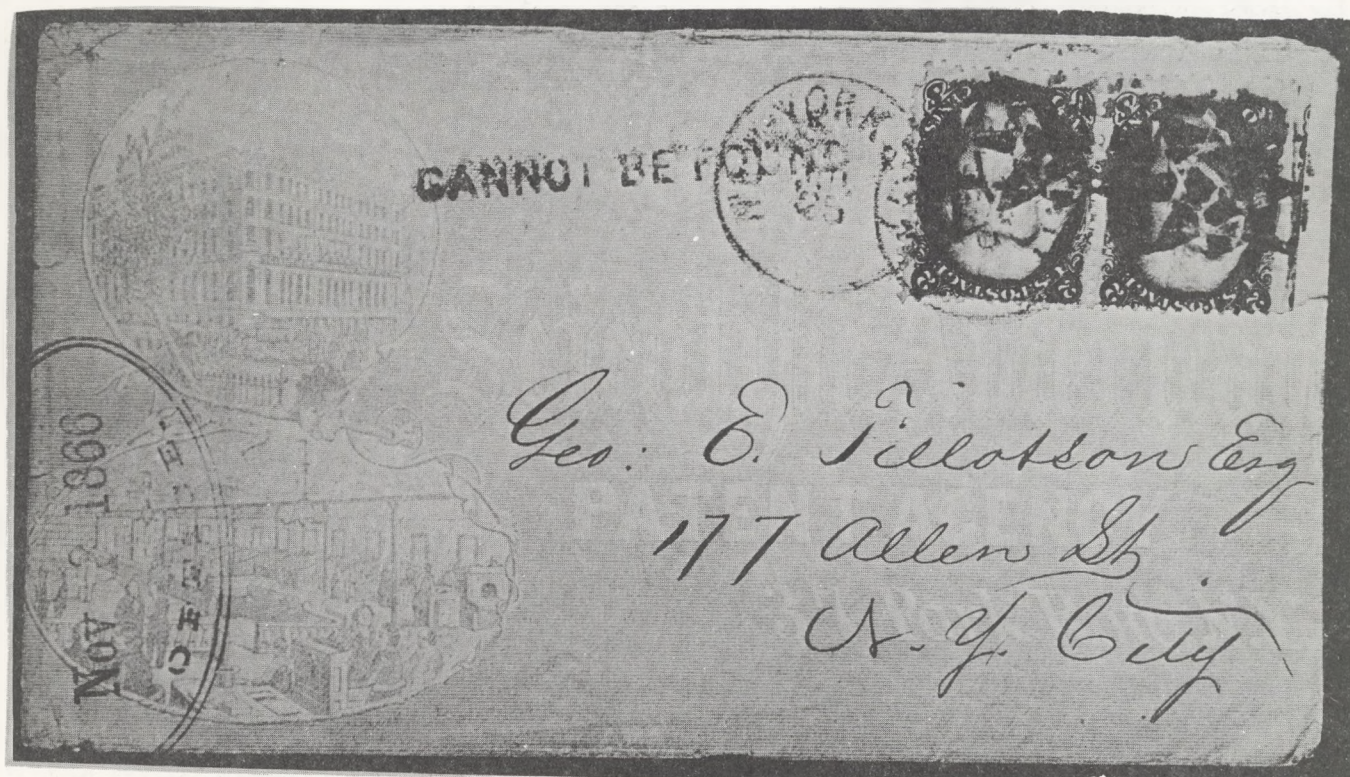




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A pair of Blackjacks, No. 73, frank this Drop Letter which was probably originally double-weight. The cover is an over-all pattern in pale gray, from the Scientific American Patent Agency, 37 Park Row, N. Y. The stamps are cancelled by a geometric killer which seems quite similar to the later New York Foreign Mail geometrics. A CDS has the date Jul 25, no year. There is a backstamp, a New York CDS with the date Sep 6, and a black straightline marking CANNOT BE FOUND. In the lower left corner is an oval blue handstamp, partly off the cover, with the date Nov 3, 1866 and the word OFFICE. The missing part at the top of the handstamp probably read "DEAD LETTER."

ANOTHER BLACK JACK COVER FROM THE COLLECTION OF PAUL J. WOLF (#743)

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Here we show three more of the interesting "Gold Rush" covers from the collection of Mr. Earle E. Andrus (#496). Two show the 6¢ rate, one in each direction and the third probably should have had 10¢ postage but apparently got by with only 9¢. (Overworked Clerks even then?)

POST OFFICES OF WASHINGTON, OREGON AND IDAHO

By

Dr. Robert L. Landis

In our March issue we mentioned this new book. It is now available in hard binding from The Patrick Press, 4030 S.W. Patrick Place, Portland, Oregon 97201 for \$25.00 postpaid. Containing an accurate, up-to-date list of all Post Offices in the area from the beginning of the Territorial period to the end of 1968, this book should prove to be a welcome addition to the Library of any Collector or Dealer interested in Western Postal History. A typical page from the book appears on page 92 of this issue of the NEWS. Thanks to a gift from Dr. Landis our Library owns a copy of this book, which members may borrow in the usual manner.

BARR-FIKE MACHINE CANCELLATIONS

by Arthur H. Bond (#505)

On page 95 we have the final installment of this interesting article. Extra pages of all installments have been printed so that we can supply this article separately. It will consist of nine pages, printed on one side only, with a suitable cover and is available at \$1.00 each postpaid from U S CANCELLATION CLUB, 855 Cove Way, Denver, Colo. 80209. Printing is limited.

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Accompanying this issue of the NEWS is a list of the volumes available from our Library. Our new Librarian has compiled this list and has drawn up a set of "Rules for Borrowing" under which he feels he can operate. We believe members will find them reasonable. As further volumes are added the NEWS will announce them.

M. K. Rasnick (#829) has been elected President and Robert Hedlund (#826) Secretary of the Worcester County Stamp Collectors' Club of Worcester, Mass.

Frank B. Stratton (#487) who is also an officer of UPSS wrote an article for LINN's which urged collectors to try Postal Stationery for a new interest. Most convincing.

The number of Stamp Collectors is increasing according to dealer Edmund Fairchild (#259) whose move into new larger quarters we mentioned in the July 1968 issue of the NEWS.

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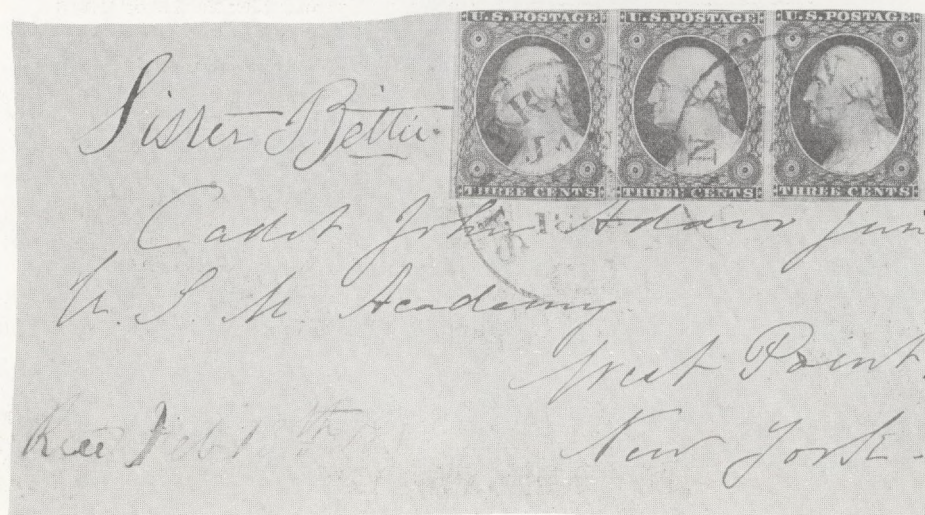
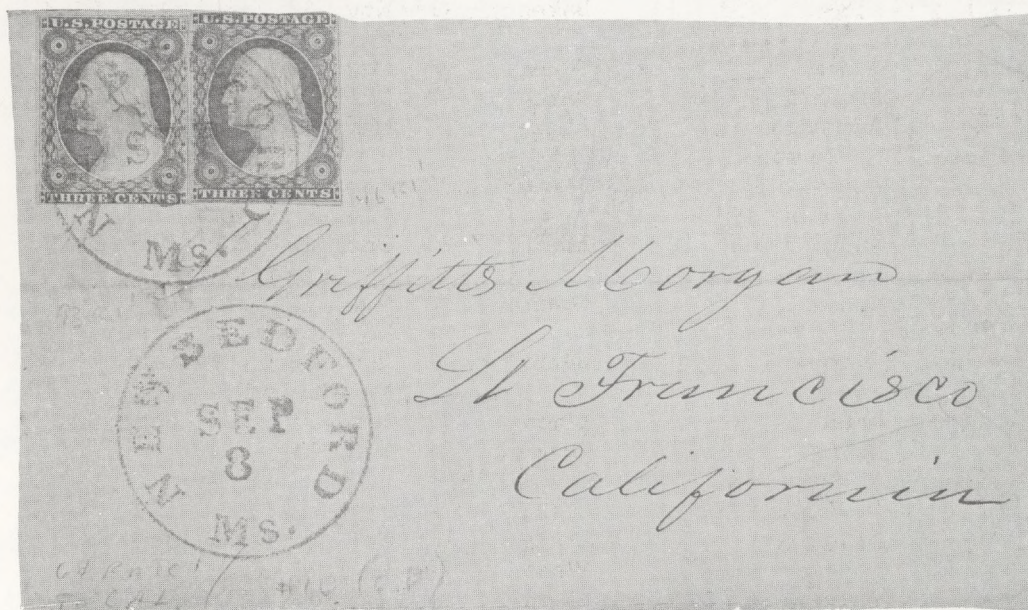
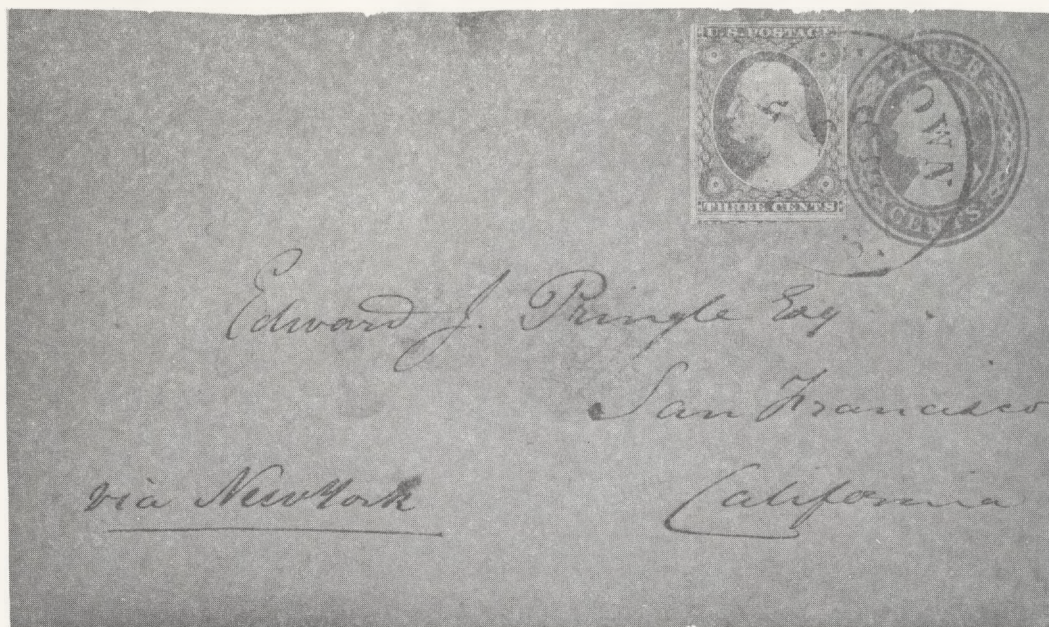
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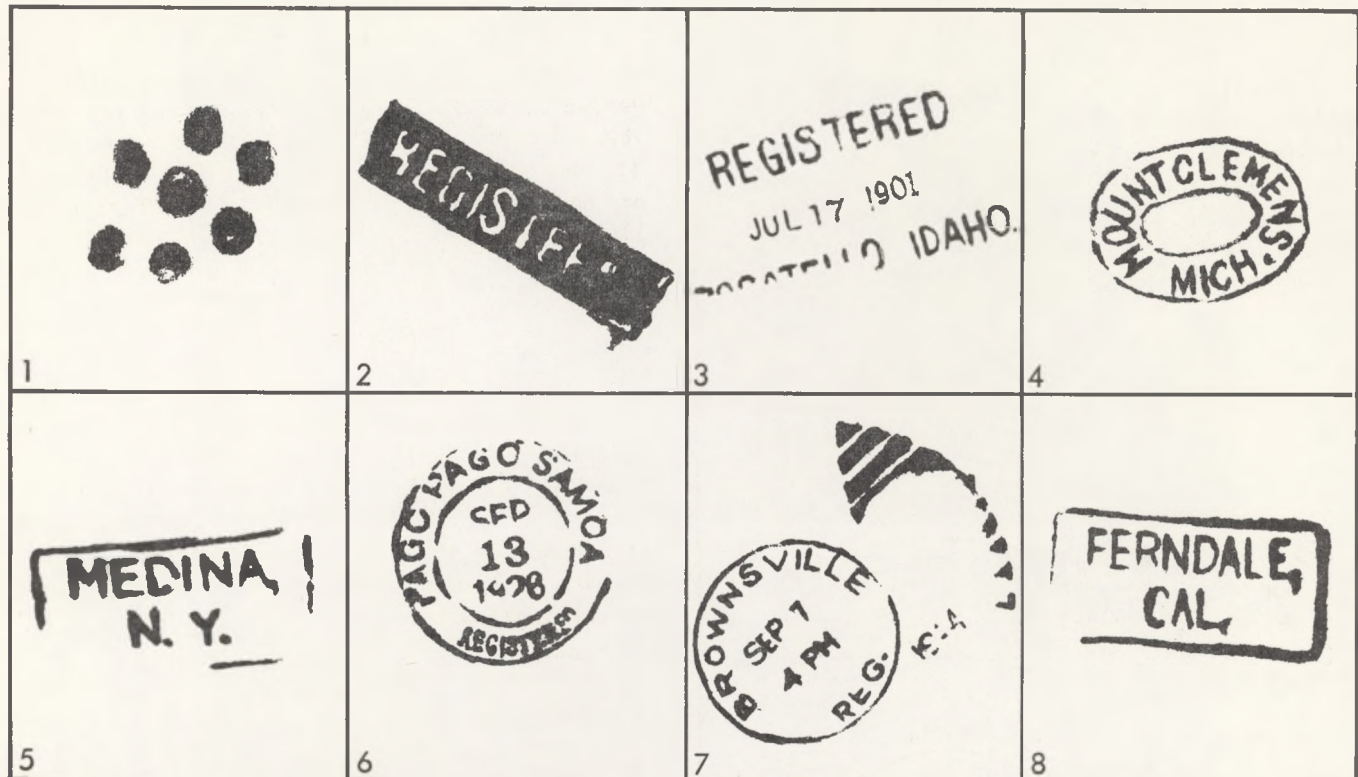
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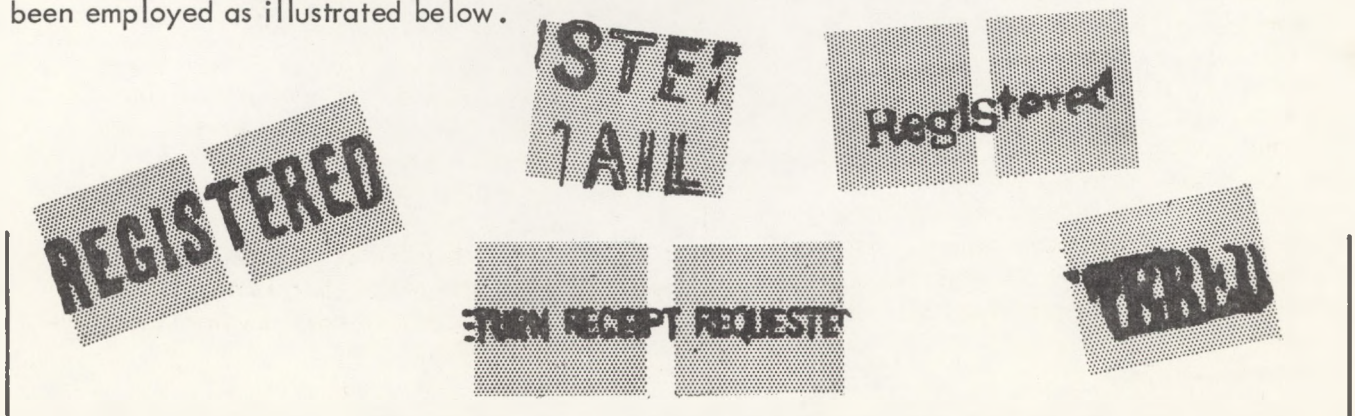


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8. FERNDAL, CALIF. Registered (magenta) Backstamped, "Rec'd San Francisco, Calif. Oct. 18, 1924"

Large accumulations of off-cover stamps often yield singles, pairs, strips, or blocks with the word "REGISTERED" used as a cancelling device. Several different type faces exist and the colors are generally black or magenta. The "RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED" stamp has even been employed as illustrated below.



BARR-FYKE MACHINE CANCELLATIONS(cont.)
by Arthur H. Bond (#505)

BARR-FYKE FLAG CANCELS

The Barr-Fyke Machine Co. also used cancellation dies or killers of the flag type. Examples of all of these on cover are desirable items and some are quite scarce. Since these are all illustrated and described very fully in Langford's "Encyclopedia of Flag Cancels", we shall confine ourselves to a brief notation.

The earliest flag used by Barr-Fyke was at the East Cambridge Station of the Boston, Mass. P.O. from early 1900 until late in 1902. This style of flag (Fig. 1) is not known from any other post office.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

All other Barr-Fyke flags were the so-called "Tassel Flags", similar to Figure 2, having short lines extending into the flag from the points of attachment to the halyard. With the exception of the Bloomington, Ill. flag all had legends, as noted below, engraved in open spaces, for which one or more stripes of the flag were erased. Postmarks were of Types C and Ca, as indicated.

- BUFFALO, N.Y. Postmark Type C 1901
Legend (2 lines) PAN-AMERICAN/STATION
- BOSTON, MASS. Postmark Type Ca 1901
Legend (2 lines) NORTH POSTAL/STATION
- MEMPHIS, TENN. Postmark Type Ca 1901-02
Legend - RECEIVED
- CHICAGO, ILL. Postmark Type C 1901-02-03
Legend (2 lines) STOCK YARDS/STATION
- CLEVELAND, O. Postmark Type C 1901-02
Legend (2 lines) MAIL DELAYED/TRAIN LATE
- BOSTON, MASS. Postmark Type Ca 1902
Legend - STATION A

BAY CITY, MICH. Postmark Type Ca 1903

Legend - RECEIVED

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. Postmark Type C 1904-05

In late use the state reads ILLS. instead of ILL. Open space in center stripe

Note -- A flag cancel used at the New York Madison Square Station in 1897-98 was for some years thought to be from a Barr-Fyke die. This is now generally considered to be the product of an American Co. machine and has been so listed in the 1965 revised edition of the "Flag Cancel Encyclopedia".

PARIS EXPOSITION

In the summer of 1900 a Barr-Fyke machine was used in the United States exhibit at the Exposition in Paris, France. A branch post office was operated as the U.S. Postal Station. Letters and postal cards were dispatched with French stamps and, it is said, a few with U.S. stamps. There were three types of cancels used, as illustrated below.



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

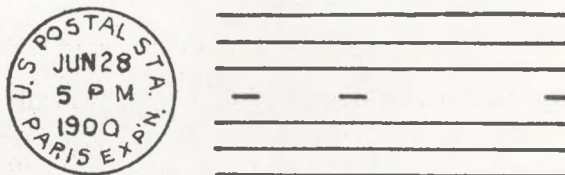


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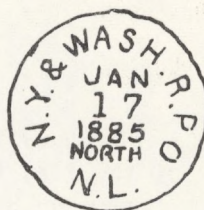
Type 1 (Fig. 3) was used for a very short time, possibly only a day or two

Type 2 (Fig. 4) uses the same killer, but the dial has been changed

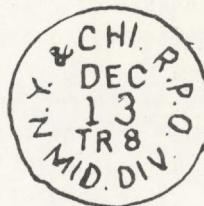
Type 3 (Fig. 5) uses the dial of Type 2 with a killer of seven horizontal bars. Because of some defect, however, the center bar is rarely found complete and in most covers is entirely missing.



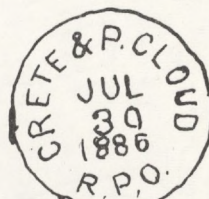
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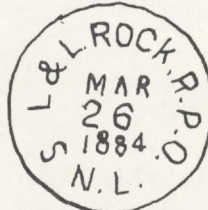
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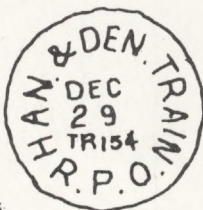
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