Columbian Exposition Issue 1893

The collection presented herein comprises 35 years of collecting primarily with the help of a great stamp consultant Andrew Levitt. This was truly a wonderful experience, and a great opportunity for an avid stamp collector. The collection was exhibited in 1996 at Amphilex in New York City at the Biltmore hotel, as ‘anonymous’ through Andrew Levitt. Both pieces shown below are part of this collection. Over the years the Columbian Stamp Co. has owned and offered for sale or represented buyers of many of these items. It is fitting that Harry Hagendorf of Columbian Stamp Co. represent these items.


**Figure 1** shows the largest recorded Columbian stamps, $49.34 on a piece of registered package wrapper, mailed from Bangor, Maine, on February 19, 1897. Among the 25 Columbian series stamps are a strip of three of the $5.00 stamp at the bottom and a single $5.00 stamp at the top.

![Fig.1 Largest recorded used multiple on package wrapper.](image)

The PF certified the largest reported multiple, a block of 14 without gum, on October 24, 1991. (PF Certificate #250,000). **See Figure 2.**

![Fig.2 Largest recorded $5.00 stamp multiple.](image)

See: [http://www.philatelicfoundation.org/research_articles/columbian.htm](http://www.philatelicfoundation.org/research_articles/columbian.htm)
United States of America

The Columbian Exposition Issue of 1893

In the annals of postal history, the Columbian Issue stands out as a monument in this country's 150-year history of postage stamps. From the controversy surrounding their issue in 1893 (centered mostly on the then high-dollar face value of the set) and their inherent exquisite design as America's first commemorative issue...to their legend as being perhaps the most highly sought after set of stamps in American philately, the "Columbians" offer beauty, specialization and rarity.

Less than two decades after their city virtually burned to the ground in the Great Chicago Fire of 1875, the citizens of the Midwest's teeming metropolis set out to not only rebuild, but prove to the world that Chicago was a milestone in commercial and industrial progress. Thus, the World Columbian Exposition was staged on the shores of Lake Michigan—honoring not only the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus’ discovery of America, but America, itself...and its preeminence in human development.

No human endeavor—during or after that Exposition—serves to better commemorate that event than this great set of stamps.

This exhibit represents selected pages from the most comprehensive collection ever formed of this issue.

Columbian stamps used on January 1, 1893, a Sunday, the first official day of use for this issue, represent great rarities since only the main post offices in New York City and Boston were open for stamp sales. 1-Cent Jan. 1 FDC from "Burger Correspondence."

With the first day falling on a Sunday, the next day, Monday, January 2, 1893, is also recognized as a first day for this issue—especially at the Exposition, itself. Two 1-cent issues pay domestic letter rate on this FDC from Chatham, Mass. on Jan. 2.
Pre-First Day Usages

Usage prior to January 1, 1893, is very rare.

The one-cent issue cancelled on December 31, 1892.

The two-cent issue cancelled on December 31, 1892.
First Day Covers

Two-cent first day cover from "Burger Correspondence" postmarked Jan. 1, 1893. Backstamped the same day.

First day cover of the 2-cent value postmarked Lowell, Mass., on Monday, January 2, 1893. Received next day in Boston.
First Day Covers

Three-cent issue (from the “Burger Correspondence”) postmarked Jan. 1, 1893, from New York. Backstamped same day.

Four-cent issue (from the “Burger Correspondence”) postmarked Jan. 1, 1893, from New York. Backstamped same day.
First Day Covers

First day cover of the 5-cent value postmarked New York on January 1, 1893. Backstamped same day.

First day cover of the 10-cent value postmarked New York on January 1, 1893. Backstamped same day.
The Ten-Cent Issue

Pre-First Day Usage -
Pre first day cover from
Arlington, Mass. on December
31, 1892. Backstamped East
Lexington, Mass., on the same
day. On 4-cent entire—
franking enough for seven
times 2-cent letter rate.

Fig.6 10 Cent Columbian Pre First Day usage, Dec. 31, 1892  Very Rare.
World's Fair Machine Cancellations of the Full Set

Unique matched set of cacheted covers with each stamp in set (from the one-cent to the $5.00 values) tied by World's Fair Station machine cancellation in June, 1893. Produced by Charles Gunther, Chicago confectioner, and showing only authentic portrait of Columbus.

Fig. 7 Dr. Robert Locke covers from the Exposition, incomplete set (2cent missing), found in the Virgil Brand safety deposit box at his death, sold in 1986. (Steve Ivy auction)
World's Fair Machine Cancellations of the Full Set

Fig. 7B  5 Cent through 10 Cent covers.
Fig. 7C  15Cent to $1.00 exposition usage.
The One-Cent Issue
"Columbus In Sight of Land"

Unused bottom left sheet margin copy showing unlisted perforation error.

Bottom plate number imprint strip of four with platemaker's control letters.

Usage From U.S. Postal Agency • Shanghai, China
One and 2-cent Columbian issues with 2-cent Trans-mississippi issue from Wuchow, China, to Germany in March, 1900. The U.S. stamps comprise the 5-cent UPU rate to foreign destinations. Absence of Chinese postage paying internal rate from Wuchow to Shanghai indicates probably prepayment in cash.
The One-Cent Issue

Underpaid Mail To Yokohama, Japan
One-cent issue with pair of two-cent stamps on double weight letter to Japan. Postage due paid with 10 sen Japanese due stamp at destination. From San Francisco, Jan., 1894.

Insufficiently Paid To The Netherlands
Double weight letter paid at single weight rate. Postage due at double insufficient amount, or 50 centimes...paid with Dutch due stamp.
The One-Cent Issue
Usages To Cuba and Jamaica

Fig. 10  Foreign Usage.
The One-Cent Issue

Paris Exposition Cancellation
The United States exhibit at the Paris, France, Exposition of 1899-1900 included a model post office station, and letters with U.S. stamps were postmarked there. One-cent Columbian covers postage for local delivery of letter in Paris.

Special Delivery Usage
One-cent issue combines with one-cent stamped envelope on domestic letter rate special delivery cover from Bridgeport, Conn., to New York City in June, 1893.
The One-Cent Issue

Fig. 12A  U.S. Postal Agency Siberia Feb 23, 1923.

Fig. 12B  U.P.U. Rate to Russia, Feb. 1893.
The Two-Cent Issue

Printed from 200-subject plates into panes of 100. When demand caused overtaxing of larger presses, new plates of 100 subjects were laid down. "The Landing of Columbus"

Pair from damaged, imperforate, ungummed sheet discovered in New York in 1900.

Top margin plate number imprint strip of four with ABNC imprint. Plate No. 158.

Bottom left plate number imprint block of 10.
The Two-Cent Issue
Unusual Foreign Usages

Around The World On German Postal Card
Ten pfennig postal card sent from Germany to Yokohama, Japan. Mixed frankings with 2-cent Columbian used with German, Gibraltar and Japanese stamps. Eighty days in transit from Magdeburg, Germany from March through May, 1893.

To South Africa
Two-cent and 8-cent Columbians combine to pay double the UPU foreign letter rate to Wellington, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, in March, 1894.
The Two-Cent Issue

Fig. 22a Insufficient postage to France. 'T' marked postage due.

Fig. 22b Underpaid to England, marked 'T' postage due.  Page 22.
The Three-Cent Issue
Printed from 100-subject plates.
"The Flag Ship of Columbus".

Unused left sheet margin block of four.

Top plate number imprint block of eight with American Bank Note Company imprint.
Plate No. 57 with platemaker's sequence letter "L".

On piece with postmark of U.S. Military postal station, Santiago, Cuba.
September 18, 1898.
The Three-Cent Issue
Foreign Destinations

To The Society Islands
Three, 6 and 8-cent Columbians on 4-cent entire overpay double 5-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry to Papeete, Tahiti (Society Islands) in March, 1899. Registered in New York and San Francisco.

To Nicaragua
Three-cent issue with 10 cents in 2-cent definitives pay 5-cent UPU rate and registry to Granada, Nicaragua in August, 1896.
The Three-Cent Issue
Foreign Destinations

To Sierra Leone
Three-cent issue on 2-cent entire paying UPU rate to African French colony in July, 1893.

To Canton, China
Three-cent and 5-cent Columbians on 2-cent entire. Double UPU rate to China, June, 1893.
The Three-Cent Issue
Registered Usages To Algeria & Sarawak

To Algeria
Thirteen cents for UPU rate and eight cents registry in Sept., 1898.
On Columbian Exposition 10-cent stamped envelope.

To Sarawak
Columbian issues in combination with Trans-Mississippi and First Bureau issues on registered business reply cover to Kuching, Sarawak on Island of Borneo.
The Three-Cent Issue
Registered Mail To Calcutta...Then Returned

Well-travelled registered cover bearing 3-cent and 10-cent Columbian issues to pay the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate and 8-cent registry from San Francisco via New York and London to India in September, 1893. Returned to sender by the Bombay, India, Dead Letter Office in early 1894.

Return to
J. C. McCarey,
Lamar, Mo.,
U.S.A.

To Mexico
Registered usage on one-cent entire with straightline cancel from Lamar, Mo. Note “shield” registry postmark. April, 1900.

Fig. 19 Foreign Usage.
The Three-Cent Issue
Usages To Latin America

To Guatemala
Three-cent Columbian stamp on two-cent Exposition stamped envelope paying
the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate to Guatemala in May, 1893.

To Peru
The 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate to Arequipa, Peru, in February, 1894.
The Three-Cent Issue
Foreign Destinations

Mixed Franking To Germany
Two and 3-Cent Columbians on one-cent entire. “Deutches Seepost” single letter rate, used aboard ship with 20 pfennig German stamp paying postage to Germany. Stamped envelope not valid for postage in a German post office.

To New South Wales
Three-cent and 8-cent Columbians on 5-cent stamped envelope with additional 2-cent Columbian on reverse. Double letter rate and registry fee to Sydney in August, 1893.
The Four-Cent Issue

The Error of Color
The stamp on the left is the normal ultramarine color. At right, two stamps showing (unused and used) the “error of color” with stamp printed in clear deep blue.

The “Three Leaf” Variety
Additional projection, or “leaf”, occurs to the upper left of the “4”. Normal stamp at left, variety shown at right.

Light ultramarine on wove paper. Bottom plate number imprint strip of four Full American Bank Note Company imprint. Plate No. 20.

Fig. 23 Four Cent Error of Color mint and used.
Fig. 23a  Imprint Margin Block of Four- Four Cent Error of Color.
No. 754  October 30, 1947

THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION
22 EAST 35TH STREET
NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed United States 1933, 4¢ blue, #233a, used.-----------------------

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submitted by Mr. Ed. Bisson, Jr. ----------------

of which a photograph is attached below.---------

and are of the opinion that it is a genuine copy of

the error in color --------------------------

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For The Expert Committee
Chairman

[Signatures]

[Photograph of the stamp]
One of the most valuable 19th century U. S. stamps is this 4c stamp in blue, that has long been listed and recognized as an error of color. I agree that it is worth the high price it commands but often wonder what the price would be if it were recognized only as a fine shade variation. Error or shade? The answer to “What’s in a name?” may be found here.

Many collectors have thought they had the 4c Error of color but the truth of the matter is that few of them ever have or ever will see one—let alone own one. The shade is very different from the normal ultramarine and once seen it is not likely to be forgotten. The usual statement that it is like the color of the 1c is not exactly accurate. It is much more like the 1c than it is the normal 4c but, if such a phrase means anything, the color seems to be a richer and more lively color than that of the 1c.

One error pane was found by J. V. Painter of Cleveland and bore the plate number D17. It is almost certain that at least one more pane of these existed in this shade and that the used copies came from this other pane. We understand that Theodore Steinway of New York found a used copy on mail received by his father. When J. V. Painter found the sheet he sold half of it to George Worthington while most of the balance was purchased by J. W. Scott, Sr. It is not known what became of the half sheet sold to Worthington as these were not found among his stamps when his estate was sold.

A superb mint block of this 4c error was in the Col. Green Collection and there was a very fine mint block of 4—not the same block as was in the Green Collection—that was sold at the Robt. Laurence Sale of September 17, 1940. We have seen a third block of four in a western collection and have seen several mint singles but we have never seen a used copy although they are known to exist. An Imprint Plate Number strip of 4 of the error was sold by Harmer.
Fig. 23d Brookman's reference to the four cent error of color finder: J.V.Painter.
The Four-Cent Issue

Foreign Origination
Tied to piece by Military Station, Santiago, Cuba postmark and cancel in September, 1898.

Usage To Japan

To Nagasaki
Four-cent Columbian issue on one-cent Exposition stamped envelope. The five-cent UPU foreign letter rate from Chicago to the German Consulate in Nagasaki on August 23, 1893.
The Four-Cent Issue
Foreign Destinations

To Algeria
Four-cent Columbian issue on one-cent Exposition entire to L’Arbah, Algeria in May, 1893. The five-cent UPU foreign letter rate.

To Egypt
Registered mail with 4-cent and 3-cent Columbian issues on five-cent Exposition entire. One-cent 1890 issue and three 1-cent First Bureau issue stamps on reverse. May, 1893. Overpayment of registered letter rate of 13 cents.
To The Cook Islands

Four-cent, 1, 3, 5 and 6-cent issues on one-cent entire paying registered letter mail to Cook Islands. Eight cents registry plus the 12-cent rate to Cook Islands which was not a UPU member. November, 1897.

To Guam

Four-cent issue and 1-cent Trans-Mississippi stamp on 5-cent entire paying two-cent letter rate and eight cents registry to new American possession of Guam in November, 1901.
The Five-Cent Issue
“Columbus Soliciting The Aid of Queen Isabella”

Imprint Strip of Four
Unused bottom plate number imprint strip with American Bank Note Co. imprint. Plate No. 9.

Imprint Block of Eight
Unused top margin plate number imprint block of eight with American Bank Note company imprint. Plate No. 6.
The Five-Cent Issue
Mixed Frankings - Foreign Usages

**Insufficiently Paid To Japan**
Five-cent Columbian on double weight cover to Yokohama, Japan. Postage due paid with 10 sen Japanese due stamp indicating double the missing postage.

**Chefoo, China Local Stamp**
Single letter from Chefoo through U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai. One-cent Chefoo local issue pays internal postage from Chefoo to Shanghai. Shanghai Agency postmark ties stamp to cover.
We have examined the following item, of which a photograph is attached, and described by the applicant as follows:

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SINGLE, 1894 U.S. POSTAL AGENCY SHANGHAI DUPLEX CANCEL, ON CUR TO U.S., w/ IC SCARLET CHEF00 LOCAL (S.G.7), "LOCAL POST" CANCEL.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

THEY ARE GENUINELY USED ON COVER WITH A TAPE STAIN AT TOP RIGHT OF THE COVER. = = = = =

For The Expert Committee
Chairman

Submitted by
ANDREW LEVITT PHIL. CONS
The Five-Cent Issue
Pacific Rim Usages


Mixed Franking From Samoa
Five-cent Columbian used with 2 1/2 pence Samoa issue to Rotherham, England in August, 1894. As Samoa was not a UPU member, the same had only local validity. Five-cent Columbian paid rate from San Francisco (to which it may have been hand carried) to England.
In the expertizing of the stamps and covers of almost every country it can be helpful not only to be familiar with the philatelic technicalities of paper, printing methods, perforations, etc. It can also sometimes lend crucial insight to know something of the politics, economics and international relations of the period. Of no country is this truer than of Samoa, a group of islands east of Fiji and midway between Honolulu and Sydney, Australia.

Anthropologists believe that Polynesians reached Samoa about 1000 B.C. A bold, seafaring, warlike people, they continued in the next 1500 years or so to spread over the Pacific Islands, keeping Samoa as their home base. By the 19th century, U.S. missionaries, planters and merchants arrived in Samoa, settling chiefly in the area of Pago Pago harbor. The British settlers of about
The Five-Cent Issue
From The U.S. Postal Agencies In China

Mixed Franking To France
Five-cent Columbian stamp with 2-cent China Imperial Post issue sent from Kiauchow, China, to Nancy, France. China was not a member of the UPU and the Chinese stamp paid the internal Chinese postage to the U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai from Kiauchow. The 5-cent stamp paid the U.S. foreign letter rate to France. Via San Francisco in May, 1900.

From U.S. Local Post Agency In Foochow, China
Five-cent Columbian issue on single weight letter from Foochow, through U.S. Postal Agency in Shanghai, China, to Buffalo, New York, in December, 1893. Via San Francisco.
No. 103 122  Sept. 25, 1981

THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION
270 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016

EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the applicant described as follows:

Country  USA    Issue  1900    Denomination  5¢, 2¢
Color  brown, orange
Cat. No.  234

On cover with China 88 from U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, Mar. 31, 1900, of which a photograph is attached and are of the opinion

that it is a genuine usage.

submitted by  Peter Kenedi, Inc. CA.

For The Expert Committee
Chairman
The Five-Cent Issue
Mixed Frankings

Returned From France
Five-cent Columbian used to France. Withdrawn from mails in Paris and remailed to Cernes using two 5 centimes French stamps. Finally returned to sender. Postage due was required upon return, but never indicated on cover.

Return Postage Paid By British Stamp
Five-cent Columbian used to pay UPU rate to England. Cover apparently withdrawn from mails by forwarding agent and returned to sender with 2 1/2d British stamp.
The Five-Cent Issue
The 5-cent UPU Foreign Letter Rate

To The Island of Bermuda
From Westboro, Mass., in January, 1895.

To Finland
From Berlin, N.H., through Boston, to Finland in Sept., 1895.
The Six-Cent Issue
“Columbus Welcomed At Barcelona”

Block of four.

Imprint Block of Eight
Unused bottom plate number imprint block of eight with American Bank Note Company imprint.

Partial Double Impression
Unused plate number imprint strip of four with a partial double impression caused by paper being fed twice into the press.
To The Island of Mauritius
Six, 3 and 4-cent Columbian issues pay 5-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry fee to Port Louis, Mauritius, East Africa in January, 1903.

World’s Fair Corner Card
Six-cent issue overpays by one cent the 5-cent UPU rate to Holland.
From Saratoga Springs, N.Y., to Arnhem.
The Six-Cent Issue
Foreign Destinations

To Norway
Five-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry is paid on mourning cover to Norway by two 6-cent Columbian issues and one-cent definitive.

To Russia
A pair of the 6-cent and single 1-cent Columbian issues on 2-cent entire to St. Petersburg in October, 1893. Overpayment by two cents of UPU 5-cent letter rate and eight cents registry fee.
The Eight-Cent Issue
“Columbus Restored To Favor”
The only Columbian stamp not issued on Jan. 1, 1893 - issued on March 2, 1893.
The first 8-cent stamp issued by the United States. Quantity: 10,656,550.

Issued stamp in magenta. “Printed on both sides” variety.

Imprint Block of Ten
Lower left sheet margin plate number imprint block of 10 with American Bank Note Company imprint. Plate No. 129.

Bottom plate number imprint block of six with full American Bank note company imprint.
The Eight-Cent Issue
Unusual Usages, Foreign & Domestic

To Siberia Via Japan
Kicking mule cancels from Port Townsend, Wash., on underpaid registered cover to Vladivostok through Nagasaki, Japan, on German vessel Peru in April, 1901. Postage due on arrival.

To Mexico
Eight-cent with two-cent on double registered cover from El Paso, Texas, to Oaxaca, Mexico. January, 1894.
From Samoa

Eight-cent Columbian with Samoan postage. Samoan postage not valid in the U.S. since it was not a UPU member. Samoan postage transported cover to San Francisco where 8-cent issue covered delivery as registered piece in that city. From Apia, Samoa, in April, 1895.

To Hayti

Double 5-cent letter rate to Port-Au-Prince, Hayti, in April, 1895.
On Wytheville, Virginia, corner card with 2-cent definitive.
The Eight-Cent Issue
To Africa

To Sierra Leone
Eight-cent, two 2-cent and single 1-cent Columbian issues 5-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry to French colony of Sierra Leone in April, 1894. Via Liverpool, England from New York City.

To Matabeleland, South Africa
Ten-cent letter rate to non-UPU-member South Africa in March, 1895.
To Portugal
One-cent overpayment of five times the 5-cent UPU letter rate to Oporto, Portugal, in June, 1893. Pairs of the 8-cent and 5-cent issues.

To Ceylon
Registered letter mail to British colony of Ceylon. Five cents UPU letter rate plus eight cents registry. Eight-cent and 3-cent issues on 2-cent entire.
The Eight-Cent Issue  
To Luxembourg  
Double the single UPU letter rate of five cents on large business cover to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in October, 1893.
The Ten-Cent Issue
“Columbus Presenting Natives At Court”

Wide-margin copy of issued stamp.

Block of Four

Imprint Block of Ten
Unused top margin plate number imprint block of ten showing American Bank Note company imprint. Plate No. 101.
The Ten-Cent Issue
Domestic Usages

“Request Examination On Delivery”
Ten-cent used to pay letter rate and registry. Received in bad condition and then officially sealed. New York Registry office “Request Examination” sticker.

Double The Letter Rate
Two-cent issue with 10-cent stamp used to pay double weight letter rate plus registry on hotel corner card. Rouse’s Point, N.Y.
The Ten-Cent Issue
Usages In The Pacific Region

To Honolulu, Hawaii
Three and 10-cent Columbians used to pay the 5-cent UPU rate (Hawaii was then an independent kingdom) and 8-cent registry. Unclaimed, sent to Honolulu Dead Letter Office, then returned to sender. April, 1893.

From U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China - To Tunis In North Africa
Ten-cent Columbian with 3-cent small Bank Note issue on 5-cent entire paying double UPU letter rate of ten cents, plus eight cents registry. Transit through New York, Paris and Marseilles. Forwarded in Tunis.
The Ten-Cent Issue
Foreign Destinations

To Austria
Ten and 8-cent Columbians pay double UPU 5-cent letter rate and eight cents registry to Wien, Austria in September, 1899.

To Sweden
Ten-cent Columbian stamp used to pay double the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate to Stockholm in September, 1899. "U.S. Sea Post" postmark indicates being posted on board the Steamer Paris sailing out of New York.
The Ten-Cent Issue

A pair of the 10-cent, plus singles of the 10-cent and 5-cent Columbian issue pay seven times 5-cent per half ounce UPU foreign letter rate.

New York Supplementary Mail Usage To Paris
Ten-cent issue paying double 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate to France. “Late Mail” handstamp for cover dispatched by N.Y. Supplementary Mail office at port of New York. Late fee was paid in cash for mail received too late for normal dispatch.
The Fifteen-Cent Issue
“Columbus Announcing His Discovery”

Mint single showing wide margins.

Imprint Strip
Plate number imprint strip of four showing full American Bank Note Co. imprint. Plate No. 58.

Imprint Block
Lower left sheet margin plate number block of ten with full ABNC imprint. Plate No. 58.
The Fifteen-Cent Issue
The Far East

From U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China
Overpayment of 5-cent UPU letter rate and eight cents registry to New York, Feb., 1894.

To Yokohama, Japan
Three times 5-cent per half ounce UPU foreign letter rate to Japan in June, 1894.
The Fifteen-Cent Issue
Foreign Destinations

To Uruguay
Triple the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate to Montevideo.
Feb., 1893.

To South Africa
Six times the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate paid by two 15-cent Colombians.
May, 1893.
The Thirty-Cent Issue
"Columbus At La Rabida"

Imprint Strip
Unused plate number imprint strip of four with American Bank Note Company imprint. Plate No. 59.

Imprint Block of Ten
Unused lower left plate number imprint block of ten with American Bank Note Company imprint. Plate No. 59.

Used block of four.
UNITED STATES ISSUE OF 1893

Imprint and Combination Usage

A strip of 4 with bottom imprint of the American Bank Note Co. plate no. 59.

30 cent and 8 cent Columbian along with 4 cent 1890 issue stamps on a one-cent entire. Local cover dated Sept. 30, 1893. Registry cancelled.
The Thirty-Cent Issue
Foreign Destinations

To Germany
Thirty and 15-cent Columbians on 5-cent entire overpay eight times 5-cent UPU.

To The Philippines
Thirty and 1-cent Columbians on 10-cent entire on registered cover that was used as package label for shipment of books to Manila, Philippine Islands. Return receipt requested.
The Thirty-Cent Issue
Foreign Destination

From U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China

Thirty and 8-cent Columbian issues pay six times the five cents per half ounce UPU foreign letter rate, plus eight cents registry, on cover from the Spanish Consulate General in Shanghai to New York in Dec., 1893.
The Fifty-Cent Issue
“Return of Columbus”

Imprint Strip of Four
Unused bottom plate number imprint strip of four with ABNC imprint. Plate No. 77.

Imprint Block of Eight
Unused plate number imprint block of eight with American Bank Note Co. imprint. Plate No. 77.
Fig. 55a Partial Imprint S, Block of Four.

Fig. 55b Cover piece with Four Fifty Cent Stamps, Reg. Cancellation.
The Fifty-Cent Issue
Foreign Destination

Fig. 56 U.S. German Sea Post, Feb. 1893.
The Fifty-Cent Issue
To Germany

With Fancy Star Cancellation
Fifty-cent single on cover overpays eight times the 5-cent UPU foreign letter rate and eight cents registry from Chicago, Ill., to Germany in November, 1893. Chicago fancy star ties stamp.
The Fifty-Cent Issue
From New Mexico Territory
To Germany

From Las Vegas, New Mexico Territory
Fifty-cent single on cover card cover. Franking indicates
overpayment of eight times the 5-cent UPU foreign letter
rate plus eight cents registry to Westfalen, Germany, in
The Fifty-Cent Issue

Strip of Five On
Cover To England
Five 50-cent Columbian issues on 4-cent stamped envelope registered to London where valuation of contents is indicated at lower right ("120,000"). Registered at both Lynn, Mass., and New York City. May, 1894.
The $1.00 Issue
"Isabella Pledging Her Jewels"
Total quantity delivered: 55,050.

Margin Imprint
Block of 18
Never hinged right margin imprint block of 18 showing full American Bank Note Company imprint.

Example Unused

Orange, New Jersey Oval Postmark

Philadelphia, Penna., Postmark
The $1.00 Issue

Fig. 61b Top Imprint No. 93, W, strip of four.

Fig. 61c Bottom Imprint, No. 93, W, Plate Block of Eight.
The $1.00 Issue

Used Block of Six
Light town date stamps on this block which was presumably used on a parcel.

Last Day of the Fair
The $1.00 Columbian issue on 2-cent entire; registered mail postmarked on October 30, 1893, the last day of the World Columbian Exposition.
The $1.00 Issue
Foreign Destinations

To The Dutch East Indies
Single $1.00 Columbian on registered cover to Sumatra in August, 1898, from New York City. Transit through London.

U.S. German Sea Post
The $1.00 issue applied on corner card cover posted at sea on steamship bound for Bremerhaven, Germany, Feb., 1893.
The $1.00 Issue
To Germany

"Received In Bad Condition"
Registered to Munich, Germany, in January, 1894. Noted in New York as being "Received In Bad Condition"...yet was sent on to destination.

Boston Registry Box Stamp ("A.R.")
Hotel corner card cover registered to Meiningen, Germany, in June, 1893. Huge "A.R." marking.
The $2.00 Issue
“Columbus In Chains”
Total quantity delivered: 45,550.

Imprint Strip of Four
Unused bottom plate number imprint strip of four with ABNC imprint. Plate No. 105

The Largest Known Multiple of the $2.00 Value
Unused left sheet margin block of 25 with partial ABNC imprint.
The $2.00 Issue

Unused lower right sheet margin imprint plate number
block of eight with full ABNC imprint. Plate No. 105.

Registered cover with $2.65 postage from Office of Inspector of Machinery
for U.S. Navy, Baltimore, Maryland. October, 1893.
We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the applicant described as follows:

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UNUSED OG
BOTTOM RIGHT MARGIN BLOCK OF EIGHT, IMPRINT, NUMERAL 105 AND DOUBLE "A".

OF WHICH A PHOTOGRAPH IS ATTACHED AND ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE PREVIOUSLY HINGED* * * * * * * *
The $2.00 Issue

Fig.66a Margin imprint Block of Four

Fig.66b Margin Imprint, No. 105 Block of Six.
The $2.00 Issue
To Germany

Mourning Cover
The $2.00 Columbian used to Bayern, Germany in July, 1893.

On Theater Corner Card
Postage of $2.56 on registered theatrical cover to Berlin, Germany in November, 1893. Unusual “Allegheny Clerks” registry cancel.
The $2.00 Issue
To Germany

Usage on one-cent exposition stamped envelope per
Steamship Lahn in November, 1893, to Hamburg, Germany.

North German Lloyd S. S. Co.,
GELRICH & CO., Gen'l Agents,
No. 2 Bowling Green,
NEW YORK.

U.S. German Sea Post
Posted just four days after date of issue. Mailed for dispatch on North German
Lloyd steamship. "U.S. GERMAN SEA POST" handstamp was only used
aboard German vessels sailing from the U.S.
The $3.00 Issue
“Columbus Describing Third Voyage”
Total quantity delivered: 27,650.

Strip of Four
Unused bottom plate number strip of four with ABNC imprint. Plate No. 106.

Top Imprint Block
Unused plate number imprint block of six with ABNC imprint.
Top stamps never hinged. Plate No. 106.

Sheet Margin Block
Unused left sheet margin block with partial imprint.
We have examined the enclosed item submitted by the applicant described as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No. 243  Issue 1893  Denom $3.00  Color yellow green

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

UNUSED OG
TOP PLATE #106 BLOCK OF SIX.

OF WHICH A PHOTOGRAPH IS ATTACHED AND ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE PREVIOUSLY HINGED WITH SOME REJOINED PERFORATIONS AT LEFT

For The Expert Committee
VICE Chairman

submitted by ANDREW LEVITT PHIL. CONS
The $3.00 Issue

Tied by Washington, D.C. postmark.

Lightly-stripped target cancels on strip of three.

Cata, Pa., postmarks tie $2.00 stamp and $3.00 partial imprint single on local cover.
The $3.00 Issue
To Germany

On Theatrical Corner Card
The $3.00 value in combination with 1-cent and $1.00 stamps on registered corner card cover to Berlin, Germany. Unusual “Allegheny Clerks” registry postmarks tie stamps. Nov., 1893.

Mourning Cover
The $4.00 Issue
"Isabella and Columbus"
Total quantity delivered: 26,350.

Imprint Strip of Four
Unused bottom plate number imprint strip of four with ABNC imprint.
Plate No. 107.

The largest known multiple: Unused Left Margin Partial Imprint Block of Eight.

Used Block of Four
The $4.00 Issue Plate Block of six

[Image of the block of six stamps]

[Image of the report from The Philatelic Foundation]

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The $4.00 Issue
To Germany

On Theatrical Corner Card
Franking of $4.09 on registered corner card cover to Berlin, Germany in Nov., 1893. Unusual "Allegheny Clerks" registry cancels.

U.S. German Sea Post
Mailed for dispatch on North German Lloyd steamship, October, 1893. "U.S. GERMAN SEA POST" handstamp was only used aboard German vessels sailing from the U.S.
The $4.00 Issue

To Queen Liliʻokalani
Four-dollar value with 5-cent stamped envelope on registered cover to Her Majesty The Queen of the Kingdom of Hawaii. January, 1894.

The $4.00 value used on 2-cent exposition stamped envelope from Galion, Ohio, to Detroit, Michigan in August, 1893.
The $5.00 Issue

Unused right bottom sheet margin single:
Never hinged.

Bottom imprint plate number block of six, full original gum. The finest quality of the four reported plate blocks of this stamp.

The largest reported multiple of the $5.00 Columbian Issue. Honored as the 250,000th item to be authenticated by the Philatelic Foundation.
We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and described by the applicant as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Cat. No. | Issue | Denom. | Color
---------|-------|--------|-------
245      | 1893  | $5.00  | black

UNUSED
BLOCK OF 14 COMPOSED OF RIGHT MARGIN BLOCK OF 12(4X3) PLUS ADDITIONAL VERTICAL PAIR AT LEFT.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS GENUINE, POSITION 5 WITH A SMALL CLOSED TEAR AT TOP.

Submitted by JACK ROSENTHAL

For The Expert Committee
Chairman
THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION
99 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10016

EXPERT COMMITTEE

We have examined the enclosed 1893, $5.00, black, Scott 245, plate block of 6, unused, o.g. submitted by Andrew Levitt of which a photograph is attached and are of the opinion that it is genuine.

For The Expert Committee
Chairman
The $5.00 Value

Used single with New York registry cancel.

Used on piece with Philadelphia, Pa., postmark.

Registered to Austria
Business corner card cover registered at New York and sent to Vienna, Austria in April, 1893.
The $5.00 Issue
Design from a medal struck in Madrid, but derived from a cast of the souvenir U.S. Columbian half dollar. Total delivered: 27,350.

The $5.00, 6 and 30-cent issues used on 10-cent Columbian entire on registered cover within New York City, Oct. 20, 1893.

The $5.00 Columbian issue used on cover from Stony Point, California, in September, 1896.
The Dollar Values
Unusual Usages

Used vertical pair of the $5.00 value with clear Lake Worth, Fla., postmark.

“World’s Fair Station” Machine Cancels
Highly unusual usage of the $2, $3, $4, and $5 values of the
Columbian Issue all tied by three “World’s Fair Station”
machine cancels and one “World’s Fair Station” duplex canceller.
The Columbian Issue - Complete set on two covers

Fig. 80a  Pitts. Pa to Germany Apr. 1894

Fig. 80b  Covers to Alsace, Receiving Mark 'BARR'

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The Complete Set On One Cover
(Domestic Destination)

The full set of sixteen Columbian values on a New York registry cover in December, 1893...at a time the price of the set represented twice the average weekly wage.
The Exposition Stamped Envelopes
The 2-Cent & 5-Cent Error of Color
Printed in slate (the color designated for the 10-Cent envelope) instead of violet (2-Cent) and chocolate (5-Cent).

Two-Cent slate cut square. Unused.

One of only two recorded used envelopes showing this error of color. Universal Postal Union flag machine cancellation on cover sent locally in Washington, D.C.
The Exposition Stamped Envelopes

One-Cent Stamped Envelope From Guam
A pair of the 2-cent First Bureau Issue overprinted “GUAM” on 1-cent entire paying 5-cent rate to U.S. Postmarked “Agana Island of Guam”.

Five-Cent Stamped Envelope To Nicaragua
Cancelled “SHIP” in blue per Steamship San Blas via Champerico.
From San Francisco to Corinto, Nicaragua.