

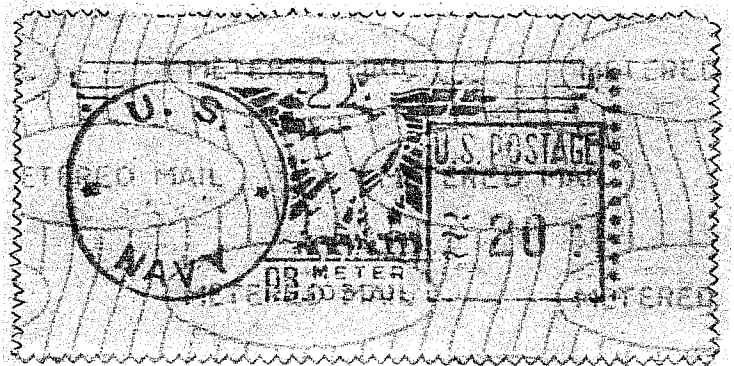
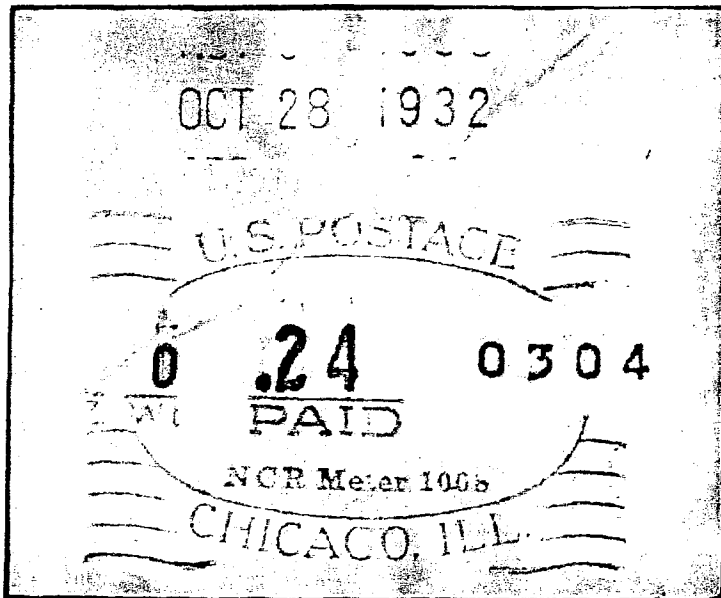
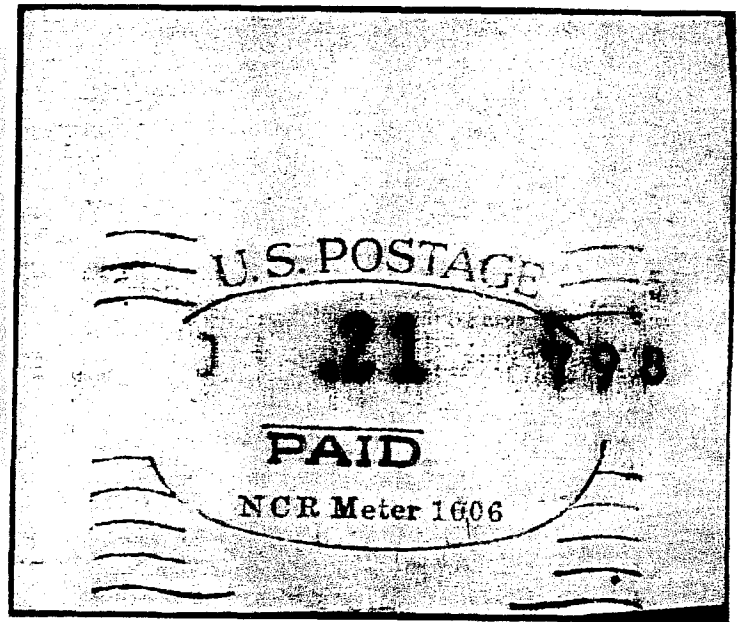
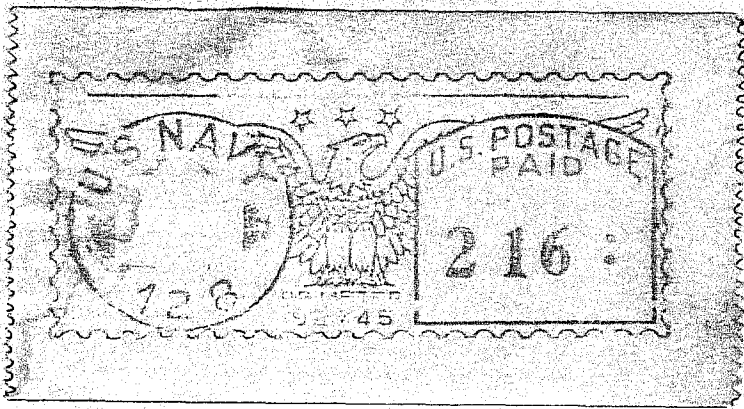
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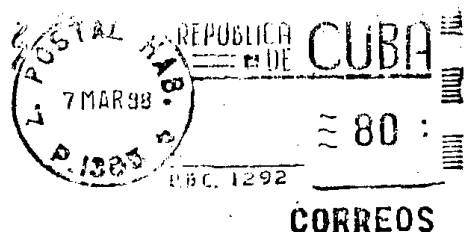
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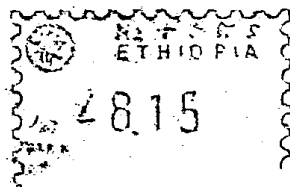
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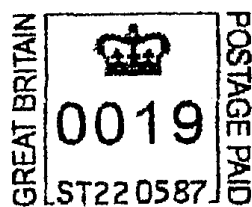
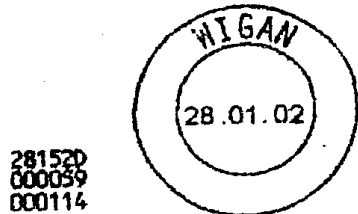
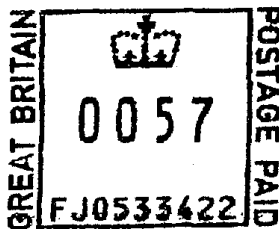
*NOTE: Based on the nature of several recent inquiries your editor feels he should explain that we do not have enough space in the 'World Report' column to show every new issue reported or found. Coverage is necessarily limited to the more noteworthy types.*



**Cuba:** Something rarely seen in the U.S, a modern meter stamp from this embargoed country. (JH)

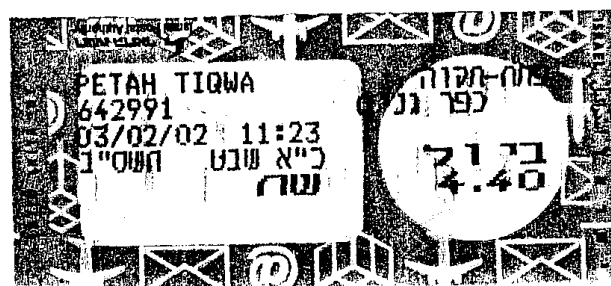
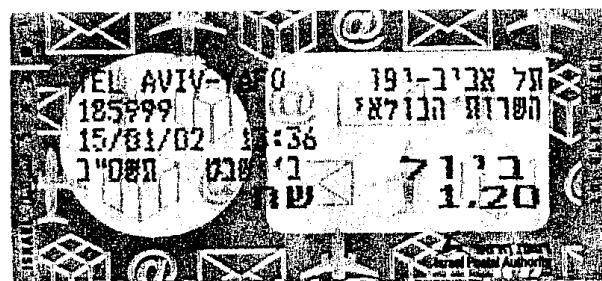


**Ethiopia:** A partial imprint from a Hasler meter, the first non-Universal, non-Pitney Bowes stamp we have seen from Ethiopia. (TH)



**Great Britain:** Gibbons Stamp Monthly reports two recent meter stamps with unusual coding at the left of the town mark. Neither of these stamps is from Pitney Bowes digital meters, all of which have similar coding. (JA)

(From the editor: Can any reader match these stamps to the meter manufacturer/model?)



**Israel:** The Postal Authority began using a new computerized stamp on 15 January, 2002. Shown are the normal stamp and one printed on the label upside down. (SV)



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**Italy:** Here is the lowdown on the new digital stamps reported from Italy. They are now wide-spread in the Italian post offices and are the equivalent of the U.S. PVI stamps. The manufacturer is Olivetti-Tecnost. There are two versions. The first, used at Riccione Centro post office, is slightly different from all that followed. It has "zip" code all zeros (small at the center) and some text is slightly smaller. Earliest known use is 22 October 2001.