

Figure 3. Genuine example of the double-circle marking used by the U.S. post office at Hiogo, Japan, during the early 1870s. Hale owned a handstamping device capable of forging this marking, but there's no evidence he ever used it.



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We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and described by the applicant as follows:

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Scott's unless otherwise specified.

USED
 HIOGO, JAPAN CANCEL.
 AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE WITH A DIAGONAL CREASE AT BOTTOM
 RIGHT AND SMALL CORNER CREASES * * * * *



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