CUBA

1883-88 KING ALFONSO XII ISSUES



2nd retouch











Ultramarine



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1st retouch 1st retouch 1st retouch

These stamps show the same design as those of 1882 but can be distinguished from them by various almost imperceptible "retouches" made in the design. In the 1882 stamps as well as in the 2 1/2 and 20 cent values of the 1883-88 issues, the medallion is surrounded by a heavy line of color of even thickness, touching the horizontal line below the word "CUBA" and the opening in the hair above the temple is narrow and pointed. In the first retouch the line around the medallion is thin, except at the upper right, and does not touch the horizontal line above it. The opening in the hair is slightly wider and a trifle rounded and the lock of hair above the forehead is shaped like a broad "V" and ends in a point. In the second retouch the opening in the hair forms a semi-circle and the lock of hair above the forehead is nearly straight with only a slight wave.

1883-88 KING ALFONSO XII ISSUES Cancellations on 1 and 2 1/2 c.

1 c. green



2 1/2 c. olive bistre



2 1/2 c. light violet



2 1/2 c. dark violet



2 1/2 c. red brown



Cancellations on 5 c.

























Second retouch





















10 c. yellow brown



10 c. dark brown







10 c. blue





20 c. olive bistre



20 c. brownish gray

