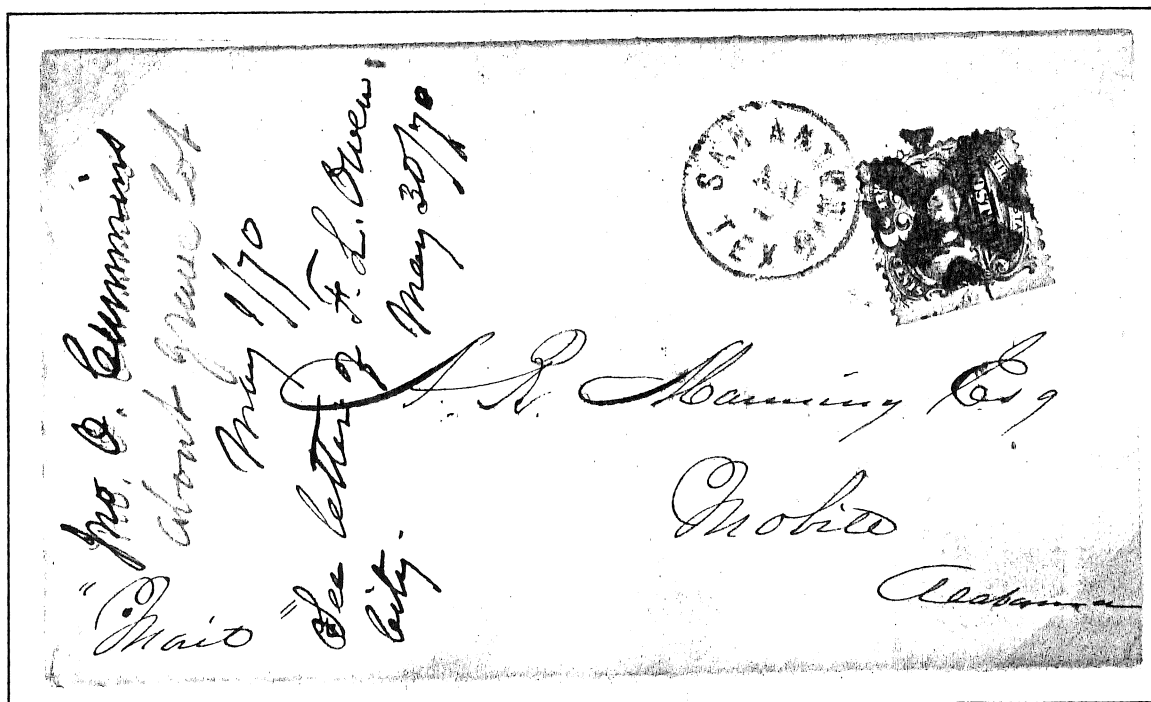
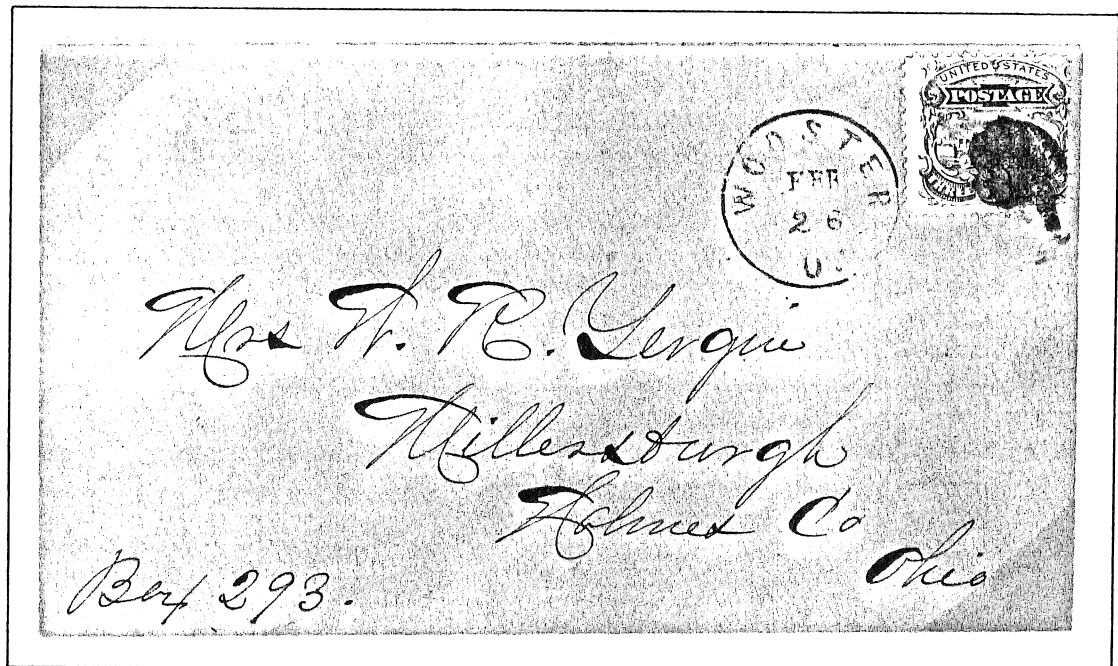


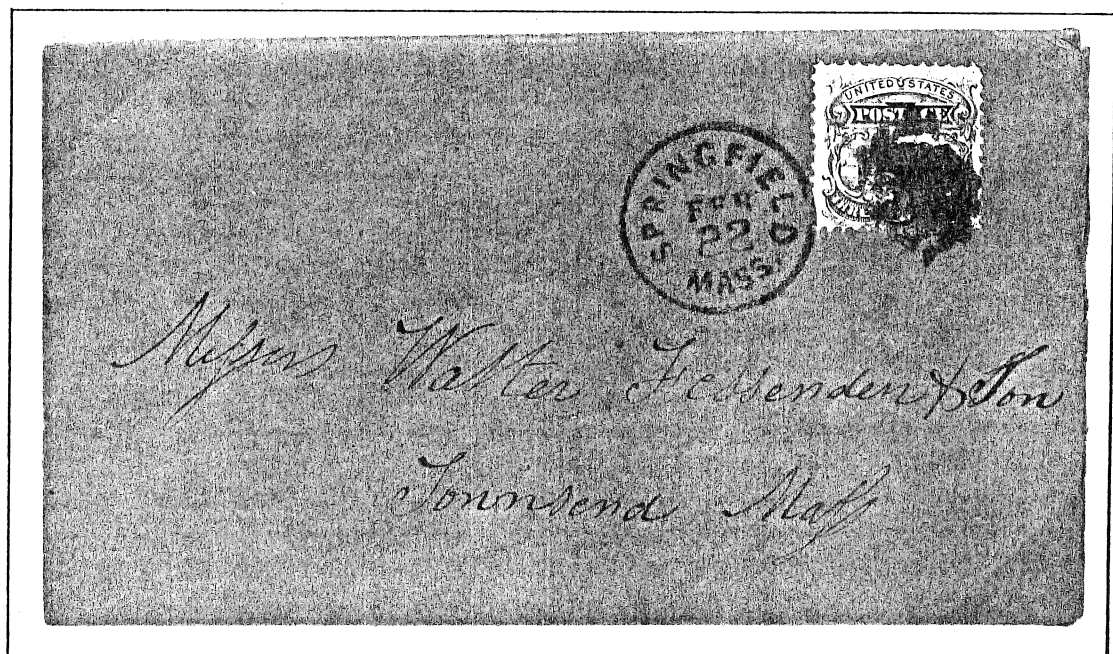
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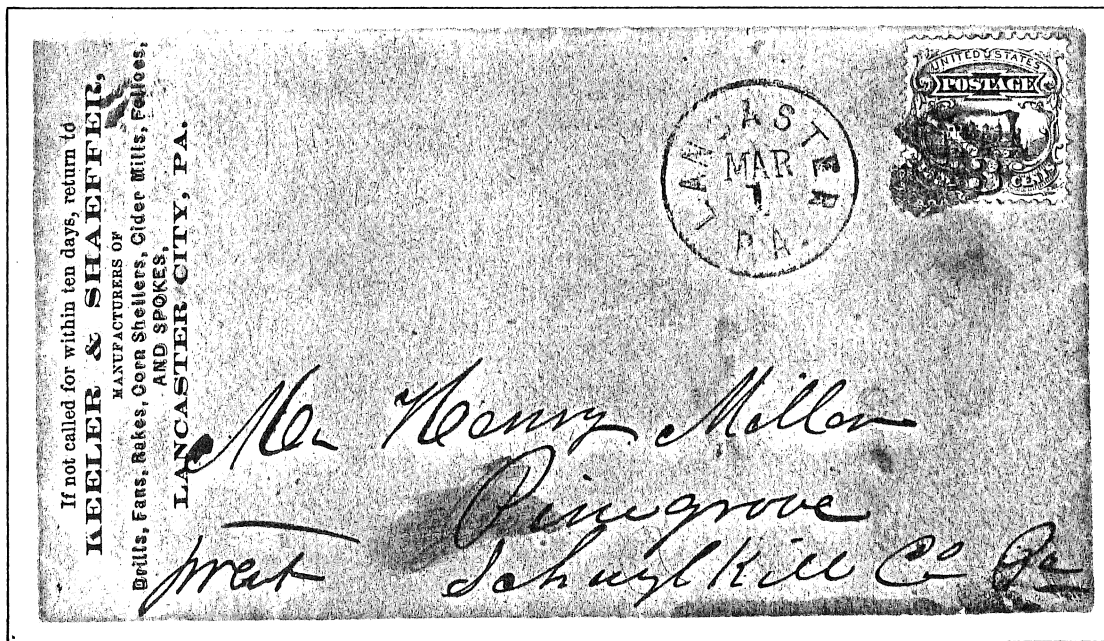
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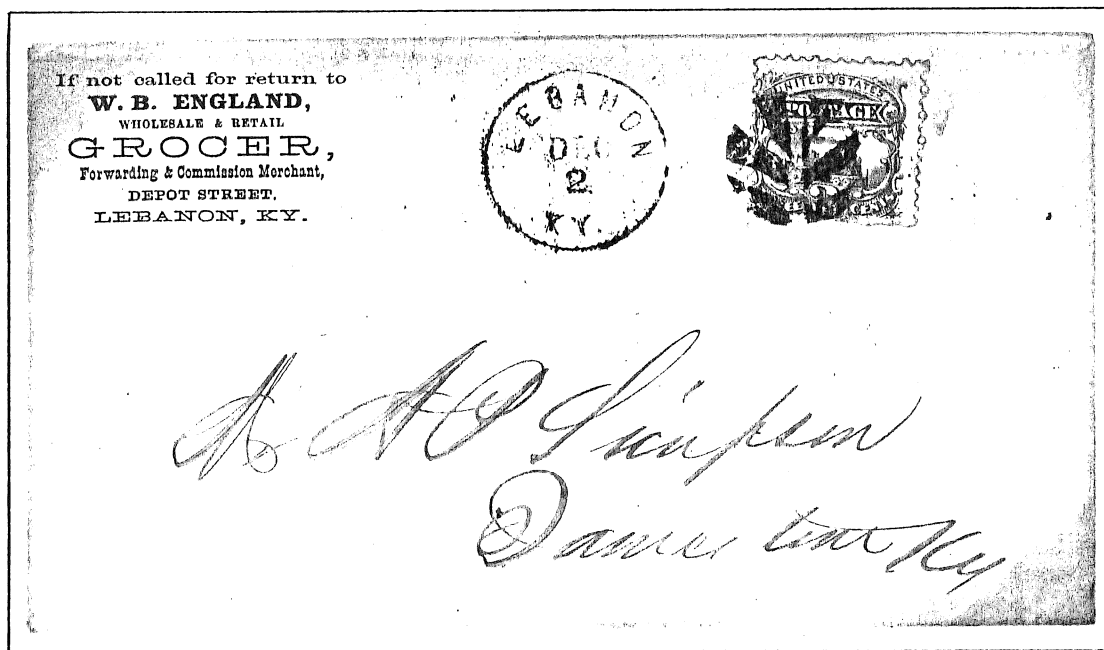
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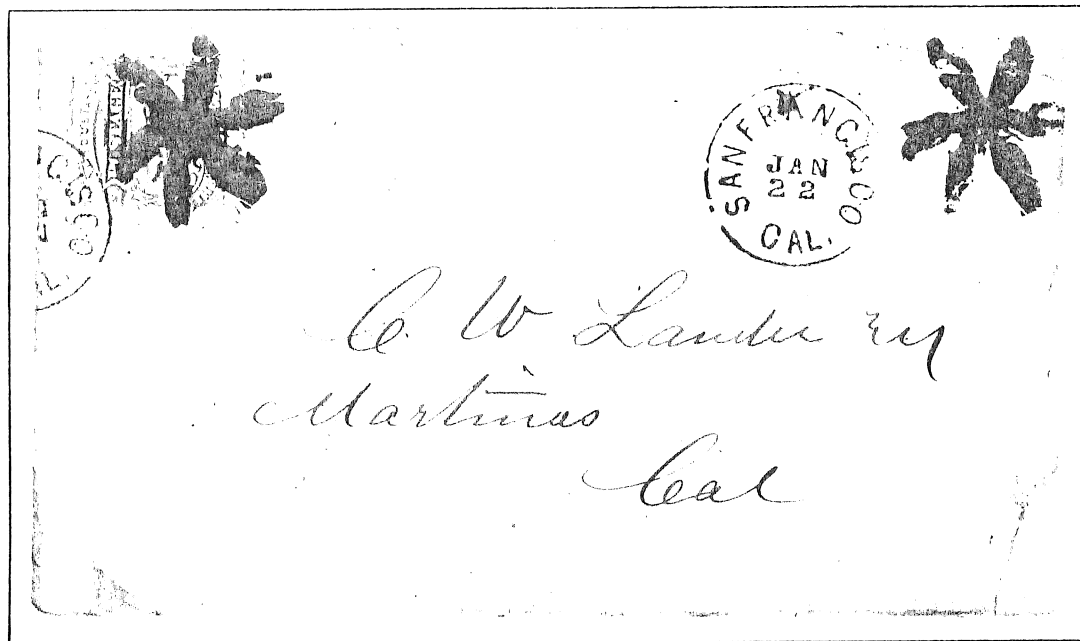
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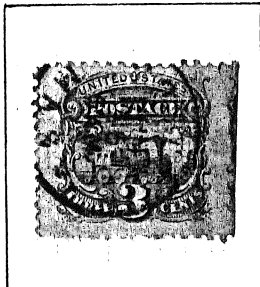


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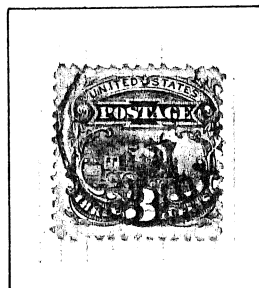


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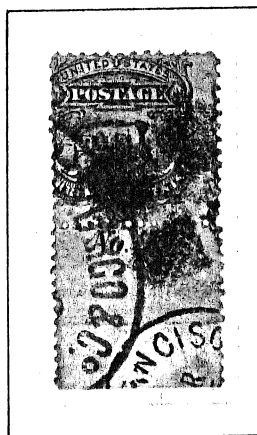


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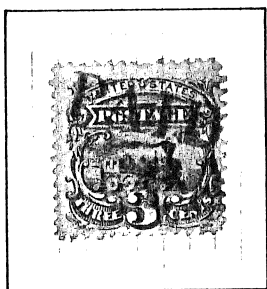
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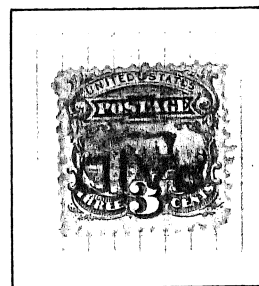
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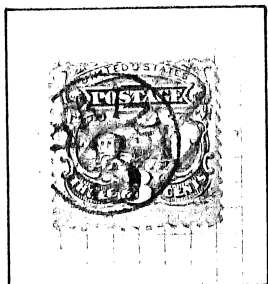
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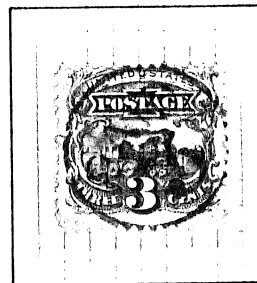
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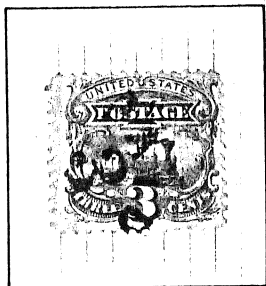
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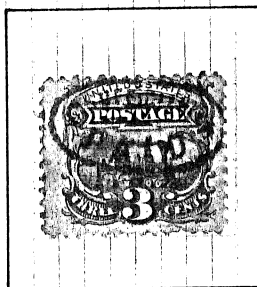
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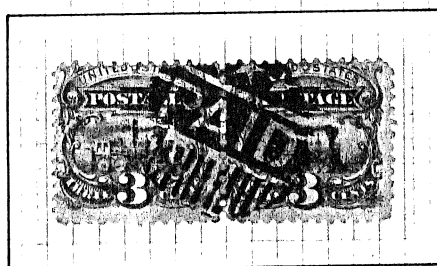
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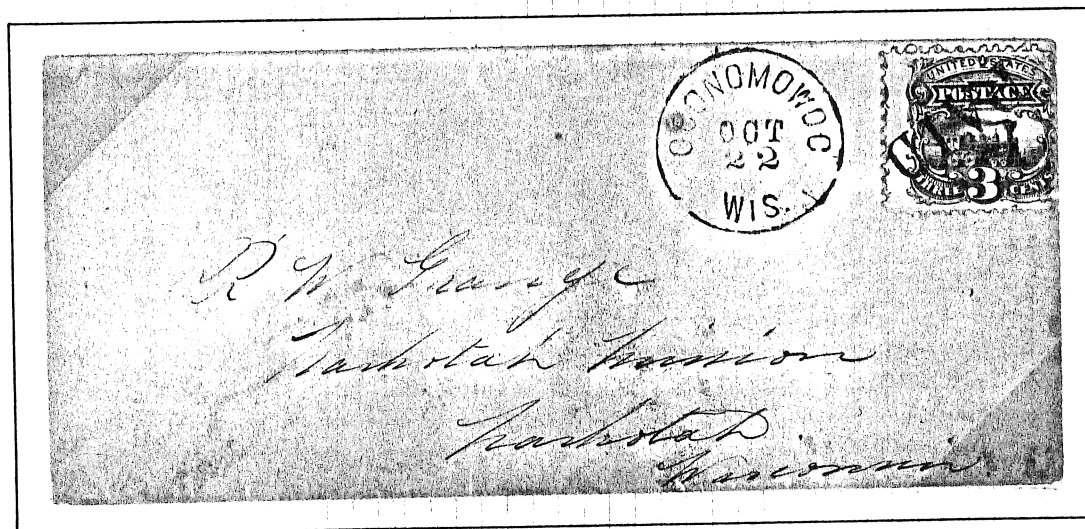
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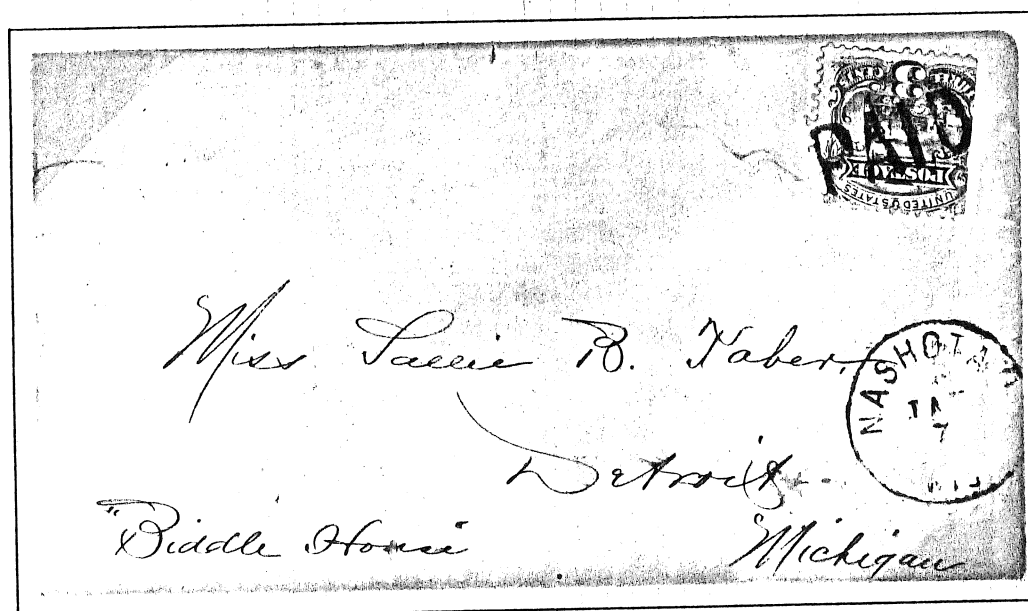
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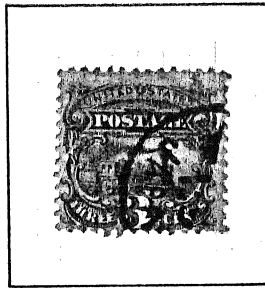


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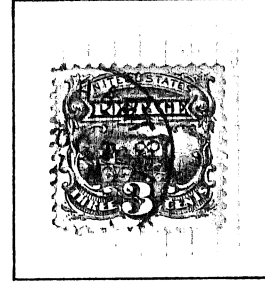
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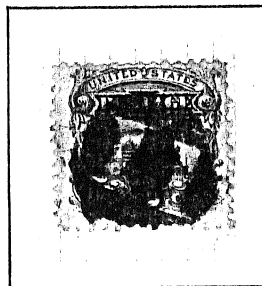
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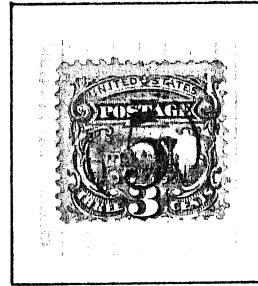
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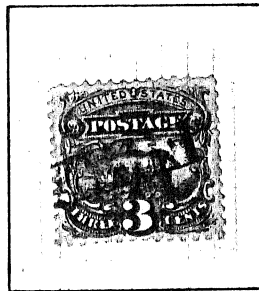


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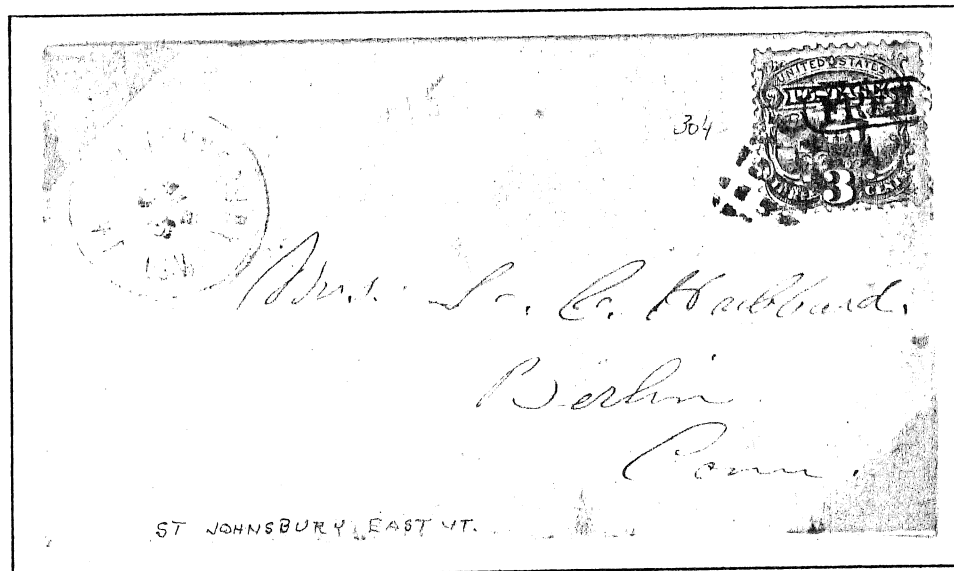


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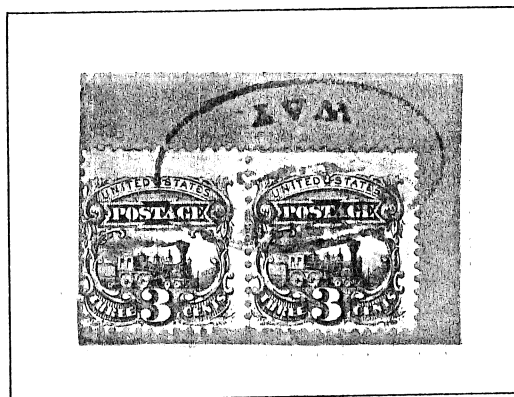


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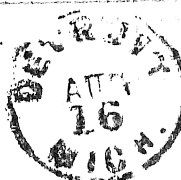
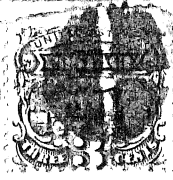


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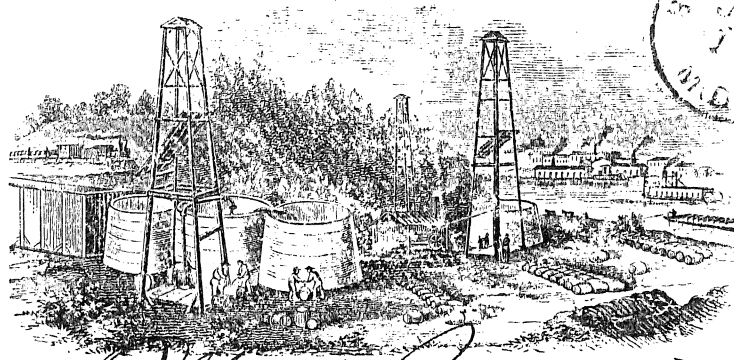
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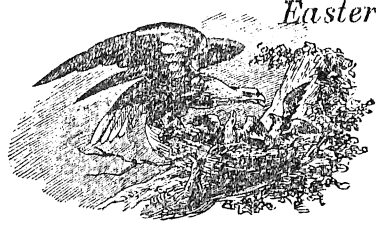


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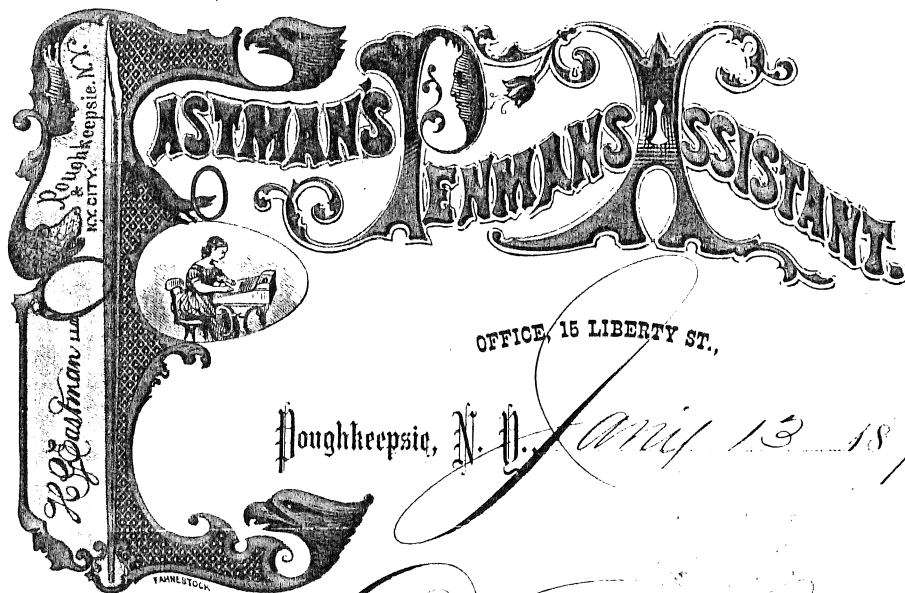
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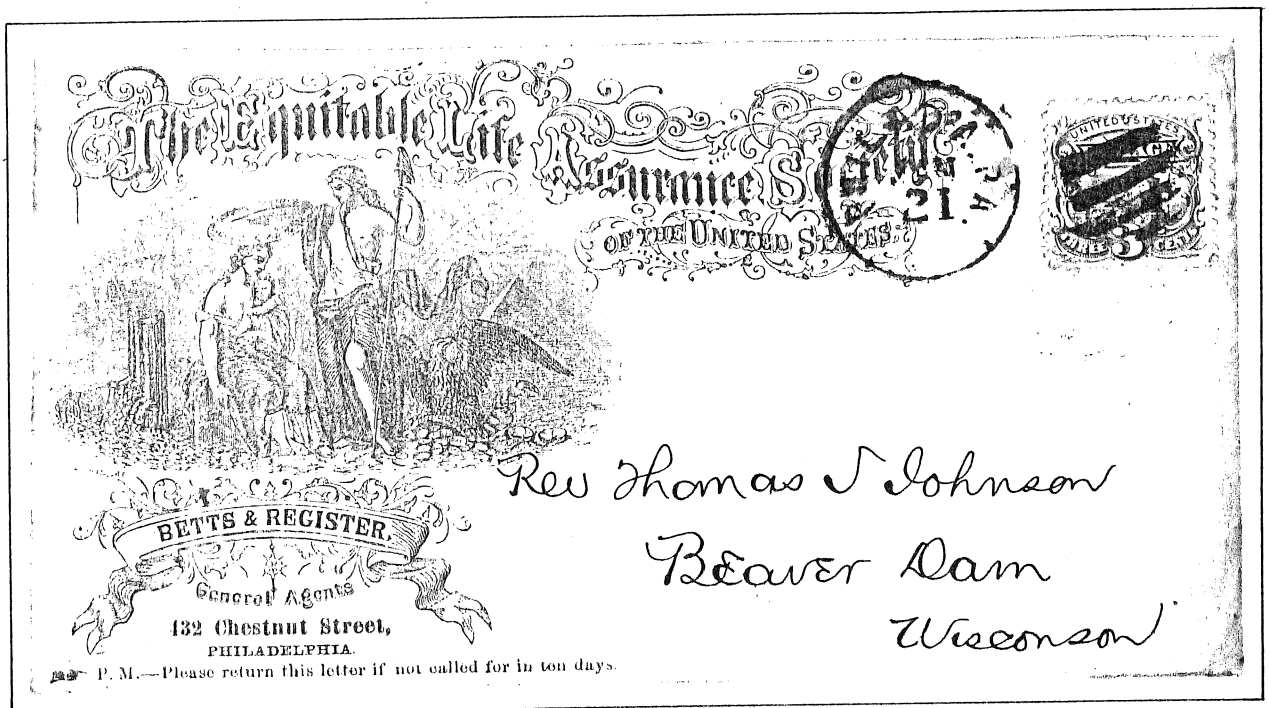
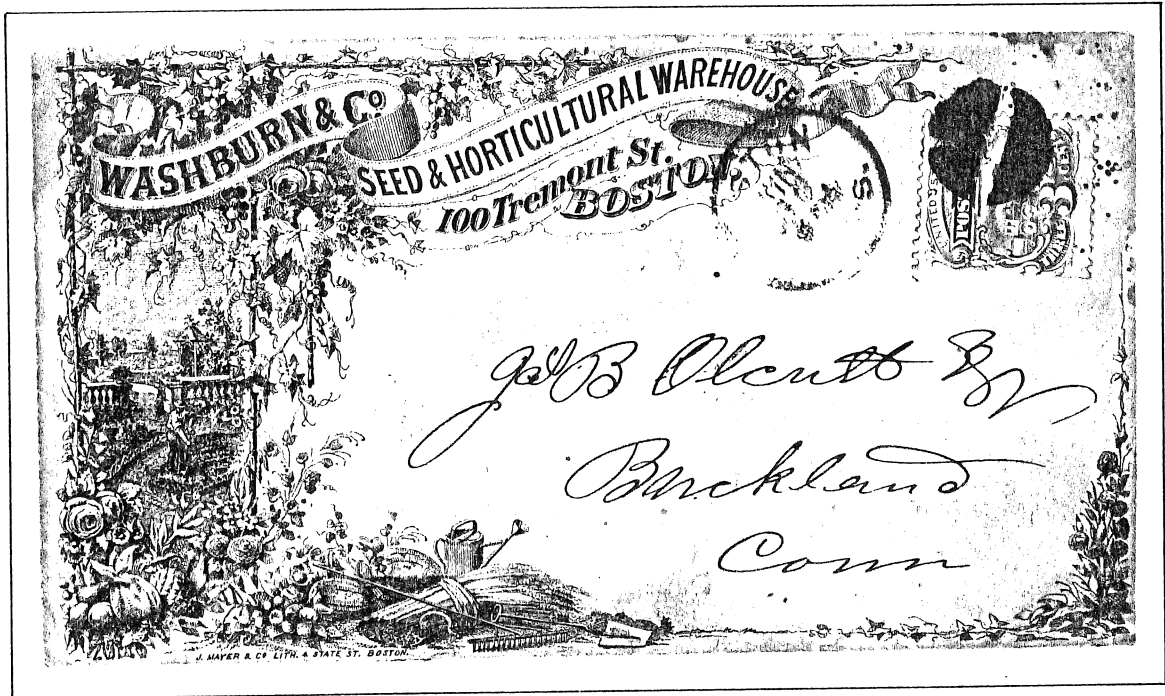
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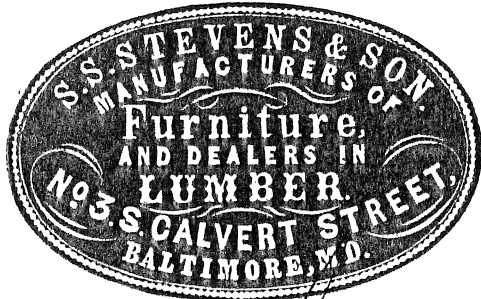
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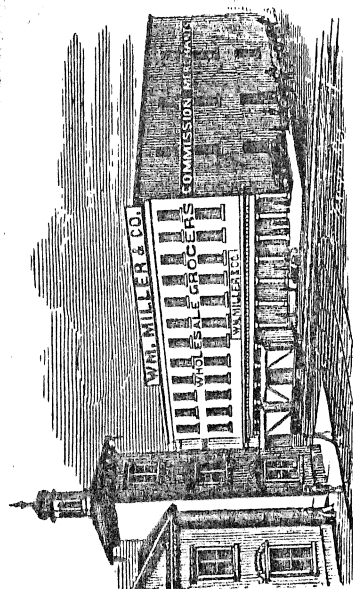






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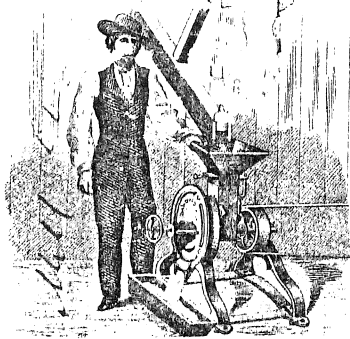
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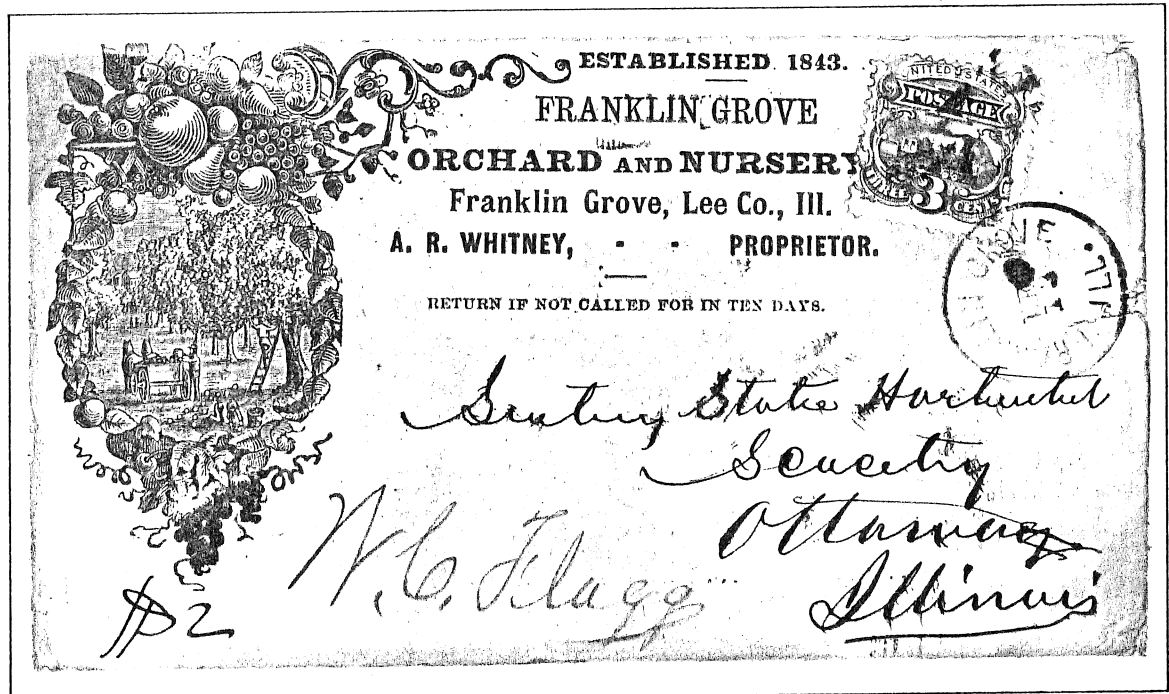
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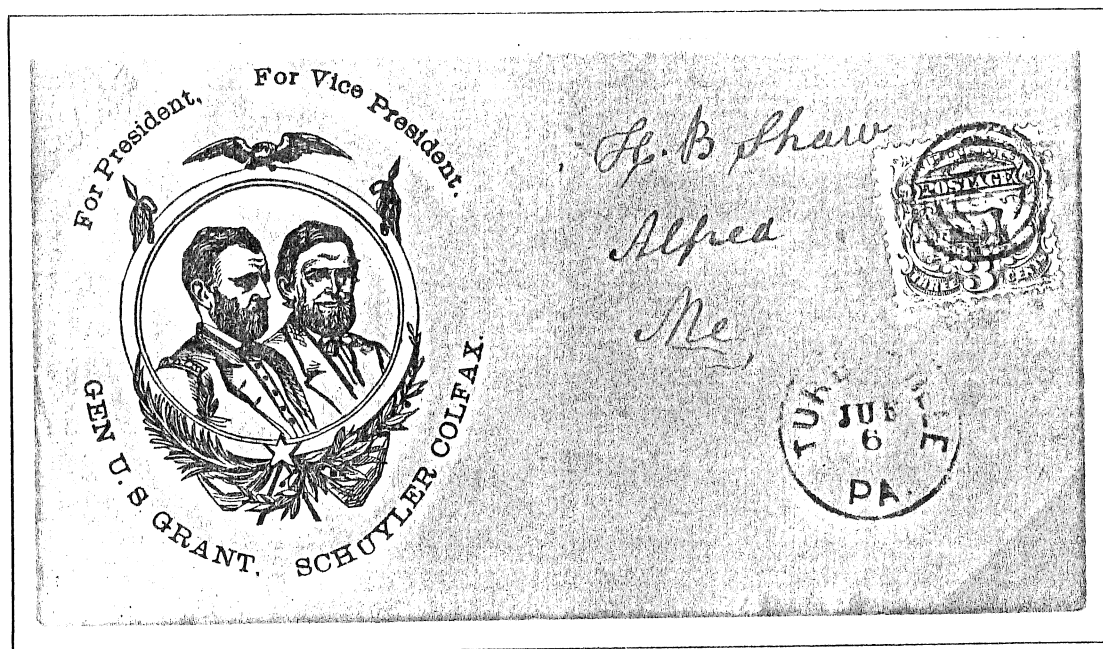
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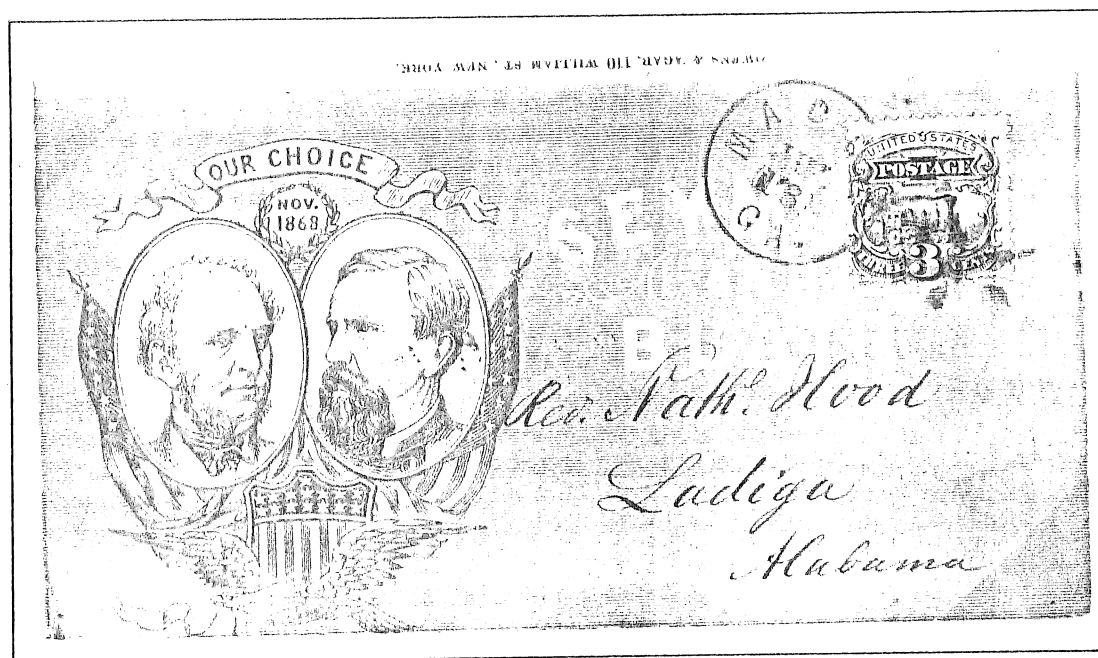


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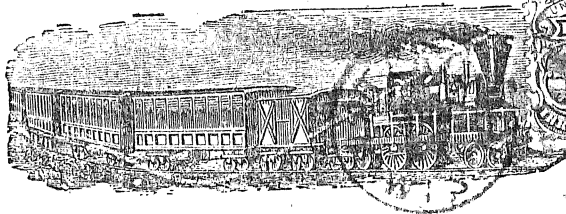


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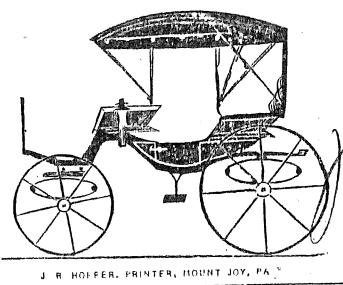
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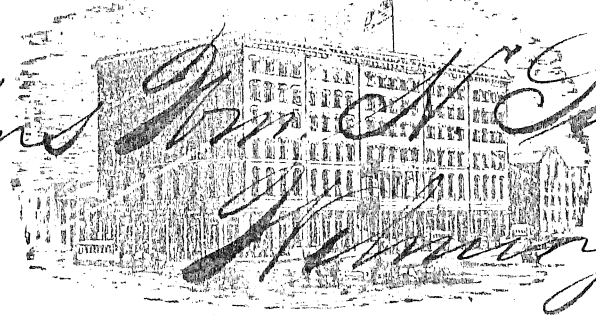


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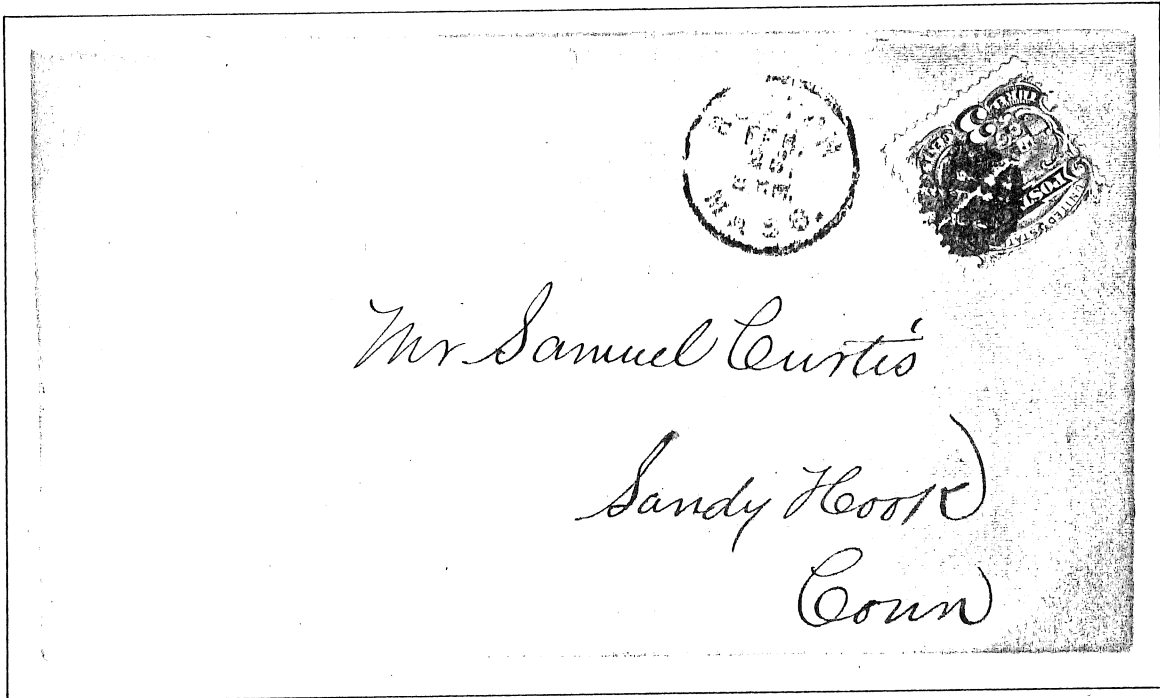


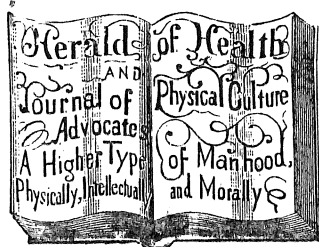
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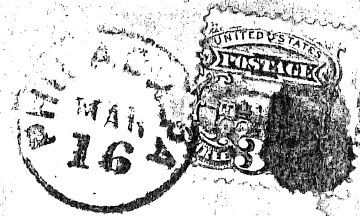


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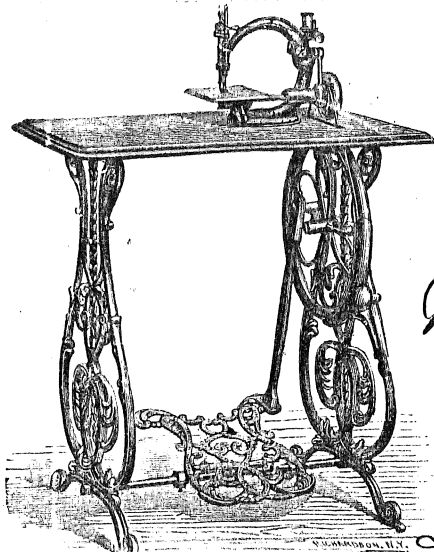


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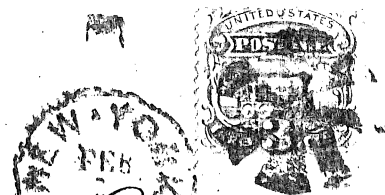
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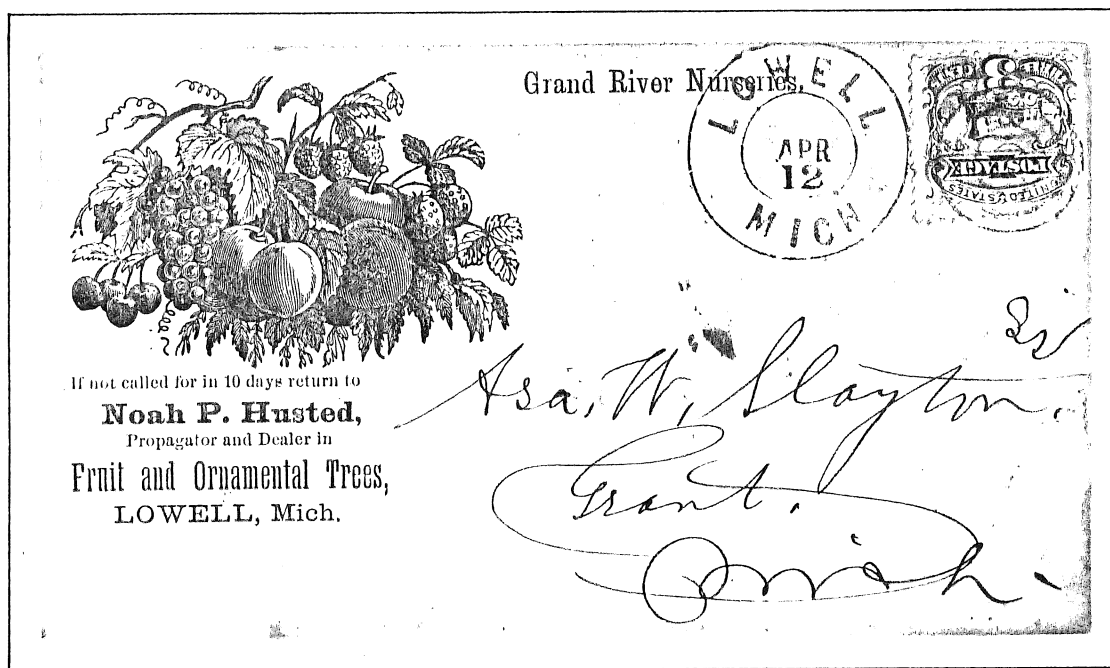
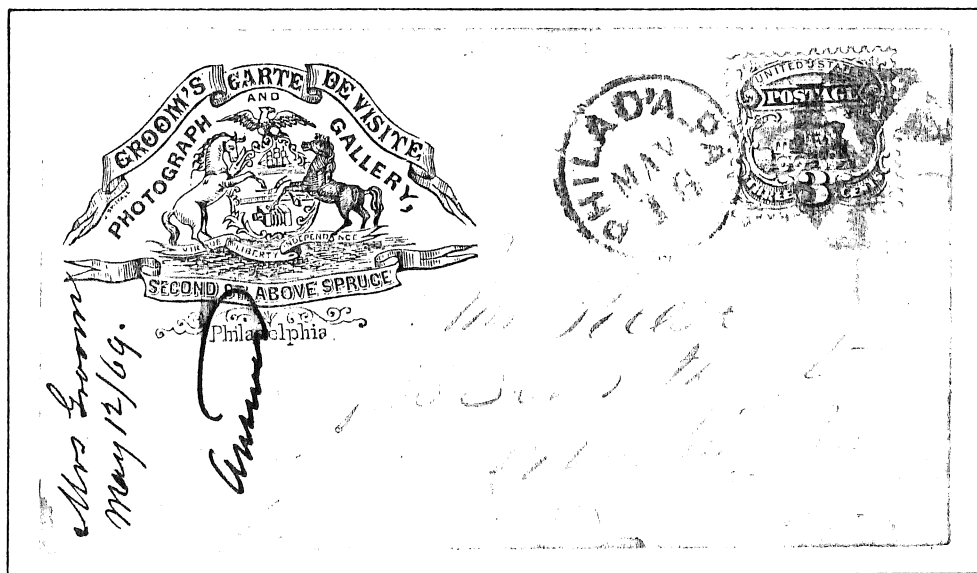
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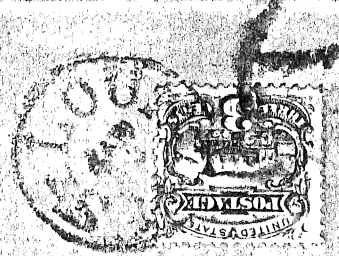
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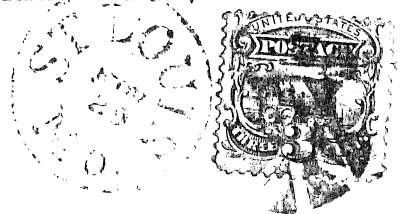


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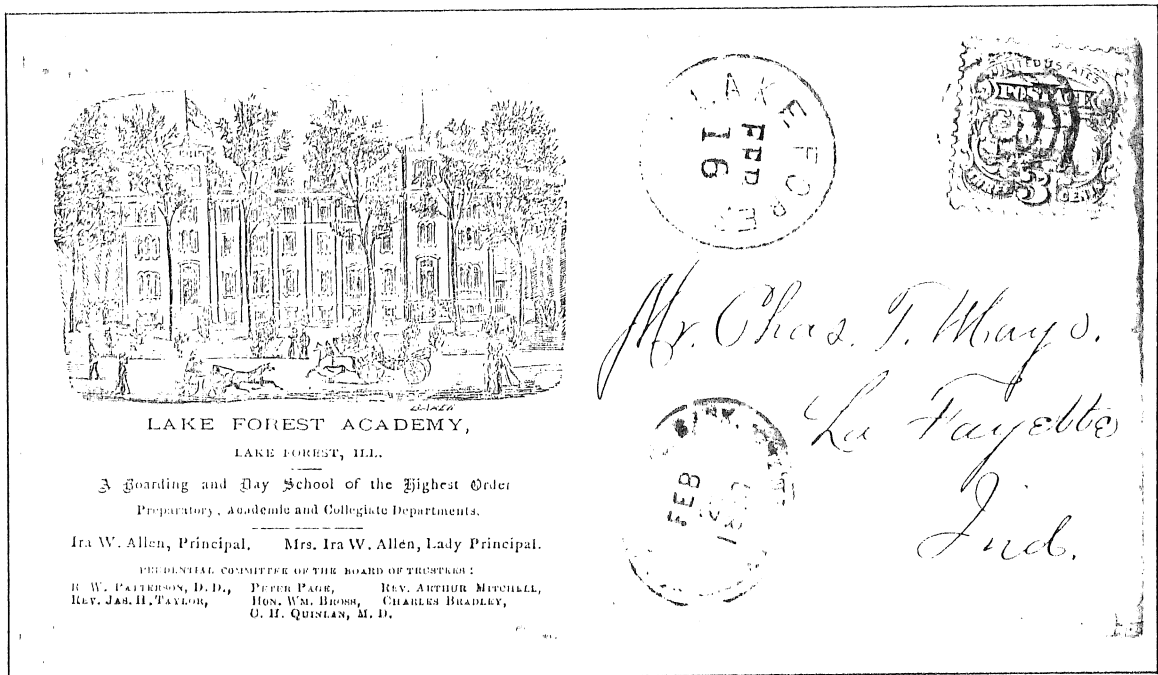
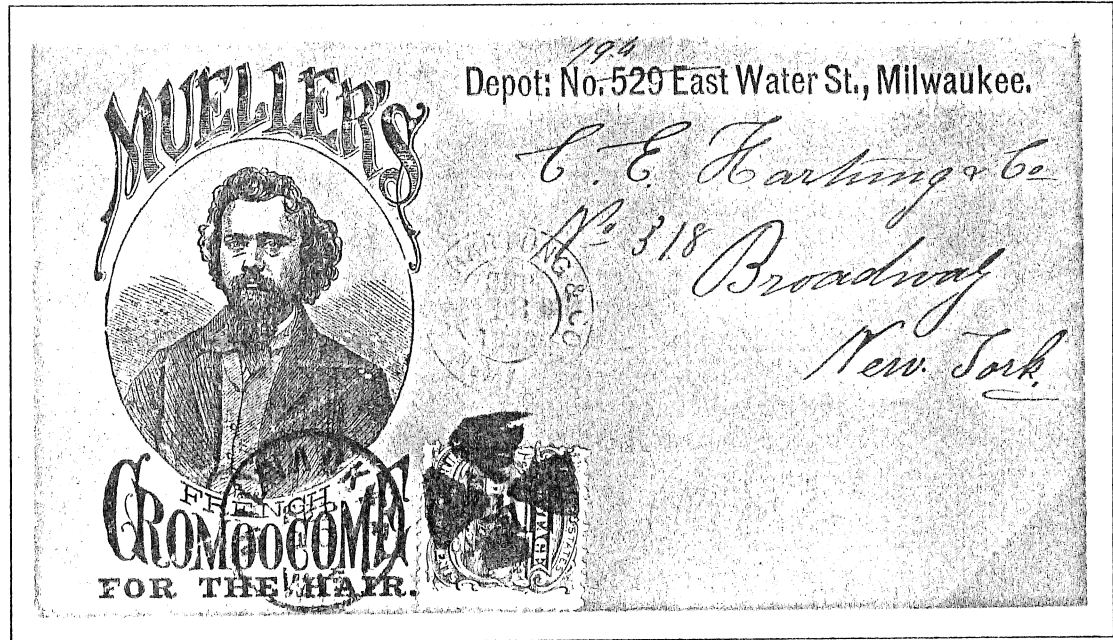


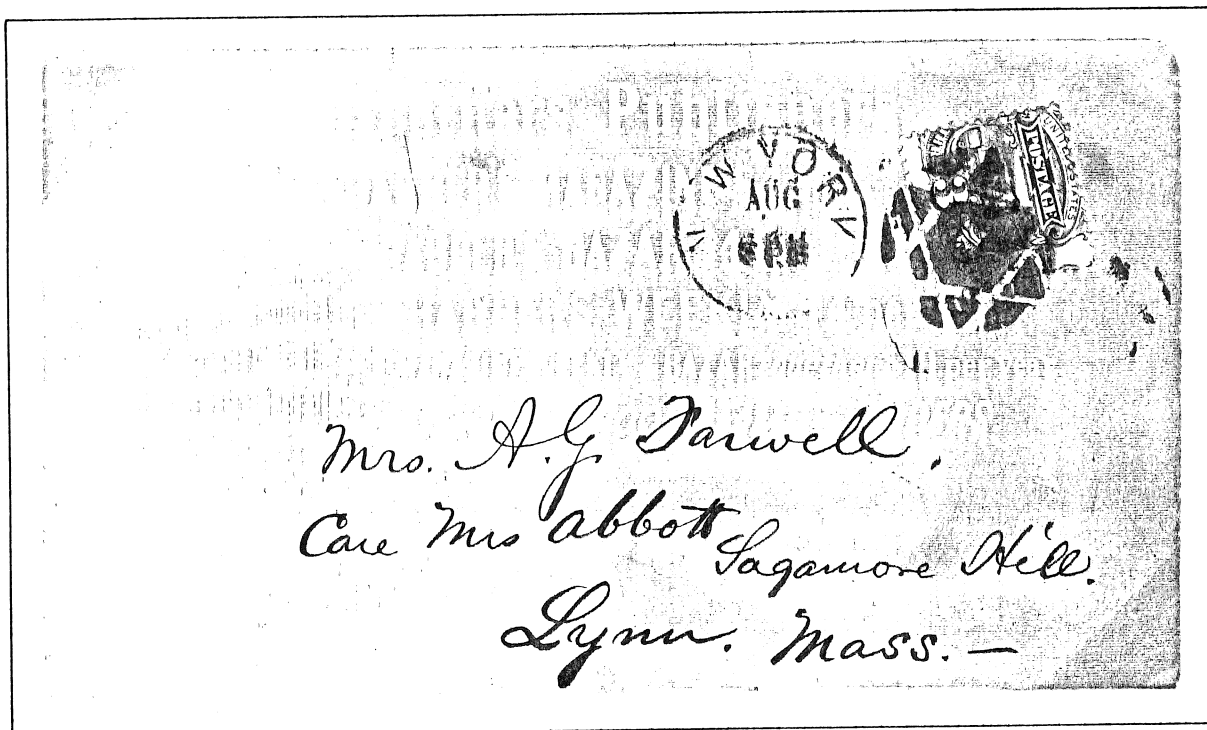
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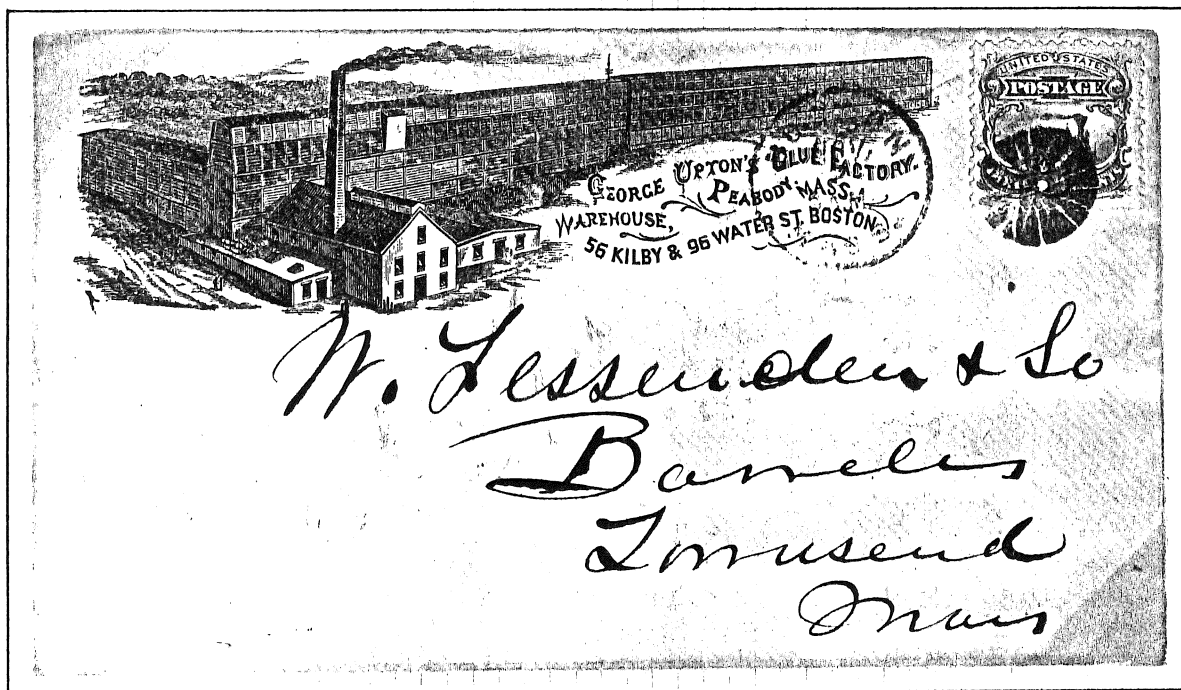
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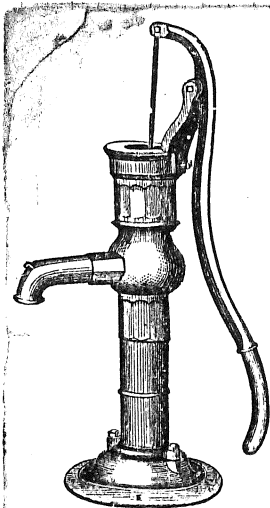


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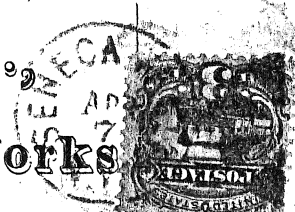






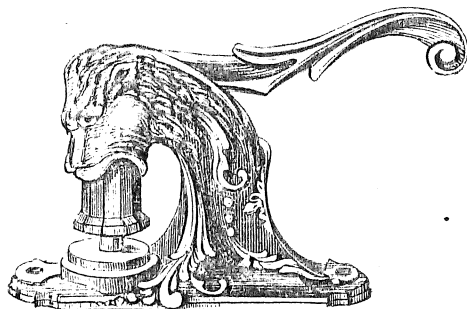


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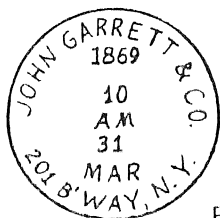
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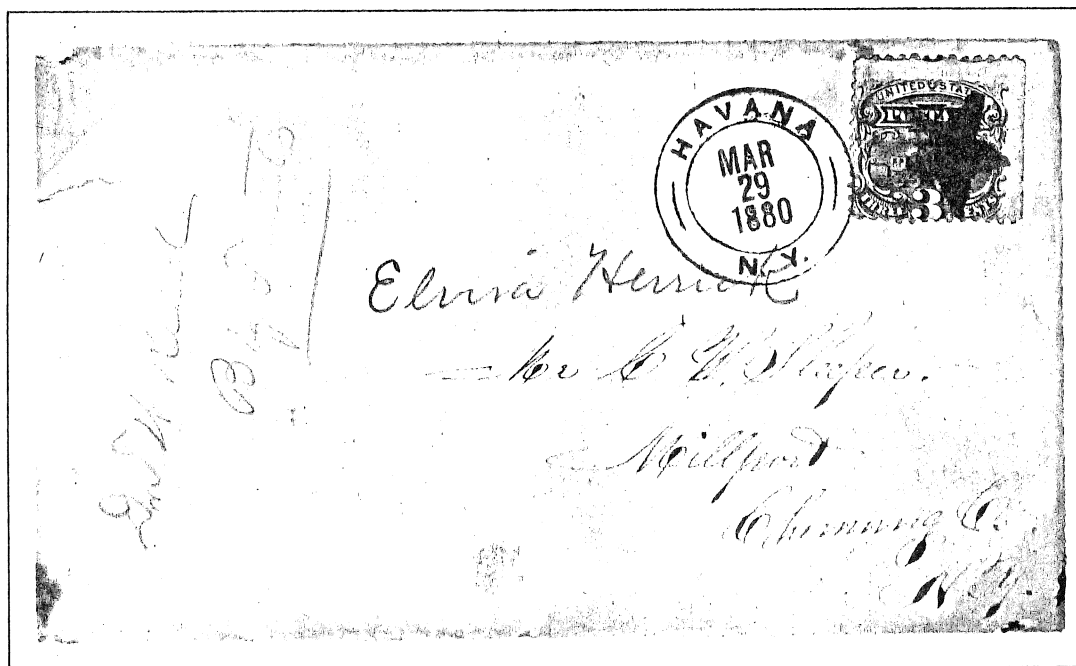
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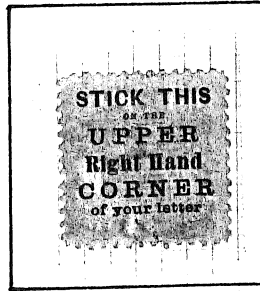
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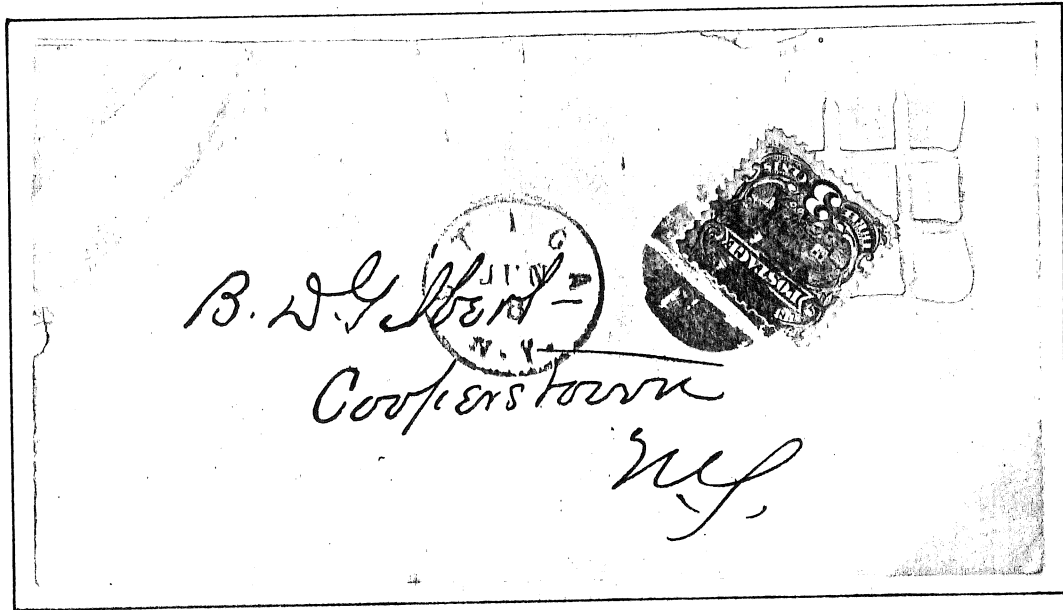


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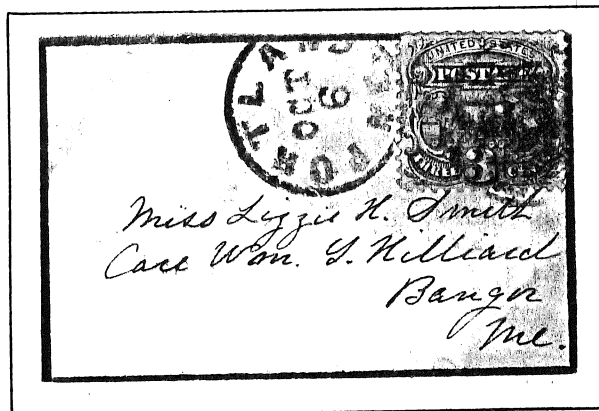
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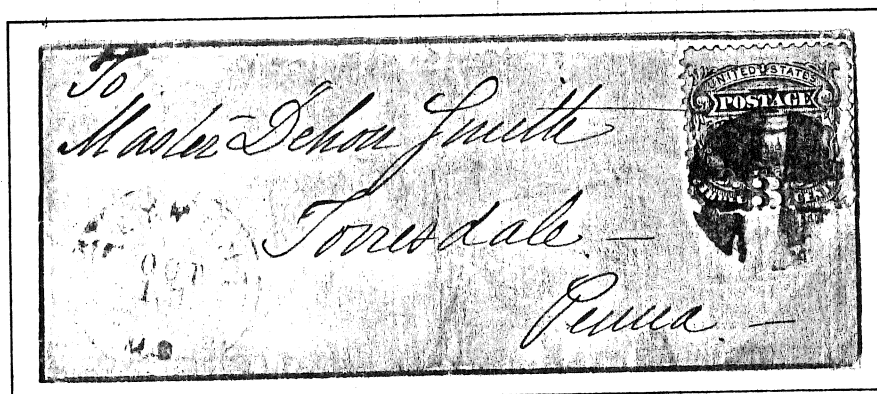
LEEDS PATENT ENVELOPE. AN EARLY 1860'S ATTEMPT TO PROVE MAILING DATE BY HAVING STAMP WITH DATED CDS REMAIN WITH CONTENTS UPON OPENING. REVISED POSTAL REGULATIONS IN 1869 PROHIBITED CANCELLING THE STAMP WITH TOWN NAME AND THE IDEA FAILED.



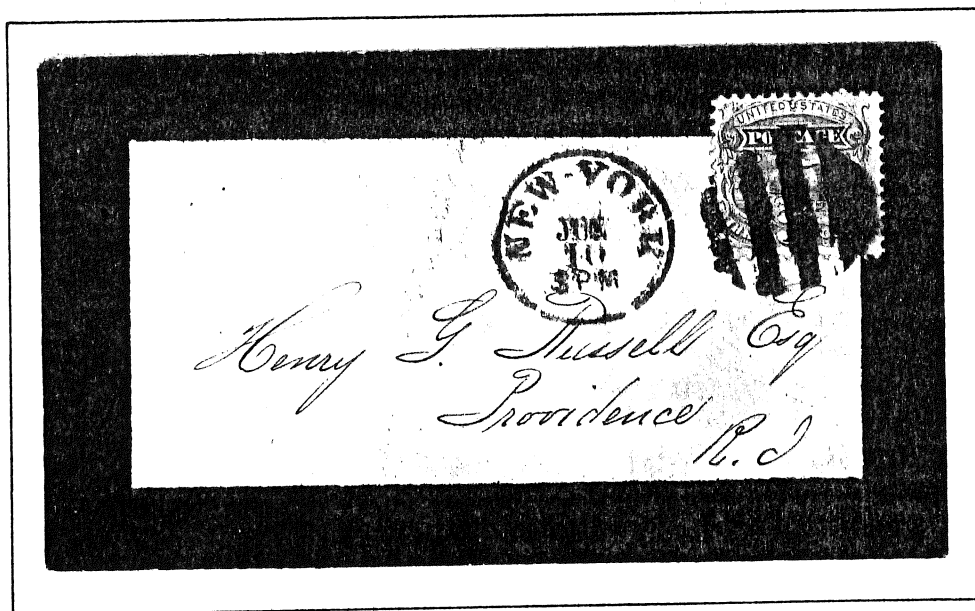
SPECIAL OCCASION USAGES

"LADY'S" STATIONERY USED
FOR SHORT NOTES, INVITA-
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NOTES, GREETINGS, ETC.

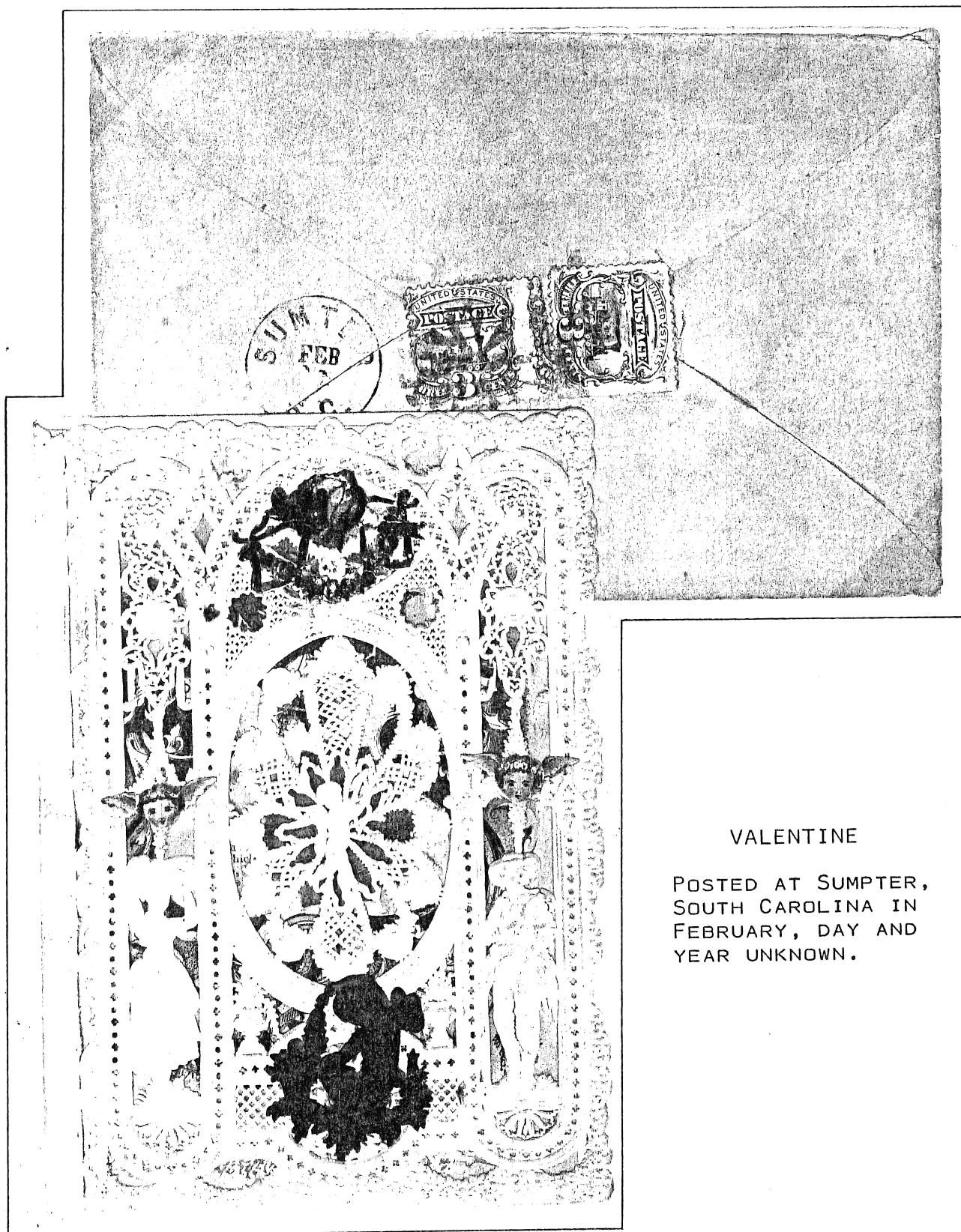
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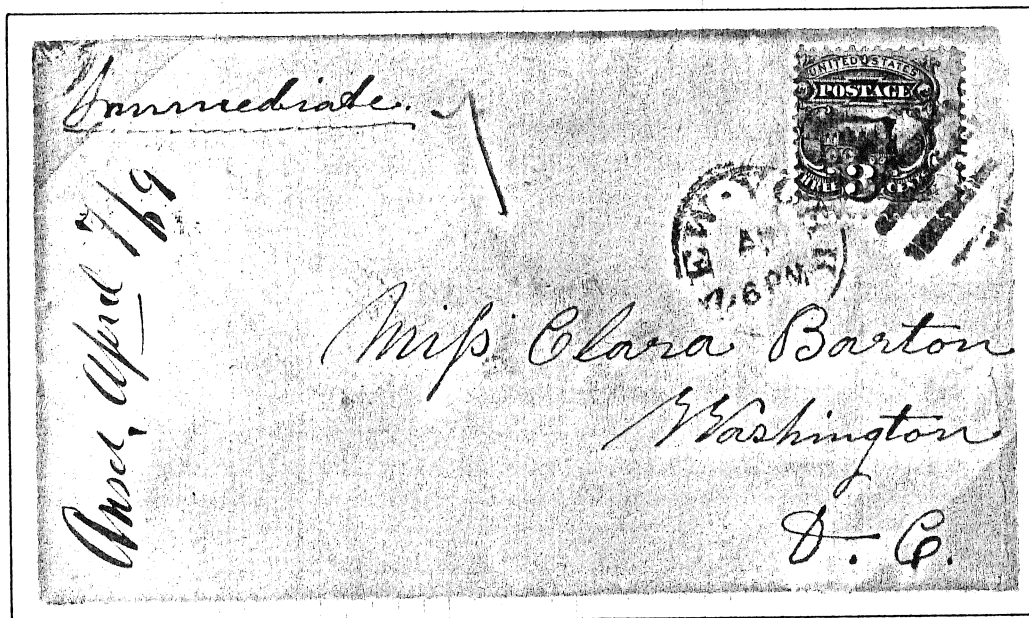
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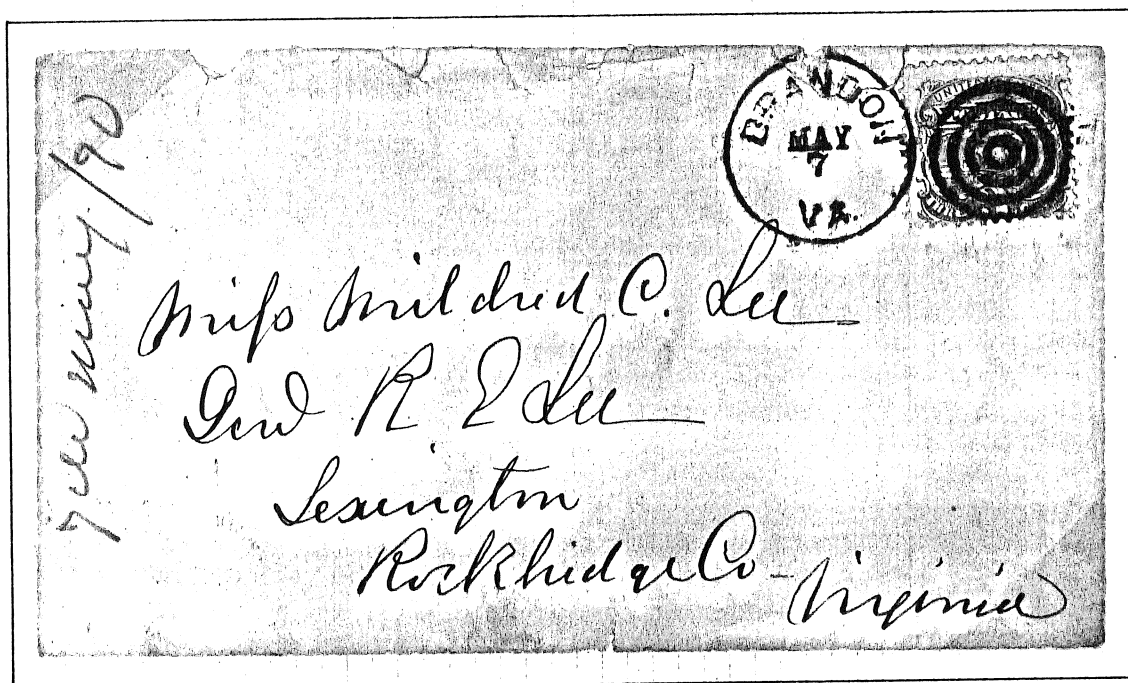
VALENTINE

POSTED AT SUMPTER,
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USAGE TO OR FROM FAMOUS PEOPLE

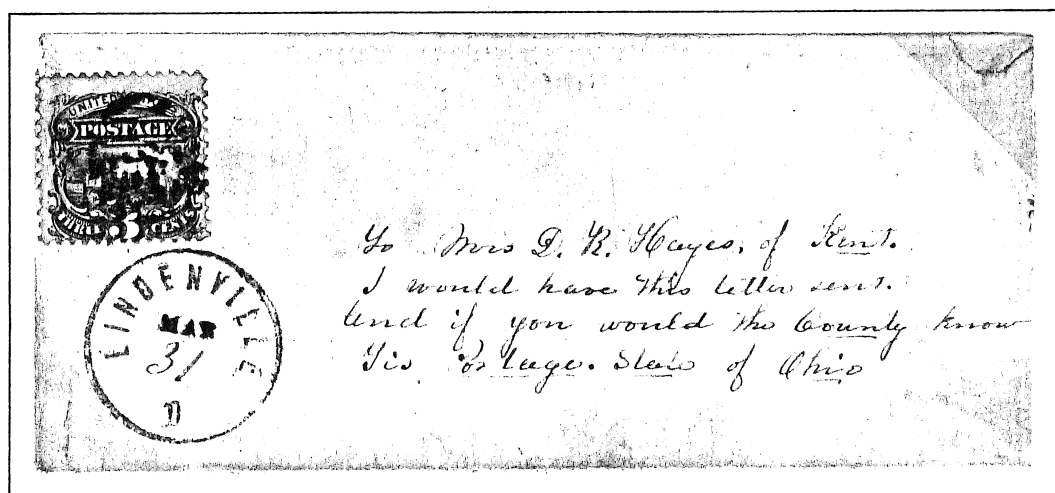


ADDRESSED TO CLARA BARTON, CIVIL WAR NURSE AND FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. APRIL 5, 1869 IS A VERY EARLY USAGE.



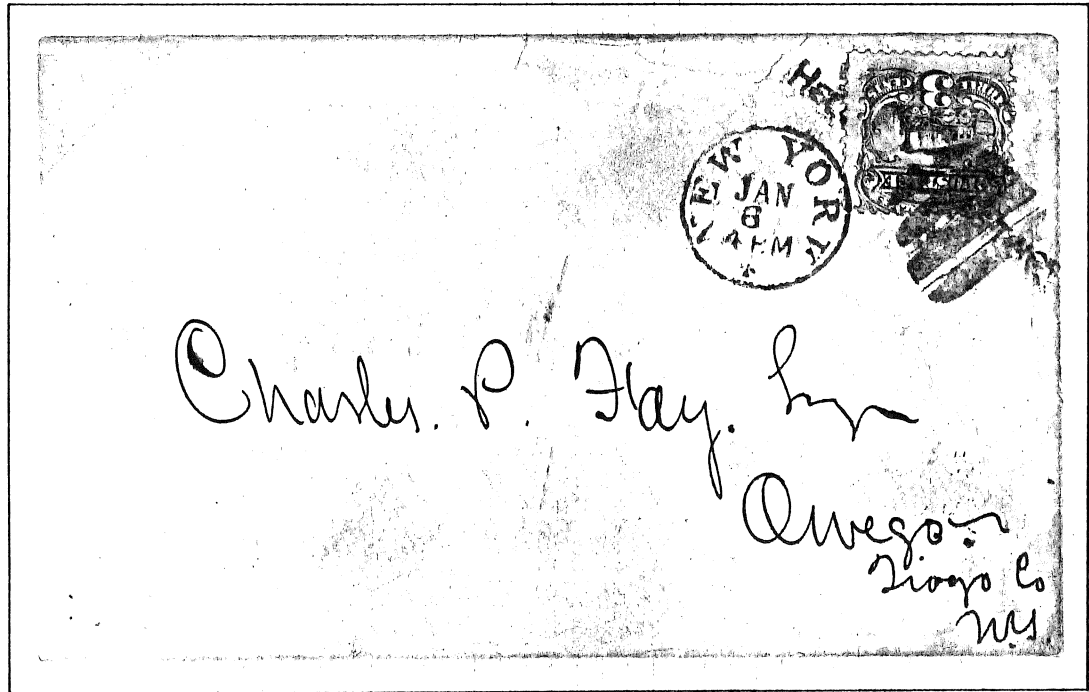
WRITTEN BY GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE TO HIS DAUGHTER IN MAY, 1870, ABOUT FIVE MONTHS BEFORE HIS DEATH.

ADDRESSED IN VERSE

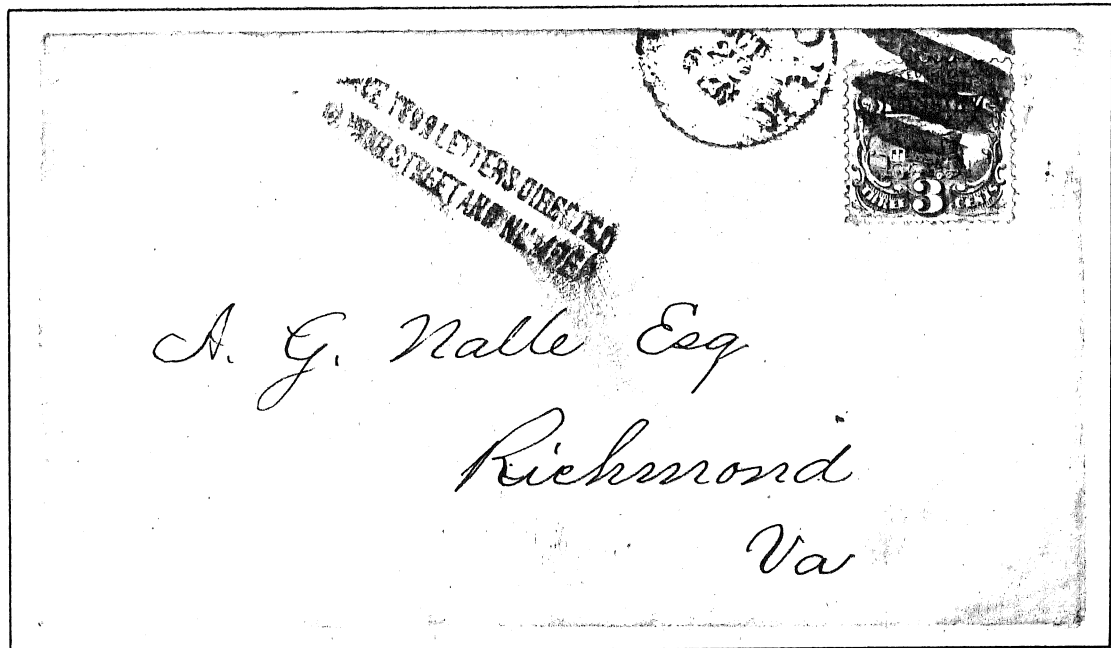


TO MRS. D. R. HAYES OF KENT
I WOULD HAVE THIS LETTER SENT
AND IF YOU WOULD THE COUNTY KNOW
TIS PORTAGE, STATE OF OHIO.

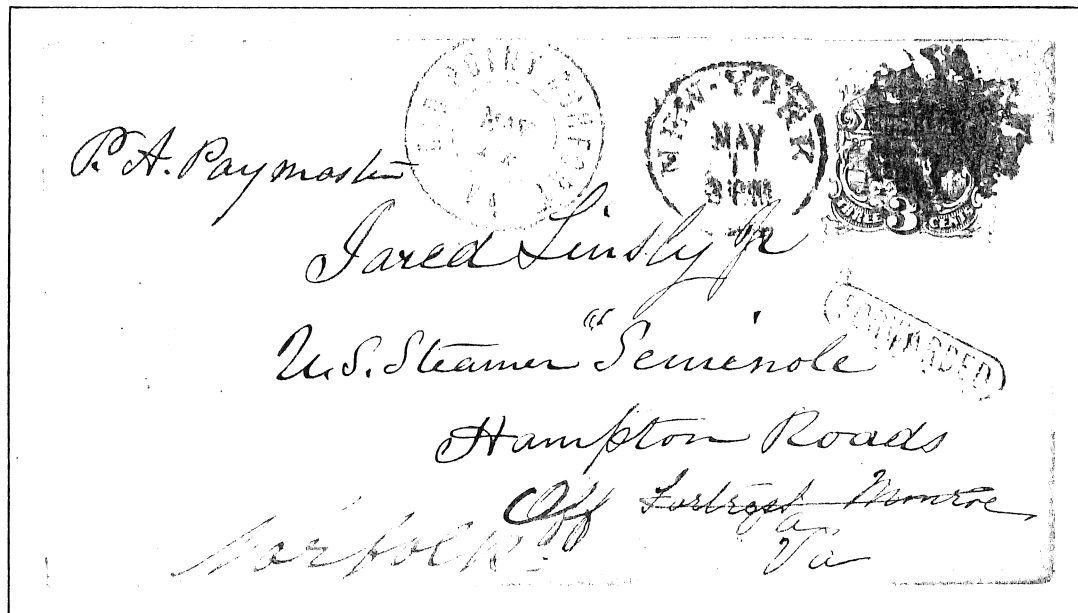
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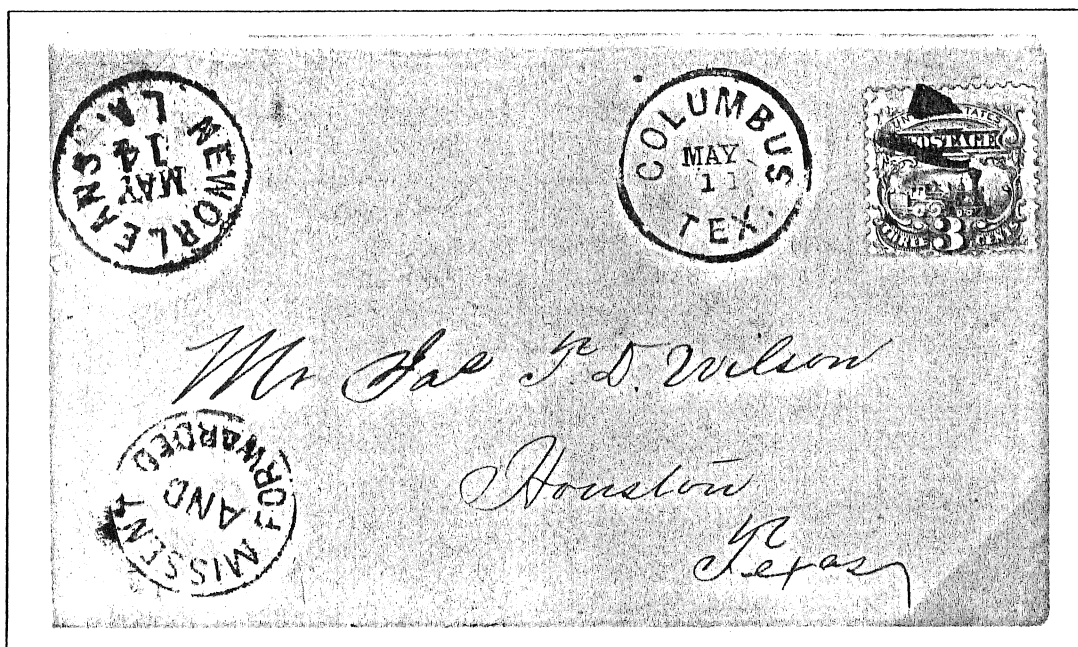
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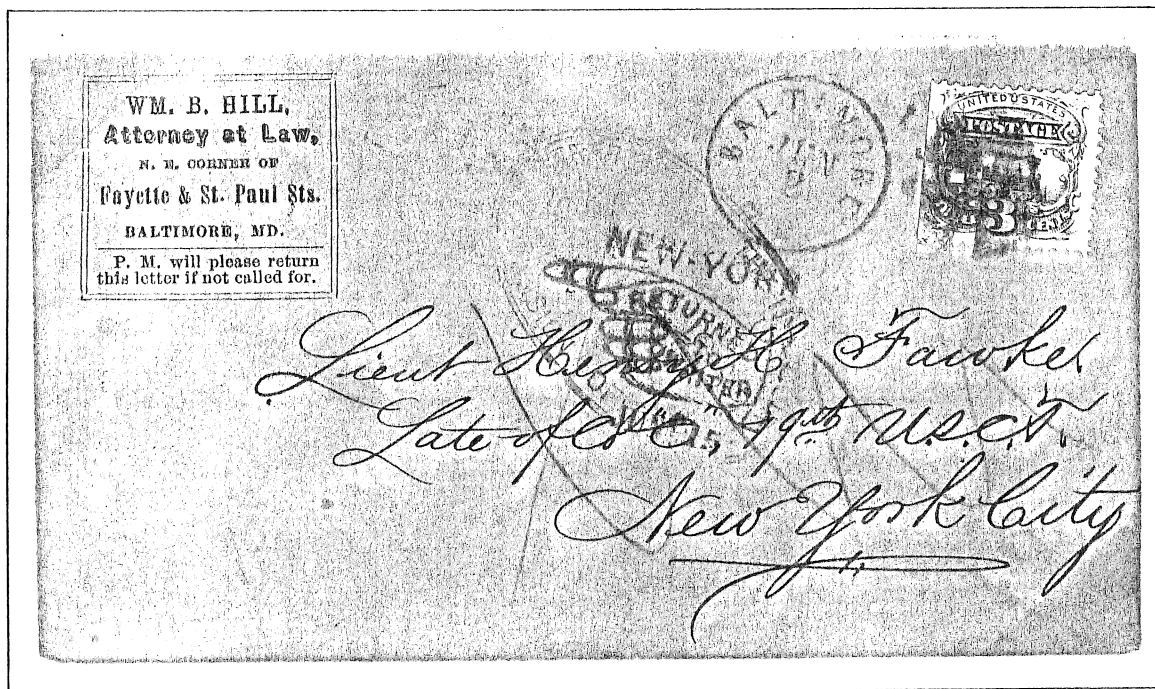
HAVE YOUR LETTERS DIRECTED TO YOUR STREET AND NUMBER



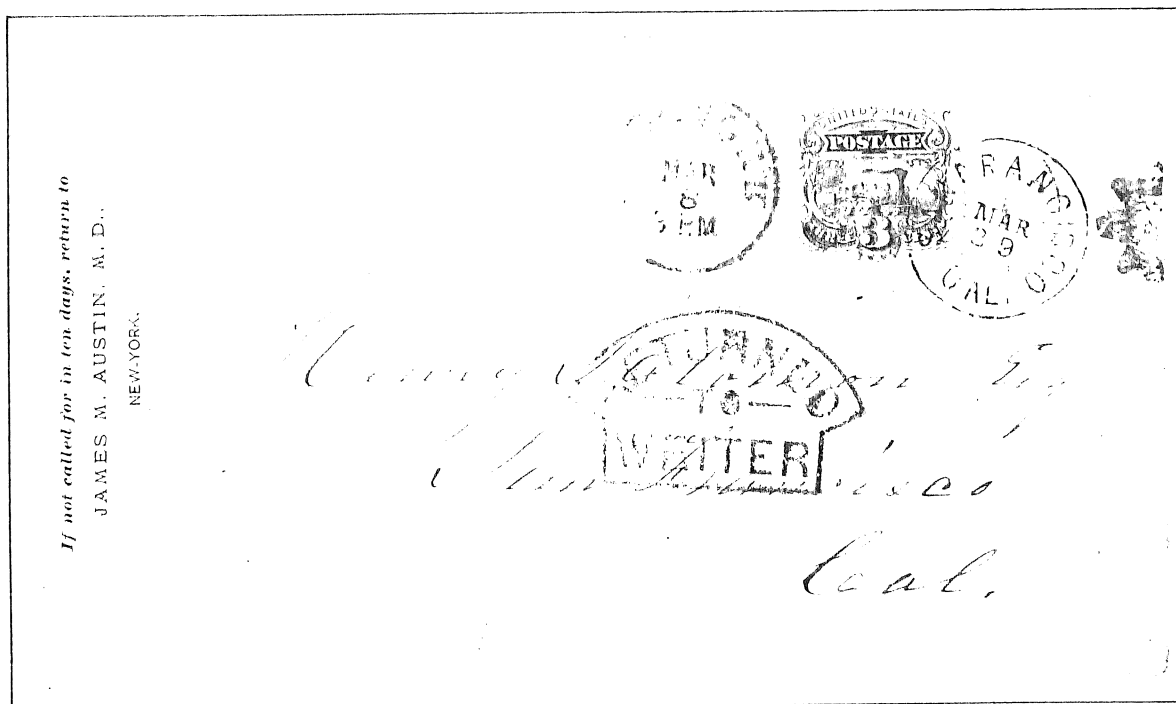
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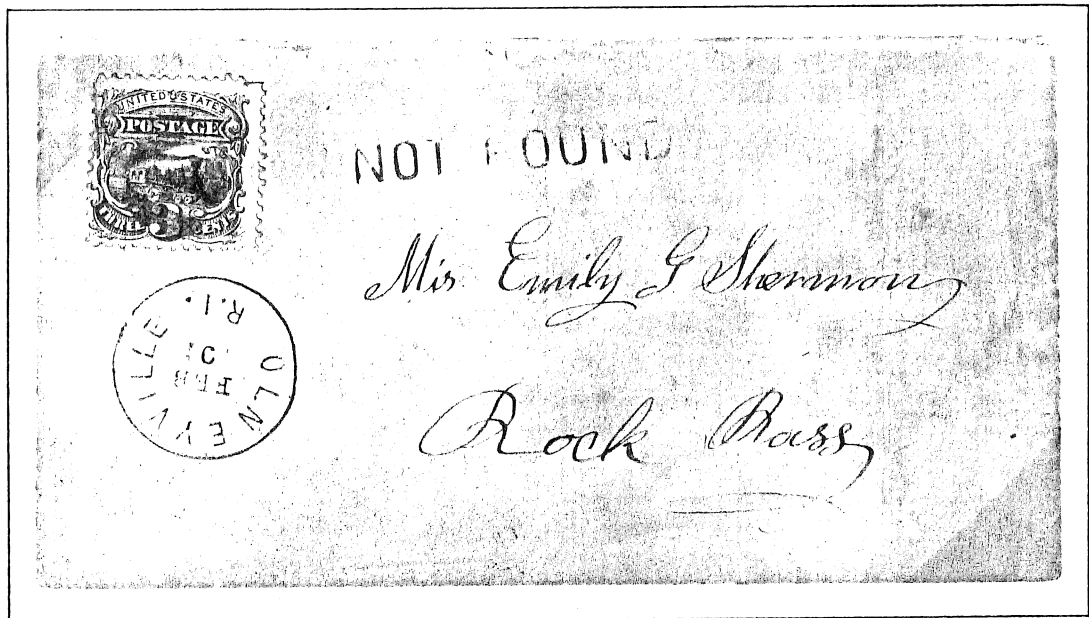
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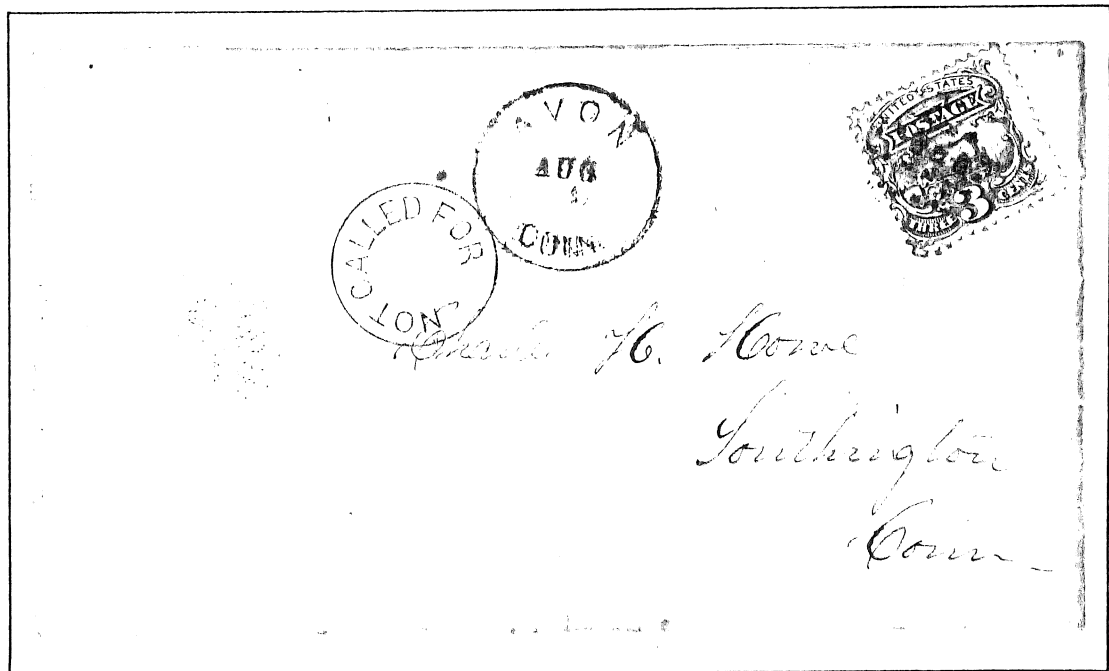
NEW YORK "RETURNED TO WRITER" IN POINTING HAND



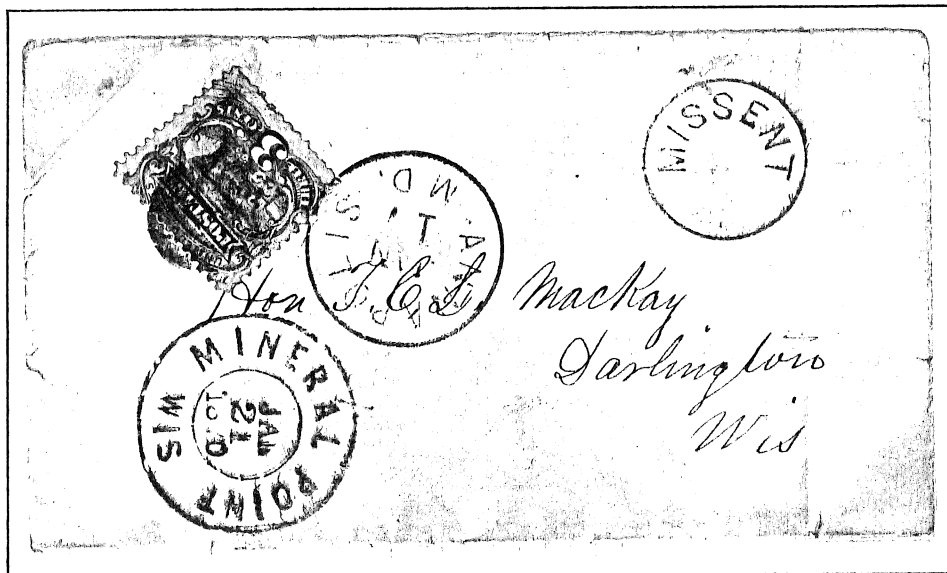
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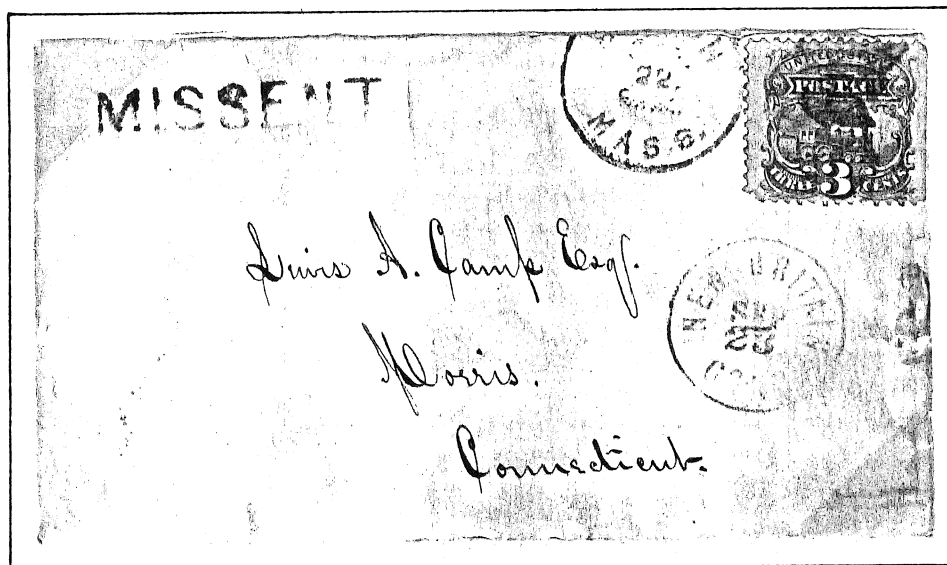
NOT FOUND



NOT CALLED FOR

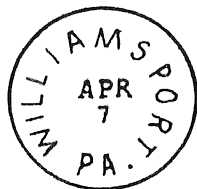
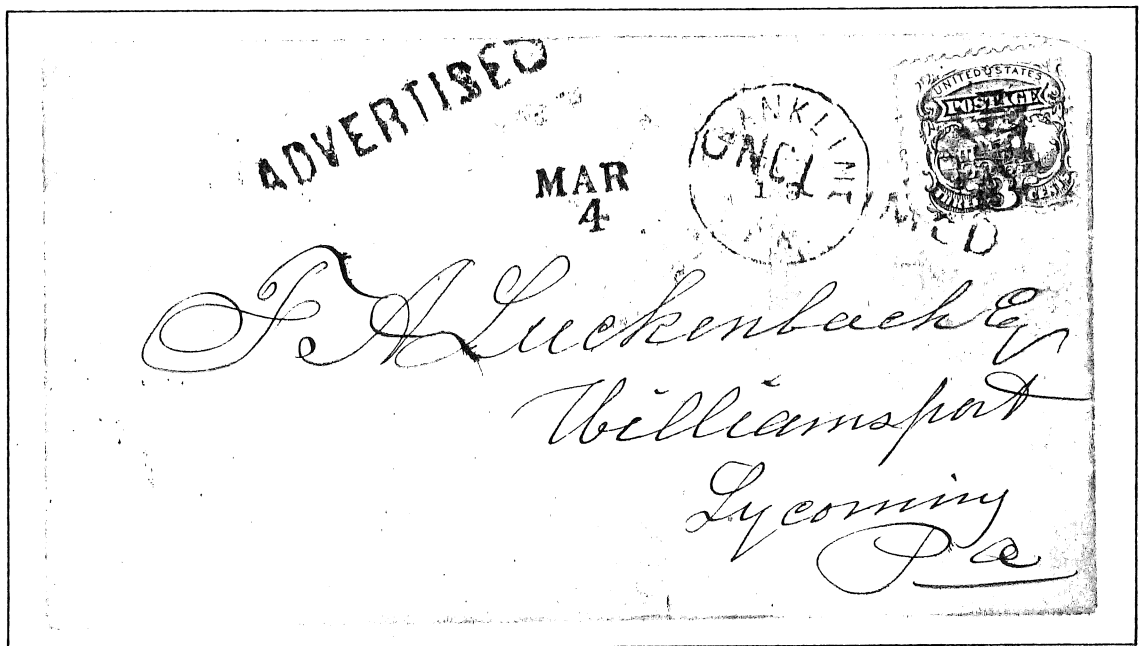


"MISSSENT" IN CIRCLE



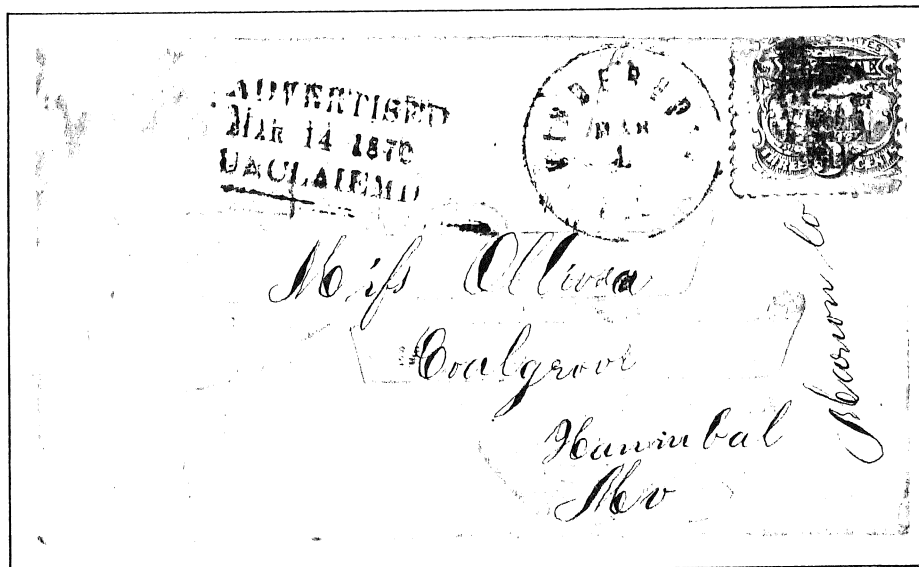
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ADVERTISED MAIL

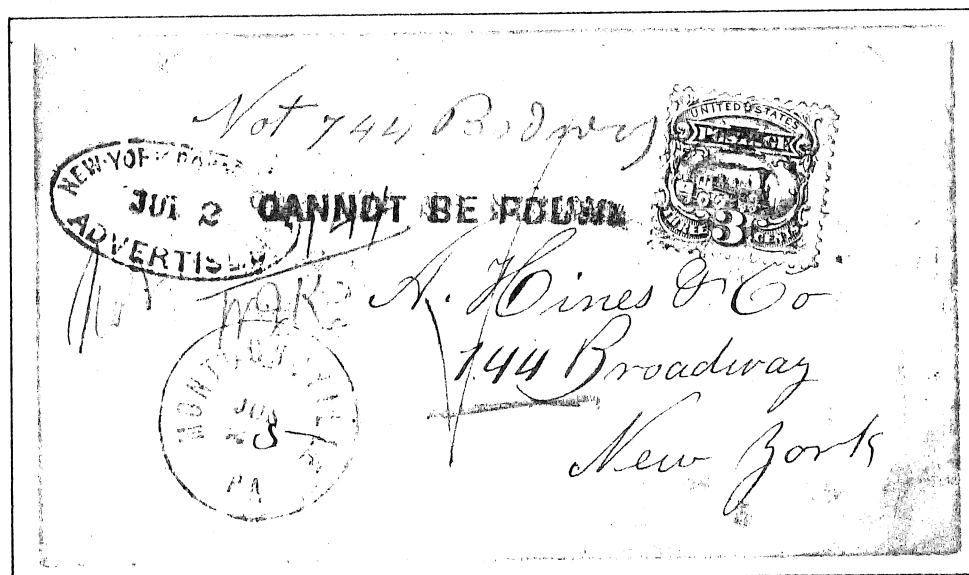


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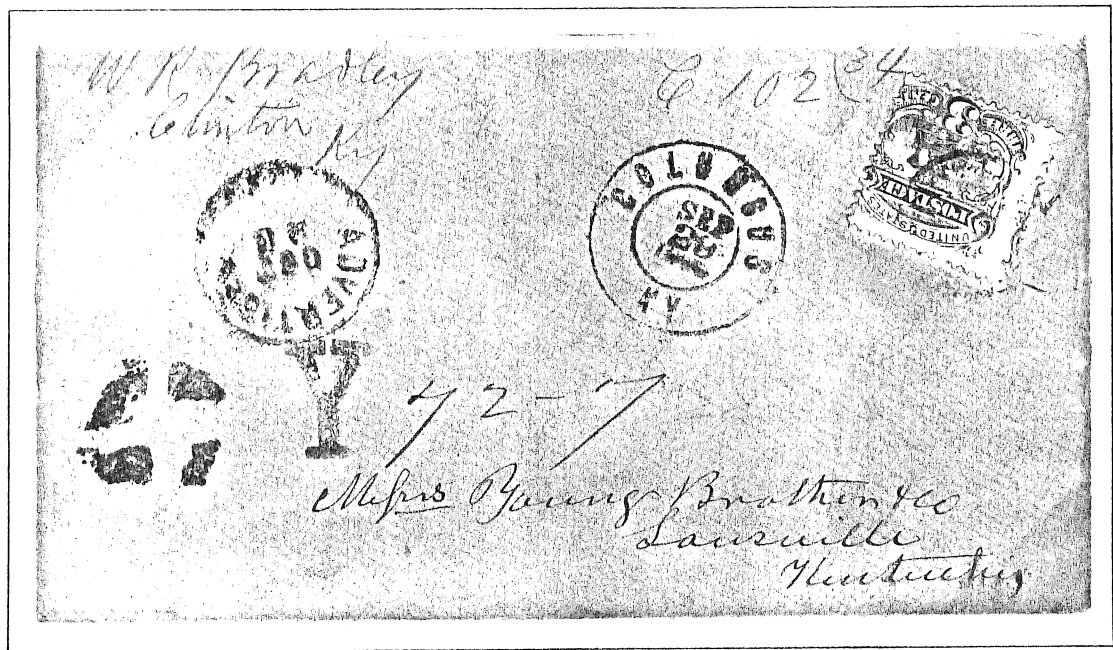
THIS LETTER WAS POSTED AT FRANK-
LINE, PENNSYLVANIA ON FEBRUARY 19,
1870. ON MARCH 4TH THE POSTMAS-
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APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH, THE LET-
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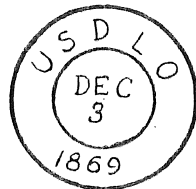
ADVERTISED - UNCLAIMED, HANNIBAL, MISSOURI



NEW YORK POST OFFICE ADVERTISED
CANNOT BE FOUND



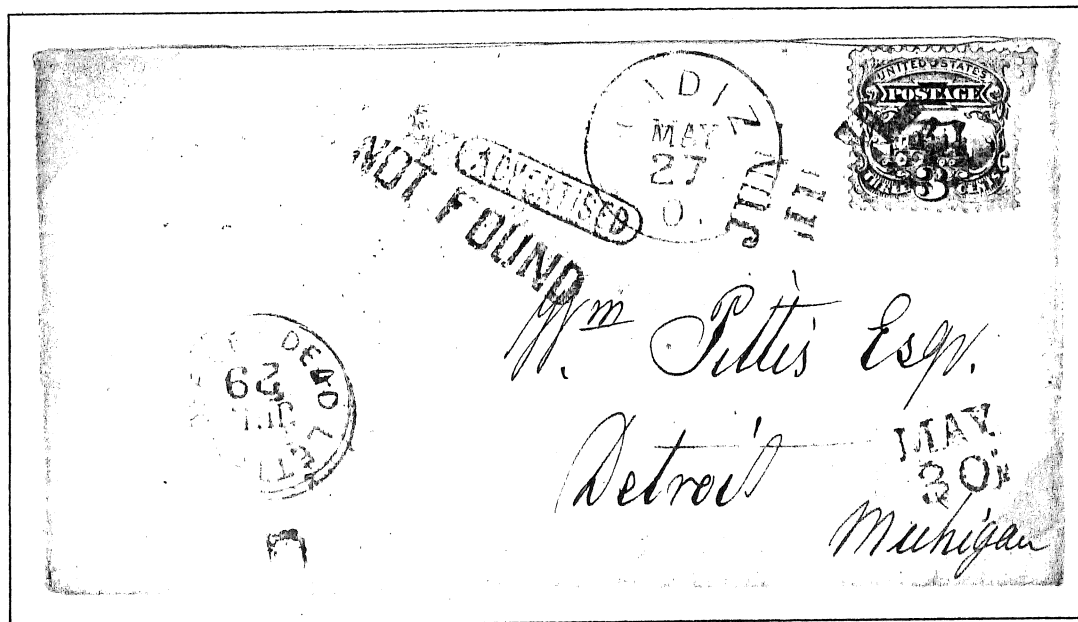
THIS LETTER FROM COLUMBUS, KY. TO LOUISVILLE WAS ADVERTISED, FILED UNDER "Y" AND GIVEN CODE NUMBER "72-7". WHEN UNCLAIMED IT WAS FORWARDED TO THE U.S. DEAD LETTER OFFICE WHERE IT WAS OPENED AND NOTED "DFT". IT APPARENTLY CONTAINED A CHECK FOR \$102.34 AND WAS RETURNED TO THE SENDER, W.R. BRADLEY OF CLINTON, KY.



UNCLAIMED

DFT

MARKINGS ON REVERSE



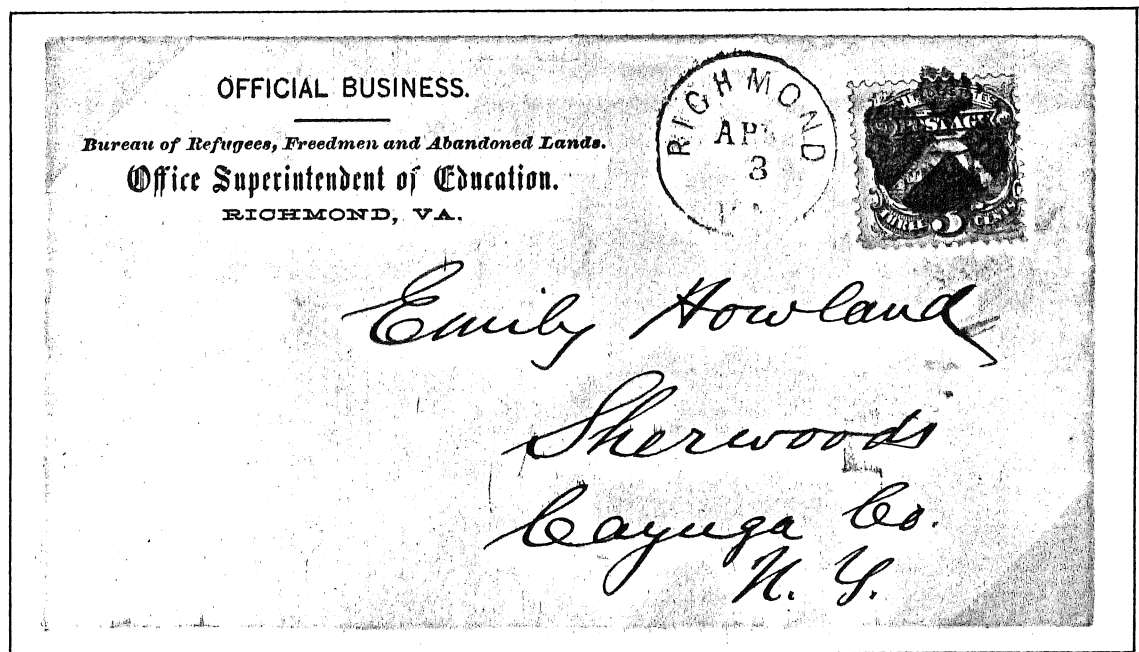
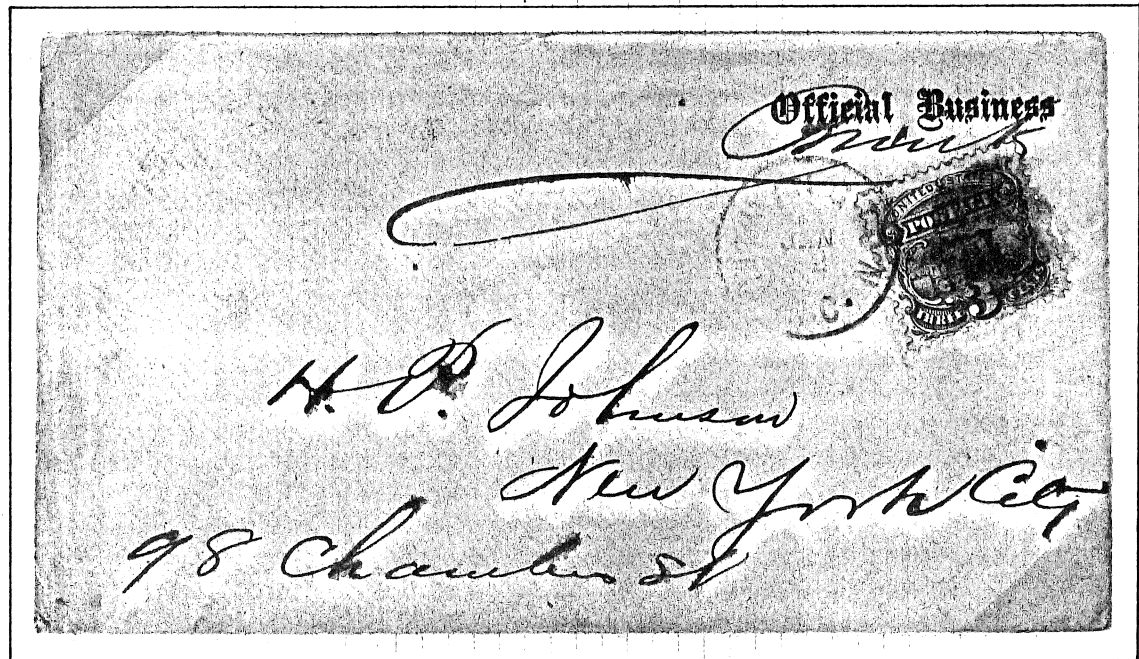
BACKSTAMP

POSTED AT CADIZ, OHIO ON MAY 27TH (PROBABLY 1869). THIS LETTER WAS ADVERTISED AT DETROIT MAY 30TH, STAMPED "NOT FOUND" ON JUNE 11TH. IT WAS FORWARDED TO THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE JULY 19TH AND STAMPED THERE ON JULY 29TH.



NEW YORK TO CHARLESTON VIA STEAMSHIP MANHATTAN, AUGUST,
1869. BILL OF LADING ENCLOSED.

GOVERNMENT USAGE



"CARPETBAG" COVER. THE BUREAU OF REFUGES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS HANDLED THE CONFISCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CONFEDERATE OFFICIALS' LANDS AFTER THE CIVIL WAR.

United States Internal Revenue,

Assessor's Office, 8th District, Massachusetts.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

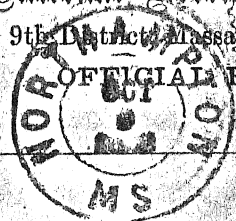
S. W. Richardson
Assistant Assessor.



Willis Cook Esq
Woonsocket
R.I.

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Collector's Office, 9th District, Alaska

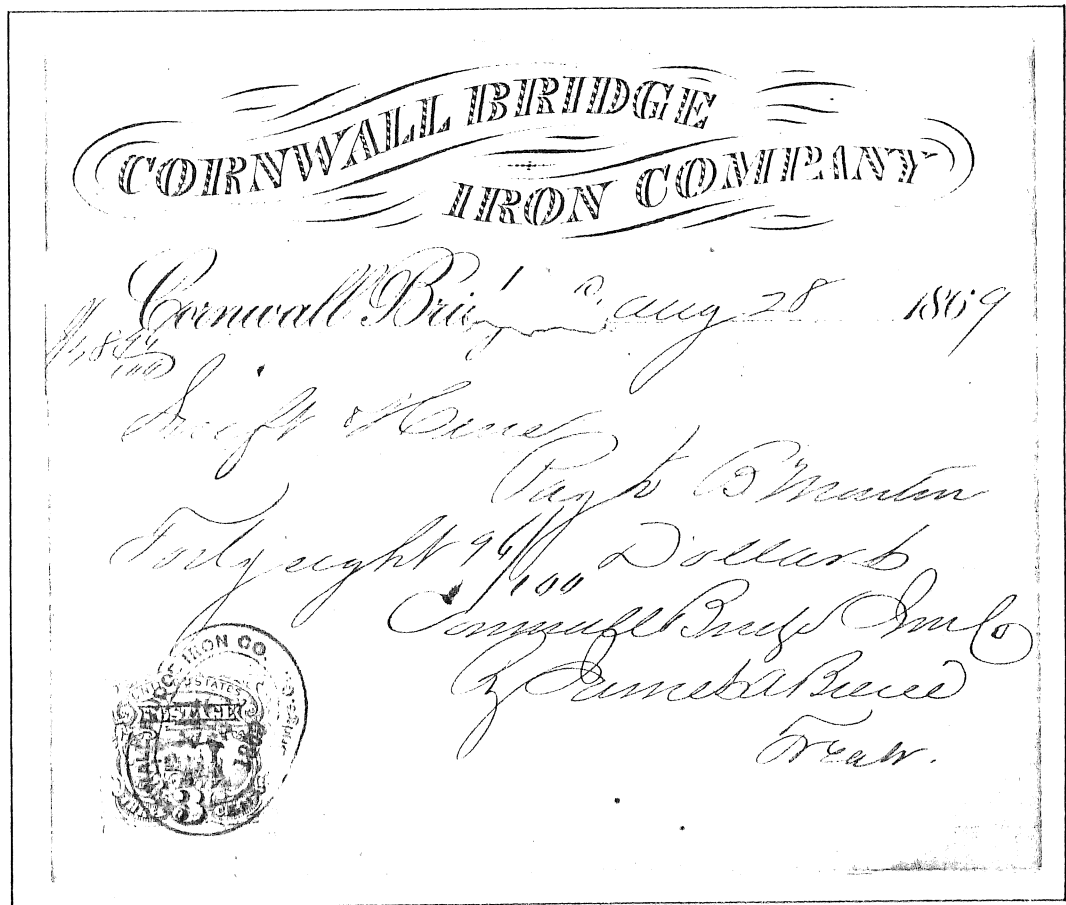


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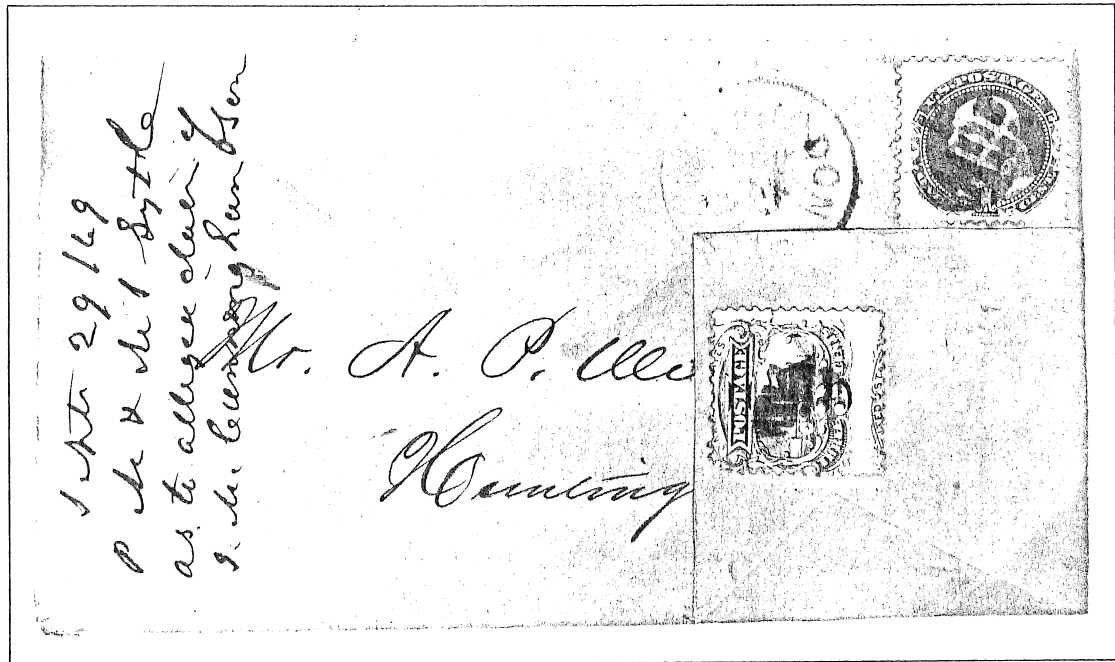
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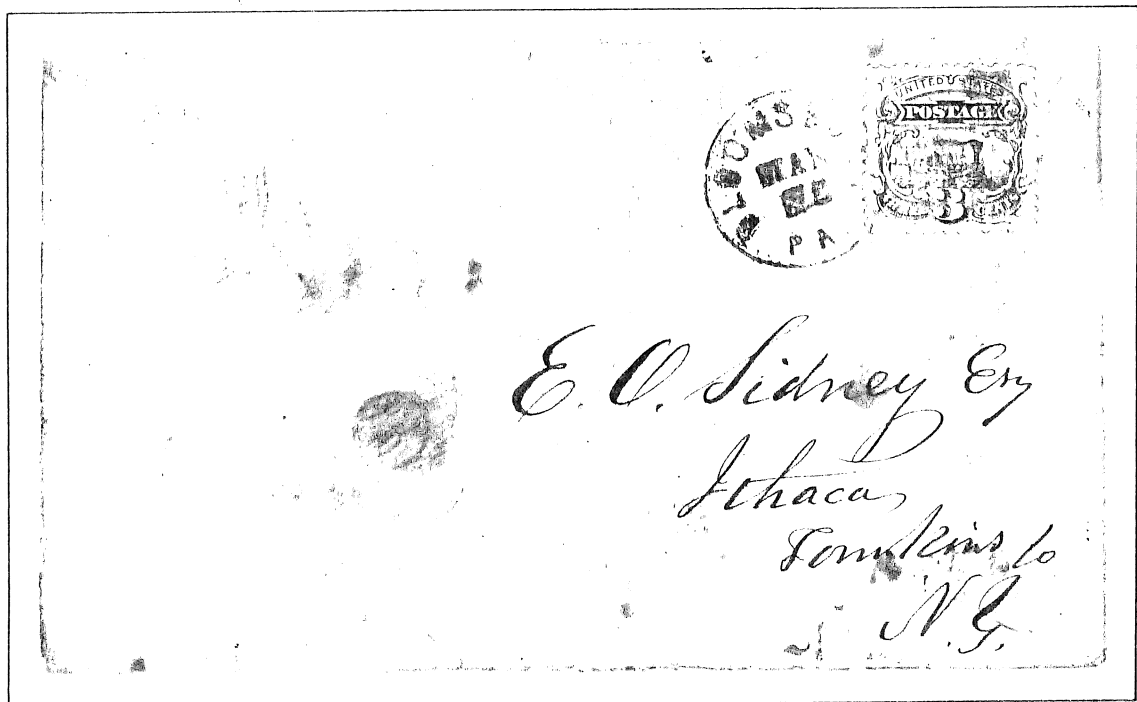


PROMISSORY NOTE. CORNWALL BRIDGE, CT., AUG. 28, 1869

TURNED COVERS



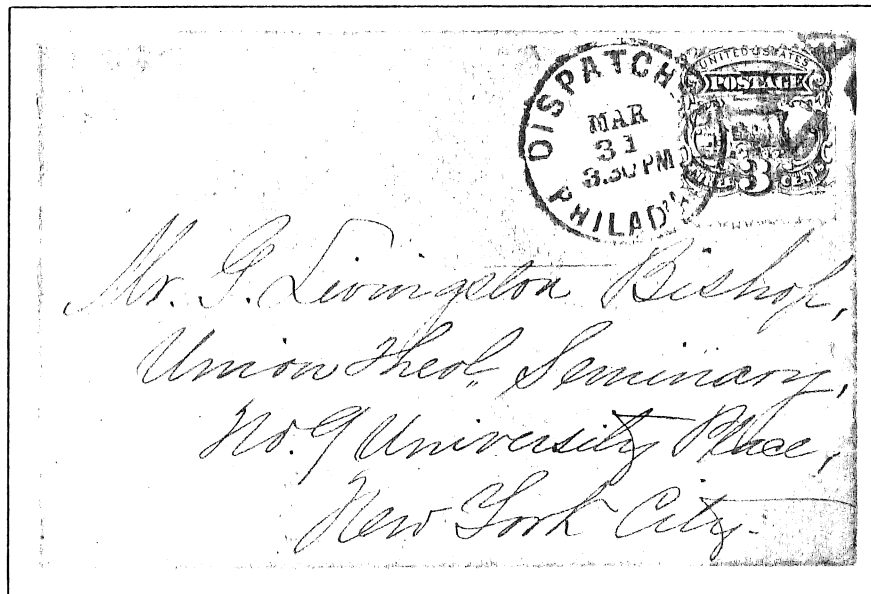
RE-USED AS DROP LETTER WITH 1-CENT 1869.



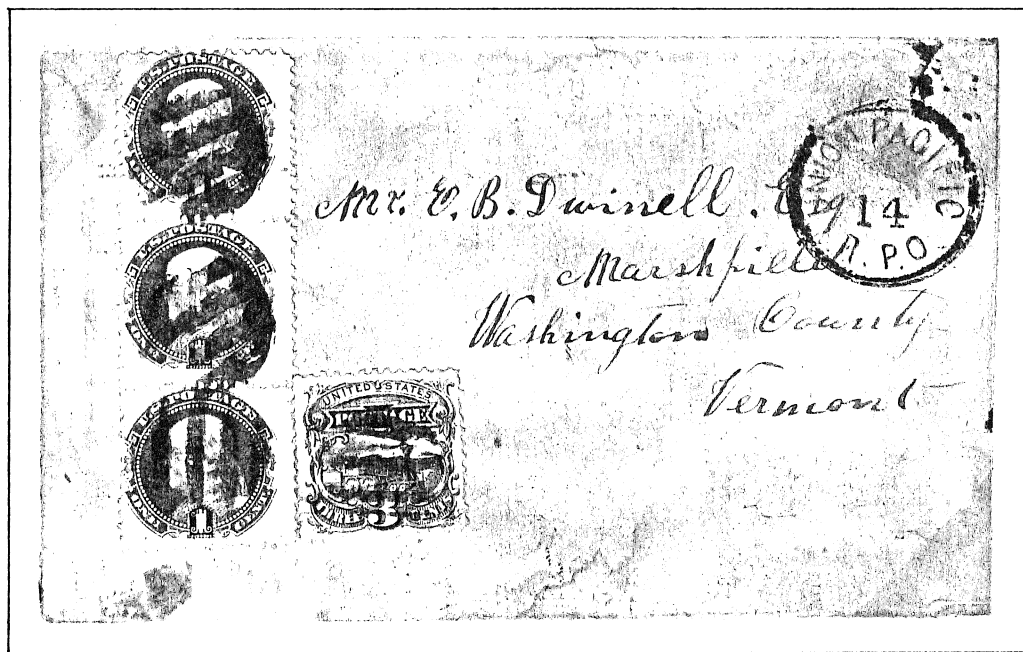
RE-USED 3-CENT PINK ON BUFF STAMPED ENVELOPE OF THE 1864-65 ISSUE.

RAILROAD USAGE

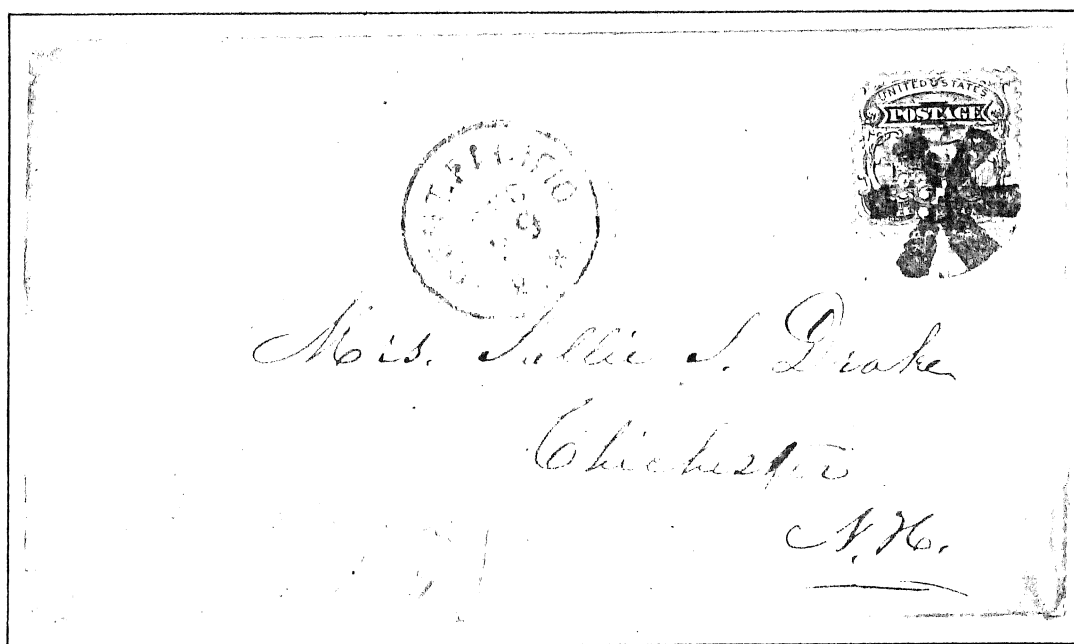
POSTMARK APPLIED BY RAILWAY MAIL AGENT TO LETTER POSTED AT STATION MAILBOX ON MARCH 31, PROBABLY 1870. ALL DISPATCHED MAIL WAS HANDLED AT THE WEST PHILADELPHIA STATION BY NEW YORK-WASHINGTON RPD CLERKS EXCEPT THE 3:30 PM MAIL WHICH LEFT FOR NEW YORK FROM FERRY STATION VIA CAMDEN, N.J. THIS LETTER WAS THUS HANDLED BY A NEW YORK-PHILADELPHIA ROUTE AGENT. USAGE ONLY KNOWN BETWEEN LATE 1868 AND EARLY 1870.



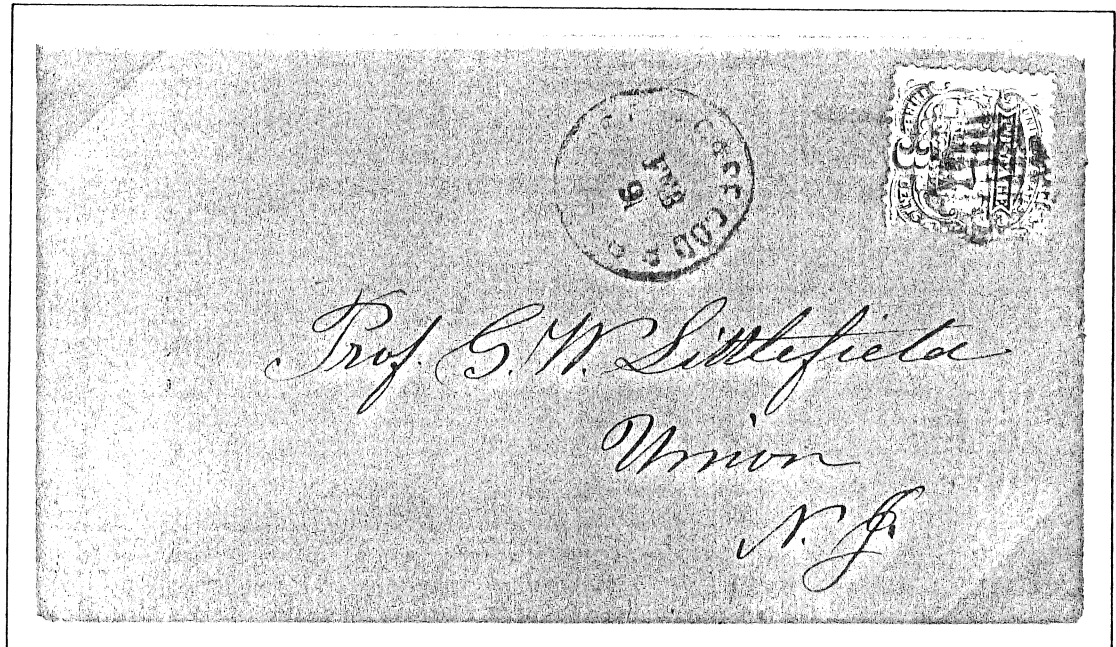
THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT WAS BRIDGED BY THE LINKUP OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROADS AT PROMONTORY, UTAH ON MAY 10, 1869.



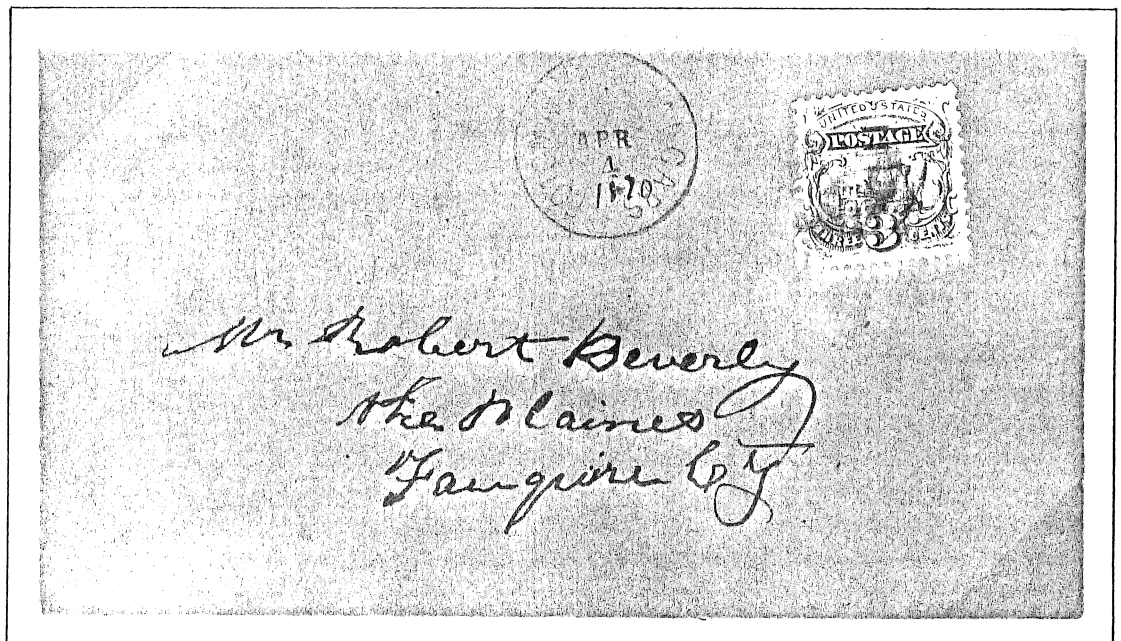
UNION PACIFIC R.R. USAGE WITH THREE 1-CENT 1869'S TO PAY DOUBLE WEIGHT POSTAGE.



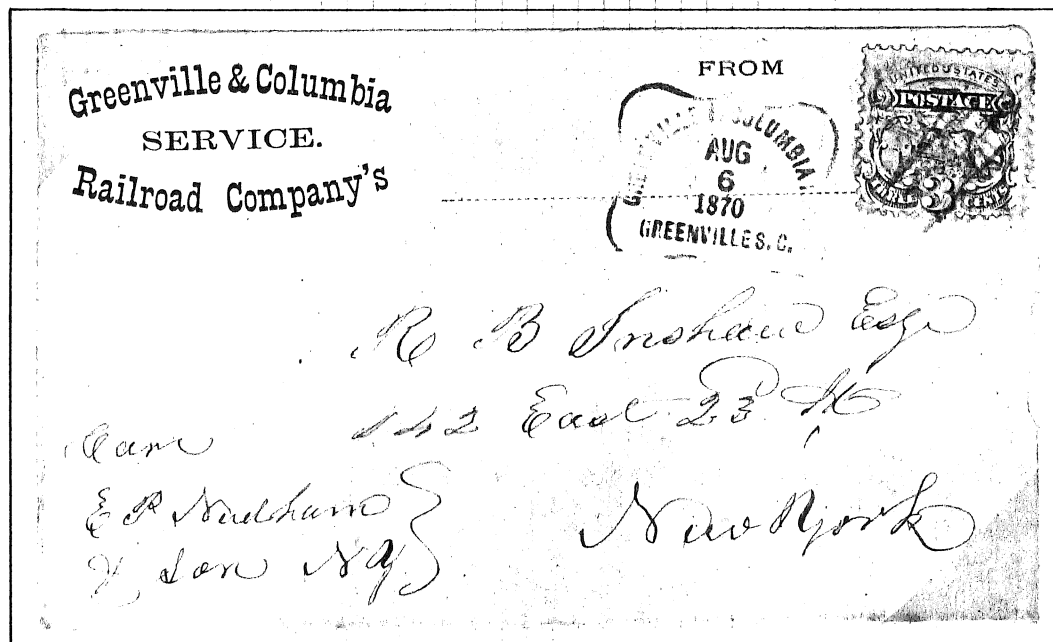
CENTRAL PACIFIC R.R. POSTED AT ELKO, NEVADA DEC. 29, 1869.



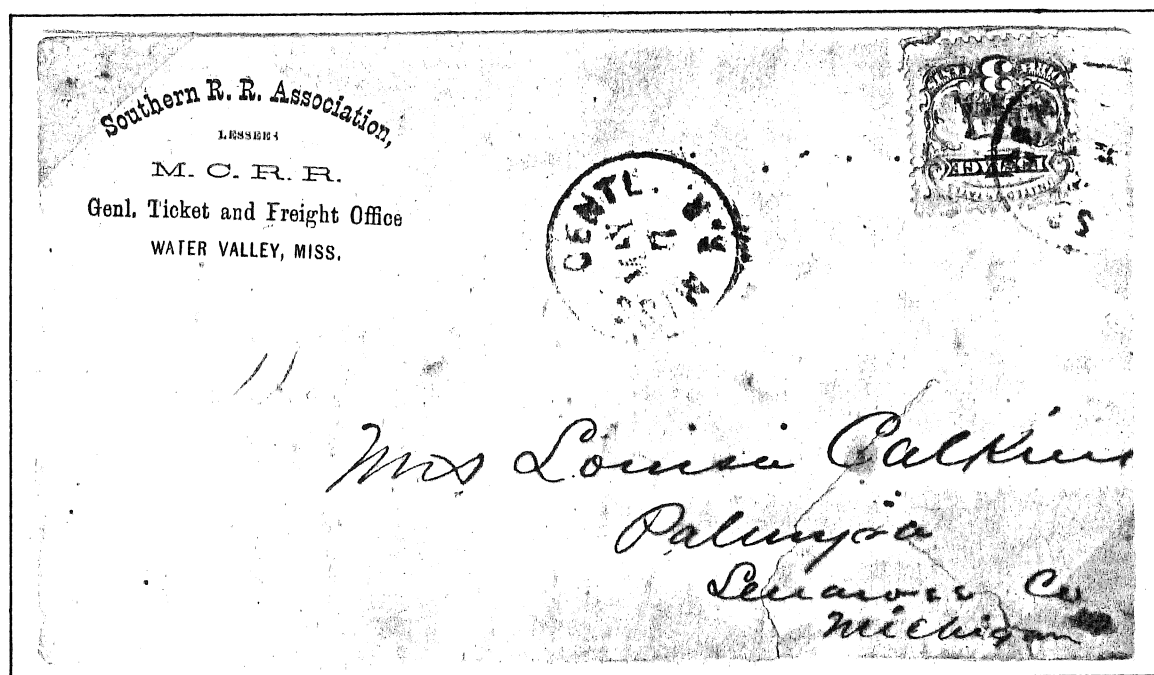
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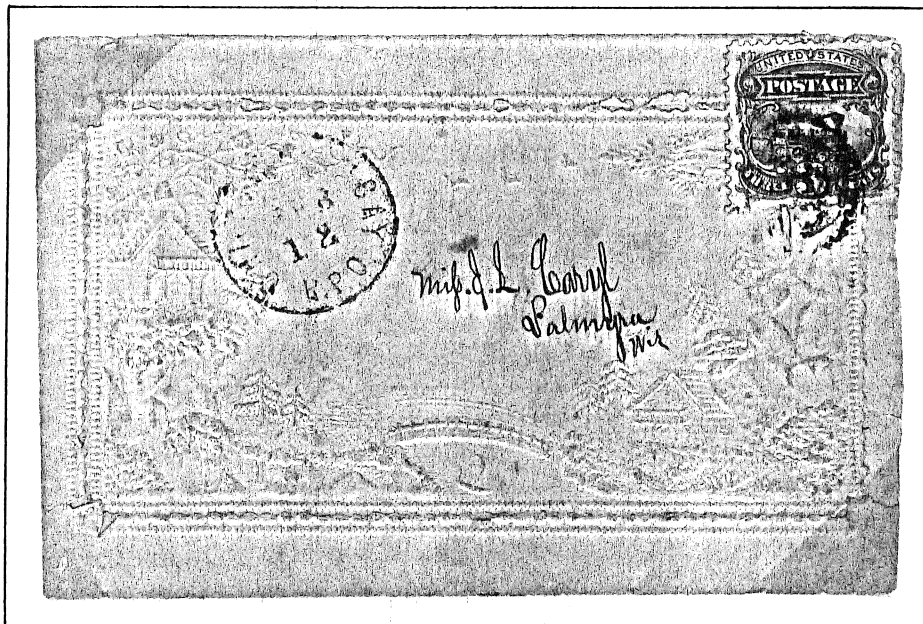
"POTOMAC POSTAL CARS" RAILWAY POST OFFICE MARKING OF 1867-70 FOR MAIL BETWEEN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND RICHMOND, VA. CARRIED ON POTOMAC RIVER STEAMBOAT AND RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG & POTOMAC R.R.



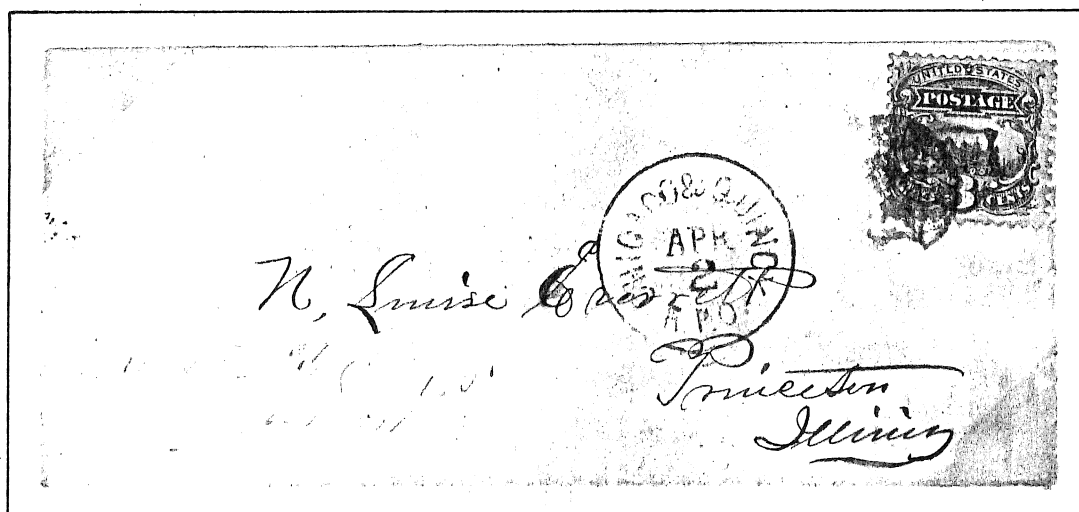
GREENVILLE & COLUMBIA R.R.



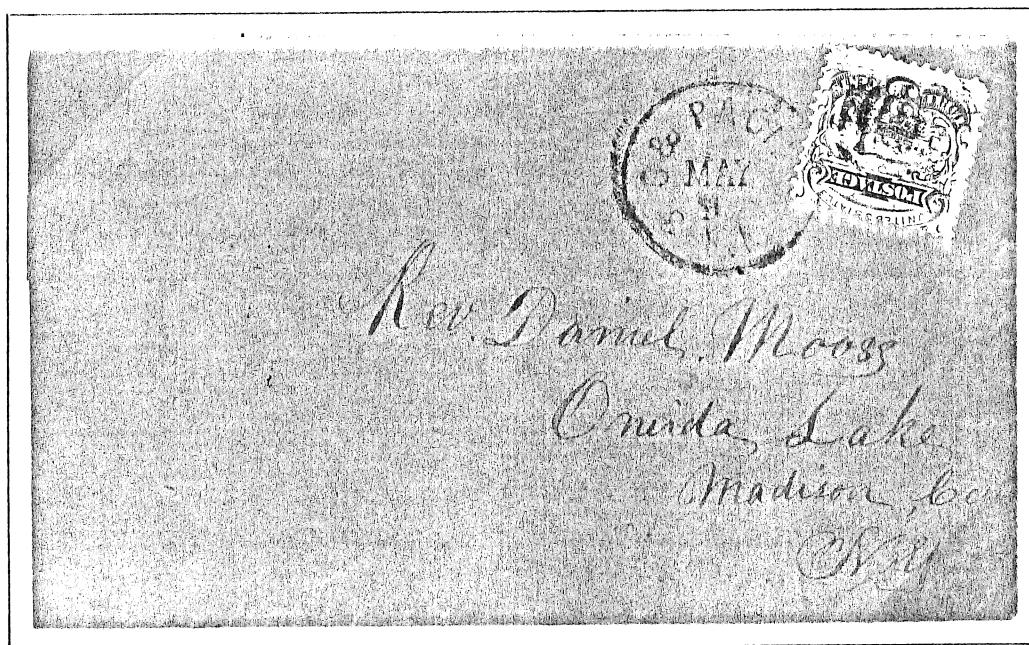
MISSISSIPPI CENTRAL R.R.



VALENTINE. CHICAGO AND GREEN BAY RPD CANCEL,
FEB. 12 (PROBABLY 1870).

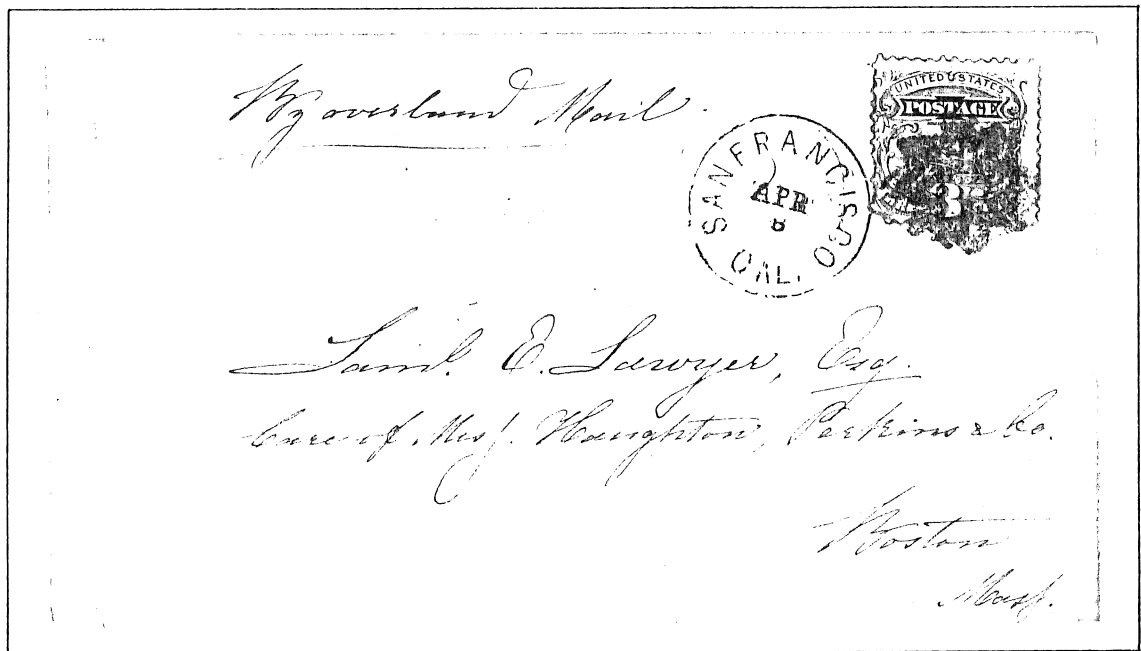


CHICAGO & QUINCY RPD

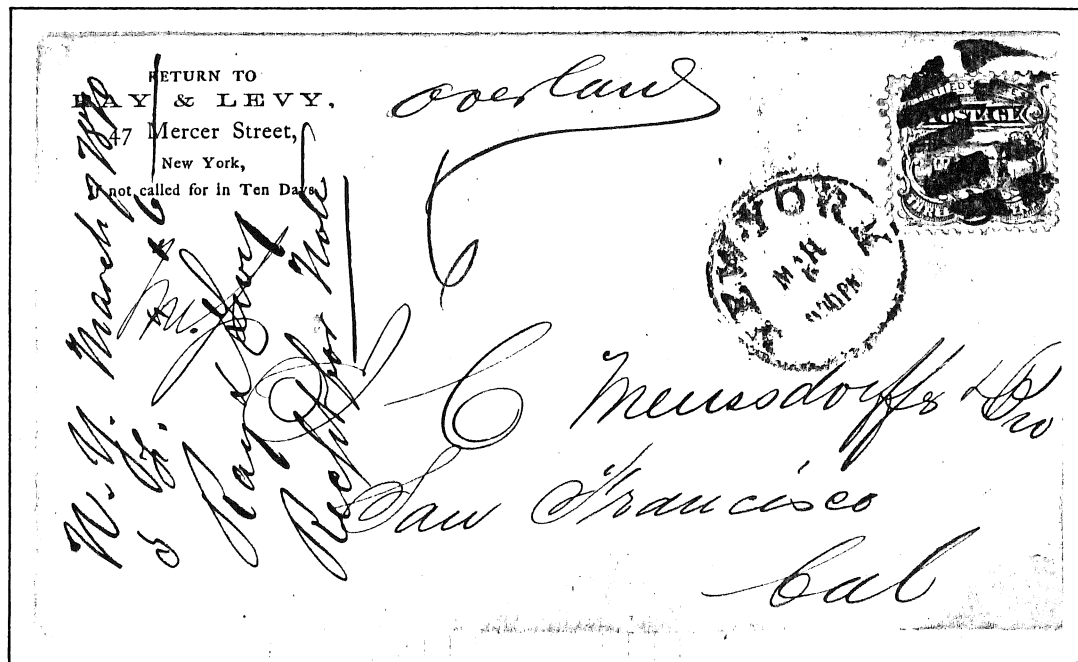


SIOUX CITY & PACIFIC R.R. A SMALL FEEDER LINE BETWEEN SIOUX CITY, IOWA AND FREMONT, NEBRASKA WHERE IT CONNECTED WITH THE UNION PACIFIC R.R. THE "FLUTTERCRACK" IS CLEARLY VISIBLE IN LOWER LEFT PORTION OF 3-CENT 1869 STAMP.

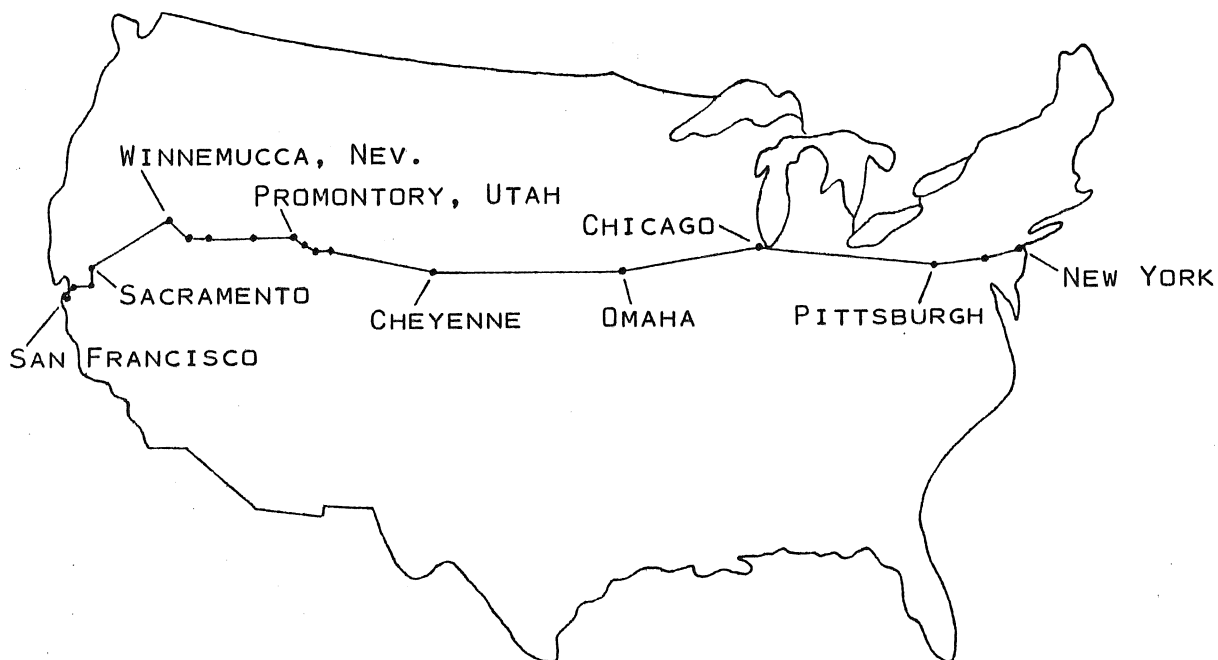
OVERLAND MAIL



POSTED AT SAN FRANCISCO ON APRIL 8, 1869 AND MARKED "BY OVERLAND MAIL", IT TRAVELLED MOSTLY BY RAIL BUT PARTLY BY STAGECOACH. ON APRIL 10TH THE RAILHEADS OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC AND UNION PACIFIC WERE STILL 110 MILES APART. A MONTH LATER, MAY 10, 1869, THE "GOLDEN SPIKE" WAS DRIVEN AT PROMONTORY, UTAH, ENDING THE ERA OF THE STAGECOACH. SUBSEQUENT OVERLAND MAIL ACROSS THE CONTINENT TRAVELLED ENTIRELY BY RAIL.



OVERLAND MAIL, MARCH, 1870

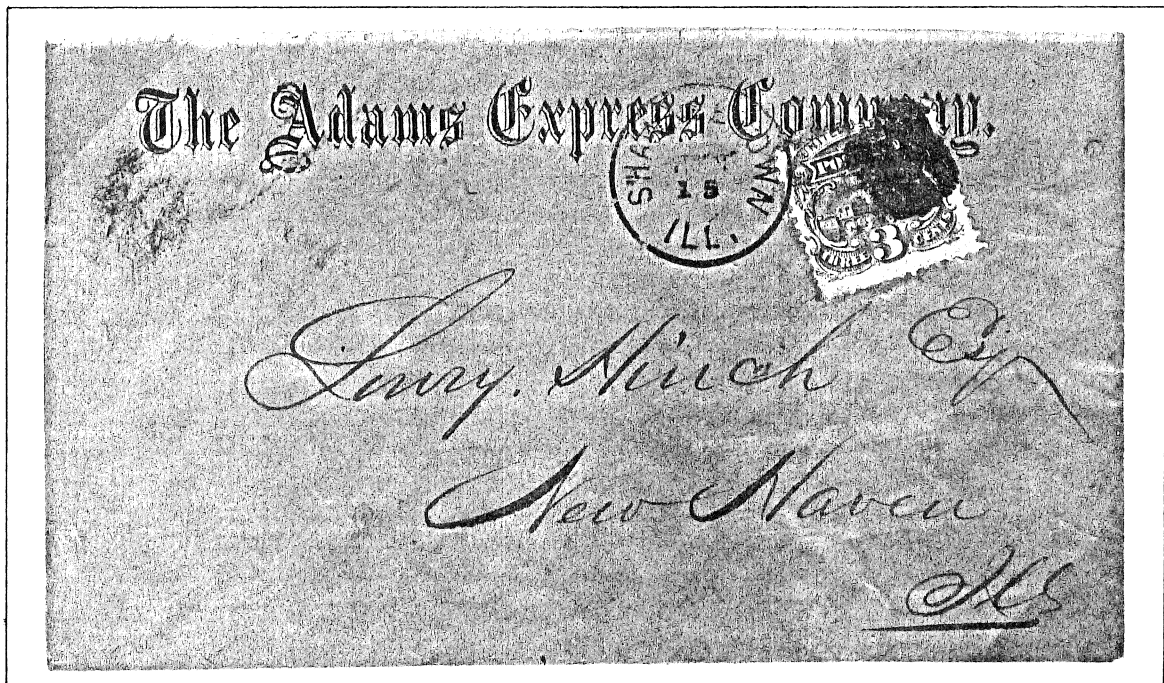


THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, IN A CIRCULAR OF INSTRUCTIONS DATED SEPTEMBER, 1869, DESIGNATED THE OVERLAND ROUTE FOR THROUGH MAILS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO. POST-MASTERS AT SPECIFIED POINTS KEPT ACCURATE RECORDS, CALLED "POST-BILLS", OF THE MONTH, DAY AND HOUR OF MAIL ARRIVALS. AVERAGE TIME BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK IN OCTOBER, 1869 WAS 6 DAYS, 15 HOURS AND 20 MINUTES.

EASTERN EXPRESS MAILS

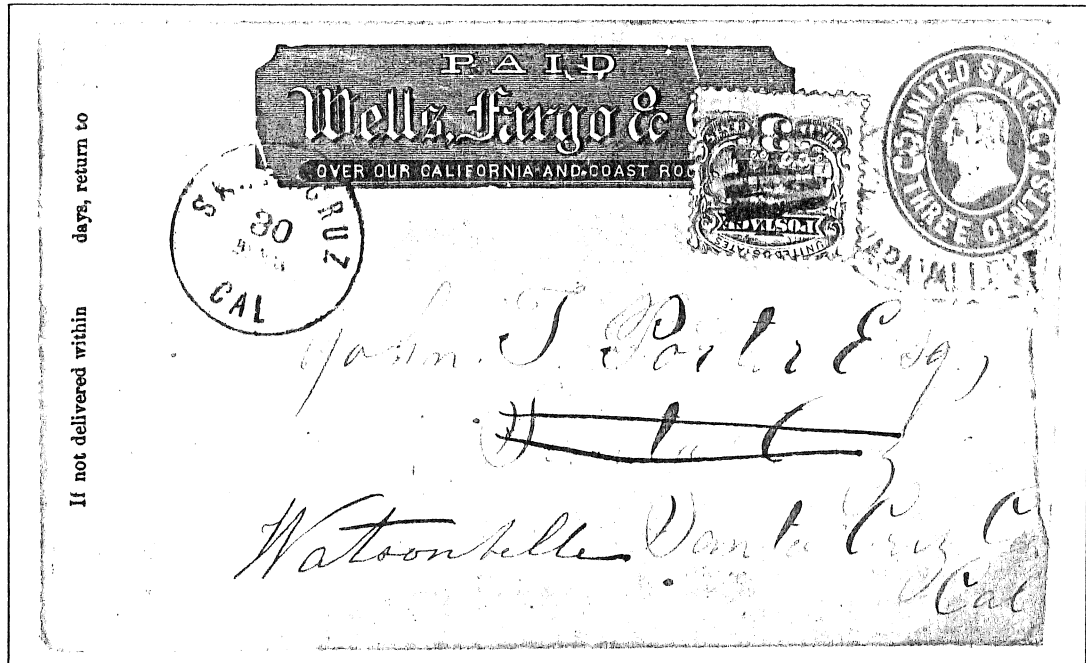


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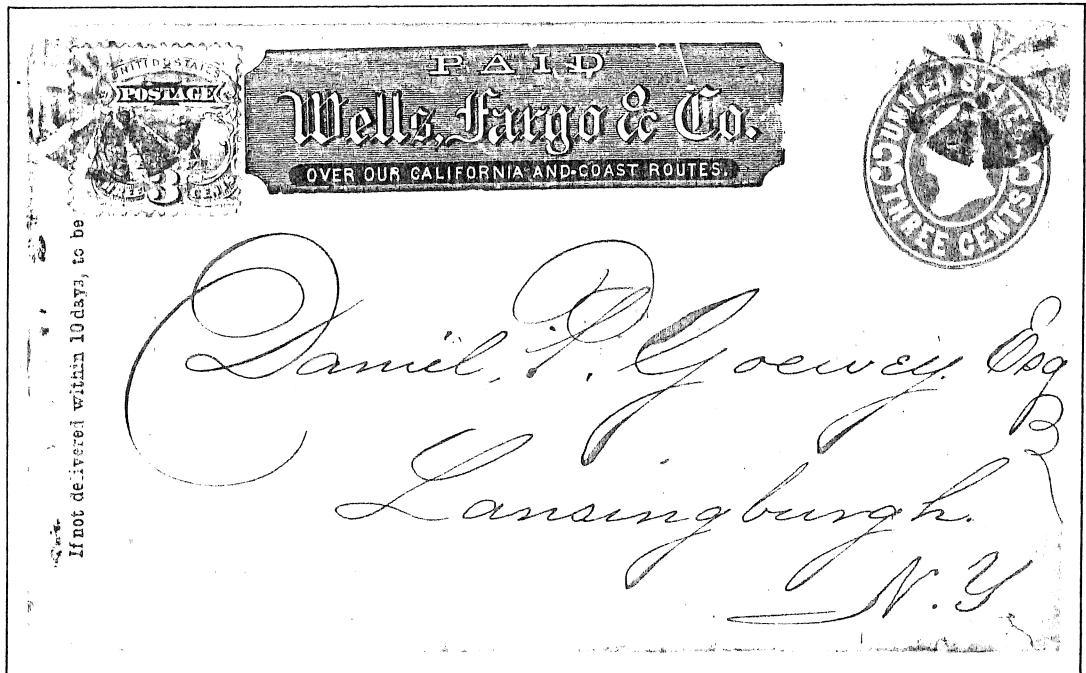


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WESTERN EXPRESS MAILS



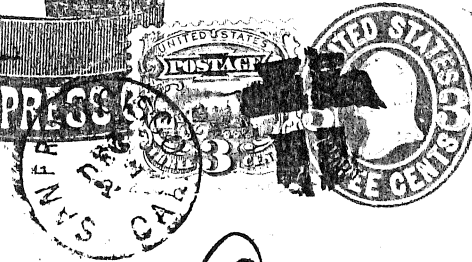
USED TO FORWARD STAMPED ENVELOPE OF 1864-65 ISSUE. WELLS FARGO NAPA VALLEY OVAL CANCELLATION. CARRIED ON NAPA VALLEY R.R. TO SANTA CRUZ, THEN FORWARDED TO WATSONVILLE.



USAGE WITH STAMPED ENVELOPE TO PAY DOUBLE POSTAGE.

If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to

PAID
PACIFIC UNION EXPRESS



Mrs. Sallie S. Drake
Chickster
N. H.

USED TO PAY DOUBLE POSTAGE. PACIFIC UNION WAS MERGED INTO WELLS-FARGO IN DECEMBER, 1869. THIS IS A LATE USAGE.

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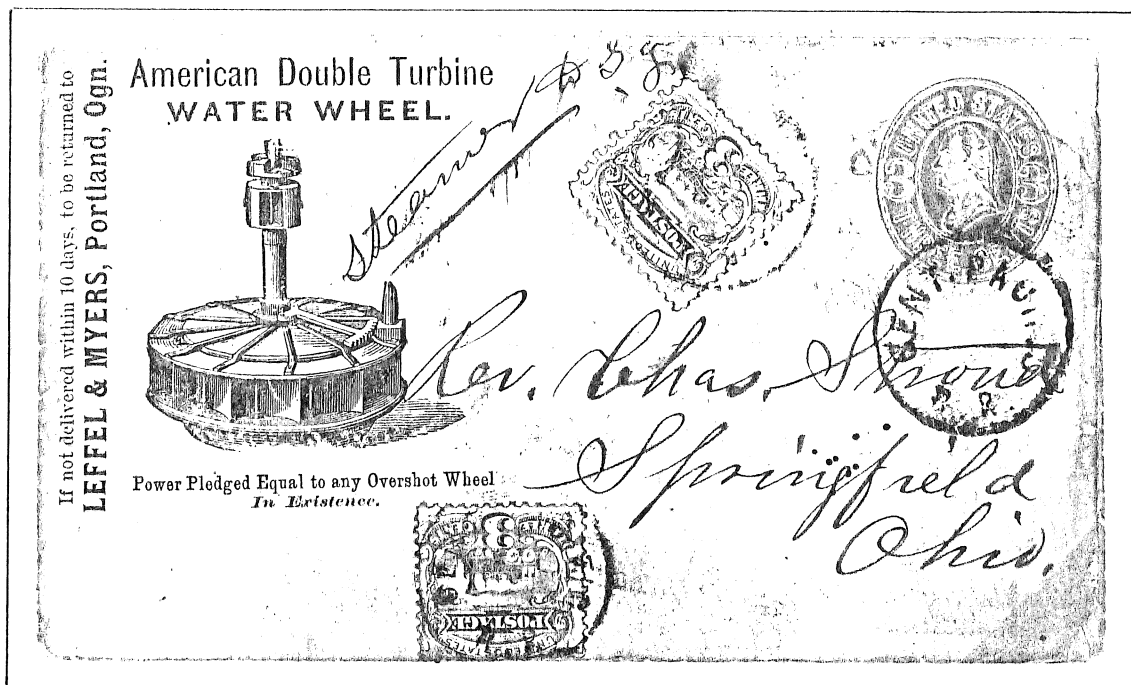
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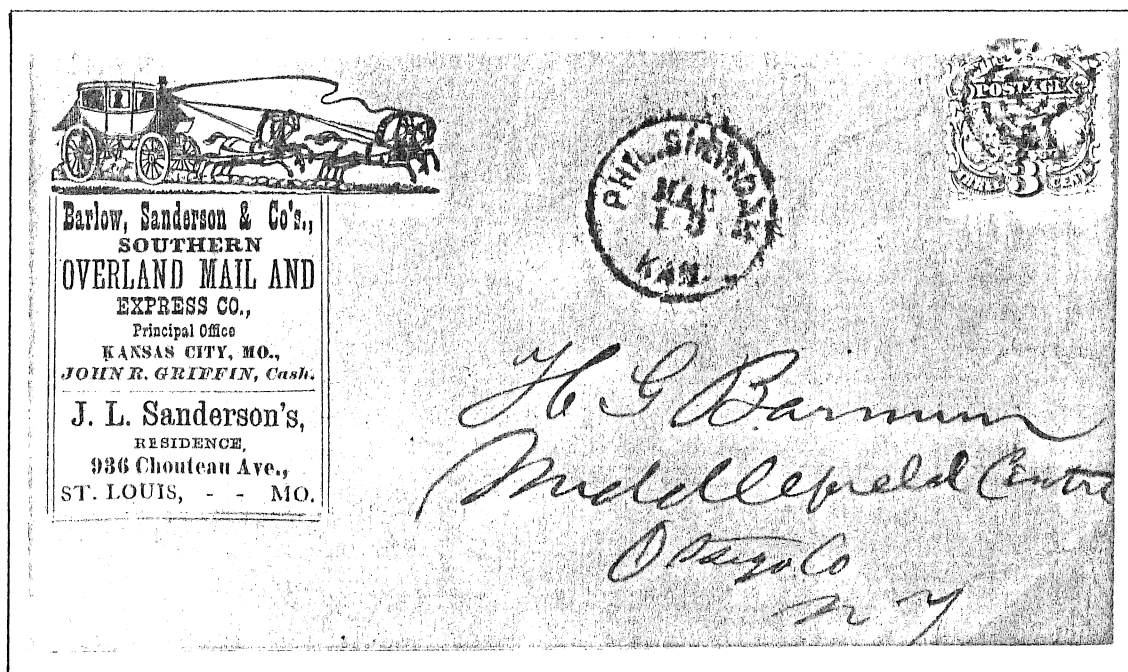
Mr W B Shaw
Alfred
Main



USED TO PAY DOUBLE POSTAGE. BAMBER & CO. OPERATED IN CONTRA COSTA AND ALAMEDA COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA.

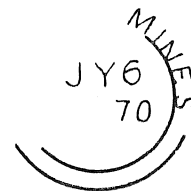
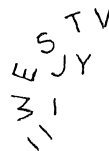
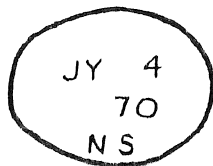
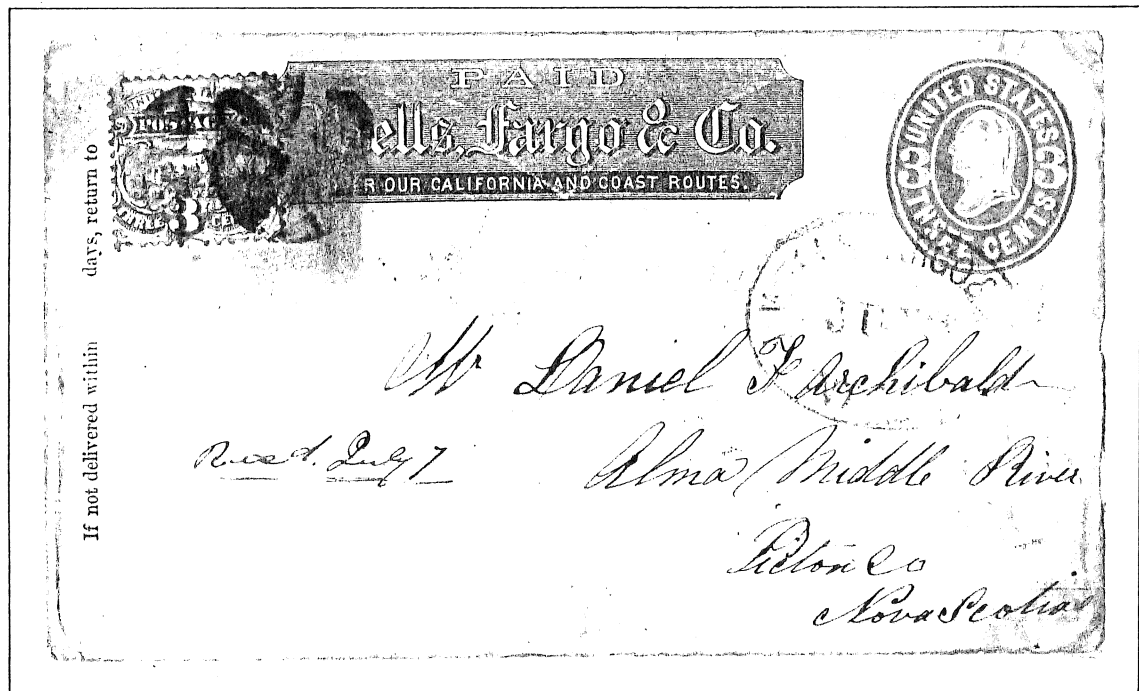


USED TO PAY QUADRUPLE WEIGHT ON PASTE-UP WITH WELLS-FARGO EMBOSSED FRANK. (REVERSE). BOTH ENVELOPE STAMPS WITH BLUE OVAL WELLS-FARGO PORTLAND, ORE. CANCELS. "STEAMER TO SF" DOCKETING. TRANSIT TO OHIO ON CENTRAL PACIFIC R.R.



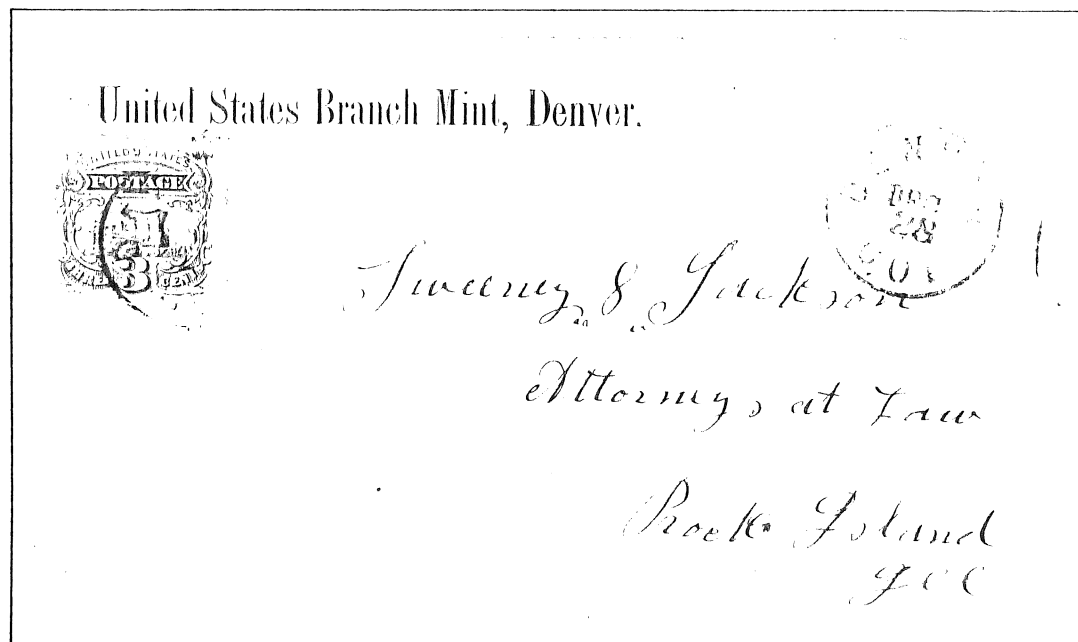
SINGLE WEIGHT USAGE. SOUTHERN OVERLAND MAIL AND EXPRESS CO. FRANK USED AT PHIL SHERIDAN, KAN.

USAGE WITH STAMPED ENVELOPE TO PAY 6-CENT RATE TO CANADA. WELLS FARGO POINT ARENAS (CALIFORNIA) OVAL CANCELLATION JUNE 3 (?), 1870. MOSTLY INDISTINCT BACKSTAMPS INDICATE ARRIVAL IN NOVA SCOTIA JULY 4TH, PICTOU JULY 5TH, WESTVILLE JULY ?, AND A MINING CAMP JULY 6TH. ADDRESSEE NOTED A JULY 7TH RECEIPT.

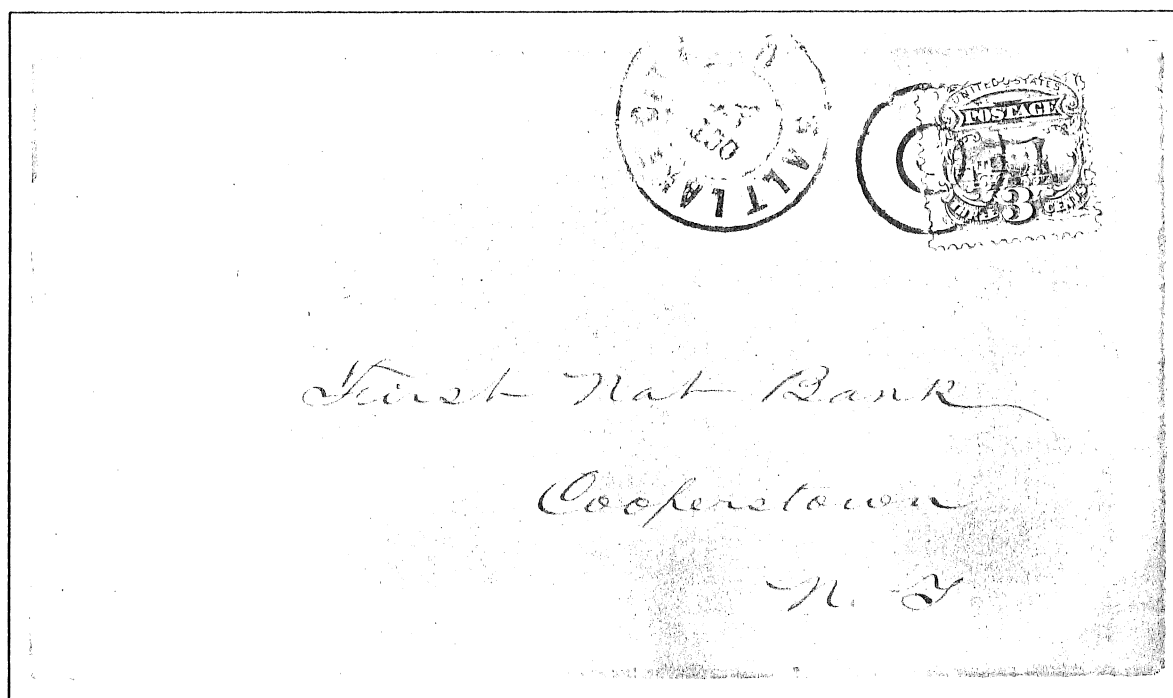


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TERRITORIAL USAGE



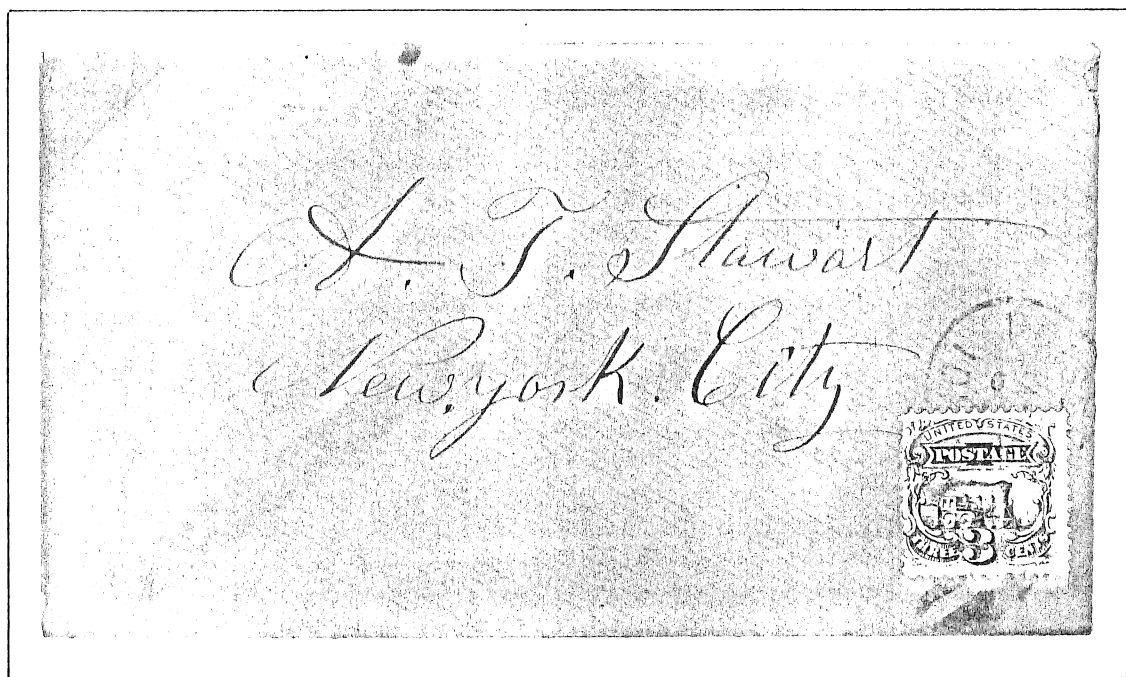
DENVER, COLORADO TERRITORY



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