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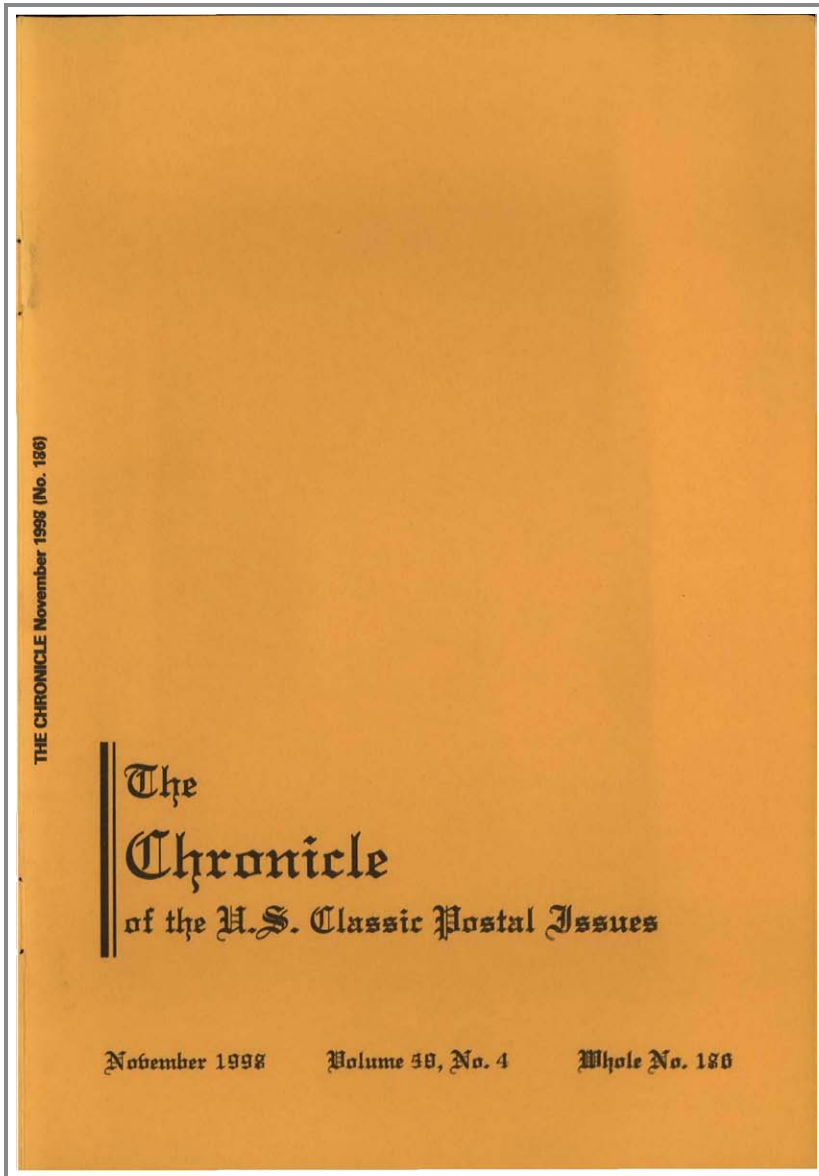


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ADDITIONAL ANSWER TO PROBLEM COVER IN ISSUE 177

A problem cover in *Chronicle* 177, Figure 1, also attracted the attention of Frank Newton of the Western Cover Society, who writes that he has some half-dozen Hale covers. These came from a find of a trunk of Hale material, including covers, journals, receipts, ledgers, pictures, etc., which was subsequently purchased by the prestigious Huntington Library for over \$50,000! He spends a day per week there and eventually hopes to find other Hale covers which will provide an answer to the origination and postal rates on the problem cover.

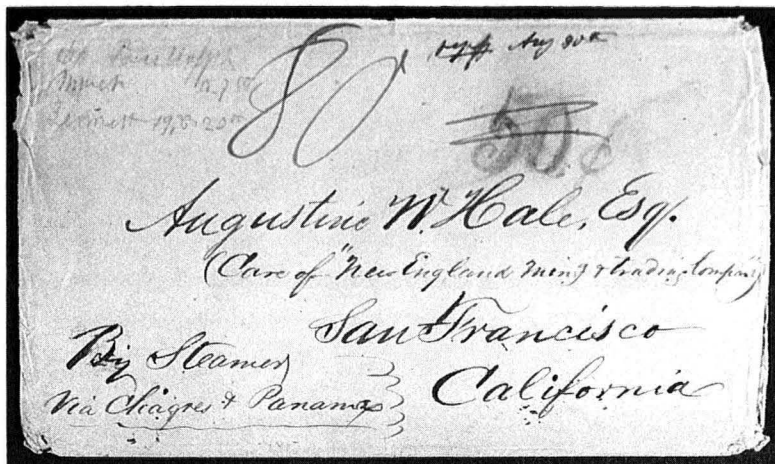


Figure 1. Cover to San Francisco endorsed "Via Chagres & Panama"

ANSWER TO PROBLEM COVER IN ISSUE 178

Figures 2 and 3 show the obverse and reverse of a 1870 cover to St. Petersburg, Russia, with a missing stamp. A number of questions were posed regarding the correct rate, the missing stamp, the postal markings, and the Russian dates and forwarding manuscript. Our Editor-in-Chief, Charlie Peterson, came through with a comprehensive response as follows:

The letter cleared the NY exchange office on 24 September [1873], and arrived in St. Petersburg where it received the backstamp of the main post office dated 27 September 1873 at 7:00 o'clock. Since Russia was using the Gregorian calendar, with a 12-day differential during the 19th century, that would mean a New Style/Julian calendar date of 9 October. The cancel on the front is obscured, but seems to show that on the same date it was sent out for delivery by the St. Petersburg "VN EKSP" ("Vnutrenniya Ekspeditsiya," i.e., the dispatching office of the St. Petersburg PO responsible for incoming mail). There is no street address; although I can't decipher the handwritten Russian text on the backflap, I suspect that it might be the address of record for Dr. Linn at the foreigners' registration office. The same office was responsible for the second backstamp, this time with a date of 30 November 1873. I don't know what happened to the cover in the meantime, and have no idea where the letter went after 30 November. There are no markings suggesting it was returned, or sent to a newly discovered forwarding address, so it is possible that the good doctor eventually showed up at the post office to claim his mail (other possibilities include return in a separate envelope, or consignment to wherever Russian dead letters go).

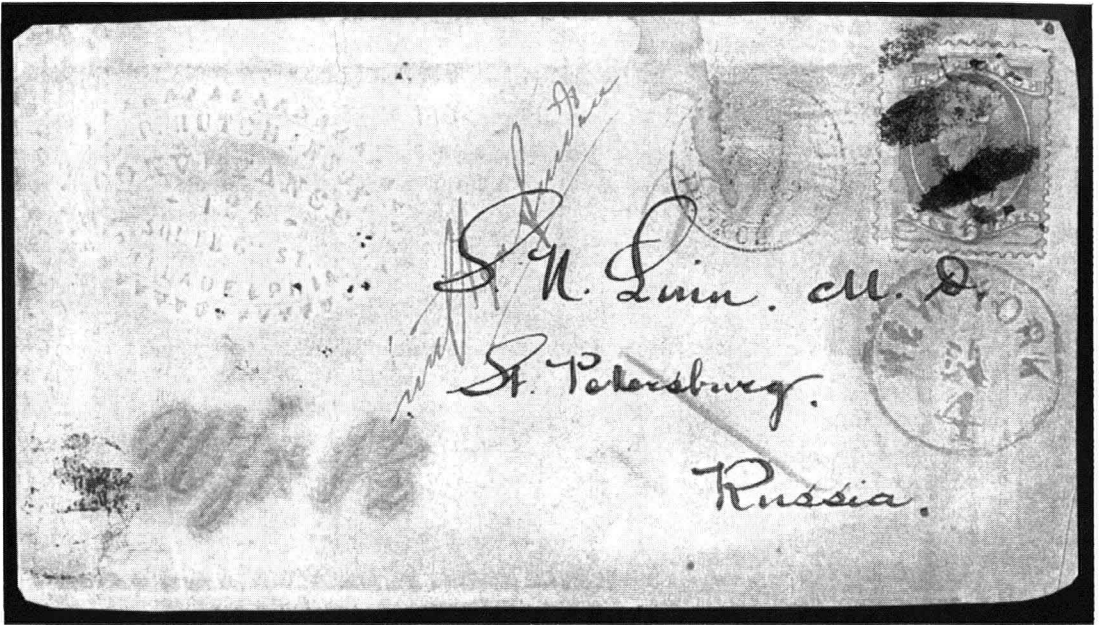


Figure 2. Obverse of 1873 cover to St. Petersburg, Russia, with stamp missing



Figure 3. Reverse of St. Petersburg cover showing forwarding

Other markings: the diagonal manuscript on the front reads “nicht gefunden” (German for “not found”), the red “Wfr 1½” is a German language transit marking abbreviation for “Weiter franco 1½” (meaning “Paid beyond 1½ groschen”); the blue crayon on the front is presumably the St. Petersburg “VN EKSP” negating of the address as well as the 27 September CDS where the stamp was removed. The dark blob on the lower right of the reverse is illegible but closely resembles the 1860s period “Paid” marking found on foreign mail – in which case the center line would read in Cyrillic capital letters “NAPLACHENO” (*i.e.*, PAID). I suspect that it might have been used to acknowledge that the letter had been fully franked, but had lost a stamp in its travels. The weak marking on the front lower left could have been transferred when the back marking was struck.

The most confusing marking turned out to be the simplest. When the manuscript “2 HHW...” on the reverse is rotated 180 degrees, it becomes the Cyrillic transliteration of “C.N. LINN”. For the Russian postman to find Dr. Linn, he had to know how to pronounce his name!

Now it remains for someone to identify the postage rate and the value of the stamp removed.

ANSWER TO PROBLEM COVER IN ISSUE 179

The 2 cts. “PAID” cover in Figure 4, complete with an enclosed circular, posted in Boston in 1851, brought a response from Greg Sutherland who originally submitted the cover! He writes:

According to *The U.S. One Cent Stamp 1851-1857* by Stanley Ashbrook, the nine sub post offices in Boston in 1851 were authorized to receive mail and letters posted there required prepayment of one cent, besides the regular U.S. postage. These stations were referred to as “Penny Post-Receiving Stations.”

Therefore, the one cent Post-Receiving Station fee plus the one cent circular rate for not over 500 miles added to the paid 2 cts. Boston CDS. Does anyone have a different explanation?



Figure 4. 1851 circular rate cover marked 2 cts. “PAID”