

II. PERIOD

This period was only of a very short duration, i.e. between the middle of 1886 and the middle of 1888. One could say that this was more or less a trial period. A new type of cancel was cut in steel where the duplicity of the formerly separated 2 cancels was eliminated, uniting the dated cancel with a duplex in form of concentric circles in a one and only stamp. The duplex was placed at 5 mm to the right of the dated cancel. The whole device was most probably also copied from U.S. cancels of the same period.

There exist 2 different types of such cancels. Between two separated rings (in some cases the outer line is doubled with another very thin line) the name of the town is placed in the upper half of the circle and the word Nicaragua in the lower half. In one kind of the cancels only the month (in abbreviated form) with the date underneath are indicated, in the other kind we find also the year in a third row. (see fig. 1 + 2)

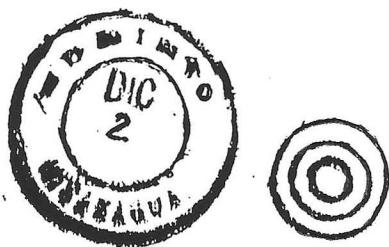


fig. 1



fig. 2

The word CORREOS was omitted and in some cancels a stop can be found after the name of the town and after Nicaragua. The cancels were mostly applied in black, but colors as grey-blue, magenta or violet exist.

Most of these cancels had a diameter of 30 mm (without the duplex), with the exception of SAN JUAN DEL NORTE and SAN JUAN DEL SUR with a diameter of 35 mm each. (fig. 2a and 2b)



fig. 2 a



fig. 2 b

The application of such stampers, including the duplex about 51 mm large, was certainly not very easy and it is supposed that for this reason these stampers were cut into two halves and used separately. Specially on the early postcards with the national emblem and the value printed in full words, such a duplex cancel did not make any sense. Many of the early postcards (Ascher N° 1 - 6) are therefore found with the circular cancel only, whereas the "duplex" can more easily be found on stamps of the 1882 (U.P.U.) issue.

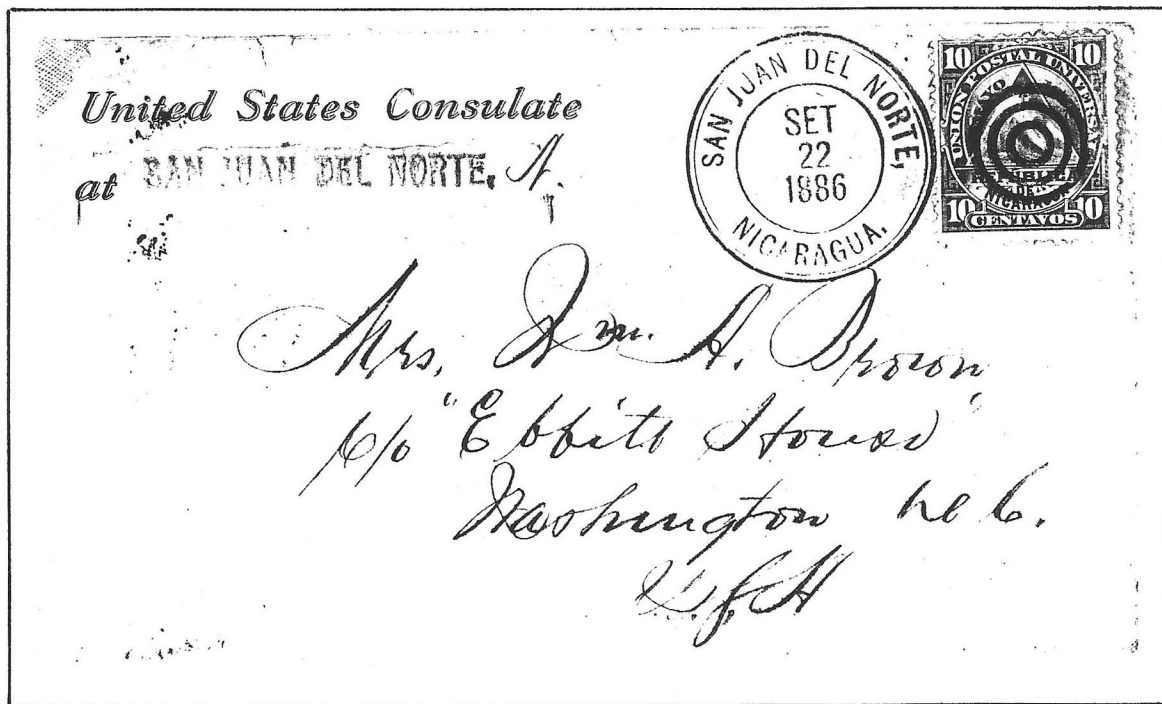
Covers with cancels of this period are rather scarce!

N I C A R A G U A

1882 - First issue under U.P.U. membership, perf. 12

Printed: American Bank Note Co., New York

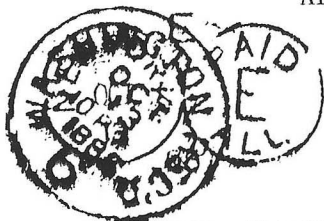
Cover from SAN JUAN DEL NORTE to Washington D.C., U.S.A.



Cancelled SAN JUAN DEL NORTE September 22, 1886
Transit postmark New Orleans - PAID ALL, October 9, 1886

Arrival postmark Washington D.C. October 13, 1886

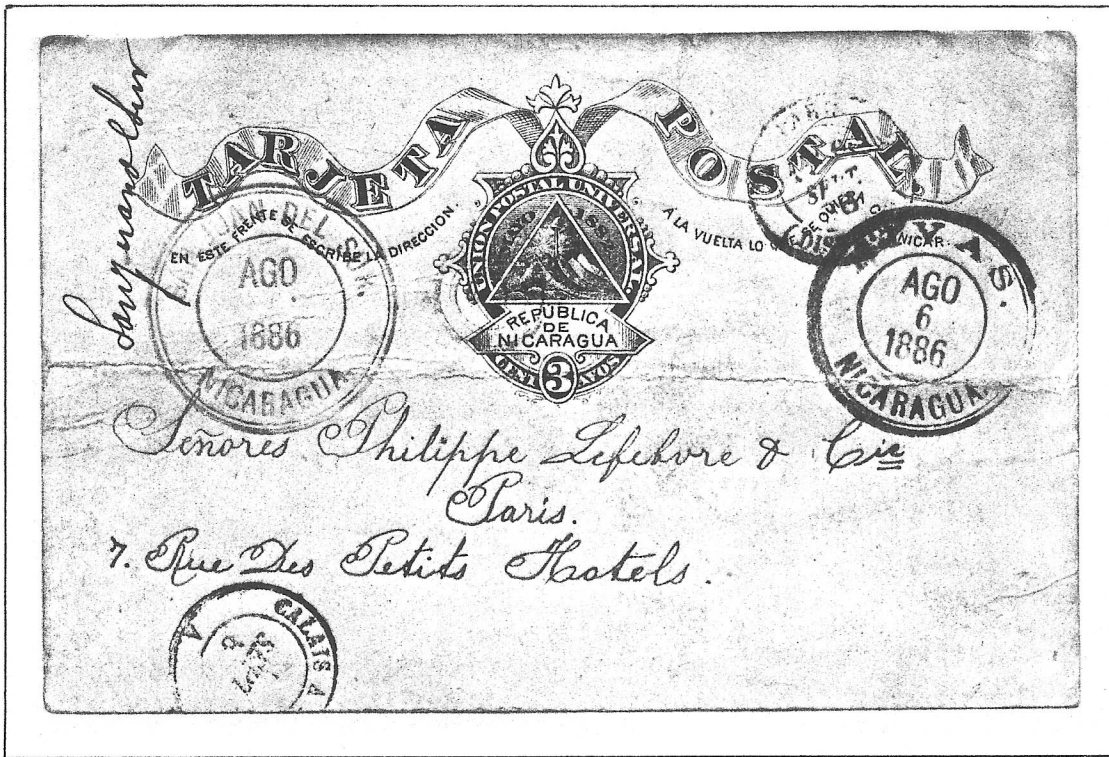
CARRIER handstamp October 13 - 10 PM



N I C A R A G U A

Postcard - 1884

Postcard from Rivas to Paris, France



Cancelled RIVAS August 6, 1886

Transit postmark SAN JUAN DEL SUR August 7, 1886

Transit postmark (train) Calais à Paris September 7, 1886

Arrival postmark Paris September 7, 1886

This postcard shows both types of cancel of the II. period:

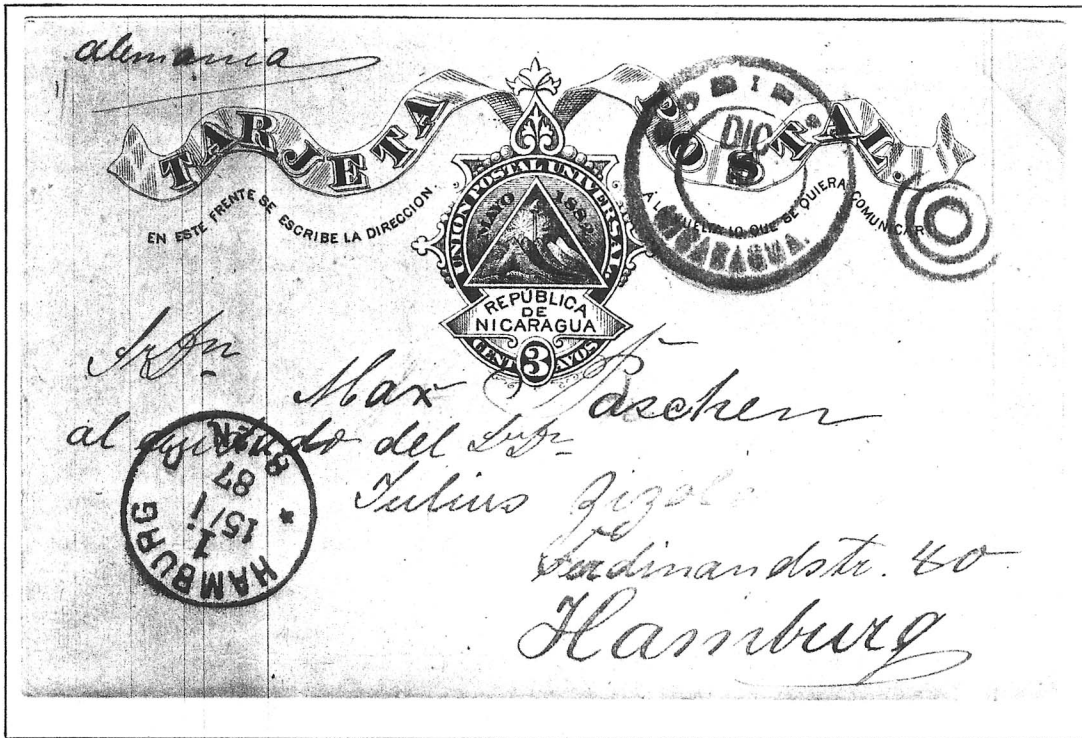
R I V A S = 30 mm ø

S A N J U A N D E L S U R = 35 mm ø

N I C A R A G U A

Postcard - 1884

Postcard from Leon to Hamburg, Germany



Cancelled Corinto December 10 (no year)
Arrival postmark Hamburg January 15, 1887
(Postcard written in Leon Dec 9, 1886)

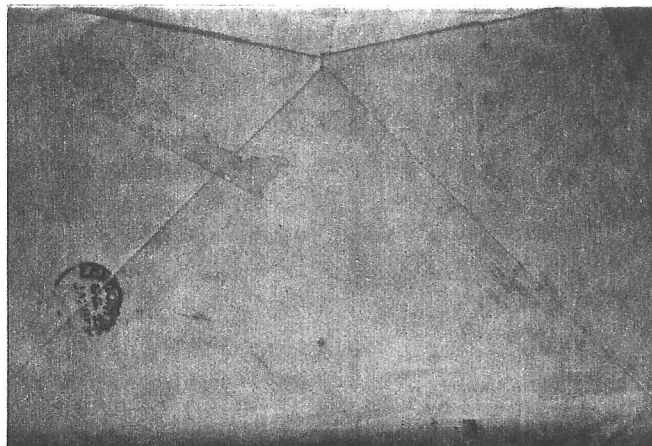
N I C A R A G U A

1882 - First issue under U.P.U. membership, perf. 12
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Cover from Rivas to London, England



Cancelled Rivas December 22, 1886
 Arrival postmark London January 28, 1887
 Arrival postmark Kensington Jan. 28, 1887



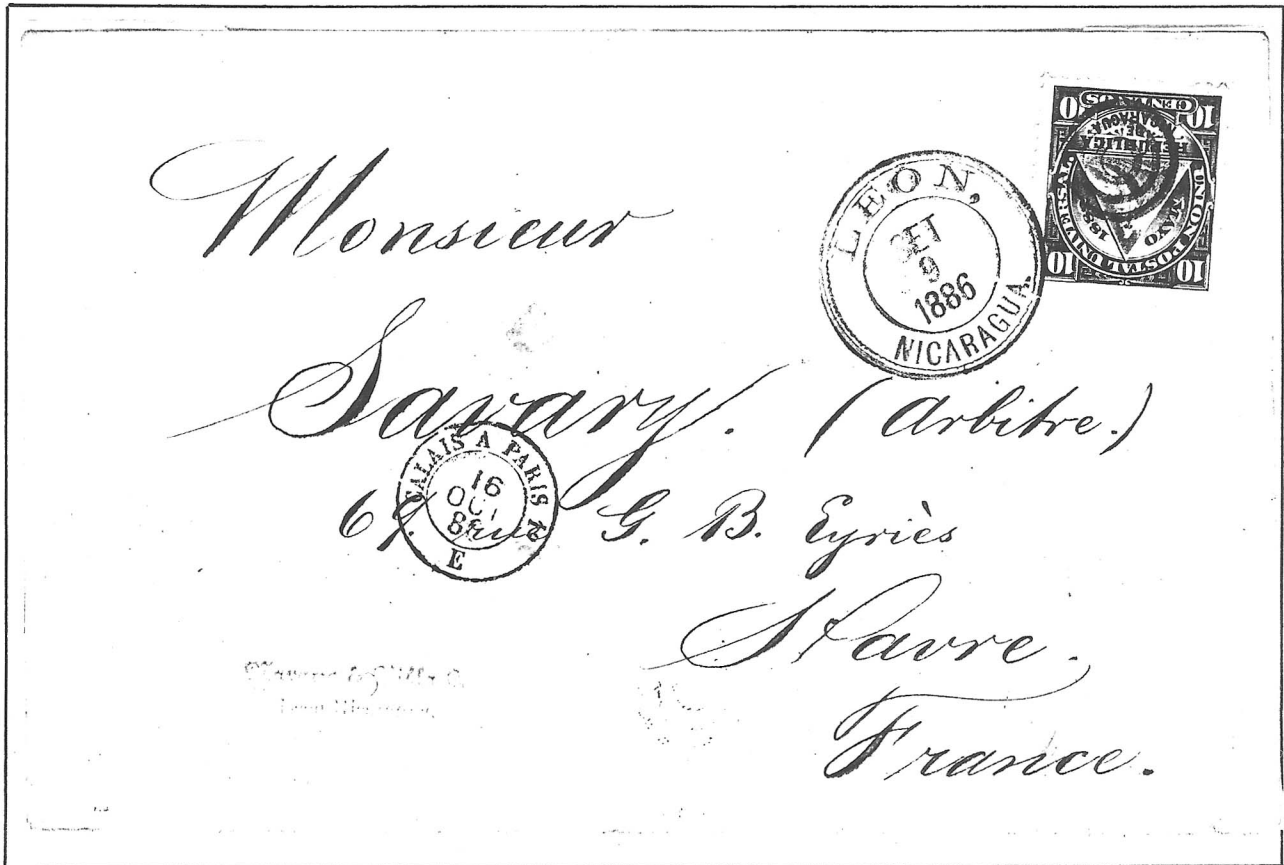
N I C A R A G U A

Cover from Leon to Le Havre, France

1882

Soft porous and hard white paper, engraved, perf. 12

Printed: American Bank Note Co., New York



Cancelled Leon September 9, 1886
Transit postmark Corinto Sept. 10, 1886
Transit postmark Calais à Paris Oct. 16, 1886
Arrival postmark Le Havre October 16, 1886

