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1 centavo black violet
Diagonal halves used as ½c



Two bisected 1c stamps each used as ½c to pay 1c postage for a letter mailed within the city of La Habana. The bisected stamps are tied to the cover by black illegible datestamps. The cover bears blue Habana backstamps of 6 May 98 and 7 May 98.

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3 centavo dark brown
Diagonal half used as 1½c

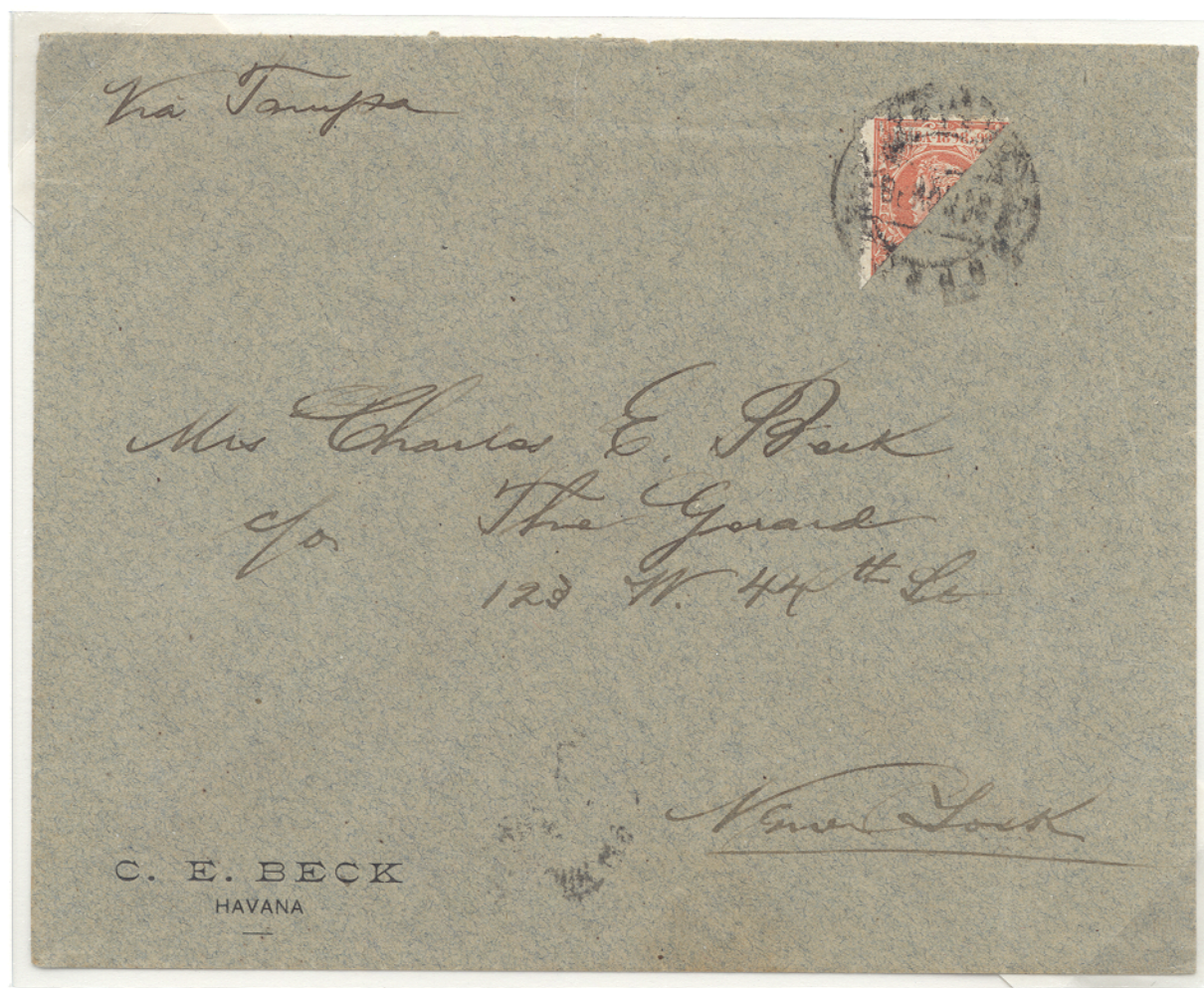


A single bisected 3c. stamp used as 1½c. to pay the postage for a letter mailed within the city of La Habana. The bisected stamp is tied to the cover by black illegible Habana datestamp. The cover bears a blue Habana backstamp of 15 Jul 98.

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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.