

POSTAL STATIONERY OF THE PHILIPPINES

UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION

Scott U1 - Scott U16

PLIMPTON ENVELOPES

This series of envelopes were produced from the United States Pre-Stamped Envelope series of 1899, produced by the Plimpton & Morgan Company of Hartford, Connecticut, USA. The word "PHILIPPINES" was added beneath the indicia, mostly in the same colour as the indicia, other than three issues on which the overprinted is printed in red. All the Plimpton envelopes were printed on laid paper with "US POD '99" Watermark (UPSS Type 13).

A number of envelopes from this series exist with a "Francisco Gonzales" corner card. These were produced by special request through the Post Office and properly ordered as per US POD rules, and are listed by Scott as Post Office produced envelopes. They were obtained for stamp dealer John Zug, of Everett, Washington, who advertised them for sale to collectors. Although they were produced in small quantities, they were sold into the philatelic market where unused envelopes are not rare. Additional privately produced corner cards were also printed and are noted accordingly.

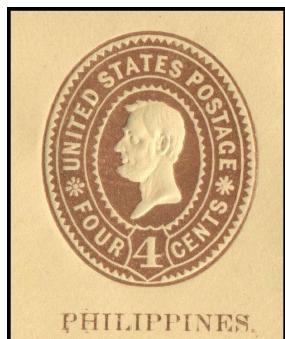
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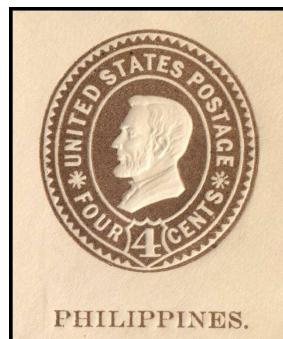
1c Green
(Benjamin Franklin)



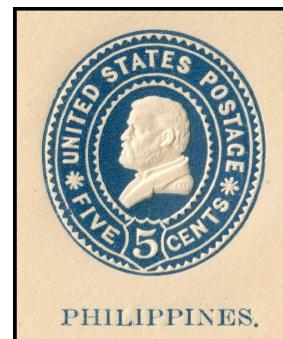
2c Carmine
(George Washington)



4c Brown
(Abraham Lincoln)
Die A - Notched Inner Oval



4c Brown
(Abraham Lincoln)
Die C - Plain Inner Oval



5c Blue
(Ulysses Grant)

KNIFE TYPES

The term “Knife” refers to the shape of an envelope, more specifically the shape of the paper before it is folded. Knife is the technical term for the cutters of the machine by which the envelope blanks are cut out. In philately, it is principally used to denote the varieties in shape of the United States envelopes, where the back shows several varieties in the cutting of the flaps.

Fortunately, there are not as many Knife variations on the US pre-stamped envelopes that were overprinted for use in the Philippines. Generally, these are classified as “low back” or “high back” types, differentiated by the top section on the reverse side of the envelope as detailed in the following Knife Types.



Knife Type 1 (UPSS Types 8, 54, 77)
Low Back

KNIFE TYPES, Cointinued



Knife Type 2 (UPSS Types 57, 78)
High Back



Knife Type 3 (UPSS Types 100, 106)
High Back

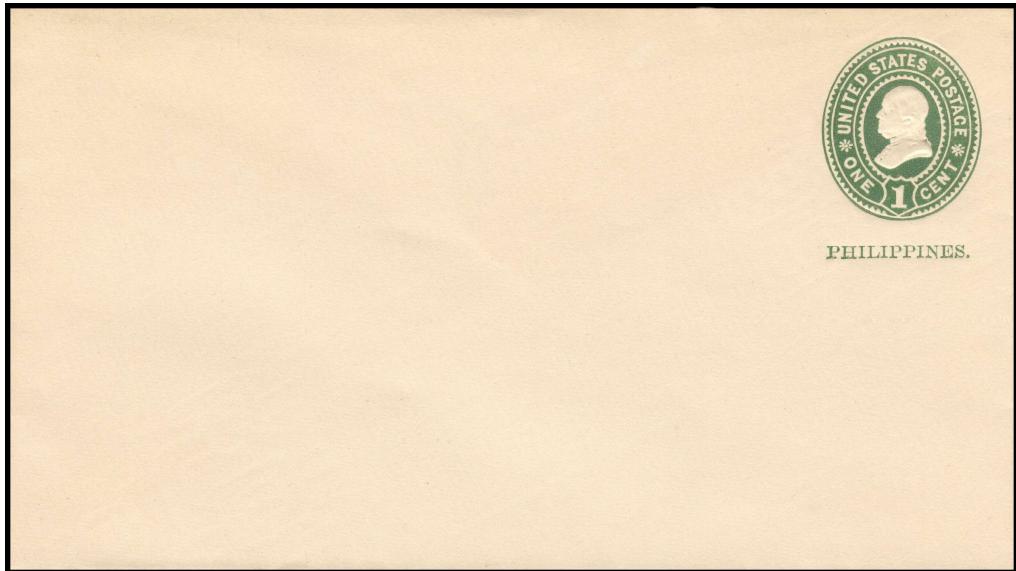
Scott U1

1c Green (Franklin) on White Laid Paper

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U1A	1	73mm x 134mm	Type 1 (UPSS 8)	30,000	10 Dec 1901
U1B	2	89mm x 160mm	Type 1 (UPSS 54)	50,000+	16 Dec 1899
U1C	3	89mm x 160mm	Type 2 (UPSS 57)		??



U1A



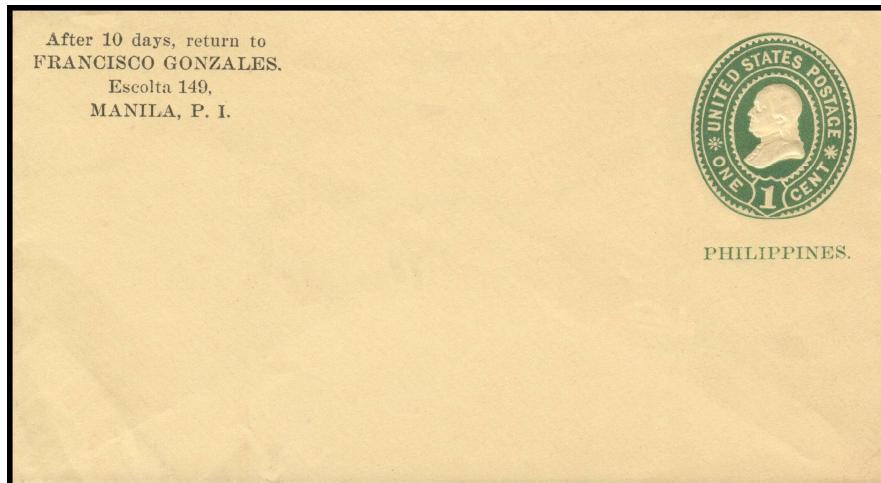
U1B (Knife UPSS 54 - Low Back) and U1C (Knife UPSS 57 - High Back)

Scott U2

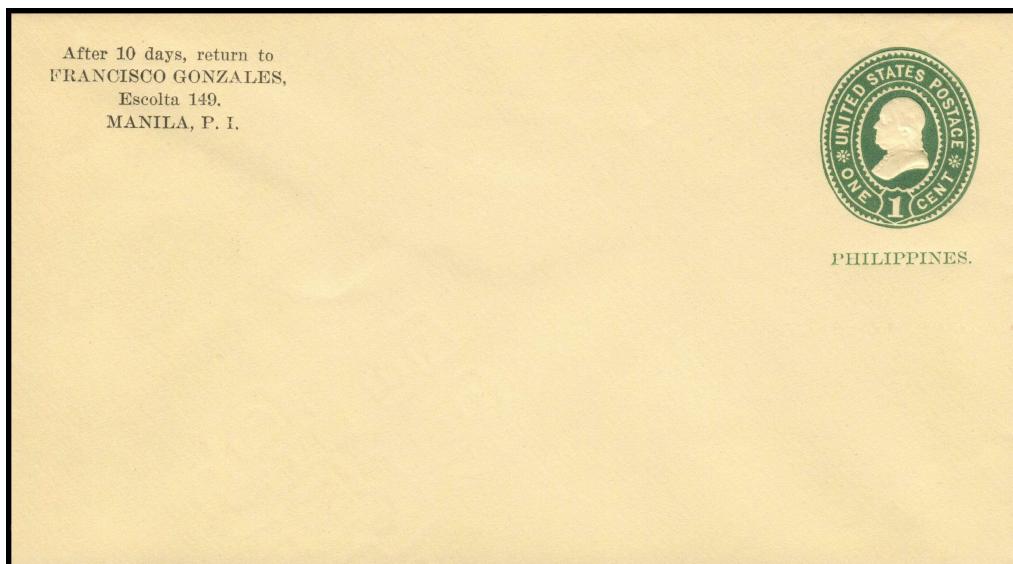
1c Green (Franklin) on Amber Laid Paper

Francisco Gonzales Corner Card

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U2A	4	73mm x 134mm	Type 1 (UPSS 8)	500	14 Apr 1902
U2B	5	89mm x 160mm	Type 2 (UPSS 57)	500	1 Apr 1902



U2A - Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced



U2B - Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced

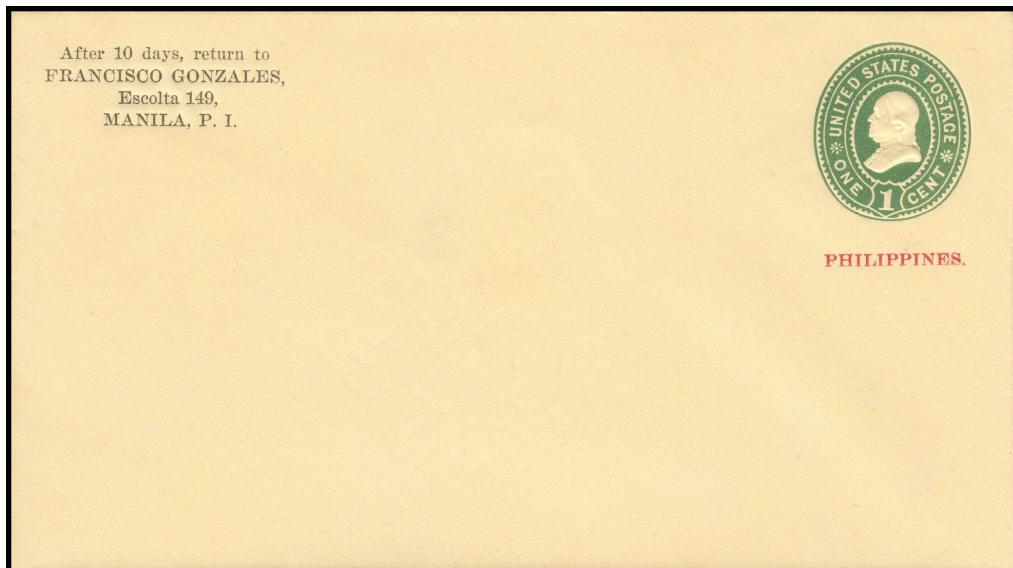
Scott U3

1c Green (Franklin) on Amber Laid Paper (Red Overprint)

Francisco Gonzales Corner Card

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U3	6	89mm x 160mm	Type 2 (UPSS 57)	500	?? *

* ERP 12 January 1902 (noted in UPSS Catalog)



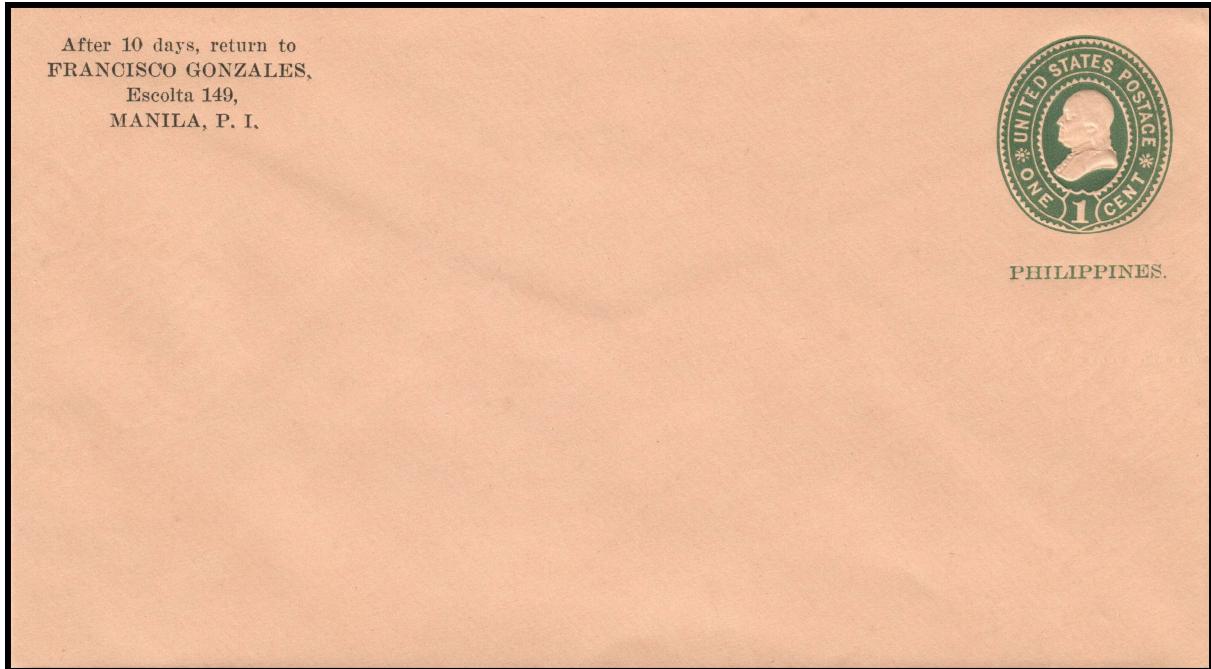
U3 - Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced

Scott U4

1c Green (Franklin) on Oriental Buff Laid Paper

Francisco Gonzales Corner Card

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U4A	7	95mm x 171mm	Type 1 (UPSS 77)	500	7 Nov 1901
U4B	8	95mm x 171mm	Type 2 (UPSS 78)	500	7 Nov 1901



U4A (Knife UPSS 77 - Low Back) and U4B (Knife UPSS 78 - High Back)

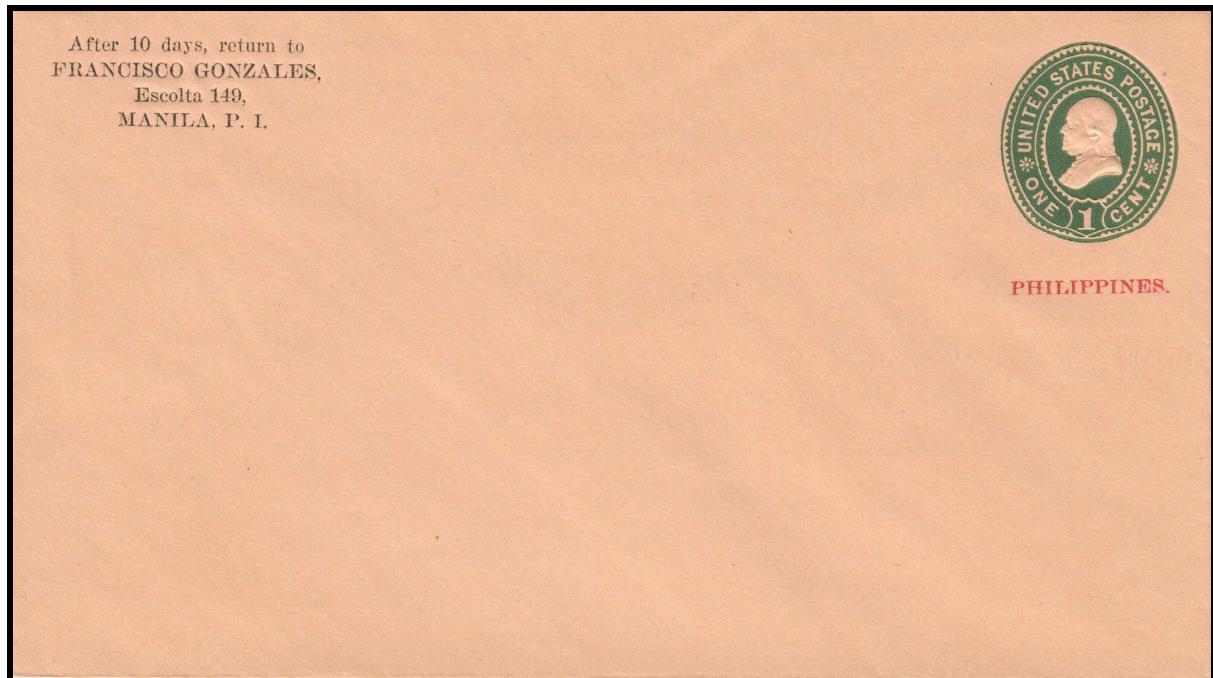
Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced

Scott U5

1c Green (Franklin) on Oriental Buff Laid Paper (Red Overprint)

Francisco Gonzales Corner Card

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U5	9	95mm x 171mm	Type 2 (UPSS 78)	500	24 Aug 1901



U5 - Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced

Scott U6

1c Green (Franklin) on Blue Laid Paper

Francisco Gonzales Corner Card

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U6	10	95mm x 171mm	Type 2 (UPSS 78)	1,000	7 Nov 1901



U6 - Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced

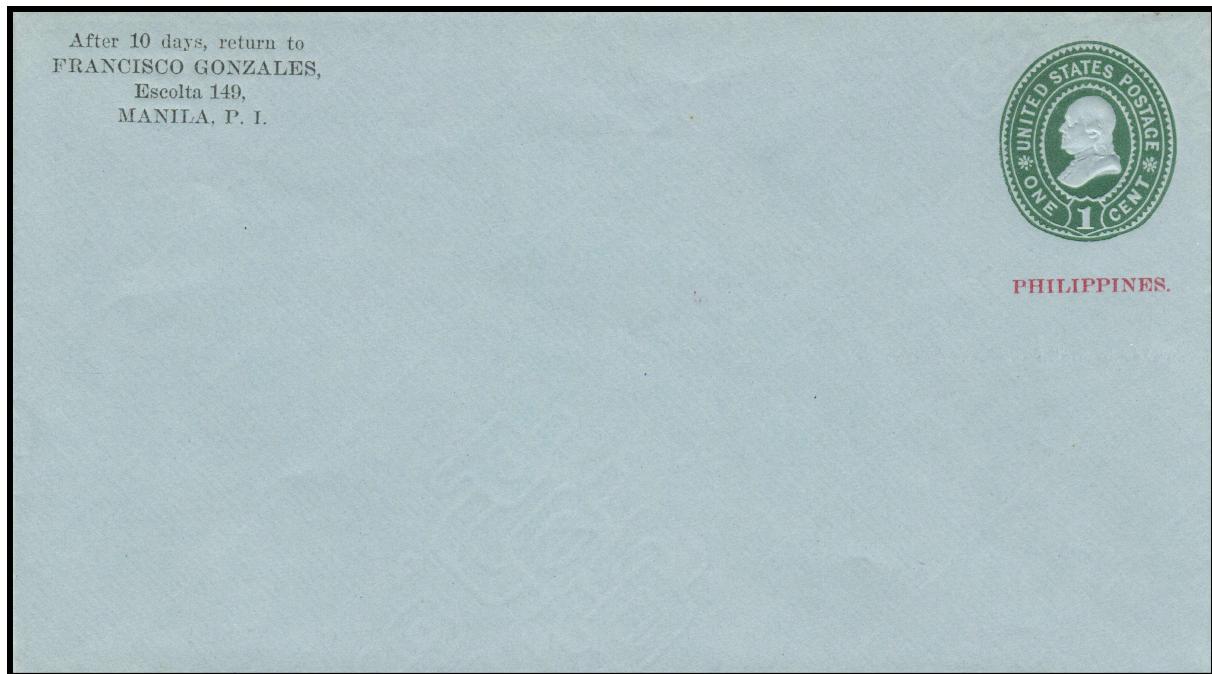
Scott U7

1c Green (Franklin) on Blue Laid Paper (Red Overprint)

Francisco Gonzales Corner Card

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U7	11	95mm x 171mm	Type 2 (UPSS 78)	500	?? *

* ERP 14 January 1902 (noted in UPSS Catalog)



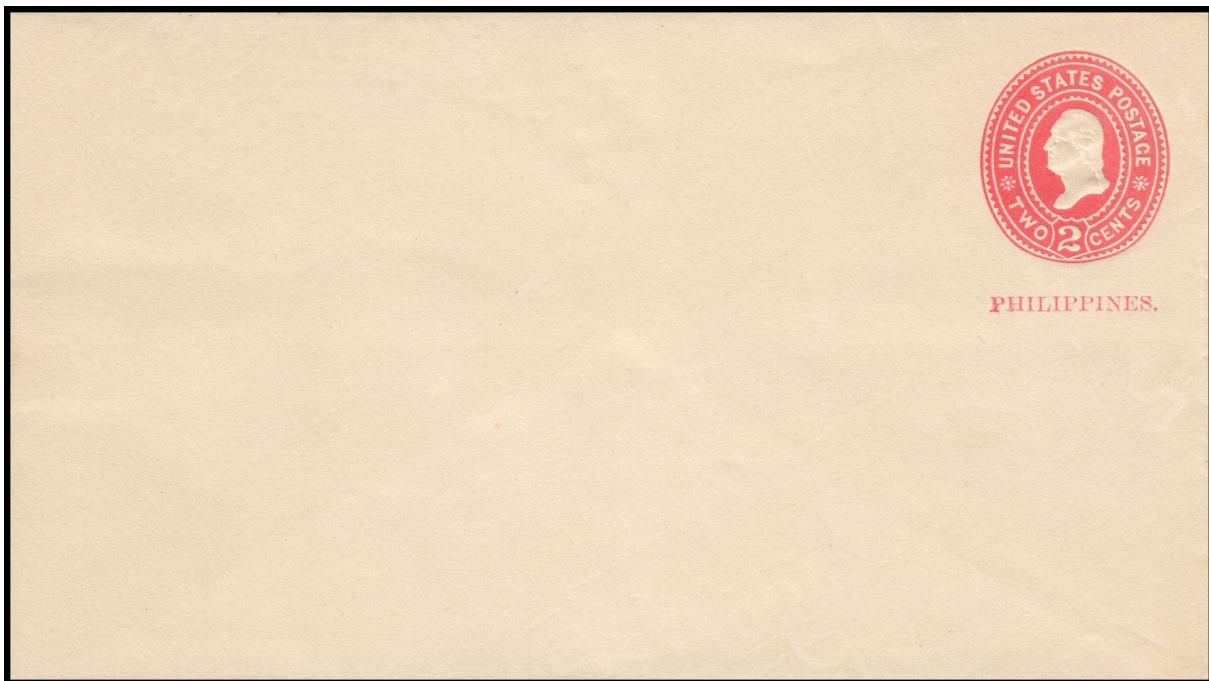
U7 - Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced

Scott U8

2c Carmine (Washington) on White Laid Paper

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U8A	12	89mm x 160mm	Type 1 (UPSS 54)		18 Aug 1899
U8B	13	89mm x 160mm	Type 2 (UPSS 57)	1,160,000	?? *
U8C	14	98mm x 225mm	Type 3 (UPSS 100)	10,000	18 Jun 1901
U8D	15	105mm x 241mm	Type 3 (UPSS 106)	10,000	18 Jun 1901

* ERP 27 July 1901 (Christian Preusse collection)



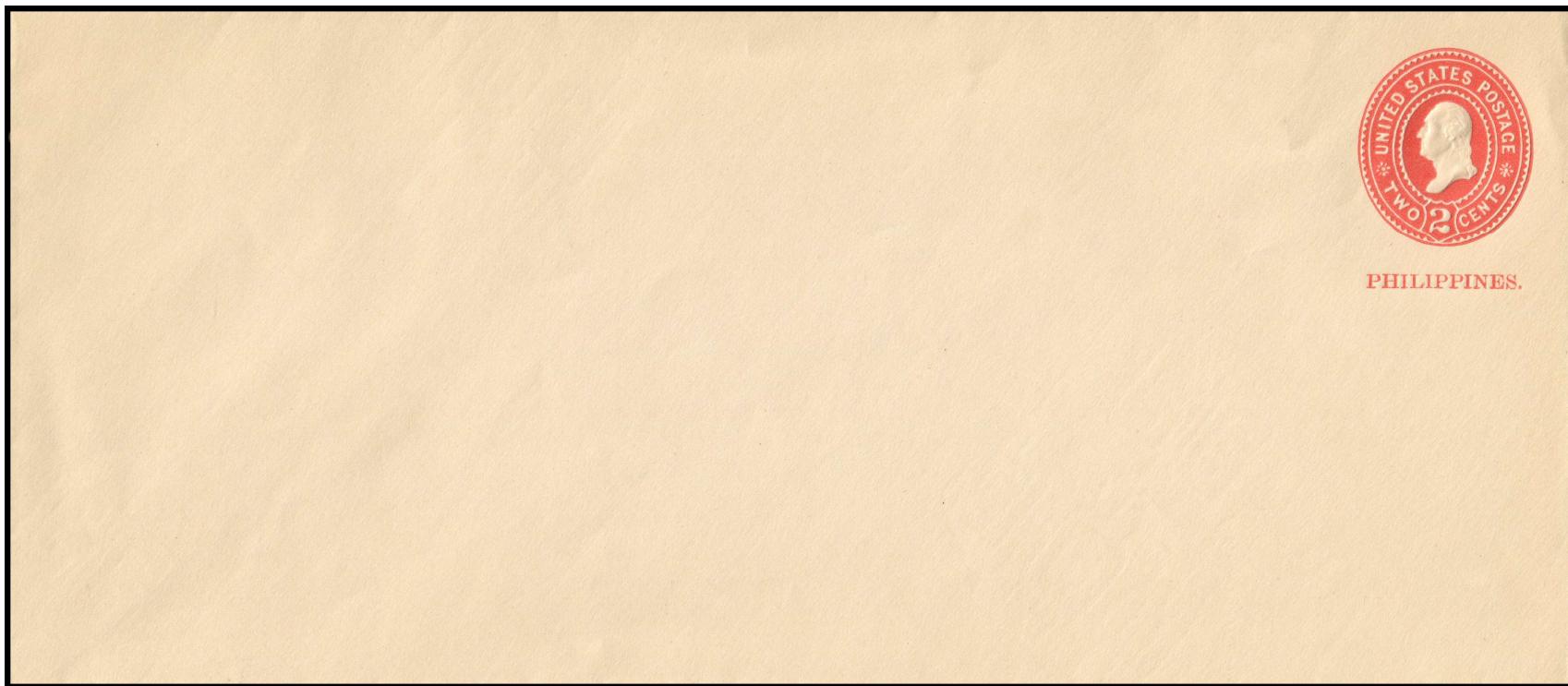
U8A (Knife UPSS 54 - Low Back) and U8B (Knife UPSS 57 - High Back)

Varieties & Errors:

U8Ba – With Missing Period after “PHILIPPINES” (UPSS 13a)

Scott U8, Continued

2c Carmine (Washington) on White Laid Paper



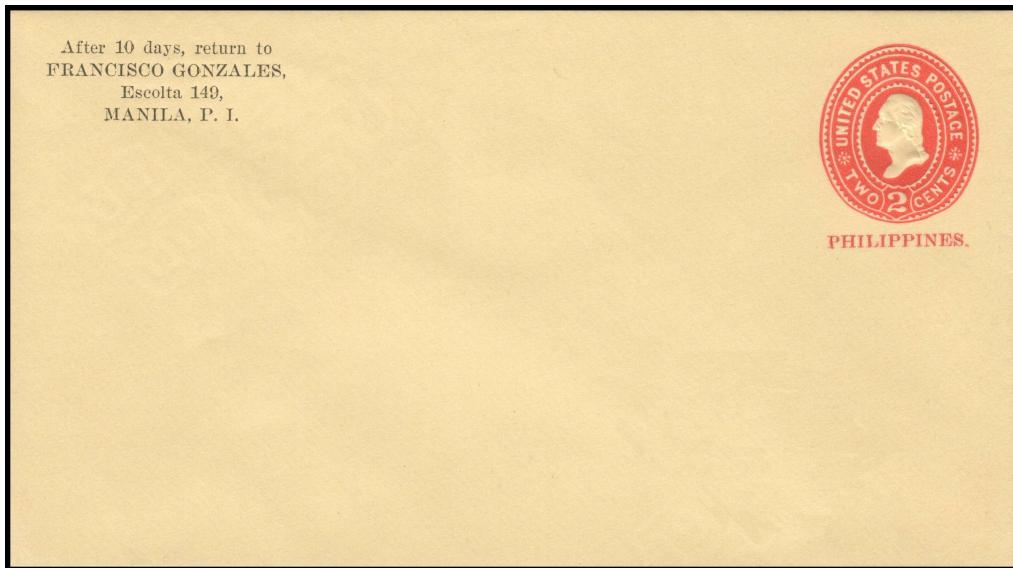
U8C (98mm x 225mm) and U8D (105mm x 241mm)

Scott U9

2c Carmine (Washington) on Amber Laid Paper

Francisco Gonzales Corner Card

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U9	16	89mm x 160mm	Type 2 (UPSS 57)	1,000	??

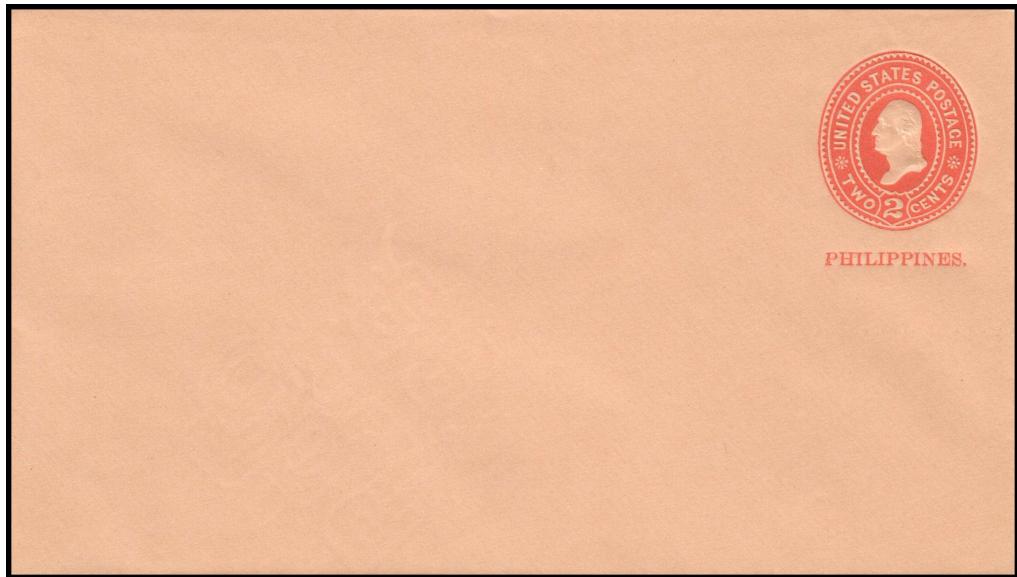


U9 - Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced

Scott U10

2c Carmine (Washington) on Oriental Buff Laid Paper

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U10	17	89mm x 160mm	Type 2 (UPSS 57)	200,000	18 Jun 1901

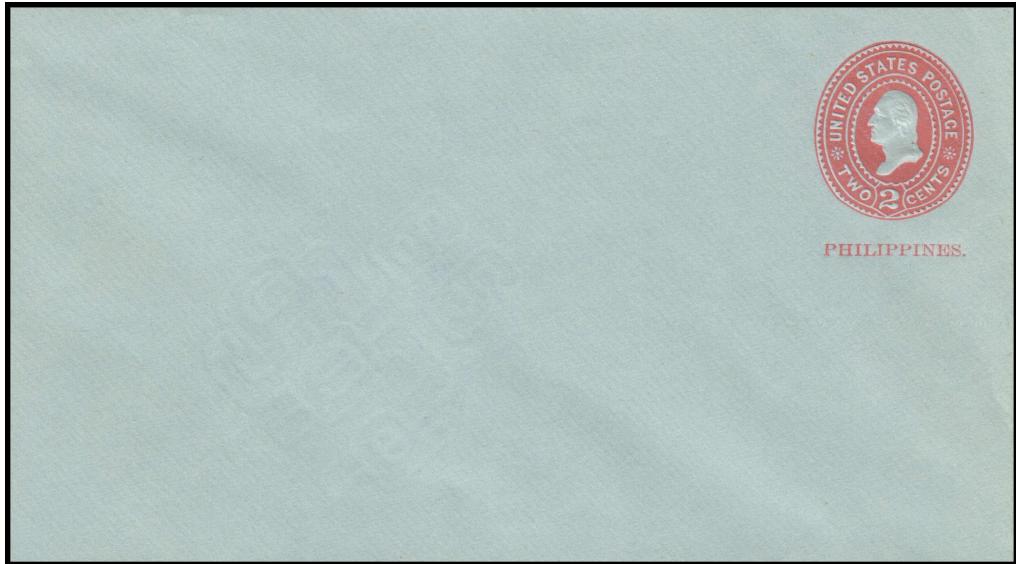


U10

Scott U11

2c Carmine (Washington) on Blue Laid Paper

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U11	18	89mm x 160mm	Type 2 (UPSS 57)	10,000	18 Jun 1901

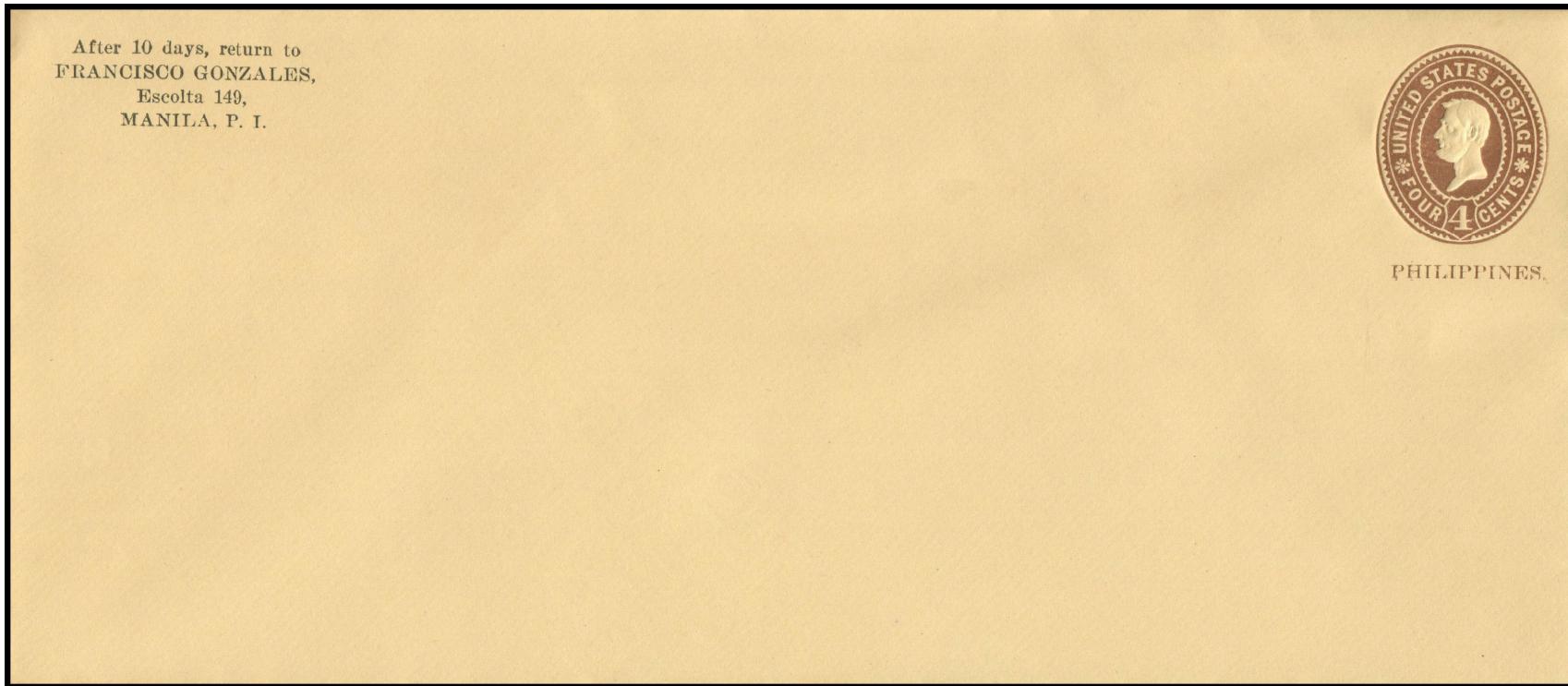


U11

Scott U12

4c Brown (Lincoln) on Amber Laid Paper (Die A)

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U12	19	98mm x 225mm	Type 3 (UPSS 100)	500	4 Nov 1901



U12 - Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced

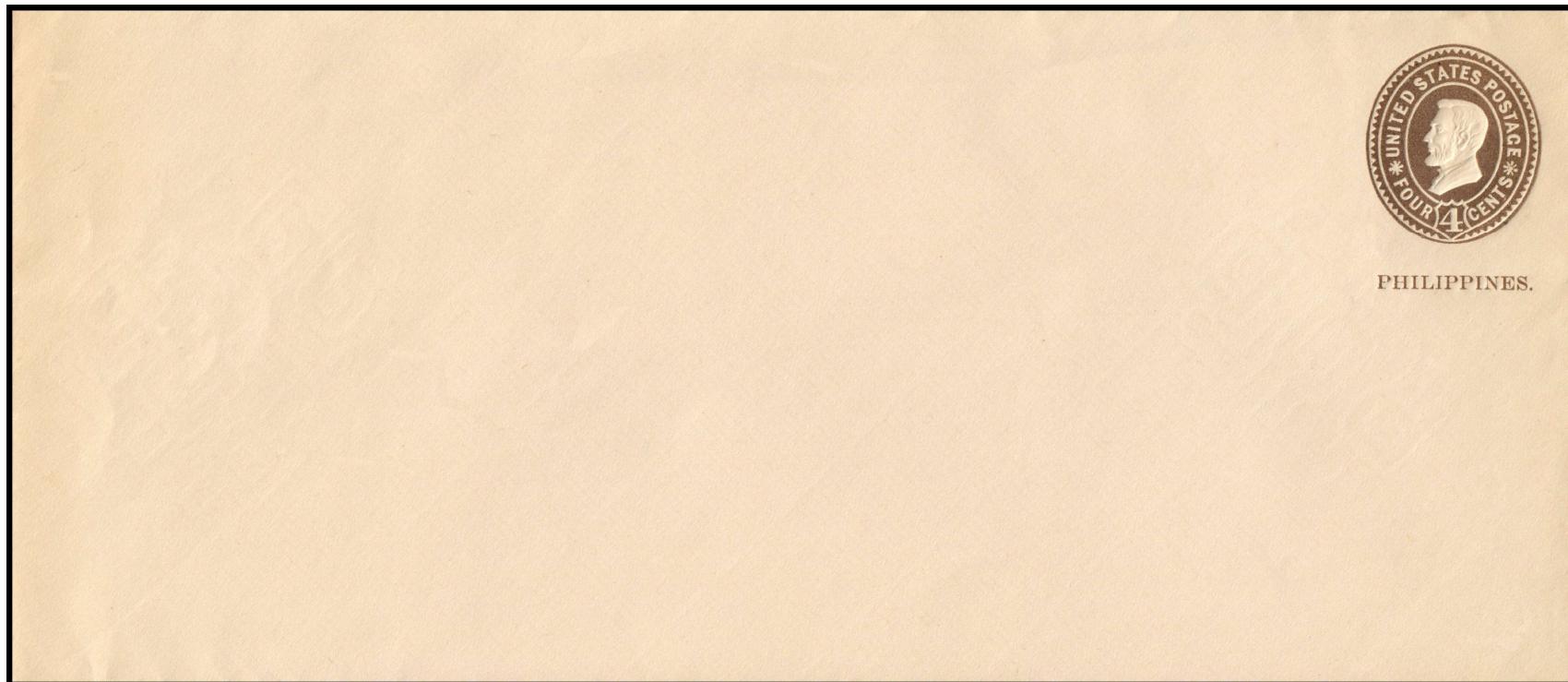
Varieties & Errors:

U12a - Double Overprint of "PHILIPPINES", one card recorded (UPSS-19a)

Scott U13

4c Brown (Lincoln) on White Laid Paper (Die C)

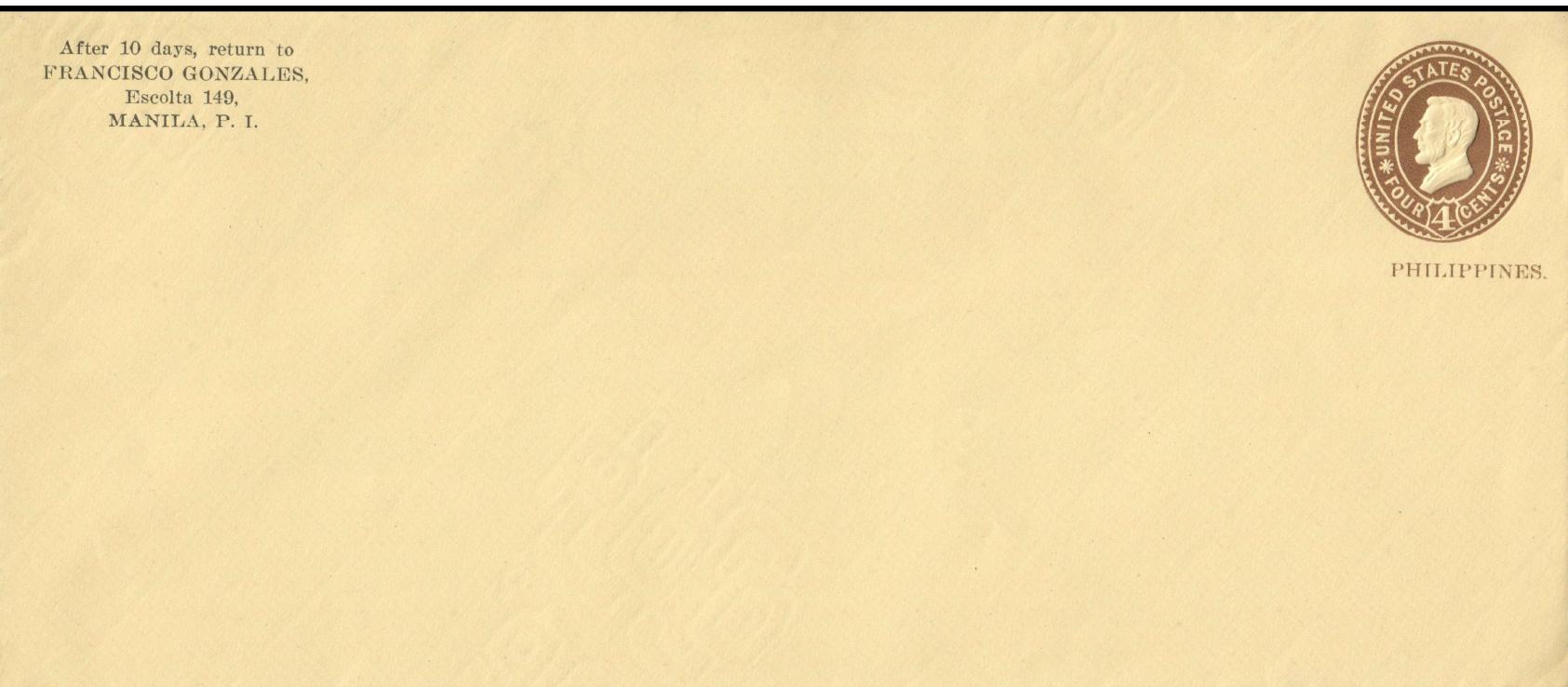
	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U13A	20	98mm x 225mm	Type 3 (UPSS 100)	10,000	18 Jun 1901
U13B	21	105mm x 241mm	Type 3 (UPSS 106)	10,000	18 Jun 1901



U13A (98mm x 225mm) and U13B (105mm x 241mm)

Scott U14
4c Brown (Lincoln) on Amber Laid Paper (Die C)
Francisco Gonzales Corner Card

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U14	22	98mm x 225mm	Type 3 (UPSS 100)	500	4 Nov 1901

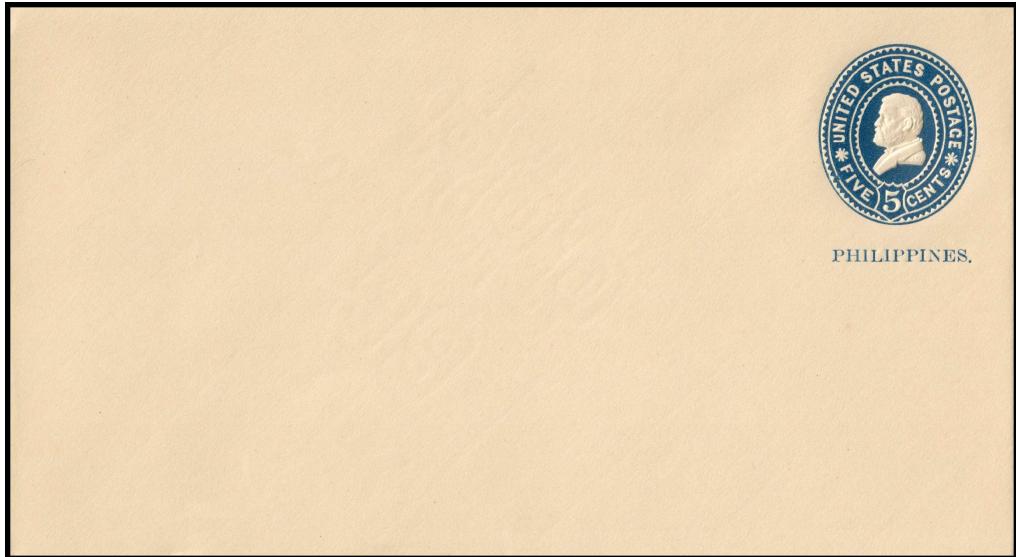


U14 - Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced

Scott U15

5c Blue (Grant) on White Laid Paper

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U15	23	89mm x 160mm	Type 2 (UPSS 57)	20,000	18 Jun 1901



U15

Varieties & Errors:

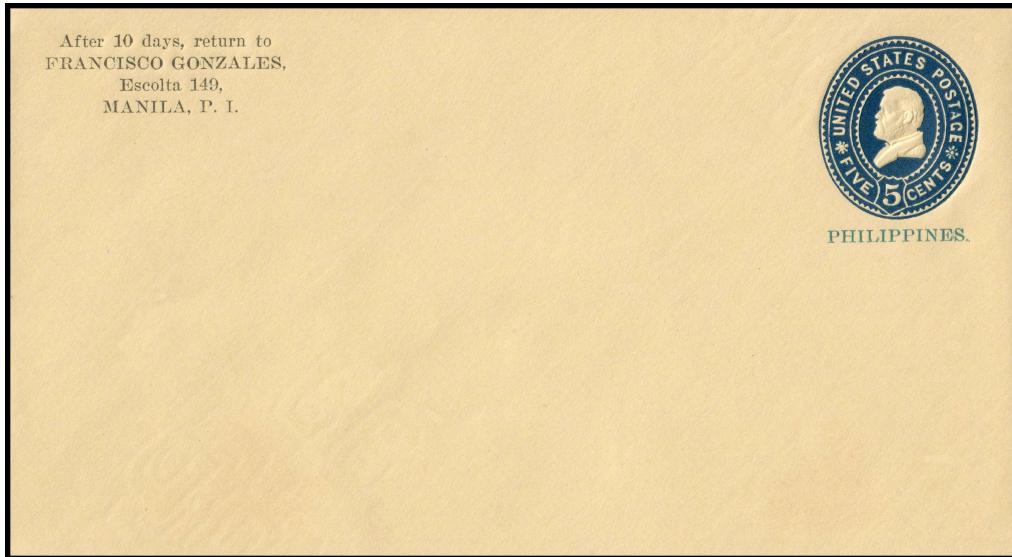
U15a – Issued without gum on flaps, the edges not affixed with glue (one known, Christian Preusse collection)

Scott U16

5c Blue (Grant) on Amber Laid Paper (Greenish-Blue Overprint)

Francisco Gonzales Corner Card

	UPSS	Size	Knife	Quantity	Date Shipped
U16	24	89mm x 160mm	Type 2 (UPSS 57)	500	4 Nov 1901



U16 - Only envelopes with Francisco Gonzales Corner Card were produced

PRIVATELY PRINTED CORNER CARDS

In addition to the Printed Corner Cards produced by special request through the Post Office and properly ordered as per US POD rules, a number of Privately Printed Corner Cards are also known to exist. Where produced, these are noted against each listing as "non-Post Office (privately produced) corner cards".

General Agency, International Correspondence Schools

GEN'L AGENCY
INTERN'L COR. SCHOOLS
OF
SCRANTON, PA.,
76 ESCOLTA,
MANILA, P. I.

Known on U1B

Francisco Gonzales

After 10 days, return to
FRANCISCO GONZALES,
Escolta 149,
MANILA, P. I.

Known on U1C

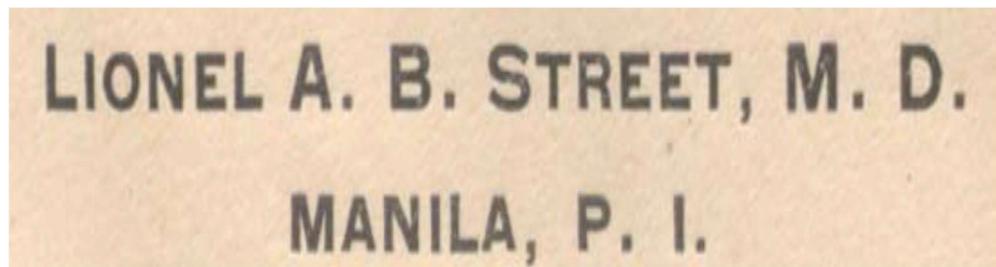
C. W. Ney

*If not delivered within 5 days
return to*
C. W. NEY
61 Calle Anloague, Manila, P. I.

Known on U1C

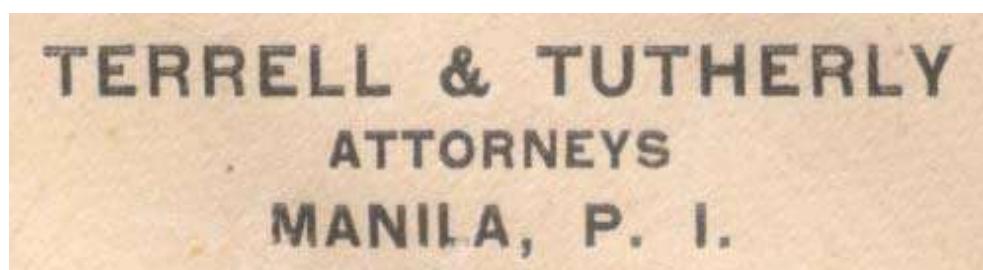
PRIVately PRINTED CORNER CARDS, CONTINUED

Lionel A. B. Street, M.D.



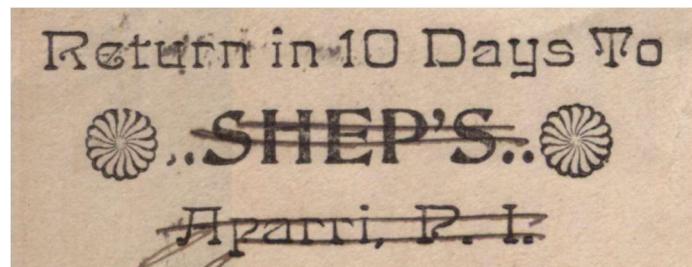
Known on U1C

Terrell & Tutherly



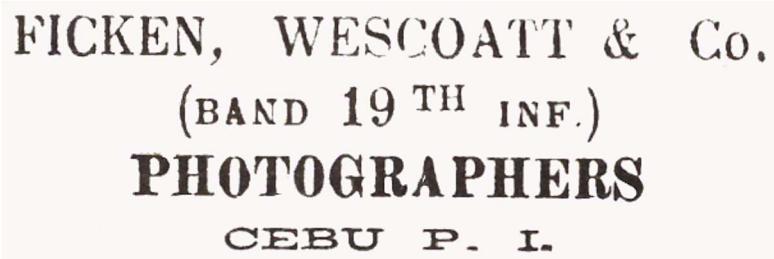
Known on U1C

Shep's



Known on U8A

Ficken, Wescoatt & Co



Known on U8A

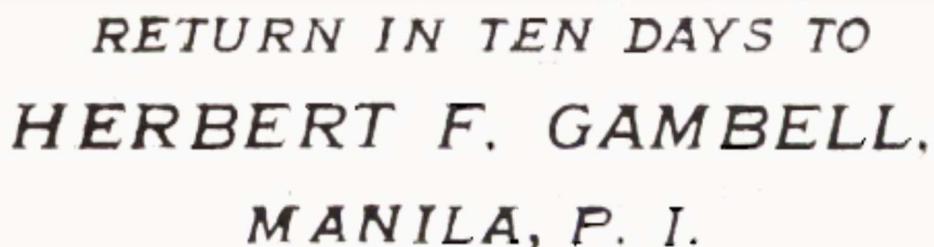
PRIVATELY PRINTED CORNER CARDS, CONTINUED

Henry Fleischer



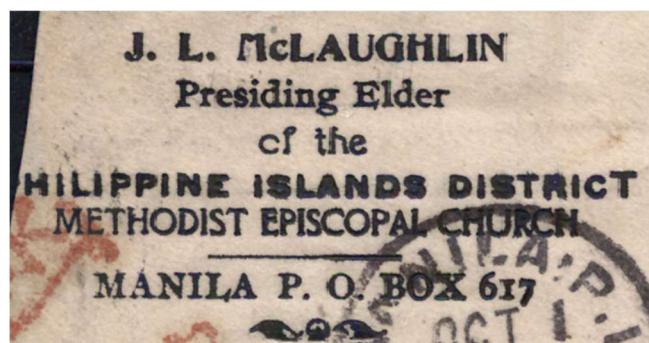
Known on U8A

Herbert F. Gambell



Known on U8A

J. L. McLaughlin



Known on U8B

A. Roces



Known on U10