

FIRST ISSUE 'MOTHERS' - THE AMERICAS

'MOTHERS' AND 'OFFSPRING': STAMPS AND THE STAMPS THAT DEPICT THEM

ST. HELENA - 1856

The first of the British Atlantic colonies to issue its own stamps



• 'Offspring'  
ST. HELENA - 1956



• 'Offspring'  
ST. HELENA - 1956



• 'Mother'  
ST. HELENA - 1856



URUGUAY - 1856



• 'Offspring'  
URUGUAY - 1969



• 'Mothers'  
URUGUAY - 1856



All three copies (right) are Sperati forgeries

Jean de Sperati, the foremost forger of his age (1884-1957).

MEXICO - 1856

The medio real (one-half real) features Miguel Hidalgo, priest and a leader of the Mexican War of Independence.



• 'Offspring'  
MEXICO - 1956



• 'Mother'  
MEXICO - 1856



Forgery



• 'Offspring'  
MEXICO - 1981



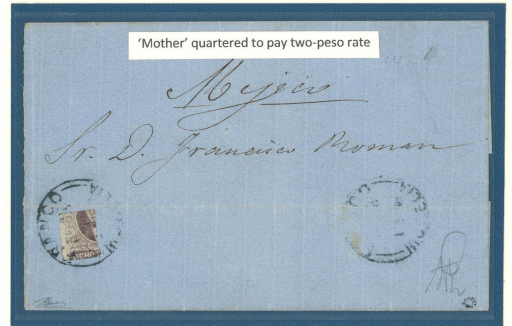
• 'Mother'  
MEXICO - 1856



A 'Love' Message?

MEXICO - 1856

High value of the first Hidalgo series



'Mother' quartered to pay two-peso rate