

# *The Lions of Iran.*

—1875 Wide spacing between stamps. Vertically pin-perfed or roulette. <sup>European</sup> Arab numerals added below lion.

*1' shahis*

1868



A



D



*4 shahis*



D



A



1868 *8 shahis.*



D



B



D



*Laid paper.*



# The Lions of Iran.

1876 Narrow spacing between stamps. Thin to medium wove papers. Imperf.

1 shahis



2 shahis



4 shahis



1 Kran.



4 Krans.



—1877 Teheran official reissue.—



The 1 and 4 sh stamps were reprinted in strips of four for collectors. The 1 sh was printed in a strip of four (types D, B, C, & A), but when damage occurred to cliché "B" of the 4 shahis printing continued in strips of three. (A, D & C). Cliché was used again in its damaged state for the Paris reprints.



December 1876. 1<sup>st</sup> Portrait issue of Nassa-ed-din Shah.

Typo  
perf 10½, 11, 12, 13  
plus compound of above.  
Sheets of 100 (10×10)

A. Perf 10½ to 11



B. compound 10½-11×12



C. perf 12.



D. perf 12½ -13



1879. Stamped envelope at 5 Shahis.



### The 1879 envelope used as an adhesive

When the 1<sup>st</sup> portrait stamps were ordered, an order was also placed for 300,000 stamped envelopes at 5 shahis each. In late 1879, the 5 shahis adhesive values ran out. The Post office authorised the cutting out of the envelope stamps to be used on ordinary mail.



### 1885 Boital re-prints.

By order of Herr Boital the postmaster general the Persian Embassy in Vienna placed an order with the Austrian Imperial Printing works to print imitations of the 1<sup>st</sup> portrait type.



← Tie pin

Note that the re-print has a dot like a tiepin on the cravat.

### Forgeries.

The Gebrüder Senf in Leipzig printed forgeries (imitations) of stamps for inclusion in their House magazine. This practice soon stopped due to public concern that their examples would be lost into general collecting. Unfortunately their forged dies came into the hands of less scrupulous persons among them probably F.Fournier. There are other bogus items such as postcards with reprinted bisected values.



The forgeries may be told by the poor printing, the rough perforations and the fact that they were based on the envelope stamp, which had a short aigrette on the hat. The bogus grid killer cancel is a good give-away.



1879 – 80 2<sup>nd</sup> Portrait issue of Nasser ed din Shah

Typo.

Perf, 12, 13, imperf.

Compound

A. perf 12.



B perf 13.



C. perf 12 × 13



Stamps used in Teheran and Kazerun.



Teheran



Kazerun

Used stamps on piece cancelled Boushire.  
The use of the 1 & 2 shahis together is scarce.

### 1885 Boital re-prints.

Herr Boital once again ordered reprints made of the second portrait issue.



The reprints may be told by the short aigrette. This was taken from the envelope stamp. The reprints exist cancelled to order



### Forgeries

Only very poor forgeries exist of this issue also poor copies of album or catalogue illustrations abound





### 1881-1884 The dual currency issues.

After a further visit to Europe, the shah recommended a printing of stamps showing both French and Persian currencies. Stamps showing the Sun (mitra) were prepared in the Imperial Austrian Printing Works, Vienna. As there was a need for these stamps they were initially printed lithographically in both perf 12, 13 and a compound of the two gauges.

A. Litho print perf 12.



B. Litho print perf 13.



C. Litho print perf 12×13.



Paris forgery with fake cancel.





# 1881-1882. Engraved issue and new values.

By 1881 the dual currency stamps printed by typo were ready.

A. perf 12.



B. perf 13.



Reprints (forgeries).

Reprints of the engraved stamps were ordered from a printing house in Paris from the original dies. The dies were retouched and the central side frame on right was strengthened.



Original

Forgery



Note. These forgeries are very common and are regularly offered as genuine.



## 1882-1884. Redrawn and new values of the dual currency issue.

The 25 centimes denomination was replaced with a 5 shahis value. This item had only two dots in the right hand inscription instead of three. The error occurs in the sixth row of the sheet of 50 (10×5).



Above type 1,  
Below type 2.

## 1882-1884. 5sch redrawn and new values perf 12.



B. perf 13



## Reprints and forgeries.

The 5 chahis value was reprinted in Paris just as was the 1881 issue. The Gebrüder Senf of Leipzig produced a facsimile of the 10 Fr. The facsimile was given gratis with their house magazine and was printed with the word "Falsch" in the lower margin

Senf forgery

Fournier Forgery



Falsch



Reprints (forgeries)





International Postage between India & Persia.

Cover. India to Isfahan via Bushire 27.4.1895. Bushire transit, no departure or arrival marks.



1894. Postcard at 4 ch.





### 1885-1887 The "Officiel" handstamp.

Existing stock of the 1882 and 1884 issues were overprinted and surcharged to meet a need for more values. These are not stamps for official use but the word simply means that they are official postage stamps.

#### 3 on 5 ch green of 1882



Perf 12 type A



Perf 13 type A



Perf 12 x 13 A

#### 6 on 10ch of 1882



Perf 12



Perf 13



Perf 12 x 13

#### 8 on 50 ch grey of 1884



Perf 12



Perf 13



Perf 12 x 13

#### 6 on 5 ch of 1882



Perf 12 type A



Perf 12 type B



Perf 13 type A



Perf 12 x 13 A

#### 12 on 50 ch grey.



Perf 12



Perf 13



Perf 12 x 13.

# 1885-1887 The "Officiel" handstamp cont.

18 on 10 ch of 1882



Perf 12



Perf 13

1 toman on 5 fr. of 1882



Perf 12



Perf 13



inverted

Surcharged on unauthorised values



8 on 10 ch of 1882



12 on 10 ch of 1882

Forged stamps.

Strip of 3 on the Paris forgery



Note the heavy frame lines of the right hand side of the arch



1885-86. Shevidi issue. Shah Nasser ed din. Typo Gov. Printing works, Vienna. Perf 12, 13 & 12×13.

A. Perf 12.



B. Perf 13.



C. Perf 12×13.



1885. Lithographed, 124 rays in centre. Perf 12 & 13



It had been thought that this stamp was a redrawn type, however it now seems that it was an early emission due to an urgent need for the 5 shahis value.

# 1889. Typo issue Paris.

Due to a failure of supplies of stamps from Austria M. Boitol (Postmaster) placed an order with a printer in Paris.

## A. Perf 11.



## B. Perf 13½



## Varieties.

### Imperf.



### Forged postmark.



### Double print.



Cover. Rescht to Tehern, with "Sandaq" mark.





28 Nov 1891. Vienna issue.

After a long delay stamps arrived from Vienna, perforated on new machines in regular gauge  $10\frac{1}{2}$  &  $11\frac{1}{2}$ .

A. Perf  $10\frac{1}{2}$ .



B. Perf  $11\frac{1}{2}$ .



Registered Foreign letter from Imperial bank of Persia





# 1894 Nasser-ed-din. Shah

Printed by J. Enschedé & sons Haarlem, Holland.

Perf 12½.



Perf 11½ × 11



On vertically laid paper. Proof?



Bogus postmark.



Russian postmark, Baku-Baturn railway.



This was the first time that the Austrian printers were changed to the Netherlands



Cover 1894 Bouchire internal at 5 shahis.



1897 Provisional issue.

After the assassination of Nasser-ed-din his fourth son Mozaffar-ed-din became shah



Forgeries.



The "5" has a straight top.  
The "h" has no lower serifs.

inverted

Dots over character above "K" missing



1897. Engraved by Mouchon. Typo at J. Enschedé Haarlem. Perf 12½, Kr 12½x12.

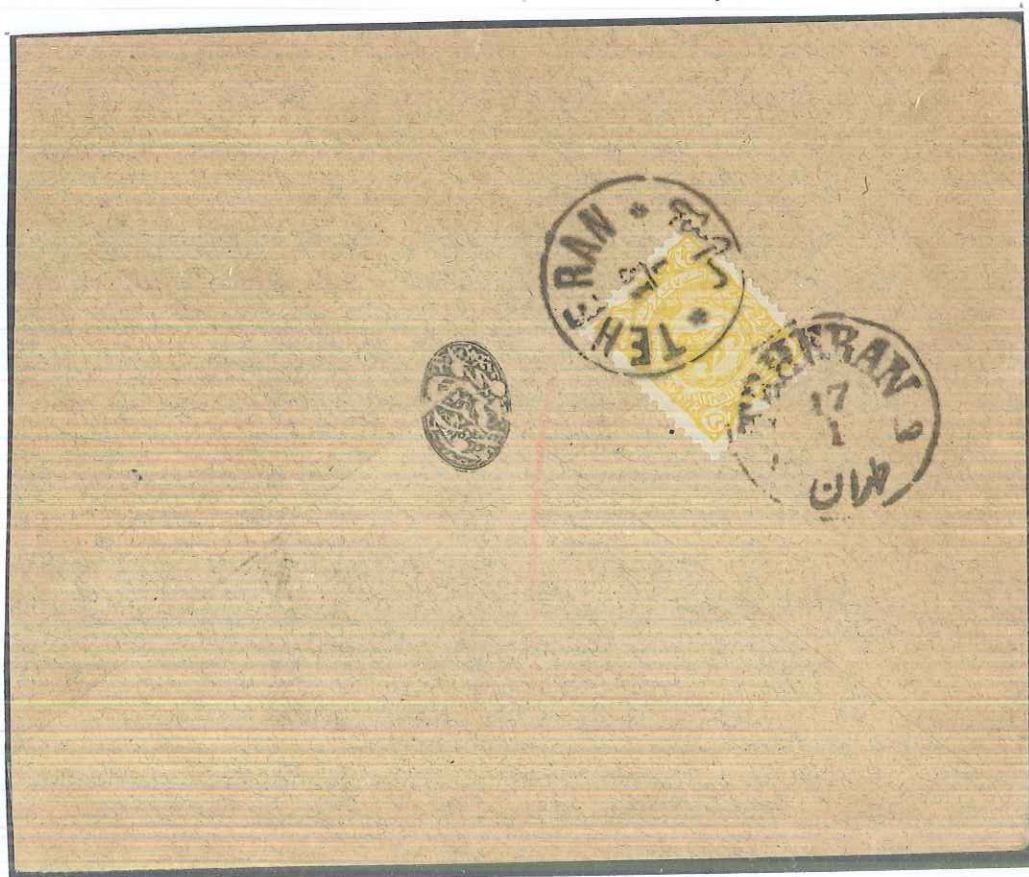




*Paid newspaper wrapper at 1ch.*



*Internal letter 16.1.1901 Teheran with 5ch. yellow of 1897.*



*dated 15 Ramadan 1318 - 16.1.01*

Nov 1899. As 1897, Kran values colours changed, chahi values on greenish paper.



1900. Stamp of 1894 surcharged with handstamp.





1898. Stamps of 1897 handstamped with a control mark.



Type IV. control

Wrong value



Doubled

only 600 of this prepared.

Forged



Kerman. Internal letter at 5 ch.



Tehran internal letter at 5 ch.





August ~ December 1900. Adjutant Provisional issues.

Stamps of 1897 overprinted with seal in pairs.



Stamps of 1899 with controls, overprinted in blocks of four.



1902. "Provisoire 1319" on the above issues.





1900-02 Earlier stamps surcharged locally  
5ch on 10 ch of 1899



only the violet  
handstamp is  
genuine.

Clandestine unissued values



12ch on 1Kr of 1899

Forged



inverted



5Kr. on 50 Kr of 1899.



Boqus.

July 1902. Officials handstamped on 1Kr of 1899.





Jan. 1902. Earlier issues with a provisional local handstamp.



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Clandestine or forged overprints on unissued values.



March 1902. Type-set local stamps with "Provisoire" handstamp.

Forgeries abound and are found on the "Chahis" (Sept) issue also printed on forgeries and remainders.

On stamps with "CHAHIS" in capitals.



12 ch.

Inverted



Forgeries



"Handstamp" is printed, note the dots at bottom left

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On September issue with "Chahis"





Feb 1902. Type-set local issue with a rose control handstamp. imperf.

Forgeries abound. All based on cliché N° 2, all with forged controls, many on buff ungummed paper.

Type set in panes of 12 (2x6)  
Values in capitals. "CHANIS"  
3 types of control.

Go unused



12 ch

10 ch

1kr

2kr



Go used





Sept. 1902. Type-set local issue with a rose control handstamp.

imperf.

Forgeries abound. Chahis Values based on N° 4, 1Kr based on N° 3. Forged controls on buff ungummed paper.

Type set in panes of 12 (2x6).  
Values in lower case "Chahis".  
3 types of control.



3 ch



used





Reached to Teheran at 5 Ch.



Cheragh local. June 1906. Sandak mark on reverse



# 1902 Money Order Stamps.

Numerous remainders with clandestine controls exist with serial numbers, of 4 or numbers.

Type-set with blue controls.  
Serial numbers on reverse



Clandestine controls, 4 figure serial numbers.





1902. Feb~Sept. 5 Kran stamps overprinted.

Forgeries abound. The genuine has a down stroke to the left of the line.

The stamps were overprinted to make the original yellow easier to read.



Below Forgeries shown.



Forgery No 1



Forgery No 2



Never issued



No genuine ever seen



1902 May-Oct. Teheran locals.

On "CHAHIS"



Forgeries



Forged, printed not handstamped.  
On forged base stamp No 2.

Note dot over E of Teheran.

October 1902, on 2 "Chahis" issue



Forged. Printed on  
forged No 2 base stamp



Forged. Printed on forgery.