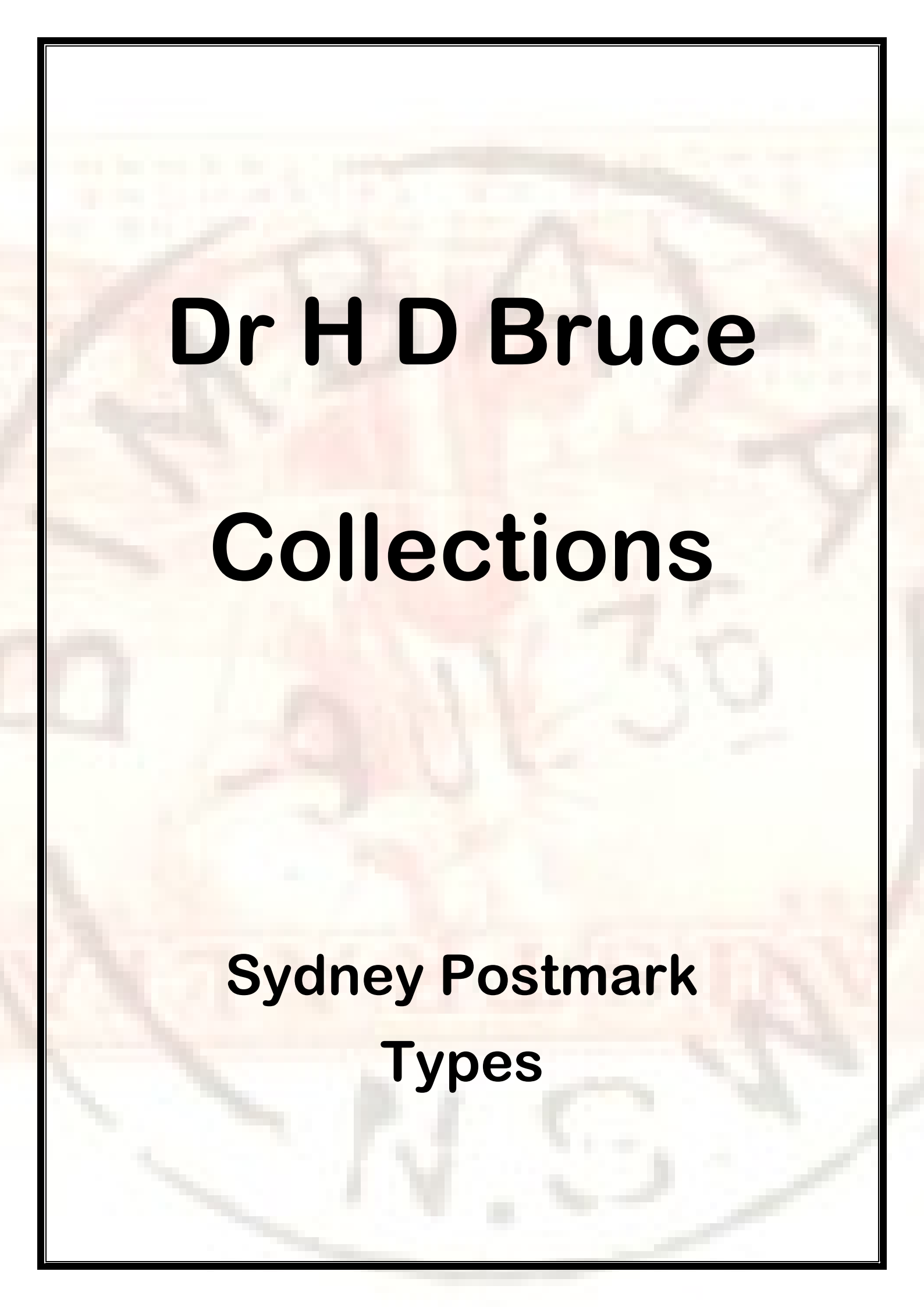




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# **Collections**

**Sydney Postmark  
Types**

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THE MAIN TYPES OF  
NEW SOUTH WALES POSTMARKS.

SYDNEY.

PRE -STAMP POSTMARKS. and EARLY DATE STAMPS.

Although the Post Office was established in Sydney in 1820 I have not seen any cancellation prior to 1829. That is shewn hereunder and I take it that it was issued in 1828 the year in which the P.O. expanded and the seven country offices were opened. (Most of the used very similar obliterations.

First (?) type

"Crowned Oval" type

Crowned oval--enclosed



"Crowned Oval"... This began to appear in probably in 1832 and there 4 varieties. (1) Scroll above date--shewn here (2) Oval & rays. The manufacture of this die was authorised in 1/11/1834 by Col. Sec. (3) No ornament (4) ditto but Stars before & after 'SYDNEY'

Crowned Oval enclosed. Appeared 1838 (earliest date seen) and continued in use until 1845 or '46.

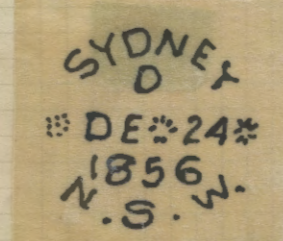
1845 Large unenclosed circle--"GENERAL POST OFFICE -- SYDNEY"

1849 " " " --"SYDNEY --NEW SOUTH WALES!"

1845.

1849 (2 types)

1855. (2 types)

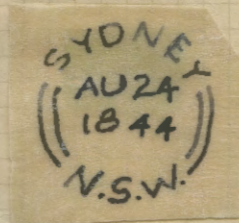


A third type (1854) reads "NEW.S.WALES."

Crown removed and check letter in place.

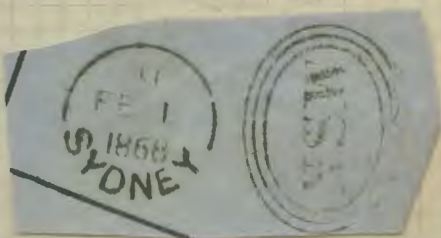
This very neat little type I have never seen used other than as a back stamp. It was a perhaps one of those authorised by the Col. Secy on 26/11/1842. In type it appears definitely to be before time.

It continued in use till about 1855



SYDNEY.

The use of the previous types of killers was continued until about 1857 when the subjoined was substituted on occasions.



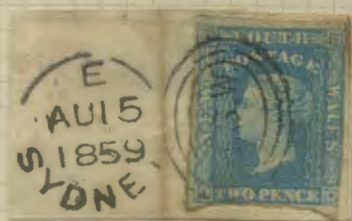
All these killers were used (by official instruction) to obliterate the stamp. The date of posting was supplied by the 'back stamp'--not always applied on the back! The majority, if not all of these were in concurrent use by the end of the period (1858-59)

The "DUPLEX TYPES"

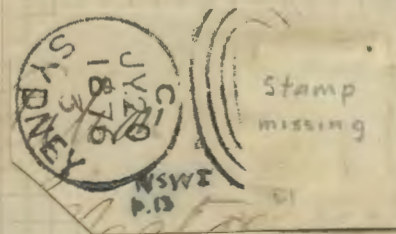
The comprised a form of killer together with the Sydney date stamp. The earlier duplexes appear to have been made in one piece and it was not until 1884 that there appeared a mark applied by a holder into which it was possible to fit different date stamps and different ellipses

A. N.S.W. in Concentric Ovals 1858.

a. In 3 ellipses 1858 till 1874



b. In 4 ellipses 1870 till 1884



c. In 3 ellipses 1887 till 1895

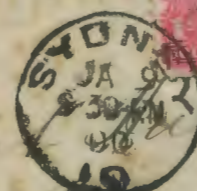
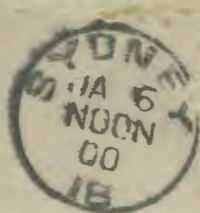


SYDNEY.

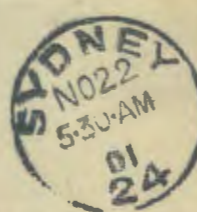
Second Duplex type.

N.S.W. between bars, forming oval.

a. 3 Bars. 1896 til 1902



b. 4 Bars. 1901 till 1905



There are many types of both these ellipses and ovals (a few varieties are here shown) and with the varying types of "SYDNEY" mark the combinations must run into hundreds.

The use of the duplex type was not common after 1905 as Machine cancellations became increasingly common. I have not seen one later than 1907. Until the Machine types became practically universal the various following ordinary circular date stamps were used.



NOTE. Right from the early days the use of check letters or numbers is the rule as may be seen from the copies here shown.

There is no doubt that these had no other use than to distinguish the very numerous obliterations in use. A daily record was kept by whom they were used so that in the case of enquiry the actual clerk through whose hands a particular letter passed could be located.

SYDNEY.

MACHINE CANCELLATIONS.

The earliest date of these that I have seen is Oct. 1st 1902 and I am of the opinion that this was the year in which this type of cancelling method was introduced.



Within 18 months these other two types were introduced and were in concurrent use with the above.

Other types then followed in the next 10 years:--

1907

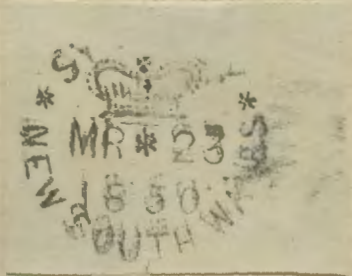
Check Nos. 1 and 2  
also "ENGLISH MAIL  
N.S.W." in place of  
"SYDNEY."

1909

1914

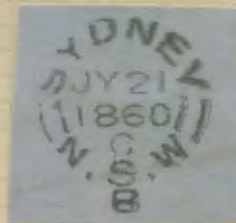
Check Nos. 3,5,6,7.

# TYPES OF POSTMARKS USED BETWEEN 1828 AND 1902.

|    | Introduced | Use<br>in:- | Cognomen         |                                                                                      | Display<br>page |
|----|------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | 1828       | 1858        | "PRE-STAMP"      |    | 5-9.            |
| 2. | 1850       | 1856        | "KILLER"         |  | 10-13           |
| 3. | 1856       | 1871        | "TOP-ARC"        |  | 15-19           |
| 4. | 1861       | 1862        | "BARRED DIAMOND" |  | 20-22.          |
| 4a | 186        | 187         | "N.S.W.<br>only" |                                                                                      | 24a, b          |

# Types - contd.

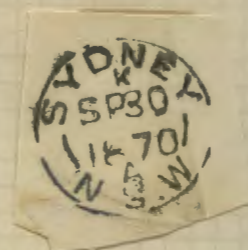
5. 1860 1864 "EXTERNAL LETTER"



23.

6. 1862 1869 "DOUBLE LETTER"

(A) Unenclosed



24-25

7. 1865 1873. (B) Enclosed.

26

8. 1868 1870 "NEWSPAPER"



27.

9. 1871 1880 "RING"



28

10. 1872 1875 "SEMI-RING"



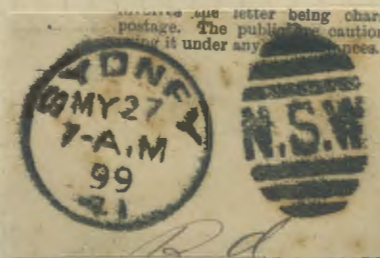
29-31.

# Types - Contd

|     |      |       |                         |                                                                                      |            |
|-----|------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 11. | 1876 | 1881. | "VERTICAL<br>DUPLEX"    |    | 32-<br>33. |
| 12. | 1876 | 1881  | "BABY<br>CHECK NUMBER"  |   | 34-<br>35. |
| 13. | 1878 | 1881  | "SINGLE<br>LETTER"      |  | 36         |
| 14. | 1881 | 1891  | "TRIPLE<br>ELLIPSE"     |  | 38-<br>44. |
| 15  | 1886 | 1896  | ELLIPSES<br>TIME SHEWN. |  | 45-<br>53. |

# TYPES - contd

16. 1895. 1904 "BARRED N.S.W."  
 (a) 6 bars  
 1900 (b) 8 bars.



54-

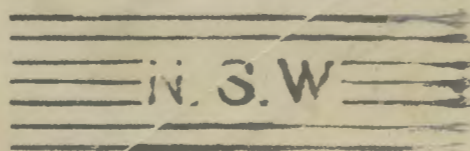
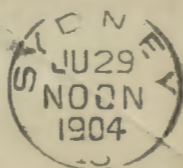
17. 1905 still in use "ONE LINE"  
 (Date & time in one line)



18. 1905 still in use

MACHINE CANCELLATIONS.  
 (different types to date)

Separate Volume



PRE-STAMP TYPES. (Contd)

1837. Inscribed "GENERAL POST OFFICE — SYDNEY"

A. With Crown

B. Crown removed

See Pg 12a



1847. "SYDNEY — NEW SOUTH WALES" in sans-serif type  
There were atleast 3 stamps in use



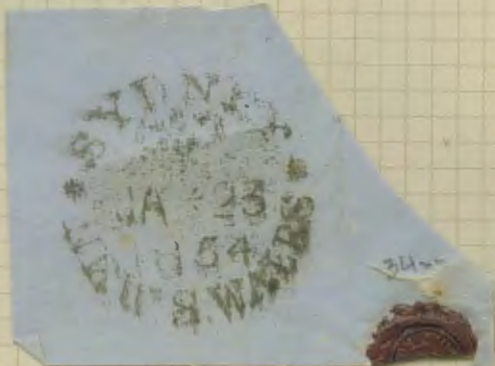
Time designating mark



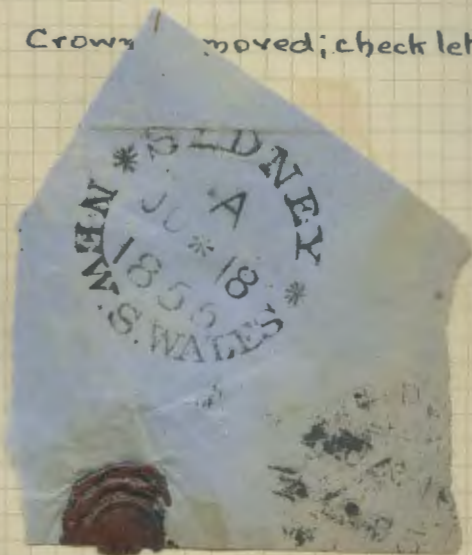
PRE-STAMP TYPES. (Contd)

1850(?) "SYDNEY-NEW S. WALES" in Serif type.

A. With Crown



B. Crown removed; check letter.



185.

"SYDNEY-NEW SOUTH WALES"  
Smaller type; check letter.



186.



# SYDNEY

## A. "BARRED" TYPES

This was the earliest form of postmark used to obliterate the postage-stamps (issued January 1850).

There were seven types at least, all of which were in use by 1854 and by the study of the H.L. White Collection in the Mitchell Library, together with those of Miss Vickary & Mr. F.T. Bolton, it would appear that these types were introduced in the following order:-

1. 1850. 14 curved vertical bars.

2. 10 curved vertical bars - close together.



3. 1851. 8 curved vertical bars.



## SYDNEY

### BARRED TYPES - cont'd

4. 1852. 10 curved vertical bars - wider apart.



5. 1854. 16 curved vertical bars



6. 4 curved vertical bars. -  $\frac{3}{4}$ " long.

7. 10 curved vertical bars. 5 rows of dots in place of the 4 horizontal lines as heretofore

BARRED TYPES - cont'd.

Type 7.

ENTIRE.



The resurrection of Type 3 in 1880's is interesting. Then apparently used as a registration cancellation.



BARRED TYPES - contd

Introduction of the Time designating mark.

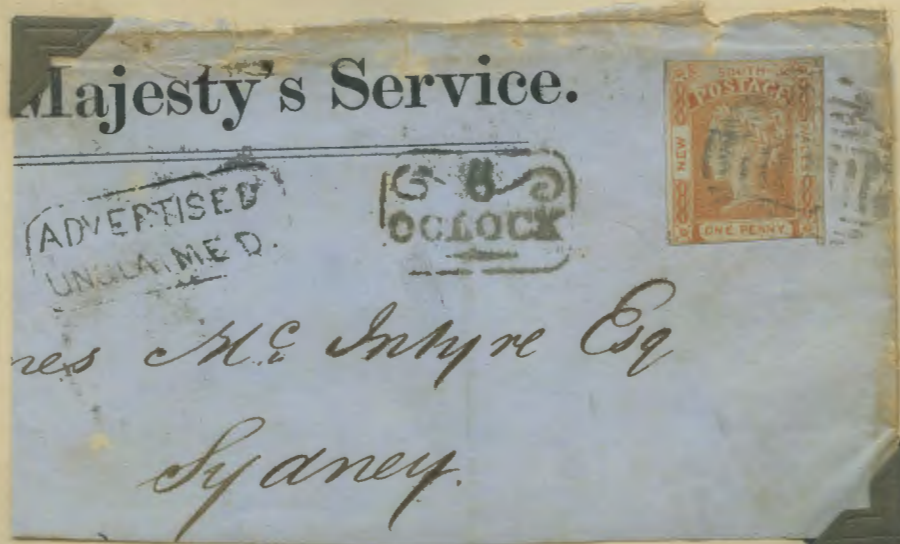
These barred postmarks gave no indication of the date, much less of the time of posting. Sometimes, but by no means always, letters were "backstamped" at the office of posting, and always so at the office of receipt - Vd example on previous page.

The time designating mark, as shewn here, was brought in to use before the introduction of adhesive stamps

2 O'CLOCK.



6 O'CLOCK.



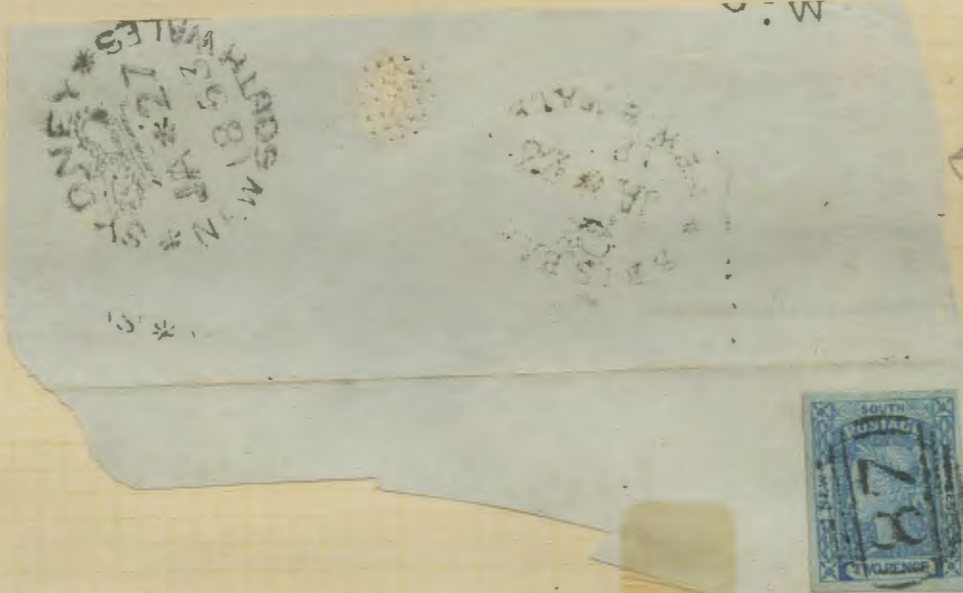
Note the  
ADVERTISED  
UNCLAIMED  
mark

This is the earliest  
form of Dead  
Letter Office  
mark

BRISBANE. N.S.W.

Opened 1834  
Obliterator 95.

Queensland was a part of N.S.W.  
until separated in 1860.



← "BRISBANE  
NEW S WALES



1852 (?)

N. S. W in striated double-lined ellipse.

The use of the foregoing barred 'killers' was continued until about 1856 when the 'top-arc' type (pp 15-19) was introduced but between 1852 and 1854 the subjoined type is occasionally met with but it is not a type which is at all common.



1856(?)

Circle incomplete. SYDNEY at bottom

Various check letters.

"Top-arc" type.

This would appear to be the first type of dated obliterator to be introduced (about 1856) when the bar types of killers began to disappear. It was the sole one in use until 1870. During this period the double check-letter type shown on subsequent pages was used as a back-stamp.

E.

? First check letter introduced.

In use till 1869

Varieties



1. Original type

Arc (1/3 of circle) at top



2.

Arc is 2/3 of circle (1865)



3.

1867. Smaller; "sideways duplex" year abbreviated.



4.

1867. Very similar to last, but with N.S.W. in serif type



5. 1868 2/3 circle arc as broken lines.



B

This is very uncommon

From the worn appearance it may have been introduced early and revived 1867-68.



# "Top-arc" type contd.

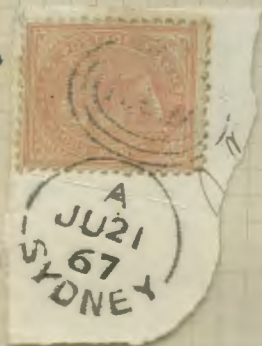
A. Introduced 1864 In use till 1871.

i. Original type In use till 1867

ii.  $\frac{2}{3}$ rd circle type (1866)



iii. "Sideways duplex" type (1867)



iv. NSW serif type.



v. Varieties

(a) Date stamp only - no NSW

Used 1871 as backstamp (very unusual)



Note error in date  
1807 for 1870.

"Top-arc" type covers

A

Variety (1875)

Check letter below date:  
Year on ropline - 2 figures only  
(N also pg 19)

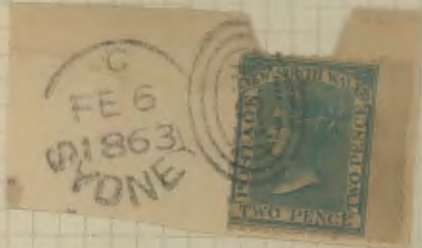


# "Top-arc" type cont'd

C. Introduced 1863. In use till 1869.

1. Original type

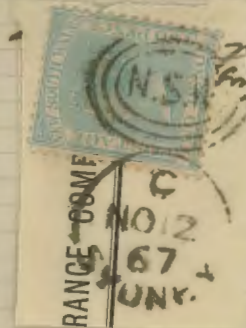
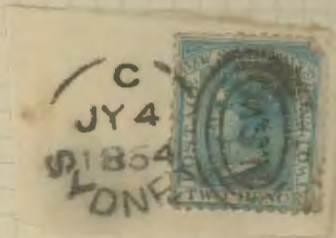
2. "7/3<sup>rd</sup>" circle" type



3a

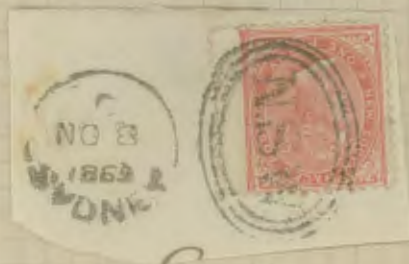
1864. Smaller. "C" closer to arc.

4. 1867. "Sideways duplex" type.



1867.

5 With N.S.W. serif type



6 "Broken top arc" type. Small sans-serif N.S.W.



# "Top-arc" type contd

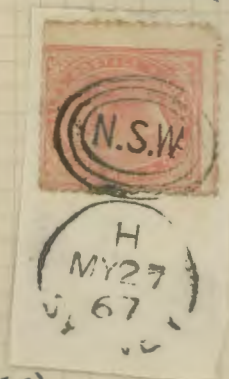
H. Introduced 1863.

In use till 1871.

3. "Sideways duplex"  
(1867)

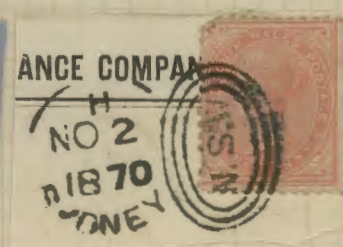
1. Original type. - 1863.

2. Smaller "SYDNEY" (1865)  
 $\frac{2}{3}$ " Circle type.



4. "N.S.W serif" type  
(1868)

5. "Broken top-arc" type (1868)



I. Introduced 1867. In use till 1870.

1. Original type  
(Small N.S.W)

2.  
 $\frac{2}{3}$ " Circle type  
(1867)



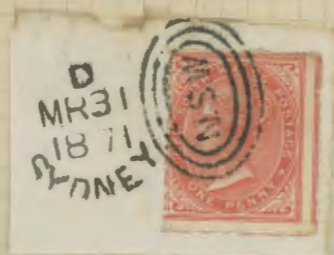
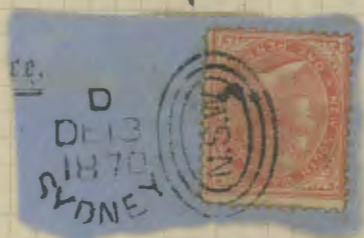
3. "N.S.W serif" type  
(1868)

4. "Sideways duplex"  
type  
(1867)



"Top-arc" type contd.

D. Introduced 1870. In use 1870 & 1871 only.  
The top arc is absent.



K. Introduced 1869. In use till 1871.

$\frac{1}{3}$ rd arc type.

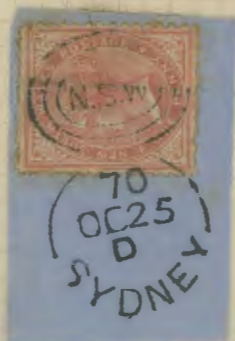


N. S. W. serif type.

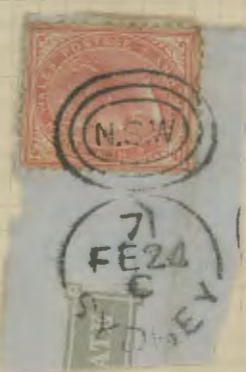


1870-7 An uncommon variation — check letter below date. Also pg 164

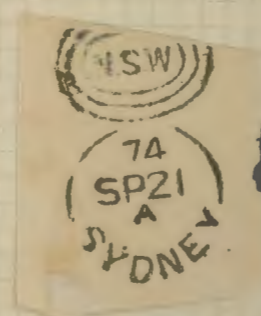
D



C.



A



Late use as back stamp.

# 1861-62. The "Barred Diamond" Type.

Check letters A.O. E.O. & H.O. Numbers 2 & 3.

The suggestion has been advanced that the letters stood for "Audit"  
"EXCISE" & "HARBOUR OFFICE" & therefore that stamps so obliterated are  
really officials (preliminary to the O.S. overprint)  
PRO. Most copies are found on pieces of blue paper. Such as used by Govt. Off-  
ices

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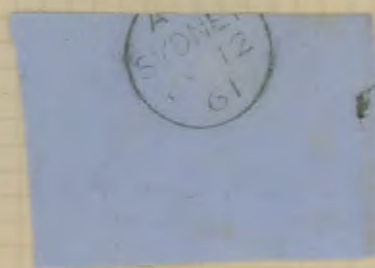


## E.O.



A.O

This appears to have been first used as a back-stamp (in 1861) when the barred diamond 2 or 3 was not attached.



This A.O. as backstamp is from a different die from that used as a postmark as may be seen from the shape of the "O" particularly. Furthermore there are always blotches to the right of it as if there were a holder there which in the case of the other die held the 2 or 3.

The E.O. was used as a back-stamp with the diamond attached in 1861.  
(Oct) Vd. WALGETT.

A.O.

"3"



As backslamp  
for comparison  
Note slightly diff-  
ering shape of  
D & S. also final  
Y.

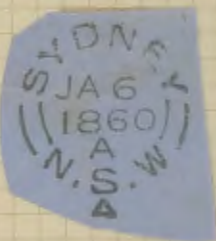


1860(?) Used as back-stamps only.

2 check letters, one above } N.S.W.  
one below }

The lower letter quickly wore

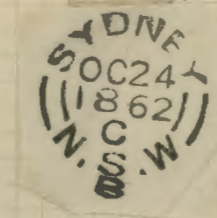
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$\frac{A}{B}$

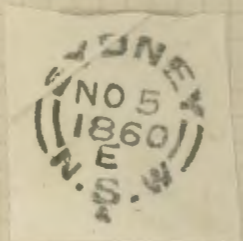


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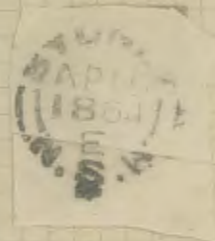
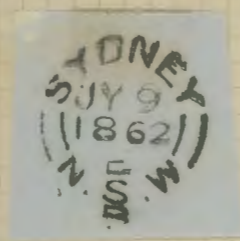


$\frac{E}{A}$

? first letter introduced



$\frac{E}{B}$



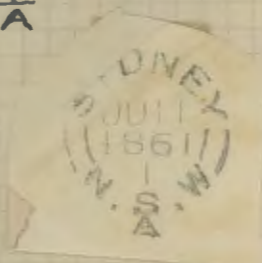
1861—H.

$\frac{H}{B}$

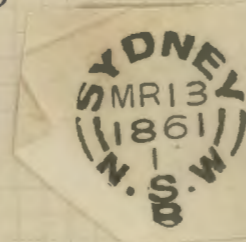


$\frac{I}{A}$

1861—I.



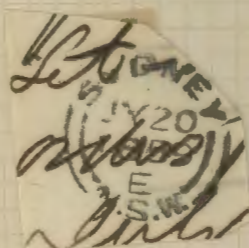
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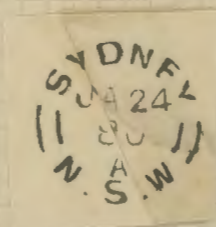
1859 Variety

1 check letter only

E:—



(1880)

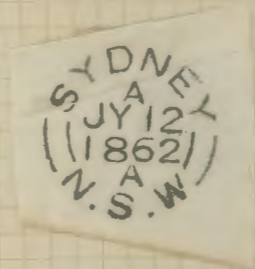


1862.

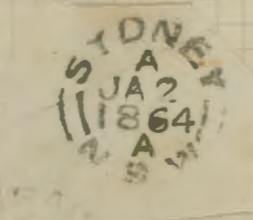
Used as back-stamps only

2 check letters, one above } date.  
one below }

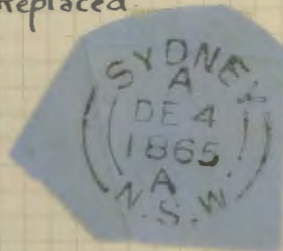
A  
A



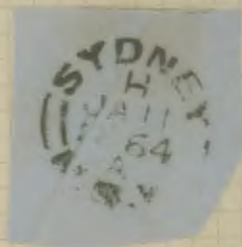
Worn



Replaced



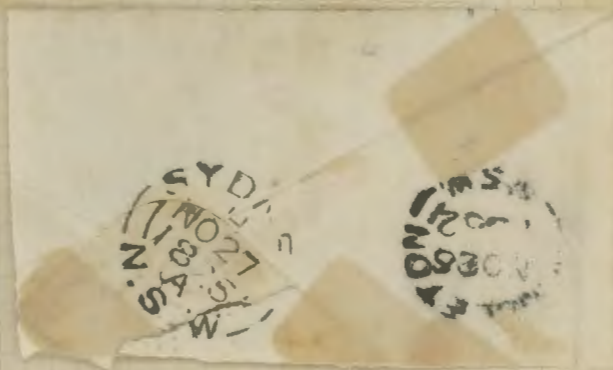
H  
A



K  
A



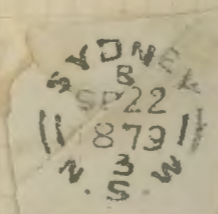
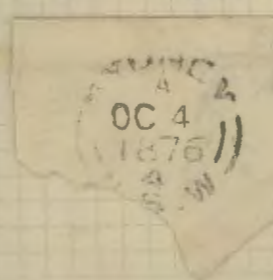
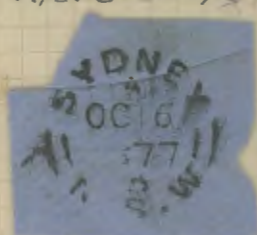
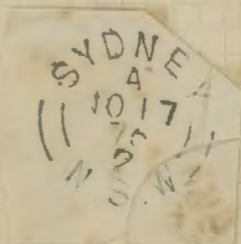
B  
B



Note error  
in SYDNEY  
postmark  
"1825"  
(SINGLETON  
1862)

In the late '70's

some of the above were "dug up again" a a number sub  
stituted for the lower check letter. They are so worn  
that a "3" might be a "B" (V also P. 25)



1860. "N.S.W." in three ellipses only

For a time during 1860 & 1861 when the "External Letter" back-stamp was first introduced this form of obliteration was used on letters emanating from Sydney.  
During the '70's a similar type was also used apparently on 'SHIP LETTERS' (q.v.)



For further examples see next page.

N. S. W. only — contd

? 1870's. In quadrilateral of rays.



From the very few entires seen it would appear that these obliterations were applied at the G. P. O. to letters which had missed stamping at the office of posting, or on 'SHIP LETTERS' as noted on the preceeding page.

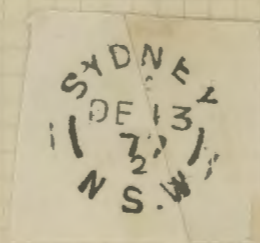
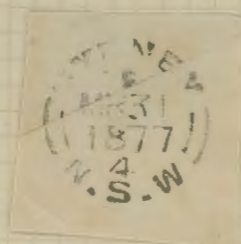
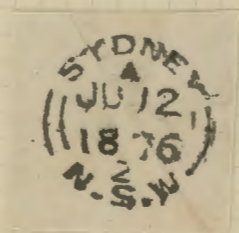
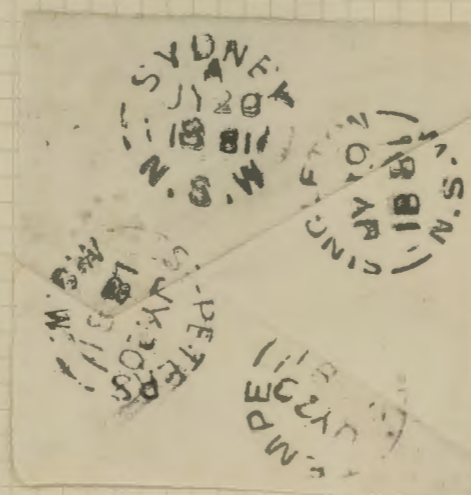
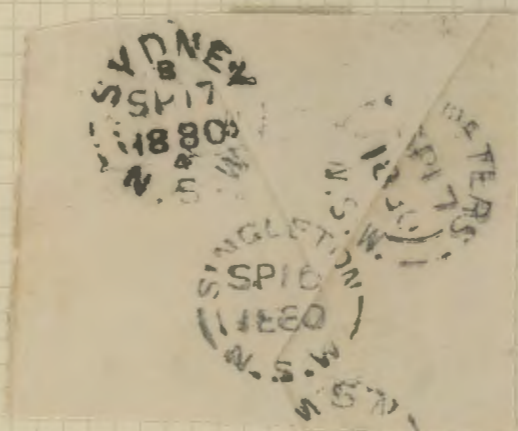


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1880-81.      Back-stamps.

Check number and letter.

(Larger "SYDNEY")

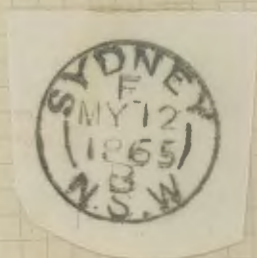


(V also  
Pg 24)

1865. "SYDNEY-N.S.W" in circle.

2 check letters, one above } date.  
one below }

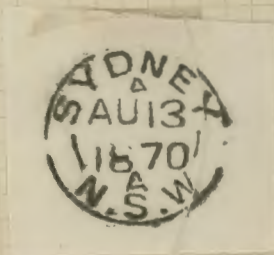
$\frac{E}{B}$



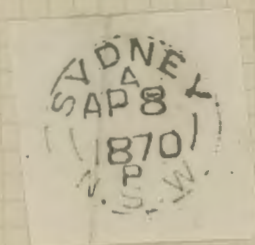
$\frac{A}{B}$



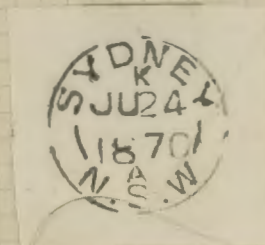
$\frac{A}{A}$



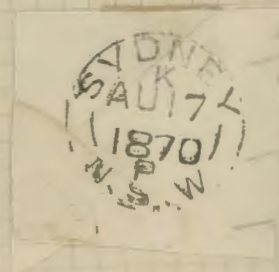
$\frac{A}{P}$



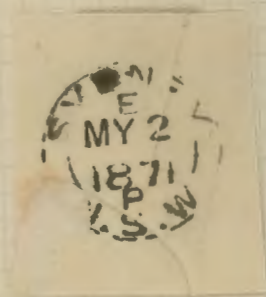
$\frac{K}{A}$



$\frac{K}{P}$



$\frac{E}{P}$



$\frac{B}{B}$

Uncommon use as obliterator.



186.

Very seldom seen

Note year is in full  
a circle complete  
but "SYDNEY" below.



1868-1871.

"SYDNEY = NEW SOUTH WALES ="

Check letters H & N.

? Newspaper post

H -



N:-



The above two pieces are from the stamped newspaper wrappers and the backs of the other copies also shew printed matter. This taken together with the great resemblance to this copy inscribed "NEWSPAPER" would bear out the theory that this type was used for newspapers & printed circulars.



1871.     2 concentric circles.     Single check letter at top and  
SYDNEY below, both between circles

H.  
(1871 to  
1873)



D.  
(1871 to  
1873)



I.  
(1872-73)



A. (1874-78)



C. (1873)



L. 1875 to 1880.



1872. SYDNEY at top. Lower double-lined semi-circle broken  
by check-letter.; second letter  
above date

The lower check-letter is part of the die, the top one is moveable.

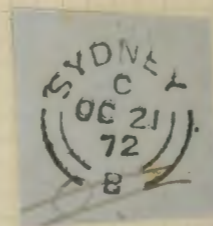
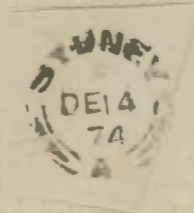
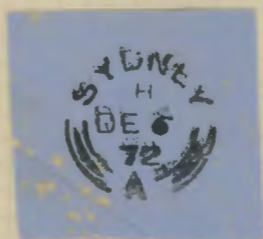
A. (Note — ornament between lines)

1872:- $\frac{1}{4}$ A;  $\frac{1}{2}$ A;  $\frac{3}{4}$ A.



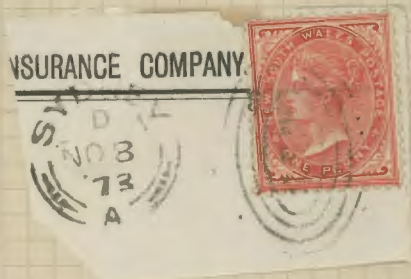
B. (die letter)

1872:- $\frac{1}{4}$ B;  $\frac{1}{2}$ B;  $\frac{3}{4}$ B.  $\frac{1}{4}$ A;  $\frac{1}{2}$ A;  $\frac{3}{4}$ A.



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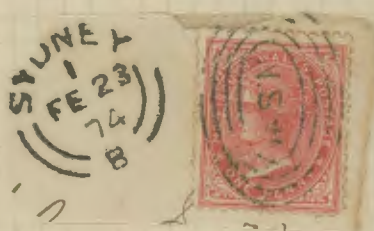
1873:-  $\frac{1}{4}$ A;  $\frac{1}{8}$ B;  $\frac{1}{4}$ B.  $\frac{1}{4}$ P;  $\frac{1}{4}$ P



Die-letter P  
(introduced 1873)



1874:-  $\frac{1}{8}$ B.  $\frac{1}{4}$ P;  $\frac{1}{4}$ P.  $\frac{1}{3}$

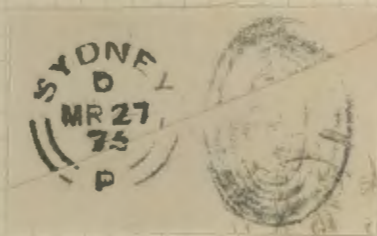


Die-letter S  
(introduced 1874)



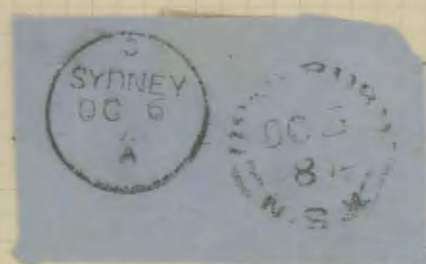
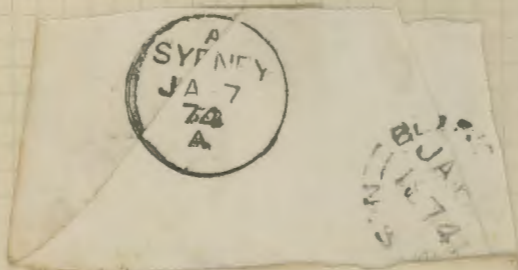
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1875:- 1/4. 1/2p

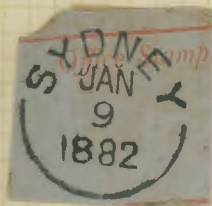
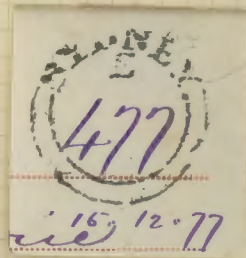


1874.

This "straight line SYDNEY" is very uncommon & appeared to be in use in 1874/only and as a back stamp solely



Note discrepancy in the dates  
SYDNEY '74  
GOULBURN '87



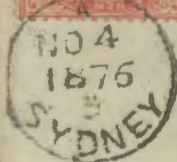
1876

"Vertical duplex" type

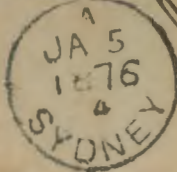
Year in full.

Check letter above } date  
check number below }

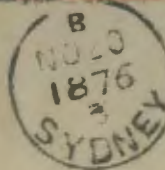
A/3



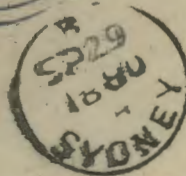
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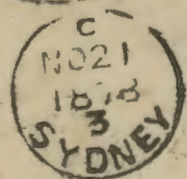
B/3



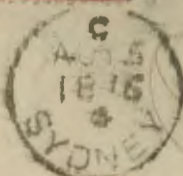
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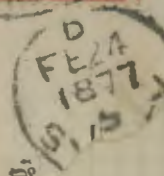
C/3



C/4



D/5



D/6



This type is not  
seen after  
1881



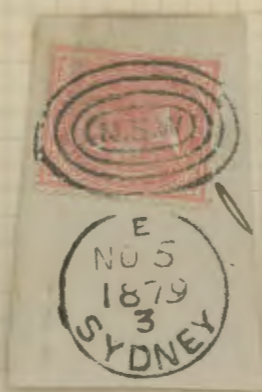
1876-81.

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E/3

W/4.



H/3



H/4.



Y/5



Y/.



Y/3



Y/4.



Y/3



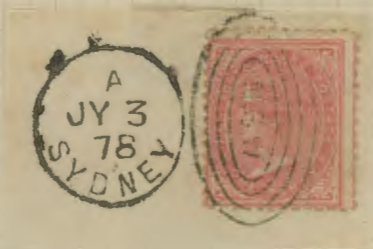
1876-1881.

"Baby check-number" type - very small number below date.

A/1



A/7



A/5



B/4



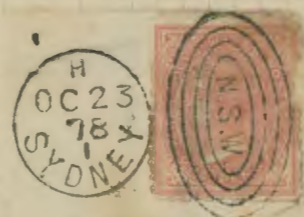
C/1



C/5



H/1



H/5



H/7



K/7



L/8



1876-82

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D/6?



E/1



E/2



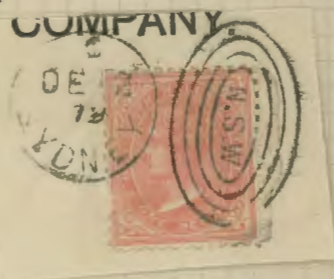
1878-81.

As preceding type but "baby" check-number removed.  
Check-letter only.

A.



C.



D.



E.



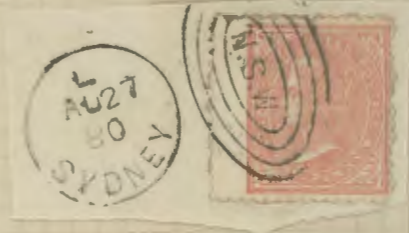
H.



I.



L.



K.



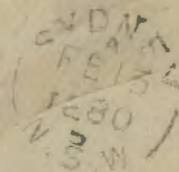
1879-84.

Various uncommon types.

SYDNEY at top.

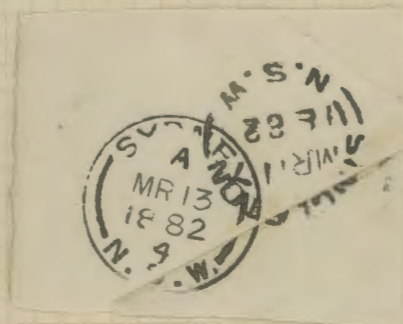
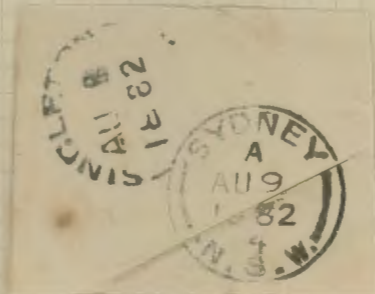
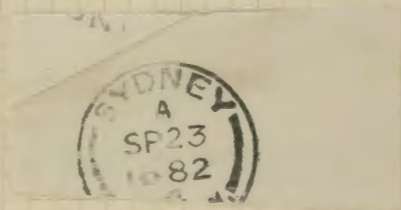
1 Found as back stamps only

Check letter and number



This was the fore-runner of the very common type shown on the next pages. N.S.W. in three ellipses was added & it was used as an obliterator.

1882.



2. Obliterator.

Note that this is of same format as those brought into use about 1880 for all country offices.



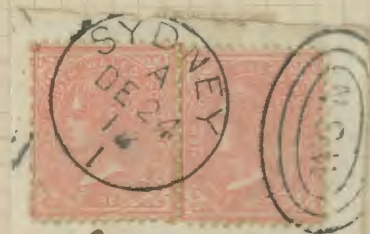
1881. This type finally disappeared in 1891 and was not used much the last 18 months.

N.S.W in 3 ellipses.

Check letter and number.

A/1

A/3

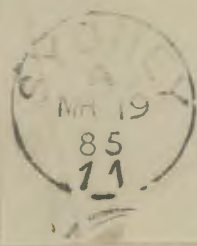
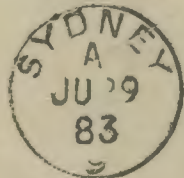
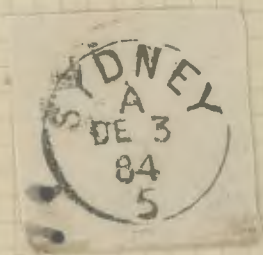


A/5

A/9

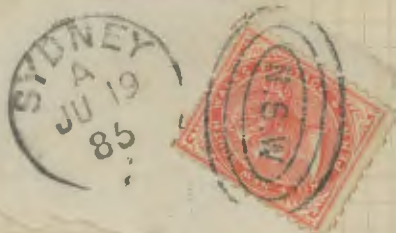
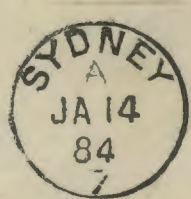
A/11

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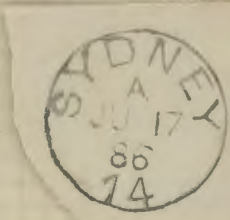
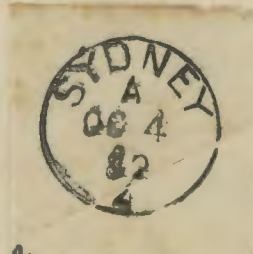
A/7:-



A/4

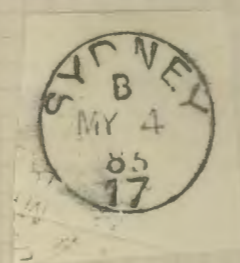
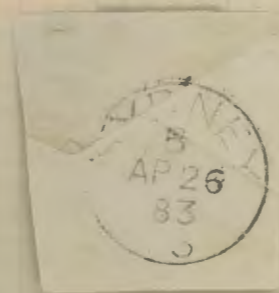
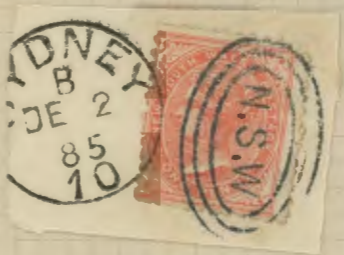
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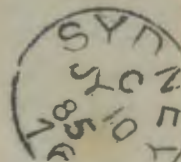
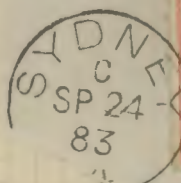
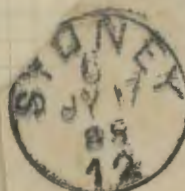
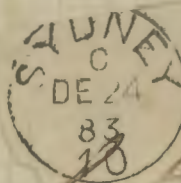
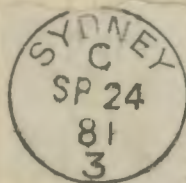
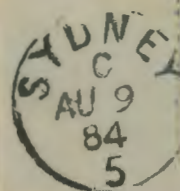
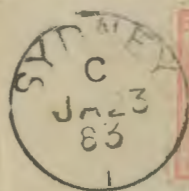
1881 to 1891  
Check letter "B"



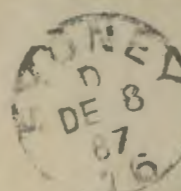
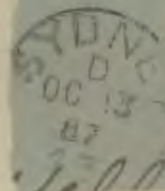
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1881 to 1891.

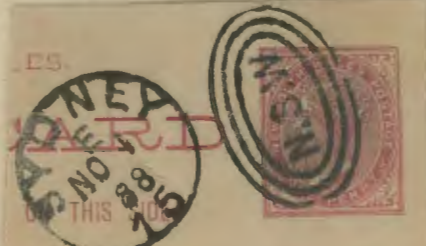
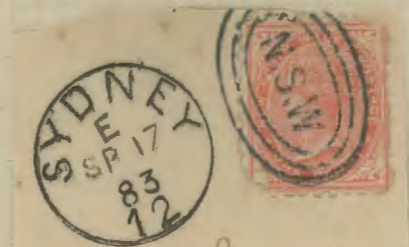
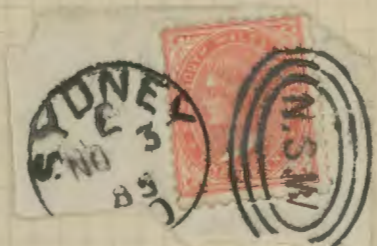
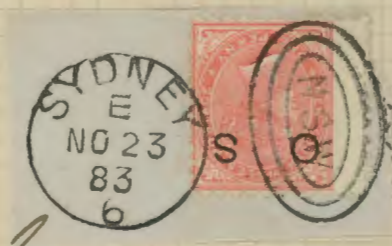
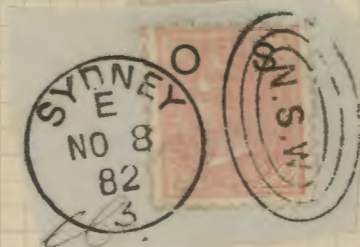
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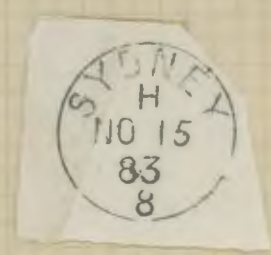
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Type as previous page 1881 to 1891.  
Check letter "E"



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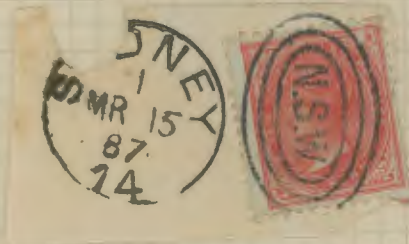


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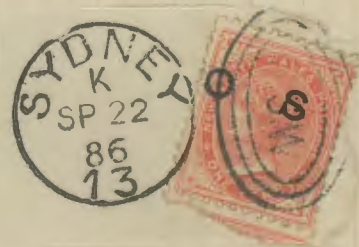


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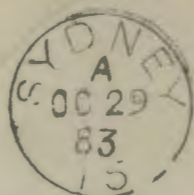
1881 to 1891.  
Check letter "M"



Check  
letter  
L



Additional:-



It is an illuminating commentary on ? superstition to note that after the above type, the number 13 was not used.

1886. TIME shown.  
"N.S.W." in 3 ellipses.

This was first introduced in this year as a 'back-stamp'; it was not until 1888 that it was combined with the "N.S.W." mark and used as an obliterator.

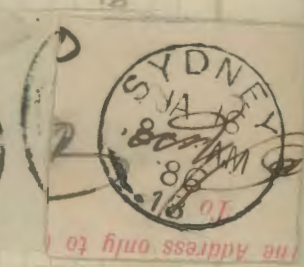
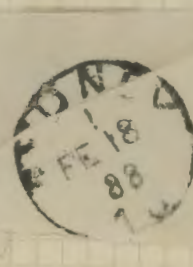
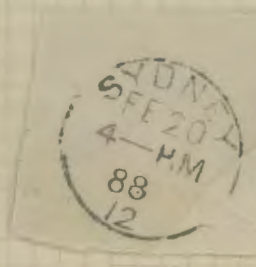
1886 Back-stamp.

Combined with previous type

12

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18

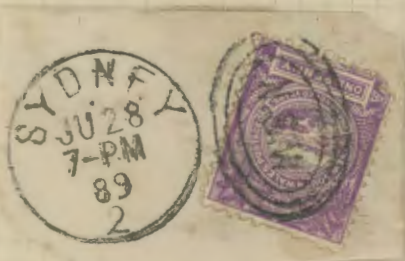


1888. First check numbers used apparently 1, 7, 9, 16, 18, & 3.

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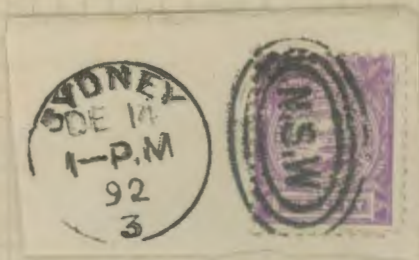
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1888 to 1896.

3. (1888)



5. (1889)



7. (1888)



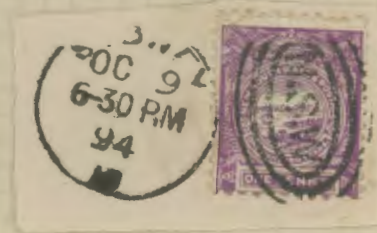
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1888 to 1896.

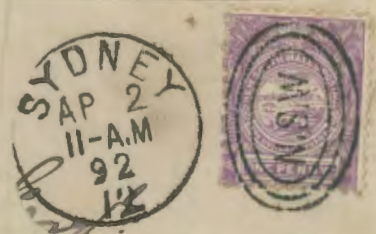
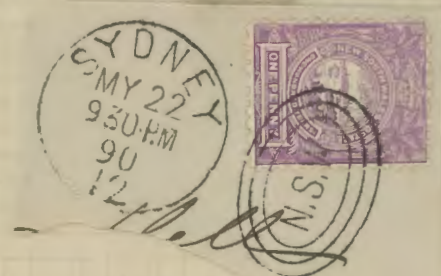
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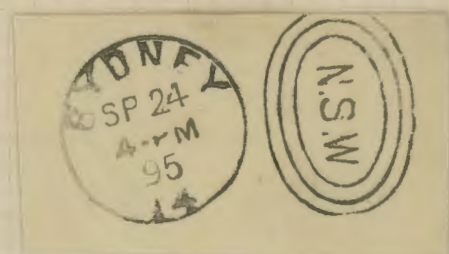
10. (1889)



12. (1890)



14. (1892.)



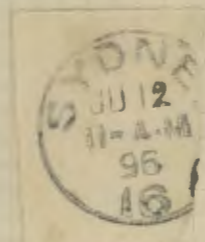
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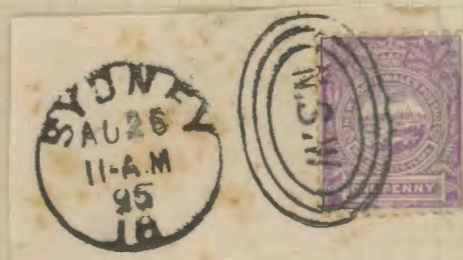
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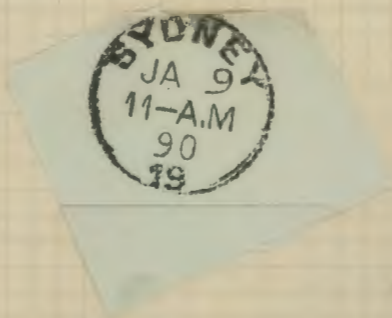
16. (1888)



18. (1888)

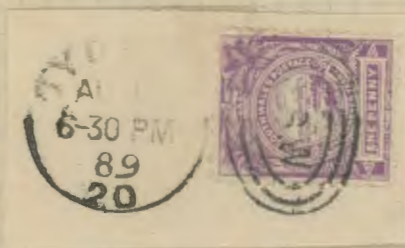


19. (1890)



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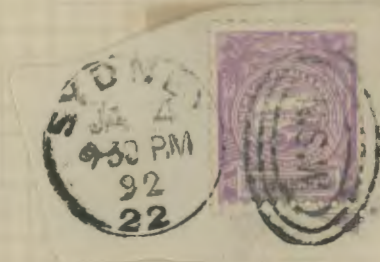
20. (1889)



21. (1889)



22. (1889)



24. (1891)



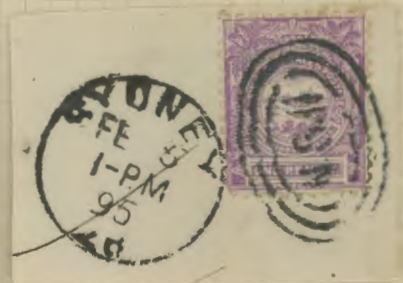
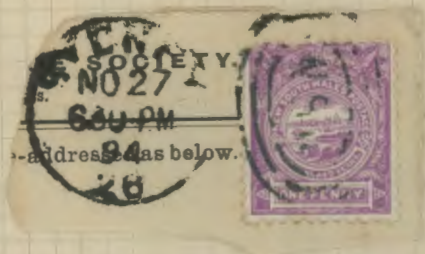
25. (1892)



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1888 to 1896.

26. (1891)



1895  
Replacement.



27. (1891)



28. (1891)



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1888 to 1896.

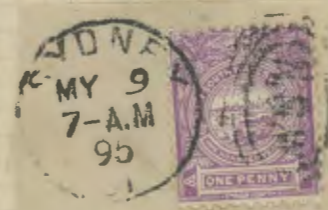
29. (1893)



30. (1893)



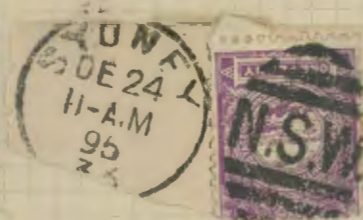
31. (1893)



32. (1893)



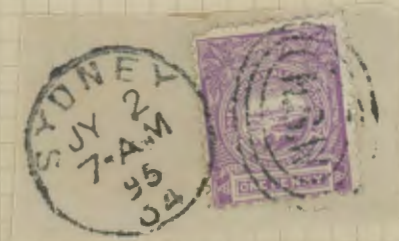
33 (1892)



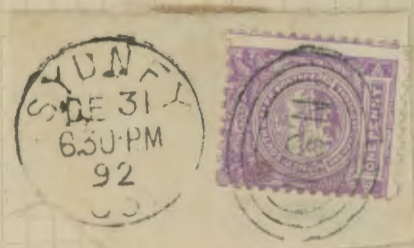
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1888 to 1896.

34 (1893)



35 (1892)



36 (1894)



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1888 to 1896.

38. (1893)

40. (1894)



Additional.

23. (1891)



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1895 to 1904.

Date-stamp as before but "killer" of N.S.W. between bars.

1895-1899. - 3 bars above & below N.S.W

1900-1904: - 4 bars (4 new date stamps)

Nos. 3, 15, 27 & 36 seem to be the first numbers introduced  
No. 16 was the first to be used with 4 bars (1898).

1.



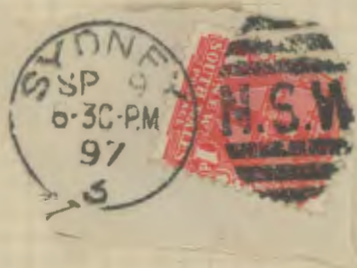
1900 "1" & 4 bars.



2.



3.



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1895 to 1904.

4. + N.S.W

1901 4 bars



9.

1900: 4 bars.



Mar. 1900 Much worn



10.



1903 "10" 4 bars.



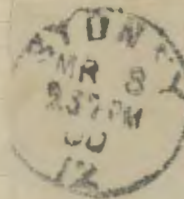
1906 worn

10 Apr 1907

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1895 to 1904

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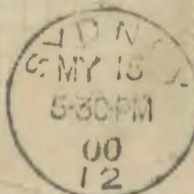


Mar  
1900

Badly worn

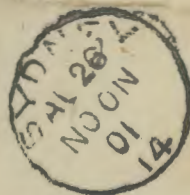
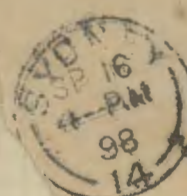
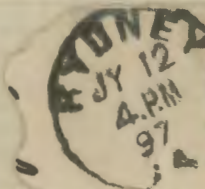
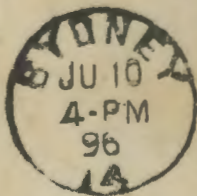
with 4 bars.

(May 1900)



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14.



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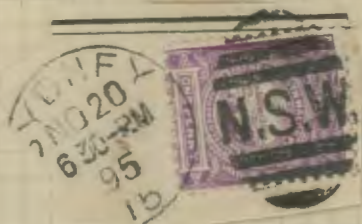
1895 to 1904

15

1901 4 bars.

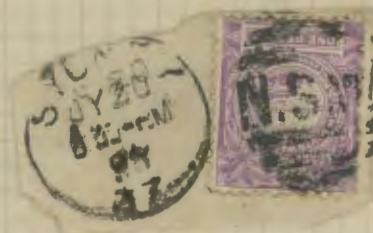
15

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1903 Replacement

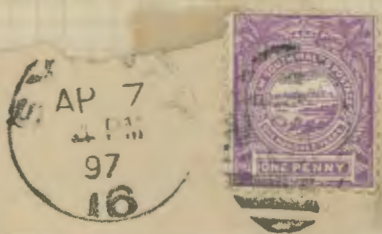
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16

16 + 4 bars.

1903.



18

1903 4 bars

19



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1895 to 1904.

22.



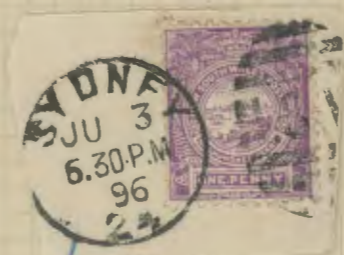
1901 4 bars



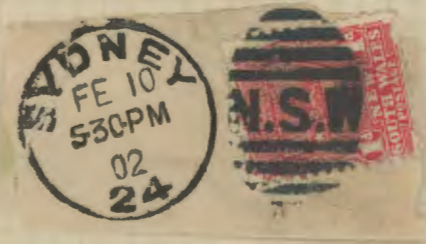
1903 Replacement



24.



1900 4 bars



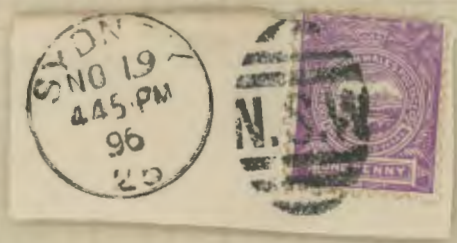
1903. Replacement



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1895 to 1904

25



190. 4 bars.



Late date of use

26

1899 4 bars

1901. Replacement



27

190. 4 bars.



1900 Much worn.

28



30

1901 4 bars.



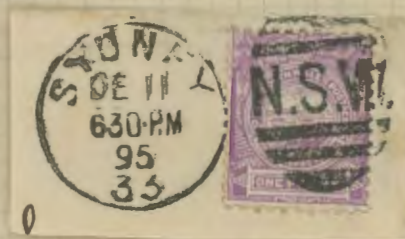
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1895 to 1904.

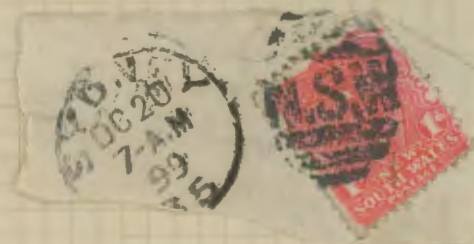
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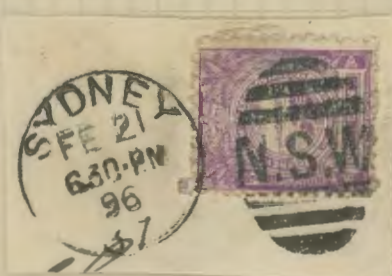
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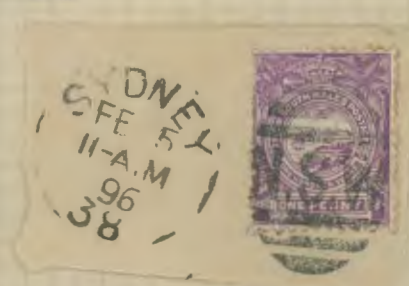
1900 4 bars



37.



38.



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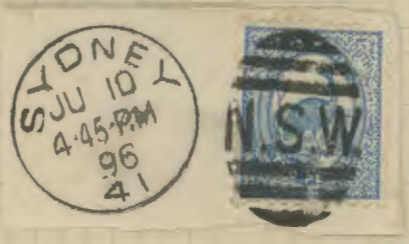
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1903 Replacement; 4 Bars



41.

1900 Replacement; 3 bars



42.

1901. 4 bars.



43. 3 Bars.

1900. 4 bars



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1895 to 1904.

44.



1900 4 bars

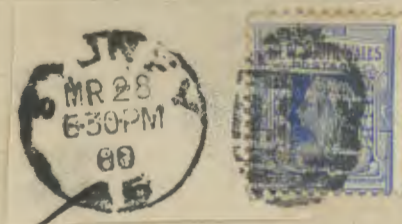
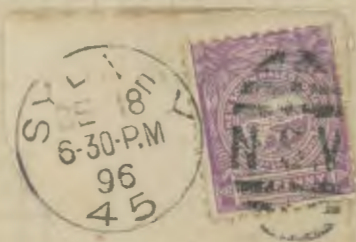


1902 Replacement.



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45.



Mar. 1900 Much worn.

1900 4 bars.



1903 Replacement



July 1903 Worn.

(in use till 1909)

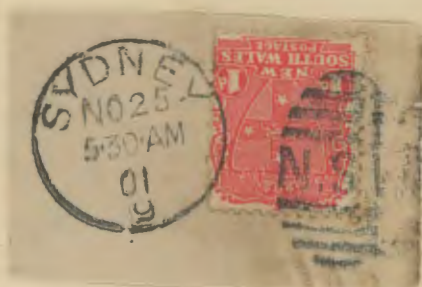
DUPLEX TYPES

N. S. W. between bars.

Various check numbers.

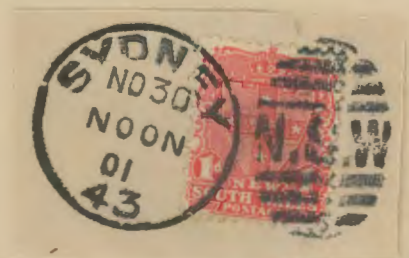
1901-05

4 bars:-



DUPLEX TYPE

N.S.W + 4 bars - conrd.



7 Specimens P

In both the 3 and the 4 bars types there were many varieties of the "killer" varying in the size of the ellipse, size of "N.S.W." or the shape of "S"

A  
Three bars

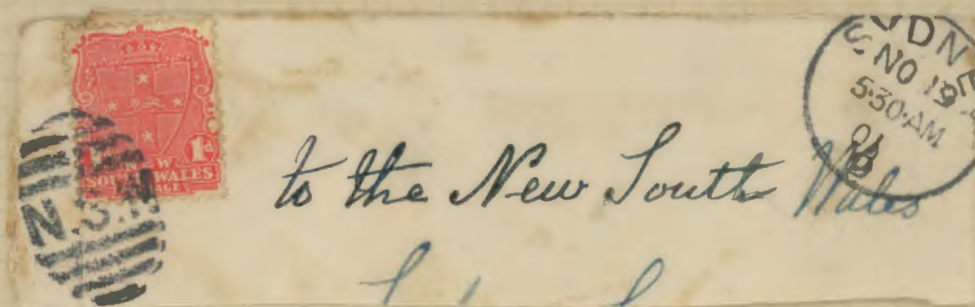


B Four bars:-



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In the case of the duplex type with N.S.W. in ellipses the stamp may be found obliterated by either portion. When the barred type was introduced instructions were issued that the stamp was to be obliterated by the "killer" portion and this was faithfully carried out even the stamp was misplaced as shewn below.



Later the Killer was removed & the date stamp used alone.



HANDSTAMP TYPE.

"SYDNEY" & various check numbers.

Time & date in one line.

