

### Twelve-Cent Singles on Domestic Covers

The twelve-cent stamp was used primarily for the paying of the twenty-four cent rate to England, and thus was used as a pair. But as a unit in itself the twelve-cent stamp saw very little service. However, occasionally it has been known to have been used to pay the quadruple three-cent rate. Such an opportunity for usage is, of course, quite limited, and for this reason the twelve-cent single on cover is more or less "rare!"


Quadruple rate covers were, in almost all instances, legal covers, containing documents. These usually can be identified by large envelopes and often by notes upon the envelope. Certain philatelists have a tendency to look down upon legal covers for some reason, which is beyond me. Nevertheless, if by the feeling of these men alone, the non-legal cover is more desirable. If a distinction can be made at all between legal and non-legal, for collectable reasons, the non-legal is much scarcer.

Speaking of the twelve-cent 1857 issue, L.G. Brookman stated: "Singles on cover represent the scarcest usage of this stamp and very few such covers are in existence."

Twelve-Cent 1851, 1857,  
Single on cover


*Leases, Agreements  
Bills &c. relating to  
Mortgages Estate of  
J. Shipley, No. 7. Bow  
Street -*

Twelve-Cent 1857 single on legal cover- A scarce domestic use

*James Parker Seagrave*  


*Boston*

Twelve-Cent 1851 single on small ladies cover (non-legal)  
Very Scarce - especially on this type cover.

*Bridgeport, N.H.  
Oct 28  
Miss Helen M. Smith  
Bangor*  
*In care of Mr. James' Smith*  




#119

#12  
plate proof

Scott #152  
with "four"  
cancel

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#148 lovely trans-Atlantic use to Scotland  
San Francisco, 5/7 (1872) PAID "CDS, red (via Panama?)

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_  
UNUSED \_\_\_\_\_ OG \_\_\_\_\_ USED \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK \_\_\_\_\_ PL BLK

CPL SET \_\_\_\_\_ SHORT SET \_\_\_\_\_ V.F.  FINE \_\_\_\_\_ AVE \_\_\_\_\_

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