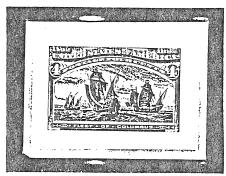
LARGE DIE PROOF

HYBRID



AN INDIA PLATE PROOF, PLACED OVER ANOTHER PIECE OF INDIA, AND BLOCK SUNK ON CARD.

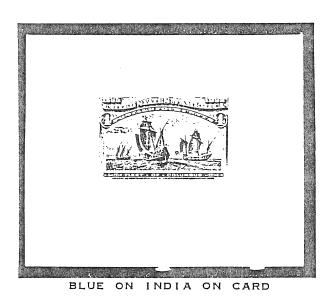
SMALL DIE PROOFS



ULTRAMARINE ON WHITE WOVE - ON GRAY CARD FROM A 1903 'ROOSEVELT' ALBUM.

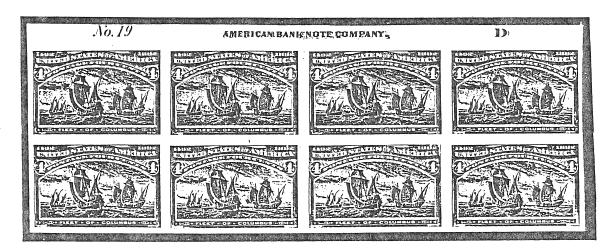


ULTRAMARINE ON YELLOWISH WOVE
PRINTED FOR THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION OF 1915



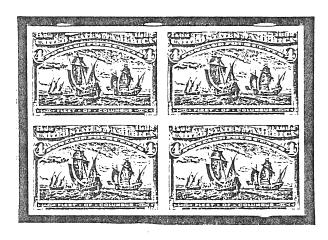
A 'POSTHUMOUS PROOF' OF THE BLUE ERROR OF COLOR.

PLATE PROOFS



DARK ULTRAMARINE ON INDIA

A PLATE NUMBER AND IMPRINT BLOCK OF EIGHT



ULTRAMARINE ON INDIA WITH ORIGINAL CARD BACKING



ULTRAMARINE ON CARD

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THE 4 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

'SPECIMEN' STAMP



HANDSTAMPED IN DULL VIOLET

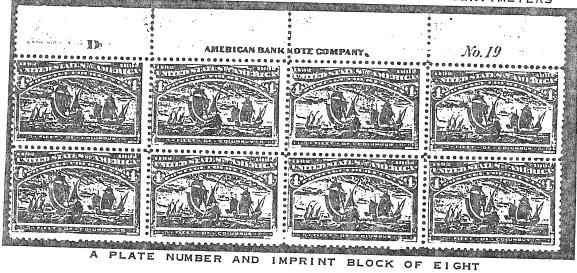


A PLATE NUMBER AND IMPRINT STRIP OF THREE SPECIMENS RARELY ARE SEEN IN SUCH MULTIPLES.

THE STAMP



ULTRAMARINE ON WOVE -PERFORATIONS PER 2 CENTIMETERS



THE 4 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

VARIETIES

ERROR OF COLOR



A VERY RARE ERROR, OCCASIONED BY THE ACCIDENTAL USE OF THE BLUE INK FOR THE 1 CENT VALUE INSTEAD OF THE ULTRAMARINE.

THE 'THREE LEAF' VARIETY



IN THIS VARIETY, AN ADDITIONAL PROJECTION, OR 'LEAF' OCCURS TO THE UPPER LEFT OF THE 4.



NORMAL

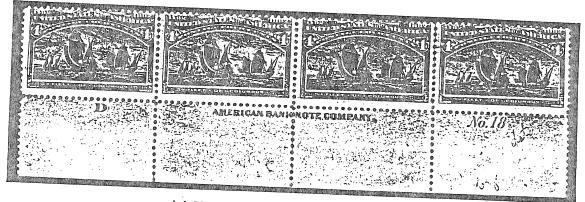


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THE 4 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

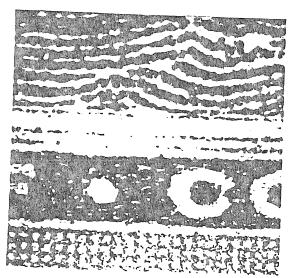
VARIETIES

THE 'TWO DOTS BEFORE COLUMBUS' VARIETY

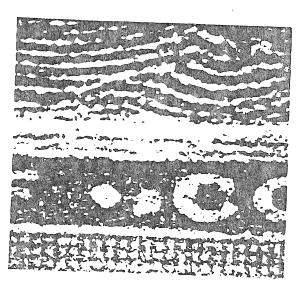


LIGHT ULTRAMARINE ON WOVE

A PLATE NUMBER AND IMPRINT STRIP OF FOUR ALL OF WHICH CONTAIN DEGREES OF THE VARIETY.



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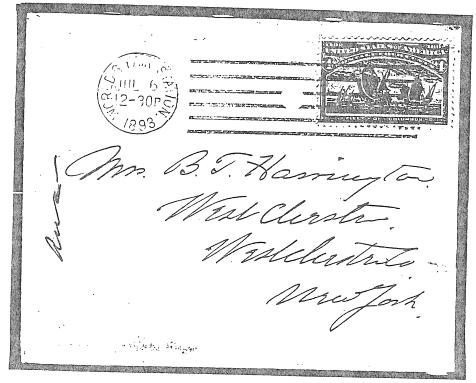


VARIETY

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OF THE 4 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

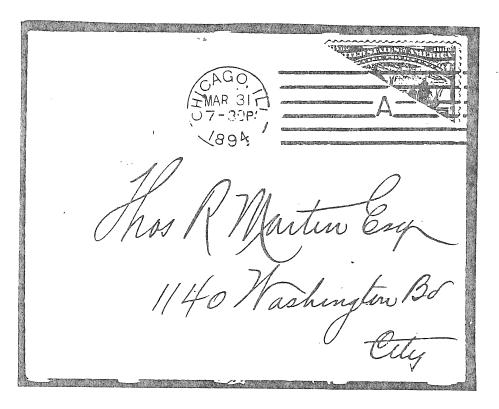
TO DOMESTIC DESTINATIONS



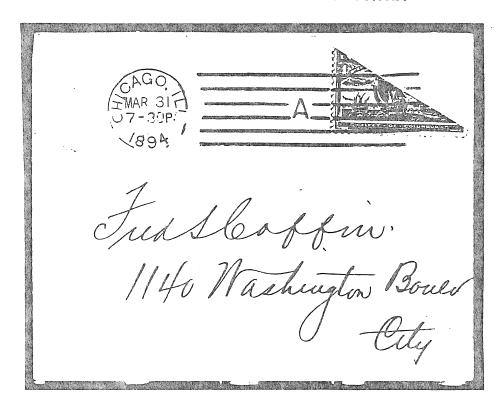
WITH WORLD'S FAIR STATION CANCELLATION TO NEW YORK.



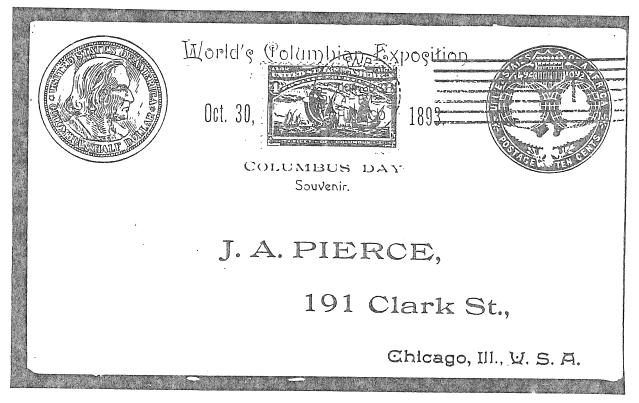
WORLD'S FAIR CANCEL ON CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC COVER, STAMP DEALER PREPARED.



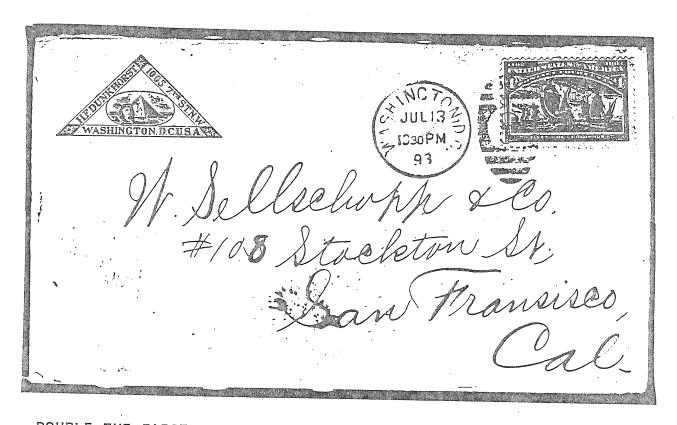
BOTH HALVES OF THE SAME BISECT IMPROPERLY ACCEPTED FOR POSTAGE.



POSTAL USAGE



WORLD'S FAIR CANCEL, SPECIAL DAY CACHET ON 10 CENT COLUMBIAN ENTIRE



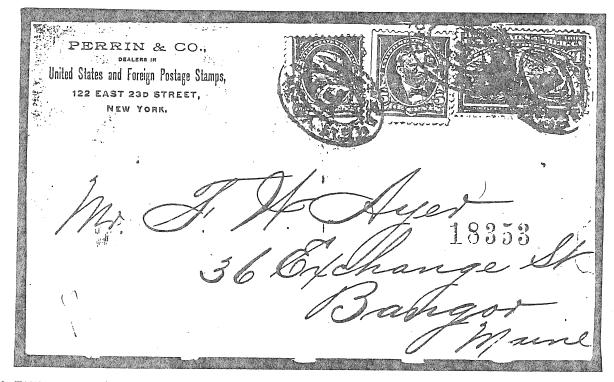
DOUBLE THE FIRST CLASS LETTER RATE FROM WASHINGTON STAMP DEALER.

POSTAL USAGE

FOR DOMESTIC REGISTRY PURPOSES



A PEN CANCELLED VERTICAL STRIP OF THREE TO MAKE DOUBLE THE FIRST CLASS RATE AND THE 8 CENT REGISTRY FEE.



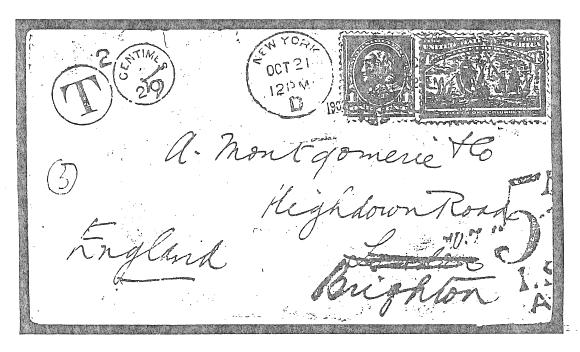
WITH THE 1 AND 5 CENT 1895 REGULAR ISSUE, THE FIRST CLASS REGISTERED RATE.

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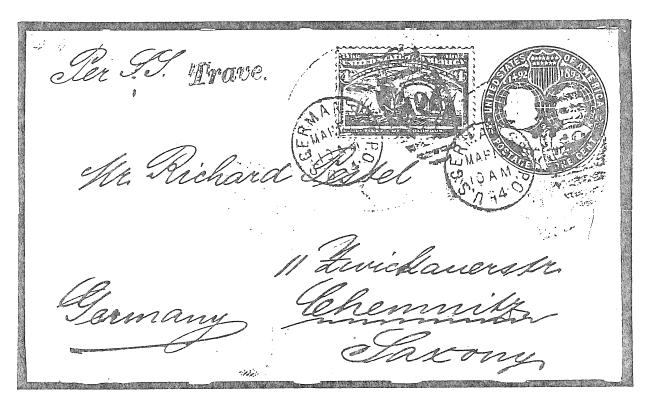
POSTAL USAGE

OF THE 4 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

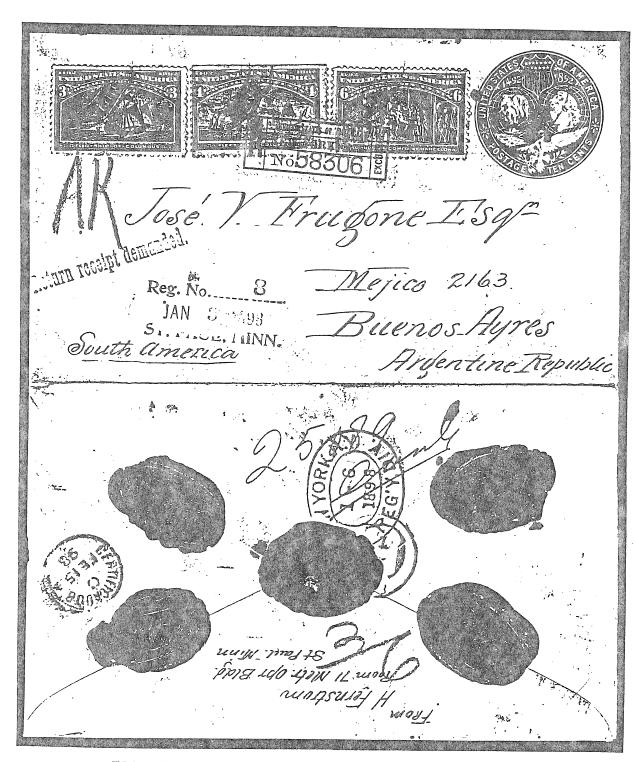
TO FOREIGN DESTINATIONS



WITH THE 1 CENT 1898 REGULAR ISSUE TO MAKE THE SINGLE LETTER U.P.U. RATE TO ENGLAND. POSTAGE DUE MARKINGS, 5 PENCE COLLECTED FROM ADDRESSEE.



ON A 1 CENT COLUMBIAN ENTIRE TO GERMANY WITH U.S. GERMAN SEA P.O. CANCELLATION.



TRIPLE WEIGHT FIRST CLASS REGISTERED LETTER MINNESOTA TO ARGENTINA. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT DEMANDED, WITH CERTIFIED BACKSTAMP INDICATED ELAPSED DELIVERY TIME OF 43 DAYS.

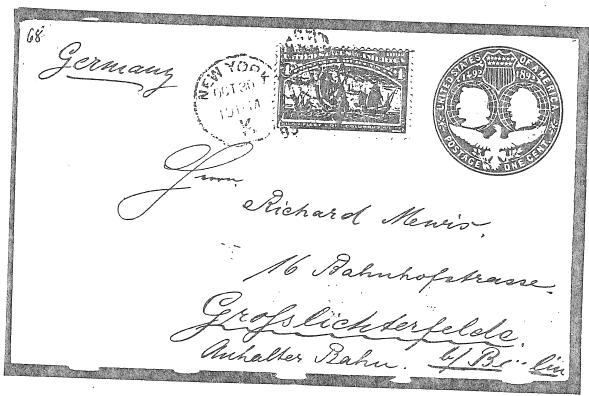
PERSONALLY APPLIED NOT UNCOMMON SEALING WAX.

POSTAL USAGE

ON COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION ENTIRES



MONTANA TO BELGIUM.



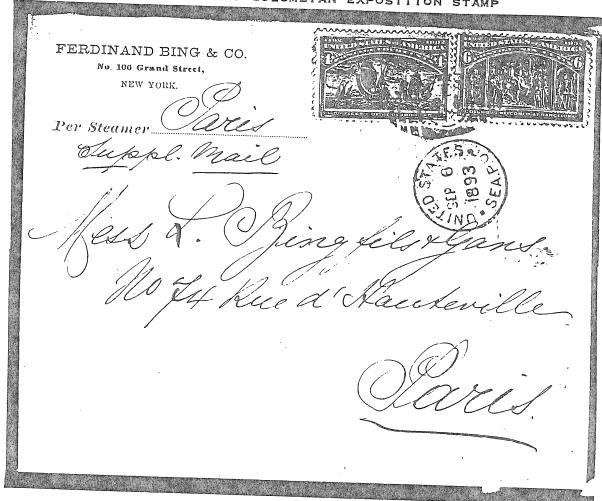
NEW YORK TO GERMANY.



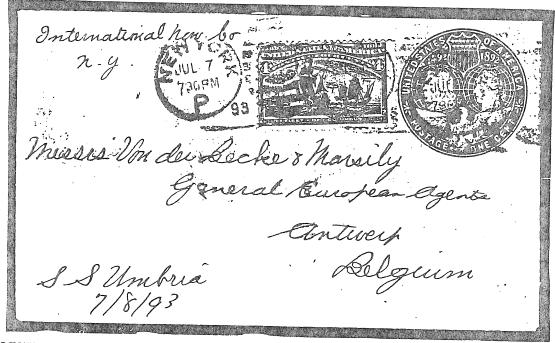
ON COLUMBIAN ENTIRE, NORTH CAROLINA TO GERMANY. POSTAGE DUE HANDSTAMP, PERHAPS DUE TO LACK OF AWARENESS OF THREE 1 CENT 1890 REGULAR ISSUE STAMPS AND TWO 1 CENT COLUMBIANS ON THE REVERSE SIDE, NONE OF WHICH APPEAR TO BE CANCELLED AT THE SOURCE.

POSTAL USAGE

OF THE 4 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP



WITH THE 6 CENT VALUE TO MAKE THE U.P.U. RATE TO FRANCE AND THE SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL SURCHARGE, WITH U.S. SEA P.O. CANCEL.

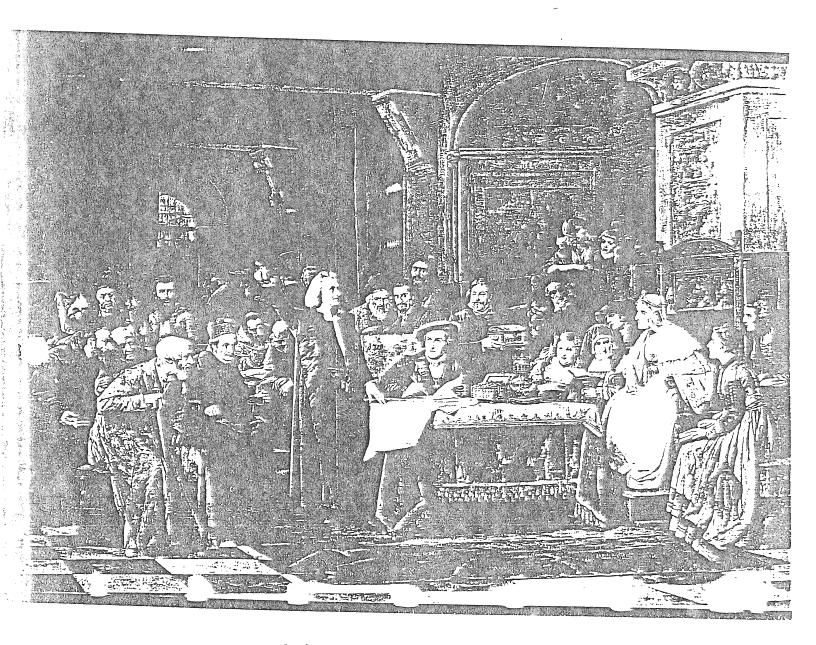


ON A 1 CENT COLUMBIAN ENTIRE TO MAKE THE SINGLE LETTER RATE TO BELGIUM.

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THE 5 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

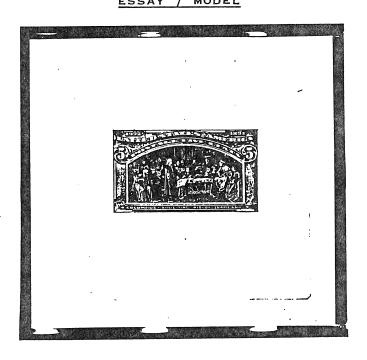
DER VATION OF THE DESIGN



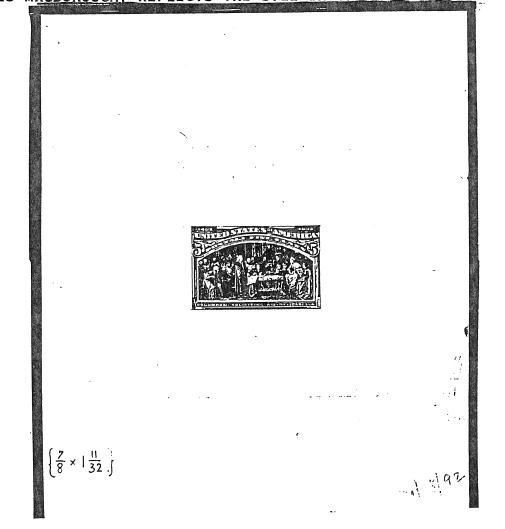
A PAINTING BY VACZLAV BROZIK

ENTITLED 'COLUMBUS AT THE COURT OF FERDINAND AND ISABELLA',
ONCE OWNED BY THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM IN NEW YORK.

THE 5 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP ESSAY / MODEL



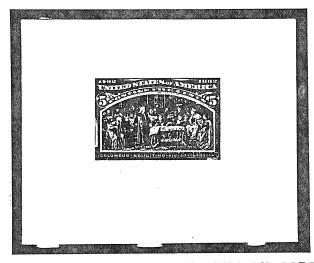
WATERCOLOR DRAWINGS OF PROPOSED FRAME DESIGN WITH UNFINISHED VIGNETTE MOUNTED IN PLACE, USED TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF ALL THE STAMPS OF THIS SERIES. THE MODEL BELOW, WHICH NOTES THE DIMENSIONS, DATE, AND APPROVAL OF AMERICAN BANK NOTE PRESIDENT JAMES MACDONOUGH, REFLECTS THE SIZE WHICH WAS ADOPTED.



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THE 5 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

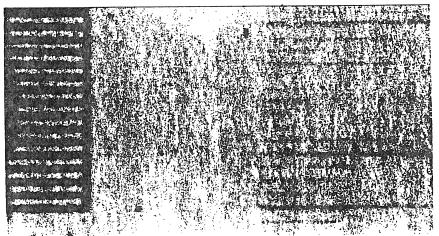
ENGRAVER'S PROGRESSIVE DIE PROOF



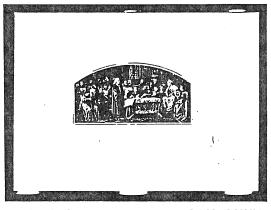
SEPIA ON INDIA - DIE SUNK ON CARD

HORIZONTAL LINES ONLY ON SIDE OF BENCH AT LEFT AND STAFF ON BALCONY INCOMPLETE.

THE HATCH MARKS SURROUNDING THE FRAME ABOVE ARE FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THIS DENOMINATION WAS USED TO DETERMINE THE SIZE OF THE ISSUE.

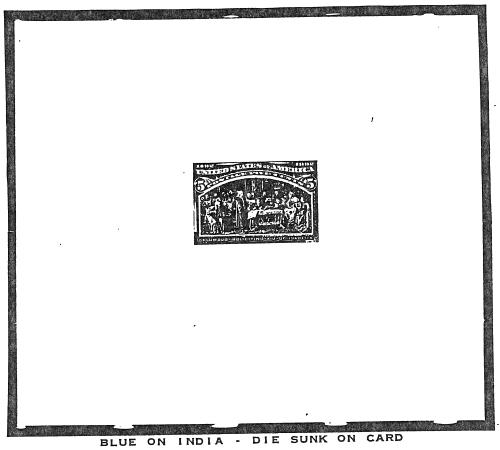


INCOMPLETE VIGNETTE - HYBRID



BLACK ON WOVE ON INDIA - BLOCK SUNK ON CARD

ENGRAVER'S PROGRESSIVE DIE PROOF



SAME ELEMENTS INCOMPLETE AS ON PREVIOUS PAGE, BUT THIS PROOF PULLED IN ANOTHER TRIAL COLOR.

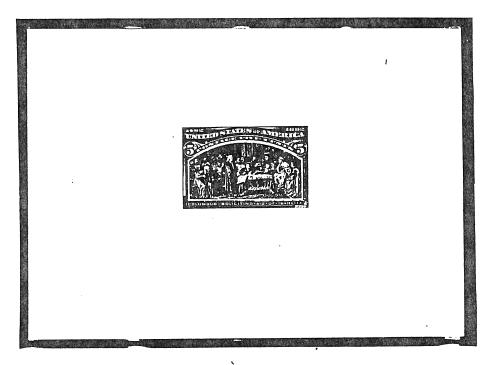


HORIZONTAL LINES ONLY ON SIDE OF BENCH.



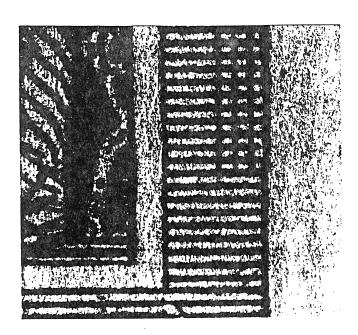
VERTICAL LINES ENGRAVED.

ENGRAVER'S PROGRESSIVE DIE PROOF



SEPIA ON INDIA - DIE SUNK ON CARD

☐ SIDE OF BENCH AND BALCONY STAFF COMPLETELY ENGRAVED.



EVERY STATE OF THIS DIE, FROM THE INCOMPLETE DIE PROOFS THROUGH THE ISSUED STAMP HAD AN UNEVEN FRAME LINE AT THE RIGHT, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CROSSET.

A Columbian Issue Discovery

by JACK ROSENTHAL

A discovery involving the 5-cent design of the Columbian Exposition issue of 1893, announced in the Linn's Stamp News edition of April 7, 1986, has been the object of much interest and comment. The editor of THE ESSAY-PROOF JOURNAL and the author have agreed that the discovery is of sufficient importance that it properly should be recorded in greater detail than is the style appropriate for the popular stamp press. The discovery has been recognized by its inclusion in the 1988 Scott's Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps.

TYPE I-THREE GRID BOXES HIGH

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Small Die Proof

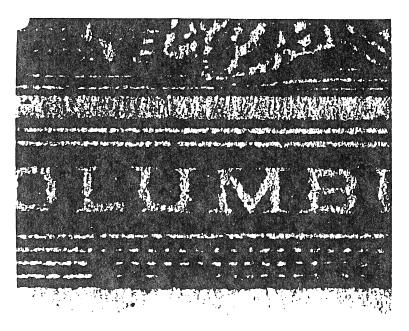
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Trial Color Proof	Die Sunk and Printed Directly on Card	234P1	Large Die Proof	India Die Sunk Card (Hybrids only)
Large Die Proof	India Die Sunk on Card	234P3	Plate Proof	India (sometimes with original card
Small Die Proof	White Wove from "Roosevelt" albums of 1903	234P4	Plate Proof	Card

Issued Stamp



Yellowish Wove Panama-Pacific "Southgate," 1915



TYPE II-TWO GRID BOXES HIGH

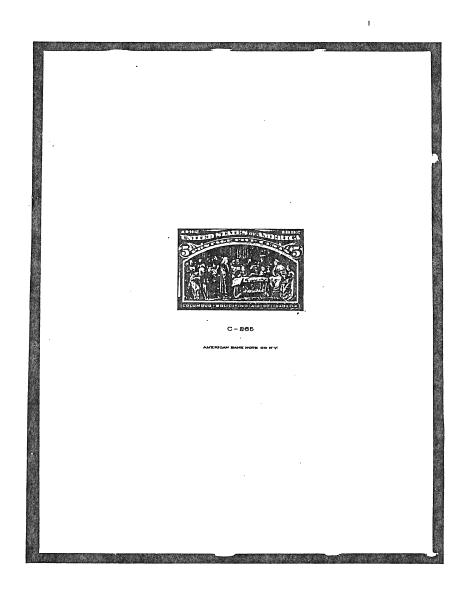
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THIS RESEARCH ESTABLISHES THAT THE DIE SUNK LARGE DIE PROOFS, THE SMALL DIE PROOFS AND THE TRIAL COLOR PROOFS DO NOT CONFORM TO THE FRAME DESIGN OF THE ISSUED STAMP, AND ARE, THEREFORE, ESSAYS RATHER THAN PROOFS.

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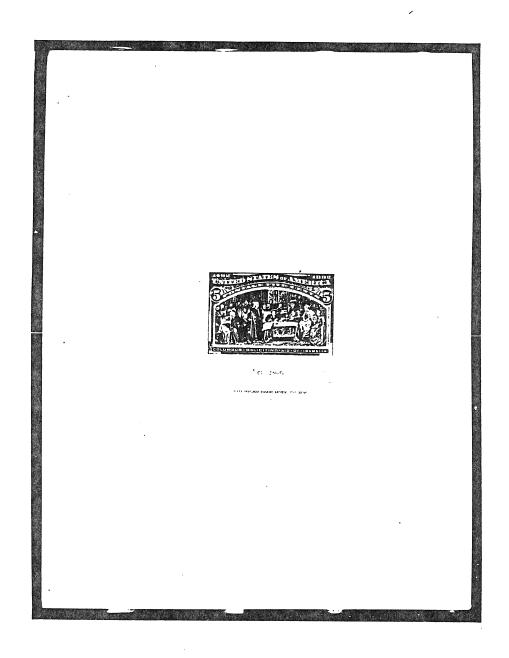
TRIAL COLOR DIE PROOFS

INDIA PAPER DIE SUNK ON CARD

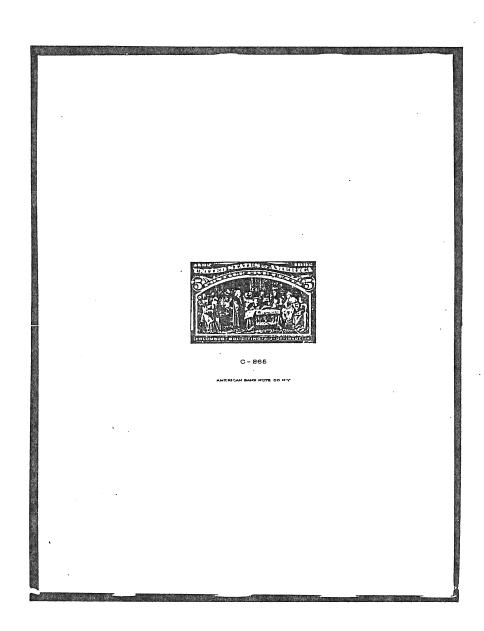


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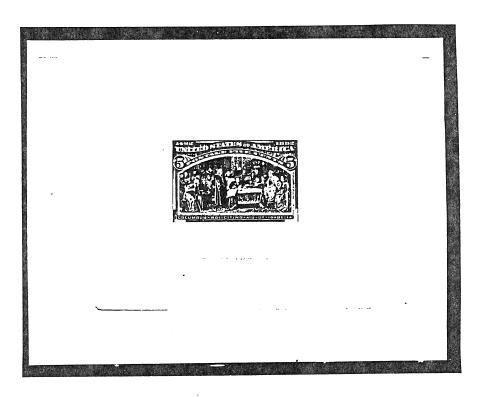
RE-CLASSIFIED AS ESSAYS AS A RESULT OF THE DISCOVERY THAT THE FRAME DESIGN DOES NOT CONFORM TO ISSUED STAMP.



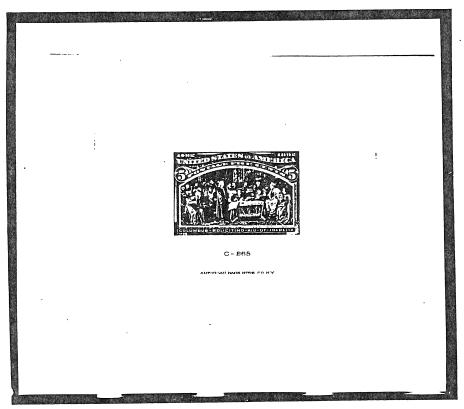
VIOLET - RED



BLUE - GREEN



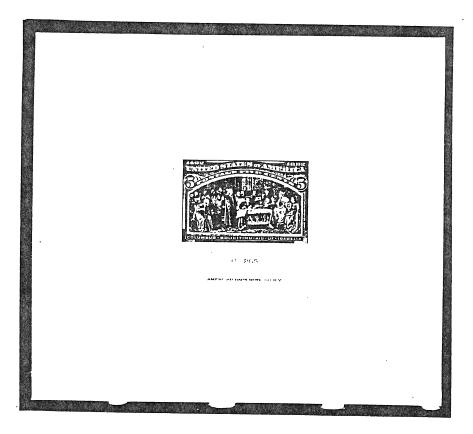
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DEEP GREEN



OLIVE GREEN



DARK ULTRAMARINE



DEEP ULTRAMARINE



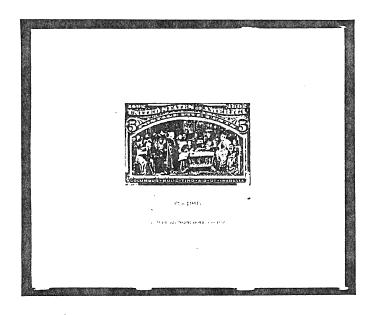
VIOLET



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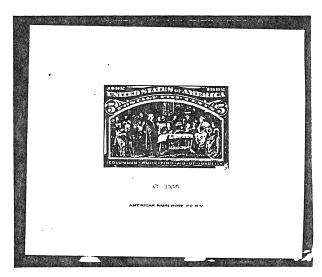
RED VIOLET



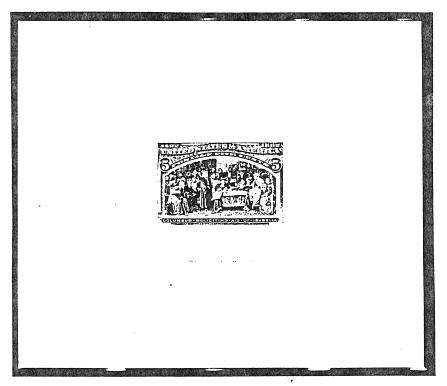
LIGHT ROSE BROWN



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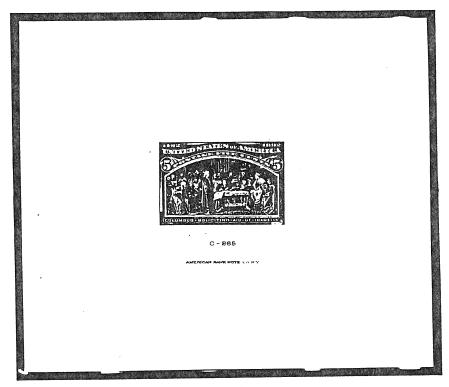
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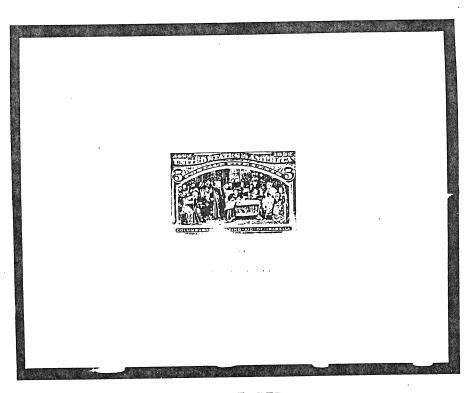
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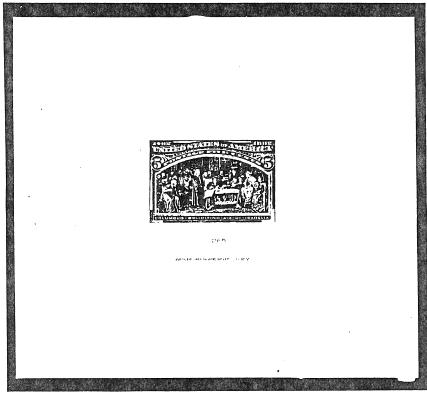
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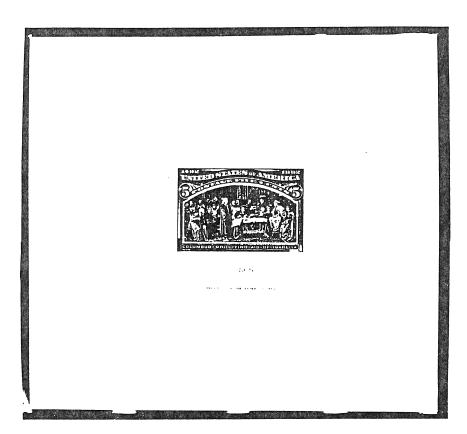
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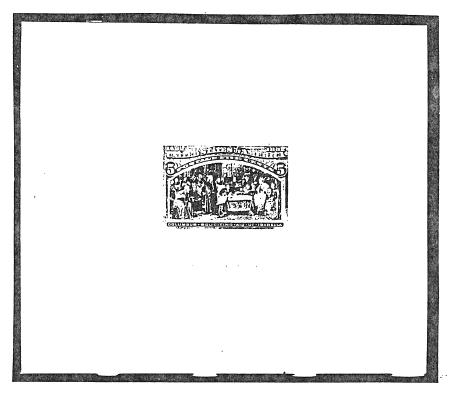
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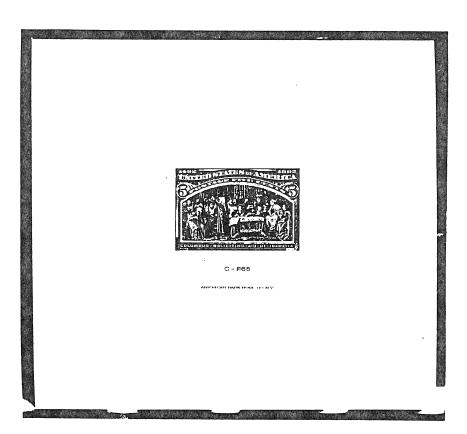
VIOLET ROSE



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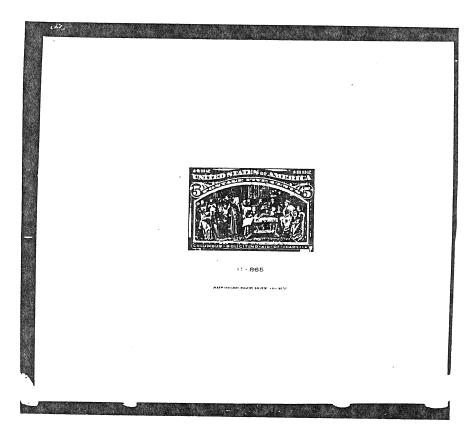
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DARK BROWN



BONE BROWN



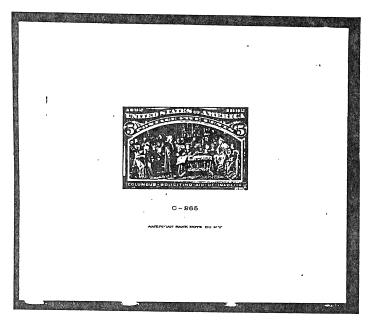
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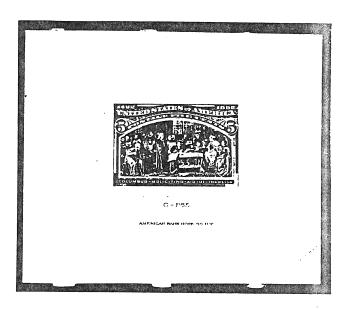
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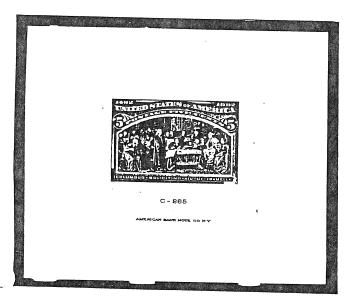
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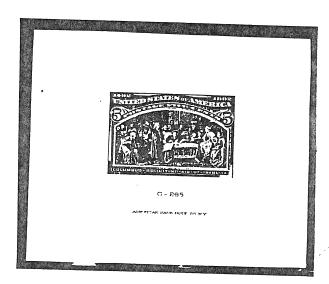
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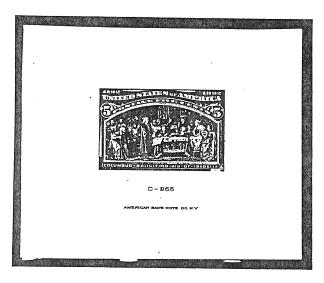


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COBALT BLUE

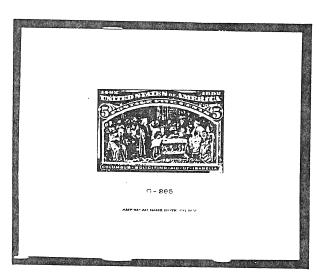
INDIA PAPER DIE SUNK ON CARD



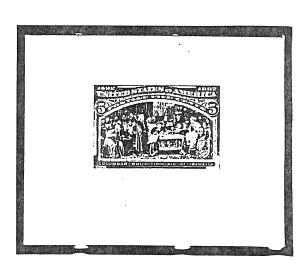
PRUSSIAN BLUE



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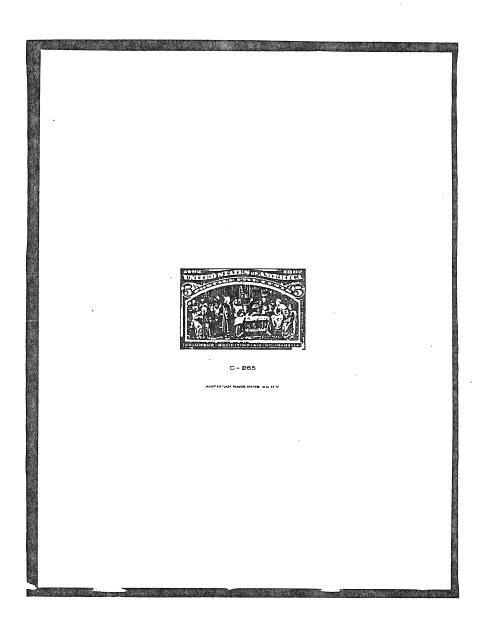
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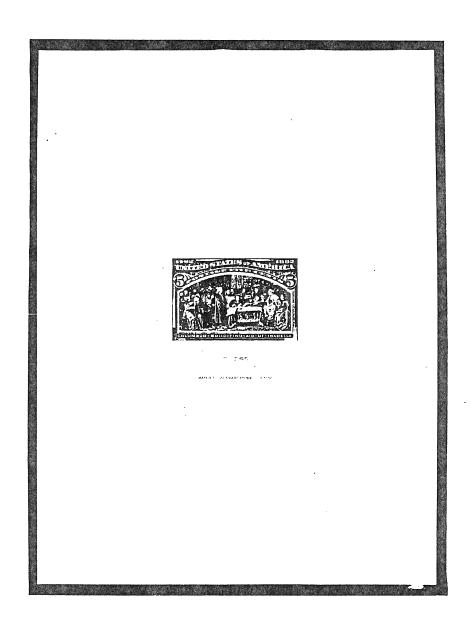
VIOLET

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TRIAL COLOR DIE PROOFS



DARK YELLOW BROWN



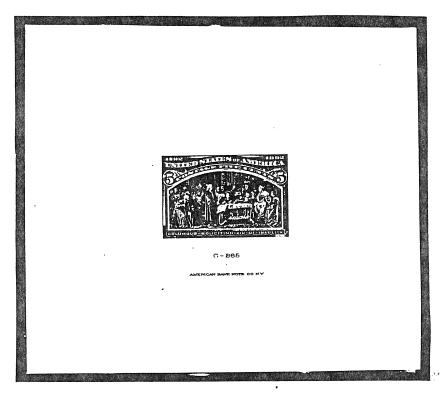
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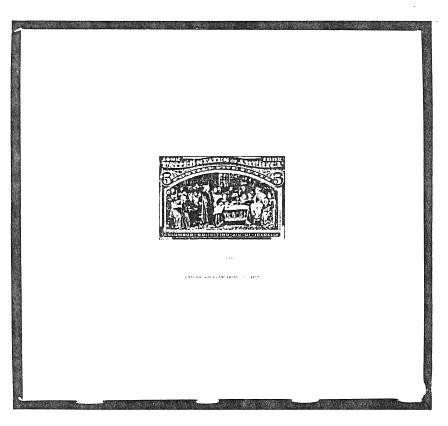
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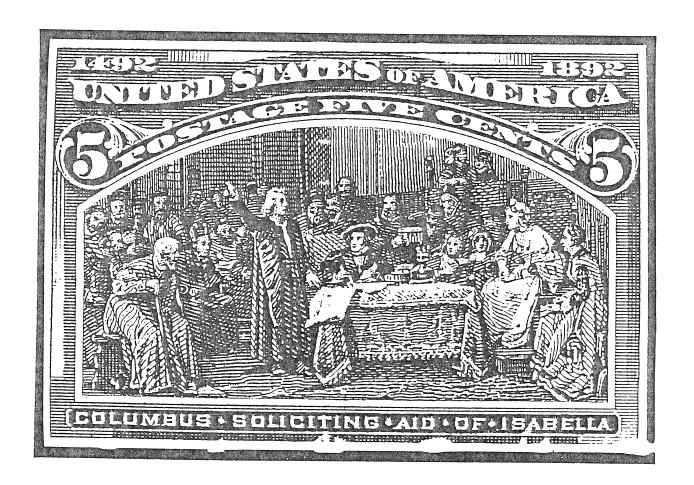


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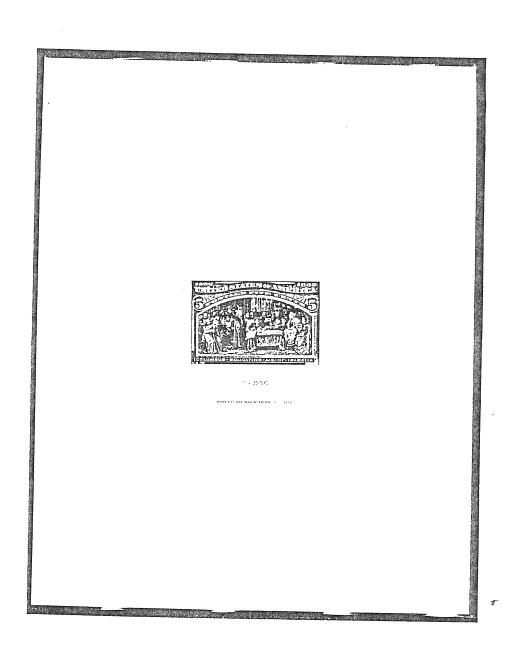
THE 5 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP



DETAIL OF COMPLETED STAMP DESIGN

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THE 5 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP LARGE DIE PROOF



CHOCOLATE BROWN ON INDIA - DIE SUNK ON CARD



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CHOCOLATE BROWN ON INDIA - DIE SUNK ON CARD
ON A LARGE SIZE PRESENTATION CARD,



American Bank Sote Co New York

CHOCOLATE BROWN ON CARD

THIS TYPE, PRINTED DIRECTLY ON CARD, HAS DIFFERENT STYLE IMPRINT.

HYBRID



DARK CHOCOLATE BROWN PLATE PROOF CUT CLOSE MOUNTED ON INDIA AND BLOCK SUNK ON CARD

THIS GILT-EDGE VARIETY FROM A PRESENTATION ALBUM.

SMALL DIE PROOFS

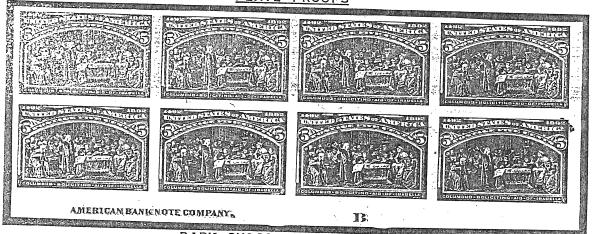


BONE BROWN ON WHITE WOVE ON GRAY CARD FROM A 1903 'ROOSEVELT' ALBUM

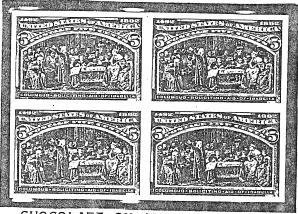


CHOCOLATE ON YELLOWISH WOVE A 1915 'PANAMA-PACIFIC' PROOF

PLATE PROOFS



DARK CHOCOLATE ON INDIA



CHOCOLATE ON INDIA ON CARD



SPECIMEN' STAMP

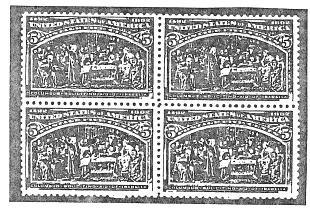


HANDSTAMPED IN DULL VIOLET

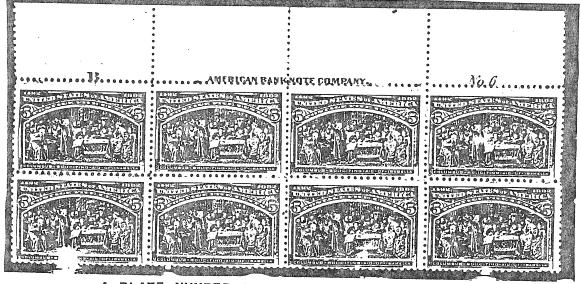
THE STAMP



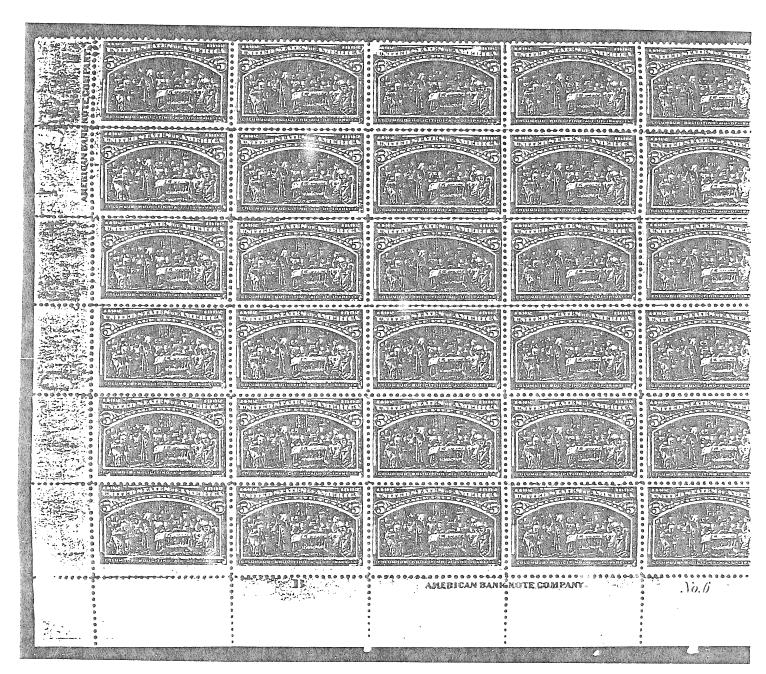
DARK CHOCOLATE ON WOVE - PERFORATED 12



A WELL CENTERED BLOCK OF FOUR IN LIGHT CHOCOLATE



A PLATE NUMBER AND IMPRINT BLOCK OF EIGHT

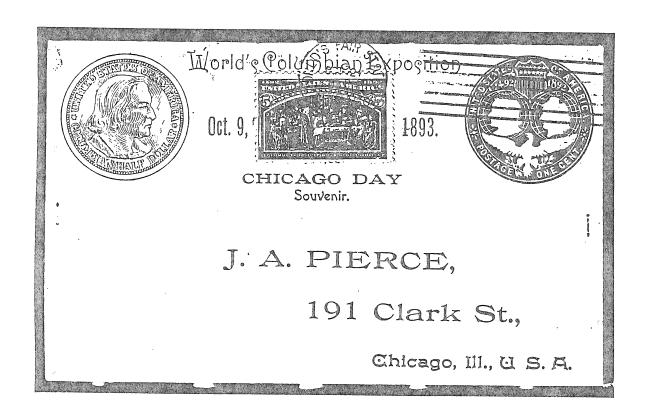


A BOTTOM IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF 25, THE LOWER LEFT QUARTER OF A 100 SUBJECT PLATE.

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POSTAL USAGE

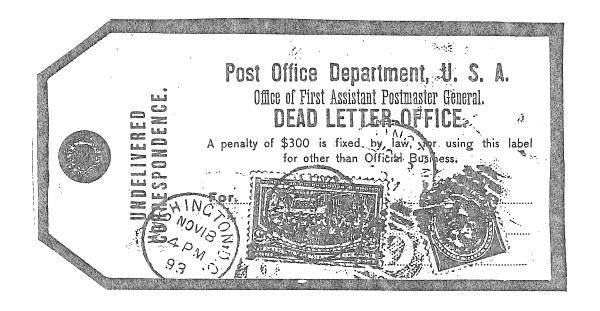
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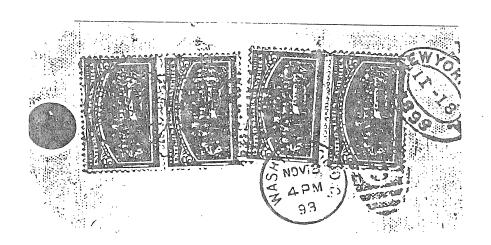


OVERPAID USAGE ON A ONE CENT ENTIRE, SPECIALLY PREPARED BY A CHICAGO STAMP DEALER.

DOMESTIC USAGES OF THIS DENOMINATION WERE LIMITED.

POSTAL USAGE

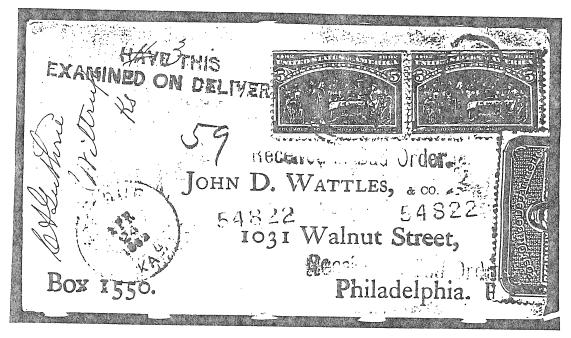




ON AN OFFICIAL POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT TAG FOR THE TRANSMITTAL OF BULK UNCLAIMED MAIL TO THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE. WITH THE 5 CENT 1890 REGULAR ISSUE, FOUR STAMPS APPEARING ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE TAG.

POSTAL USAGE OF THE 5 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

FOR DOMESTIC REGISTRY PURPOSES



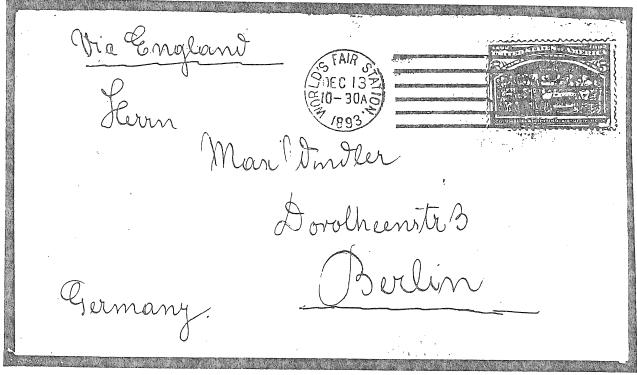
A HORIZONTAL PAIR USED TO PAY THE 8 CENT REGISTRY FEE AND THE 2 CENT SINGLE LETTER RATE. HANDSTAMPED 'HAVE THIS EXAMINED ON DELIVERY' AND 'RECEIVED IN BAD ORDER'. OFFICIAL POST OFFICE SEAL USED TO REPAIR DAMAGE ON RIGHT.



TWO SINGLES ON AN INSURANCE COMPANY REGISTERED LETTER.

OF THE 5 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

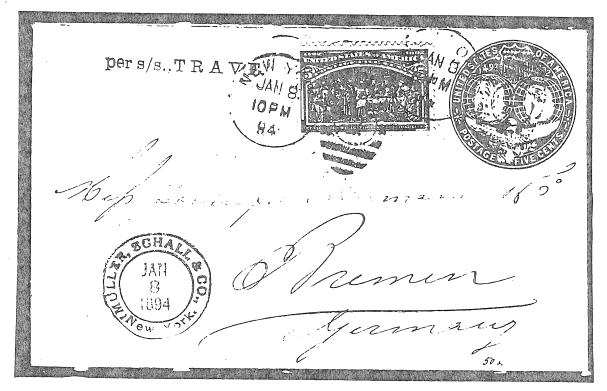
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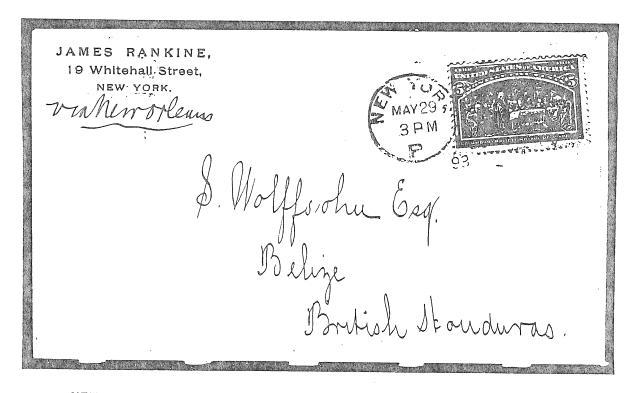
WORLD'S FAIR STATION CANCELLATION TO GERMANY.
THE UPU SINGLE FIRST CLASS LETTER RATE.



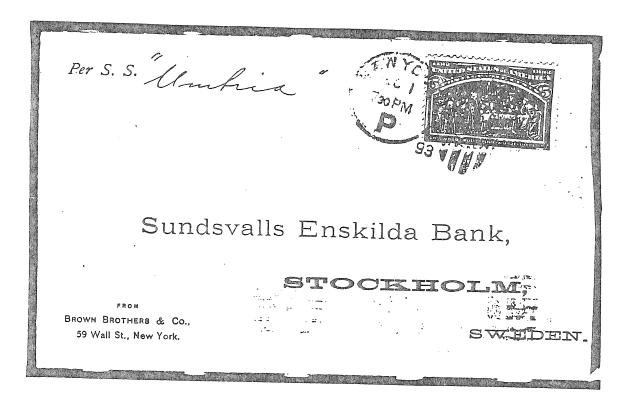
MARYLAND TO SIAM WITH PARIS AND BANGKOK BACKSTAMPS.



ON 5 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPO ENTIRE TO MAKE THE DOUBLE UPU RATE TO GERMANY.



NEW YORK TO BRITISH HONDURAS WITH NEW ORLEANS TRANSIT AND BELIZE RECEIVE BACKSTAMP.



NEW YORK TO SWEDEN

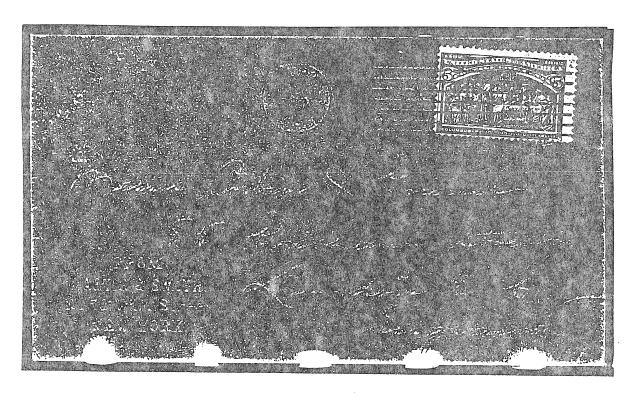


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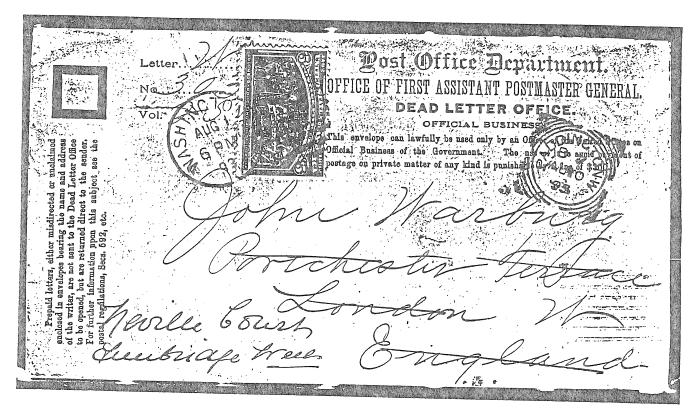
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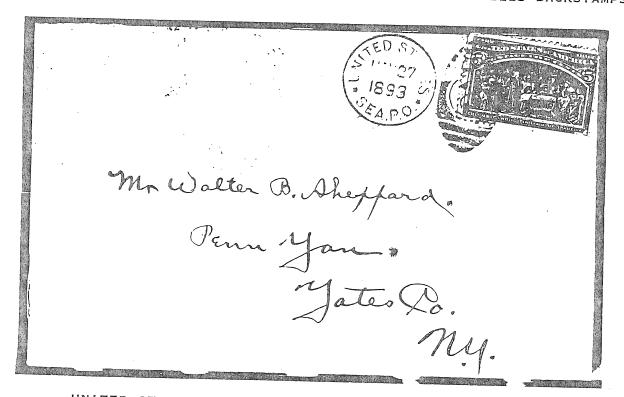
KENTUCKY TO GERMANY



NEW YORK TO ENGLAND



AN OFFICIAL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ADDRESSEE OF UNCLAIMED MAIL. NEW YORK, PADDINGTON AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS BACKSTAMPS.

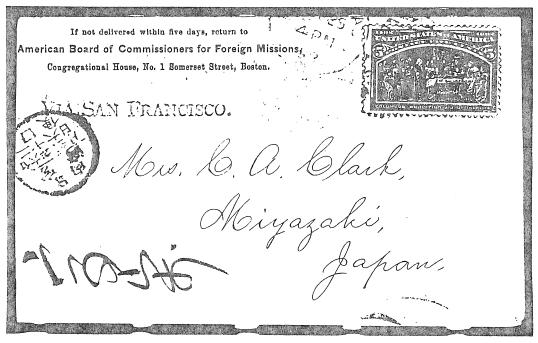


UNITED STATES SEA POST OFFICE CANCEL ON STATIONERY OF THE BRITISH STEAMSHIP 'CITY OF PARIS'.

POSTAL USAGE

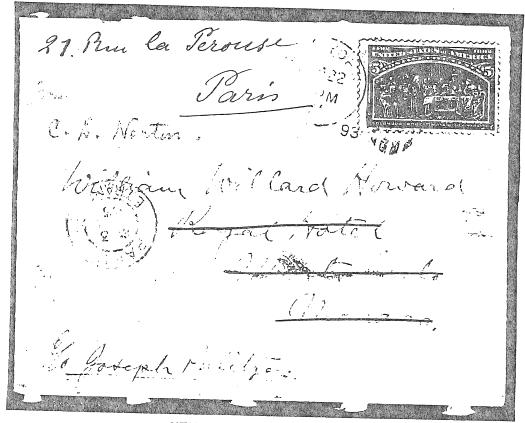


MINNESOTA TO SWEDEN



MASSACHUSETTS TO JAPAN

SAN FRANCISCO FOREIGN DESK AND TOKYO FORWARDING BACKSTAMPS.



FROM A MAGAZINE EDITOR TO THE SECRETARY OF NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER JOSEPH PULITZER. MONTE CARLO BACKSTAMPS.

PER STEAMER

Elbe.



Sundsvalls Enskilda Bank,

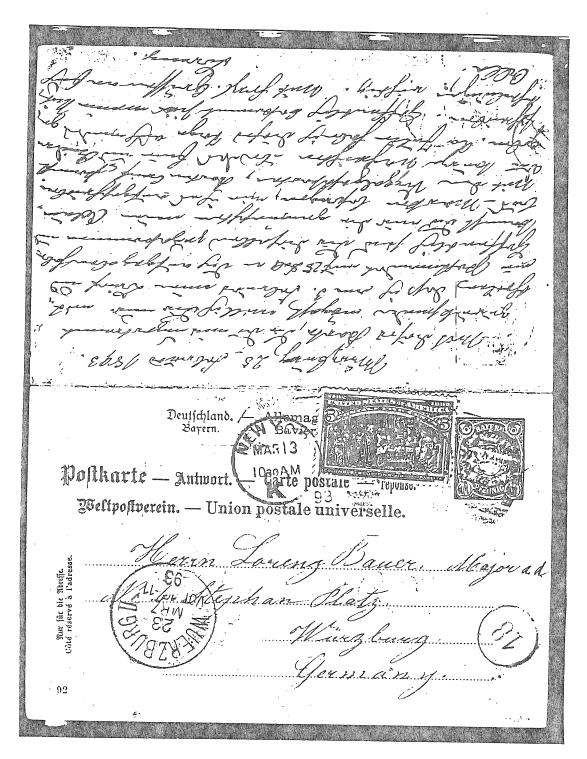
STOCKHOLM.

KNAUTH, NACHOD & KÜHNE, NEW YORK.

FROM

Sweden.

NEW YORK TO SWEDEN. U.S.-GERMAN SEAPOST CANCEL.

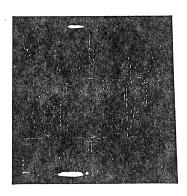


UNSEVERED BAVARIAN REPLY CARD
WITH 5 CENT VALUE USED FOR RETURN.

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COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION ISSUE OF 1893

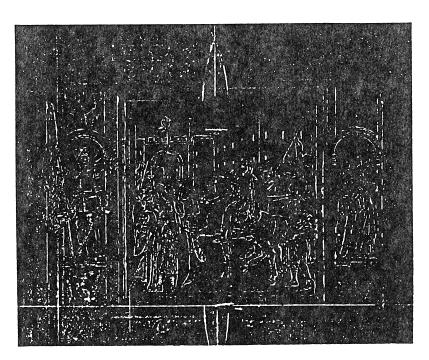
THE 6 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

DERIVATION OF THE DESIGN



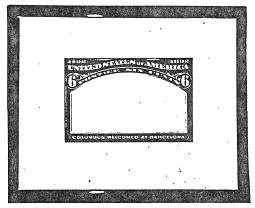
FERROTYPE METAL PLATE DEPICTING A PORTION OF
THE BRONZE EAST DOOR OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE U.S.
CAPITOL, PORTRAYING COLUMBUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO
BARCELONA. THE IMPRESSION ON CARD BELOW SHOWS THE RED
OUTLINE THAT WAS TRANSFERRED ONTO THE ENGRAVER'S SOFT DIE.





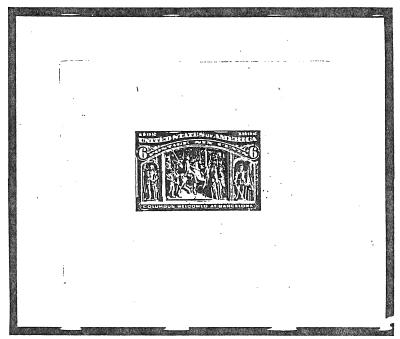
ENLARGED DETAIL OF FERROTYPE PLATE.

ENGRAVERS PROGRESSIVE DIE PROOFS



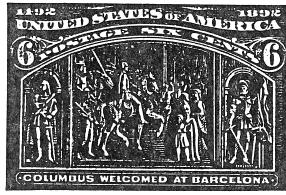
INCOMPLETE ENGRAVING OF FRAME BLACK ON INDIA - MOUNTED ON CARD

☐ HEAVY ENGRAVED LINES NOT YET PRESENT AT CROSSET ENDS AT LEFT, RIGHT AND BOTTOM OF FRAME.



PURPLE ON INDIA - DIE SUNK ON CARD

- UVIGNETTE ADDED TO INCOMPLETE FRAME, AS ABOVE.
- □ NICHES ABOVE SIDE FIGURE ARCHES INCOMPLETE.
- ☐ ETCHING OF SHADOWS AND ENGRAVING OF SIDE BASES INCOMPLETE.



INCOMPLETE



COMPLETE

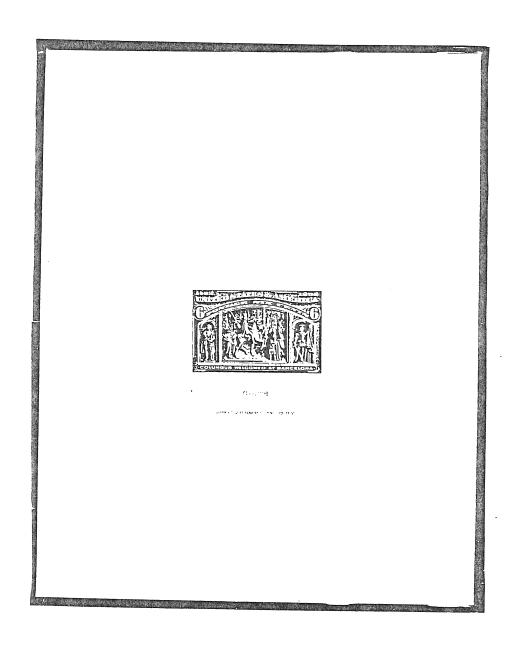
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DETAIL OF COMPLETED STAMP DESIGN

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LARGE DIE PROOF



PURPLE ON INDIA - DIE SUNK ON CARD



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AMERICAN TO THE OUR



American Bank Note Co. New-York

A VARIETY PRINTED DIRECTLY ON CARD

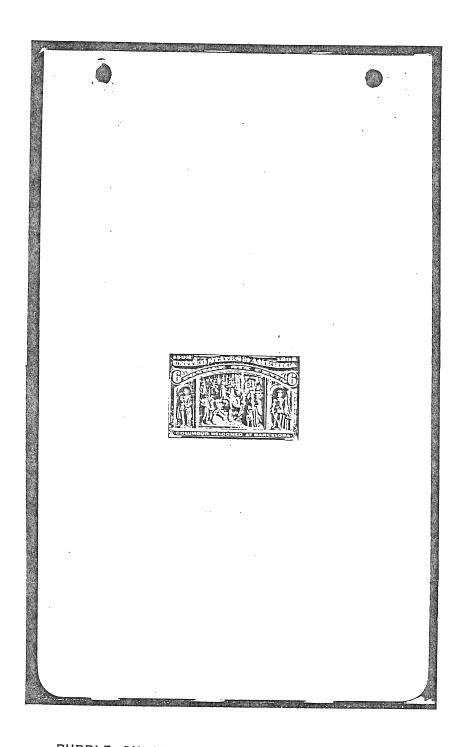
HYBRID



PURPLE ON INDIA - OVERLAID ON INDIA
AND BLOCK SUNK ON CARD

GILT EDGED FROM PRESENTATION ALBUM

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PURPLE ON INDIA - BLOCK SUNK ON CARD

FROM AN AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY SALESMAN'S SAMPLE BOOK

SMALL DIE PROOFS

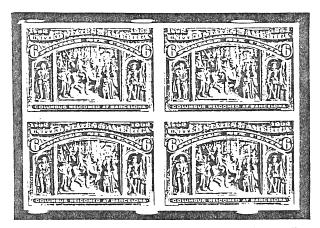


1903 'ROOSEVELT' - RED VIOLET ON WHITE WOVE ON GRAY CARD



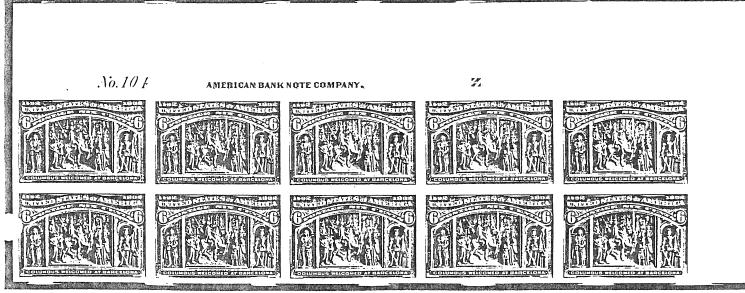
1915 'PANAMA-PACIFIC' - RED VIOLET ON YELLOWISH WOVE

PLATE PROOFS



BLUISH PURPLE ON INDIA ON CARD





ON INDIA

THE 6 CENT COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION STAMP

THE STAMP



PURPLE ON WOVE

SPECIMEN' STAMP



HANDSTAMPED IN DULL PURPLE



A CATALOGUED COLOR VARIETY RED VIOLET



A PLATE NUMBER AND IMPRINT BLOCK OF 8



A PARTIAL DOUBLE IMPRESSION CAUSED BY PAPER BEING FED TWICE.