

1891 - 1893

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS

THE LAST OF THE "BANK NOTE SIZE" STAMPS

Postage dues were first issued in 1879, and the color changed from brown to red brown in 1887. This third group is readily identified by its bright claret color. It was printed, as stocks of individual values were depleted, between 1891 and 1893.

These were the last of the large size, vertical format stamps of the Bank Note period which began with grilled replacements for the 1869 issue, in the spring of 1870.



50c
Iz2-28
(claret)

1894 -- 1901

POSTAGE DUES

THE VERY FIRST NEW BUREAU DESIGN

The original stamps were issued as needed to replenish the reserve stocks, from July 1894 through April 1895. The 1¢ and 2¢ first appeared in a vermilion color, which quickly changed to a "deep claret" - the same as the other stamps. Actually, there were multitudinous color varieties, which were further complicated by the water-solubility of the ink!

The watermarked paper was used on stamps issued between the latter part of 1895 and August of 1897.

In 1899, dues were overprinted for Cuba and Puerto Rico. The Philippine Islands overprints appeared in 1899, with the exception that the 3¢ and 30¢ values, issued in 1901.

1894 - NO WATERMARK



Vermilion

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Deep Claret

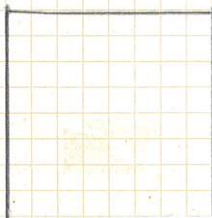
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1895 -- WATERMARKED

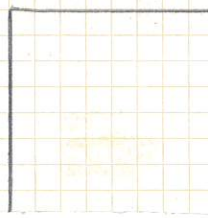


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1894 -- 1901
POSTAGE DUES

1894 - NO WATERMARK



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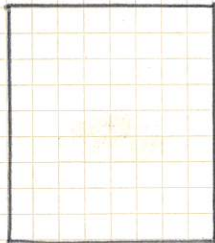


1895 -- WATERMARKED



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PHILIPPINES



1894
NO WATERMARK



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1895
WATERMARKED



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1894 -- 1901
POSTAGE DUES



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1894
NO WATERMARK



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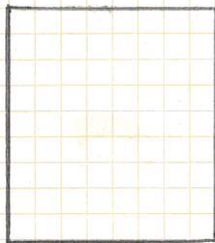
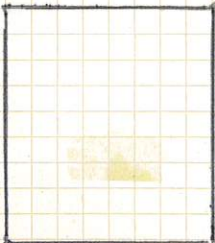
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1895
WATERMARKED

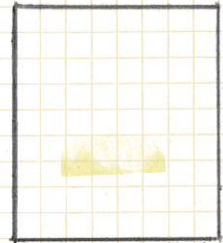


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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS



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THE ELBE LINE

1894 -- 1901
POSTAGE DUES

1894 - NO WATERMARK



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1895 -- WATERMARKED

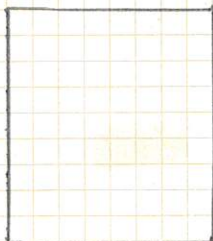


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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS



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THEY ALSO HELPED "CARRY THE MAILS"

When your letter is damaged in the mails, or opened for some official purpose, an "Official Seal" is applied to assure you that the Post Office Department was looking out for your interests.

Their shades of color were multitudinous. A selection of those in use during the "Gay Nineties" is mounted here for your information.



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