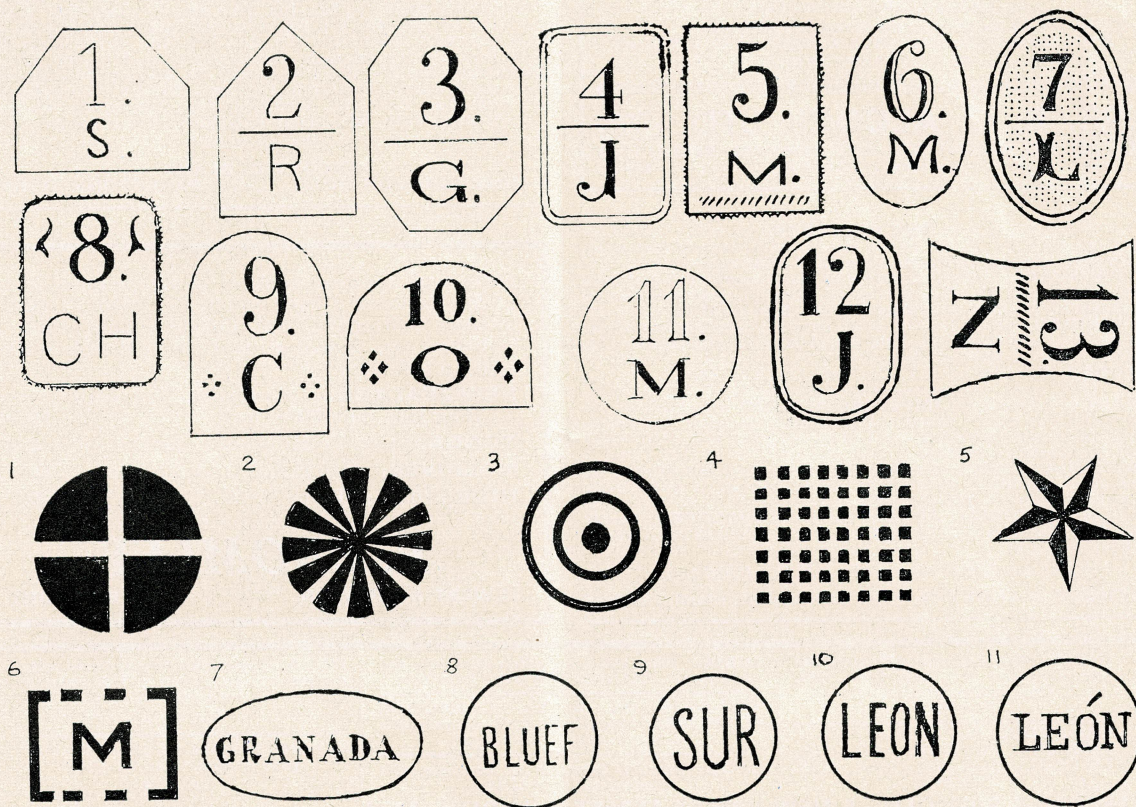


Early Postmarks of Latin America

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NICARAGUA (Period 1862-1882)

For several reasons, this country provides one of the most interesting ranges of postmarks to be found on Central American stamps. Though not as extensive as some other countries it has a unique set of 13 cancellations all its own. These can form almost a collection in themselves as they occur on all the horizontal stamps and continue during the life of the 1882 issue:—

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| 1 S | SAN JUAN DEL SUR | 8 CH | CHINANDEGA |
| 2 R | RIVAS | 9 C | CORINTO |
| 3 G | GRANADA | 10 O | OCOTAL |
| 4 J | JINOTEPE | 11 M | MATAGALPA |
| 5 M | MASAYA | 12 J | JINOTEGA |
| 6 M | MANAGUA | 13 N | SAN JUAN DEL NORTE |
| 7 L | LEON* | | |

The 1 S cancellation is certainly the most difficult to find, followed by Nos. 10, 11, 12, and whilst the remainder *off* cover can be bought for a few shillings each several, including 6 M, on *complete* cover sold for over £100 each at auction recently.

Before these cancellations were withdrawn, the "Town in Circle" Type (Figs. 8-11) came into simultaneous use,

* Four types, three of them without background.

though they more frequently appear on subsequent issues. The following towns are recorded:—

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| BLUEF(IELDS) (Fig. 8) | MASAYA |
| CORINTO | MANAGUA |
| CHINAN(DEGA) | MATAGA(LPA) |
| CHICH(ICASTE) | NANBAIME |
| GRANADA | OCOTAL |
| (Also in oval, Fig. 7) | RIVAS |
| GRACIAS (A DIOS) | (SAN JUAN DEL) NORTE |
| JINOTEGA | (SAN JUAN DEL) SUR (Fig. 9) |
| LEON | (SAN) CARLOS |
| (Two types, Figs. 10 & 11) | TIPITAPA |

There are a few other cancellations of the DUMB type (Figs. 1 to 6).

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