

Egypt

Third Issue
First Printing 1872.

2 Piastre.
Perf $13\frac{1}{2}$.



On a sheet of 200 (20x10) stamps, with normal perforation of $12\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$, the $12\frac{1}{2}$ perforation machine had to perforate 21 horizontal lines whilst the $13\frac{1}{2}$ machine punched 11 vertical lines. To speed up production the $13\frac{1}{2}$ machine was used horizontally as well as vertically, on rare occasions.



Constantinople
postmark.



Metelino postmark.

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