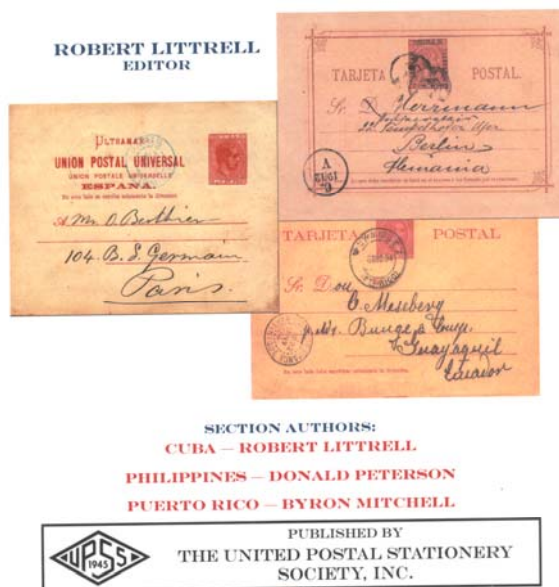


NEW BOOK:
***POSTAL CARDS OF SPANISH COLONIAL
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The United Postal Stationery Society (UPSS) recently released a new book, *Postal Cards of Spanish Colonial Cuba, Philippines, and Puerto Rico* (2010). Robert Littrell, the Editor, was assisted by Section authors: Robert Littrell for Cuba, Don Peterson for the Philippines, and Byron Mitchell for Puerto Rico. For the Philippines Section, Don Peterson was assisted in this effort by Geoffrey Lewis, Ray Coughlin, Ernesto Cuesta, Antonio Cuesta, Craig Eggleston, Octavio Cabrera, Richard Miggins, Nigel Gooding, Robert Littrell, David Chiong, and Jim O'Donnell (National Postal Museum). This is the first detailed book in English on these postal cards and presents substantial new information. New Philippine discoveries include:

1. Identification of the number of cards on the printing plate for each postal card issue (1878-1898);
2. Determination that the first postal card (UPSS 1) was officially issued in the Philippines in early 1878, rather than “printed in error”, as reported by most early catalogues;
3. Identification of six postally-used 1878 un-surcharged (UPSS 1) postal cards;
4. Determination that the same UPU surcharge was applied to the first postal card (UPSS 1) and four 1878-1879 postage stamps and issued in Manila, rather than Madrid, Spain;
5. Identification of bogus usage of the UPU surcharged postal card (UPSS 2); and
6. Determination that the 3-centavos UPU postal card (UPSS 3) was issued in 1880, rather than 1881, as reported by all other catalogues.

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The book also describes all known archival proofs, all major printing flaws, illustration of a full uncut pane, the only known correct usage of a reply card, all known specimens, usage of privately-prepared cards, and an illustration of the original postal card shipping cover and bundle of 200 cards. The book’s coverage is quite extensive.

The 127-page book is hard-bound and in full color. The cost is \$47.20 ppd in the U.S. (for UPSS members), and \$59.00 ppd in the U.S. (for non-UPSS members). To inquire about overseas rates and to order the book by Paypal or check, contact: UPSS Publications, P.O. Box 3982, Chester, VA 23831. For more information, contact www.upss.org.