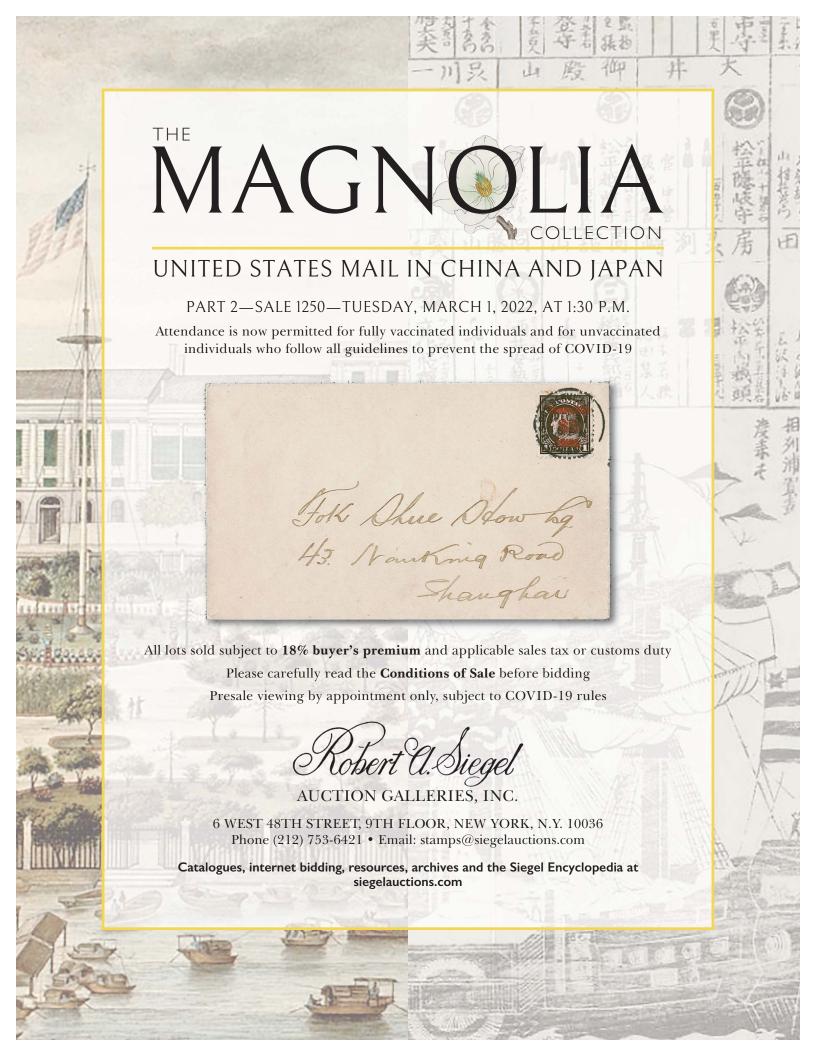




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- 10. Agents executing bids on behalf of clients may also be held responsible for all purchases made on behalf of clients, unless otherwise arranged prior to the sale.
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- 12. The bidder consents that any action or proceeding against it may be commenced and maintained in any court within the State of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, that the courts of the State of New York and United States District Court for the Southern District of New York shall have jurisdiction with respect to the subject matter hereof and the person of the bidder. The bidder agrees not to assert any defense to any action or proceeding initiated by Galleries based upon improper venue or inconvenient forum. The bidder agrees that any action brought by the bidder shall be commenced and maintained only in a Federal Court in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York or the State Court in the county in which Galleries has its principal place of business in New York. The bidder agrees not to use a public conflict resolution service and not to use any form of social media to publish comments or information about the Galleries and its employees which might harm the Galleries' reputation or business. These Conditions of Sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New York, and shall constitute an agreement that shall be binding on the parties, and their respective heirs, administrators, distributees, successors and assignees.

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Grades, Abbreviations and Values Used in Descriptions

Grades and Centering

Our descriptions contain detailed information and observations about each item's condition. We have also assigned grades to stamps and covers, which reflect our subjective assessment. For stamps, the margin width, centering and gum are described and graded according to generally-accepted standards (an approximate correlation to numeric grades is provided at right). Although we believe our grades are accurate, they are not always exactly aligned with third-party grading terms or standards for all issues. A lot may not be returned because a certification service grades a stamp lower than the grade stated in the description. Information from the P.S.E. Stamp Market Quarterly and P.S.E. Population Report^{5M} is the most current available, but lots may not be returned due to errors or changes in statistics or data.

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.

Extremely Fine (80-90): Exceptionally large/wide margins or near perfect centering.

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.		NO GUM				
	Mint Never Hinged Free from any disturbance	Lightly Hinged Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area	Hinge Mark or Remnant Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining	Part o.g. Approximately half or more of the gum intact	Small part o.g. Approximately less than half of the gum intact	No gum Only if issued with gum	
Catalogue Symbol:	**	*	*	*	*	(★)	
PRE-1890 ISSUES		90 stamps in these co a premium over Sco		Scott Value for "O.G."		Scott "No Gum" Values thru No. 218	
1890-1935 ISSUES	Scott "Never Hinged" Values for Nos. 219-771	affected	e for "O.G." lue will be d by the f hinging)	Disturbed Original Gum: 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 gum disturbance due to humidity, and such condition is not considered a negative factor in pricing.			
1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for "Unused"						

Covers

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.

Catalogue Values and Estimates

Unless otherwise noted, the currently available *Scott Catalogue* values are quoted in dollars with a decimal point. Other catalogues are often used for foreign countries or specialized areas and are referred to by their common name: *Stanley Gibbons* (SG), *Dietz, American Air Mail Catalogue* (AAMC), *Michel, Zumstein, Facit*, etc. Estimates are indicated with an "E." and reflect our conservative valuation in dollars. Reserves will never exceed the low end of the estimate range; they will sometimes exceed Scott Catalogue value for stamps in Extremely Fine condition.

Because of certain pricing inconsistencies in the *Scott Catalogue*—for example, blocks that have no gum, the absence of premiums for Mint N.H. items, etc.—we cannot guarantee the accuracy of values quoted for multiples, specialized items and collection lots. We generally try to be conservative, but buyers may not return a lot because of a discrepancy in catalogue value due to Scott pricing inconsistencies.

Symbols and Abbreviations (see chart above for gum symbols)

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



THE UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI

HE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHED ITS FIRST POSTAL AGENCY IN CHINA IN OCTOBER 1867. The first post office operation was located inside the U.S. consulate office at 12 Chingkiang Road from 1867 to 1874, and from 1874 to 1890 it was in the consulate building on Woochang Road. On April 1, 1890, it moved to 12 Kiukiang Road. On August 1, 1901, a new lease was signed for space at 36 Whangpoo Road. On September 25, 1907, the U.S. Post Office Department appointed John M. Darrah as the first official postmaster, taking over from the Consulate General, and the post office moved into 16 Whangpoo Road. The U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai was closed at the end of the day on December 31, 1922.

Over the 55 years the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai existed, from 1867 to 1922, significant events occurred in China which affected the mails. Guangxu's reign as emperor started in 1875 with Empress Dowager Ci'an and Empress Dowager Cixi as regents to the child ruler. Following Guangxu's assassination by arsenic poisoning in 1908, the child emperor, Puyi, held the throne until the Qing (Manchu) Dynasty collapsed in 1911. The Republic of China was formed and President Sun Yat-Sen was inaugurated in 1912. In 1921 the Communist Party of China was founded, which led to civil war and the Communist conquest of China in 1949, following World War II.

Empire building at the turn of the century by Japan and European powers, as well as the United States annexation of Hawaii and the Philippines, influenced China's postal system. The first Sino-Japanese War in 1894-95 was followed by the Boxer Rebellion in 1900-01 and the Russo-Japanese War in 1904-05. World War I raged in Europe from 1914 to 1919, and conflict with Japan escalated after the war, culminating in the second Sino-Japanese War before and during World War II.

These historical events are reflected in covers passing through the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai.

The Magnolia Collection, Part 2

The lots in this sale are all directly related to the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai. The first section is exclusively **registered mail** from 1876 to 1920 (lots 201-275), arranged by the markings used, including handstamps, registry labels and the U.S. and China stamp issues.

The next section is an array of covers with **Parcel Post** stamps (lots 276-287), including the 75c and \$1.00 on covers from the 1949 Tows sale, which are believed to be the only Q11 and Q12 covers from China. These are followed by a few covers with unusual features, including an **Official Seal handstamped "SHANGHAI"** and a **Philippines Special Delivery** stamp used from China (lots 288-290).

The stamps specifically produced for the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai start with a philatelically inspired set of **1895-98 Bureau Issues** tied on a sheet of paper by the enigmatic small circular handstamp (lot 291). The rare **unofficial "Shanghai China" Darrah overprints** produced in 1913-14 are represented by complete sets, unused and used, and a wrapper with eight different Parcel Post overprinted stamps (lot 298), followed by a cover with the 1c Parcel Post inverted overprint (lot 299).

In an offering of unprecedented size and importance, 120 lots of **1919-22 Offices in China overprints, Scott K1-K18,** will be found (lots 300-419). These surcharged issues were made at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to facilitate the sale of stamps in China at the prevailing 2:1 currency exchange rate. When the exchange rate changed, the surcharged issues were withdrawn from sale, from October 1920 to approximately one year later. Included in this section is a run of plate blocks with numerous plate numbers and positions represented, including four \$1.00 on 50c (K15) and two \$2.00 on \$1.00 (Scott K16) values.

Rare 1919-22 overprint errors in the sale include an unused single, used single, block and cover of the \$2.00 on \$1.00 Double Surcharge, Scott 16a (lots 403-406). Only six Double Surcharge covers are recorded—they are listed in the description of lot 406—and of these, one is in the Miller collection owned by The New York Public Library and another is trimmed into the address. Of the four intact covers available to collectors, one has a pair, and three have singles. All of the recorded covers were addressed in the same hand to two different local Shanghai addressees.

Finally, the **1919-22 Offices in China stamps on covers** are represented by 44 lots, including the earliest documented K1-K2 cover, a complete set on cover, registered covers, and the high values. This is one of the finest groups of Offices in China covers ever offered (lots 420-463).



UNITED STATES REGISTERED MAIL FROM CHINA EARLY TYPES OF REGISTERED MAIL MARKINGS

A rare use of the 5c Taylor Bank Note Issue on a registered cover from the United States Postal Agency in Shanghai



LOT 201
ESTIMATE \$15,000-20,000

5c Blue (179). Three, paying 10c registration fee and 5c postage, tied by three strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Registered, Jun. 18, 187-" circular datestamp (1877, last digit of year is omitted), a fourth bold strike at left on cover to Mrs. Edgar Ellis, 20th Street, above Guerrero Street in San Francisco, sender's name (Edgar Ellis) written on back as required for registered mail, manuscript "68" registry number and red crayon of unknown meaning, no other markings—carried on the Occidental & Oriental Steamship Co. *Belgic*, arriving San Francisco July 16, 1877—there is an E. W. Ellis listed in the 1875 directory as a clerk with the Shanghai Steam Navigation Co. at the "Kin-foongtung wharf" in Shanghai, a few trivial perf flaws, cover slightly reduced at left, slight vertical bend clear of stamps

VERY FINE. ONE OF THREE RECORDED 5-CENT TAYLOR REGISTERED COVERS FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI. AN OUTSTANDING BANK NOTE ISSUE COVER AND CHINA MAIL USAGE.

Ex Rohloff, Drucker and Gross.

The only registered cover from the United States Postal Agency in Shanghai with a combination of U.S. and French stamps



LOT 202
ESTIMATE \$7,500-10,000

5c Blue (179). Used with **10c Brown (161),** affixed over half of **France, 1872, 5c Yellow Green (53; Yvert 53),** tied by two strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Registered, Jun. 3, 187-" circular datestamp (1879, last digit of year is omitted), two additional strikes at left and a third on back of cover to Lewis Johnston, Center Street, New York City, manuscript "64" registry number, red "19616" registry number handstamp, magenta "San Francisco,/Cal./Jul. 5, 1879/Registered" four-line datestamp on back—carried on the PMSS *Alaska*, arriving San Francisco July 5—purple "Received Jul. 14, 1879" New York receiving backstamp, neatly docketed "Owen William, Recd AM Jul. 14 1879", 5c stamp slightly creased from placement over edge of cover

VERY FINE. A RARE COVER WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI REGISTERED MAIL DATESTAMP AND THE ONLY EXAMPLE WITH A COMBINATION OF UNITED STATES AND FRENCH STAMPS.

This is the only recorded registered cover from Shanghai with a combination of United States and French stamps. The French 5-centimes stamp was probably affixed in anticipation of using the French post office in Shanghai, but the sender ended up using the U.S. Postal Agency, thus rendering the French stamp superfluous. The U.S. stamps pay the 5c postage and 10c registration fee.

Ex Drucker. With 1985 and 2004 P.F. certificates.

5c Taylor Issue on cover with one of two recorded strikes of registered datestamp in red, and Hankow and Shanghai Customs Office backstamps





Detail of Customs Office backstamps—Hankow at left and Shanghai at right



LOT 203 🖂 ESTIMATE \$7,500-10,000

5c Blue (179). Pair and strip of three with straight edge, paying 10c registration fee and 15c postage, tied by black lines, strip also tied by perfectly clear strike of **red "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Registered, Jul. 26, 1881 [sic]"** circular datestamp (struck in 1882 with "1881" yeardate error), matching "**REGISTERED**" straightline handstamp also struck at U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, manuscript "#104" and pencil "4497" registry numbers, magenta manuscript "Registered" on cover to Israel Oakman, North Marshfield, Massachusetts, originated with brownish-red "**Customs Hankow Jul. 15 82**" double-circle datestamp on back, also on back is lightly struck yellowish-red "**Customs Shanghai Jul. 19 82**" double-circle datestamp and magenta "San Francisco/Cal./Aug. 28 1882/Registered" four-line registry datestamp—carried on the Occidental & Oriental Steamship Co. *Coptic*, arriving San Francisco August 28, 1882—5c strip creased from horizontal fold in cover and with other faults, sealed cover tears at right and top center

FINE APPEARING COVER AND CHOICE STRIKE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI REGISTERED MAIL DATESTAMP—ONLY TWO EXAMPLES OF THIS RARE MARKING IN RED ARE REPORTED. THE PRESENCE OF THE HANKOW AND SHANGHAI CUSTOMS OFFICE DATESTAMPS ELEVATES THIS COVER IN STATURE AMONG CHINA COLLECTORS.

The addressee, Israel Oakman, had a daughter named Ida Anstrus Oakman, who lived in Hankow with her husband, Theodore Moorehead.

Ex Mizuhara (whose exhibit page notes two examples of the registration datestamp are known in red). With 1986 Holcombe certificate.

Bold strike of the rare U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai Registered circular datestamp and an unusual combination of 2c, 6c and 10c Bank Note Issue stamps



LOT 204
ESTIMATE \$4,000-5,000

10c Brown (150). Affixed with mucilage visible around perfs, small piece out of bottom margin when applied, used with 2c Red Brown (146) and 6c Dull Pink (159), cancelled or tied by matching circle of wedges, clear strike of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Registered, Aug. 14, 187-" circular datestamp (1876, last digit in year omitted), additional "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Aug. 14" circular datestamp ties 10c stamp, matching "REGISTERED" straightline handstamp also struck at U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, manuscript "#928" and "5260" registry numbers on cover to J. N. Robson in Charleston S.C., sender's instructions "To be registered", portion of label on back is probably a registered mail receipt or form—carried on the PMSS City of Peking, arriving San Francisco September 7, 1876—no transit markings

FINE COVER WITH AN EXTRAORDINARILY CLEAR STRIKE OF THE RARE UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI REGISTERED MAIL DATESTAMP.

The addressee, J. N. Robson of Charleston, South Carolina, was a well-known merchant who had an active business in importing Pacific guano.





Both 205

LOT 205 ESTIMATE \$400-500

24c Purple, 12c Blackish Violet (153, 162). Singles of both, 24c with clear strike of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Registered Apr. 13" circular datestamp, Very Fine strike, 12c with large portion of "U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL/SHANGHAI" two-line handstamp struck twice, small surface scrape is inconsequential, Fine appearance, a desirable pair of stamps with Shanghai U.S. postal markings, with 2001 and 2005 P.F. certificates respectively

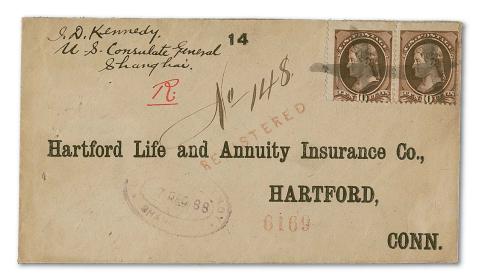


LOT 206 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,000-1,500

10c Brown (209). Used to pay 10c registration fee in combination with 1c Ultramarine (212), 2c Green (213) and 5c Yellow Brown (205), 1c-5c tied by 4-bar grid cancels, 10c evidently tied on arrival at San Francisco by segmented circular cork cancel on cover to Munich, Germany, red engraved corner card of "S.M.S. Fasana" with crown and anchor, "Linienschiffsfahnrich Zsoldak" (ship-of-the-line ensign Zsoldak) on flap, sender's directive "Via Amerika", purple "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 22 Sep. 88" double-oval datestamp, red "REGISTERED" straightline handstamp and matching "7416" handstamped registry number applied in Shanghai (corrected by hand to "7516"), blue crayon "No. 114" registry number, red crayon crossed lines for registered mail, New York exchange office registry label affixed over red straightline, backstamped San Francisco (Oct. 14, 1888), New York (Oct. 21 and 22) and Munich (Nov. 4) receiving datestamp, 5c rounded corner and slight toning, Very Fine, the S.M.S. Fasana was a vessel of the Austro-Hungarian navy, this is an extremely unusual registered cover from an officer aboard the Fasana in China, rather than use one of the European post offices in Shanghai, the sender chose the U.S. Postal Agency, ex Risvold



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LOT 207 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,000-1,500

10c Brown (209). Horizontal pair paying 10c registration fee and 10c postage, tied by brush manuscript cancel on brown cover with printed address to Hartford Insurance Co. in Hartford, Connecticut, manuscript return address "J. D. Kennedy, U.S. Consulate General, Shanghai", purple "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 7 Dec. 88" double-oval datestamp, red "REGISTERED" straightline handstamp and matching "6169" handstamped registry number applied in Shanghai, manuscript "No. 148" registry number matches cancel, backstamped red "Registered/Jan. 5 1889/San Francisco/Cal." four-line datestamp, Very Fine, J. D. Kennedy was a brigadier-general in the Confederate army during the Civil War, he was appointed U.S. Consul General to China by President Grover Cleveland, serving 1886-89



LOT 208

■ ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

15c Red Orange (**189**). Vibrant color, paying 10c registration fee and 5c postage, tied by 4-bar grid cancel and purple "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai **26 Sep. 90**" double-oval datestamp, matching "REGISTERED/NO." two-line handstamp with manuscript "64" registry number on cover to Alford & Berkele Co., 77 Chambers St., New York City, red "7520" and blue "13747" handstamped registry numbers, purple San Francisco (Oct. 24) and New York (Oct. 30) backstamps, additional backstamp from Dr. H. G. Oakland (collector and former owner), small piece of top backflap missing

EXTREMELY FINE. A VERY RARE USE OF THE 15-CENT LARGE BANK NOTE ISSUE FROM SHANGHAI AND A BEAUTIFUL REGISTERED COVER.

The addressees were "manufacturers' agents & exporters of guns, pistols, cutlery, plated ware, specialties in hardware." Ex Dr. Oakland, Tows, Canman and Bilden.





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LOT 209 ⊠ ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

2c Carmine (220). Strip of six and single, tied by multiple strikes of "U.S. Postage Agency Shanghai Nov. 3 10AM 94" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover originating in Kewkiang, China, to John Noble, Roxbury Mass., backflap with "Municipal Council, Kiukiang" return card, backstamped with purple "Kewkiang Local Post 27 Oct 94" double-oval datestamp and blue "Shanghai Local Post E OC 29 94" circular datestamp, purple "REGISTERED/NO." two-line handstamp with manuscript "599" registry number applied at U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, additional "5784" and "15161" registry numbers, San Francisco (Nov. 27), Boston (Dec. 3) and Roxbury (Dec. 4) receiving backstamps, strip slightly creased and with perf faults from placement along edge, single rounded corners, cover lightly soiled, there is a residue spot at lower right where another U.S. stamp was probably affixed and left uncancelled (4c would make up 10c postage plus 8c registry fee), otherwise Fine, very rare Kewkiang Local Post registered cover through the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, with 1987 Holcombe certificate



LOT 210 🖂 ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

5c Chocolate (255). Two, used with four **2c Carmine Lake, Ty. I (249),** tied by 4-bar grid cancels on blue "United States Consulate at Ningpo China" imprint cover with Ningpo in manuscript, to Hon. Marcus C. Cook, Boston Mass., "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Apr. 11 1030AM 95" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel struck on back, red wax seals with Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation imprint, purple "REGISTERED/NO." two-line handstamp with manuscript "214" registry number applied at U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, red "13116" handstamped registry number, San Francisco (May 6) and purple Boston (May 12, 1895) receiving backstamps, minor tear in cover at bottom left corner, Very Fine, attractive franking with 1894 Unwatermarked Bureau Issue paying 8c registry fee and 10c postage, this was sent by John Fowler, who worked in the Ningpo consulate office from 1890 to 1896 (he was then transferred to Chefoo), ex Fisher



LOT 211

■ ESTIMATE \$500-750

10c Dark Green (273). Used with 1c Blue (264) and 2c Carmine, Type III (267) tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Nov. 9 11AM 96" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on 10c Columbian entire (U351) to Graz, Austria, purple "REGISTERED/NO." two-line handstamp with manuscript "411" registry number applied at U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, additional "4911" registry number handstamp and New York exchange office label, backstamped San Francisco (Nov. 30, 1896), New York (Dec. 12) and Graz (Dec. 18), Very Fine



LOT 212 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$500-750

5c Chocolate (270). Pair and single, used with 1c Blue (264) and 2c Pink, Type III (267a), 1c and one 5c straight edge, tied by two clear strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jun. 12 4PM 97" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to Camden N.J., purple "REGISTERED/NO." two-line handstamp with manuscript "292" registry number applied at U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, additional "293" handstamped registry number, receiving backstamp (Jul. 15, 1897), slightly toned, otherwise Very Fine, very scarce "Registered" handstamp and used late, ex Stollnitz and "Whitpain"



LOT 213 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$500-750

5c Chocolate (270). Two, one with slight oxidation, used with 1c Blue (264) and 2c Pink, Type III (267a), 2c toned but shade is vivid, tied by three strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai May 3 12M 98" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on "United States Postal Agency, Shanghai, China" imprint cover to Bogert & Durbin stamp dealers, New York City, purple "REGISTERED/NO." two-line handstamp with manuscript "199" registry number applied at U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, additional "4548" and "98572" handstamped registry numbers, San Francisco and New York receiving backstamps, opened at top trimming perfs off 2c, still Fine, very scarce "Registered" handstamp and used late, ex Drucker

An extremely rare registered cover from Tientsin to Washington, D.C., with China Dowager Issue and United States Bureau Issue mixed franking





10c Dark Green (258). Used with 5c Chocolate (255), straight edge at left, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Jan. 25 10PM 95" duplex datestamp and oval grid on registered mixed-franking cover originating in Tientsin, China, to U.S. Navy Pay Office in Washington D.C. via U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, horizontal pair of China, 1894 6c Dark Brown, Empress Dowager Issue (21) with gutter selvage at left, cancelled by blue Tientsin Customs Office seal handstamp on back, matching "Customs Tientsin Jan. 7, 1895" double-circle datestamp, red "R" in oval handstamp with manuscript "52" registry number applied at Tientsin, blue "Customs Shanghai Jan. 20, 1895" double-circle datestamp on back, matching blue "REGISTERED" straightline handstamp applied at Shanghai Customs Office, purple San Francisco (Feb. 24) and Washington D.C. (Mar. 2) backstamps, "2905" and "351" handstamped registry numbers, light edgewear

LOT 214
ESTIMATE \$7,500-10,000

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR AND EXTREMELY RARE OUTBOUND REGISTERED COVER FROM TIENTSIN TO THE UNITED STATES WITH A MIXED FRANKING OF THE CHINA DOWAGER ISSUE AND UNITED STATES 1894 FIRST BUREAU ISSUE.

The cover was carried by the Customs Post from Tientsin to Shanghai, where it was handed to the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai for delivery to Washington, D.C. The 12 candarins Chinese postage pays the double 3ca rate and 6ca registration fee. The U.S. registry fee at this time was 8c; therefore, the 15c U.S. postage either overpays the single 5c UPU rate and 8c registry fee by 2c, or underpays the 10c double UPU rate and 8c fee by 3c.

Ex Drucker.

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U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI REGISTRATION LABELS



LOT 215 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

8c Violet Brown (272). Used with 5c Dark Blue (281), both with straight edge, 5c corner crease, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 27 Apr. 1PM 01" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on "Consular Service, U.S.A. Shanghai, China" imprint cover to Oakland Cal., U.S.P.A. Shanghai locally printed black on white registry label with narrow "R" (FX-SH1d) with handstamped "3318" number, additional "4835" handstamped registry number, San Francisco (May 20, 1901) and Oakland (May 22) receiving backstamps, second and third notice datestamps applied during attempt to deliver mail, "UNCLAIMED" straightline handstamp, backstamped "Registry Branch, Dead Letter Office, Correct Jul. 1, 1901 P.O. Dept." double-line oval datestamp on back, D.L.O. Record handstamps on front (one tying label), Very Fine, rare registration label and unusual with Dead Letter Office treatment, Scott value for label \$4,000.00 (9 recorded)



LOT 216 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

5c Dark Blue (281). Horizontal strip of three tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jul. 17 7AM 01" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on grayish cover to the *Christian Observer*, Louisville Ky., U.S.P.A. Shanghai locally printed black on white registry label with narrow "R" (FX-SH1d) with handstamped "3878" number, additional "4649" and "8553" handstamped registry numbers, San Francisco (Aug. 14, 1901) and Louisville (Aug. 20) receiving backstamps, small tear at upper left, Very Fine, Scott value for label \$4,000.00 (9 recorded)



LOT 217 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

15c Olive Green (284). Horizontal pair tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Oct. 17 1PM 00" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on grayish cover with Vander Stegen & Co. return card to Emil Fisher, New York City, U.S.P.A. Shanghai locally printed black on white registry label with narrow "R" (FX-SH1d) with handstamped "2096" number, additional "15607" and "31391" handstamped registry numbers, San Francisco (Nov. 12, 1900) and New York (Nov. 19) receiving backstamps, horizontal fold in cover, 15c pair creased and torn through both stamps, otherwise Fine, Scott value for label \$4,000.00 (9 recorded)



LOT 218 ESTIMATE \$2,000-3,000

5c Dark Blue (281). Eleven, eight originally forming horizontal strip with natural straight edge at bottom, used with **2c Red, Type IV (279B)**, vertical pair, cancelled and tied by segmented cork, used in mixed franking with Chinese Imperial Post 1c Ocher, **4c Orange Brown, two 5c Salmon and 10c Green stamps** tied by "Tientsin **30 Mar 1901"** circular datestamps on large part of registered parcel wrapper to Miss L. G. Stetson, Bangor, Maine, Shultze & Co. (Tientsin) purple oval handstamp at bottom left, manuscript "Insured for \$43" at bottom, "Shanghai 10 Apr. 1901" circular datestamp, **U.S.P.A. Shanghai locally printed black on white registry label with narrow "R" (FX-SH1d)** with handstamped "3241" number, additional registry numbers and "Supposed liable to U.S. customs duties" purple straightline handstamp, China 10c stamp evidently fell off during transit and was reaffixed, then tied on arrival by purple "Bangor Maine May 3, 1901 Registry Dept." three-line datestamp, one or two other stamps might be missing, slightly faulty as to be expected for such a large package wrapper, still Fine and impressive, ex Drucker, Scott value for label \$4,000.00 (9 recorded)



LOT 219 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,000-1,500

5c Chocolate (270). Three, used with 1c Blue (264) and 2c Pink, Type III (267a) tied by three clear strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jun. 17 12M 99" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on large-size cover to Messr. Herman Capelle & Co., New York City, U.S.P.A. Shanghai locally printed black on white registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1c) with handstamped "624" number, additional "322" and "52051" handstamped registry numbers, San Francisco (July 21, 1899) and New York (Jul. 26) receiving backstamps, small parts of backflaps removed when a wax seal was opened, still Very Fine, rare registration label, ex Mizuhara, Scott value for label \$4,000.00 (10 recorded)



LOT 220 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

8c Violet Brown (272). Straight edge, used with 5c Dark Blue (281), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 4 Aug. 10AM 00" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on blue cover to Emil Fischer, New York City, U.S.P.A. Shanghai locally printed black on white registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1c) with handstamped "1879" number, additional "9569" and "90104" handstamped registry numbers, San Francisco (Aug. 28) and New York (Sep. 4) receiving backstamps, Very Fine, rare registration label, Scott value for label \$4,000.00 (10 recorded)

A spectacular Trans-Mississippi cover sent by registered mail from Foochow, China, with "1899" handstamps applied to the stamps as a security measure and bearing the rare locally printed U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai registry label



LOT 221 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$3,000-4,000

10c Gray Violet, Trans-Mississippi (290). Used with 1c Dark Yellow Green, Trans-Mississippi (285) and 2c Copper Red, Trans-Mississippi (286), 1c straight edge, 2c small repaired nick at top, "1899" yeardate handstamps struck on each stamp—apparently a form of security similar to I.P.O. handstamps—1c and 10c tied, all three tied by bold "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Oct. 14 1PM 99" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover from Foochow to W. D. Haslam, Santa Cruz, Cal., "Fairhurst & Co. Foochow" oval handstamp on back which matches color of "1899" handstamps, U.S.P.A. Shanghai locally printed black on white registry label (FX-SH1c) with handstamped "898" number, additional "2013" handstamped registry number, San Francisco (Nov. 7, 1899) backstamp, Santa Cruz (Nov. 7) receiving datestamp

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A SPECTACULAR TRANS-MISSISSIPPI COVER FROM FOOCHOW, CHINA, WITH A RARE SHANGHAI REGISTERED MAIL LABEL AND HANDSTAMPED SECURITY MARKS APPLIED IN FOOCHOW.

This cover originated in Foochow, China, with handstamped "1899" markings applied by the sender to indicate stamps were affixed to the cover. This is comparable to the I.P.O tie prints designed to prevent theft of stamps from mail.

With 2008 P.F. certificate. Scott value for registry label \$4,000.00 (10 recorded).

A magnificent Trans-Mississippi cover sent by registered mail from China to Canada with the rare locally printed U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai registry label



LOT 222

ESTIMATE \$2,000-3,000

10c Gray Violet, Trans-Mississippi (290). Straight edge at left, used with 1c Blue (264) and 2c Carmine, Type III (267), straight edge at bottom, tied by two bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 11 Sep. 10AM 99" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to Sun Life Insurance Co., Montreal, Canada, sender's ship-name directive "Registered p. City of Peking" and return address on backflap (H. H. Sultzberger), U.S.P.A. Shanghai locally printed black on white registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1c) with handstamped "815" number, additional manuscript "2866" and handstamped "1579" and "82411" registry numbers, backstamped San Francisco (Oct. 10, 1899), Chicago (Oct. 14), Windsor (Oct. 16) and Montreal (Oct. 18), red Chinese characters printed on flap, slight oily bleed from Shanghai datestamp

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE REGISTERED MAIL COVER FROM THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI TO CANADA WITH THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI ISSUE AND SCARCE LOCALLY PRINTED REGISTRY LABEL.

Ex Mizuhara. Scott value for label \$4,000.00 (10 recorded).

A rare and beautiful Columbian Issue cover sent by registered mail from the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai to the postmaster of Moudon, Switzerland



LOT 223 🖂 ESTIMATE \$2,000-3,000

15c Dark Green, Columbian (238). Used with 5c Chocolate, Columbian (234) and 5c Blue (281), tied by lightly struck "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 19 Dec. 9PM 1902" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover with printed address to Alfred Berdoz, Lucerne, Switzerland, modified with Moudon address in calligraphy, datestamp ties U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with narrow "R" (FX-SH1b) with "3846" handstamped number, additional "1818" registry number and New York exchange office registry label, backstamped San Francisco (Jan. 9, 1903), New York (Jan. 15) and Moudon (Jan. 28)

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL REGISTERED COVER FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI TO SWITZERLAND WITH THE 15-CENT COLUMBIAN ISSUE.

Alfred Berdoz was a Swiss postal official who arranged to have covers with attractive frankings mailed to him from post offices in the Far East. This Columbian Issue cover from Shanghai is one of the few known with the 15c denomination.

Ex Fisher. Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (14 recorded).

A spectacular 30c Columbian and China Dowager Issue mixed franking on a registered cover from Tientsin to the postmaster of Moudon, Switzerland, via U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai



LOT 224
ESTIMATE \$7,500-10,000

30c Orange Brown, Columbian (238). Used with China, 1894, 1c Orange Red (16), 2c Green (17) and 3c Dull Orange, Dowager Issue (20), tied at origin by two light strikes of blue "Tientsin 11 Apr 03" circular datestamp, 30c tied by "Shanghai, China, U.S. Post. Agcy. 2PM 23 Apr. 1903" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover with printed address to Alfred Berdoz, Lucerne, Switzerland, modified with Moudon address handstamp, manuscript directives "Via United States" in red and "Via U.S. Post Office, Registered fr Tientsin", "R/TIENTSIN (CHINA)" registry handstamp with manuscript "6184" number, U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1a) with "0006" handstamped number, additional "25324" registry number and New York exchange office registry label, backstamped Shanghai Post Office (Apr. 18), San Francisco (May 16, 1903), New York (May 21) and Moudon (May 29), vertical fold in cover probably before mailing, China 1c corner crease, a few toned spots

VERY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING REGISTERED COVER FROM THE UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI TO SWITZERLAND WITH THE 30-CENT COLUMBIAN ISSUE AND CHINA EMPRESS DOWAGER ISSUE.

Alfred Berdoz was a Swiss postal official who arranged to have covers with attractive frankings mailed to him from post offices in the Far East. This Columbian Issue cover from Shanghai is one of the few known with the 30c denomination. It is adorned with the old unsurcharged Empress Dowager Issue.

Ex Tows and Risvold. The Scott Catalogue reports 20 examples of this Shanghai registry label (value \$2,000.00 with ordinary franking).



LOT 225 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,000-1,500

4c Orange Brown (280b). Deep shade, used with two 3c Purple (268), 1c Green (300) and 2c Carmine (301), tied by two strikes of "Shanghai, China, U.S. Post. Agcy. Jul. 25 4PM 1903" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on small cover to Emil Buhler, Wetzikon, Switzerland, purple "U.S. Postal Agency-Reg. Div. Shanghai-China, Jul. 24 1903" double-oval datestamp on back, U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1a) with "1296" handstamped number, additional "8718" handstamped registry number, backstamped San Francisco (Aug. 17), New York (Aug. 23) and Wetzikon (Sep. 1), Very Fine, a beautiful mixed-issue four-color franking (5c UPU and 8c registration) with scarce registry label, ex Landau, Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (20 recorded)



LOT 226 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

5c Chocolate (270). Bright color, slight crease, used with two 2c Red, Type IV (279B) and 1c Green (300), paying the 2c rate to U.S. (effective June 1, 1903) and 8c registration fee, tied by two strikes of greenish-blue "U.S. Postal Agency-Reg. Div. Shanghai-China, Oct. 24 1903" double-oval datestamp, additional "Shanghai, China, U.S. Post. Agcy. Oct. 24 830PM 1903" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on brown cover to Mrs. George Sager, Syracuse N.Y., U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1a) with "3173" handstamped number, additional "14562" handstamped registry number, backstamped with same Shanghai oval, Seattle and Syracuse receiving datestamps, two pieces of paper adhesive tape affixed but show signs of an attempt to "dry" peel them off, Very Fine, ex Fisher, Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (20 recorded)



LOT 227 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$2,000-3,000

10c Orange Brown, Type II (283). Used with horizontal strip of three of 1c Deep Green (279), natural straight edge at bottom, deep rich color and choice centering, tied by two clear strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 2 Aug. 4PM 1902" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to Milton Bradley Co., Springfield Mass., U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with narrow "R" (FX-SH1b) with handstamped "2225" registry number, additional "9753" registry number handstamp, "The Missionary Home in Shanghai Aug. 2, 1902" purple oval backstamp, San Francisco (Aug. 27) and Springfield (Sep. 1) receiving backstamps

VERY FINE. AN UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE AND HIGH-QUALITY REGISTERED COVER FROM SHANGHAI WITH THE SCARCE REGISTRATION LABEL.

Ex Drucker and "Whitpain". Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (14 recorded).



LOT 228

■ ESTIMATE \$1,000-1,500

10c Orange Brown, Type II (283). Used with 1c Deep Green (279) and 2c Red, Type IV (279B), tied by two clear strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 2 Dec. 11AM 01" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to Mrs. R. H. Kimball, Oak Park Ill., U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with narrow "R" (FX-SH1b) with handstamped "42" registry number, additional "18742" registry number handstamp, San Francisco (Dec. 27, 1901) and Oak Park (Jan. 2, 1902) receiving backstamps, 10c slightly rounded coner from placement along edge of cover, still Very Fine, attractive cover and scarce registry label, ex Landau, Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (14 recorded)

Scarce use of 15c 1898 Bureau UPU Color Change Issue on registered cover with red U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai registry label



LOT 229 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$2,000-3,000

15c Olive Green (284). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Sep. 27 2PM 1902" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to American Book Co., New York City, U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with narrow "R" (FX-SH1b) with handstamped "2686" registry number, additional "9220" and "15562" registry number handstamps, oval "The Missionary Home and Agency Shanghai Sep. 27, 1902" sender's backstamp, Seattle (Oct. 15) and N.Y. (Oct. 21) backstamps, small opening tears and slightly reduced at top

VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF THE 15-CENT 1898 BUREAU ISSUE ON A REGISTERED COVER FROM SHANGHAI WITH THE SCARCE REGISTRATION LABEL.

Ex Drucker and "Whitpain". Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (14 recorded).

A rare and beautiful Trans-Mississippi Issue registered cover with three-color franking and red U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai registry label



LOT 230 🖂 ESTIMATE \$2,000-3,000

1c Dark Yellow Green, Trans-Mississippi (285). Used with **2c Red, Type IV (279B) and 10c Orange Brown, Type II (283),** tied by two bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 3 Mar. 5PM 1902" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to James H. Ward, Rye N.Y. with "Leon Brock & Co., Shanghai, China" printed return address, U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with narrow "R" (FX-SH1b) with handstamped "871" registry number, additional "19329" registry number handstamp, San Francisco (Mar. 29, 1902) and Rye (Apr. 4) receiving backstamps, 10c small nick in bottom margin

VERY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING REGISTERED MAIL COVER FROM THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI WITH THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI ISSUE AND SCARCE REGISTRY LABEL.

Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (14 recorded).

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LOT 231 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

2c Carmine (301). Five stamps (three on front, two on back), tied by greenish-blue "U.S. Postal Agency-Reg. Div. Shanghai-China Oct. 24, 1903" double-oval datestamp with a third strike on back of cover to T. Hermann, New York City, "Shanghai, China, U.S. Post. Agcy. Oct. 24 3:30PM 1903" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel, U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1a) with "3174" handstamped number, additional "14563" registry number handstamp, Seattle (Nov. 11, 1903) and New York (Nov. 17) receiving backstamps, opened for display, Very Fine, a scarce registration label on cover from Shanghai, ex Mizuhara, Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (20 recorded)



LOT 232 🖂 ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

2c Carmine (301). Five stamps (three on front, two on back), paying 2c rate to U.S. (effective June 1, 1903) and 8c registration fee, tied by two strikes of "Shanghai, China, U.S. Post. Agcy. Dec. 11 5PM 1903" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to Townsend Rushmore, New York City, Carlowitz & Co. printed return address on flap, greenish-blue "U.S. Postal Agency-Reg. Div. Shanghai-China Dec. 11, 1903" double-oval datestamp on back, U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1a) with "4715" handstamped number, additional "34798" and "1204" registry number handstamps, San Francisco (Jan. 4, 1904) and New York (Jan. 11) receiving backstamps, pencil "Removed. No address" notation, lower left corner of registry label torn off, otherwise Very Fine, a scarce registration label on cover from Shanghai, Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (20 recorded)





Back

LOT 233 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

5c Dark Blue (281). Used with **3c Purple (268)** on back, three **1c Deep Green (279)** and pairs of **2c Carmine (301)** and **4c Brown (304)** on address side, paying triple 5c UPU rate and 8c registry fee, all stamps tied by bold strikes of greenish-blue "U.S. Postal Agency-Reg. Div. Shanghai-China Oct. 8, **1903**" double-oval datestamp on cover to Guerra & Lopez, **Buenos Aires, Argentina,** sender's name on back crossed out, lightly struck "Shanghai, China, U.S. Post. Agcy. Oct. **10 2:30PM 1903**" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel, **U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with gothic** "R" (FX-SH1a) with "2712" handstamped number, additional "13442" handstamp and "*3390*" manuscript registry numbers, backstamped Seattle (Nov. 1, 1903), New York (Nov. 6) and Buenos Aires (date unreadable), light horizontal fold in cover at bottom clear of label, vertical fold between 1c stamps and slightly affecting label

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR MIXED BUREAU ISSUE COMBINATION ON A REGISTERED COVER TO ARGENTINA WITH THE SCARCE BLUE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI REGISTRY OVAL DATESTAMP AND REGISTRATION LABEL.

With 1987 Diena certificate. Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (20 recorded).



LOT 234 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

4c Brown (303). Two, used with 2c Carmine (301), tied by "Shanghai, China, U.S. Post. Agcy. Mar. 21 5PM 1904" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel, U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1a) with "6520" handstamped number, additional "21150" registry number handstamp on gray cover to Milton Bradley Co., Springfield Mass., M. W. Jewell return address, purple "Registered/Mar. 19, 1904/U.S. Postal Agency,/Shanghai, China" four-line registry datestamp on back, San Francisco (Apr. 18, 1904) and Springfield (Apr. 24) receiving backstamps, 2c short faint crease at right, Very Fine, ex Drucker, Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (20 recorded)



LOT 235 ESTIMATE \$300-400

4c Brown (303). Two, used with 2c Carmine (301), all have straight edge, tied by greenish blue "U.S. Postal Agency-Reg. Div. Shanghai-China Oct. 29, 1903" double-oval datestamp and "Shanghai, China, U.S. Post. Agcy. Nov. 3 3PM 1903" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on front only to London, Paris and American Bank, San Francisco, printed return address of "Mooser" at American Consulate, Shanghai, U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1a) with "3214" handstamped number, additional "439050" registry number handstamp, vertical fold clear of stamps and label, Fine appearance, ex Canman and Bilden, Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (20 recorded)



LOT 236 ESTIMATE \$500-750

4c Brown (303). Block of four and four others (pair with straight edge) used with **3c Purple (268),** used in period when 2c domestic rate applied to mail between Shanghai and U.S., tied by odd-shaped handstamped cancels, blue "U.S. Postal Agency-Reg. Div. Shanghai-China Sep. 4, 1903" double-oval datestamp on front only with printed address to Tata & Co., New York City, sender's manuscript note "Wool Sample" and ship-directive to S.S. Doric, U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1a) with "1957" handstamped number, additional "70969" registry number handstamp, San Francisco (Sep. 29, 1903) and part of New York oval receiving datestamps, block and one single have faults from placement over top edge, still Fine appearance and exhibit-worthy, Scott value for label \$2,000.00 (20 recorded)

U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAL FOUR-LINE DATESTAMPS

Extraordinarily rare registered U.S. postal card from U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai with a beautiful four-color 1902 Issue franking



LOT 237 ESTIMATE \$2.000-3.000

5c Blue (304). Used in four-color combination with 1c Blue Green (300), 2c Carmine, Type I (319) and 4c Brown (303), 2c and 5c with straight edge, tied by "Shanghai, China, U.S. Post. Agcy. Sep. 28 5PM [190]8" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on registered 1c Black, McKinley Postal Card (UX18) to Sonderburg, Germany, sender's route directive via Siberia, purple "Registered/Sep. 28, 1908/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp (mixed upper/lower case), German red and black registry label with manuscript "732" number, a few toned spots around perfs

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE REGISTERED POSTAL CARD USE FROM THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI TO GERMANY.

The absence of U.S. transit markings indicates this was sent by registered mail to Germany outside the San Francisco-New York route. Registered postal cards from the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai are exceedingly scarce. The message in German mentions the "Amerikan Post Office."



LOT 238 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$200-300

2c Carmine (301). Strip of three and two singles, tied by target cancels, purple "Registered/Nov. 11, 1905/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp on small cover to Topeka Kans., handstamped and manuscript registry numbers (no label), San Francisco (Dec. 5, 1905) and Topeka (Dec. 10) receiving backstamps, Very Fine



LOT 239 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$500-750

5c Blue (304). Vertical pair, tied by purple "Registered/Mar. 17, 1905/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, second strike at lower left on registered cover with red and black "The Shanghai Dispensary" corner card to Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick N.J., "16298" and "9509" registry number handstamps, Seattle (Apr. 11, 1905) and New Brunswick (Apr. 17) receiving backstamps, opening slit along right, small circular adhesive spots at bottom and paper clip rust spot at left, still Very Fine, scarce advertising cover and attractive registered use from Shanghai, ex Brett



LOT 240 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$500-750

5c Blue (304). Horizontal pair, tied by target cancel, purple "Received/Jan. 8, 1906/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp—erroneous use of "Received" handstamp instead of "Registered"—on registered cover to Chicago with International Cycle Co. advertisement with illustration of Smith Premier Typewriter, another illustration of bicycle on back, "68227" and "8247" registry number handstamps, San Francisco (Feb. 1, 1906) and Chicago (Feb. 5) receiving backstamps, Extremely Fine, scarce advertising cover and attractive registered use from Shanghai, ex Karlen and Landau



LOT 241 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

5c Blue (304). Vertical pair with straight edge, tied by target cancel, dark purple "Registered/Jul. 6 [no year]/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp—clearly struck with year omitted—on registered cover to Chicago with Lux Lighting Agency advertisement with illustration of gas lamp, "6304" and "9208" registry number handstamps, San Francisco (Aug. 3, 1906) and Chicago (Aug. 6-7) receiving backstamps, bottom stamp with scuff, otherwise Very Fine, scarce advertising cover from Shanghai, ex Landau



LOT 242 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

5c Blue (304). Two, used with **2c Carmine, Type I (319),** tied by purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp, matching "Registered/Dec. 15, 1908/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp (mixed upper/lower case) on buff cover to San Francisco from Marine Engineers Institute, manuscript "7904" and handstamped "7510" registry numbers, San Francisco (Jan. 9, 1909) receiving backstamp, 5c one pulled perf, Very Fine, ex Landau



LOT 243 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

6c Claret (305). Used with two 2c Carmine, Type I (319), tied by purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp, matching "Registered/Feb. 4, 1909/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp (mixed upper/lower case) on buff "Post Office Department, U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Official Business" imprint cover with line drawn through "Official Business" and overstruck by purple "Homer H. Wong, Shanghai, China" double-oval handstamp obviously made by the same manufacturer of the Shanghai oval, addressed to Manhattan Stamp Co., New York City, manuscript "1149" and handstamped "52822" registry numbers, New York (Mar. 9) receiving backstamps, Very Fine, Homer H. Wong was an employee of the U.S. Postal Agency and later became chief of the Postal Communications Dept., ex Mizuhara



LOT 244 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

6c Claret (305). Imprint selvage at bottom, used with **4c Brown (303)**, tied by purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp, matching **"Registered/Apr. 7, 1908/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China"** four-line datestamp (mixed upper/lower case) on greenish Oriental C. and T. Co. corner card cover to Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick N.J., manuscript "2860" and handstamped "51783" registry numbers, Chicago (May 3, 1908) and New Brunswick (May 5) receiving backstamps, two small cover scuffs at bottom, Very Fine



LOT 245 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

6c Claret (305). Used with two 2c Carmine, Type I (319), tied by light strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp, "Registered/Jul. 12, 1907/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp with "Registered" in serif type on cover from Rev. E. H. Thomson to Grace Thomson care of Church Missions House, New York City, handstamped and manuscript registry numbers, San Francisco and New York (Aug. 11-12) receiving backstamps, forwarded to Old Lyme Conn. with purple "FORWARDED/N.Y. REG. DIV." two-line handstamp which ties one stamp, Old Lyme (Aug. 16) receiving backstamp, one 2c stamp small fault, few light toned spots and small piece out of backflap, otherwise Fine, this type of U.S.P.A. Shanghai registry datestamp with "Registered" in serif type is very rare—the Mizuhara collection described another example as the only one recorded—ex Drucker



LOT 246 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

10c Pale Red Brown (307). Tied by purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp, matching "Registered/Dec. 15, 1908/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" fourline datestamp (mixed upper/lower case) on greenish Y. G. Pearl return address cover to Guadalajara, Mexico, manuscript and handstamped registry numbers, red exchange office registry label with "EL PASO, TEX." handstamp (Scott FX-EP2a), San Francisco and El Paso (Jan. 13, 1909) receiving backstamps, lightly struck Mexican backstamp, slightly reduced at left

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EL PASO, TEXAS, HANDSTAMPED REGISTRY LABEL USED ON A COVER FROM THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI TO MEXICO.

The El Paso handstamped utility label is very rare and should not be confused with more common label with the printed office name.

Ex Drucker and Meroni. Scott value for label \$600.00 (5 recorded).



LOT 247 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

10c Pale Red Brown (307). Used with 2c Carmine, Type I (319), double 2c rate and 8c registry fee, tied by bold black "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp, matching "CASH ORDER" straightline handstamp, purple "Registered/May 2, 1907/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp on cover from Chinson Young to New England Stamp Co., Boston, manuscript and handstamped registry numbers, Chicago (Jun. 22, 1907) receiving backstamp, Very Fine, ex Mizuhara



LOT 248 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

10c Pale Red Brown (307). Superb centering, used with 2c Carmine, Type I (319), double 2c rate and 8c registry fee, each stamp tied by dark purple "Registered/Oct. 17, 1904/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, third strike at lower left on greenish "Consular Service, U.S.A." imprint cover with manuscript "Shanghai, China", to W. C. Phillips, Glastonbury Conn., "12070" and "29010" handstamped registry numbers, San Francisco (Nov. 11, 1904) receiving backstamp, Very Fine, ex Mizuhara



LOT 249 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

10c Pale Red Brown (307). With huge right sheet selvage, tied by clear strike of purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp, matching "Registered/Aug. 17, 1909/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp (mixed upper/lower case) on cover to Kuy-Scheerer Co., New York City, Van Der Loo & Co. return address on flap, manuscript and handstamped registry numbers, New York (Sep. 11, 1909) receiving backstamps, Very Fine



LOT 250 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$300-400

10c Pale Red Brown (307). Tied by perfect strike of purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp, matching "Registered/Sep. 23, 1908/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp (mixed upper/lower case) on Astor House Hotel corner card cover to Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick N.J., manuscript and handstamped registry numbers, San Francisco (Oct. 17, 1908) and New Brunswick (Oct. 23) receiving backstamps, Very Fine



LOT 251 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

10c Pale Red Brown (307). Tied by purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp, matching "Registered/May 19, 1908/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" fourline datestamp (mixed upper/lower case) on Dr. D. Jayne & Son corner card cover to Seabury & Johnson, New York City, manuscript and handstamped registry numbers, San Francisco (Jun. 13, 1908) and New York (Jun. 18) receiving backstamps, folded in both directions, otherwise Very Fine, Dr. Jayne was a prominent American patent medicine manufacturer, this corner card from the firm's Shanghai office is scarce



LOT 252 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

10c Pale Red Brown (307). Tied by clearly struck "Registered/Sep. 10, 1904/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, second strike at left on greenish blue "U.S. Postage Agency, Shanghai, China" imprint cover with "H. H. Wong" written above imprint, to Scott Stamp & Coin Co., New York City, "52687" and "17972" handstamped registry numbers, San Francisco (Oct. 10, 1904) and New York (Oct. 15, 17) receiving backstamps, intact Consulate General red wax seal, Very Fine, Homer H. Wong was an employee of the U.S. Postal Agency and later became chief of the Postal Communications Dept.

An extraordinary mixed franking with Chinese Imperial Post Issues and United States 1902-03 Issue and Postage Due stamps



LOT 253 ESTIMATE \$3,000-4,000

10c Pale Red Brown (307). Vertical pair, straight edge at top, used with single and pair of 2c Carmine, Type I (319), straight edges, tied by purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamps, used with pairs of China 1900 1c Ocher (11) and 1905 5c Violet (127), and three pairs of 1908 10c Ultramarine (129), tied by Tientsin circular datestamps on large part of registered wrapper to Carl Grubnau, Philadelphia, printed "Sample Sheep's Wool Without Value" across wrapper, purple "Registered/Aug. 31, 1909/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" fourline datestamp (mixed upper/lower case), handstamped registry numbers, part of registration form at top, U.S. 5c Deep Claret, Postage Due (J41) at left with New York oval cancel (not tied, another due stamp might be missing), folds and wear, minor stamp faults

FINE. A SPECTACULAR UNITED STATES AND CHINA MIXED FRANKING REGISTERED USAGE FROM TIENTSIN TO PHILADELPHIA VIA THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI.

The U.S. Postage Due stamp was probably required for customs duty, since there are no markings indicating short payment of the U.S. postage.



LOT 254 ESTIMATE \$1,000-1,500

10c Pale Red Brown (307). Horizontal pair, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp, used with China 1905 5c Violet (127) and vertical strip of four and single of 1908 10c Ultramarine (129), tied by Kuliang circular datestamps on large part of registered wrapper from S. C. Baker in Foochow to Lucina Perkins, Alfred Me., Kuliang registry handstamp, purple "Registered/Aug. 31, 1909/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp (mixed upper/lower case) partly overstruck by Chicago "Passed Free of Duty" customs office handstamp, manuscript and handstamped registry numbers, minor edgewear, Fine and colorful combination usage, ex Drucker



LOT 255 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

13c Purple Black (308). Tied by target cancel, used with China 1900 20c Red Brown (117), tied by bold "Chinkiang 4 Jan 06" circular datestamp on registered cover to Alfred Berdoz, postmaster of Moudon, Switzerland, sender's directive "Send through American Post office Shanghai", "R/Chinkiang/No." framed registry handstamp with manuscript "19", purple "Registered/Jan. 8, 1906/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, manuscript "24607" and handstamped "8215" registry numbers, New York exchange office registry label, Shanghai (Jan. 8?), San Francisco (Feb. 1), New York (Feb. 6) and Moudon (Feb. 14) receiving backstamps, few light toned spots, short sealed cover tear at right

VERY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING UNITED STATES AND CHINA MIXED-FRANKING REGISTERED COVER FROM CHINKIANG TO SWITZERLAND VIA THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY.

Ex Drucker.





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- 2c Carmine, Type I (319). Two vertical pairs and single, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp and purple "Registered/Dec. 22, 1906/U.S. Postal Agency,/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp on cover to Mrs. Ladislao Dayprit, Pampanga, Philippines, Alhambra Gardens return card on flap, Manila purple registry handstamp with number, Manila (Dec. 31, 1906) and Pampanga (Dec. 31) receiving backstamps, some creasing and edge tears, Fine, very scarce registered cover from U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai to the Philippines, ex Drucker.................. EST. \$400-500

U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI BOXED REGISTERED MAIL HANDSTAMPS

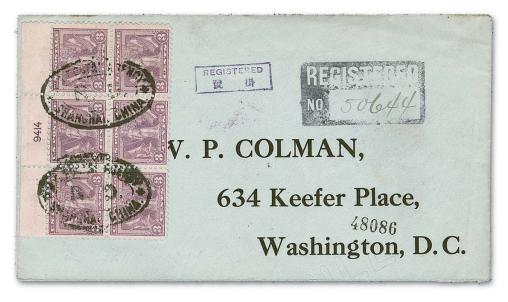


- 260 ₪ 12c Brown Carmine (512a). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp on Asia Banking Corporation corner card cover to State Bank, New York City, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered, Aug. 19, 1922" double-circle datestamp on back, large framed "Registered/No." handstamp with manuscript "34159" number, New York (Sep. 18, 1922) receiving backstamps, purple "Inca/Stamp Ex." two-line handstamp, slight crease at top center, Very Fine, ex Drucker...
- 1c Green, Booklet Pane of Six (498e). Pane with top selvage tab and plate no. 8945, used with 1c Green, Imperforate (383) and guideline pair of 2c Carmine, Type I, Coil (411), all tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp on bluish cover with printed address to W. P. Colman, Washington D.C., Y.M.C.A. sender's backstamp, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Jan. 9, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, purple "Registered" with Chinese characters in framed handstamp, black "Registered/No." negative box handstamp with manuscript "50642" number, additional "48085" registry number handstamp, Chicago (Feb. 16, 1920) and Washington D.C. (Feb. 17) receiving backstamps, Very Fine, philatelically inspired but that is the only way a No. 498e booklet pane with plate number and No. 411 line pair would ever be used from Shanghai................................... EST. \$300-400



LOT 262 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$300-400

3c Violet (537). Pair used with 10c Orange Yellow (510), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp on Government Institute of Technology corner card cover to Quaker Stamp Co., Toledo O., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Mar. 22, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, black "Registered/No." negative box handstamp with manuscript "57092" number, additional "32932" registry number handstamp, Chicago (Apr. 21, 1920) receiving backstamp with matching "Passed by U.S. Customs/Bureau, Chicago P.O./A.P.W. A.P.W." three-line handstamp and "Supposed liable to customs duty" straightline, Toledo (Apr. 22) receiving backstamp, Very Fine

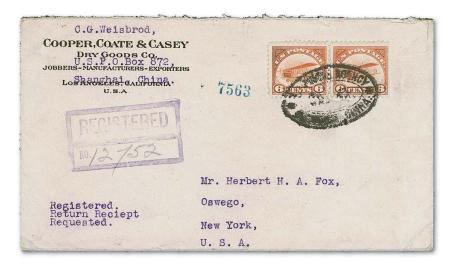


LOT 263 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$300-400

3c Violet (537). Top plate no. 9414 block of six cancelled by two strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp on bluish cover with printed address to W. P. Colman, Washington D.C., Y.M.C.A. sender's backstamp, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Jan. 9, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, purple "Registered" with Chinese characters in framed handstamp, black "Registered/No." negative box handstamp with manuscript "50644" number, additional "48086" registry number handstamp, Chicago (Feb. 16, 1920) and Washington D.C. (Feb. 17) receiving backstamps, Very Fine, philatelically inspired but that is the only way a 3c Victory plate number block would ever be used from Shanghai

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES

UNITED STATES 1918 AIR POST ISSUE USED FROM CHINA



LOT 264 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$500-750

6c Orange, 1918 Air Post (C1). Horizontal pair with straight edge, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp on Cooper Coate & Casey (Los Angeles) corner card cover with sender's name and return address in Shanghai added, addressed to Herbert H. A. Fox, Oswego N.Y., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Dec. 13, 1919" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." framed handstamp with manuscript "12752" number, additional "7563" registry number handstamp, Chicago (Jan. 22, 1922) and Oswego (Jan. 24) receiving backstamps, Very Fine, two 6c 1918 Air Post stamps paid the 2c rate and 10c registry fee, very rare use of this issue from Shanghai



LOT 265 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

16c Green, 1918 Air Post (C2). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval registry handstamp on cover from Theodore Siddall to Paul Siddall, New York City, Arnhold Brothers & Co. return card on flap, magenta "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Dec. 30, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative box handstamp with manuscript "66502" number, additional "65085" registry number handstamp, purple "Supposed Liable to/United(o)States/Customs Duties" framed handstamp, New York (Feb. 1, 1921) receiving backstamp, light edge wrinkles and soiling, Very Fine, 16c 1918 Air Post stamp paid triple 2c rate and 10c registry fee, very rare use of this issue from Shanghai

UNITED STATES REGISTRATION FEE STAMP USED FROM CHINA

The 10c Registration stamp was discontinued as of May 28, 1913, but supplies still on hand were permitted to be used. This issue is scarce used from the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai.



LOT 266 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

10c Ultramarine, Registration (F1). Used with pair of 1c Green (405), tied by two bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick N.J., Mactavish & Lehmann return card on flap, purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Feb. 6, 1915" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "1552" number, additional "10611" handstamped registry number, Chicago (Mar. 13, 1915) and New Brunswick (Mar. 15) receiving backstamps, "First Notice/Mar. 15 1915" two-line handstamp on back, Very Fine



LOT 267 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$400-500

10c Ultramarine, Registration (F1). Used with block of 1c Green (374), 10c on front and block on back, tied by clear strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on British-American Tobacco Co. corner card cover to H. W. Doscher, San Francisco, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Sep. 12, 1919" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "1744" number, additional purple "Registered" straightline handstamp and "30217" number, San Francisco (Sep. 29, 1919) receiving backstamp, Very Fine



- 10c Ultramarine, Registration (F1). Used with 2c Rose Red, Type I (425), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on The Anglo-Chinese Dispensary corner card cover to Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick N.J., purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Jun. 3, 1915" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "7662" number, additional "0157" handstamped registry number, Chicago (Jul. 2, 1915) and New Brunswick (Jul. 5) receiving backstamps, "First Notice/Jul. 5 1915" two-line handstamp on back, two-inch sealed opening tear at right, horizontal fold at bottom, otherwise Fine, ex Canman EST. \$400-500
- 270 ⋈ 10c Ultramarine, Registration (F1). Used with 2c Carmine (406), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover from A. Popovich to Mirasol Kennels, Pasadena Cal., purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Feb. 1, 1914" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "734" number, additional "18213" handstamped registry number, Seattle (Feb. 27, 1914) and Pasadena (Mar. 2) receiving backstamps, Very Fine



- 271 ⋈ 10c Ultramarine, Registration (F1). Used with 2c Carmine (406), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to Clara Bull, Moses Taylor's Hospital, Scranton Pa., Astor House return card on flap, purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Apr. 14, 1914" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "2718" number, additional "2890" handstamped registry number, Chicago (May 11, 1914) and Scranton (May 13) receiving backstamps, minor flap faults and opening tears at top, lightly soiled, still Fine ...
- 272 ☑ 10c Ultramarine, Registration (F1). Used with 2c Carmine (406), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on brown cover to Franklin Cooper, New York City, with China Philatelic Supply Co. and China General Supply Co. advertisement on back, purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Feb. 24, 1915" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "2297" number, additional "69137" handstamped registry number, New York (Mar. 26, 1915) receiving backstamps, Very Fine EST. \$400-500
- 273 ₪ 10c Ultramarine, Registration (F1). Used with 2c Carmine (406), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover from A. K. Henning to F. V. F. Baker, San Francisco, forwarded to Oakland, indistinct strikes of purple Shanghai Aug. 8, 1912 double-circle registry datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "1254" number, additional magenta "Registered" straightline handstamp, manuscript and handstamped registry numbers, San Francisco (Sep. 4-5, 1912) and Oakland (Sep. 5) receiving backstamps, toned spots, tape stain at bottom right corner where tear is sealed, otherwise Fine EST. \$200-300



LOT 274 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

10c Ultramarine, Registration (F1). Used with vertical pair 1c Carmine Rose, Parcel Post (Q1), both tied by beautifully clear strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on registered cover to Syracuse, New York, purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Jan. 15, 1914" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "339" number, additional "2724" handstamped number, Chicago (Feb. 13) and Syracuse (Feb. 14) receiving backstamps, addressee's name erased, otherwise Very Fine, a beautiful use of the 10c Registration stamp with a pair of the 1c Parcel Post issue from Shanghai



LOT 275 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$300-400

10c Ultramarine, Registration (F1). Used with 2c Carmine Rose, Parcel Post (Q2), both tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on large Banque Sino-Belge corner card cover to New York City, purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Feb. 7, 1914" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "864" number, additional "4814" handstamped number, New York (Mar. 3-4) receiving backstamps, cover tears including one through the Parcel Post stamp, opened for display, otherwise Fine, ex Mizuhara

UNITED STATES PARCEL POST ISSUE USED FROM CHINA

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- 276 ₪ 1c Carmine Rose, Parcel Post (Q1). Two singles, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Apr. 3 5PM 1914" duplex datestamp and oval grid on gray cover to Philadelphia Pa., S.F. Hudson Hyiu return corner card, left stamp straight edge at left and right stamp minor corner crease, still Very Fine use from Shanghai...... EST. \$300-400
- 277 ⋈ 1c Carmine Rose, Parcel Post (Q1). Horizontal pair, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Apr. 16 4PM 1914" duplex datestamp and oval grid on light blue cover to Lexington Ave. address in New York City, fresh and Very Fine use from Shanghai EST. \$300-400



- 280 ⋈ 2c Carmine Rose, Parcel Post (Q2). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Feb. 24 5PM 1914" duplex datestamp and oval grid on cover to West 56th Street address in New York City, unusual large circular watermark at top left including "Paper", missing backflap and tiny toned spot at top left not affecting stamp, Fine EST. \$200-300
- 10c Carmine Rose, Parcel Post (Q6). Two singles, natural straight edge at bottom, used with two 4c Carmine Rose, Parcel Post (Q4) and 10c Ultramarine, Registration (F1), tied by three strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on wrapper to West 4th Street address in New York City, reduced at left slightly into address, gum stains around stamps which have small faults, one 10c defective, otherwise Fine, the Registration stamp was abolished as of May 28, 1913, but supplies still on hand were permitted to be used, this is a very scarce combination of the 10c Parcel Post and Registration stamp used from Shanghai................................... EST. \$400-500

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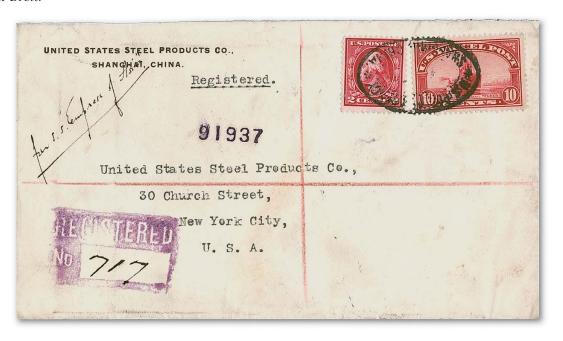


LOT 282
ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

10c Parcel Post (Q6). Used with vertical strip of four of 1c Green (374), tied on back of cover by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp, addressed to New Brunswick N.J., with Shanghai Dispensary corner card and red cross, purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "7147" number, purple "Suspected, Liable to Customs Duties" two-line handstamp and with customs label, various backstamps including Chicago and receiving and also purple "No Charge" handstamp, trivial wear

VERY FINE APPEARING AND RARE USE OF THE 10-CENT PARCEL POST ISSUE ON A MEDICAL CORNER CARD COVER FROM THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI.

Ex Brett.



LOT 283 ⊠ ESTIMATE \$750-1,000

10c Parcel Post (Q6). Used with 2c Carmine (406), tied by bold "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to United States Steel Products Co. on Church Street in New York City, Shanghai office corner card from the same company and manuscript "for S.S. Empress of Asia" ship directive, perfect strike of purple "Shanghai, China (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Jul. 30, 1914" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "717" number, additional "91937" registry handstamp, receiving backstamps, Very Fine, a scarce and choice 10c Parcel Post use from Shanghai, ex Drucker and Bilden

UNITED STATES PARCEL POST ISSUE USED FROM CHINA

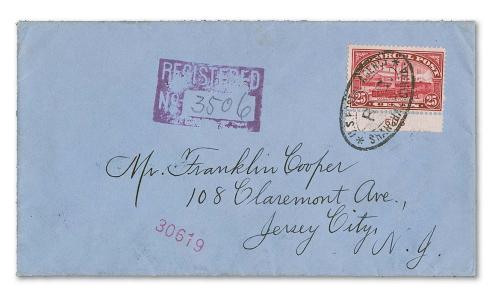


LOT 284 ⊠ ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

20c Carmine Rose, Parcel Post (Q8). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Jun. 2 10AM 1916" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to Percy G. Doane, Tribune Building, New York City, immaculate condition

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE 20-CENT PARCEL POST ISSUE ON A COVER FROM THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI.

This is the only 20c Parcel Post cover from China listed in Power Search. Probably ex Tows (lot 114 with 15c and 25c). Ex Canman and Bilden.



LOT 285 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

25c Parcel Post (Q9). Bottom sheet margin with **plate no. 6173**, tied by clear strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on blue cover from the American Consulate General to Franklin Cooper, Jersey City N.J., purple "Shanghai, China. (U.S. Postal Agency) Registered Aug. 31, 1916" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "3506" number, additional "30619" handstamped number, Chicago (Oct. 3) and Jersey City (Oct. 4) receiving backstamps

VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE 25-CENT PARCEL POST ISSUE FROM THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI.

This is the only 25c Parcel Post cover from China listed in Power Search. Probably ex Tows (lot 114 with 15c and 20c). Ex "Lake Shore".

The only recorded cover with the 75c Parcel Post stamp used from the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai



LOT 286 ⊠ ESTIMATE \$4,000-5,000

75c Carmine Rose, Parcel Post (Q11). Tied by clear strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Jun. 2 10AM 1916" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on small cover to Franklin Cooper, Jersey City N.J., purple **Special Delivery** handstamp dated July 1 along with "Fee Claimed by Office/ of First Address." handstamp, receiving backstamp

VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED COVER WITH THE 75-CENT PARCEL POST ISSUE USED FROM THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI.

The 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Parcel Post stamps were used on separate covers postmarked at the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai on June 2, 1916 (10:00 a.m.). All three were offered in the 1949 sale of the Tows collection (lots 115-117). To the best of our recollection and confirmed by Power Search, these are the only covers with these Parcel Post values we have seen or offered.

Ex Tows. With 2008 P.F. certificate.

The only recorded cover with the \$1.00 Parcel Post stamp used from the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai



LOT 287

ESTIMATE \$4,000-5,000

\$1.00 Parcel Post (Q12). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Jun. 2 10AM 1916" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to F. T. Kellers, Jersey City N.J., purple Special Delivery handstamp dated July 1 along with "Fee Claimed by Office/ of First Address." handstamp, receiving backstamp, missing top flap

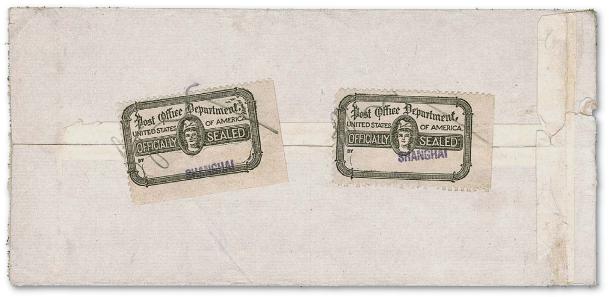
VERY FINE. THE ONLY RECORDED COVER WITH THE \$1.00 PARCEL POST ISSUE USED FROM THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI.

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Ex Tows, Fisher and "Lake Shore".

U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI HANDSTAMPED OFFICIAL SEAL





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LOT 288 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K1). Two, tied by light strike of "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, ?, 1919" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to Woonsocket R.I., back of cover with two of Post Office Department Official Seal (OX18) with small purple "SHANGHAI" handstamps, few edge tears at left, one K1 stamp small corner crease, neither minor condition factor mentioned on accompanying certificate

VERY FINE AND RARE USE OF THE OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE WITH THE 1917 OFFICIAL SEAL ISSUE, APPLIED AND HANDSTAMPED IN SHANGHAI. THIS IS THE ONLY SUCH USE WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED.

Ex Drucker. With 1987 P.F. certificate.

	REGISTRY RETURN RECEIPT sent 9 Mmarch , 1895.
	Reg. No. 127 from Post Office at Shanshai China
	*Reg. Letter \ Addressed to I he Mard leadings Co.
1.	Cora Fint and Church St. Ohio
1	After obtaining receipt below, the Postmaster will mail this Card, without cover and without postage, to address on the other side.
	RECEIVED THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REGISTERED *LETTER. PARCEL.
	Sign on dotted lines to the right.
	When delivery is made to other than addressee, the name of both addressee and recipient must appear.
	*Erase letter or parcel according to which is sent.

LOT 289

■ ESTIMATE \$500-750

U.S. P.O.D. Registry Return Receipt cards to Foochow, China. Three pink cards for letters addressed to William Hinson, U.S. Consulate, including: 1) "Newark Ohio Apr. 9 1895" origination circular datestamp, "Tacoma Wash. Apr. 14" transit and "Foochowfoo My. 30 95" arrival datestamp; 2) "Union Springs Ala. Jan. 30 1896" origination circular datestamp with "San Francisco Cal F.D. Feb. 4 1896" circular datestamp and "Hong Kong Mr. 24 96" transit, "Foochowfoo Mr. 29 96" arrival datestamp; 3) "San Francisco Cal. May 7 95" origination circular datestamp, addressed to Foochow, but directed to be routed via Shanghai P.O., with "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Rec'd Ju. 6 95" and "Shanghae Ju 10 95" British P.O. circular datestamp, but no Foochow arrival, Very Fine trio



LOT 290 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

15c Olive Green (309). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on Philippines, 2c Green on Oriental Buff entire (U32) and used with Philippines 20c Deep Ultramarine, Special Delivery (E3), addressed to Corregidor, Philippines, Theodore Siddall, Manila corner card overprinted "Shanghai, China", two-line "Registered/ Return Receipt Requested" ties 20c stamp, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Nov. 21, 1917" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "9339" number, Manila Dec. 14 receiving backstamp, Very Fine and extremely rare if not unique combination, during this period Philippines stamps were valid from other U.S. possessions if used to the Philippines, ex Bilden

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U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI CIRCULAR HANDSTAMP



LOT 291 ESTIMATE \$4,000-5,000

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, manuscript "Collection Americame 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 A SHANGHAI KILLER CANCELLATION THAT IS NOT KNOWN USED ON ANY MAIL.

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.

Ex Drucker.

1913-1914 UNOFFICIAL DARRAH OVERPRINTS

According to philatelic lore, John M. Darrah, the U.S. postmaster in China in 1913, colluded with some stamp collectors and overprinted one sheet each of the stamps in stock at the agency (we doubt this applies to the printed varieties). As this was unauthorized, Darrah was ordered by Washington not to sell them. He complied with the order, but some had already reached collectors.



292 ★ 1902, 1908-14, 1894 Postage Due Issues, Darrah Type II Overprint (308 var/J39 var). 12 unused stamps, including No. 308, 1c-50c Washington-Franklins, F1 and J39, original gum, a number with h.r., margins to close with several stamps nicely centered, few small faults including 6c slightly oxidized, 13c and F1 with small thin spot

OVERALL FINE-VERY FINE SET OF DARRAH TYPE II OVERPRINTS.

(Photo Ex/Website PDF)

EST. \$2,000-3,000

293 ★ 1902, 1908-14, 1894 Postage Due Issues, Darrah Type II Overprint (308 var/J39 var). 12 unused stamps, including No. 308, 1c-50c Washington-Franklins, F1 and J39, original gum, h.r., margins to close, a couple small faults but overall good condition

FINE AND SCARCE SET OF DARRAH TYPE II OVERPRINTS. **(Photo Ex/Website PDF)** EST. \$2,000-3,000



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10c Ultramarine, Special Delivery, Darrah Type III Overprint (E8 var). Deep rich color, neat strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Rec'd, Dec. 9, 1913" circular datestamp, light corner crease at top right, appears Very Fine, ex Drucker..... EST. \$500-750

Complete sets of the Darrah Type III "SHANGHAI/CHINA" overprint on Parcel Post and Parcel Post Postage Due Issues







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LOT 295 ★ ESTIMATE \$5,000-7,500

1c-25c Parcel Post, 1c-25c Parcel Post Postage Due, Darrah Type III Overprint (Q1-Q9 var, JQ1-JQ5 var). Three different sets of stamps, including the nine known Parcel Post values with both versions of the 1c (one with blue overprint inverted), plus the Parcel Post Postage Dues set with both red and black Type III overprints, original gum, nearly all with h.r and some with tropicalized gum including the JQ red overprint set, bright and fresh colors throughout

FINE AND VERY RARE COMPLETE UNUSED SETS OF THE ONE-CENT TO 25-CENT PARCEL POST ISSUE AND THE PARCEL POST POSTAGE DUES WITH DARRAH TYPE III OVERPRINT.

According to philatelic lore, John M. Darrah, the U.S. postal agent in China in 1913, colluded with some stamp collectors and overprinted one sheet each of the stamps in stock at the agency (we doubt this applies to the printed varieties). As this was unauthorized, Darrah was ordered by Washington not to sell them. He complied with the order, but some had already reached collectors.

A Power Search review found two other complete unused sets of the Parcel Post issue but both were lacking the Parcel Post Postage Dues — which are very rare with probably fewer than five complete sets known. This is the first time we have offered all three sets together.

(Photo Ex/Website PDF)

A rare complete used set of the Parcel Post Issue with the Darrah Type III "SHANGHAI/CHINA" overprint



LOT 296 ESTIMATE \$3,000-4,000

1c-25c Parcel Post, Darrah Type III Overprint (Q1-Q9 var). Complete set of the nine known values including three 1c (one with the blue inverted overprint), each cancelled by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp, bright colors, several with small flaws, only the 10c and 25c with somewhat heavier faults

FINE APPEARING AND EXTREMELY RARE COMPLETE USED SET OF THE ONE-CENT THRU 25-CENT PARCEL POST ISSUE WITH DARRAH TYPE III OVERPRINT, CANCELLED BY THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY SHANGHAI OVAL.

Genuine uses of the Darrah Type III overprints are quite scarce and this complete set of Parcel Post stamps is very rare. In addition to the parcel wrapper offered in lot 298 (which is missing the 10c value) and the set offered in lot 297, we have offered one other complete set of the Parcel Post stamps (ex Drucker and "Whitpain") and a partial set — both of which had the U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai circular datestamp, rather than the oval cancels seen in this set.

Each with 2008 P.F. certificate.



297EX

LOT 297 ESTIMATE \$1,500-2,000

1c-25c Parcel Post, Darrah Type III Overprint (Q1-Q9 var). Complete set of the nine known values, 1c unused (no gum) and with inverted blue overprint, 3c unused (no gum), others are used including six with recognizable "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamps, couple with natural straight edge and a couple small flaws, Fine appearing and rare complete set, outside of this sale we have offered only one other in at least 30 years

(Photo Ex/Website PDF)

A remarkable wrapper with eight different Parcel Post values with Darrah Type III overprint



LOT 298 ESTIMATE \$7,500-10,000

1c-25c Parcel Post, Darrah Type III Overprint (Q1-Q5, Q7-Q9 var). Singles of each, 1c with inverted overprint in blue, tied by individual strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on a large piece of a package wrapper addressed to Mrs. Albert Hager in Salt Lake City Utah, magenta San Francisco customs oval and red registry numbers, return address with fancy lettering for U.S. Postal Agency, Nanking Road, Shanghai partly covered by stamps, several of which have natural straight edge

VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE USE OF PARCEL POST STAMPS WITH DARRAH TYPE III OVERPRINT ON A PACKAGE WRAPPER TO THE UNITED STATES.

According to philatelic lore, John M. Darrah, the U.S. postal agent in China in 1913, colluded with some stamp collectors and overprinted one sheet each of the stamps in stock at the agency (we doubt this applies to the printed varieties). As this was unauthorized, Darrah was ordered by Washington not to sell them. He complied with the order, but some had already reached collectors.

Albert R. Hager was an importer in Shanghai when this wrapper was addressed. A cover with his corner card, franked with a pair of 1c Parcel Post and addressed to Salt Lake City was in the "Lake Shore" collection (Sale 888, lot 207). Any genuine use of the Darrah Type III overprints on a cover or parcel wrapper is very rare, and this use has by far the most stamps with Darrah overprint.

Ex Stollnitz.

1913-1914 UNOFFICIAL DARRAH OVERPRINTS

One-cent Parcel Post with Inverted Darrah Overprint on locally addressed cover from the United States Postal Agency in Shanghai



LOT 299
ESTIMATE \$4,000-5,000

Ic Parcel Post, Darrah Type III Inverted Overprint (Q1 var). Natural straight edge at bottom, used with 1c Green (405), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China Sep. 3 6PM 1914" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to Professor Sheldon at the Government Institute of Technology in Shanghai, printed "Palace Hotel, Shanghai China" seal on flap, some minor cover creasing and small tear at top not affecting the stamps

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE ON-COVER EXAMPLE OF THE ONE-CENT PARCEL POST WITH INVERTED DARRAH OVERPRINT. VERY FEW ARE KNOWN.

We have offered only two other covers bearing the 1c Parcel Post with Darrah Type III inverted overprint since 1993 — one with a pair which is ex "Lake Shore" (Sale 888, lot 207) and one with a franking similar to this but mailed later, ex Drucker (Sale 855, lot 190).

1919-1922 U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI OVERPRINTS

1919-1922 U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI OVERPRINTS PLATE NUMBER BLOCKS



- 300 ★★⊞ 2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K1). Mint N.H. top plate no. 13220 block of six, well-centered particularly in top row, Very Fine-Extremely Fine, a premium quality plate block...... 600.00



- 304 ★★⊞ 2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K1). Mint N.H. left and right plate nos. 8431 and 13318 blocks of six, rich color, right plate block with natural gum bends in top row, Very Fine....

 (Photo Ex) 1,200.00
- 305 ★⊞ 2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K1). Top plate no. 13221 block of six, original gum, h.r. on side stamps and natural gum crease on right pair, outstanding centering, Extremely Fine
- 307 ★⊞ **2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K1).** Two original gum right plate no. blocks of six with consecutive plate numbers, first plate no. 13219, h.r. at center, four other stamps Mint N.H., choice centering, Extremely Fine, second plate no. 13220, top pair h.r., other four Mint N.H., deep rich color, Very Fine and choice, an attractive pair of plate blocks....(**Photo Ex**) 600.00



308 ★★⊞ 4c on 2c Rose, Offices in China (K2). Mint N.H. top plate no. F13567 block of six with wide selvage, brilliant color, well-centered, Very Fine-Extremely Fine, a beautiful top plate block. 600.00

309 ★★⊞ 4c on 2c Rose, Offices in China (K2). Mint N.H. right plate no. 13541 block of six, choice centering, bright color, fresh, Very Fine and choice 600.00



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310 ★★⊞ 4c on 2c Rose, Offices in China (K2). Mint N.H. left plate no. 13739 block of 16, bright color, nicely centered, Very Fine large format plate block, Scott value as plate block of six and ten singes 1,275.00

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- 312 ★⊞ 4c on 2c Rose, Offices in China (K2). Right plate no. 13440 block of six, exceptional centering throughout, deep rich color, Extremely Fine, a lovely plate block 300.00





315 ★⊞ 6c on 3c Violet, Offices in China (K3).

Top plate no. 8456 block of six, original

gum, two right stamps Mint N.H., exceptional centering, bright color,

EXTREMELY FINE PLATE BLOCK OF THE 6-CENT ON 3-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA.

This is a premium quality top plate block. Ex "Whitpain"................ 675.00



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317 ★★⊞ 8c on 4c Brown, Offices in China (K4).

Mint N.H. top plate no. 12552 block of six, glowing color, choice centering and margins

VERY FINE-EXTREMELY FINE MINT NEVER HINGED TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 8-CENT ON 4-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA.

This is a premium quality top plate block and scarce in Mint N.H. condition with such choice centering..... 1,150.00



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320 ★★⊞ 8c on 4c Brown, Offices in China (K4). Mint N.H. block of 16 with bottom selvage and plate no. 8494 at bottom left, narrow selvage, plate number part printed still identifiable, Fine-Very Fine, Scott value as singles (not a true plate block)...... 2,240.00



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322 ★⊞ 8c on 4c Brown, Offices in China (K4). Top plate no. F12549 block of six, original gum, lightly hinged, fresh and Very Fine....... 675.00



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- 324 ★★⊞ 10c on 5c Blue, Offices in China (K5). Mint N.H. left plate no. 9116 block of six, deep rich color, fresh and Fine, an attractive strobogrammatic plate number block................ 1,100.00

- 327 ★⊞ 10c on 5c Blue, Offices in China (K5). Left and right plate no. blocks of six with consecutive plate numbers, including right plate no. 13272, five stamps Mint N.H., one with narrow h.r. and backstamp, Very Fine, left plate no. 13273, h.r. on center stamps and three others Mint N.H., Very Fine(Photo Ex) 1,200.00





328 ★★⊞ 12c on 6c Red Orange, Offices in China (K6). Mint N.H. top plate no. F13375 block of six, brilliant color with some slight oxidation in framelines, outstanding centering and margins

EXTREMELY FINE MINT NEVER-HINGED TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 12-CENT ON 6-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA.

This issue is very elusive as a Mint N.H. top plate block. Apart from the examples offered in this sale we have offered only one other Mint N.H. top plate block since 2010. This well-centered example is a true rarity.

Ex "Whitpain". 1,500.00

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330 ★★⊞ 12c on 6c Red Orange, Offices in China (K6). Mint N.H. top plate no. 7837 block of six, bright color, outstanding centering and margins, stubborn oxidation at left and right, otherwise Very Fine-Extremely Fine, very elusive as a Mint N.H. top plate block—apart from the examples offered in this sale we have offered only one other Mint N.H. top plate block since 2010 1,500.00

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332 ★★⊞ 12c on 6c Red Orange, Offices in China (K6). Mint N.H. top plate no. 7822 block of six, attractive centering and margins, each stamp with gum skips and some oxidation, still Fine-Very Fine, a scarce Mint N.H. top plate block, with 1999

P.F. certificate 1,500.00



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334 ★★⊞ 12c on 6c Red Orange, Offices in China (K6). Mint N.H. bottom plate no. 7834 block of 16, decent centering including in the plate block of six, some oxidation, otherwise Fine-Very Fine, Scott value as plate block and ten singles 3,600.00



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336 ★⊞ 12c on 6c Red Orange, Offices in China (K6). Left and right plate no. blocks of six with consecutive plate numbers, including right plate no. 13374, h.r. touches four stamps, bottom pair Mint N.H., Very Fine, left plate no. 13375, middle pair h.r., others Mint N.H., some oxidation, otherwise Very Fine, Scott value as singles.......

.....(Photo Ex) 1,740.00

337 ★★⊞ 14c on 7c Black, Offices in China (K7). Mint N.H. top plate no. F12563 block of six, intense shade, attractive centering and margins

FINE-VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 14-CENT ON 7-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA.

Incredibly, the three examples offered in this sale (two tops and one side) are the **only Mint N.H. K7 plate blocks** we have offered since keeping computerized records 30 years ago...... 1,650.00



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338 ★★⊞ 14c on 7c Black, Offices in China (K7). Mint N.H. top plate no. F12564 block of six, intense shade

FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 14-CENT ON 7-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA.

Incredibly, the three examples offered in this sale (two tops and one side) are the **only Mint N.H. K7 plate blocks** we have offered since keeping computerized records 30 years ago...... 1,650.00

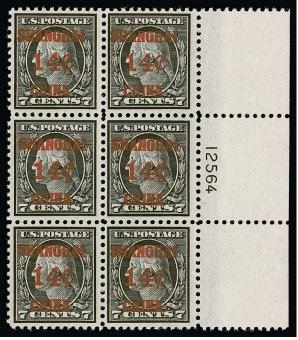




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341 ★⊞ 14c on 7c Black, Offices in China (K7). Bottom plate no. 12562 block of six, original gum, small h.r., intense shade and impression, Very Fine-Extremely Fine........................ 1,050.00

342 ★⊞ 14c on 7c Black, Offices in China (K7).
Right plate no. 12564 block of six, appears
Mint N.H. but pos. 3 with a tiny spot of gum
disturbance that would likely knock it out of
the Mint N.H. category on a certificate,
intense shade, well-centered, Very Fine and
choice, Scott value as hinged....... 1,050.00



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347 ★★⊞ 16c on 8c Olive Green, Offices in China (K8a). Mint N.H. bottom plate no. 7742 block of six, deep rich color, Fine 1,000.00



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350 ★★⊞ 18c on 9c Salmon Red, Offices in China (K9). Mint N.H. top plate no. 6918 block of six with wide selvage, radiant color, bottom right stamp tiny natural gum skip, Fine and attractive Mint N.H. top plate block 1,200.00



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349 ★⊞ 16c on 8c Olive Green, Offices in China (K8a). Two original gum bottom plate no. blocks of six, plate nos. 7734 and 7748, both with h.r. top center stamp and several Mint N.H. stamps, fresh and Fine-Very Fine pair of bottom plate blocks(Photo Ex) 1,150.00



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35 ★★⊞ 18c on 9c Salmon Red, Offices in China (K9). Mint N.H. top plate no. F11774 block of six, bright color, attractive centering, Fine-Very Fine...... 1,200.00

352 ★★⊞ 18c on 9c Salmon Red, Offices in China (K9). Mint N.H. bottom plate no. 11774 block of six, warm color, fresh and Fine........................ 1,200.00



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- 357 ★⊞ 18c on 9c Salmon Red, Offices in China (K9). Left and right plate no. blocks of six, left plate no. 6925, original gum, small h.r. top right stamp, others Mint N.H., Fine-Very Fine, right plate no. 6922, original gum, center stamps lightly hinged, other four Mint N.H., Fine(Photo Ex) 1,400.00



358 ★★⊞ 20c on 10c Orange Yellow, Offices in China (K10). Mint N.H. top plate no. F13403 block of six, deep rich color, well-centered, light crease at top of selvage at left

VERY FINE AND CHOICE MINT NEVER-HINGED TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 20-CENT ON 10-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA.



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359 ★★⊞ 20c on 10c Orange Yellow, Offices in China (K10). Mint N.H. bottom plate no. 8436 block of six, glowing color, outstanding centering and margins

EXTREMELY FINE MINT NEVER-HINGED BOTTOM PLATE BLOCK OF THE 20-CENT ON 10-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA.

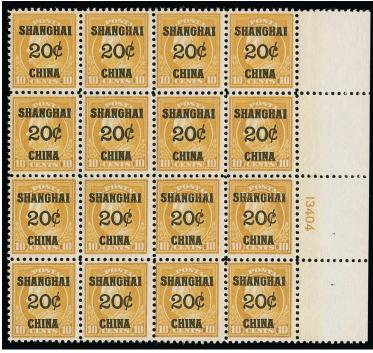


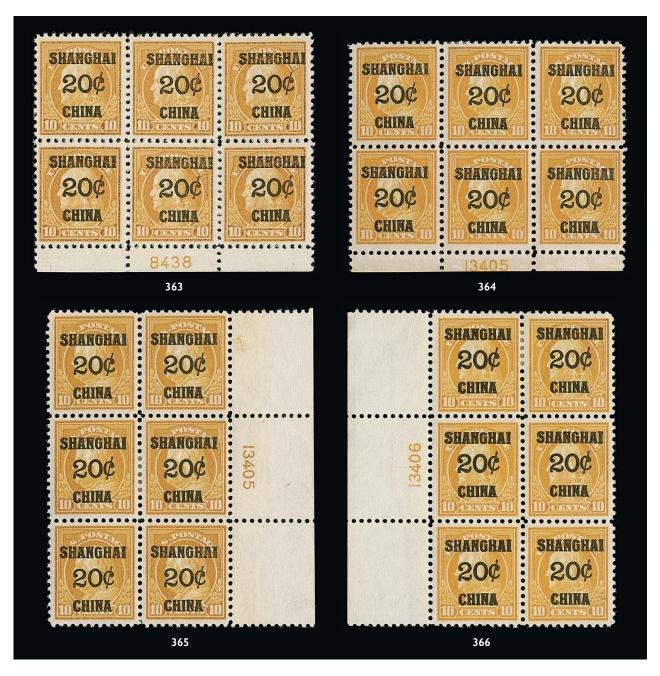
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360 ★★⊞ 20c on 10c Orange Yellow, Offices in China (K10). Mint N.H. right plate no. 13403 block of six, brilliant color, excellent centering, Extremely Fine, fresh and unusually choice in every 361 ★★⊞ 20c on 10c Orange Yellow, Offices in China (K10). Mint N.H. right plate no. 8437 block of six, rich color, Fine-Very

362 ★★⊞ 20c on 10c Orange Yellow, Offices in China (K10). Mint N.H. right plate no. 13404 block of 16, intense color, many stamps with attractive centering, Fine-Very Fine, Scott value as plate block of six and ten singles..... 2,700.00







- 370 ★⊞ 24c on 12c Brown Carmine, Offices in China (K11). Left and right plate no. blocks of six, left plate no. 6931, original gum, top left stamp h.r., other five Mint N.H., fresh and Fine-Very Fine, right plate no. 6934, original gum, slightly darker shade than the left plate block, Fine(Photo Ex) 2,000.00



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37 ★★⊞ 24c on 12c Claret Brown, Offices in China (K11a). Mint N.H. left plate no. 10622 block of 16, intense shade in the distinctive Claret Brown, mix of centering as expected with several stamps decent centering, minor natural gum bends in bottom two rows

FINE-VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED PLATE BLOCK OF THE 24-CENT ON 12-CENT CLARET BROWN, OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE.

With a printing of somewhere between 5,000 and 8,000 stamps, Scott K8a represents the lowest quantity issued for all the major numbers and sub-numbers of the Offices in China issues. The Mint N.H. large format plate block offered here is especially rare and desirable. Apart from this plate block, we have offered only one other Mint N.H. plate block of this issue in at least 30 years — a Mint N.H. top from our 2003 sale of the Drucker collection.



372 ★⊞ 24c on 12c Claret Brown, Offices in China (K11a). Top plate no. 10621 block of six, pos. 2 lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., plate no. faint but readable

VERY FINE. A RARE AND DESIRABLE LIGHTLY HINGED TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 24-CENT ON 12-CENT CLARET BROWN, OFFICES IN CHINA.

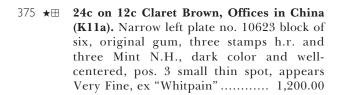
With a printing of somewhere between 5,000 and 8,000 stamps, Scott K8a represents the lowest quantity issued for all the major numbers and sub-numbers of the Offices in China issues. The top plate number position is especially rare and desirable. Apart from this plate block, which was last offered by us in 2009, the only other top plate block of this issue we have offered in at least 30 years was in our 2003 sale of the Drucker collection.

Ex "Whitpain". With 1978 P.F. certificate ... 1,200.00



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376 ★★⊞ 30c on 15c Gray, Offices in China (K12). Mint N.H. top plate no. 7927 block of six with narrow selvage, top row natural crackly and slightly uneven gum, exceptional centering and intense shade, bottom right stamp natural gum bend

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 30-CENT ON 15-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE WITH OUTSTANDING CENTERING.



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378 ★⊞ 30c on 15c Gray, Offices in China (K12). Top plate no. 12589 block of six, original gum, four outer stamps Mint N.H., center stamps hinged between, outstanding centering, deep rich color, faint crease in selvage only at top left mentioned for accuracy but is inconsequential

EXTREMELY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL CENTERED FULL TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 30-CENT ON 15-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE. SCARCE IN ANY CONDITION AND VERY RARE IN THIS SUPERB QUALITY.

A Power Search review reveals how elusive this issue is as a top plate block. Apart from the examples offered in this sale, since 1993 we have offered only three others and one of those has reduced selvage as well as centering and condition issues. This centered example ranks among the couple finest we have encountered.

Ex "Whitpain". 1,150.00



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30c on 15c Gray, Offices in China (K12). Top plate no. 12590 block of six, original gum, bottom center stamp and top center selvage h.r., other five stamps Mint N.H., deep rich color, natural gum skips, top right stamp natural paper wrinkle VERY FINE AND SCARCE FULL TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 30-CENT ON 15-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE.





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384 ★⊞ 40c on 20c Deep Ultramarine, Offices in China (K13). Top plate no. 12593 block of six, center stamps lightly hinged, side stamps Mint N.H., rich color on bright paper

FINE-VERY FINE. A RARE FULL TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 40-CENT ON 20-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE.

385 ★⊞ 40c on 20c Deep Ultramarine,
Offices in China (K13). Top plate no.
6935 block of six with narrow
selvage, disturbed original gum,
nicely centered with bright color,
Very Fine, top plate blocks of this
issue are scarce, we have offered only
two full-top examples, including one
in the previous lot, as well as a
handful of narrow top plate blocks
during the past 30 years 1,300.00





386 ★⊞ 40c on 20c Deep Ultramarine, Offices in China (K13). Bottom plate no. 12595 block of six, original gum, center stamps h.r., other four stamps Mint N.H., brilliant color, natural narrow selvage just into plate no., Fine-Very Fine, an attractive and scarce bottom plate block, this is the only example we have offered since we last sold this block in our 2009 sale of the "Whitpain" collection, Scott value as singles 1,440.00

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SHANGHAI 40¢
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388 ★⊞ 40c on 20c Deep Ultramarine, Offices in China (K13). Left plate no. 12596 block of six, original gum, lightly hinged on top block, bottom pair Mint N.H., unusually well-centered, Very Fine and choice, a high-quality plate block, ex "Whitpain". 1,300.00

389EX

SHANGHAI 40¢ CHINA 20 CHINA 20

389 ★⊞ 40c on 20c Deep Ultramarine, Offices in China (K13). Left and right plate no. blocks of six, left plate no. 12595, original gum, bottom four stamps Mint N.H., top pair with slight gum stain on back which barely shows thru the perfs on front, appears Fine, right plate no. 6938, original gum, h.r. on top and bottom stamps, center stamps Mint N.H., faint thin spot in ungummed portion of selvage only, Fine(Photo Ex) 2,600.00





391



392 ★⊞ 60c on 30c Orange Red, Offices in China (K14). Bottom plate no. 6927 block of six with wide selvage, original gum, top center stamp h.r., four stamps at sides Mint N.H., fiery color, well-centered, top right stamp natural gum wrinkle, fresh and Very Fine, Power Search found several with narrow bottom selvage but no others with wide selvage, in addition we have sold only one top plate block in the past 30 years (with narrow selvage), so this plate block and the one offered in lot 393 are as good as it gets for a wide top or bottom plate

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393 ★⊞ 60c on 30c Orange Red, Offices in China (K14). Bottom plate no. 6899 block of six with wide selvage, original gum, lightly hinged with a few stamps Mint N.H., glowing color, well-centered, small natural straw inclusion between perfs at top right, fresh and Very Fine, this issue is rare as a wide-bottom plate block, Power Search found several with narrow bottom selvage but no others with wide selvage, in addition we have sold only one top plate block in the past 30 years (with narrow selvage), so this plate block and the one offered in lot 392 are as good as it gets for a wide top or bottom plate block...... 1,050.00



393



394 ★⊞ 60c on 30c Orange Red, Offices in China (K14). Left plate no. 6927 block of six, original gum, a few stamps with varying degrees of tropicalized gum, rich color, Fine-Very Fine 1,050.00



Probably the finest plate number block of the \$1.00 on 50c Offices in China surcharged issue in existence

LOT 395 ★⊞ ESTIMATE \$50,000-75,000

\$1.00 on 50c Light Violet, Offices in China (K15). Wide top plate no. 7040 block of six, top center stamp lightly hinged, others Mint N.H., brilliant color, wide margins and exceptionally fresh

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

The \$1.00 value is the rarest of the Offices in China overprints, and in plate block form it is far rarer than any of the others (it has a Scott value of \$17,500.00 vs. \$7,000.00 for the \$2.00 surcharge). This wide top example and the narrow top plate block offered in lot 396 are the only top plate blocks we have offered since keeping computerized records 30 years ago.

Ex Drucker and "Whitpain". Scott Catalogue of \$17,500.00 bears little resemblance to the value of this rare gem plate block.

An extremely rare plate number block of the \$1.00 on 50c Offices in China and one of two top positions in private hands known to us



LOT 396 ★⊞ SCOTT VALUE \$17,500.00

\$1.00 on 50c Light Violet, Offices in China (K15). Top top plate no. 7042 block of six, original gum, top center stamp hinged, bottom stamps appear Mint N.H. but at one time had tissue adhering to the gum, top left and right stamps also appear Mint N.H. with band of natural crackly and slightly thicker gum, brilliant color

FINE. THE \$1.00 ON 50-CENT IS THE RAREST PLATE BLOCK OF THE OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE. THE EXAMPLE OFFERED HERE IS ONLY THE SECOND TOP PLATE BLOCK WE HAVE OFFERED IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS.

The \$1.00 value is the rarest of the Offices in China overprints, and in plate block form it is far rarer than any of the others (it has a Scott value of \$17,500.00 vs. \$7,000.00 for the \$2.00 surcharge). This and the wide top plate block offered in lot 395 are the only top plate blocks we have offered since keeping computerized records 30 years ago.

Ex Tows.

An extremely rare plate number block of the \$1.00 on 50c Offices in China and the only bottom position we have offered in decades



LOT 397 ★⊞ SCOTT VALUE \$17,500.00

\$1.00 on 50c Light Violet, Offices in China (K15). Bottom top plate no. 7057 block of six, original gum, h.r. straddling center stamps, other four Mint N.H., top left stamp small gum skips, bright color, attractive centering and margins

FINE. THE \$1.00 ON 50-CENT IS THE RAREST PLATE BLOCK OF THE OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE. THE EXAMPLE OFFERED HERE IS THE ONLY BOTTOM PLATE BLOCK WE HAVE OFFERED IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS.

The \$1.00 value is the rarest of the Offices in China overprints, and in plate block form it is far rarer than any of the others (it has a Scott value of \$17,500.00 vs. \$7,000.00 for the \$2.00 surcharge). This is the only bottom plate block among the five plate blocks we have offered since keeping computerized records 30 years ago (including the four offered in this sale).

Ex Tows.

An extremely rare Mint Never-Hinged plate number block of the \$1.00 on 50c Offices in China and an impressive large multiple



LOT 398 ★★⊞ SCOTT VALUE \$29,500.00

\$1.00 on 50c Light Violet, Offices in China (K15). Mint N.H. left plate no. 7049 block of 16, bright color, fresh in every respect

FINE. AN INCREDIBLY RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED PLATE BLOCK OF THE \$1.00 ON 50-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA. THIS IS THE RAREST PLATE BLOCK OF THE OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE AND THIS IS THE ONLY MINT NEVER-HINGED EXAMPLE WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED. THE LARGE 16-STAMP FORMAT ADDS TO ITS DESIRABILITY.

The \$1.00 value is the rarest of the Offices in China overprints, and in plate block form it is far rarer than any of the others (it has a Scott value of \$17,500.00 vs. \$7,000.00 for the \$2.00 surcharge for hinged). This is the only Mint N.H. plate block among the five we have offered since keeping computerized records 30 years ago (including the four offered in this sale). We have not even offered a non-plate number block in Mint N.H. condition.

Unpriced in Scott as Mint N.H.. Scott value as hinged plate block and ten Mint N.H. singles.

An extraordinarily rare Mint Never-Hinged bottom plate number block of the \$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China surcharged issue



LOT 399 ★★⊞ SCOTT VALUE \$11,000.00

\$2.00 on \$1.00 Violet Brown, Offices in China (K16). Mint N.H. bottom imprint, plate no. 5782 and letter "A" block of six, choice centering rarely found in a plate block of this top value, rich color on fresh paper

VERY FINE-EXTREMELY FINE. AN INCALCULABLY RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED PLATE BLOCK OF THE \$2.00 ON \$1.00 OFFICES IN CHINA. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PLATE BLOCKS OF THE ISSUE.

The \$2.00 Offices in China plate block is exceeded in rarity only by the \$1.00 value. This is the only Mint N.H. plate block listed in Power Search, representing all our sales since 1993 and our Rarities sales since 1964.

From our 1999 Rarities sale and with 1999 P.F. certificate.

A rare top plate number block of the \$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China Issue



LOT 400 ★⊞ SCOTT VALUE \$7,000.00

\$2.00 on \$1.00 Violet Brown, Offices in China (K16). Top imprint, plate no. 5782 and letter "A" block of six, original gum, lightly hinged, deep rich color and proof-like impression

FINE. A RARE PLATE BLOCK OF THE \$2.00 ON \$1.00 OFFICES IN CHINA.

The \$2.00 Offices in China plate block is exceeded in rarity only by the \$1.00 value. Apart from the two plate blocks in this sale, we have offered only two others since 2010.



401 ★★⊞ \$2.00 on \$1.00 Violet Brown, Offices in China (K16). Mint N.H. right arrow block of four, h.r. in ungummed portion of selvage only (h.r. could be removed), rich color, attractive centering and margins, particularly the bottom pair

VERY FINE AND RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED POSITION BLOCK OF THE \$2.00 ON \$1.00 OFFICES IN CHINA.

The \$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China issue is very rare as a Mint N.H. block. The only other such blocks listed in Power Search are bottom plate blocks from our 1992 and 1999 Rarities sales (the latter offered in lot 399). We have not even offered a normal block of four in Mint N.H. condition since keeping computerized records 30 years ago.



402

402 ⊞ **\$2.00 on \$1.00 Violet Brown, Offices in China (K16).** Block of four, bold U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai circular and killer cancels, some minor perf separations reinforced with h.r.

FINE AND RARE USED BLOCK OF THE \$2.00 ON \$1.00 OFFICES IN CHINA.

This is only the second used block of this issue we have offered since at least 1993. The only other used block we have encountered since that time was offered in our 2001 sale of the Twigg-Smith collection.



\$2.00 ON \$1.00 DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR

An extremely rare block of the \$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China with double surcharge

LOT 403 ★⊞ SCOTT VALUE \$45,000.00

\$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a). Block of four, lightly hinged, deep rich colors on bright paper

FINE. ONE OF THE FEW EXTANT BLOCKS OF THE \$2.00 ON \$1.00 OFFICES IN CHINA DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR.

The Offices 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, E. H. Murray, knew of the error but allowed it to be put on sale, as he was retiring and the Agency was closing.

Ex Tows. Top right and bottom left stamps with purple backstamp (overlapping P and S in circle).



404 ★ \$2.00 on \$1.00 Violet Brown, Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a). With wide sheet selvage at left, original gum, h.r. at top, intense color and impression, wide space between two overprints makes the error clearly visible, small thin spot and crease in selvage only

FINE EXAMPLE OF THE RARE \$2.00 OFFICES IN CHINA DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR. ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE WITH THE SELVAGE AND WIDE-SPACED OVERPRINTS.

The Offices 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, E. H. Murray, knew of the error but allowed it to be put on sale, as he was retiring and the Agency was closing. A Power Search review located only three others unused with selvage.



405

\$2.00 on \$1.00 Violet Brown, Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a). Wide margins and choice centering, clear second surcharge, cancelled by bold strike of "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 23 6PM" circular datestamp with some oily bleed

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE AND BEAUTIFUL USED EXAMPLE OF THE \$2.00 OFFICES IN CHINA DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR WITH WIDE MARGINS.

This error is far scarcer in used condition than unused.

1919-1922 U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI OVERPRINTS

One of four recorded intact covers in private hands with the \$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China double surcharge error



LOT 406 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$15,000-20,000

\$2.00 on \$1.00 Violet Brown, Offices in China, Double Surcharge (K16a). Deep rich color and choice centering, clear second impression of surcharge, tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Dec. 31 6PM" (1922) duplex datestamp with the oval portion struck almost entirely off the cover, on fresh envelope addressed to Fok Shue How, 43 Nanking Road, Shanghai, a couple inconsequential toned perf tips at top left

VERY FINE. A CHOICE EXAMPLE OF THE \$2.00 OFFICES IN CHINA DOUBLE SURCHARGE ERROR USED ON COVER. ONLY FOUR OF THE SIX RECORDED COVERS ARE INTACT AND AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS.

It has been reported that the Double Surcharge sheets were among the last to be put on sale before before the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai closed on December 31, 1922. The Deputy Postal Agent, E. H. Murray, knew of the error, but allowed it to be put on sale, as he was retiring and the Agency was closing.

We record the following six covers with the \$2.00 on \$1.00 double surcharge error (Scott K16a). All are addressed in the same handwriting to two different addressees in Shanghai: Fok Shue How, 43 Nanking Road, and Lee Fai Fong, 446 Yunnan Road.

- 1 Dec. 4, 1922, pair, to Fok Shue How, 43 Nanking Rd., ex Drucker (Sale 855, lot 232)
- 2 Dec. 31, 1922, to Fok Shue How, 43 Nanking Rd., ex Mizuhara, the cover offered here
- 3 Dec. (?), 1922, to Fok Shue How, 43 Nanking Rd., ex Siskin, PFC 75270
- 4 Dec. (?) 1922, to Lee Fai Fong, 446 Yunnan Rd., ex Tows, PFC 126492
- 5 Dec. 23, 1922, to Lee Fai Fong, 446 Yunnan Rd., right side trimmed, Bennett Sale 297, lot 3249
- 6 Dec. (23?), 1922, to Lee Fai Fong, 446 Yunnan Rd., Miller collection (NYPL)

As the list shows, one is unavailable (no. 6) and one is cut down (no. 5). Of the four covers that are intact and available to collectors, one has a pair, leaving only three with singles.

Ex Mizuhara.

U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI LOCALLY SURCHARGED ISSUE



407

407 ★★⊞ 2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K17). Mint N.H. top plate no. 11792 block of six, unusually well-centered with wide margins and bright color, postal agency fresh

EXTREMELY FINE. THE FINEST MINT NEVER-HINGED FULL TOP PLATE BLOCK OF THE 1922 2-CENT ON ONE-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED.

We have offered only a handful of Mint N.H. full top plate blocks of this issue in the past 30 years. This is easily the freshest and best-centered example from that small group.



408 ★★⊞ 2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K17). Mint N.H. top plate no. F11787 block of six, rich color, couple small toned spots on gum in perfs only faintly shows on front, still Fine-Very Fine and attractive top plate block 1,750.00



409 ★⊞ 2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K17). Two top plate no. blocks of six, first plate no. 10595, original gum, gum skips throughout or perhaps a bit of gum loss on a couple stamps, Fine, second plate no. 10600, original gum, one stamp barely hinged and the others Mint N.H., one with gum skip, Fine............(Photo Ex) 1,700.00

409EX

410 ★⊞ 2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K17). Two left plate no. blocks of six, first plate no. 10584, original gum, h.r. middle two stamps, other four Mint N.H., well-centered, Very Fine, ex "Whitpain", second plate no. 11729, original gum, a few with very slight glazing, attractive centering and margins, Fine-Very Fine, plate blocks of this issue are normally quite off-center, these two are better than the norm............(Photo Ex) 1,700.00



410EX



Left plate no. 10600 block of six with shifted overprint, "Shanghai" well into the left stamps and selvage at left, tropicalized original gum, Fine and rare combination of a Durland-listed "scarce" plate number and a dramatic overprint shift, Scott value as normal....... 300.00



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413 ★★⊞ 4c on 2c Carmine, Offices in China (K18).

Mint N.H. wide top plate no. 13129 block of six, brilliant color, well-centered, fresh and Very Fine, a choice top plate block, among the 604 plates used to print the underlying stamp (Scott 528B), only two plates were used for the 1922 Offices in China overprint (13077 and 13129)...... 1,750.00



A striking block of the 4c on 2c locally surcharged issue with grossly misplaced overprint



415

LOT 415 ★⊞ ESTIMATE \$3,000-4,000

4c on 2c Carmine, Offices in China, Shifted Overprint (K18 var). Wide top margin block of four, overprint shifted dramatically upwards so that "Shanghai" appears partly printed at both top and bottom, original gum, bottom stamps lightly hinged, top pair Mint N.H., brilliant color

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE BLOCK OF THE 1922 4-CENT PROVISIONAL SURCHARGE WITH DRAMATICALLY SHIFTED OVERPRINT.

Ex Drucker. With 2003 P.F. certificate.

A remarkable block of the 4c on 2c locally surcharged issue with two positions showing the "SHANGHAI" Missing error



LOT 416 ★⊞ SCOTT VALUE \$15,000.00

4c on 2c Carmine, Offices in China, "Shanghai" Omitted (K18a). Block of four with wide top selvage, bottom stamps normal and top stamps with the error, original gum, h.r. slivers sensibly reinforcing perf separations, light pencil on gum and minor natural gum bend at top right mentioned only for complete accuracy

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A LIKELY UNIQUE BLOCK OF THE 4-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA 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 also missing. This error and the "China" Only error offered in lot 417 are believed to have come from the top row of one sheet, which was affected by a foldover or overlap that prevented the surcharge from printing completely. The missing portion of the surcharge was graduated from stamp to stamp across the sheet.

Ex Canman and Drucker. With 1982 P.F. certificate. Scott value of \$15,000.00 as two singles does not adequately convey the rarity of this margin block.

An enormously rare example of the 4c on 2c locally surcharged issue with the "CHINA" Only error—"SHANGHAI" and "4 Cts." Omitted



LOT 417 ★ SCOTT VALUE \$16,000.00

4c on 2c Carmine, Offices in China, "China" Only (K18b). Top stamp in a vertical pair with normal stamp, the error with wide sheet selvage at top, original gum with slight disturbance between stamps, brilliant color and near perfect centering

EXTREMELY FINE GEM. 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 416, the "China" Only and "Shanghai" Omitted errors probably resulted from a foldover or overlap that prevented part of the surcharge from printing on the top row of one sheet.

Ex Drucker. With 1982 P.F. certificate as "original gum".

PLATE BLOCK BALANCE LOTS

418 ★⊞ 2c-30c Offices in China, Top and Bottom Plate Blocks (K1-K12, K17). Valuable group of 28 top or bottom plate blocks, nearly all Scott numbers between K1-K12 are included plus K17 with duplication of many, missing only K6, original gum with a range of gum condition including a number lightly hinged and one K2 Mint N.H., many with h.r. and one each K7 and K10 tropicalized gum, the centering tends toward Fine as better-centered blocks were made individual lots but a few Very Fine plate blocks are present as well, some of the tops with narrow selvage, a few minor faults are possible but overall fresh condition

FINE AND SCARCE COLLECTION OF TOP AND BOTTOM PLATE BLOCKS FOR THE 2-CENT THRU 30-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUES.

See our linked spreadsheet for a list of Scott numbers, positions, gum condition and catalogue values.

(Photo Ex/Website PDF) 17,325.00



418EX



419EX

419 ★⊞ 2c-60c Offices in China, Left and Right Plate Blocks (K1-K14, K17). Extensive group of 31 left or right plate blocks, nearly all Scott numbers between K1-K14 are included plus K17 with duplication of many, missing only K11, original gum with a range of gum condition including a number lightly hinged and a couple Mint N.H., also some h.r. and one tropicalized, the centering tends toward Fine as bettercentered blocks were made individual lots but a few Very Fine plate blocks are present as well, a few minor faults are present including K6 with scissors-cut in one stamp and oxidized but overall good condition

> FINE AND SCARCE COLLECTION OF LEFT AND RIGHT PLATE BLOCKS FOR THE 2-CENT THRU 60-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUES.

> See our linked spreadsheet for a list of Scott numbers, positions, gum condition and catalogue values.

(Photo Ex/Website PDF) 18,525.00

1919-1922 U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI OVERPRINTS

1919-1922 U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI OVERPRINTS USED ON COVERS

The earliest documented use of the 2c and 4c Offices in China stamps



LOT 420 🖂 ESTIMATE \$4,000-5,000

2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K1). Used with 4c on 2c Rose (K2), each tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Jul. 2 10AM 1919" duplex datestamp on cover to Oswego N.Y., manuscript notation at top left reads "These stamps are from 1st sheets sold at Shanghai China July 1, 1919" and signed by sender, C. G. Weisbrod, Palace Hotel in Shanghai return address on back with typed sender's name, trivial edgewear

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST DOCUMENTED USE OF THE 2-CENT AND 4-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA STAMPS—ONLY ONE JULY 1, 1919 FIRST DAY COVER IS RECORDED.

The Offices in China stamps went on sale at the post office in Shanghai on July 1, 1919. Only one first day cover—bearing the 24c on 12c No. K11—is recorded. This July 2 cover is the earliest documented use of any of the other denominations. Ironically, the two stamps were used to pay the wartime rate of 3c, or 6c in local currency, but that rate ended on the previous day so only the 4c on 2c value was needed for the letter rate to the United States.

Ex Drucker and Berkun. With 2003 A.P.S. certificate stating Earliest Documented Use.

Complete set of 1919 Offices in China surcharged stamps on cover



LOT 421
ESTIMATE \$3,000-4,000

2c-\$2.00 Offices in China (K1-K16). Complete set tied by neat strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on large manila cover to Washington D.C., typed "War Trade Board, Washington" return address crossed out and manuscript "United States Postal Agency, Shanghai, China" written in its place, purple "Registered/No." boxed handstamp with manuscript "536" number applied at U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai but no origin datestamp, Chicago (Aug. 4 and 6) and "Washington D.C. Registered Aug. 19, 1919" receiving backstamps, cover edgewear barely affects a few stamps, folds do not affect stamps

FINE-VERY FINE. A COLORFUL EARLY USE OF THE COMPLETE SET OF SIXTEEN STAMPS OVERPRINTED BY THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING FOR USE AT THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN CHINA.

As U.S. economic interests in China increased, the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai requested a supply of stamps that could be used at local post offices. At the time, the exchange rate between U.S. and Shanghai dollars was 2:1, and a series of Washington-Franklin stamps were officially overprinted by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. These were placed on sale on July 1, 1919. After World War I, provisions were made to close almost all foreign post offices in China. The U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai closed after December 31, 1922.

The normal transit time to the United States was approximately 25-30 days, with some mail 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.

Ex Drucker.



4c-40c Offices in China (K2, K4, K6-K9, K11, K13). Four 1920 registered covers, each franked with two stamps, totals of 30c (two), 32c and 44c, all tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamps and addressed to famed stamp dealer August Dietz in Richmond Va., purple registry datestamps on back and "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamps on front, one with purple "Passed by U.S. Customs/Bureau, Chicago/A.P.W." three-line handstamp, Chicago and Richmond Va. receiving backstamps, three with return address on back from P. H. Chen, Office of the Chief Engineer, Tienstin-Pukow Railway, Very Fine, a wonderful quartet of Offices in China registered covers to an individual known far more for his contributions to Confederate philately.... EST. \$1,000-1,500



4c-40c Offices in China (K2-K5, K8-K10, K12). Four 1922 covers, each franked with a different combination of stamps including pairs, totals of 40c, 54c and 56c (two), all tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamps and addressed to Miss B. de Jong at West 96th Street in New York City, purple "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamps, each backstamped with combination of U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai and New York datestamps, some very slight bleed-thru from envelope flap adhesive and three with light vertical file fold not affecting stamps, Miss de Jong's name crossed out on two, overall Very Fine and colorful quartet of registered covers EST. \$1,000-1,500





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- 2c on 1c Green, Offices in China (K1). Two covers with overprinted and non-overprinted stamps, first with two K1s used with vertical pair of 5c Blue (504), tied by light strikes of oval handstamps on cover to Poughkeepsie N.Y., magenta "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Sep. 7, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, Chicago (Oct. 12) receiving backstamps, second K1 with two 1c Green (498) tied by "U.S. Post Office, Shanghai, China, Jul. 17, 1920" duplex datestamps to Dayton O., some slight wear, Very Fine, attractive combinations, ex Brett................................(Photo Ex) EST. \$750-1,000
- 428 4c on 2c Rose, Offices in China (K2). Pair and five singles, two applied to back, tied by blurry strikes of "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China Mar. 22, 1920" duplex datestamps on cover to Lincoln Neb., purple "Special Delivery" straightline handstamp, "Fee Claimed by Office/of First Address." handstamp, receiving backstamp (Apr. 19), cover soiling with some edge wear and small tears, missing backflap, otherwise Very Fine...... EST. \$400-500



- 10c on 5c Blue, Offices in China (K5). Used with 4c on 2c Carmine (K2) and horizontal pair 8c on 4c Brown (K4), tied by by two partial strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on legal-size cover to Vienna, Austria via New York, typed address including ship directive "Via Canada with s/s 'Empr. of Russia'", purple "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, China Dec 9, 1921" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "5313" number, New York (Dec. 31) receiving backstamp, Berbert Scholz & Co. printed return address on flap, two stamps with natural straight edge, file fold at left far from stamps, Very Fine and rare three-color franking on a commercial cover to Austria, paying the 5c UPU rate plus 10c registry fee (doubled for local surcharge), ex Spicer....... EST. \$1,000-1,500
- 432 ₪ 12c on 6c Red Orange, Offices in China (K6). Used with 2c on 1c Green (K1), two 4c on 2c Carmine (K2), 6c on 3c Violet (K3) and 8c on 4c Brown (K4), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamps on registered cover to The Society of Chemical Industry in Basle, Switzerland, New York (May 20, 1920) receiving backstamps struck over partly readable magenta Shanghai double-circle datestamp, Basle receiving backstamp, J. Merian (Shanghai) return address, 2c and one 4c natural straight edge, small inconsequential cover tear at right, Very Fine use to Switzerland.................................. EST. \$400-500



- 433

 14c on 7c Black, Offices in China (K7). Used with 2c on 1c Green (K1), 6c on 3c Violet (K3), 12c on 6c Red Orange (K6) and 1c-5c Pilgrim Tercentenary (548-550), all tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamps on cover to England and forwarded within England, manuscript "Empress of Japan" ship directive, large "REGISTERED" straightline handstamp, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered May 17, 1921" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "58350" number, eight additional New York and British backstamps, some wear, still Very Fine, very colorful and unusual use, ex Thomas, with 1994 Holcombe certificate............................... EST. \$500-750
- 434 ⋈ 2c on 1c Green, 14c on 7c Black, Offices in China (K1, K7). Two covers, first with 2c horizontal pair, second with 14c single, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China 1922" duplex datestamps, first Dec. 31 and second Dec. 29, addressed to Washington D.C. and Cleveland O. respectively (latter the Strasser correspondence), fresh and Very Fine, sent on the third to last and last day the post office was officially open EST. \$400-500



- 436
 16c on 8c Olive Bister, Offices in China (K8). Block of four and two horizontal pairs, one with bottom selvage, tied by multiple strikes of "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Dec. 31, 1922" duplex datestamp on locally addressed cover to a professor at Nanyang University, Shanghai Municipal Council Public Works Department imprint on backflap, some very minor perf tip toning, still Very Fine and striking use of eight of the same stamp, mailed on the last day the post office was officially open, ex Bilden EST. \$500-750

- 439 ₪ 16c on 8c Olive Bister, Offices in China (K8). Used with 2c on 1c Green (K1), 4c on 2c Carmine (K2) and 6c on 3c Purple (K3), tied by bold strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on legal-size Post Office Department Shanghai Official Business imprint cover to Alvin W. Filstrup, care of Covel Manufacturing Co., Benton Harbor Mich., purple "Registered No." boxed handstamp with manuscript "514" number, no origin datestamp, Chicago (Aug. 4) and Benton Harbor (Aug. 5) receiving backstamps, fresh and Very Fine four-color franking, ex Spicer.... EST. \$500-750



- 442

 20c on 10c Orange Yellow, Offices in China (K10). Used with 16c on 8c Olive Green (K8a), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on legal-size Post Office Department Shanghai Official Business imprint cover to Honolulu, Hawaii, original July 9, 1919 enclosure, no origin datestamp, purple "Registered No." boxed handstamp with manuscript "533" number, Honolulu (Aug. 6) receiving backstamp, minor edgewear, Very Fine, this is the earliest recorded use of the 16c on 8c Offices in China stamp, ex Drucker and Thomas................ EST. \$750-1,000



- 20c on 10c Orange Yellow, Offices in China (K10). Used with 4c on 2c Carmine (K2), tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to Atlanta Ga., Phipps correspondence, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Sep. 16, 1919" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "1948" number, Chicago (Oct. 17) and Atlanta (Oct. 18) receiving backstamps, original enclosure a registered receipt, fresh and Very Fine, carried outside of the mails from Peking to Shanghai.................... EST. \$300-400
- 20c on 10c Orange Yellow, Offices in China (K10). Used with 2c on 1c Green (K1) and 10c on 5c Blue (K5), tied by blurry strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." oval handstamp on cover to Philadelphia, magenta "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Oct. 22, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, purple "Registered" framed straightline and "Registered No." negative boxed handstamps with manuscript "59485" number, one ties stamps, pictorial "Le. Tea. Sun & Co. Shanghai" corner card depicting an eagle, Chicago (Nov. 13) and Philadelphia (Nov. 15) receiving backstamps, also with green Customs Duty tag at bottom left, part of wax seal present on flap, trivial wear, Very Fine, colorful and unusual use with the label, ex Thomas EST. \$500-750



- 24c on 12c Brown Carmine, Offices in China (K11). Deep rich color, tied by unusually clear strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on manila legal-size Post Office Department Shanghai Official Business imprint cover to Williamsport Conn. and forwarded to Naugatuck Conn., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Aug. 23, 1919" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "4248" number, Chicago (Sep. 25) and other receiving backstamps, fresh and Very Fine use....... EST. \$300-400
- 24c on 12c Brown Carmine, Offices in China (K11). Used with 8c on 4c Brown (K4), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on legal-size Post Office Department Shanghai corner card cover to Philadelphia, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Jul. 8, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "377" number, Chicago (Aug. 10) and Philadelphia (Aug. 12) receiving backstamps, Very Fine, attractive commercial use, ex Drucker and Thomas................................... EST. \$500-750
- 448

 30c on 15c Gray, Offices in China (K12). Tied by extremely bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to Greenville Ill., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Aug. 9, 1922" double-circle datestamp, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "1133" number, Chicago (Sep. 2) and Greenville (Sep. 4) receiving backstamps, original enclosure a registered receipt, Very Fine, a choice use with all markings clearly struck .. EST. \$400-500
- 30c on 15c Gray, Offices in China (K12). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamps on cover to Fintel, Germany, magenta "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Jun. 11, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, purple "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "8757" number, matching "162" in circle handstamp, New York (Jul. 10) receiving backstamps, also with German censor's label wrapped around cover at left, translates to "On the basis of the Ordinance of November 15, 1918...opened 1324", some slight edgewear, still Very Fine, scarce use to Germany with the censor's label, ex Thomas EST. \$500-750

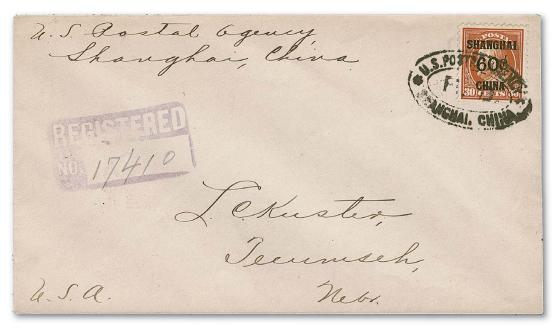


- 2c-40c Offices in China (K1-K2, K8, K13). Two 1922 consecutive registered covers from the de Jong correspondence, franked with K1-K2 plus an additional stamp, first bears a vertical pair of K1 and single K2 plus K13, second with two singles of K1, horizontal pair of K2 plus single K8, stamps tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamps and addressed to Miss B. de Jong at West 96th Street in New York City, purple "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamps with consecutive manuscript numbers "3802" and "3803", mailed on the same day with purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Nov. 20, 1922" double-circle datestamps on back, purple "Postal Agent/ Shanghai, China." two-line backstamps, New York (Dec. 22) receiving backstamps, some slight bleed-thru from envelope flap adhesive, Very Fine pair(Photo Ex) EST. \$500-750



453 ⋈ 60c on 30c Orange Red, Offices in China (K14). Tied by beautifully bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on neat cover to Atlanta Ga., Phipps correspondence, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Aug. 23, 1922" double-circle datestamps on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "1394" number, Chicago (Sep. 18) and Atlanta (Sep. 19) receiving backstamps, original enclosure a registered receipt, fresh and Fine stamp on a Very Fine single franking cover, carried outside of the mails from Peking to Shanghai, ex Mizuhara....

EST. \$750-1,000



454 ⋈ 60c on 30c Orange Red, Offices in China (K14). Tied by bold and clear strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to Tecumseh Nebr., part strike of purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Dec. 30, 1922" double-circle datestamp on back, purple "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "17410" number, Seattle (Jan. 17) receiving backstamp, blurry Tecumseh backstamp, stamp with some slight oxidation, still Very Fine, mailed on the second-to-last day that the post office was officially open............................... EST. \$400-500

A colorful combination of Offices in China surcharged issues, including the \$1.00 on 50c value, a rare stamp on cover



LOT 455 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$3,000-4,000

\$1.00 on 50c Light Violet, Offices in China (K15). Used with 6c on 3c Violet (K3) and 30c on 15c Gray (K12), tied by bold and clear strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to Elkhorn Wis., Theodore Siddall, Shanghai return corner card, perfect strike of magenta "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Nov. 6, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, purple "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "61543" number, additional purple "Registered" straightline handstamp, part strike of San Francisco receiving backstamp

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE COMBINATION WITH THE \$1.00 ON 50-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE.

The \$1.00 on 50c issue is very elusive on cover. Using Power Search, we located five unduplicated single uses, plus several complete set uses and the covers offered in this sale.

Theodore Siddall was a stamp collector and dealer, who also worked as a stenographer for Arnold Brothers & Co. in the Philippines and Shanghai, China. According to the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Siddall was the first American member of the Shanghai Philatelic Society, the oldest stamp club in China.



LOT 456 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$2,000-3,000

\$1.00 on 50c Light Violet, Offices in China (K15). Centered to right, tied by clear strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on buff cover to Seattle Wash., with Pacific Steamship Company Admiral Line illustrated corner card depicting a flag, magenta "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Feb. 3, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "1317" number, Seattle (Mar. 8) receiving backstamps

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL SOLO USE OF THE \$1.00 ON 50-CENT OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE ON AN ILLUSTRATED PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY CORNER CARD COVER.

The \$1.00 on 50c issue is very elusive on cover. This is the only example with an illustrated corner card located with Power Search.

Ex Bilden.

LOT 457 🖂 ESTIMATE \$1,000-1,500

\$1.00 on 50c Light Violet, Offices in China (K15). Tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to Cleveland O., purple "Postal Agent" handstamped corner card, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Oct. 24, 1922" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "15800" number, additional purple "Registered" framed handstamp, Chicago (Nov. 20) and Cleveland (Nov. 21) receiving backstamps, some minor staining around stamp from application of additional adhesive and scuffed area near address, Fine and scarce solo franking of the \$1.00 Offices in China issue

An extremely rare solo use of the \$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China on a pristine registered cover to Switzerland



LOT 458 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$5,000-7,500

\$2.00 on \$1.00 Violet Brown, Offices in China (K16). Deep rich color, tied by well-struck "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to Basle, Switzerland with J. Merian (Shanghai) return address, magenta "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Aug. 27, 1920" double-circle datestamp on back, purple "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "54725" number, small "Registered" straightline handstamp at top, New York (Sep. 20) and Basle (Sep. 29) receiving backstamps

VERY FINE. A RARE SOLO USE OF THE \$2.00 ON \$1.00 OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE ON A REGISTERED COVER TO SWITZERLAND.

The \$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China top value is elusive on cover. Apart from covers with a complete set, we have offered only one other cover with Scott K16 (non-error) since 1993.

Ex "Lake Shore" and Fisher. From our 1996 Rarities sale. With 1996 P.F. certificate.

A colorful and rare combination of Offices in China surcharged issues on cover, including the \$2.00 on \$1.00 top value



LOT 459 ⋈ ESTIMATE \$2,000-3,000

\$2.00 on \$1.00 Violet Brown, Offices in China (K16). Used with strip of three of 12c on 6c Red Orange (K6), tied by two strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp and addressed to Miss B. de Jong at West 96th Street in New York City, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Nov. 15, 1922" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "3505" number, three New York (Dec. 11) receiving backstamps, outstanding condition with fresh stamp colors

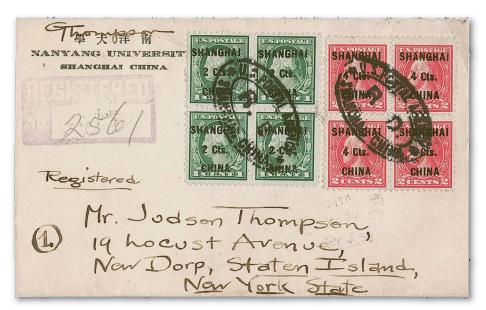
VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL SMALL COVER BEARING A COPY OF THE \$2.00 ON \$1.00 OFFICES IN CHINA ISSUE, USED WITH A STRIP OF THE 12-CENT ON 6-CENT ISSUE.

The \$2.00 on \$1.00 Offices in China top value is elusive on cover. Apart from covers with a complete set, we have offered only one other cover with Scott K16 (non-error) since 1993.

Ex Bilden.



2c-\$2.00 Offices in China (K1-K2, K10, K14-K16). Two remarkable pieces of burlap, both bearing mixed frankings tied by obliterator cancels, one with pair of 4c, 20c and \$1.00, the other with 2c, 4c, 60c and \$2.00, few faults including \$1.00 edge crease, this is to be expected considering that these were used on large parcels, Fine-Very Fine appearance, a fascinating and rare pair of commercially used pieces, which originate from a family archive, with 1999 P.F. certificates(Photo Ex) EST. \$750-1,000



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4c on 2c Carmine, Offices in China (K18), Used with 2c on 1c Green (K17), both blocks of four, cancelled by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on Nanyang University, Shanghai corner card cover to Staten Island N.Y., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Oct.. 7, 1922" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "2561" number, three New York (Oct. 29, 30) registry backstamps, fresh and bright, Very Fine, a very desirable cover bearing blocks of the 1922 Offices in China issue....... EST. \$1,000-1,500



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 4c on 2c Carmine, Offices in China (K18). Used with 8c on 4c Brown (K4), 10c on 5c Blue (K5) and 2c on 1c Green (K17), tied by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to Portland Ore., Nanyang College return address, purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Sep. 7, 1922" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "1732" number, blurry Seattle (Sep. 27) and Portland (Sep. 27) receiving backstamps, some minor cover wear and toning not affecting the stamps, Very Fine appearing and colorful combination of the 1919 and 1922 Offices in China issues............................... EST. \$400-500
- 463 ⋈ 4c on 2c Carmine, Offices in China (K18). Used with 2c on 1c Green (K17), horizontal strips of five, tied together by "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai, China * R.D." double-oval handstamp on cover to Detroit Mich., purple "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Registered Sep. 21, 1922" double-circle datestamp on back, matching "Registered/No." negative boxed handstamp with manuscript "54437" number, Detroit (Oct. 18) receiving backstamp, manuscript return address on back from "Municipal Council, Shanghai", some ink bleed from the cancels on the stamps as well as some gum staining in 2c strip, still Very Fine and rare large franking with the 1922 Offices in China issue, ex Mizuhara EST. \$1,000-1,500



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Weight Class	Shipping Method	Charge
Up to 2 lbs.	Fedex Envelope	\$25
Over 2 1bs.	Fedex Box	\$35 - \$50*
Outside US	Fedex	\$50 - \$100**
Bulky Lots	Fedex Ground or Express	By weight
Value under \$500 hammer	Priority Mail Env Priority Mail Box	\$10.00 \$25 - \$35

^{*} Up to \$75,000 value and up to 5 lbs; additional charge may apply to packages exceeding limits

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Bid	Increment	Bid Increment
Up to \$200	\$10	\$20,000-30,000 \$1,000
\$200-500	\$25	\$30,000-70,000 \$2,500
\$500-1,000	\$50	\$70,000-140,000 \$5,000
\$1,000-3,000	\$100	\$140,000-500,000 \$10,000
\$3,000-7,000	\$250	\$500,000-\$1m \$25,000
\$7,000-20,000	\$500	Above \$1m Discretionary

^{**} Buyers outside United States are liable for any applicable customs duty and clearance charges. An accurate declaration of contents and value will be made on all packages and import/export documents. Siegel may refuse to ship lots to certain countries with a high risk factor.