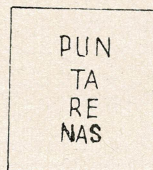
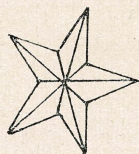
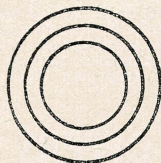


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COSTA RICA (Period 1863-1883)

The beautiful design of the first issue, "The Sailing Ships beneath the Stars", alone commands attention in each of its four colours—blue, red, green and orange; and when cancelled with a town postmark, an attractive range is provided. On these stamps a dated cancel in boxed oblong is also found.

In ovals, the following towns are recorded. (Others are known to exist but the ones noted are in the author's collection.)

ATENAS, CARTAGO, ESPAZA, HEREDIA, LIBERIA, LIMON, NICOYA, PARENAS, SAN JOSE (the Capital), S. MATEO (known bisected on the $\frac{1}{2}$ Real).

In boxed oblong, ALAJUELA.

In boxed rectangle, PUNTARENAS.

In single circle, ATENAS and SAN JOSE.

In single circle with central star, ALAJUELA.

In double circle, dated, SAN JOSE.

Few dumb cancels exist and some of them are illustrated. Of these postmarks, PUNTARENAS is probably the scarcest.