

Later that same year, the government issued a set of "Interior" cards. They were meant to be used **within** the Spanish Empire. For the next sixteen years they would continue this ridiculous policy of having a 4 c. "Interior" card and a 3 c. "UPU" card offering the same service.



Sr. Type I
"r" ends in a ball



2 c. rate, for use within Cuba and to Puerto Rico.



4 c. rate, for use to the Peninsula (Spain), the Balearic and Canary Islands
and the African Colonies.



10c rate, for use to the Asian and Pacific Colonies (Philippines and Mariana Is.).
There are no known uses of this card.

**Trial Color Proof,
Background only.**





Double impression of carmine, on 4 c. Type II card.



Double impression of blue, on 10 c. Type I card.

The 10 c. double impression is an unlisted variety.

The Type II cards have the "r" of Sr ending in a hook, rather than a ball.

Type II 2 c. green
on orange background



Type II



firmado por el remitente.

Type II-A, Yellow background.
In the Type II-A, the "S" of Sr is to
the right of the first "T" of Tarjeta.

Type II 4 c. carmine on
orange background.



NOTA. Lo que debe escribirse se hará en el reverso e irá firmado por el remitente.



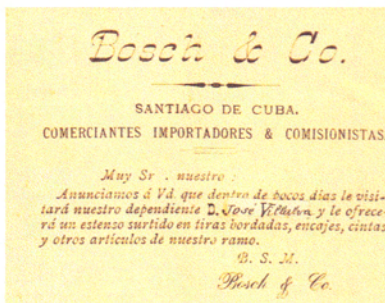
Type II 10 c. blue on **orange** background.



Type II 10 c. blue on **yellow** background.



Type I - Sancti Spiritus to Habana, June, 1895.

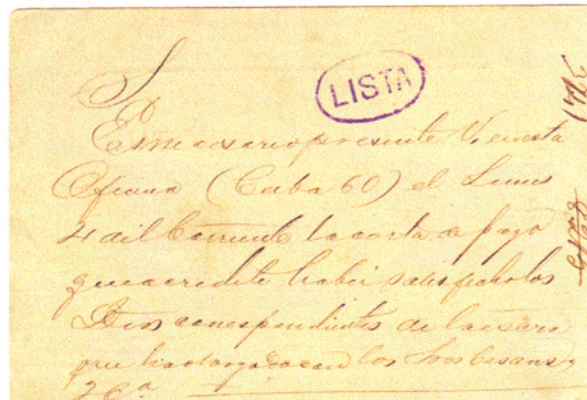


Scan of message side.



Type II, Yellow - Santiago to Nuevitas.

This card illustrates the workings of the *Correo Interior* (Habana's inner-city post). Note the oval cancel of the *Carteria Mayor* (Main Post Office), over the stamp. All items collected by the mailmen during their rounds were brought to the Main Post Office for sorting. The oval *Correos 2A* marking, at lower left, stands for 2nd delivery (there were three daily deliveries within the city).



Scan of message side, showing the purple LISTA marking.

It is apparent from the mailman's note that he was unsuccessful in finding the addressee. The mail was returned to the Main Post Office and stamped *Lista* (General Delivery) where a list was posted and the mail held for several days for pick up.



Type I - Habana to Goerlitz, Germany, October 11, 1883.



Type II - Used in Santiago de Cuba, 1882.



2 c green, Type I

The scarcity of the 1888 Type I cards rivals that of the 1882 "Ultraamar" cards.



Havana to Cardenas, July 11, 1889. Business correspondence from Francisco Rosell to his brother-in-law Melchor Gaston. Private marking has wrong year date (1879 vs. 1889).

The scarcity of the 1888 Type I cards would suggest they were not part of the same plate used for printing the Type II cards. If that were the case the minimum ratio would be 1:20, they are much scarcer than that.



2 c. green.



4 c. carmine.



Archival proof of 4 c. postcard.

Scan of
postcard's
back.



Card bears the signatures and seals of the various officials authorizing production. Note the late approval date, November 18, 1887, for a card to be issued in January 1888.

To date, sixteen of the twenty subjects in the Type II plate have been identified by Littrell.
The large "te" of remitente, Littrell's Type AA, is one of the more recognizable varieties.



2 c. Triple Impression, one inverted



Type II-A 2 c. card.

1888
Alfonso XII

Type II Cards -
Usage of 2 c. cards.

Caibarien to Placetas,
June 5, 1888.



Oval "San Pedro (de)
Mayabon" postmark to
Cardenas.

San Pedro de
Mayabon, a very **small**
town in the Colon
Township. Pop. 700 per
1907 census.

Habana to Germany,
via New York,
September 5, 1889.

