

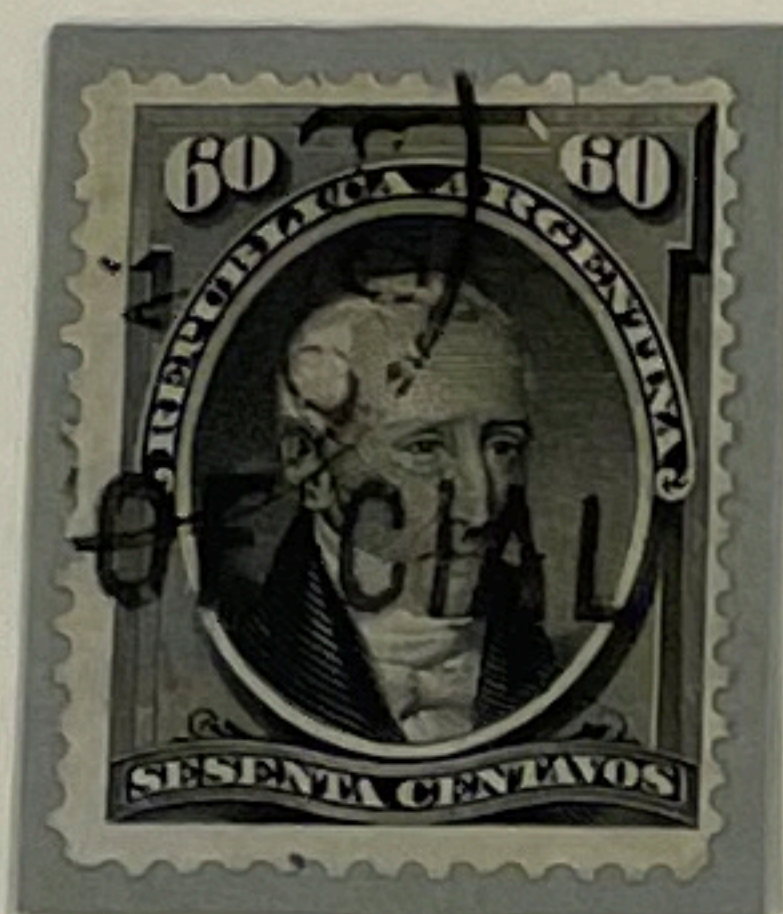
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“Medallion” Type Official Stamps of Argentina

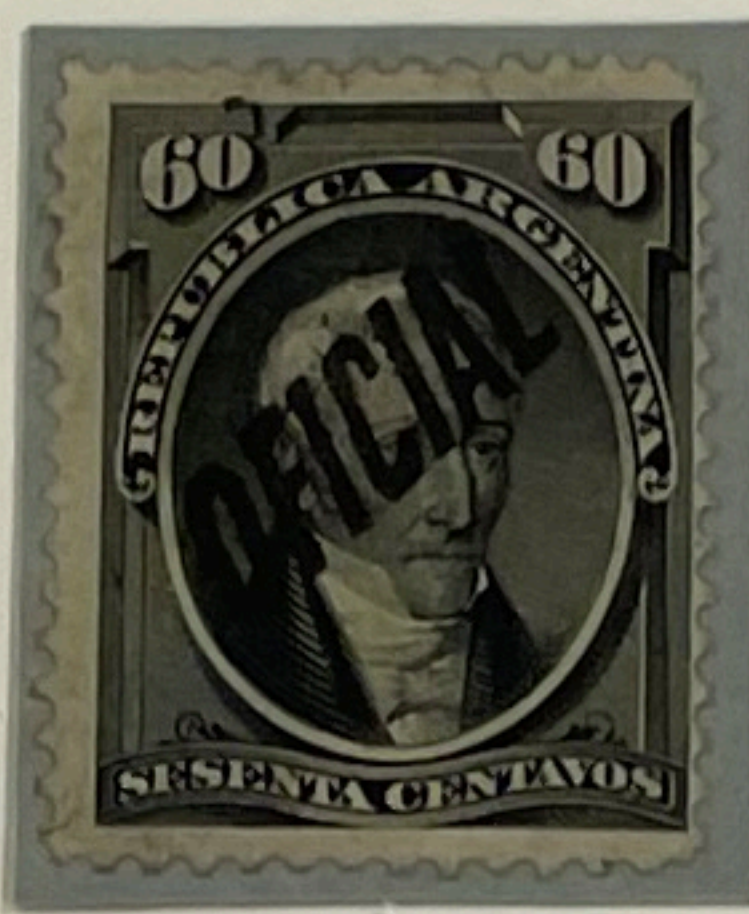
INTRODUCTION

Government Office / Bureau in Argentina brought the official letters to the Post Office indicating the office name on surface of the envelope to pay postage in cash. “Official” stamps were then issued in 1884 to make the Government Office / Bureau to post letters into Post Box for facilitation of mailing process. “Official” stamps were overprinted as “OFICIAL” in the below listed 3 types.

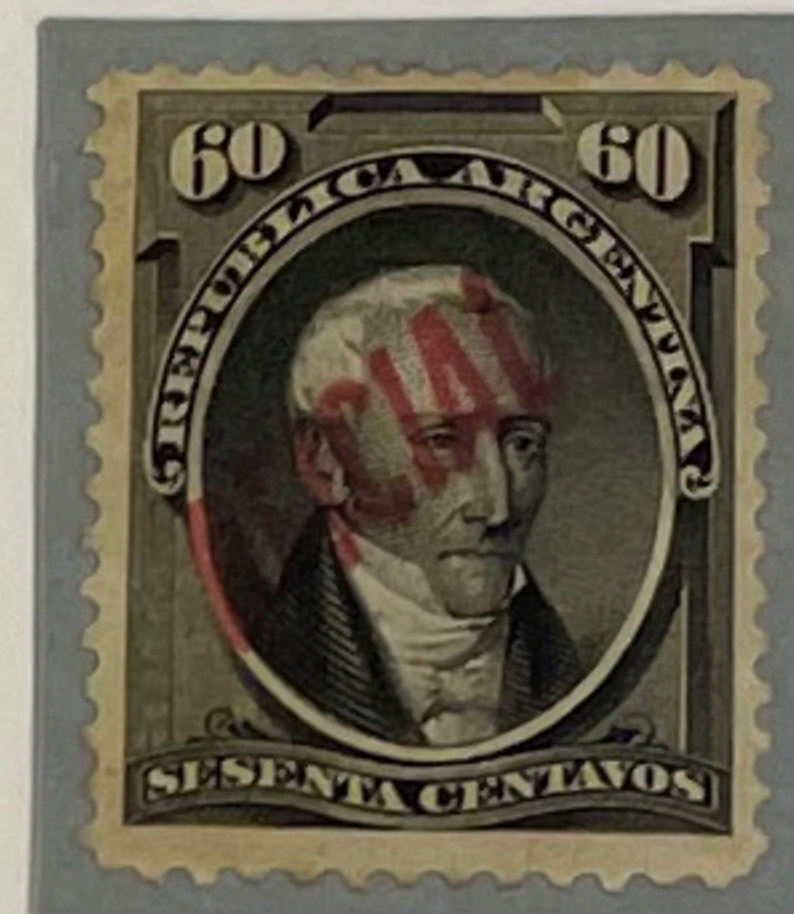
Thin “OFICIAL”
Horizontal Overprint



Bold “OFICIAL”
Diagonal Overprint in Black



Bold “OFICIAL”
Diagonal Overprint in Red



Subsequent to change of definitive stamp design to “Sitting Liberty” in 1899, Essays for official stamps of “Sitting Liberty” were produced. It was finally unadopted and the “MEDALLION” design Official Stamps were issued on December 1, 1901. There were 6 face value stamps issued with 1, 2, 5, 10, 30 & 50 Centavos.

SCOPE OF THE EXHIBIT

This exhibit is a specialized collection of “Medallion” design Official Stamps, including the unadopted “Sitting Liberty” design Essays and Master Die Proof of “Medallion” design stamps without value of the stamp followed by Die Proofs, Color Trials and Plate Proofs of respective value stamp. There shows recorded perforation varieties and imperforate errors.

Personal study is shown for 1 Centavo value showing different plate numbers as well as exceptional “NO” plate number sheet, which is believed to have cut out of different position of the printing big sheet of 4 sheets. This also include setting difference of the same plate number measuring the different size of the setting. Official Stamps were used mainly as a single franking, so that this exhibit tried to collect used multiples.

It is important to identify which Government Office / Bureau used the Official Stamps, so that the same postal rate used examples are included as far as they were used at different Office / Bureau. Postal rate applied to such Official Letters were not clearly announced, so that it generally followed the general postal rates. However, there are some exceptional usage of unusual postal rate such as 1 Centavo rate for registered letters. This exhibit include several such examples as well as difficult higher value stamps usages.

HIGHLIGHTS

Following materials are to be highlighted :

1. Unadopted “SITTING LIBERTY” design ESSAYS
2. 30 Centavos Plate Proof Complete Sheet of 50 (ONLY Known)
3. 1 Centavo “NO” Plate Number Sheet of 50 (ONLY Known)
4. 5 Centavos Vertically IMPERFORATE on Left Margin Sheet of 50
5. 30 Centavos Only Known on cover

REFERENCE

Catalogo de los Sellos Postales de la Republica Argentina : 1958 by Victor Kneitschel
Catalogo Especializado de Sellos e Historia Postal de la Republica Argentina : 2018-19

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December 1, 1901

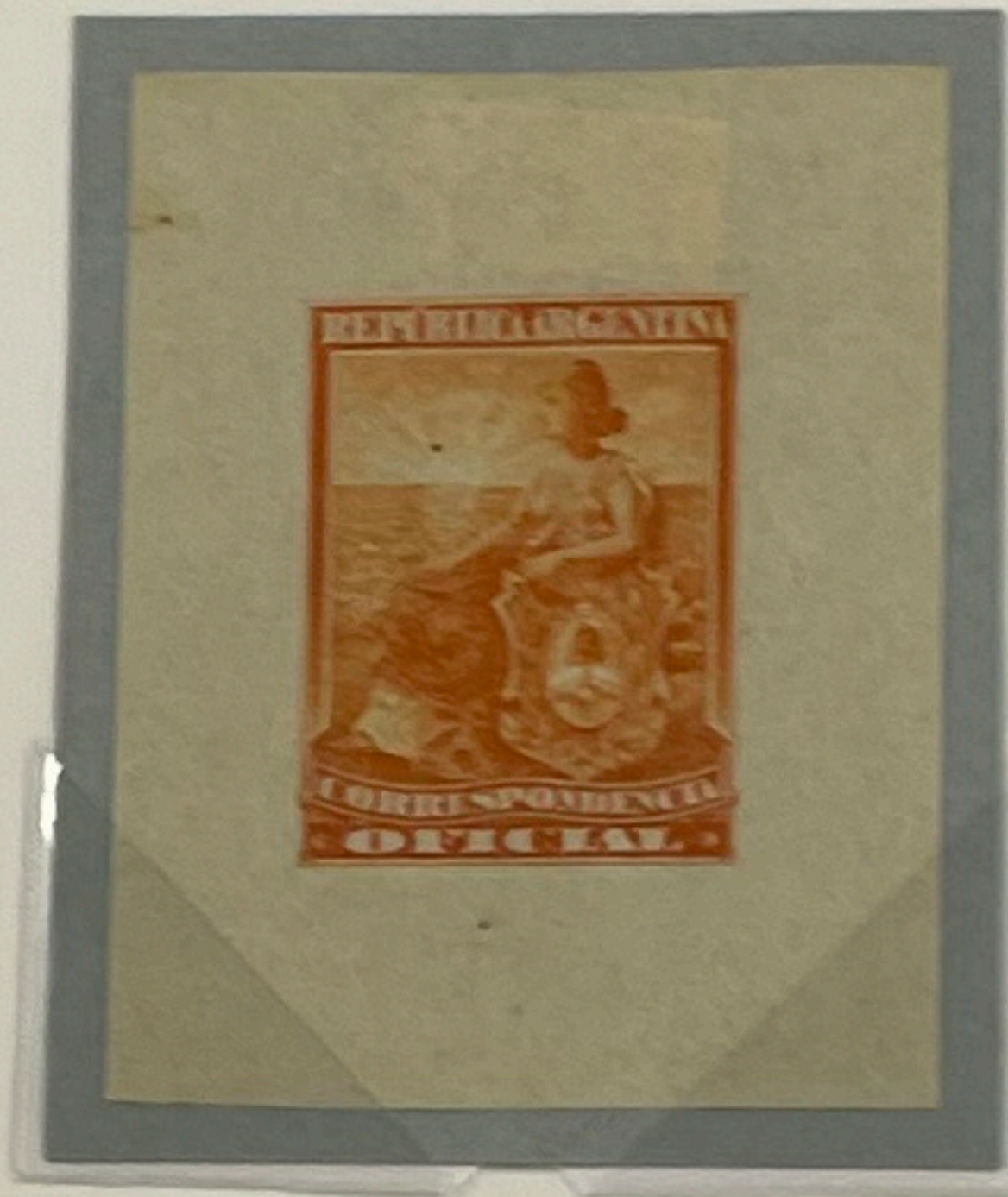
Official Stamps

WITHOUT VALUE

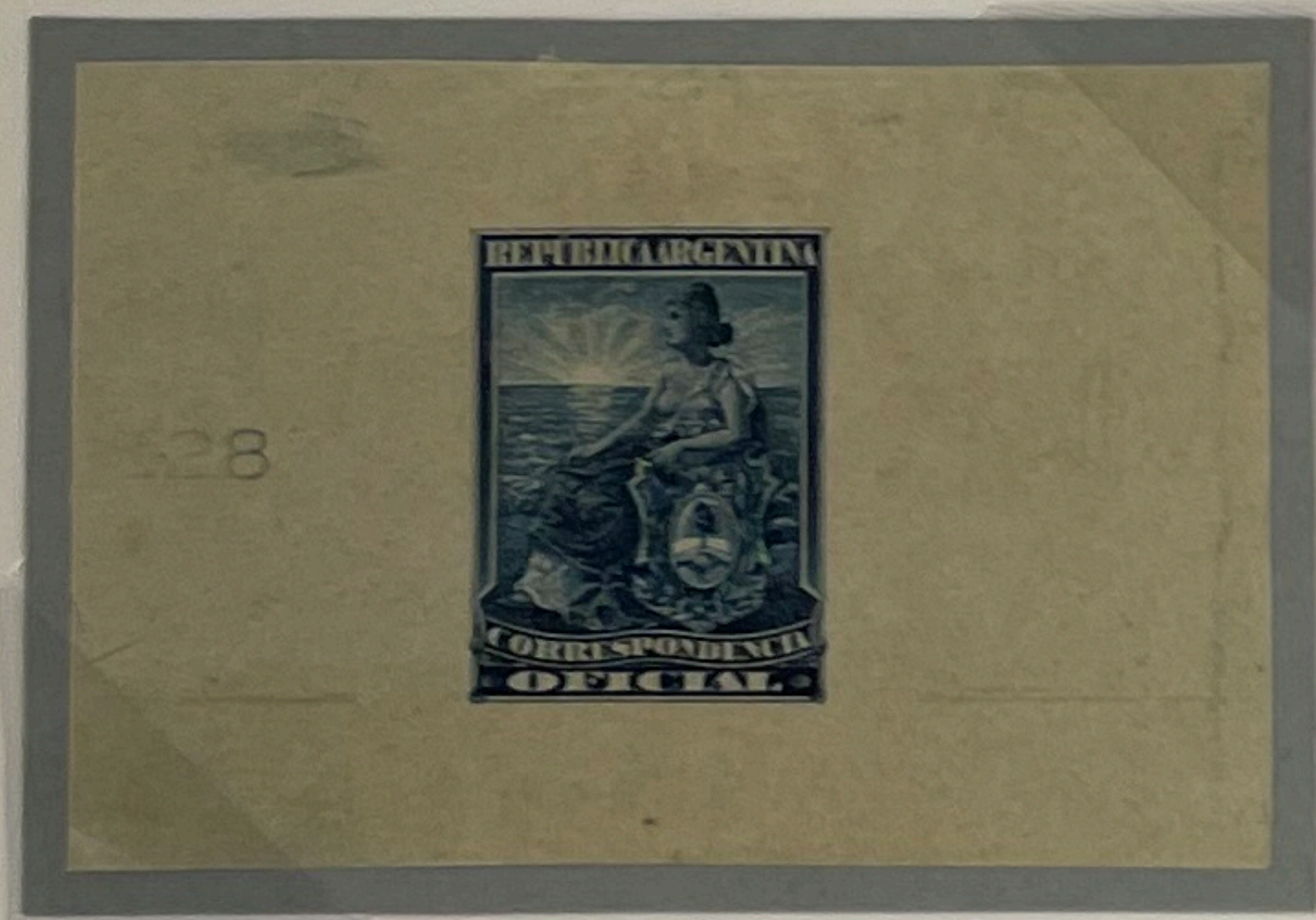
"Sitting Liberty Design" UNADOPTED ESSAYS printed on soft wove paper

Plate No. 528

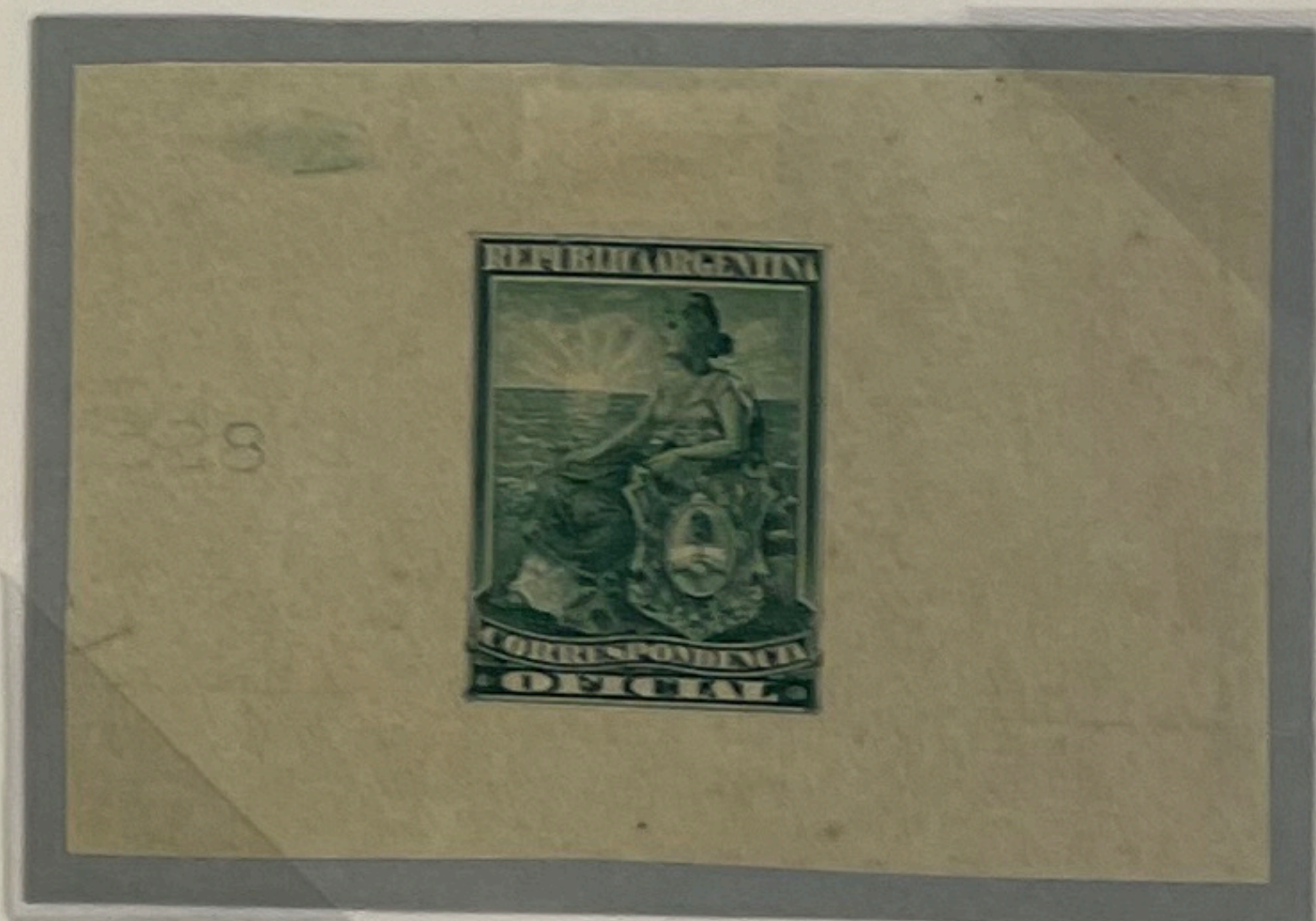
Orange



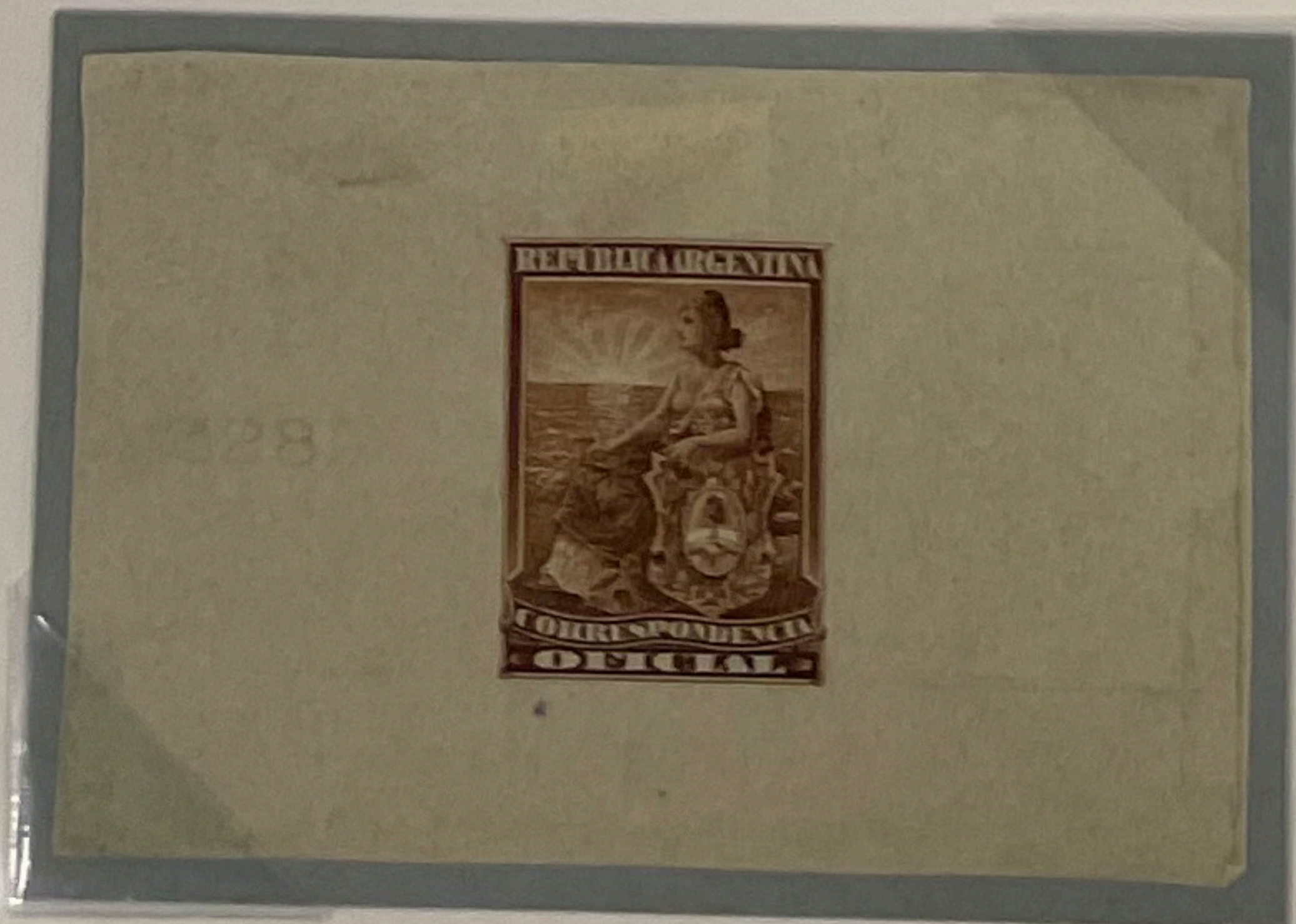
Deep Navy Blue



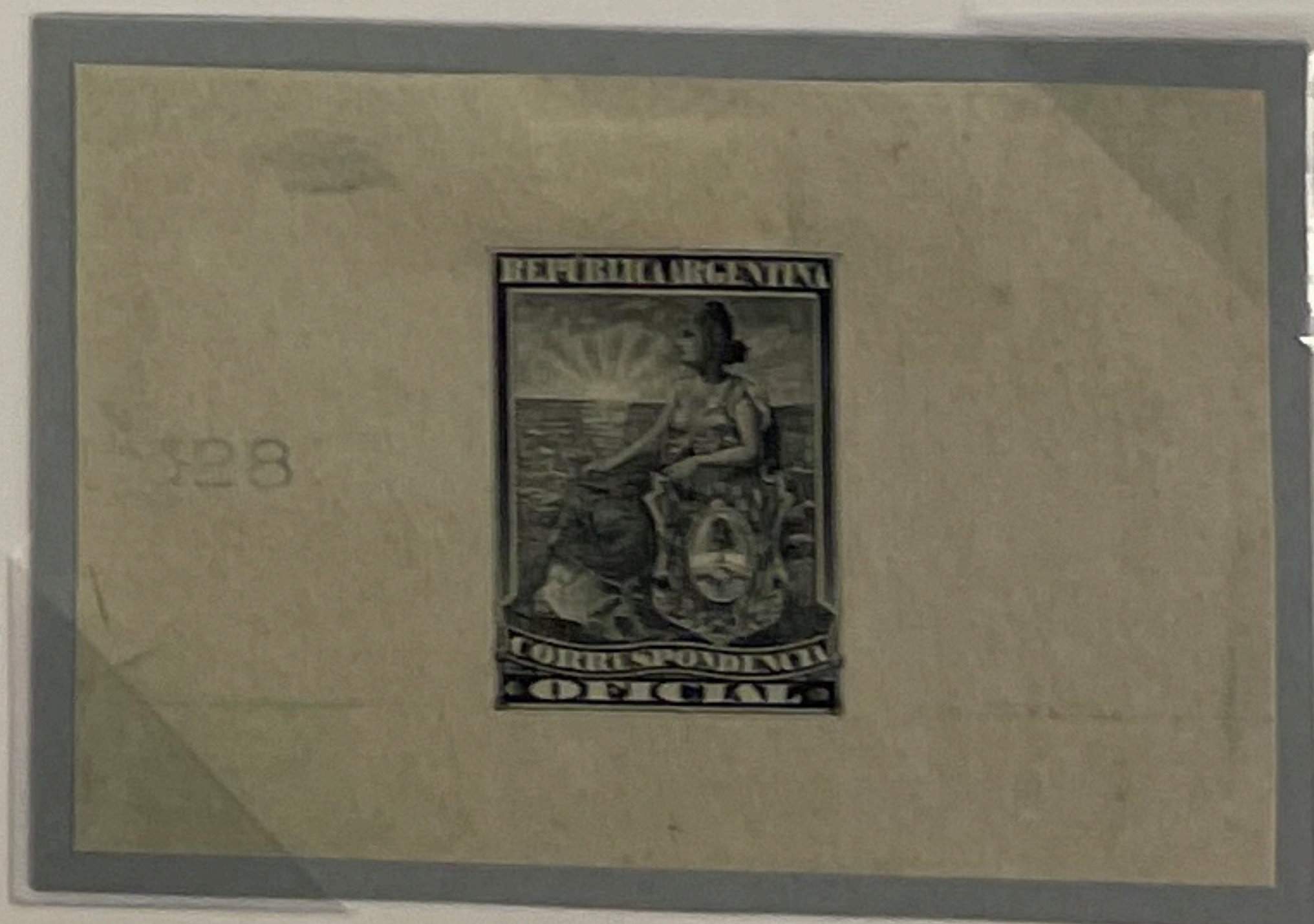
Deep Green



Dark Brown



Black



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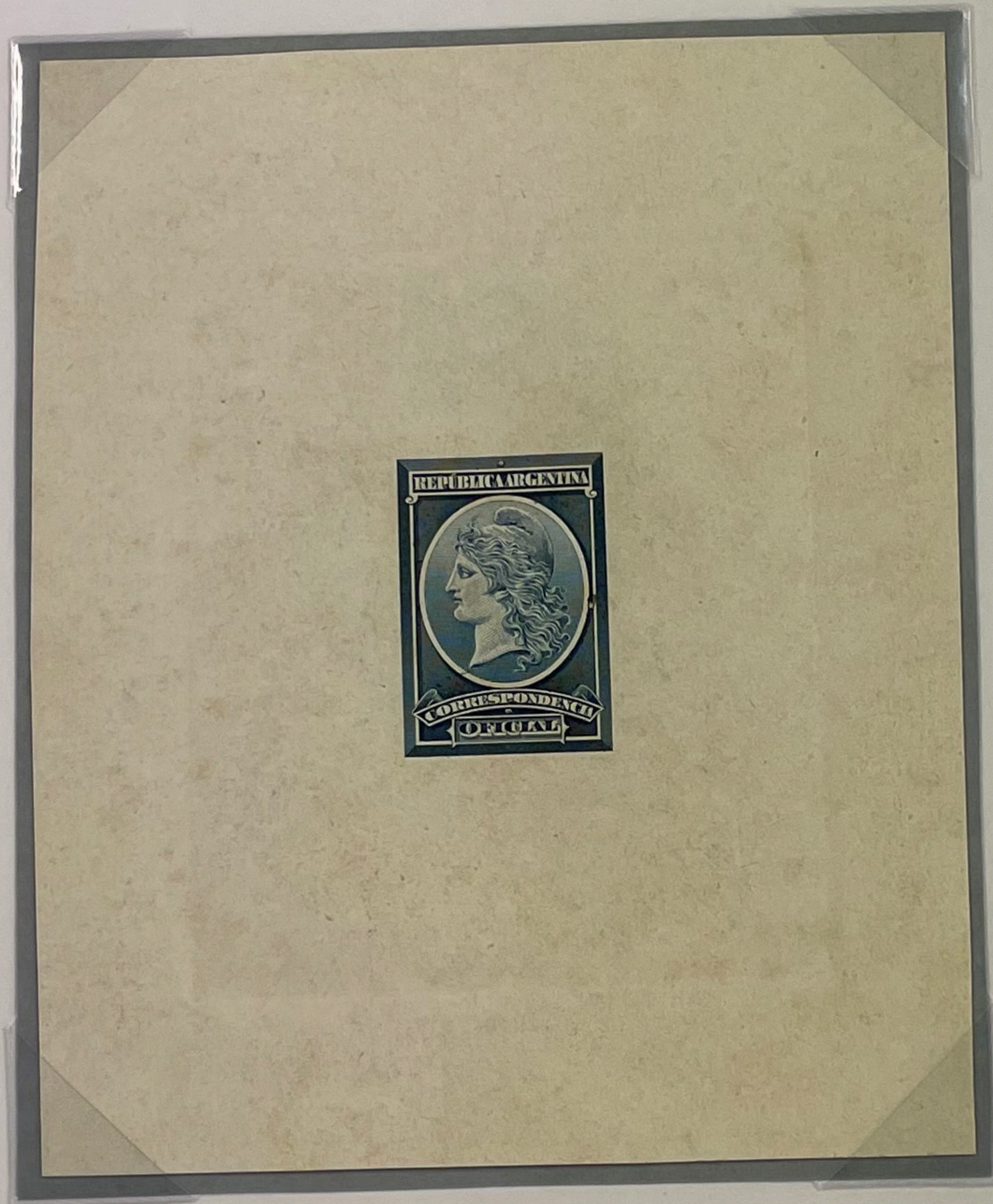
December 1, 1901

Official Stamps

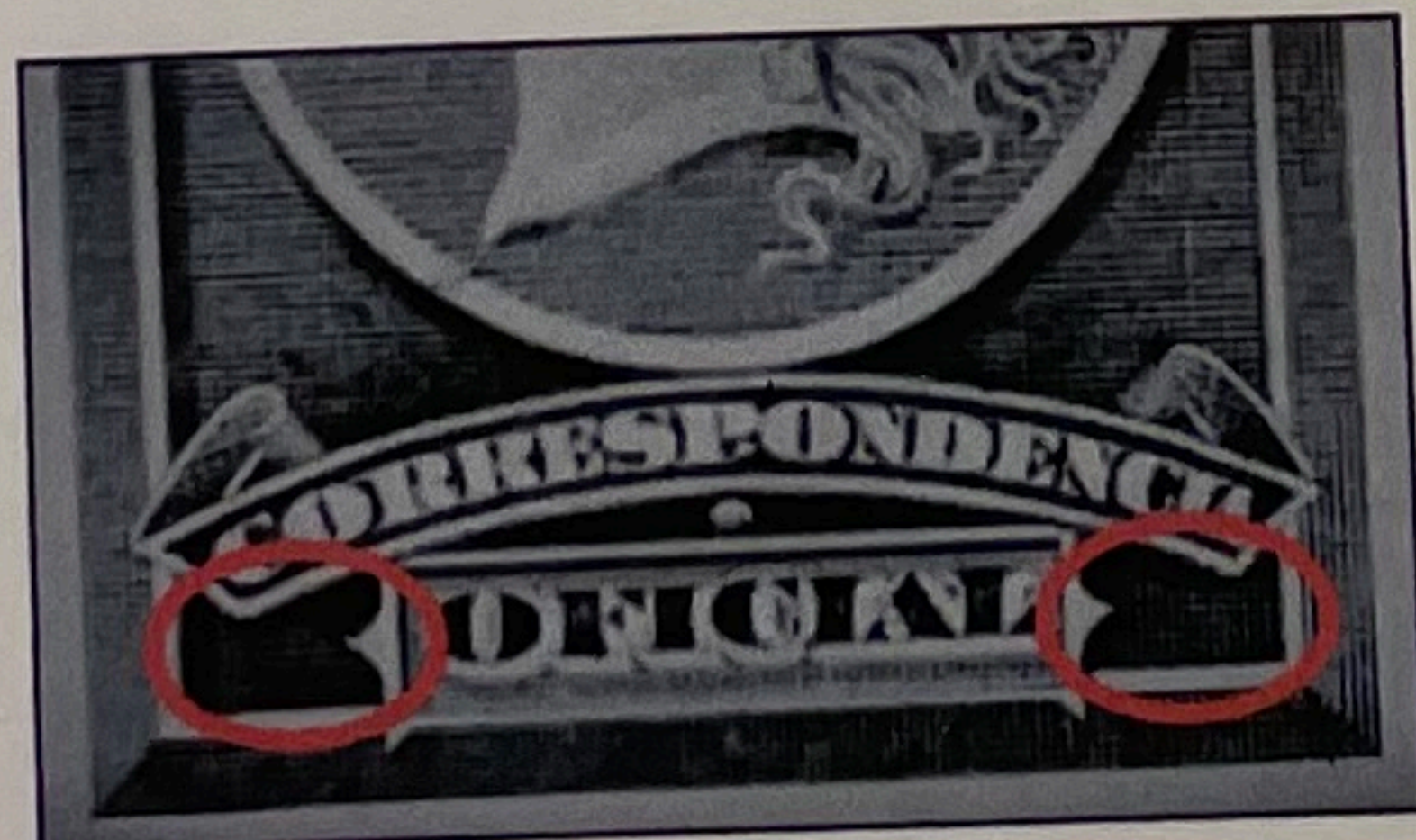
WITHOUT VALUE

Color Trial DIE ESSAY printed on white card paper

Dark Steel Blue



WITHOUT Value Panels



"Sitting Liberty" design was not adopted for the first designated official stamps to avoid confusion with contemporary stamps. This "Medallion" type design was adopted for the newly issued Official Stamps in 1901.

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December 1, 1901

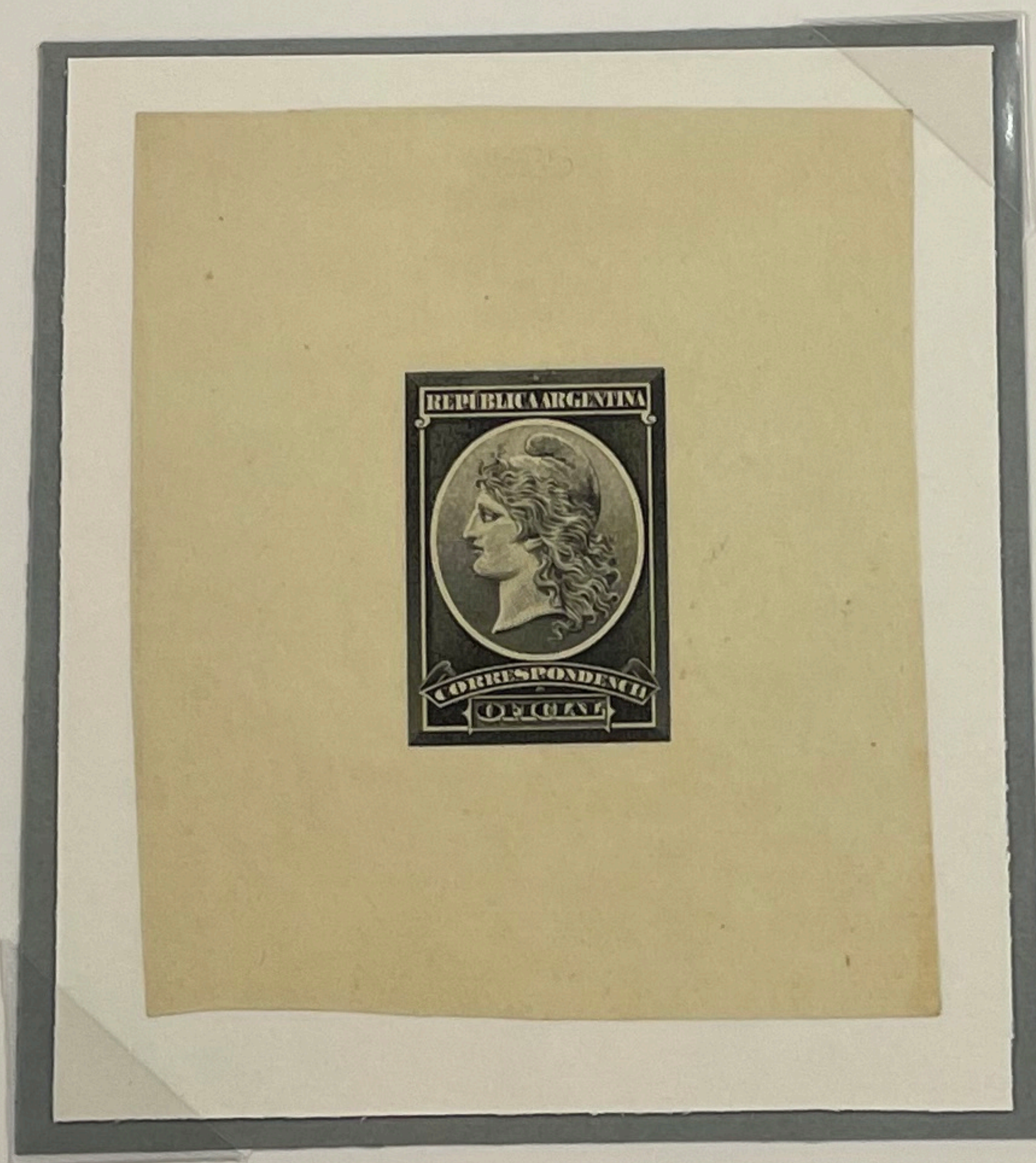
Official Stamps

WITHOUT VALUE

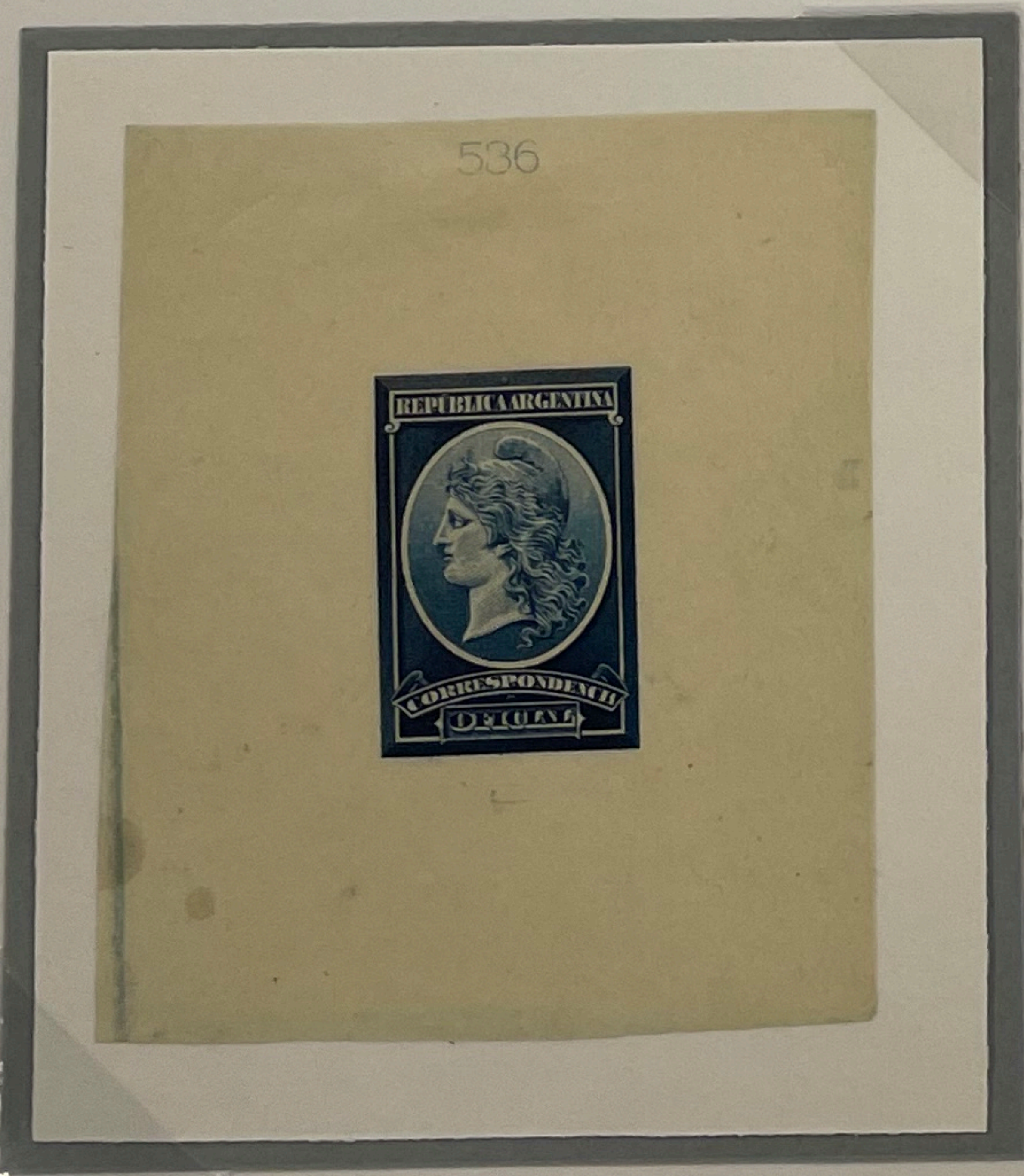
Color Trial DIE ESSAY printed on thin paper

Plate No. 536

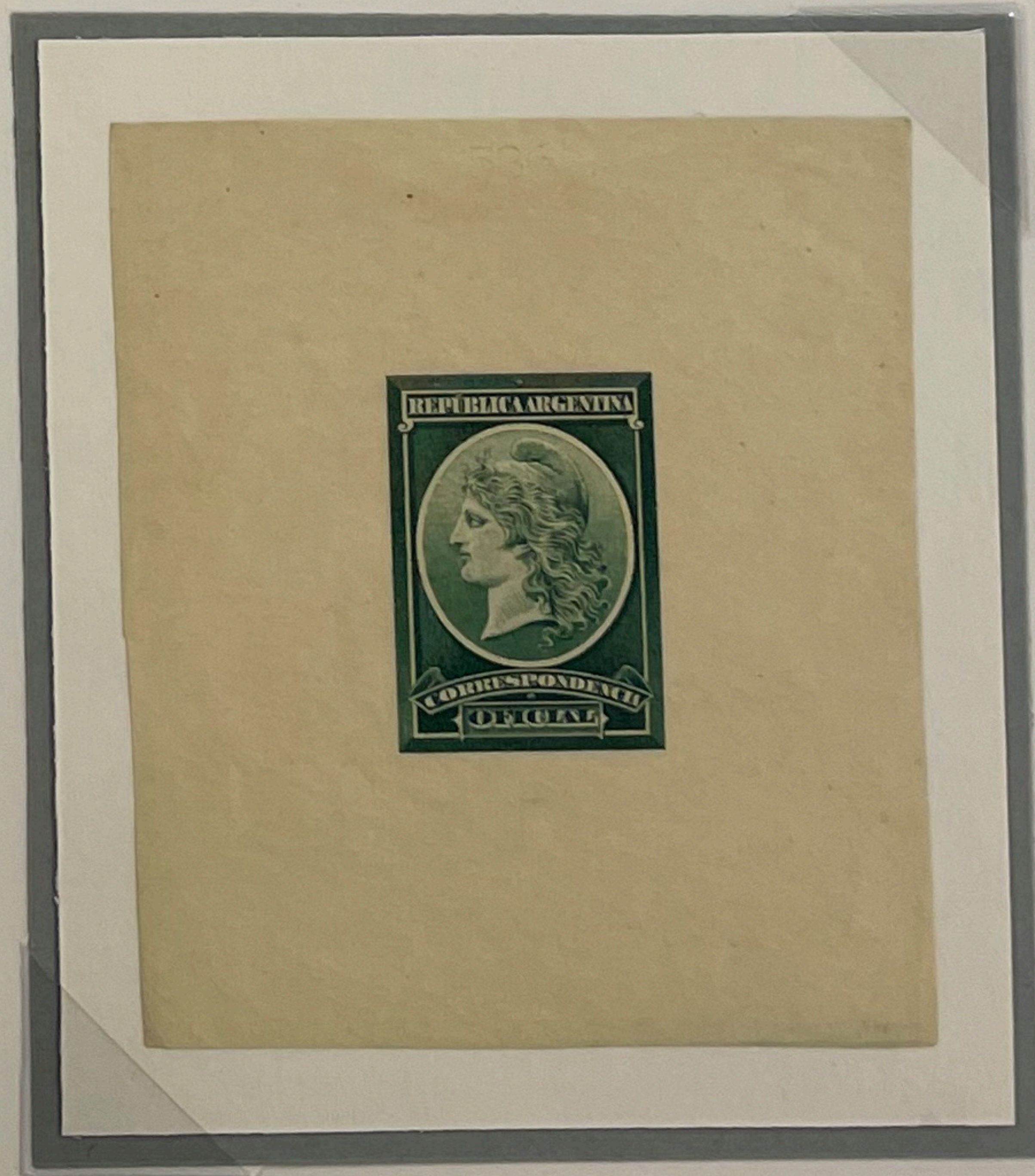
Black



Navy Blue



Deep Emerald Green



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

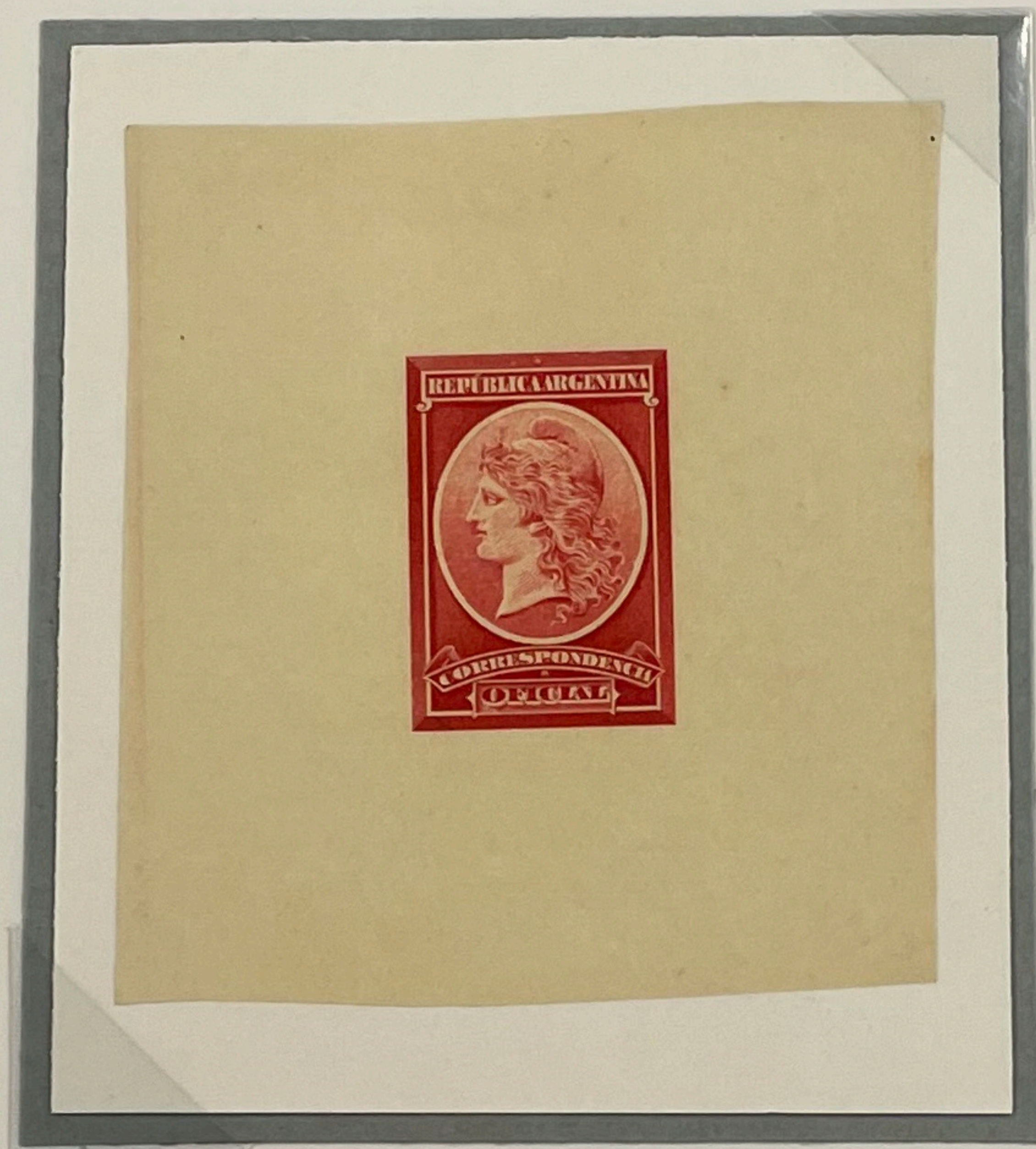
December 1, 1901

WITHOUT VALUE

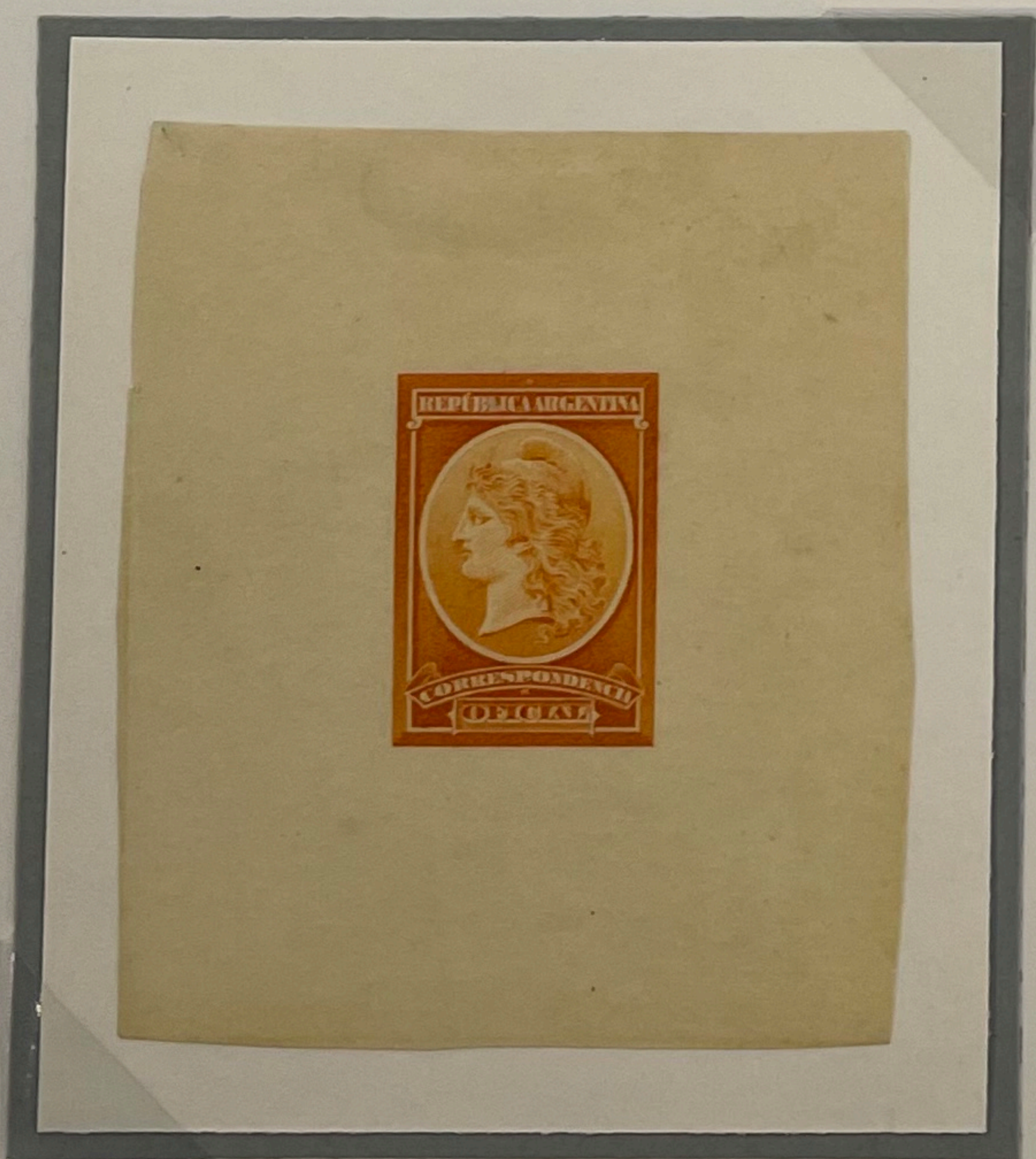
Color Trial DIE ESSAY printed on thin paper

WITHOUT Plate No.

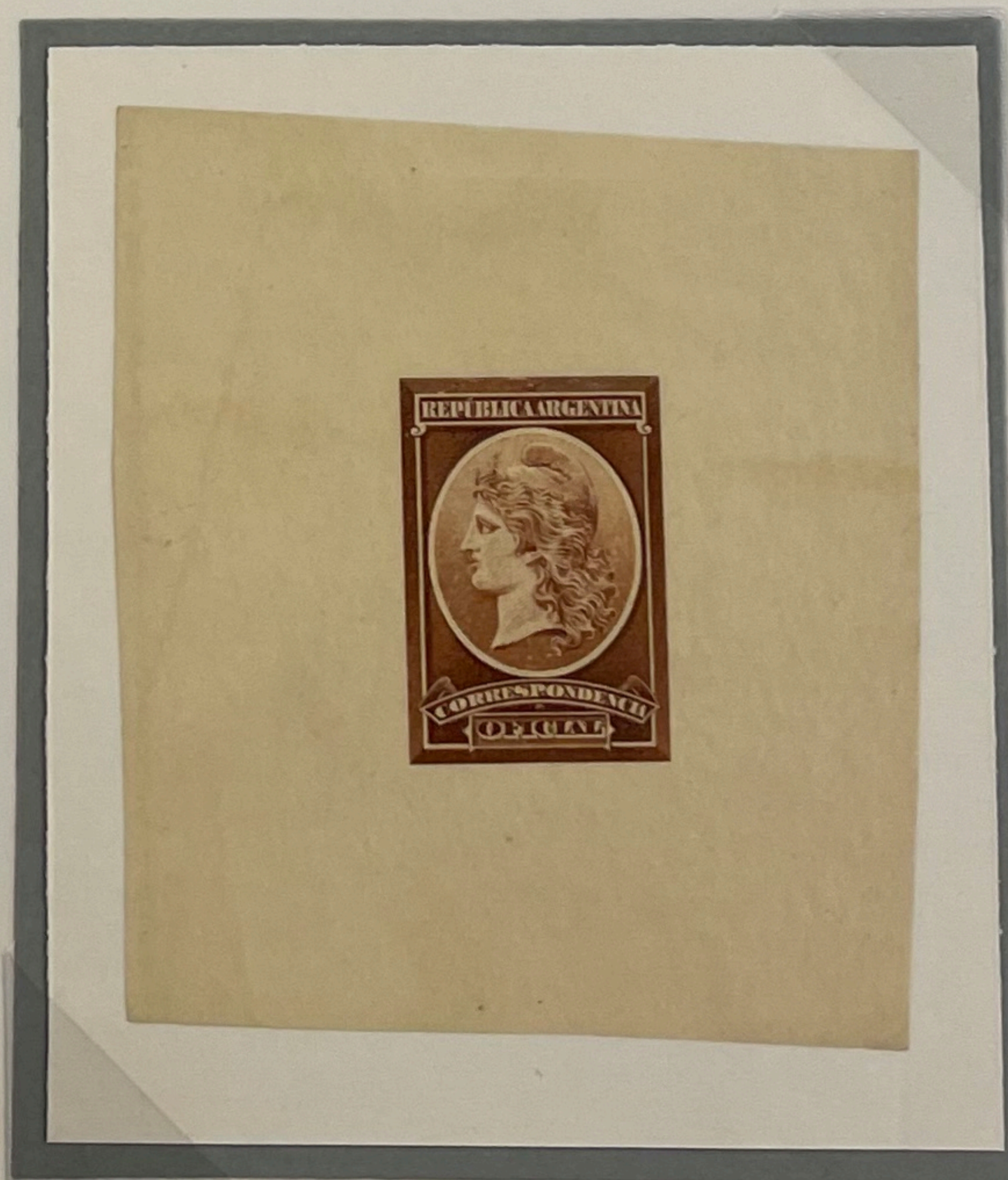
Carmine



Orange



Deep Brown



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Official Stamps

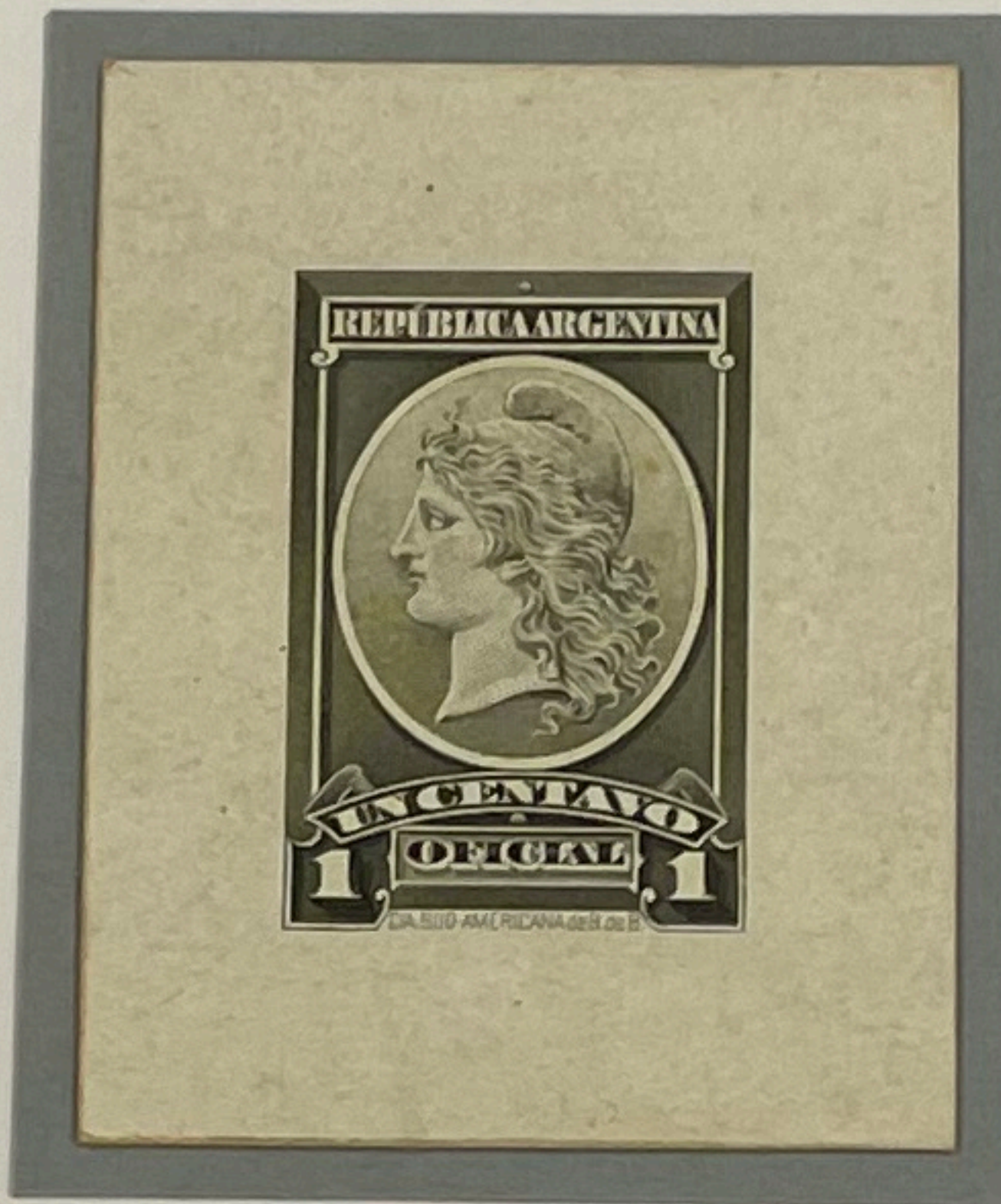
December 1, 1901

1 & 5 Centavos

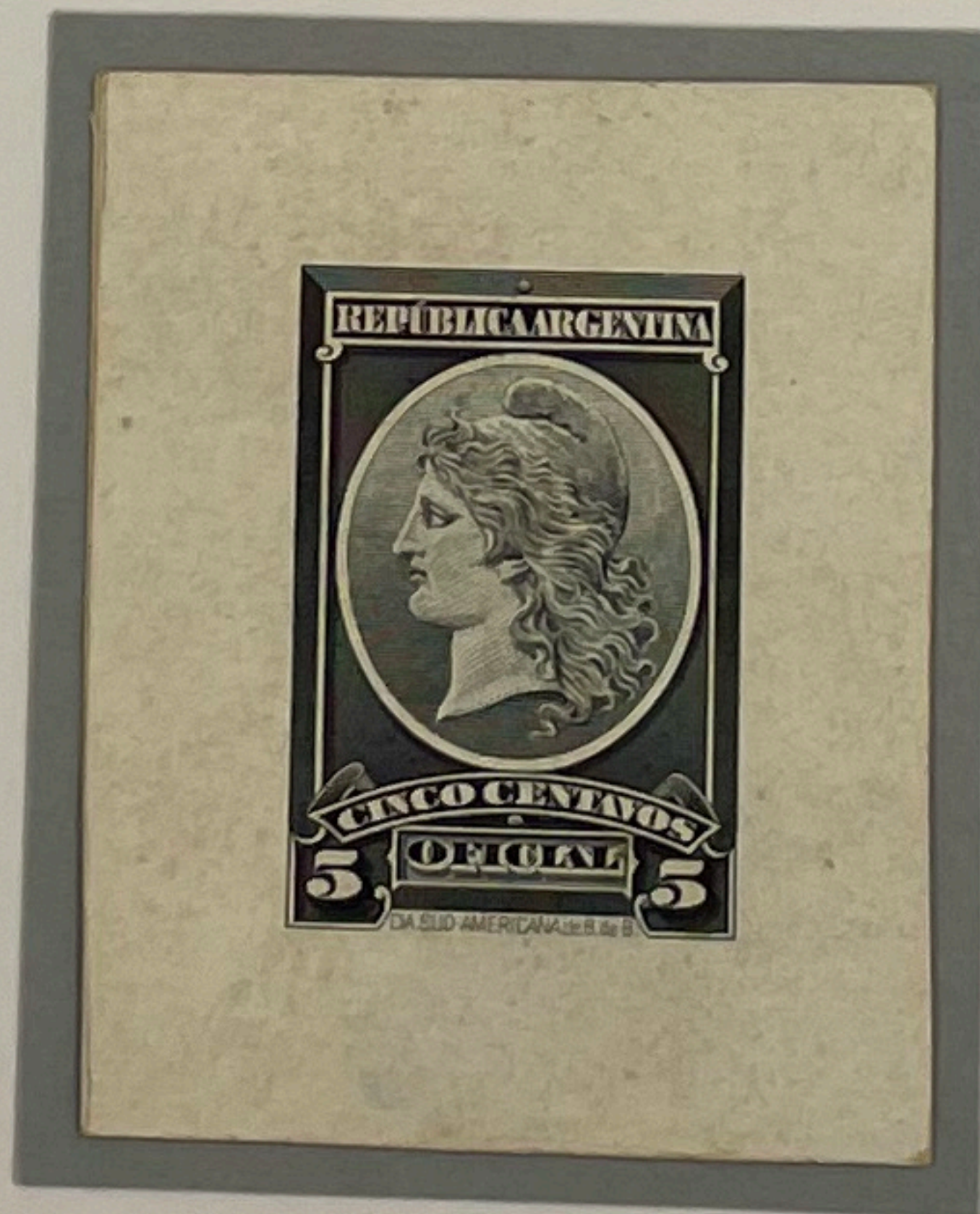
DIE PROOF printed on card paper

1 Centavo : Pale Grey
5 Centavos : Grey-Black

1 Centavo



5 Centavos



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December 1, 1901

Official Stamps

1 & 5 Centavos

Double Values COLOR TRIAL DIE PROOF printed on brown card paper

1 Centavo : Black
5 Centavos : Carmine

Both colors were adopted for issued stamps



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

December 1, 1901

Official Stamps

1 Centavo

COLOR TRIAL PLATE PROOFS

Printed on Thin Paper

Deep Blue



Deep Black



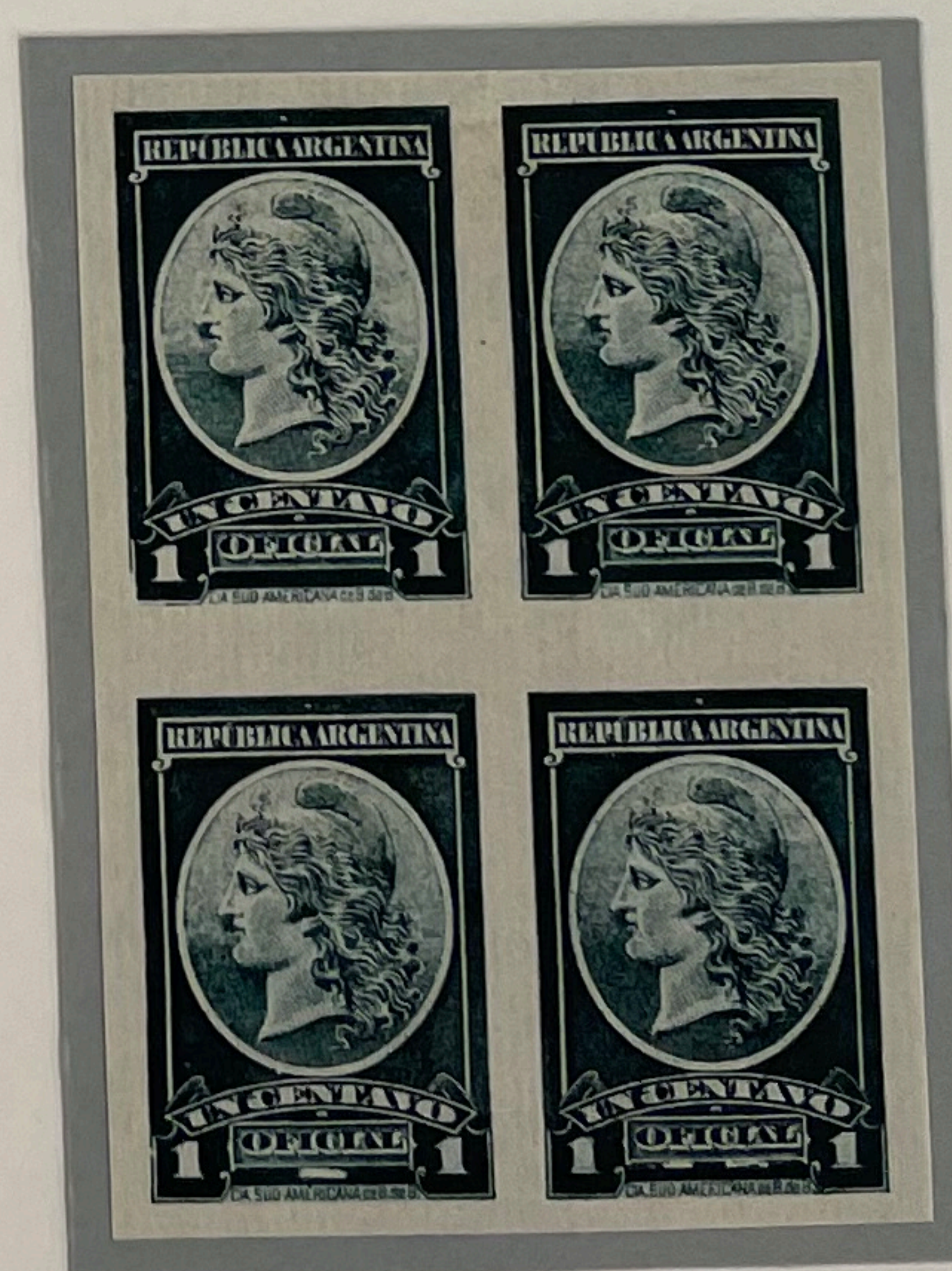
Deep Green



Deep Sage Green



Deep Bluish Green



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

December 1, 1901

Official Stamps

1 Centavo

COLOR TRIAL PLATE PROOFS

Printed on Thin Paper

Yellowish Orange



Deep Orange



Deep Carmine



Deep Black-Carmine



Deep Reddish Brown



Deep Brown



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

2 Centavos

COLOR TRIAL PLATE PROOFS

Printed on Thin Paper

Deep Blue



Black



Green



Deep Sage Green



Deep Bluish Green



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

2 Centavos

COLOR TRIAL PLATE PROOFS

Printed on Thin Paper

Yellow



Orange



Carmine



Deep Black-Carmine



Deep Reddish Brown



Deep Brown



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

10 Centavos

COLOR TRIAL PLATE PROOFS

Printed on Thin Paper

Blue



Black



Deep Green



Sage Green



Deep Bluish Green



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

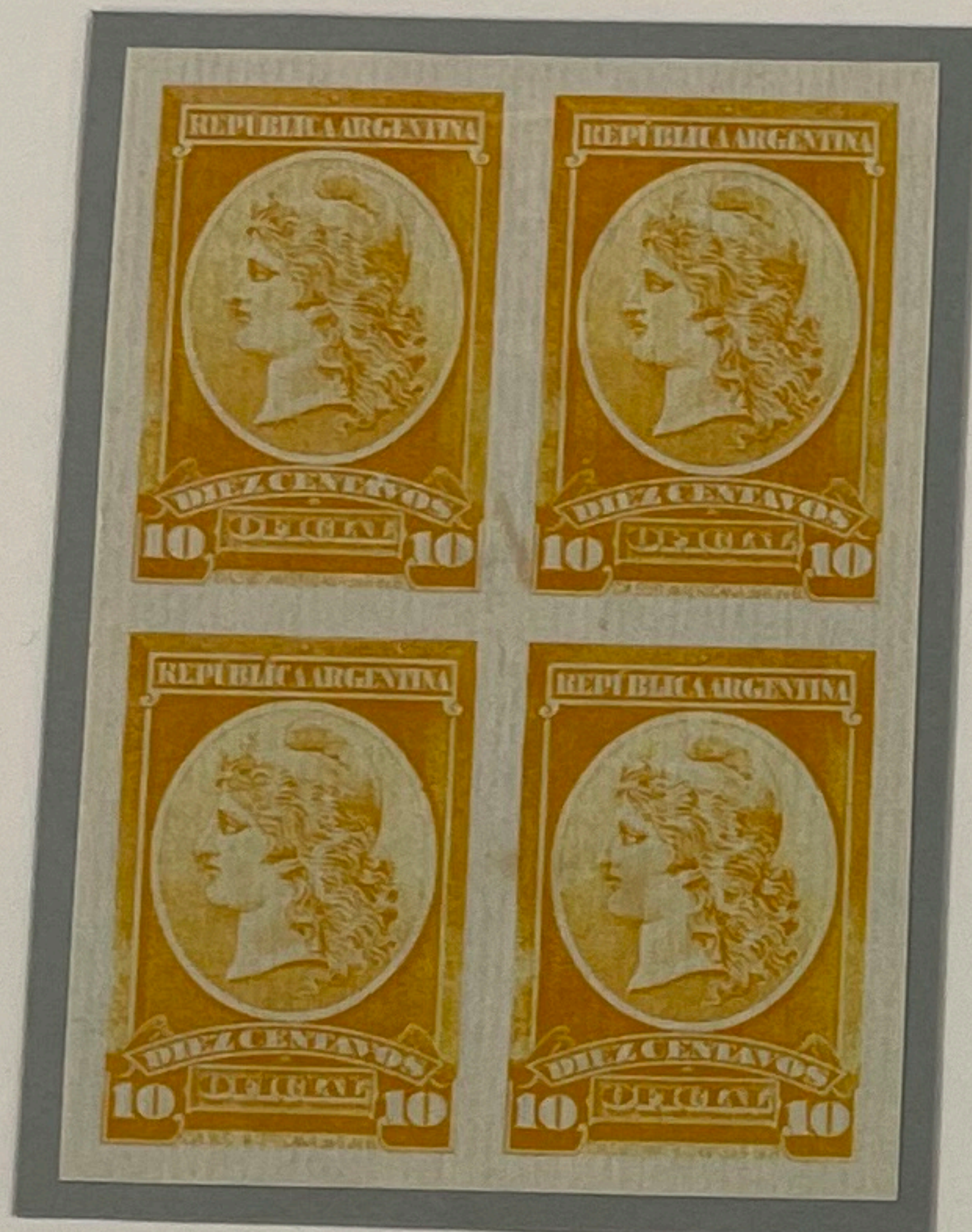
December 1, 1901

10 Centavos

COLOR TRIAL PLATE PROOFS

Printed on Thin Paper

Yellow Orange



Orange



Carminé



Deep Black-Carminé



Deep Reddish Brown



Deep Brown



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

30 Centavos

COLOR TRIAL PLATE PROOFS

Printed on Thin Paper

Blue



Black



Green



Sage Green



Bluish Green



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

30 Centavos

COLOR TRIAL PLATE PROOFS

Printed on Thin Paper

Yellow



Orange



Carmine



Deep Black-Carmine



Reddish Brown



Brown



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

50 Centavos

COLOR TRIAL PLATE PROOFS

Printed on Thin Paper

Blue



Black



Deep Sage Green



Sage Green



Bluish Green



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

50 Centavos

COLOR TRIAL PLATE PROOFS

Printed on Thin Paper

Yellow Orange



Deep Orange



Carmine



Deep Black-Carmine



Reddish Brown



Brown



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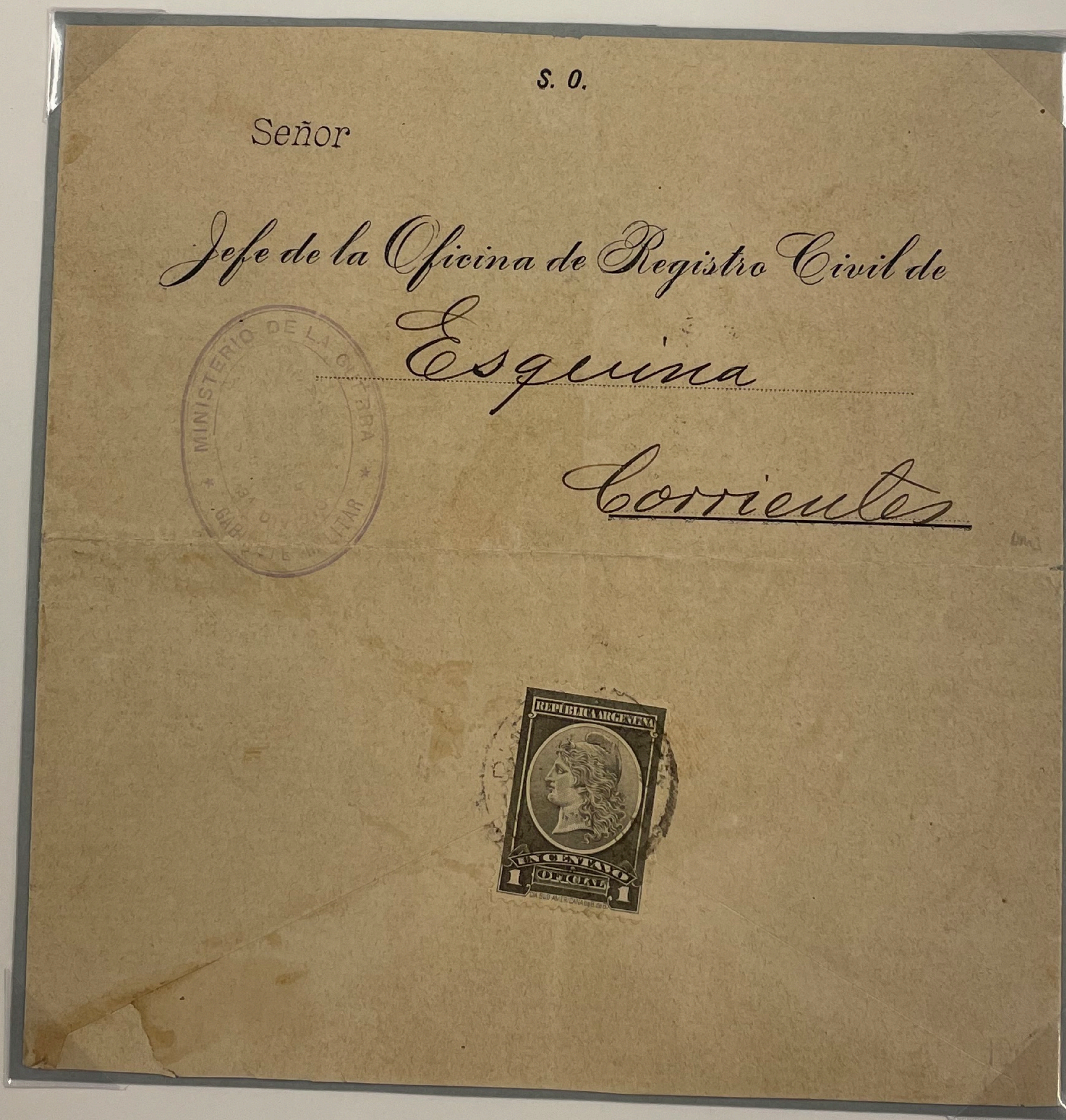
Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

1 Centavo Rate Printed Matter Mail

Sent by "Ministerio de Guerra"
Gabinete Militar 3^a División



Sent from Buenos Aires to Corrientes

December 26, 1902

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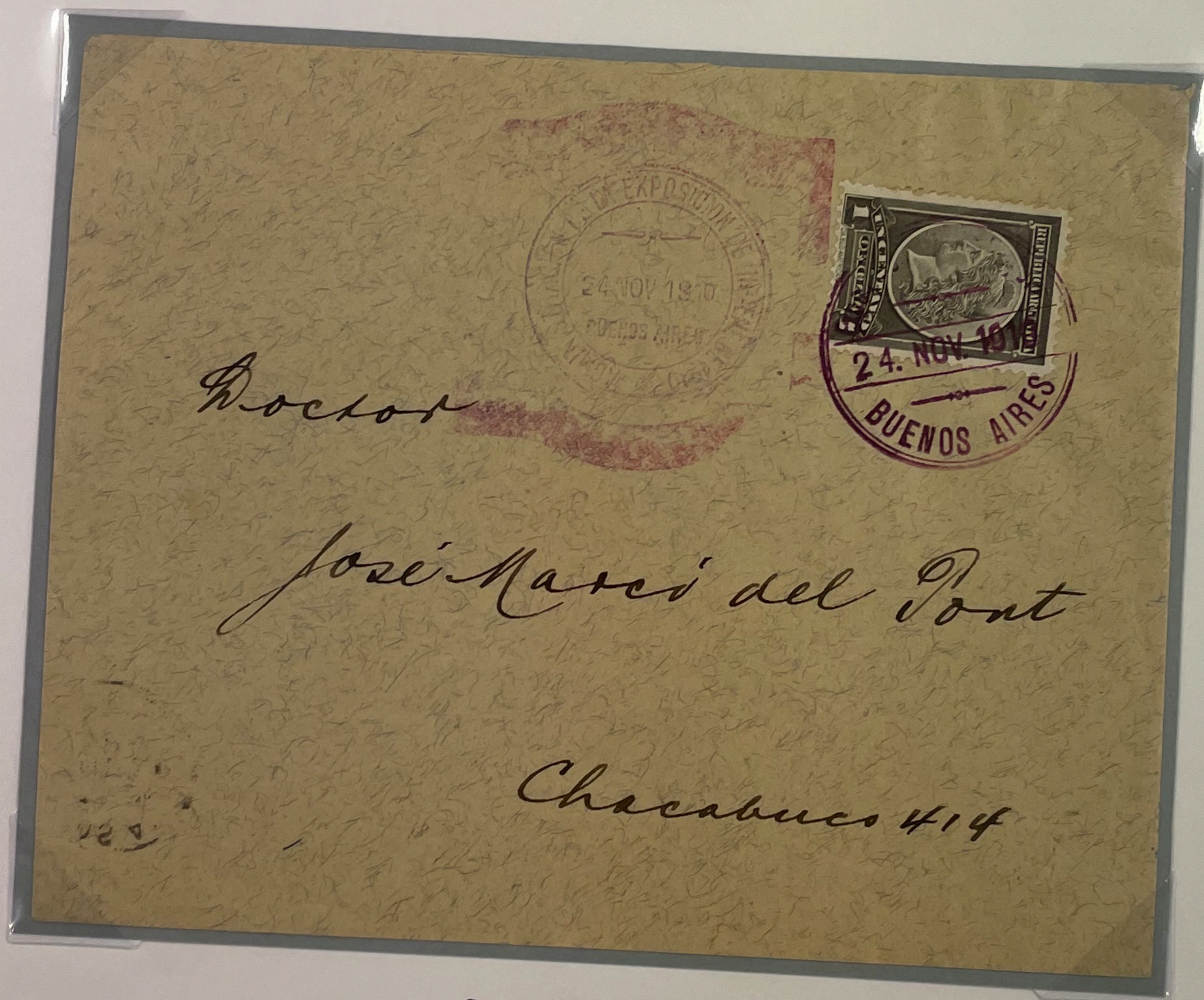
Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

1 Centavo Rate Domestic Letter with Violet Cancellation

Sent by "Administracion de la Exposicion
de la ENE de 1910"



Sent in Buenos Aires

November 24, 1910

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アルゼンチンの正刷公用切手

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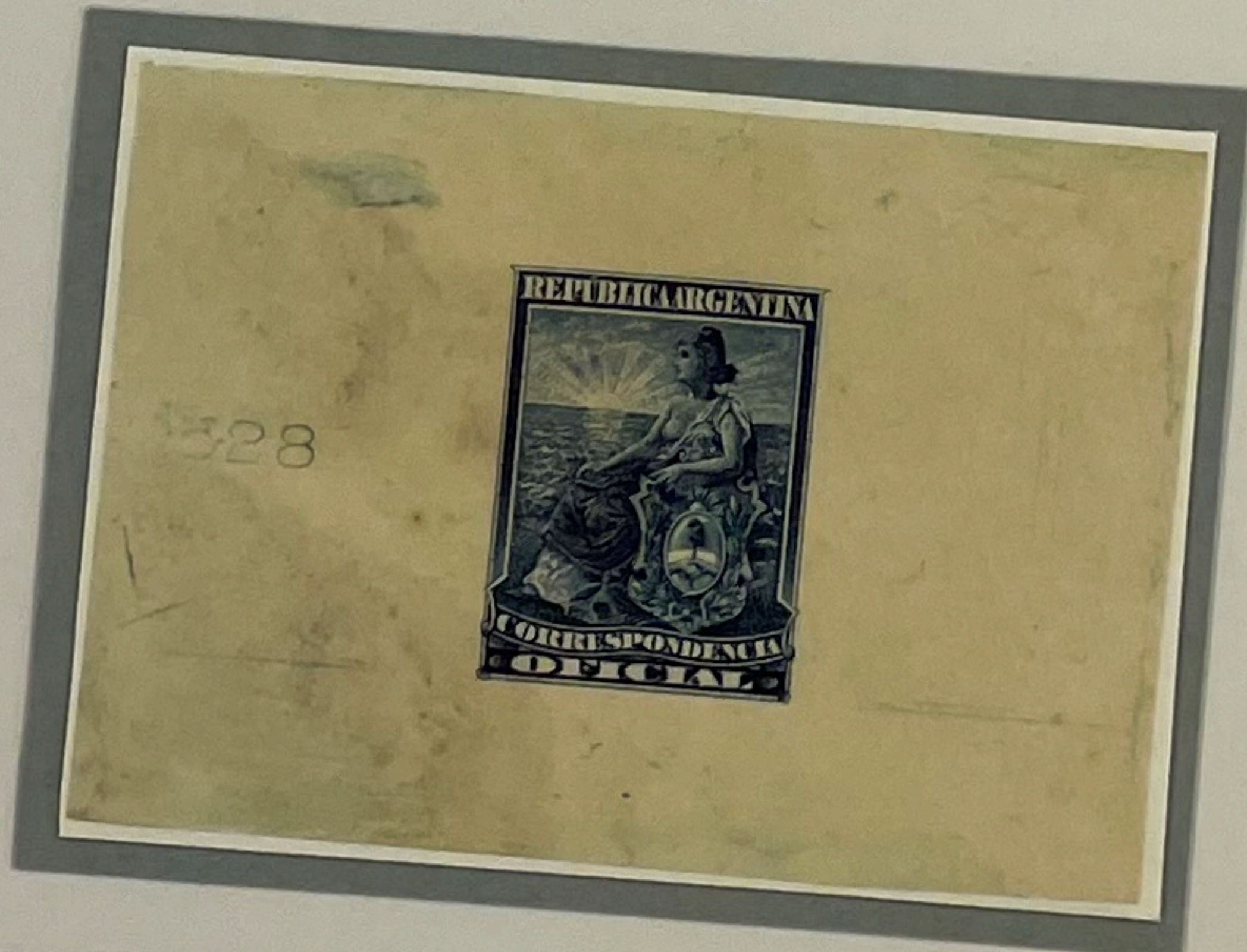
細字“OFICIAL”
水平加刷

ボールド“OFICIAL”
黒字ななめ加刷

ボールド“OFICIAL”
赤字ななめ加刷

1901年には加刷切手の代わりに正刷の公用切手が発行されることとなり、当時の普通切手であった“Sitting Liberty”図案を基にエッセーが作成されたが、結果的に“Liberty Head”を図案として1901年12月1日に発行された。

不採用“Sitting Liberty”図案エッセー
(Plate 528)



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この作品で注目してほしいのは以下のマテリアルである。

1. 不採用“Sitting Liberty”図案エッセー
2. 1センタボ“1019”版50面完全シート(現存1点)
3. 1センタボ 小字“計数番号” / 10センタボ 赤字“計数番号”
4. 1センタボ料金 特別割引書留使用例 / 10センタボ料金 書留使用例
5. 2センタボ 50面シート使用済 / 5センタボ 18枚使用済最大ブロック
6. 50センタボ 小包使用例オンピース

REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

1 Centavo Rate Domestic Letter

Sent by "Ministerio de Agricultura"
División de Ganadería, Zoología y Policía Veterinaria



Sent Buenos Aires

December 5, 1908

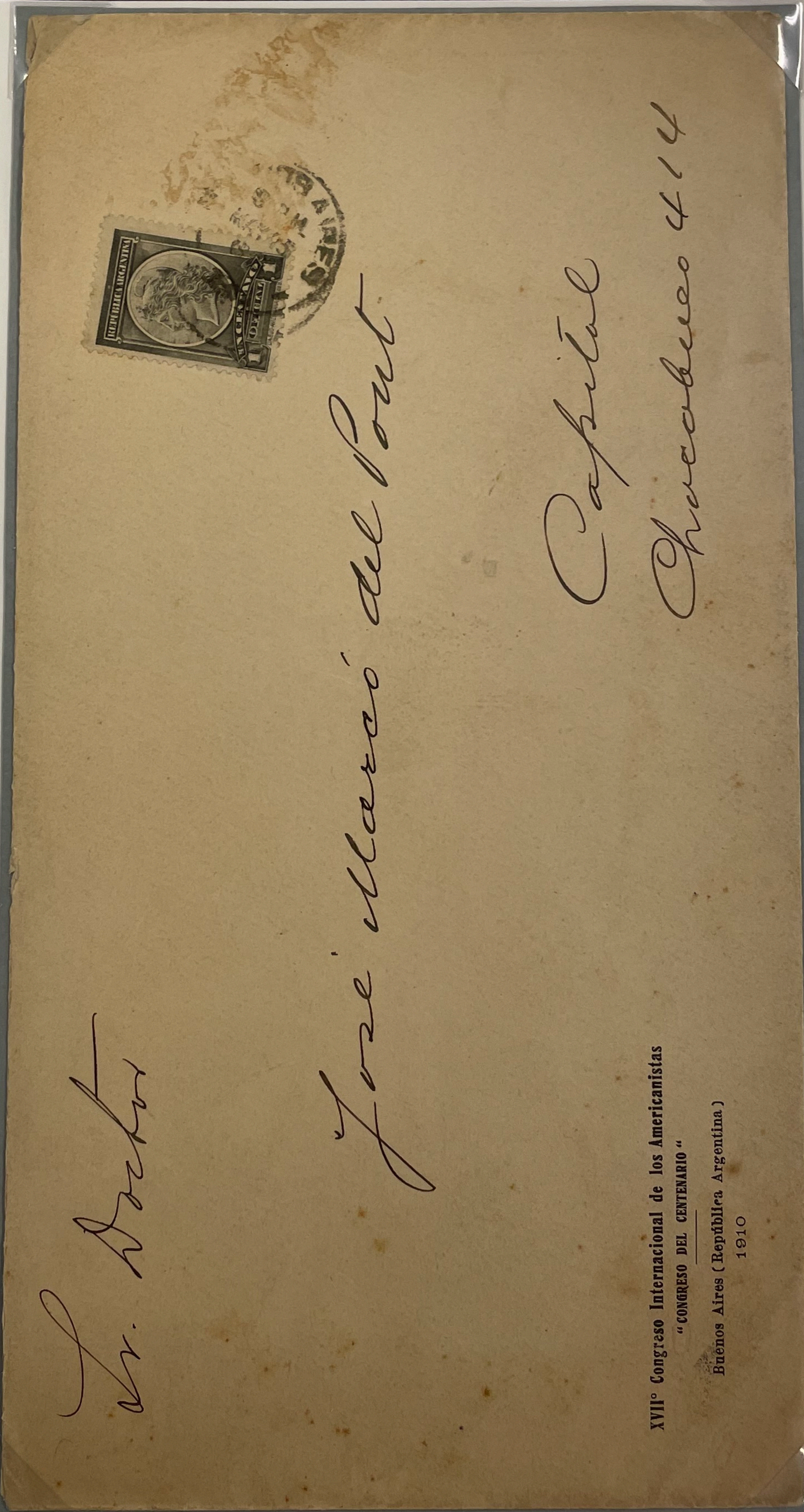
REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

1 Centavo Rate Domestic Letter

Sent by "XVII° Congreso Internacional de los Americanistas - CONGRESO DEL CENTENARIO"



Dr. Doctores

Jose Larrosa del Post

Capital

Chacabuco 414

Sent in Buenos Aires

May 25, 1910

XVII° Congreso Internacional de los Americanistas
"CONGRESO DEL CENTENARIO"
Buenos Aires (República Argentina)
1910

REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

1 Centavo Rate Domestic Letter with Machine Cancellation

Sent by "Aduana de la Capital"
Secretaria General



Sent in Buenos Aires

September 20, 1910

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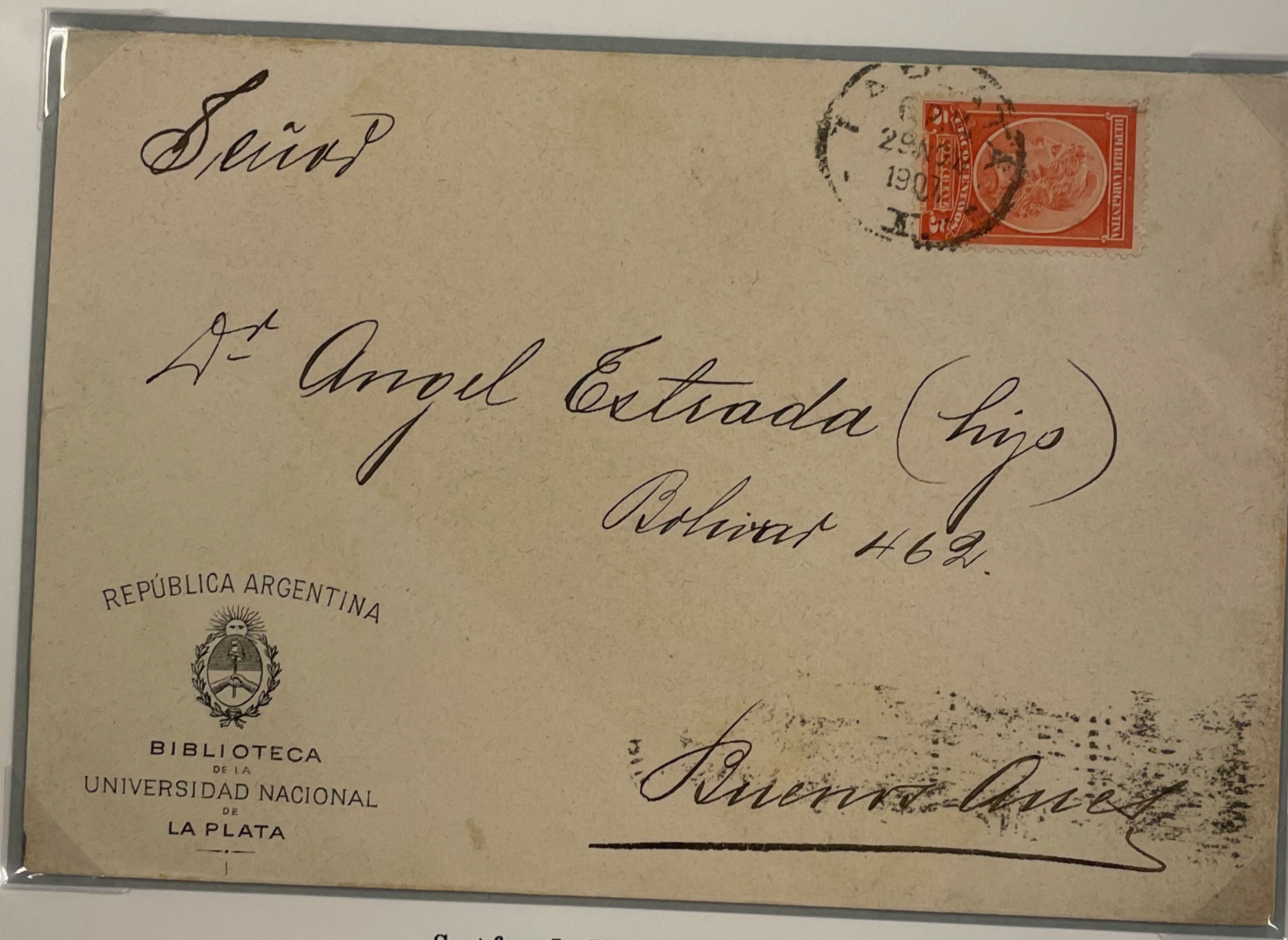
Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

5 Centavos

5 Centavos Rate Domestic Letter

Sent by "Biblioteca de la Universidad Nacional de La Plata"



Sent from La Plata to Buenos Aires

November 29, 1907

Sent by National University in La Plata to an individual. These letters sent for non-official communication was not applied the official discount rate to pay 5 Centavos.

REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

Perforation VARIETIES

Perf. 11 1/2



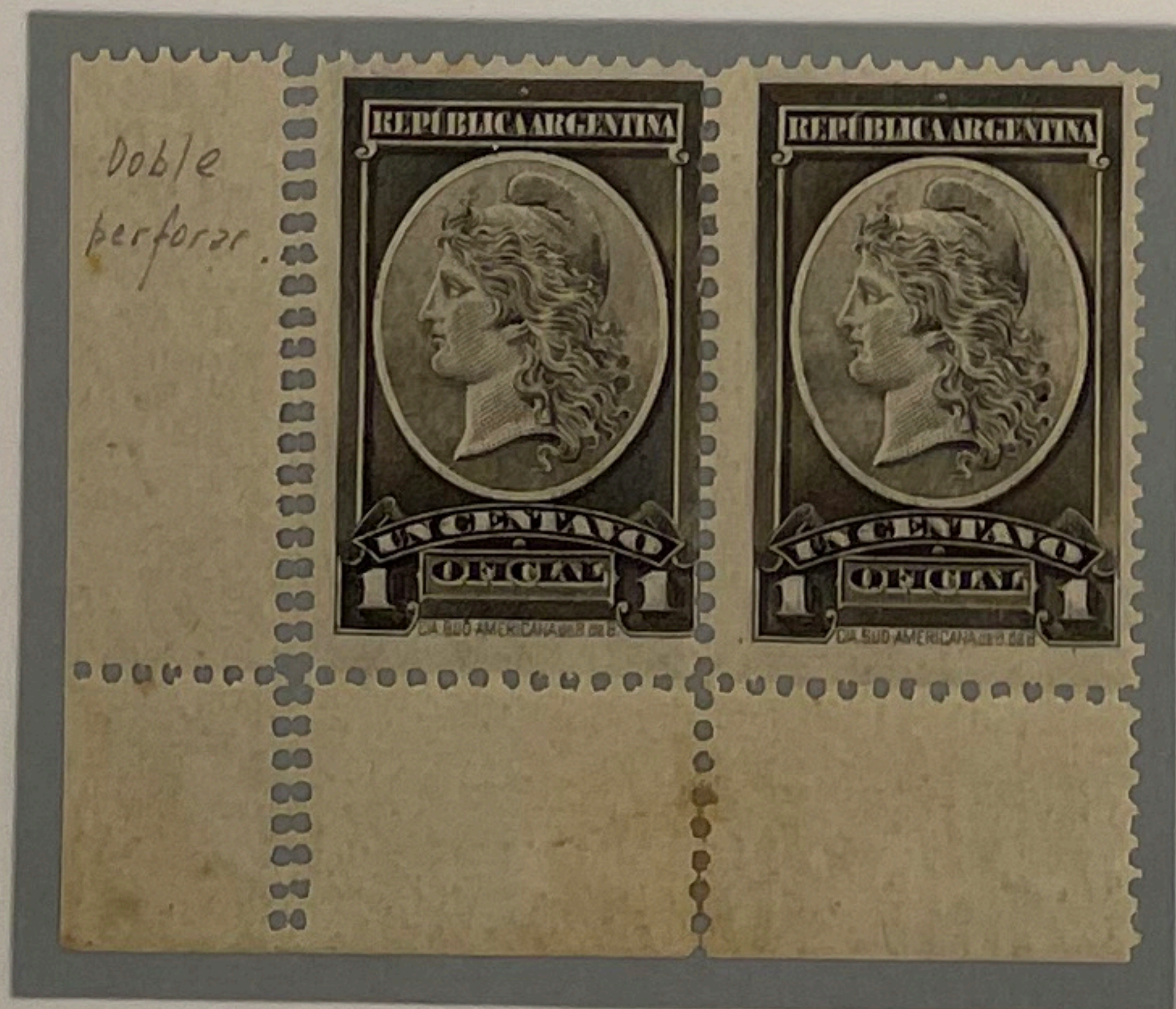
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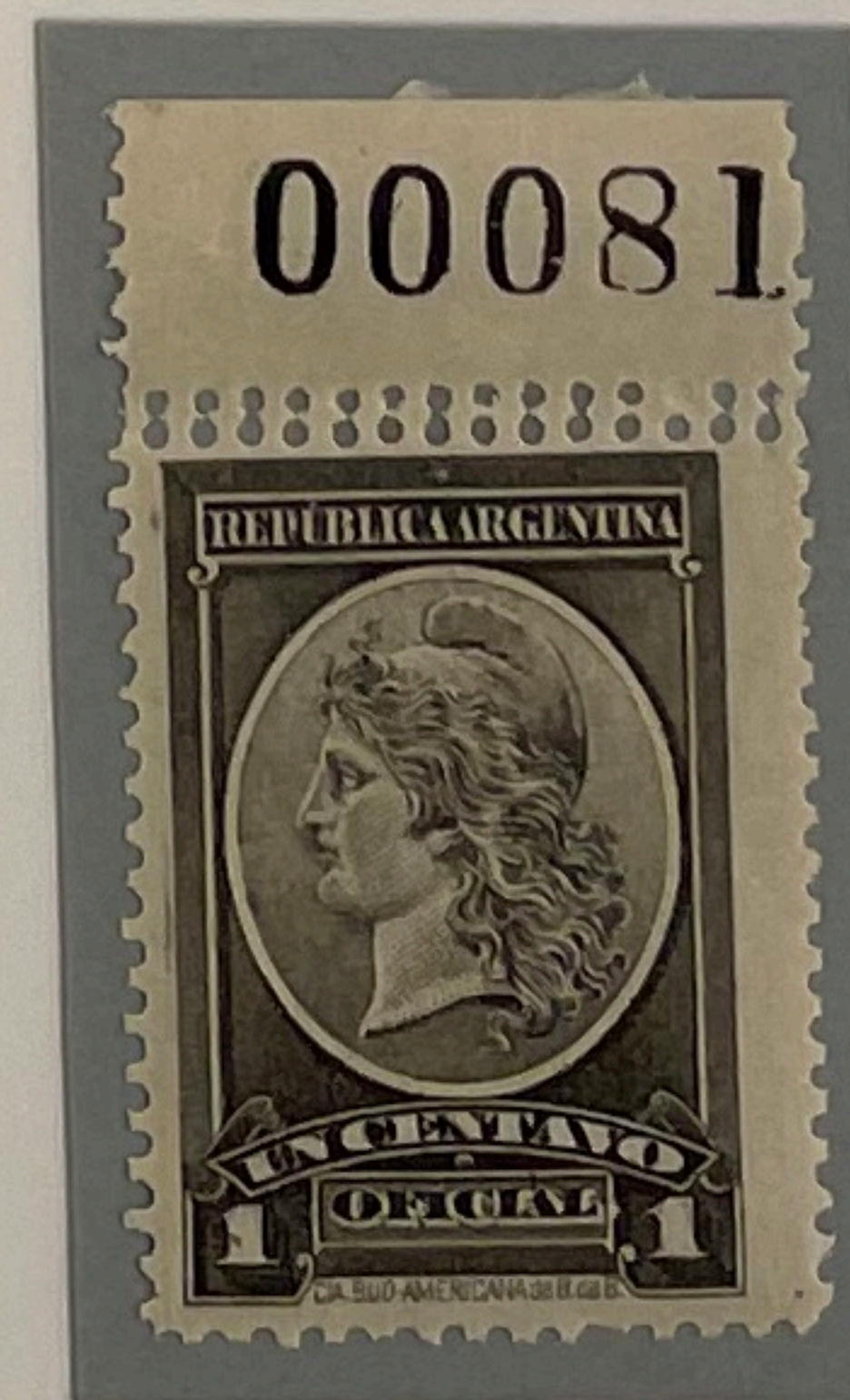
Compound Perforation
11 1/2 x 12



DOUBLE Perf. VERTICALLY



DOUBLE Perf. HORIZONTALLY



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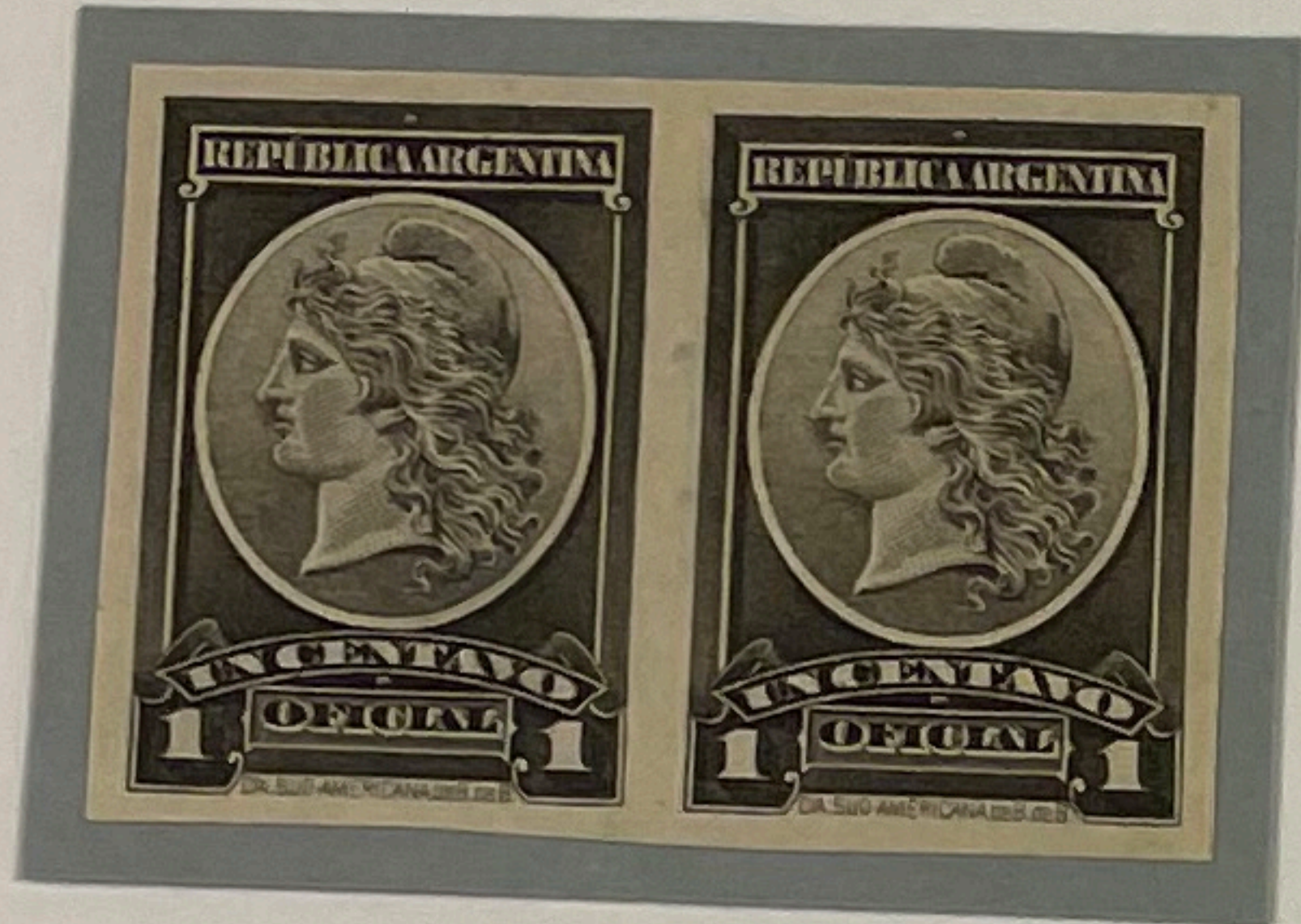
Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

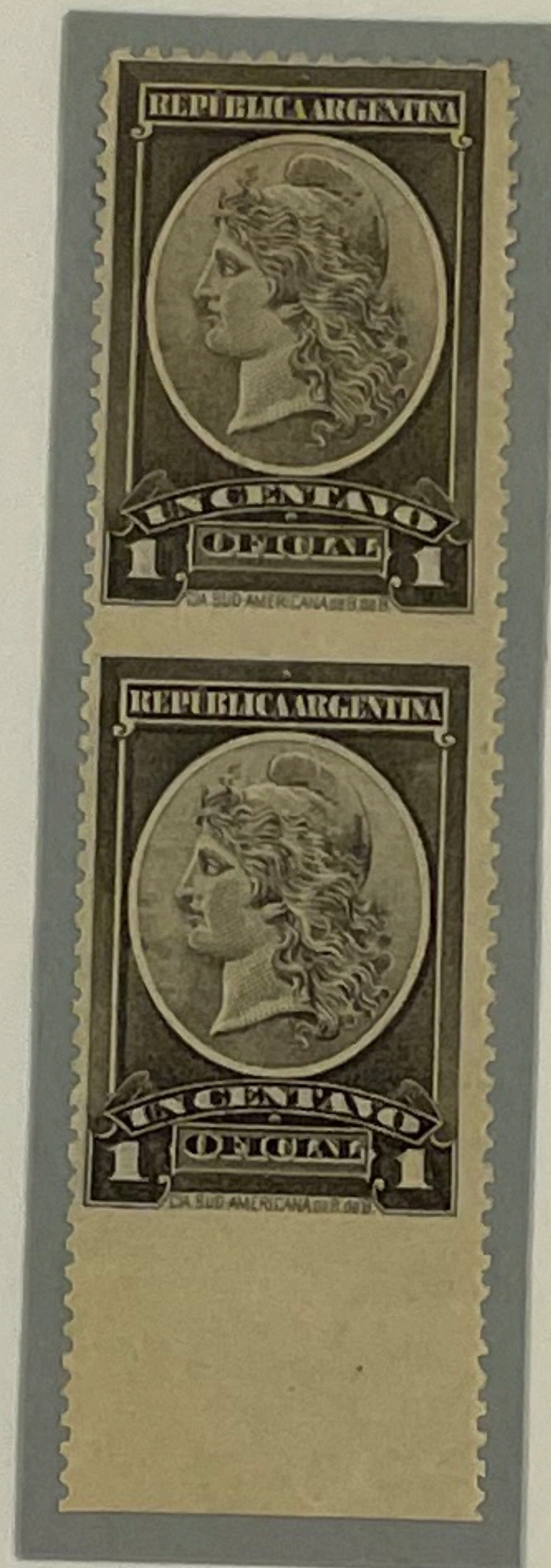
1 Centavo

Perforation ERRORS

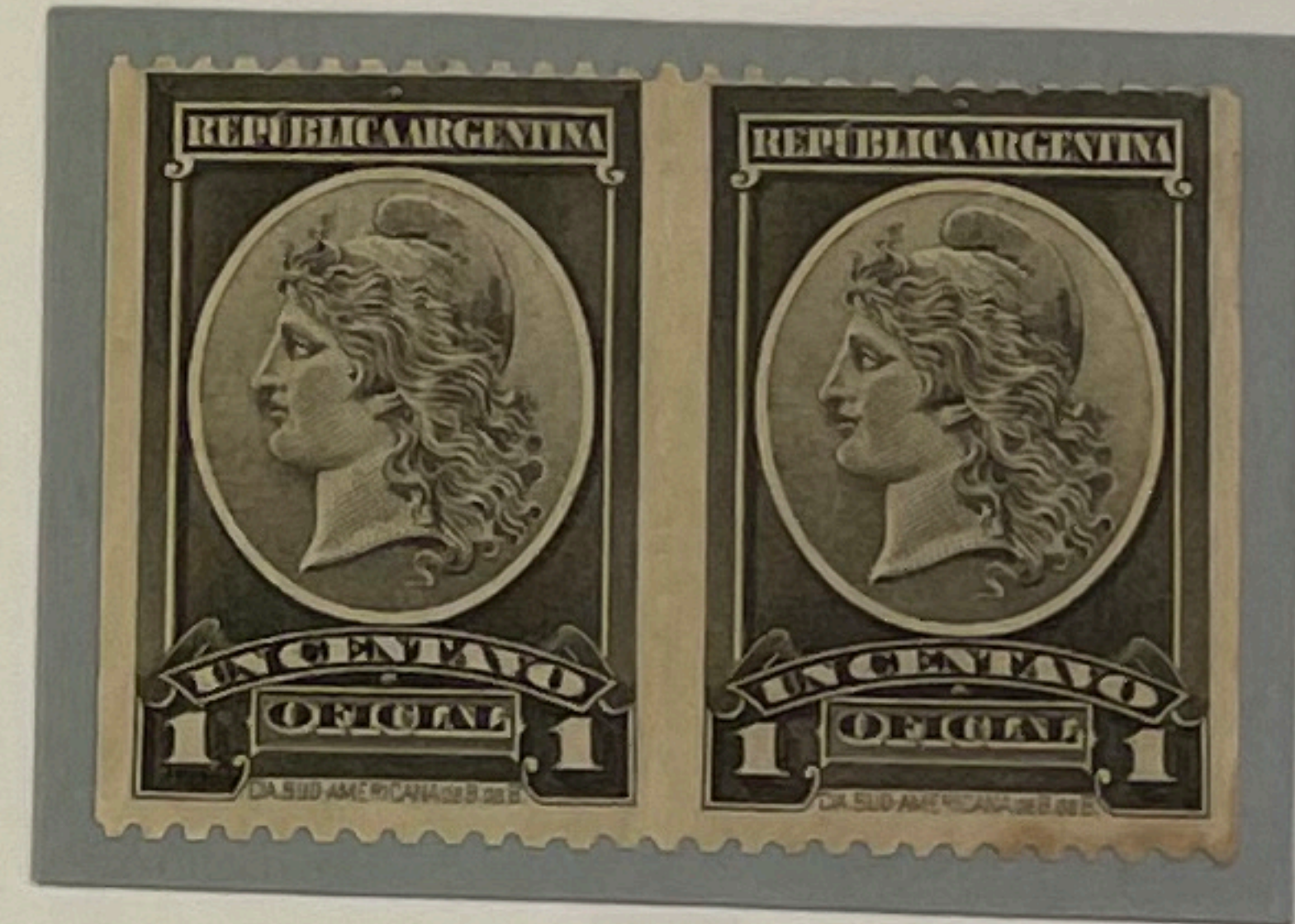
IMPERF.



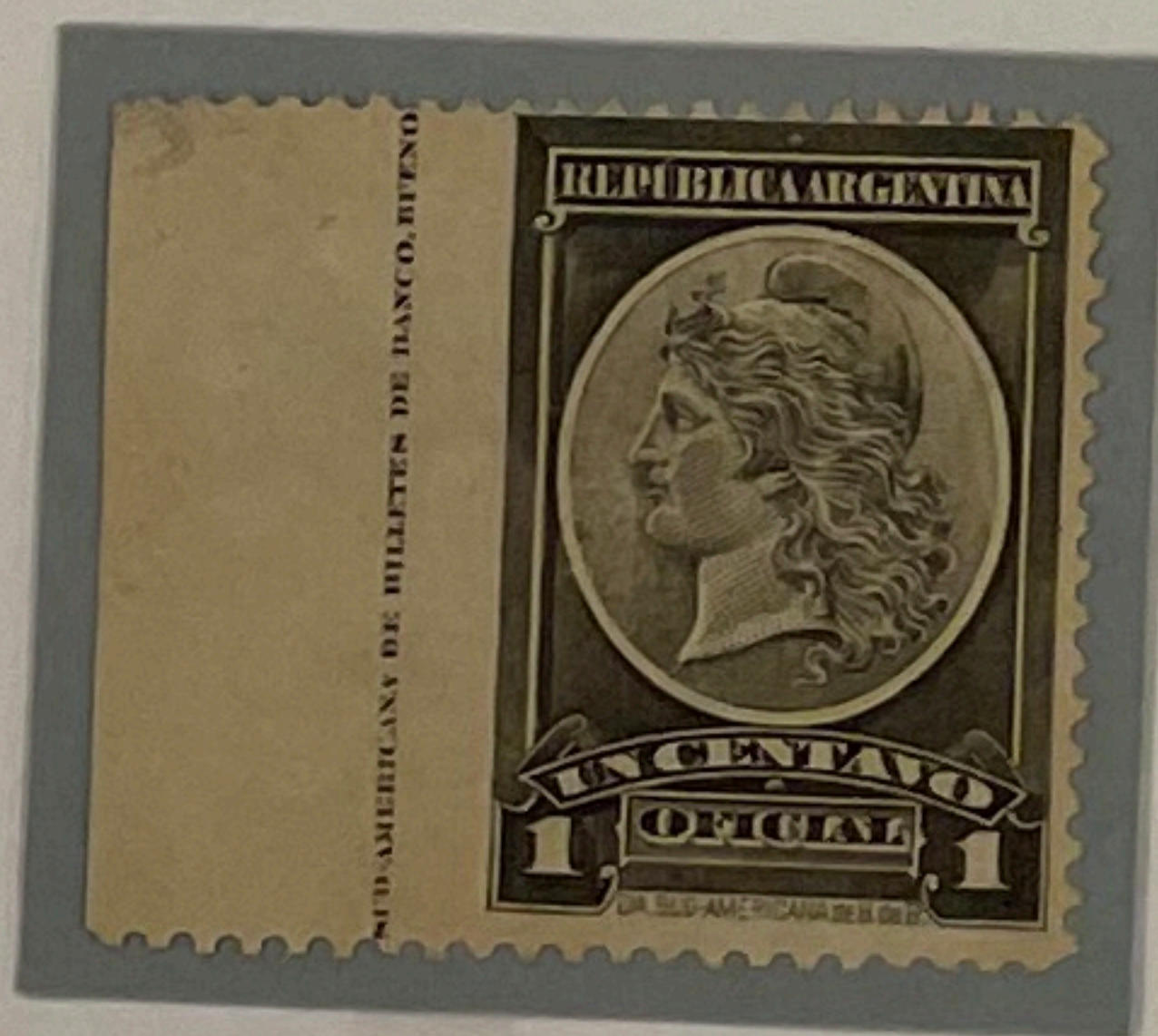
IMPERF. HORIZONTALLY
Perf. 12 x 12



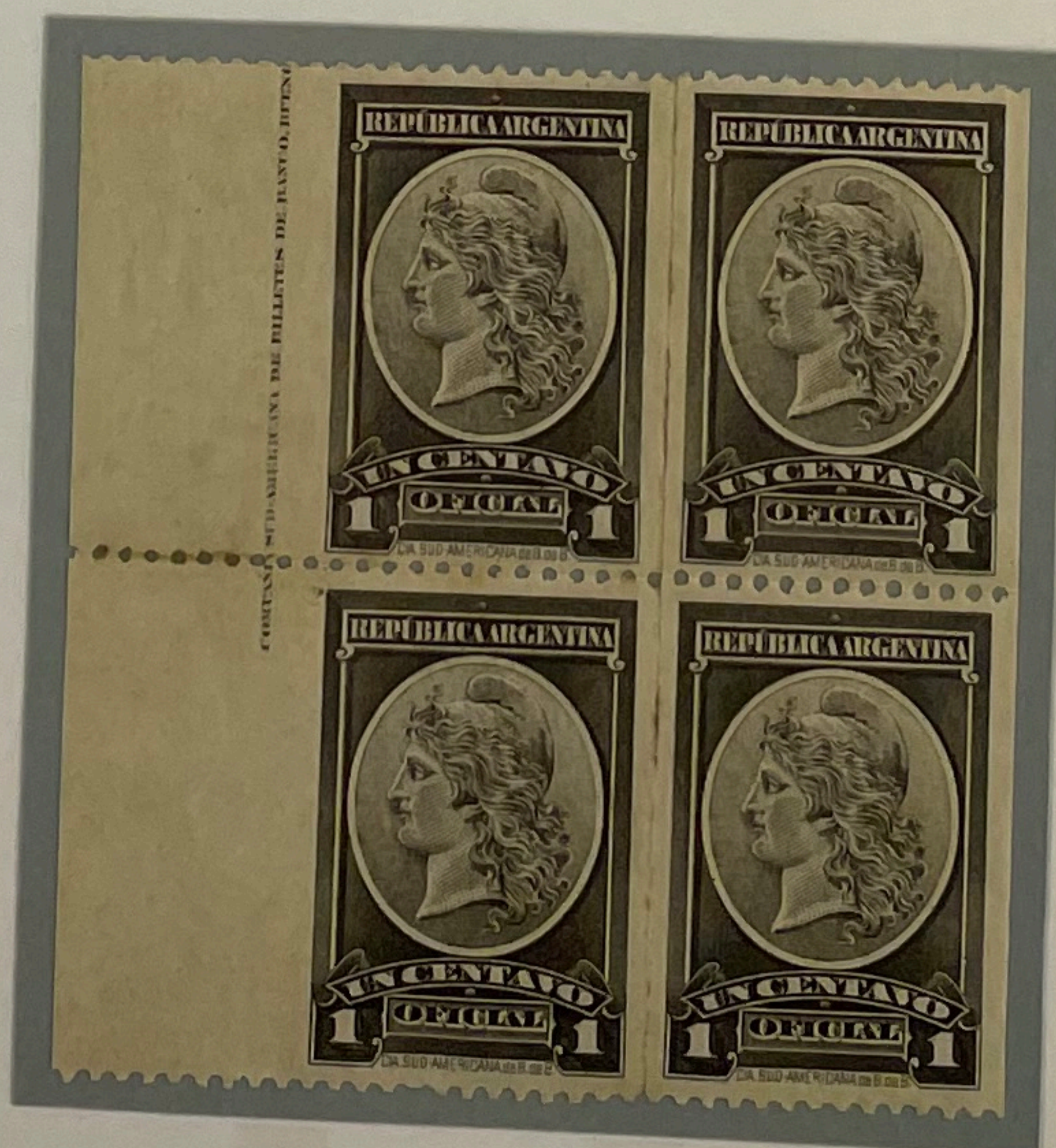
IMPERF. VERTICALLY
Perf. 12



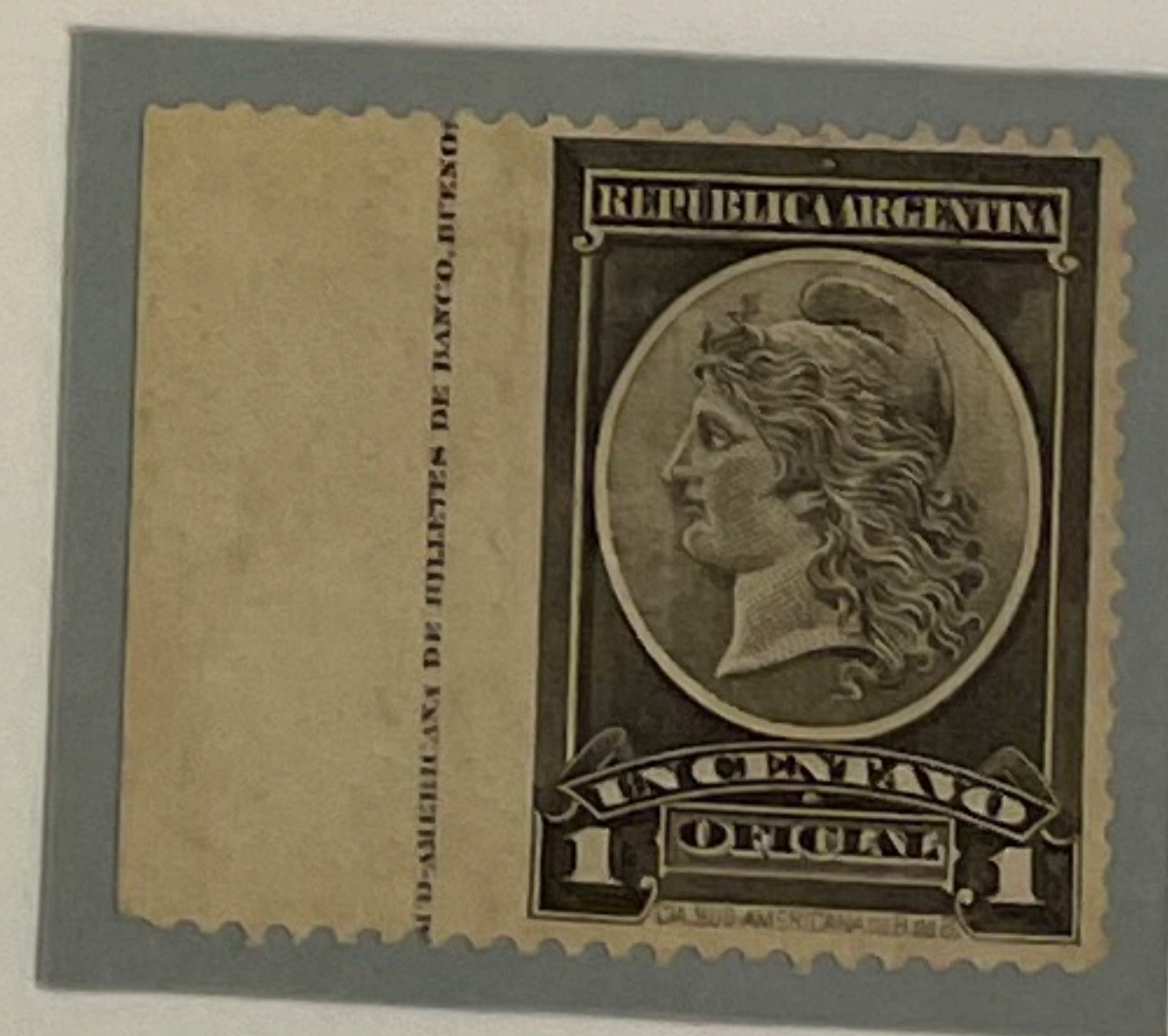
IMPERF. on Left Margin



IMPERF VERTICALLY
Perf. 11 1/2



IMPERF. on Left Margin



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

Perforation ERROR

Compound IMPERFORATE Error of Horizontal & Vertical Perforations



It is unusual having IMPERFORATE Errors Horizontally and Vertically simultaneously in the single sheet. Position 47 of the sheet (lower left stamp) is IMPERFORATE 3 sides and Pos. 48 is IMPERFORATE 2 sides at left and bottom.

Positions

1								10
						37		40
41						47		50

REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

Used Block of 25



Buenos Aires

February 21, 1905

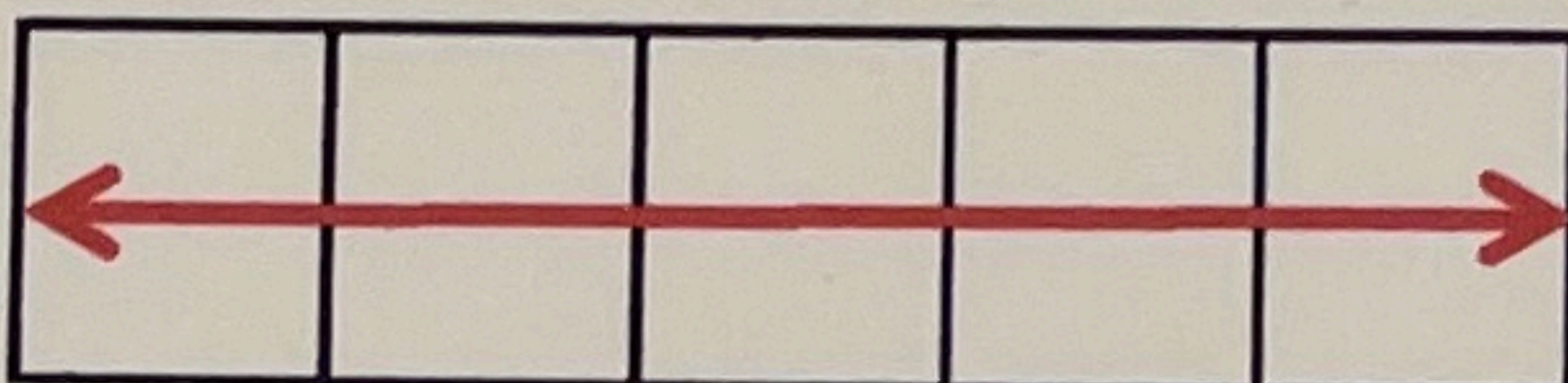
REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

Plate No. 755 WITH & WITHOUT DOT



(Dot 755) 160.5mm
(W/O Dot 755) 164.5mm

WITH DOT (Requisition No. 00009)



WITHOUT DOT (Requisition No. 00079)



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

Requisition Numbers

"00003"



"00004"



"00005"



"00010"



"00012"



"00020"



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

Requisition Numbers

"00028"



"00029"



"00035"



"00036"



"00037"



"00039"



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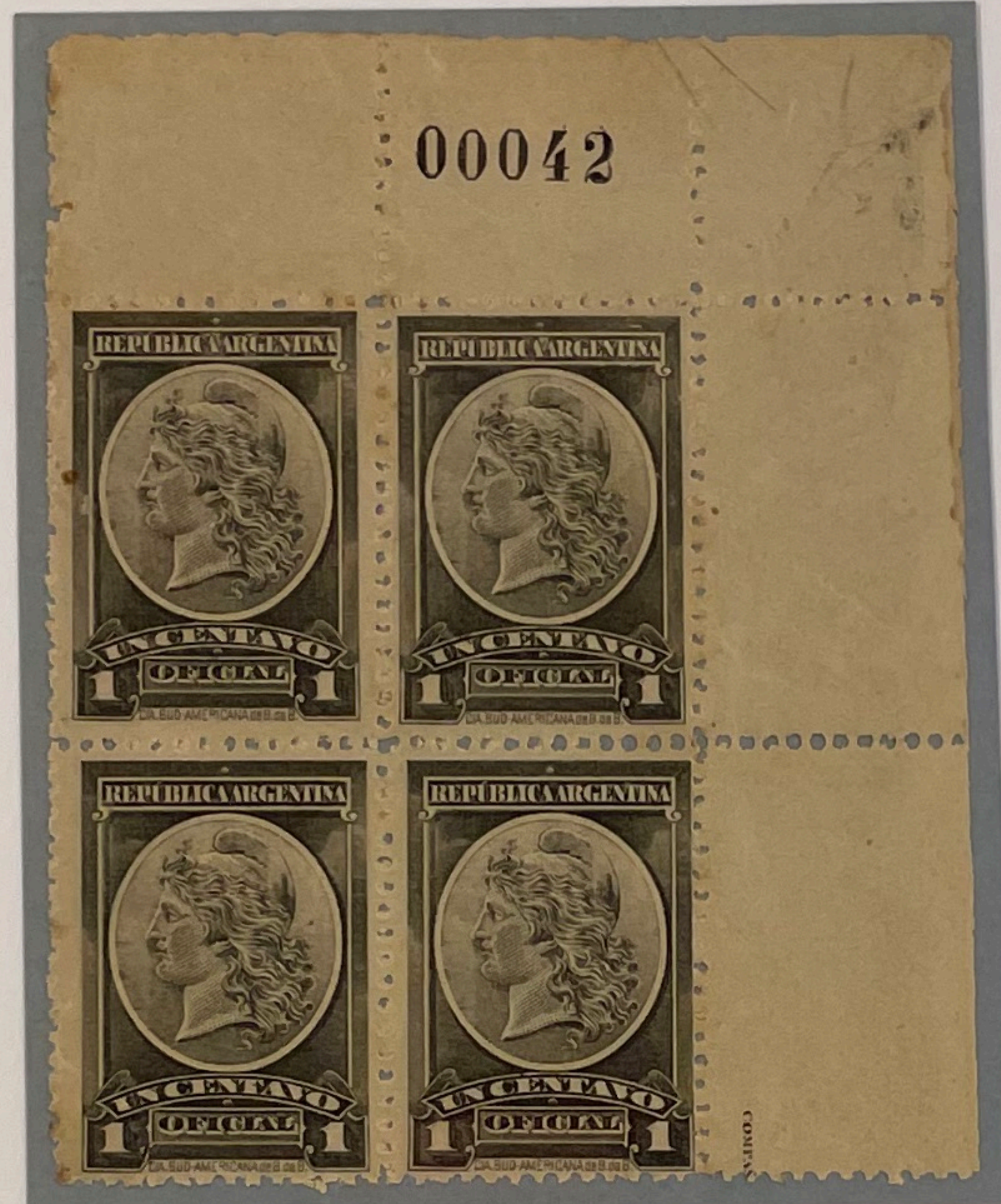
Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

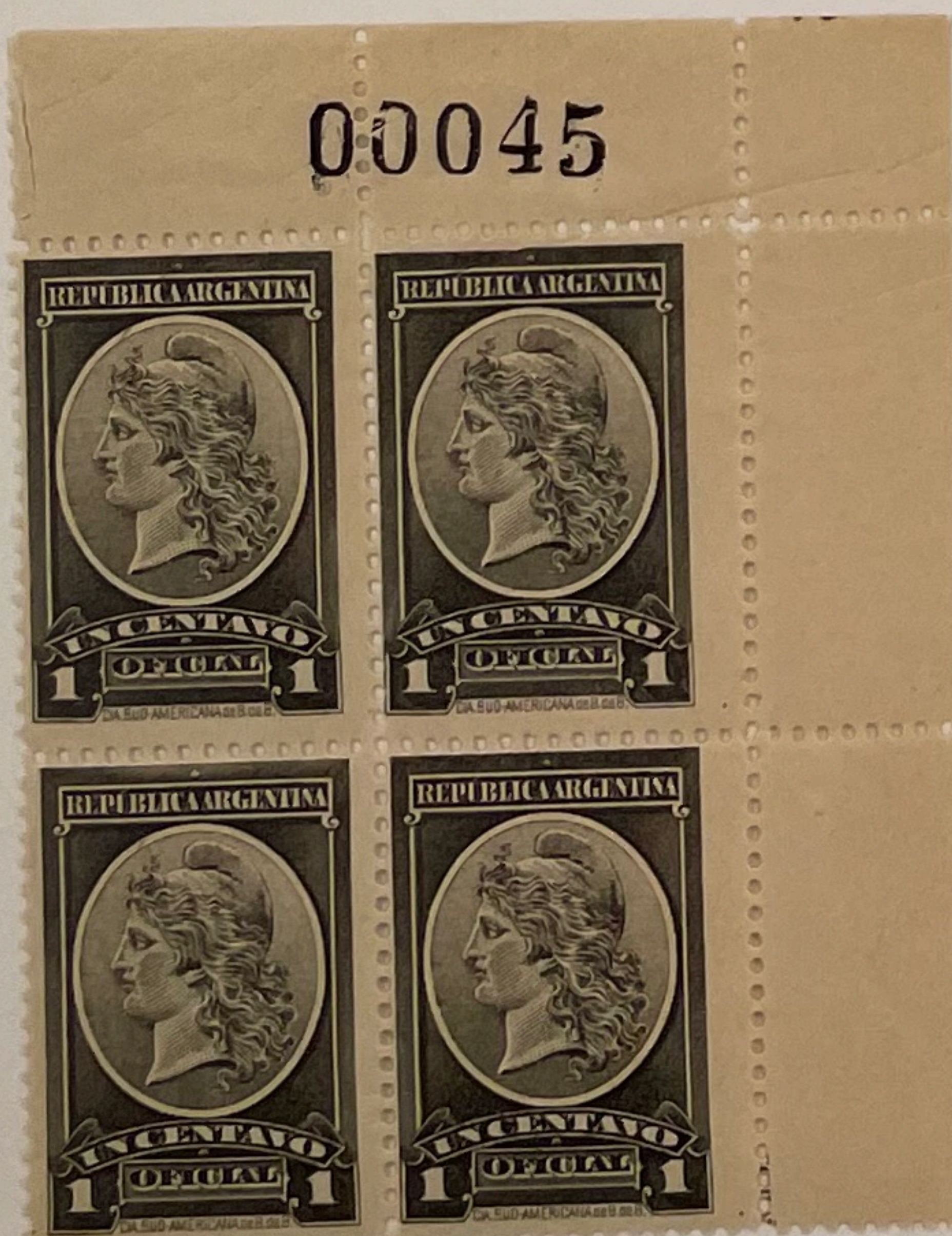
Requisition Numbers

SMALL Figure No. "00042"



Requisition Numbers in SMALL Figures suggest use of Plate "1019" for printing probably in ERROR, which was withdrawn and printed again by Plate "755" with SMALL Requisition Numbers instead of LARGE Figures on Plate "1019".

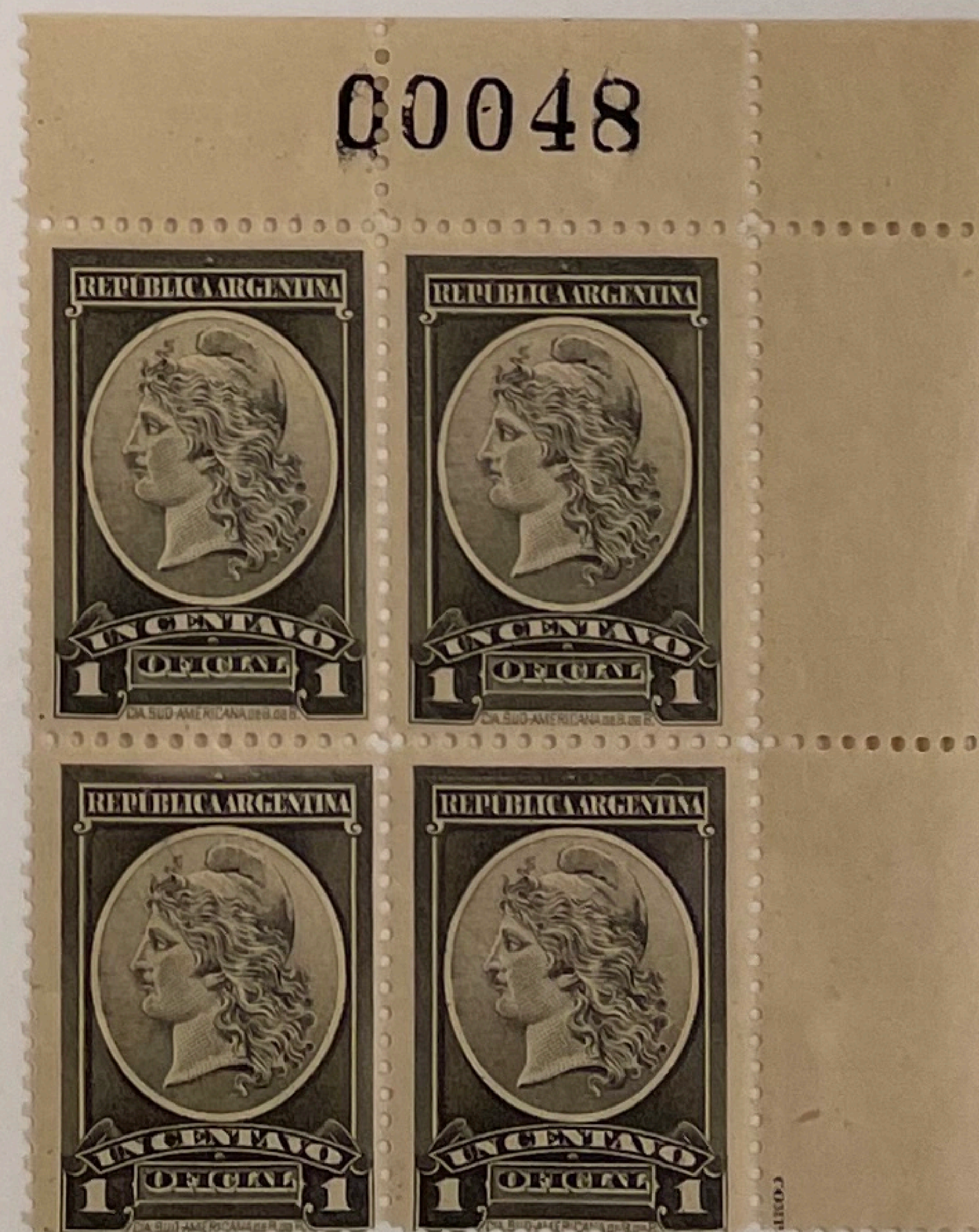
"00045"



"00040"



"00048"



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Official Stamps

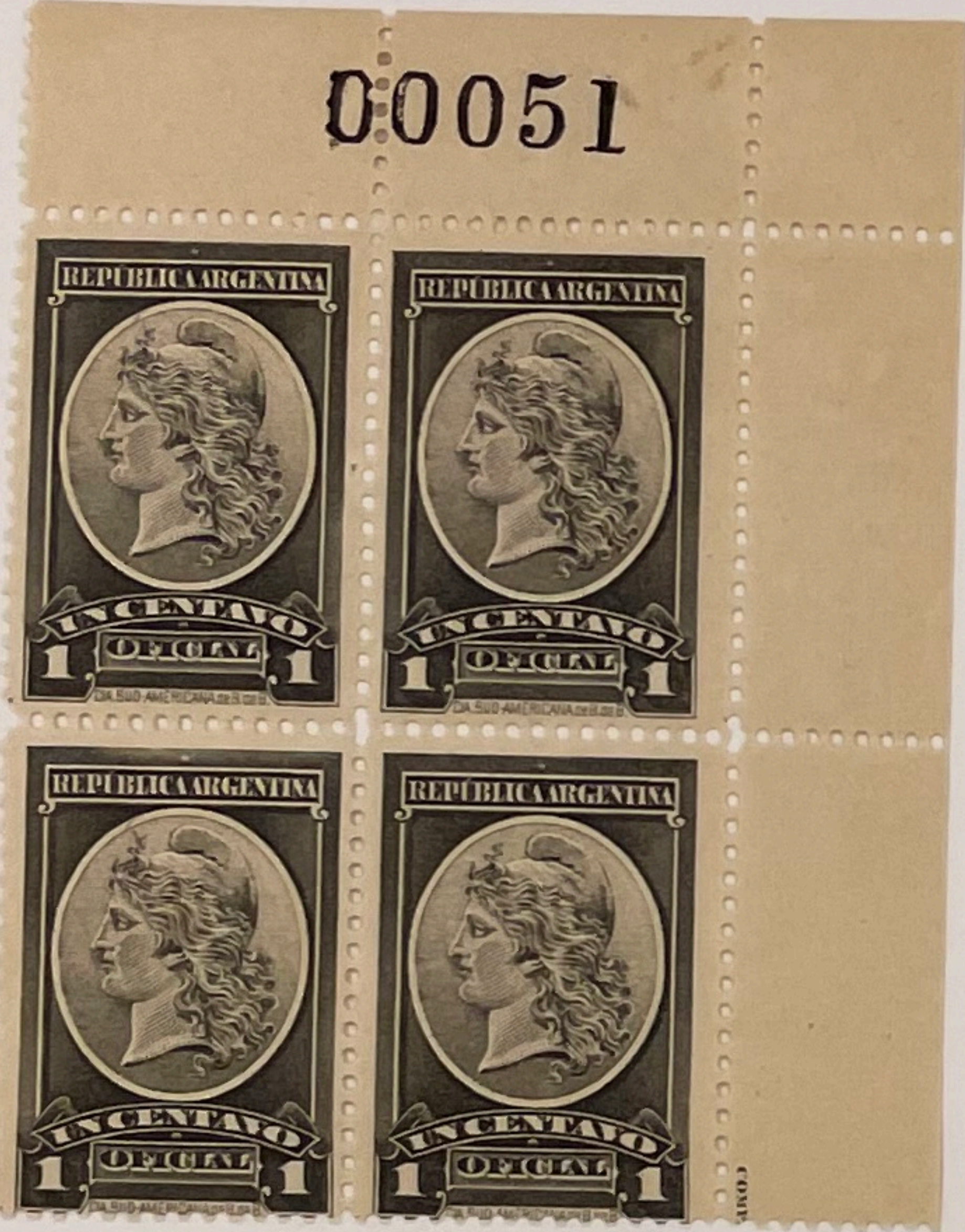
December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

Requisition Numbers

"00051"

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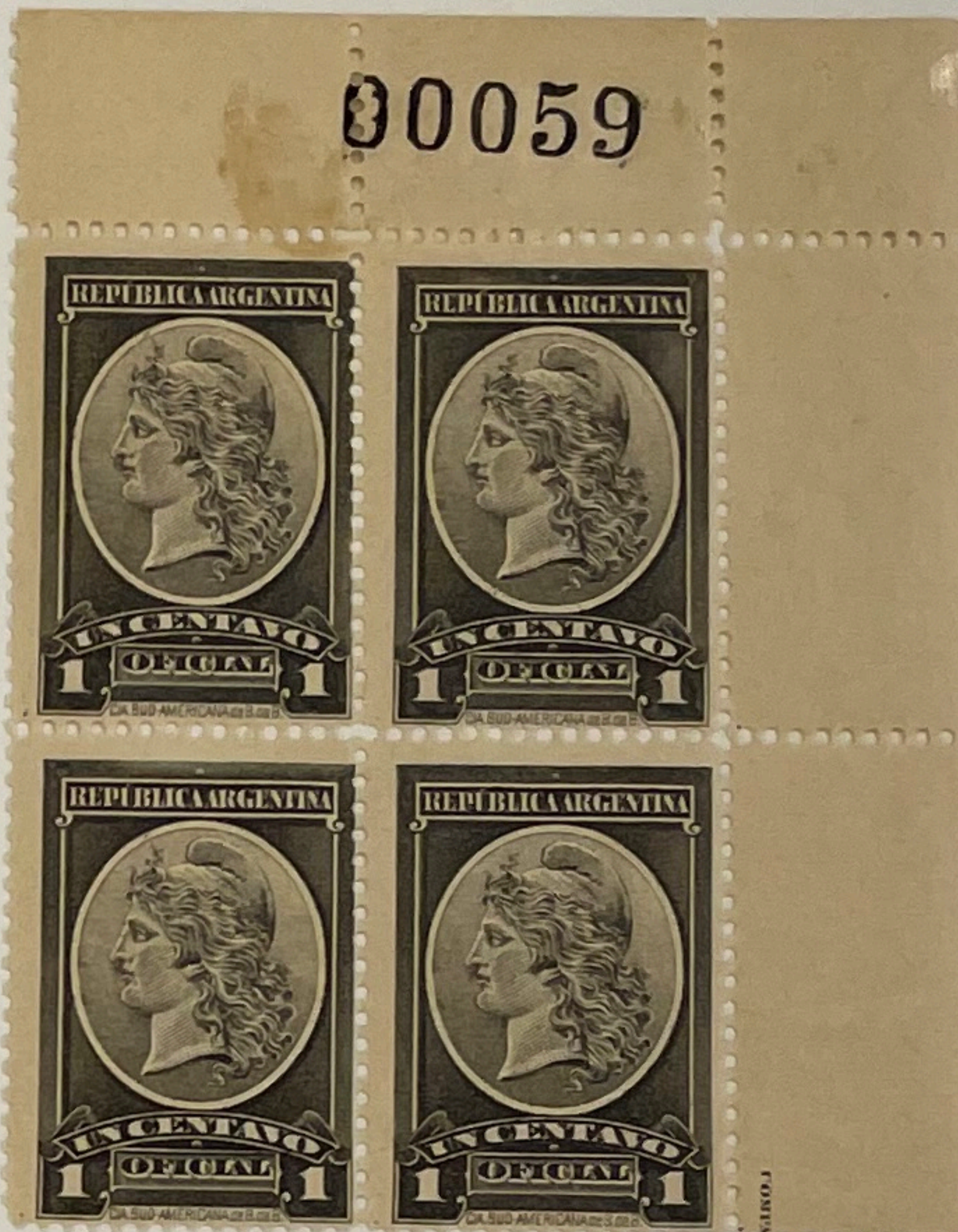
"00056"

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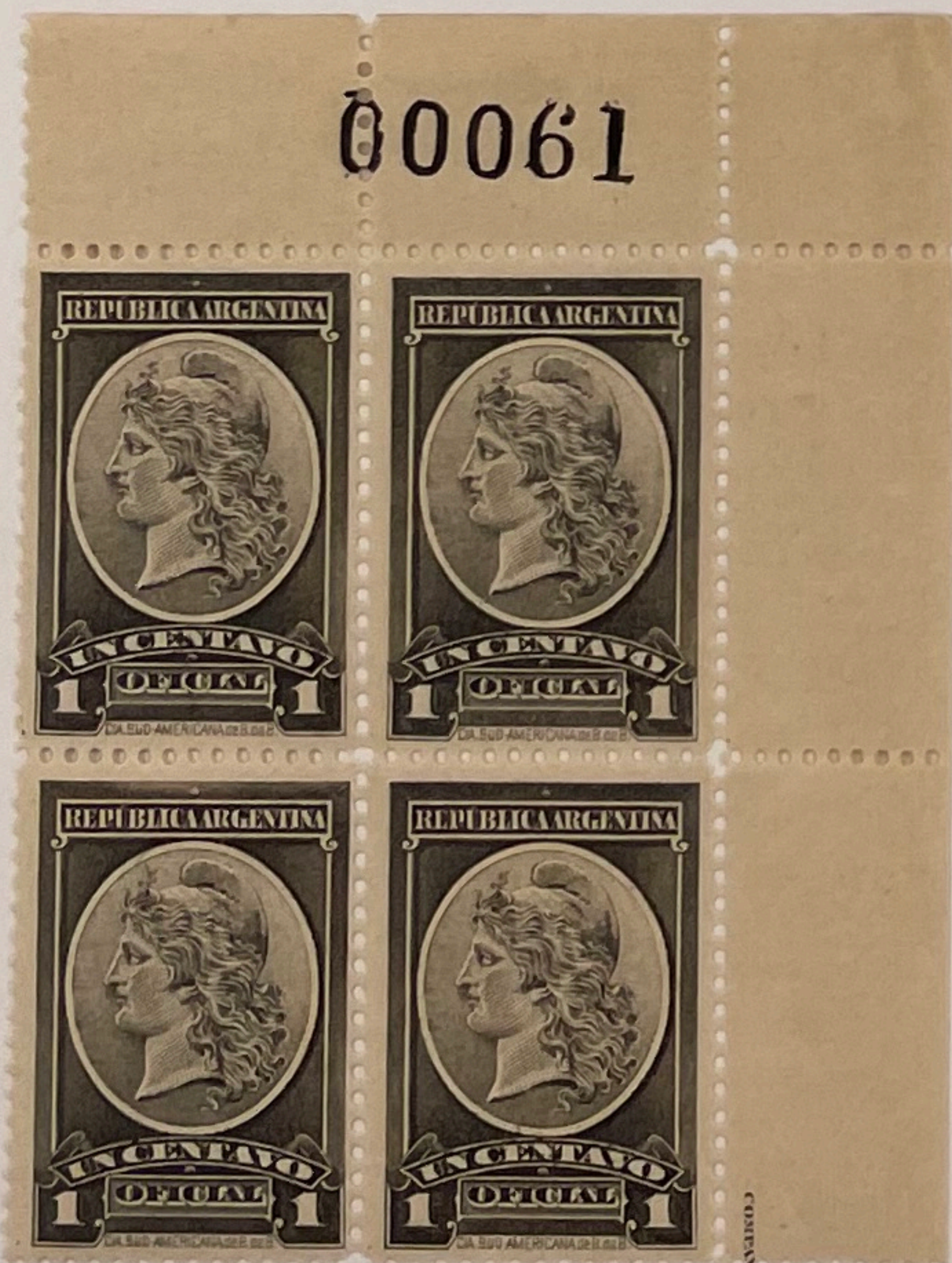
"00059"

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"00061"

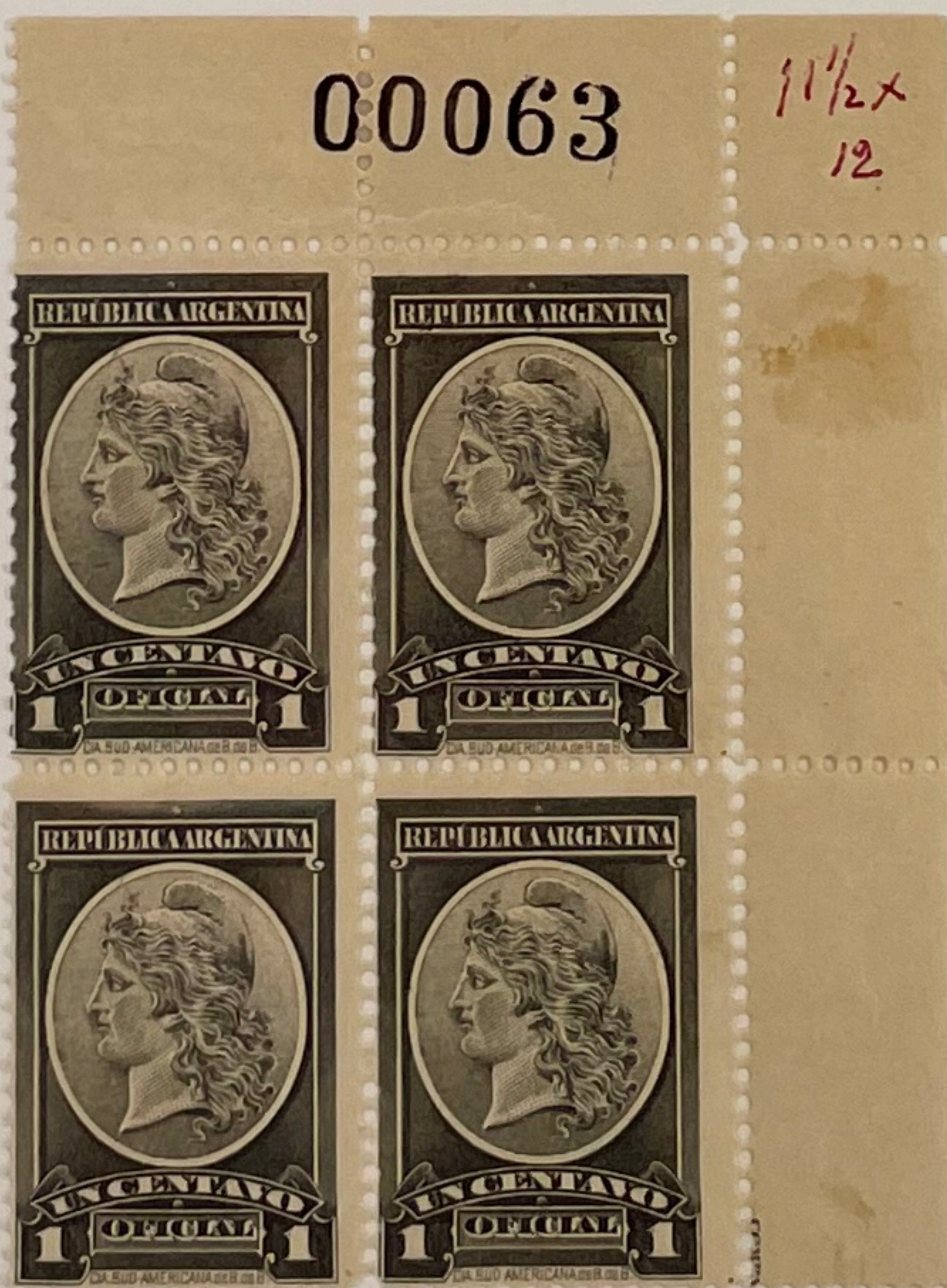
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"00063"

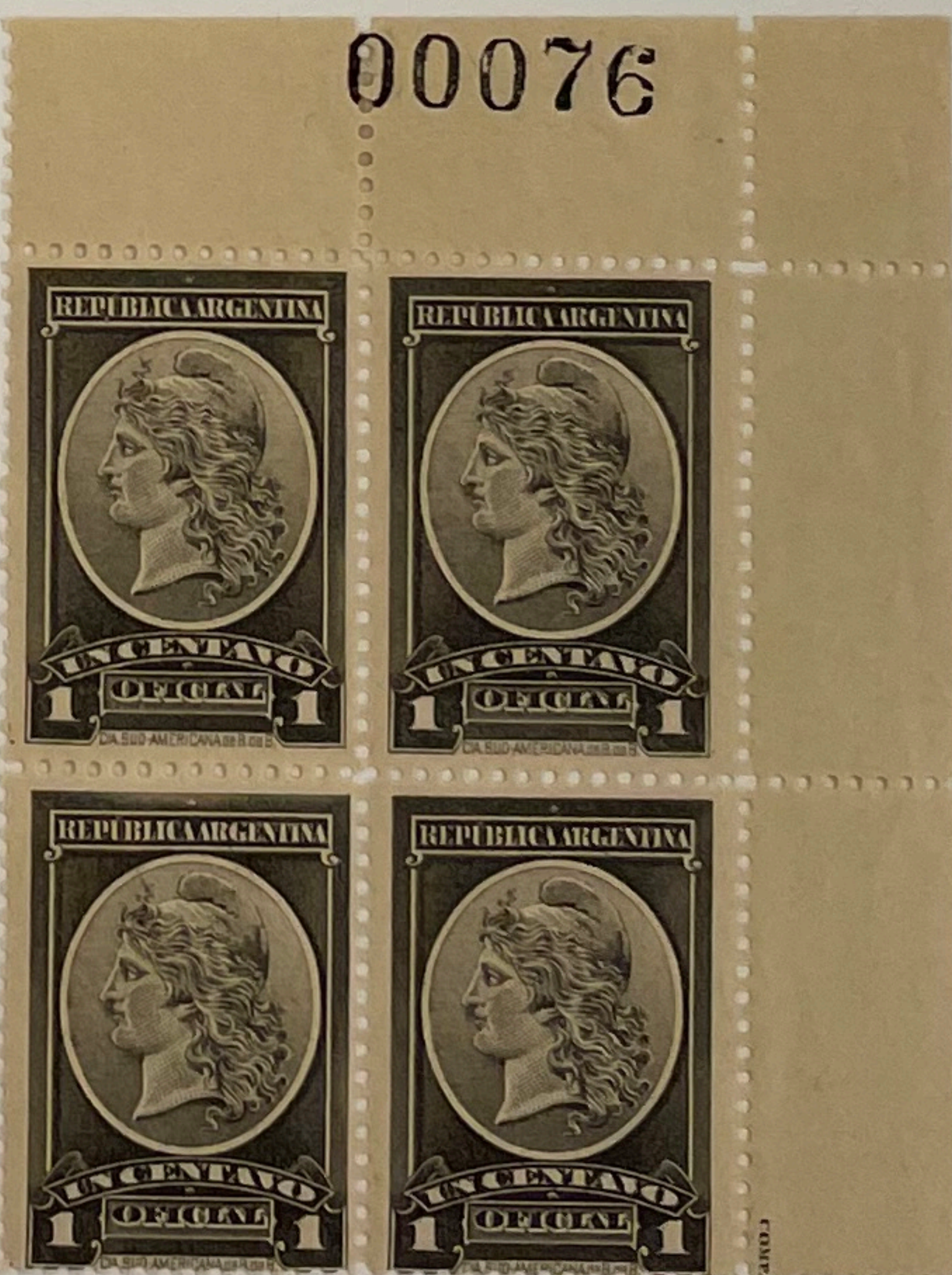
00063

1 1/2 x
12



"00076"

00076



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

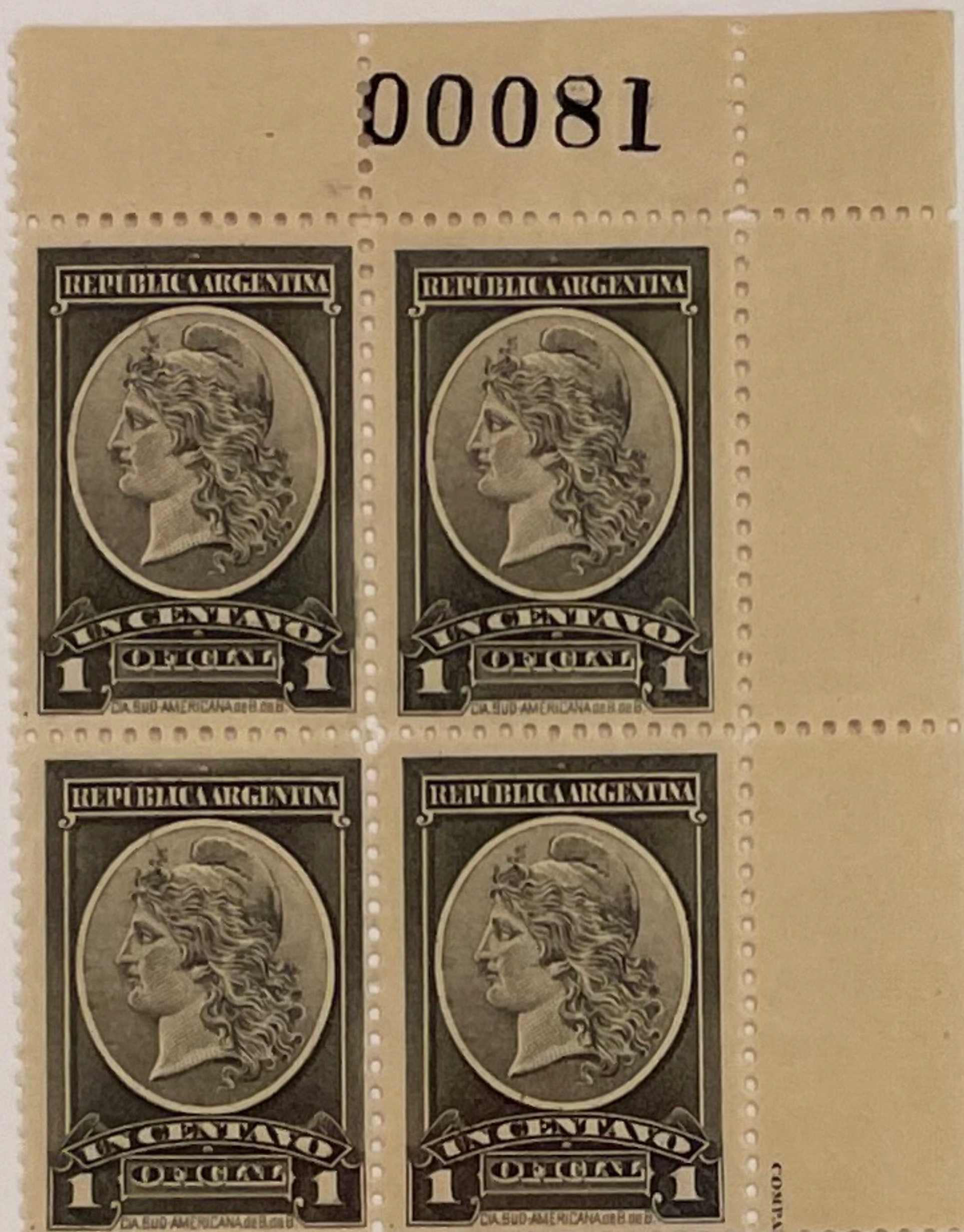
1 Centavo

Requisition Numbers

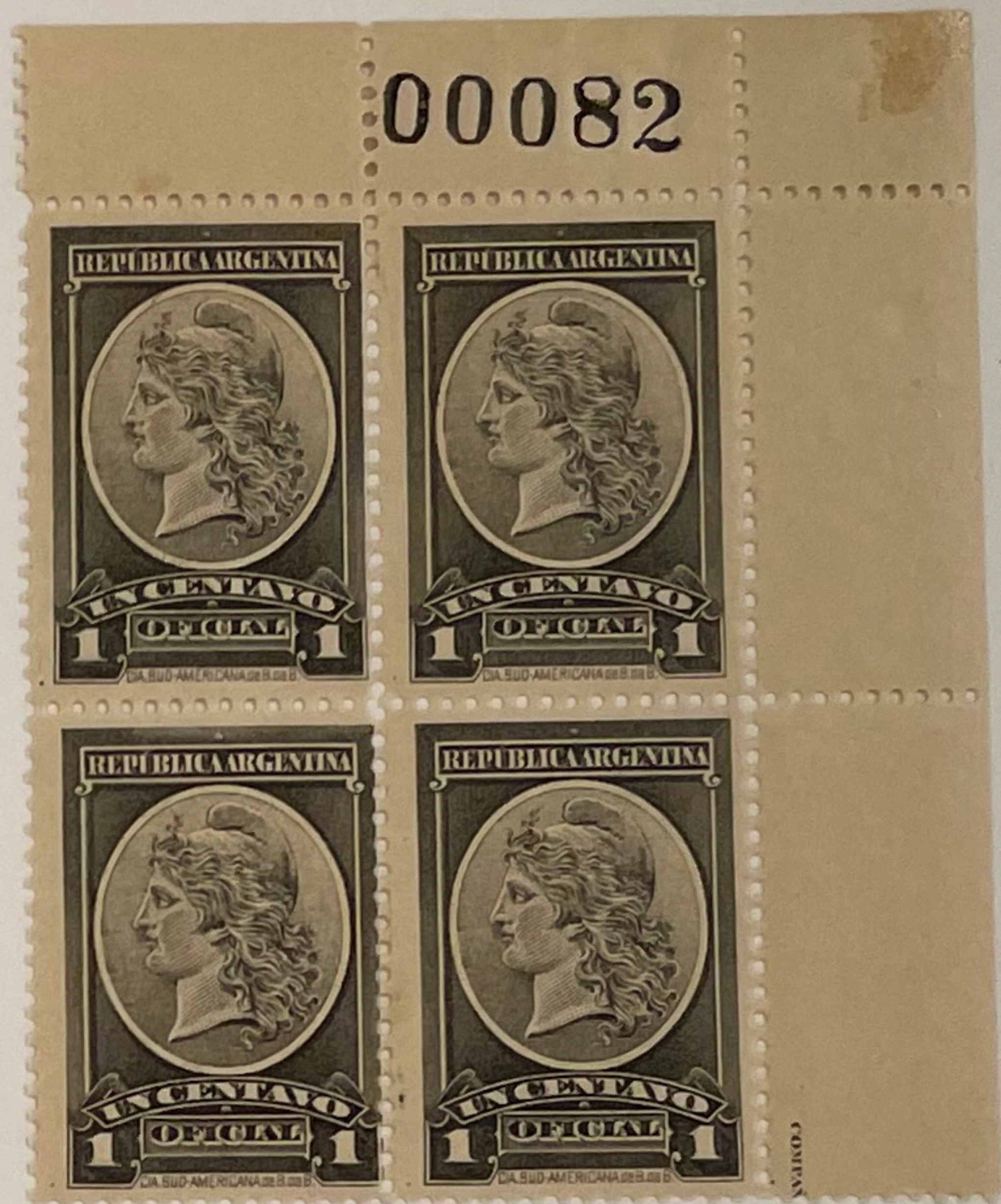
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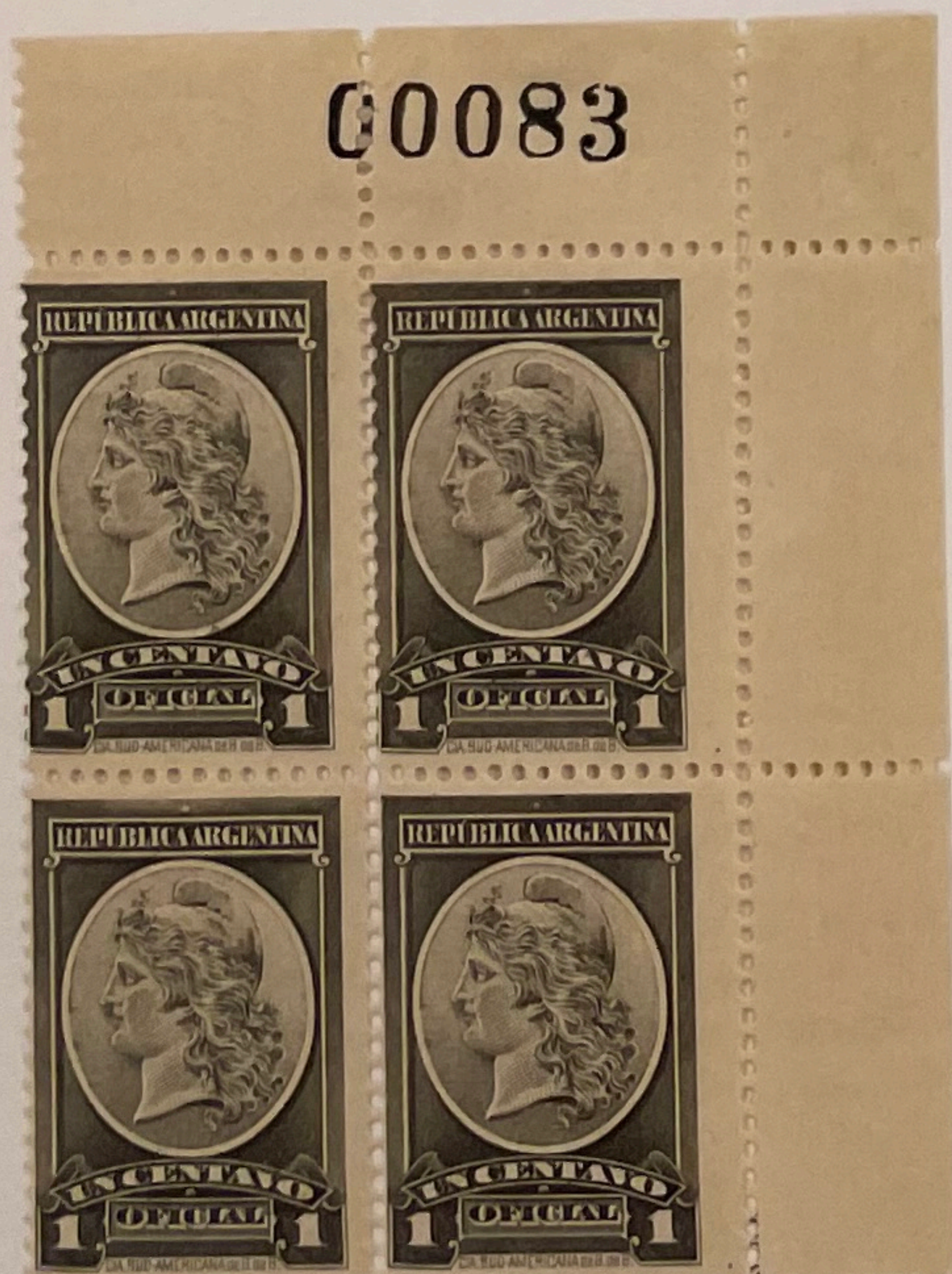
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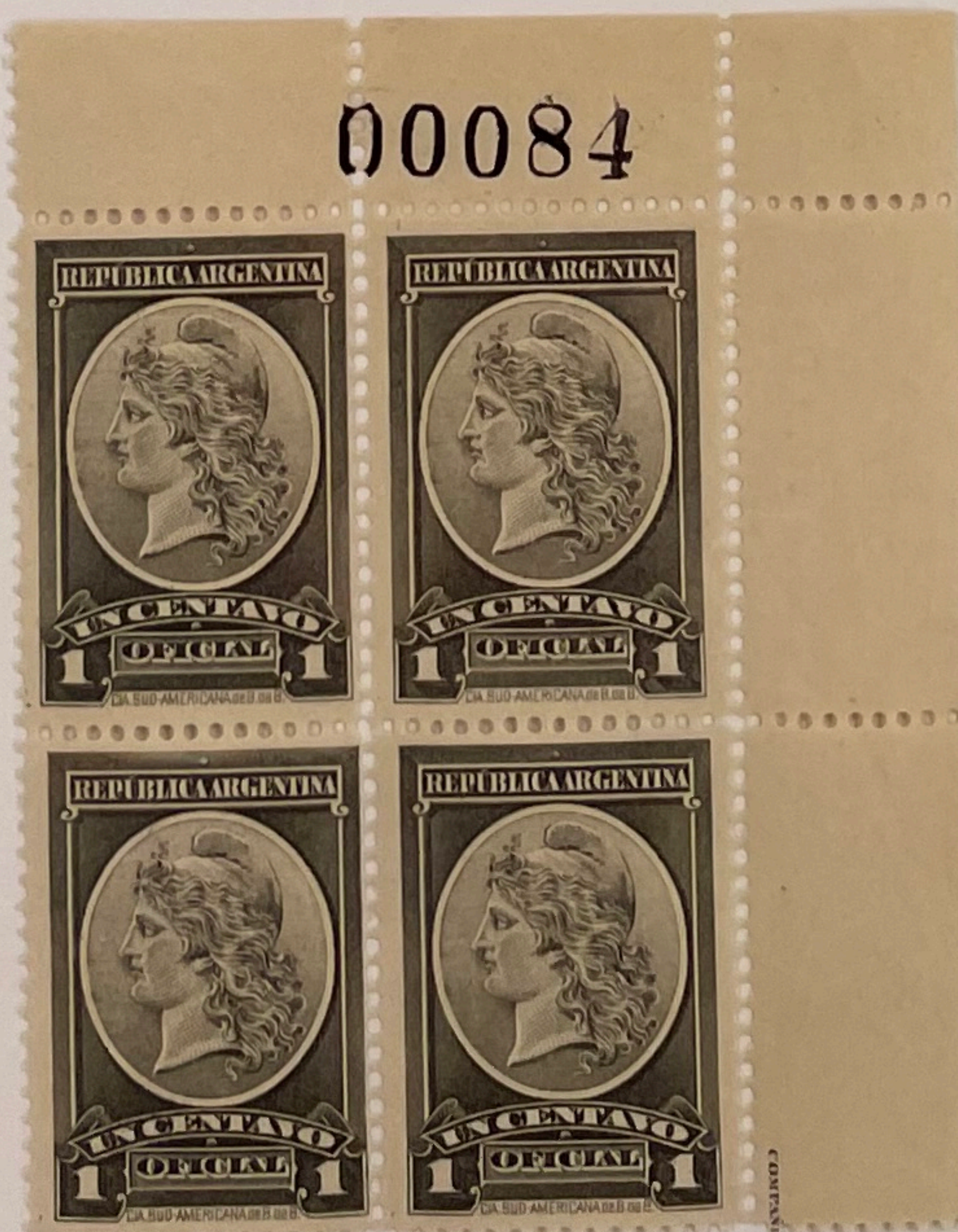
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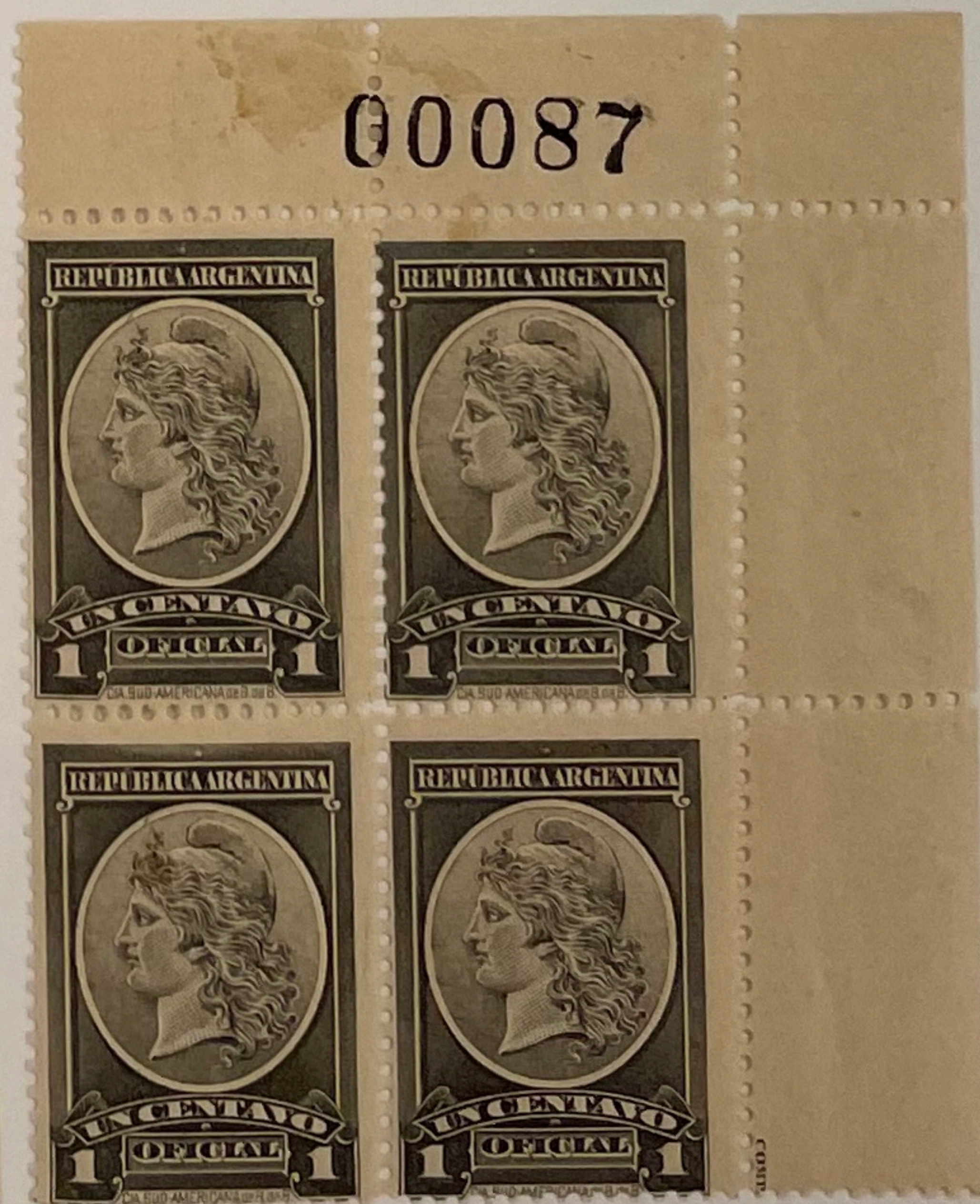
"00083"



"00084"



"00087"



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

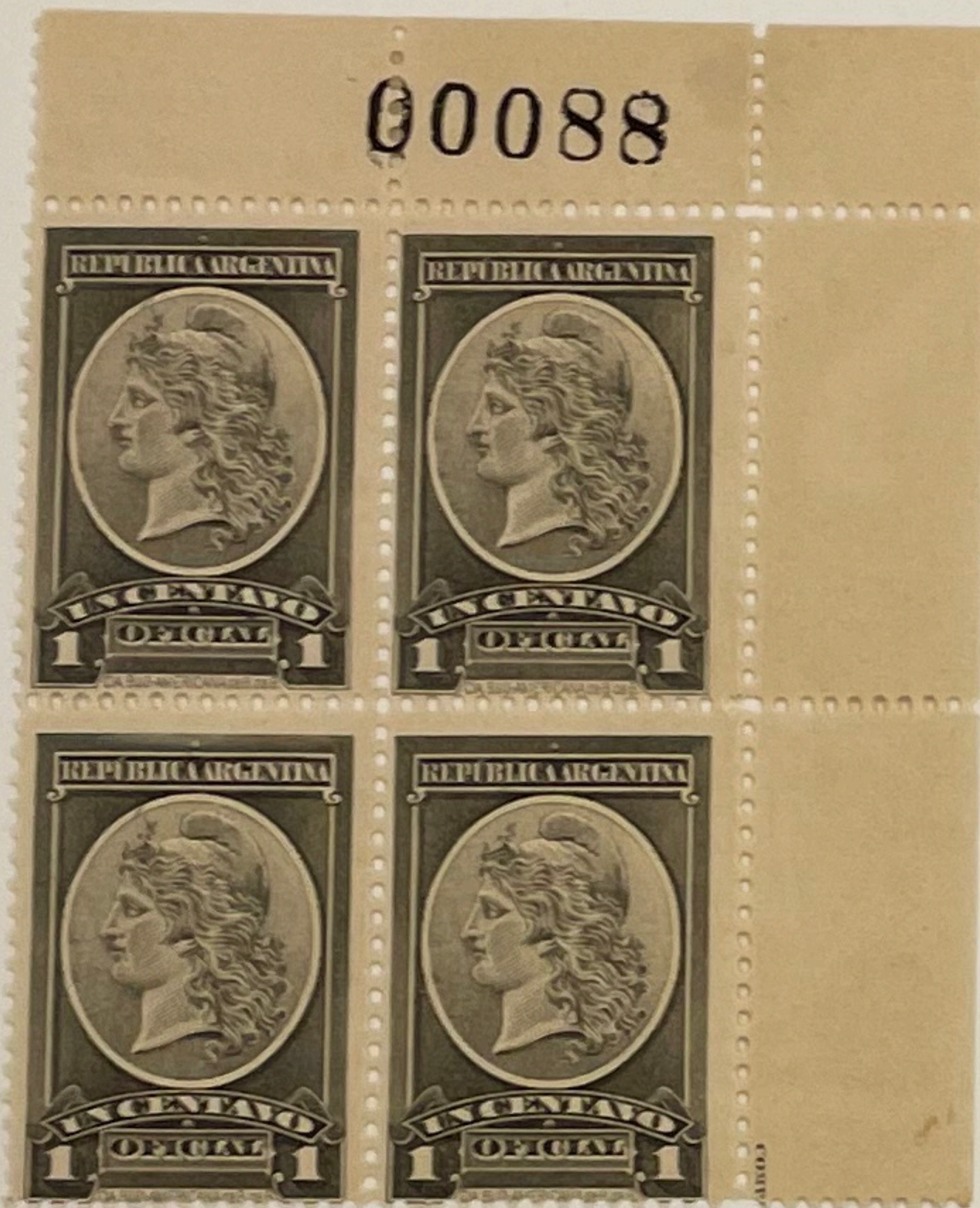
December 1, 1901

1 Centavo

Requisition Numbers

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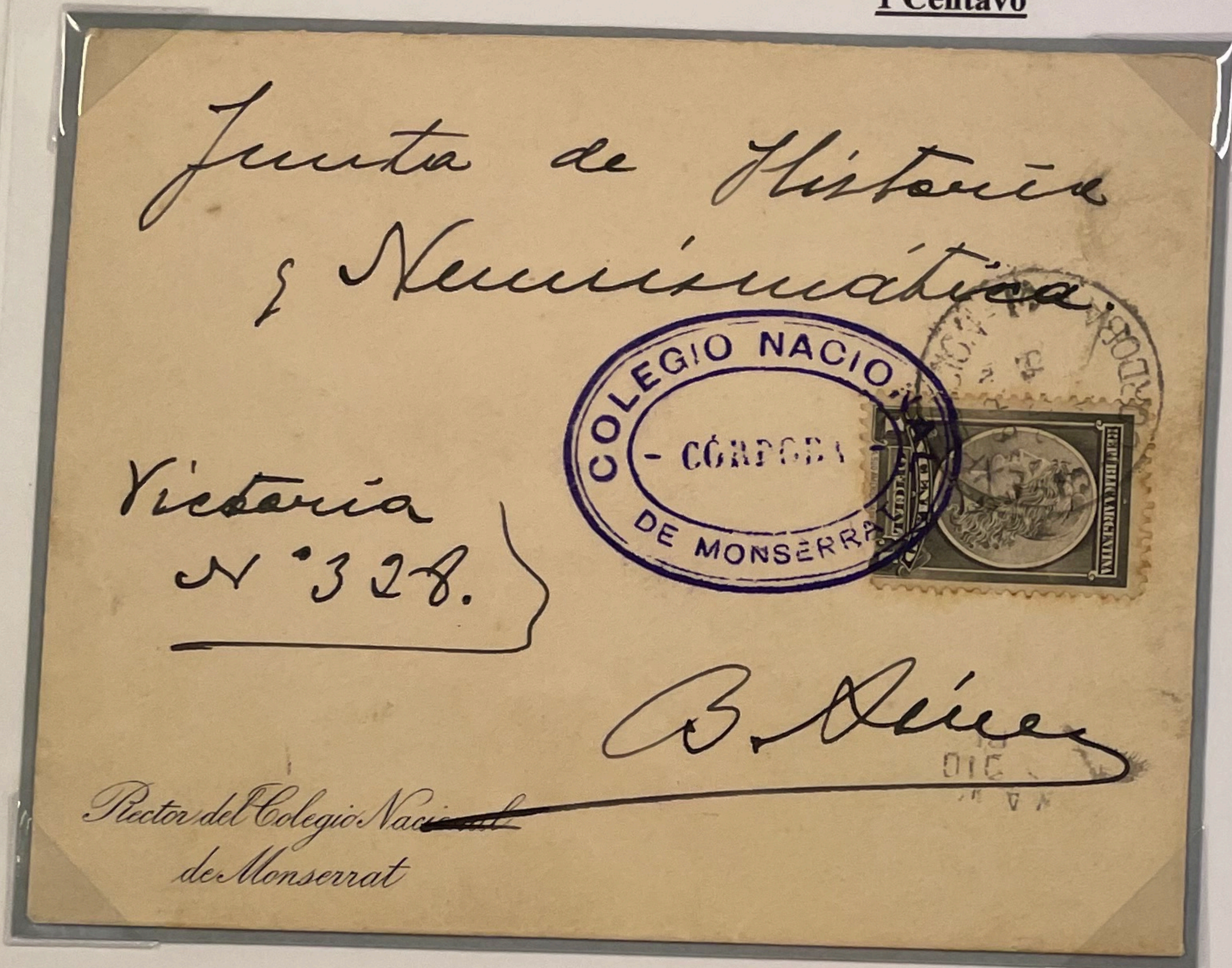


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1 Centavo



1 Centavo Rate Domestic Letter

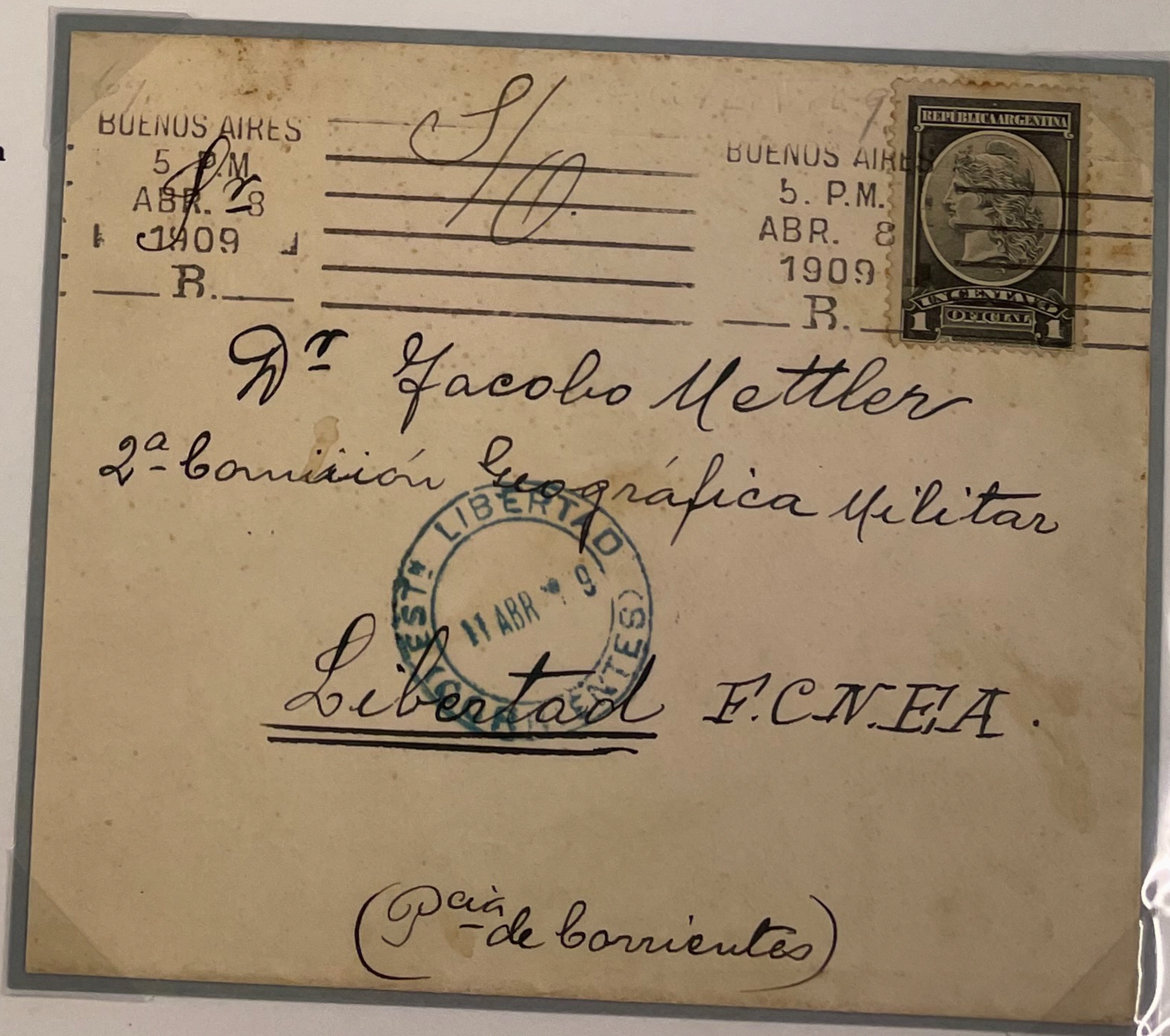
Used by "Rector del Colegio Nacional de Monserrat"

Sent from Monserrat to Buenos Aires

Cancelled by "EXPEDICION / CORDOBA" on December 15, 1910

1 Centavo Rate Domestic Letter

Sender is unknown with only "S/O" (Servicio Oficial) indication, sent from Buenos Aires to Libertad in Corrientes.



Cancelled on April 8, 1908 with Arrival Date Stamp of Libertad on April 11, 1908

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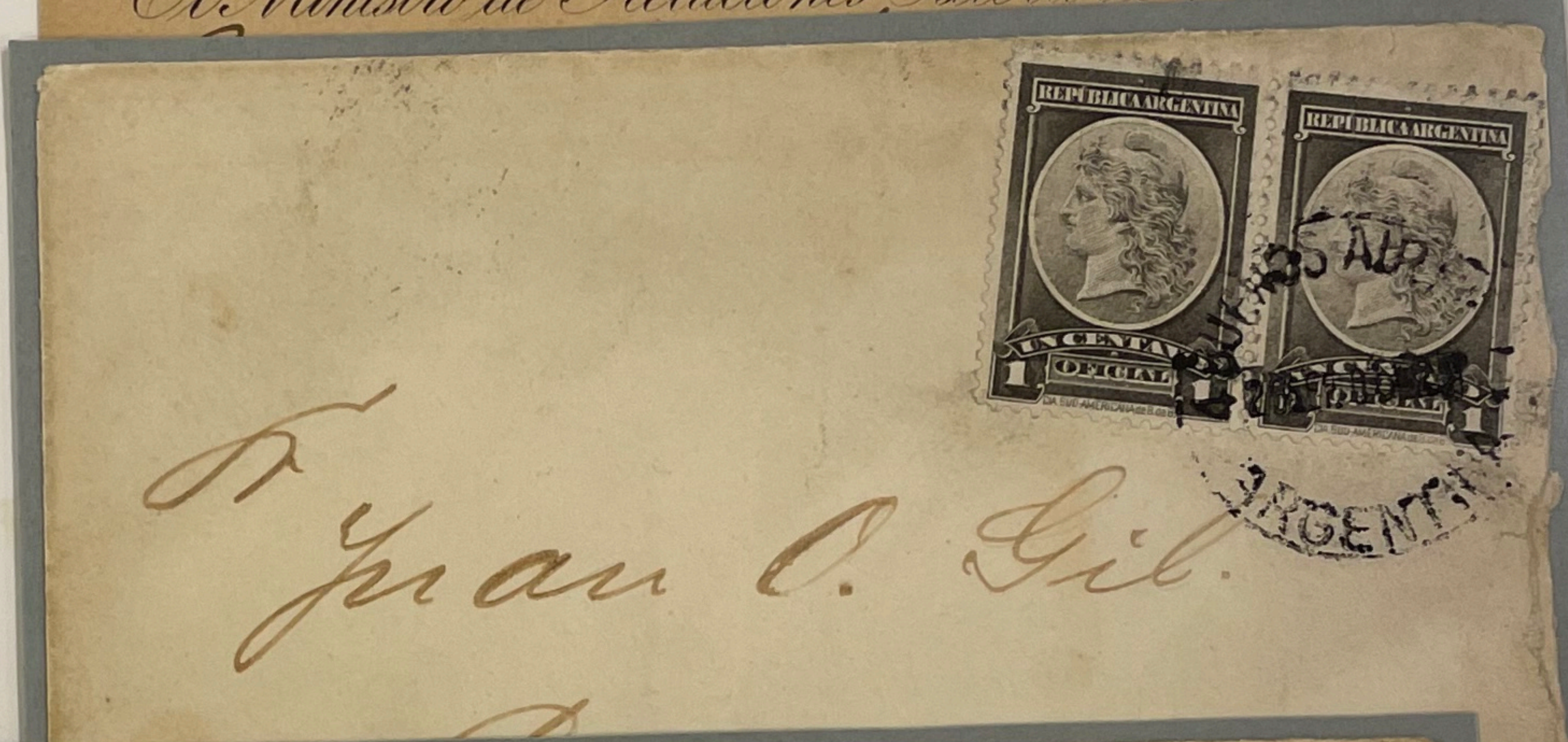
1 Centavo

2 Centavos Rate Domestic Letters

Sent by "Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto"

Buenos Aires
November 28, 1906

El Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto



Inspeccion General de anidad del Ejercito



Sent from Buenos Aires to Bahia Blanca on June 30, 1910

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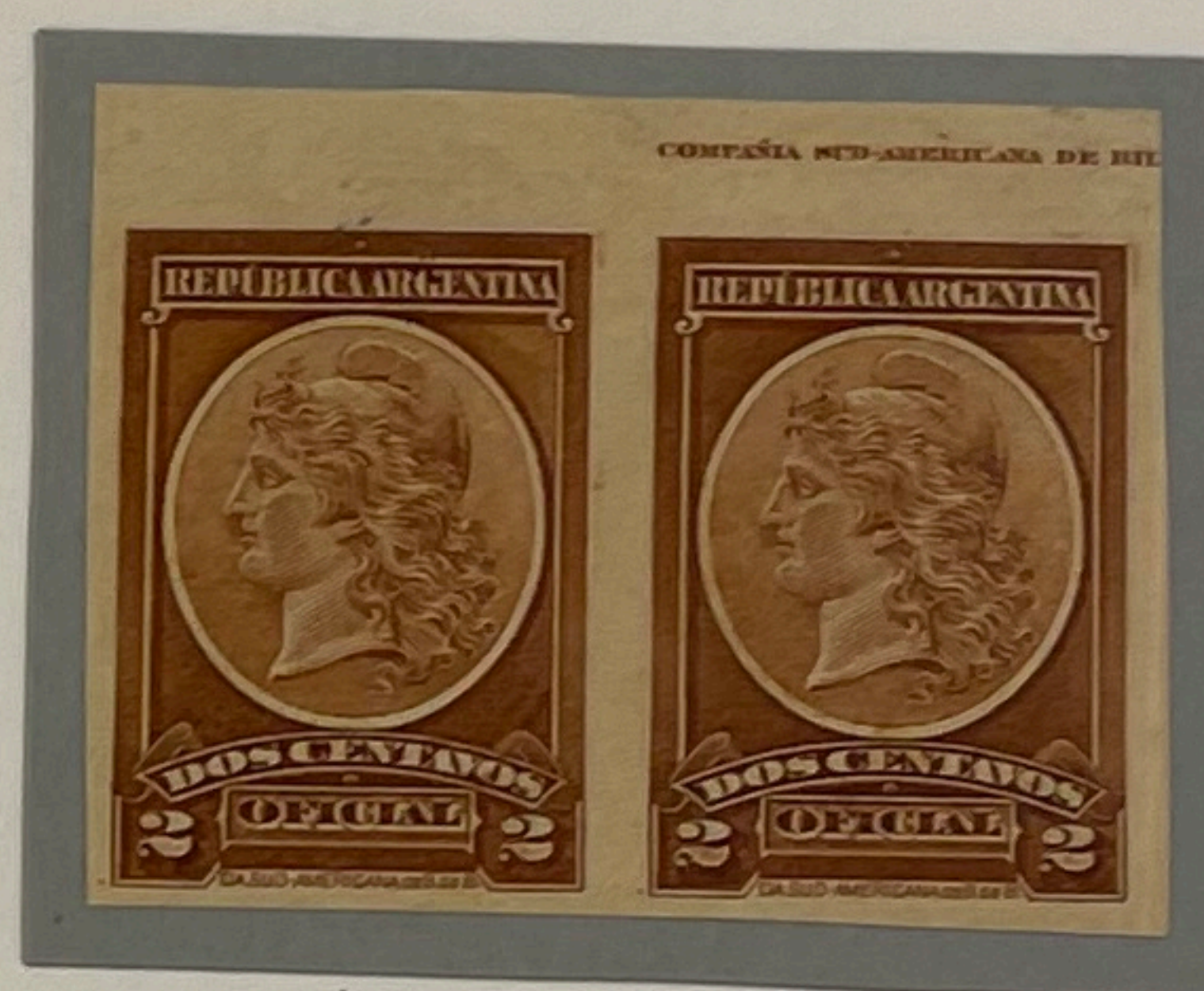
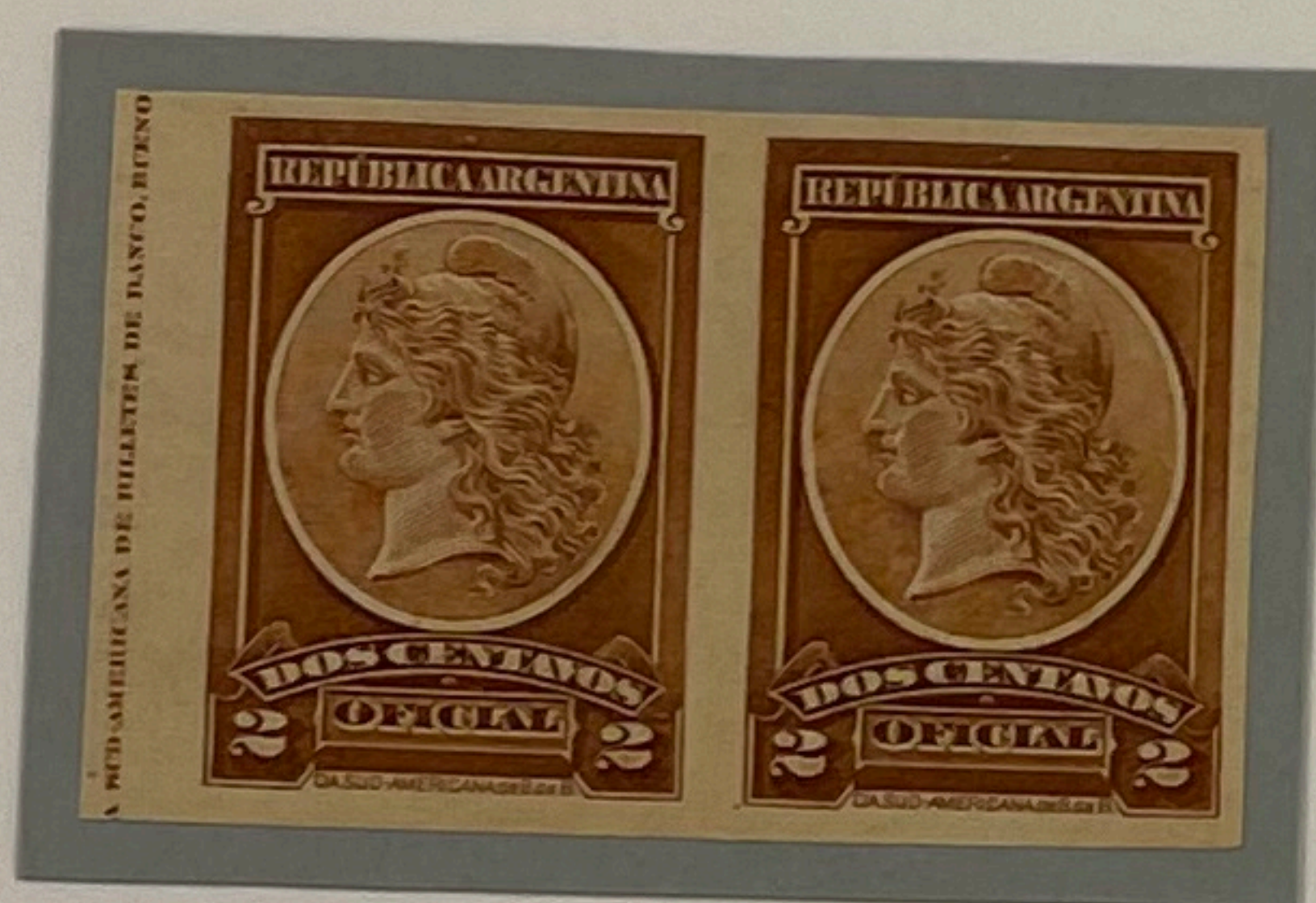
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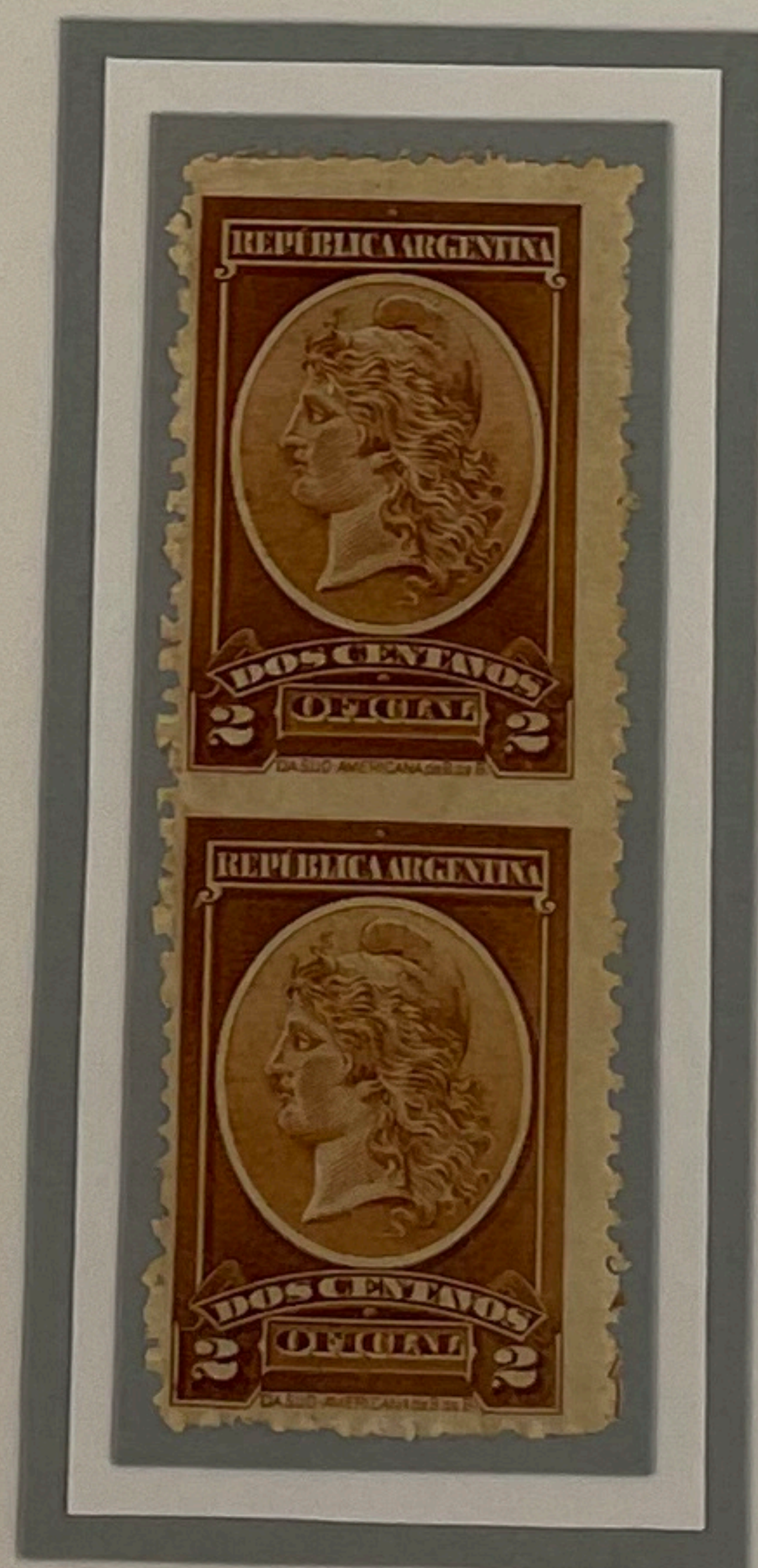
2 Centavos

Perforation Errors

IMPERFORATE Errors



IMPERFORATE Horizontally between Pair



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Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

2 Centavos

Perforation Varieties

Compound Perforations

Perf. 11 1/2 x 12



Perf. 12 x 11 1/2



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Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

2 Centavos

Plate No. "762" IMPRINT Varieties

Shifted "RIGHT"



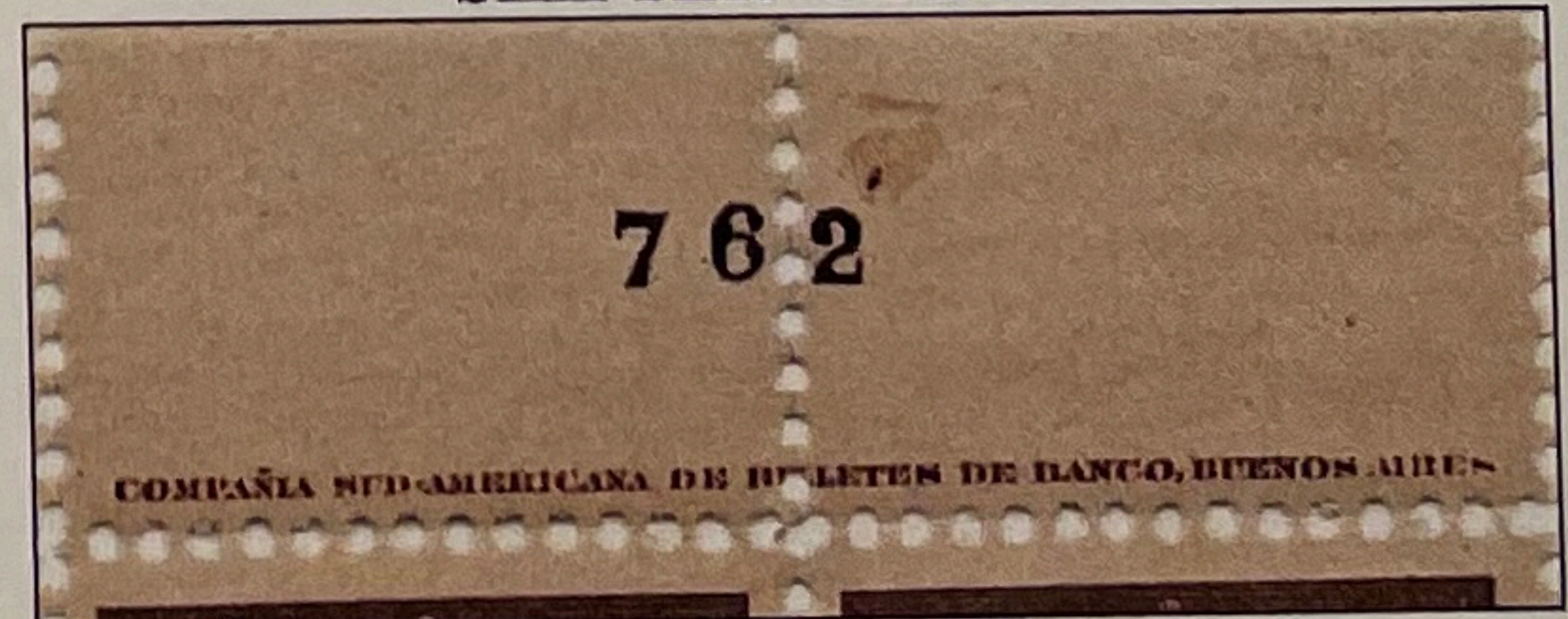
Shifted "LEFT"



Shifted "LEFT"



SHIFTER "RIGHT"



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Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

2 Centavos

Plate No. "762"

Requisition No. 00018



Requisition No. 00019



REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

2 Centavos

Requisition Numbers

"00011"

"00012"

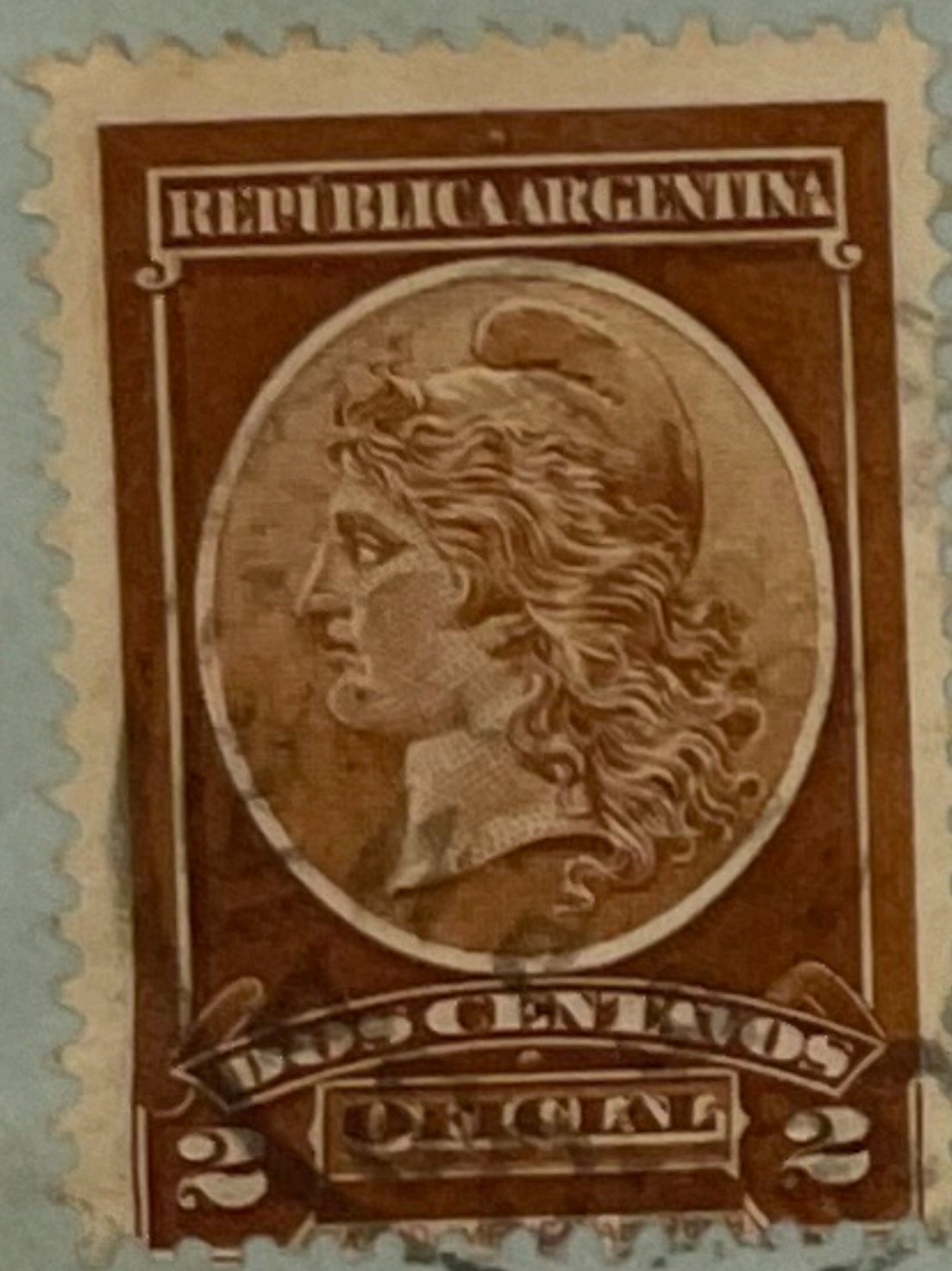


"00045"

"00049"



Mr. Gabrino P. Gueli



San Martin
F. C. P. N. y P. B.

Ministerio de Agricultura

División de Estadística y Economía Rural



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2 Centavos

2 Centavos Rate Printed Matter

Sent by "Prefectura General de Puertos y Resguardos"
Inspección de Valiza y Ribera



Sent in Buenos Aires

October 26, 1904

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Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

2 Centavos

2 Centavos Rate Printed Matters



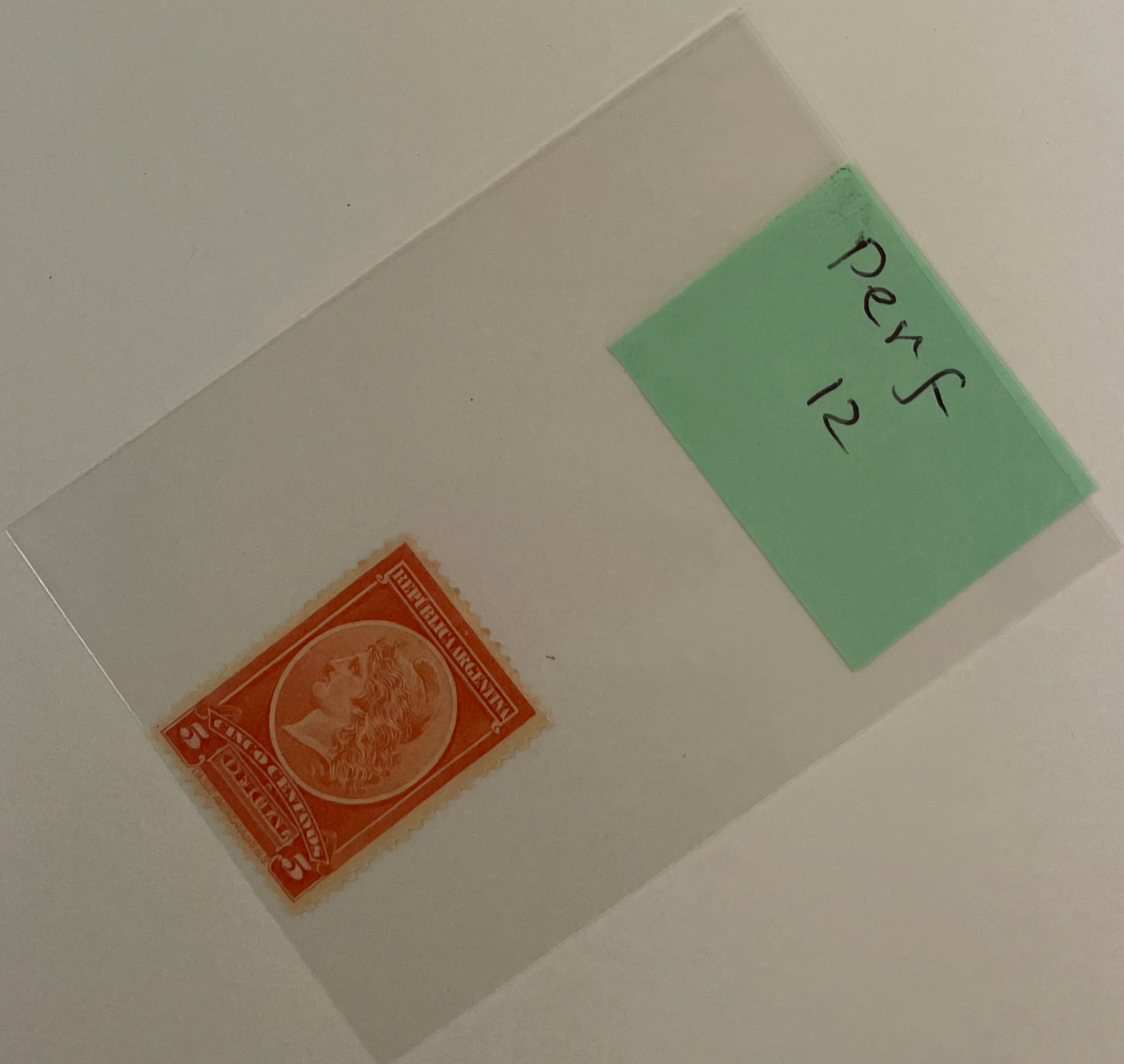
Sent by "Consejo Nacional de Educación"
Inspección Técnica de Instrucción Primaria

City mail in Buenos Aires
September 5, 1907

Sent by
"Ministerio de Marina"



City mails in Buenos Aires
June 2, 1904



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December 1, 1901

Official Stamps

5 Centavos

Carmine
Perf. 11 1/2

Compound Perf.

11 1/2 x 12



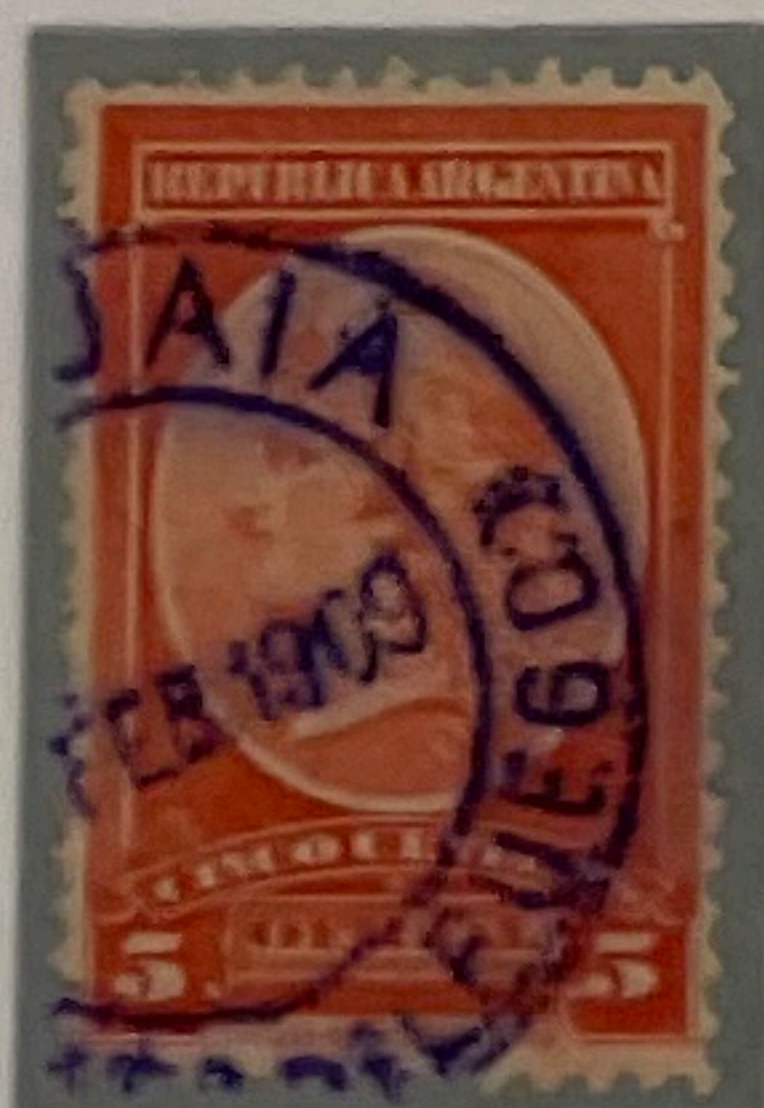
12 x 11 1/2



Deep Carmine
11 1/2



Used in "Tierra del Fuego"
Ushuala



February xx, 1909



August, 1910



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Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

5 Centavos

Dark Carmine



“Correos Telegrafos (Neuquer)”
September 7, 1902

Carmine



Used for Registered Mail in Buenos Aires
July 26, 1907

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December 1, 1901

5 Centavos

Only Known Compound Perforation 12 x 11 1/2 on cover



Concordia September 19, 1904

Used at "Comandante en Gefe de la Tercera Región Militar"

Copy of a part of reverse

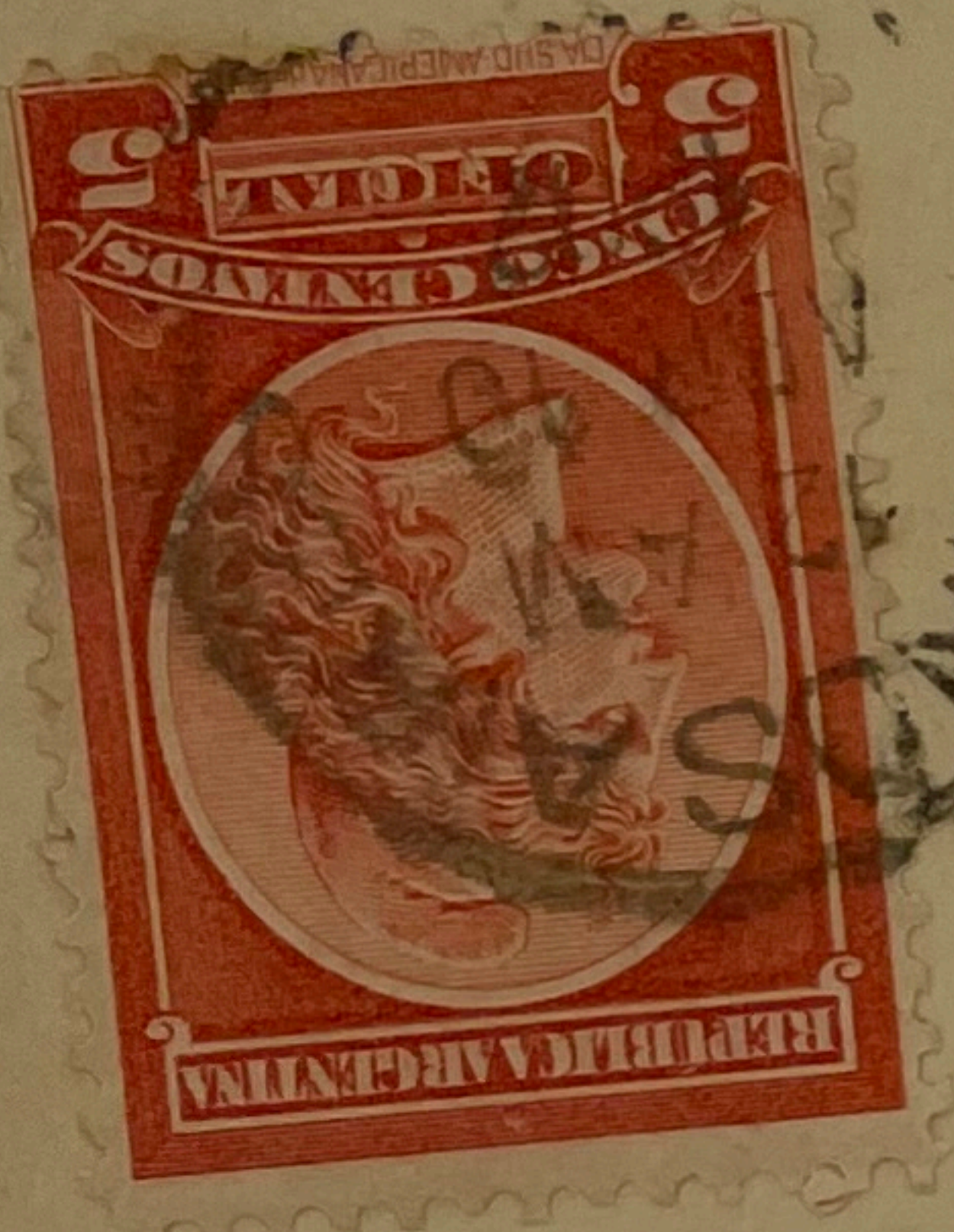


Buenos Aires arrival date stamp of September 21, 1904 was struck alongside of the sender's address panel

Señor Ministro de Guerra

Coronel D. Pablo Riccheri.

Casa de Gobierno



Presidente
de la
Republica Argentina

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December 1, 1901

5 Centavos

5 Centavos Rate Domestic Letter

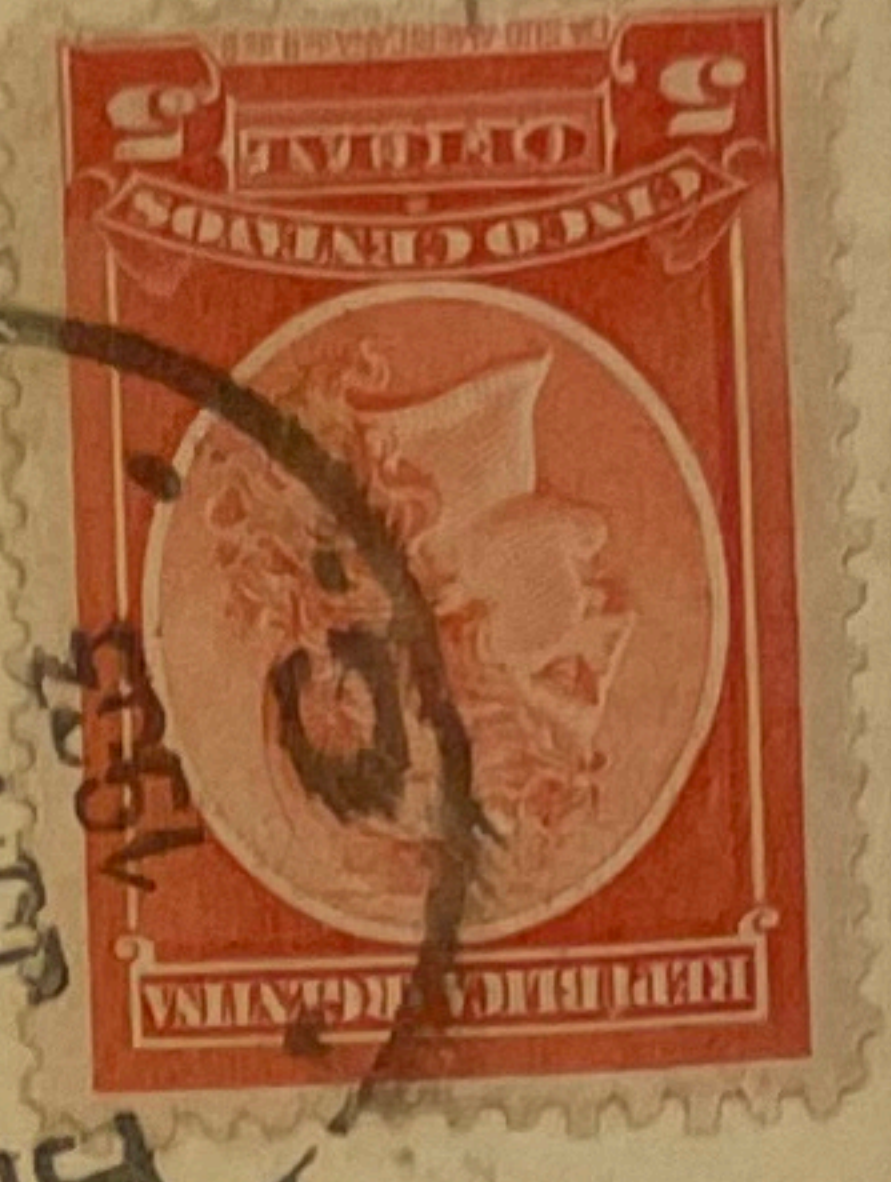
Sent by "Ministerio de Obras Públicas"
Dirección de la Construcción del
F. C. á Andalgalá y Tinogasta



Sent from Almacenes to Buenos Aires

May 13, 1908

Arrival datestamp of Buenos Aires May 15, 1908 on reverse



Señor Capitán
 don Emilio L. Alba
 Cuero Estrella de Plata
 Ayudante Secretario
 del Jefe del Estado Mayor
 del Ministerio de Marina
 Puerto Militar



Señor
 Administrador de Ingenio
 "Las Palos"

Trueman

ADMINISTRACIÓN GENERAL
 DE
 IMPUESTOS INTERNOS

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December 1, 1901

Official Stamps

5 Centavos

5 Centavos Rate Domestic Letter

Sent by "Ministerio de la Guerra"

(Probably sent by Courier Service to Minister of Army
cancelled by the oval violet Ministry Seal)



Sent in Buenos Aires



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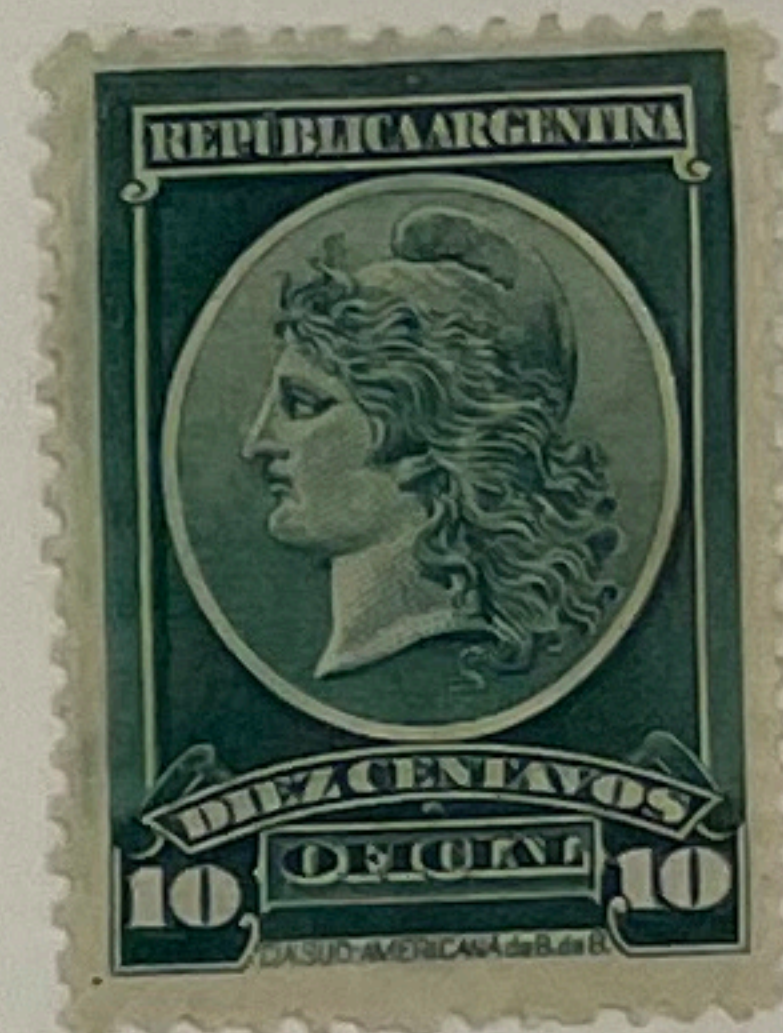
December 1, 1901

Official Stamps

10 Centavos

Perforation Varieties

Perf. 11 1/2

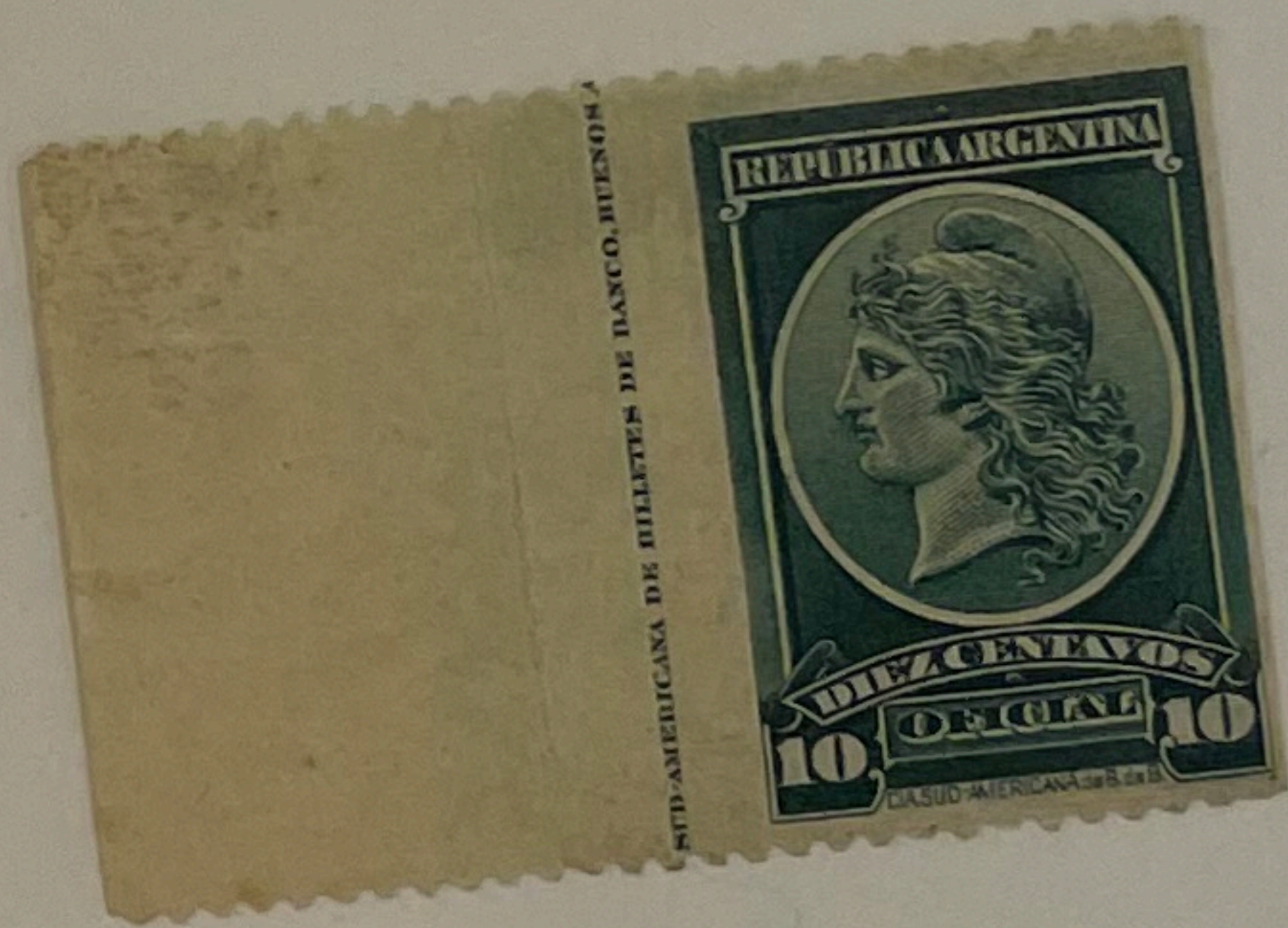


Requisition Number "00074" in RED





pers 12



Official

00032

740



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Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

10 Centavos

Perforation Varieties

"IMPERFORATE" Error



Perf. 12



Compound Perforation

Perf. 11 1/2 x 12





Perf
11 1/2



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Official Stamps

December 1, 1901

30 Centavos

Perf. 11 1/2

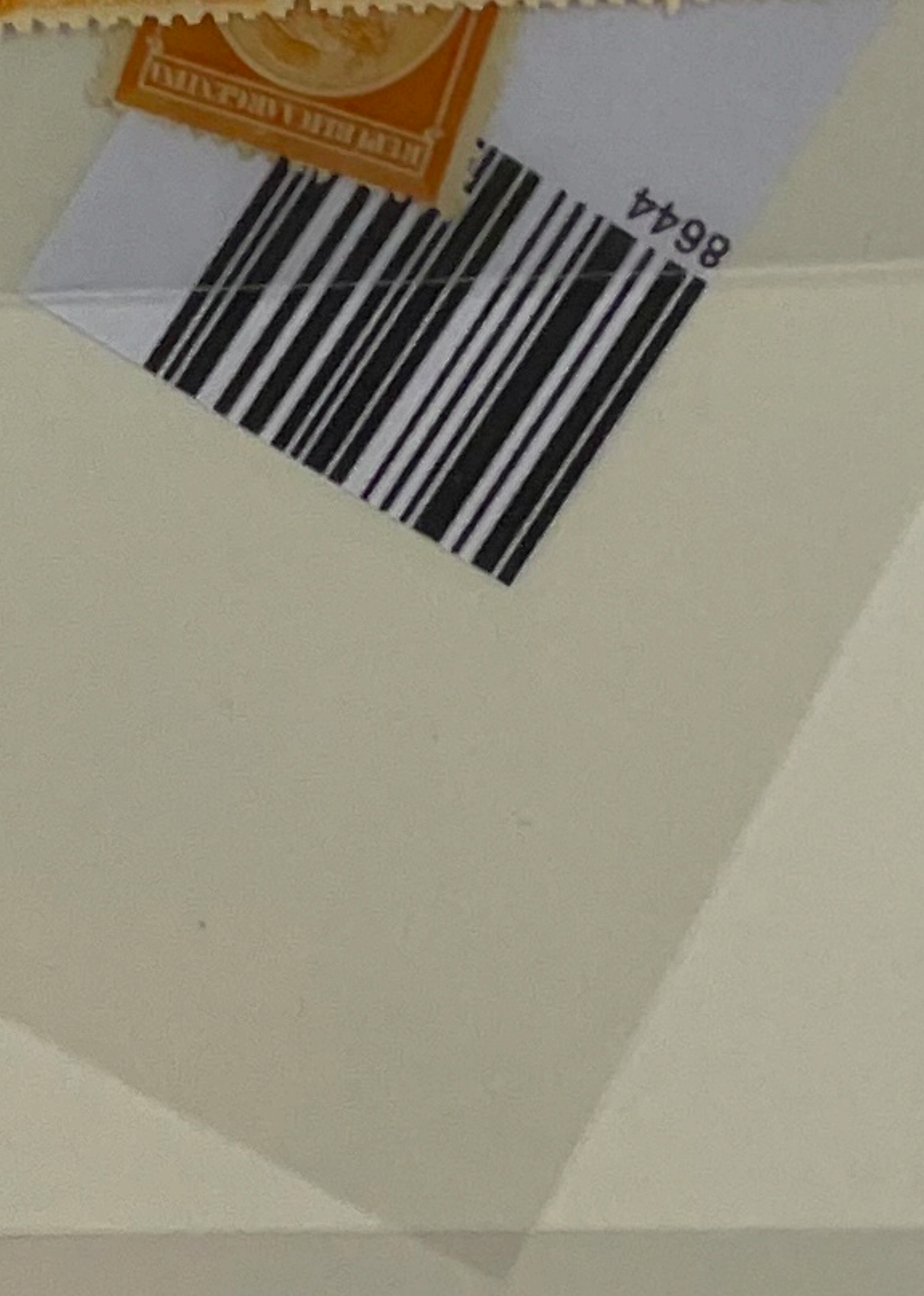


"White Hole" Variety



C0067

Perf
11 1/2



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para confirmar este cálculo.
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Official Stamps

50 Centavos

Perforation Varieties

IMPERFORATE



DOUBLE Perf.



Perf. 12



11 1/2 x 12



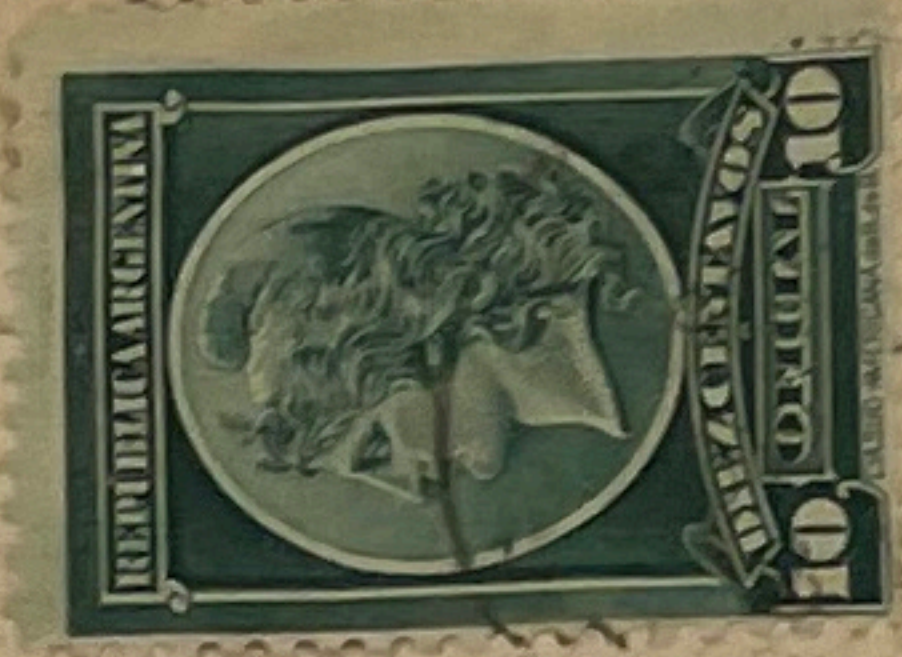
12 x 11 1/2



Perf. 11 1/2

Requisition No. "00058"





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Señor

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San Juan

