive franking..... E. 400-500
- 1964 ☒ **18c-30c Offices in China (K9-K12).** Tied by bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Aug. 10, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, slightly reduced at right, Very Fine and colorful franking..... E. 400-500
- 1965 ☒ **40c-60c Offices in China (K13-K14).** Tied by light strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover Ridgewood N.J., purple Nov. 15, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, cover with band of toning at top, still Very Fine, scarce usage of these higher denominations..... E. 750-1,000



1966

- 1966 ☒ **\$1.00 on 50c Offices in China (K15).** Tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency \* Shanghai, China \* R.D." handstamp on registered cover to Cleveland O., purple Oct. 24, 1922 origin datestamp, Chicago and receiving backstamps, some staining around stamp from application of additional adhesive, still Very Fine, a very scarce franking of the \$1.00 Offices in China issue ..... E. 2,000-3,000



1967

- 1967 ☒ **\$1.00 on 50c Offices in China (K15).** Rich color, tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China R. D." oval handstamp on 1922 registered cover to Cleveland O., five backstamps incl. "U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, China Aug. 10, 1922", two from Chicago (Sept. 12), two from Cleveland O. (Sept. 3), two additional registered handstamps, cover slightly reduced at right, otherwise Very Fine and rare usage, 1999 P.S.E. certificate no longer accompanies ..... E. 2,000-3,000





1968



1969

- 1968 ☒ **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, ex Drucker..... E. 750-1,000
- 1969 **6c, 60c, \$1.00 Office in China (K3, K14-K15).** Horizontal pair of 60c, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China" roller cancel on piece, few light toned specks, Very Fine, scarce franking combination..... E. 400-500

## FULL SETS



1970

- 1970 **2c-\$2.00 Offices in China (K1-K16).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Sep. 12, 1921" duplex cancels on slightly reduced cover front only to local address, addressee's name crossed out, Very Fine, colorful and desirable usage of the entire Bureau-printed Offices in China set..... E. 2,000-3,000



1971

- 1971 **2c-\$2.00 Offices in China (K1-K16).** Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 12, 1922" duplex cancels on cover front only to a Belgian bank in New York

VERY FINE. A COLORFUL FRANKING COMPRISING ALL SIXTEEN VALUES OF THE BUREAU-PRINTED SURCHARGES FOR USE AT THE U.S. POST OFFICES IN CHINA. A MARVELOUS SHOWPIECE.

The post office closed 19 days later, on December 31, 1922..... E. 3,000-4,000

## GROUP LOTS

- 1972 ☒ **Offices in China Covers to Cleveland O.** Four, incl. 8c, 12c, 16c and 18c, each tied by Dec. 29, 1922 duplex, second with oxidation, otherwise Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 500-750
- 1973 ☒ **Offices in China Covers Balance.** 21, incl. six with 2c (four with pairs, two with four), nine single frankings of 4c, two with 10c, one each with 14c and 16c to Victoria, British Columbia, also 2c and 6c on same cover to Hawaii, some flaws to be expected, overall Fine-Very Fine and interesting group ..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 1974 **Literature Balance.** Approx. 13 books and auction catalogs, plus a few photocopied articles, comprising the collector's research library for Post Offices in China, incl. several name sale catalogs and both philatelic (such as the recent Frajola, Perlman, Scamp book) and non-philatelic material on China and Shanghai, highlights of non-philatelic material incl. *China and the Powers* 1902 edition, Very Fine, useful group ..... E. 100-150

END OF SALE — THANK YOU



# Bid Form—15% Premium Sale

Sale 986  
Wednesday, April 28 2010

# 1

Please provide the following information:

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY/STATE/ZIP .....

TEL. (DAY) ..... FAX.....

E-MAIL.....

PADDLE #

*Do not write in box*

# 2

Have you purchased from us in the past 5 years? ☐ YES (if so, please go to Section 3)  
☐ NO (please provide a trade reference and bank information)

References:

Stamp Firm:..... Telephone.....

Bank:..... Account # .....

# 3

In the space provided below, enter the **lot number** from **Sale 986** and your corresponding bid. Please use **whole dollar amounts** only and enter the **maximum bid** you wish to have us execute on your behalf, according to the **bidding increments** on other side of this form. **Your bid will NOT include the 15% buyer's premium.** We will advance the bidding at one increment over the

next highest bid; therefore, you may be awarded the lot at less than your maximum bid. Please do not use "plus" bids or "buy" bids. If you wish to bid on one lot **or** the other, indicate your "or" bid between lot number/bid entries and bracket your choices. If you wish to place a **bidding limit** on the total amount of your bids, please enter your limit in the space marked "Limit Bids".

## PLEASE NOTE BIDDING INCREMENTS AND SHIPPING CHARGES (ON BACK OF THIS PAGE)

☐ **LIMIT BIDS:** Check this box if you wish to limit the total amount of your bids (not including the **15% buyer's premium**) in this sale. Your bids will be executed until your bidding limit no longer allows for additional bids. **The total amount you wish to bid is:** \$ .....

Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
	\$		\$		\$

# 4

**AGREEMENT:** By signing this bid form, you agree to pay for purchases resulting from your bids, in accordance with the **Conditions of Sale** printed in the sale catalogue. You also agree to pay the **15% buyer's premium, shipping costs (see reverse), and sales tax or use tax or customs duty which may be due on the total invoiced amount.** It is

understood that these bids will be executed by Siegel Auction Galleries as a courtesy to absentee bidders, but you waive the right to make any claim against the auctioneer or the firm, arising from the these bids. **You are responsible for your written bids, including any errors on your part and any additions or changes to the bids herein.**

**Payment must be made by cash, check, money order or wire transfer. Credit cards will not be accepted.**



SIGNED..... TODAY'S DATE .....

# 5

Please submit your bids promptly (telephone bids must be confirmed in writing).

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**60 E. 56th Street, 4th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10022**

**Telephone (212) 753-6421**

**OR FAX YOUR BIDS: (212) 753-6429**

**Shipping Instructions, Bidding Increments and space for additional bids on other side of form**



## Additional Bids

Sale 986—April 28, 2010

Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
	\$		\$		\$

## Shipping and Transit Insurance

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Transit insurance is provided in all cases, except when the buyer has furnished us with proof that insurance coverage is effective under another policy. Proof, in such cases, will be accepted in the form of a written certificate from the insurance carrier.

You are responsible for insurance charges, which will be added to your invoice. This coverage is provided for our mutual protection against theft or loss in transit.

## Bidding Increments

The auctioneer may regulate the bidding at his discretion. However, to assist absentee bidders in establishing their maximum bid for each lot, the increments shown at right will be used in most cases. We recommend that written bids conform to these increments (those which do not will be reduced to the next level).

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Bulk Lots	UPS Preferred	By weight and value
<p><b>These fees reflect additional Fedex charges for residential delivery, signature and fuel surcharge.</b></p> <p><b>*Higher fees will be charged on packages weighing more than 5 lbs. or insured for more than \$75,000.</b></p> <p><b>**Buyers are liable for all customs duties and clearance charges. An accurate declaration of value will be made on all import/export documents.</b></p>		

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Up to \$50	\$5	\$3,000-7,000	\$250
\$50-200	\$10	\$7,000-20,000	\$500
\$200-500	\$25	\$20,000-30,000	\$1,000
\$500-1,000	\$50	\$30,000-75,000	\$2,500
\$1,000-3,000	\$100	\$75,000 up	\$5,000

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**PRICES REALIZED FOR SALE 986---4/28/2010**  
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Lot#	Realized	Lot#	Realized	Lot#	Realized	Lot#	Realized	Lot#	Realized
1801	700	1843	1,300	1885	300	1927	1,100	1970	2,100
1802	350	1844	1,600	1886	1,100	1928	400	1971	3,250
1803	225	1845	400	1887	450	1929	375	1972	500
1804	200	1846	550	1888	950	1930	250	1973	1,100
1805	250	1847	850	1889	200	1931	350	1974	350
1806	180	1848	1,800	1890	250	1932	600		
1807	160	1849	2,400	1891	425	1933	160		
1808	160	1850	400	1892	250	1934	200		
1809	150	1851	450	1893	200	1935	900		
1810	2,000	1852	200	1894	150	1936	250		
1811	1,700	1853	110	1895	350	1937	750		
1812	190	1854	130	1896	200	1938	200		
1813	275	1855	130	1897	225	1939	325		
1814	9,500	1856	550	1898	160	1940	250		
1815	8,500	1857	325	1899	325	1941	200		
1816	1,400	1858	250	1900	200	1942	350		
1817	200	1859	120	1901	150	1943	170		
1818	190	1860	160	1902	190	1944	250		
1819	950	1861	160	1903	750	1946	450		
1820	1,000	1862	700	1904	200	1947	850		
1821	140	1863	225	1905	170	1948	250		
1822	160	1864	130	1906	500	1949	425		
1823	150	1865	120	1907	225	1950	325		
1824	140	1866	100	1908	300	1951	475		
1825	170	1867	150	1909	300	1952	200		
1826	180	1868	130	1910	400	1953	200		
1827	190	1869	100	1911	300	1954	400		
1828	300	1870	120	1912	110	1955	600		
1829	110	1871	275	1913	275	1956	225		
1830	160	1872	325	1914	160	1957	225		
1831	200	1873	275	1915	250	1958	900		
1832	200	1874	200	1916	1,700	1959	160		
1833	250	1875	180	1917	275	1960	400		
1834	170	1876	250	1918	200	1961	300		
1835	275	1877	170	1919	225	1962	350		
1836	250	1878	250	1920	750	1963	200		
1837	600	1879	250	1921	200	1964	225		
1838	170	1880	275	1922	325	1965	375		
1839	2,200	1881	400	1923	160	1966	1,200		
1840	160	1882	275	1924	250	1967	1,500		
1841	200	1883	550	1925	1,200	1968	700		
1842	180	1884	550	1926	250	1969	500		