Manufactured by Plimpton & Morgan of Hartford, Connecticut. It consisted of three values (1 c., 2 c., & 5 c.) printed on various sizes and papers for a total of twenty one varieties. The basic issue, all on white paper, size 10, knife 56.



1 c. green.

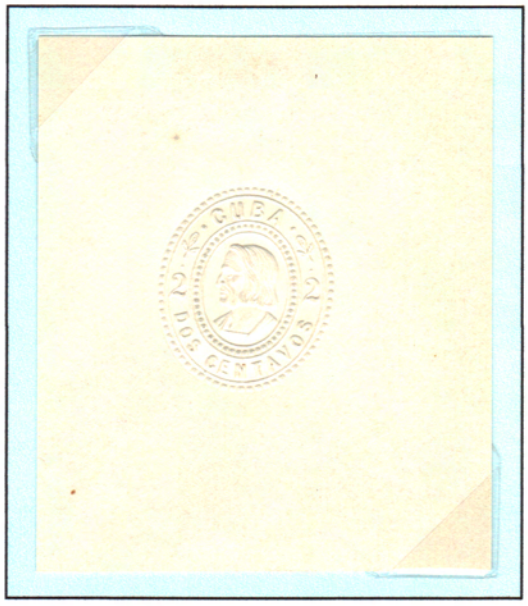


2 c. carmine.



5 c. blue.

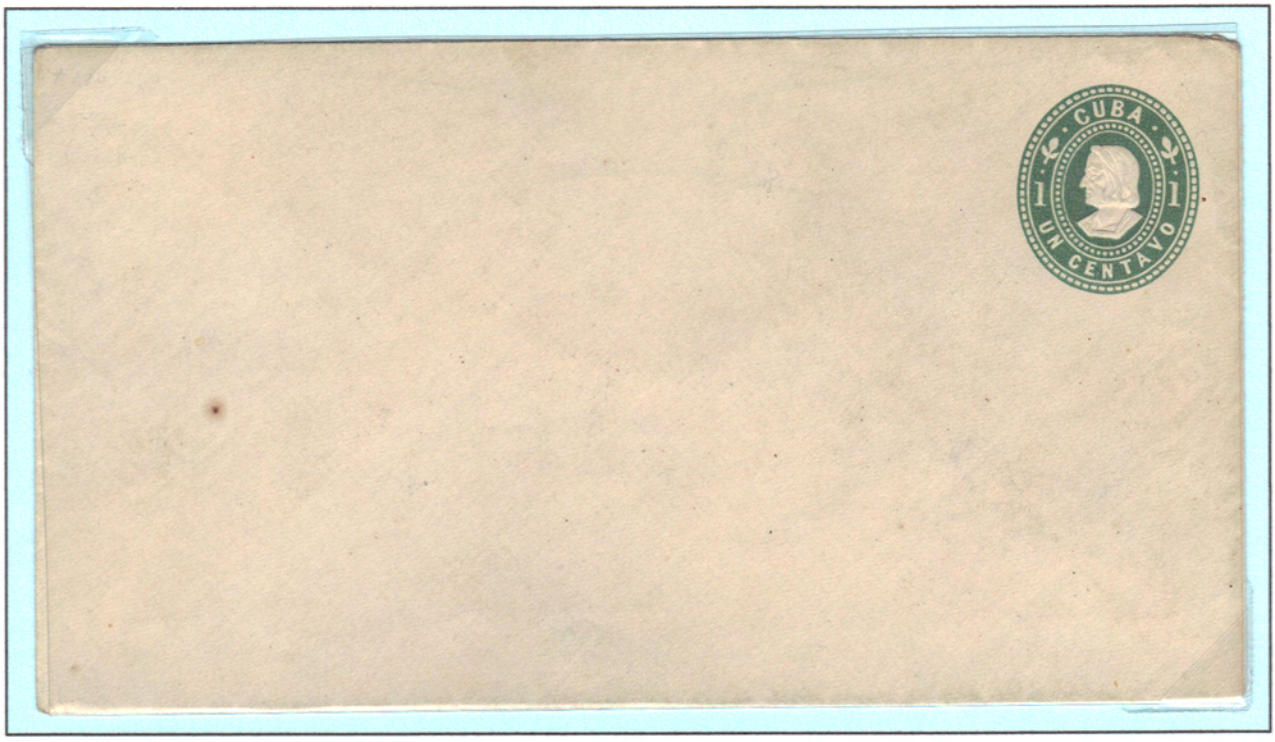




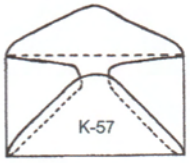
Albino proofs of the embossing die for the 1 c. and 2 c. values.
Prepared by the Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Washington, DC.
Ex Tows, Dr. Ibanez.

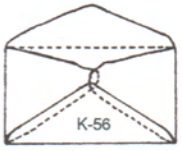


"Ultramar" overprint on a 1 c green on white.



1 c. green on white, size 10, **knife 57**.
One of only eight (8) known!







1 c. **amber**, size 10, knife 56.

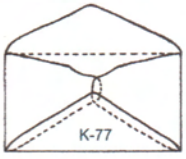
1 c. **buff**, size 10, knife 56.

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Paper, Size and Knife Varieties on the 1 c. Envelopes.

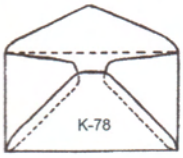


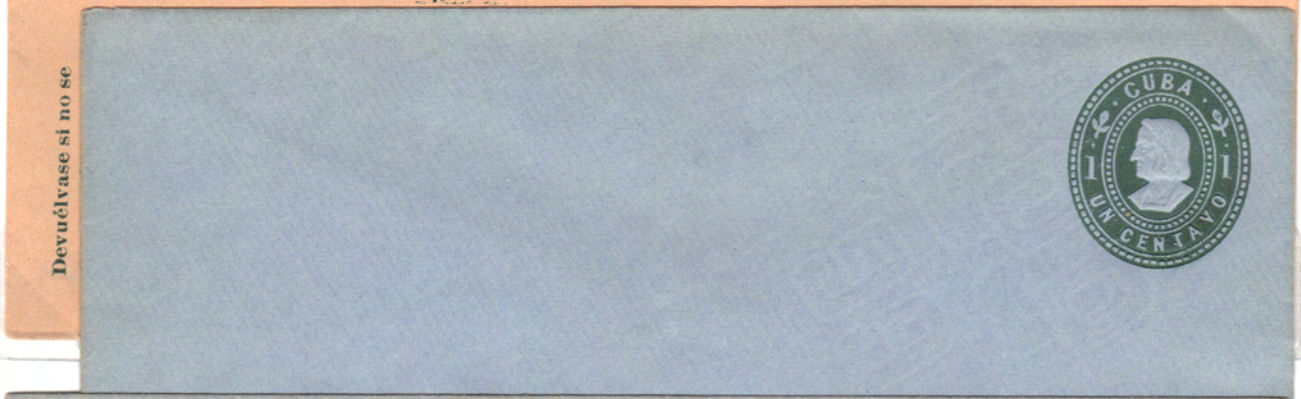
1 c. **buff**,
size 13,
knife 77.



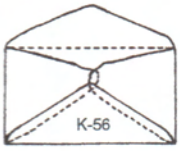


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knife 78.



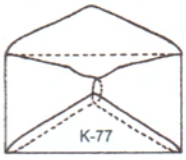


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1 c. **blue**,
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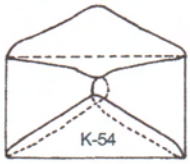


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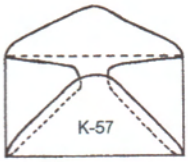
Paper, Size and Knife Varieties on the 2 c. Envelopes.



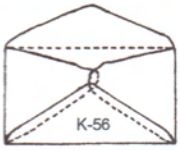
2 c. **white**,
size 10,
knife 54.



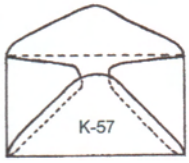
2 c. **white**,
size 10,
knife 57.



2 c. **amber**,
size 10,
knife 56.



2 c. **amber**,
size 10,
knife 57.

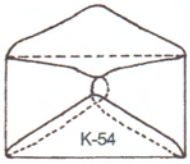


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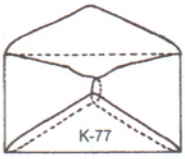
Paper, Size and Knife Varieties on the 2 c. & 5 c. Envelopes.



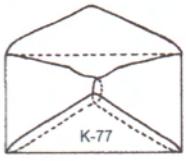
2 c. **buff**, size 10, knife 54.



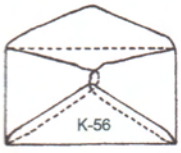
2 c. **buff**, size 13, knife 77.



2 c. **blue**, size 13, knife 77.



5 c. **amber**, size 10, knife 56.



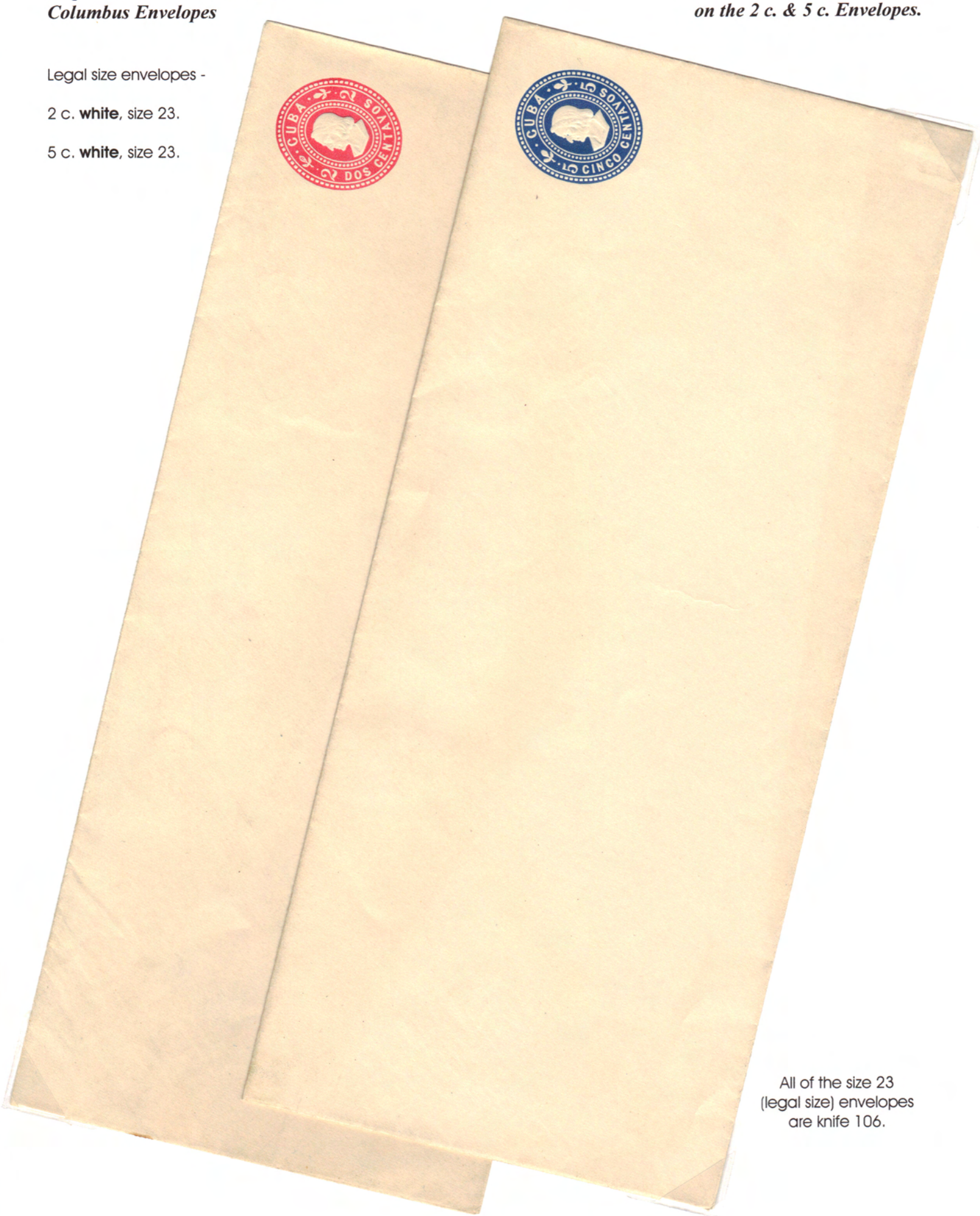
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Paper, Size and Knife Varieties on the 2 c. & 5 c. Envelopes.

Legal size envelopes -

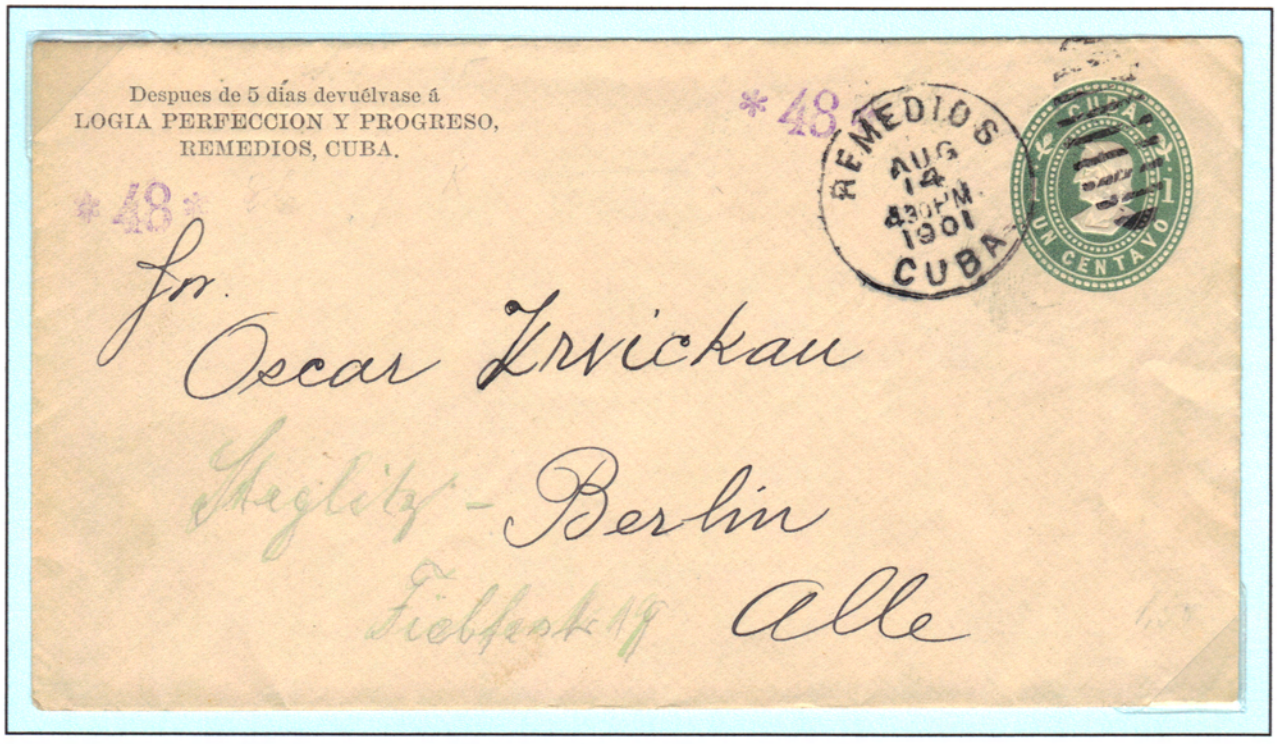
2 c. **white**, size 23.

5 c. **white**, size 23.



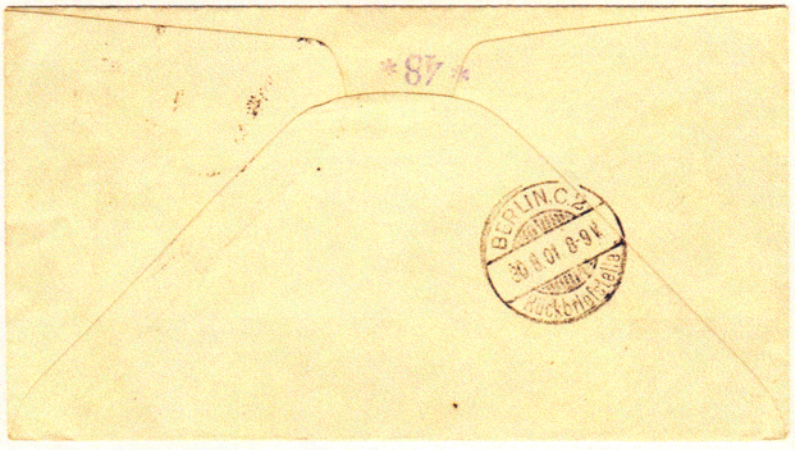
All of the size 23 (legal size) envelopes are knife 106.

As a result of the exhibitor's find, the latest UPSS catalog lists this envelope as existing in both, mint and used, condition. The total known quantity has been revised to ten (10) envelopes, eight (8) mint and two (2) used.



1 c. **white**, size 10, knife 57 - Remedios to Berlin, Germany, August 14, 1901.
Corner card of Logia Perfeccion y Progreso (*Masonic Lodge*), Remedios, Cuba.

One of only two used examples of the knife 57 envelope reported, and the ERP!



Scan of back shows knife 57 characteristics - side flaps do not overlap.

Domestic use -
1 c. **white**, size 10, knife 56 - Commercially used within Havana, January 30, 190?.



International use -
1 c. **white**, size 10, knife 56 - From Havana to Zernez, Switzerland, May 30, 1903. The 1 c. & 3 c. stamps make up the 5 c. rate to Europe.



International use at Printed Matter rate -
1 c. **white**, size 10, knife 56 - Havana to Pera, Turkey, September 13, 1902. Via the French and German posts to Constantinople (present day Istanbul).





Registered international use -
1 c. **white**, size 10, knife 56 - Used from Havana to Cairo, Egypt, October 10, 1901, via Paris, France. Additional franking: One 2 c. and two 5 c. stamps of 1899, pay the letter rate (5 c.) and the registry fee (8 c.).



Domestic use -
1 c. **amber**, size 10, knife 56
Used within Havana, March 8, 1900.



Soldier's mail -
1 c. **amber**, size 10, knife 56 - Used Marianao, Cuba to New York, NY, January 16, 1900. Additionally franked with a 1c overprinted stamp to make up the special 2 c. rate for US servicemen.



1 c. **buff**, size 13, knife 77 (**without c/c**) - **Special Delivery** use
within Havana, October 22, 1900.



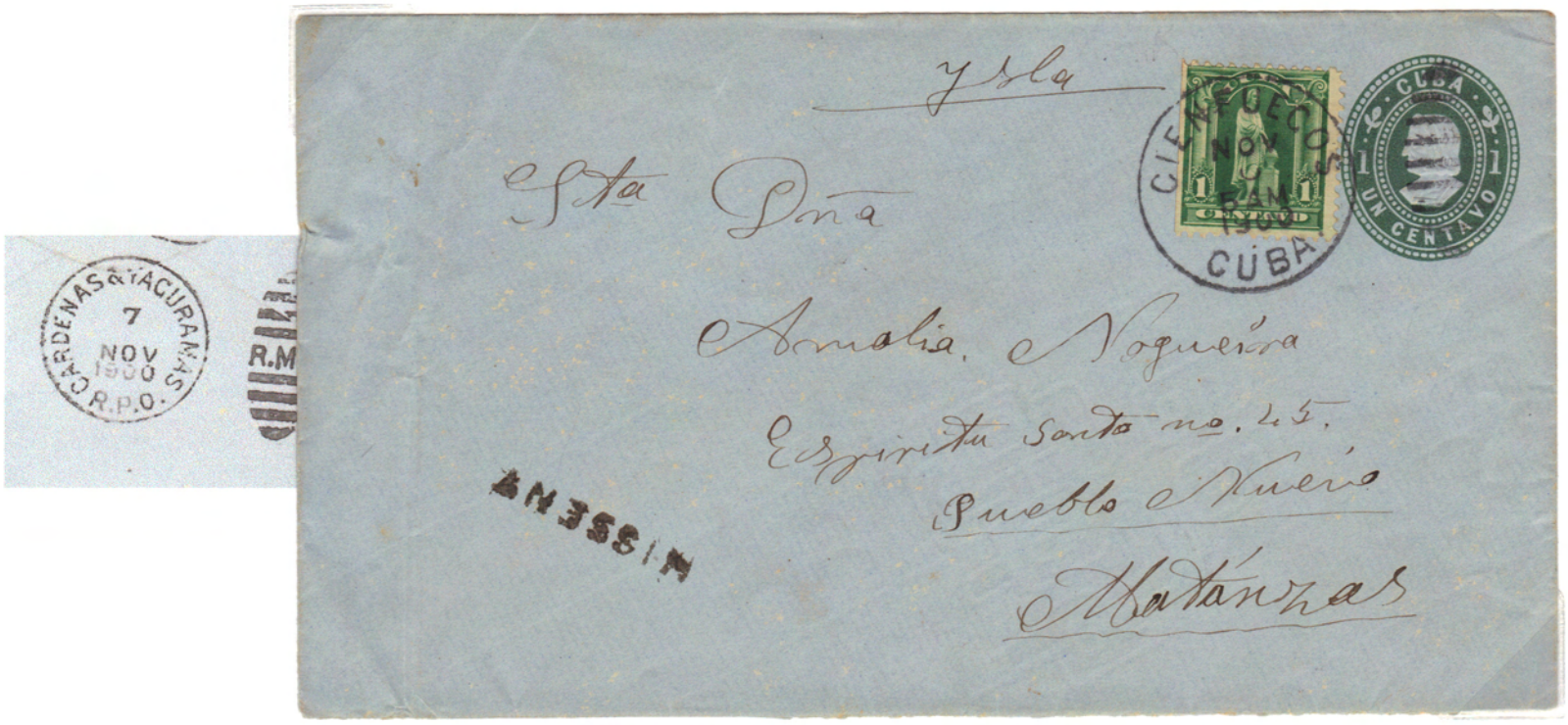
1 c. **buff**, size 13, knife 77 (c/c of Miro y Otero, Type 2)
Havana to Puerto Principe, Nov 11, 1899.



1 c. **buff**, size 13, knife 78 (c/c of Miro y Otero, **Type 3**)
Havana to Westport, WA, October 8, 1900.
An unsealed, empty envelope qualified for the **"printed matter"** rate.



1 c. **blue**, size 13, knife 77 - Havana to New York, NY, December 9, 1901.
The rate between US & Cuba had been reduced to 2 c. as of April 1, 1901.



1 c. **blue**, size 13, knife 77 - Cienfuegos to Pueblo Nuevo, Matanzas, November 6, 1900.
Railway Mail Service - backstamped **Cardenas y Yaguramas, R.P.O.**
Auxilary marking **"MISSENT"**, on front.



2 c. **white**, size 10, knife 56 - Trinidad to New York, NY, June 19, 1900.
Additional franking: 3 c. stamp of 1899.



2 c. **white**, size 10, knife 57 - Cardenas to Havana, July 10, 1902.
Private corner card of La Marina Pharmacy.



2 c. **white**, size 10, knife 54 - **Special Delivery** use within Havana, April 10, 1900.
Special Delivery stamp has the spelling error **"immediata"** vs inmediata.
This stamp had a short life, as it was soon replaced by the correct spelling.



2 c. **white**, size 10, knife 57 - **Columbia Barracks** to St. Louis, MO, October 30, 1901. Columbia Barracks was U.S. Troops Headquarter, just outside Havana. When Military Station No.10 closed on Feb. 17, 1899, it reopened under the name Columbia Barracks, until its closing on May 9, 1902.



2 c. **white**, size 10, knife 56 - **Caibarien & Placetus R.P.O.** to Havana, November 5, 1899. The infamous misspelling of the town name **Placetas**, on the postmark.

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Registered Mail Usage of 2 c. Envelopes.





New York post office "S" within a circle Registry postmark, on back and over indicium.

Letter (½ oz)	5¢
Registry fee	10¢
Total franking	15¢

2 c. **white**, size 10, knife 56 - **Registered Mail** - from Cienfuegos to New York, NY, April 18, 1900.
On back: Transit mark Havana, April 19, 1900. Receiving mark New York, April 25, 1900.
Havana Registry label, one of seven covers recorded, according to "The Kugel Census".



Oval cancel.

Letter (½ oz)	5¢
Registry fee	10¢
Total franking	15¢



2 c. **amber**, size 10, knife 56 - **Registered Mail** - from Santiago to Richmond, VA, October 25, 1899.
On back: Transit marks Havana, Oct. 30; Jacksonville, FL, Nov. 2; Receiving mark Richmond, VA Nov. 4.
Multiple strikes of the oval cancel from Military Station No. 1, Santiago.



2 c. **amber**, size 10, knife 56 - Yaguajay to New York, NY, October 19, 1900.



Ten 1 c. stamps,
on back.



2 c. **amber**, size 10, knife 57 - Guantanamo, Oriente to Anvers, Belgium, February 26, 1902.
Marked **postage due** (T in a circle) and a manuscript 40 (centimes) indicating the amount owed.
The rate assessed, 16 cents, would indicate this letter traveled via private ship.



2 c. **white**, size 10, knife 57 - Puerto Principe to New York, NY, February 8, 1901.
Short paid by 3 c., assessed 6 c. postage due (US postage due stamps on back).

Letter (½ oz)	5¢
Deficiency	3¢
Postage Due	6¢

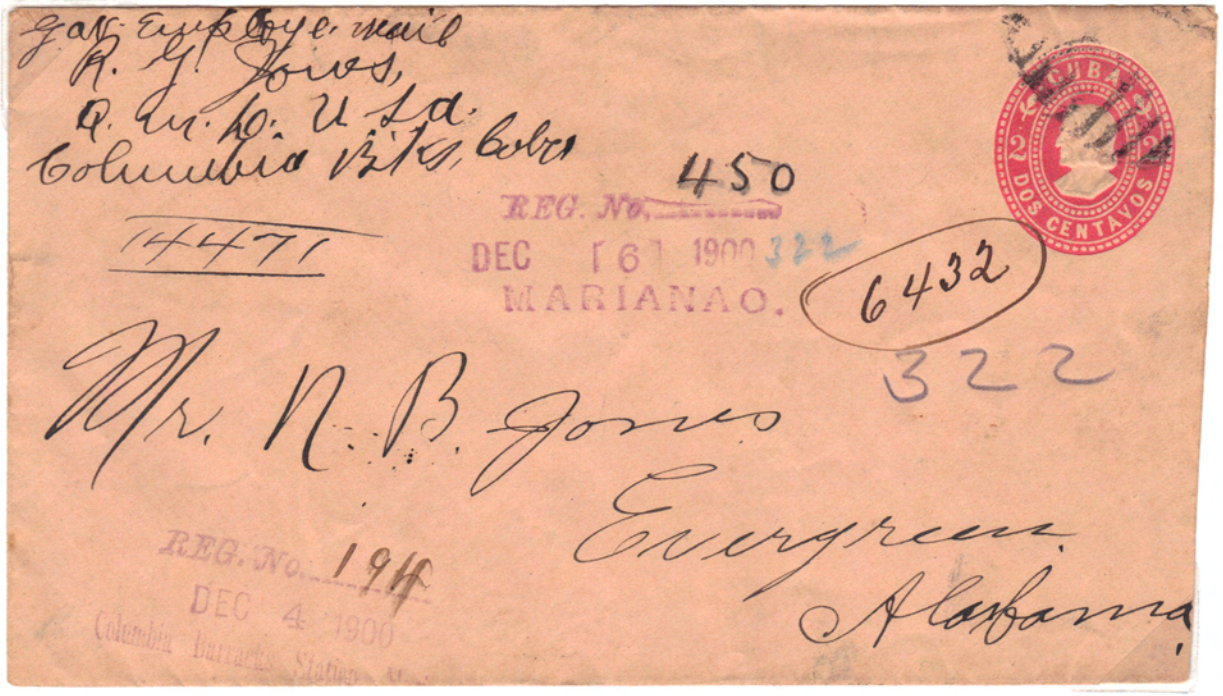


2 c. **white**, size 10, knife 57 - Santiago to Paris, France , July 9, 1902.
Double weight letter short paid by 5 c., assessed 10 c. postage due.
French 50 centimes postage due canceled, on front.

Letter (½ oz)	5¢
Additional (½ oz)	5¢
Deficiency	5¢
Postage Due	10¢



2 c. **buff**, size 10, knife 54 - Colon to Havana, August 27, 1900.



2 c. **buff**, size 10, knife 54 - **Columbia Barracks** to Evergreen, AL, December 4, 1900.
Also on front, purple Marianao registry stamp, December 6, 1900.
Columbia Barracks operated as a sub-station of the Marianao Post Office.

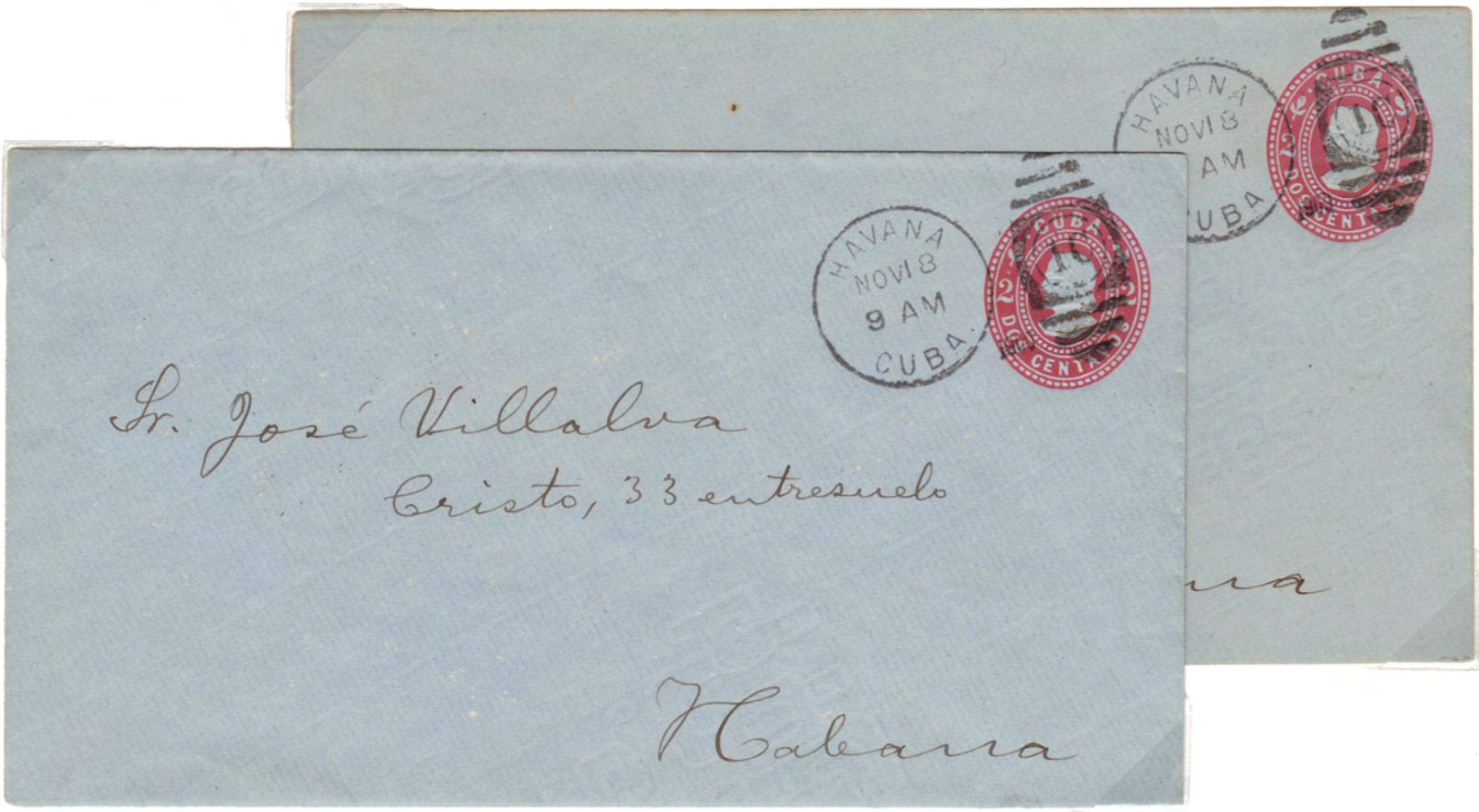


2 c. **buff**, size 13, knife 77 (**Miro y Otero c/c** Type 2) - Havana to Westport, WA, October 8, 1899.



2 c. **buff**, size 13, knife 77 (**Miro y Otero c/c**, Type 2) - Havana to Malaga, Spain, January 23, 190?.
Unsealed envelope sent at the **"printed matter"** rate might have contained a printed order form.

The blue paper was ill suited for Cuba's tropical climate. Most well-preserved used examples were intended for collectors, used in Havana and bear the same date of November 18, 1900.



The example below shows the effects of Cuba's hot, humid weather on the blue paper. This is why subsequent issues, by the Republic, do not include the blue paper variety.



2 c. **blue**, size 13, knife 77 - Used from Havana to Vieja Bermeja, June 23, 1900.

5 c. **white**, size 10, knife 56 - **Registered**, Havana to Pittsburgh, PA, September 19, 1899 (**ERP**).
Auxiliary marking: **"Personal receipt demanded"**.

Letter (½ oz)	5¢
Addt'nl (½ oz)	5¢
Registry fee*	10¢
Total franking	20¢

** Registry fee raised to 10¢ - from April 14, 1899 to April 1, 1901.*



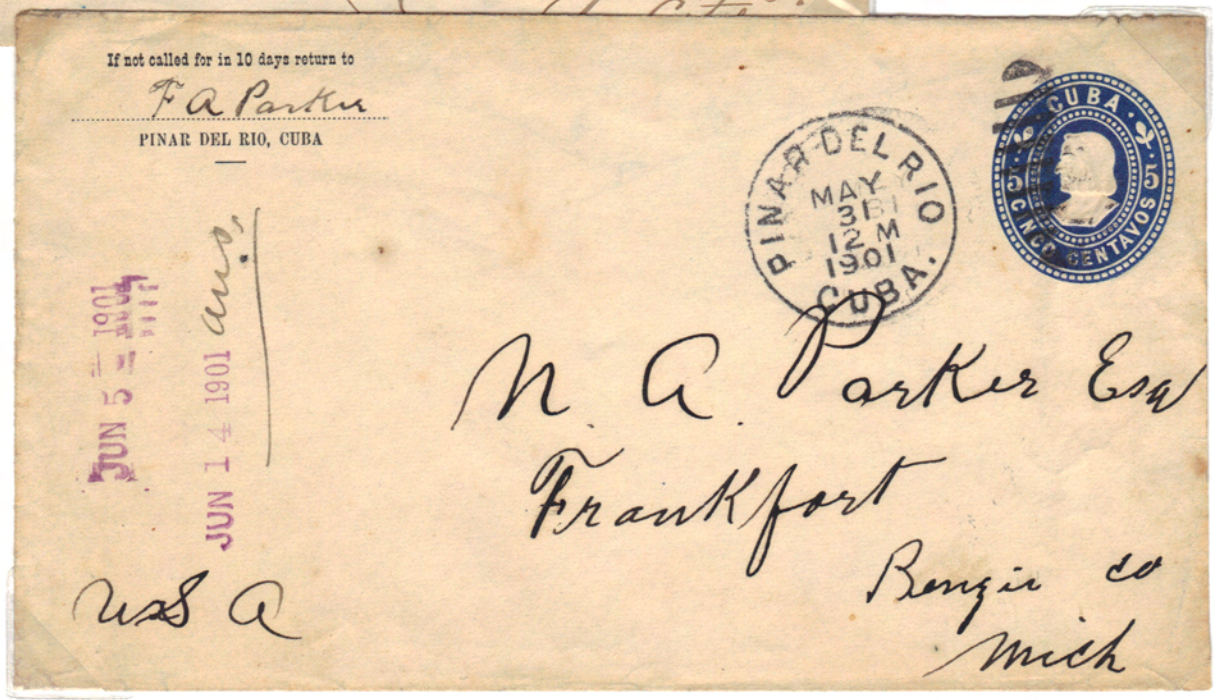


5 c. **white**, size 10, knife 56 - **Registered**, Havana, to New York, NY, August 20, 1900. Registry fee paid by the added pair of 5 c. stamps of 1899.

Letter (½ oz)	5¢
Registry fee	10¢
Total franking	20¢

5 c. **white**, size 10, knife 56 - Pinar del Rio to Frankfort, MI, May 31, 1901.

The writer must have been unaware that the rate had been reduced to 2¢ on April 1, 1901.



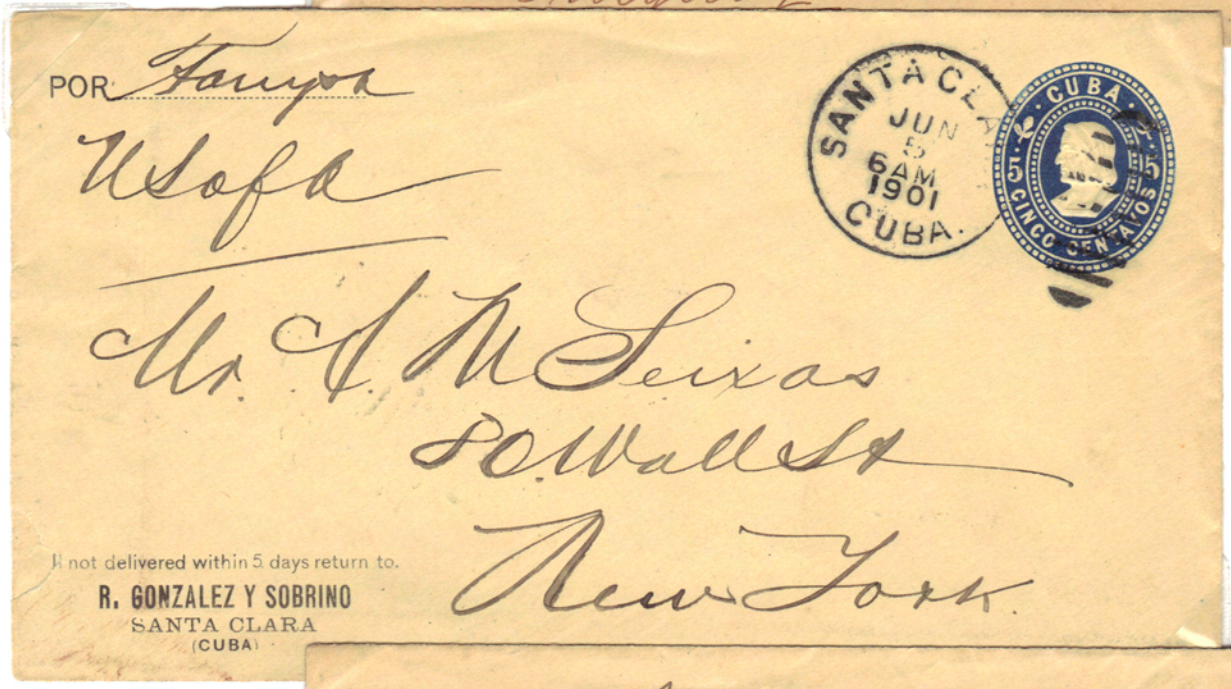
5 c. **amber**, size 10, knife 56 - **Registered** use from Havana to Montevideo, Uruguay, January 10, 1905. Exchange labels from NY and Montevideo.

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Features the **fancy cancel** from **sub-station "C"**, Havana.

Letter (½ oz)	5¢
Registry fee	8¢
Total franking	13¢





5 c. **amber**, size 10, knife 56 - Santa Clara to New York, NY, June 5, 1901.

At lower left: The private corner card of R. Gonzales y Sobrino, Santa Clara grocery and produce merchants.

5 c. **amber**, size 10, knife 56 - Havana to Managua, Nicaragua, September 26, 1901. Posted by the Belgian Consulate in Havana. Transit mark: New Orleans, Sept. 30, 1901.





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Usage of the legal size 2 c. Envelopes.

2 c. **white**, Double-weight, **Special Delivery** use - Pinar del Rio to Havana, June 14, 1903.

Letter (1 oz)	2¢
Addt'nl (1 oz)	2¢
Special Del.	10¢
Total franking	14¢



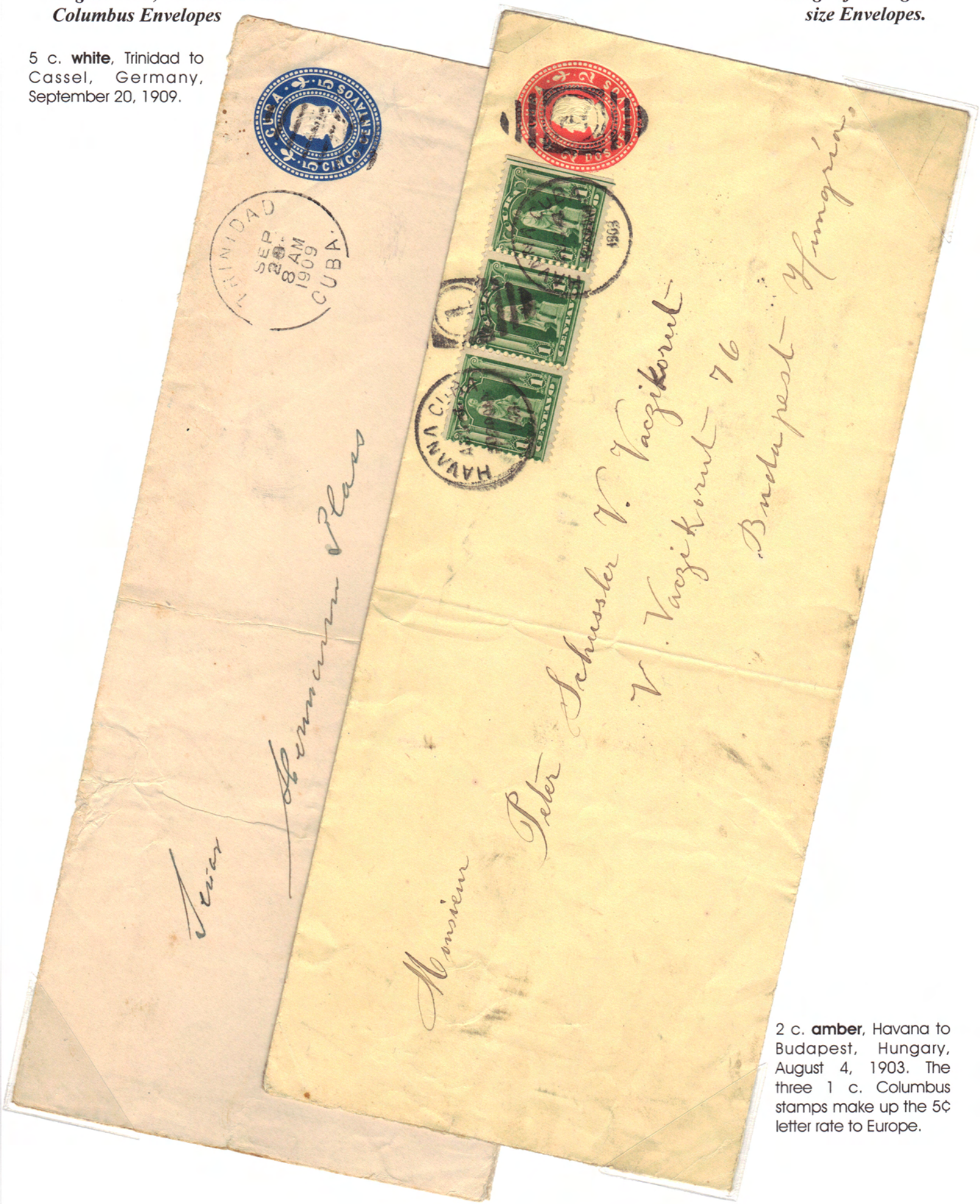
2 c. **white**, **Registered** use - Puerto Principe to Boston, MA, August 26, 1901. Additional franking on back.

Letter (1 oz)	2¢
Registry fee	8¢
Total franking	10¢

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Usage of the legal size Envelopes.

5 c. **white**, Trinidad to Cassel, Germany, September 20, 1909.



2 c. **amber**, Havana to Budapest, Hungary, August 4, 1903. The three 1 c. Columbus stamps make up the 5¢ letter rate to Europe.

Cuba's first newspaper wrappers issue. It consisted of two values (1 c. & 2 c.) printed on manila stock. Wrapper size is 140 mm x 265 mm.



1 c. green.



2 c. carmine.

Blue specimen "Ultramar" overprints on the 1 c. and 2 c. wrappers.

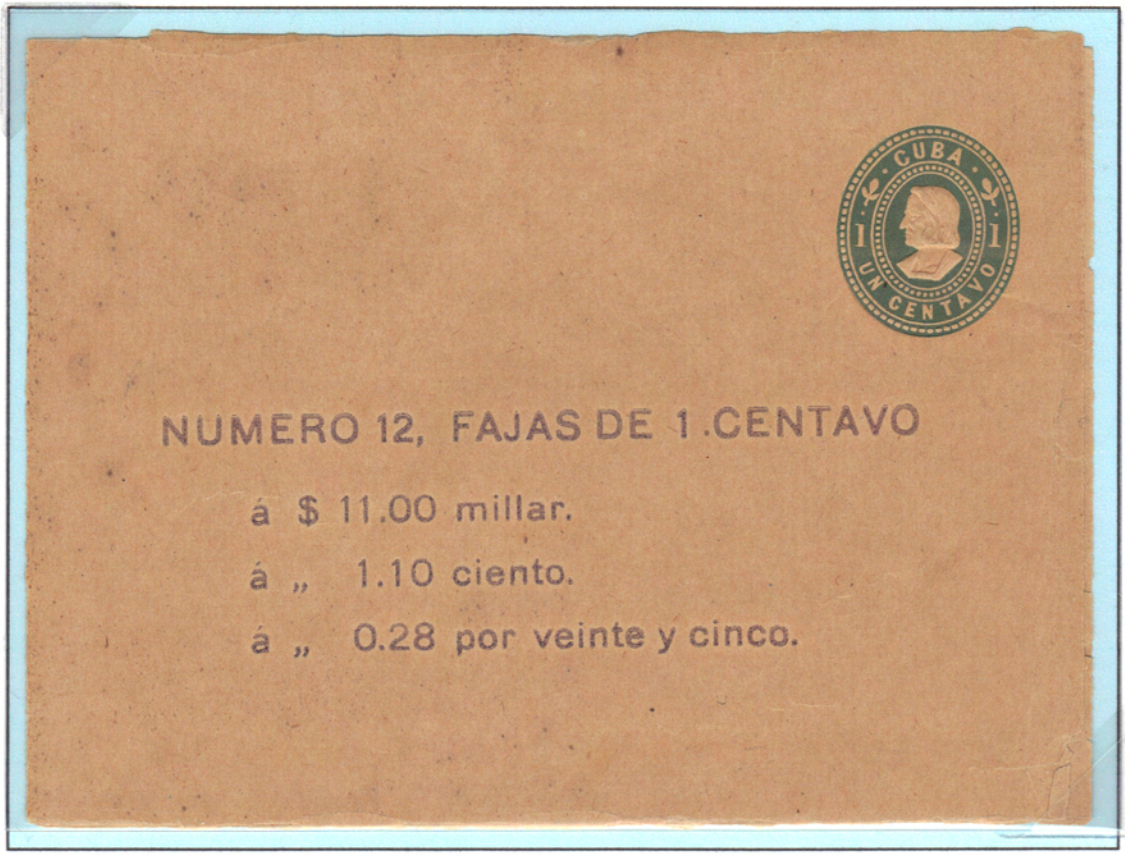
"Ultramar" on 2 c. carmine





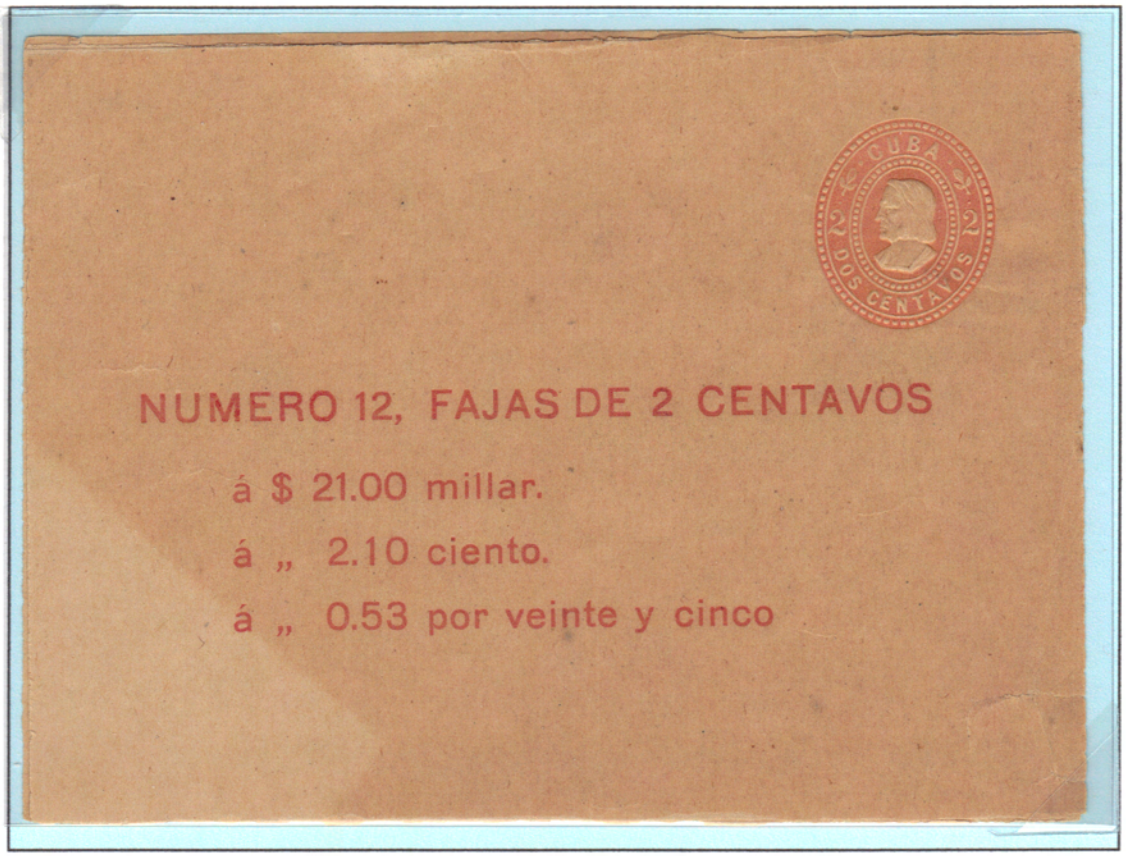
"Ultramar" on 1 c. green.

These post office samples were intended to advertise the new service to the general public.



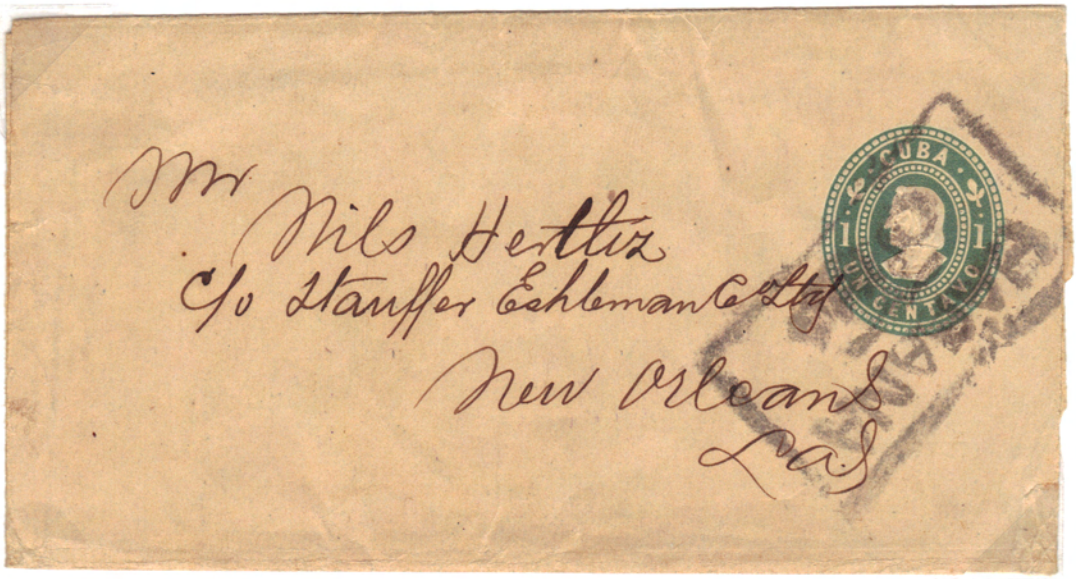
Post Office Sample on 1 c. green.

The only Post Office Sample wrappers reported!



Post Office Sample on 2 c. carmine.

Havana to New Orleans, LA. Canceled with the **large**, two-line **"HABANA/CUBA"** within a rectangle handstamp used on periodicals. The cancel with the **Spanish spelling**, Habana, replaced the Havana stamp used during the US Administration years.





Havana to Detroit, MI. Canceled with the seldom seen three-line **"HABANA/CLASE/CUBA"** within a rectangle handstamp.

HABANA
CLASE
CUBA

Handstamp allowed for a manuscript entry of 2da, 3ra, 4ta (2nd, 3rd, 4th class).

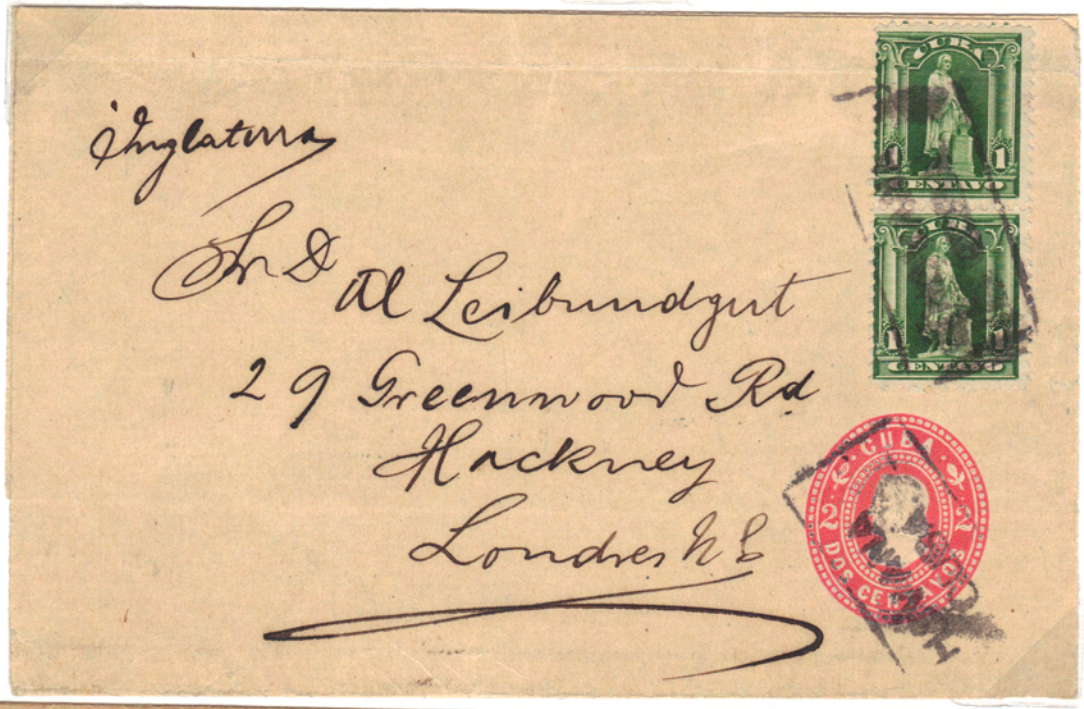
Mute cancel - Used to Belgium. Other types of mute cancels are known.





1 c. Havana to Germany, January 6, 1900. Wrapper used at the letter rate to Germany, franked with a pair of 2½ c. stamps of 1899.

2 c. Havana to London, England. Canceled with the **small, two-line "HAVANA/CUBA"** within a rectangle handstamp used on periodicals. This cancel with the **English spelling**, Havana, remained in use until shortly after the start of the Republic in 1902. Additional 1 c. Columbus stamps pay the double weight.





2 c. Used within Havana (addressed to the Italian Consul), September 28, 1899.