

1898 ISSUE
OVERSEAS POSTAL RATE

“MUESTRAS” MAIL

During the 1890s, samples of medicine could be sent at a much lower rate of 1 centavo per ½ ounce. This mail was to be marked “Muestras” or “Muestras de Medicamentos”, meaning “samples of medicine”. Such mail often occurred as large parcels.

ONLY 10 COVERS KNOWN
(marked MUESTRAS)



1898 Manila to Dresden, Germany marked “MUESTRAS”
in manuscript and posted at 8 centavos for a 4 ounce
parcel of samples of medicine.