

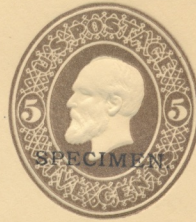


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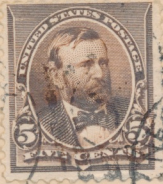
BIDDER'S SAMPLE OF PLAIN REQUEST.  
No. 4½, First Quality,





*SPECIMEN,*





Dr Ludwig Goldberg  
Weissersee  
Berlin N O  
Germany







James A. Garfield

LAW OFFICE OF  
ROSCOE CONKLING,  
No. 2 Wall Street.

United Bank Building,  
(Cor. Broadway & Wall)  
Rooms 54 & 55.

New York, Sept 26 1887

My dear Sir:

When your note came today I had not seen either of the "echoes" to which you refer.

Now I have seen only that of the 20<sup>th</sup>, and I beg you to receive my thanks for your kindness.

As a proof of good will it is much valued; but rest assured that no such idea as you suggest has any place in politics.

Cordially yours

Roscoe Conkling.

John S. Mission Esq.

100 President St.

Brooklyn, N.Y.



# Specimens



"SPECIMEN" overprinted in two places, in center and across stamp  
diagonally laid paper, watermark 6, '82'

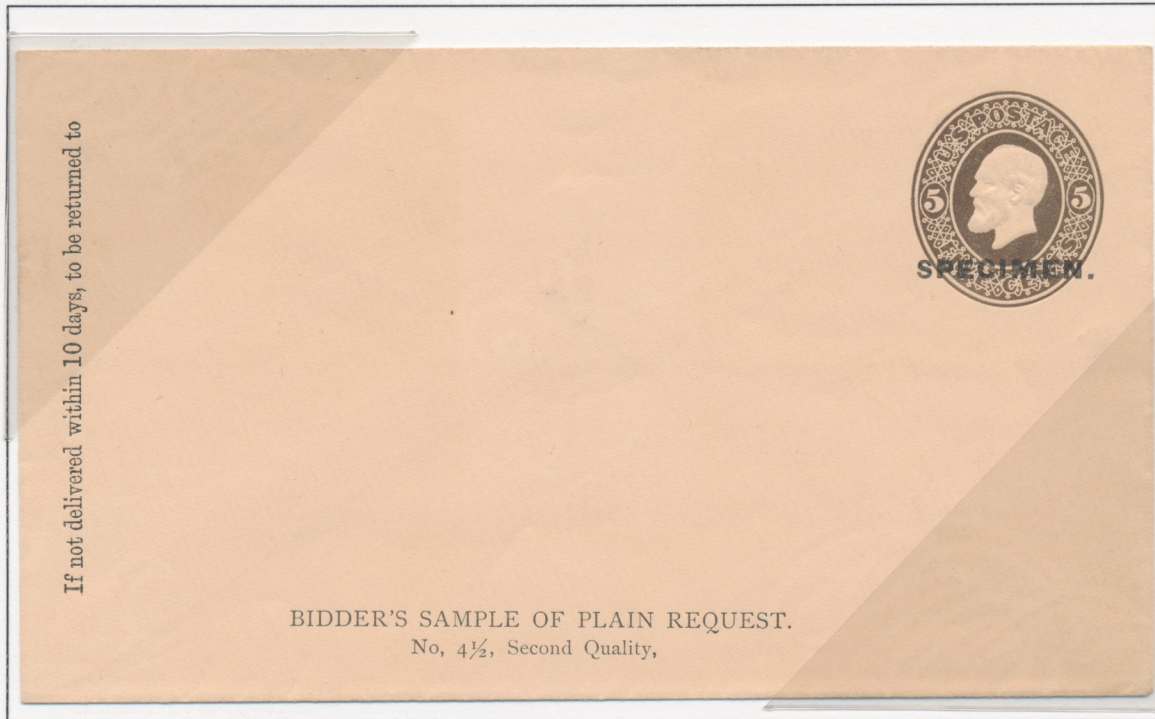


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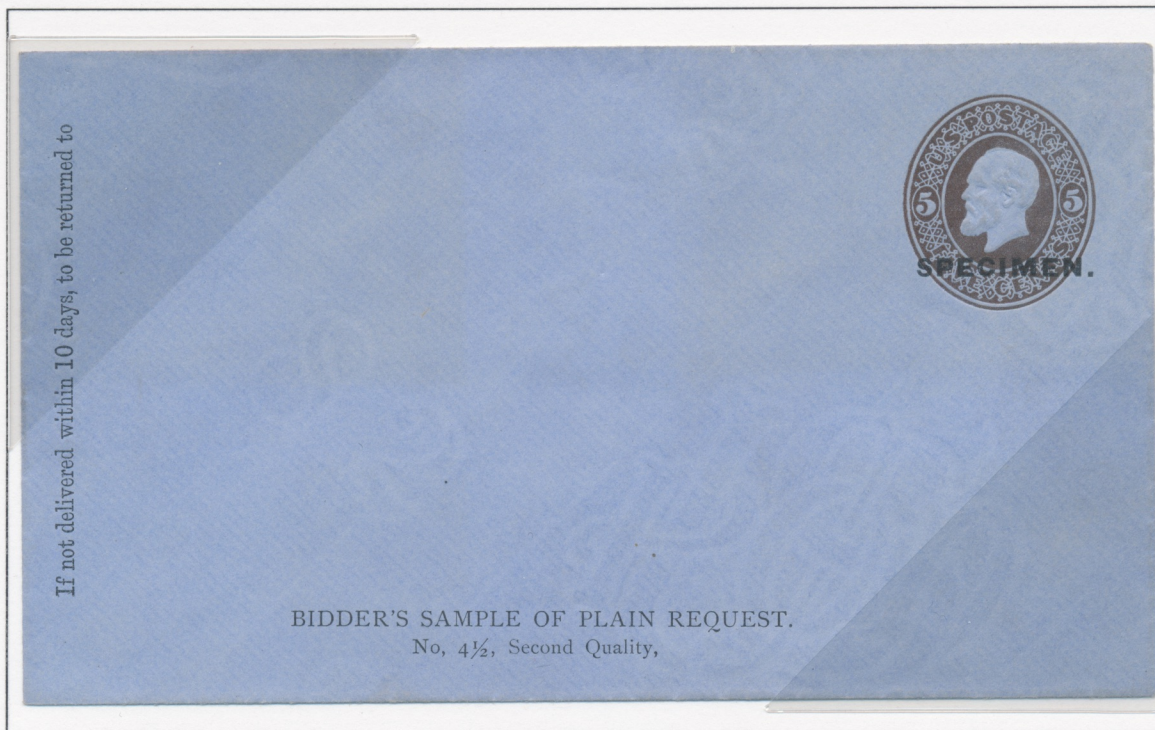


# Bidder Samples

work 6  
82  
both



"Bidder's Sample Of Plain Request" on buff with "Specimen" overprint  
"U.S.P.O.D. 82" watermark



"Bidder's Sample Of Plain Request" on blue with "Specimen" overprint  
the "U.S.P.O.D. 82" watermark shows clearly



**U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To Transvaal**

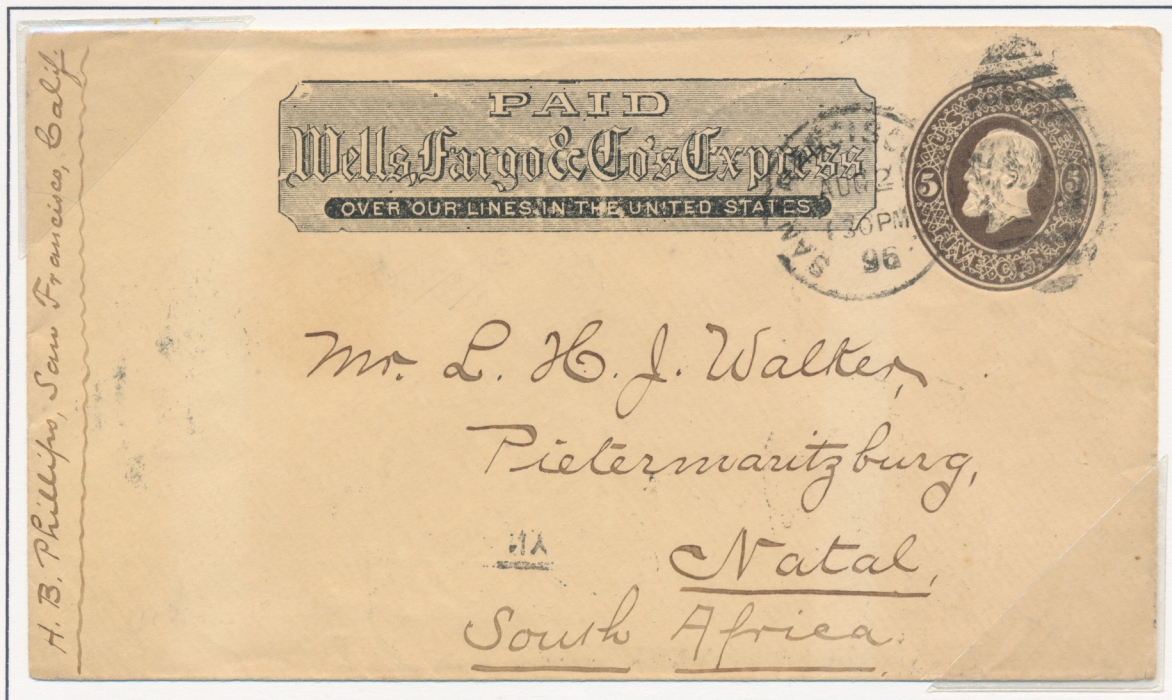
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19 April 1894 Albuquerque and El Paso Texas **Railway Post Office** to Transvaal  
23 May 1894 Johannesburg arrival backstamp  
**Only Reported Example To Transvaal**

**5c Rate To Natal**

wmk 7



2 August 1896 **Wells Fargo Express** frank used in the mails from San Francisco, California to Natal  
26 September 1896 arrival backstamp  
**Only Reported Example To Natal**



## 1a. The Garfield Issue Influence. 1882

The assassination of President Garfield caused the Post Office to issue (1882) a set of five cent denominated brown colored postal stationery honoring the late president. Their five cent face value lead to the envelopes being used for foreign mail in spite of their brown color, a practice not in accord with the UPU agreement of 1875.

### The Normal or Intended Use of this Issue



An example of the five cent brown Garfield used for domestic mail as it was intended. This is a registered cover from Boston, Mass. to Louisville, Kentucky. The ten cents postage is composed of the **two cent postage rate** together with an **eight cent registry fee**. This is a very late use of this cover (1896)



## Covers to non European Destinations

Below are several covers sent to non European destinations. Covers directed to locations outside the continent are far more scarce than those sent to Europe. Most non European nations adopted the UPU conventions post - July 1875 .

### Destination Buenos Aires, Argentina

(Argentina adopted the UPU convention in April 1878)



Cancelled "Phila. Pa. Sta. S, August 15" this cover was mailed to Beuno Aires, Argentina . The cover arrived in New York August 19 where the New York Post Office applied an oval killer cancellation with an enclosed "64" together with a circular date stamp. The cover subsequently received a Buenos Aires receiving mark.





**U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To Curacao**

wmk 6



21 November 1885 New York receiving handstamp cancelled to Curacao  
26 November 1885 Curacao arrival handstamp

**5c Rate To Argentina**

wmk 7

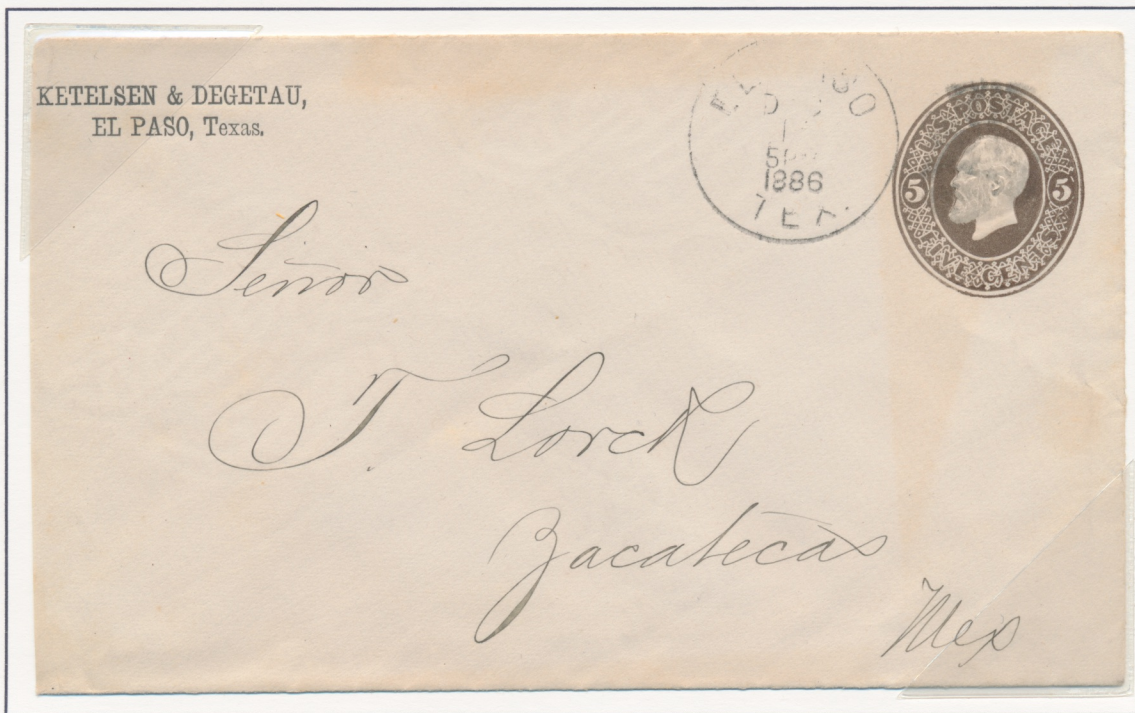


5 March 1889 New York, New York to Buenos Aires, Argentina  
13 April 1889 Buenos Aires received backstamp



**U.P.U. Rate**  
**5c Rate To Mexico**

wmk 6



17 December 1886 El Paso, Texas to Zacatecas, Mexico

**5c Rate To Guatamala**

wmk 7



21 March 1890 San Francisco, California to Guatamala, Guatamala  
April 1890 'Correo Interior' arrival backstamp



U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To Cuba

wmk 6



3 March 1886 Boston, Massachusetts (sender's cachet on verso) to Havana, Cuba  
out of the mails with N.Y., Havana & Mexican Mail S.S. Line Mar 4 1886 datestamp  
10 March 1886 entered the mails at Havana, Cuba with their backstamp and "25" due handstamp

5c Rate To Venezuela

wmk 6



4 October 1886 New York, New York to Ciudad, Venezuela



U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To Sweden

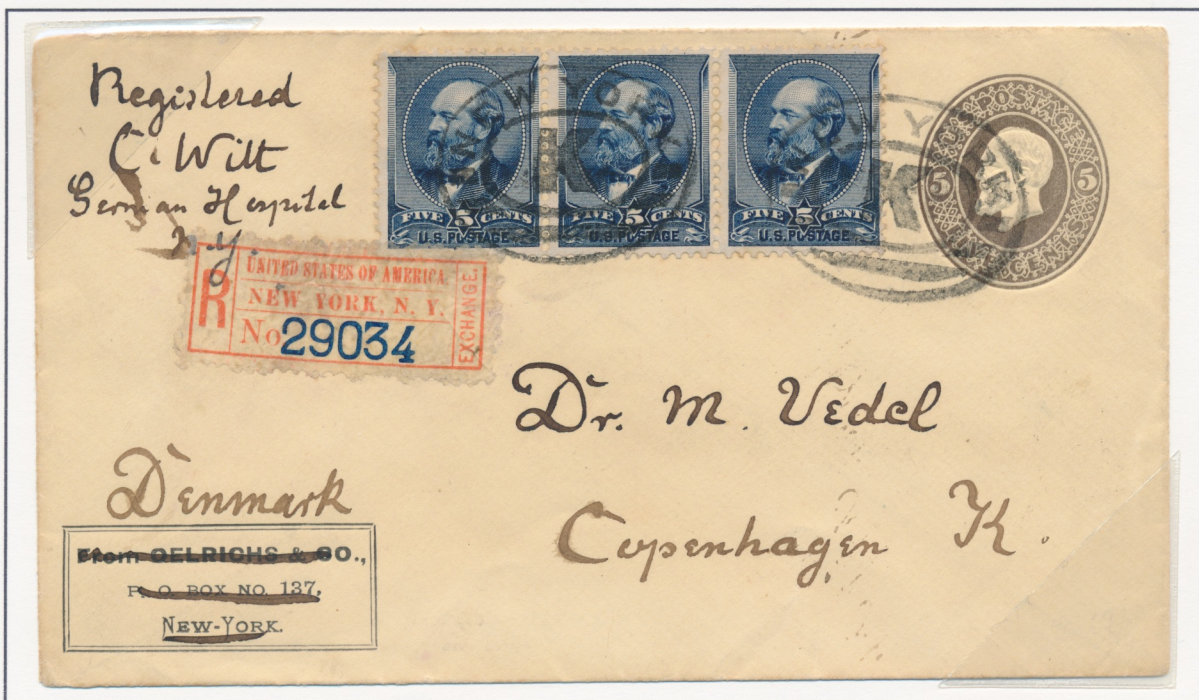
Wmk 6



15 January 1887 Everett, Massachusetts to Stockholm, Sweden  
31 January arrival backstamp

10c Registry Fee, 5c Rate To Denmark

Wmk 7



22 May 1888 New York, New York, **double rate registered** to Denmark  
supplemental postage paid with 5c 1888 Issue, **New York registry label**



**U.P.U. Rate**

**10c Registry Fee, 5c Rate To Spain**

wmk 5



**24 February 1883 New York, New York double rate registered to Spain  
 supplemental postage paid with 10c 1867 "F" Grill and 5c 1882 Issue, New York registry label  
 March 1883 Madrid arrival backstamp  
 The Earliest Reported Usage Of Garfield Stationery**

**5c Rate To Monaco**

wmk 6



**2 April 1886 New York, New York to Monaco  
 New York transit backstamp, 13 April 1886 French transit, arrival backstamp**



**U.P.U. Rate**  
**5c Rate To Turkey**

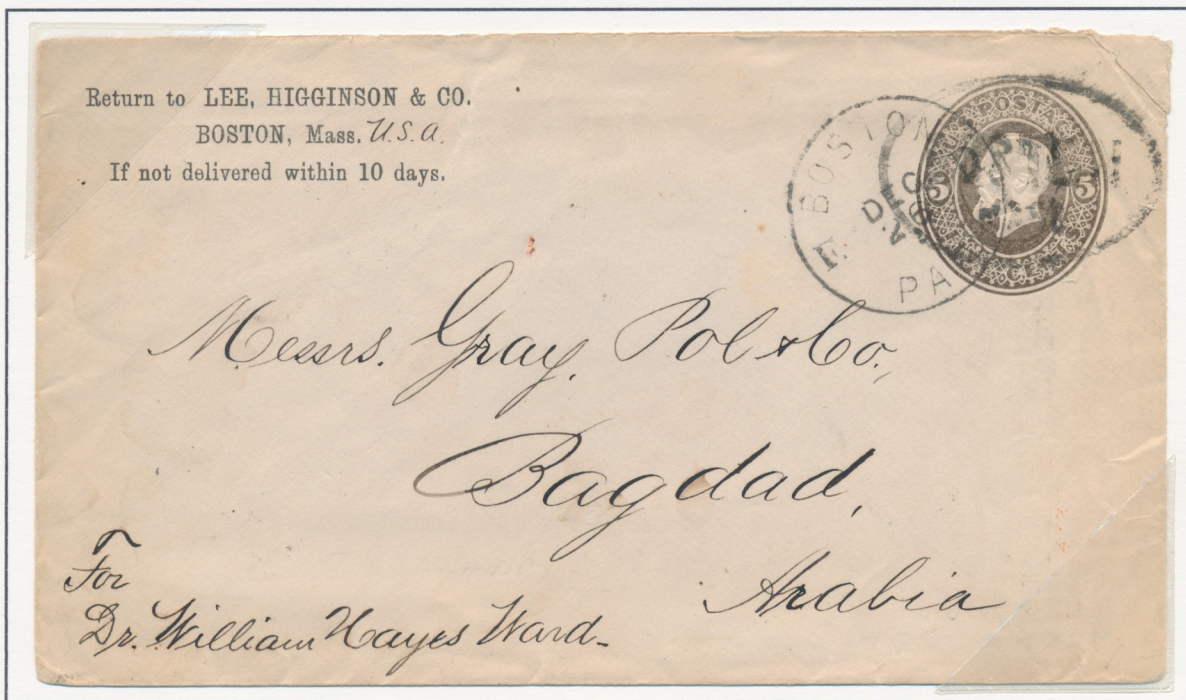
Wmk 6



31 January 1895 Boston, Massachusetts to Constantinople, Turkey  
forwarded to Cairo, Egypt; Rome, Italy; and 12 March 1895, Napoli, Italy  
with all appropriate transit markings present

**5c Rate To Asiatic Turkey**

Wmk 6



26 December 1885 Boston, Massachusetts to Bagdad, Arabia  
7 January 1885 Brindisi and 17 January 1885 Constantinople transit backstamps  
**Only Reported Example To Arabia**



**U.P.U. Rate**  
**5c Rate To China**

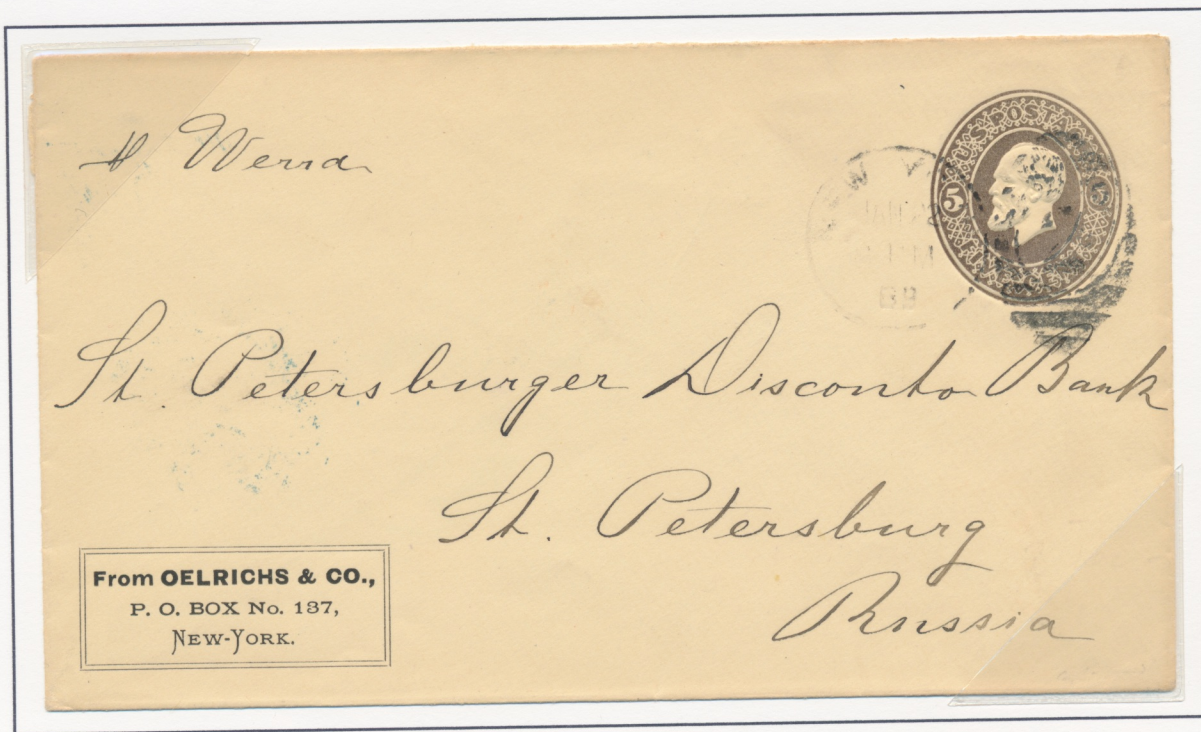
Wmk 7



8 December 1887 San Francisco, California to Shanghai, China  
20 January 1888 U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai arrival backstamp

**5c Rate To Russia**

Wmk 7



22 January 1889 New York, New York to Russia  
25 February 1889 Saint Petersburg arrival backstamp



**Examples of the Garfield Envelope  
Used for Foreign Destination Mail That  
Passed through the New York Foreign Mail Office**

**Destination Dusseldorf, Germany**

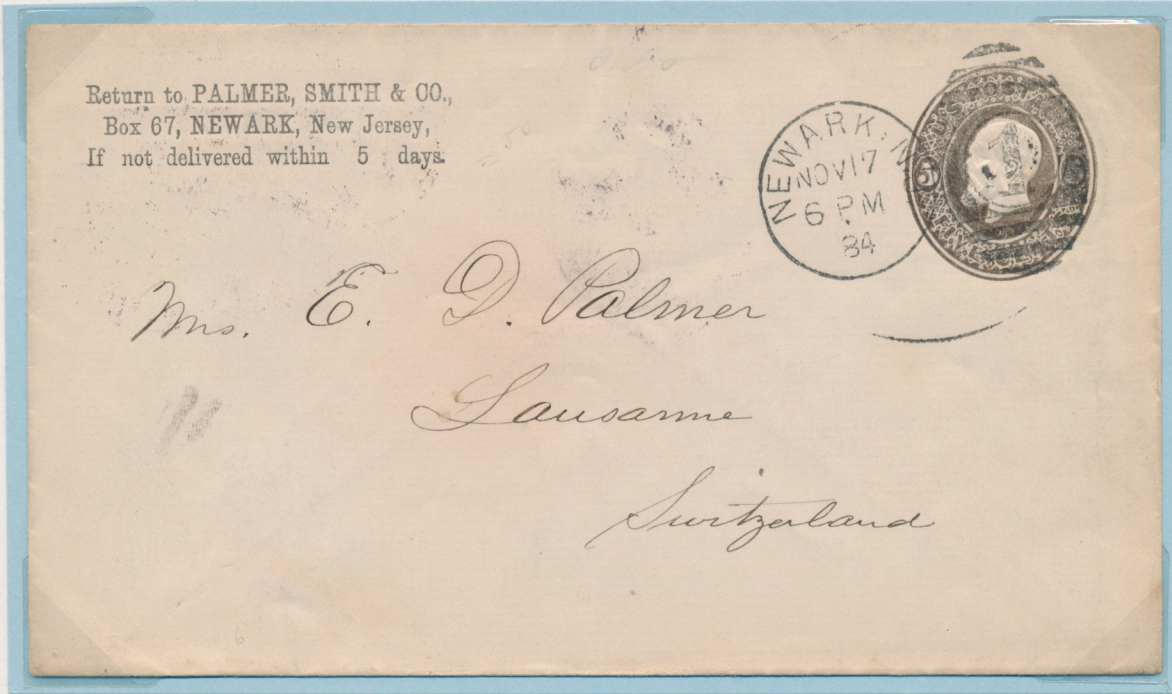


New York to Dusseldorf, Germany. This cover was carried by the ship s/s Aurania . The cover is stamped with a concentric circles type of marking from the Mehler, Schall & Co. a forwarding company, giving the mailing date.





**Destination Lausanne, Switzerland**



Posted November 17, 1884

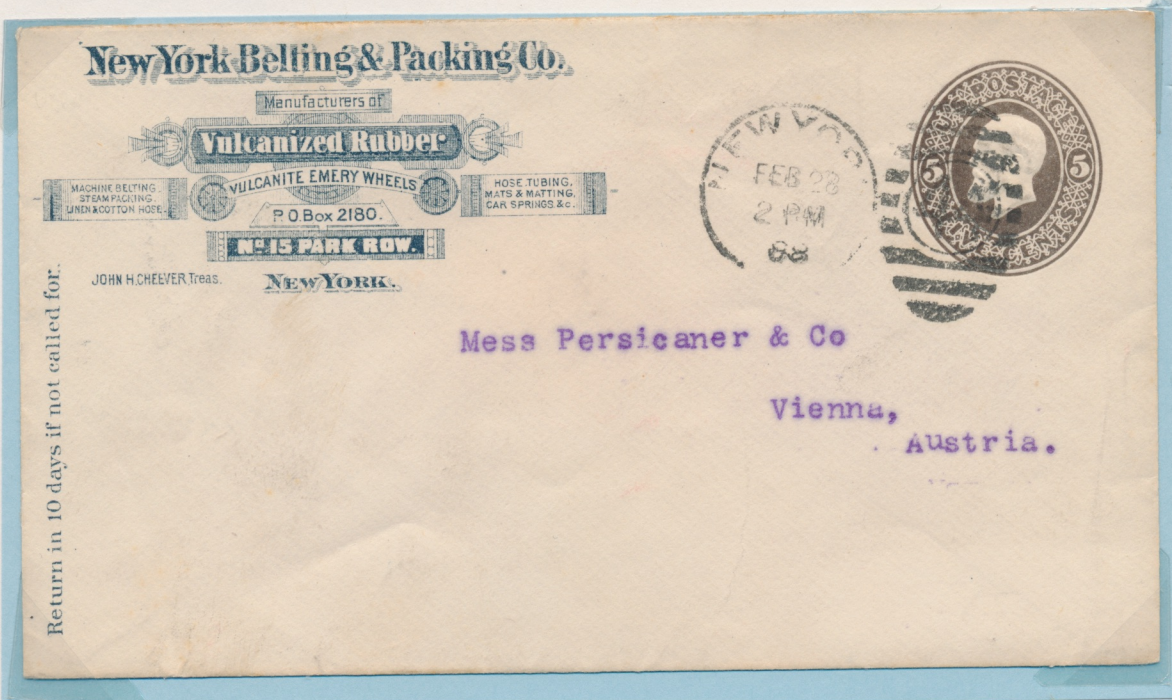
**Destination Berne, Switzerland**



Posted from Highland, ILL., June 21, 1888

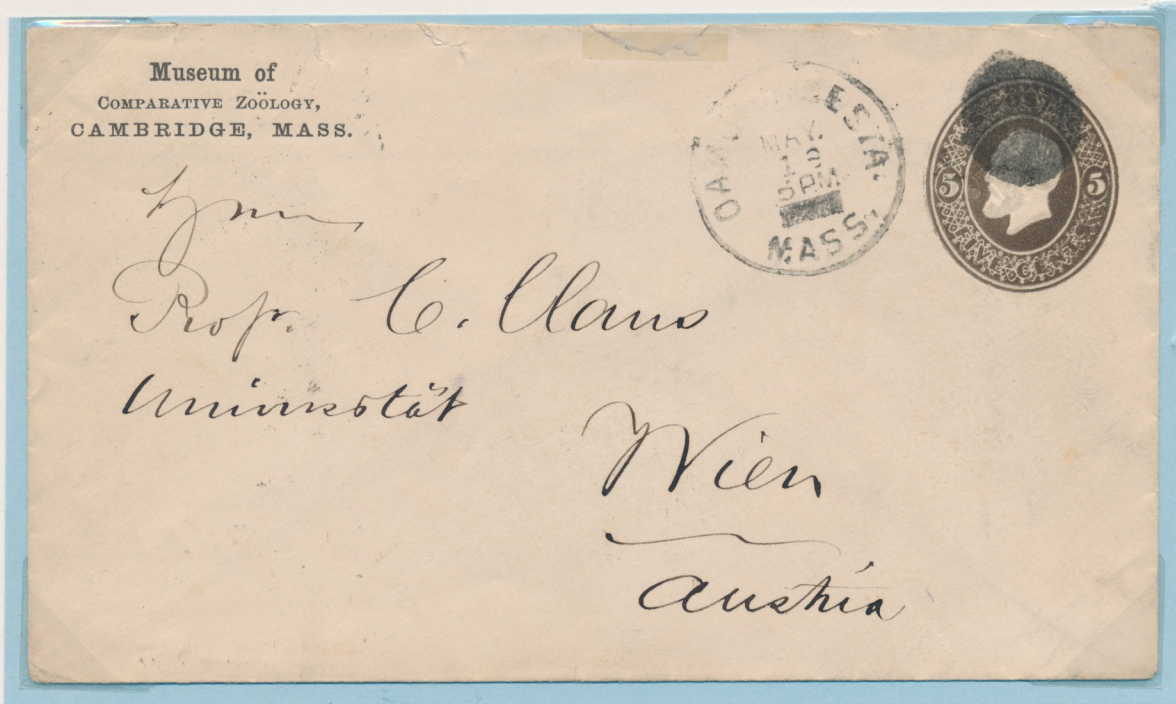


Destination Vienna, Austria



An advertising corner card posted to Vienna from New York.

Destination Wien, Austria



A correspondence from a Professor at the Comparative Zoology Museum at Harvard University to Professor C. Claus at the University of Wien.



**U.P.U. Rate**  
**5c Rate To Holland**

wmk 7



1 June 1888 New York, New York to Holland  
11 June 1888 Rotterdam arrival backstamp

**5c Rate To Belgium**

wmk 6



2 June 1885 New York, New York to Belgium  
12 June 1885 Anvers arrival backstamp



**U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To Austria**

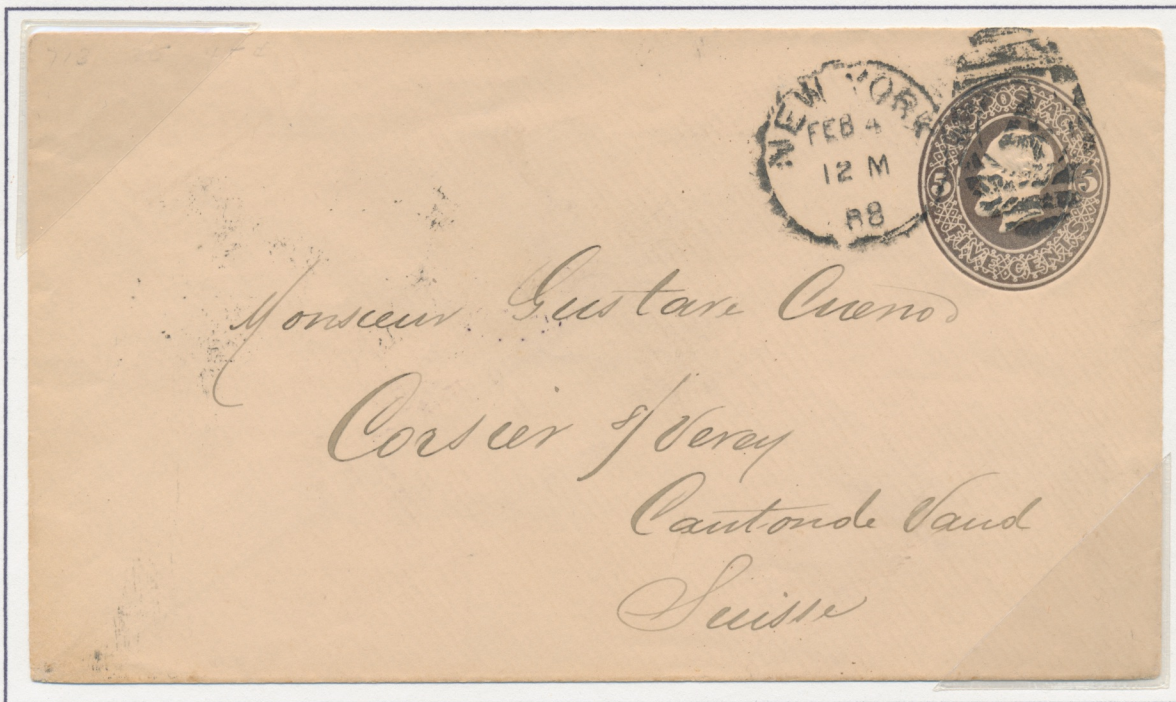
wmk 6



21 July 1885 Allegheny, Pennsylvania to Linz, Austria  
22 July 1885 New York barred numeral 48 backstamp, 2 August 1885 arrival backstamp  
New York numeral 48 is the highest number reported

**5c Rate To Switzerland**

wmk 7



4 February 1888 New York, New York to Vevey, Switzerland  
19 February 1888 Vevey arrival backstamp



U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To Germany, Forwarded

wmk 7



23 November 1897 Utah to Muhlhausen, Germany  
12 December 1897 forwarded to Barau, Switzerland  
Bern and Basel transit and Barau arrival backstamps

wmk 7



15 July 1887 New York, New York to Stuttgart, Germany  
30 July 1887 forwarded to Venice, Italy  
31 July 1887 Venice arrival backstamp



**U.P.U. Rate**

**5c Rate To Germany, 10c Registry Fee**

wmk 6



25 November 1884 New Orleans, Louisiana **registered** to Berlin, Germany  
registry fee paid with 10c 1882 Issue, New York exchange registry label  
29 November New York transit and 12 December arrival backstamps

**5c Rate To Germany, Postage Due**

wmk 5



21 January 1885 Saint Paul, Minnesota **double rate** to Hamburg, Germany  
**second rate unpaid**, "2" handstamp and "Taxe 25 centimes" due handstamp  
6 February 1886 arrival backstamp



**U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To Germany**

wmk 7

10 October 1888  
Wahpeton,  
Dakota  
Territory to  
Germany  
Braunschweig  
arrival backstamp



JANSSEN & CO.,  
P. O. Box 125,  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

*Germanic*



*Mr. Max Fried. Meinertz  
Cologne*

wmk 6

8 January 1887 New  
York, New York to  
Germany, **double rate**  
with 5c 1882 Issue,  
arrival backstamp

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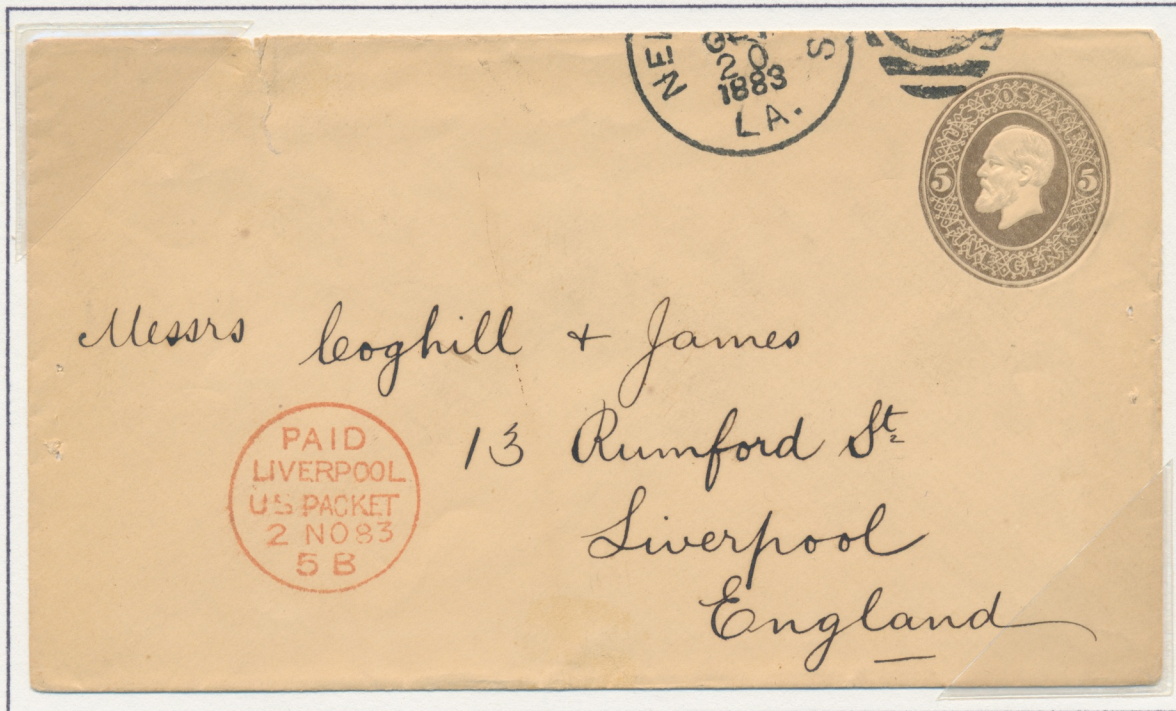
8 March 1892 Newark,  
New Jersey to  
Germany, **triple rate**  
with 10c 1890 Issue,  
arrival backstamp





**U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To England**

wmk 5



20 October 1883 New Orleans, Louisiana to Liverpool, England  
2 November 1883 **Paid US Packet** Liverpool transit

**5c Rate To Scotland**

wmk 7



23 October 1888 **R.P.O.** to Glasgow, Scotland  
4 November 1888 Glasgow arrival backstamp



U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To France

wmk 6



18 July 1894 Nogales, Arizona to Auteuil, France  
23 July 1894 New York transit and 1 August 1894 arrival backstamps

5c Rate To Germany

wmk 6



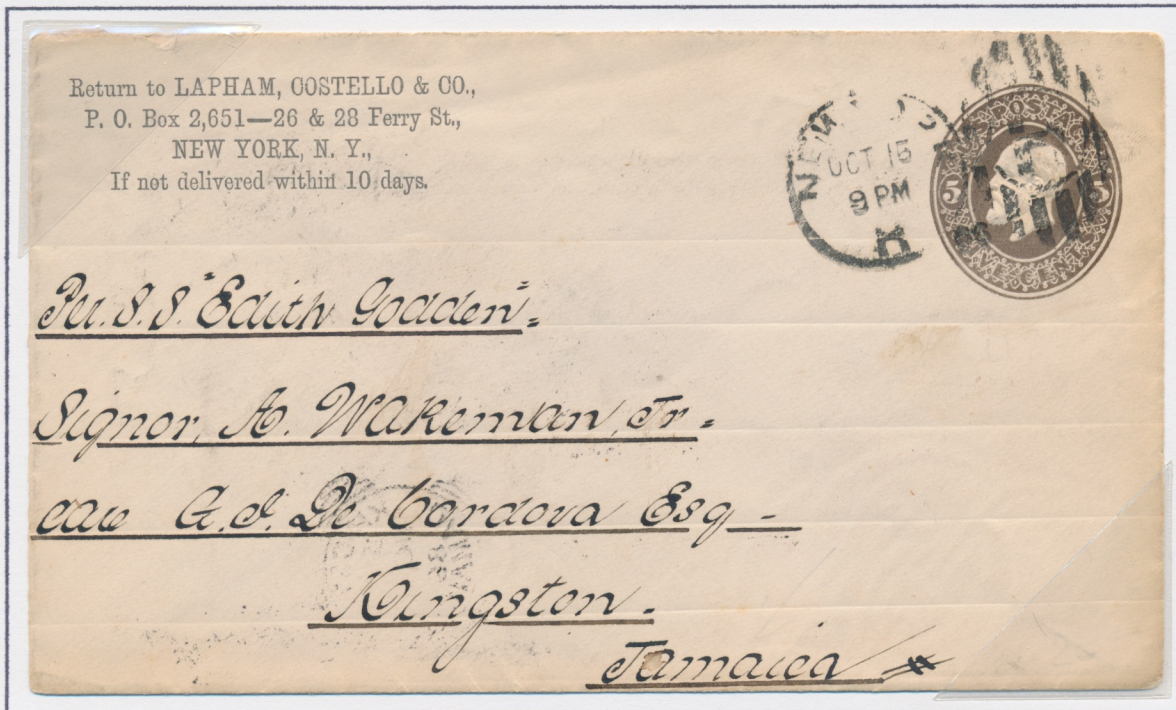
30 December 1882(?) Indianapolis, Indiana to Wurttemberg, Germany  
24 January 1883(?) arrival backstamp

Possible Earliest Usage Of Watermark 6 Stationery



**U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To Jamaica**

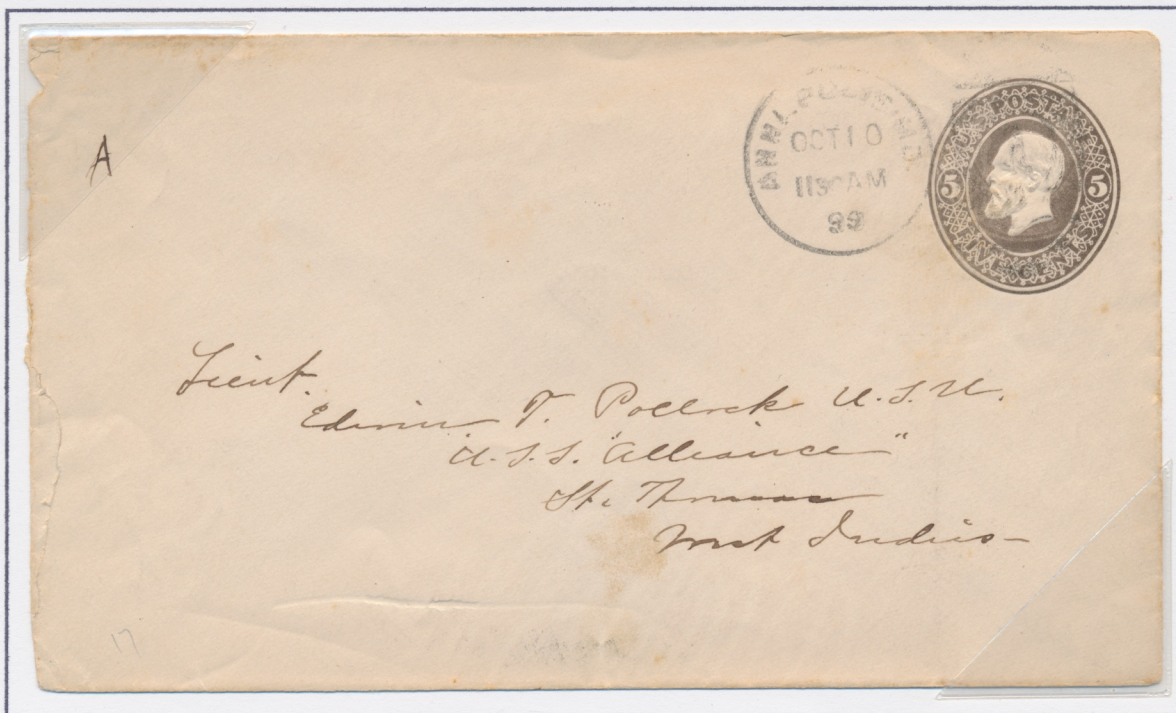
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15 October 1886 New York, New York to Kingston, Jamaica  
23 October 1886 arrival backstamp

**5c Rate To Saint Thomas**

wmk 6



10 October 1899 Annapolis, Maryland to **USS Alliance**, St. Thomas, West Indies  
Washington, DC transit backstamp



**Non-U.P.U. Rates**

**5c Rate To Matabeleland (Listed in P.O. Guide under Bechuanaland)**

wmk 6



17 June 1895 Albuquerque & El Paso R.P.O. **double rate** to Bulawayo, Matabeleland (became Rhodesia in 1895)  
22 June 1895 New York transit and 7 August 1895 Bulawayo, Matabeleland arrival backstamps  
**One Of Two Reported Examples To Matabeleland**

**15c Rate To Cape Of Good Hope**

wmk 7



21 July 1888 New York, New York to Capetown, Cape Of Good Hope  
**double rate** with 5c 1888 Issue and two copies of 10c 1882 Issue  
24 August 1888 arrival backstamp



**Domestic Usage**

**10c Registry Fee, 2c Domestic Rate**

Wmk 7



28 May 1888 New York, New York registered to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
10c registry fee plus 2c domestic, supplemental postage paid with 5c 1882 Issue and pair 1c 1887 Issue

**8c Registry Fee, 2c Domestic Rate**

Wmk 7



10 February 1898 Washington, DC registered to Utica, New York  
8c registry fee plus 2c domestic, supplemental postage paid with 5c 1894 Issue  
Stamp Division (City P.O. Wash.) and 12 February 1898 Utica Received backstamps



U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To Japan

Wmk 6



SHIP posted to Hiogo, Japan, 7 September 1885 Yokohama  
9 September 1885 Kobe transit backstamp

5c Rate To Japan

Wmk 7



20 April 1895 Oberlin, Ohio to Japan, **double rate** with 1890 and 1892 Issue combination franking  
24 May 1895 Yokohama transit and 25 May 1895 Osaka arrival backstamps



**U.P.U. Rate**  
**5c Rate To Newfoundland**

wmk 6



10 August 1897 Tompkinsville, New York to Newfoundland  
16 August 1897 St. Johns arrival backstamp

**5c Rate To Liberia**

wmk 6



19 February 1885 New York, New York to Liberia, **double rate** with 5c 1882 Issue  
21 March 1885 Harper, Liberia transit, 4 April 1885 Monrovia, Liberia arrival  
**Only Reported Example To Liberia**



U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To Hawaii

Wmk 6



1885 Wells Fargo & Co, San Francisco, California to Honolulu, Hawaii

5c Rate To Hawaii

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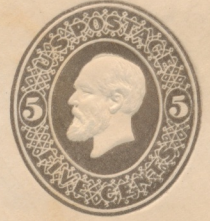


27 January 1891 San Francisco, California to Honolulu, Hawaii  
21 February arrival backstamp



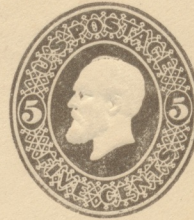


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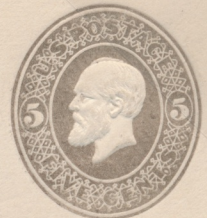
California & Mexican  
Coast Routes frank in  
green

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Republica Mexicana  
frank in green

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Republica Mexicana  
frank in blue green



# Wells, Fargo & Co. Mexican Route Franks

wmk 5



Republica Mexicana frank in green on normal diagonally laid paper

wmk 5



Republica Mexicana frank in green on **horizontally laid** paper



Republica Mexicana y  
por todas las lineas  
(Mexico and all routes)  
15 centavos frank



wmk 7



10 centavos  
frank

wmk 6



10 centavos frank



**Independent Mail Usage**  
**Wells, Fargo & Co. Franks**

Wmk 7  
US  
Wmk 6  
82  
H. 02 (aid)



10 centavo Mexican, Wells Fargo Express Co. franked entire  
25 June 1887 El Paso, Texas (sender's backstamp) to Chihuahua, Mexico  
"WellsFargo Express Messenger 158" postmark, carried entirely out of the mails

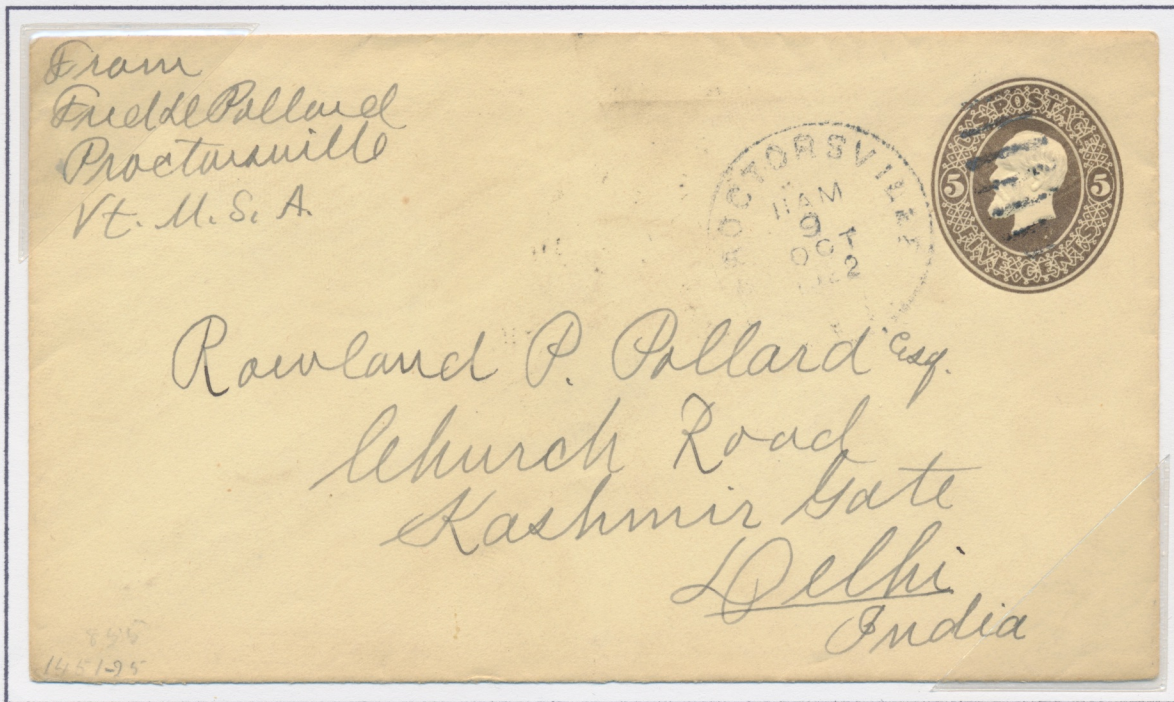


15 centavo Mexican, Wells Fargo Express Co. franked entire  
27 July 1885 Wells Fargo & Co. San Francisco datestamp on paste back



**U.P.U. Rate  
5c Rate To India**

wmk 6



9 October 1892 Proctorsville, Vermont to Delhi, India  
11 November Delhi arrival backstamp

**Wells, Fargo & Co. Hawaiian Frank**



24 November 1888 Yokohama, Japan Post handstamp  
via Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco, California  
*Only Reported Use From Yokohama*



James A. Garfield



The End