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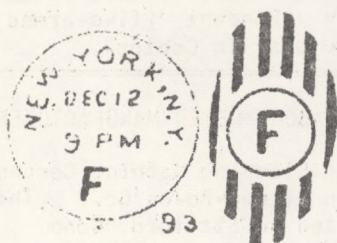


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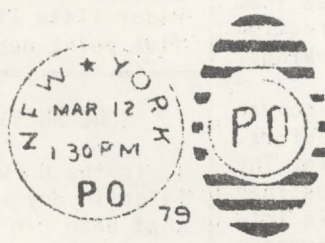


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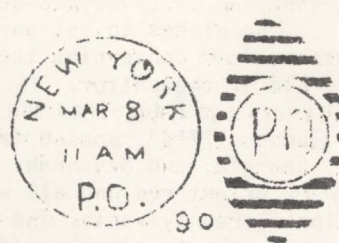


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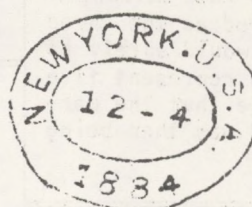


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Mr. E. D. Piper, Librarian of the Garfield-Perry Stzmp Club of Cleveland, Ohio has sent in this tracing of a killer of which he would like to know the origin. As you know, Mr. Piper is making an index of our publications for the G-P Library and then sending his work sheets to the Smithsonian. Mr. Leo Gordon, after making Xerox copies, sends them to us. We expect to find them very useful, therefore hope that some one of our members will be able to identify this cancel. Mr. Piper lists it as a "Pendant (five-armed with five point negative star in Center)".

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On Page 32 we show four covers sent in by Prof. C. S. Thompson Jr. (#469) who describes them as follows: He wishes to get any information other members may have concerning these markings. Please write him or the editor.

"Several years ago I acquired the three covers bearing the jumbo '77's' posted from Beaufort, S.C.; Macon, Georgia, and Savannah, Georgia. The numbers are in bright red and all were destined for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Georgia letters were apparently triple charged the twenty-five cent rate while the Beaufort, S.C., cover paid a double charge. In a recent Siegel sale a cover such as this was described by him as being an Eastern Pony Express cover. However, I had always viewed them as perhaps being double and triple rated letters plus a two cent ship fee. All three letters were probably sent in the 1830's although only the Savannah, Georgia cover contains a date which is 1835. Adding further to the confusion is another cover mailed from London to Providence, Rhode Island in 1848. As can be seen, this carries a quite similar seven rate marking in approximately the same shade of red as the three previous covers. The seven rate would surely be acceptable at this date as it would represent five plus two ship fee. Is it possible that the earlier stamp had been retained and was then being used singly?"

EXPANDED FACILITIES

Mr. Edmund Fairchild (#259) who has had a stamp and coin store at 247 Broadway, Laguna Beach, Calif. for the past six years notifies us that his stock and that of "Walt's Stamp & Coin Shop" of Anaheim will be combined within the next few weeks at the Laguna Beach location. It is expected that combining these two stocks of stamps, coins and accessories will enable Mr. Fairchild and Mr. Mensch to give better service to collectors in southern California. Se wish them well.

AWARD FOR SERVICE

At the annual banquet of the Twin-City Philatelic Society the North-West Stamp Dealers' Association presented a tandem clock Radio to J. Stanley Thompson (#439) inscribed, "To Stan Thompson for his Innumerable Dedicated Services to Philately". We are sure he richly deserved this recognition.

SOME AUESTIONS ABOUT METER MANUFACTURERS?

1, Is the Universal Stamping Machine Company related in any way to Pitney-Bowes Co.? The fact that both are located in Stamford, Conn. gives rise to this query. Requests for this information from each one has been ignored.

2. Do these Companies make the cancellation dies as well as the machines?

3, Who makes the cancelling dies for the "First Day Cancellations? Although the type appears to be Universal's, but rumor is that Pitney-Bowes made the recent ones. Is this Correct?

If you know the answer to these questions please notify the editor, C. D. Root, 855 Cove Way, Denver, Colo. 80209.

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This drawing of an Arrowhead Cancel
was sent in by Mr. James R. Little-
ton (#363). It is on a 2¢ Green
cut-square envelope stamp of 1887,
cut quite small. Who can place it?

NUMBERS AND LETTERS
IN NEW YORK CITY HANDSTAMPS 1869 to 1900
by ARTHUR H. BOND (#505)

Illustrations on front page and also
on page 25 of the May issue.

Editor's note: This completes the article on
this subject by Mr. Bond. If you wish to com-
municate with him please address him at P.O.
Box 625, Casselberry, Fla. 32707.

TYPE B

The earliest date recorded for this type is
Oct. 7, 1878 with number 26. This type, with year
date in two digits in the townmark, continued to
be used until 1899.

Consecutive numbering has been found from 1 to
30 inclusive. Beginning with number 30 only even
numbers occur, running as high as 52. The writer
has found no usage of numbers above 29 before De-
cember 1884 (36). NEW-YORK is hyphenated in only
about 15% of the townmarks in this series.

Numbers 1, 7, and 11 appear in the serif type,
practically indistinguishable from those illus-
trated for Type A. Number 7, however, also occurs
sans-serif and number 6 has been found only in the
plain Gothic type that is characteristic of all
other numerals, as shown in Figure 16.

Killer circles continue approximately 12½mm.
diameter. Beginning in 1887, however, a few stamps
show 13mm. circles and a slightly different style
of number, as shown in Fig. 17. These stamps also
had the dating in the townmark set about 2mm.
higher. About 1895 a limited number of new stamps
were introduced, with 11m. circles and smaller
numerals, some carrying serifs. By this time auto-
matic cancelling machines were in general use and
handstamps were only used for special applications.

The markings of Types A and B were intended ex-
clusively for out-of-town mail at the General Post
Office. An article in "The Century" (Scribner's
Monthly) May 1878-vol. 16 pp.59-79 indicates that
the assignment of numbered stamps for specific
clerks and services was an important part of the
general improvement program.

The advertisement of John Goldsborough in the
U.S. Official Postal Guide for 1881 illustrates a
NEW YORK duplex stamp of Type B with year date "79"
which is remarkable in having 11 horizontal bars,
similar to that noted as Type A-1; but shows thin
unshaded numerals "24" in the small circle. No
examples of this type have been seen on cover,
although number 24 has been seen with the usual
9-bar grid.

TYPE C

Earliest date recorded - Feb. 15, 1878
Latest date recorded - July 28, 1879

The distinctive feature of Type C is the sta-
tion letter appearing between NEW and YORK, which
is repeated in the killer circle as a thin Gothic

letter. We have found this type used for Stations
D and G only. It appears on mail for both city
and out-of-town addresses. In the first few
months no year date is found. Later it occurs as
a "triplex" feature in two digits between the
townmark and killer.

TYPE D

Earliest date recorded with horizontal grid -
May 21, 1877 (F)
Earliest date recorded with Vertical grid -
Dec. 24, 1878 (C)

The station letter appears in the townmark at
the bottom and is repeated in the killer as a
bold Gothic letter. This marking, with either
horizontal (D-H) or vertical (D-V) bars in the
grid, was used at the branch stations on all
first-class mail. Type D-H is found in 1877
without the year date, which later occurs as a
"triplex" feature, with a few exceptions.

Horizontal and vertical types were used con-
currently at many stations, which may be signifi-
cant. Possibly one type was used for mail col-
lected from street boxes and the other for mail
dropped at the branch offices, although nothing
has been found to confirm this hypothesis. The
vertical markings seem to be twice as common as
the horizontal.

The horizontal grid consists of nine bars and
the vertical has six bars. The diameter of the
inner circle varies from 12mm. to 12½mm. until
1893, when new stamps appear with circles 11mm.
to 11½mm. diameter. The width of the killer was
reduced to 17mm. at the same time.

At some stations the replacement stamps coming
into use in 1893 and later carried the state de-
signation as NEW YORK, N.Y. per Figure 18. This
occurred with both horizontal and vertical bar
grids and does not appear to have any signifi-
cance. The old style stamps were used concurrent-
ly with the new and, at some stations, continued
as the only style until 1899. After 1899 the
year appears in four digits.

As early as 1883 some of the station letters
in the townmark carry serifs. Other letters con-
tinue as sans-serif in replacements, with varia-
tions in size and shape. Only one example of a
hyphenated NEW-YORK has been seen in this type.

Reference to the list of lettered branch sta-
tions in the introduction will indicate the dates
when certain letters may be expected in this type.

TYPE E

Earliest date recorded with horizontal grid -
March 27, 1877
Earliest date recorded with vertical grid - 1878

This type of stamp was used at the General
Post Office on first-class mail for city delivery
only. Killers show both horizontal (E-H) and
vertical (E-V) bars; similar to Type D. Several

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stamps were in use at the same time and replacements show minor variations in size and shape of letters. A detailed study of these variations for the period 1877-84 was published by W. E. Tinsley in U.S.C.C. News for Sept. 1957.

The "Triplex" year date has not been seen in 1877, but does occur in 1878 and later. Beginning in 1887 periods appear after the letters P. O. in the townmark in some stamps. Killer circles are $11\frac{1}{2}$ to $12\frac{1}{2}$ mm. diameter. NEW-YORK is hyphenated with most of the horizontal markings, but the hyphen does not occur with vertical markings. We have not found Type E markings after 1894.

An unusual feature occurs in Type E-H between March 1879 and August 1880 in the use of a star between NEW and YORK in the townmark, as shown in Fig. 19. The significance of this star, if any, is now known. The type without star was also in use during this period.

Another variation is the use of a 12-bar horizontal grid killer and larger dating circle (Fig. 20), which has been observed in 1890 only. The 25mm. circle also occurs at this time with the standard 6-bar vertical grid.

TYPE F

Earliest date recorded - 1877 (C)

Latest date recorded - Feb. 3, 1879 (B)

This type has been recorded from Stations B and C only. The use of the large station letter at top and "CITY DELIVERY" at bottom of townmark (Fig. 13) indicates that this marking was intended for use at the branches on mail for city delivery only. It is, however, occasionally found on out-of-town mail. Examples are rather scarce. The station letter is repeated in bold Gothic type in the killer, which has nine horizontal bars. The year date "79" occurs as a "triplex" feature, but this has not been noted in 1877-78. Diameter of the killer circle is $12\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

TYPE G

Earliest date recorded - Jan. 25, 1894.

This marking shows the letters "I.B.B." in the townmark and the killer carries a number, which is in shaded type with serifs. Only odd numbers have been found, running as high as 11. The grid consists of six vertical bars and inner circle is 11mm. diameter. The year date is normally shown. The marking is found on both city delivery and out-of-town mail.

"I.B.B." denotes Industrial Building Branch. Very little is known about this branch. It may have been an auxiliary of Station H, with which it was consolidated in 1898. The Industrial Building was located at 426 Lexington Ave., midway between 43rd and 44th Sts. Station H was located at Lexington & 43rd in 1892 and moved to Lexington & 44th in 1897. Station H used a Type D-V stamp in 1895.

DOUBLE OVAL HANDSTAMPS

The markings commonly identified as double oval type come properly within the subject of this series of articles. They were described in some detail by E.L. Willard in an article in the July 1951 issue of U.S.C.C. Quarterly. The present writer's study has not been sufficiently extensive to add much to this information, so we must be content with a general summary.

These handstamps were used at least as early as 1881. At different periods they vary considerably in size—from about 28mm. x 20mm. to 35mm. x 25mm. Usage appears to have been as follows:

- a) REG (Fig. 21) Registered Mail cancelled at the G.P.O.
 - b) PO (Fig. 22) Early use on third-class mail cancelled at the G.P.O.
 - c) PO with numerals 1, 2 and 3 below (Fig. 23) Early use on third-class mail, probably at the G.P.O.
 - d) Large numerals 1, 2 and 3 (Fig. 24) Newspaper wrappers, probably at the G.P.O. or at special second-class mail stations.
 - e) CR (Fig. 25) Third-class mail cancelled at the G. P. O. Willard identifies meaning as "Circular Room".
 - f) FD (Fig. 26) Early use on third-class foreign mail at the G.P.O. - Foreign Department. This was probably superseded about 1884 by the dated double oval reading NEW YORK, U.S.A.
 - g) UD (Fig. 27) Has been seen only on postage Due stamps of the 1891 issue.
 - h) STATION LETTER (Fig. 28) Used at the branch stations on registered letters and third-class mail, both domestic and foreign. refer to list of station dates in the introduction.
- Circular markings of the type shown in Fig. 30 were used 1875-76 at some of the branch stations. The G.P.O. used a similar stamp without any distinctive letter. These were not of the duplex type and were sometimes used to cancel the stamp.

NEW YORK "PEARLS"

The cancellation shown in Figure 29 was applied only to Postage Due stamps in the shades current between 1879 and 1888. It is found in black and in various shades of blue. The design represents the letters N and Y interlaced at right angles in an oval of "pearls". This appears to have been applied as a pre-cancel by means of a roller carrying several dies. I am indebted for this information to Mr. Warren R. Bower.

This concludes the series on Numbers and Letters in New York City Handstamps. Criticism and supplementary information will be welcomed by the writer. Some collectors will note the absence of reference to foreign mail markings, including Supplementary Mail and the so-called "IFM" markings. We regret that these are out of our field and hope that someone will be moved to supply this information.

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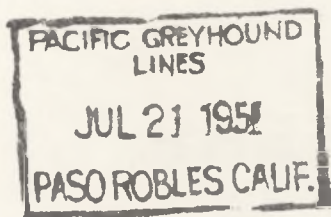
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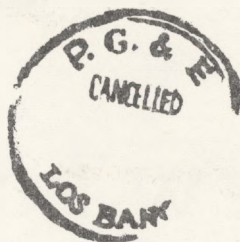
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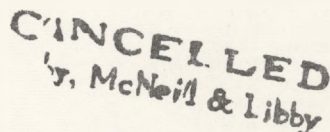
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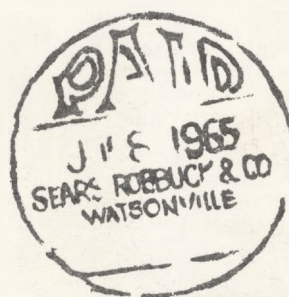
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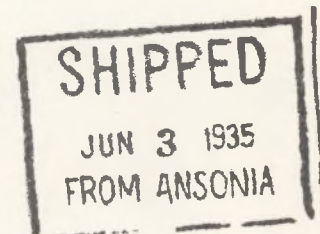
(Red)



(Blue)



(Magenta)



(Green)

Our thanks to Douglas Gary who sent in examples of two of the private carrier handstamps referred to in the January issue of the News, Pacific Greyhound Lines (on Scott No. 807), and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (on No. 825, Los Banos, California). The Sears Roebuck appears on a block of Scott 1021, from Watsonville, California and is also Mr. Gary's contribution. Struck on a torn corner of an envelope (U529) the Libby McNeil and Libby is from my own collection and may possibly be incomplete.

Robert Waite Sr. has supplied the "SHIPPED FROM ANSONIA, CONN." with the following explanation.--"The American Brass Company or Scovill Manufacturing Company loaded one or more cars of deliveries for New York City each day. These were scattered deliveries and an envelope was enclosed in the car with the delivery instructions inside. This assured the trucking company, in whose care the car was consigned, of having delivery receipts with the car whereas if the instructions were sent by mail they might have gone astray. The cars (for N.Y.C.) were consigned to the United States Trucking Corp., Pier 39, East River, NYC... Presumably cars were also shipped to Boston, Chicago and other centers." This service would be classified as a domestic variety of Consignee Mail I should imagine. The stamp cancelled is Scott 566.

Few articles for research on this subject exist, so we are most grateful to these two members for their kind help.

Carolyn Kuhn

F. P. HAMMOND & CO; continued.

Most styles of HAMMOND'S daters were double circle or double circle-inner and had the year date incorporated.

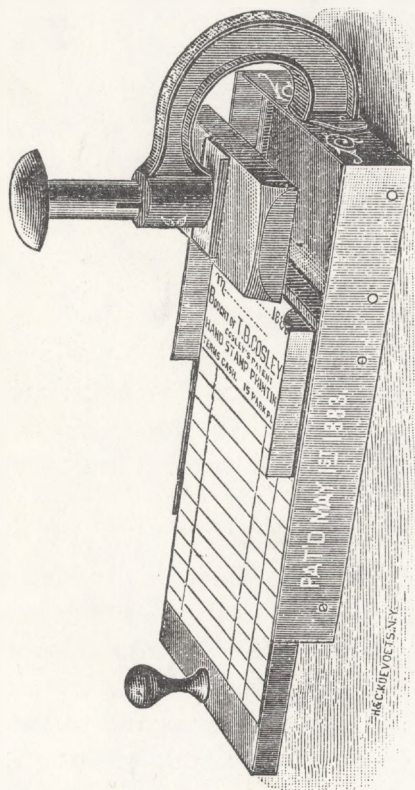
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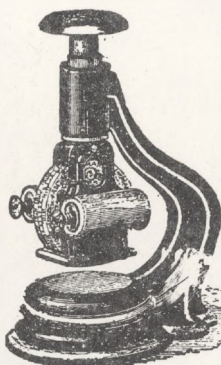
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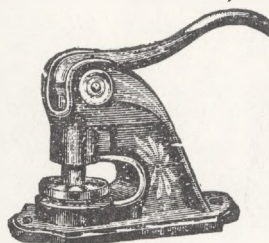


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