Grasset
Postal Card

A 10-centime postal card was distributed as part of the Grasset issue in 1904. The 10-centime rate covered foreign as well as internal mailings.
Posted from Saigon on the last day of 1909, this postal card arrived at Kobe, Japan in 10 days.
Grasset
Postal Card
Usage

The Native Women definitive issue, stamps and postal stationery, replaced the Grasset issue in 1907. Here the 10 centime postcard was used to send a message to Singapore in 1913, six years after the Native Women stationery had succeeded Grasset series.
Grasset
Postal Card
Usage from China

At the time of their issue, the postal cards were valid from the Indochinese offices in China. Here the sender indicated a routing via the Transsiberian Railway for a mailing to London. The transit postmark from the French post office in Shanghai suggests that his instructions were followed.
Grasset
Lettercard

Like the preceding Navigation and Commerce issue, the Grasset issue included a lettercard among the postal stationery items. Sharing the same denomination as several other postal stationery items, it had a face value of 10 centimes.
Like Indochinese stamps, postal stationery items were valid from the subsidiary post offices in China. This Grasset lettercard was used locally in Yunnanfou.
Grasset
5-centime Envelope

For the original printing of the 5 centime Grasset envelope, the indicium impression was a dark shade of green. The later 1908 printing was a lighter shade.

1904 PRINTING

1908 PRINTING
The original printing of the 5 centime envelope is identifiable by a “control number” (422, 437 or 439) printed under the flap. The number represented the date of printing.
Grasset
5-centime Envelope
Usage

The small envelopes were for sending calling cards, business cards and the like. Here an envelope from the 1904 printing was used internally within Haiphong.
Grasset
5 centime Envelope
Usage in China

This example of the 5 centime Grasset envelope was used locally within Yunnan Fou, China in 1912.
Grasset
5-centime Envelope
Usage

By itself, the 5 centime envelope was not sufficient for a regular mailing to France. With a 5 centime stamp added, the envelope satisfied the normal 10 centime letter rate.
Grasset
10-centime Envelope

In 1904, the first Grasset envelope was issued with a place for the sender to enter the return address at the upper left.
Grasset
10-centime Envelope

With the subsequent envelope design, introduced in 1908, the return address at the upper left had been removed.
Its preprinted reminder for a return address made the 10 centime envelope unique among all Indochinese postal stationery. For this 1908 mailing, the sender dutifully filled in the requested information.
Grasset
10-centime Envelope
Usage

In this case, the sender chose to completely ignored the return address feature which had been printed on the 10 centime envelope.
Grasset
10-centime Envelope
Usage

The envelope with no return address appeared immediately prior to the issuance of Native Women stationery. As a consequence, this version of the 10 centime Grasset envelope saw very limited usage.
Grasset
10-centime Envelope
Usage

To pay the registry fee, a 25-centime Grasset stamp had been affixed to this mailing to France in 1908.

POSTAL MARKINGS
PHANTIET ANNAM 5 AOUT 08
boxed R with manuscript registration number
REVERSE
CUISE-LA-MOTTE OISE 3 SEPT 08
Grasset
Postmarks on 5-centime Stationery

BIENHOA
COCHINCHINE

PNOMPENH
CAMBODGE

SOCTRANG
COCHINCHINE

PHU-LOC
COCHINCHINE

SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

TAN-CHAU
COCHINCHINE

CANTHO
COCHINCHINE

BAIXAU
COCHINCHINE

RACHGIA
COCHINCHINE

TOURANE
ANNAM

LAO-BAO
ANNAM

BACTRANG
COCHINCHINE
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Postmarks on 10-centime Stationery

SAIGON-CENTRAL
COCHINCHINE

VINH
ANAM

CAUNGAN
COCHINCHINE

NAM-DINH
TONKIN

HAIPHONG
TONKIN

HOA-BINH
COCHINCHINE

MYTHO
COCHINCHINE
Grasset
Postmarks on 10-centime Stationery

RACHGIA
COCHINCHINE

XIENG-KHOUANG
COCHINCHINE

BATRI
COCHINCHINE

LONGXUYEN
COCHINCHINE

CAN-DUOC
COCHINCHINE

ROON
ANNAM

ANTRUONG
COCHINCHINE

HA-TINH
ANNAM