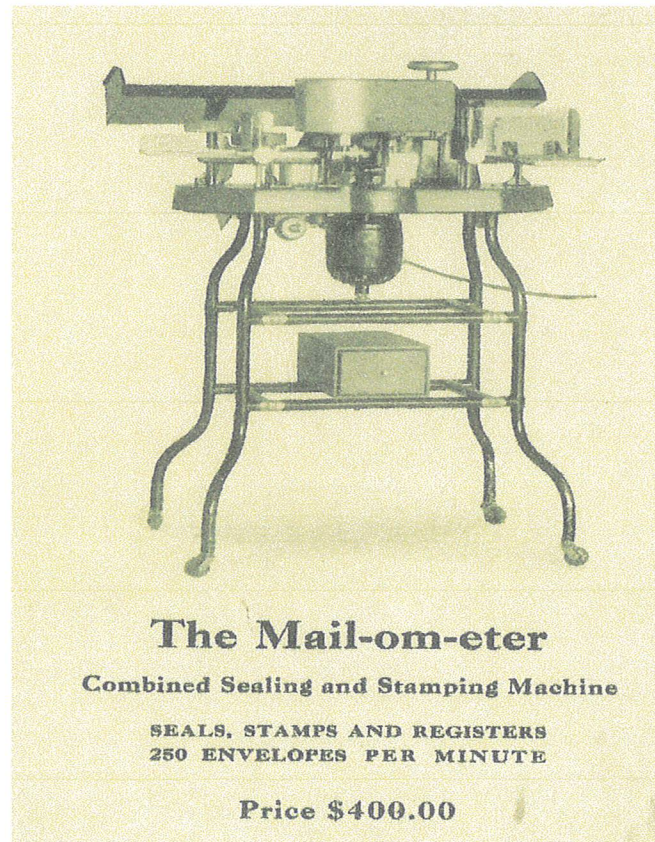


U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company (circa 1909-1924)

Mail-OM-Eter Company was the first spelling of the company after the Schermack Mailing Machine Company was reorganized and changed its name and that of its affixing machine. The company had the same offices and some of the same officers for a short period of time. This occurred sometime before July 1909 when Joseph Schermack was bought out and then he continued in the business of making stamp vending machines. The machine ad read, "The Mail-om-eter, Combined Sealing and Stamping Machine; Seals, Stamps and Registers; 250 Envelopes Per Minute". In later years, around 1922, they changed the name again to Mail-O-Meter Company when they introduced their postage meter machine.



Most of their perforation efforts were attempts to convince the Post Office Department (USPO) to adopt a Mail-OM-Eter perforation type as a standard for the country so that their affixing machines would be the main mass mailer device.

Mail-OM-Eter Company was selling about 3,000,000 stamps per month compared to thousands per month by the other perforating companies. The USPO acceptance would allow companies doing mass mailing to buy their needed supply of stamps directly from the Post Office. Mail-O-Meter Company hoped to sell more of their mailing machines because of the ease of getting stamps as well as accompanying lower cost.

The company produced four main types of perforations along with two variations. They also continued making the Schermack Type III perforation for their earlier Schermack customers. The last issue produced with the Schermack Type III perforation was the 1 1/2¢ Harding imperforate issue of 1925.

Some of their different perforation types had a limited use because of the USPO decisions. The fourth type had the longest existence and was produced in the St Louis, Missouri plant. Many existing Mail-O-Meter type perforation stamp issues were produced by "request" for dealers and collectors. George Sheldrick, Supt. of manufacturing of Mail-O-Meter Company answered an inquiry from The Philatelic Journal of America (C.H.Mekeel) in June of 1913, that only the machines in St Louis were producing the Type IV perforation and the machines in New York, Chicago and Detroit were producing the Schermack Type III perforation stamps

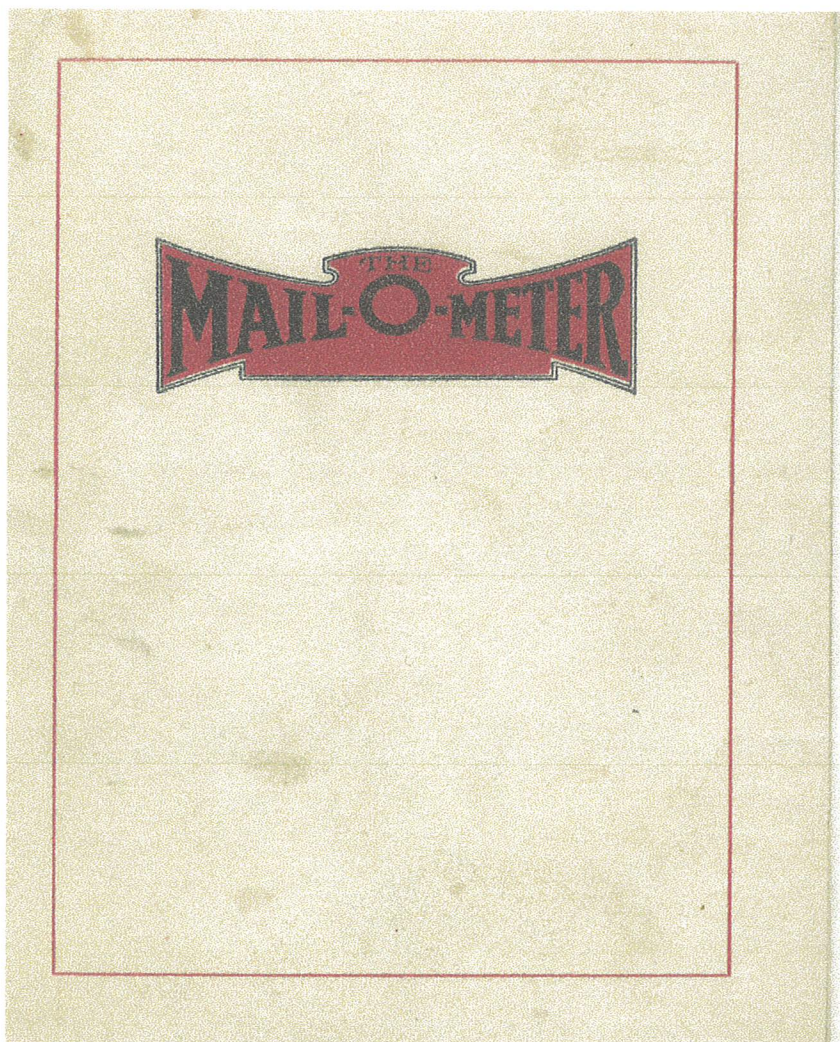
Type I and its variation Type Ia had an originally limited experimental usage in 1909 in Detroit. This was due to the Post Office rejecting its design characteristics. The rejection was based on the Post Office Departments' belief that the perforations should extend to the stamp edges and the high cost factors of converting the Bureau of Printing's equipment and labor production expenses. This Type I was again produced in 1910 when the St Louis plant was opened because of demand for their machines in that immediate area.

U.S. Private Perforations Mail-O-Meter Company (circa 1909-1924)

The Company returned to the USPO with a version having the perforations edge to edge, this was Type II. There is also a variation to this type, which could be listed as Type V or formerly Type IIa. Scott's catalog has not acknowledged it yet as a new listing. The USPO also rejected this because there would be production problems for this type. The Department also felt that if they accepted this or any Mail-O-Meter design it would be unfair for other mailing machine companies, each of whom wanted their own type of perforation to be accepted as the government standard.

A third type of perforation was produced but was short lived because by this time the Post Office Department came up with a 8.5 gauge perforation of their own in November 1910 as their standard.

After the St Louis plant opened with the Type I perforation in or around early 1911, they started to produce a five-hole perforation version, Type IV, instead of the 6-hole type. This Type IV was used until 1918.

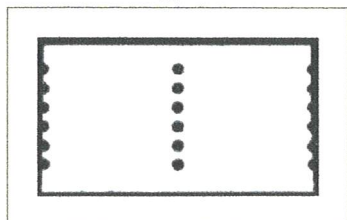


The sales booklet above was from around 1917. It listed 492 companies using their machine in 25 states.

In 1922 the company also produced a postal meter machine. In 1924 Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Company purchased the company. They continued producing the required needs of their customers until sometime in 1928 because the government ceased providing imperforated sheets.

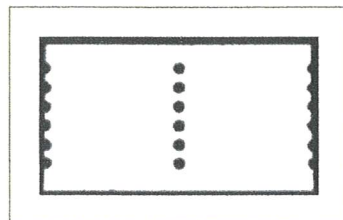
U.S. Private Perforations
Mail-O-Meter Company (circa 1909-1924)

Type I



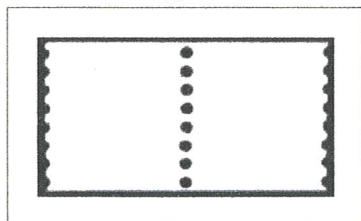
Perforation length 17.7 mm
Perforation size 1.95 mm
Perforation spacing 1.2 mm

Type Ia



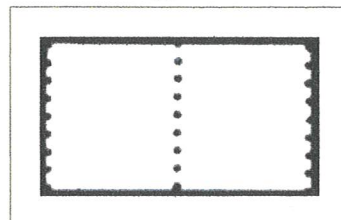
Perforation length 17.45 mm
Perforation size 1.95 mm
Perforation spacing 1.15 mm

Type II



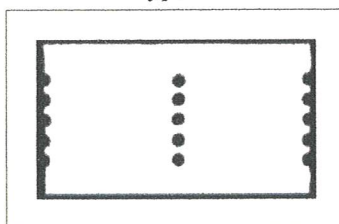
6 Perforation length 17.45 mm
Perforation size 1.95 mm
Perforation spacing 1.15 mm

Type III



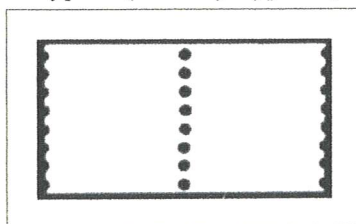
7 Perforation length 19.5 mm
Perforation size 1.5 mm
Perforation spacing 1.5 mm

Type IV



Perforation length 15.5 mm
Perforation size 2.1-2.2 mm
Perforation spacing 1.1 mm

Type V (formerly Type IIa)



6 Perforation length varying 17.45 mm
Perforation size 1.8 mm
Perforation spacing varying 1.35 mm

U.S. Private Perforations Mail-O-Meter Company

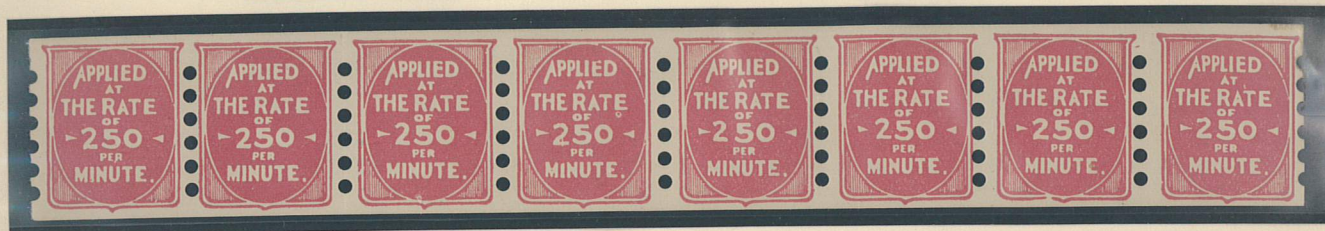
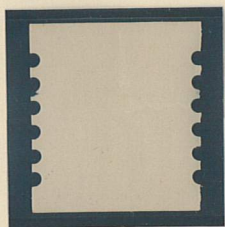
Plate Numbers found with different Types of Mail-O-Meter Perforations and various P.O. Issues

Type I	Issue of 1906	1 cent	3451	4243				
	Issue of 1908-1909	1 cent	5169					
	Issue of 1909 Hudson Fulton	2 cent	5394	5395				
	Issue of 1910-1911	1 cent	5491					
Type Ia	Issue of 1909 Hudson Fulton	2 cent	5395					
	Issue of 1912	1 cent	5905					
Type II	Issue of 1908-1909	1 cent	4980					
		2 cent	5015					
		3 cent	4926					
	Issue of 1909 Hudson Fulton	2 cent	5392					
	Issue of 1910-1911	2 cent	5619					
Type III	Issue of 1908-1909	1 cent	4980					
		4 cent	5199					
	Issue of 1909 Lincoln	5 cent	4976					
Type IV	Issue of 1908-1909	1 cent	4980					
		2 cent	4887					
		3 cent	4918					
		4 cent	5212					
		5 cent	4931					
	Issue of 1909 Lincoln	2 cent	4981	4984				
	Issue of 1909 Alaska Yukon	2 cent	5257					
	Issue of 1909 Hudson Fulton	2 cent	5392	5395				
	Issue of 1910-1911	1 cent	5491	5494	5495	5603		
		2 cent	5309	5516	5554	5603	5619	
	Issue of 1912	1 cent	5828	5853	5881H	5886	5900	
			5901	5903	5905	6989	7119	
		2 cent	5872	5888	5928	5929	5992	
			6281	6286	6289	6517	7402	
	Issue of 1916	2 cent	9231					
		3 cent	8130	8137				

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Test Dummy
Type Ia



Test Dummy
Type II



Test Dummy
Type III



Test Dummy
Type V

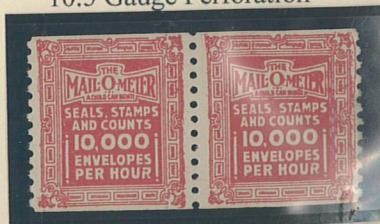


Test Dummy
Later Issues

12 Gauge Perforation
9 Holes



10.5 Gauge Perforation

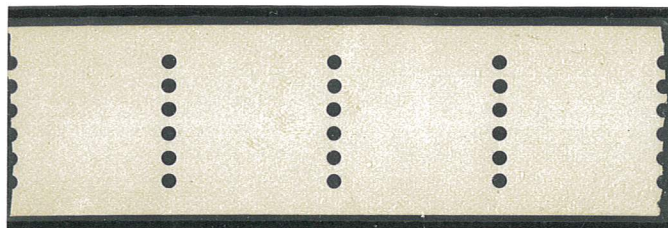


U.S. Private Perforations

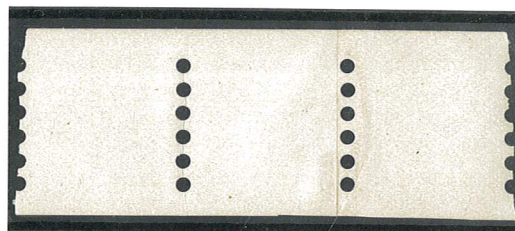
Mail-O-Meter Company Test Dummy



Not Perforated



Test Dummy
Type I



Pasteup Strip



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Strip



Single with 1¢ issue of 1908-1909
St Louis, MO June 18, 1910

The printing of the 1908-1909 and the 1910-1911 U.S. stamp issues had different spacing on the vertical rows of stamps.

This was done because the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was having a problem with paper waste due to unequal shrinking of the sheets because of the wet printing process. They spaced part of the sheet with 3mm spacing and the rest at 2mm spacing. Therefore there are pairs, strips and blocks of these issues with varying spacing between 2mm and 3mm because of the continual shrinking of the paper. This is the reason why there are multiple listings of the same issue shown here in various units; pairs, strips and blocks.

Precancels are postage stamps that have been canceled before being used on letters or packages. Typically they are stamps cancelled with two lines, and the city and state where they are to be mailed. Some can be by the Bureau of Printing or locally produced

Sheets of imperforated stamps had the precancel applied by the Post Office. Then Mail-O-Meter would perforate the sheet.

This strip is an example before the perforation was produced.



Strip

2.3-2.6 mm

e

Examples of production problems are shown below.



Precancel Strip with extra rows of Perforations
3 mm



Strip with extra rows of perforations



Mia-Align and Double Punched

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911

Various Mis-perforations



Strip with shifting perforations
3 mm



Vertical Pair



Vertical Pair



Vertical Strip



2.2-2.7 mm



Guideline Strip
2.2-2.4 mm
e



Vertical Line Block
2.1 mm
ex-Belasco

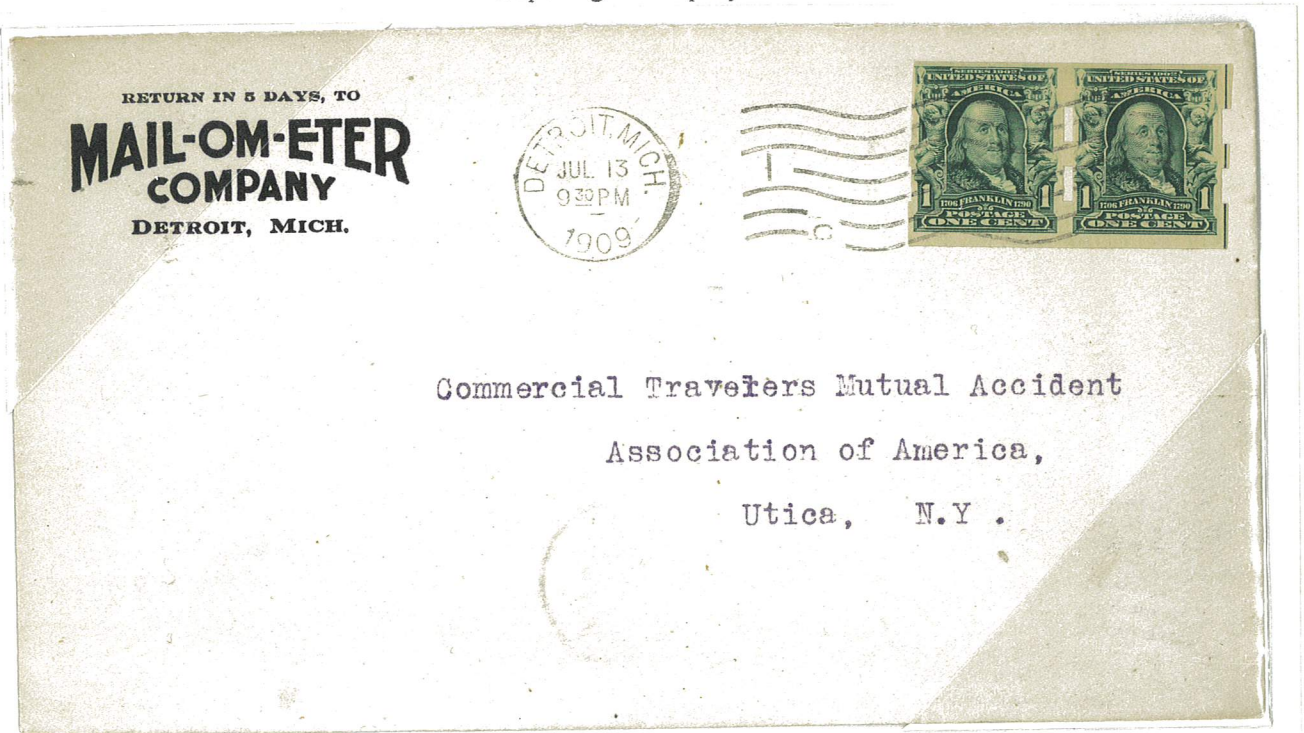
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Schermack Type III

Issue of 1906-1908

First spelling of company name



Pair with Guideline at right
Detroit, MI to Utica, NY
July 13, 1909

Guidelines were placed on sheets of stamps to assist in the cutting the sheets into smaller panes. During the period of private perforations most sheets were printed of 400 subjects, vertical and horizontal, then cut along those lines into four panes of 100

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type Ia

Issue of 1906

Carmine Die I



e



e



e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I
Issue of 1906
Lake Die II



Margin Pair
Extra Perforation at end
e



e

Type Ia
Issue of 1906
Lake Die II



Guideline Strip
e
ex-Agris

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

*Type Ia
Issue of 1906
Scarlet Die I*



e



Imprint Margin



e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909



Precancel
3 mm



2.2 mm



2.2 mm



3 mm



Guideline Pair
2.2 mm



2.2-3 mm



Guideline Srtip
2.2-3 mm
e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type Ia

Issue of 1908-1909



2.2 mm



3 mm



2 mm



3 mm



Margin Pair w Part Imprint

2.7 mm

e



Guideline Strip

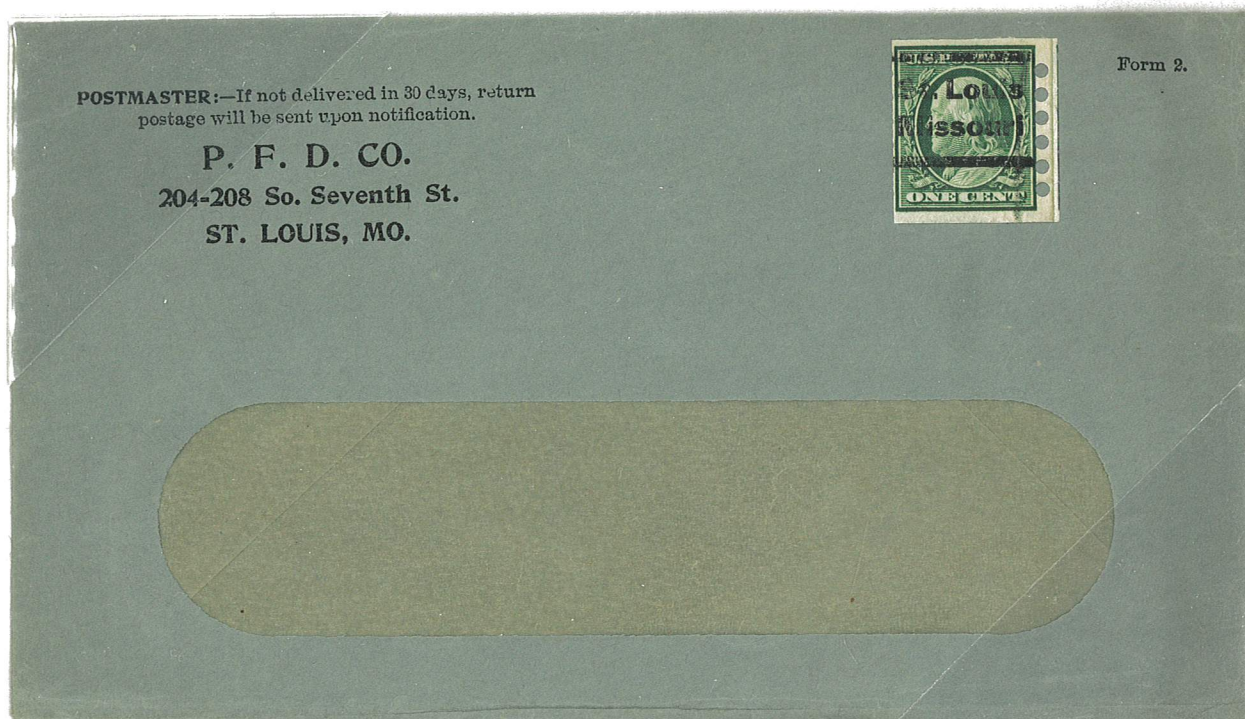
2.2-2.3 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909



Precancel w Pasteup
Plate Number 5169 under tab
St Louis, MO

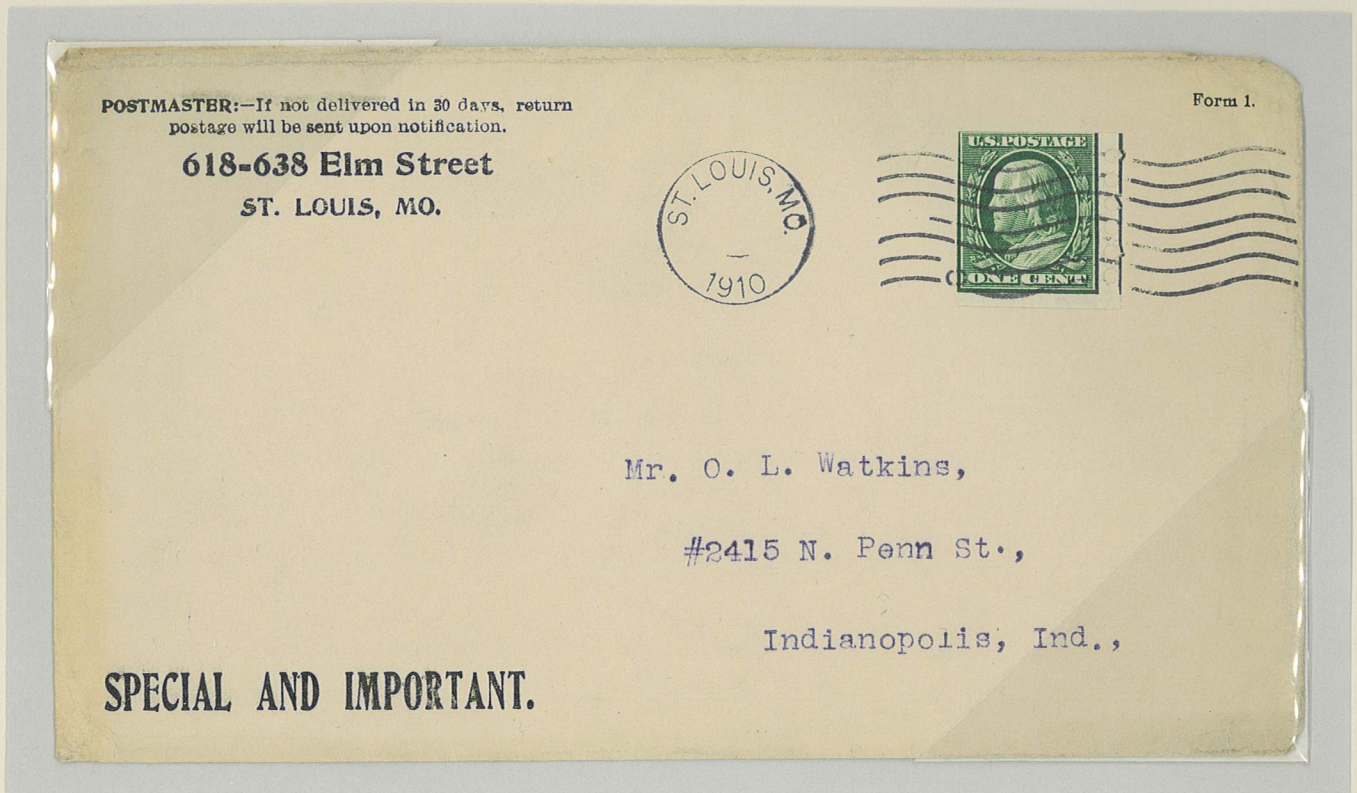
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U.S. Private Perforations

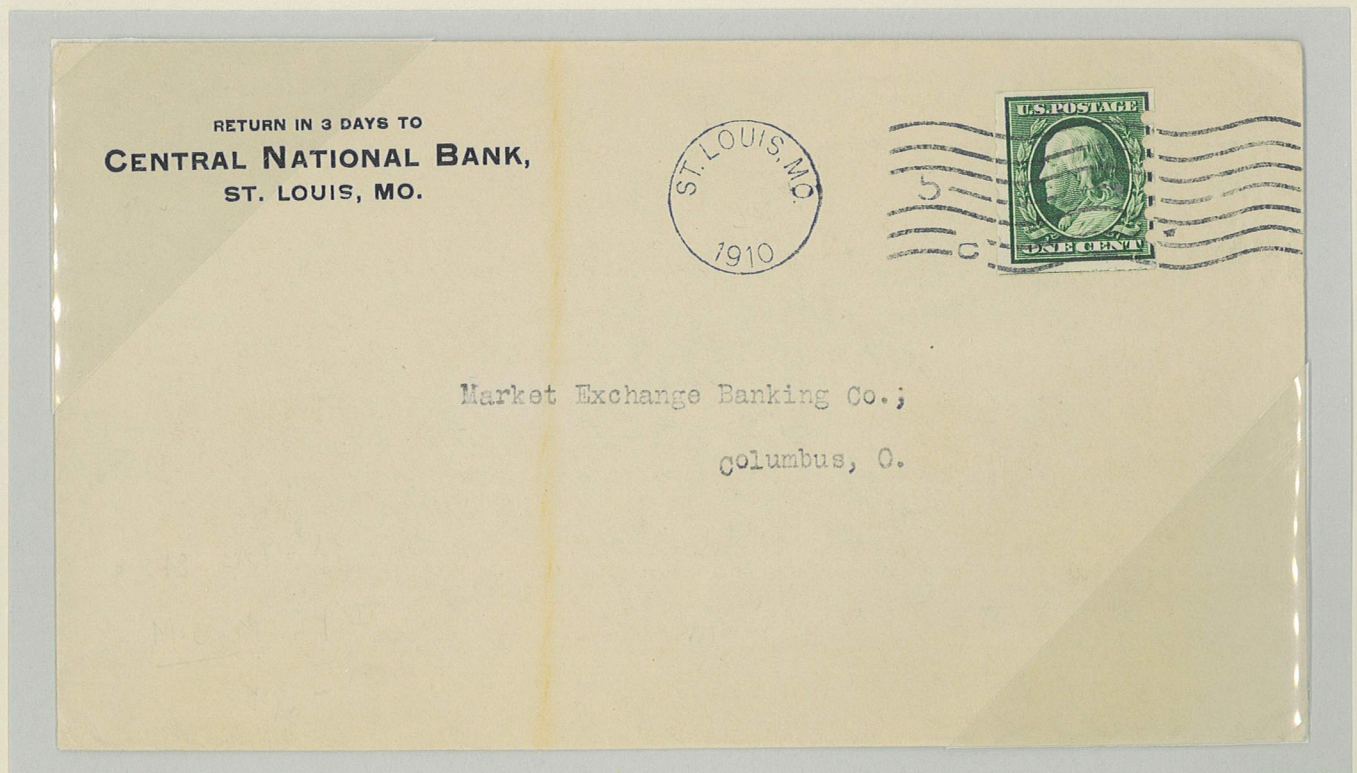
Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909



St Louis, MO to Indianapolis, IN
1910



St Louis, MO to Columbus, OH
1910

ex-Belasco

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909

W.A. Sisson, a stamp dealer, covers are also found with United States Automatic Vending Co, Schermack Mailing Machine Co, Brinkerhoff Stamp Vending Co private perforated stamps.



Pair with 10¢ Louisiana Purchase issue
St Louis, MO to Fostoria, OH
September, 1910

e

2¢ Domestic letter rate and 10¢ Registration Fee

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type Ia

Issue of 1908-1909



Pair

St Louis, MO to New York, NY
September 25, 1911

Wm. A Sisson to John Luff

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type Ia

Combinations of issues and private perforations

Issue of 1908-1909



Two Pairs-3mm with 2¢ Strip of 4 of issue of 1908-1909 with Schermack Type III Perforations

St Louis, MO to New York, NY

October 16, 1910

2¢ Domestic letter rate and 10¢ Registration Fee

ex-Belasco

Combinations of issues and private perforations



Pair with 2¢ Carmine issue of 1906 Pair with Schermack Type III Peforations

and 8¢ issue of 1894 on 4¢ issue of 1903 entire

St Louis, MO to Saginaw, MI

November 14, 1910

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I
Issue of 1908-1909



2.4 mm



3 mm

Type Ia
Issue of 1908-1909



3 mm



2.3 mm



3 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909



Guideline at left
2.3-2.4 mm



3 mm



Guideline Strip
2.2-2.4 mm

Type Ia

Issue of 1908-1909



Guideline Strip
2-2.4 mm

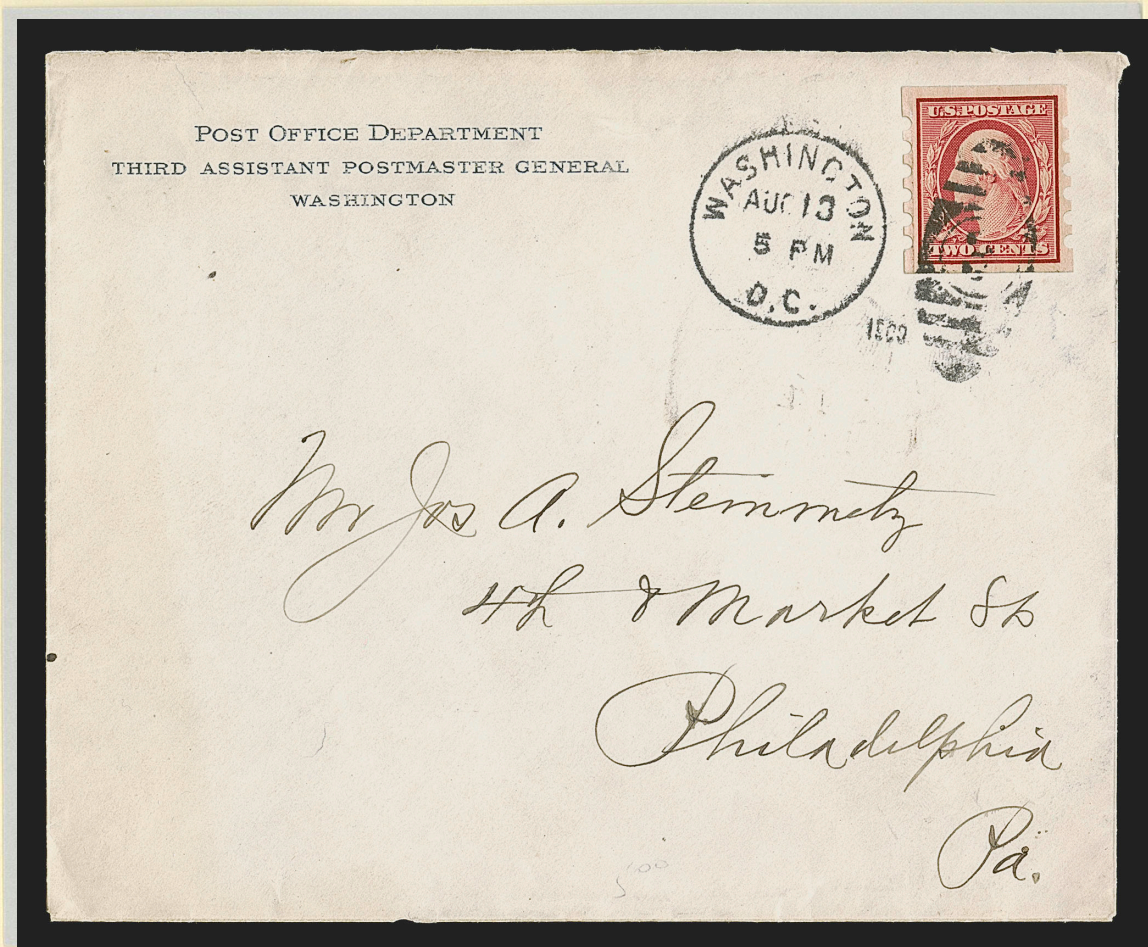
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909

Earliest Known Use of Type I



Washington, DC to Philadelphia, PA

August 13, 1909

e

(ex-Agris)

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909

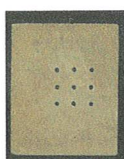
Perfins or control perforations were punched holes in stamps used to control theft by companies. The perforated initials or perfins were allowed by the Post Office Department in early 1908.

A Mail-O-Meter employee, Bennett Straight, designed the device which was added to their mailing machine for companies who were trying to better control the stamp inventory.

Several different design patterns were tried and the final one selected was a nine hole one, 3 rows of 3 holes.

Each company who purchased the device with their mailing machine was given a specific pattern.

The nine hole design was given a number by reading the un-punched hole or holes, when viewed with the stamp face-up.



1 2 3
4 5 6
7 8 9



Therefore a perfin seen like this one would have a number of 48.

Perfin 79
Only Known Cover



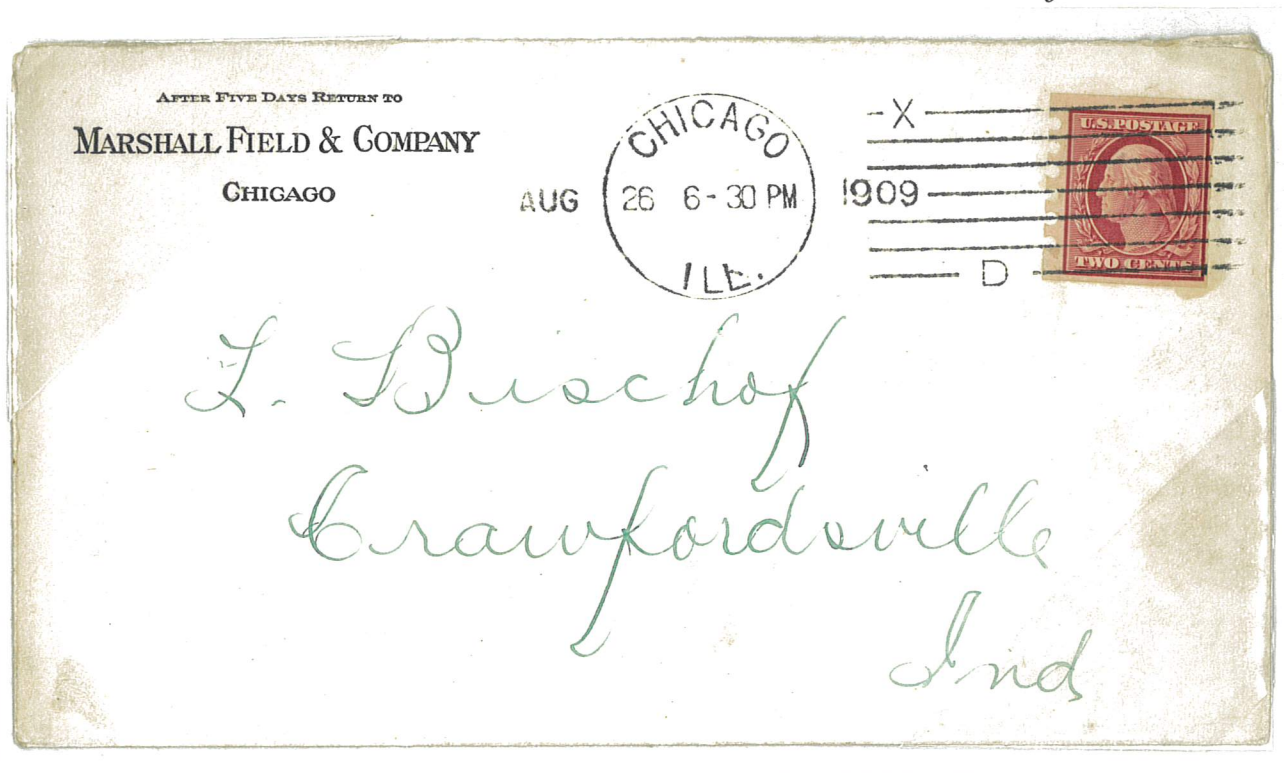
St Louis, MO to Canton, OH
July 8, 1910

U.S. Private Perforations

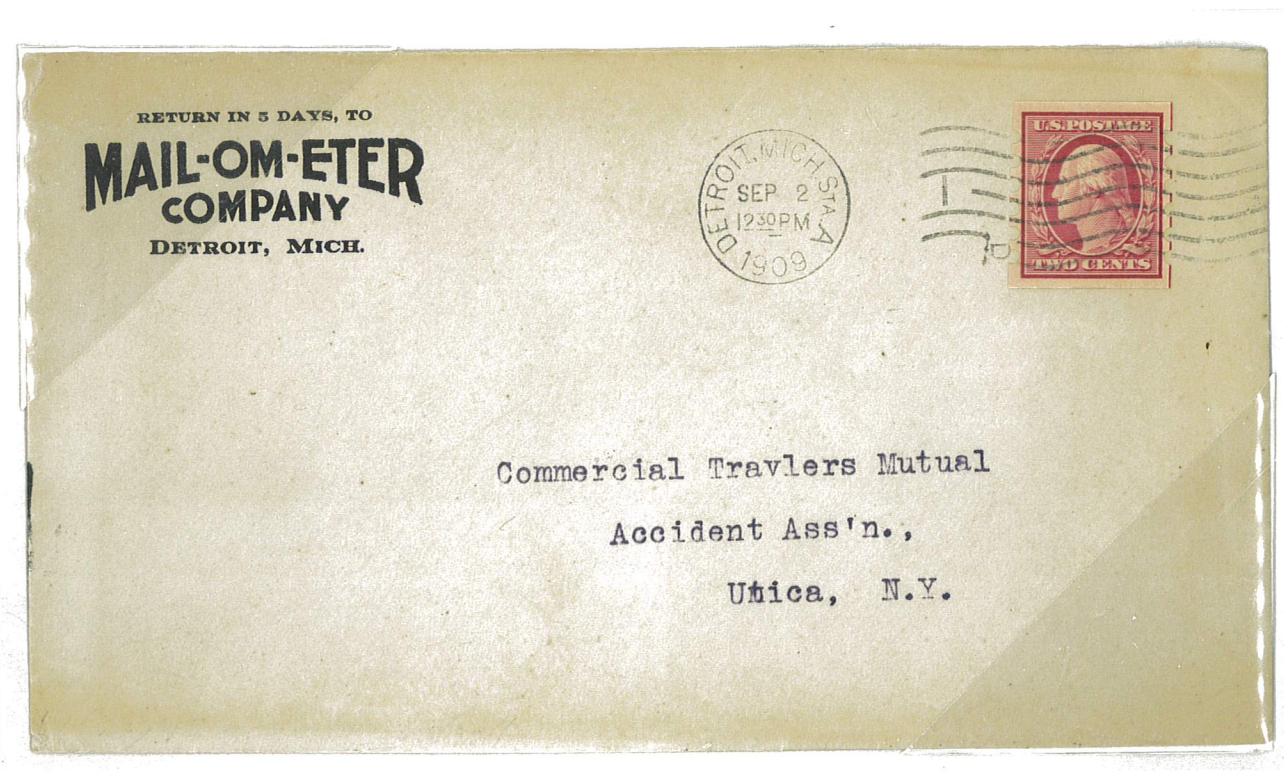
Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909



Chicago, IL to Crawfordsville, IN
August 26, 1909
ex-Belasco



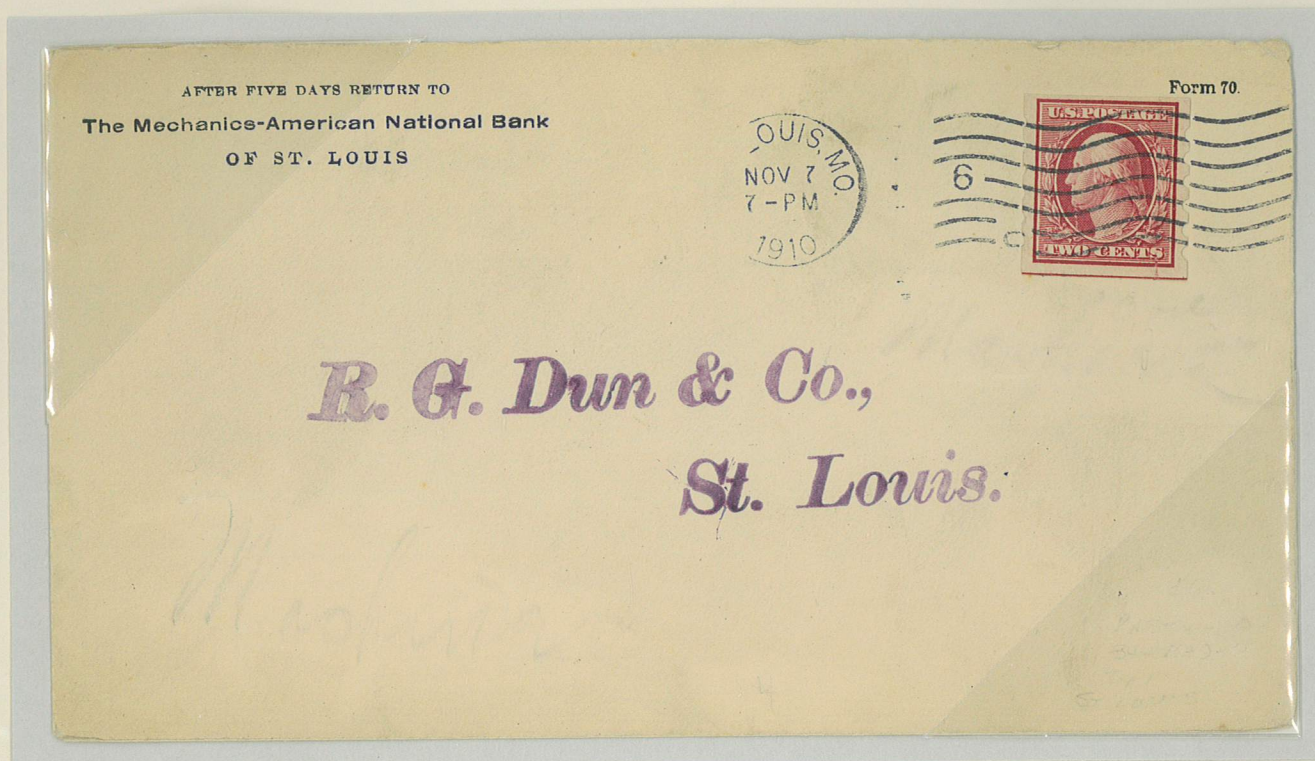
Single with Guideline at right
Detroit, MI to Utica, NY
September 2, 1909

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909



Single with Guideline at bottom
St Louis, MO to St Louis, MO
November 7, 1910



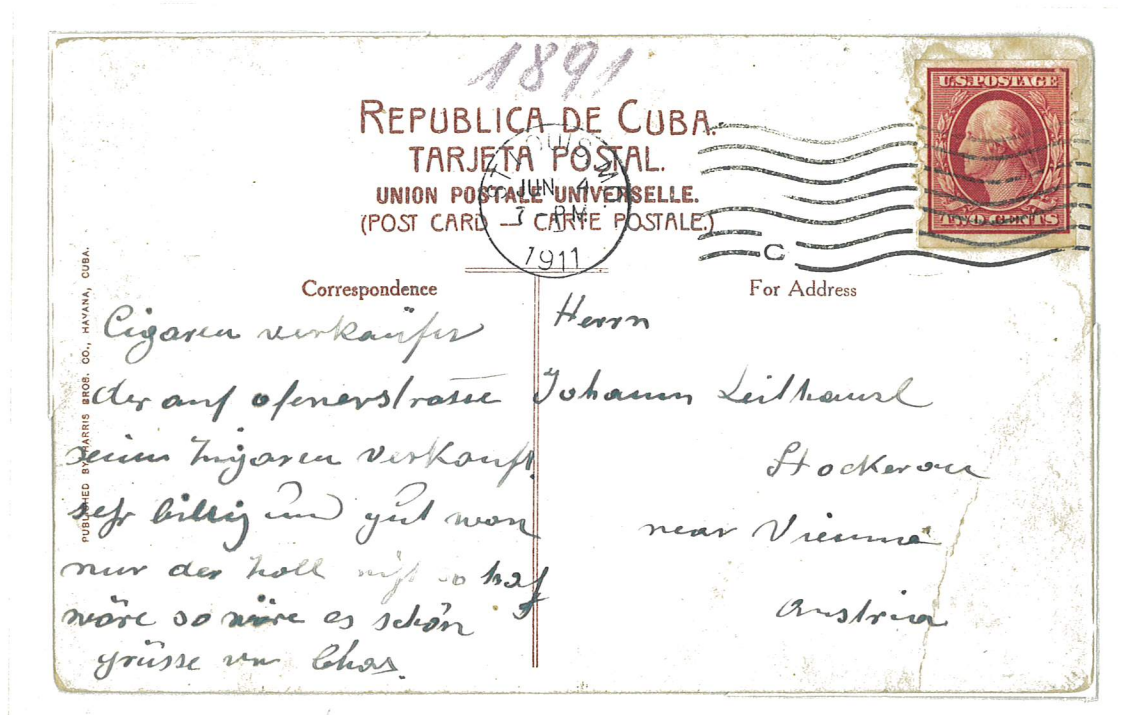
Pair
3 mm
Philadelphia, PA to Hanover, PA
October 28, 1910

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909



St Louis, MO to Austria

June 4, 1911

(lifted & replaced)

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909



2.3 mm



2.1-2.4 mm
e

Type Ia

Issue of 1908-1909



2.5 mm



2.5 mm



Guideline Strip
2.3-2.4 mm
ex-Howard

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909



2.4 mm



3 mm



2.5-3 mm

e

Type Ia

Issue of 1908-1909



2.5 mm



2.2 mm



2.7 mm

e



Guideline Pair
2.2 mm



Guideline Strip
2.3-2.5 mm
e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type Ia

Issue of 1908-1909

Combination of issues with private perforations



Pair 2.3mm with 2¢ Pair 2.7mm issue of 1908-1909 both with Mail-O-Meter Type Ia Perforations
Irvington, NY to Chatanooga, TN
November 17, 1919

2¢ Domestic letter rate and 10¢ Registration Fee

ex-Belasco

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1908-1909



2.5 mm



2.3 mm

Type Ia
Issue of 1908-1909



2.5 mm



2.3 mm

e



2.7 mm



Guideline Pair

2.3 mm



Guideline Strip

2.2-2.3 mm

e

ex-Howard

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I
Issue of 1909



2.2 mm



3 mm



Guideline Pair
2.2 mm

ex-Sheldon, Grunin



3 mm
e



Guideline Strip
2-2.3 mm
e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type Ia
Issue of 1909



2.3 mm
e



Imprint Pair
3 mm



Margin Strip
3 mm



Guideline Strip
2.1-2.2 mm
Guideline also at bottom from centerline
e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type Ia
Issue of 1909

Combination of issues and private perforations



with Brinkerhoff Type II Perforations on a 5¢ U350 entire issue of 1893
St Louis, MO to Cleveland, OH
October 28, 1910

Single 2¢ per oz Domestic letter rate and
10¢ Registration fee and no fee for Return Receipt

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I
Issue of 1909



Guideline Strip
e

Type Ia
Issue of 1909



e



Guideline Pair
Shifted perforations

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I
Issue of 1909



Pasteup Strip
Plate Number 5394 under tab

Type Ia
Issue of 1909



e



Plate Number Pair

e



Guideline Pair

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I
Issue of 1909



Single (not mailed)
Mekeel Return Envelope

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1910-1911



Precancel Pair
3 mm



Precancel Strip
2-2.9 mm



2.1 mm
e



Margin Plate 5491 Pair
3 mm



Guideline Pair
2.1 mm



2.1-3 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type Ia

Issue of 1910-1911



Guideline at right
2.3 mm



3 mm



Guideline Pair
2.2 mm



3 mm



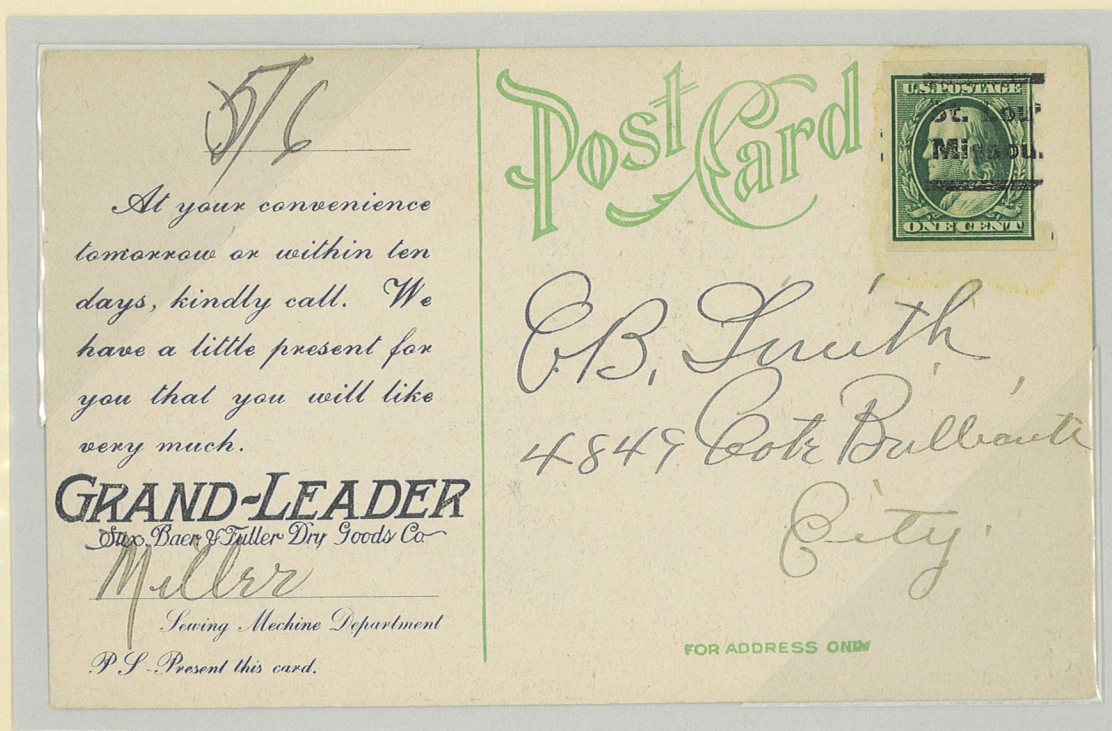
Guideline Strip
2.2-2.3 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1910-1911



Precancel
St Louis, MO to St Louis, MO

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1910-1911



Precancel Pair
3 mm



3 mm
e



Margin Pair
Part Arrow
2.9 mm



Pasteup Pair
Shifted Perforations



2.4-3 mm



Guideline Strip
2.2-2.6 mm

Type Ia

Issue of 1910-1911



Pasteup Strip

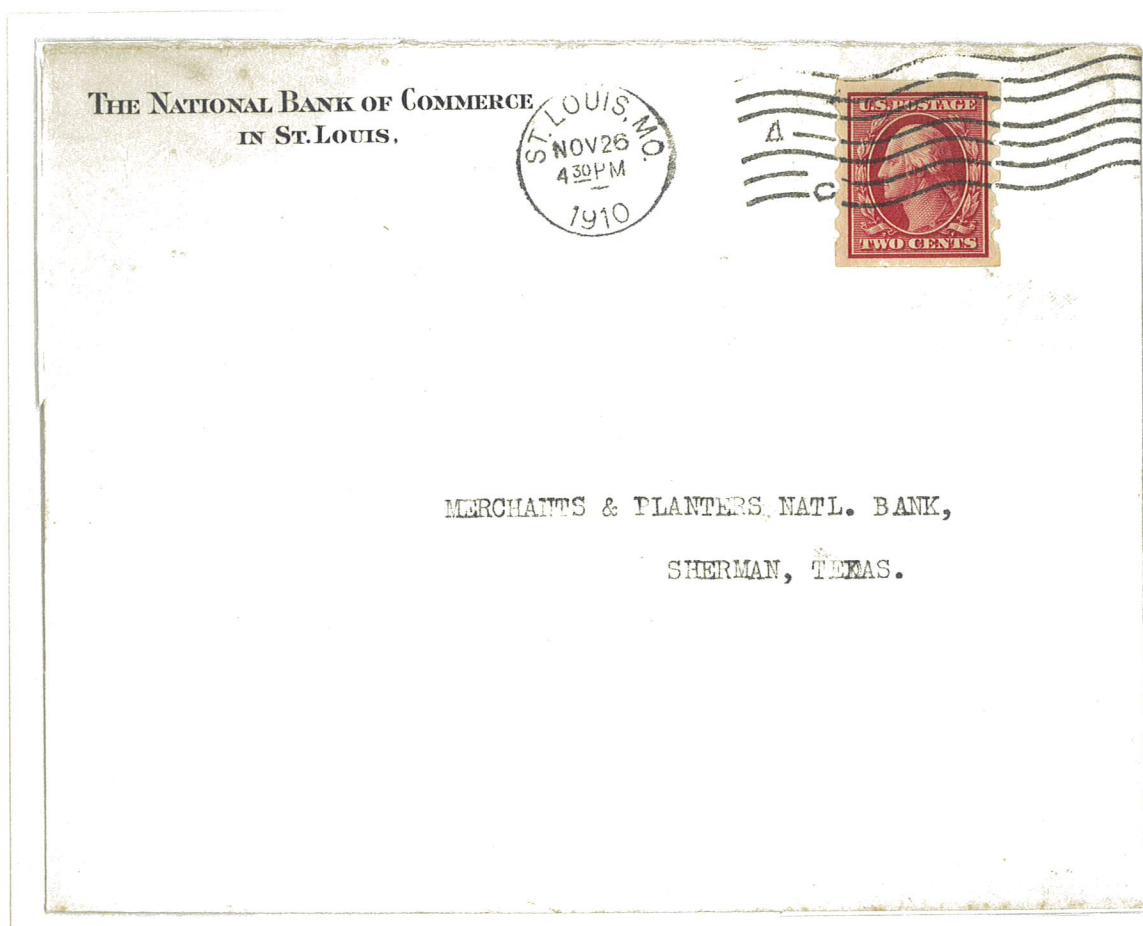
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1910-1911

Earliest Known Use



St Louis, MO to Sherman, TX

November 26, 1910

(lifted & replaced)

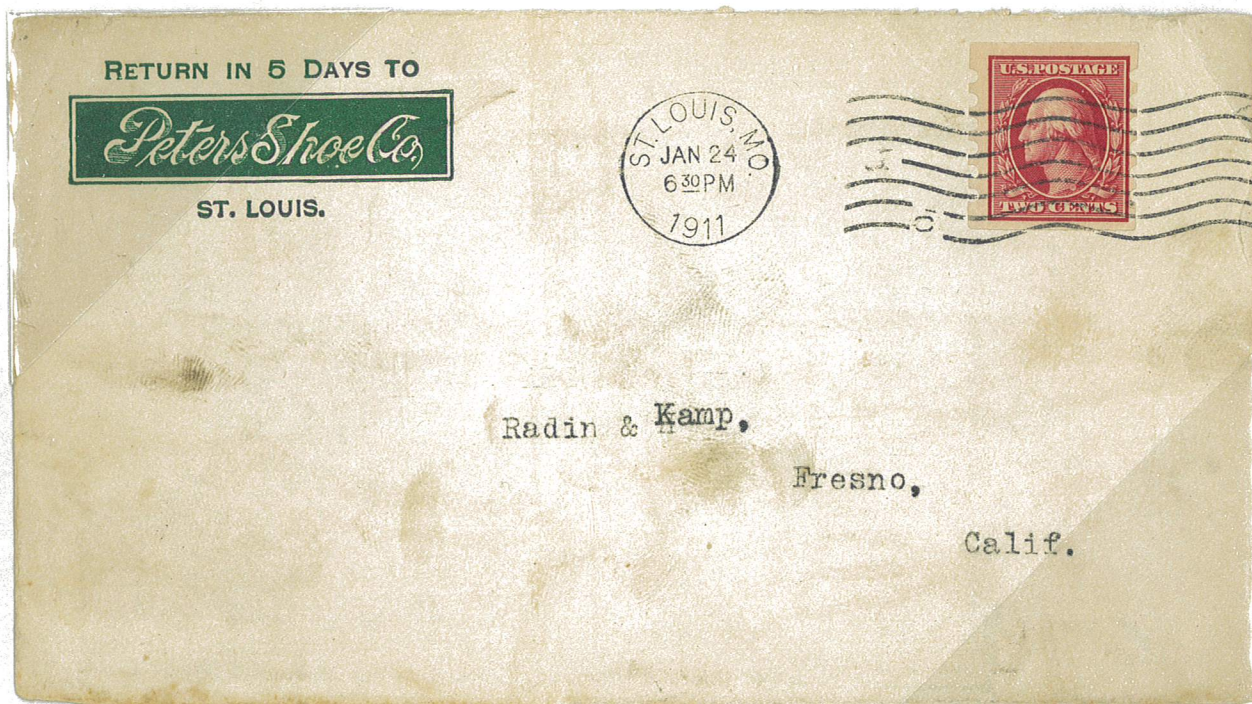
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U.S. Private Perforations

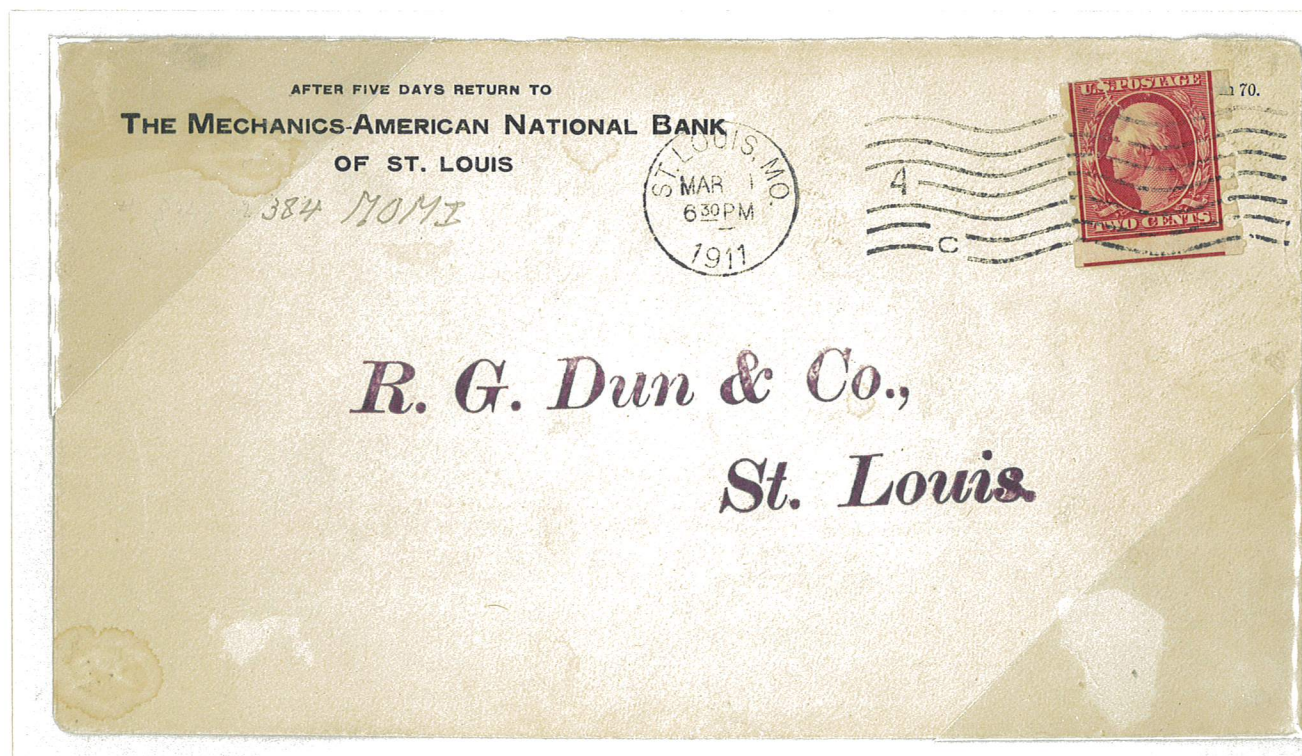
Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1910-1911



St Louis, MO to Fresno, CA
January 24, 1911



St Louis, MO to St Louis, MO
March 1, 1911

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I

Issue of 1910-1911



Strip of 4 of both the 1¢ and 2¢ issue of 1910-1911 with Mail-O-Meter Type I Perforations
St Louis, MO to Cleveland, OH September 25, 1911

Domestic letter rate of 2¢ and 10¢ Registration Fee with free Return Receipt service



Pair 3mm with 10¢ regular issue of 1910-1911
St Louis, MO to Gamelin, Quebec, Canada November 8, 1911

Double Domestic Letter Rate of 2¢ and 10¢ Registration Fee
ex-Belasco

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type I
Issue of 1912



Type Ia
Issue of 1912



Plate Number Pair



Pasteup at right



Guideline Pair



U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

*Type Ia
Issue of 1912*



Guideline Pair

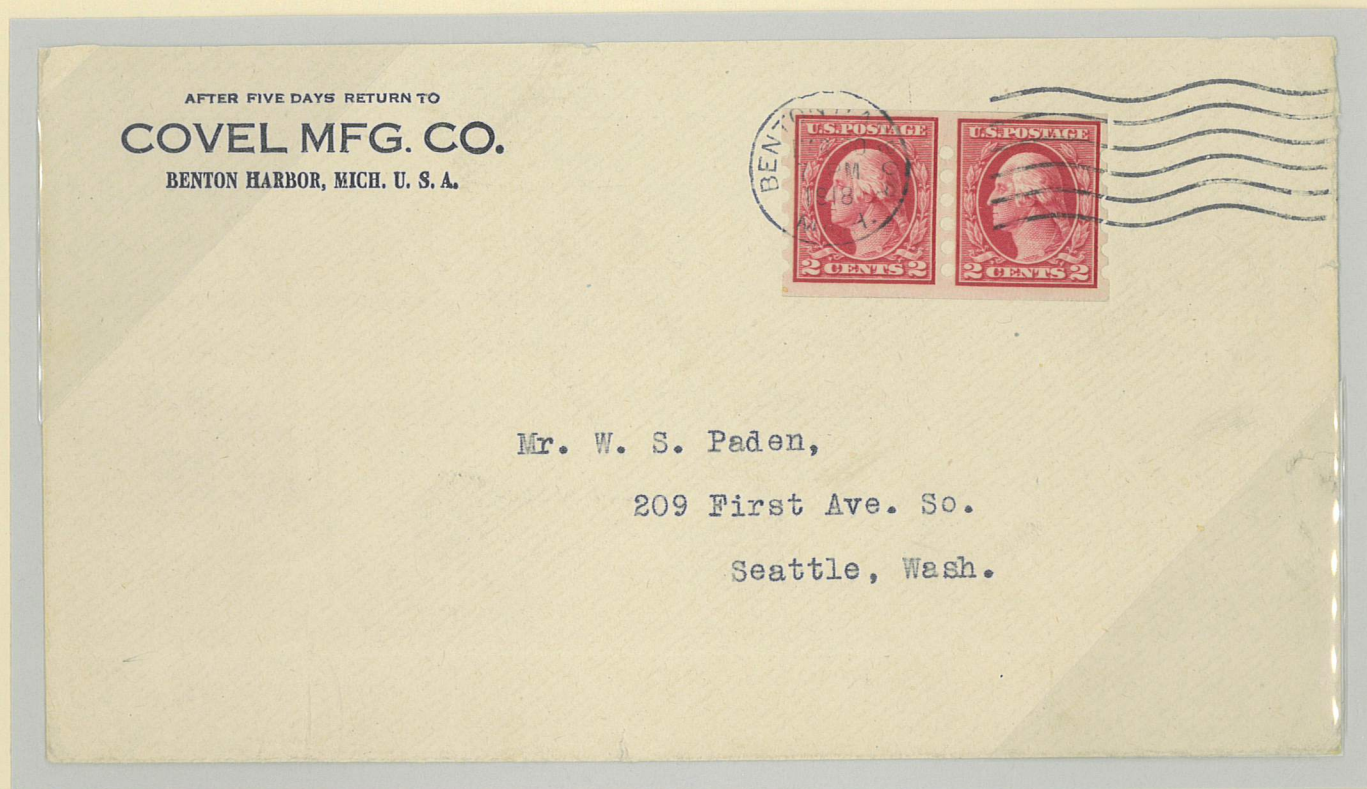


U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type Ia
Issue of 1912

Covel Mfg Co covers are also found with John V. Farwell Co, United States Automatic Vending Co, Schermack Mailing Machine Co, Brinkerhoff Vending Machine Co and their own private perforated stamps.
One reason is that A.W. Filstrup, the president of the company was a stamp collector.



Pair
Benton Harbor, MI to Seattle, WA
March 20, 1918

ex-Belasco

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type II
Issue of 1906
Carmine Die I



e

Type II
Issue of 1906
Scarlet Die I



Margin Pair

e



Pasteup Pair

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type II

Issue of 1908-1909



2.2 mm



3 mm

ex-Howard



Guideline Pair

2.3 mm



2.3 mm

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type II

Issue of 1908-1909



2.4 mm



3 mm



Guideline Pair
2.4 mm
Shifted perforations



2.3 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type II

Issue of 1908-1909



Margin Pair
2.4 mm
e



Pasteup Pair
Plate Number 4926
under tab



Margin Strip
2.3-2.5 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type II

Issue of 1908-1909



2.2 mm
e



Margin Pair
3 mm
e



2.4-3 mm
e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type II

Issue of 1908-1909



2.2 mm

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type II
Issue of 1909



2.2 mm



Margin Pair
3 mm



2.2 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type II

Issue of 1909



Imprint Margin Pair
with Siderographer's initials

Production of perforations has shown varieties including extra rows,
missing rows, shifted rows and margin rows of perforations



Plate Number Pair 5392

e



Imprint Margin Pair

e



Pasteup Pair
Extra Row of Perforations



Production of perforations has shown varieties including extra rows,
missing rows, shifted rows and margin rows of perforations

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type II

Issue of 1910-1911



2.2 mm



2.9 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type II

Issue of 1910-1911



2.2 mm



3 mm

Carmine and Light Carmine shades



Pasteup Pair

Pasteup pairs and strips are sometimes found with various known shades of color for the specific issue. This occurs when the pasteup is put together from two different printings.

Three pages from a price list of different private perforated stamps in August 1911
by W.A. Sisson, a stamp dealer from St. Louis, MO

Satisfaction Guaranteed Every Purchaser.

PRICE LIST MACHINE PERFORATIONS IN PAIRS.

(Subject to change, without notice.)

BRINKERHOFF No. 1.		U. S. AUTOMATIC No. 1.	
1c—1902	\$2.50	1c—1902	\$1.00
2 “ deep lake.....	2.50	2 “ deep lake.....	1.00
2 “ light car.....	1.50	2 “ light car.....	50
2 “ Lincoln.....	2.50	5 “ 	10.00
BRINKERHOFF No. 2.		1 1908	15
1c—1902	\$1.00	2 “ 	25
2 “ deep lake.....	1.00	3 “ 	75
2 “ light car.....	1.00	4 “ 	75
1 1908	20	5 “ 	75
2 “ 	25	2 Lincoln	50
3 “ 	2.00	2 Yukon	50
4 “ 	2.00	2 Hudson	50
5 “ 	2.00	New Watermark.	
2 Lincoln	50	1c—1909.....	10
2 Yukon	50	2 “ 	20
New Watermark.		U. S. AUTOMATIC No. 2.	
1c—1909.....	10	Old Watermark.	
1 “ 	20	2c— Hudson	75

SHERMACK No. 3.

1c—1902	\$1 00
2 “ deep lake.....	1 00
2 “ light car.....	25
5 “ 	10.00
1 1908	15
2 “ 	25
3 “ 	2.00
4 “ 	2.00
5 “ 	2.00
2 Lincoln	50
2 Yukon	1.00
2 Hudson	1.00

New Watermark.

1c—1909	10
2 “ 	20

MAIL-OMETER No. 1

2c—1902 deep lake....	2.00
2 Lincoln.....	1.50
1 1908	50
2 “ 	50
3 “ 	1.25
4 “ 	1.25
5 “ 	1.50

New Watermark.

1c—1909.....	10
2 “ 	20

MAIL-OMETER No. 3.

1c—1909.....	10
2 “ 	20

GOVT. PART PERFS.,

1c—1902 perf vert.	\$1.00
2 “ “ “ 	1.00
5 “ “ hor.	10.00

1908 issue double face

New Watermark.

1c—1909	12 vert.	10
1 “	12 hor.	10
2 “	12 “	20
1 “	8½ “	4
2 “	8½ “	8
1 “	8½ vert.	4
2 “	8½ “	8

PRE-CANCELS.

New Watermark.

BLOCK OF FOUR.

1c—St. Louis invert	25
1 “ imperf	25
2 “ “ “	25

STRIP OF FOUR.

MAIL-O-METER No. 1.

1c—1909	25
2 “	25

MAIL-O-METER No. 3.

1c—1909	25
2 “	25

IMPERFS.

1c—1909	25
2 “	25

Imperfs., Center Blocks, Arrow Blocks, Line
Blocks, Plate Nos. with imprint.

Also Match and Medicine Stamps.

BOOK LEAVES

Good U. S., used and unused, on approval to
those giving satisfactory reference.

W. A. SISSON,

314 PINE STREET

ST. LOUIS.

AUGUST 1911.

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type III

Issue of 1906

Carmine Die I



Guideline at left

e

Type III

Issue of 1906

Scarlet Die I



U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type III

Issue of 1908-1909



2.4 mm
e



Plate Number 4980
e

(ex-Agris)



Guideline Pair
2.4 mm



2.4 mm

(ex-Grunin)

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type III

Issue of 1908-1909



2.4 mm



3 mm



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Pair
2.4 mm



2.2-3 mm



Margin Strip w Part Imprint
3 mm



Pasteup Strip
Imprint under tab

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type III

Issue of 1908-1909



2.2 mm

e



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Pair

2.4 mm



2.3 mm

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type III

Issue of 1908-1909



2.4 mm



2.9 mm
e



Imprint Margin
3 mm



Plate Number 5199
3 mm
ex-Belasco



Pasteup Pair

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type III

Issue of 1908-1909



2.3 mm
e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type III
Issue of 1909



2.1 mm



3 mm



Pasteup Pair



2-2.2 mm



3 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type III
Issue of 1909



Margin Pair w Part Imprint



Margin Pair
Extra row of perforations

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type III
Issue of 1909



Margin Pair



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Pair
e



Margin Strip

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1906

Carmine Die I



Margin Pair



Pink Back Paper



Pasteup Pair
e



Guideline Pair

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1906
Scarlet Die I



Bottom Margin Arrow Pair
e



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Pair
e

Type IV
Issue of 1906
Carmine Rose Die I



e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1908-1909



Precancel Guideline Pair
2.2 mm



Precancel Guideline Strip
2.3-2.4 mm



2.2 mm



3 mm
ex-Howard



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Pair
2 mm
e



2.1-3 mm



Pasteup Strip
Guideline at top

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1908-1909



2.3 mm



Pasteup Pair
Imprint under tab



3 mm



2.2-3 mm



Pasteup Strip
Plate Number 4887 under tab

Carmine and Dark Carmine Shades



Pasteup Strip



Guideline Strip
2.2-2.7 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1908-1909



Vertical Line Block

2.4 mm

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1908-1909



2.7-3 mm



Imprint Margin Pair
2.4 mm
e



Margin Pair
2.7 mm



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Pair
2.4 mm



Strip
2.5 mm



Guideline Strip
2.4-2.5 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1916-1917

Type I



e



Pasteup Strip
w Plate Number 8137 under tab

e



Guideline Strip

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1908-1909



Centerline Block

2.2 mm

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1908-1909



2.1 mm



3 mm
e



Plate Number 5212 Pair
3 mm
e



Guideline Pair
2.3 mm



2.8-3 mm
e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1908-1909



2.3 mm



Plate Number 4931 Pair

2.3 mm

e

Extra Margin Perforations



Guideline Pair

2.3 mm



Plate Number 4931 Strip w Imprint

Extra Perforations

2.4 mm

e



Block

2.5 mm

e

U.S. Private Perforations



2.1 mm



Pasteup Pair
Imprint under tab
e



2.9 mm
e



2.4-2.8 mm



Pasteup Strip
ex-Grünin

Mail-O-Meter Company Type IV Issue of 1909



Margin Pair
3 mm



Guideline Pair
2.1 mm
e



3 mm
e

Different Shades



Block
3 mm
e



e



Pasteup Pair
Guideline at top



Guideline Pair
Guideline at top

e



Centerline Block
Shifted Perforations

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1909



e



Plate Number Pair



Guideline Pair

e



Left Arrow Block

ex-Belasco



Plate Number 5392 Block w Imprint

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911

Earliest Usage

January 3, 1911



Guideline Pair
2.4 mm



Block
2.1 mm
e



2.4-3 mm
Shifted perforations



Precancel Guideline Strip
2.3 mm

Missing Row of Perforations



Precancel Strip
3 mm

Missing Row of Perforations



Precancel Pair
3 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



2.3 mm



3 mm



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Pair
2.2 mm



2.3-3 mm



Pasteup Strip



Guideline Strip
2.1-2.3 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Vertical Line Block
2.2 mm



Block
3 mm



Top Arrow Block
with vertical guideline
2.6 mm

e



Arrow Block of 4
3 mm

e



Arrow Block of 4
2.8 mm

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Plate Block Number 5494

3 mm



Plate Block Number 5495

3 mm

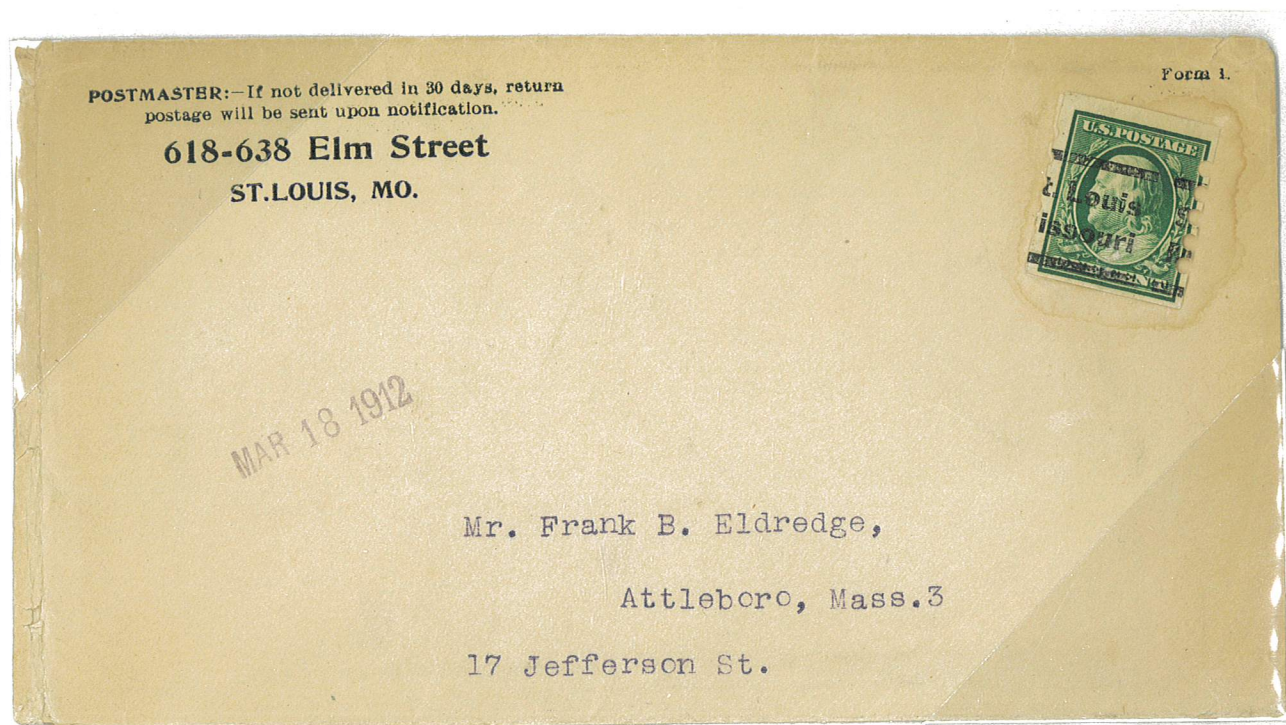
e

U.S. Private Perforations

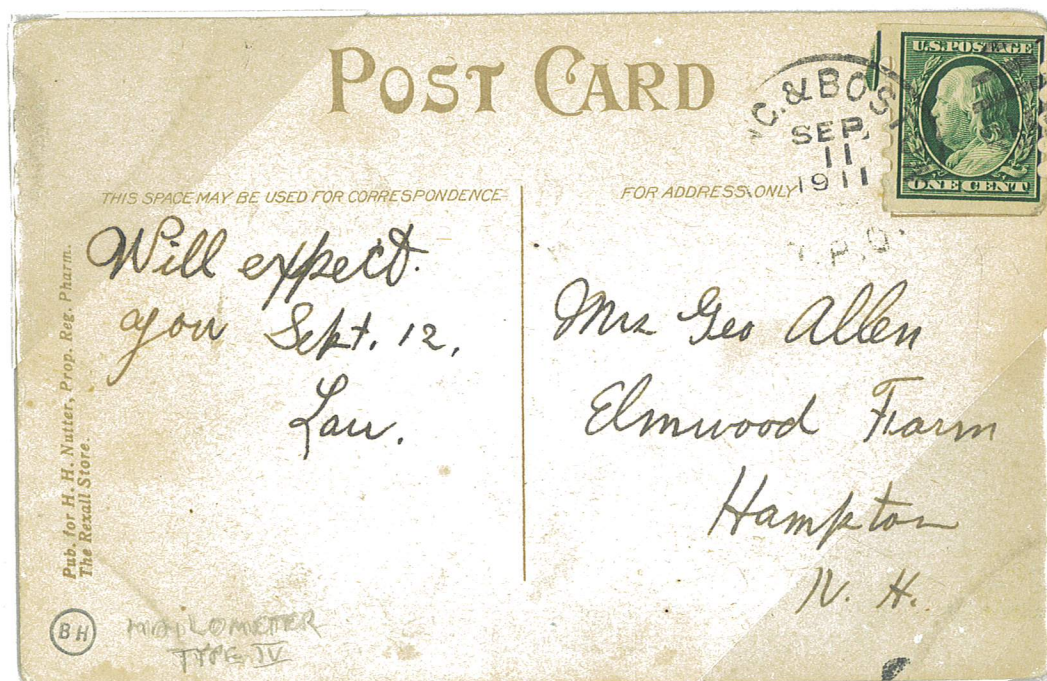
Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Precancel
St Louis, MO to Attleboro, MA
lifted & replaced
e



Essex Junction & Boston RPO Cancel to Hampton, NH
September 11, 1911

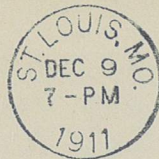
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Mail-O-Meter Company

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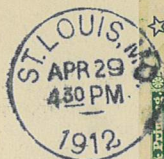
Return to
BEMIS BRO. BAG CO.
ST. LOUIS, MO.



Michigan Novelty Co.,
256 Michigan Av.,
Detroit, Mich.

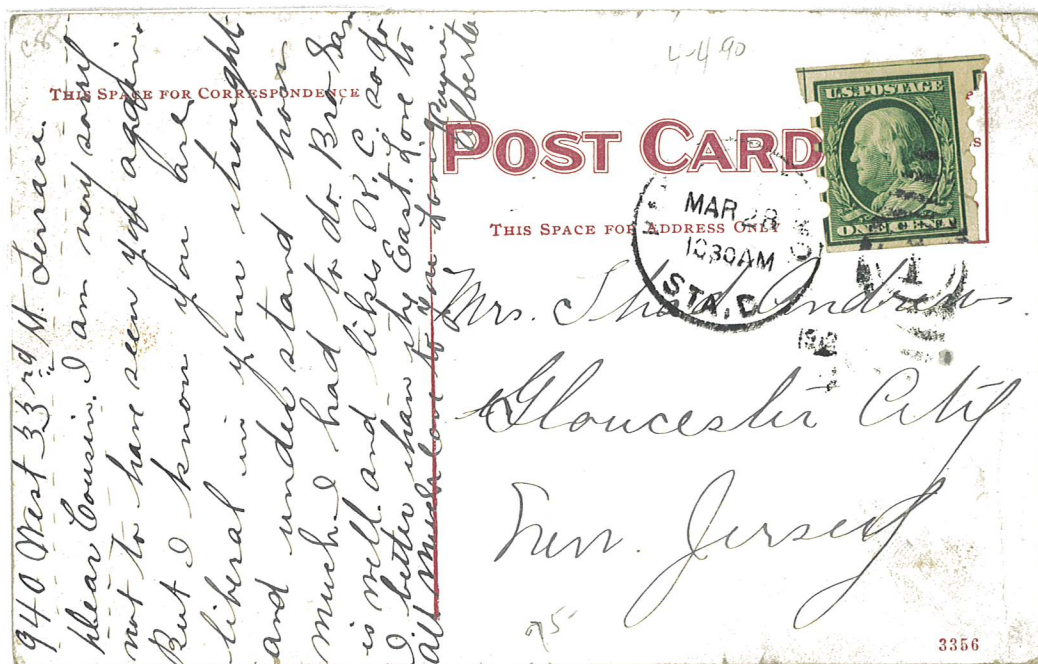
St Louis, MO to Detroit, MI
December 9, 1911

C. H. Mekeel
R. F. D. 29 St. Louis, Mo.



Mr. Robert J. Wagner
430 No. Main St.
Fostoria Ohio

Imprint Single on 1¢ entire issue of 1907-1916
St Louis, MO to Fostoria, OH
April 29, 1912



Single with Guideline at top and left also with pulled tabs
 Kansas City, MO to Gloucester City, NJ
 March 28, 1912

Pulled tabs occurred when a stamp was torn from a roll
 and did not break cleanly along the perforations.



Kansas City, MO to Chester Depot, VT
 June, 1912 (Backstamp June 24, 1912)

U.S. Private Perforations

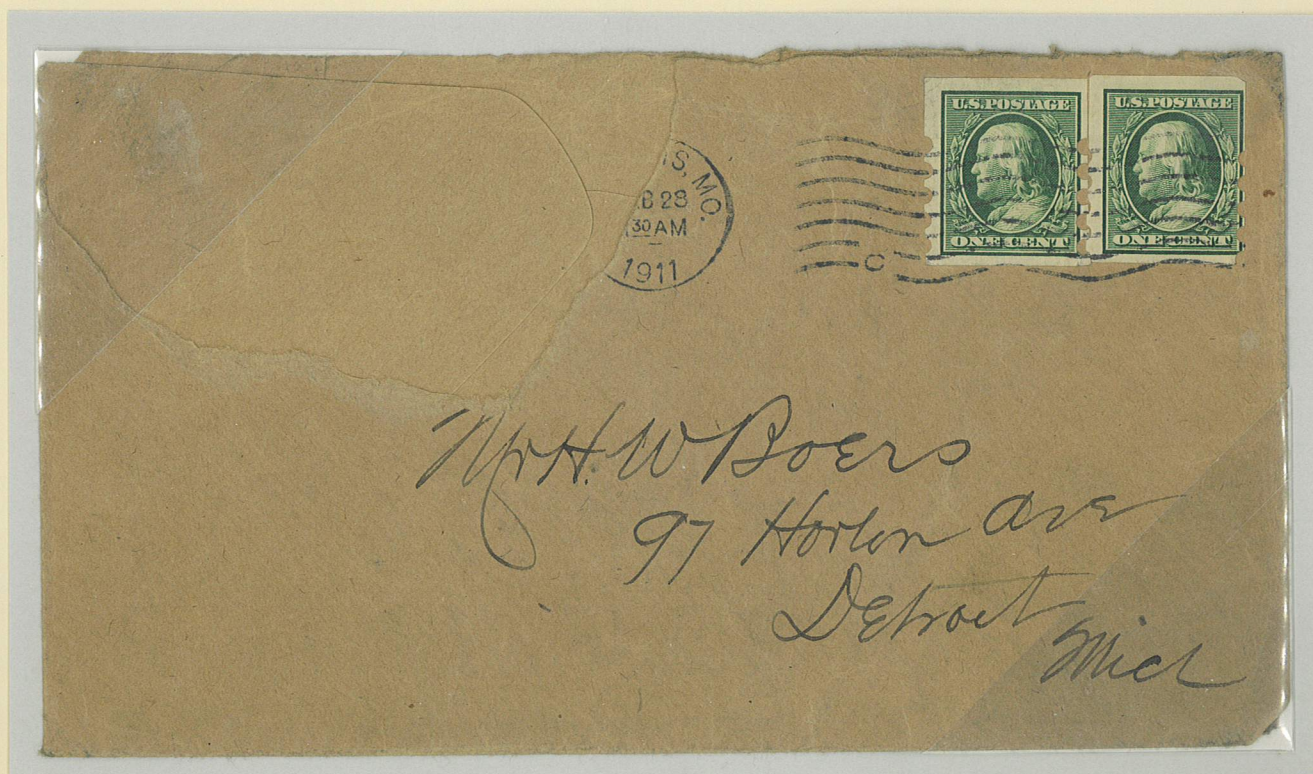
Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



St Louis, MO to Waverly, IA
December 7, 1911



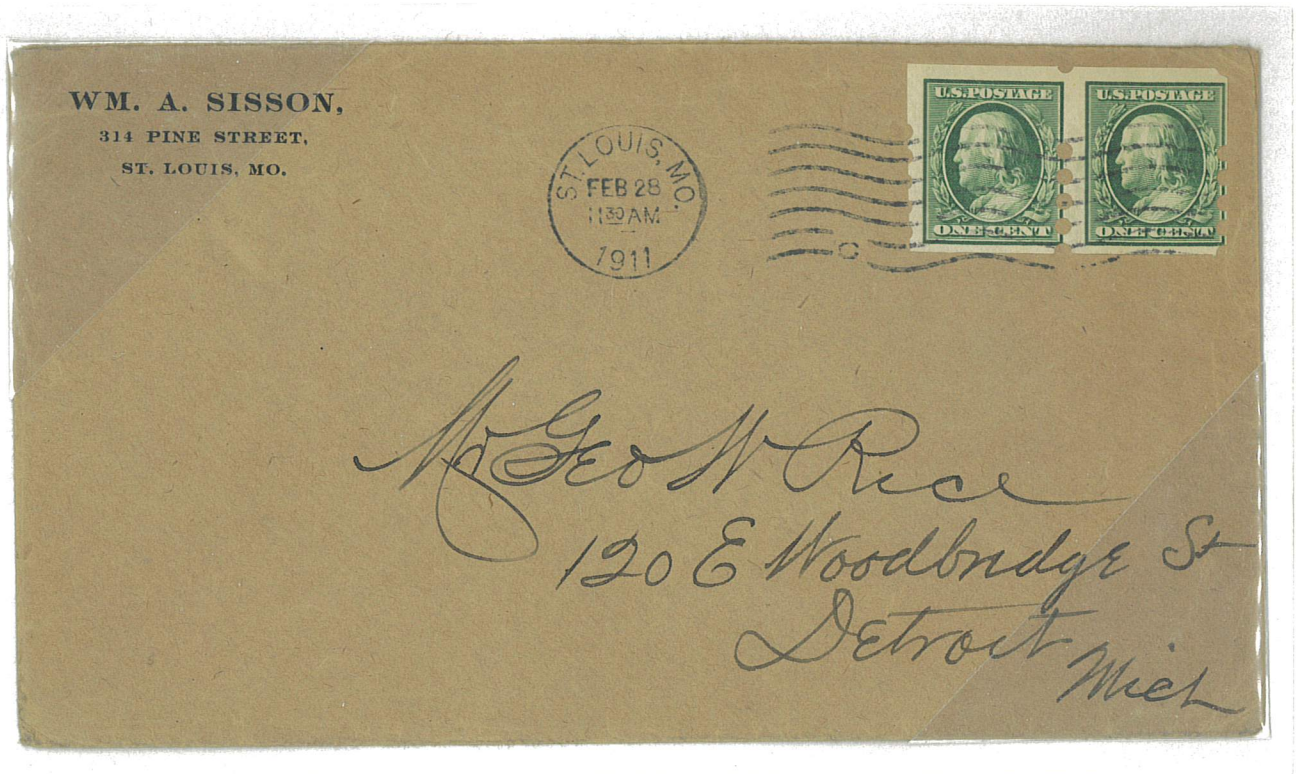
2-Singles
St Louis, MO to Detroit, MI
February 28, 1911

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Pair
2.8 mm
Shifted perforations
St Louis, MO to Detroit, MI
February 28, 1911



Three Strips of 4
Frist Flight Chicago, IL to Twin Cities, MN
Chicago, IL to Ann Arbor, MN
June 7, 1926

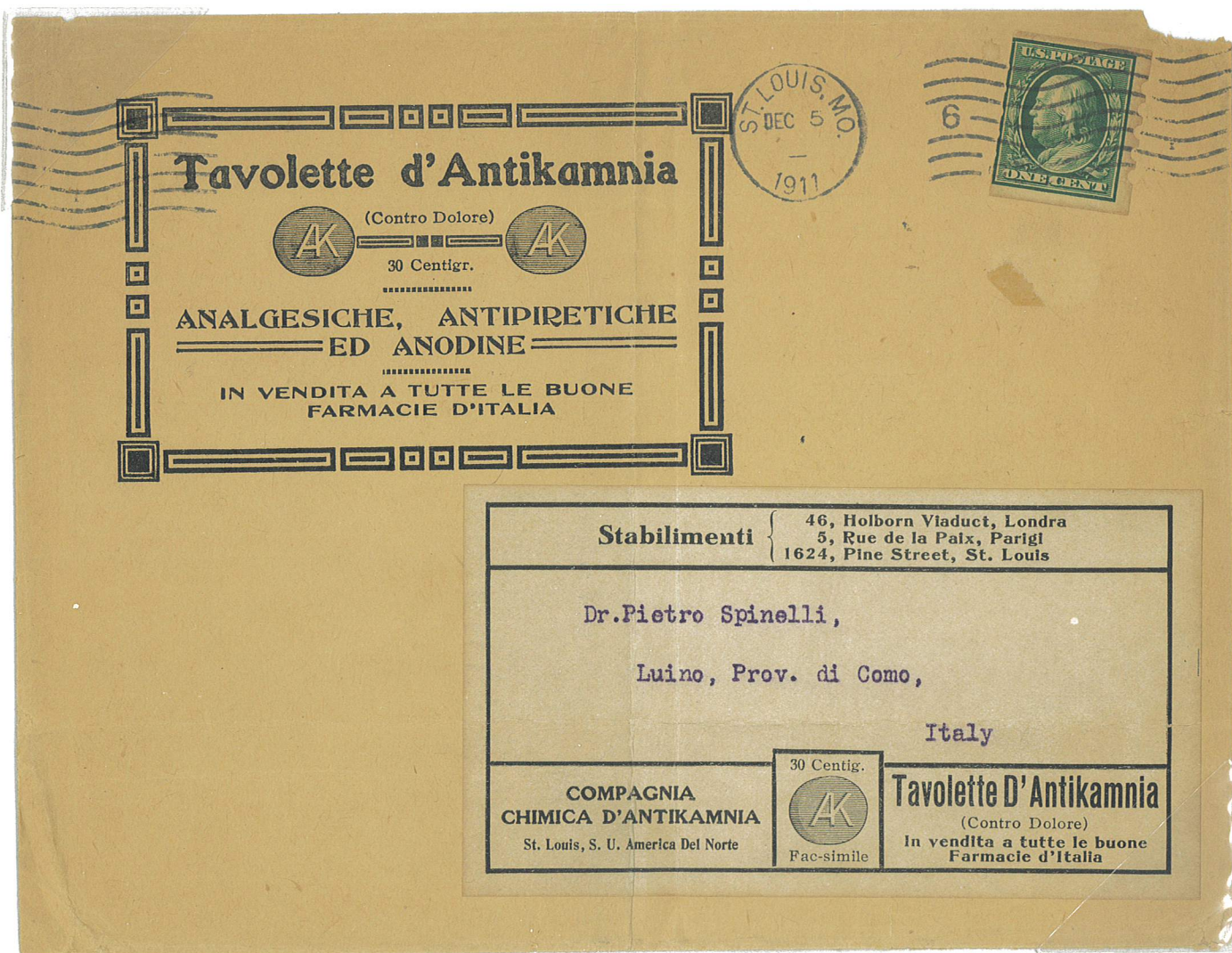
2¢ overpaid Contract Rate of 10¢ up to 1000 miles

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



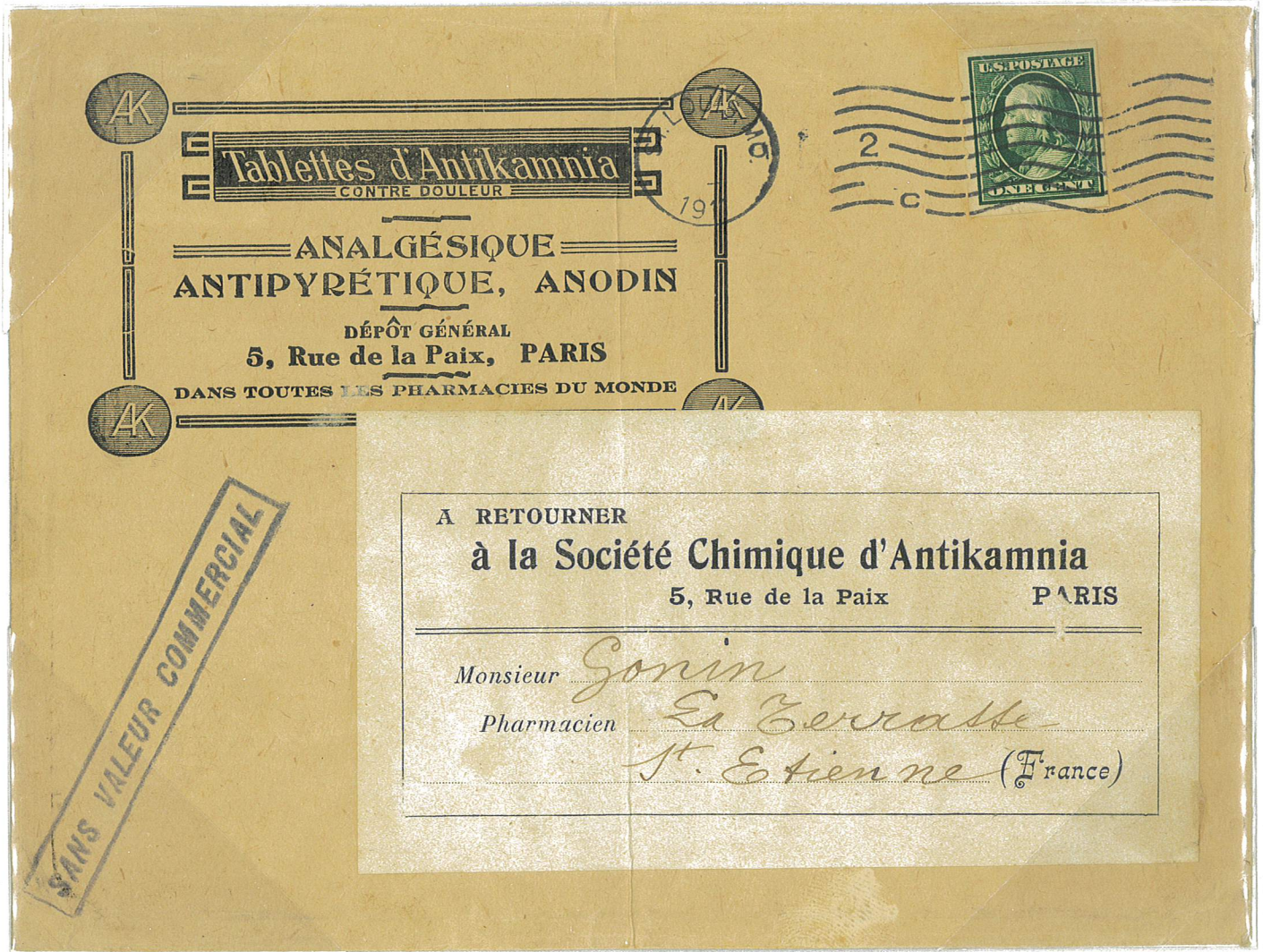
St Louis, MO to Luino, Prov. di Como, Italy
December 5, 1911

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



St Louis, MO to St Etienne, France

1911

lifted & replaced

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



1¢ Pair along with 4¢ Pair of Issue of 1909 with Schermack Type III Perforations
3 MM on Each Pair

First Flight CAM 27 Bay City - Chicago
Ann Arbor, MI
July 17, 1928

Late Usage

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Guideline Pair
2.3 mm



Pasteup with
Plate Number
5619 under tab



2.5 mm
Guideline at bottom



Precancel Margin Block of 6
2.1-2.4 mm



Margin Block
Extra perforations in margin
Siderograhers initials in margin
3 mm
e



Top Arrow Block
Extra perforations in margin
Left row shifted
2.4 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911

Precancels



Top Plate Block Number 5554

3 mm

Extra row of margin perforation



Left Plate Block Number 5554

3 mm



Right Plate Block Number 5554

3 mm

Margin row shifted perforations

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Precancel Pair
Guideline at bottom
3 mm



2.3 mm



3 mm



Margin Pair
3 mm
Shifted perforations



Pasteup Pair
Siderographer's initials under tab



Guideline Pair
2.3 mm

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



2.4-3 mm
Shifted perforations
e



Pasteup Strip



Guideline Strip
2.3-2.6 mm



Block
2.4 mm
Shifted perforations



Block
3 mm
e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Plate Block Number 5516

3 mm

e



Plate Block Number 5309

3 mm

Shifted Perforations

e

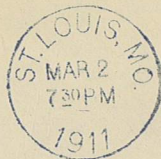
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Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911

Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney
SAINT LOUIS.



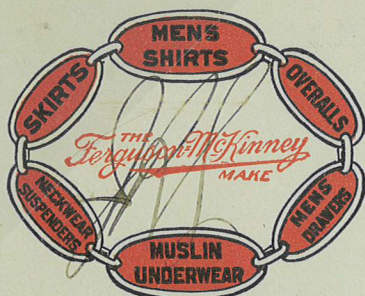
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Carlisle,

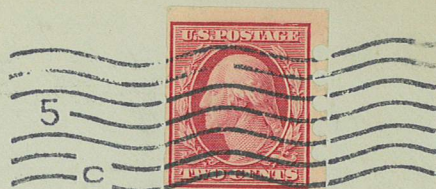
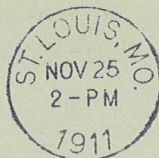
Penna.

St Louis, MO to Carlisle, PA
March 2, 1911

RETURN IN 5 DAYS



ST. LOUIS



Bristol Jewelry Co.,

Attleboro, Mass.

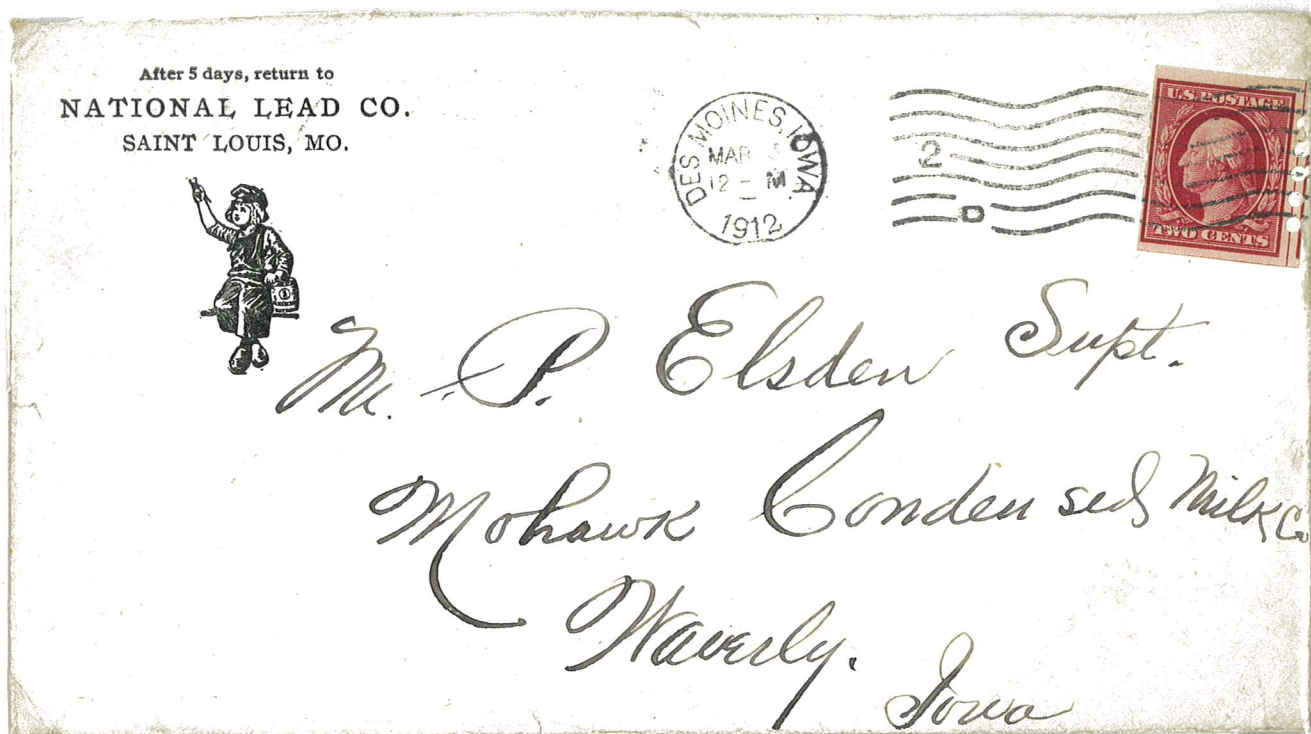
St Louis, MO to Attleboro, MA
November 25, 1911

U.S. Private Perforations

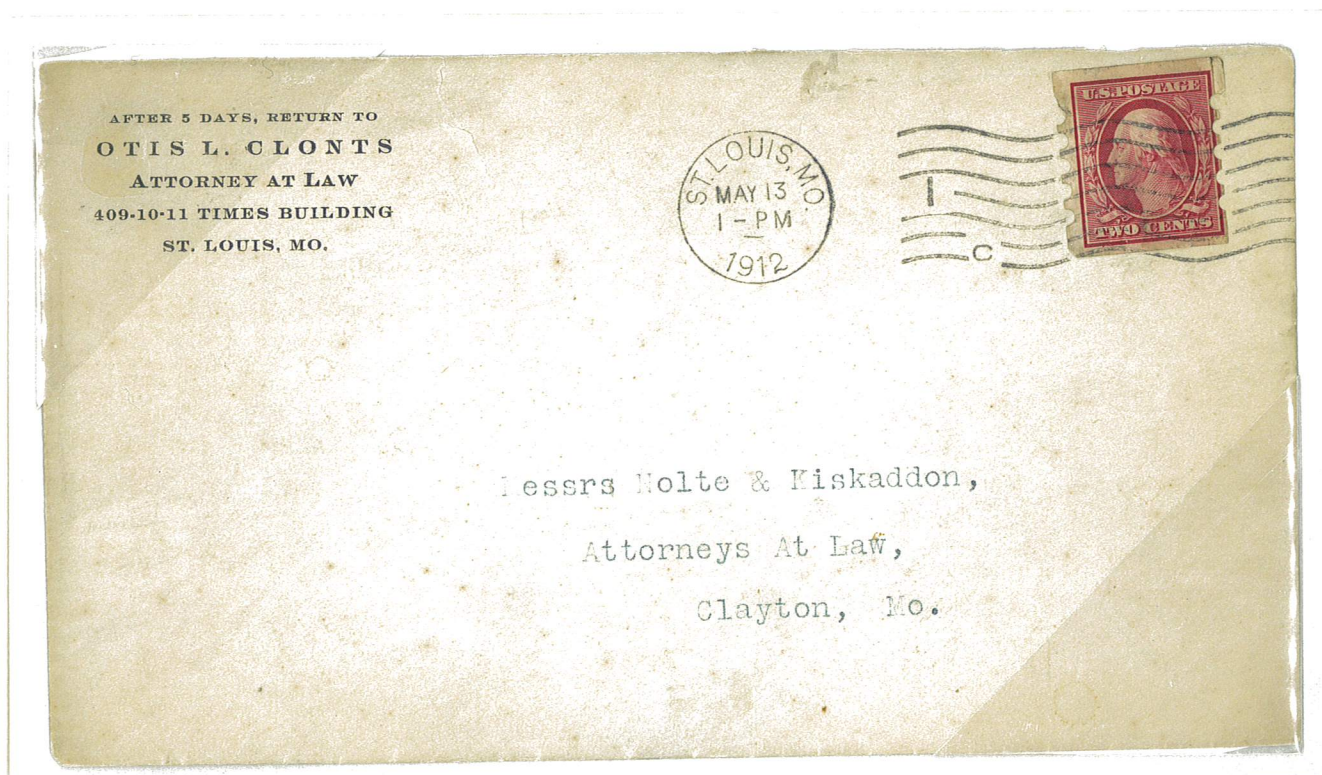
Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Single with Guideline at right
Des Moines, IA to Waverly, Ia
March 3, 1912



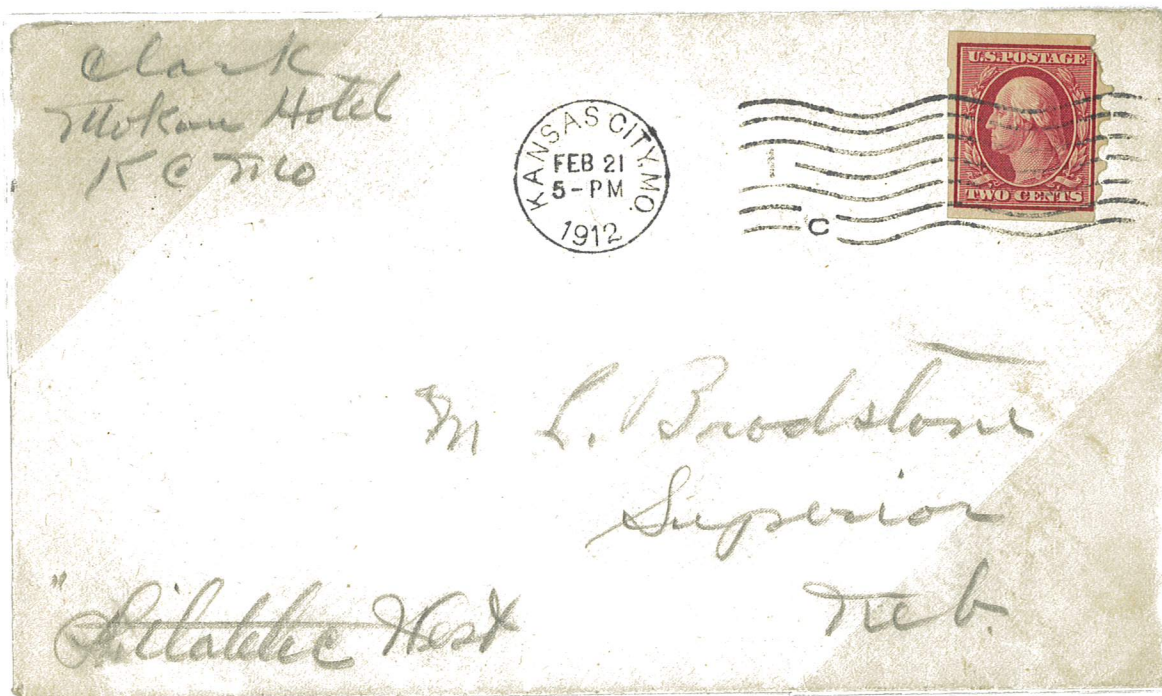
Pasteup Single
St Louis, MO to Clayton, MO
May 13, 1912

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Kansas City, MO to Superior, NE
February 21, 1912

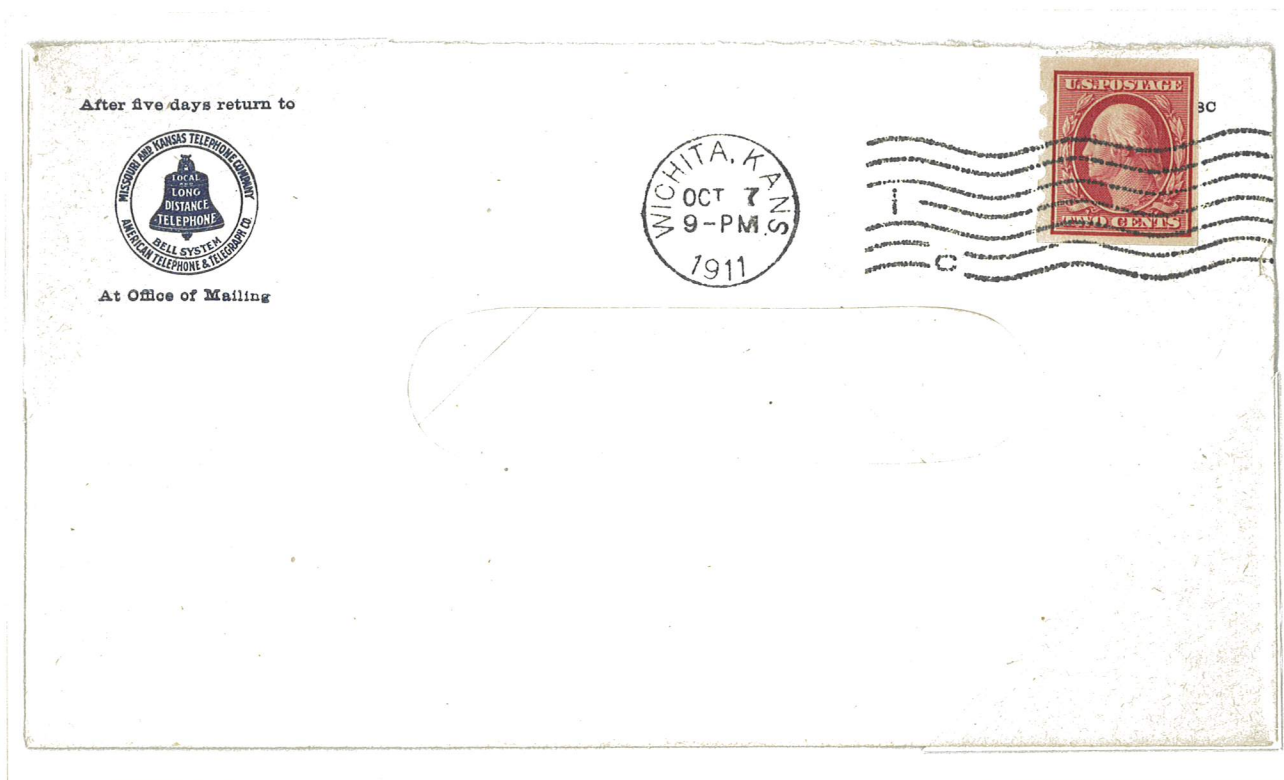
"Philatelic West" was a hobby newspaper that operated under that name from 1896-1898 and under the names "Philatelic West and Camera News" from 1898 to 1907 and "Philatelic West and Collector's World" from 1907 to 1930.

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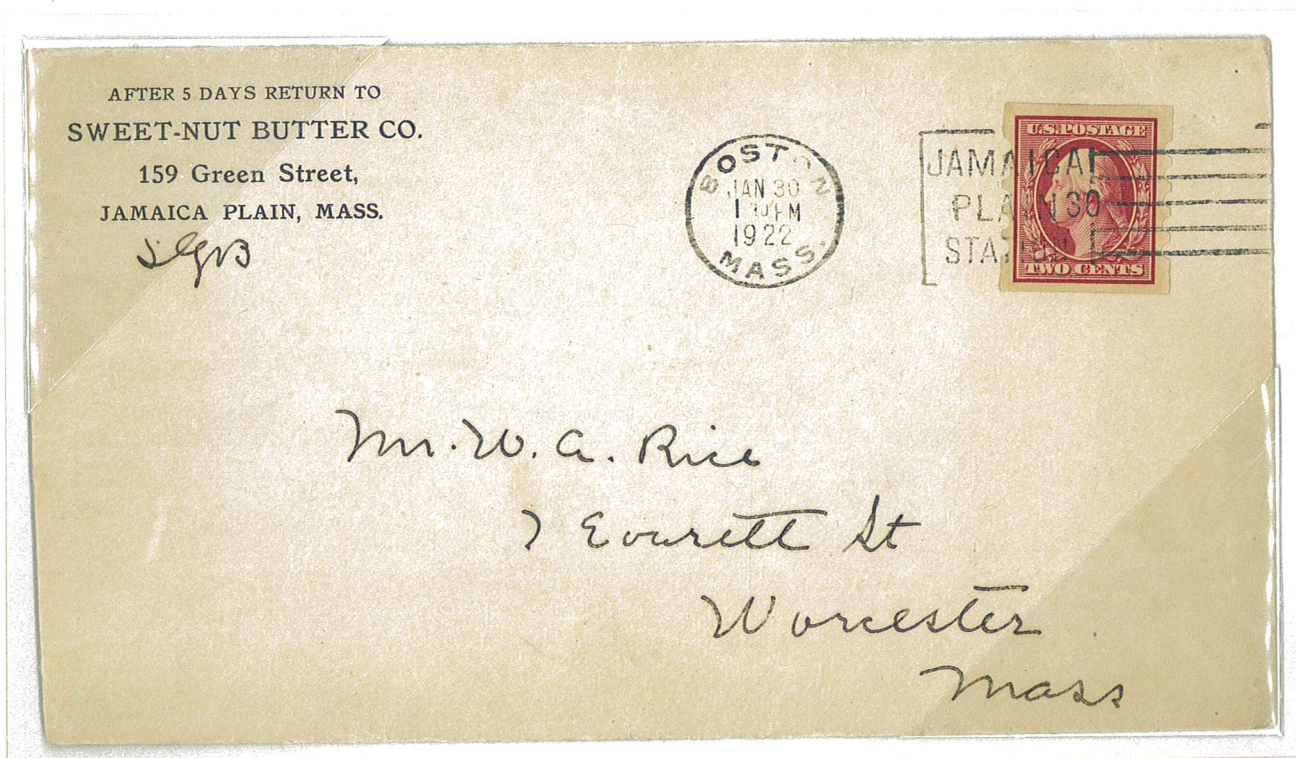
Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Wichita, KS
October 7, 1911



Boston, MA to Worcester, MA
January 30, 1922

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Three Pairs with 1¢ imperforate single issue of 1910-1911 on 1¢ entire of 1907-1916
Two Pairs 3 mm and One Pair 2.3 mm
Pine Lawn, MO to Albany, NY
April 23, 1912

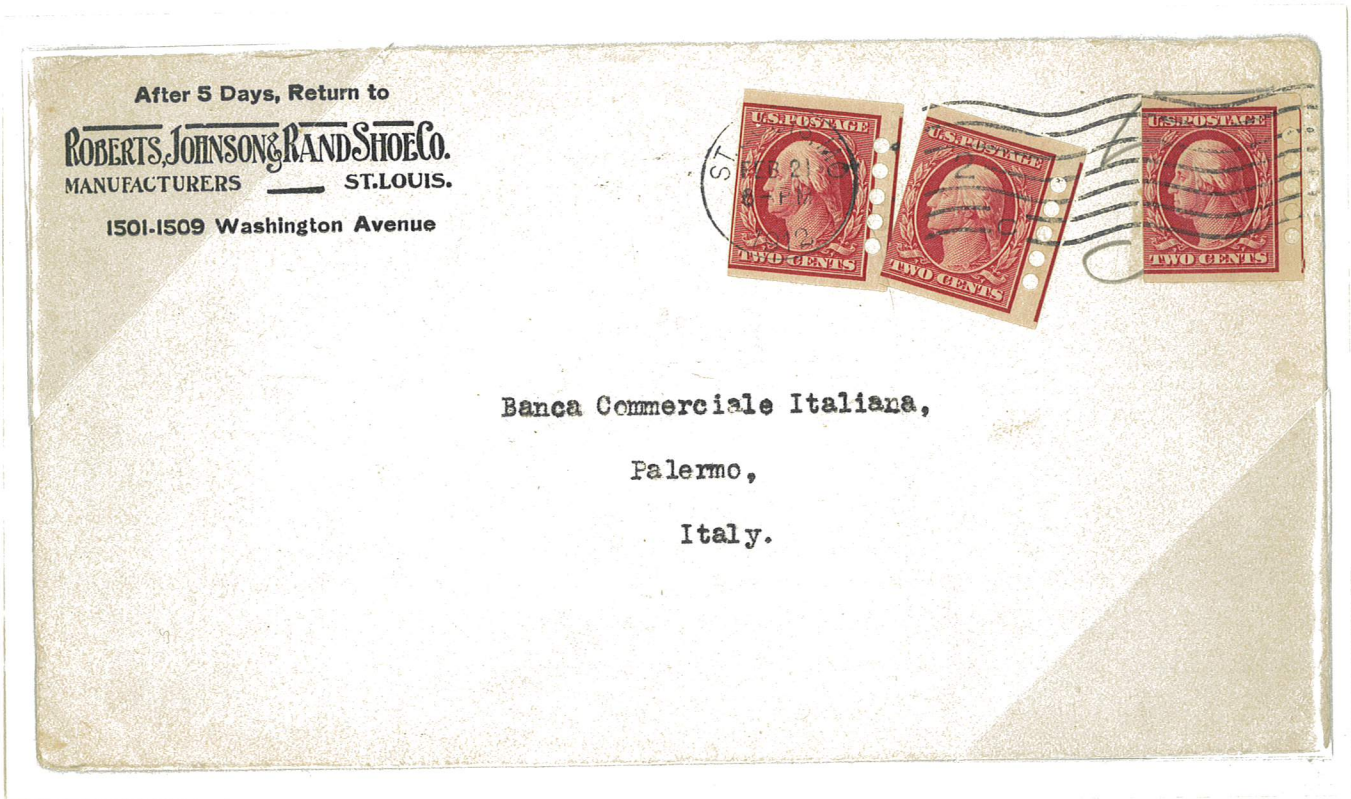
2¢ per oz letter rate and 10¢ Registration fee and free Return Receipt service.

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1910-1911



Three singles
St Louis, MO to Palermo, Italy
February 21, 1912

UPU letter rate overpaid 1¢
(ex-Agris)

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1912



Pair with 1¢ imperforate horizontal line block issue of 1912 and 3¢ Pair issue of 1910-1913
Benton Harbor, MI to Houston, TX
April 9, 1914

Domestic letter rate of 2¢ and 10¢ Special Delivery fee



Pair with pasteup on right and a 10c Pan-American Issue
Detroit, MI to Savannah, GA
November 3, 1914

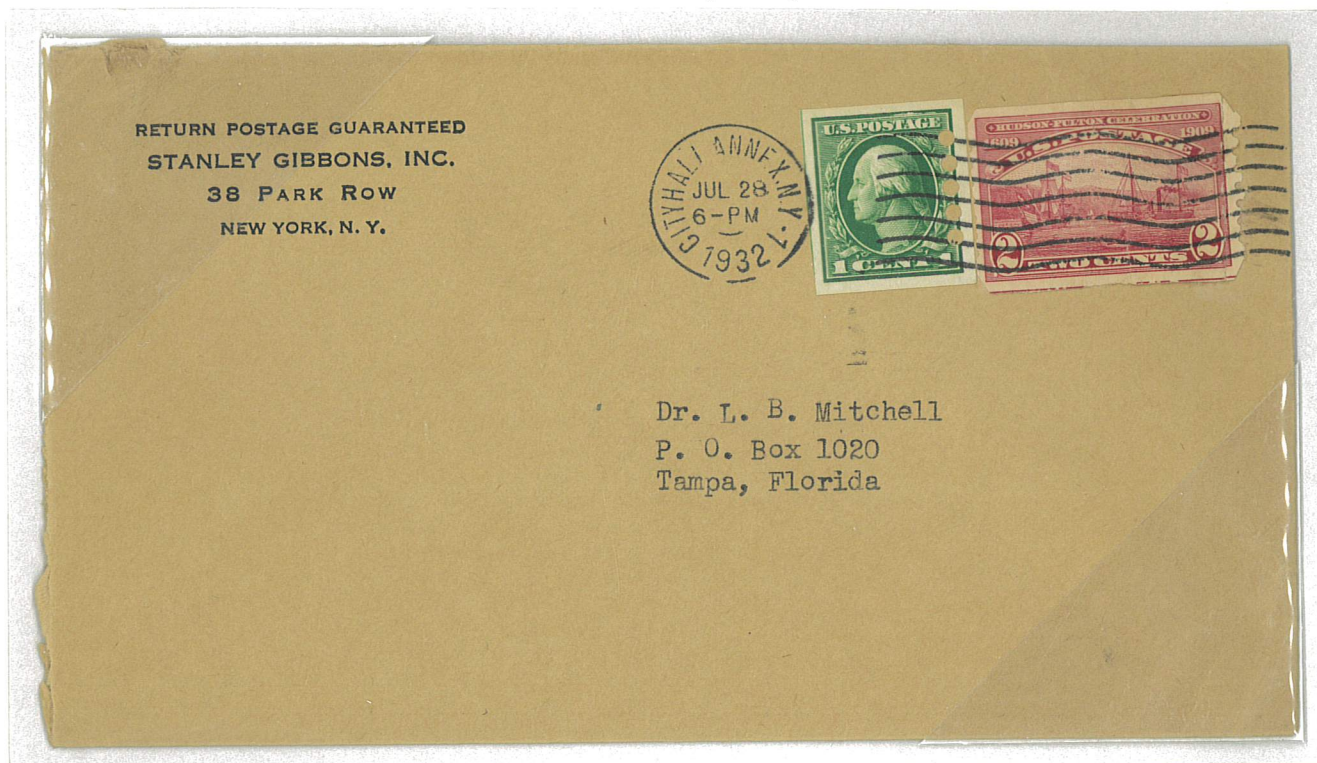
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1912

Combination of issues and private perforations



Single with Hudson-Fulton single with United States Automatic Vending Company Type III perforations
New York, NY to Tampa, FL
July 28, 1932
Late Usage for both stamps



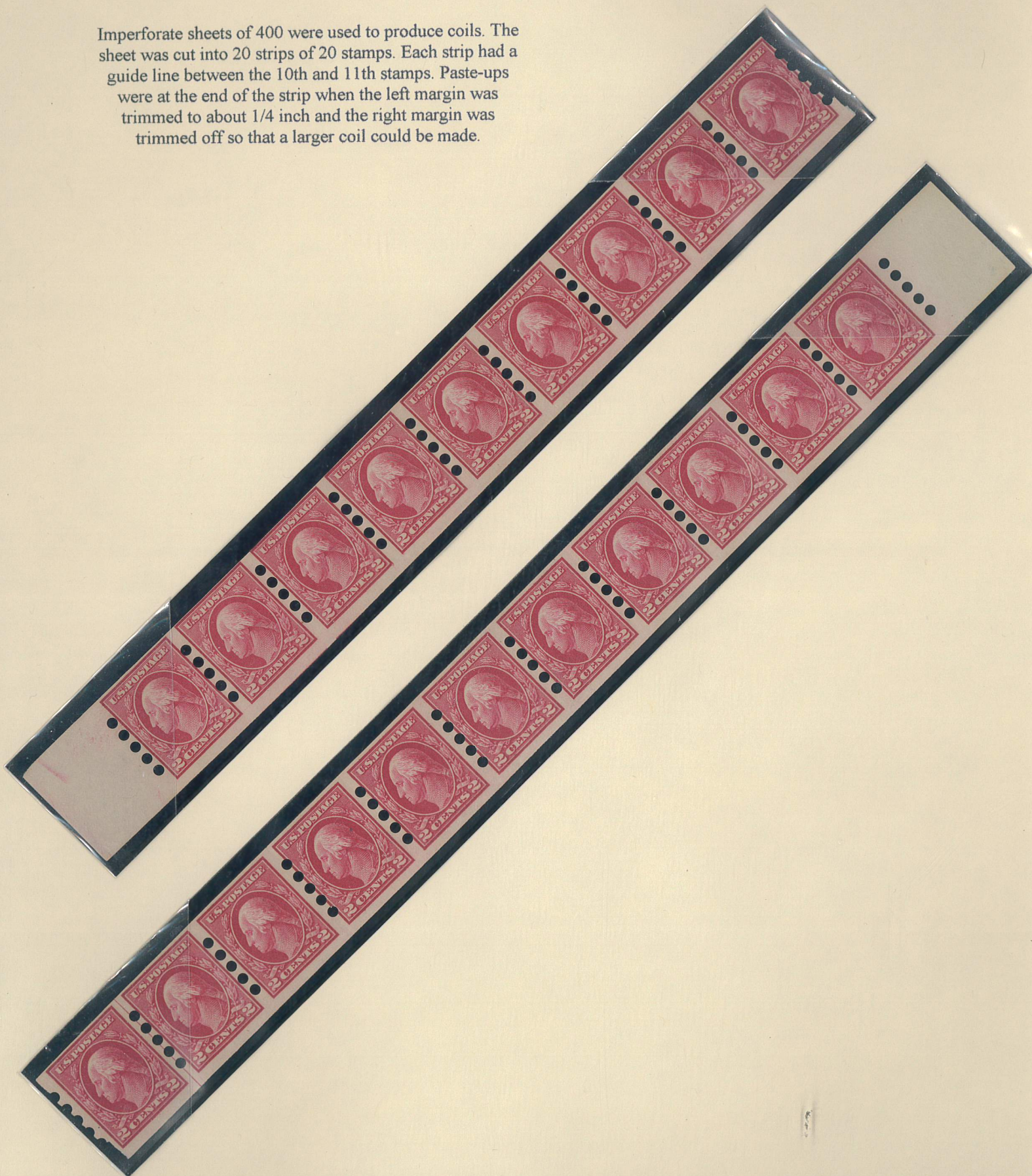
Strip of 3 along with 1¢, 2¢ and 3¢ imperforated issue of 1908-1909
Detroit, MI to Vienna, Austria July, 1913
UPU 5¢ letter rate and 10¢ Registration Fee
ex-Belasco

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

*Type IV
Issue of 1912*

Imperforate sheets of 400 were used to produce coils. The sheet was cut into 20 strips of 20 stamps. Each strip had a guide line between the 10th and 11th stamps. Paste-ups were at the end of the strip when the left margin was trimmed to about 1/4 inch and the right margin was trimmed off so that a larger coil could be made.



U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

*Type IV
Issue of 1912*



Two Line
Precancel



Margin Pair



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Strip

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1912



Plate Number 6289

e



Pasteup Pair
Guideline at bottom



Guideline Pair



Margin Strip of 6
Plate Number 6281

e



Pasteup Strip

e



Pasteup Strip with Guideline



Guideline Strip



Left Arrow Block

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1912



Mis-perforatons



Vertical Pair



Double perforations

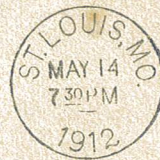
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1912

Earliest Known Usage

After 10 days, return to
BEMIS BRO. BAG CO.
601 South Fourth St.,
SAINT LOUIS, MO.



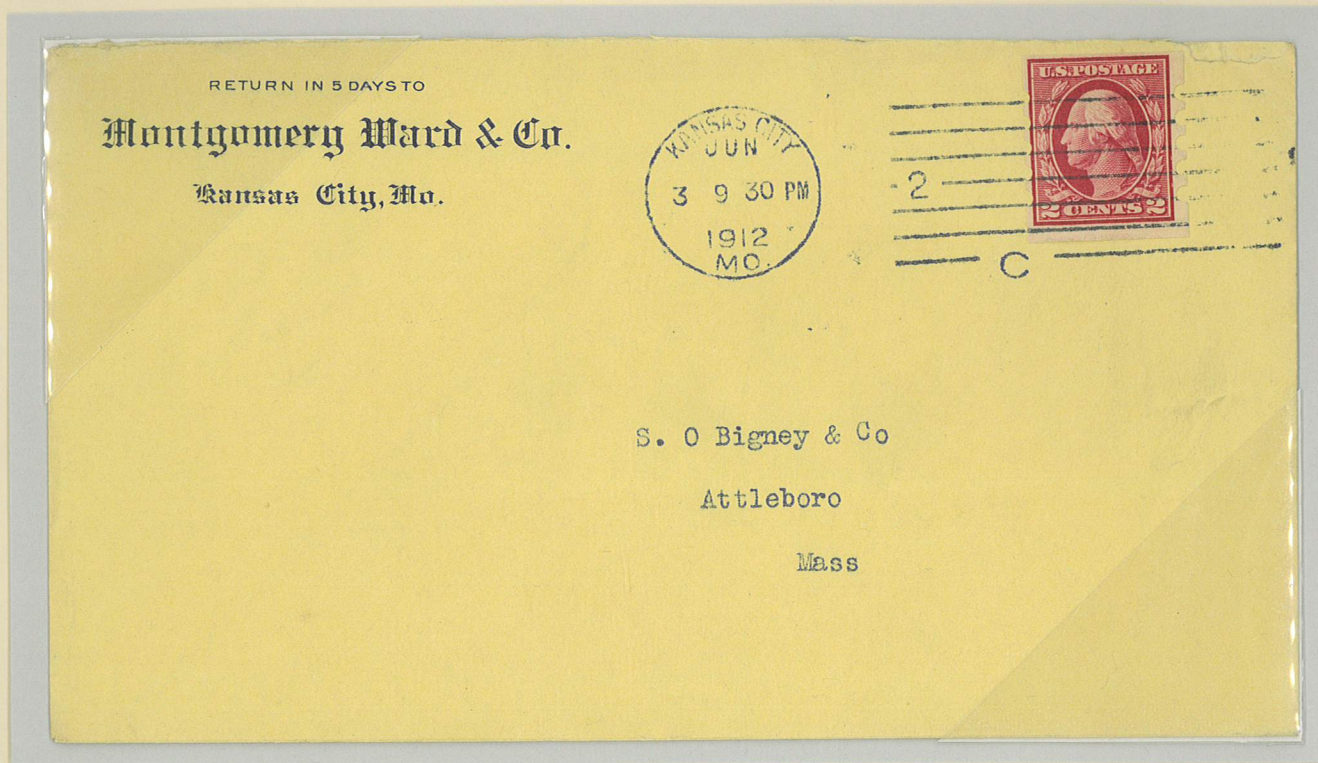
Red Star Mfg. Co
Wichita Kas.

St Louis, MO to Wichita, KS
May 14, 1912

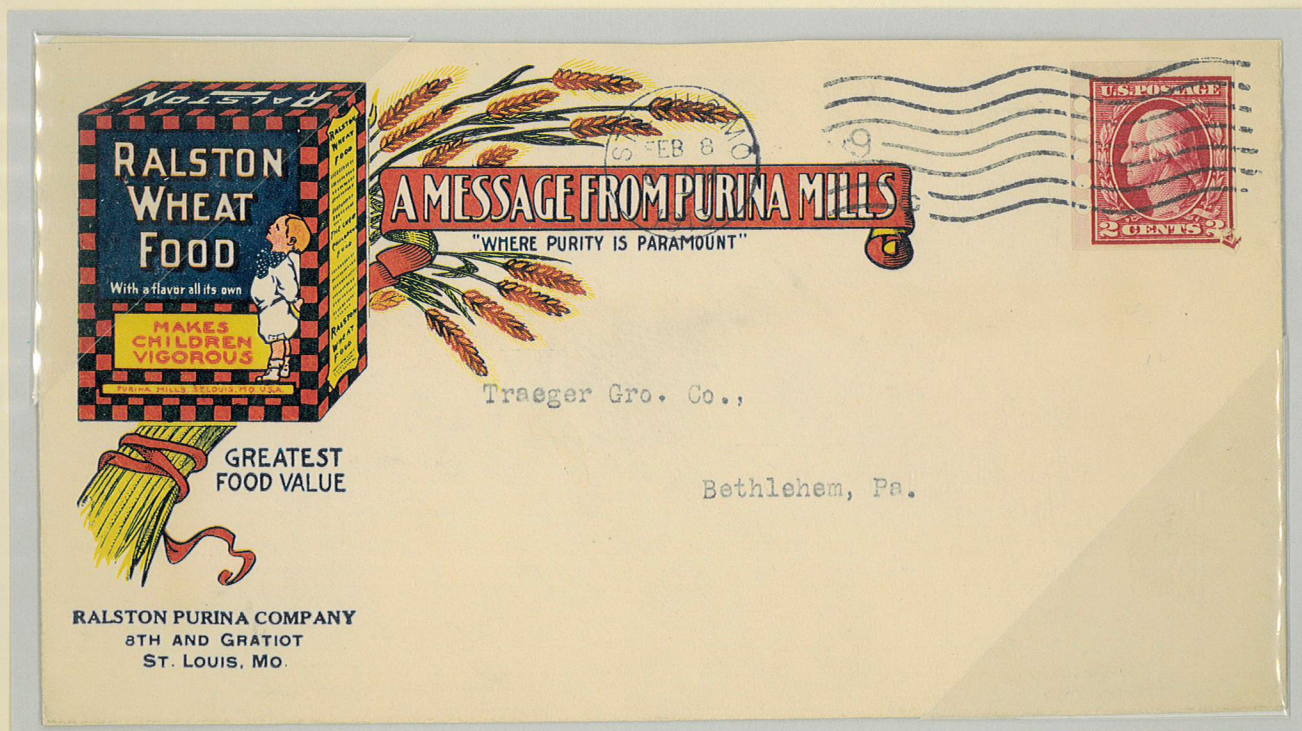
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Mail-O-Meter Company

*Type IV
Issue of 1912*



Kansas City, MO to Attleboro, MA
June 3, 1912



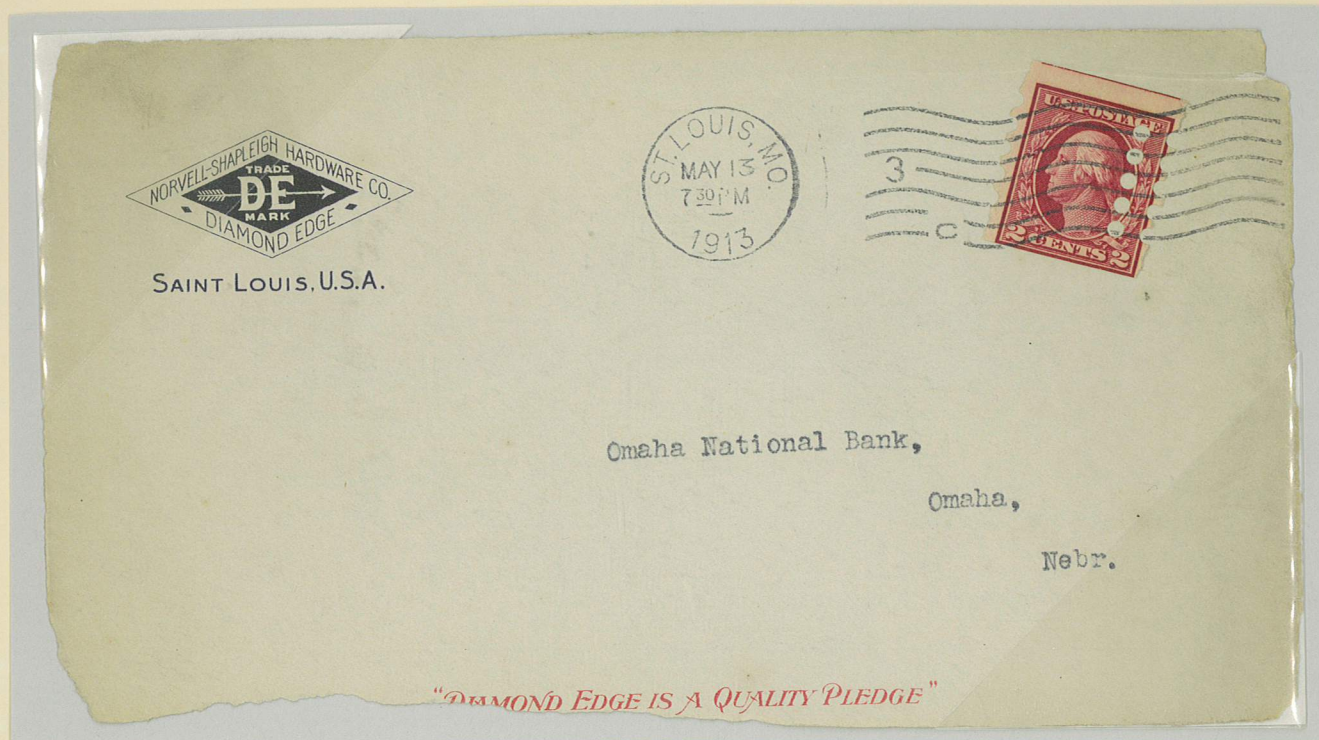
St Louis, MO to Bethlehem, PA
February 8, 1913

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1912

Mis-perforation



St Louis, MO to Omaha, NE
May 13, 1913



St Louis, MO to Los Angeles, CA
December 30, 1914

Overpaid 1¢

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1912

7-31-13 - 10M-C.
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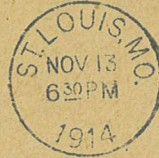
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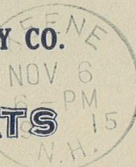


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Single with Guideline at top
Keene, NH to Gilsum, NH
November 6, 1915

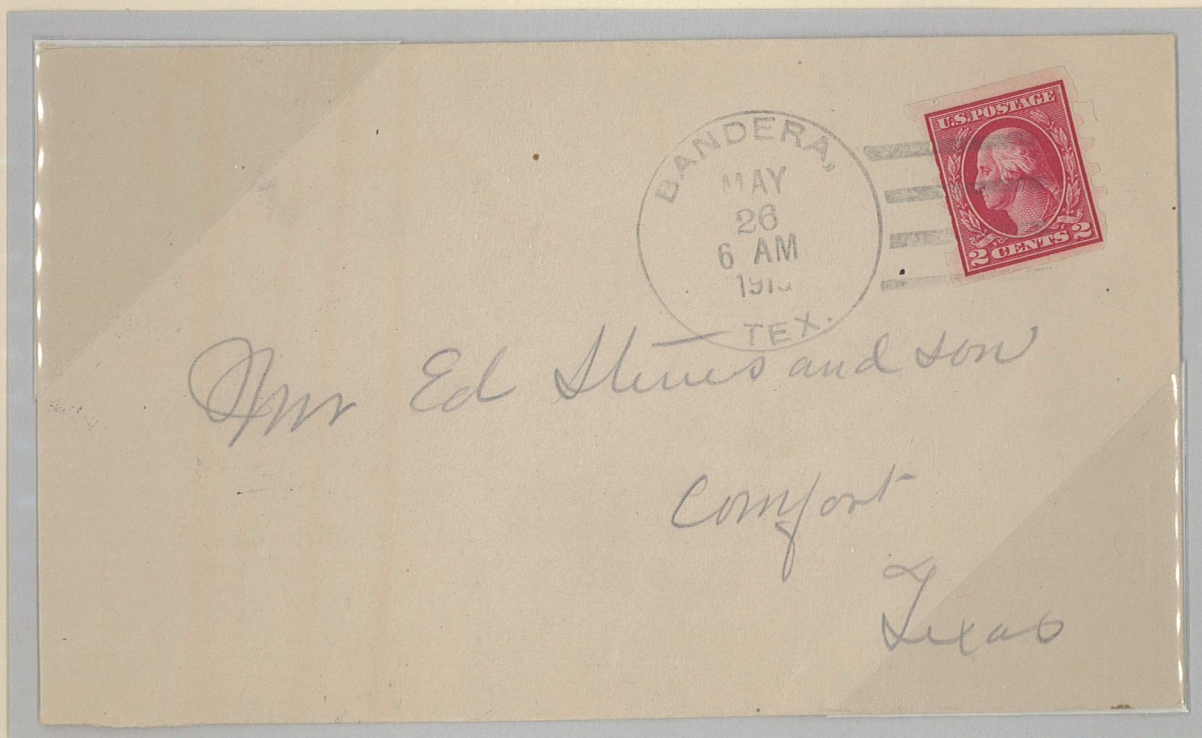
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Salem, VA to Otey, VA
April 26, 1916



Bandera, TX to Comfort, TX
May 26, 1916

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO
COVEL MFG. CO.
BENTON HARBOR, MICH. U. S. A.



41 Covell Mfg Co
Seattle
404 Railway & Bld Wash.

Guideline Pair
Benton Harbor, MI to Seattle, WA
March 27, 1914



Mr A.W. Filstrip
COVEL MFG. COMPANY

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MICHIGAN, U. S. A.

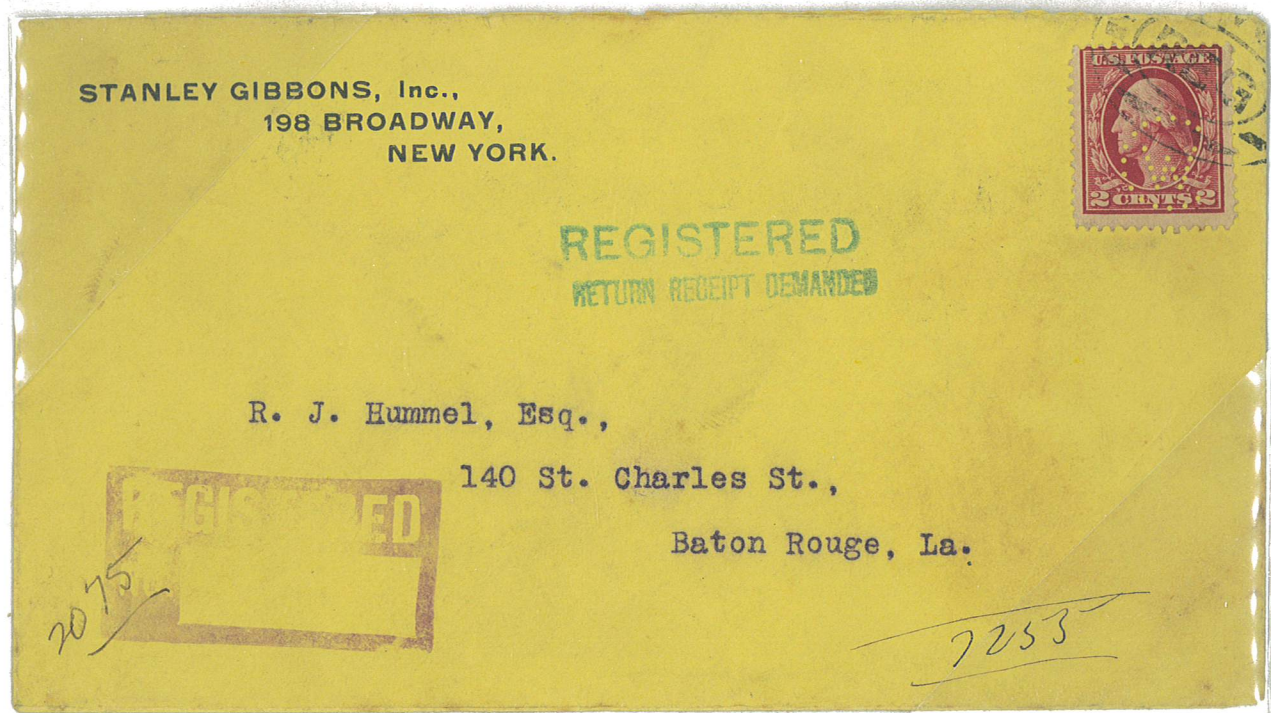
Pair
Seattle, WA, to Benton Harbor, MI
May 7, 1920

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Combination of private perforations



Strip of 5 and Strip of 3 and Pair with 2¢ perfin regular Issue of 1910
New York, NY to Baton Rouge, La
December 17, 1912

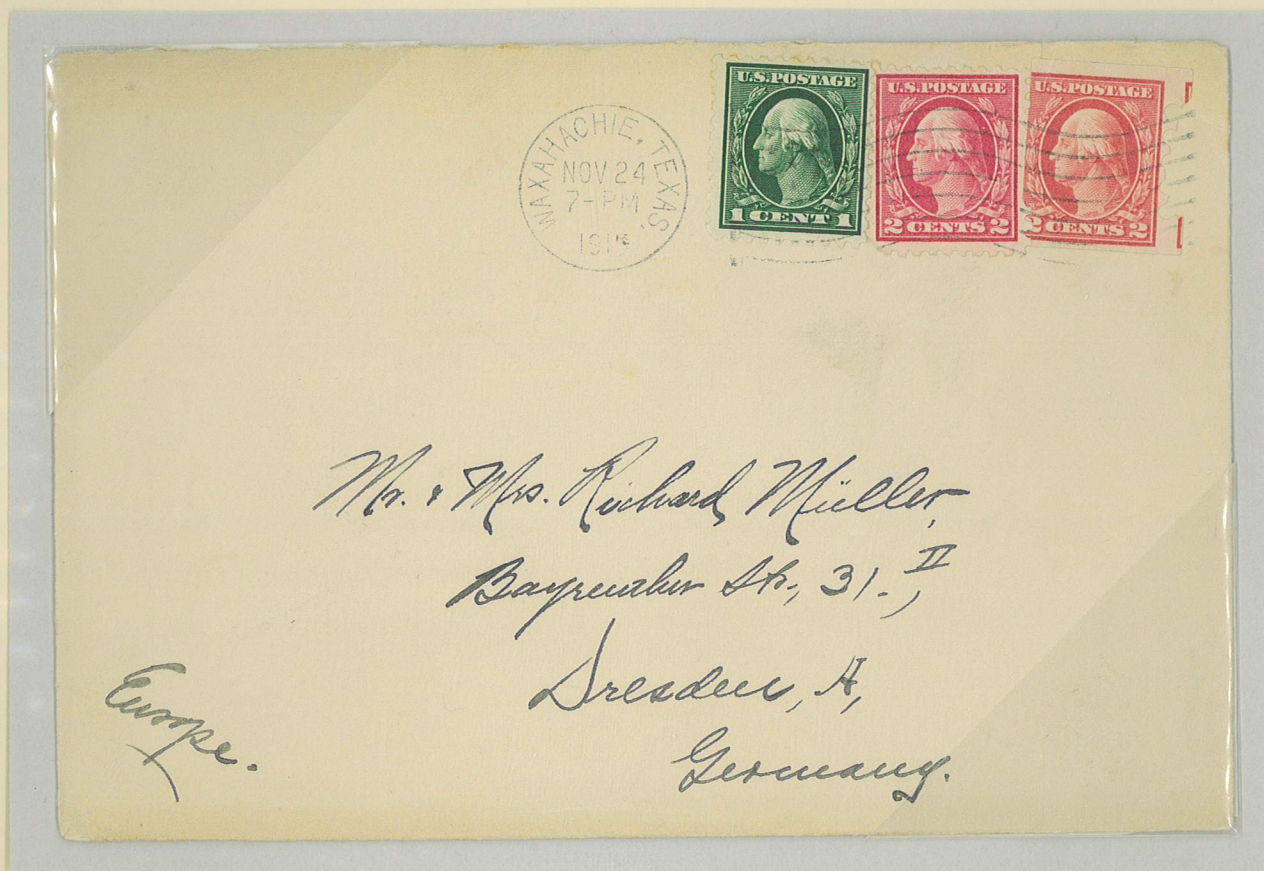


2¢ Letter Rate and 10¢ Registered Return Receipt Requested Rate

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*Type IV
Issue of 1912*



Single with 1¢ and 2¢ Issue of 1913-1915
Waxahachie, TX to Dresden, Germany
November 24, 1915

UPU 5¢ letter rate

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Type IV

Issue of 1916-1917



Precancel
2 Line
e



Precancel
3 Line
e

Only One Known



e



Guideline Strip



Guideline at top



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Pair

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Issue of 1916-1917



Margin Strip

Broken U Variety



Pasteup Strip
e



Guideline Strip



Pasteup Block

e



Vertical Guideline Block

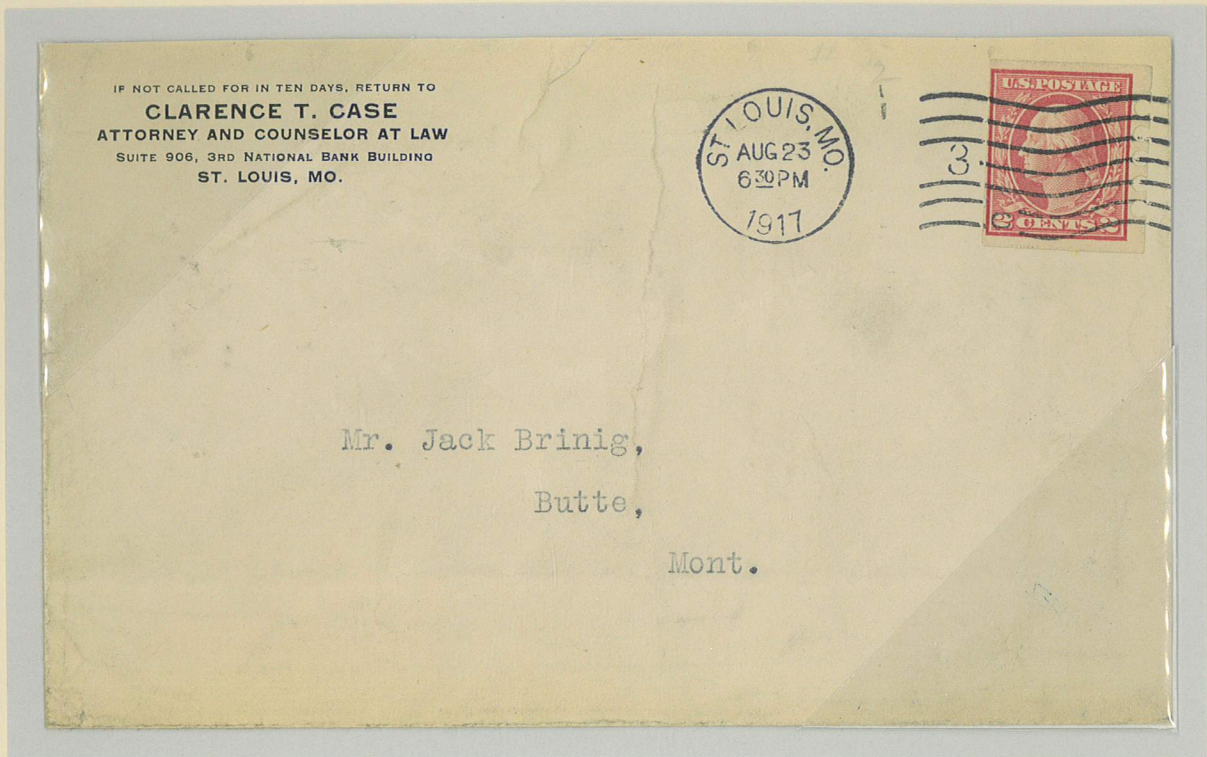
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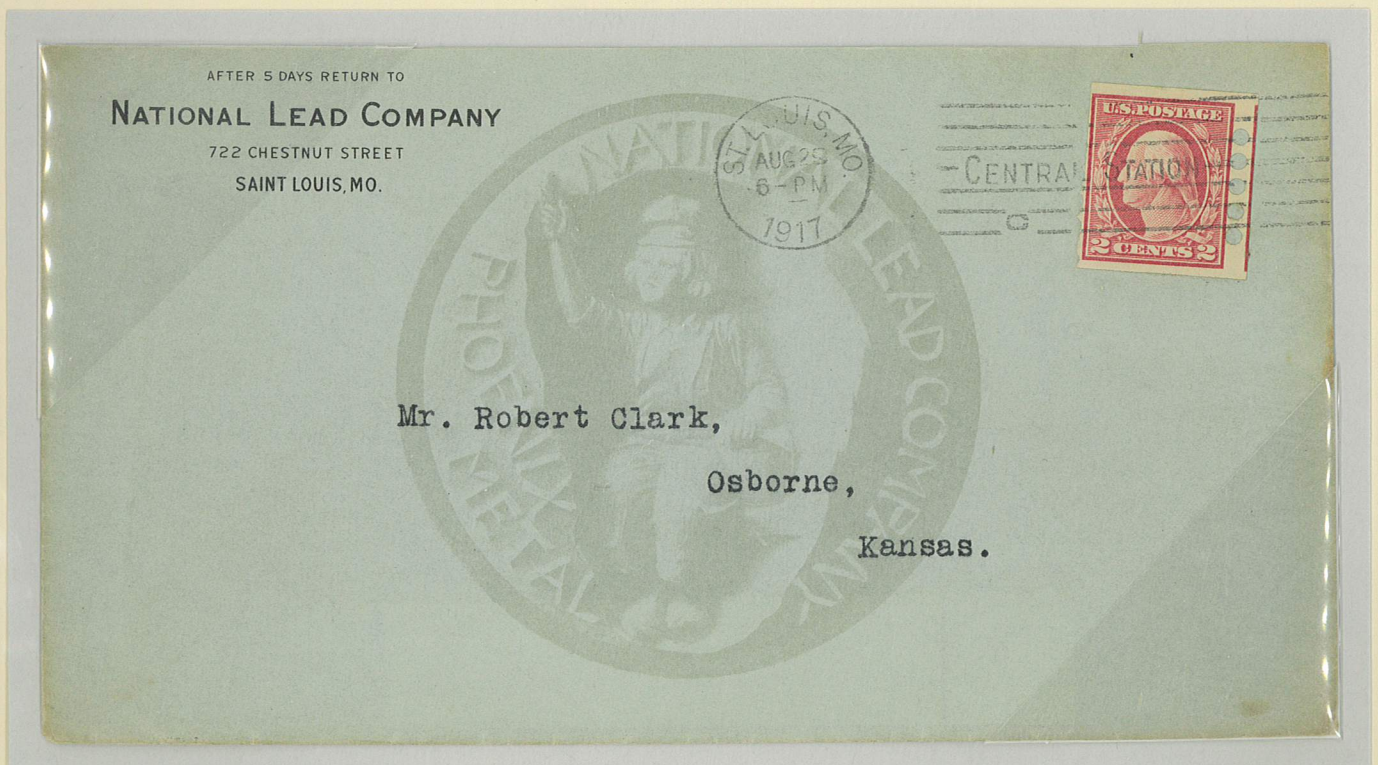
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Type IV

Issue of 1916-1917



St Louis, MO to Butte, MT
August 23, 1917



St Louis, MO to Osborne, KS
August 29, 1917

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Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1916-1917



St Louis, MO to Detroit, MI
October 18, 1917

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Type IV

Issue of 1916-1917

Type I



e



Violet and Light Violet shades



Pasteup Pair



Guideline Pair

e

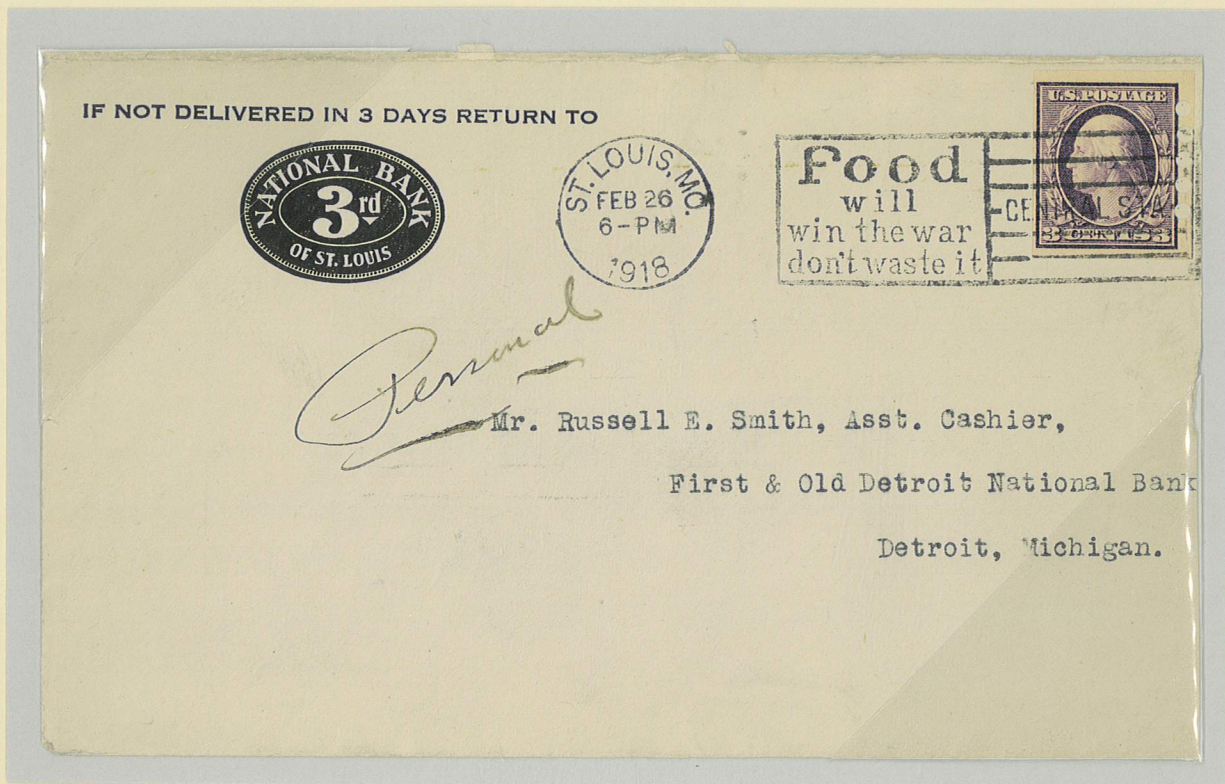
U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1916-1917

Type I



St Louis, MO to Detroit, MI
February 26, 1918

U.S. Private Perforations

Type IV
Issue of 1916-1917
Type I

Mail-O-Meter Company



St Louis, MO
March 22, 1918

ex-Belasco

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV

Issue of 1916-1917

Type I



Pair
Detroit, MI to Paris, France
March 18, 1918
e

UPU letter rate overpaid 1¢

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type V perforation is not listed in any catalog and is a variation of Type II. It has been referenced in Steve Belasco's new book on private perforations.

This variety was first observed in Detroit, Michigan in 1911 by Henry Look, a collector. It is difficult to determine without measuring the size and spacing of the perforations.

There are four currently known covers using the 2¢ issue of 1910-1911 and none of the 1¢ of the same issue. At least 75 copies of the 1¢ issue of 1910-1911 were obtained by collectors at the time they were noticed. No one knows for sure how many of any issue exists today.

Type V
Issue of 1910-1911



2.2 mm



Guideline Pair
2.5 mm



3 mm
e



Guideline Strip
2.4 mm
e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type V

Issue of 1910-1911

Perfin Pattern 56 was produced by Chambers Motor Company of Detroit, Michigan around 1911



Perfin #56
e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type V

Issue of 1910-1911

After 3 days, return to
THE EDISON ILLUMINATING COMPANY
DETROIT, MICH.



DETROIT, MICH.

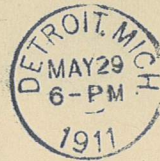
Detroit, MI to Detroit, MI
May 20, 1911

ex-Belasco

FORM 103 8-10.



DETROIT, MICH.



W. L. Babcock, M.D.,

Supt. Grace Hospital,

City.

Detroit, MI to Detroit, MI
May 29, 1911

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type V

Issue of 1910-1911



Detroit, MI
June 1, 1911

e

U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

*Type IV
Issue of 1912*

Imperforate sheets of 400 were used to produce coils. The sheet was cut into 20 strips of 20 stamps. Each strip had a guide line between the 10th and 11th stamps. Paste-ups were at the end of the strip when the left margin was trimmed to about 1/4 inch and the right margin was trimmed off so that a larger coil could be made.



U.S. Private Perforations

Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1912



Precancel
Two Line



Precancel
Three Line



Pasteup Strip



Plate Number Pair
Showing Next Sheet



Plate Number Pair



Pasteup Plate Number Pair
A5900 under tab



Guideline Pair

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Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1912



Right Margin Strip



Pasteup Strip Plate Number A5881 under tab



Guideline Strip
Guideline at bottom



Block
e



Horizontal Line Block
e



Plate Block Number A5828
Partial Perforation at end of Margin



Vertical Margin Pair



Missing perforation



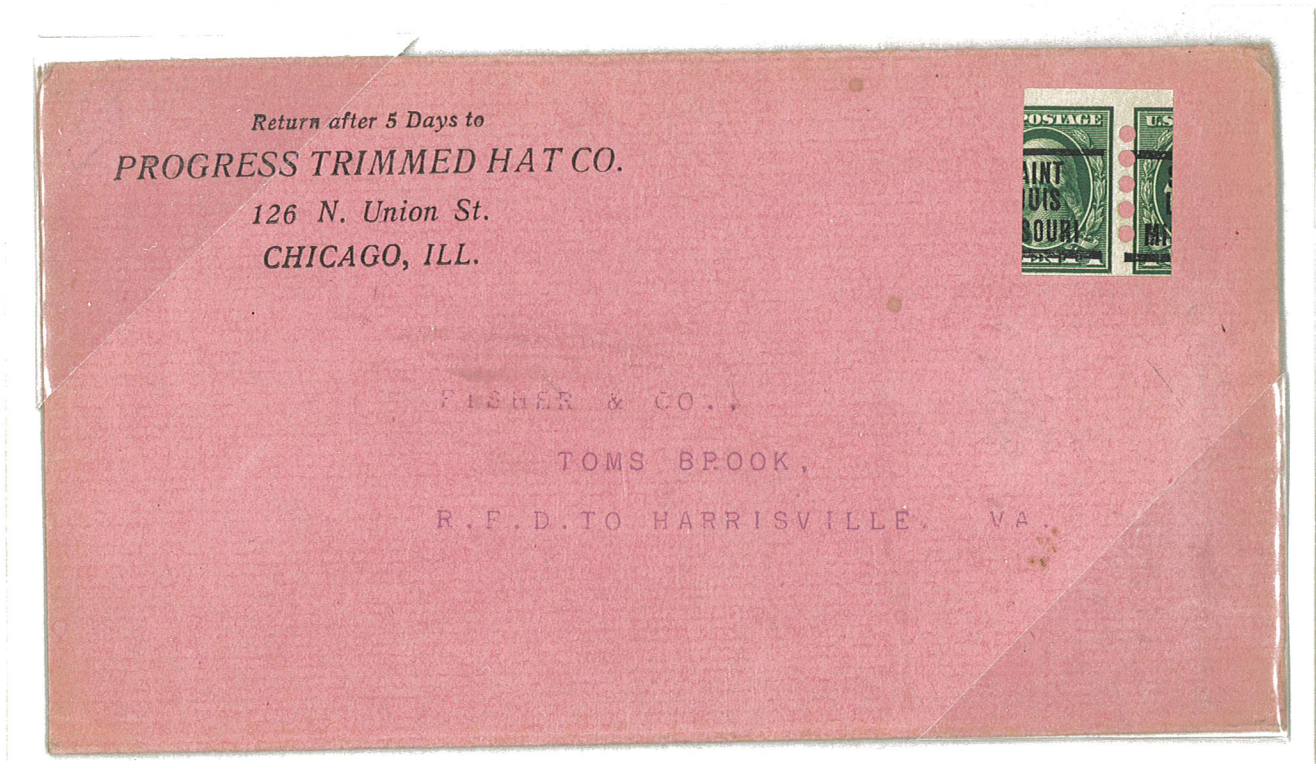
Strip
Missing and shifted perforations

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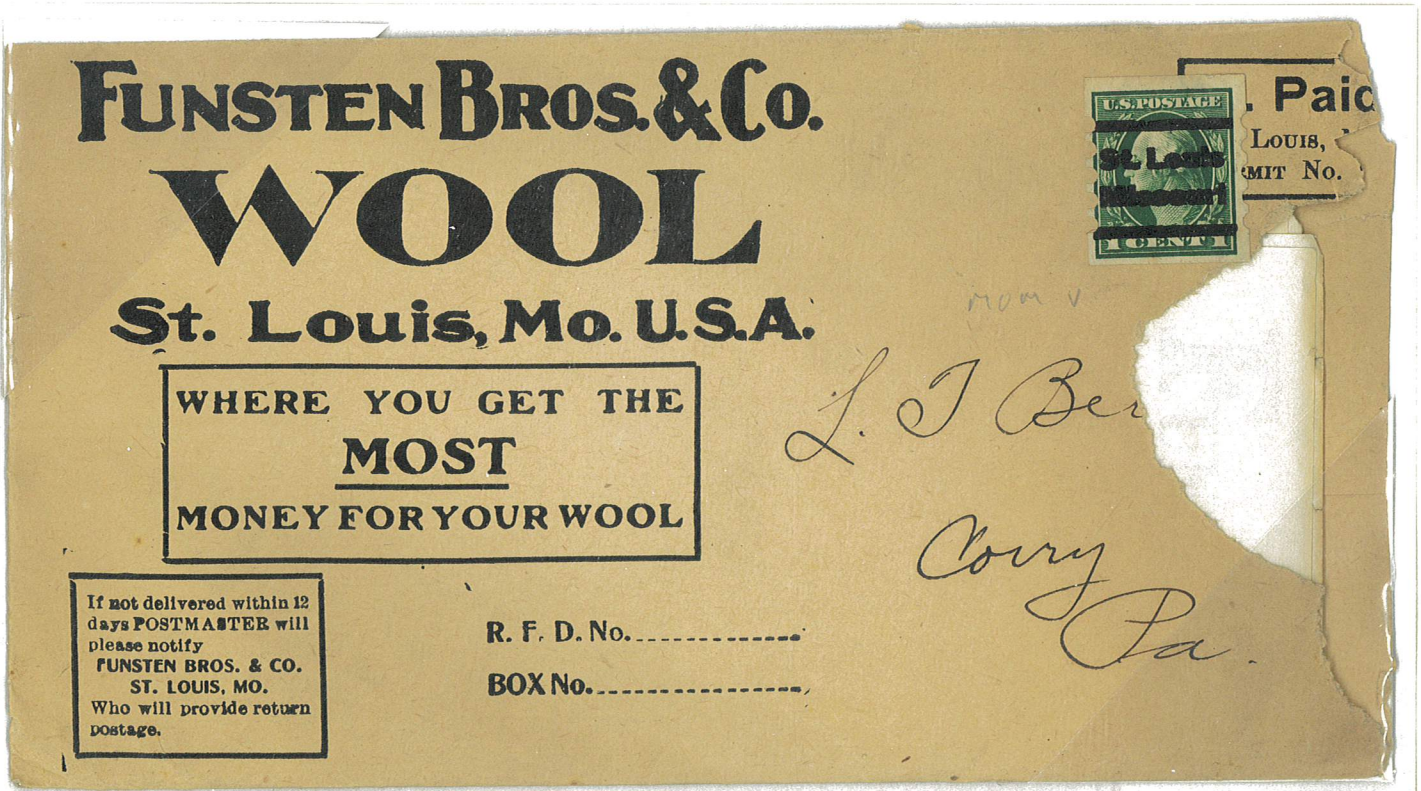
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Miscut stamps, those showing parts of adjoining stamps, most likely occurred when the affixing machine either jammed or was mis-feeding the roll of stamps.



3 Line Precancel
St Louis, MO to Harrisville, VA



2 Line Precancel
St Louis, MO to Corry, PA

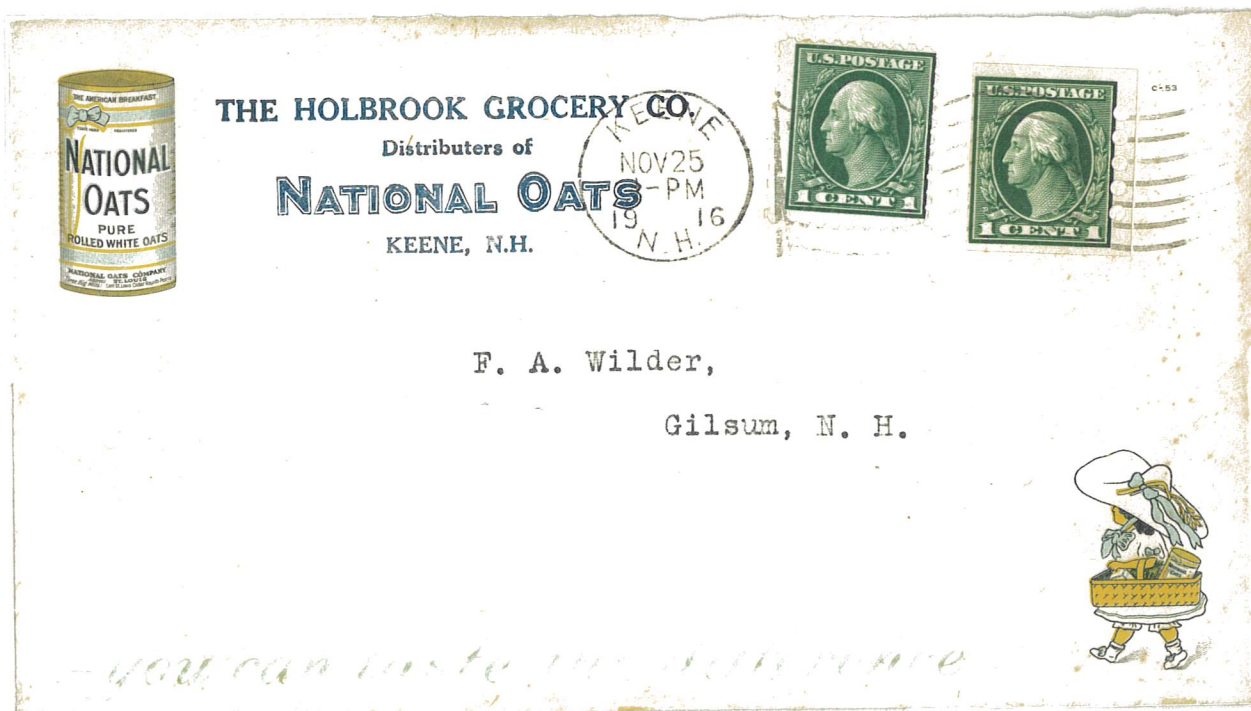
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Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1912



RMS-Railway Post Office Cancel
St Louis, MO to St Louis, MO
June 21, 1915



Single with 1¢ issue of 1912-1914
Keene, NH to Gilsum, NH
November 25, 1916

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Mail-O-Meter Company

Type IV
Issue of 1912

The Stamp Journal
Drawer 98 Covington Ohio



Burger & Company

90 Nassau St

New York N Y

Single on 1¢ entire issue of 1907-1916
Covington, OH to New York, NY
1915

STANLEY GIBBONS, Inc.,
198 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK



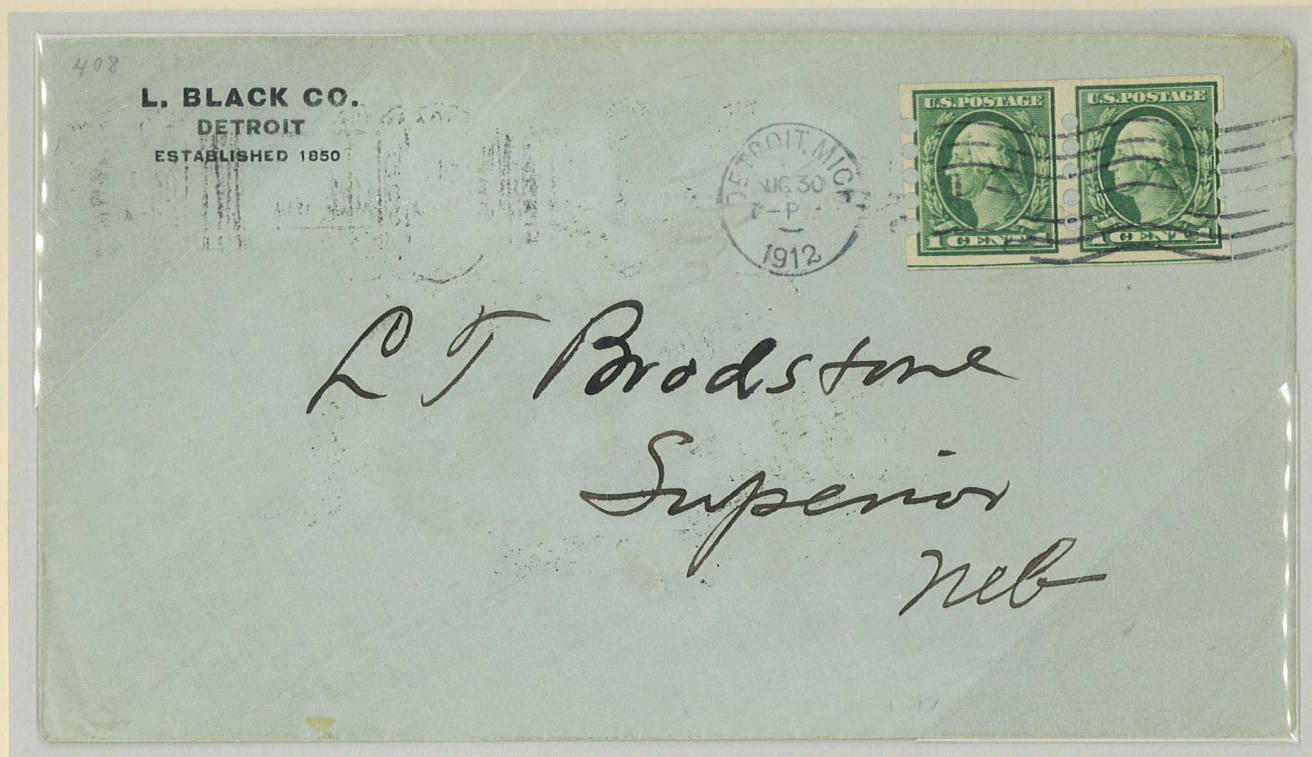
A. Coleman Smith, Esq.,
552 High St.,
Pottstown, Pa.

New York, NY to Pottstown, PA
1918

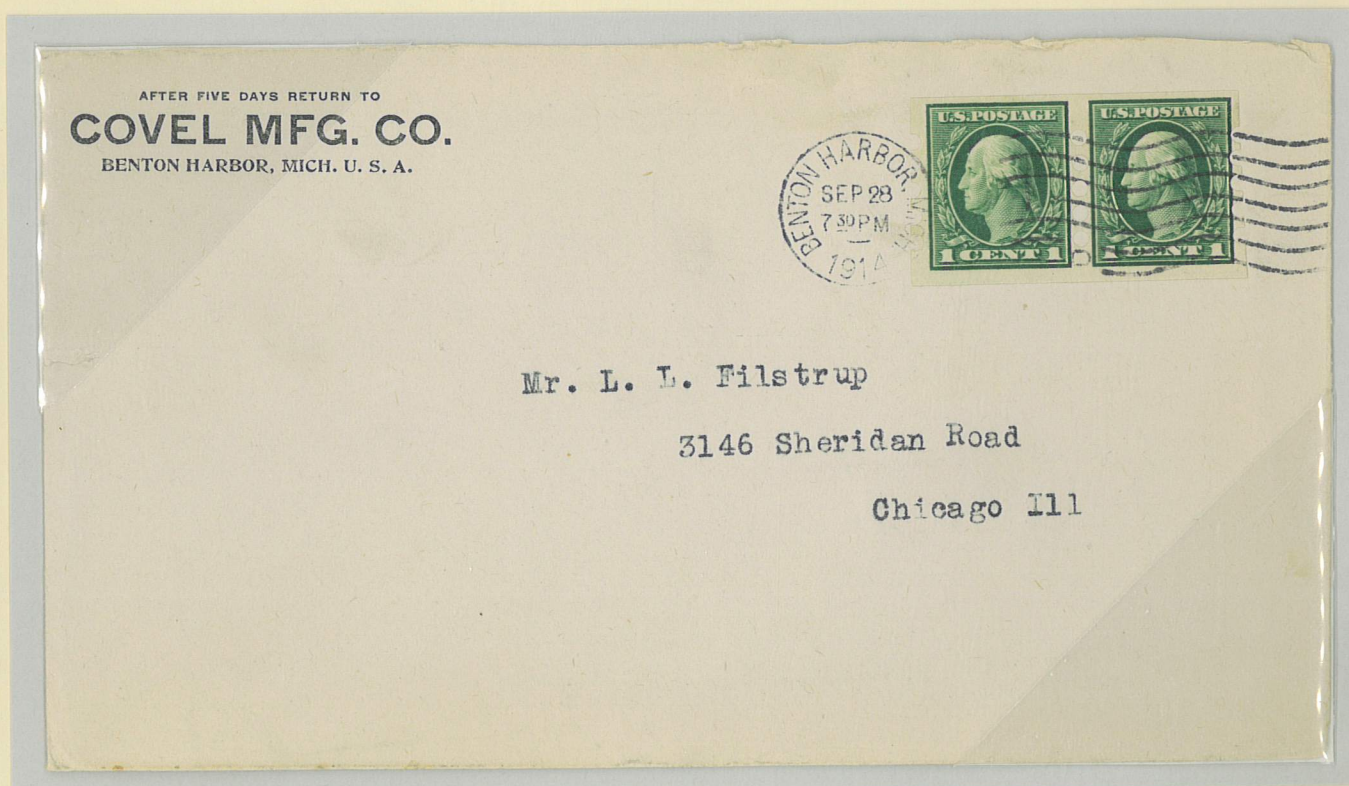
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Mail-O-Meter Company

*Type IV
Issue of 1912*



Pair with Guideline at bottom
Detroit, MI to Superior, NE
August 30, 1912



Pair
Benton Harbor, MI to Chicago, IL
September 28, 1914