

Egypt

Third Issue.

First Printing 1872.

Variation in shades.



The 1872 printings were all done in one printing and therefore the shades indicate over or under inking, too much or too little pressure or worn and dirty printing surfaces. The most likely reason is that the ink in the trough was not stirred prior to printing operations each day. The ink being pigment in suspension settles, needs to be continuously stirred, and if not the pigment will sink and consequently the shades will differ.