

STAMPS
1879-90 Issues

American
Varieties

American Bank Note Company used Continental Plates 304 and 305,
but always printed on soft paper.



Unused

Unused block



Preprinting
crease

Plate Number Block



Misperforated pair
showing Plate No. 305
and TR arrow



Printed from worn plate

45

#150-200

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Reconstruction of imprint for
Plate No. 304 or 305

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Americans

Fancy Cancellations



Steamboat
MAYSEUR



Port Townsend
WA, Kicking Mule



Fast mail
N.Y.P.O.



Pawtucket, RI



Worcester,
MA Shield



Gilbert's Mills,
U.S. in circle



San Francisco,
Butterfly



Hartford,
CT 8 v's

1880



Wausau, WI
Maltese Cross

Louisville

New Orleans



Syracuse, NY
Masonic trowel



Pittsburgh,
PA Shield



New Orleans



Wheel of
Fortune



Chicago



San Francisco



Doves (?)



Shield
Worcester, MA



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American
Multiples



Worcester, MA

Worn Plate, 5 x 2 block of 10.
LARGEST KNOWN MULTIPLE,
NEW DISCOVERY 2009

New Orleans, LA



Saint Louis, MO



Wilcox, AZ Terr.



Philadelphia, PA, Strip of 7. **LARGEST KNOWN STRIP**



"ANCON, CHILE, 5 FEB 80"
receiving mark, six bullseyes
and N.Y. foreign mail double oval

Boston, MA

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1873-90 Issues

CONTINENTAL vs. AMERICAN PAPERS

New research shows Continental shifted from National's 1873 hard strongly bleached paper to medium bleached open wove in 1875-76 to an intermediate variety and some soft papers in 1877. Its 1878-79 printings were on soft paper, indistinguishable from the 1879 Americans. American printings from summer 1879 on, were on soft open wove paper with little bleaching resembling newsprint.



National medium
hard paper



Continental hard,
strong bleach



Continental hard
paper, mild bleach



Continental
open-wove



Continental
intermediate



Continental
soft, bleached



American soft
bleached



American
"newsprint"