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Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. (Lots 1-144)
and at 1:30 p.m. (Lots 145-433)

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Friday, March 22 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 25 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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On The Cover
Front Cover: The matched pair of Moody’s Penny Dispatch covers—the only recorded 1c 1851 combination and the unique “Henny” for “Penny” error (lot 302)
Back Cover: U.S. City Despatch Post cover and Valentine sent by Abraham B. Mead, letter carrier, to his daughter, Amelia (lot 83)
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The width of margins and the centering of the design within perforations are graded in strict accordance with the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue standards. The following grades are used:

- **Extremely Fine (EF)**: Exceptionally large margins or near perfect centering, used to describe stamps which are of superior grade for the issue.
- **Very Fine (VF)**: Normal size margins for the issue and well-centered with design a bit closer to one side.
- **Fine (F)**: Imperforate stamps may have smaller than usual margins and perforated stamps will be noticeably off-center. Issues before 1890 may have the design touched in places. If used, fairly lightly cancelled.
- **Very Good (VG)**: Attractive appearance, but margins or perforations may cut into.
- **Good (G)**: Average off-centered example with slight faults. This condition is generally acceptable for multiples and rarities.

Gum
Stamps issued before 1900 should not be expected to have original gum unless specifically stated in the description. 20th Century issues may be expected to have original gum unless described otherwise. Terms used to describe the condition of gum are as follows:

- **Mint**: As issued by the post office and never hinged.
- **Original Gum (O.G.)**: Stamp retains full original gum showing slight disturbance caused by previous hinge, which may be present or entirely removed. Early 19th century stamps should be expected to show cracking and toning in gum, which occurs naturally over time.
- **Part Original Gum**: Up to half of the gum is missing, but the remaining portion is original.
- **Disturbed Original Gum**: The gum is original to the stamp, but has been noticeably affected by hinge removal and/or humidity, mount glazing, etc.
- **Hinge Mark**: Noticeable area where hinge has been removed and gum has been redistributed. Stamps described with hinge marks may not be returned because of gum disturbance.
- **Hinge Remnant (H.R.)**: All or part of hinge remaining affixed to gum.

Covers
Minor nicks, tears and slight reduction from opening are to be expected in 19th century covers. Folded letters normally have tears in the reverse and file folds, which will not be mentioned unless they affect the stamps or markings. Light cleaning of covers is an accepted form of conservation and is not grounds for return of a lot. The terms "Extremely Fine", etc., are meant to convey the overall appearance of cover, not the condition of an individual stamp.

Catalogue Values and Estimates
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Symbols and Abbreviations

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FIRST SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1996, AT 10:30 A.M.

THE UNITED STATES CARRIER SYSTEM

OFFICIAL ISSUES—ESSAYS AND PROOFS

1°E Franklin Carrier, Vignette Only, Schernikow Die Essays (LO1-E1a, LO1-E1c).
Three, incl. Carmine and Blue on proof paper, Dull Olive on Green bond, Very Fine ............................................. 275.00

2°E (1c) Franklin Carrier, Brazer Die Essay, Scarlet on Glazed Card (LO1-E3b). 50 x 50mm die sunk on large card, Very Fine, rare essay showing lathework impinging on colorless frame around portrait, printed in 1953 by Clarence Brazer ... 500.00

3°P (1c) Franklin Carrier, 1c Eagle Carrier, Blue Large Die Proofs on India (LO1P1, LO2P1). Matching pair, each die sunk on card, Very Fine, scarce set..... 1,600.00

4°P (1c) Franklin Carrier, 1c Eagle Carrier, Blue Small Die Proofs (LO1P2, LO2P2). Each on original gray card from the Roosevelt albums, Very Fine ..................... 600.00

5°P (1c) Franklin Carrier, 1c Eagle Carrier, Blue Small Die Proofs (LO1P2, LO2P2). From the Roosevelt albums, Very Fine................................. Not illustrated 600.00

6°P (1c) Franklin Carrier, 1c Eagle Carrier, Panama-Pacific Small Die Proofs, Blue on Soft Yellowish Wove (LO1P2a, LO2P2a). A set of the rarest of the various die proofs, Extremely Fine ............................................. 3,000.00

7°P (1c) Franklin Carrier, 1c Eagle Carrier, Blue Plate Proofs on India and Card (LO1P3, LO1P4, LO2P3, LO2P4). Complete set of plate proofs in issued colors, margins to slight in, minor gum soaks on India proofs, Fine ......................................................... Not illustrated 140.00

8°TC (1c) Franklin Carrier, Orange Trial Color Plate Proof on Wove (LO1TCa). Mostly ample to large margins, touched at upper right, fresh and Fine, very scarce, with P.F. certificate ........................................................................................................ 350.00

9°TC (1c) Franklin Carrier, Deep Green Trial Color Plate Proof on India (LO1TC). Block of four, large even margins, negligible thinning, Very Fine appearance and scarce as a multiple, ex Middendorf................................................................. 1,250.00

10°TC 1c Eagle Carrier, Orange Trial Color Plate Proof on Wove (LO2TCa). Margins all around, Very Fine and rare ......................................................... 350.00

11°TC (1c) Franklin Carrier, 1c Eagle Carrier, Atlanta Trial Color Plate Proofs on Card (LO1TC, LO2TC). Complete set of five colors, most with four margins, Franklin in Green cut in at B., otherwise Very Fine ......................................................... Not illustrated 920.00
OFFICIAL CARRIER ISSUES—STAMPS AND REPRINTS

12°** 1c Blue, Eagle Carrier (LO2). Top right corner margin block of 24, Mint, small selvage tear, still Extremely Fine................................................................. 900.00

13°** 1c Blue, Eagle Carrier (LO2). Bottom left corner margin block of twelve, Mint, light gum crease, still Extremely Fine.......................................................... 450.00

14° (1c) Blue on Rose, Franklin Carrier Reprint (LO3). Block of 50 with part of Toppan Carpenter imprint in upper left sheet margin, the bottom half of left pane from the Group III printing, minor faults to be expected in a multiple of this size, still Very Fine and an outstanding exhibition item, Scott Retail for blocks and singles................................................................. 2,750.00

15° (1c) Blue on Rose, Franklin Carrier Reprint (LO3). Block of four with left sheet margin showing part imprint of Toppan Carpenter, large margins all around, Extremely Fine ........................................................................................................ 225.00

16° (1c) Franklin Carrier, 1c Eagle Carrier, Reprints (LO3 two, LO5 two, LO6). Incl. one LO3 with favor cancel, Fine group.................................................................Not illustrated  340.00

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES  – 7 –  MARCH 26, 1996
1c Blue, Eagle Carrier (LO2). Clear margins to touched, red ms. initials of carrier, Thomas Harkness, used with 3c Dull Red (11), ample margins to in at T., both stamps tied by “Washington D.C. Jun. 9, 1855” cds on neat cover to U.S. Navy Office in New York, Very Fine, a choice and very rare cover with the initialled Eagle carrier stamp.......................................................... E. 1,000-1,500

18° 1c Blue, Eagle Carrier (LO2). Large even margins, red ms. initial “H” of carrier, Thomas Harkness, used on 3c Red on Buff Nesbitt Entire (U2), carrier tied by “Washington City D.C. Sep. 15” cds, to Somerville N.J., Extremely Fine, the Eagle stamp is extremely rare with this Washington D.C. carrier’s initials, ex Middendorf .......................................................... E. 1,000-1,500
19°<sup>o</sup> 1c Blue, Eagle Carrier (LO2). Roughly separated with design mostly clear, used with 1857 3c Dull Red (26), both stamps tied by blue “Cincinnati O. Feb. 16” cds on cover to Salem N.H., Fine and rare, Scott Retail for this combination is $1,500.00 plus $200.00 premium for Cincinnati cancellation.............. E. 400-500

20°<sup>o</sup> 1c Blue, Eagle Carrier (LO2). Large margins, bold red star cancel, matching “U.S.P.O. Despatch/Pre-Paid/One Cent” double-oval hs on folded partly printed notice addressed locally, Very Fine, very scarce used with the oval U.S.P.O. carrier marking.............................................................. E. 400-500

21°<sup>o</sup> 1c Blue, Eagle Carrier (LO2). Clear to large margins, used with 3c Dull Red (11), margins to slightly in, both stamps tied by blue “Philadelphia Pa. Dec. 21” cds, carrier also cancelled by red star, on small cover to New York, Extremely Fine...... .............................................................. E. 400-500

22°<sup>o</sup> 1c Blue, Eagle Carrier (LO2). Margins all around, tied by red star, 3c Brownish Carmine (11) tied by blue “Philadelphia Pa. Apr. 26” cds on blue folded letter to New York, Extremely Fine.............................................. E. 300-400

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES - 9 - MARCH 26, 1996
SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES
MARCH 26, 1996

SEMI-OFFICIAL CARRIER ISSUES
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

23°  Baltimore Md., 1c Red on Bluish (1LB1). Three large margins, just barely touched at L., tied by blue grid on Oct. 1852 folded letter locally addressed, Very Fine, unusually choice tied example of this Baltimore carrier............................. E. 750-1,000

24°  Baltimore Md., 1c Red on Bluish (1LB1). Left sheet margin copy cancelled by ms. cross strokes, used with 3c Dull Red (1), average, tied by blue “Baltimore Md. Nov. 9” cds on 1855 folded cover to New York, light toning along file fold, still Very Fine and choice, with P.F. certificate......................................................... E. 750-1,000

25°  Baltimore Md., 1c Blue on Bluish (1LB2). Margins all around, deep shade, ms. “X” cancel, tied at upper left by blue “Baltimore Md. Feb. 25” cds, second full strike and red “10” hs on cover to Buchannon Carroll & Co. in New Orleans, Extremely Fine, very scarce tied usage and unusual 10c letter rate combination, ex Caspary, Middendorf ........................................................................................................ E. 1,500-2,000
26° Baltimore Md., 1c Blue (1LB3). Margins to just touching, ms. cancel, used with 3c Dull Red (11), mostly large margins, tied by blue “Baltimore Md. Nov. 3” rimless cds on blue cover to Eatonton Ga., Very Fine ......................... E. 400-500

27° Baltimore Md., 1c Blue (1LB6). Large to huge margins, used with 3c Dull Red (26), some scissors-trimmed perfs, both stamps tied by blue “Baltimore Md. Feb. 9” cds on small cover to Washington D.C., Very Fine and choice tied example of the “1c Coin” carrier.......................... E. 400-500

28° Baltimore Md., 1c Red (1LB7). Full to large margins, fresh, used with 3c Dull Red (26), both stamps tied by blue “Baltimore Md. Apr. 30” cds on cover front only, beautiful building corner card, ms. arithmetic also ties carrier, very handsome and exhibitable............................................. E. 200-300

29° Baltimore Md., 1c Black, Short Rays (1LB8b). Pos. 2, large margins, used with 3c Dull Red (26), each stamp tied by blue “Baltimore Md.” cds on small cover to New York, Very Fine .................................................. E. 400-500

30° Baltimore Md., 1c Red (1LB9). Large margins to touched at B.R. frameline, used with 3c Dull Red (26), both stamps tied by blue “Baltimore Md. Nov. 26” cds on buff cover to Frederick Md., Extremely Fine and choice tied usage, ex Wiltsee........ E. 300-400

31° Baltimore Md. “Paid—Carrier—1 Cent”. Blue circular hs on buff cover with St. Thalberg’s Concert embossed card on flap and printed enclosure announcing free concert, considerably toned, but a clear strike of this scarce marking .. E. 100-150

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

32 * Boston Mass., 1c Blue on Pelure (3LB1). Just touching to large margins, o.g., h.r., Fine ................................................................. 375.00

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES – 11 – MARCH 26, 1996
Boston Mass., 1c Blue on Pelure (3LB1). Margins all around, usual brownish gum shows thru pelure paper, black cancel, used with 5c Brown (1), margins to slightly in, tied by black grids, red “Boston 14 Oct. 5 cts” integral rate cds on small 1850 cover to Stanstead, Lower Canada, red Stanstead receiving cds

A VERY FINE AND RARE COMBINATION OF THE 1847 ISSUE AND BOSTON CARRIER STAMP ON CROSS-BORDER COVER.

With 1990 P.F. certificate. Scott Retail for this combination is $4,000.00 ..................

.......................................................... E. 4,000-5,000
34° Boston Mass., 1c Blue on Pelure (3LB1). Margins all around, usual brownish gum shows thru pelure paper, tied by red handstamped cancel, matching perfectly clear “Boston 10cts 21 Nov.” integral rate cds on 1850 folded letter from Roxbury to Philadelphia, Extremely Fine, ex Middendorf.................................................. E. 400-500

35° Boston Mass., 1c Blue on Pelure (3LB1). Full to large margins, tied by red “Boston 5cts 22 Nov.” cds, on undated folded cover to Abington Center, Mass., Very Fine.......................................................... E. 200-250

36° Boston Mass., 1c Blue (3LB2). Three large margins, touched at B., tied by red circle, used with 3c Brownish Carmine (11), margins just touching, tied by “Paid” grid and red “Boston 3cts” integral rate cds on small embossed lady’s cover to Westbrook Me., Very Fine, a colorful and attractive usage ....................... E. 500-600

37° Boston Mass., 1c Blue (3LB2). Large to huge margins, tied by red crayon, used with 3c Orange Brown (10), large margins to just in, deep rich color, tied by small “Paid” grid, red “Boston 3cts 4 Oct.” integral rate cds on folded cover to Dorchester Mass., Extremely Fine, ex Caspar, Middendorf, with 1991 P.F. certificate .................................................. E. 600-800

38° Boston Mass., 1c Blue (3LB2). Two huge margins showing bits of adjoining stamps, other sides touched, used with 3c Orange Brown (10), large margins to barely in, fine impression, clear small “Paid” grid, both stamps tied by red “Boston 3 cts 15 Oct.” cds on small cover to Hanover N.H., additional red crayon cancel on carrier, Very Fine and choice tied usage.......................................................... E. 400-500
BOSTON CARRIER USAGES


41°  Boston Mass. “Penny Post Paid”. Double-circle with grid at center, Boston carrier black hs on locally addressed cover, a bit worn with small erosion hole at left, Fine. ................................................................. E. 75-100

42°  Boston Mass. “2 cts. for this”. Ms. endorsement on orange-buff cover with red “Boston Jun. 21” cds and local street address, Very Fine, scarce manuscript carrier notation ................................................. E. 100-150


45°  Boston Mass. “Due 1 Cent” Carrier Usages. Straightline due marking for carrier fee on three covers with 3c Dull Red (26) and one 3c Red Nesbitt entire, each has red Boston cds, one with overall gray lithographed return card, incl. a fifth cover with 1c & 3c combination from Boston showing full prepayment, Fine-Very Fine group .............................................................................. E. 300-400

46°  1c Blue, Ty. II, 3c Rose (20, 65). 1c Pl. 11 or 12, tied by “Paid” in oval, red “Boston Mass. Aug. 23” 1861 double-circle ds on red & blue Washington & Flag patriotic cover, mixed-issue franking while both 1857 and 1861 Issues valid, Very Fine............................................................. E. 200-250

47°  1c Blue, Ty. V, 3c Dull Red (24, 26). Two 3c for double rate plus 1c carrier fee, tied by large “Paid” grid and red “Boston Mass.” double-circle ds on cover to Belfast Me. with red & blue Soldier & Flag patriotic design, Fine, scarce usage .......... E. 300-400

48°  1c, 3c Carrier Usages from Boston. Three covers: 1c Ty. IIIa (22) on one, other two with Ty. V (24), each used with 3c Dull Red (26) and tied by “Paid” oval, red “Boston Mass.” double-circle ds, couple with minor tape stains, Fine group...... Not Illustrated  E. 300-400

49°  1c Blue, 3c Rose (63, 65). Tied by large “Paid” grid, red “Boston Mass.” double-circle ds on fresh cover with red & blue Soldier & Flag patriotic design, Extremely Fine............................................................ E. 150-200

50°  1c Blue, 3c Rose (63, 65). Tied by “Paid” oval and red “Boston Mass.” double-circle ds on red & blue Liberty & Flag patriotic cover, Extremely Fine .......... E. 150-200

51°  1c Blue, 3c Rose (63, 65). Tied by “Paid” in oval, red “Boston Mass.” double-circle ds on red & blue Soldier & Flag patriotic cover, Very Fine............. E. 150-200

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

52°  Brooklyn N.Y. “Penny Post deliver.” Ms. sender’s instructions on cover to Brooklyn street address, 10c Black (2), three large margins, clear at left, tied by red grid, matching “Washington City D.C. Sep. 10” cds struck twice, insect damage at lower right corner, otherwise fresh and Very Fine, references to carrier delivery on 1847 Issue covers are extremely scarce.................................................... E. 800-1,000

53°  1c Blue, 3c Rose (63, 65). Tied by “Brooklyn N.Y.” cds on red & blue Washington & Flags patriotic cover, 3c plus 1c carrier fee in Brooklyn, scarce and Very Fine... E. 150-200
Honour's City Express, Charleston S.C., 2c Black on Yellow (4LB7). Three large margins, touched at R., tied by red ms. "X", red "Paid" hs and matching "Charleston S.C. 10 Mar. 11" integral rate cds on brown cover to South Glastonbury Conn., trivial cover edge faults, still Fine and rare, ex Middendorf, with P.F. certificate, Scott Retail $2,750.00................................. E. 1,000-1,500

Honour's City Express, Charleston S.C., 2c Black on Yellow, Variety with Top Left Side Ornament Facing Up (4LB7 var). Large margins, red crayon cancel, Very Fine and rare, Scott Retail for normal stamp ................. 600.00
Honour's City Express, Charleston S.C., 2c Black on Bluish (4LB8). Three large margins, just touched at top, ms. cancel, tied by blue “Charleston S.C. Dec. 9” cds on 1851 folded letter to Berlin, Germany, red three-line “America Uber Bremen” hs, red ms. “20” and blue ms. “12½” rates, New York and Berlin backstamps, small piece of lettersheet mended at upper right

VERY FINE APPEARANCE AND AN EXTREMELY RARE TIED USAGE OF THE HONOUR'S CARRIER STAMP ON TRANSATLANTIC MAIL.

Ex Consul Klep, Middendorf............................................................... E. 3,000-4,000

Honour's City Express, Charleston S.C., 2c Black on Bluish (4LB8). Ample margins to just touching ornament at lower left, tied by ms. cancel, used with 3c Dull Red (11), large margins to touched, tied by blue “Charleston S.C. Paid Feb. 12” cds on folded letter to New York, Extremely Fine and choice, ex Middendorf, with 1991 P.F. certificate, Scott Retail $1,500.00.............................. E. 1,000-1,500
Honour's City Express, Charleston S.C., 2c Black on Bluish, Period after “Paid” (4LB8a). Wide setting, large margins, tied by ms. cancel, red “Charleston S.C. Jan. 8 10” integral rate cds on buff cover to Pittsfield Mass., few ink smudges, Very Fine, scarce variety and rare on cover, with 1991 P.F. certificate ......... E. 750-1,000

Honour's City Express, Charleston S.C., 2c Black on Pink Pelure (formerly 4LB10). Additional plate variety Period after “Paid” and wide setting, large margins, pencil cancel, red “Charleston S.C. Jan. 6 10” integral rate cds on buff cover addressed in blue to Selma Ala., a bit worn at edges

THE UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF THE HONOUR'S CARRIER STAMP ON PINK PELURE PAPER.

This cover is accompanied by a P.F. certificate describing the stamp as a genuine example of the de-listed Scott 4LB10. The few known pelure paper stamps are printed from the first setting with wide spacing between stamps and the period after “Paid.” Despite the certificate and other experts' acceptance of this unique pink pelure paper variation, Scott carries a footnote stating “believed not to have been issued by the post, but to have been created later and perhaps accidentally.” We guarantee this stamp’s authenticity without time limit.

Ex C. E. Chapman, Caspary and Middendorf......................... E. 5,000-7,500
Honour's City Express, Charleston S.C., (2c) Black on Bluish (4LB13). Large margins, used with 3c Dull Red (11), both stamps tied by "Aiken S.C. Jun. 27" circular datestamp on small cover addressed to Charleston.

EXTREMELY FINE AND THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE HONOUR'S STAMP USED FROM AIKEN TO PREPAY THE CARRIER FEE IN CHARLESTON.

With 1985 P.F. certificate. Listed in Scott and priced at $4,000.00. E. 4,000-5,000

MARTIN'S CITY POST

Martin's City Post, Charleston S.C., 2c Black on Bluish (4LB16). Variety with 13 of the 24 ornaments set incorrectly, unused, margins barely into ornaments, affixed to piece, minor faults, Fine appearance, fewer than six examples of this carrier rarity are known, ex Caspary and Middendorf, previously priced in Scott at $4,500.00, which better reflects its rarity ................................. 2,500.00
62°* Steinmeyer's City Post, Charleston S.C., 2c Black on Pink (4LB20). Bottom left corner margin copy with large margins on other sides, original gum, Extremely Fine, with 1991 P.S.E. certificate.......................... 200.00

63° Charleston S.C. "Care of Penny Post", Confederate Period. Sender's endorsement on folded cover made from lined paper, Confederate States 10c Blue, Die B (12), bottom sheet margin tied by "Charleston S.C. Jul. 3" cds on back, street address, Very Fine and rare carrier usage during Confederate statehood, ex Everett ............ E. 500-750

64° Chicago Ill. 1c Blue, 3c Rose (63, 65). Tied by blue "Chicago Ill. Jun. 26, 1863" double-circle ds and target on cover to Mich., Very Fine, examples of carrier usage in Chicago are very scarce......................... E. 200-250

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES

MARCH 26, 1996
Brown & McGill’s U.S.P.O. Despatch. Louisville Ky., (2c) Blue (5LB2). Three large margins except at upper right, design clear, used with 3c Dull Red (26), both stamps tied by blue “Louisville Ky. Aug. 1, 1859” cds on small cover to Mt. Sterling Ky., without one back flap, still Very Fine, choice and rare combination, only five tied usages are known, ex Boker, Scott Retail $4,750.00 ............... E. 2,500-3,500

LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

N.O.U.S. CITY POST, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA


68° N.O.U.S. City Post, Jul. 3, 6.A.M. Blue snow-shovel hs, 3c Dull Red (11), huge margins on three sides, cut in at L., black grid cancel, red “New Orleans La. Jul. 2” cds on small outbound mourning cover to Concord Del., Very Fine, outbound covers with the N.O.U.S. marking are much scarcer than inbound ...... E. 250-350

69° N.O.U.S. City Post, Feb. 18. Snow-shovel ds in green with matching “CAR. 2” in oval on 1852 folded letter originating in Greensboro Ala., sent to New Orleans and redirected from there to Shongalo Miss., with red and orange cds's of both offices and “Forwarded” hs of New Orleans, ms. rates totalling 15c, Very Fine and colorful ................................................................. E. 300-400

70° N.O.U.S. City Post, Jul. 31, 3.P.M. Snow-shovel hs struck twice in green with matching “CAR. 2” in oval, red “New Orleans La. Jul. 31” cds and black “Ship 6” hs on incoming blue 1852 folded letter from Bordeaux, France, orange-red cds and “P.P.” in frame, Very Fine, remarkably bold strikes and a colorful combination of markings................................................................. E. 600-800

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N.O.U.S. City Post, Sep. 29. Snow-shovel daterstamp in green, clearly struck, two 3c Orange Brown (10), one with large margins, other just in at left, each cancelled by bold black grid, brilliant red “New Orleans La. Sep. 30” cds on 1851 folded letter to Bordeaux, France, red Paris cds, black decimes due hs, receiving backstamps

A VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE, PERHAPS UNIQUE, USAGE OF THE NEW ORLEANS CARRIER MARKING ON A TRANSATLANTIC LETTER BEARING THE 1851 3-CENT ORANGE BROWN.

According to contemporary advertisements for the New Orleans carrier service, which began on July 1, 1851, there was no charge for letters carried to the post office for delivery outside of New Orleans. Examples of the N.O.U.S. markings on outbound mail are exceedingly scarce, especially on letters bound for Europe. The 6c postage on this letter was probably intended, out of the sender’s misunderstanding of the carrier fee structure, to prepay the 5c inland rate plus 1c for carrier service.

Ex Kapiloff................................................................. E. 2,500-3,500
U.S. CITY DESPATCH POST, NEW YORK CITY

72°

U.S. City Despatch Post, Oct. 2, 4 O’Clock. Ty. I red double-line circular ds, ms. “1” on 1842 folded cover with local address, pencil street location, Very Fine. .............................................. E. 100-150

73°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Light Blue Unsurfaced (6LB3). Unused, large even margins, fresh and Extremely Fine example of the first stamp printed for the U.S. post office, available in August-September 1842, five years before the 1847 issue, with 1991 P.F. certificate ........................ 500.00

74°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Light Blue Unsurfaced (6LB3). Pos. 9R, three large margins, ample at left, tied by red “U.S.” in frame, matching bold strike of “U.S. City Despatch Post, Oct. 12, 4 O’Clock” Ty. I double-line cds on ca. 1842 folded letter locally addressed in blue, Very Fine, Scott Retail $2,000.00 ............................................. E. 600-800

75°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Blue Green Glazed (6LB5). Ampire to large margins, o.g., h.r., small surface thin and corner crease, otherwise Fine ........................................... 650.00

76°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Blue Green Glazed (6LB5). Large even margins, pre-use crease, tied by vivid red “U.S. City Despatch Post, Feb. 14, 9 O’Clock” Ty. I double-line cds on folded hand-written Valentine poem, local address, faded 1844 docketing, Extremely Fine, scarce with datetamp tying adhesive, ex Kapiloff. ....................................................... E. 1,200-1,500

77°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Blue Green Glazed (6LB5). Strong Green cast, large margins, faint horizontal pre-use crease, tied by red “U.S. City Despatch Post, Feb. 15, [no time] O’Clock” Ty. I double-line cds on ca. 1843 folded Valentine, handwritten love poem on lettersheet with floral decorative border in bronze, Very Fine, with 1991 P.F. certificate ................................. E. 500-600

78°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Blue Green Glazed (6LB5). Very light shade, red “U.S.” in frame, matching lightly struck Ty. II cds on Apr. 1844 partly printed folded notice, locally addressed, Very Fine, Scott Retail $500.00 ......................................................... E. 300-400

79°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Blue Green Glazed (6LB5). Full to large margins, pre-use crease, tied by red “U.S.” in frame, matching “U.S. City Despatch Post, Jan. 14, 4 O’Clock” Ty. II double-line cds on folded cover, locally addressed and endorsed “Pd 3 cts”, Very Fine, Scott Retail $500.00 ......................................................... E. 300-400

80°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Blue Green Glazed (6LB5). Light shade, red “U.S.” in frame, matching lightly struck Ty. II cds on folded locally addressed cover, Very Fine, Scott Retail $500.00 ......................................................... E. 300-400

81°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Blue Glazed (6LB5b). Large even margins, red “U.S.” in frame, on folded letter to Portsmouth Va. with red “New-York Feb. 25” cds and blue ms. “25” rate, Very Fine, very scarce to-the-mails use of carrier stamp on outbound letter, Scott Retail $1,000.00 .......................... E. 500-750

82°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Blue Glazed (6LB5b). Large margins, minor corner crease and tiny scrapes in glazing, tied by faint red cds on folded lace Valentine with envelope pocket on other side, locally addressed, some toning and splits at folds, otherwise Fine, ex Haas, with 1991 P.F. certificate ............................................................... E. 1,000-1,500
U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Blue Glazed (6LB5b). Three large margins, close at top, bold red “U.S.” in frame, matching perfectly clear “U.S. City Despatch Post, Feb. 14 [no time] O’Clock” Ty. II cds on folded cover with original hand-colored Valentine from Abraham B. Mead, letter carrier for the U.S. City Despatch Post and immediate successor to the post when it was sold by the U.S. government, dedicated “To Amelia, My Daughter, oldest in my affections, A. B. Mead, Feb 14, 1846.”

A SPECTACULAR AND HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT COVER FROM ONE OF THE KEY PARTICIPANTS IN THE SAGA OF THE UNITED STATES CITY DESPATCH POST.

Ex Kapiloff .............................................................................................................. E. 4,000-5,000
84°

U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Green Glazed, Double Impression (6LB5e). Full to extra large margins, negligible corner margin crease, cancelled by red “U.S.” in frame, matching “U.S. City Despatch Post, Jun. 19, 1 O’Clock” Ty. I double-line cds on tiny folded letter written in pencil to a member of the French opera, no address, prepaid at post office, red “Paid” in arc and blue ms. “3” rate

VERY FINE AND ONE OF THE FEW KNOWN EXAMPLES OF THE DOUBLE IMPRESSION KNOWN ON OR OFF COVER.

Ex Knapp with note on back stating “Highly Prized by Mr. Knapp.” Ex Norvin Green, Grunin and Kapiloff. Listed but unpriced in Scott............  E. 2,000-3,000
U.S. MAIL, NEW YORK CITY

85°* U.S. Mail, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Rose (6LB9). Unused, margins all around, excellent impression, Extremely Fine, ex Middendorf .................. 90.00

86° U.S. Mail, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Rose (6LB9). Large margins, very fresh, tied by red "New-York Feb. 27" cds, matching square grid ties 5c Brown (1), three ample to large margins, slightly in at bottom, on elongated cover to Newark N.J., Very Fine, a beautiful combination usage and very rare with the carrier stamp tied, with 1994 P.F. certificate .................................................. E. 2,500-3,500

87° U.S. Mail, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Rose (6LB9). Margins to slightly in, pencil cancel, used with 5c Brown (1), two large margins, touched at top and bottom, tied by red square grid, matching "New-York Jun. 20" cds on small cover to Cambridge Mass., Very Fine, scarce combination priced at $2,000.00 Scott Retail .................. E. 1,000-1,500
U.S. Mail, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Rose (6LB9). Large margins, trivial gum soaks, pencil cancel and tied by red “New-York 5 cts. 22 May” cds on cover to Norwich Conn., Very Fine, rarely found tied by the cds, ex Middendorf .............. E. 300-400


U.S. Mail, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Yellow Glazed (6LB10). Clear to ample margins, bright shade, pencil cancel, on small piece, Very Fine .......... 90.00

U.S. Mail, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Yellow Glazed (6LB10). Clear to ample margins, bright shade, pencil cancel, Very Fine .................................. 90.00

U.S. Mail, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Yellow Glazed (6LB10). Huge bottom sheet margin, others sides large incl. bit of adjoining stamp above, faint crease, pencil “2”, tied by red “New-York 5 cts. 26 Dec.” cds on brown cover to Brattleboro Vt., Extremely Fine, possibly the finest tied-on-cover example of the yellow glazed paper U.S. Mail carrier stamp extant ........................................ E. 600-800

U.S. Mail, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Buff Glazed (6LB11). Three ample margins, touched at left, pencil cancel, Fine ......................................... 90.00

U.S. Mail, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Buff Glazed (6LB11). Large margins to just touched, tied by red “New-York 10 cts. Jan. 11” cds on neat white envelope to Canton N.Y., fresh and Extremely Fine, very scarce tied in this fashion .......................................................... E. 400-500

U.S. Mail, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Buff Glazed (6LB11). Large margins all around, tied by black “New-York 1 ct.” integral drop-letter rate cds on neat cover, locally addressed, Extremely Fine, very rare tied by this marking....... E. 600-800
NEW YORK CITY CARRIER USAGES

96°\textsuperscript{a}  N. J. PHILLIPS. Red straightline carrier handstamp below ms. “Collect 4 Ct” rate notation on beautiful embossed \textit{Valentine} cover to 86 Maiden Lane in New York City, Extremely Fine, a most unusual marking and usage that invites further research.\hspace{1em}E. 750-1,000

97°\textsuperscript{a}  New York U.S. City Mail. Red circular hs clearly struck on immaculate white envelope locally addressed, Very Fine and very scarce.\hspace{1em}E. 200-300

98°\textsuperscript{a}  U.S. Mail/City Delivery/1. Double-circle carrier rate ds, two examples: single clear strike on locally addressed cover; and double strike on Jul. 1, 1857 folded printed prices current, Very Fine.\hspace{1em}Not illustrated\hspace{1em}E. 75-100

99°\textsuperscript{a}  Free M. Van Buren. Frank on small white envelope to Ithaca N.Y. with 1c Blue (63) faintly tied by red N.Y. carrier cds, Very Fine, scarce example of carrier fee used conjunctively with ex-president’s free frank.\hspace{1em}E. 750-1,000

100°\textsuperscript{a}  New-York Free, Apr. 29. Black cds boldly struck on unsealed cover to the postmaster of Cutchogue L.I., 1c Blue (63) tied by red N.Y. carrier cds (postmaster’s free mail privilege did not extend to carrier fees), Extremely Fine and choice example of a very scarce usage.\hspace{1em}E. 300-400

101°\textsuperscript{a}  Official Business. Imprint on cover to Seward’s Light Infantry at local N.Y.C. address, 1c Blue (63), superb stamp, tied by red “New-York City Paid 1 Ct.” cds, with Dec. 1861 letter enclosure on United States Mustering Office letterhead, Extremely Fine, choice military official business usage with requisite carrier fee.\hspace{1em}E. 300-400

102°\textsuperscript{a}  Globe Express, New York, L. W. Morris. Red circular hs on folded printed circular datelined Bremen, Germany, Aug. 10, 1859, and addressed to New York, endorsed “frco”—presumably “Franco” for “Paid”—with 1c Blue, Ty. V (24) at upper right and cancelled on the nose by “U.S. Mail/City Delivery/1/Sep. 14” cds (said by some to be a pre-cancel), minor internal tears in lettersheet, still Very Fine, a very scarce bootlegged usage with Globe Express as the expeditors.\hspace{1em}E. 400-500

103°\textsuperscript{a}  1c Blue, Ty. IV (9). Pos. 64R1L, ample margins to touching, tied by red “Paid/U.S. Mail/City Delivery/1” Jul. 2 cds on small locally addressed cover, Very Fine.\hspace{1em}E. 75-100

104°\textsuperscript{a}  1c 1857-61 Carrier Usages in New York City. Four covers, three with 1c Ty. V (24) tied by red “New-York Paid. City Delivery. 1ct.” cds, 1c 1861 tied by red U.S. Mail cds on Valentine (minor cover faults), Very Fine group.\hspace{1em}Not illustrated\hspace{1em}E. 120-150

105°\textsuperscript{a}  1c Blue, Ty. I (18). Pl. 12, tied by New York City local delivery cds on a remarkable small cover with embossed ornamental border on front and back, scalloped back-flaps with red trim, and an \textit{engraved} red and blue Waving Flag design at upper left corner—an extremely rare form of patriotic lady’s envelope—with original enclosure on matching stationery (engraved flag, etc.), datelined “Bingham Place, Aug. 13th, 1861” and written from a daughter to her mother in the midst of a “North Easter” storm, letter discusses her husband’s military plans, Extremely Fine, unusual with respect to the stamp, stationery and usage—a marvelous cover.\hspace{1em}E. 1,000-1,500

106°\textsuperscript{a}  1c Blue, Ty. I, 3c Dull Red (18, 26). 1c Pl. 12, tied by “New-York” cds and duplex grid on small cover with red & blue \textit{patriotic} flag design, 3c plus 1c carrier fee, very slightly reduced at R., Very Fine.\hspace{1em}E. 200-300

107°\textsuperscript{a}  1c Blue, Ty. I, 3c Dull Red (18, 26). 1c Pl. 12, well-centered, bright shade, tied together with 3c by “New-York May 2, 1861” cds on gray \textit{lithographed} cover for manufacturer of gas meters, to Albion N.Y., with letter enclosure, Extremely Fine Gem example of the carrier usage, ex Haas.\hspace{1em}E. 500-600

108°\textsuperscript{a}  1c Blue, Ty. II, 3c Dull Red (20, 26). 1c Pl. 11 or 12, huge right straddle pane margin showing guideline, both stamps tied by “New-York Jun. 4” cds on red & blue \textit{Soldier & Flag} patriotic cover with six-line military address to member of 8th Regt., N.Y.S. Militia, at Washington D.C., with enclosure, Extremely Fine, very choice carrier usage.\hspace{1em}E. 400-500
109° 1c Blue, Ty. II (20). Pl. 2, deep shade, tied by “New-York Apr. 3, 1861” cds and grid on 3c Red Star Die entire (U26) to Baltimore, Very Fine and choice ................................................. E. 400-500

110° 1c Blue, Ty. II (20). Pl. 2, well-centered, beautiful shade, tiny corner perf flaws, tied by red “Paid/U.S. Mail/City Delivery/1” cds on buff cover with timestamp, small tear at top center, still Fine ................................................................. E. 100-150


115° 1c Blue, Ty. V, 3c Dull Red (24, 26). 3c pair for double rate, plus single 1c carrier fee, pulled perfs and margin faults, tied by “New-York Aug. 25” cds on gray lithographed ad cover for carriage warehouse, to Ala., slightly reduced. Fine appearance................................................................. E. 300-400

116° 1c Blue, Ty. V, 3c Dull Red (24, 26). Cover to Mich. posted with 3c only, “Due 1” hs and held for additional 1c carrier fee, 1c affixed and both stamps tied by “New-York Oct/1860/16” cds and grid, minor gum stains, Fine and unusual, with 1988 P.F. certificate................................................................. E. 100-150

117° 3c Dull Red (26). Slightly oxidized, tied by clear red “New-York. Paid. City Delivery. 1 ct.” cds on locally addressed cover with timestamp, Very Fine, scarce with 3c stamp................................................................. E. 100-150

118° 1c Blue, Ty. V, 10c Green, Ty. V (24, 35). Rich colors, each stamp tied by large vivid red 8-bar grid, 1c also tied by matching “N.York Brem. Pkt. 7 Paid Sep. 1” credit cds on ca. 1860-61 cover to Bremen, Germany, Extremely Fine and colorful usage, rare 1c carrier fee in combination with the 10c direct rate to Germany, ex Atherton ................................................................. E. 1,200-1,500

119° 1c Blue, Ty. V, 24c Gray Lilac (24, 37). 1c s.e., tied by vivid red large 8-bar grids on pale lilac 1860 cover to London, England, red “New York 19 Sep. 4” credit cds also ties 1c, wrinkles and light soiling at edges, small hole in center of cover, still Very Fine ................................................................. E. 750-1,000

120° 1c Dark Blue (63). Well-centered, prooflike color and impression, tied by “New York Am. Pkt. 42” black debit cds on 1862 cover to Liverpool, England, carrier fee prepaid, the balance of postage for double rate unpaid, handstamped “1/-”, crossed out and corrected by hand to “/2/-”, Liverpool backstamp, Extremely Fine, very unusual usage, ex Baker, Haas ................................................................. E. 500-750

121° 1c Blue (63). Horizontal strip of four, rich color, tied by “New-York Sep/1861/20” cds and duplex grid on neat white cover to Chicago, Very Fine................................................................. E. 100-150

122° 1c Blue, 3c Rose (63, 65). Tied by “New-York” double-circle ds and duplex target on cover with patriotic red & blue “Our Country” design, flag and globe, Extremely Fine, with P.F. certificate ................................................................. E. 150-200

123° 1c Blue, 3c Rose (63, 65). Tied by “New-York” double-circle ds and duplex target on red & blue Washington patriotic cover, flags, eagle, cannon and drum, etc., Very Fine ................................................................. E. 150-200

124° 1c Blue, 3c Rose (63, 65). Cover to Amesbury Mass. originally posted with 3c alone, marked “Held For Postage”, 1c affixed partly overlapping 3c and both stamps tied by “New-York 1863” double-circle ds and duplex segmented cork, minor wear, Fine and scarce usage................................................................. E. 75-100
U.S.P.O., PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

127°

U.S.P.O., Philadelphia, 1c Black on Buff Unglazed (formerly 7LB10). Frameline complete at bottom, others slightly cut in, uncanceled, red "New York Oct. 14" cds and matching "30" rate hs on folded letter datelined "Panama Sept 16 1849", from Edward Pelouze Jr., a prospector on his way to California, written in three parts to his brothers William and Henry, and his cousin, Charles, addressed to William in Philadelphia with street location "Type Foundry Cor. third & Chestnut"

A REMARKABLE EXAMPLE OF THE U.S.P.O. CARRIER STAMP ON UNGLAZED BUFF PAPER AND AN EXTRAORDINARY USE ON A 30-CENT RATE LETTER FROM PANAMA.

The letter mentions Edward's trip on the Empire City and describes the Isthmus as a "sickly place". A postscript to Cousin Charles sheds light on the usage: "tell Lewis not to forget my family...I expect the postage will be considerable, you and he and William must divide it between you." The letter was received first by William, then by Charles, who sent it along to Henry and added a message, "Cousin Henry, I will embrace this opportunity of writing a few lines. This letter came today. Lewis took the liberty to opened it and it appears one side was wrote to me...C. N. Pelouze". This chain of correspondence offers an explanation for the use of the 1c U.S.P.O. carrier stamp. It is very unlikely that Edward, a gold prospector en route to San Francisco, would affix a Philadelphia carrier stamp to his letter, especially when he specifically asks the recipients to divide the "considerable" postage. It is far more plausible that the carrier stamp was used when the letter was sent from William, the original addressee, to Cousin Charles, or from Charles to Henry, within the Philadelphia city limits.

There is also the possibility that the stamp did not originate on this letter, but such an attempt to enhance its status would necessarily have occurred before December 1941 when this cover (and the following lot) were sold by John A. Klemann from the Blair S. Williams collection. Given the nature of this particular letter and usage, it seems unlikely that someone attempting to create an on-cover example would use an inbound letter from Panama, as opposed to one of the thousands of Philadelphia outbound stampless covers. It is the subtle logic of this usage, as well as the proper time of use, that gives us confidence in its authenticity.

The stamp itself has no glaze on its surface, and the color is a distinctive buff, not bright yellow. For years it was listed in Scott as 7LB10, but was dropped when the catalogue editors were persuaded that the buff paper was a color changeling and not a true variety (stated in the current entry's footnote). Only two examples of the former 4LB10 are known, and the re-emergence of this stamp and cover should provide convincing evidence for reinstating the 4LB10 on unglazed buff paper.

One of the rarest of all carrier stamps and a remarkable usage.... E. 7,500-10,000

Color photo on p. 36
U.S.P.O., Philadelphia, 1c Black on Yellow Glazed (7LB9). Three complete or mostly complete framelines, uncancelled (as always), used on 1849 folded letter to Wrentham Mass., blue "Philada. Pa. Aug. 24 5" integral rate cds, neatly docketed
A VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THIS IMPORTANT CARRIER RARITY, OF WHICH ONLY SEVEN OR EIGHT EXAMPLES ARE KNOWN.
Ex Williams. Listed only as an unused stamp in Scott and priced at $3,000.00........
............................................................................................................ E. 6,000-8,000
U.S.P.O., Philadelphia, 1c Gold on Black Glazed (7LBI11). Full margins, usual faint wrinkles, tied by two strikes of blue "Philada. Pa. May 5 10" integral rate cds on small neat cover to Cincinnati, Extremely Fine, one of the rarest tied usages among the carrier issues, ex Seybold, Knapp ........................ E. 500-600

U.S.P.O., Philadelphia, 1c Blue (7LBI12). Full even margins, red star cancel, used on Aug. 31, 1852 blue folded letter, locally addressed, Extremely Fine and choice, Scott Retail $800.00 ............................................................................. E. 500-600

U.S.P.O., Philadelphia, 1c Black (7LBI18). Rectangular cut example with a virtually complete and unusually bold strike of handstamp, on sheet margin of 1c 1851 with part of Toppan Carpenter imprint ("Phila., New York, Boston & Cin[cinnati]"), uncancelled, used with 3c Dull Red (11), clear to large margins, tied by blue "Philadelphia Pa. Aug. 7" cds on 1852 folded letter to New York

ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS REMARKABLE CARRIER STAMP.

The Philadelphia carrier stamps printed on the sheet selvage of imperforate 1c 1851 stamps hold a unique position in United States philately. Elsewhere in the world there are very few instances in which sheet selvage was used to produce adhesive stamps—the early stamps of Zanzibar from a much later period immediately come to mind. Two handstamps were used to produce the Philadelphia carrier stamps, this being the larger version, which is usually found partly or weakly struck. This example, a bold strike with rectangular margins showing a large part of the imprint, is among the two or three finest known stamps, and the usage on cover is extremely rare.

Ex Caspary, Middendorf. Scott Retail $3,250.00 ............................................ E. 5,000-7,500
PHILADELPHIA CARRIER USAGES


133° 3c Dull Red (11). Margins to just in, tied by blue “Philadelphia Pa. Jun. 17” cds on blue folded letter to Newark O., red star carrier handstamp, Very Fine ............................ E. 100-150

134° 1c Blue, Ty. IIIa (22). Pl. 11 or 12, well-centered, rich color, tied by one of two strikes of “U.S.P.O. Dispatch*Phila.*Jul. 23, 8 AM” octagonal ds on folded cover originating outside of U.S. and bootlegged into Philadelphia where posted as a local letter, blurry oval handstamp (possibly Mexican origin), Jun. 29 docketing date confirms bootlegged status, Extremely Fine stamp and choice cover ... E. 400-500

135° 1c Blue, Ty. V, 3c Dull Red (24, 26). Tied by grids on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U9) to West Point N.Y., “Philadelphia Pa. Sep. 8, 1860” octagonal ds, Very Fine, scarce double rate plus carrier fee .......................................................... E. 100-150

136° 1c Blue, Ty. V, 3c Dull Red (24, 26). Tied by grids, “Philadelphia Pa., Jun. 30, 1861” octagonal ds on red & blue Liberty & Flag patriotic cover, very attractive .................................................. E. 300-400

137° 1c Blue, 3c Rose (63, 65). Each tied by “Philadelphia Pa. Mar. 16, 1863” cds on opposite ends of red & blue “Liberty and Union” patriotic cover, flags, eagle and banner design, addressed in blue to soldier in Falsmouth Va. “or els where”, Very Fine.......................................................... E. 300-400

138° 1c Blue, 3c Rose (63, 65). Tied by “Philadelphia Pa. Oct. 9, 1862” cds on cover with red & blue patriotic design, handsome Union three-masted vessel, flags and cannons, “Our Army and Navy Forever...”, odd second printing on inside, Very Fine.......................................................... E. 300-400

139° 1c Blue (63). Tied by “U.S. Penny Mail U Phila. Pa. Feb. 15” octagonal ds on Leed’s patent window envelope locally addressed to Anna B. Leeds, opened and reduced at right, slightly into window, still a Fine and rare usage of the Leed’s envelope .............................................................. E. 200-300

140° 1c Dark Blue (63). Tied by one of two bold strikes of “U.S. Penny Mail Phila. Pa. A Mar. 27 8½AM” octagonal ds on yellow local cover, Extremely Fine and choice...... E. 75-100

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA


U.S. PENNY POST,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

142° U.S. Penny Post, St. Louis Mo., 2c Black (8LB1). Type II, unused, usual close margins, fresh, thinned at bottom right corner

A FINE APPEARING EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THE RAREST OF THE CARRIER STAMPS.

Underpriced in Scott, in our opinion........................................... 4,000.00

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UTICA, NEW YORK

143°

Utica N.Y., 1c Blue, Ty. V, 3c Pink Entire (24, U59). 1c tied by “Utica N.Y. Aug. 19” double-circle ds, no year date (ca. 1861-62), second strike on embossed stamp, used to New York City, street address in pencil. Very Fine. Ashbrook notes identifying this as a prepaid carrier usage into N.Y.C., but it is, in fact, a Utica carrier letter and very rare as such, ex Chase............................................. E. 300-400

WASHINGTON, D.C., 126TH PENNSYLVANIA REGIMENT

144°

Washington D.C. “Carrier. 126 Pa. Reg.” Black on Green adhesive, rough separation with margins all around (straight edge at left), used on cover to Fulton House Pa., 3c Rose (65) tied by “Washington D.C. Aug. 22, 1862” double-circle ds, minor splits along edges at right. The 126th Pa. Regt. carrier label is known on very few covers, all of which were evidently carried by Col. James G. Edes of Company K, 126th Pennsylvania Regiment, between Washington, D.C., and nearby camps. A letter that no longer accompanies cover, but which is referred to in a typed note, identified the origin of this cover as the camp at Alexandria, Virginia. An extremely rare Federal military carrier adhesive, comparable to the Confederate labels applied by Cushing and other express services. See Pat Paragraphs, p. 265. E. 1,000-1,500

END OF FIRST SESSION

SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES

MARCH 26, 1996
SECOND SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1996, AT 1:30 P.M.

LOCAL POSTS AND INTER-CITY INDEPENDENT MAILS
Arranged Alphabetically

145° Allen’s City Dispatch, Chicago, (no value) Red on Yellow (3L3). Tied by violet eagle cancel with matching oval “Allen’s City Dispatch, 125 Clark Street. Feb. 3, 1883” ds on local cover with red illustration of manufacturing plant, Very Fine, one of the scarcest of the 1880’s local issues. .................................................. E. 1,000-1,500

146° Allen’s City Dispatch, Chicago, (no value) Violet (Unlisted). Cut square with part of red surprint, inscription gives telephone number and location, mentioned in Sloane (p. 157) ..................................................................................................................................... E. 300-400

147° American Letter Mail Co., Hale & Co. Three folded covers: two with No. 5L1 (each cut in at R.), one tied by red stars, other pen-cancelled with red company oval; third with No. 75L5 (street address omitted), rectangular margins, boxed company cancel, matching oval hs on Aug. 1844 folded letter from Boston to N.Y., Fine to Very Fine group ............................................................... Not illustrated E. 150-200

148° Barker’s City Post, Boston. Red oval hs “Barker’s City Post, 10 Court Sq.” on June 28, 1853 folded letter, locally addressed, earliest recorded example of mail carried by this post (see Pat Paragraphs, p. 1670), Very Fine and scarce .......... E. 400-500

149° Barr’s Penny Dispatch, Lancaster Pa., Black on Green (8L2). Original gum, ample margins, Very Fine and scarce ............................................................... 140.00
Bayonne City Dispatch, N.J., 1c Black (9L1). Large margins, tied by purple target, matching “Bayonne City, May, 15, 1883, Dispatch Paid” three-line ds on local cover, Very Fine, with 1991 P.F. certificate, Scott Retail $750.00 .... E. 750-1,000

Bayonne City Dispatch, N.J., 1c Black (9L1). Large margins, tied by purple target, matching “Bayonne City, May, 13, 1883, Dispatch” three-line ds on local La Tourette cover, corner mounting stains, otherwise Very Fine, Scott Retail $750.00 . ................................................................. E. 750-1,000

Bentley’s Dispatch, New York N.Y. “Bentley’s. Madison Square. 9 P.M. Apr. 16” double-circle ds boldly struck on cover to Conn., 3c Dull Red (26), s.e. at L., tied by “New-York Apr. 17” cds, Extremely Fine, choice to-the-mails example of this very scarce marking, illustrated in Patton (p. 146), ex Jarrett ................... E. 400-500

Bicycle Mail Route, Cal., 25c Green (12L1). Spelling error “San Fransisco”, large margins, small piece of right corner severed and reattached (well clear of design), used with 2c Carmine (220), both stamps tied on Overman Wheel Co. cover to Oakland from Fresno, carried to San Francisco by bicycle messenger and returned from Oakland to Fresno, backstamped with Jul. 8, 1894 purple “Victor Bicycle Messenger Service.” Fresno office ds with bicycle illustration, San Francisco Jul. 11 machine cancel ties stamps, Oakland Jul. 17 cds and Fresno Jul. 18 receiving backstamp, small tear at right. This inter-city service was established during the railroad union strike in 1894 by the Fresno agent for Victor bicycles, Arthur C. Banta. Service commenced on July 6 and was discontinued on July 18 when the strike ended. This cover was returned from Oakland to Fresno on July 17 (arriving July 18), before the strike ended. A very unusual usage—only 380 letters were carried during the brief period of operation. With 1989 P.F. certificate .... E. 1,500-2,000

Bicycle Mail Route, Cal., 25c Green, Imperforate Vertically (12L2a). Two vertical strips of three, o.g., Extremely Fine ......................................................... 210.00

Bicycle Mail Route, Cal., 25c Green Reprint. Two 1935 covers with stamps tied by San Francisco and Fresno machine cancels, red map cachet and signed Arthur C. Banta, original operator of the service, interesting collateral......... E. 100-150
D. O. BLOOD & CO., PHILADELPHIA

156° (Robertson & Co.) Philadelphia Despatch Post. Red “Phila. Despatch Post” circular ds and matching outline “3” hs on folded cover, locally addressed with June 28, 1844 docketing on flap, sharp strike but date unclear, Very Fine, the Robertson & Co. Philadelphia Despatch Post (1842-44) was the predecessor to D. O. Blood & Co. (1845), examples of the handstamped marking are very scarce............ E. 400-500

157° City Despatch, D. O. Blood & Co. * 2 Cts. * Double-circle hs clearly struck on locally addressed folded letter, black on orange rectangular Blood’s advertising label at upper right (“Physicians send their bills through Blood’s City Despatch, and find it a great convenience.”), Extremely Fine and choice, scarce usage...


159° D. O. Blood & Co., Philadelphia, (2c) Black (15L5). Ample to large margins, fine impression, small dotted cancel strongly impressed (tying stamp thru lettersheet), on folded July 1847 printed notice, Very Fine, exceptionally choice Striding Messenger usage, ex Gibson

160° D. O. Blood & Co., Philadelphia, (2c) Black (15L5). Full to large margins, tiny margin tear, small black cross cancel, used with black on yellow rectangular Blood’s advertising label (“When a paid Stamp is on a Letter sent by Blood’s City Despatch, no other charge it made for its delivery”), on small blue folded letter dated Nov. 11, 1847, trivial tape stains in bottom corners, Very Fine example of the famous Striding Messenger stamp

161° D. O. Blood & Co., Philadelphia, (2c) Black (15L6). Large margins to just touched, fine impression, tied by small black cross cancel on folded Dec. 1847 printed notice, black on pink rectangular Blood’s advertising label (“Through Blood’s & Co.’s City Despatch, letters can be sent to the Post-office three times a day.”), Very Fine, considerably rarer tied in this manner, with 1889 P.F. certificate

162° D. O. Blood & Co., Philadelphia, (2c) Black (15L6). Large margins all around, fine impression, uncancelled, small faint thin, Extremely Fine appearance

163° D. O. Blood & Co., Philadelphia, (1c) Black, “For the Post Office” (15L7). Cut to shape, bold red “Paid” cancel, blue “Philadelphia Pa. 5 May 14” integral rate cds on 1846 folded letter to Princeton N.J., Very Fine; this circular type adhesive (“City Despatch Post” at center) is much rarer than is generally perceived—Caspar had one tied example on cover and a single off cover with the same red “Paid” cancel, while Middendorf had but one cover with an uncancelled stamp (four other covers with uncancelled stamps and one pen-cancelled example on cover were located in our survey); the three circular types (15L7-15L9) were used on outbound letters carried by Blood’s to the post office

164° D. O. Blood & Co., Philadelphia, (1c) Black, “For the Post Office” (15L8). Cut square and slightly into outer circle, uncancelled, used on Feb. 26, 1847 folded letter to New York City with red “PHILADA. RAIL ROAD” straightline and blue ms. “5” rate, Fine, very scarce

165° D. O. Blood & Co., Philadelphia, (1c) Black, “For the Post Office” (15L9). Large square margins all around, tied by blue “Phila. Pa. 5cts Mar. 16” cds on light blue folded cover to Baltimore, ca. 1847, light file fold and tiny sealed tear, Extremely Fine, one of the finest tied examples of the scarce circular-type Blood’s adhesives, which were almost invariably left uncancelled at Philadelphia (Caspar had a cover with the 15L9 stamp tied at Baltimore), ex Worthington

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Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, Black on Pale Green (15L11). Large margins, unusual ms. cancel with four dots in corners and tied by cross strokes, additionally cancelled by grid on folded printed notice docketed Sep. 1, 1848, remnants of a Blood's advertising label on back, Very Fine, this scarce Blood's stamp is almost never found tied, Scott Retail $500.00......................  E. 500-600

Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, 1c Bronze on Black Glazed (15L13). Full top right corner margin copy with large margins on other sides, lightly acid cancelled, tied by red "PHILADA. RAIL ROAD" straightline, red "New-York 10cts. 27 Aug." cds on brown cover addressed in blue to Lowell Mass., light folds in cover clear of stamp, Extremely Fine, an extremely rare tied railroad usage of the humble Blood's stamp, quite a remarkable cover.................................................  E. 750-1,000

Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, 1c Bronze on Black Glazed (15L13). Margins cut in, acid cancelled and tied by blue "Philada. Rail Rd. Dec. 17" cds with matching "5" rate hs on fresh folded cover to Pikesville Arsenal in Maryland, file fold, Very Fine, an extremely rare use of this railroad marking to tie the Blood's stamp, a great companion to the northbound tied usage offered in lot 167....  E. 600-800

Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, 1c Bronze on Black Glazed (15L13). Ample margins to slightly in, acid tied in combination with 5c Red Brown (1), full even margins, tied by "Philada. Pa. 5 cts Apr. 22" cds on small cover to New York City, Extremely Fine and choice 1847 Issue combination.......................  E. 1,500-2,000
**170°** Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, 1c Bronze on Black Glazed (15L13). Acid tied, in combination with superb 5c Red Brown (1), large even margins, tied by blue grid, matching "Philada. Pa. Jan. 25 5cts." cds on brown cover, faint wax seal stain at center, otherwise Very Fine, scarce 1847 and local post usage, ex Chase with his notes on back, with 1990 P.F. certificate ...................... E. 1,500-2,000

**171°** Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, 1c Bronze on Black Glazed (15L13). Acid tied, in combination with 10c Black (2), ample margins at top and bottom, touched at sides, tied by blue grid, matching "Philada. Pa. Dec. 31 10cts." cds on cover to Canandaigua N.Y., fresh and Fine, scarce 10c 1847 and local post usage ......................................................... E. 1,000-1,500

**172°** Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, (1c) Bronze on Lilac (15L14). Block of 20 (printed in panes of 25), full original gum, large sheet margins showing traces of adjoining pane below, touched at right, Very Fine, Scott Retail as blocks and signles $187.00............................................................ E. 300-400

**173°** Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, (1c) Bronze on Lilac (15L14). Ample margins to touching, acid tied, "Blood's Despatch Jul. 2, 10½ A.M. 1857" cds clearly struck on unpaid brown cover to Germany, ms. "30" and black "New-York Am. Pkt. 23" debit cds, blue German rate mark, red Aachen transit anf receiving backstamps, a bit age toned, still Fine and very scarce use of Blood's local stamp on transatlantic mail............................................................... E. 400-500
174° Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, (1c) Bronze on Lilac (15L14). Two, large margins to barely in, acid tied, “Blood's Penny Post” double-circle ds on buff local cover, with May 1860 enclosure, Very Fine, multiple rate usages of Blood’s locals are very scarce ............................................................... E. 150-200

175° Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, (1c) Bronze on Lilac (15L14). Three ample margins, slightly in at left, acid tied, used with 3c Dull Red (11), large margins all around, both stamps tied by “Philadelphia Pa. Nov. 10” cds, “Blood's Despatch Nov. 10, 2 P.M. 1856” cds on cover to New York City, oval corner card, Extremely Fine, choice combination usage............................................. E. 200-250

176° Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, (1c) Bronze on Lilac (15L14). Small margins, framelines show on four sides, acid tied, Blood’s cds, used with 3c Rose (65), grid cancel, “Philadelphia Pa. Apr. 26, 1861” double octagon on red & blue Flag patriotic cover to Easton Pa., fresh and Very Fine.................................................. E. 200-300

177° Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, (1c) Blue & Pink (15L15). Close margins touching as usual, lightly acid tied, used with 3c Dull Red (11), ample margins to just touched, tied by blue “Philadelphia Pa. Apr. 23” cds, Blood’s company cds on small neat cover to Towanda Pa., Very Fine................................................. E. 100-150

178° Blood's Penny Post, Philadelphia, (1c) Black (15L18). Full even margins, tied by “Blood's Penny Post, Jun. 21, 2½ P.M., Phila.” double-circle ds on local cover, Very Fine, Scott Retail $150.00 ......................................................................................................................................... E. 150-200

179° Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia, Red on Buff, Red on White Entires (15LU6A, 15LU7). One of Buff entire, two of White entire in different sizes, former with light folds, each with Blood’s company cds, others Very Fine, Scott Retail $290.00 .................................................................................................................................... Not illustrated E. 150-200


181° Blood's Despatch Post Collateral. Three different business cards advertising services, Very Fine, good exhibit collateral .................................................................................................................. E. 100-150
Bouton’s City Dispatch Post, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Grayish, Dots in Corners (18L2). Large margins, very fresh, tied by red “PAID/BOUTON” two-line hs, matching “Boutons City Despatch Post” oval hs on folded cover with local street address, ca. 1848, Extremely Fine; the condition of this cover is unsurpassed and, in our opinion, superior to the two ex-Caspar and Middendorf tied examples, by virtue of the stamp's quality and placement. The “Rough and Ready” stamp, with a portrait of then presidential candidate, Zachary Taylor, was issued by Bouton at a time when the first U.S. regular issue stamps were only one year old; Bouton's mixture of politics and postage put him far ahead of his time. A wonderful piece of philatelic Americana. Ex Malcolm and Jarrett................................. E. 2,000-3,000

Bouton’s City Dispatch Post, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Grayish, Dots in Corners (18L2). Three large margins, ample to touched at top, tied by “PAID/BOUTON” two-line hs, red “New-York 5cts Jan. 8” cds on 1849 folded letter from a Quaker to Hopkinton R.I., Very Fine and rare use of Bouton's stamp on outbound letter, with 1990 P.F. certificate................................. E. 750-1,000
BOYD'S CITY EXPRESS, NEW YORK CITY

184°

Boyd's City Express Post, Dec. 6, 12 O'C. Red oval ds clearly struck in combination with large American Mail Co. Phila. cds on Dec. 1844 folded letter to New York City, red “Collect” and “6” hs, ms. “Collect 6½”, Very Fine...... E. 300-400

185°

Boyd's City Express Post, Dec. 10, 12 O'C. Red oval hs on 1844 folded letter locally addressed, Very Fine ....................................................... E. 50-75

186°

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Yellow Green (20L2). Three large margins, close at top, bold red “Free” hs, matching “Boyd's City Express Post, Dec. 9, 9 O'C” oval ds on 1844 folded letter locally addressed, Very Fine, Scott Retail $250.00................................................................. E. 200-250

187°

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Green (20L5). Huge rectangular margins, cancelled by black grid, used with 5c Brown (1), two, beautiful deep early shade and impression, large margins to just touched, tied by red square grids, matching “New-York Mar. 21” cds on neat white envelope to Montreal, Canada, ms. “4½” pence due, red Montreal backstamp (1848)

AN EXTREMELY FINE AND RARE COMBINATION FOR BOYD'S SERVICE TO THE POST OFFICE AND CROSS-BORDER RATE TO CANADA.

With 1980 P.F. certificate ............................................................... E. 8,000-10,000
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Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Yellow Green Unglazed (20L7a). Large margins, tied by red "New-York 5 cts 10 Feb." cds on Valentine cover to Yonkers with gold-bronze lithographed design of cherub and romantic figures, floral and ornamental border, Extremely Fine, choice Boyd's usage .......... ............................................................ E. 1,200-1,500

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Yellow Green Unglazed (20L7a). Margins all around, fine impression on rich colored paper, black cork cancel, tied by red "New-York 5cts 5 May" cds on small cover to Hillsdale N.Y., Extremely Fine............................................................ E. 200-250

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 2c Gold (20L9). Three full margins, barely in at right, used with 3c Dull Red (11), ample margins, both stamps tied by "New-York Feb. 14" Valentine's Day cds on cover to East Hartford Conn., faint corner mount stains, otherwise Very Fine, Scott Retail $575.00.......................... E. 500-750

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Green (20L10). Large margins to touched, used with 3c Dull Red (11), ample margins to touched, both stamps tied by "New-York Jan. 2" cds on cover to Amherst N.H., Extremely Fine................. E. 200-250

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Green (20L10). Large margins, tied by "PAID J.T.B." two-line hs, second strike with "Boyd's City Express Post, Aug. 27 2" oval ds on local cover, slight wear at edges, still Extremely Fine E. 150-200

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 2c Brick Red (20L12). Large margins to touched, tied by smudgy black cancel, 3c Dull Red (11), cut in, tied by "New-York Oct. 22" cds on small white cover to Lavanna N.Y., Fine, scarce combination ................. E. 200-250

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Green (20L14). Full margins, tied by "PAID J.T.B." two-line hs and Boyd's oval ds on cover to Commissioner of Streets in N.Y.C., flap missing and age toned, Fine ....................... E. 75-100
Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Lilac, "1" Inverted (20L17c). Three large margins, in at top, lightly cancelled, slight crease, a Fine and extremely rare stamp, listed but unpriced in Scott................................. E. 300-400

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Blue Gray (20L18). Large margins, used with 3c Dull Red (26), both stamps tied by "New-York" cds and duplex grid on small cover to Phila., Very Fine, scarce combination and tied usage......................................................... E. 200-250

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Blue Gray (20L18). Large margins all around, tied by violet "Boyd's City Circular Dispatch, 1 Park Place" oval hs on unsealed locally addressed cover, Extremely Fine ............................................. E. 150-200

Boyd's City Express, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Blue (20L25). Huge margins showing large part of stamp above, touched at bottom, tied by Boyd's cds on yellow cover with Lord & Taylor corner card, faint mounting stains at edges, still Very Fine, scarce................................................................. E. 150-200

Boyd's Dispatch, New York N.Y., Black on Blue (20L45). Tied by violet "Boyd's City Dispatch, 1 Park Place, N.Y., Paid, Oct. 21, 1882" oval ds on local corner card cover, Very Fine......................................................................................... E. 150-200

Boyd's Dispatch, New York N.Y., Black on Blue (20L55). Tied by violet "Boyd's City Dispatch, 1 Park Place, N.Y., Paid, May 8, 1883" oval ds on local corner card cover, stamp has corner perf missing, still Very Fine......................................................................................... E. 150-200

Boyd's Dispatch, New York N.Y., Black on Pink (20L56). Tied by violet "Boyd's City Dispatch, 1 Park Place, N.Y., Paid, Jan. 6, 1883" oval ds and Maltese cross on local corner card cover, Very Fine......................................................................................... E. 150-200

Boyd's Dispatch, New York N.Y., Black on Pink (20L56). Tied by violet "Boyd's City Dispatch, 1 Park Place, N.Y., Paid" dateless oval on local cover with printed address, Very Fine......................................................................................... E. 100-150

Boyd's Dispatch, New York N.Y., 2c Red on Amber Entire (20LU13). "Boyd's Dispatch, 39 Fulton St., Dec. 21, 1867" cds, local address, Very Fine, Scott Retail $90.00 ................................................................. E. 75-100

Boyd's Dispatch, Importers' & Traders' National Bank, 2c Black on Card (20LU45). Used, crease and small tear, otherwise Fine......................................................................................... 120.00

Boyd's Dispatch, Importers' & Traders' National Bank, 2c Black on Card, 1880 Yeardate (20LU50). Unused, Very Fine......................................................................................... 65.00

Broadway City Express Post-Office 2 Cts. Clearly struck oval handstamp on printed Masonic lodge notice dated Feb. 27, 1852, Extremely Fine, very scarce, ex Middendorf......................................................................................... E. 400-500

Broadway Post Office, New York N.Y., (1c) Black (26L2). Horizontal strip of five, full original gum, large margins, Extremely Fine and choice multiple of this handsomely engraved local post stamp, Scott Retail $625.00+ (a block of four lists at $950.00)......................................................................................... E. 600-800

Bronson & Forbes' City Express Post, Chicago, (no value) Black on Green (27L1). Large margins, part o.g., h.r., natural gum creases and some gum stains in margin, otherwise Very Fine......................................................................................... 250.00
Bronson & Forbes' City Express Post, Chicago, (no value) Black on Green (27L1). Enormous margins all around, cancelled by clear strike of “Bronson & Forbes City Express Post Dec. 19 10 AM” company cds (with mis-spelling), additional strikes partly showing around perimeter, the stamp is also cancelled by part of the “Chicago Ill.” 1857 year-dated cds, which evidently was struck on an overlapping 3c 1851-57 stamp, Extremely Fine, the finest example of the Bronson & Forbes stamps extant, one of only two known cancelled copies (the examples on covers are uncancelled), ex Caspary................................................................. E. 1,500-2,000

Browne & Co.'s City Post Office, Cincinnati, 1c Black (29L1). Ample margins to slightly in, tied by clear strike of “City Post” in circle, used in combination with 3c Dull Red (11), ample margins to in at top, tied by “5” in circle debit hs (second strike at center), dark blue “Cincinnati.O. May 29” cds on cover to London, England, ms. “24” unpaid rate notation, “1/-” hs due, receiving backstamps and neat 1852 docketing
A VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE BROWNE & CO. STAMP FOR DELIVERY TO THEMAILSON A TRANSATLANTIC COVER.

The Browne & Co. 1-cent local stamp prepaid the fee for delivery to the Cincinnati post office. The 3c stamp was disregarded in accordance with postal treaty regulations that prohibited partial prepayment. The “5” in circle was used to cancel the stamp in New York City before posting aboard the next steamer bound for England. This is one of two known examples of the Browne & Co. local stamps on a transatlantic cover, the other being a later usage from the same correspondence, on which there is no U.S. government stamp.

With 1993 P.F. certificate................................................................. E. 3,000-4,000
Browne & Co.'s City Post Office, Cincinnati, 1c Black (29L1). Ample to large margins, very small tear at bottom, tied by black "City Post" in circle hs on locally addressed buff cover, few minor wrinkles, Very Fine; although a dozen or so 1c Browne & Co. covers are known, the extreme rarity of the 1c properly tied on a local Cincinnati cover (versus to-the-mails outbound usage) is evidenced by the fact that neither the Caspary nor Middendorf collections contained such a usage (one local cover with three uncancelled 1c stamps passed from Caspary to Middendorf); an important Cincinnati local post cover, being one of two known examples of the 1c used for local delivery and tied on cover............................. E. 1,500-2,000

Business Address Co., New York N.Y. Three covers with matching Rode & Brand corner cards, each with different four or five-line hs (red, violet, blue) indicating city delivery, ca. 1890's, Very Fine...........................................Not Illustrated E. 100-150

California Letter Express Co. (Hoogs & Madison), San Francisco, Black Printed Frank. With horse & rider illustration, five-line inscription and "PAID" imprint, locally addressed, Extremely Fine, an extremely rare and striking San Francisco local post usage, ex Pearce, Haas, illustrated in Letters of Gold ........ E. 2,000-2,500

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California Penny Post Co., 5c Black on 3c Red on Buff Entire (34LU3a). With seven-line inscription, "Stockton Cal. Jul. 10" cds, addressed to San Francisco. Very Fine, very rare used example of the 5c entire. Stockton was one of the California towns serviced by the Penny Post Co., ex Haas, illustrated in Letters of Gold, with 1967 P.F. certificate ............................................ E. 1,500-2,000

California Penny Post Co., 7c Vermillion on 3c Red on Buff Entire (34LU7). Additional black Penny Post Co. imprint with towns listed, blue "Monterey Cal. Oct. 18" cds, S.F. street address, interesting receipt docketing "Recd from H L Goodwin at 12 O'Clock N on the 20th Oct", numerous tiny pinholes, small scuff does not affect markings, slightly reduced at top and lightly folded, still Very Fine appearance and one of the rarest of the Penny Post Co. entires, ex Knapp, Meroni, Boker.......................... E. 1,500-2,000

California Penny Post Co., 7c Black on 3c Red on Buff Entire (34LU11a). Ms. cancel and "Mission San Jose Cal. Feb. 18" pmk., S.F. street address, fresh and Extremely Fine, very rare, ex Chapman, Chaloner.......................... E. 1,500-2,000

219° California Penny Post Co., 7c Black on 3c Red on Buff Entire (34LU11B). Additional imprint on back listing offices, addressed to San Francisco, probably sent by regular mails as each line of the imprint on front and back has a fine ms. line drawn through it, “Stockton Cal. May 31” cds cancels embossed stamp, the date struck out by grid, second cds dated Jun. 1 at lower left, small opening tear at top, Very Fine, a most unusual usage of this exceedingly rare entire.... E. 1,000-1,500
**RATES OF PENNY POSTAGE**

**IF PRE-PAID BY STAMPS.**

- For Conveying a Letter to the Post Office, 2 cts.
- Delivering a Letter from the Post Office, 5 cts.
- Conveying a Letter to the P. O. in one city and delivering the same in another, 7 cts.
- Transmitting by Express letters received after the Mails are closed, 7 cts.
- City Delivery east of Taylor and Fourth streets, 5 cts.
- west of

San Francisco City Delivery commences from the Office, 135 California street, at 7 A. M., 1 P. M., and half past 4, P. M.

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**220** California Penny Post Co. “Penny Post Co. San Francisco” double-line circle lightly but legibly struck on printed entire with instructions at top and “Care of the Penny-Post Co.” directive at bottom, S.F. street address, somewhat long sealed tear at right, otherwise Fine, extremely rare, ex Knapp, Hertz, with letter from Dr. Polland verifying genuineness .......................................................................................................................... E. 1,000-1,500

**221** California Penny Post Co., 7c Vermilion on 3c Red on Buff Entire (34LU7). Unused, fresh and Extremely Fine, much scarcer than Scott value of $120.00 suggests ........................................................................................................................................................................ E. 200-300

**222** California Penny Post Co., 5c Black on Buff Entire (34LU9). Unused, fresh and Very Fine, considerably scarcer than Scott value suggests ........................................................................................................................................................................ E. 100-150

**223** California Penny Post Co. *Rates of Penny Postage.* Original printed wrapper for Penny Post Co. entires, folds, Very Fine, interesting collateral item for exhibition ........................................................................................................................................................................ E. 75-100

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**224** Carnes City Letter Express, San Francisco, (5c) Rose (35L1). Large margins all around, blue “City. G. & H. Express” oval cancel. Extremely Fine, the nominal $100.00 Scott value does not begin to reflect the rarity of a genuinely cancelled Carnes stamp, especially with the Gahagan & Howe oval (ca. 1864-65) ........................................................................................................................................................................ E. 500-600
225* G. Carter's Despatch, Philadelphia, 2c Black (36L1). Three large to huge margins incl. bottom sheet margin, touched at right, ms. “X” cancel, tied by blue “Philada. Pa. 5 Jun. 29” cds on 1849 folded letter to Carlisle Pa., faint waterstain along bottom edge, otherwise Very Fine and choice, rare tied example of this scarce local stamp. E. 500-750

226* G. Carter's Despatch, Philadelphia, 2c Black (36L1). Margins just slightly into frameline, red brush stroke pre-cancel, used on brown cover to New Providence Pa., blue “Philada. Pa. 5 cts Nov. 26” cds, Very Fine E. 200-300

227* Cheever & Towle, Boston, 2c Blue (37L1). Large margins, ms. cancel, Extremely Fine, a very scarce stamp, modeled after the Hale adhesive, with 1981 P.F. certificate. 225.00

228* Chicago Penny Post, (1c) Orange Brown (38L1). Unused, margins mostly clear all around, fresh and Very Fine. 325.00

229* City Despatch Post, N.Y. 14 Jun. 9 O’Clock. Ty. II double-line cds, blue partly clear “Forwarded from Howard’s Hotel, New York” oval on 1842 folded letter locally addressed, minor stains, Fine. Not illustrated E. 75-100

230* City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Grayish (40L1). Left sheet margin block of four, full original gum, Extremely Fine, choice block of this historically significant stamp, the first issued in the Western hemisphere, with 1991 P.F. certificate. 2,000.00

231* City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Grayish (40L1). B. margin single, large margins, full o.g., h.r., Very Fine. 400.00

232* City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Grayish, Sperati Reproduction (40L1 Sperati). A frighteningly accurate reproduction tied by red “Free” in frame on piece with part of cds at lower left, also a Sperati “die” proof signed in pencil, truly the work of a master. E. 200-300

CITY DESPATCH POST, NEW YORK CITY

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233°  City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Grayish (40L1). Large even margins, fine impression, red “Free” in frame cancelling stamp and struck again tying stamp on folded letter with local street address, partly clear red “City Despatch Post N.Y. Mar. 2, 9 O’Clock” Ty. II double-line cds, Extremely Fine stamp and choice cover, the first adhesive stamp issued in the Western hemisphere, ex White, Middendorf, with 1991 P.F. certificate......................... E. 750-1,000

234°  City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Grayish (40L1). Large to huge margins, tied by red “Free” in frame, matching partly clear “City Despatch Post N.Y. 10 Apr. 4 O’Clock” double-line cds on folded letter locally addressed, minor age toning and splits at folds, Fine example of the first adhesive stamp used in the United States ........................................................................................................................................................................... E. 500-600

235°  (Mead) Post Office City Despatch, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Green Glazed (40L2). Three large to huge margins, clear at bottom, red cds cancel, Very Fine, much scarcer than Scott value suggests................................................................. 80.00

236°  (Mead) Post Office City Despatch, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Green Glazed (40L2). Ample to large margins, couple tiny chips in enamel, tied by red “Free” in frame on blue folded letter written in pencil (on a train, based on content), addressed to Union Springs N.Y., red “New-York 10 cts. 23 Sep.” (1847) cds, Very Fine and choice tied example of Mead’s stamp on cover, much rarer than generally perceived to be, this being one of the few known to-the-mails usage, ex Kapiloff ........................................................................................................................................................................... E. 600-800

237°  (Mead) Post Office City Despatch, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Green Glazed (40L2). Three large margins, touched at right, fine impression, vivid red “Free” in frame cancels stamp, matching “P.O. City Despatch Post, Jan. 7. 1 O’Clock” cds on tiny 1847 cover, locally addressed, a bit worn, fold at center, Fine, the 2c Mead stamp was used for a brief time (ten months, beginning in Dec. 1846) and a survey of auction catalogues produced only 18 different covers with 40L2—probably no more than 30-40 are extant................................................................. E. 500-600

238°  Cole’s City Despatch P.O., Jun. 27. Large double-circle ds in brownish red ink, fully struck on folded letter written and signed by Horace Greeley, locally addressed, Very Fine, ex Kapiloff................................................................. E. 400-500
(Coles) City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Green Glazed, “CC” at Sides (40L4). Large margins, few tiny flaking specks in enamel, pencil cancel, tied by red “New-York 5 cts 27 May” cds on blue 1850 folded letter addressed in blue to Providence R.I., Very Fine, the latest of the twelve 40L4 covers recorded in our census, a scarce tied usage to the mails, ex Kapiloff................................... E. 750-1,000

(Coles) Post Office City Despatch, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Grayish, “CC” at Sides (40L5). Large margins all around, tied by black “P.O. City Despatch Aug. 26 [no time] O’Clock” cds, second strike and “Paid” hs at left on 1848 folded letter to Chelsea Mass., blue ms. stroke thru “Paid” applied by post office, red “New-York 5 cts. 27 Aug.” cds, letter describes in detail the writer’s journey from New England to New York City, description of Croton water works, etc., presumably the writer was lodging at a hotel that provided City Despatch Post service


Our census produced only eleven 40L5 covers and an additional eleven covers with the 40L5 varieties. Tied examples of any of the Cole’s stamps are extremely rare. Illustrated in Perry’s 100 Years Ago (p. 52). Ex Mason, Kapiloff..... E. 4,000-5,000

(Coles) Post Office City Despatch, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Grayish, “CC” at Sides (40L5). Large margins, red “PAID” straightline cancel, second strike and matching “Cole’s City Despatch P.O. May 29” double-circle ds on light blue folded letter datelined “Briton” and endorsed “Politeness of Mr. Gurney”, hand-carried to New York City and posted for delivery by Coles, file fold, Extremely Fine, with 1991 P.F. certificate .......................................................... E. 2,500-3,500

(Coles) Post Office City Despatch, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Grayish, “CC” at Sides (40L5). Large even margins, slightly toned from gum, red “PAID” straightline cancel, matching strike and “Cole’s City Despatch P.O. Jul. 22” double-circle ds on blue printed folded circular dated Jun. 12, 1848, interesting contents from a liquor dealer describing “persecution” by the inspector’s office, Very Fine, choice use of Coles’ stamp in conjunction with the large double-circle company marking, ex Caspary, Middendorf, with 1991 P.F. certificate............................. E. 2,500-3,500

City Despatch, Philadelphia, 1c Black (41L1). Margins clear to huge except barely in at left center, tied by light strike of circled grid of Xs, on clean buff cover to a Dr. Evans of Walnut St., Very Fine........................................... 500.00
Drop Shot, Buck Shot, Chilled Shot, Bar Lead, Tin Lined Lead Pipe, Block Tin Pipe, Bar Tin, Pig Tin, Baby Tin, Pig Lead, Snake, Canister, Lead Pipe, Sheet Lead, Also, Plumbers', Steam and Gas-Fitters' Supplies.

COPPELL LEAD CO.,
63 Centre Street, New York.

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Clipperton Island-San Francisco, (no value) Violet Brown (Unlisted in Scott). Well-centered, purple W. Frese & Co. double-circle cancel, used with 5c Chocolate (270), minor short perfs at corner, both stamps tied by “San Francisco, Cal. Jul. 23, 6:30 PM 95” cds and duplex numeral oval grid on 1895 cover to Berlin, Germany, W. Frese & Co. San Francisco corner card, some very minor toning. A VERY FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE COVER FRANKED WITH THE CLIPPERTON ISLAND PRIVATE FRANKING STAMP. Clipperton Island lies 670 miles southwest of Mexico in the eastern Pacific Ocean. It was an important source of guano fertilizer and home to 150-200 miners at the time the Clipperton Island stamp was issued for use on mail carried from the island to San Francisco. This cover to Germany entered the mails at San Francisco and is additionally franked with the proper 5c U.S. postage for the U.P.U. rate. This cover was used to illustrate an article by Michael Laurence in Linn’s, March 8, 1993. Very few Clipperton Island covers are known................................. E. 3,000-4,000

Commercial Dispatch and Addressing Co., New York N.Y. Large coggd oval hs in violet with matching “SPECIAL NRU” straightline on lead manufacturer’s illustrated cover locally addressed, faint toning, Very Fine............................... E. 150-200

Comstock’s City Letter & Parcel Delivery, San Francisco. Brown local post imprint used with black Wells, Fargo & Co. printed frank on 3c Red Neshitt Entire (U10) to San Juan Cal., blue “Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco” oval, Very Fine. Comstock’s operation was short-lived and presumably limited to carrying mail between Wells, Fargo & Co.’s office and outlying areas, illustrated in Nathan where called “a great rarity”, also noted in Letters of Gold ....................... E. 1,200-1,500
Cressman & Co.'s Penny Post, Philadelphia, (1c) Gold on Black Glazed (53L1). Large margins to just touched at corner, used on embossed Valentine cover locally addressed, with Valentine enclosure, Very Fine, only eight covers with the rare Cressman & Co. stamp are recorded, only two of these are Valentine usages (both Miss L. Kelly or Kealy—see Steven Roth census in Penny Post, August 1992), ex Hollowbush, Boker, signed Sloane, with 1991 P.F. certificate........... E. 1,000-1,500

Crosby's City Post, New York N.Y., 2c Carmine (54L1). Clear to large margins, tied by indistinct Crosby oval on illustrated window ventilator ad cover, locally addressed, vertical folds and small opening nick at top, Fine.............. E. 300-400
Cummings' City Post, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Yellow Glazed (55L3). Ample even margins all around, red "PAID/AHC" in frame cancels stamp on tiny embossed Valentine cover, locally addressed in pencil, with matching Valentine enclosure, beautiful oval hand-colored illustration of romantic couple, poem affixed at bottom.

AN EXTREMELY FINE USAGE OF THE CUMMINGS VALENTINE STAMP.

The design of this stamp—a folded letter sealed with a heart—and Cummings' Cupid stamp (Scott 55L4-55L5) clearly identify his post with the delivery of Valentine letters. This example is one of the finest recorded Valentine usages of the Cummings Letter & Heart stamp.

With 1991 P.F. certificate................................................................. E. 4,000-5,000
250* Faunce's Penny Post, Atlantic City N.J., (1c) Black on Red (152L1). Unused, Fine .......................................................... 175.00

251 Faunce's Penny Post, Atlantic City, N.J., (1c) Black on Red (152L1). Tied on small piece by part of neat “Received Phila.” cds, cut into at T., Fine and scarce, with 1986 P.F. certificate which states “it is genuine but decline opinion as to the cancellation”, there is an example of the Hackney & Bolte stamp on a postal card, tied by the “Received Phila.” cds—the same accidental tie probably accounts for this usage ........................................................................................................... 230.00

252* Jabez Fearey & Co.'s Mustang Express, Newark N.J., Black on Red Glazed (66L1). Large margins, original gum, slightly creased and oxidized, still Very Fine, extremely rare ........................................................................................................... 175.00

253* Floyd's Penny Post, Chicago, (1c) Blue (68L1). ample margins, unused (without gum), tiny trivial pressed-out crease, otherwise Fine and scarce, unpriced as unused in Scott ........................................................................................................... E. 300-400

254* Floyd's Penny Post, Chicago, (1c) Blue (68L1). Large margins, oval Floyd's hs cancel, Extremely Fine ........................................................................................................... 90.00

255* Floyd's Penny Post, Chicago, (1c) Dark Blue (68L1). Huge margins all around, used with 3c Dull Red (26), s.e. at R., 1c tied by "Floyd's Penny Post" sunburst in circle, both stamps tied by blue grid and part of Chicago cds on small piece, Extremely Fine ........................................................................................................... E. 250-350
256\(\approx\) **Floyd's Penny Post, Chicago, (1c) Blue (68L1).** Ample margins to just touched, faint gum toning, tied by "Floyd's Penny Post Chicago" circular hs, used with three 1c Blue (63), each with perf trimmed off entirely, tied by blue grids and "Chicago Ills. Jun. 28" double-circle ds on neat cover to St. Louis, Very Fine, a striking and extremely rare use of the Floyd's stamp, ex Middendorf, with 1991 P.F. certificate .......................................................... E. 1,500-2,000

257\(\approx\) **Frazer & Co., Cincinnati, 2c Black on Green (69L3).** Large margins, tied by ms. "X" on cover front, **a remarkable thrice-forwarded usage**, originating red "Cincinnati O. May 15" cds, addressed to Pittsburgh (red ds), redirected to Philadelphia (blue cds and "Forwarded" in frame), New York City (red cds and "Forwarded" straightline) and Albany N.Y., ms. rates compounded to 25c total, light folds, a Fine and outstanding exhibition piece, only six covers with the Frazer & Co. green stamp are recorded (see Robert Meyersburg census in Penny Post, August 1992), ex Caspary.......................................................... E. 2,000-3,000

258\(\approx\) **Gahagan & Howe City Express, San Francisco.** Perfectly clear strike of blue "City. G. & H. Express, 423 Washn. St. S.E. Cor., Sansome St." double-line oval hs on local cover, Extremely Fine, illustrated in Nathan book .................. E. 1,000-1,500

259\(\approx\) **Gahagan & Howe City Express, San Francisco, (5c) Black (70L3).** Large margins, blue "Paid" in frame cancel, Extremely Fine ......................... E. 150-200
Glen Haven Daily Mail, N.Y., 1c Black on Green Glazed, Ty. II (71L2). Large margins, few tiny flaked spots in enameled, used with 3c Brownish Carmine (11), both stamps tied by "Scott N.Y. Oct. 15" cds on small white cover to Bonsack's Va., Extremely Fine Gem usage, the Glen Haven stamps are almost always uncancelled, this tied usage of the early Type II adhesive is extremely rare...... E. 2,000-3,000

Glen Haven Daily Mail, N.Y., 1c Black on Green Glazed, Ty. III (71L3). Links at corners, Patton sub-type IIc, large margins, fresh and bright color, used on 3c Red on White Entire (U9) with blue embossed watercure physician's corner card, "Homer N.Y. Mar. 7?" cds, to Springfield Mass., a bit worn at edges, otherwise Very Fine, ex Boker ................................................................. E. 1,200-1,500
Glen Haven Daily Mail, N.Y., 1c Black on Green Glazed, Ty. IV (71L4). Ornaments in corners, Patton sub-type 1c, large margins, slight surface flaking in enamel, used with 3c Dull Red (26), both stamps tied by “Scott N.Y. Sep. 16” cds on small cover to Bonsack’s Va., Extremely Fine, rarely found tied in this manner, ex Judd, Sheriff................................................................. E. 2,000-3,000

Gordon’s City Express, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Green Glazed (72L3). Large margins all around, tied by red “New-York 5 cts. 5 Oct.” cds on brown cover to Little Falls N.Y., stamp has three small black dots, Extremely Fine, signed Robson Lowe................................................................. E. 750-1,000

265** Grafflin’s Baltimore Despatch, 1c Black (73L1). Pencil cancel, ample margins to touched, faults but a very rare stamp.......................... 240.00

266° Guy’s City Despatch, Philadelphia, (1c) Blue (74L2). Tied by purple “Guy’s City Dispatch, 1125 Chestnut St.” double-line oval on piece, Extremely Fine, very rare properly used ...................................................... E. 200-300

267** Hackney & Bolte Penny Post, Atlantic City N.J., (1c) Black on Red (153L1). Used with 2c Red Brown (210), both stamps tied by “Atlantic City N.J. Jun. 30, 4PM, 1887” cds and duplex numeral oval grid on cover to Philadelphia, receiving backstamp ONE OF TWO COVERS KNOWN TO US WITH THE HACKNEY & BOLTE STAMP TIED IN COMBINATION WITH UNITED STATES POSTAGE.

This cover and its companion were contained in the Frank A. Hollowbush collection. They are both postmarked on June 30, 1887, and addressed to different persons. The post ceased service at about this time after one year of operation. A postal card with the Hackney & Bolte stamp tied on front is also known.

Signed Sloane................................................................. (Color Photo, p. 76) E. 3,000-4,000

268°° Forwarded by Hale & Co. “Nantucket”. Clear red oval hs with office name in manuscript, red “Collect/6 Cents/for/N. Bedford Office” framed rate hs on Jan. 1845 folded letter from Nantucket to Andover Mass., Very Fine and extremely rare Hale marking.............................................. E. 400-500

269°° Forwarded by Hale & Co. from New Bedford (Mass.). Clear red oval hs and “Collect/6 Cents/for/N. Bedford Office” framed rate hs on Oct. 1844 folded letter from Nantucket to Andover Mass., Very Fine and scarce................................ E. 200-250

270°° Forwarded by Hale & Co. from Providence (R.I.). Bold red oval hs and “6” rate on Apr. 1845 folded cover to Philadelphia, Very Fine............................................ E. 150-200

271°° Forwarded by Hale & Co. from Springfield (Mass.). Clear red oval hs and “Collect/Six Cents/for/Hale & Co.” framed rate hs on green Sept. 1844 folded letter from Springfield to Boston, ink spot, Very Fine and scarce office marking.. E. 300-400

272° Hale & Co., New York, N.Y., (6c) Red on Bluish (75L2). Cut to shape, margins just in to clear, ms. cancel, Fine.................................................. 50.00

273°° Hale & Co., (6c) Blue, “23 State St.” Blue Manuscript Overprint (75L5 var). Full square margins, tied by red framed handstamp on Aug. 7, 1844 folded letter from Boston to New York City, addressed in blue

THE FINEST KNOWN EXAMPLE OF THIS INDEPENDENT MAIL CARRIER RARITY.

The Scott-listed handstamped overprints (75L3 and 75L4) on the 13 Court Street stamps were issued to show Hale’s new 23 State Street address. The manuscript overprint served the same purpose. We record three examples: one on an off-cover Red stamp (used from Portsmouth N.H. with additional “P/NH” initials); one on the Blue stamp with address removed, cut to shape and used on cover; and this square-cut example tied on cover, which is by far the finest of the three known to us. The manuscript overprint is listed in Scott as a minor variety of 75L5; however, in our opinion the Scott listings should be modified to include a 75L3A (6c Red with ms. overprint) and 75L4A (6c Blue, street address omitted, with manuscript overprint), which would be a more accurate classification. If accorded the Scott status these stamps deserve, they would be more widely recognized as important rarities of the independent mails.

Ex Judd, Jarrett............................................................... (Color Photo, p. 76) E. 3,000-4,000
274° Hale & Co., (6c) Blue, Street Address Omitted (75L5). Ample to large rectangular margins, ms. “X” and red framed cancel, used on folded cover to New York City, red framed Jerome & Co. and oval Hale & Co. handstamps, Boston offices, possibly Portland Me. origin, Very Fine, scarce conjunctive express usage, with 1991 P.F. certificate .......................................................... E. 400-500

275° Hale & Co., (6c) Blue, Street Address Omitted (75L5). Cut to shape, red ms. initial, tied by framed hs cancel, matching “Forwarded By Hale & Co. From Northampton,” bold oval hs on July 1844 folded letter to Boston, Extremely Fine, choice usage .......................................................... E. 400-500

276° Hale & Co., (6c) Blue, Street Address Omitted (75L5). Square-cut margins mostly clear to ample, ms. “2” cancel, red Hale & Co. Philadelphia office oval hs on Apr. 1845 folded letter to New York City, some minor toning, still Very Fine................................................. E. 300-400

277° Hale & Co., (6c) Blue, Street Address Omitted (75L5). Three cut-to-shape, tied by red “Forwarded By Hale & Co.’s Great Eastern Mail” oval hs, matching Boston office hs on folded cover to New York City, ms. “Hale Co. 3”, Very Fine multiple usage .......................................................... E. 750-1,000

278° Hanford’s Pony Express Post, 2 Cts. Oval horse & rider hs on folded letter date-lined Boston, Feb. 19, 1849, to New York City, carried by hand and delivered by Hanford’s locally, Very Fine.................................................... E. 300-400

279° Hanford’s Pony Express, New York N.Y., 2c Black on Orange Yellow Glazed (78L1). Three full margins, barely in at bottom, ms. cancel, used on 1846 folded letter to Hartford Conn., red “New-York 5 cts. 12 Feb.” cds, “Paid” in arc and red “5” crayon rate, neat docketing, Very Fine, Scott Retail $1,250.00...... E. 500-600
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280° Forwarded by Harnden's Express, 74 Broadway, New York. Black on white label affixed to cover with embossed corner card of Mohawk N.Y. merchant, addressed to Washington D.C., minor staining, Fine and very scarce label .......... E. 150-200

281° Harnden's, Boston. Red oval hs used in conjunction with clearly struck Willmer & Smith's Liverpool office hs on Dec. 1842 folded letter to Rome, Italy, transits of Liverpool, Calais and Rome, addressed in care of Freeborn Jones & Co. with note on back re postage charges claimed by them, Very Fine conjunctive forwarders' markings .................................................................................. E. 200-300

282° Harriott's Broadway Post Office. Cor. Canal St. New-York. Red oval hs on blue folded notice of complaint and fine from Law Dept., City of New York, for “encumber sidewalk”, reinforced splits along folds, still Very Fine and scarce................................. E. 400-500

283 ° Hartford Mail Route, Conn., (5c) Black on Yellow (50L1). Two clear margins, just barely in to clear on others, unused (without gum), fresh color, Very Fine and scarce .................................................................................. 400.00

284° Hussey's Post, New York N.Y. Blue five-line hs “Important/Special Message/ Hussey's Post/50 William St.” on insurance corner card cover to local address, Very Fine and non-philatelic usage, accompanied by a ca. 1865 cover from South Orange N.J. to Phila. with one of Hussey's copyrighted “Time Posted” labels tied on back .................................................................................. E. 75-100

285° Hussey's Post, New York N.Y., 1c Rose Red (87L10). Ample margins to just touched, tied by “Free” hs on small printed notice from Corn Exchange Bank of promissory note due date, completed in magenta ink with pencil street address, small hole, otherwise Very Fine, although many of Hussey's later issues were philatelically motivated, this ca. 1860 usage reflects the original purpose of Hussey's Post—to deliver notices, circulars, etc. for banks and insurance firms—it is quite rare .................................................................................. E. 400-500
Hussey’s Post, New York N.Y., (no value) Black Handstamped Wrapper (87LUP1). Inscribed “82 Broadway”, clear strike with “Free” hs on folded printed notice of meeting of Mechanics & Tradesmen Society, dated Nov. 27, 1856, the earliest of the three recorded examples, Very Fine, illustrated in Perry book on Hussey (p. 12) and Byways of Philately (p. 93), ex Middendorf, with 1991 P.S.E. certificate................................. E. 750-1,000

Hussey’s Post, New York N.Y., (no value) Black Handstamped Wrapper (87LUP1). Inscribed “82 Broadway”, clear strike with “PAID/G.HUSSEY” hs on small folded cover to local address, lightly soiled, Very Fine......................... E. 500-750

Hussey’s Post, New York N.Y., (no value) Black Handstamped Wrapper (87LUP2). Inscribed “50 William St. Basement”, bold strike with “PAID/G.HUSSEY” hs on brown wrapper to local address, Extremely Fine ...................... E. 500-750

Jenkins’ Camden Dispatch, N.J., (no value) Black (89L1). Four margins, small part o.g., h.r., Very Fine.......................................................... 200.00

Kenyon’s Letter Office New-York. Red oval hs lightly struck (as almost always) on cover to Trenton N.J., with letter enclosure datelined New York, Sep. 24, 1849; red crayon “R.R. Sept. 24} 5” on cover, in the same hand as letter, presumably a Philadelphia Railroad usage between New York City and Trenton……. E. 300-400
Kidder's City Express Post, Brooklyn N.Y., 2c Black on Blue Glazed (93L1). Ms. “IS” (Isaac Snedeker) control initials, clear to large margins except barely in at left, pre-use corner crease, tied by red “PAID” hs, second strike below stamp and matching “Kidder's City Express Post, 2 Cts.” oval hs on brown cover to local Brooklyn street address, Very Fine and choice tied example of the Kidder’s horse & rider stamp, the majority of the few known covers do not have the stamp tied, Scott Retail $3,500.00 .......................................................... E. 3,000-4,000

Letter Express, San Francisco. Two-line handstamp “San Francisco/City Letter Express” in ornamental frame, perfect bold strike in blue on locally addressed cover to Col. Warren, opened at top with minor tears, still Extremely Fine .......................................................... E. 1,000-1,500

Letter Express, San Francisco. Blue oval handstamp with horse & rider illustration, matching strike of scarce “PAID” in frame on fresh locally addressed cover, Extremely Fine and choice example of this local post marking, ex Jessup .......................................................... E. 500-750

Letter Express, San Francisco. Blue printed frank “San Francisco, Letter Express, Office—162 Montgomery Street.” three lines in frame on locally addressed cover, black “PAID” in frame hs and pencil “3 P.M.”, Very Fine, extremely rare and possibly unique frank, ex Jessup .......................................................... E. 1,000-1,500

Letter Express (Wells), 5c Black on Pink Glazed (96L1). Large margins, ms. “X” cancel, slightly oxidized, otherwise Extremely Fine, with 1986 P.F. certificate .......................................................... 95.00

McMillan’s Despatch Post, Chicago. Small circular hs on folded printed notice, March date (1855 was the only year this post operated), Very Fine, ex Hennan, Jarrett, illustrated in Karlen book (p. 155) .......................................................... E. 600-800
297 Mearis' City Despatch Post, Baltimore, 3c Red on White (Unlisted). Red "City Despatch Post Baltmo." handstamp with ms. "3 paid" at center and "M" (Mearis) cancellation or control mark, cut square, used on Dec. 21, 1846 folded letter to local firm, file crease thru letter and stamp (lifted and moved slightly to left)

THE UNIQUE MEARIS CITY DESPATCH POST HANDSTAMPED ADHESIVE.

The Mearis City Despatch Post was established by Malcolm W. Mearis in 1846. The typeset stamps are known used as early as February 1846 (one tied example on cover is recorded). Ex Caspary and Middendorf. ................... E. 15,000-20,000
Messenkope's Union Square Post Office, New York N.Y., (1c) Black on Green Glazed (106L1). Two (one has pre-use crease), placed at top right and left corners of small white lady's envelope with local street address, each stamp tied by red “Paid” in arc cancel applied by New York City post office, Extremely Fine and handsome. Only three or four covers are known with two Messenkope’s stamps paying the 2c rate, this being one of two cancelled by the “Paid” in arc; others have Dunham’s oval—this might be an earlier example under Messenkope’s ownership. With 1994 P.F. certificate................................................................. E. 2,000-3,000

Messenkope’s Union Square Post Office, New York N.Y., (1c) Black on Green Glazed (106L1). Three large margins, touched at bottom, pencil cancel, slightly creased from bend in corner of envelope, used with 5c Red Brown (1), worn 1850 impression, tied by red square grid, matching “New-York Apr. 5” cds on small cover to Boston, Very Fine, a colorful and very scarce combination.......................... E. 2,000-2,500
300° Messenkope's Union Square Post Office, New York N.Y., (1c) Black on Green Glazed (106L1). Large margins to touched at bottom, ms. line thru "Messenkope's", used with 3c Orange Brown (10), close margins to touching, minute tear at lower left, both stamps tied by bold "New-York Jan. 19" cds on small white cover to Mich., Very Fine, rare combination and tied usage. E. 1,000-1,500

301° Metropolitan Errand and Carrier Express Co., New York N.Y., 1c Red Orange (107L1). Cut to shape, tied by "Paid" in frame, "A.M. Hinckley & Co.'s Express, New-York" oval on small cover with original enclosure, Very Fine ..... E. 200-300
CITY DESPATCH!
ONE CENT.
PRINCIPAL OFFICE No. 17 South Gay St.
FIVE COLLECTIONS DAILY!
At 7 and 9, A.M., and 1, 3½ and 7 P.M.
Delivers Letters, Newspapers, Circulars, Business and Invitation Cards, Meeting,
Monies, Bank and Funeral Notices, and Messages of every
description throughout the
CITY
FOUR TIMES DAILY,
At 8 and 10½, A.M., and 2 and 4½, P.M.,
And to the
POST OFFICE, FIVE TIMES DAILY,
At 8 and 10½, A.M., and 2, 4½, and 9, P.M.,
AT ONE CENT EACH, PRE-PAID.

FOUR HUNDRED BOXES have been placed in conspicuous places and may be found at any of the
PRINCIPAL HOTELS AND DRUG STORES,
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Will be kept at the office until called for, but advertisers and others who may wish to receive replies through this channel, and thereby AVOID THE ANNOYANCE OF A PERSONAL INTERVIEW, may have them sent to their address, under cover, and without extra charge, by leaving orders at the Principal Office.

The CITY DESPATCH will not deliver Money, Jewelry, or other articles of intrinsic value, and the Proprietors will in no case hold themselves responsible for such articles unless previously registered at the Principal office, and delivered by a
SPECIAL MESSENGER.
Stamped Envelopes, Despatch and Government Stamps, for sale at the different Box Stations and at the Principal Office.

To insure delivery, Letters, &c., must, in all cases, be Pre-paid.
N.B.—A Special Messenger can be obtained at all hours at the Principal office.

JOHN WILEY & CO., Proprietors.
The Only Recorded Combination with 1c 1851 Issue

The "Henny" for "Penny" Error—The Only Recorded Example
MOODY’S PENNY DISPATCH
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

THE INCOMPARABLE MATCHED PAIR OF
COMBINATION COVERS

Moody’s Penny Dispatch, Chicago. The pair of covers, franked with (1c) Black on Red Glazed (110L1) and (1c) Black on Red Glazed, “Henny” Instead of “Penny” Error (110L1b). Each Moody’s stamp with margins all around and tied by blue “Moody’s Despatch” cds in combination with United States 1851 Issues; the Scott 110L1, a left sheet margin copy, is used with three 1c Blue, Ty. IV (9), one with four margins, others with large margins to slightly in (one has small internal tear), tied by “Chicago Ill. Nov. 14, 1856” cds on small neat cover to Newport Post Office, Rhode Island; the “Henny Dispatch” error, Scott 110L1b, is used with 3c Dull Red (11), margins to slightly in, tied by “Chicago Ill. Sep. 18, 1856” cds on bright yellow cover with blue machinist’s corner card in shield-shaped frame, with original letter enclosure, to Voluntown, Connecticut.

Each of these Moody’s covers is unique—the former being the only known combination with the 1-cent 1851 Issue, and the latter being the only recorded “Henny Dispatch” error. Clearly tied as they are, in combination with United States stamps, the two covers form a pair of unsurpassed beauty and importance in the carrier and local post field.

Both covers are well known to philately. The 1c 1851 combination, the latest recorded use of the Moody’s stamp, was featured prominently in the Caspary and Boker collections. The “Henny Dispatch” cover was offered in our 1966 Rarities of the World sale, where it was acquired by the late Paul C. Rohloff and used to illustrate the Moody’s section in the Karlen Chicago book (p. 118). However, this is the first time that the two are shown together in one holding. In fact, it was only in 1994 that the “Henny Dispatch” spelling error was recognized. The existence of the error was announced in an article published in The Chronicle (November 1994) and the stamp was listed for the first time in the 1996 Scott U.S. Specialized Catalogue as 110L1b (unpriced).

Observing the body of carrier and local material from past auctions and surveys, one finds very few examples of rare carrier and local post stamps (fewer than 20 known) used on covers in combination with United States stamps (generally for to-the-mails usage). The famous Beckman’s City Post/3c 1851 and East River P.O./3c 1851 combination covers (both ex Caspary) immediately come to mind, followed by perhaps a half dozen others. Only 17 examples of Moody’s stamp are recorded, including five or six covers. The “Henny Dispatch” stamp is unique and one of the few spelling errors among carrier and local issues. Both of the Moody’s covers offered here have combination frankings for to-the-mails service, and the stamps on each are clearly tied. In our opinion, there is no other matched pair of carrier or local post covers to rival these.

Offered together for the first time and to be sold as one lot to preserve their combined importance. Each is listed but unpriced in Scott..... E. 100,000-125,000
**New-York Penny Post Feb. 27, 3 O'C.** Bold red double-line cds on 1840 partly printed notice of meeting of Phrenelological Society of New York, locally addressed, Extremely Fine. A very early cover carried by the New York Penny Post, the first local post in New York City—eku Jan. 29, 1840, according to Robert Meyersburg survey in *Penny Post*, July 1995, where this cover is misdated as 1841 based on our firm's error in Sale 747. Ex Kapiloff ........................................ E. 400-500

**New-York Penny Post, Jun. 15.** Mostly clear double-line cds in black on 1841 folded cover, locally addressed and delivered within the city by the post office, red "New-York Jun. 15" cds and ms. "1" due rate, file folds, Very Fine. One of four recorded to-the-mails covers carried by the New York Penny Post, of which this is the only example delivered by the post office within the city, a service normally provided by the local post; with Robert Meyersburg letter describing this as the "rarest use of any local or carrier—even rarer than use on an overseas letter." Ex Kapiloff ........................................ E. 400-500

**New-York Penny Post, Aug.** Black double-line cds without day or time slugs, boldly struck on folded letter datelined at Troy N.Y., Aug. 19, 1841, and addressed to N.Y.C., Extremely Fine, ex Kapiloff ........................................ E. 200-300

**One Cent Despatch (Wiley), Baltimore.** Broadside, 5½ x 9½ in., with large heading "CITY DESPATCH/ONE CENT/FIVE COLLECTIONS DAILY", with a list of services, collection and delivery times, etc., and nothing, "Stamped Envelopes, Despatch and Government Stamps, for sale at the different Box Stations and at the Principal Office." All in fancy printed frame as prepared by R.A. Wates, a Washington printer, for John Wiley & Co., some toning, still Fine, a rare piece and highly exhibitable............................... (Photo, p. 85) E. 300-400

**One Cent Despatch (Wiley), Washington D.C., 1c Violet (112L1).** Ty. I, three large margins, touched at left, tied by "City Despatch Apr. 18, 4½ P.M. 1856" cds, second strike below, used with 3c Dull Red (11), clear to large margins, tied by "Washington D.C. Apr. 20, 1856" cds on small cover to Phila., Extremely Fine and choice combination usage, Scott Retail $1,000.00 ............................... E. 1,000-1,500

**Overton & Co. Letter Express, (6c) Black on Greenish (115L1).** Cut with square margins, two full, slightly in other sides, uncancelled on folded letter to New York City, black "Forwarded by Overton & Co. 29½ State Street, Boston" oval hs, street address, red pencil "2", minor splitting along folds, Fine and very rare use of this independent mail stamp ............................... E. 500-750
Prince’s Letter Dispatch, Portland Me., (no value) Black (122L1). Margins all around, used with 3c Red, F. Grill (94), both stamps tied by “Boston Mass. Oct. 6” cds and segmented cork, also by blue “Prince’s Express (?) State St.” in serrated oval, on cover to Barre Mass., small missing piece of 3c stamp at right has been repaired.

ONE OF THE RAREST OF ALL INDEPENDENT MAIL USAGES FROM THE ONLY STEAM-BOAT CARRIER TO ISSUE STAMPS.

Prince’s Letter Dispatch was established by J. H. Prince of Portland, Maine, and carried mail by steamboat to Boston, which is probably why it continued to function without government interference as late as 1869. The pictorial stamps used by Prince were engraved and printed by Lowell & Brett of Boston (Lowell’s imprint appears below the steamboat vignette). Although an abundant supply of unused stamps reached philatelic hands, genuinely used stamps are extremely rare, and only three or four complete covers are known. Of the covers known to us, only this example has the company handstamp, leaving no doubt that it was actually carried by Prince’s Letter Dispatch; the question of usage is raised by the fact that stamp collectors had already become interested in local posts by the mid-1860’s and might have posted letters from Boston with the unusual Prince stamp affixed for philatelic purposes. Three off-cover stamps (two in the Caspary sale) have company handstamps.

In terms of rarity and the nature of this service, this is, in our opinion, one of the great independent mail covers in philately............................. E. 4,000-5,000
310 * Prince's Letter Dispatch, Portland Me., (no value) Black (122L1). Unused block of four, large margins, Very Fine, not rare, but not as common as the nominal Scott value suggests.................................................. 37.00

311 Private Post Office, San Francisco, 15c Blue on White Entire (123LU2a). Unused, small flap fault, Very Fine .............................................................. 175.00

312 Roche's City Dispatch, Wilmington Del. Large red circular hs on back of embossed Valentine cover locally addressed, ca. 1850, with hand-written love poem on embossed panel, Very Fine, only five stampless Roche's City Dispatch covers are recorded, of which two bear the large round handstamp (see Penny Post July 1995 article by Stephen Gronowski for survey)................................. E. 1,200-1,500
313°

Stringer & Morton’s City Despatch, Baltimore, (1c) Gold on Black (134L1). Large margins to barely touched, uncancelled on small Nov. 14, 1850 folded letter with local address, proper time period for this rare Stronger & Morton’s stamp, Very Fine, this could be ex Casparay ........................................ E. 400-500

314°


315°

Swarts’ City Dispatch Post, New York N.Y. Black oval hs “Swarts’ B. Post Office N.Y. Chatham Square” hs and “Paid/Swarts” in frame on 6 x 8 in. embossed Valentine cover, lady in garden design, with floral and gilt enclosure, Very Fine, with 1991 P.F. certificate...................................................... E. 200-300

316°

Swarts’ City Dispatch Post, New York N.Y. Red oval hs “Post Office * Swarts * Chatham Square” and “Paid” straightline, 5c Brown (1), huge margins except touched at upper left, tied by red square grid, matching “New-York May 18” cds on 1849 folded letter to Phila., red Swarts’ oval “Direct to” backstamp, Very Fine, ex Moroni................................................................. E. 1,000-1,500

317°

Swarts’ City Dispatch Post, New York N.Y., (1c) Red (136L9). Margins all around, tied by bold black “Swarts’ B. Post Office N.Y. Chatham Square” oval hs, “Paid/ Swarts” in frame on local cover, 1854 docketing, Very Fine, Scott Retail $300.00 ......................................................... E. 300-400

318°

Swarts’ City Dispatch Post, New York N.Y., (1c) Red (136L9). Margins all around, tied by bold black “Swarts’s Post Office Chatham Square Feb” oval ds (no date), “Paid/Swarts” in frame on Oct. 1855 local folded letter in German, trivial wrinkles in lettersheet, Very Fine, Scott Retail $300.00 .............................. E. 300-400

319°

Swarts’ City Dispatch Post, New York N.Y., (1c) Red (136L9). Margins all around, small black grid cancel, used on Apr. 25, 1854 folded letter to Bavaria, Germany, black “N.York Br. Pkt. 23” debit cds, blue ms. rate, Aachen backstamp, soiled but otherwise Very Fine, rare use of Swarts’ stamp on transatlantic mail... ................................. E. 500-750

320°

Swarts’ City Dispatch Post, New York N.Y., (1c) Pink (136L10). Large margins all around, ms. cancel, used with 3c Dull Red (11), close margins or touching, both stamps tied by bold “New-York Mar. 31” cds on buff cover to Macedon N.Y., ms. “Due” and “5” in circle hs, faint staining, otherwise Very Fine, an unusual usage, ex Boker ................................................................. E. 500-750

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MARCH 26, 1996
Swarts' City Dispatch Post, New York N.Y., (1c) Red, "For the U.S. Mail" (136L15). Large top and bottom margins, touched at sides, small tear at right, tied by 5-point star on blue 1851 folded letter to Woburn Mass., red "New-York 5cts. 24 Jun." cds, Very Fine despite minor stamp flaw. The Swarts' "For the U.S. Mail" stamp in Red is extremely rare on cover—Caspar had a small piece and a repaired example on cover, while Middendorf had none at all—the abundance of Swarts' covers should not be confused with the great rarity of this issue .... E. 1,000-1,500

Teese & Co. Penny Post, Philadelphia, (1c) Blue on Bluish (13711). Large margins to barely touched, tied by vivid red "Philadelphia Pa. Paid. Feb. 11, 3 cts." integral rate cds on small neat ca. 1854 cover to White House N.J., ms. "Paid 3 Cts.", Extremely Fine tied example of this rarity on cover, only twelve covers recorded, including just six tied examples (Caspar and Middendorf had none—see Penny Post October 1993 for survey by Steven Roth), Scott Retail $2,000.00.... E. 2,000-3,000
Towle's City Post, Boston. Red oval hs “Towle's City Post, 7 State St.” on small white cover locally addressed, Very Fine .......................... E. 150-200

Union Post, New York N.Y. Three-line hs “UNION/POST/HRS” (identical to adhesive stamps), mostly clear blue strike on June 19, 1846 folded letter from Hudson to New York City, Very Fine, very scarce, ex Casparry, Boker............... E. 500-600

Dunham’s Union Square Post-Office. Large red oval hs, 5c Brown (1), three ample margins, slightly in at top, pencil cancel, also tied by red grid and matching “New York & N. Haven R.R.” cds lightly struck on May 1851 blue folded letter to Fair Haven Conn., Fine, Dunham’s post put this letter on the northbound train, where it was cancelled by the route agent, most unusual, ex Meroni...... E. 1,500-2,000

Union Square Post Office, New York N.Y., 1c Black on Apple Green (141L2). Two large margins, touched or in on other sides, tied by pencil, used with 3c Dull Red (11), bottom sheet margin, touched on two side, both stamps tied by “U.S. Express Mail N.Y. Feb. 12” cds on brown cover to Boston, minor gum staining, Fine, the Union Sq. Post Office seems to have regularly posted mail on northbound trains where letters were postmarked by the route agent aboard .......... E. 750-1,000
Walton's Brooklyn City Express Post, N.Y. Mostly well-struck "Walton's Brooklyn City Express Post. Feby. 14 1 O'C" oval ds on ca. 1846-47 cover with local address, original Valentine enclosure, a beautiful hand-painted floral design with center that pulls up to reveal Cupid, love poem in sender's hand, Very Fine, this Brooklyn post was opened in 1846 by Wellington Walton, a Boyd's agent, and sold to Kidder in 1847—examples of the Walton adhesives or handstamped covers are extremely rare ................................................................. E. 1,000-1,500
Westtown School, Westtown Pa., (2c) Gold (145L2). Ty. VII, three large margins, touched at top, used with 3c Green (158), both stamps tied by target cancel, "Street Road Pa." cds on cover to Tecumseh Mich., Very Fine. By this point of the Westtown School's mail service, the practice of affixing the adhesive stamp to the back of the envelope was well established. Among covers from the 1853 to 1869 period, one regularly encounters uncancelled stamps affixed to the front; the rare examples with the Scott 145L1 stamp accidentally tied by the West Chester or Street Road town marking are highly prized by collectors and valued at $4,500.00 in the Scott Catalogue. However, Scott does not even list the 145L2 stamp "On front of cover, tied with 3c", and it is safe to say that such usages are even rarer than their 145L1 counterparts.

CARRIERS AND LOCALS BALANCE

Carriers & Locals. 1842-75, Fourteen, nos. 4LB20-21, 6LB3, 6LB10, 75L5, 87L44, 112L1, LO2, LO3, 1LB7-1LB9, few faults, all appear Fine............... 851.00

Local Post Covers. Balance of collection comprising: Blood's Dispatch, incl. stampless cds, No. 15L10 (uncancelled on stained folded letter), 15L13, 15L14 (four incl. one with No. 11), 15L15 (with No. 11 on front only), 15LU1, 15LU5; Boyd's, incl. two stampless ovals, two with Eagle & Globe issues, front with Mercury issue; also two used entires with Wells Fargo & Co. and Bamber & Co. franks, Fine to Very Fine condition.......................................................... E. 600-800
**SANITARY FAIR ISSUES**

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343°* Brooklyn Sanitary Fair, 10c Green (WV7). Original gum, large margins, thin spot, T.T corner crease, o/w Very Fine .......................................................... 950.00

344°* Brooklyn Sanitary Fair, 10c Green (WV7). Large margins, unused (without gum), tear at T. and horizontal crease, o/w Very Fine, ex Steele (WS) ...................... 950.00

345°* Metropolitan Fair, New York, 10c Blue (WV8). Complete sheet of four, unused (without gum), thins and creases, o/w Very Fine ........................................... 1,500.00

346° Great Central Fair, Philadelphia, 10c Blue (WV11). Thin spot, appears Very Fine .......................................................................................................................... 600.00

347° Great Central Fair, Philadelphia, 20c Green (WV12). Corner crease at T.R., o/w Very Fine .......................................................................................................................... 500.00

348° Great Central Fair, Philadelphia, 20c Green (WV12). Tiny tear at T. and corner perf crease, o/w Very Fine, ex Steele (WS) .......................................................... 500.00

349° Great Central Fair, Philadelphia, 20c Green (WV12). Repaired, appears Fine .......................................................... 500.00

350° Great Central Fair, Philadelphia, 20c Black (WV13). Corner crease at T.R and short perf at L., o/w Fine, ex Steele (WS) .......................................................... 475.00
351° Soldier's Fair, Springfield Mass., 10c Lilac (WV14). Large margins, unused (without gum), Extremely Fine .......................................................... 200.00
352° Soldier’s Fair, Springfield Mass., 10c Lilac (WV14). Original gum, Very Fine, ex Steele (WS) .................................................................................. 200.00
353° Soldier’s Fair, Springfield Mass., 10c Lilac (WV14). Original gum, natural inclusion, Very Fine, ex Steele (WS) ...................................................... 200.00
354° Soldier's Fair, Springfield Mass., 10c Lilac (WV14). Strip of four (complete sheet), unused (without gum), Extremely Fine ........................................ 900.00
355° Soldier's Fair, Springfield Mass., 10c Lilac (WV14). Close margins at in at B.R., affixed with slightly brown gum on cover with proper dark blue “Soldier's Fair, Springfield, Dec. 20, 1864” cds, Very Fine, these covers were probably prepared in advance and sold to patrons, this unaddressed example is what may be termed an unused entire .................................................. 750.00
356° Soldier's Fair, Springfield Mass., 10c Lilac (WV14). Close margins, affixed with slightly brown gum on cover with proper dark blue “Soldier’s Fair, Springfield, Dec. 20, 1864” cds, Very Fine .......................................................... 750.00
357° Navy Agency—Baltimore. Straightline handstamp between bars, struck in blue with matching “Baltimore Md. Apr. 1” cds and “Free” hs on folded cover to A. O. Dayton, Fourth Auditor, Washington D.C., fresh and Extremely Fine, the finest known example of this rare navy forwarder’s marking, ex Sampson.......................... E. 1,500-2,000

358° U.S. Navy Agency Balto. Negative letters in circle, bold blue strike with matching “Baltimore Md. Jan. 18” cds and “Free” hs on folded cover addressed in blue to A. O. Dayton, Fourth Auditor, Washington D.C., Extremely Fine, same correspondence as previous lot, believed to be the only example of this marking in private hands ......................................................... E. 1,500-2,000


360° Paid at The Bank of N. America. Bold red double-line oval hs, ornate lettering and scrollwork, with red “Boston 3 cts 3 May” cds and “Paid” hs on brown cover to Washington D.C., bank imprint on flap, worn and slightly torn at upper left, still Fine, an unusual and scarce marking applied by the Bank of North America, comparable to the service provided by hotel mail forwarders.............. E. 300-400

361° Forwarded from the Baptist Miss. Rooms, Boston. Orange-red oval hs on back of Apr. 1848 folded letter from Calcutta, India, to Brooklyn N.Y., red “Boston 5 cts 14 Jun.” cds, slight wear in lettersheet, still Very Fine.............................. E. 150-200

Forwarded By A. F. James, Comm. Merchant, Galveston, Texas. Five-lines in oval, mostly clear strike of this forwarder's handstamp on the front of a complete folded letter datelined at Galveston, Mar. 23, 1840, entered the U.S. mails with blue "New Orleans La. Mar. 27" cds and matching "Ship" hs, red ms. "27" rate (25c plus 2c ship fee) to Charleston S.C., good commercial contents refers to these cash-less times...the present extraordinary (financial) crisis affects our country very much..." and mentions a pending trip into the interior in the company of some eminent Frenchmen seeking to settle along the Trinity River, overall toning and separations along edges, otherwise Fine, the only recorded example of the A. F. James handstamp, illustrated in ter Braake (p. 76)................. E. 1,000-1,500


Forwarded By Arthur H. Edey, Agent, Fifth Reg't Texas Volunteers. Black on off-white newsprint label, affixed to upper left corner and "tied" by small stain spot, two 5c Light Blue, De la Rue (6), each irregular margins to cutting, different shades, each with ms. "X", matching "New Salem Tx. Oct. 24" (1862) below label, and addressed to Liberty, Texas. The origin of the cover is unknown, but it probably crossed the Mississippi and was deposited by Edey into the Texas mails—a service he performed for the 5th Texas Regiment; part of back flap missing and some aging, stamps with light soiling, still Fine, a very rare express usage—less than a dozen Edey covers are known, all dated between April and October 1862................. E. 750-1,000
TRANSCONTINENTAL INDEPENDENT MAILS AND FORWARDING AGENTS

367°№  Merchants Exchange, San Francisco. Remarkably bold red oval handstamp with matching “PAID” below in small italic caps, magenta ms. “40” transcontinental rate on Oct. 1, 1850 folded letter to Waterbury Conn., black “PAID” in arc applied at New York City; the Merchants Exchange at San Francisco provided local residents and transients with mail-forwarding service—in this case, we have clear evidence that the private “Paid” marking and 40-cent rate were satisfactory proof of prepayment when the letter arrived at the New York City post office, despite the fact that no government postal markings were applied in San Francisco—a superb example of this extremely rare marking and usage from the early period of San Francisco’s postal history, illustrated in Letters of Gold................................. E. 2,500-3,500

368°№  Merchants Exchange, San Francisco. Perfectly clear three-line handstamp with “PAID” on third line in small italic caps (as in handstamp in previous lot), magenta ms. “40” transcontinental rate on folded cover to New York City; another example of mail forwarded by the Merchants Exchange at San Francisco—in this case, too, the absence of San Francisco postal markings and postage due in New York City indicates that the private “Paid” marking and 40-cent rate, although entirely private in origin, were satisfactory evidence of prepayment; an outstanding cover demonstrating the link between an independent mail operation in early San Francisco and the official government post office, illustrated in Letters of Gold, with 1992 P.F. certificate ................................................................. E. 2,500-3,500
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**NC-RR/POST.** Noisy Carrier River Route, two-line handstamp, bold strike on face, second lighter strike on back of brown cover to Sacramento City Cal., 3c Dull Red (11), large margins, tied by bold "San Francisco Cal. 17 Jan." cds, neat 1857 docketing. Extremely Fine, only two examples recorded, one of the rarest and most desirable of California independent mail markings, ex Lehman, Baker, Haas, Kutz, with 1969 P.F. certificate. ................................................................. E. 4,000-5,000

**370**

**Noisy Carrier’s Mail, San Francisco.** Well-struck oval hs ties 1c Blue, Ty. IIIa (22), Pl. 4, used with strip of three 3c Dull Red (11), large margins to slightly in, all stamps tied by "San Francisco Cal. Feb. 5, 1858" cds on cover to Auburn N.Y., 1c rounded corner perf, cover slightly worn at edges, still Very Fine and choice, an extremely unusual mixed-issue franking, with 1992 P.F. certificate (misidentifying 1c as Ty. II). ........................................................................ E. 1,500-2,000
371° Noisy Carrier's Mail, San Francisco. Well-struck oval hs, 10c Green, Ty. III (15), large margins to touched, faint crease, tied by “San Francisco Cal. 20 Jan.” cds on brown cover to Auburn N.Y., minor wrinkles and wear, Very Fine, choice strike of this California mail forwarder’s marking ..................................... E. 1,000-1,500

372° Noisy Carriers Publishing Hall, Long Wharf San Francisco, Charles P. Kimball, Proprietor. Three-line handstamp in tiny letters, clearly struck, 10c Green, Ty. III (15), clear to large margins, in at B., tied by “San Francisco Cal. 20 Mar.” cds on small cover to Southfield Conn., with 1856 enclosure, Very Fine, choice example of this mail-forwarder’s handstamp, remarkable for its diminutive style and rarity, with 1992 P.F. certificate.......................................................... E. 2,000-2,500

373° From Noisy Carrier’s Mail. 77 Long Wharf S.F. Cal. Four-line framed handstamp in blue, flawless strike, on buff cover to Maine with 3c Rose Red (11) pair, tied by San Francisco postmark, pair with mostly large margins to just shaving frame line at B.R., cover with two small toned spots, still Very Fine............................. E. 500-600
374$\textsuperscript{a}$  
**From Noisy Carrier's Mail. 77 Long Wharf S.F. Cal.**  
Four-line framed hs in olive green, clearly struck, 10c Green, Ty. II (14), ample margins, tied by "San Francisco Cal. 21 Apr." cds on cover to Franklin Mass., Very Fine, choice strike of Noisy Carrier's marking .................................................. E. 750-1,000

375$\textsuperscript{a}$  
**From Noisy Carrier's Mail. 77 Long Wharf S.F. Cal.**  
Well-struck framed hs on 10c Green Nesbitt Entire (U16) to Knoxville Ill., "San Francisco Cal. Aug. 20, 185-" cds, skillfully repaired along edges, Very Fine appearance ................. E. 200-300

376$\textsuperscript{a}$  
**Forwarded Via Nicaragua from Noisy Carriers Publishing Hall, San Francisco.**  
Six-line green hs mostly well struck, pair of 3c Dull Red (11), margins to slightly in, tied by "New-York Dec. 16" cds on brown cover to East Pepperell Mass., merchant's backstamp, Fine.......................................................... E. 400-500

377$\textsuperscript{a}$  
**Via Nicaragua, Ahead of the Mails.**  
Blue framed hs on small cover to Montpelier, Vermont with 3c Dull Red (11), pair tied by "New-York Jan. 24" cds, large margins to touched at B.R., docketing on back indicates contents were dated Dec. 31, 1853, neat and Fine.......................................................... E. 300-400

378$\textsuperscript{a}$  
**Forwarded By G. B. Post & Co. San Francisco.**  
Well-struck hs in octagonal frame, two average 3c Dull Red (11) tied by "San Francisco Cal. 16 Jun." cds on ca. 1853 brown cover to New York, Fine cover and choice strike................. E. 400-500

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Wells, Fargo & Co. Pony Express, $2.00 Red (143L1). Full margins except clear at T.L., well tied by blue “Pony Express San Francisco” Running Pony oval on 10c Green on White entire (U17) to Washington, red printed frank, 10c cancelled by neat “St. Joseph Mo. Sep. 14” cds, portion of address erased (causing some thinning in address panel) and re-written, otherwise Fine, ex Meroni, with 1966 P.F. certificate .......................................................... E. 3,000-4,000

Wells, Fargo & Co., $1.00-$4.00 Pony Express (143L2-143L5). Clear to ample margins, the first two unused (no gum), others o.g., h.r., few toning spots, o/w Fine .......................................................... 815.00

Wells, Fargo & Co. Pony Express, $4.00 Green (143L2). Unused, ample margins, fresh and Fine .......................................................... 300.00

Wells, Fargo & Co. Pony Express, $2.00 Green (143L4). Unused, large even margins, fresh and Very Fine .......................................................... 250.00

Wells, Fargo & Co. Pony Express, $4.00 Black (143L5). Unused, large margins, fresh and Extremely Fine .......................................................... 175.00

Wells, Fargo & Co. Pony Express, $1.00 Blue, Garter (143L6). Unused, large margins, Extremely Fine and very scarce .......................................................... 450.00

Wells, Fargo & Co., Virginia City Pony Express, 25c Red on 3c Pink Entire (143LU3). Unused, Very Fine, considerably scarcer than Scott value of $625.00 suggests .......................................................... E. 750-1,000
Wells, Fargo & Co., (no value) Blue, Newspaper Stamp, Perf 11 (143LP9). Well-centered, tied by blue “Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Diego, Cal.” oval hs on wrapper. Extremely Fine example of this rare usage, with 1982 P.F. certificate, Scott Retail $1,500.00......................................................... E. 1,500-2,000

Wells, Fargo & Co., (no value) Blue, Newspaper Stamp (143LP10). Large margins to clear at bottom left, tied by blue “Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Diego, Cal.” oval hs on wrapper, small tear at top, Very Fine, with 1984 P.F. certificate, Scott Retail $1,000.00......................................................... E. 1,200-1,500

Wells, Fargo & Co., St. Joseph Pony Express Frank on 3c Red Star Die Entire. Unused, with black script address imprint, Very Fine, very scarce…… E. 500-600

Wells, Fargo & Co. Paid. Printed frank in black on unused legal-size 9c Lemon on Buff entire (U66), Very Fine.............................................................. E. 500-600

Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Steamboat. Three-line framed hs in blue, matching “Paid” in double-line oval on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to Placerville Cal., Very Fine and very scarce, ex Jarrett .............................................................. E. 500-600

Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Steamboat. Three-lines in ornate frame, struck in blue on cover to San Francisco, Fine and scarce Pacific water route marking.......................... E. 300-400
392° Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Steamboat. Blue oval hs, somewhat blurry strike on brown cover to San Francisco, pencil “Paid Reily”, Fine and very scarce, ex Barkhausen, Clifford ................................................................. E. 200-300

393° Forwarded by Wells, Fargo & Co.’s Express from San Francisco. Six-line black on pink label, used with blue “Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco” framed hs on cover to Perry City N.Y., sender’s endorsement “From the US Sloop St. Maryes”, without contents but note on back gives date as May 26, 1855, minor glue stains on label, still Very Fine, rare early Wells, Fargo & Co. usage......................... E. 750-1,000

394° Wells, Fargo & Co.’s Express from Nevada. Black on orange glazed label with town name in ms., used to forward cover with “Wells, Fargo & Co. Gold Hill N.T. Sep. 29” oval ds, originally used to Nevada with paste-up entire on reverse, 3c Pink Entire with black W. F. & Co. frank and Gold Hill oval, redirected to San Francisco, Very Fine and rare usage, ex Meroni ......................................................... E. 750-1,000

395° Wells, Fargo & Co. Express from Dalles (Oregon). Black on green glazed label with town name in ms., used on 3c Pink Entire with black W. F. & Co. printed frank, black “Wells, Fargo & Co. Express Olympia” oval hs, label stained, address is non-contemporary, very scarce, ex Meroni................................................................. E. 150-200

396° Wells, Fargo & Co. Paid. Black printed frank with additional corner card of Booth & Co. Sacramento grocers, six-horse wagon loaded with supplies, on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10) to Todds Valley, large blue W. F. & Co. Sacramento office double-circle ds, Very Fine, ex Meroni................................................................. E. 500-600

397° Wells, Fargo & Co. Paid. Red printed frank on 10c Green Entire (U41) to New York City street address, double rate with additional 10c Green (68) tied by large blue “Wells, Fargo & Co.’s Express S.Frco. 1 Feb.” double-circle ds, forwarded to Westfield Mass., two 3c Rose (65) for double rate and 1c Blue (63) for carrier fee tied by “New-York Feb. 27” double-circle ds and target, slightly reduced at right, still Very Fine, quite a remarkable combination to pay express fee (printed frank), double-rate transcontinetal postage (two 10c), double-rate forwarding postage (two 3c) and carrier fee (1c)—a virtual all-in-one display of then-current U.S. domestic rates ................................................................. E. 1,500-2,000

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399
**Wells, Fargo & Co. Company envelope in salmon, with homemade security collar around 3c ultramarine (114) and tied by circle of wedges and New York cds, a “Held For Postage” straightline at R. indicates this cover’s original stamp fell off. The hs has been deleted and there is a large bold “Potage paid” in ms. written below the stamp—Wells Fargo was taking no chances this time, Fine, a most unusual and rare usage, with 1993 P.F. certificate. ................................................................. E. 300-400

400
**Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, San Francisco.** Purple oval ds on beautiful overall lithographed advertising cover to Ukiah Cal., light brown illustration of Wells, Fargo & Co. buildings, slightly reduced at right, Very Fine, a wonderful piece of early California advertising, ex Clifford. ................................................................. E. 500-600

401
**Wells, Fargo & Co. Hawaii-U.S. Express.** Paid printed frank in brown on envelope (blue inside) with Hawaii 1882 5c Ultramarine (39) tied by purple straightline “DEC 1 1884”, repeated at left, on frank, to the S.S. Wellington at San Francisco, no other markings, few small ink smears.  A VERY FINE, EARLY AND EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE FRANKED WELLS, FARGO & COMPANY ENVELOPE USED WITH THE HAWAIIAN 5-CENT KAMEHAMEHA V ISSUE.  Ex Preston. With 1992 P.F. certificate  ................................................................. E. 4,000-5,000

402
**Wells, Fargo & Co. Hawaii-U.S. Express.** Paid printed frank in brown on unused legal-size Hawaii 1884 10c Black entire (U5), faint toning, Very Fine.  ................................................................. E. 400-500

403
**Wells, Fargo & Co. Hawaii-U.S. Express.** Paid printed frank in brown on unused U.S. 5c Brown entire (U222), Very Fine.  ................................................................. E. 400-500

404
**Wells, Fargo & Co. Mexico Express.** Two used Mexican entires with printed franks in green, appropriate W. F. & Co. markings, 1889 and 1897 usages, Very Fine.  ................................................................. E. 75-100
405°  Wells, Fargo & Co. Paid. Black printed frank on 3c Pink Entire (U58) to French Creek, British Columbia, blue “Wells, Fargo & Co. Express, Sonoma” oval hs, used in conjunction with blue “Dietz & Nelson’s Express B.C.” double-circle hs, which ties pair and single British Columbia 1864 3p Blue (7), and red “Barnard’s Express” double-circle hs, blue “Collect” in oval hs, Very Fine, an extremely rare and desirable mixed-franking triple-express usage from California to British Columbia, with 1991 P.F. certificate........................... E. 3,000-4,000

WESTERN EXPRESSES

406°  J. Bamber & Co.’s Express, Bacon & Hardy, Oakland (Cal.) Office Paid. Black printed frank on 3c Pink Entire (U35) to San Francisco, oval “Wells Fargo & Co., Grass Valley, May 8” ds, small mended piece at right, otherwise Fine, very scarce ................................................................. E. 500-600


408°  Becker & Co.’s Express, Landers Bar (Cal.). Black oval hs struck on front and back of blue folded cover to French Corral, ms. “Forwarded by Beckers Post”, Very Fine, rare example of this express, which served the Yuba River area between Marysville and French Corral from 1852 to 1853................................................................. E. 500-600
Berford & Co.'s California Express. Red oval "Berford & Co.'s Express, San Francisco, Cal." double oval and matching "Collect" hs on Oct. 31, 1851 folded letter from a husband to his wife, in care of the Chatham Square Post Office in New York City, pencil "10" rate

Berford & Co.'s black-and-white label affixed at upper left, full text: "Office Berford & Co.'s California Express,/2 Vesey St., Astor House,/3 Broad St., cor. Wall St./New-York./Cor. Clay & Kearny Sts., San Francisco./Brought by Berford & Co.'s Express./Enclose answer in an envelope, directed to Berford & Co., POST-PAID. Messengers leave New-York and San Francisco by every steamer, with letters, parcels, and packages. Freight, 40 cents per lb. Gold Dust, 4 1-2 per cent, on sums over $1000; 5 per cent. on sums under $1000—including insurance and all other charges."

AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE BERFORD & CO.'S ADVERTISING LABEL ON AN EARLY TRANSCONTINENTAL EXPRESS COVER.

Minor short tear at top center, lightly creased thru label, effectively tying it, and some bleached spots, still Fine and exhibitabel. With Konwiser article on this cover

E. 2,000-2,500
Berford & Co.'s Express, Collect $1-. Ms. express marking on blue folded cover addressed to "H. S. Houston, Comptroller of State, Puebla De San Jose", endorsed "Official", Oct. 8, 1850 receipt docketing on flap, small bleached spot, Very Fine, believed to be the earliest known cover carried by Berford's, who operated the only express to San Jose when it was the state capital. E. 600-800

Forwarded By Bowers Express. Well-struck black oval hs on brown cover to Windsor Vt., red "San Francisco 40 15 Nov." integral rate cds, very slight edgewear, Very Fine, this small company operated between Nevada City and Sacramento in 1849-51, ex Parker. E. 500-600


Everts, Wilson & Co.'s Express. Paid. Black printed frank in frame on 3c Pink Entire to Port Irvine Cal., blue circular company hs, rebacked with flaps added, Fine appearance. E. 75-100

Freeman & Co.'s Express San Francisco. Red oval hs with matching "Reply By Freeman & Co's Express" two-line backstamp on blue Nov. 1855 folded letter to New York, black "Paid" in frame, file folds, Very Fine. E. 400-500

Forwarded By Freeman & Co.'s Express, Marysville. Blue oval hs on folded cover to San Francisco, passed closed, wrinkles and minor edge faults, Fine strike of a scarce marking. E. 100-150

Freeman & Co.'s Atlantic States and European Express, San Francisco. Paid. Black six-line printed frank in frame on 10c Green Nesbitt Entire (U16, unlisted by Helm) to street address in New York City, clear "Boyd's City Express Post Jun. 12 12" oval ds, light edgewear, Very Fine, ex Eno. E. 800-1,000

Freeman & Co.'s Express. Paid. Red ribbon style frank on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire to Santa Cruz Cal., faint oval ds, Very Fine. E. 75-100

Gregory's Express Office, San Francisco. Three-line hs in blue, partly clear strike with matching "Paid" in double-line oval, used in conjunction with "Gregory's Atlantic and Pacific Express, Forwarded by Thompson & Hitchcock, 149 Pearl Street, N.Y." four-line hs on blue folded letter datelined San Francisco, Oct. 4, 1851; interesting content from H. Toler to Howland & Aspinwall, "As I have no doubt that the wishes of the travelling community will induce you to adopt the new route of Nicaragua across the Isthmus, and I am about to embark for San Juan del Sud to establish there, I respectfully ask of you the agency for your business transactions there...", Very Fine. E. 750-1,000

Gregory's Express Office, San Francisco. Three-line hs in blue, matching "Not Paid" in oval hs on folded cover to New York City street address, partly struck "Boyd's City Express Post, Jul. 30 12" oval ds, ms. "2" (two bits) rate, flaps at right removed, Fine and scarce conjunctive usage. E. 750-1,000

Gregory's Express. Matching pair of folded covers with two-line hs and "Paid" in oval, struck in blue and red (with letter dated Mar. 1852), Very Fine pair. E. 750-1,000

Gregory's Express, Marysville. Shield-shaped frame with steamboat illustration, "From the Office of Gregory's Express, Marysville, Cal.—Gold Dust, Letters and Parcels forwarded with dispatch,"; perfectly clear strike in blue on flap of small blue cover to Nantucket Mass., blue "Marysville Cal. Jun. 26" cds, matching "Paid 6" in circle, endorsed "Pr Golden Gate", sealed flap tears thru backstamp, Very Fine appearance, reported to be the only example of this marking extant. E. 750-1,000

Gregory’s Express Pocket Letter Book. Unused with blank pages intact, extensive detailed description of services, etc., Very Fine................................. E. 150-200

Forwarded By A. M. Hinckley & Co.’s Express, Panama. Clearly struck blue oval hs on folded letter datelined Panama, Jan. 14, 1854, to Lanman & Kemp in New York City, delivered locally by Boyd’s with its oval ds, light toning, otherwise Very Fine, rare and rare usage............................................................ E. 600-800

Kennedy & Co.’s Half Moon Bay & Pescadoro Express, San Francisco. Blue printed corner card (without Paid frank) in ornate frame on 3c Pink Entire (U59) to San Francisco, fancy circle of wedges cancel and “San Francisco Cal. Mar. 3” cds, ms. “K” at lower left, Very Fine, this express operated daily between towns on the coast south of San Francisco to Pescadoro from 1862 to 1864, illustrated in Letters of Gold................................................................. E. 600-800

Langton’s Pioneer Express. Two different printed franks on 3c Pink Entires, one to Virginia N.T. with blue “Langton’s Pioneer Express Downieville” oval hs, other to Folsom Cal. with blue “Wells, Fargo & Co. Marysville Nov. 5” double oval hs (slightly reduced at R.), Very Fine pair from this famous expressman’s service.......................... E. 200-300

A. J. Oliver & Co. Express, Virginia City, M.T. Bold oval hs, ms. “cod 25” rate on yellow cover to Virginia City M.T., Very Fine, rare marking from this short-lived service between Virginia City and Salt Lake City in 1864-67, ex Jarrett................................. E. 750-1,000

D. C. Patterson & Co.’s Boise and Salt Lake City Express. Perfectly struck oval handstamp on back of yellow cover to Parie du Sac, Wis., 3c Rose (65) tied by grid, “Salt Lake City U.T.” cds, “Paid One Dollar Dec. 4, 1863” charge-datestamp, second strike dated Dec. 11, small piece of back flap missing, otherwise Very Fine, choice strikes of these rare markings, this company operated between Boise, Idaho, and Salt Lake City in 1863 and 1864.......................................................... E. 750-1,000

W. E. Singer & Co.’s Feather River Express, Connecting with Wells, Fargo & Co. Perfectly struck blue oval hs on brown cover to Bidwell’s Bar, Cal., slight edgewear, still Extremely Fine, one of the numerous California express enterprises organized by the ubiquitous Singer.......................................................... E. 500-750

Stanton & Co. Sacramento & Folsom Express. Paid. Black printed frank with illustration of locomotive on 3c Red Nesbitt Entire (U10), ms. “N. Stockbridge Center Mass. May 29” pmk., addressed to Wis., “Watertown Wis.” cds and ms. “Mis[sent] & Ford”, soiled specks at right, slightly worn, Fine, although used as an envelope and not carried by express, this is believed to be a unique example of the Stanton & Co. imprint, with 1988 P.F. certificate.......................................................... E. 750-1,000

Whiting & Co.’s Feather River Express. Paid. Printed frank in dark violet ribbon design, on 3c Pink Entire to Oroville Cal., uncancelled, Very Fine ...... E. 150-200

Western Express Franks. Seven different unused entires: Langton’s Nevada Mail and Express Co., Moore’s Flat and Eureka Express, Pacific Stage & Express Co., Taggart’s Shasta & Weaverville Express, and Pacific Express Co., all on small entires; also two legal-size entires (incl. 12c bi-color, slightly reduced) with Bamber & Co. and River Express franks, Very Fine group ......................... E. 500-600

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To Amelia, My Daughter, eldest in My affections

July 14, 1846

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