

OVERSEAS MAIL

USE OF UNUSUAL 5 AND 6 CENTAVOS STAMPS ON COVER

During the 1890s, the most common stamps used for regular overseas mail were the 2, 8, 10, and 15 centavos stamps. The use of other stamps, such as the 5 and 6 centavos stamps, was scarce, since by themselves, they satisfied no rate. Instead, they were used, in combination with other stamps, to make up overseas rates.



**5 Centavos Violet Black**  
This stamp is a color variation of the 1890 5 centavos dark olive gray issue. Color more resembles "dark slate green".



1890 Manila to Germany with a 5 centavos stamp, and  
1895 Manila to Switzerland with a 6 centavos stamp.