



Clara Maas, a U.S. nurse who sacrificed herself in the search for the cause of yellow fever

2¢ – 30,000 sheets printed

200 Years of the Cultivation of Coffee
Series of 3 stamps
Last of the Centros de Hoja
22 August 1952



1¢ – 10,000 sheets printed

The last of the centro de hoja series were the three coffee issues of 1952. I have no idea why Cuban stamps ceased to be printed in four panes divided by horizontal and vertical gutters that prompted the collecting of sheet centers. I find them fascinating.



2¢ – 20,000 sheets printed

200 Years of the Cultivation of Coffee

Coffee was first consumed in the 9th century, when it was discovered in the highlands of Ethiopia. From there, it spread to Egypt and Yemen, and by the 15th century had reached Persia, Turkey and northern Africa. From the Muslim world, coffee spread to Italy, then to the rest of Europe and the Americas. Coffee was first cultivated in Cuba in 1748. The production of coffee is so important to the economy of Cuba, it is fitting that the centros de hoja came to an end with this issue.



5¢ – 5,000 sheets printed

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