

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

The  
E



Reconstruction of imprint for  
Plate No. 304 or 305

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Steamboat  
MAYSEUR



Port Townsend  
WA, Kicking Mule



Fast mail  
N.Y.P.O.



Pawtucket, RI

1880



Wausau, WI  
Maltese Cross



Worcester,  
MA Shield



Gilbert's Mills,  
U.S. in circle



San Francisco,  
Butterfly



Hartford,  
CT 8 v's



San Francisco



Louisville

New Orleans



Syracuse, NY  
Masonic trowel



Pittsburgh,  
PA Shield



New Orleans



Wheel of  
Fortune



Chicago



Shield  
Worcester, MA



Doves (?)



Americans  
Fancy Cancellations

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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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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"