

12451 - Good Cover / 288 Rate

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12¢ 1851

The Alvin Good cover - \$2.88 rate.

This cover was mentioned by Editor Fennel in the October 1926 A.P. - Vol. 40 - No. 1 - page 32 - as follows, quote:

"What is the largest amount of postage shown on any cover of the 1847-1870 period? This question has been asked us a number of times by specialists and to which we have not been able to give a sure answer. Probably through this department we may secure the information. The two highest rate covers known to us for the period in question are, one addressed to the Cape of Good Hope showing the quadruple rate of
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postage in a pair of 1¢ 1857, a 10¢ 1857 and a 30 and 90¢ 1860, the condition being superb in both stamps and cover. This rate of \$1.32 is exceeded by the other cover which was recently found in the Clerks Office of the U.S. District Court at Cincinnati, Ohio which is in form of a heavy manila wrapper that was used to carry a large deposition in an important case and which is franked with two blocks of eight, one block of four and two pairs of the 12¢, 1851. This \$2.88 rate is the largest we know of at this time. Who can tell us of a larger? The 1860 cover mentioned, a superb item is valued at \$1500, and the second item recently changed hands at \$800 which is however a rather high price as it is not attractive and all the pieces

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damaged by tears or by being cut into."