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Plating of the 1882 Interior issues is significantly harder since full sheets have not survived and new plates were made after 1879, so that none of the 1879 plate characteristics transfer to these issues. How many plates were made? At least three, maybe more. There were three types of *Sr*: Types I and II, and in the case of the 2 centavos cards only, Type II-A. This last anomaly is interesting because it could indicate that they produced another new plate just for the 2 centavos cards due to greater demand. In that plate, at least six of the "Sr. D." got shifted to the right by 3 mm (Type II-A). I have found up to 18 varieties of Type I



UPSS 17a — Position AA — 2 centavos 1882 Interior

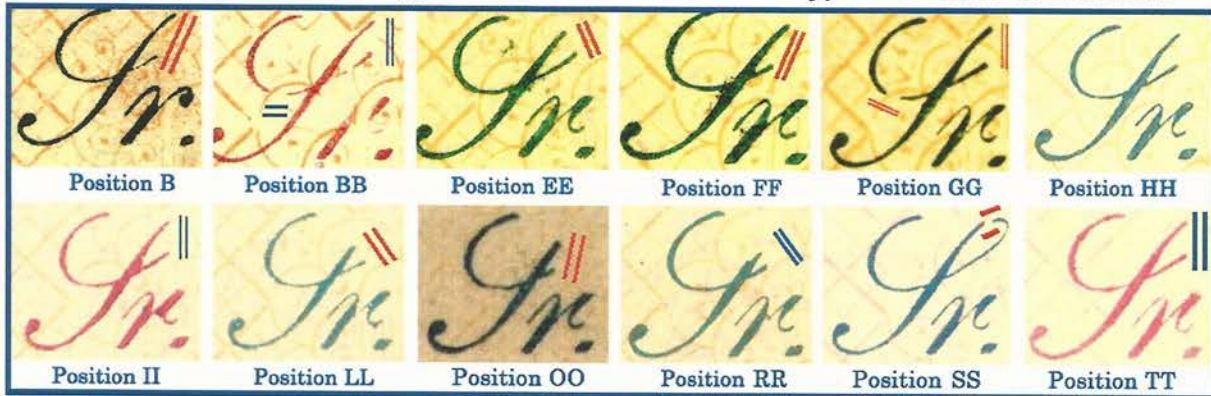
and 20 varieties of Type II. Another thing we know about the plates used is that all of the Type II and Type II-A cards were printed separately from the Type I cards. We know this for two reasons: because a different size font was used for the *Nota* in each (see illustration on page 29) and because there are no yellow backgrounds reported for Type I cards.

	TAR	TAR	TAR	TAR
	BALL	HOOK	BALL	HOOK
<u>Catalog</u>	<i>Sr.</i>	<i>Sr.</i>	<i>Sr.</i>	<i>Sr.</i>
<u>Nomenclature</u>	Type I	Type II	Type I-A	Type II-A
UPSS	Type I	Type II	Type I-A	Type II-A
Edifil	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV
Jones & Roy	Type 1	Type 2	Not Listed	Type 3
Higgins & Gage	Type 1	Type 2	Not Listed	Type 3
	"Sr." not displaced to the right		// "Sr." displaced to the right	

It is difficult to definitely identify all plate varieties for this issue due to the limited number of cards examined and the nature of the printing process itself. We know that the printer changed the indicia and color to print the three denominations. Sometimes the typesetter would pull from the type tray a defective letter or one of a different font, such as the second "A" of *TARJETA*, and use it throughout the printing of all three denominations. However, sometimes it appears that in the middle of a printing run a frame or letter would break or get notched or otherwise deteriorate without being replaced. Additionally, some of the varieties one finds may be due to over-inking or under-inking of the plates during printing runs, making it difficult to ascertain whether there is a break in a letter or whether that letter did not get enough ink.

It is with all of these caveats that the author attempts to list the varieties of the 1882 interior series. Shown on pages 25 - 29 are those varieties that are thought to represent constant varieties and not just vagaries of the printing process.

Break varieties in *Sr.* — Type I “r” in ends with a ball - Type II “r” ends with a hook



Twelve types of breaks in the loop of *Sr.* are shown for comparison. The first is a Type I “r”. All others are Type II. Below are comparisons of background colors and the *Nota* for Types I and II.












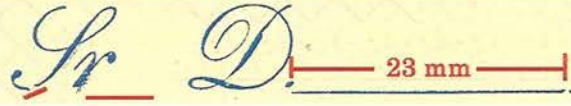


**NOTA. Lo que debe escribirse se hará**

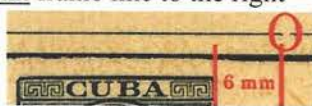






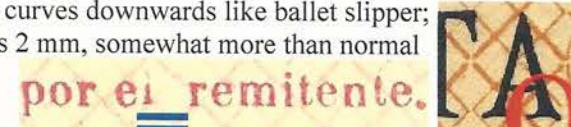
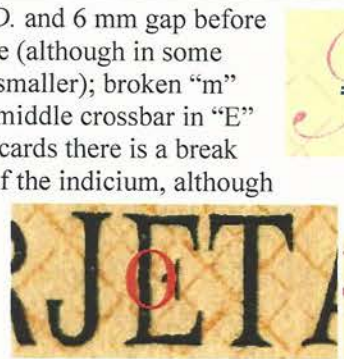

The *Nota* on Type I cards (above) were 91 mm long including the period and had taller lettering. The *Nota* on Type II and II-A cards (below) measured 88 mm including the period. Upper case lettering was 95% as high and lower case lettering was 86% as high as on Type I cards.

**NOTA. Lo que debe escribirse se hará**



1882 INTERIOR PLATING			
POS.	Edifil	TYPE I Description	
A	15cc 17cc	Nick in top right of second "A" of <i>TARJETA</i> ; break in <u>left thick</u> frame line half way between the second and third address lines 	* 84e —
B		Breaks in both <i>Sr.</i> and <i>D.</i> ; break 16mm from start of first address line 	
C	15cd 17ce 19cc	No period after <i>Sr</i> and break at the top of the <i>D</i> ; small á in <i>hará</i> ; "e" of <i>en</i> broken: looks like "cn" 	* 84e 350e
D		<i>D</i> is slightly dented down on top; "b" in <i>debe</i> broken at bottom; some cards have "O" in <i>POSTAL</i> nicked on the inside right 	
E	15ce 19cd	No period after "D" of <i>Sr. D.</i> 	* 70e
F		Top of <i>D</i> has 2 breaks; "o" in <i>Nota</i> is broken top and bottom "é" missing accent and "i" of <i>é ira</i> missing dot; 	
G	15cg 17cf 17cl	Top of <i>D</i> is broken and bent downwards; small nick in the <u>top thick</u> frame line directly above the right corner of the indicium; both top and bottom ornaments on the horizontal thick lines are mashed on the left. 	* 76e —
H	17cj	"o" of <i>firmado</i> broken on top; bold face type in the "r" of <i>por</i> ; no period after <i>remistente</i> ; <u>bottom</u> <u>thin</u> frame line broken below the "p" in <i>por</i> 	
I	15cg	Break on the curved line at the top of "D"; break in the <u>bottom thick</u> frame line below the "ent" in <i>remistente</i> ; 	* 76e —
J	17ca ?	Break in the <u>top thick</u> frame line slightly to the right of the right side of the indicium; first address line goes under the period behind <i>D</i> 	* 70e —
K	15c 15cg	Notch in the <u>top thick</u> frame line to the left of the indicium; <i>D</i> broken on top 	* 75e —
L		"S" in <i>Sr</i> broken at base and no period behind it; break in first address line; no period after <i>Nota</i> 	



POS.	Edifil	TYPE I (Continued)	Description
M	15cb 19c		
N	15cg		
O	15cg 15ch		
P			
Q	17ck		
R	15cg 15cf 17c 17cg		

\* 70e

\* 0 250  
70

\* 71e

The following are Type I positions described by Edifil, but not verified nor assigned a position:

- 15ca — Dent in the top thick frame above the “A” of *CUBA*
- 15ci — Break in right thick frame line at top and bottom
- 17cb & 19cb — Bulge or dent at the top of the “E” of *POSTAL* (*sic*) (a typographical error: did Laiz mean *TARJETA*, in which case it would be described by Position P?)
- 17ch — Small á in *hará* and small é of *é irá*



B

Breaks in both *Sr.* and *D.*;  
break 16mm from start of first address line

*Sr.* "D" 16 mm

T  
*Sr.*

Tipo I



Ed15c9  
74e

C

15cd  
17ce  
19cc

No period after *Sr* and break at  
the top of the *D*; small *á* in *hará*;  
"e" of *en* broken: looks like "cn"

*Sr.* "D." hará en



Ed15c9  
76e



D

D is slightly dented down on top; "b" in *debe* broken at bottom; some cards have "O" in *POSTAL* nicked on the inside right

*D. debe* POS



Ed 15  
Var  
No Cat.  
80c

E

15ce  
19cd

No period after "D" of *Sr. D.*

*D*



Ed 15ce  
70c



1882. Alfonso XII. - Pos D

2 c. de Peso, verde con fondo naranja sobre anteaado.

Tipo I: Remate de la "r" de "Sr" en forma de bola.

La palabra "NOTA" de tamaño intermedio: 5,8 a 6,0 mm.



Ed 15  
Var  
No Cat.  
80e

I	Break on the curved line at the top of "D"; break in the <u>bottom</u> thick frame line below the "ent" in <i>remitente</i> ;	
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Ed 15  
76e



P

Flattened or smashed left uppermost ornament; second "A" of *TARJETA* either blunted or missing right serif of right leg; small bulge on top of E of *TARJETA*; top of D bent down and thin

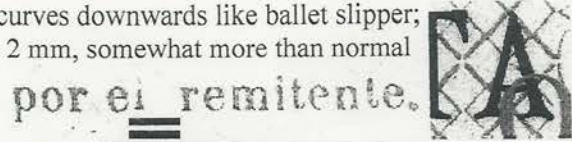


Ed 15  
Var  
No Cat.  
80E

Q

17ck

Right serif of second "A" of *TARJETA* curves downwards like ballet slipper; ; space between words "*el remitente*" is 2 mm, somewhat more than normal and in some cards the "i" is missing the top half.



Ed 15  
Var  
No Cat.  
80E





Ed 150g  
76E

R	15cf 17c 17cg	<p>Multiple breaks in <i>Sr. D.</i> and 6 mm gap before start of first address line (although in some cards this gap is much smaller); broken "m" in <i>remitente</i>; detached middle crossbar in "E" of <i>TARJETA</i>. In some cards there is a break above the left portion of the indicium, although in others it is a barely noticeable notch.</p>	
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C	15cd	No period after <i>Sr</i> and break at	<i>Sr</i> <i>D.</i> <u>hará en</u>
	17ce	the top of the <i>D</i> ; small á in <i>hará</i> ;	
	19cc	"e" of <i>en</i> broken: looks like "cn"	

1882. Alfonso XII.  
4 c. de Peso, verde con fondo naranja sobre anteadado.


Tipo I: Remate de la "r" de "Sr" en forma de bola.  
La palabra "NOTA" de tamaño intermedio: 5,8 a 6,0 mm.

*Sr.*

Tipo I



Ed 17ce  
80E

G	15cg	Top of <i>D</i> is broken and bent downwards; small nick in	 <i>D.</i>
	17cf	the <u>top thick</u> frame line directly above the right corner of	
	17cl	the indicium; both top and bottom ornaments on the horizontal thick lines are mashed on the left.	



Ed 17cf  
48E



H	17cj	<p>"o" of <i>firmado</i> broken on top; bold face type in the "r" of <i>por</i>; no period after <i>remite</i>; <u>bottom thin</u> frame line broken below the "p" in <i>por</i></p>	<p><u>firmado por el remitente</u></p>
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Ed 17  
50c

L	<p>"S" in <i>Sr</i> broken at base and no period behind it; break in first address line; no period after <i>Nota</i></p>	<p><i>Sr D.</i> — 23 mm —</p>
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Ed 17ce  
80c



Type I

N

Upper left ornament mangled; multiple breaks in *D*; spacing between *firmado* and *por* is slightly greater than other word spacings

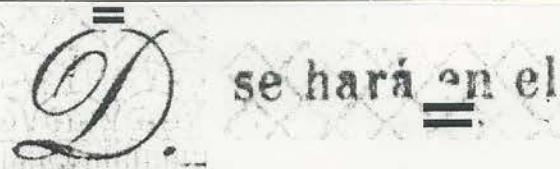
é irá firmado por el



Ed 17c5  
48e

O

Break in the top of *D*; lower half of the "e" in *en* is missing; first address line is 1 mm shorter than others



Ed 17c5  
48e



P

Flattened or smashed left uppermost ornament; second "A" of *TARJETA* either blunted or missing right serif of right leg; small bulge on top of E of *TARJETA*; top of *D* bent down and thin



Ed 17  
Var  
No Cat.  
50E

Q

17ck

Right serif of second "A" of *TARJETA* curves downwards like ballet slipper; space between words "*el remitente*" is 2 mm, somewhat more than normal and in some cards the "l" is missing the top half.

por el remitente.



Ed 17  
Var  
No Cat.  
50E



J

17ca

Break in the top thick frame line slightly to the right of the right side of the indicium; first address line goes under the period behind *D*



1882. Alfonso XII.  
10 c. de Peso, azul con fondo naranja sobre anteaado.  
Tipo I: Remate de la "r" de "Sr" en forma de bola.  
La palabra nota de tamaño intermedio: 5,8 a 6,0 mm.

*Sr.*

Tipo I

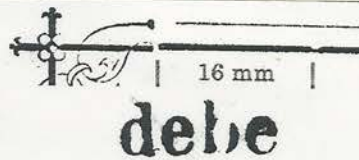


Ed 19a  
Var  
No Cat.  
110E

M

15cb  
19c


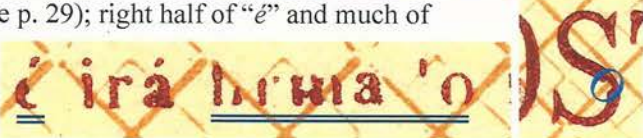

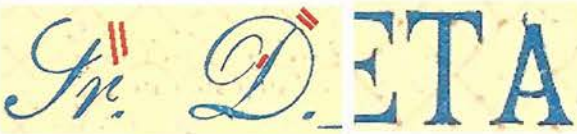


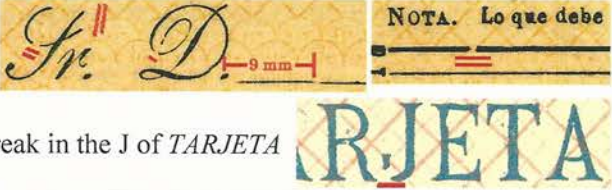
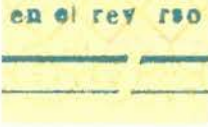


Notch in the top thick frame line above the "JE" of *TARJETA*; break in the top thin frame line to the right of the indicium and it is thinner over the indicium; "b" of *debe* thin or broken;






















Ed 19a  
Var  
No Cat.  
110E



1882--Type II -- Tipo II

POS.	Edifil	TYPE II	Description	
AA	16ci		Smaller sized font in first "e" in <i>debe</i> ; <i>D</i> broken above the bottom loop 	* 0 84E 260E
BB	16fcc 18cb 20ca		Break in the loop of "S" of <i>Sr</i> (see p. 29); right half of "e" and much of <i>firmado</i> missing; some cards have nick in bottom inner curve of "S" of <i>POSTAL</i> 	
CC	16fcd 18cb 20ca 20fca		Break in the loop of "S" of <i>Sr</i> ; line that crosses top of <i>D</i> is short, .4 mm 	* 0 130E 300E
DD	16ck 16cg		Break in "S" of <i>Sr</i> ; vertical trace does not cross top of <i>D</i> ; second "A" of <i>TARJETA</i> is broken on top; break in <u>top thin</u> frame line over the "ST" of <i>POSTAL</i> 	* 0 90E 260E
EE	16c 16fc		Break in the loop of "S" of <i>Sr</i> ; some cards have breaks in the <u>top thick</u> frame line above the left corner of the indicium 3 mm to right of its right corner; "o" of <i>reverso</i> in a slightly larger sized font 	* 0 90E 290E
FF	16cg 16fci		Break in the loop of "S" of <i>Sr</i> ; breaks in <u>bottom thick</u> frame line below the first "e" of <i>remigente</i> 	* 0 90E 260E
GG	16ch 16cd 16fcb		Breaks in <i>Sr. D.</i> ; break in the first Address line 9 mm after period; breaks in <u>bottom thick</u> frame line below the space between <i>Nota</i> and <i>Lo que</i> . Some cards have a large break in the J of <i>TARJETA</i> 	* 0 100E 200E
HH	16cn 18fca		Break in the loop of "S" of <i>Sr</i> ; break in <u>top thick</u> frame line above the second "A" of <i>TARJETA</i> and <u>bottom thick and thin</u> frame line below <i>reverso</i> ; missing "e" in <i>reverso</i> . 	* 0 84E 260
II	18fc 20fc		Break in the loop of "S" of <i>Sr</i> ; break in the bottom thick frame line below the space after <i>escribirse</i> ; broken top left serif in the "P" of <i>POSTAL</i> 	
JJ			"e" of <i>se hará</i> and "o" of <i>reverso</i> are in a larger sized font; some cards have break in the <u>top thick</u> frame line 3.5 mm to right of indicium and a short first address line by 13 mm 	



POS.	Edifil	TYPE II (Continued)	Description
KK			Nick in <u>bottom thick</u> frame line below the period after <i>remitente</i> ; dip in first address line under the indicium  
LL	16cm		Second "e" of <i>debe</i> is in a larger size font; last "e" in <i>remitente</i> is lower; break in curved portion of left <u>bottom thin</u> frame line; some cards have break in the loop of "S" of <i>Sr.</i> ;   
MM	16cf		Upper left part of "T" of <i>POSTAL</i> damaged; both "e"s of <i>en el</i> are missing the bottom part  
NN	16cg		Breaks in <i>Sr. D.</i> ; space between <i>el</i> and <i>remitente</i> is 50% larger than normal  
OO	16fca 18c		"P" of <i>POSTAL</i> is missing most of left side of upright stroke. <u>In some cards</u> there are breaks in both frame lines above this damage to the "P"; the "R" of <i>TARJETA</i> has right leg separated by small break; break in the "S" of <i>Sr.</i> as shown on page 29 
PP	16ce		"s" in <i>se hará</i> is inverted; "o" of <i>reverso</i> in slightly larger font (like Pos. EE); bulge at the top of the "E" of <i>TARJETA</i>  
QQ			Break in "S" of <i>Sr.</i> closely resembling Pos. EE; double break in the <u>right thick</u> frame line near top ornament  
RR	16cc		Loop of "S" in <i>Sr.</i> severely damaged; break in <u>top thick</u> frame line over the "A" in <i>POSTAL</i> ; in some cards the indicia is broken as shown  
SS			Break in the "S" of <i>Sr.</i> ; first address line ends 2 mm short and is bent upwards at the start; break in the <u>lower thin curved</u> frame line; right half of "é" of <i>é ira</i> is missing; small break in the "l" of <i>el</i>  
TT	16cg		Break in the loop of the "S" of <i>Sr.</i> ; start of first address line dips down slightly. 

\* 0  
84e 280e

\* 0  
90e 260e

\* 0  
110e 260e


\* 0  
96e 300e

\* 0  
90e 260e

The following are Type II positions described by Edifil, but not verified nor assigned a position:

- 16ca — Break in the top thick frame line above indicium
- 18ca — Broken left stroke of "T" of *POSTAL*
- 18cc — Breaks at the start and end of first address line
- 20c — Break in the "R" and dent in the "E" of *TARJETA*



LL	16cm	Second "e" of <i>debe</i> is in a larger size font; last "e" in <i>remitente</i> is lower; break in curved portion of left <u>bottom thin</u> frame line; some cards have break in the loop of "S" of <i>Sr</i> ; 
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Tipo II: Remate de la "r" de "Sr" en forma de ángulo agudo. La palabra "NOTA" de tamaño grande: 6,2 a 6,5 mm.

*Sr.*

Tipo II-



Ed 16a  
Var  
No Cat.  
90E

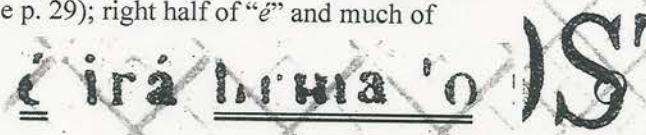
RR	16cc	Loop of "S" in <i>Sr</i> . severely damaged; break in <u>top thick</u> frame line over the "A" in <i>POSTAL</i> ; in some cards the indicia is broken as shown  
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Ed 16cc  
90E




Tipo II: Remate de la "r" de "Sr" en forma de ángulo agudo.  
 La palabra "NOTA" de tamaño grande: 6,2 a 6,5 mm.

BB	16fcc	Break in the loop of "S" of Sr (see p. 29); right half of "e" and much of <i>firmado</i> missing; some cards have nick in bottom inner curve of "S" of <i>POSTAL</i>	
	18cb		
	20ca		



Ed 18a  
 Var  
 Not Cat.  
 120E

OO	16fca	"P" of <i>POSTAL</i> is missing most of left side of upright stroke. In some cards there are breaks in both frame lines above this damage to the "P"; the "R" of <i>TARJETA</i> has right leg separated by small break; break in the "S" of Sr. as shown on page 29	
	18c		



Ed 18c  
 120E

L = 6,4 mm



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DOBLE IMPRESION

4 c., carmín y naranja.











Ed. 180

240E

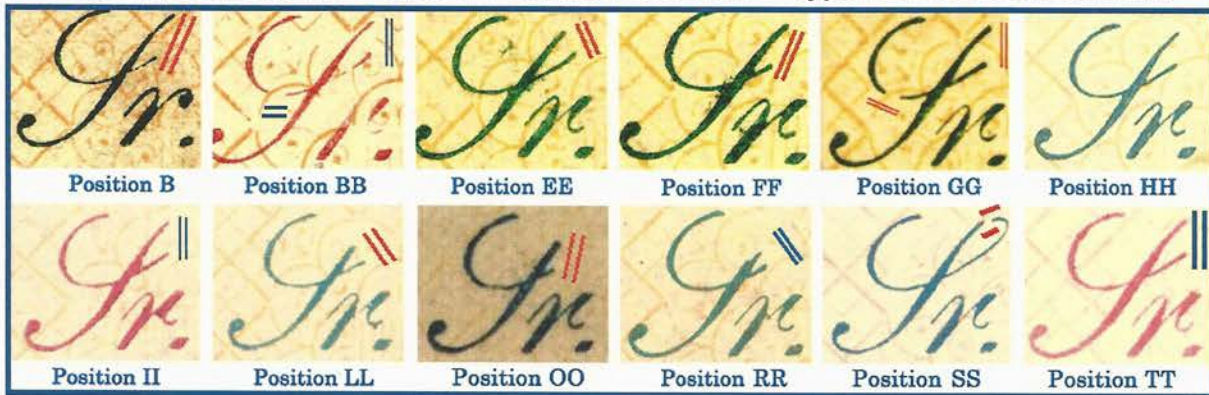
PP	16ce	"s" in <i>se hará</i> is inverted; "o" of <i>reverso</i> in slightly larger font (like Pos. EE); bulge at the top of the "E" of <i>TARJETA</i>	<i>birse se hará en el reverso</i> =	<b>E</b>
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Total of 1882 Type II Issue = 660 Euros

POS.	Edifil	TYPE II-A Description
AAA		Pointed ends to both thick frame lines where they join the bottom right corner piece
BBB	16Aca	First address line extends all the way under the period after <i>D</i> ; double dip curve in second address line below <i>D</i> and the ; break 2 mm from start of fourth address line 
CCC	16Ac	"S" of <i>Sr.</i> broken; missing tip of rising trace of <i>D</i> ; large "a" in <i>Nota</i> ; missing period after <i>remistente</i>  <b>NOTA.</b> 
DDD	16Acb	Breaks at center of second address line 
EEE	16Acd	First address line dips down at the beginning; "e" in <i>reverso</i> is broken: it looks like a "c"; larger font in "a" of <i>Nota</i>  <b>NOTA. Lo que</b> 
FFF		No period after both <i>Sr</i> and <i>D</i> ; "o" in <i>Nota</i> is in a larger font  <b>NOTA.</b> 

\*  
70c —  
\*  
70c —  
\*  
70c —

Break varieties in *Sr.* — Type I "r" in ends with a ball - Type II "r" ends with a hook



Twelve types of breaks in the loop of *Sr* are shown for comparison. The first is a Type I "r". All others are Type II. Below are comparisons of background colors and the *Nota* for Types I and II.



**NOTA. Lo que debe escribirse se hará**

The *Nota* on Type I cards (above) were 91 mm long including the period and had taller lettering. The *Nota* on Type II and II-A cards (below) measured 88 mm including the period. Upper case lettering was 95% as high and lower case lettering was 86% as high as on Type I cards.

**NOTA. Lo que debe escribirse se hara**



2 c. de Peso, verde con fondo naranja sobre anteadado.  
 La palabra "NOTA" de tamaño pequeño: 5,3 a 5,5 mm.

BBB	16Aca	First address line extends all the way under the period after <i>D</i> ; double dip curve in second address line below <i>D</i> and the ; break 2 mm from start of fourth address line	<i>D</i> _____
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CCC	16Ac	"S" of <i>Sr.</i> broken; missing tip of rising trace of <i>D</i> ; large "a" in <i>Nota</i> ; missing period after <i>remitente</i>	<i>Sr. D.</i>	<u>NOTA.</u>
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Total of 1882 Type II-A Issue = 140 Euros

Total of 1882 Issues Types I, II, and II-A = 2166 Euros

than 6mm  
 interior less than 6mm