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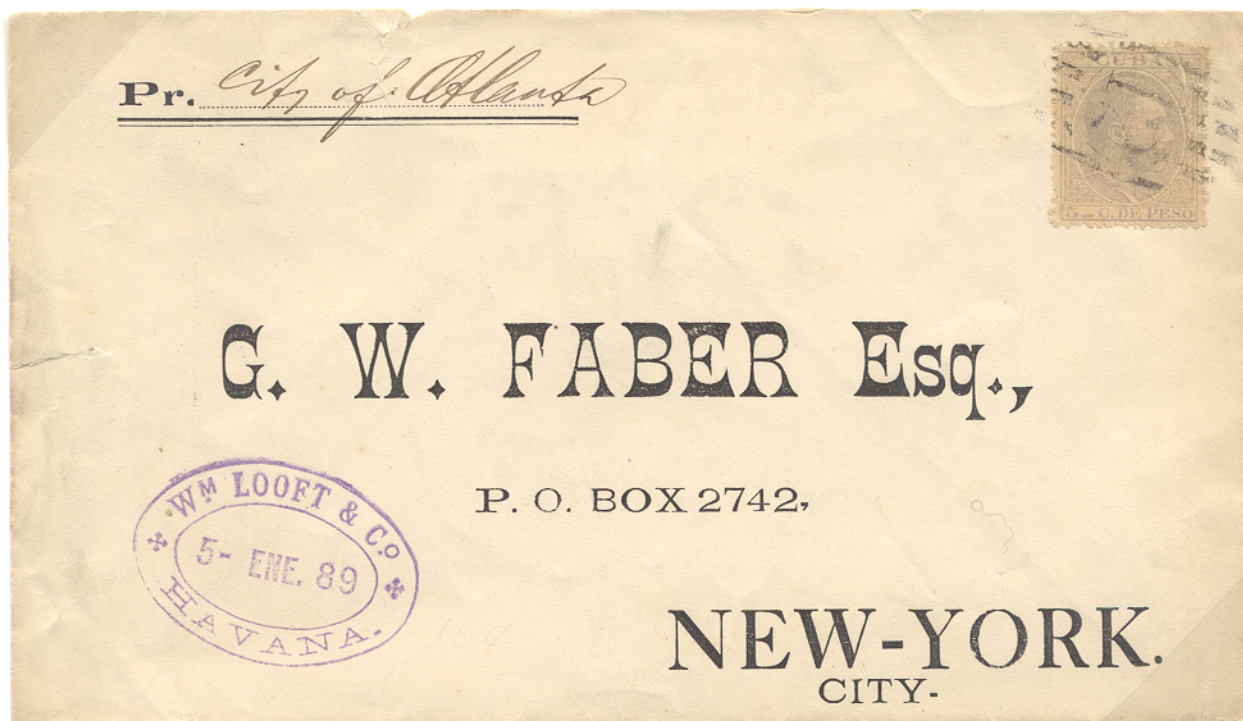
N.Y.IFM cancellations Nos.2-6



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U.S. IFM cancellation No. 12



In 1888 the U.S. Incoming Foreign Mail (IFM) cancellation with numeral "12" replaced the IFM cancellations with numerals 1 through 6 which had been used previously from 1878 through 1887. This cancellation is only found in the stamps of the 1883-88 King Alfonso XII issues in use during and after 1888 (Scott Nos. 126 and 129-131). However, it is very rare on the 2 1/2 c. red brown Scott No. 129 since that stamp was not commonly used to pay the 5 c. single weight letter rate to the U.S.