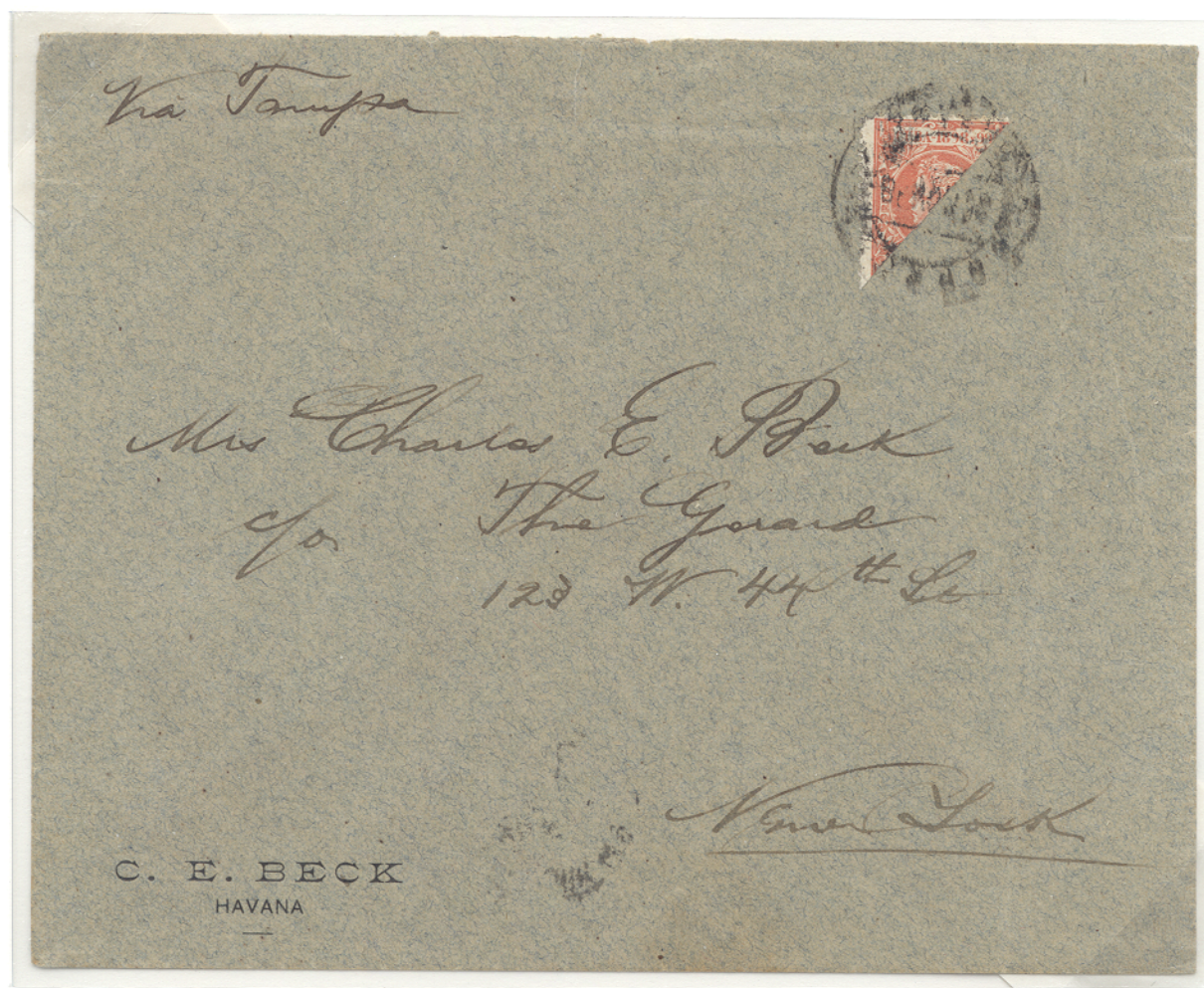


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10 centavos vermillion diagonal half used as 5c
Underpaid by 1c. then current 6c. rate to the U.S.



A single bisected 10c. stamp used as 5c. to pay the single weight letter rate to New York. However, the stamp is tied by a blurred black Habana datestamp of 26 Nov 98 and that places the mailing in the U.S. administration period when letters mailed with Cuban stamps to the U.S. required 6c. postage; thus, the letter was underpaid by 1c. The letter bears New York post office receipt backstamps of 29 Nov 98.

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10 centavos vermillion
10c. single weight letter to Germany
U.S. Administration Period



Advertising cover from a cigar manufacturer bearing a single 10c. stamp paying the single weight letter rate to Buchbrunn, Germany, during the U.S. postal administration period. The cover bears an illegible Habana datestamp, but is backstamped with a clear black 9 Dec 98 Rudesheim (Rhein) transit mark and a less clear but legible black 10 Dec 98 Buchbrunn receipt datestamp.