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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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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 ReportSM 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



INTRODUCTION

HE HISTORY OF MAIL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA AND Japan may be divided into three distinct periods: i) the Pre-Treaty Period; ii) the Interim Consulate Period; and iii) the Post Office Period. The date ranges of these periods are different for the separate nations of China and Japan, and there are areas of gray between them, but for the purpose of understanding the complexities of postal service in the Far East, as it relates to American interests, these three basic chronological dividing points work well.

The **Pre-Treaty Period** is defined as the period before the United States entered into formal diplomatic relations with the respective governments of China and Japan. Mail was carried through channels created by trade or, more rarely, through diplomatic or military representatives. Early letters between the U.S. and China are typically ship letters to and from Canton, the main port for the China export business. Pre-Treaty mail between the U.S. and Japan is extremely limited and generally confined to the 1853-54 naval expedition by Commodore Perry.

The **Interim Consulate Period** is defined as the period following the signing of treaties and preceding the establishment of an official postal agency. During this period, the U.S. Consulates General took responsibility for much of the mail by acting as forwarding agents. They placed letters on the next outbound ship or received inbound letters and held them for the recipients (or their agents) to pick up. In certain cases the consulate office applied a marking to identify its involvement.

The **Post Office Period** is the period in which official U.S. post offices (also called agencies) were established in the major Treaty Ports. In China this period began on October 14, 1867, with the postal agency in Shanghai. In Japan the first post office was officially established in Yokohama on July 27, 1867. Both followed the commencement of contract mail transportation by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company on January 1, 1867.

China

China's exports to the West in the 18th century were significantly greater than its imports. Together with other economic circumstances, this trade imbalance created a severe shortage of British silver. To remedy the problem, beginning in the late 1700s, British mercantilists escalated opium production in other parts of the colonial empire and sold an increasing quantity of the narcotic to the Chinese. The disruption to Chinese society created by drug addiction, as well as the turmoil of civil rebellion against the Qing dynasty, led the government to take action against the opium smugglers. Over a period of decades, tensions mounted to the point of open military conflict, culminating in the First Opium War of 1839 to 1842.

Superior British naval forces prevailed. The 1842 Treaty of Nanking between Great Britain and China, followed by the separate French treaties of 1843 and 1844, further opened China through the establishment of the Treaty Ports and the concession of Hong Kong to Great Britain. They were the first of what have been called the "Unequal Treaties," and they were the direct consequence of China's attempt to stop illegal drug smuggling into the country. The second Opium War of 1856 to 1860 also resulted in China's capitulation and new treaties with expanded concessions.

Americans, who had traded with the Chinese since the 1700s, also participated in opium smuggling. John Jacob Astor and Franklin Delano Roosevelt's maternal grandfather both made some of their fortunes in opium. Beyond the profits that went to individuals, the opium trade's greater benefit to American interests was the opportunity created by the treaties between China and major European powers in the 1840s and 1850s. The U.S. government was able to negotiate its own treaties, and, through the Most Favored Nation provisions of those agreements, China was compelled to open its ports to Americans on an equal basis with other nations.

The U.S. and China treaties (or *conventions*) paved the way for diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China, business expansion in the Far East, and the entry of Christian missionaries who eagerly spread the gospel among the Chinese. These activities created greater need for postal service. To meet that need the U.S. established a post office in Shanghai in 1867 and entered into a mail contract with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for regular steamship service between Hong Kong and San Francisco. These developments follow the transition from the Pre-Treaty to Interim Consulate Period, and finally to the Post Office Period.

The Tokugawa shogunate military government of Japan, in existence since 1603, was extremely wary of any foreign presence or intervention. In particular, they considered Christianity a "superstition" that gravely threatened their society and culture (and power). Except for the occasional shipwrecked crew or unsuccessful attempt at contact, Europeans and Americans rarely entered the world of the Japanese. When China capitulated to the British and French after the First Opium War, the Tokugawa were watching with profound concern. In 1846, after negotiating the first U.S. treaty with China, Commodore James Biddle led a small naval expedition into Japan's waters, hoping to make contact and begin formal relations. He was turned away.

In 1852, despite his misgivings about the mission, Commodore Matthew C. Perry set sail from Norfolk, Virginia, in the U.S.S. *Mississippi* to lead the East India Squadron from Hong Kong to Japan. In July 1853, after switching to the U.S. Flagship *Susquehanna*, Commodore Perry entered Edo Bay (Tokyo). Following a not-so-thinly veiled threat of force, Commodore Perry succeeded in stepping on Japanese soil and presenting a letter from President Millard Fillmore to Emperor Komei, along with two white flags and instructions on how to use them. This paved the way for the 1854 Convention of Kanagawa, which opened the ports at Shimoda and Hakodate to Americans.

Even after the 1854 treaty was signed, there was very little mail sent between the U.S. and Japan. The Treaty of Amity and Commerce signed July 29, 1858, also known as the Harris Treaty, expanded the number of ports open to American settlement, including Kanagawa (Yokohama), Hiogo (Kobe) and Nagasaki. By the 1860s mail was regularly carried to and from Japan on ships traveling on routes of the British Peninsular & Oriental Line. In 1864 the U.S. Consul in Kanagawa (Yokohama), Colonel George S. Fisher, began advertising his service in forwarding mail, and in 1866 he started marking letters with the distinctive "Forwarded by U.S. Consul, Kanagawa, Japan" oval handstamp.

The collapse of the Tokugawa government and the Meiji Restoration occurred almost concurrently with the start of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's contract mail service. Beginning January 1, 1867, steamers on the Pacific mail route ran between San Francisco and Hong Kong, with a stop in Yokohama. Transpacific mail could travel faster than mail carried by transatlantic steamers connecting with European lines, especially after the transcontinental railroad was completed in May 1869. The establishment of U.S. post offices in Japan followed, and mail was carried on branch-line steamers that ran regular routes between the Treaty Ports in Japan and China.

By 1874 the Japanese government was fully engaged in a modernization plan, including the establishment of the Foreign Postal Service on January 1, 1875, organized by an American hired to assist the Japanese. The U.S. post offices in Japan were discontinued on December 31, 1874.

Postal Artifacts in The Magnolia Collection

The covers sent between the United States and China and Japan are as diverse as the correspondents who mailed them, the routes they traveled, the modes of transport that carried them, the postage rates paid, and the stamps and markings used to pay the postage and implement the terms of the postal conventions. Perhaps more than any other area of United States postal history, covers to and from China and Japan challenge the mind and delight the eye.

With the emergence of Japan as an economic power after World War II, United States covers to and from Japan were collected by knowledgeable, determined and wealthy Japanese collectors, such as Ryohei Ishikawa. It was virtually impossible to outbid them. In the 1980s, collectors of China began to fiercely compete for covers involving the U.S. post offices in China. The American collector who formed the Magnolia collection began in earnest about 20 years ago. Over the past two decades, in the face of often brutal competition, he succeeded in building one of the most comprehensive collections of this subject ever formed, capturing numerous major items from famous collections at auction and in privately negotiated sales. The depth and breadth of the Magnolia collection is so great, we have been compelled to offer it in a series of sales.

Acknowledgment of Sources

As will be evident from this catalogue, researching and writing descriptions that accurately convey the significance and rarity of the material takes considerable time and attention to detail. In this effort we have been greatly aided by the publication of information and analysis by Richard C. Frajola, Michael Perlman and Lee Scamp in their book, *The United States Post Offices in China and Japan 1867 to 1874* (referred to in this catalogue simply as the Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book). Many of the covers in the Magnolia collection were used to illustrate this valuable reference book. Another significant source of information is Matsumoto Jun Ichi's updated version of *A History of The French Post Office of Yokohama*. Much of Mr. Matsumoto's book is relevant to the operations of the U.S. post offices in Japan. He also includes a section on U.S. post offices, with photos of covers in the Magnolia collection.

Finally, items are described with extensive information from online sources, including the *Chronicle* of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, the International Society of Japanese Philately, the California Digital Newspaper Collection, GenealogyBank, Wikimedia Commons (for images) and dozens of auction catalogues produced by scholarly professionals, such as Dr. Jeffrey Schneider.



SALE ARRANGEMENT

SALE 1271—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 SESSION ONE—10:30 A.M. (LOTS 1-135)

UNITED STATES MAIL IN CHINA MAIL TO CHINA

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SESSION ONE—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022, AT 10:30 A.M. (LOTS 1-135) MAIL TO CHINA



- 1 ⊠ **Boston Br. Pkt. Paid Mar. 23 (1856).** Bold strike of large red circular datestamp on Mar. 23, 1856 folded letter to Augustine Heard & Co., **Shanghai, China,** sender's directive "*Per 'Arabia' & overland mail*", pencil "53" rate and red "48" credit handstamp, red London Paid datestamp (Apr. 7), Hong Kong backstamp (May 23), Very Fine...... E. 200-300
- Boston Paid B. Pkt. 25 Mar. (1857). Red circular datestamp on Mar. 24, 1857 blue folded letter to Russell & Co., Hong Kong, China, carried by Prussian Closed Mail, pencil "38" rate and red crayon "15" credit, manuscript "1/" one-shilling debit marking, magenta manuscript "f31/4" silbergroschen rate, red "AACHEN 8/4 FRANCO" framed transit datestamp (Apr. 8), Trieste backstamp, blue "Alexandria MY 4, 1857" transit and "Hong-Kong 10 JU, 1858" receiving backstamps, one very slightly toned file fold at right, Very Fine and scarce example of mail to China via Prussian Closed Mail E. 750-1,000



- Lacross Wis. Jun. 2 (1858). Blue circular datestamp and matching "Paid 24" in circle hand-stamp with rate in manuscript on yellow cover to Albert Hastings Markham, H.M.S. Camilla, Admiralty, London and forwarded to Hong Kong, China, red "19" credit handstamp, red London Paid datestamp (Jun. 21), bold red "1858 21 JU 21 I A" crown backstamp, address crossed out and "Hong Kong" written above, minor edgewear and soiling, Very Fine and scarce combination of origin and destination forwarding, Markham eventually became Admiral Sir Albert Hastings Markham, his naval career spanned 50 years and included many exploits, Arctic exploration, as well as some controversy over the sinking of the H.M.S. Victoria in 1893, he also designed the flag of New Zealand, the Camilla was his first ship posting (at age 17) and was involved the Second Opium War E. 400-500
- Wisconsin to Hong Kong, 1859. Buff cover to Albert Hastings Markham, H.M.S. Camilla, China, manuscript "Feb 14/59" and "Paid 33" at top, magenta manuscript "12" credit, red "New-York Am. Pkt. Feb. 12" backstamp, red London Paid datestamp (Feb. 26), minor corner wear and scuff in address, otherwise Very Fine, scarce combination of origin and destination, Markham eventually became Admiral Sir Albert Hastings Markham, his naval career spanned 50 years and included many exploits, Arctic exploration, as well as some controversy over the sinking of the H.M.S. Victoria in 1893, he also designed the flag of New Zealand, the Camilla was his first ship posting (at age 17) and was involved the Second Opium War.... E. 200-300



- Wisconsin to "East India Station", 1859. "Arcadia Wis, Nov 10" (1859) manuscript postmark and "Paid 33cts" rate on cover to Albert Hastings Markham, H.M.S. Retribution, East India Station via England, red "New York Br. Pkt. Nov. 19" backstamp partially missing from removal of part of top flap, red "12" credit handstamp, red London Paid datestamp (Feb. 1), no arrival markings, lengthy cross-written letter enclosure from recipient's mother, minor edgewear, Very Fine and remarkable combination of origin and destination, Markham eventually became Admiral Sir Albert Hastings Markham, his naval career spanned 50 years and included many exploits, Arctic exploration, as well as some controversy over the sinking of the H.M.S. Victoria in 1893, he also designed the flag of New Zealand.................. E. 300-400



- 13

 Moira N.Y. Sept. 26 (1861). Circular datestamp and manuscript "Pd 33 cts" rate on buff cover to Rev. Otis Gibson, Foochow, China, part strike of red New York backstamp, magenta manuscript "24" credit, red London Paid datestamp (Oct. 18) and crayon "1" British Colonial credit, "Hong Kong C DE 13 61" backstamp, red "RETURNED FOR/POSTAGE" two-line handstamp, minor edgewear and soiling, otherwise Very Fine...... E. 200-300



15

10c Green, Type II (14). Horizontal pair and single, the pair large margin at left and in on other sides, the single three large margins and in at bottom, used with 3c Dull Red, Type I (11), two large margins, in on two sides, cancelled or tied by grid, "Hartford Ct. Apr. 13, 1857" circular datestamp on cover to Mrs. Sarah Blodgett, Shanghai, China, sender's directive "Overland Mail via Southampton, England" and ship name "Asia", red "New-York Apr. 15, 1857" circular datestamp on back—carried on Cunarder Asia, departing New York Apr. 15, 1857, arriving Liverpool Apr. 28—red London Paid datestamp (Apr. 28), Hong Kong datestamp on back (July 8)

VERY FINE. A COLORFUL 1851-55 ISSUE COVER TO SHANGHAI, CHINA, VIA SOUTHAMPTON—FROM THE REVEREND BLODGETT CORRESPONDENCE.

Ex Giamporcaro, Hackmey and Gross. With 1990 P.F. certificate E. 2,000-3,000



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U.S.S. Hartford

The U.S.S. *Hartford* was commissioned in 1858 and served as the East India Squadron flagship until being recalled for the Civil War where she served as Farragut's flagship in the West Gulf Blockading Squadron and was instrumental in retaking New Orleans.





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Via South Marketters

Via South R. L. LAW,

U. S. S. HARTFORD,

HONG KONG,

China.

19

- 1c Blue, Type V (24). Horizontal pair, used with 3c Dull Red, Type III (26), tied by target cancels and "Terre Haute Ind. Apr. 26 (1861)" double-circle datestamp on cover with printed address to Lieut. R. L. Law, U.S.S. Hartford, in Hong Kong, China, printed "Via Southampton" (crossed out with manuscript "Marseilles") and ("Per Cunard Steamer") directives, red "New-York Br. Pkt. Apr. 30" circular datestamp, manuscript "1/4" debit, blue London transit (May 13) and Hong Kong receiving backstamps, "July 5th" origin docketing, fresh and Very Fine............... E. 500-750



5c Red Brown (28). Tied by "Washington City D.C. Jan. 12, 1859" circular datestamp on cover to Richard C. Potts, U.S.S. *Powhatan*, in care of U.S. Naval Storekeeper, Hong Kong, China, red "New-York Br. Pkt. Jan. 19?" circular datestamp—carried on the Cunarder *Africa*, departing New York Jan. 19, 1859, arriving Liverpool Jan. 29— red "London SG JA 31 59" backstamp, manuscript "1/2" 1sh2p debit, "Hong-Kong 25 MR 1859" receiving backstamp, May 10 receipt docketing at top, stamp lifted, reperfed and reaffixed to cover, also with small toned spot at bottom left from gum, appears Fine, the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Amity and Commerce was signed on the *Powhatan* on July 29, 1858................................. E. 500-750



22



10c Green, Type II (32). Tied by Boston "Paid" grid cancel, used with 3c Dull Red, Type III (26), tied by manuscript on 3c Red Nesbitt entire (U9) to Lieut. R. L. Law, U.S.S. Hartford, Boston, and forwarded to Hong Kong, China, brown "Bladensburg Md. Jun.? 25, 1859" circular datestamp with year in manuscript, perfs of 10c stamp applied just over the rim of the datestamp, "Boston Br. Pkt. Jul. 13" backstamp, manuscript "3/" 3-shilling debit marking, red London (July 25) and Hong Kong (Sep. 7) receiving backstamps, "Forwarded by Thos. Hunt & Co. Hong Kong" oval handstamp, Very Fine and unusual, the U.S.S. Hartford was commissioned in 1858 and served as the East India Squadron flagship until being recalled for the Civil War where she served as Farragut's flagship in the West Gulf Blockading Squadron and was instrumental in retaking New Orleans, with 2007 P.F. certificate E. 1,000-1,500



24

10c Green, Types II-III (32-33). L-shaped block of three, top stamp Type III, bottom stamps Type II, used with 3c Dull Red, Type III (26), tied by blue grid cancels with matching "Amherst Ms. Mar. 19, 1858" circular datestamp on cover to Rev. Henry Blodgett, Shanghai, China, sender's directive "Per Steamer via New York", red "New-York Am. Pkt. Mar. 20" backstamp, magenta "12" credit—carried on Vanderbilt Kangaroo, departing New York Mar. 20, 1858, arriving Southampton Apr. 2—red London Paid datestamp (Apr. 2), Hong Kong (May 22) receiving backstamp, bottom left stamp small corner crease, Very Fine and attractive use to Shanghai, with 1991 P.F. certificate E. 750-1,000





26

30c Orange (38). Bright color, used with 3c Dull Red, Type III (26), affixed slightly overlapping and tied by bold strikes of blue "Baltimore Md. May 15" (1861) circular datestamp on folded letter to the China Mission, Shanghai, China, red "New-York Am. Pkt. Mar. 18" backstamp, magenta manuscript "12" credit—carried on HAPAG Hammonia, departing New York May 18, 1861, arriving Southampton May 30—red London Paid datestamp (May 31), manuscript "1" British Colonial credit, Hong Kong backstamp (Jul. 22), 3c stamp perfs trimmed at bottom, Very Fine, ex Bolton................................. E. 750-1,000







- 3c Rose (65). Twelve, affixed over edges and on back, manuscript "M" cancels for Milo Maine but no circular datestamp, faint strike of red "N.Y. Br. Pkt. Paid" (1865) circular datestamp and manuscript "40" credit on yellow cover addressed to William F. Stubbs, U.S. Ship Relief, Care American Consul, Macau, China, red London Paid datestamp, red "Correio Maritimo Macao" double-oval handstamp, blue "Hong Kong Paid MY 7 65" backstamp, some expected stamp faults, Fine appearing cover to Macau which is underpaid for the 45c rate via Southampton, no stamps are obviously missing but a 10c could have been on the back, the credit to Great Britain is correct for a 45c cover by British Packet, some of the other covers from the Stubbs correspondence also appear to be short paid, perhaps the vast number of stamps helped convince the postmaster to consider them fully prepaid, ex Bilden E. 500-750
- 30 Sc Rose (65). Horizontal pair, bold circle of wedges cancels and tied by partial strike of red British Packet exchange office datestamp on cover to Mr. Foster, Hong Kong, China, manuscript "Via Marseilles", red crayon "54" credit, red French arrival datestamp ties pair, red boxed "PD" handstamp, Paris transit and Hong Kong receiving backstamps—none of the markings with clear year dates, Very Fine and a vexing cover, the French markings and the 54c credit indicate a double rate via French Closed mail, which would be 60c, the 6c franking vastly underpays this but there are no obvious signs of missing stamps and no due markings, perhaps the clerk mistook the 3c stamps for 30c stamps E. 300-400



31 ⋈ 10c Green (68). Ten stamps in a strip of eight and pair, manuscript "M" cancels, "Milo Me. Apr. 18" (1865) circular datestamp on cover addressed to William F. Stubbs, U.S. Ship Relief, Care American Consul, Macau, China, two strikes of red "Portland Me. Am. Pkt. Paid 48 Apr. 22" 48c credit datestamp ties stamps, red London Paid datestamp (May 4), red manuscript "2" British Colonial credit, blue "Hong Kong C IY 6 65" backstamp, a few stamp with faults including right stamp reduced during separation, cover nicks at top

FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE 10-STAMP 10-CENT 1861 ISSUE FRANKING TO MACAU, CHINA, FROM THE STUBBS CORRESPONDENCE.

This remarkable cover is overpaid by 10c for double the 45c British Mail rate via Southampton. The dates correspond to the sailing of the Allan Line's Moravian from Portland, departing April 22, 1865, arriving Liverpool May 4. From there it was carried on P&O steamers. The Stubbs correspondence is known for covers with multiple low denomination stamps front and back. This franking with ten 10c stamps is extremely rare and striking.

Ex Arthur White and accompanied by his exhibit page and detailed analysis. . E. 2,000-3,000



32 front and back

- $32 \bowtie$ 10c Green (68). Single 10c used with eleven 3c Rose (65), including a strip of nine and a pair, affixed folded over the side and cancelled by manuscript "M", pair tied by "Milo Me. Apr. 12" (1865) circular datestamp on buff cover addressed to William F. Stubbs, U.S. Ship *Relief*, Care American Consul, Macau, China, red "Portland Me. Am. Pkt. Paid 24 Apr. 15" 24c credit datestamp, red "1d" British Colonial credit handstamp, blue "Hong Kong C JU 19 65" backstamp, stamps on back with manuscript "I send some papers with this", a few stamp faults but better than many other covers from this correspondence, Fine appearance, this is underpaid by 2c for the 45c rate via Southampton, a stamp may be missing (Ashbrook note on back surmises this) or it may have been accepted as underpaid—some of the other covers from the Stubbs correspondence also appear to be short paid, signed Ashbrook...... E. 750-1,000
- 10c Green (68). Horizontal pair, used with two 3c Rose (65), cancelled or tied by targets, part 33 🖂 strike of N.H. town circular datestamp on cover addressed to care of Einstein Brothers in San Francisco, forwarded to Hong Kong, China and re-addressed to Howard Nichols, Oliphant & Co., "San Francisco Cal. Sep. 3" (1867) double-circle datestamp—carried on PMSS *Great Republic*, departing San Francisco Sep. 3, 1867, arriving Hong Kong Oct. 5—"Hong Kong C OC 5 67" receiving backstamp, manuscript "8" due, docketing at left, slightly reduced at left, right 10c stamp perfs shaved at top, appears Very Fine, carried on the fourth westbound PMSS contract sailing E. 750-1,000





12c Black (69). Used with 3c Rose (65) and three 10c Green (68), 3c tied to cover and other stamps tied together by magenta grid cancels, matching "Hartford Ct. Sep. 30" (1862) circular datestamp, red "Boston Br. Pkt. 40 Oct. 1" 40c credit datestamp also ties 3c on blue cover to Francis Hall, Yokohama, Japan, via Russell & Co., Shanghai, China, Boston datestamp repeated on back without credit—carried on Cunarder Arabia, departing Boston Oct. 1, 1862, arriving Queenstown Oct. 11—faint strike of red London datestamp (Oct. 13) ties one 10c, red crayon "I" British Colonial credit, blue "Hong Kong C "DE 11 62" backstamp, reply docketing on back (Jan. 2, 1863), cover with some expertly sealed tears and left 10c stamp lifted and reperfed, still Extremely Fine appearing and striking 45c three-color franking to Russell & Co in Shanghai for forwarding to Japan......................... E. 1,000-1,500

12c Black (69). Vertical strip of three and single, used with 5c Brown (76), tied by grid cancels, "Cambridge Mass. Jun. 27" (1865) double-circle datestamp on cover to Russell & Co. for Mrs. Henry Greco, Hong Kong, China, endorsed "French Closed Mail", red "New York Br. Pkt. Paid Jun. 28" circular datestamp, red crayon "27" credit, red Calais arrival datestamp (Jul. 9) and matching boxed "PD" handstamp, Marseilles and receiving backstamps, with original contents, stamps affected from placement over edge of cover, otherwise Fine, a most unusual franking—the 53c postage suggests this was prepaid for the rate by British Mail via Marseilles, but it went by French Mail, as directed by the sender, requiring only 30c with a corresponding 27c credit for British packet service—ex Vogel E. 1,000-1,500





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30c Orange (71). Used with 3c Rose (65) and pair of 10c Green (68), tied by target cancels with "Syracuse N.Y. Jun. 10" (1865) double-circle datestamp on cover to Commander Robert Townsend aboard the U.S.S. Wachusett in Macau, China, sender's directive "Via Marseilles", red "N. York Br. Pkt. Paid Jun 14" circular datestamp, red "40" credit handstamp overstuck by grid and "48" credit handstamp tying two stamps—carried on Cunarder Persia, departing New York June 14, 1865, arriving Queenstown June 24, then by P&O route—red London Paid datestamp (Jun. 26), red manuscript "1" British Colonial credit, blue "Hong-Kong C AU 7 65" backstamp, missing backflap, 30c stamp with corner crease

VERY FINE. AN EXTRAORDINARILY ATTRACTIVE COVER TO MACAU WITH THREE DIFFERENT 1861 ISSUE STAMPS, PAYING THE 53-CENT RATE VIA MARSEILLES.

The Wachusett sailed in March 1865 to pursue the Confederate raider Shenandoah—in August, during a mission to track down pirates in China, Commander Townsend sailed up the Yangtze River and died of heat stroke.

Ex Hollowbush and Haas..... E. 2,000-3,000



5c Red Brown (75). Used with 10c Green (68) and 30c Orange (71), tied by target cancels, red "N. York Br. Pkt. Paid Dec. 17" (1862) circular datestamp on cover to Emily Prees, care of W.G. Hunter Esq., Hong Kong, China, magenta manuscript "40" credit, sender's directive "Per Steamer China Via Southampton"—carried on that Cunarder, departing New York Dec. 17, 1862, arriving Queenstown Dec. 27—red London Paid datestamp (Dec. 28), red crayon "I" British Colonial credit, "Hong Kong C FE 20 63" backstamp, when we last offered this cover in 2004 we noted evidence of an additional stamp being removed prior to sending but this is not noted on accompanying certificate and the cover pays the proper 45c rate, minor edge tear, 30c with small perf faults, still Very Fine and colorful, with 2005 P.S.E. certificate................. E. 750-1,000



39

30 c Orange (71). Used with 5c Brown (76) and 10c Green (68), each with vivid color, tied by crossroads cancel, red "N. York Br. Pkt. Paid Nov. 10" (1863) circular datestamp ties 10c on cover to Carlowitz & Co., Canton, China, sender's directive "Via Southampton", magenta manuscript "40" credit—carried on Cunarder Canada, departing Boston Nov. 11, 1863, arriving Queenstown Nov. 22—red London Paid datestamp (Nov. 23) tying 5c and 10c stamps, red manuscript "1" British Colonial credit, blue Hong Kong backstamp (Jan. 23, 1864), Very Fine, a beautiful three-color franking for the 45c British Mail rate via Southampton, this cover and the cover offered in the following lot from the same correspondence were mailed two months apart, with this one carried by British packet and the other credited for American packet E. 1,000-1,500



- 41 ⋈ 30c Orange (71). Used with 5c Brown (76) on 10c Yellow Green Nesbitt entire (U40), light cork cancels, "Searsmont Me. Jan. 4" (1865) circular datestamp, red "Boston Br. Pkt. 40 17 Jan." 40c credit datestamp on cover addressed to Capt. George Washington Andrews (on the steamer *Ta Hiang*) in Shanghai, China,—carried on Cunarder *Asia*, departing Boston Jan. 18, 1865, arriving Queenstown Jan. 30—red London Paid datestamp (Jan. 30), red crayon "1" British Colonial credit ties 5c, blue Hong Kong (Apr. ?) backstamp, reduced at left with some minor edge staining

FINE APPEARANCE. A COLORFUL AND RARE COMBINATION OF 1861 ISSUE STAMPS AND POSTAL STATIONERY FOR THE 45-CENT BRITISH MAIL RATE TO SHANGHAI VIA SOUTHAMPTON — ADDRESSED TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE STEAMER TA-KIANG, WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE BOMBARDMENT OF SHIMONOSEKI IN SEPTEMBER 1864.

After transatlantic carriage on the *Asia*, this cover was carried on Peninsular & Oriental steamers to Hong Kong and Shanghai. The *Ta-Kiang*, a commercial steamer chartered by the U.S. Navy during the Civil War, was one of two U.S. vessels in Japanese waters when a combined force of British, French, Dutch and American naval forces fought to control the Shimonoseki Straits of Japan. The bombardment of Shimonoseki on September 5-6, 1864, was successful in forcing the surrender of the Japanese feudal domain of Choshu.

With 2016 P.F. certificate...... E. 1,500-2,000





- 30c Orange (71). Used with 3c Rose (65) and 24c Lilac (78), both of the high value stamps with perfs affected from placement at edge, tied by grid cancels with red "N. York Am. Pkt. Paid Mar. 7" (1863) circular datestamp on cover to John M. Nixon, Shanghai, China, manuscript directive "Via Marseilles", magenta "36" manuscript credit ties 3c—carried on the HAPAG Borussia, departing New York Mar. 8, 1863, arriving Southampton Mar. 20—red London Paid datestamp (Mar. 20), bold red "1d" British Colonial credit handstamp, Hong Kong (May 5) backstamp, minor corner wear, Very Fine appearance, prepaid for the 57c rate, which shortly thereafter was superseded by 53c rate (in June 1863)......................... E. 500-750
- 47 ⋈ 30c Orange (71). Horizontal strip of three, right stamp defective and middle stamp perf faults at top, tied by crossroads cancels, blurry strike of red "N. York Br. Pkt. Paid Nov. 18" (1863) backstamp on buff cover Rev. E. Doty, Amoy, China, sender's directive "Via Southampton", red crayon "28" credit—carried on Cunarder China, departing New York Nov. 18, 1863, arriving Queenstown Nov. 29—red London Paid datestamp (Nov. 30), red crayon "2" British Colonial credit, "Hong-Kong C JA 23 64" backstamp, Fine appearance, Amoy is a rare destination and this double 45c rate franking is visually impressive........................ E. 1,000-1,500

Three-color franking with 90c 1861 Issue on cover to Shanghai



48

90c Blue (72). Well-centered, beautiful dark color, tied by red grid cancel and used with two 3c Rose (65) and 12c Black (69), each cancelled or tied by matching red grids, "New York Am. Pkt. Mar. 22" (1862) backstamp and magenta manuscript "66" credit on cover to John M. Nixon, care of Blair Tate & Co., Shanghai, China, "prepaid overland" and "via Marseilles" sender's directives, red "London Paid AP 4 '62" datestamp, bold red "2d" British Colonial credit handstamp, "Hong Kong MY 2 '62" backstamp, cover professionally refolded at top and bottom, both 3c stamps defective and the bottom one repaired with portion of design

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A COLORFUL AND RARE USE OF THE 90-CENT 1861 ISSUE TO SHANGHAI

The \$1.08 in postage on this cover prepaid the British Mail rate to China via Marseilles for a cover weighing more than ½ ounce but less than ¾ ounce (51c plus 57c). This was carried across the Atlantic on the HAPAG *Hammonia*, departing New York March 22, 1862, and arriving Southampton April 3.

Ex DuPuy and from our 1991 Rarities sale. With 1967 P.F. certificate...... E. 7,500-10,000



49

49 **90c Blue (72).** Used on small piece with **10c Yellow Green (65) and two 3c Rose (65),** tied by quartered cork cancels and circular datestamp, Very Fine, undoubtedly from a \$1.06 rate cover to China (double 53c rate), ex Knapp E. 400-500



50

2c Black (73). Used with 3c Rose (65) and horizontal pair of 24c Dark Gray (78b), tied by circle of diamonds cancel, "Fishersville N.H. Oct. 22" (1866) circular datestamp on cover to Asa Emery, U.S.S. Wachusett at Hong Kong, red "Boston Br. Pkt. Paid 24 Oct." backstamp, magenta manuscript "Paid 53" and red "48" credit handstamp ties 24c pair—carried on Cunarder Asia, departing Boston Oct. 24, 1866, arriving Queenstown Nov. 3—red London Paid datestamp (Nov. 5), red "1d" British Colonial credit handstamp, Hong Kong receiving backstamp, with original letter enclosure, right 24c minor corner crease, cover slightly reduced at left where opened unevenly

VERY FINE. AN ATTRACTIVE AND RARE FRANKING FOR THE 53-CENT RATE TO CHINA BY BRITISH MAIL VIA MARSEILLES.

Ex "Sevenoaks" and DuPuy..... E. 2,000-3,000



30c Orange (71). Used with 2c Black (73) and pair 10c Green (68), tied by grid cancels, red "New York Am. Pkt. Dec.?" (1863) backstamp on yellow cover to Edward T. Hjousbery, care of E. Hopkins, Shanghai, China, sender's directive "Via Marseilles, red crayon "32" credit, red London Paid datestamp (Dec. 26), blue "Hong Kong C FE 11 64" backstamp, faint strike of another backstamp may be receiving, missing part of backflap

VERY FINE. A COLORFUL 53-CENT RATE COVER TO SHANGHAI, CHINA, WHICH WAS UNDERPAID BY ONE CENT BUT ACCEPTED AS FULLY PREPAID IN NEW YORK.

The rate to China via Marseilles at this time was 53c. The New York exchange office credited Great Britain 32c, the correct full credit for transatlantic carriage by American packet (the U.S. was entitled to 21c). The 1c deficiency was apparently ignored by the New York postal clerk and the cover was sent as fully prepaid. The London date matches the sailing of the HAPAG Saxonia from New York on Dec. 12, 1863, arriving Southampton Dec. 25.

Signed Ashbrook and accompanied by a letter from him..... E. 2,000-3,000

2c Black (73). Two, used with 5c Red Brown (75) and three 12c Black (69), stamps arranged in overlapping pattern, cancelled and tied together by four strikes of unusual wing-shaped cork, "Norwalk Con. Dec. 15, 1863" double-circle datestamp on cover to Theodore A. Ives, Shanghai, China, sender's directive "Via Southampton" and correctly prepaid for the 45c British Mail rate by that route, faint strike of red New York Br. Pkt. datestamp on back and manuscript "48" credit corresponds to 53c rate via expedited Marseilles route, red London Paid datestamp (Dec. 25), red "1d" British Colonial credit handstamp, blue Hong Kong (Feb. 25, 1864) and Shanghai (Mar. 3) backstamps, lightly cleaned to remove some toning evident in the certificate photo, one 12c tiny perf tears

VERY FINE. AN ARTFULLY ARRANGED AND RARE COMBINATION OF STAMPS, INCLUDING THE 2-CENT BLACK JACK AND 5-CENT RED BROWN, ON COVER TO SHANGHAI, CHINA.

This cover was carried on the Cunarder Scotia, which departed New York on December 16, 1863, and arrived in Queentown on December 24. The New York foreign-mail office apparently treated it as fully prepaid for the Marseilles route (53c rate), despite the fact that only 45c postage was affixed and the sender wrote "Via Southampton" (45c rate). The arrangement of stamps and tying cancels eliminate the possibility that any other stamps were affixed. The 61-day transit time between London and Hong Kong, indicated by the December 25 and February 25 datestamps, is normal for the Southampton route, not Marseilles (typically 40 or less days), so the British post office ignored the 48c credit and followed the sender's route directive.



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2c Black (73). Used with 3c Rose (65) and two horizontal pairs of 10c Yellow Green (68), arranged as a block, cancelled by manuscript "#", no origination datestamp on cover to J. C. A. Wingate, U.S. Consul, Swatow, China, sender's directive "Overland via Southampton", red "Boston Am. Pkt. Paid Apr. 30" (1864) backstamp, red "24" credit handstamp—dates largely correspond to the sailing of the HAPAG Saxonia, departing New York Apr. 30, 1864, arriving Southampton May 11—red London Paid datestamp (May 14), red crayon "1" British Colonial credit, blue "Hong-Kong C JY 6 64" backstamp, two 10c stamps with some perf faults including one small nick, Very Fine appearing and colorful use E. 1,000-1,500



- 2c Black (73). Used with 3c Rose (65) and strip of four 10c Green (68), left stamp in strip wrapped around edge of cover, cancelled by targets with "Tioga Pa. Dec. 4" (1866) circular datestamp on buff cover to John F. Kingsley, Acting 3rd Asst. Engineer, U.S.S. Shenandoah, Hong Kong, China, red "N. York Am. Pkt Paid Dec. 8" circular datestamp and "24" credit handstamp—carried on HAPAG Germania, departing New York Dec. 8, 1866, arriving Southampton Dec. 18—red London Paid datestamp (Dec. 19), red manuscript "1" British Colonial credit, "Hong Kong C FE 8 67" backstamp, stamps with few faults from placement near or over edge of cover, small piece out of back of envelope, still Fine and colorful franking for the 45c rate to China via Southampton.................................. E. 500-750





58 front and back

2c Black (73). 19 singles affixed on front and back and overlapping edge, used with single 3c Rose (65), each cancelled by manuscript "M" with "Milo Me. Dec. 3" (1865) circular datestamp on yellow cover addressed to William F. Stubbs, U.S. Store Ship Relief, Care American Consul, Macau, China, red "Boston Br. Pkt. Paid 6 Dec." circular datestamp—carried on Cunarder China departing Boston Dec. 6, 1865, arriving Queenstown Dec. 15—red London Paid datestamp (Dec. 16), "Hong Kong C FE 7 66" datestamp, virtually all stamps faulty to some degree, one 2c stamp on back with pre-printing paper fold which has been unfolded, some edgewear

FINE APPEARANCE. A REMARKABLE FRANKING BEARING 19 BLACK JACK STAMPS ON A COVER TO MACAU, CHINA.

There are a number of covers known to us from the Stubbs correspondence with a large array of stamps affixed front and back. The sender in this correspondence apparently had an ample supply of 2c and 3c 1861 Issue stamps on hand but little else at certain times. The 41c franking on this cover is 4c short for the 45c rate via Southampton. There are no obvious missing stamps and some of the other covers from the Stubbs correspondence also appear to be short paid. Perhaps the vast number of stamps helped convince the postmaster to consider them fully prepaid.

Ex Mayer..... E. 1,500-2,000





59 front and back





61

2c Black (73). Used with 3c Rose (65) and strip of four or two horizontal pairs 10c Green (68), manuscript cancels including "M" and "1864", "Milo Me. Sep. 13" circular datestamp on yellow cover addressed to William F. Stubbs, U.S. Ship Relief, Care American Consul, Macau, China, red "Portland Me. Am. Pkt. Paid 24 Sep. 16" 24c credit datestamp ties 3c stamp, faint red London Paid datestamp (Sep. 28), red "1d" British Colonial credit handstamp, blue "Hong Kong C DE 3 64" backstamp, stamp faults including one 10c defective, Fine appearing cover to Macau correctly prepaying the 45c rate via Southampton, ex Arthur White and accompanied by his exhibit page and detailed analysis E. 500-750



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- 64 ⋈ 24c Grayish Lilac (78a). Horizontal pair, centered to left, used with 3c Rose (65), cancelled by targets, "Holland Mich. Jun. 17" (1867) circular datestamp on 3c Pink entire (U58) to Mrs. L.W. Kip in Amoy, China, red "Detroit Am. Pkt. Paid Jun. 20" circular datestamp, red crayon "32" credit—carried on Allan Line Moravian, departing Quebec June 22, 1867, arriving Liverpool Jul. 4—red London Paid datestamp (Jul. 4) ties right stamp, red "1d" British Colonial credit hand-stamp, "Hong Kong C AU 18 67" backstamp, taken by local steamer to Amoy, fresh and Fine, scarce use to Amoy, sent through the Detroit exchange office, accompanied by exhibit page giving exhaustive explanation of rate and routings, ex Arthur White E. 750-1,000
- 24c Lilac (78). Horizontal pair, right stamp with tiny perf hole tear at bottom, used with 5c Brown (76), dark shade, tied by neat crossroads cancels and red "N. York Am. Pkt. Paid Oct. 24" (1863) circular datestamp on blue folded letter to Augustine Heard & Co., Shanghai, China, sender's directive "for Steamer 'Bremen' ℰ Overland via Marseilles", red manuscript "32" credit—carried on NGL Bremen, departing New York Oct. 24, 1863, arriving Southampton Nov. 7—red London Paid datestamp, (Nov. 8), bold red "1d" British Colonial credit handstamp, blue "Hong Kong C DE 24 63" backstamp, "Carry & Co. New-York" forwarder's backstamp, part of internal portion of letter is missing which does not affect front or back panels, Very Fine and attractive....... E. 750-1,000
- 24c Grayish Lilac (78a). Horizontal pair, straight edge at left, used with 5c Brown (76), tiny tear at top left, tied by grid cancels, red "N. York Br. Pkt. Paid Aug. 26" (1863) circular datestamp on folded letter to Augustine Heard & Co., Shanghai, China, sender's directive "p 'China' ℰ Via Marseilles", magenta manuscript "48" credit—carried on that Cunarder, departing New York Aug. 26, 1863, arriving Queenstown Sep. 4—red London Paid datestamp (Sep. 5), red "1d" British Colonial credit handstamp, blue "Hong Kong C OC 22 63" backstamp, Very Fine, illustrated in North Atlantic Mail Sailings 1840-1875 (p. 48), ex McDonald E. 500-750



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69 **2c Black, F. Grill (93).** Horizontal pairs of 2c and **15c Black, F. Grill (98),** perfs in, tied by circle of wedges cancels on tissue-paper cover addressed in violet to William Appleton, care of Russell & Co., **Hong Kong, China,** red "24" credit handstamp applied in New York, part of matching circular datestamp on back (pencil notation indicates Mar. 1, 1869 origin date), red London Paid datestamp (Mar. 13), faint red crayon "1" British Colonial credit, stamps have minor perf faults from placement at edge, cover with usual faults for this thin paper, part of backflap missing, top left corner patched with similar paper

FINE APPEARANCE. A TREMENDOUSLY RARE COMBINATION OF THE 15-CENT LINCOLN AND 2-CENT BLACK JACK F GRILLS FOR THE 34-CENT RATE TO HONG KONG VIA MARSEILLES.

This cover was correctly prepaid for the 34c rate to Hong Kong by British Mail via Southampton, using an unusual combination of 15c Lincoln and 2c Black Jack issues (both F Grills), with a 24c credit to Great Britain. It was carried on the Inman steamer *Hammonia II*, departing New York on March 2, 1869, and arriving in Southampton on March 13. From there it traveled on British steamers to Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria, by rail to Suez, and then again by steamer to Aden, Galle (Ceylon), Penang, Singapore and finally Hong Kong.

Ex "Patrick Henry" and Faust. E. 2,000-3,000

30c French Mail rate—considerably scarcer than any of the British Mail rates



70 with detail of backstamp



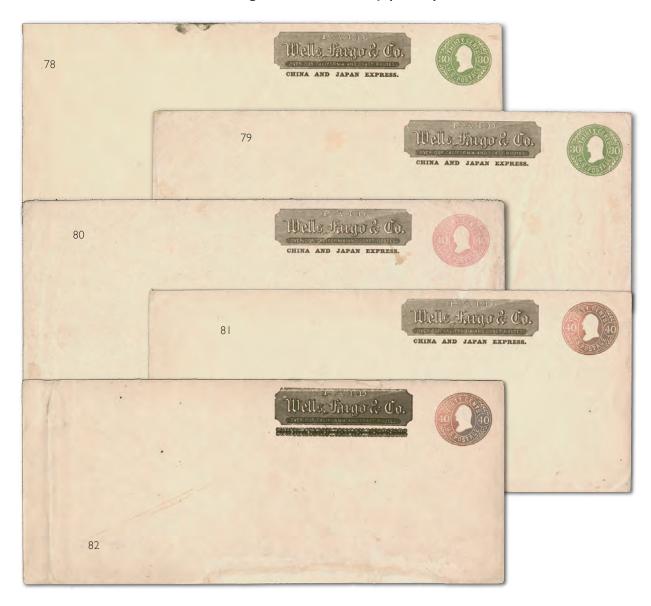
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- 73 Soc Orange (71). Bright color, tied by bold segmented cork cancel, red "Boston Br. Pkt. 27 Paid 25 Jul." (1865) 27c credit datestamp on small gray cover to Louis G. Hale, care of H. Fogg & Co., Shanghai, China, sender's directive "By French Closed Mail" at top, French entry and transit datestamps front and back (Aug. 7), red boxed "P.D." handstamp, receipt docketing Oct. 4, slightly reduced at top where flap removed, Very Fine E. 400-500



Wells Fargo & Co. China and Japan Express



- Wells, Fargo & Co. China and Japan Express. Printed frank (Haller WF-CJ) on unused legalsize 30c Green on Buff entire (U72), small ink smear at top, flap partly stuck down and split along top, still Very Fine, these "China and Japan Express" entires are extremely rare, ex Dale-Lichtenstein E. 500-750
- 79 Wells, Fargo & Co. China and Japan Express. Printed frank (Haller WF-CJ) on unused legalsize 30c Green on Buff entire (U72), slight wrinkling, still Very Fine, these "China and Japan Express" entires are extremely rare.............................. E. 750-1,000
- 81 Wells, Fargo & Co. China and Japan Express. Printed frank (Haller WF-CJ) on unused legalsize 40c Rose on Buff entire (U73), small repairs at top where slightly brittle paper has chipped or cracked, indicia a bit oxidized, otherwise Very Fine, these "China and Japan Express" entires are extremely rare, ex Dale-Lichtenstein............. E. 500-750
- 82 Wells, Fargo & Co. China and Japan Express, Imprint Oblitered. Printed frank and surprint (Haller WF-CJa) on unused legal-size 40c Rose on Buff entire (U73), repairs at edges where brittle paper has chipped or cracked off, indicia a bit oxidized, otherwise Fine, this frank with the "China and Japan Express" obliterated is reputed to be unique (at the very least, it is extremely rare), ex Dale-Lichtenstein E. 750-1,000

The inaugural sailing under the Pacific Mail Steamship Company mail contract—carried from San Francisco to Hong Kong on the S.S. Colorado, January 1, 1867



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10c Green (68). Dark shade, perf faults and nicked at right, tied by circle of wedges cancel with bold "New-York Dec. 10" (1866) circular datestamp on cover to Rev. John Van Nest Talmage, Amoy, China, sender's directive "Pacific Mail via San Francisco to Hong Kong", manuscript "8" pence due rate appears to be crossed out and rated "4" for postage to Amoy, "Hong-Kong C JA 31 67" receiving datestamp on back, manuscript docketing "First Mail via California/ Recd. Thurs Feb. 7th 1867", cover with small nick at top left and minor edge soiling

FINE APPEARANCE AND AN IMPORTANT POSTAL HISTORY ARTIFACT—A COVER CARRIED TO CHINA ABOARD THE *COLORADO* ON THE INAUGURAL TRIP OF THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY CONTRACT MAIL ROUTE.

This cover, like the other cover known from the inaugural PMSS trip, was most likely carried from New York to Panama on the *Henry Chauncey*, a Pacific Mail Steamship Co. steamer launched in 1864 and operated on the New York-Aspinwall route from November 1, 1865, until 1869. It departed New York on December 11, 1866, and arrived in Aspinwall December 18. After the trans-isthmian railroad trip, the PMSS *Golden City* carried it from Panama City to San Francisco, departing December 18 and arriving December 31. It arrived in time to be carried to Hong Kong on the first contract sailing of the PMSS *Colorado*, departing January 1, 1867, and stopping at Yokohama on January 24. It continued on its westbound voyage the next day and arrived in Hong Kong on January 31. An additional 4-pence was charged to the addressee for postage to its final destination.

The Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 56), records only a single cover carried on this maiden trip to Asia (ten are recorded for the return trip back to San Francisco). The other cover was offered in Part 1 of our Magnolia sales (Sale 1248, lot 2037). This cover was apparently unknown to the authors when the book was published...... E. 3,000-4,000



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90 **2c Black, D. Grill (84).** Two, used with two **3c Rose (65),** stamps with small perf faults, tied by target cancels with "Bristol N.H. Nov. 17" (1868) circular datestamp on buff cover to J. C. A. Wingate, U.S. Consul, **Swatow, China,** sender's directive "By California and China Mail", red large "PAID ALL" double-line circle handstamp applied at San Francisco exchange office, Hong Kong (Feb. 11, 1869) and Swatow (Feb. 17) receiving backstamps

FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE 2-CENT 1868 D GRILL ON A COVER TO CHINA, VIA SAN FRANCISCO AND WITH THE RARE SAN FRANCISCO "PAID ALL" HANDSTAMP.

This was carried from San Francisco on the PMSS *Great Republic* on Jan. 1, 1869, arriving in Hong Kong on Feb. 11.

Ex Walske E. 2,000-3,000



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91 So Cultramarine (114). Horizontal pair with bottom part imprint selvage, which is folded over the top, used with vertical pair of 2c Black, F. Grill (93), tied by target cancels, "Bristol N.H. Jun. 30" (1869) circular datestamp on cover to J. C. A. Wingate, U.S. Consul, Swatow, China, manuscript "By Pacific Mail" sender's directive, framed "PAID ONLY/TO HONG KONG" hand-stamp crossed out with pen, magenta "San Francisco Paid All Aug. 4" datestamp—carried by PMSS Oregonian, departing San Francisco August 4, 1869, arriving Hong Kong September 5—Hong Kong (Sep. 5) and Swatow receiving (Sep. 9) backstamps

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR AND RARE 2-CENT BLACK JACK PLUS 3-CENT 1869 PICTORIAL MIXED-ISSUE COVER TO SWATOW, CHINA, FROM THE WINGATE CORRESPONDENCE.

The addressee, Joseph C. A. Wingate, was U.S. Consul in Swatow, China, from 1863 to 1873. Ex Gibson and Kramer...... E. 3,000-4,000



- 92 Sc Rose, E. Grill (88). Strip of three, pair and single, right three stamps faulty, cancelled or tied by corks with "West Point N.Y. Oct. 28" circular datestamp on cover to John B. Walker, care of American Legation, Peking, China, no other markings, slightly reduced at left where opened roughly, paper clip stains at top, otherwise Fine and unusual use of the 3c F Grill on consular mail, with 2002 P.S.E. certificate signed Hahn and Frajola...... E. 400-500
- 93

 10c Yellow Green, F. Grill (96). Tear at bottom, tied by "New-York May 11" (ca. 1869) duplex datestamp and circle of wedges cancel on cover to Edward T. Hjousbery, care of Foggel & Co., Shanghai, China, sender's directive "Via San Francisco", no other transit or receiving markings, some minor edgewear and soiling, appears Fine E. 100-150

30c F Grill and 12c 1869 Pictorial on cover to the Philippines with scarce Hong Kong Marine Sorter datestamp



95 with detail of backstamp

95 ⋈ 12c Green (117). Rich color, trace of guide arrow at top left, used with 30c Orange, F. Grill (100), bright shade, tied by circle of wedges cancels on blue folded letter from Charles F. Wyman in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to George Peirce, Peel, Hubbell & Co., Manila, Philippines, red "Boston Mass. Aug. 13" (1869) circular datestamp, Robt. B. Storer blue oval forwarder handstamp, sender's directive "Via Marseilles", red crayon "32" credit, red London Paid datestamp (August 26) also ties stamps, red "1d" British Colonial credit handstamp, "Hong-Kong Marine Sorter, Singapore to Hong Kong, OC 1/7 69" backstamp, Hong Kong and Manila datestamps also on back, "2" handstamped due marking applied at Manila, 12c slight bend from file fold and 30c single short perf at right.

EXTREMELY FINE. A RARE COMBINATION OF THE 12-CENT 1869 PICTORIAL AND 30-CENT F GRILL ON A COVER TO THE PHILIPPINES, AND ONE OF ONLY TWO WITH THE RARE HONG KONG-SINGAPORE MARINE SORTER HANDSTAMP.

This is a very attractive combination of the 12c 1869 Pictorial issue and 30c 1868 F Grill, and extremely rare to the Philippines. This is one of only two recorded 1869 covers to the Philippines with the rare Hong Kong-Singapore Marine Sorter handstamp—one of the most spectacular and colorful 1869 uses extant.

The Peirce correspondence to Manila reached the philatelic community in the early 1980s. Prior to the revelation of this correspondence, Philippines was unknown as a destination with the 1869 Issue. With the dispersal of the so-called "Manila Find" by H. R. Harmer in 1994, the full scope of the Peirce correspondence became known. This cover from the Peirce correspondence is one of three examples of the 42c rate prepaid with an 1869 stamp in the franking. This is also one of only two covers in the correspondence with the Hong Kong-Singapore Marine Sorter backstamp (the other ex Coulter and Magnolia Part 3, Sale 1261, lot 538).

Ex Kuphal ("European's Large Gold" collection) and Gross. With 2000 P.F. certificate. E. 10,000-15,000



96 with detail of backstamp

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98 Dec Brown (150). Two, tied by negative "H" in circle cancel and "New York Jul. 24" duplex datestamp and left stamp by red "New York Jul. 22" (1873) circular datestamp on cover to Rev. Leonard Kip, Amoy, China. "Via San Francisco" sender's directive—carried on PMSS Colorado, departing San Francisco Aug. 1, 1873, arriving Hong Kong Sep. 4—perfectly clear strikes of "Hong-Kong C SP 4 73" and blue "Amoy A SP 9 73" backstamps, Sep. 9 receipt docketing at left, very slight edge toning, Very Fine E. 400-500



- 100 ⋈ 6c Dull Pink (159). Used with two singles 2c Brown (157), cancelled by grids with "Bristol N.H. Oct. 21" (1874) circular datestamp on cover to J. C. A. Wingate, U.S. Consulate, Swatow, China, double-struck Hong Kong (Dec. 5) and blue Swatow (Dec. 8) backstamps, backflap tear and couple gum soaked perfs, still Very Fine, ex Landau E. 200-300
- 101 ☑ 10c Brown (161). Cancelled by light quartered cork with "Bristol N.H. Feb. 3" (1875) circular datestamp on cover to J. C. A. Wingate, Swatow, China, "By Pacific Mail" directive at top—carried on PMSS City of Peking, departing San Francisco Feb. 20, 1875, arriving Hong Kong Mar. 25—beautifully clear strikes of "Hong-Kong A MR 25 75" and blue "Swatow A MR 26 75" backstamps, top left corner of stamp scraped, appears Very Fine, the City of Peking lost a propeller blade on this trip and had to stay six days at Yokohama to effect repairs before sailing for Hong Kong.....

 E. 200-300
- 102 10c Brown (161). Tied by circle of wedges cancel, "Boston Sep. 13" (1877) backstamp on cover to Mrs. Isaac Shepard, care of Wm. O. Howland, Swatow, China, "Via San Francisco" sender's directive, partly clear strikes of Hong Kong transit and Swatow receiving backstamps, receipt docketing on back (Oct. 29), small cover tear at top, still Very Fine....... E. 200-300



- 105 ₪ **5c Blue (185).** Wide margins, cancelled by target with "Stratham N.H. Jun. 7" (1880) circular datestamp on cover to J. C. A. Wingate, United States Consulate, **Foochow, China,** "San Francisco Cal. Recd. Jun 15" backstamp, clear strikes of "Hong-Kong C JY 16 80" and "Foochow A JY 22 80" backstamps, stamp with tiny tear at bottom, still Very Fine.. E. 200-300
- 107 ⋈ 5c Yellow Brown (205). Tied by "New-York Mar. 4 5:30 PM 86" circular datestamp with oval grid duplex on cover to N. B. O'Connor, British Embassy, Peking, China, "San Francisco Cal. Recd. Mar 10" backstamp and pink "U.S. Consulate General, Shanghai, China, Apr. 8, 1886" double-circle datestamp on back, Very Fine E. 200-300



- 110
 ☐ 1c Gray Blue (206). Used with 2c Red Brown (210), cork cancels with "Wolfborough N.H. Jun. 5, 1884" circular datestamp on 2c Red entire to Richard Baufield, care of U.S. Consul, Shanghai, China, "Boston Jun. 6" and "San Francisco Cal. Recd. Jun. 13" backstamps, bold strike of pink "U.S. Consulate General, Shanghai, China, Jul. 12, 1884" double-circle datestamp on back, address crossed out possibly for forwarding, cover with small tear at right and some waterstaining along edges, otherwise Very Very Fine.................. E. 300-400
- 6c Rose (208). Horizontal pair, used with 1c Gray Blue (206), cancelled or tied by quartered corks, "Grand Rapids Mich. Apr 18" (1884) circular datestamp on yellow cover to J. C. A. Wingate, Foochow, China, "San Francisco Cal. recd. Apr 24" backstamp, "Hong Kong C MY 20 84" and "Foochow A JU 1 84" backstamps, June 1 receipt docketing, Very Fine use, 13c rate by British Mail via Brindisi, ex Landau................................ E. 300-400
- 112 ☑ 1c Ultramarine (212). Tied by Portland circular datestamp (May 2, 1889) on 1c postal card to Rev. Jno. Fitch, Shanghia, China, "San Francisco Cal. Recd. May 5" circular datestamp, purple "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 4 Jun. 89" double-oval backstamp, message is an announcement of an upcoming reading on the New Testament, some slight toning and tape residue on back at top, still Very Fine and scarce use............................... E. 200-300
- 113 ⋈ 5c Indigo (216). Two, both with perf faults at top, tied by "Logansport In. Apr. 15 1889" circular datestamp and target duplex on European-size cover to Edwin Denby, Imperial Maritime Customs, Macau, China, "San Francisco Cal. Recd. Apr. 29" and "Hong Kong A MY 18 89" transit backstamps, "Macao MY 18 89" double-circle receiving backstamp, opened roughly at top, otherwise Very Fine................................ E. 300-400



- 114 ⋈ 1c Blue (264). Horizontal strip of three, straight edge at left, tied by "Three Rivers Mich. Jun. 20 1895" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on 2c Green entire to Charles Seymour, Consul, Canton, China, "San Francisco Cal. Jun. 24 1895" and "Hong Kong D JY 18 95" backstamps, Canton receiving backstamp (Jul. 19), faint speckled bleaching spots mostly confined to back, Very Fine
- 115 ⋈ 1c Blue (264). Used with 2c Carmine, Ty. I (265), tied by "San Francisco Cal. Jun. 17 8:30 PM 1895" machine cancel on 2c Green entire with San Francisco News Co. corner card to Charles Seymour, U.S. Consul, Canton, China, backstamped Tacoma Wash (Jun. 21), Hong Kong (Jul. 21) and Canton receiving (Jul. 22), slightly reduced at left, Very Fine E. 150-200
- 5c Chocolate (270). Tied by "Trappe Md. Jun. 3" (1896) duplex datestamp and cork cancel on European-size cover to Rev. Collins, Ichang, China, manuscript 'for U.S. Consul" at bottom, "San Francisco Cal. F.D. Jun. 8 1896" transit backstamp, "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Rec'd Jul. 7 96" backstamp and bold strike of purple "Consulate of the United States *Hankow* 11 Jul. 96" double-line oval datestamp, also part strike of "Hankow Local Post JU. 13 96" circular datestamp, some gum soaks in perfs, still Very Fine, rare incoming use through the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai and the Local Post and U.S. Consulate in Hankow............................... E. 400-500



- 120 ⋈ 2c Red, Ty. IV (279B). Horizontal pair, used with 1c Green (279) and tied by light strikes of "Detroit Mich. Nov. ?, 1899" duplex cancels on blue cover to Herbert E. House, Tientsin, China, bold strike of purple "U.S. CHARGE/TO COLLECT 10 CENTS" and "25 CTMS T" due handstamps as well as boxed "To Pay", Tacoma Wash., U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai and Tientsin backstamps, slightly reduced at right, stamps with a couple small flaws, still Very Fine, ex Brett.... E. 400-500

- 124 ⋈ 5c Dull Blue, Trans-Mississippi (288). Two, right stamp few frayed perfs from placement at edge, tied by multiple strikes of "Mil. Sta. No. 1, Philippine Islands, Manila, May 27, 1899 11 AM" duplex datestamps on cover to Mrs. Chauncey Thomas, care of American Consul General, Hong Kong, China, purple "U.S. Consulate General Hong Kong, China May 30, 1899" double-oval datestamp, blurry strike of Hong Kong backstamp (May 30), small waterstain spots on top edge and bottom left corner, still Very Fine and scarce use from the Philippines E. 300-400



Mail from Hawaii



- 132

 1894, 5c Rose Lake (76). Two horizontal pairs, tied by magenta target cancels with matching "Honolulu Hawaii Feb. 19, 1895" double-circle, "R" and "A.R." registration handstamps on cover to Berlin Mission, Canton, China, Hong Kong backstamp, Chinese writing front and back, Very Fine and striking cover, ex Bilden E. 400-500



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 1884, 10c Black (U5). Cancelled by "Honolulu H.I. Aug. 27, 1888" circular datestamp and target cancel, addressed to C. Wallace, care of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. in Hong Kong, China, sender's ship directive "per Arabia", "Hong-Kong A SP 19 88" receiving backstamp, backflap tear barely touches front, Very Fine................................ E. 200-300



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MAIL FROM CHINA

SESSION TWO—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022, AT 1:30 P.M. (LOTS 136-383) MAIL FROM CHINA



136 detail of enclosure



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138 ⋈ 10c Yellow Green, F. Grill (96). Tied by light strike of quartered cork cancel, "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Jul. 20" (1869) circular datestamp on cover from Albert Hastings Markham (later Admiral) to George H. Markham in Elk Creek Wis.—carried on PMSS New York, departing Shanghai Jul. 20, 1869, arriving Yokohama Jul. 28, then on PMSS China, departing Yokohama Aug. 2, arriving San Francisco Aug. 19—"San Francisco Cal. Aug. 19" circular datestamp, manuscript "Paid ten cents" below stamp, docketed at center, Very Fine....



- 139 ⋈ 10c Yellow Green, F. Grill (96). Tied by quartered cork cancel, "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Jul. 20" (1869) circular datestamp on blue cover to Miss Libby Inwood in New York—carried on PMSS New York, departing Shanghai Jul. 20, 1869, arriving Yokohama Jul. 28, then on PMSS China, departing Yokohama Aug. 2, arriving San Francisco Aug. 19—this apparently eluded the cancelling device in San Francisco, light strike of Aug. 28 New York receiving backstamp, stamp lifted to confirm grill and hinged in place, otherwise Very Fine....... E. 400-500
- 141 ⊠ 10c Green on Buff entire (U41). Cancelled by quartered cork, "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Jul. 12" (1870) circular datestamp to Mr. Wintzen in New York, sender's detailed directive—carried on PMSS Golden Age, departing Shanghai Jul. 12, 1870, arriving Yokohama Jul. 20, then on PMSS Japan, departing Yokohama Jul. 22, arriving San Francisco Aug. 12— "San Francisco Cal. Aug. 13" backstamp, also with "Siemssen & Co. Shanghai Jul. 11 1870" double-circle company backstamp, some edge flaws, still Very Fine................. E. 500-750





- 10c Yellow Green, F. Grill (96). Straight edge at left, tied by segmented cork cancel, "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Apr. 20" (1869) circular datestamp on cover from Albert Hastings Markham (later Admiral) to Mrs. Markham in Elk Creek Wis.—carried on PMSS Costa Rica, departing Shanghai Apr. 20, arriving Yokohama Apr. 28,, then on PMSS Colorado, departing Yokohama May 1, arriving San Francisco May 20—clear strike of red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp, "San Francisco Cal. May 20" backstamp, slightly reduced at right and refolded at left, few edge flaws sensibly restored, otherwise Fine....... E. 400-500



- 149 ₪ 10c Green (68). Horizontal pair, tied by beautiful strikes of quartered cork cancels, "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai May 26" (1868) circular datestamp on cover to Wilbur Rose, Philadelphia—carried on PMSS Costa Rica, departing Shanghai May 26, 1868, arriving Yokohama June 3, then on PMSS China, departing Yokohama June 5, arriving San Francisco June 26—red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp, "San Francisco Cal. Jun. 26" circular datestamp, receiving backstamp (Jun. 11), intact red wax seal on back, few edge tears, still Very Fine, a rare and attractive double-rate use, with 1986 Holcombe certificate.... E. 1,000-1,500

MAIL FROM CHINA



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10c Yellow Green on White entire (U40). Cancelled by quartered cork, light strike of "U.S.-China-Japan Mail Service" oval handstamp just to left of indicia, also with red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp, addressed to Lucy A. Huntsable, Niles Mich., sender's instructions "in care of Mrs. S.P.L. Hunstable"—carried on PMSS Costa Rica, departing Shanghai May 19, 1869, arriving Yokohama May 27, then on PMSS Great Republic, departing Yokohama May 31, arriving San Francisco Jun. 19—"San Francisco Cal. Jun. 21" circular datestamp also cancels entire, barely reduced at left, Fine, a rare (and probably private) marking E. 1,000-1,500



10c Yellow Green on White entire (U40). Cancelled by segmented cork, "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Dec. 17" (1868) circular datestamp to William C. Thompson, Worcester Mass.—carried on PMSS Costa Rica, departing Shanghai Dec. 17, 1868, arriving Yokohama Dec. 25, then on PMSS Japan, departing Yokohama Dec. 29, arriving San Francisco Jan. 20, 1869—red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp, "San Francisco Cal. Jan. 21" circular datestamp, missing top flap, some repaired tears, some soiling, still Fine, a presentable example of these markings, illustrated in the Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 97), ex Dr. Spicer................. E. 200-300



155

2c Black, F. Grill (93). Tied by segmented cork cancel, clear strike of "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai 21 Jan." (1869) circular datestamp on front only of printed Prices Current to Cheney Brothers in Hartford Conn., sender's directive "San Francisco & Overland", some slight wear, Very Fine, scarce circular-rate usage of the grilled Black Jack from Shanghai, ex Drucker E. 750-1,000



156

2c Black (73). Tied by well-struck segmented cork cancel, "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Feb. 24" (1869) circular datestamp on printed wrapper, address cut out affecting part of postmark but sent to Cheney Brothers in Hartford Conn. (someone has inserted a piece of paper with the printed address in the cut-out space), some slight wear, still Fine and scarce, with 2018 P.F. certificate..... E. 500-750

MAIL FROM CHINA



- 10c Yellow (116). Vibrant color, cancelled by bold strike of circle of wedges, "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai Apr. 12 (1871)" circular datestamp on cover to Rev. A. Robinson, Jefferson Iowa—carried on PMSS New York, departing Shanghai Apr. 12, 1871, arriving Yokohama Apr. 20, then on PMSS Great Republic, departing Yokohama Apr. 21, arriving San Francisco May 13—"San Francisco Cal. May 14" backstamp, reduced at left, Very Fine E. 500-750
- 10c Yellow (116). Two, cancelled or tied by quartered corks, light strike of "U.S. Con. Genl. Shanghai China Aug. 12" (1870) circular datestamp on cover to Rev. Evarts Kent, Ripton Vt., forwarded to Billerica Mass., originated outside Shanghai with red "PAID" handstamp—carried on PMSS Golden Age, departing Shanghai Aug. 12, 1870, arriving Yokohama Aug. 20, then on PMSS America, departing Yokohama Aug. 22, arriving San Francisco Sep. 12—"San Francisco Cal. Sep. 13" circular datestamp, "Ripton Vt. Sep. 23" circular datestamp, small manuscript "Ford", faults including left stamp with creases, still Fine and rare use.................. E. 750-1,000

MAIL FROM CHINA

One of three recorded 12c 1869 Pictorial Issue covers from China



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12c Green (117). Two, used with 6c Carmine, H. Grill (137), cancelled by Hollow Star fancy cancel, clear strike of "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai May 12" (1873) circular datestamp on cover to Miss Maria Seabury, Stony Brook, New York, light strike of blue "FORWARDED BY SMITH, ARCHER & CO., SHANGHAE" oval backstamp, sender's directive "Via San Frco"—carried on PMSS Oregonian, departing Shanghai May 12, 1873, arriving Yokohama May 20, then on PMSS Alaska, departing Yokohama May 23, arriving San Francisco June 13—"San Francisco Cal. Jun. 14" double-circle datestamp on back, missing top flap, few edge tears including one into the postmark, 6c and right 12c light creases

VERY FINE. A COLORFUL AND RARE MIXED-ISSUE FRANKING WITH THE 12-CENT 1869 PICTO-RIAL AND 6-CENT 1870 NATIONAL BANK NOTE ISSUES, PAYING TRIPLE 10-CENT RATE. THIS IS ONE OF THREE RECORDED 12-CENT 1869 PICTORIAL COVERS FROM CHINA, AND IT IS ONE OF TWO ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES (THE OTHER IS ADDRESSED TO JAPAN).

The 12c 1869 Pictorial Issue is extremely rare used either to or from China, because it overpaid the 10c rate and there was no 8c stamp to make up the double rate. We have offered only two covers to China since keeping computerized records, both used with a 30c stamp to Hong Kong. The 1869 Census book does not list any from China. We are aware of only two others. One is used from Shanghai to Japan (Magnolia Part 3, Sale 1261, lot 722). The other to the United States is from the same correspondence and used on the same day to a different name at the same address (Magnolia Part 3, Sale 1261, lot 572).

With 2011 P.F. certificate...... E. 5,000-7,500



- 2c Red Brown (146). Horizontal pair, used with two 3c Green (147), 3c cancelled by pen, cancelled or tied by circle of wedges, "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Jan. 14" (1873) circular datestamp on cover with manuscript doodles to J. W. Vandervoort, Morgantown W.Va., enclosure datelined "Fungchow Dec. 6th 1872", 3c also tied by "San Francisco Cal. Feb. 17" double-circle datestamp, slightly reduced at right, left 3c with pulled perf at bottom left, still Very Fine and colorful franking with low denominations, ex Dr. Spicer E. 400-500
- 10c Brown (150). Bright shade, tied by bold strike of Hollow Star fancy cancel, equally bold strike of "U.S. Postal Ag'cy" Shanghai May 2" (1873) circular datestamp on cover to Mrs. E. L. Farnham, Boston—carried on PMSS New York, departing Shanghai May 2, arriving Yokohama May 10, then on PMSS-chartered Quang Se, departing Yokohama May 10, arriving San Francisco May 30—"San Francisco Cal. Jun. 1" circular datestamp, slightly reduced at left, Very Fine and attractive, ex Risvold E. 400-500
- 10c Brown (150). Bright shade, tied by Hollow Star fancy cancel, matching "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai May 12" (1873) circular datestamp on cover to George Tyson, Boston—carried on PMSS *Oregonian*, departing Shanghai May 12, 1873, arriving Yokohama May 20, then on PMSS *Alaska*, departing Yokohama May 23, arriving San Francisco Jun. 13—blue "Forwarded by Russell & Co. Shanghai May 10 1873" double-oval datestamp on back, "San Francisco Cal. Jun. 14" double-circle datestamp on back, Very Fine, a beautiful cover with the Hollow Star fancy cancel and a forwarding marking E. 300-400



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 10c Brown (150). Tied by bold strike of negative Star in Circle fancy cancel, matching "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Nov. 26" circular datestamp on buff cover to Caleb S. Hall, Lafayette N.Y., light strike of San Francisco circular datestamp also ties stamp, cover refolded at top affecting top of stamp, minor edgewear, slightly reduced at right, Very Fine strike of the scarce negative Star in Circle cancel, only a handful are known...... E. 300-400



- 10c Brown (150). Cancelled by circle of wedges, "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Jan. 14" (1873) circular datestamp on blue cover to Miss M. E. Leaman at Leaman Place Pa., Chinese writing indicates this originated in Soochow, including "Trouble the agency to send enclosed letter to Shanghai outside the little gate" and sender's address "Mr. Li Si Mansion, ShiQuan St.", sixth column of text reads "Alcohol", meaning "JiuLi", or a "tip" of small token of wine given the courier, carried privately to Shanghai and then on the Ariel, departing Shanghai Jan. 14, 1873, arriving Yokohama Jan. 22, then on PMSS Japan, departing Yokohama Jan. 24, arriving San Francisco Feb. 15—"San Francisco Cal. Feb. 17" double-circle datestamp, some edgewear affects stamp, still Very Fine, a very unusual use................................ E. 500-750
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 10c Brown (161). Tied by rosette cancel, "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Feb. 2" (1875) circular datestamp on cover to Mrs. E. S. DeKrafft, Wilmington Del., "San Francisco Cal. Mar. 25" double-circle datestamp struck front and back, minor edge toning, Very Fine..... E. 200-300
- 10c Brown, With Secret Mark (188). Cancelled by bold cork, "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai May 12" (1875) circular datestamp on cover from Chefoo, China to Mrs. Mattie W. House, West Dresden N.Y. and forwarded to Freesburg N.Y., sender's directive "From U.S.S. Palos, Chefoo China, Via San Francisco Per P.M.S.S.Co.", "San Francisco Cal. Jun. 16" double-circle datestamp, "Dresden N.Y. Jun. 24" circular datestamp, some edgewear affects stamp, light soiling, still Fine and scarce use from Chefoo, the Palos has the distinction of being the first U.S. warship to transit thru the Suez Canal, ex Dr. Spicer................. E. 400-500



- 10c Brown (161). Horizontal strip of three, tied by circle of wedges cancels, "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Jan. 14" (ca. 1875) circular datestamp on legal-size cover to John O'Donohues & Son, New York, red "Forwarded by Frazar & Co. Shanghae" backstamp, "San Francisco Cal. Feb. 17" double-circle datestamp, red "PAID" handstamp, barely reduced and opened at sides, some edgewear slightly affects stamps, Very Fine appearing triple-rate use, scarce with both the forwarder's and "Paid" marking, ex Tows and Canman E. 300-400
- 10c Bank Note Covers Used from China. Seven covers, all with U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai circular datestamp, including two with Hollow Star fancy cancels, two with two stamps paying double rate, mostly National Bank Note Co., destinations include Michigan, New York, Philadelphia, North Carolina and Conn., few faults to be expected, overall a Fine-Very Fine group(Photo Ex) E. 1,000-1,500

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- 177 ⊠ **2c Brown (157).** Cancelled by cork on printed circular datelined "Shanghai, April 28th 1875" to Archer & Bull, New York, announcing formation of a new firm, endorsement "Printed Circular" is only partly true as the inside contains manuscript writing and sample of a signature, Fine use paying the printed matter rate...... E. 300-400
- 2c Red Brown (146). Cancelled by circle of wedges on folded printed Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.'s market report datelined "Shanghae December 11th 1873" to Archer & Bull, New York, blue "Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. Shanghae 11 Dec. 73" backstamp, stamp with small tear and small corner crease at top right, still Very Fine and attractive use paying the 2c printed matter rate, with 2003 P.F. certificate....... E. 300-400
- 179 ⊠ **2c Brown (157).** Tied by circle of wedges on folded printed Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. market report datelined **"Shanghai 13th July 1876"** to Windmuller & Bolker, New York, blue "Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. Shanghae" backstamp, Fine...... E. 300-400
- 180

 6c Dull Pink (159). Radiant color, cancelled by circle of wedges, "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Dec. 18" (1875) circular datestamp on cover to Mrs. Ella Salter, Paterson N.J.—carried on the PMSS branch line Nevada, departing Shanghai Dec. 18, 1875, arriving Yokohama Dec. 25, then on PMSS City of Tokio, departing Yokohama Jan. 4, 1876, arriving San Francisco Jan. 25—barely reduced at top, Very Fine................................. E. 300-400
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 6c Dull Pink (159). Tied by bold circle of wedges cancel, matching "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai, Nov. 15" (1875) circular datestamp on cover to Jacob Leyenberger, Montour Iowa, neat "San Francisco Cal. Dec. 20" double-circle datestamp, stamp with diagonal crease at top, part of Shanghai marking pencilled in, otherwise Fine, ex Brett...... E. 300-400



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 5c Blue (179). Tied by circle of wedges cancel, "U.S. Postal Ag'cy., Shanghai, Oct. 14" circular datestamp on cover to A. C. Sheffield, Warsaw N.Y.—likely 1877 use and carried on City of Peking—"San Francisco Cal. Nov. 22" circular datestamp, fresh and Very Fine, a cover mailed on the same day with two stamps was offered in our Sale 986 (lot 1805) E. 200-300
- 184 ⋈ 5c Blue (179). Cancelled by unusual "propeller" cork, clear strike of "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Aug. 3" circular datestamp on European-size cover to Salisbury N.C., red "San Francisco Cal. Pd. All Aug. 27" backstamp, fresh and Very Fine, a pretty cover ... E. 200-300
- 185 ⋈ 5c Blue (179). Tied by circle of wedges, "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Feb. 28" circular date-stamp on cover to O. B. Bradford, Ogden Utah, forwarded to Enon Valley Pa., red "TOO LATE" handstamp, light strike of red backstamp (likely San Francisco), missing top flap and small piece out at top, intact red wax seal on back for "United States Legation China", stamp with small fault, still Fine, scarce with the auxiliary marking....... E. 300-400
- 186

 5c Blue (179). Horizontal pair, cancelled by cork "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Mar. 28" circular datestamp on cover to Master S. B. Robbins in Hartford Conn. and forwarded to Lakeville Conn., red "San Francisco Cal. Pd. All Apr. 22", Hartford (Apr. 29) and Lakeville (May 1) backstamps, trivial overall soiling, Very Fine double-rate use E. 200-300



- 5c Yellow Brown (205). Fresh color, tied by red grid cancel, matching "U.S. Postal Age'y Shanghai, Feb. 12" circular datestamp on cover to Rev. A. Robinson, Taunton Mass., red "San Francisco Pd. All Mar. 8" backstamp, barely reduced at right affecting top right corner of stamp, otherwise Very Fine, scarce with the cancels struck in red, ex Knapp and Drucker.... E. 200-300

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 5c Yellow Brown (205). Cancelled by grid, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 23 Dec. 86" double-oval datestamp on cover to Miss Jeanette Nelson, Washington D.C., bold strike of purple "U.S.S. Palos * Asiatic Station * 8-Dec. 86" double-oval datestamp on back, red "San Francisco Paid All Jan. 14", Washington D.C. (Jan. 20) and Carrier backstamp, some soiling around edges of stamp and cover, still Very Fine, highly unusual with the ship marking............. E. 200-300



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 5c Yellow Brown (205). Tied by segmented cork cancel, clear strike of "I.J.P.A. Shanghai 11 Feb. 1887" circular datestamp on brown cover to Mrs. H. J. McRoberts, Stanford Ky., light strike of "Yokohama Japan 23 Feb. 1887" circular datestamp, receiving backstamp (Mar. 23), minor wear, Very Fine, a rare use from the Imperial Japanese Postal Agency with no indication of postage paid to Japanese post office............................... E. 400-500

- 195 ⋈ 5c Chocolate (223). Cancelled by grid, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 15 Nov. 90" double-oval datestamp on cover with hand-drawn map showing the Korean peninsula, Beijing and area down to about Shanghai, to Canton Ill., San Francisco (Dec. 8) and Canton (Dec. 12) backstamps, slightly reduced at left, some slight wear, still Very Fine, very unusual with the map illustration E. 300-400
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 10c Green (226). Straight edge at bottom, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jul. 29 1PM 92" duplex datestamp and grid cancel on cover to Karlsburg, Hamburg, Germany, San Francisco (Aug. 21), New York (Aug. 25) and Hamburg (Sep. 5) backstamps, purple company origination backstamp, some toning around stamp, Very Fine double-rate use..... E. 200-300



- Postal Sta. Rec'd. Shanghai China Jan. 12 11:30AM 5" circular datestamp with purple typed address to Tsingtau, German China, typed "Per S.S. Gaelic" directive, large "D" in circle handstamp, San Francisco return address backstamp, Shanghai bilingual and Tsingtau backstamps, few vertical file folds, Very Fine................................ E. 200-300
- 199

 5c Chocolate (270). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China 9 Jul. 3PM 1900" duplex datestamp on cover to Hannah P. Butler, Damascus O., clear strike of "Nanking 6 Jul. 00" bilingual origination circular datestamp, Shanghai bilingual (Jul. 7), San Francisco (Aug. 4) and Damascus (Aug. 9) backstamps, slightly reduced at right, Very Fine, an attractive use from Nanking, ex Rohloff and Dr. Spicer E. 300-400
- 201

 10c Dark Green (258). Two, tied by well-struck "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Nov. 22 1PM 97" duplex datestamp on cover with printed address to Lyon, France, San Francisco (Dec. 16) and Lyon (Dec. 31) backstamps, sender's directive per "Doric", Very Fine and very rare use from Shanghai to France via the United States............................... E. 200-300



- 202 ⋈ 1c Deep Green (279). Used on 1c Postal Card which is cancelled by "Chefoo 22 Oct. 00" bilingual datestamp to Austria, 1c tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Oct. 26" duplex datestamp, also with Shanghai bilingual datestamp at top, large grid transit applied in the Netherlands, some wear, still Fine, a rare combination of the stamp and postal card from Chefoo to Europe...... E. 300-400
- 203 ⋈ 1c Deep Green (279). Natural straight edge at bottom, tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Jul. 26 5PM 5" duplex datestamp on picture postcard of Astor House in Shanghai to Canton, China, Aug. 8 receiving datestamp, "U.S. CHARGE TO COLLECT 2 CENTS" handstamp with amount in red crayon, Very Fine, unusual short-paid usage, ex Drucker.................. E. 200-300
- 204
 ☐ 1c Deep Green (279). Used with two 2c Red, Ty. IV (279B), tied by two strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai 5 Nov. 5PM 1902" duplex datestamps on cover with printed address to Mead Cycle Co., Chicago, originating in Kiasing with bold strike of "Kiasing 3 Nov. 02" bilingual circular datestamp, back with Shanghai, San Francisco (Dec. 2) and Chicago (Dec. 6) backstamps, Very Fine and attractive, rare originating in Kiasing, ex Dr. Spicer E. 400-500

- 207 ⋈ 5c Dull Blue, Trans-Mississippi (288). Two, tied by bold strike of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Oct. 23 9AM 99" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel on cover to Jno. E. Bowles, New York City, faint strike of San Francisco backstamp, receiving backstamp, expertly repaired at right, stamps with faults, otherwise Very Fine, a rare double-rate use E. 200-300



- 209 E 1c Blue Green (300). Horizontal pair, tied by two strikes of "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai China Oct. 27 5PM 6" duplex datestamp on China 1c Postal Card to Hildesheim, Germany, receiving datestamp (Dec. 8), minor edgewear, Very Fine and unusual use...... E. 200-300

- 212 ⊠ 2c Carmine (301). Tied by part strike of Shanghai circular datestamp and used with pair of China, 1c Ocher (111), tied by indistinct Peking boxed handstamp (possibly Letter Box marking) on cover to Mabel Whiting, Jefferson O. via the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, sender's routing instructions are part of the address, various backstamps including one all in Chinese, "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai China Jun. 13 5PM 1904" duplex, San Francisco (Jul. 15) and receiving (Jul. 20), 2c with crease at bottom right, otherwise Very Fine use from Peking to Ohio E. 300-400

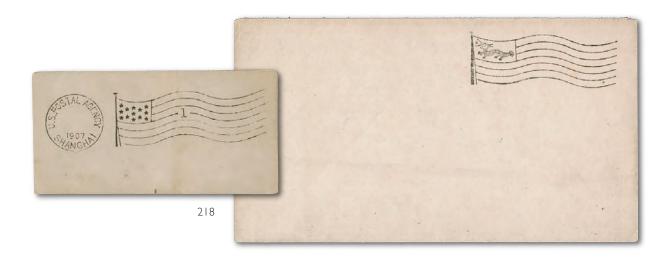


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 2c Carmine (301). With left selvage, tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai China Mar. 29 5PM 1904" duplex datestamp on postcard to Vienna, Austria, Seattle (Apr. 20), New York (Apr. 27) and Vienna (May 9) transit datestamps, Very Fine use to Vienna routed thru Seattle...... E. 200-300
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 2c Carmine, Ty. I (319). Tied by "U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai China Dec. 13 5-PM 1904" duplex datestamp on picture postcard depicting a monument to the wreck of the "Illis" in Shanghai, to Tsingtau, China, Shanghai bilingual circular datestamp at bottom, Tsingtau receiving datestamp, postcard with light creases, Very Fine, a remarkable use........................ E. 200-300
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 2c Carmine, Ty. I (319). Bright color, tied by purple "Received/Feb. 28, 1905/U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp on picture postcard depicting Seoul, Korea, to Shanghai and forwarded to Hong Kong, Very Fine usage, ex Drucker...... E. 200-300

U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai machine cancel



218 **U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Machine Cancels.** Two items, first is waving flag machine cancel with 1907 date on 100 x 50mm piece, second is cover with a waving flag design with Chinese Dragon in place of stars and no circular datestamp component on cover, engraved for use in China but never used, Very Fine and fascinating items E. 300-400



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2c Carmine, Ty. I (319). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Apr. 4 5-PM 1906" machine cancel on picture postcard depicting Temple of Loong-Hua in Shanghai to Vienna, Austria, forwarded locally with Vienna blue circular datestamp (May 17), faint toning at upper right, small corner dents

VERY FINE. A RARE EXAMPLE OF THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI MACHINE CANCEL.



220 ⋈ 2c Carmine, Ty. I (319). Bright shade, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Apr. 4 5-PM **1906" machine cancel** on picture postcard depicting Chinese actors and Chinese stamps, to Charlie Kennison, Nashua N.H., "San Francisco Cal. May 12 4-PM 1906" machine cancel also ties stamp, receiving datestamp (May 16), trivial edge tear at right and trivial corner bends VERY FINE. A RARE EXAMPLE OF THE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI MACHINE CANCEL. Perhaps a half dozen examples of this marking are recorded. Only two or three are known on postcards. E. 1,500-2,000



2c Carmine, Ty. I (319). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Apr. 4 5-PM 1906" machine 221 ⋈ cancel on picture postcard depicting fountain in garden of Shanghai, to Mrs. E. B. Hersey, Belvidere Ill., San Francisco machine cancel (May 12) also ties stamp, receiving backstamp (May 15), stamp expertly replaced, presentable use of the rare Shanghai machine cancel....... E. 300-400



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 U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, Jun. 25 4PM 1915. Duplex datestamp ties 2c Red on European-size cover to Apia, Samoa, blue censor handstamp, Very Fine and scarce.... E. 200-300



- $227 \bowtie$ A.E.F. Siberia to Los Angeles. Legal-size cover with typed "Soldiers Mail, R.M. Elliott 2nd Lt. Inf. A.E.F. Siberia" at upper left, bold "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China Oct. 11 AM 1918" duplex datestamp, to Los Angeles and forwarded to Arroyo Grande Cal., purple "A.E.F. Siberia Censored" boxed handstamp, some edgewear, Very Fine and very scarce, the Shanghai postal device was sent to Siberia for provisional usage between Sep. 25 and Oct. 17, 1918, after which the Siberia marking was used, less that 25 such uses are recorded E. 200-300
- 228 ⋈ A.E.F. Siberia to Ohio. Oversize cover with manuscript "Officers Mail, Custer Fribley, 2nd Lt., American Expeditionary Forces Siberia" at upper left, bold "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai China Sep. 25 10:30AM 1918" duplex datestamp, to New Philadelphia O., purple "A.E.F. Siberia Censored" boxed handstamp which is also signed by Fribley as censor, some edgewear, Very Fine and very scarce, the Shanghai postal device was sent to Siberia for provisional usage between Sep. 25 and Oct. 17, 1918, after which the Siberia marking was used, less that 25 such uses are recorded and this is the earliest recorded use of both this style of censor marking and the Shanghai marking.... E. 300-400
- $229 \bowtie$ U.S. Postal Agency Siberia Jan. 13 10AM 19019. Well-struck duplex datestamp on specially printed prisoner's of war card to Vienna, Austria, black "A.E.F. Siberia Censored Lieut. Lester K. Ade, Base Censor" boxed handstamp in a style unlisted in the Van Dam book, purple "Passed Censor 84" double-circle handstamp, arrival handstamp, Very Fine and very rare, only two examples of this specially printed card are recorded used thru the U.S. Postal Agency in Siberia E. 300-400
- 230 ⋈ 16c Green, 1918 Air Post (C2). Used with 2c Washington, tied by well-struck "U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Sep. 5 3PM 1918" duplex datestamp on cover addressed to Shanghai, obviously philatelic but still Very Fine and attractive E. 200-300
- 231 ⋈ 1c Green (498). Used with 2c Rose, Ty. I (499), used with horizontal strip of three of China, 1c Ocher (111), tied by Nanking City bilingual circular datestamps on cover to Urbana Ill. and forwarded to Saugatuck Mich., U.S. stamps tied by "U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Jun. 26 10AM 1919" duplex datestamp, stamps also tied by Urbana waving flag machine cancel, Shanghai bilingual backstamp, few faults, still Very Fine and colorful use...... E. 300-400
- Peking to Mass. Cover bearing pair and single of U.S. 3c Washington used with China 1½c Violet 232 ⋈ (240), tied by Peking bilingual circular datestamp on cover to Wellesley Hills Mass., large "G.P.O." handstamps, with original enclosure datelined "Peking Nov. 20 19" (Yokohama crossed out), two strikes of "T" due marking crossed out, stamps barely affected from placement at edge of cover, Very Fine and scarce use E. 150-200

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES



\$5.00 Light Green (480). Vertical strip of four, used with L-shaped strip of four of 10c Franklin, tied by "U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Jun. 22 2:30PM 1920" duplex date-stamps on back of piece of stationery from Post Office Department at U.S. Postal Agency, dated June 21, 1920, to Mr. M. S. Crow reads "We are holding 25 Parcels post packages returned to you from J. R. Hopkins, St. Joseph Mo. There is due Gold \$20.40 postage for return of these parcels and if you will kindly send this amount together with enclosed notice the parcels will be delivered" and signed by Supt. of Mails, vertical file folds affect some stamps

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE \$5.00 MARSHALL, USED TO PAY OUTSTANDING POSTAGE FOR 25 PARCEL POST PACKAGES RETURNED TO SENDER. A WONDERFUL RARITY.

This notice went out on June 21, 1920, and was paid the following day, as evidenced by the stamps and cancels of the following day..... E. 2,000-3,000



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2c Carmine, Ty. VII (528B). Tied by "U.S. Pos. Service, Shanghai, China, Oct. 11 9AM 1921" duplex datestamp on college corner card cover to St. Louis Mo., used with China 1c Orange (243) on its First Day of Issue, tied by Shanghai circular datestamp, "Shanghai Local Post Oct. 10, 1921" backstamp, minor edgewear, Very Fine, ex Drucker E. 200-300





- 235 ☑ U.S. Pos. Service Shanghai China Rec'd. Sep. 7, 1918. Perfect strikes of circular datestamp tie 1c-20c Washington-Franklins (7c, 8c and 15c Perf 10, others Perf 11) and also 16c Green, Air Post (C2) and 10c Special Delivery (E8b) on 2c entire to Shanghai, Very Fine and very colorful philatelic item, ex Dr. Spicer E. 300-400
- U.S. Postal Sta. Shanghai, China, Dec. 29 5PM 5. Duplex datestamp on Shanghai Post Office Official Penalty cover front only to Ga., Fine and scarce, ex Drucker..... E. 100-150



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 2c Blue, Paid Message Card (UY2m). Cancelled by "Madison Wis. Apr. 20 12-M 1909" waving flag machine cancel and used to U.S. Post Office in Shanghai, China, purple four-line receiving datestamp (May 20), fresh and Very Fine, a pretty use...... E. 150-200
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 2c Blue on Buff, Reply Card (UY2r). Used with two Hong Kong 2c Green (37), tied by clear strikes of "Foochow A Dec. 3 01" circular datestamps with printed address to a bank in Milwaukee Wis., the card cancelled by "Shanghai DE 6 01" circular datestamp, receiving machine cancel, Vancouver (Nov. 2) and Shanghai (Nov. 24) backstamps apparently applied when the reply card was originally sent, Very Fine and unusual use E. 300-400
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 1c Black, Reply Card (UY4a). Used with China 1c Ocher (111) horizontal pair and two singles, tied by "Tientsin" segmented lunar datestamps, "Tientsin 17.9.08 I.J.P.O." backstamp with printed address to Worcester Mass., Tientsin bilingual circular datestamp, minor edgewear, Very Fine, a very unusual franking.................................. E. 400-500

United States Consulate imprints and markings





243 front and back

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U.S. Legation Official Mail. Red "LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CHINA" illustrated biligual handstamp struck three times on front and back of official envelope, usual sealing marks and oily bleed, Very Fine, scarce...... E. 1,000-1,500



- 5c Yellow Brown (205). Horizontal strip of three, tied by grids on legal-size cover from United States Consulate at Hankow to Kansas City Mo., purple "United States Consulate Hankow" double-oval handstamp on back, purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 25 Feb. 87" double-oval datestamp, virtually intact consular red wax seal on back shows thru, Chinese characters at right, red "San Francisco Cal. Paid All Mar. 24" and Washington D.C. (Mar. 28) backstamps, slight edgewear, Very Fine use from Hankow E. 300-400

- Consulate of the United States * Hankow * 26 Oct. 1901. Purple double-circle datestamp on back of cover with printed return address "Consular Service, U.S.A., Hankow, China" and addressed to Christian Vogeli, Belgrade, Serbia, postage paid by China 10c Dark Blue Green (103) tied by bilingual Shanghai circular datestamp, also with French Offices in China, 25c Black on Rose (6) tied by two strikes of "Shang-Hai China 30 Oct. 01" double-circle datestamp, various backstamps including Suez and Belgrade, Very Fine use to a rare destination.

 E. 300-400



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6c Dark Green, State (O60). Tied by "2" in target cancel, "Washington D.C. May 13 5PM 1882" circular datestamp on blue linen-lined cover with printed "United States Consulate" and manuscript "Hong Kong" to Capt. S. F. Chapman, a railroad clerk in Virginia, forwarded to Washington D.C., blue "Department of State" handstamp, some expert repairs, stamp with few faults, still Very Fine appearance, a rare consular use from Hong Kong...... E. 500-750



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- 250 ⊠ **10c Brown (209).** Tied by open grid cancel on gray linen-lined cover with **printed "United States Consulate" and manuscript "Ningpo"** to Sacramento Cal. and forwarded to Decatur Tex., purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 30 May 90" double-oval datestamp, San Francisco (Jun. 27), Sacramento (Jun. 27) and Decatur (Jul. 4) backstamps, additional Sacramento duplex (Jun. 28), some edgewear, Fine use from Ningpo E. 300-400
- 251 Dull Blue (219). Used with horizontal pair of 2c Carmine (220), tied by two strikes of "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Jan. 25 10PM 95" duplex datestamps on cover to Miss Grace Young, Windsor Vt., light strike of purple "U.S. Consulate, Ningpo, China, Jan.?, 1895" oval datestamp, San Francisco (Feb. 24) backstamp, back of cover with illustrated border and unusual design, some edgewear, still Very Fine, an unusual franking and use from Ningpo...

 E. 300-400
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 5c Chocolate (223). Two, tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Jun. 24 92" duplex date-stamp on blue linen-lined cover with printed "United States Consulate" and manuscript "Ningpo China" to Boston, purple serrated oval "United States Consulate Ningpo China, Jun. 22, 1892" datestamp, additional strike on back, San Francisco (Jul. 17) and receiving (Jul. 22) backstamps, minor edgewear, Very Fine and attractive use from Ningpo to the U.S. thru the U.S. Postal Agency in China, ex Dr. Johnson................................ E. 300-400
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 5c Chocolate (223). Tied by purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 22 Jan. 92" double-oval datestamp on cover to Mrs. Marcus Cook, Boston, clear strike of "United States Consulate Ningpo China Jan. 21 1892" serrated oval datestamp, San Francisco (Feb. 18) and Boston (Feb. 23) backstamps, Very Fine use from Ningpo, ex Risvold.............. E. 300-400
- 254 ⋈ 5c Chocolate, Columbian (234). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Feb. 3 8AM 94" duplex datestamp on cover with red "United States Consulate Ningpo" return address hand-stamp to Hon. M. C. Cook, Boston, San Francisco (Feb. 2?) and Boston (Mar. 4) backstamps, slightly reduced at left, slight edgewear, Very Fine use from Ningpo....... E. 300-400



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- 2c Carmine (301). Horizontal pair, tied by "Washington D.C. Dec. 16 4PM 1903" duplex date-stamps on cover with printed "Legation of the United States of America, Pekin, China" to William Cockburn, Malden Mass., purple "Received through State Department" two-line hand-stamp with department in manuscript, pencil "Due 16c" and with 1c, 5c and 10c Postage Due stamps affixed and cancelled by blue crayon, Washington D.C. and Boston backstamps, Postage Due stamps slightly affected from placement near edge of cover, otherwise Very Fine, an extraordinary use carried by diplomatic pouch and treated as a double rate so due 16c E. 300-400
- "From C. J. Spiker, U.S. Legation, Peking China". Manuscript return address on back of cover to Mrs. T. J. Spiker, Washington D.C., purple "Received through Department of State in Diplomatic Pouch" straightline handstamp, faint strike of oval diplomatic receiving datestamp, postage paid by China 10c Dark Blue tied by ultramarine boxed Peking handstamp, stamp also tied by "Washington D.C. ? 23 10AM 1914" machine cancel, fresh and Very Fine use from the U.S. Legation in Peking sent via diplomatic pouch, according to the UPU convention postage had to be paid to country of origin for mail carried by diplomatic pouch................. E. 300-400



- 260 ⊠ 1c Dull Blue, 4c Dark Brown (219, 222). Tied by "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai, Aug. 22, 1894" duplex datestamp on legal-size cover to E. N. Sturdevant, Greely Col., blue "U.S. Consulate General, Shanghai, China, Aug. 21, 1894" datestamp, San Francisco (Sep. 16) and Greely (Sep. 19) backstamps, 1c tiny tear at right, some slight cover wear, otherwise Very Fine..... E. 200-300
- 262
 10c Brown (150). Two horizontal pairs, tied by negative Star in Circle fancy cancels, matching "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Dec. 12" circular datestamp on legal-size cover with return address from the U.S. Consulate at Tientsin to Hon. John Bingham, Washington D.C., "San Francisco Cal. Jan. 16" circular datestamp, some edge flaws and soiling, otherwise Fine, a scarce quadruple-rate use with the negative Star in Circle fancy cancels E. 300-400



264

264 ⋈ 5c Yellow Brown (205). Rich color, tied by clear strike of purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Tientsin * 15 Sep. 88" double-oval datestamp on cover to Mrs. M. D. Glass, Evanston Ill., clear strike of purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Shanghai * 22 Sep. 88" double-oval datestamp, red "San Francisco Paid All Oct. 14" and Evanston (Oct. 20) backstamps, stamp with some toning from gum soaks, barely reduced at right

VERY FINE COVER BEARING THE RARE U.S. POSTAL AGENCY AT TIENTSIN MARKING.

The Tientsin oval is found as a transit marking on the backs of covers passing through the U.S. Postal Agency and as an origin marking on the front—the usage as an origin marking is far more desirable and scarcer.

Ex Emerson ... E. 2,000-3,000



265 front and back









269 ⋈ 1c Gray Blue (206). Used with horizontal pair of 2c Green (213), cancelled by targets, "Stonington Con. Jul. 16 1889" circular datestamp on cover to Rev. E. E. Aiken in Peking, China, back of cover with Hartford (Jul. 16), San Francisco (Jul. 22) and purple "U.S. Postal Agency * Tientsin * 3 Sep. 89" double-oval datestamp, opened a bit roughly and reduced at right affecting one 2c stamp, Fine appearance, a desirable use showing the U.S. Postal Agency in Tientsin oval datestamp as a transit marking on inbound mail to China E. 500-750

CHINA CUSTOMS POST

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An extremely rare use of the Kiukiang Customs Post datestamp on a cover sent via the U.S. Postal Agency between September 1875 and August 1878





270 front and back

270 ⋈ 5c Blue (179). Cancelled by circle of wedges with "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai May 15" (1877) circular datestamp on cover to Israel Oakman, North Marshfield, Massachusetts, red "Customs Kiukiang May 1 77" backstamp, slightly reduced at left

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL BOLD STRIKE OF THE "CUSTOMS KIUKIANG" DOUBLE-CIRCLE DATE-STAMP. THE USE OF THE KIUKIANG CUSTOMS POST DATESTAMP DURING THIS PERIOD IS EXTREMELY RARE ON COVERS SENT VIA THE UNITED STATES POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI.

CHINA LOCAL POSTS

CHINA LOCAL POSTS



271 ⊠ 10c Brown (150). Tied by cork cancel, "U.S. Postal Ag'cy Shanghai Aug. 14" (1876) circular datestamp on cover to Mrs. S. M. Henderson, Wilkinsburg Pa., blue "Shanghae Local Post C AU 12 76" backstamp, San Francisco (Sep. 8) and Holidaysburg (Sep. 15) circular datestamps, also with clear "MISSENT" handstamp, slightly reduced at right, stamp with slight overall soiling, Very Fine, scarce with the local post marking E. 500-750



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See lots 372-374 for other Shanghai Local Post covers

HONG KONG

HONG KONG



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HONG KONG

Hong Kong 8c 1865 Issue cover with United States Consulate Hong Kong handstamp



275 front and back

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Consulate of the United States of America Hong Kong. Large three-line circle handstamp applied to back of cover to A. Bareis at U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, China, with Hong Kong, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (13) tied by "B62" barred oval cancel, "Hong Kong AP 26 67" backstamp, edge flaw at left where opened

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE EARLY USE FROM THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE TO THE NASCENT U.S. POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI, CARRIED ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE NEW 1867 TREATY.

According to the Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 85), the postal treaty between Hong Kong and the United States became effective at the start of 1867. The treaty stipulated that mail from Hong Kong would be handled by the British Post Office, and mail to and from the treaty ports would be handled by the United States. The authors note "Diplomatic dispatches and correspondence from the American consuls in those cities, all of which was supposed to go to Shanghai, was presumably handled directly." The cover offered here, originating at the United States Consulate in Hong Kong and carried by British mails, indicates that at least some mail between U.S. offices was not handled directly. E. 2,000-3,000



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3c Rose (65). Affixed at top left of yellow cover to Mrs. J. Pierce, Plymouth Mass. Hong Kong, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (13) tied by "B62" in barred oval cancel, red "Hong Kong Paid All JU 22 74" circular datestamp, red "San Francisco Cal. Aug. 9" double-circle datestamp, slightly reduced at left where opened a bit unevenly, some toning around stamps, otherwise Fine, a very unusual use, the 8c Hong Kong stamp paid the trans-Pacific rate, it seems likely that the U.S. stamp beneath served no actual postal duty E. 500-750





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Hong Kong to Holland. Tissue-paper cover to Mr. J. W. de Barbanson in Amsterdam, Holland, red "PAID-ALL" straightline handstamp applied in Hong Kong—carried on PMSS Costa Rica, departing Shanghai May 19, 1869, arriving Yokohama May 27, 1869, then on PMSS Great Republic, departing Yokohama May 31, arriving San Francisco June 19—"San Francisco Cal. Jun. 21" circular datestamp, red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp, clear strike of "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID" straightline handstamp, "New York Br. Transit Jun. 30" datestamp, manuscript "55" Dutch cents postage due marking, receiving backstamp (Jul. 11), some faults including pieces out, still Fine, a very unusual use E. 300-400



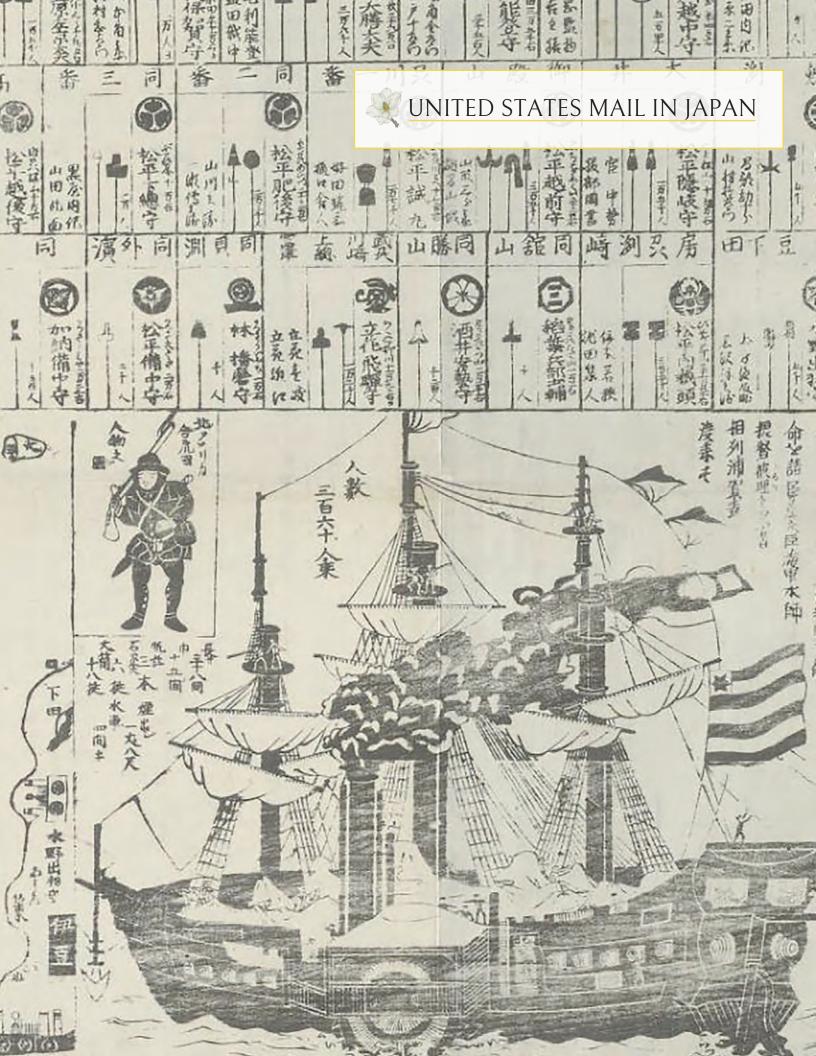
- 282 ⋈ PHILIPPINES, 1899, 2c Orange Red, Ty. III (214). Straight edge at top, tied by "Victoria Hong Kong 9AM 1AP 05" double-circle datestamp on picture postcard depicting a cathedral in Manila to Newbury, England, minor edgewear, Very Fine, a very unusual use of the Philippines overprinted stamp used in Hong Kong........................ E. 200-300

CHINA BALANCE LOTS

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283 ⋈ Covers to China. 33 covers, starts with pair of No. 24 used with No. 26 to Hong Kong, impressive group of Bank Note covers with destinations including Foochow, Amoy, Swatow, Chunkiang, Shanghai, Peking, few with 1902 Issue including one with purple I.J.P.O. marking, mixed condition, some Fine-Very Fine, a diverse group for the student who is interested in different destinations and frankings(Website PDF) E. 2,000-3,000 284 ⋈ Covers from China. 31 covers used from China, most are Bank Note stamps including few 2c stamps, few 1890 or Bureau issues including 1890 Issues used to Ceylon, two earlier worth noting is a 10c entire with "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl." circular datestamp to La., also Scott No. 89 to Wis. where forwarded, a significant number have Shanghai duplex datestamps, some faults, some Fine-Very Fine, a scarce group(Website PDF) E. 3,000-4,000 285 ⋈ China Local Post, Dollar Dater and Offices Markings. 14 items with either Local Post or Dollar Dater markings, including four with blue "Shanghai Local Post" markings, one similar in black, one from 1914 and one from 1919 with bilingual datestamps from Teng Yuen or Changsha, one with blue Nanking Local Post Agency backstamp, cover and piece used in combination with China stamps, few other interesting, some faults, some appear Fine-Very Fine..................(Website PDF) E. 1,000-1,500 286 ⋈ U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai Double-Oval Datestamps. 14 covers each with strike of the purple "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai" double-oval datestamp, including two with No. 205, six with No. 216, others show a range of frankings, strikes range from excellent to faint, two applied on arrival in China, others on outbound mail, some faults, some appear Fine-Very 287 ⋈ U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, China, Cover Balance. Extensive accumulation of approximately 140 covers bearing cancels from the U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, frankings range from 1902 Issue thru the Washington-Franklin period and some commemoratives, a very wide range of stamps and combinations, including a group of censored covers, some Parcel Post and some Postal Stationery, mixed condition as usual for these with some faults to be expected, many are Very Fine or appear so, a seldom-seen large group of these covers worth review on our website PDF......(Website PDF) E. 5,000-7,500 $288 \bowtie$ U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, China, Four-Line Registered Mail Datestamps. Nine covers bearing 1902-08 Issue stamps, each with purple "Registered/Date/U.S. Postal Agency/ Shanghai, China" four-line datestamp, U.S. Postal Agency Shanghia ovals, nice variety of frankings with a number of different values, highlights include U.S.P.A. Shanghai red registry label with gothic "R" (FX-SH1a, Scott value \$2,000.00, the label nicked and one 4c stamp faulty or this would be an individual lot), a cover to Manila, Philippines (one stamp faulty), another with 3c and 8c stamps plus two 1c (gum soaked perfs), mixed condition but overall a worthwhile lot with some scarce covers, see our website PDF for a complete scan.....(Website PDF) É. 3,000-4,000 289 ⋈ U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, China, Boxed Registered Mail Handstamps. More than 50 covers bearing mostly Washington-Franklin Issue stamps, wide range of frankings and registered markings with most bearing the purple negative box handstamp and the U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai oval or double-circle datestamp, some varieties including Official Seals on one, three FI Registration stamps on another, mixed condition with some flaws to be found, overall Fine-Very Fine and an outstanding assemblage, most were acquired at auction as individual lots, see our website PDF for a complete scan(Website PDF) E. 5,000-7,500 290 ⋈ 2c-\$1.00 Offices in China (K1/K15). Outstanding balance of more than 35 covers, most values represented up to K15 (which is present on a burlap piece), striking range of frankings with multiple stamps on many covers, including blocks and large strips, general counts include approximately twelve K1 including a block of 12, seven K2, four K3, K4, seven K5, K9, two K10, K11, three pieces of burlap each with a range of stamps including K13, K14 and two K15 (P.F. certificates), finally one K17 and two K18 covers, some faults to be found particularly on the burlap pieces which include a couple defective stamps, overall the covers are Very Fine or appear so, a strong holding which was largely built with individual covers at auction,

see our website PDF or a complete scan.....(Website PDF) E. 5,000-7,500



PRE-CONSULATE MAIL IN JAPAN

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- Brunswick Me. 3 Paid Nov. 22 (1852). Integral-rate circular datestamp and "PAID" handstamp with manuscript "65" rate on cover to Hong Kong, addressed to John S. Sewall on board the U.S.S. Saratoga, one of the "Black Ships" of Perry's 1853 expedition to Japan, sender's directive "Via New York & Southampton", magenta manuscript "60" credit, red London Paid datestamp (Dec. 9), "Hong-Kong 12 FE 1852" backstamp, neat receipt docketing, slight staining, Fine....... E. 200-300
- "Dr. Jas. Morrow, Susquehanna, Off Hong Kong". Address on blue cover with "Favd. by S. W. Williams LLD" directive, original letter datelined "Canton 9th Jany 1853" which mentions Dr. Williams will bring this letter, Dr. James Morrow was the Perry Expedition's agriculturalist/botanist, he left the U.S. for China on board the Vandalia, which departed Philadelphia in early March 1853, so this was written before his arrival, Very Fine, more information about the Morrow correspondence can be found at http://www.baxleystamps.com/litho/perry_correspond/ten_letters.shtml(Photo/Website PDF) E. 400-500
- "H.M.S. 'Centaur', off Yeddo, Decr. 12th/62". Dateline on letter from Albert H. Markham (later Admiral) at Yedo (Tokyo), Japan, to his mother in Arcadia, Wisconsin, with cover redirected to "Hooker", "Hong-Kong JA 10 63" and red London (Mar. 8) backstamps, blue Chicago exchange office datestamp (Mar. 24), manuscript due rates including "1" crossed out, "24" and "48", final "69e", Very Fine, letter includes references to locations and conditions in Japan and China, scarce British naval cover from Japan, ex Bolton................................(Photo/Website PDF) E. 400-500

SHIP MAIL FROM JAPAN VIA SAN FRANCISCO



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295 ₪ 10c Dark Green, First Design (62B). Rich color, tied by cogwheel cancel, matching "San Francisco Cal. Dec. 13, 1862" double-circle datestamp on buff cover to Marcus C. Allen, Bridgeport Conn., "Forwarded by Chas. N. Brooks & Co., San Francisco" oval handstamp, with original enclosure datelined "Yokohama Oct. 6, 1862", sender's ship-name directive "Storm Cloud" and carried by that schooner which departed Yokohama on Oct. 28 and arrived in San Francisco Dec. 10, stamp affected from placement at edge of cover, cover slightly reduced at left, stained at lower right

FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 10-CENT 1861 ISSUE FIRST DESIGN, SCOTT 62B, USED ON A COVER ORIGINATING IN YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

This is the only example of Scott 62B on a cover either to or from Japan we have offered since keeping computerized records.

Ex Ishikawa. E. 2,000-3,000



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 San Francisco Cal. Feb. 26, 1864. Boldly struck double-circle datestamp with equally bold
 "SHIP 6" straightline handstamp on cover with "W&Co." Walsh & Co. embossed seal on flap
 from Francis Hall in Kanagawa, Japan, to Miss Frederick Cass, Elmira N.Y., sender's directive
 "Henry Brigham' via San Francisco" and "Japan Jan. 1864" origin date, Very Fine, a beautiful inbound ship cover from Japan, from the Hall correspondence....... E. 400-500
- San Francisco Cal. May 30, 1865. Perfectly struck double-circle datestamp with equally clear "SHIP 6" straightline handstamp on cover from Clara M. Hepburn in Yokohama, Japan, to her sister in care of Hon. James Pollock, U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, sender's directive "Per Ida D. Rogers" and "Yokohama, Japan" notation—with original letter from Clara Hepburn which mentions first use of anesthesia in Japan, backflap removed, still Very Fine, carried by private ship and charged 6c rate at San Francisco, Clara was the wife of James Curtis Hepburn, an American physician, translator, educator, and lay Christian missionary, known for the Hepburn romanization system for transliteration of the Japanese language into the Latin alphabet, which he popularized in his Japanese-English dictionary (source: Wikipedia), illustrated in Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 36).................................. E. 300-400



- 301 ⋈ 3c Rose (65). Bright color, tied by target cancel, "San Francisco Cal. Sep. 2, 1865" double-circle datestamp on cover with "WH&Co." Walsh, Hall & Co. embossed seal on flap from Francis Hall in Kanagawa, Japan, to Edward Hall, Ellington Conn., Hall's directive "'p 'Jennie Douglas' Japan July 29, 1865", neat Sep. 27 receipt docketing, small sealed tear at top, Very Fine, this entered the mails in San Francisco as an ordinary letter, ex Ishikawa and Dr. Spicer E. 400-500
- 302 ⋈ 3c Rose (65). Rich color, tied by target cancel, "San Francisco Cal. Feb. 19, 1866" double-circle datestamp on cover with "WH&Co." Walsh, Hall & Co. embossed seal on flap from Francis Hall in Kanagawa, Japan, to Edward Hall, Ellington Conn., Hall's directive "'p 'Jeanie' Japan Jan. 1866" crossed out and changed to "Steamer", pencil "Please forward", fresh and Very Fine, this entered the mails in San Francisco as an ordinary letter E. 400-500
- 304 ⋈ 3c Rose (65). Two, cancelled or tied by cogwheel cancels, "San Francisco Cal. Apr. 10" (1866) double-circle datestamp on light yellow cover with "W&Co." Walsh & Co. embossed seal on flap from Francis Hall in Kanagawa, Japan, to Edward Hall, Ellington Conn., Hall's directive "'p 'Lubra' Japan Mch. 1866", blue "Macondray & Co. San Francisco" double-oval hand-stamp, neat May 2 receipt docketing, small sealed tears at top, otherwise Fine—carried on the brig Lubra, which after departing Hong Kong in 1865 was captured by pirates who murdered the captain; his wife, Lucy Lord Howes, survived and left a diary of the circumstances—this entered the mails in San Francisco as a double-rate ordinary letter............... E. 400-500

SHIP MAIL FROM JAPAN VIA SAN FRANCISCO

3c 1861 used as forwarding postage on "STEAM CHINA" cover from Japan



305

305 ⋈ 3c Rose (65). Used as forwarding postage on cover with "W & Co." Walsh & Co. embossed seal on flap from Yokohama, Japan, to William Turner Wheaton, Warren, Rhode Island, redirected to Lafayette, Indiana, sender's directive "per 'Colorado'—carried on the second return trip of the PMSS Colorado, departing Yokohama May 26, 1867, arriving San Francisco June 13—bold strike of "San Francisco Cal. 10 Jun. 14" 10c integral-rate datestamp with rate obliterated by target cancel and re-rated "20 cts" in blue crayon and "20" handstamp (under 3c stamp) for double 10c blanket steamship rate, mostly bold strike of "STEAM CHINA" straightline handstamp applied in San Francisco, manuscript "Paid ♂ Forwarded" applied at Warren where 20c due was paid and 3c 1861 stamp affixed, cancelled by circle of small segments, "Warren R.I. Jul. 9, 1867" double-circle datestamp, cleaned and expertly repaired faults (no major paper additions and not noted on certificate)

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN OUTSTANDING AND EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE 1861 ISSUE WITH THE "STEAM CHINA" HANDSTAMP.

 Illustrated in Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 128). Ex Dr. Spicer. With 1988 P.F. certificate.

 E. 2,000-3,000

UNITED STATES POST OFFICES IN JAPAN HAKODATE



306

306 ⋈ 10c Brown (150). Tied by crossroads cancel and clearly struck "San Francisco Steamship Mar. 24" (1872) circular datestamp on small cover to Mrs. Stephen R. Chase, Berry's Mills, Maine, stamp originally affixed over blue "Pacific Mail S.S. Co. Hakodate, Japan" two-line hand-stamp applied by PMSS agent, stamp lifted and hinged below marking, small scuff in address at right, otherwise Very Fine, an extremely rare loose ship letter from Hakodate before the U.S. post office was established there, illustrated in Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 72), ex Bilden E. 500-750



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HIOGO (KOBE)

Rare 2c Black Jack and 10c 1861 franking tied by "HIOGO JAPAN" double-circle and Yokohama chop on cover from Japan to England

2c Black (73). Wide interpane margin at right, used with horizontal pair 10c Dark Green (68a), tied by combination of Yokohama 5-Spoke chop and "HIOGO JAPAN" double-circle handstamp each struck twice on blue folded letter with De Coningh & Co., Kanagawa, letter-head datelined "Hiogo, 25th March 1869" and addressed to John Briggs & Son in Bradford, England, sender's directive "per 'Costa Rica'"—carried from Hiogo to Yokohama on the PMSS branch-line Costa Rica, which arrived in Yokohama on March 28, 1869, and then by PMSS Japan, departing Yokohama April 1 and arriving San Francisco April 24—magenta "San Francisco Cal. Apr. 27 Paid" backstamp, carried overland by rail and interconnecting stage line—carried on Inman City of Baltimore, departing New York May 8, 1869, and arriving Liverpool May 18—Bradford receiving backstamp (May 19), vertical file fold passes between 10c pair, but the crease is not very noticeable, a few minor gum stains around perfs

VERY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING AND EXTREMELY RARE COVER FROM THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE IN HIOGO TO ENGLAND WITH A 2-CENT BLACK JACK AND 10-CENT 1861 ISSUE FRANKING TIED BY A YOKOHAMA CHOP CANCEL AND THE HIOGO DOUBLE-CIRCLE HAND-STAMP. ONLY NINE COVERS FROM JAPAN ARE RECORDED WITH ANY FORM OF BLACK JACK FRANKING—THIS IS ONE OF TWO BLACK JACK COVERS WITH THE HIOGO DOUBLE-CIRCLE HANDSTAMP.

A review of past auctions and The Philatelic Foundation records located only nine 2c Black Jack covers originating in Japan. Two have the "Hiogo, Japan" double-circle handstamp, and on each the 2c stamp is used with two 10c stamps for the combined 10c steamship rate and 12c treaty rate to England (the other has two 10c 1869 Pictorial stamps). A cover in The Philatelic Foundation online records (PFC no. 126826) is also from the Briggs correspondence and has the same 2c and 10c franking, but no Hiogo double-circle handstamp (it has markings applied in Japan and the "China and Japan Steam Service" oval). Four others are printed matter rates with one or two 2c Black Jack stamps.

Illustrated in Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 170). Pencil note on back indicates this was handled by the late Eric Etkin. Ex Perlman. E. 20,000-30,000



309 ⋈ 10c Brown (150). Well-centered, rich color, trivial perf stains, cancelled by perfect strike of Hiogo "H" cancel on small cover to Miss Anna G. Harris, Pomfret Conn., "San Francisco Cal. Jun. 28" (1873) double-circle datestamp—based on the "H" cancel and double-circle datestamp, this was carried on PMSS China, departing Yokohama Jun. 7, 1873, arriving San Francisco Jun. 27 (not the 1874 sailing)—backflap removed, otherwise Very Fine, choice strike of this rare Hiogo cancel, with 2003 P.F. certificate................... E. 750-1,000



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310 ⊠ **10c Brown (150).** Used with pair of **3c Green (147)**, all three stamps cancelled by **Hiogo "H"** on cover to Alfred Cowdell in **London, England,** sender's directive "Via San Francisco & N. York"—carried on branch-line steamer from Hiogo, then by PMSS China, departing Yokohama Jun. 7, 1873, arriving San Francisco Jun. 27—magenta "San Francisco Cal. Jun. 28 Paid" backstamp, red London Paid datestamp (Jul. 15), 3c pair folded slightly over edge, Very Fine, an extremely rare cover with the Hiogo "H" cancel and Bank Note franking paying the 10c rate from Japan to U.S. and 6c rate from U.S. to England....... E. 1,000-1,500

KANAGAWA (YOKOHAMA)

Clear strike of the United States Consulate in Kanagawa oval handstamp used as a mail-forwarding mark on an 1866 ship-rate cover through San Francisco



311

Forwarded by U.S. Consul, Kanagawa, Japan. Double-oval and stars handstamp well-struck on cover with "W.H. & Co." Walsh, Hall & Co. embossed seal on flap from Francis Hall to Charles C. Hall, Elmira, New York, with Hall's directive "P. 'Ann Sanderson'" and notation "Japan June 2d"—carried on the British brig Ann Sanderson, departing Yokohama June 7, 1866, and, after a delayed trip, arriving San Francisco September 16; after speculation that she was lost at sea, the September 17 Daily Alta California reported the Ann Sanderson had arrived, 98 days from Yokohama and 31 days from Honolulu—clearly struck "San Francisco Cal. Sep. 17" (1866) double-circle datestamp and "SHIP 6" handstamp

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE KANAGAWA OVAL HANDSTAMP ON MAIL FORWARDED BY THE U.S. CONSUL BEFORE THE POST OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN JULY 1867.

The earliest recorded use of the Kanagawa U.S. Consulate oval as a mail-forwarding mark is on three covers sent in January 1866 during Col. George S. Fisher's term as U.S. Consul, which have San Francisco February 5, 1866, arrival datestamps. Very few covers with the Kanagawa oval are recorded during the rest of Fisher's term, which ended December 31, 1866. In August 1867, during General Julius Stahel's term as Consul and the first U.S. postmaster in Yokohama, the first use of the Kanagawa oval as an official U.S. Post Office marking is found on six recorded covers carried on the August 24, 1867, trip of the PMSS *Colorado*.

One other cover from this voyage of the British brig *Ann Sanderson* is recorded (Sale 1248, lot 2077). That cover is addressed to San Francisco and postmarked with a September 16 date-stamp. The cover offered here has the September 17 datestamp of the eastern mail departure.

Mostly bold strike of the United States Consulate in Kanagawa oval handstamp used as a mail-forwarding mark on an 1866 ship-rate cover to San Francisco



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Forwarded by U.S. Consul, Kanagawa, Japan. Double-oval and stars handstamp fully struck on blue folded letter in German datelined "Yokohama 2 July 1866" to Gildemeister Muecke and Co. in San Francisco, stationery with Kniffler & Co. embossed crest, their Yokohama office blue oval handstamp on address side, sender's directive "pr Jeanie"—carried on the British brig Jeanie, departing Kanagawa July 6, 1866, arriving San Francisco August 13—bold "San Francisco Cal. Aug. 14" (1866) double-circle datestamp and blue crayon "Due 8" cents double rate, pencil "1562" box number, August 14 receipt docketing on inside panel

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The only 2c Black Jack cover with the United States Consulate in Kanagawa oval



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2c Black (73). Tied by slightly blurry but mostly complete strike of "Forwarded by U.S. Consul, Kanagawa, Japan" double-oval and stars handstamp applied at U.S. consulate office in Yokohama on blue printed notice addressed to Macondray & Co. in San Francisco, blue framed "BERNARD, ECCARD & RAUD,/YOKOHAMA (Japon.)" sender's handstamp, notices jointly published by Randon & Cie. and Bernard, Eccard & Raud, datelined (in print) "YOKOHAMA le 27 JUIN, 1867", announcing the dissolution of Randon's business and his return to France, and that Bernard, Eccard & Raud would take over Randon's accounts (silk trading business), manuscript notation "Bernard Eccard & Raud, Yokohama July 27, 1867"

VERY FINE.THE ONLY RECORDED 2-CENT BLACK JACK COVER WITH THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE KANAGAWA OVAL HANDSTAMP. ONLY EIGHT COVERS ARE RECORDED WITH THIS MARKING USED TO CANCEL STAMPS, INCLUDING TWO IN MUSEUM COLLECTIONS—THIS IS THE ONLY ONE PAYING THE PRINTED MATTER RATE.

The Kanagawa U.S. Consulate oval was first used as a mail-forwarding mark on covers sent during Col. George S. Fisher's term as U.S. Consul. Beginning in August 1867, during General Julius Stahel's term as Consul and the first U.S. postmaster in Yokohama, the Kanagawa oval was used as an official U.S. Post Office marking and as a cancelling device on stamps. The eight covers with U.S. stamps cancelled by the Kanagawa oval are:

- 1) 10c No. 68, to Macondray & Co., SF Sep. 14 (1867), "CHINA STEAM", ex Ishikawa, Magnolia Part 1 (Sale 1248, lot 2075)
- 2) 10c No. 68, to Macondray & Co., SF Sep. 14 (1867), "CHINA STEAM", Mitsui (Postal Museum Japan)
- 3) 10c No. 68 five, to Milan, Italy, SF Sep. 14 (1867), via NY and France, ex Magnolia Part 3 (Sale 1261, lot 742)
- 4) 5c No. 76 pair, to Boston, SF Sep. 15 (1867), Mitsui (Postal Museum Japan)
- 5) 2c No. 73, circular to Macondray & Co., arrived SF Sep. 14, 1867 (no SF markings), ex Faust (Sale 1181, lot 1631), the cover offered here
- 6) 10c No. 68, to Boston, SF Nov. 20 (1867), "China and Japan Steam Service", Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 131)
- 7) 5c No. 76 pair, to Baltimore, SF Jan. 1 (1868), "China and Japan Steam Service", ex Magnolia Part 3 (Sale 1261, lot 741)
- 8) 5c No. 76 pair, to Wilmington Del., SF Jan. 1 (1868), "China and Japan Steam Service", ex Ishikawa, offered in this sale as lot 314

This is the only recorded cover with a 2c Black Jack stamp and also the only printed matter rate. It is a joint printed notice in French from Randon & Co. and Bernard, Eccard & Raud, silk merchants in Yokohama. Raud and Randon had been partners in Yokohama, but the partnership was dissolved in August 1867, and Randon left Yokohama in 1868. The joint notices announce these changes. The blue framed handstamp on the address panel was applied by Bernard, Eccard & Raud. The Kanagawa oval was applied at the U.S. consulate post office to cancel the 2c Black Jack. The notice was carried on the first PMSS eastbound departure from Yokohama after the postal agency was created. The PMSS Colorado left Yokohama on August 24, 1867, and arrived in San Francisco on September 14. Because this notice was printed matter, the San Francisco receiving office did not apply any other markings. It was picked up by Macondray & Co. from the post office.

Ex Allen (illustrated in the Lane book on page 64), Kohlhepp and Faust...... E. 7,500-10,000

One of three 5c 1861-68 Issue covers with the United States Consulate in Kanagawa oval



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5c Brown (76). Horizontal pair, faint gum stains and a few short perfs, tied by angled strike showing only some stars and part of rim of "Forwarded by U.S. Consul, Kanagawa, Japan" double-oval and stars handstamp used as a cancelling device on cover to Mrs. E. D. Smith, Wilmington, Delaware, sender's notation "Yokohama, Japan" and directive "per 'China'"—carried on PMSS China, departing Yokohama December 6, 1867, arriving San Francisco December 31—clearly struck red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp applied in San Francisco, "San Francisco Cal. Jan. 1" (1868) datestamp and quartered cork cancel

FINE. ONE OF EIGHT COVERS WITH THE U.S. CONSULATE KANAGAWA OVAL AND STAMPS, OF WHICH TWO IN PRIVATE HANDS HAVE THE 5-CENT 1861-63 ISSUE.

The Kanagawa U.S. Consulate oval was first used as a mail-forwarding mark on covers sent during Col. George S. Fisher's term as U.S. Consul. Beginning in August 1867, during General Julius Stahel's term as Consul and the first U.S. postmaster in Yokohama, the Kanagawa oval was used as an official U.S. Post Office marking and as a cancelling device on stamps. The eight covers with U.S. stamps cancelled by the Kanagawa oval are:

- 1) 10c No. 68, to Macondray & Co., SF Sep. 14 (1867), "CHINA STEAM", ex Ishikawa, Magnolia Part 1 (Sale 1248, lot 2075)
- 2) 10c No. 68, to Macondray & Co., SF Sep. 14 (1867), "CHINA STEAM", Mitsui (Postal Museum Japan)
- 3) 10c No. 68 five, to Milan, Italy, SF Sep. 14 (1867), via NY and France, ex Magnolia Part 2 (Sale 1261, lot 742)
- 4) 5c No. 76 pair, to Boston, SF Sep. 15 (1867), Mitsui (Postal Museum Japan)
- 5) 2c No. 73, circular to Macondray & Co., arrived SF Sep. 14, 1867 (no SF markings), ex Faust (Sale 1181, lot 1631), the cover offered in this sale as lot 313
- 6) 10c No. 68, to Boston, SF Nov. 20 (1867), "China and Japan Steam Service", Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 131)
- 7) 5c No. 76 pair, to Baltimore, SF Jan. 1 (1868), "China and Japan Steam Service", ex Magnolia Part 3 (Sale 1261, lot 741)
- 8) 5c No. 76 pair, to Wilmington Del., SF Jan. 1 (1868), "China and Japan Steam Service", ex Ishikawa and Dr. Spicer **the cover offered here**

Only three of the above have 5c 1861-63 stamps (one in a museum), and only three have the "China and Japan Steam Service" handstamp. The covers with the stamps cancelled by angled strikes of the Kanagawa oval, showing just a portion of the rim, appear to have been deliberately cancelled in this manner, possibly to avoid confusion.

Ex Ishikawa and Dr. Spicer.... E. 3,000-4,000

5c 1863 Issue pair with the United States Consulate in Kanagawa oval



315

5c Brown (76). Vertical pair with straddle-pane margin at left, dark color and detailed impression, clearly struck "Forwarded by U.S. Consul, Kanagawa, Japan" double-oval and stars handstamp applied at U.S. consulate office in Yokohama, bottom stamp sealed tear at right

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE U.S. CONSUL AT KANAGAWA HANDSTAMP AS A CANCELLATION ON UNITED STATES STATES STAMPS—ESPECIALLY RARE ON THE 5-CENT JEFFERSON ISSUE AND ONE OF THE FINEST STRIKES KNOWN.

Ex Knapp E. 3,000-4,000

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES

YOKOHAMA



- 317 ⋈ 10c Green, E. Grill (89). Tied by cork cancel, clear strike of red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp on cover to Dr. Lorenzo Graves, Providence R.I.—carried on PMSS Great Republic, departing Yokohama May 31, 1869, arriving San Francisco Jun. 19—"San Francisco Cal. Jun. 21" circular datestamp, some slight edgewear, Very Fine strike of the "China and Japan Steam Service" marking, carried on the same trips as lot 318 E. 500-750



- 321 ⊠ **10c Dark Green (68a).** Exceptionally dark shade, tied by **Japanese "X" chop** cancel on cover to Dr. L. Traver, Providence R.I.—carried on PMSS *Colorado*, departing Yokohama Jul. 26, 1868, arriving San Francisco Aug. 16—red **"China and Japan Steam Service"** oval hand-stamp, matching "San Francisco Paid All Aug. 17" (1868) circular datestamp, opening faults, both bottom corners repaired, very scarce, carried on the *Colorado*, with 2000 P.F. certificate E. 300-400
- 322

 10c Green (68). One front and two covers used from Yokohama with "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp, includes a front only to NYC with stamp cancelled by Yokohama "X" chop and bold strike of oval, San Francisco May 9 (1868) circular datestamp; second is extensively repaired cover to Albany N.Y. with stamp cancelled by Yokohama "X" chop, red oval and red "San Francisco Paid All Aug. 17" (1868) datestamp, "Carrier" circular datestamp applied at Albany; third is a cover to Waynesboro Pa. with pair of 10c cancelled by San Francisco segmented grids with Nov. 23 (1868) duplex datestamp at lower right, faint strike of oval, waterstained; the front is attractive, the repaired cover appears Fine, and the last is pretty bad, but all are scarce.........................(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 750-1,000



- 323 ⋈ 10c Yellow Green on White entire (U40). Cancelled by Yokohama segmented circular cork, addressed to Mrs. Stephen Higginson, Boston—carried on PMSS *China*, departing Yokohama Jan. 26, 1868, arriving San Francisco Feb. 16—"San Francisco Cal. Feb. 17" (1868) circular datestamp, perfect strike of red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp, slight edgewear and backflap removed, still Very Fine, a rare use of a postal stationery entire from Japan with the "China and Japan Steam Service" oval E. 750-1,000
- 324 ⋈ 10c Yellow Green on White entire (U40). Addressed to Stephen Higginson, Boston, with sender's directive "Ship Letter, Overland Route"—carried on PMSS China, departing Yokohama Mar. 8, 1868, arriving San Francisco Mar. 31—"San Francisco Cal. Apr. 1" (1868) circular datestamp and cork cancel, partly clear strike of red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp, "10" due handstamp for double rate, slightly creased at right, Fine, a rare use of a postal entire from Japan with the "China and Japan Steam Service" oval....... E. 300-400
- 325

 China and Japan Steam Service. Perfect bold strike of magenta handstamp, "San Francisco Cal. Mar. 29" (1869) circular datestamp and "10" due handstamp applied on arrival on cover from Yokohama, Japan, to Rev. George T. Le Boutellier, Tuckertown N.J., sender's directive "Via Panama"—carried on PMSS Great Republic, departing Yokohama March 4, 1869, and arriving San Francisco March 27—forwarded to Parsippany N.J. with "Tuckertown N.J. Apr. 27" circular datestamp, manuscript "Due", light creasing at right, still Very Fine, ex Dr. Spicer F. 500-750
- 326 **⊆ Brown (113).** Tied by segmented cork cancel on "Yokohama Prices Current and Market Report" printed circular dated September 21, 1870, there was probably a wrapper band around this newspaper with a U.S. address, which is no longer present, based on publication date carried on PMSS *Great Republic*, departing Yokohama Sep. 23, 1870, and arriving San Francisco Oct. 16, Very Fine, an extremely rare and striking use of the 2c 1869 Pictorial on printed matter from Japan...... E. 1,000-1,500

2c 1869 Pictorial used on 8c printed circular-rate cover from Japan to France



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327 ⋈ **2c Brown (113).** Horizontal strip of four, dark shade, tied by multiple strikes of large circular segmented cork cancel on folded prices current and shipping table (arrivals listed up to September 23, 1869) printed at the Hiogo News Office, addressed to J. B. David in **St. Etienne, France,** sender's directive "via San Francisco", blue "Etats-Unis Serv. Am. Calais 9 Nov. 69" arrival datestamp, red "15" centimes due handstamp also ties strip, Paris (November 9) and St. Etienne (November 10) receiving backstamps, horizontal fold in cover at bottom

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE 2-CENT 1869 PICTORIAL ISSUE ON PRINTED MATTER FROM JAPAN TO FRANCE VIA THE UNITED STATES.

This printed market and shipping report is one of several known pieces of mail sent to J. B. David in St. Etienne, France, through the U.S. or French post offices in Yokohama. The 8c postage combined the 4c printed matter rate from Japan to the U.S. and 4c to the French frontier. The internal shipping report and the November 9, 1869, arrival date in France point to the sailing of the PMSS America, departing Yokohama on September 29, 1869, and arriving San Francisco October 20. Since this was bundled with printed matter for transit through San Francisco and New York, no U.S. markings were applied. From New York it was carried either by the HAPAG City of Brussels or the NGL Hansa, both of which reached the British port of entry around November 8. The cancellations on the stamps could be one of the types used at the U.S. post offices in Hiogo or Yokohama, but New York City foreign-mail exchange office also used similar segmented cork devices.

Ex Ishikawa (where pictured with the cover folded in at bottom). E. 3,000-4,000



30c 1869 Pictorial Issue used on cover from Yokohama, Japan, to France—one of two recorded 30c 1869 covers originating in Japan

30c Ultramarine & Carmine (121). Bright colors, tied by Yokohama chop cancel on large part of folded cover (address panel and the full top panel on back with receiving datestamps) to Ernest Martin in Marseilles, France, blue "ECCARD & RAUD,/YOKOHAMA Japon" sender's handstamp and manuscript directive "Via San Francisco & Pacific R.R."—carried on the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. Japan, departing Yokohama January 24, 1870, and arriving San Francisco February 16, then by the transcontinental railroad to the East (completed May 1869)—on arrival at the New York foreign-mail exchange office, the stamp was cancelled again with an 8-Point Rosette and the cover was datestamped on February 2(6?) and bagged for the sailing of the Ruger Line's Ocean Queen. The sailing was delayed, and the exchange office obliterated the earlier datestamps and applied a "New York Mar. 3" datestamp (all in red), corresponding to the actual departure date—on arrival at Le Havre, the scarce "Et. Unis Serv. Fr. Havre 19 Mar 70" double-circle datestamp was applied, "8" decimes due handstamp, Paris (March 20) and Marseilles (March 21) backstamps, small detached piece at bottom of address panel mended with tape, some edge tears

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. ONE OF FOUR RECORDED 30-CENT 1869 PICTORIAL ISSUE COVERS FROM CHINA OR JAPAN—ONLY TWO 30-CENT 1869 COVERS ORIGINATE IN JAPAN, AND BOTH ARE ADDRESSED TO FRANCE. ALSO ONE OF ONLY FIVE RECORDED COVERS CARRIED FROM THE UNITED STATES TO FRANCE ON THE SHORT-LIVED RUGER LINE.

Of the approximately 50 covers known with the 30c 1869, only four originated in China or Japan:

- 1) 30c pair, 10c No. 116, Shanghai, China, Jan. 14, 1871, to A. B. Bradford, Enon Valley Pa., ex Shierson, Dr. Riddell, Ishikawa, Dr. LeBow, Magnolia Part 1 (Sale 1248, lot 2051)
- 2) 30c pair, 10c No. 116, Shanghai, China, Feb. 12, 1871, to Boston Trading Co., Boston Mass., in restored condition, Robert G. Kaufmann sale, M. Laurence collection
- 3) 30c pair, 10c No. 116 pair on U40 entire, Yokohama, Japan, July 1, 1869, to Lyon, France, red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval, the so-called "Miro-Walske" cover, ex Walske, Magnolia Part 3 (Sale 1261, lot 755)
- 4) 30c single, Yokohama, Japan, Jan. 24, 1870, to Ernest Martin, Marseilles, France, **the cover offered here**



332 back 332 front

329 ⋈ 10c Brown (150). Tied by segmented cork cancel, red "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp on cover to Mrs. Jennie Henderson, Wilkinsburgh Pa., with original enclosure datelined "Ship China Wednesday July 5th 1871", letter mentions "on my way to China", "San Francisco Cal. Jul. 16" circular datestamp indicates this was carried on the PMSS America, departing Yokohama Jun. 23 and arriving San Francisco Jul.15, slight edgewear, Fine, a scarce use of the "China and Japan Steam Service" marking on a Bank Note cover, the Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 71) notes this marking was not used in this time period on bagged mail and was only used on loose mail................................ E. 500-750

332 ⊠ 3c Green (147). Block of four, well-centered, used with pair of 2c Red Brown (146), block affixed on back, pair on front overlapping edge, cancelled by identical quartered cork, "Yokohama Japan Aug. 6" (1873) circular datestamp on small cover to Miss J. A. Walker in Enfield, England, sender's directive "via San Francisco & New York"—carried on PMSS Great Republic, departing Aug. 7, 1873, arriving San Francisco Aug. 26—mostly clear strike of magenta "San Francisco Cal. Paid Aug. 27" circular datestamp, Enfield receiving backstamp ties block (Sep. 15), Very Fine, the use of a 3c block as part of franking for 16c rate from Japan to England is extraordinary................................. E. 750-1,000





336 front and back

336 ⋈ 10c Brown (161). Tied by quartered cork cancel, perfectly clear strike of "Yokohama Japan Mar. 23" (1873) circular datestamp on double envelope system inner envelope addressed in Japanese and postmarked at Tokyo, back addressed with sender's dating ("2535.3.15") and boxed Tokyo datestamp (Meiji 6.3.17), delivered to U.S. post office in Yokohama with address to S. Kodani, Ellicott City Md., changed to care of Mr. Cobb, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson N.Y.—this appears to have been changed in Japan, not as a forwarding address (the addressee left Japan for the U.S. one year earlier to study)—carried on PMSS Colorado, departing Mar. 23, 1873, arriving San Francisco Apr. 13—partly clear "San Francisco Cal. Apr. 14" double-circle datestamp, bottom left corner torn off, minor soiling and small faults

FINE. A REMARKABLE COVER, REPORTED TO BE THE THIRD EXAMPLE OF AN INNER ENVELOPE WITH JAPANESE ADDRESS AND POSTMARK TO CARRY IT TO THE U.S. POST OFFICE. MOST DOUBLE ENVELOPES WERE SEPARATE AND THE OUTER WAS DISCARDED.

One of the interesting facets of the Japanese postal system prior to 1875 was the "double envelope" practice, in which the envelope addressed to a foreign country would be conveyed to the foreign post office on Japanese soil inside another envelope, which had the address in Japanese, internal postal markings and postage. Since the outer envelope was usually discarded, combinations on the same envelope are extremely rare. E. 1,500-2,000



- 337 ⋈ 10c Brown (150). Cancelled by small circle of wedges and tied by "Yokohama Japan, Oct. 23" (1871) circular datestamp on cover addressed to renowned poet Henry W. Longfellow, Cambridge Mass., blue "Forwarded by Walsh, Hall & Co. Yokohama" double-oval backstamp—carried on PMSS Japan, departing Yokohama Oct. 23, 1871, arriving San Francisco Nov. 15—bold strike of "San Francisco Cal. Nov. 15" double-circle datestamp, stain removed from lower right and small edge repairs, Very Fine appearance, illustrated in Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 156) where the authors suggest that the sender was Longfellow's son Charles, who arived in Japan a year earlier, ex Dr. Spicer.................. E. 500-750
- 338 ⋈ 10c Brown (150). Cancelled by cork, clear strike of matching "Yokohama Japan Mar. 23" (ca. 1873) circular datestamp on cover to Mrs. C. L. Bartlett, Petersburg Va., sender's directive "Per P.M.S.S.", no San Francisco arrival datestamp but March 23 origin datestamp only fits with 1873 sailing of PMSS Colorado, arriving San Francisco Apr. 13, Very Fine E. 300-400



- 339 ⋈ 10c Brown (161). Cancelled by circle of wedges, lightly struck "Yokohama Japan Dec. 6" (1874) circular datestamp on Dec. 4, 1874 folded letter to John B. Anthony, Providence R.I., sender's directive "via San Francisco & Overland"—carried on PMSS chartered Vasco de Gama, departing Dec. 6, 1874, arriving San Francisco Dec. 22—clearly struck "San Francisco Cal. Dec. 23" duplex datestamp and segmented cork cancel, Very Fine, late use before U.S. post offices in Japan were closed, ex Ishikawa..... E. 500-750
- 10c Brown (150). Horizontal strip of three, trivial gum stains around perfs, circle of wedges 340 ⋈ cancels and tied by "Yokohama Japan Oct. 8" (1873) circular datestamp on triple-rate cover with printed address to Cheney Brothers, Hartford, Connecticut, sender's directive "Via San Francisco"—carried on PMSS chartered Quang Se, departing Yokohama Oct. 8, 1873, arriving San Francisco Oct. 27—clear strike of "San Francisco Cal. Oct. 28" double-circle datestamp on back, opening tears mostly confined to back, slight creasing, Fine, attractive triple-rate use from Yokohama E. 400-500
- 10c Brown (150). Four, tied by circle of wedges cancels, matching "Yokohama Japan Nov. 23" 341 ⋈ (1871) circular datestamp on quadruple-rate cover with printed address to Cheney Brothers, Hartford, Connecticut, sender's directive "Per 'Great Republic', Via San Francisco & Overland"carried on PMSS Great Republic, departing Yokohama Nov. 23, 1871, arriving San Francisco Dec. 17—clear strike of "San Francisco Cal. Dec. 19" double-circle datestamp ties two stamps, Very Fine, impressive franking from Yokohama E. 500-750
- 10c Brown (150). Used with a 30c Black (154) which we do not think originated despite 1982 P.F. $342 \bowtie$ certificate, cork cancels do not appear to match, partly readable Yokohama and San Francisco circular datestamps on cover with printed address to Cheney Brothers, Hartford Conn., small faults and mended tear, offered "as is" with 1982 P.F. certificate...... E. 200-300
- 10c Brown (150). Cancelled by small quartered cork with illegible town circular datestamp, both 343 ⋈ struck in brownish ink on small cover addressed in violet to 1st Asst. Engineer Geo. W. Hall on board the U.S.S. Niantic, care of U.S. consulate in Yokohama, Japan-carried on PMSS China, departing San Francisco Dec. 1, 1874, arriving Yokohama Dec. 30-address crossed out and readdressed to Lafayette N.Y.—the return trip was on the PMSS chartered Altona, departing Yokohama Jan. 9, 1875, arriving San Francisco Jan. 31, the last eastbound PMSS trip which could have carried mail from the U.S. post office in Yokohama, which closed December 31, 1874—"San Francisco Steamship Jan. 31" circular datestamp and "15" due handstamp, indicating this was treated as an unpaid ship letter, small stamp faults, minor edgewear, Fine, a remarkable round-trip cover from the end of the U.S. post office in Japan era E. 500-750
- 10c Brown (150). Tied by segmented cork cancel on tissue-paper cover probably originating in 344 ⋈ Japan and addressed to Miss Brown, Portland Me., red "San Francisco Paid All Jan. 21" (1875) backstamp indicates this arrived on PMSS Colorado, which departed Yokohama Dec. 22, 1874, Portland receiving backstamp (Jan. 28), cover with some slight wear, few toned perfs and light corner crease at top left, otherwise Fine, Samuel Robbins Brown was an American missionary and educator living in Japan from 1859-79, this may have been a letter sent to his daughter E. 400-500

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES



345 ₪ 10c Brown (150). Used with single and strip of three of 3c Green (147), stamps on front with crossroads cancels applied at San Francisco on black-bordered mourning cover originating in Japan, from Dr. Augustine Henon and addressed to his wife in Lyon, France—carried on PMSS chartered MacGregor, departing Yokohama Aug. 22, 1873, arriving San Francisco Sep. 10—"San Francisco Cal. Sep. 11" circular datestamp, red "New York 6 Sep. 18" 6c credit datestamp which also cancels and ties 3c strip on back, red "London Paid 29 SE 73" datestamp and matching "PD" in oval handstamp, French arrival datestamp and Lyon receiving backstamp (Oct. 1), front and back opened for display and rejoined with tape, small edge faults, still Very Fine, the Henon correspondence is discussed in Matsumoto's A History of the French Post Office of Yokohama (pp. 136-139), this cover was sent to the U.S. post office in Yokohama inside another envelope, removed and placed in the bag of mail bound for the U.S., but no Yokohama markings were applied E. 2,000-3,000



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347 ⋈ 10c Brown (150). Interpane margin at left, used with two 3c Green (147), one with straight edge, tied by quartered cork cancels with faintly struck "Yokohama Japan" circular datestamp on cover with Charles E. Leggatt (Yokohama) embossed seal on flap, addressed to Mrs. Wm. Herbert in London, England, two strikes of "Forwarded by Charles E. Leggatt & Co. Yokohama" oval handstamp on back, sender's directive "Via San Francisco and New York"—working backward from Jan. 8, 1872 arrival date in England, probably carried on PMSS Great Republic, departing Nov. 23, 1871, arriving San Francisco Dec. 17 (no arrival datestamp), the same trips as the cover offered in lot 346—red New York (Dec. 27) datestamp, red London Paid (Jan. 8, 1872) backstamp, faint gum toning, Fine, attractive Bank Note franking from Japan (10c U.S.-Japan and 6c U.S.-G.B. rates) E. 1,000-1,500





349 ⋈ 10c Brown (150). Used with 6c Dull Pink (159), cancelled or tied by circle of wedges, perfect strike of matching bold "Yokohama Japan May 22" (1874) circular datestamp on blue folded letter with blue Valmale, Schoen & Wilson oval handstamp to Frederick Huth & Co. in London, England, sender's directive "via America"—carried on PMSS Great Republic, departing Yokohama May 22, 1874, arriving San Francisco Jun. 16—bold magenta "San Francisco Cal. Paid Jun. 16" circular datestamp, red London Paid datestamp (Jul. 4), vertical file fold affects 6c stamp, otherwise Fine, illustrated in Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 162)..... E. 400-500



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352 ⋈ 3c Green (158). Deep shade, tied by crossroads cancel on cover originating in Yokohama, Japan, sent by U.S.N. Admiral James Charles P. DeKrafft to his wife, Elizabeth Sellers DeKrafft, Wilmington Del., pencil docketing "Yokohama May 29th 74"—carried on non-contract steamer Vancouver, departing Yokohama May 31, 1874, arriving San Francisco Jun. 18—clearly struck "San Francisco Steamship Jun. 18" circular datestamp and "DUE 7" straightline due handstamp to make up 10c rate, reduced at left, otherwise Very Fine, although no Japanese post office markings are present, this is a much rarer use than the typical Yokohama cover E. 400-500



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353 ⋈ 10c Brown (161). Horizontal pair, bold strikes of circle of spokes cancel, matching "Yokohama Japan Jul. 19" (1874) circular datestamp on cover to Frankfurt, Germany, sender's directive "via San Francisco"—carried on PMSS Colorado, departing Yokohama Jul. 19, 1874, arriving San Francisco Aug. 8—"San Francisco Cal. Aug. 9" double-circle datestamp, red "New York Br. Transit Aug. 18" circular datestamp, receiving backstamp (Aug. 31), cover has small closed tear at top, Very Fine, scarce franking paying the 10c rate to U.S. plus 10c to Germany, illustrated in Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 164), with 2001 P.F. certificate E. 750-1,000



354

10c Brown (161). Horizontal pair, intense shade, tied by circle of wedges cancels, clearly struck "Yokohama Japan Mar. 10" (1874) circular datestamp on bluish folded cover to Banco Sete Lombardo, Milan, Italy, sender's directive "via 'America' for Europe"—carried on PMSS Alaska, departing Yokohama Mar. 10, 1874, arriving San Francisco Apr. 3—"San Francisco Cal. Apr. 4" double-circle datestamp, red "New York Paid All Br. Transit Apr. 11" datestamp, Verona (Apr. 25) and Milan (Apr. 25) backstamps, small part of back torn away, Very Fine, an attractive franking paying 10c U.S.-Japan and 10c NGU Direct rates to Italy....... E. 1,500-2,000



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356 ⋈ 10c Brown (161). Horizontal strip of three, tied by circle of spokes cancel, matching "Yokohama Japan Jul. 19" (1874) circular datestamp on folded cover to Giacamo Falzone in Mortara, Italy, sender's directive "Open Mail to Italy"—carried on PMSS Colorado, departing Yokohama Jul. 19, 1874, arriving San Francisco Aug. 8—light strike of "San Francisco Cal. Aug. 9" double-circle datestamp, red "New York Paid All Br. Transit Aug. 18" datestamp, Italian backstamps including Verona and Vigevano (Sep. 2), some overall staining and small faults, tear at bottom, otherwise Fine, the double rate should have been 40c (double 10c U.S.-Japan plus double 10c U.S.-Italy) E. 1,000-1,500



357

 $357 \bowtie$ 10c Brown (161). Used with 6c Dull Pink (159), short perfs, tied by circle of wedges cancel, clearly struck "Yokohama Japan Dec. 6" (1874), circular datestamp on small cover to Aylesbury, England, sender's semi-literate directive "vi amerekey"—carried on PMSS chartered Vasco de Gama, departing Dec. 6, 1874, arriving San Francisco Dec. 23—part strike of magenta "San Francisco Cal. Paid Dec. 23" circular datestamp ties both stamps, red Liverpool Paid datestamp (Jan. 9, 1875), Aylesbury backstamp (Jan. 10), backflap removed, otherwise Very Fine, late use through U.S. post office in Yokohama, which closed Dec. 31, 1874 E. 500-750



NAGASAKI



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10c Dark Green (68a). Dark shade, manuscript cancel, used on cover from Nagasaki, Japan, to Miss Phebe Hoagland, Griggstown N.J., with original letter datelined "Dai Tokie Ji' Nagasaki, Japan, June 18th, 1869"—carried from Nagasaki to Yokohama on PMSS branch-line Costa Rica, arriving Jun. 27, 1869, then on PMSS Japan, departing Yokohama Jul 1, arriving San Francisco Jul. 20—"San Francisco Cal. Jul. 20" double-circle datestamp, stamp tied by magenta "China and Japan Steam Service" oval handstamp, clipped corner at upper left, otherwise Fine, ex Dr. Spicer, with 1998 P.S.E. certificate............................... E. 300-400



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- 361 ⊠ **10c Brown (150).** Two, one with straight edge, each tied by clear strike of **Nagasaki "N"** cancel, no circular datestamp used at this time, on cover from G. W. Noyes to Miss Jennie D. Thorne, East New York—carried from Nagasaki on branch-line steamer, then by PMSS *America*, departing Yokohama Sep. 23, 1871, arriving San Francisco Oct. 15—stamps also tied by "San Francisco Cal. Oct. 16" double-circle datestamp, minor edgewear, Very Fine, choice strikes of the rare Nagasaki "N" cancel on a double-rate cover...... E. 1,000-1,500



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3c Green (158). Dark shade, tied by quartered cork cancel with duplex "San Francisco Cal. Jul. 13" (1874) datestamp and "DUE 7" straightline handstamp on cover originating in Yokohama, Japan, from U.S.N. Admiral James Charles P. DeKrafft to his wife, Elizabeth Sellers DeKrafft, Wilmington Del., pencil docketing "June 25th Yokohama" confirms origin and date—carried on non-contract Vasco de Gama, departing Yokohama Jun. 25, 1874, arriving San Francisco Jul. 11—blue crayon "Due 7c", toned at right, otherwise Fine, although this does not bear Japanese post office markings, it is much scarcer than typical covers from Yokohama, accompanied by a U59 entire from same correspondence with "STEAM/SHIP" and "Due 7" handstamps applied in New York City, which must be from one of Admiral DeKrafft's earlier commands (not from Asia)(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 300-400

365 ⋈ 10c Yellow Green on Buff entire (U41). Cancelled by "STEAM/SHIP" two-line handstamp on arrival in New York City, addressed to Mrs. J. C. P. DeKrafft, Wilmington Del., small tears at top, otherwise Very Fine, there is nothing on this cover that points to a year date, Admiral John C. P. DeKrafft held several different commands, including commander of the USFS *Hartford* in Asia (1874-75), but this probably predates his time in China and Japan...... E. 200-300



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367 ⋈ 30c Black (154). Tied by cork cancel over "United States/Naval Depot/Nagasaki" imprint on large blue linen-lined cover to Master J. C. P. DeKrafft, Wilmington, Delaware—carried from Nagasaki by branch-line steamer, then by PMSS Japan, departing Yokohama Sep. 30, 1874, arriving San Francisco Oct. 21—"San Francisco Cal. Oct. 22" (1874) double-circle datestamp, stamp lifted and hinged in place to show imprint, reduced at left, some erosion in paper and other faults, nonetheless a presentable and rare use of the 30c 1870 Issue from Japan, one of the last trips before U.S. post offices in Japan were closed E. 750-1,000

NIIGATA

The only recorded cover with United States stamps originating in Niigata, Japan



10c Brown (161). Horizontal pair, tied by circle of wedges cancel, ""Yokohama Japan, Dec. 6" (1874) circular datestamp on cover from Niigata, Japan, to Crefeld, Germany, double-circle handstamp on back "C. E. Ad. Leysner * Niigata *" applied by C. E. Adolph Leysner, a Prussian merchant who was one of five foreigners living in Niigata at the time (he was appointed honorary consul for Prussia in 1874), purple "Forwarded by H. Grauert, Yokohama, Japan" double-oval handstamp on back, forwarder's manuscript directive "Via New York"—carried from Niigata to Yokohama, then by PMSS chartered Vasco de Gama, departing Yokohama December 6, 1874, arriving San Francisco December 22—part strike of "San Francisco Cal. Dec. 23" double-circle datestamp—carried by NGL Neckar, departing New York January 2, 1875, arriving Southampton January 12—Crefeld receiving backstamp (January 13), small piece out of edge at right, stamps have minor creases and small tear at upper left

FINE APPEARANCE. THE ONLY RECORDED COVER WITH UNITED STATES STAMPS ORIGINATING IN NIIGATA, ONE OF THE JAPANESE TREATY PORTS, WHICH HAD ONLY A FEW FOREIGN RESIDENTS DURING THE U.S. POST OFFICE PERIOD. AN OUTSTANDING POSTAL HISTORY ARTIFACT.

This cover was sent by C. E. Adolph Leysner, a German resident of Niigata who served at the time as honorary consul for Prussia. It was carried to Yokohama and given to Hermann Grauert, a merchant and forwarding agent, who presumably applied the two 10c stamps and turned it over to the U.S. post office in Yokohama. The 20c postage paid the 10c U.S.-Japan and 10c U.S.-Germany rates.

Niigata, a port city on Honshu, was one of the five original treaty ports established in 1858, but it was not opened until January 1, 1869. Only five foreign residents were reported living there in 1873. No other covers with U.S. stamps are known to us which have indisputable evidence of originating in Niigata.

With 2003 Van der Linden certificate. E. 2,000-3,000

MAIL BETWEEN UNITED STATES POST OFFICES IN JAPAN

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One of two recorded 10c 1861-68 Issue covers sent between post offices in Japan



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369 ⋈ 10c Green (68). Rich color, few gum toned perfs, cancelled by manuscript cross strokes, used on blue folded letter in German datelined "Nagasaki, 16th September 1868" from Schmidt, Spahn & Co. to Charles Thorel in Yokohama, sender's directive "per Costa Rica", docketed with September 25 receipt date—carried on PMSS branch-line steamer Costa Rica, departing Shanghai September 17, 1868, picking up mail at Nagasaki en route and arriving Yokohama September 25—slight toning and small hole along file fold

VERY FINE. ONE OF TWO RECORDED COVERS SENT BETWEEN UNITED STATES POST OFFICES IN JAPAN WITH THE 10-CENT RATE PAID BY 1861-68 ISSUE STAMPS. AN OUTSTANDING INTERCONSULAR POST OFFICE COVER.

This cover was carried on an eastbound Pacific Mail Steamship Co. branch-line steamer that originated in Shanghai and stopped at Nagasaki on its journey to Yokohama. Letters between U.S. post offices in China and Japan were carried under the blanket 10c rate until the 6c interconsular rate was introduced. Based on archival correspondence, the rate is thought to have been implemented in mid-April 1870 (see Laurence 10c 1869 book, p. 281). This rate is very rare, and only two covers sent between post offices in Japan have 1861-68 Issue stamps (both 10c). The other is illustrated in the Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 173)—it has a single 10c 1861 tied by the "HIOGO JAPAN" double-circle handstamp (December 7, 1869). The cover offered here is the only one originating in Nagasaki....... E. 3,000-4,000



2c Brown (113). Horizontal pair, tied by two different cancellations used by U.S. post offices in Japan, one is a large segmented cork in a pale shade of black, the other is a smaller cork cancel in a darker shade, possibly struck at Yokohama (before departure) and Nagasaki (after arrival), on cover addressed to "Philipp Mullenhoff Esq., Captain of the Northgerman Schooner Johann Ubon [?] in care of Van Delden ℰ Co., Nagasaki", no dated markings or docketing, overpaid 1c for 3c interconsular rate between offices in Japan, small cover tear at top, Very Fine, we record seven or eight covers between post offices in Japan with 1869 Pictorial stamps, including three with 2c Horse & Rider stamps E. 2,000-3,000



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3c Green (147). Gum stains, cancelled by Nagasaki circle of Vs cancel on folded cover to J. Raud & Co., Yokohama, Japan, "Pignatel & Cie. Nagasaki (Japon)" double-oval handstamp, receipt docketing with Jan. 5, 1874, origin date and Jan. 14 receipt date, slight wear along file folds, Very Fine, a rare interconsular usage from Nagasaki to Yokohama...... E. 1,000-1,500

Shanghai Local Post datestamp on cover from Japan to China



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6c Carmine (148). Tied by two strikes of quartered cork cancel on blue folded cover from Japan to China, cancel attributed to U.S. post office in Hiogo, addressed to F. Peil, Shanghai, with sender's directive "per Costa Rica", carried on PMSS branch-line steamer (possibly the Costa Rica), blue "Shanghae Local Post A MY 15 72" circular datestamp on back, refolded to show backstamp, minor bleached spots and small splits in edges sealed with hinges, stamp slightly gum toned

FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE COVER SENT FROM UNITED STATES POST OFFICE IN JAPAN TO POSTAL AGENCY IN SHANGHAI, THEN DELIVERED BY SHANGHAI LOCAL POST.

Interconsular rate covers between Japan and China are rare, but this cover with the Shanghai Local Post datestamp is an extraordinary usage from the China perspective.

E. 4,000-5,000



373 with detail of back

373 ⋈ Green (147). Horizontal pair, tied by two strikes of quartered cork cancel on blue folded cover from Japan to China, cancel attributed to U.S. post office in Hiogo, addressed to F. Peil, Shanghai, with sender's directive "per 'Oregonean'"—carried on PMSS branch-line steamer Oregonian, departing Yokohama May 25, 1872, arriving Shanghai June 2—readable strike of blue "Shanghae Local Post B JU 3 72" circular datestamp on back, minor bleached spots, stamps slightly gum toned

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E. 1,000-1,500



375 ⊠ 3c Green (147). Tied by partly clear "Yokohama Japan Feb. 4" (1871) circular datestamp on blue folded letter from Legrand & Levy to Pignatel & Co., Nagasaki, datelined February 4, 1871—carried on PMSS Golden Age, departing Yokohama Feb. 4, 1871, arriving Shanghai Feb. 12, and dropping off the mail at Nagasaki on the route—minor bleached spots, stamp slightly gum toned, otherwise Very Fine, this is the earliest recorded use of the Bank Note Issue in Japan, it is used on this cover to pay the 3c interconsular rate, which was reduced from 10c to 3c in mid-1870, another cover (without contents) from the same sender and trip was offered in Magnolia Part 1 (Sale 1248, lot 2099)....... E. 1,500-2,000



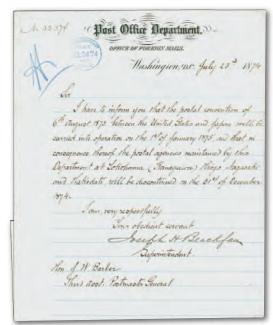
376 ⋈ 10c Brown (161). Small part of bottom margin partly torn off from separation, tied by circle of wedges cancel on "Finance Department" imprint cover with notation "Sender Yoshio Kusaka, Yedo, Japan" and addressed to Mrs. C. Jewett, Norwichtown Conn., no Yokohama datestamp—carried on PMSS Colorado, departing Dec. 22, 1874, arriving San Francisco Jan. 21 with the last mail dispatched before all U.S. post offices in Japan were closed on Dec. 31, 1874—clearly struck "San Francisco Cal. Jan. 22" double-circle datestamp, notation "This gentlemen [Yoshio Husaka] is now Governor of Nagasaki", some light staining and edgewear, gum toning around stamp perfs, otherwise Fine, a rare historic "last U.S. post office mail" cover from Japan, illustrated in Frajola-Perlman-Scamp book (p. 167), ex Dr. Spicer E. 400-500



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377 ⋈ 5c Yellow Brown (205). Tied by 'SHIP" straightline handstamp with matching "Yokohama 22 Sep. 1884" small circular datestamp on cover to Rev. J. W. Lambuth in Shanghai, China, "I.J.P.A. Shanghai 29 Sep. 1884" backstamp, half of backflap removed, but all markings are present, slightly toned, otherwise Very Fine, rare inbound ship letter handled by the Imperial Japanese Post Office in Yokohama and Shanghai................................ E. 400-500

378 U.S. Post Office Department Notice-Closing of Postal Agencies in Japan. "Post Office Department, Office of Foreign Mails" letterhead datelined Washington D.C., July 23, 1874, signed by Joseph H. Blackfan, to J. W. Barber, 3rd Asst. PMG, informing him that with the commencement of the new postal agreement between the U.S. and Japan, effective Jan. 1, 1875, the "postal agencies maintained by this Department at Yokohama (Kanagawa), Hiogo, Nagasaki Hakodati, will be discontinued on the 31st of December 1874", very rare and desirable official documentation of the cessation of U.S. post offices operating in Japan, which coincided with the Meiji government's inauguration of its own foreignmail department, which was shaped by an American and assimilated many U.S. postal practices E. 400-500



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379 24c Lilac (78). Full and clear strike of Yokohama "X" chop cancel, trivial sealed perf tear at top, otherwise Fine with a beautiful strike of this Japanese post office cancel, rare on the 24c value, see Sale 1248, lot 2081, for cover with same cancel...... E. 200-300

380 10c Yellow (116). Horizontal pair, bright color, each cancelled by well-struck "HIOGO JAPAN" double-circle handstamp, right stamp few short perfs and corner crease at bottom right, otherwise Very Fine, scarce pair used from Hiogo, Scott value \$620.00 for two singles with

381 1c-10c 1869 Pictorial Issue, Japan Cancellations (112-114, 116). Eight stamps including two 1c, one 2c and 3c and three 10c with "HIOGO JAPAN" double-circle handstamp, additional 10c with Yokohama "X" chop, centering varies, minor faults, mostly complete and clear strikes with Fine-Very Fine appearance, a scarce group, especially the lower values, Scott value \$4,306.00 for the seven stamps with "Japan" cancels (not counting 10c with "X" at \$110.00)...(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 750-1,000

382 ⋈ Balance of U.S. Post Offices in Japan Bank Note Issue Covers. 13 covers with Bank Note Issue frankings (1c, 3c, 6c and 10c), all used from Japan including two with "China and Japan Steam Service" oval (10c frankings, no origin markings, datestamped in San Francisco May 14 and Sep. 2), nine with "Yokohama Japan" circular datestamp including two to Wyoming Territory (one badly damaged, other with tears), three to England (16c rates paid with 3c/10c or 6c/10c combinations), and two with "Nagasaki Japan" circular datestamp (one 3c interconsular to Hiogo, stained, and other with 10c), obviously the condition issues led us to combine these into a group offering, but this is no ordinary group lot, with most covers previously selling for \$500 to \$3,000 each, a wonderful group to kick off a U.S. post offices in China and Japan collection or for the eBay reseller to offer individually.....

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