## United States Printed Matter Rates 1845 - 1872

From the beginning of the U.S. postal service, magazines, newspapers, and pamphlets issued at set intervals and sold by subscription, enjoyed special postage rates. These rates were extended to include printed circulars issued by the "several states" even though not sold by subscription. These were forerunners of the first printed matter rate of July 1, 1845, which was available to all mailers.

The requirements to qualify for the printed matter rate were 1) no handwritting inside, 2) no indication on outside of sender or type of contents (before June 30, 1863), 3) unsealed. If any of these requirements were violated, the item would be charged letter rate postage.

This exhibit is a study of the printed matter rates, types of rate markings, postmarks, and auxiliary markings used on printed matter during the period from the beginning in 1845 until the uniform 1 cent rate in the early banknote period in 1872.

### Plan of Exhibit

Forerunner, 1 1/2 cent state printed document rate of 1816

1845 - 1872 General Printed Matter Rates

1845 – 1847, 2 cent rate anywhere in U.S., payment optional manuscript rates – paid, unpaid handstamped rates – paid, unpaid

1847 – 1851, 3 cent rate, payment required, anywhere in U.S. rate markings – manuscript, handstamped 3 cent steamship loose letter rate

1851 - 1852, rates by distance and weight

1 cent paid per oz. under 500 miles

2 cents unpaid per oz. under 500 miles

2 cents paid 1 to 2 oz. under 500 miles

2 cents paid per oz. from 500 to 1500 miles

1852 - 1857, rates by weight anywhere in U.S.

1 cent paid under 3 oz.

2 cents unpaid under 3 oz.

2 cents paid 3 to 4 oz.

2 cents steamship loose letter rate

1857 - 1863, 1 cent paid per 3 oz., anywhere in U.S.

2 cent steamship loose letter rate

1863 - 1872, 2 cents paid per 3 circulars, anywhere in U.S.

The reproductions of the contents are included primarily to show the point of origin and year of use, which frequently can not be determined from the cover itself. Because of the size of many of the circulars, most have been reduced in size and show only the portion of the circular including the date and point of origin. From these simple beginnings can our present junk mail.

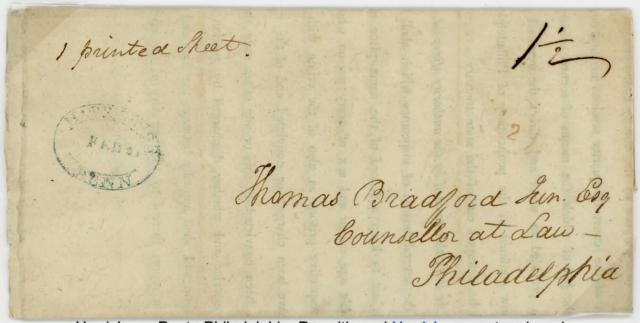
# Periodical Rate Effective May 1, 1816 – 1 ½ Cents per Sheet Under 100 Miles

Unbound journals of the legislatures of the several States were rated at the periodical rate effective May 1, 1816

Harrisburg, Pa. - 1821

**Dated Postmark** 

Handstamped & Manuscript Rate



Harrisburg, Pa. to Philadelphia, Pa. with oval Harrisburg postmark and both manuscript 1 ½ rate and handstamped 1 ½ in circle

BOXELLAND SONO PERMENTENDE AND
[Senate Bill No. 89.]
No. 243.
Read February 17, 1821.
<u> </u>
WILLIAM GREER, PRINT.
The state of the s
house of representatives.
Order for Monday, 26th instant.
000000000
An ACT to establish throughout the commonwealth the system of solitary con-
finement as a punishment for convicts.
THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY

An act to establish the system of solitary confinement as a punishment for convicts throughout the commonwealth of Pennsylvania

No Postmark

Manuscript Rate

Cincinnati, Ohio - July, 1845



Cincinnati, Ohio to Boston with PAID and manuscript 2 rate contents dated July 15, 1845, second week of circular rate

Cincinnati, July 15th, 1845.

Fir:

We have opened a house, No. 19, Broadway, next the Broadway Hotel, for the sale of Produce of all kinds on commission, under the name of Joseph Leach & Co., and for the purpose of making advances on consignments to our address at New Orleans. Liberal advances made on consignments to our friends in Beston, New York, Philadelphia or Baltimore.

SHULTZ, HADDEN & LEACH,

77, TCHOPITOULAS STREET,

NEW ORLEANS.

Announcement of the opening of a produce commission house

Manuscript Rate

Indianapolis, Ind. - December 24, 1845



Indianapolis to South Bend, Ind. with Indianapolis postmark, PAID, and manuscript 2 rate

# TO COUNTY OFFICERS.

Indianapolis, December, 1845.

DEAR SIR:

You have doubtless ere this received a printed circular letter, signed by A. W. Morris, Esq., in which he says he has been induced to accept an agency for supplying each county in the State with Blank Books, Blanks and Stationery, of the best quality, ten per cent. below the lowest price at which they have ever been previously purchased, &c.

To that circular and its contents, we desire, respectfully, to invite your particular attention, believing, that when its *nature* and *object* shall have been explained, the *effect* which it is intended to produce will be entirely neutralized and destroyed.

We are of the opinion that the contents of that circular, are well calculated to mislead and deceive, and that we can make it thus so obviously to appear, before we shall have arrived at the conclusion of this circular, we do not entertain the least doubt.

Warning to county officers of inferior stationary being offered at discount prices

Manuscript Rate

Syracuse, N.Y. - June 7, 1846



Syracuse, N.Y. to Cortland, O. with red Syracuse postmark and PAID manuscript rate 2, mailed 6 days after printing

# BALUSBIS

Capt. Dutnam having relinquished his interest in the late firm of T. B. Titch & Co., the businefs will hereafter be conducted by the subscribers, under the firm of FITCH, HOVEY & DILLAYE, who invite the attention of Merchants, Manufacturers, Dhysicians, and purchasers generally, to their large stock of Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, and Manufacturers' Articles, which have been purchased at the present low prices, and will be sold on as good terms as at any Establishment in the State.

By this arrangement, one of the partners will be enabled to spend a large portion of his time in New York, to take advantage of every favorable change in the market, the result of which will be that they will sell to Merchants, Manufacturers and Physicians, Goods at New York prices, with the addition of freight on heavy goods.

T. B. FITCH, A. H. HOVEY, H. A. DILLAYE.

Fyracuse, June 1, 1846.

Announcement in change of ownership of drug, paint, and dye firm

Manuscript Rate

Hingham, Mass.- August 22, 1846



Hingham, Mass. to Bedford, N.H. with manuscript 2 rate postmarked the day after publication, unpaid

Pursuant to a license from the Court of Probate, for the Country of Plymouth, I shall sell at Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY NEXT, (the 6th day of August,) at three o'clock in the afternoon, the following Estate, being the property of Mary E. Riddle, Charles L. Riddle and Adeline L. Riddle, minor children of David Riddle, deceased, viz:

One undivided fifth part of a certain piece of Land with a Dwelling House, and other Buildings thereon, containing two acres, more or less, situated in Quincy, in the County of Norfolk, and bounded northerly on Town River, easterly on lands of William V. Lincoln, Francis Jackson and others, southerly on Washington-street, (Turnpike,) and vesterly on lands of Peleg F. Jones, and the heirs of Oliver Jenkins, deceased; said described estate being formerly the property of Isaac Riddle, Esquire, deceased, being his Mansion House and Land, eligibly located for improvements, having a front of about eighteen rods on the street, and running back upon the Flats in Town River. There is an excellent well of water on the premises.

SOLOMON LINCOLN, Guardian of the Minors above named.

HINGHAM, August 21, 1846.



Large handbill for real estate auction August 26, 1846 published August 21, 1846

Manuscript Rate

Columbus, Ohio - January 16, 1847



Columbus, Ohio to Seville, Ohio with manuscript 2 rate postmarked 11 days after final Lodge approval, unpaid

DEAR

November 1, 1846.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Grand Lodge of Ohio at its last Annual Grand Communication, a Committee, with instructions to inquire into the propriety and expediency of establishing a SCHOOL, under the patronage and supervision of the Grand Lodge, for educating the Orphan Children of deceased Masons, take the liberty to address you on the subject, and respectfully submit the following inquiries, to which we invite your attention, and which, at your earliest convenience you will please answer.

- 1st. What is your opinion of the GRAND LODGE founding such an Institution?
- 2d. What kind of an Institution would you recommend?
- 3d. How should it be endowed?
- 4th. Where should it be located?
- 5th. Are there any who will make donations for this Masonic enterprise?

As the object is one which commends itself to the mind and heart of every intelligent and virtuous Mason, we do not conceive it at all important to enter into any argument in its behalf, believing that it will find a cheerful response in the breast of every worthy brother.

Answers to the above may be addressed either to C. Anthony, at Springfield, or to W. P. Strickland, or to C. Moore, at Cincinnati.

W. P. STRICKLAND, C. ANTHONY,

C. MOORE,

Committee.

Proposal to establish a school for Masonic orphan children proposed November 1, 1846, approved January 5, 1847

Manuscript Rate

Columbus, Ohio - September 4, 1846



Columbus to Lancaster, Ohio with dated Columbus postmark and manuscript rate 2, unpaid, mailed 4 days after printing

### GRAND LODGE OF OHIO. To all the Fraternity: Whereas, our Worthy Brother John T. Arthur, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, being about to leave the territory of the United States to join its army in Mexico, has signified to me his resignation of the said office of Grand Secretary: Therefore, in order to supply such vacancy, Be it Known, That I, William B. Thrall, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, by virtue of authority in me vested by the By-Laws of said Grand Lodge, have appointed, and by these presents do appoint our worthy and approved good Brother, Bela Latham, of Columbus, to sustain said office of Grand Secretary; hereby authorizing and requiring him to discharge all and singular the duties, and to enjoy all the privileges and immunities thereunto pertaining. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my private seal, at Circleville, this 6th day of August, A. D. 1846, A. L. 5846. W. B. THRALL, Grand Master. must lear bran wile regulary elected rand (CIRCULARA) Grand Secretary's Office. Columbus, August 31, 1846.

Handstamped Rate

Philadelphia, Pa. - September 7, 1845



Philadelphia to Pottsville, Pa. with Philadelphia postmark, PAID(thick letters) in octagon and 2 rate in double line circle

Dear Sir,

We are now prepared to furnish the following descriptions of Iron on the most favorable terms. Having the Agency of the Works, we can supply you at all times: We therefore solicit your orders for such articles as you may use in your business, which will be attended to with promptness.

Very Respectfully,

ORRICK & CAMPBELL.

Race and Water Streets.

Philadelphia, 1845.

Offer to sell 22 different types of iron products for manufacturing

No Postmark

Handstamped Rate

Philadelphia, Pa. - February, 1846



Philadelphia, Pa. to Boston, Mass., PAID in double line octagon box and 2 rate in double line circle

59 South Second Street, Philadelphia,  $February, \ 1846.$ 

The subscribers beg leave to inform Manufacturers, Consumers, and Dealers, that they have contracted for the exclusive sale of the Coal from the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co's Room Run Mines at Mauch Chunk.

To those who have made trial of the Room Run Coal, it will be unnecessary to speak of its quality;—those who have not tested it, are respectfully informed that it is considered superior to any other Coal from the Lehigh region. It is free from slate, bony, and impure substances, and the *soft coal* being selected from it, there is but little residuum, and no clinker formed, which renders it particularly desirable for cupola furnaces, steam, and domestic purposes.

Offer to sell Room Run Coal by Robarts & Walton & Asa Packer dated February, 1846

Rate in Postmark

Boston, Mass. - March 16, 1846



Boston, Mass. to South Newbury, Vt. with dated Boston postmark containing 2 rate, also red PAID, undated but docketed 1846

RAWSON, BRIGHAM & PRATT,
Importers and Wholesale Dealers in
FOREIGN & DOMESTIC
DRY GOODS: AND WOOLENS,
No. 35 Milk Street,

BBSTBN.

WE are receiving by Foreign arrivals and other good sources, a large and desirable Stock of Dress, and White Goods, Shawls, Broad Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, Tailor's Trimmings, and every article usually kept in an Importing and Jobbing House, to which we invite your particular attention when in the market.

Very Respectfully yours,

RAWSON, BRIGHAM & PRATT.

Announcement from dry goods and woolens dealer

No Postmark

Handstamped Rate

Philadelphia, Pa. - March, 1846



Philadelphia, Pa. To Burgettstown, Pa. with framed PAID 2 no postmark, contents dated March 20, 1846

### Philadolphia, Murch 20th, 1846.

As the season is approaching at which you visit our city for the purchase of goods, we have thought that it might be mutually advantageous to ask your attention to our Stock of Books and Stationery. We are extensively engaged in this business, and manufacture almost every description of Stationery, and also publish many of the most popular School Books now in use. It is therefore in our power to offer much greater inducements in the prices for, and qualities of these articles, than if we were, as most other dealers in the Atlantic Cities are, dependent upon the munufactories of others. Our stock is made and kept up, with the special intention of supplying the Merchants of the interior; and from it they may therefore select with the greatest readiness, articles adapted to their sales. Of all the prominent School Books used throughout the country, as also of Blank Books, Paper, and other Stationery, our assortment is large and complete. These are the articles in which the merchant of the interior is most interested, and to them we have paid great attention. All other descriptions of Books, however, enter into and form part of our assortment. Outers, therefore, of any kind, whether for Medical, Law, Theological, or Moiscellaneous works, will be promptly filled.

Invitation from Hogan & Thompson, booksellers and stationers to visit their facilities when in Philadelphia

Handstamped Rate

Utica, N.Y. - June 16, 1846



Utica to Buffalo, N.Y. with fancy oval Utica postmark, PAID In scroll, and handstamped 2 rate

Having commenced the Manufacture of WOOLLEN YARN, I would call your attention to may afsortment of the same. It will be my aim to manufacture and keep on hand as full and desirable a stock as can be found in the country, and well knowing that a SUPPRIOR article and LOW PRICIPS can secure and retain the best customers, I shall endeavor, at all times, to sell at the Lowest Market Prices.

Mby afsortment is in part as follows:

White Single,

Blue Mix d Single,

11 2 Thread,

11 3 11 11 3 11

and of every shade, also Reed, Gran and Blue Clouded; in short, every variety that is manufactured. Your orders are respectfully solicited.

J. R. WARNER.

Handstamped Rate

Indianapolis, Ind. - June 23, 1846



Indianapolis to Rome, Ind. With PAID and 2 in circle rate postmarked 4 days after printing

Office of Superintendent of Common Schools, Indianapolis, June 19, 1846.

Auditor of

County:

Dear Six: Although reports in relation to the funds pertaining to common schools, are made to this office from most of the counties in the State, and a few of them contain, so far as relates to the funds only, a good description of them and their several amounts; yet the reports from most of the counties are very defective, and but a partial idea of their respective educational resources, can be gleaned from them; and in many respects all of them fall far short of affording the information which it is my duty to submit to the Legislature. See Rev. Code, p. 324. I have therefore deemed it advisable to address this Circular to you, and to each County Auditor in the State, hoping that you will cheerfully enlist in the task of filling up with the proper numbers and amounts, the answers to the queries hereto appended, and forward the same to me at the earliest practicable period—at farthest by the first of September next.

Our State has hitherto presented but a meagre account of its schools and seminaries, and the funds appropriated to their support; and though, in point of fact, in these we must rank below some of our adjoining sister States—Ohio and Michigan—yet a much better account can be exhibited than heretofore, provided we can collect the proper facts.

Request by State Superintendent of Schools for financial accounting published June 19, 1846

No Postmark

Handstamped Rate

Philadelphia, Pa. - December, 1846



Philadelphia, Pa. to Chesterville, Ohio with PAID(thin letters) in octagon with 2 rate attached, no postmark

Ashton's Clothing Store, \\
156 Market St., Philadelphia.

The annexed Schedule of choice and fashionable Garments, is submitted with a view of extending the business relations of the establishment.

Familiar with the requirements of wholesale buyers, wherever located, the undersigned approaches his customers with the confidence of long experience; and pledges himself to sell on such terms and at such prices as will amply reimburse the purchaser, and afford the manufacturer a minimum compensation for outlay, skill, and enterprise. The beauty of style, the choice of material, and the precision in fit which has ever characterized the Clothing manufactured under his care, together with the proper apportionment of sizes, will secure quick and certain sales to the buyer, and preserve the reciprocity of trade profitable to all and

BASARDOUS TO MOME.

Offer from wholesale clothing store dated December, 1846

Handstamped Rate

Pittsburgh, Pa. - February 26, 1847



Pittsburgh, Pa. to Coolville, Ohio with Pittsburgh Pa. postmark, PAID and 2 rate, mailed 1 day after printing

Dittsburgh, February 25th, 1847.

I take this method of informing you that
I have opened a New Wholesale House, at No. 123 Wood Street, second
door above Fith, (formerly occupied by Mefses. Tiernan & Jones,) for the
sale of
FANCY AND STAPLE DBY GOODS,

the connection in business between Mr. Shacklett and myself, under the similar of Shacklett & Glyde, having ceased on the 1st day of January last.

Announcement of fancy and staple wholesale dry goods house of Benjamin Clyde, dated February 25, 1847

Handstamped Rate

Boston, Mass. - October 27, 1845



Boston, Mass. to Spencer, Mass. with red handstamped 2 rate mailed the same day as published, unpaid

Dear Sir,

Sole Leather and Shoe Stock,
on Saturday next, November 1, at 11
o'clock, 2500 Sides Light, Middle,
and over Weights Sole Leather, and
other Acticles in the line, such as Wax,
Ship, Grain, Calf, Seal, White, and

Notice of leather sale by Dowley & Whall published October 27, 1845

Handstamped Rate

Invitation to Fort McHenry Originally Rated as Printed Matter then Rerated at Letter Rate

Baltimore, Md. - May 4, 1846



Baltimore to Rockville, Md. originally rated with 2 In circle for printed matter, rerated at letter rate with several strikes of 5 oval

The invitation was ruled ineligible for the printed matter rate because

- 1) the invitation was handwritten, not printed
- 2) the envelope was sealed

Rate in Postmark

New York, N.Y. - September 16, 1846



New York, N.Y. to Providence, R.I. with NEW YORK/2 cts. dated postmark, unpaid, mailed 1 day after printing

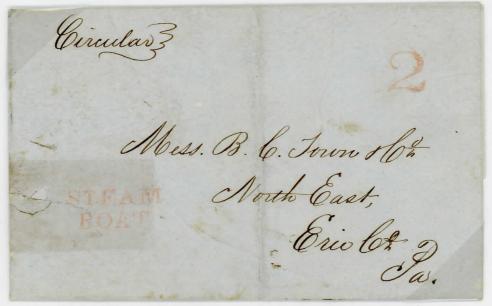
[BRITANNIA.]	PRICE OF COTTON.  New York: Tuesday: 15th Sept., 1840  LIVERPOOL CLASSIFICATION.								
	UPLANDS.		FLORIDA.		New Orleans, Mobile & Texas.			REMARKS.	
Inferior,							None,		
Ordinary,	71	78	71	75	78	73	Small Supply,	Good Demand,.	
Middling,	8	81	8	84	81	81	Do. Supply	Do. Do	
Good Middling,	84	81	84	84	83	85	Fair Do	Do. Do	
Middling Fair	83	83	81	83	9	94	Do	Do. Do	
Fair,	87	9	87	94	98	93	Do	Small Do	
Fully Fair,	94	93	94	98	95	94	Small Supply,	Do. Do	
Good Fair,	91	93	91	93	10	11	Do	Do. Do	

Cotton Prices Bulletin by Thos. J. Stewart, Cotton Broker

No Postmark

Handstamped Rate

New York City Origin, Markings Applied at Albany, N.Y. - September 1846



New York City to North East, Pa. by non-contract steamboat to Albany where 2 rate and STEAM/BOAT applied, unpaid

## CIRCULAR.



New York. Sept. 19th, 1846.

Dear Sir,

We again advise you as to the Condition of the Produce market, since our Circular Letter to you of the 1st inst. There has been a further advance io Ashes, Pots have improved 12½ and Pearls 25 cts. pr. 100lbs. the receipts are light and there is a good demand, at present rates.

There has been a very rapid advance in Flour, which in consequence of large sales for Shipment, with light receipts, has gone up 75 cts. per bll. within this month, the market is now in a good sound condition, and the prospect is that present prices will be sustained.

Wheat, Rye and Corn are in very good demands the two last articles particularly, for export. There has been some improvement in Beef and Fork, and the market is firm at quotations. Butter has declined in price and only prime lots are sought for; what arrived during the very warm weather is hard to dispose of, Cheese has improved a little and the demand is good for home use, and Shipment.

Your Obt. Servants

YELVERTONS & FELLOWS, No. 60 Water St.

Yelverton's & Fellows produce newsletter dated Sept. 19, 1846

Two Handstamped Rates

New York, N.Y. - October 11, 1846



New York City to Berne, N.Y. with two types of rate markings CIRCULAR/2 cts. and NEW-YORK/2 cts. in dated circle circular is undated but docketing on back is October, 1846

Dear Jir, Howing recently had several calls for Medic by persons from your vicinity, I desired a gentleman to the mend me an agent for the sale of the Med in your place. He ga your address, but requested that I should address you on the suffer, if you could not take the Agency yourself, you could recomme an agent from your extensive acquaintance. The Medes are the a fills & Phoenix Ditters, extensively known for the last 10 year nearly every part of the Union, for their curation properties in the merous diseases prevalent in your part of the Country. By this Mai send you a copy of my Agricultural Almanae for 1847; in which be

Request for agent to sell Life Pills and Phoenix Bitters at 25% commission

Handstamped Rate

Washington, D.C. - October 27, 1846



Washington, D.C. to North Canton, Ct. with dated Washington City postmark and handstamped 2 rate, unpaid, mailed 12 days after printing

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Washington City, October 15, 1846.

Annexed is our Prospectus of the Congressional Globe and Appendix for the next session of Congress, which we send to you with the hope that you will be so kind as to obtain for us some subscribers for those works. In case your duties shall be such that you cannot attend to such business, or are unwilling to embark in it, we ask the favor of you to hand the Prospectus to some person whose business will not prevent his attending to it, and who may be willing to obtain subscribers for the compensation offered in the terms.

It will be seen by referring to our terms, near the end of the Prospectus, that the Congressional Globe and Appendix are each \$1 for the session, but that we will send six copies of either for \$5; so a person obtaining subscribers for six papers would make 20 per cent. on the amount collected.

The reports will not be affected by party bias. We will employ the very best reporters, without regard to party, looking only to their qualifications; and besides, the members will all have an opportunity of looking over our reports before they are put to press, and correcting them, if they shall think themselves mis-reported. It is our intention to publish such a work as will be sought after by all parties, in all time to come. So confident are we that all who subscribe for either paper will be pleased with it, that we hereby promise to refund the money which we received for it, in case the subscriber shall not be satisfied, at any time within three months after the commencement of the session.

Prospectus for Congressional Globe by Blair & Rives

Handstamped Rate

Savannah, Ga. - November 27, 1846



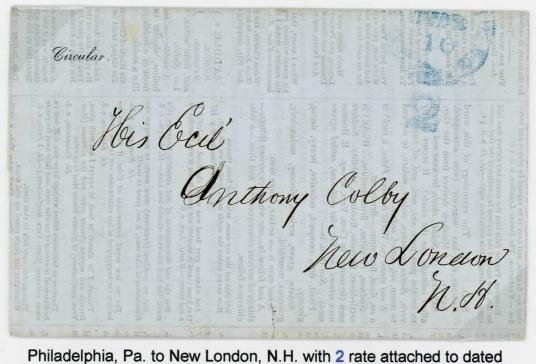
Savannah, Ga. To Boston, Mass. with Savannah postmark and 2 in double circle rate, mailed same day as published, unpaid

#### SAVANNAH REPUBLICAN PRICES CURRENT. SAVANNAH, FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 27, 1846. NUMBER 12. HAY,-A lot of 100 bales New-York sold at 70 cents Savannah Market. per hundred lbs. The retail price from store is $87\frac{1}{2}$ cts. for New-York, and §1 for Eastern. COTTON.—Arrived since the 20th inst. 9,699 bales Upland (6,3°4 by Rail Road and 3,325 from Augusta and EXCHANGE—We quote Sterling at 6 a 64 per cent nominal. There is a good demand for Domestic, and the out-door sales have been large at 4 per cent premium for landings on the river,) and 32 bales Sea Island. The exports for same period have been 1,043 bales Upland to Liverpool, 1,597 do. to Havre, 955 do. and 146 Sea Is sight checks. The banks sell sight checks on the North at ½ per cent. prem. They purchase 30 day bills at lands to Greenock, 285 bales Upland to Baltimore, 513 do. to New-York, and 674 do. and 20 bales Sea Island a , and 60 at 17 per cent. discount. FREIGHTS.—Several engagements have been made to Charleston—together 5,067 bales Upland and 166 Sea Islands; leaving a stock on hand and on shipboard not FREIGHT'S.—Several engagements have occurrence for Liverpool during the week at \( \frac{1}{2} \) depth b. for square, and 11-16d, per lb. for round bates of Cotton, and one vessel has been taken for Havre at \( \frac{1}{2} \), per lb. for square bates. For Havana and the windward Islands, the last engagements were at \( \frac{3}{2} \), 75 per cask for Rice, and \( \frac{3}{2} \) to \( \frac{1}{2} \). To trumber, \( \frac{1}{2} \) ostatisking—The New York cleared, of 30,257 bales of Upland and 348 Sea Islands against 14,099 bales Upland and 523 Sea Islands at same time last year The downword tendency noticed in the market at the close of our last report, was checked on Friday, by the receipt of the news by the Great Western at New-York, from Liverpool to the 3ist ult., representing that market For Boston engagements have been made at 3c, per 1b. for round and square bales, and \$1,50 per cask for Rice. To Philadelphia \$c, per 1b. for square and \$c, per 1b. for round bales. Cotton, and \$1,50 per cask for Rice P Baltimore last engagements \$c, per 1b. for round and square bales, and \$1,50 per cask for Rice. from Inverpoid to the Sistuin, representing manufactor in an active state, at a further advance of jd. per lb. Fair Uplands being quoted at (d. per lb. The sales after the receipt of the news amounted to upwards of 1,000 bales at rather better prices. On Saturday the news by the Acadia at Boston, (from Liverpool to the

## March 3, 1847 to June 30, 1851 - 3 Cent Paid Rate

The Act of March 3, 1847 established the 3 cent paid rate for each single sheet of printed matter, No effective date for the rate change was specified, so it probably was intended to take place immediately, that is March 3, 1847. Because of delays due to communications, the 2 cent rate was used until formal notification of the rate change was received.

Philadelphia, Pa. - March 10, 1847



Philadelphia, Pa. to New London, N.H. with 2 rate attached to dated Philadelphia postmark, unpaid, 2 cent rate used 7 days after rate change

The above-named work, printed on fine paper, and bound in the most substantial sheep binding, marble edges, we now offer at the moderate price of Twelve Dollars.

Gentlemen desirous of adding this valuable Dictionary to their Libraries, can do so by remitting us the abovenamed sum, and directing the manner of forwarding it. Should it be more convenient to purchasers, they can leave their orders with the bookseller nearest their residence, who can obtain the work directly from us.

E. H. BUTLER & CO.

Philadelphia, 1847.

23 Minor Street.

Manuscript Rate

Washington, D.C. - April 3, 1847



Washington, D.C. to Warren, Conn. with PAID, manuscript rate 3, Washington City postmark, mailed 1 month after 3 cent rate effective

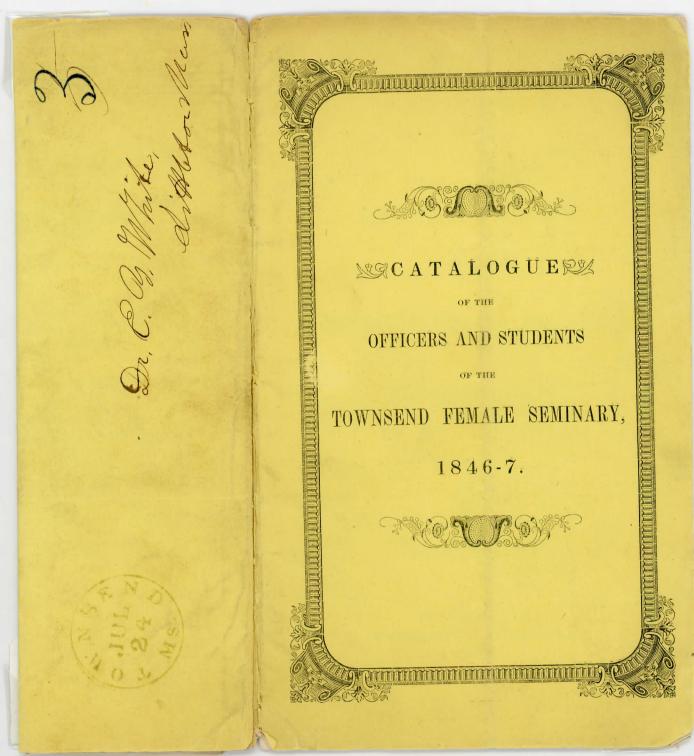
Washington City, April, 1847.

SIR: The Jackson Monument Committee forwarded to you a commission to collect subscriptions to erect an Equestrian Statue to General Andrew Jackson. Our effort to accomplish that purpose was almost exclusively made through the postmasters in every State, whose position gives them an opportunity of communicating with the people. We have every reason to be satisfied with the result, so far as informed of it, from those to whom we intrusted our agency. It is now ascertained that a very small amount collected by each of the postmasters who have not yet made us returns, would enable us at once to proceed with the work, and complete it on the most splendid scale. As you are one of those from whom we have had no intelligence of the success of the attempt made, we request you, on the receipt of this, to inform us what you have done, and probably can do, to forward our object. A small sum from every man whom you know favorably inclined to the object, would, when aggregated, convert what each might consider a mere trifle and not worthy to be contributed, into an everlasting memorial of the patriotism to which he would pay homage.

Commission to Postmaster to collect subscriptions for Jackson statue from committee chairman, Cave Johnson, postmaster general

Manuscript Rate

Townsend, Mass. - July 24, 1847



14 page Townsend Female Seminary catalog for year ending Aug. 1847, Townsend to Littleton, Mass., originally rated circular rate of 3 cents but unpaid, rerated letter rate of 5 cents on arrival

**Undated Postmark** 

Rate in Postmark

Richmond, Va.- September, 1849



Richmond, Va. to White Plains, Va. with undated RICHMOND/PAID/3 Ct./Va. postmark with rate

RICHMOND, Sept. 15, 1849.

DEAR SIR:

The season is near at hand for saving the Tobacco Crop. We respectfully offer some suggestions respecting its management. It is of great importance that it should be thoroughly ripe before cutting, as it will weigh more and bring better prices. Tobacco of delicate texture and good substance, suits better for manufacturing when but slightly fired. Scaffold it as soon as it falls, to prevent its getting sun burnt. For the first two or three days put the sticks pretty close together on the scaffolds, so as to color it; after that give the usual distances on the scaffolds between the sticks for two or three weeks, if the weather will admit of it. The scaffolds should be near the barns, so that, in the event of cloudy weather, it could be housed before the rain catches it. Do not house it too close, or put too many plants on a stick. Kindle about twelve or fifteen small fires in your barns with seasoned oak rails, cut in pieces of two and a half or three feet long and keep them up until about twelve o'clock that day, and then let them burn down. Continue the fires the same way on the second day until eleven o'clock, and the third morning until about ten o'clock. The wood you fire with should not have any bark on it. Manufacturing Tobacco, when stripped, should be straightened and re-hung in a few days, with sufficient distance to allow a free circulation of air. We would not advise its being struck down earlier than the latter part of April to the first of May, and not then unless the season is a warm southern one, and then the Tobacco should be taken down in very dry order. To avoid its getting broken in bulking, it would be best for the packer to stand by the bulk and not get on it. Weight the bulk slightly and do not prize until the Tohacco feels the warmth of the weather, and it can then be handled in prizing without breaking the leaf or fibres .-We think you would advance your interest by hanging up your lugs after they are stripped and take them down in safe order. Have the bundles neatly tied up, and prize them as straight as you can. A very large portion of the Virginia and North Carolina crop of Tobacco is manufactured in our markets, and the manufacturers cannot buy lugs in the winter to work up in the summer and fall, on account of their being generally prized in the order they are stripped, and they can only buy them for immediate use; but if they were prized in safe order there would, through the season, be a good demand for sweet manufacturing lugs at prices much above the average during the winter and early spring, when the great bulk of the lugs are forced into market.

Handstamped Date

Peoria, III. - December 12, 1849



Peoria, III. to Norwich, Conn. with red Peoria postmark and PAID 3, not paid on posting, charged to Box 24, without contents but docketed 1849

Without contents but docketing indicates this contained "attorneys cards".

Granville, N.Y. - April, 1849



Granville, N.Y. to Easton, Mass. with Granville postmark and PAID 3 rate in manuscript

Act of Incorporation and By-Laws of Washington County Mutual Ins. Co. dated 1848

Manuscript Rate

Baltimore, Md. - April 6, 1850



Baltimore, Md. to Terre Haute, Ind. with dated Baltimore postmark, red PAID and manuscript 3 rate, mailed 3 weeks after printing

### Baltimore, March 13, 1850.

The Undersigned, Shoe Dealers of Baltimore, feeling ourselves aggrieved by a combined action a year since, of the several then existing Lines of Lachets between this city and Boston, to put up the rate of freight, all the year wand, on Goods received by us, to a point deemed so high as to prejudice our interests and the trade of this city, and with a view to protect both those interests, having started a new Line, (JENKS'S LINE,) and having contracted to support it by giving it all our Freight at Four cents per foot for Free Neevs, and all our influence in its favor, and knowing the strong opposition it has had and will continue to have to contend with from the other Lines, and feeling that it is very desirable to all interested in the trade with or through this city that this Line should be supported, as a salutary check upon the rates of freight, and being pledged to use our exertions to secure a support for it has leave to call your attention to, and recommend JENKS'S LINE, well knowing, that if it is run off the trach, a determination too strongly evinced by the other Lines in the sudden decline, immediately after the starting of this from the rates of freight demanded before its establishment, to one half of those rates, we shall not be able to start another, and shall then be subject to such rates as the other Lines may then choose to charge.

Announcement for Jenk's Line of packets from Baltimore to Boston

**Dated Manuscript Postmark** 

Manuscript Rate

Lacon, Ills. - May 6, 1851



Lacon, III. to Winchendon, Mass. with handstamped PAID and manuscript 3 rate

# OLD SOLDIERS, ATTENTION!

The undersigned offer their services to the holders of LAND WARRANTS, issued by virtue of the Act of Congress, passed September 28, 1850, "granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers, who have been engaged in the military service of the United States."

By that law the Warrants are not assignable, and can be of no benefit to the holder until located. That though said law makes it the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office to locate said Warrants, yet if the holder desire his Warrant located on the best and most saleable land, it requires a personal knowledge and inspection of the land, and the circumstances affecting its value, either by himself or his agent, prior to the selection and location of the same.

The value of the Public Lands in this State (as well as elsewhere,) depends very much on their proximity to navigable streams, canals, or railroads—varying from one to ten dollars per acre, according to their location. One of the undersigned having resided in Illinois for the last fifteen years, has an extensive acquaintance in the State; and having been engaged in the Land Agency business for the last ten years, is well acquainted with the vacant lands, their relative value, and the location of the various Railroads, and other internal improvements now being constructed and in contemplation in the State—information indispensable to a proper and judicious location of Warrants.

Offer to locate public land in Illinois for military veterans with land warrants sent by Ramsay & Fleming, land agents, Lacon, Ill., undated

**Undated Postmark** 

Rate in Postmark

Baltimore, Md. - July, 1847



Baltimore, Md. To New York with 7 mm high PAID/3 cts in postmark without date, contents dated July 1, 1847, the first day of use of the first postage stamps authorized March 3, 1847

## COPARTNERSHIP FORMED.

The undersigned have entered into Copartnership under the firm of STICKNEY & BEATTY, and will continue the Commission Business for the sale of Iron, Nails, Steel, and Iron Manufactures generally, at the warehouses lately occupied by Stickney & Noyes, Nos. 18 and 20 South Charles Street.

J. H. STICKNEY, C. E. BEATTY.

Baltimore, July 1, 1847.

Announcement of dissolution of partnership and formation of new partnership in the Iron & Steel Commission Business

Handstamped Rate

Providence, R.I. - September 13, 1847



Providence, R.I. to Fall River, Mass. with handstamped PAID 3 rate mailed 17 days after publication

Providence, August 27, 1847.

Having this day purchased of Mor. B. So. Holbrock, his establishment for the manufacture of Lown Probates, and received from him the Patterns, with Directions, So., belonging to his different customers, we would respectfully solicit a continuance of your patronage to the establishment.

Having had many years experience in the Business, we jeel consident of being able to jurnish Vickers that will give entire satisfaction.

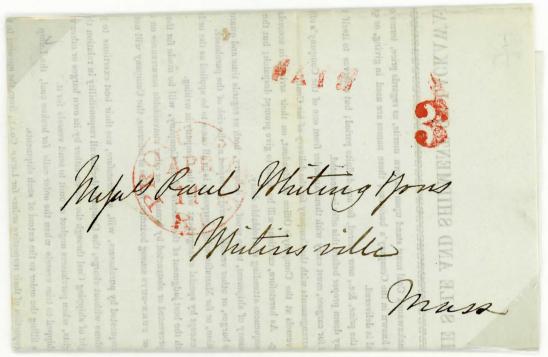
Very Respectfully, Yours, So.

A. & C. W. HOLBROOK.

Notice announcing the establishment of business to manufacture Loom Pickers, published August 27, 1847

Handstamped Rate

Providence, R.I. - April 11, 1848



Providence, R.I. to Martinsville, Mass. with Providence postmark, handstamped 3 rate, and PAID in red

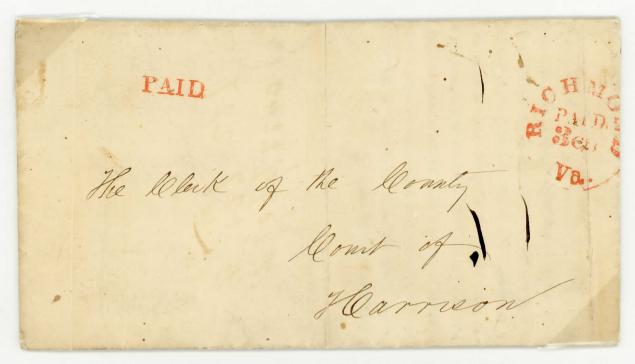
#### Providence, 8 April, 1848. The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, has decided to modify the terms named in its Circular of the 20th March ultimo, for LUMP COAL, as follows to wit: All Lump Coal shipped During the month of May, \$3,62) per ton nett Cash. During the month of June, \$3,75 per ton nett Cash. During the month of July, \$3,87½ per ton nett Cash, On and after the 1st of August, \$4,00 per ton nett Cash. These prices will apply to EXISTING CONTRACTS, as well as to those that may hereafter be made under them. No change is made in the prices of the different sizes of Broken Coal, from the rates given on the 20th ultimo. The conditions of this offer, are the same as those handed on the 20th March. The Company will close its Order-Books or advance price whenever it sees fit previous to orders being accepted. Very Respectfully, ALFRED WRIGHT, Agent, Delaware and Hudson Canal Company.

Change in price of Lackawanna coal shipped to port of Rondout by Delaware and Hudson Canal Co.

**Undated Postmark** 

Rate in Postmark

Richmond, Va.- August, 1848



Richmond, Va. To Harrison County, Va. with PAID and PAID/3 cts
In postmark, contents dated August 21, 1848

SIR,

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 21st August 1848.

By a Resolution of the House of Delegates, passed April 3d, it becomes the duty of the Auditor to cause a Statement to be prepared, to be laid before that body at its next session, which shall embrace, among other things, the total number of White and Black Titheables for the year 1847 in each County and Corporation in the State. The Commissioners' Books in this Office furnish in many cases the information, while in many more it is either not given at all, or in so vague a manner as frequently to mislead. The returns furnished the Clerks shew it correctly in every case. Under these circumstances, I have thought it best to send this Circular to every Clerk in the State, requesting the favour of each to forward the information at his earliest convenience. It would be well to distinguish carefully between the White and Free Black Tithes. In many of our Books they are so blended that it is almost impossible to separate them.

Request by state auditor for number of White, Black, and free Black titheables In each county during 1847

Handstamped Rate

Pittsburgh, Pa. - August 30, 1848



Pittsburgh to Bealville, Pa. with Pittsburgh postmark, PAID and large 3 rate undated contents but docketed 1848

NO. 60 MARKET STREET, BETWEEN THIRD AND FOURTH STREETS,

PITTSBURG, PA.,

Have recently opened their New and Extensive Dry Goods Establishment, with a large stock of American and Imported Goods, comprising upwards of Five Hundred Packages of the latest and most fashionable styles.

One of the firm residing in New York, will be constantly sending us fresh supplies of the most desirable Goods, from the large Auction Sales and Importers, and from the Manufacturers, almost every description of COTTON AND WOOLEN GOODS, of American manufacture—thus rendering our assortment at all seasons of the year complete, and at the same time giving us every facility in the transactions of our business that could

Announcement of opening of A.A. Mason dry goods establishment

be possessed by Eastern Houses.

Rate in Postmark

Baltimore, Md. - November, 1848



Baltimore, Md. To New York with 5mm high PAID/3 cts in postmark without date, contents dated November 27, 1848

Baltimore, November 27, 1848.

DISSOLUTION.

The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm of COULSON & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

GEORGE F. BROWN, will use the signature of the late firm in settlement.

GEORGE J. A. COULSON, GEORGE F. BROWN.

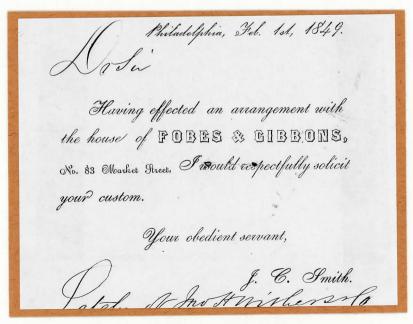
Announcement of dissolution of partnership and formation of new wholesale drug business

Rate in Postmark

Philadelphia, Pa. - February 3, 1849



Philadelphia Pa. to Mastersonville, Pa. with 3 Cts./PAID rate contained in blue Philadelphia postmark



Announcement of change in employment of salesperson

Handstamped Rate

Lowell, Mass. - February 12, 1849



Lowell, Mass. to Hallowell, Me. with PAID and 3 over 5 rate rated letter rate of 5 cents, corrected to 3 cent circular rate mailed 3 days after publication

# Office of the Lowell Health Insurance Company.

Lowell, February 9th, 1849.

DEAR SIR :

The Directors of the said Company have concluded not to issue any more Policies at the present rates, which they consider much to low; and they have accordingly, by a vote passed this day, requested me to notify you not to receive any new applications for Insurance until otherwise instructed.

I would take this opportunity to inform you that the provisions of the 5th Article of the Rules and Conditions annexed to the Policies are to be strictly complied with, and that you are not to receive the premium on a Policy issued for more than one year, after the Policy has become void according to the provisions of the said Article.

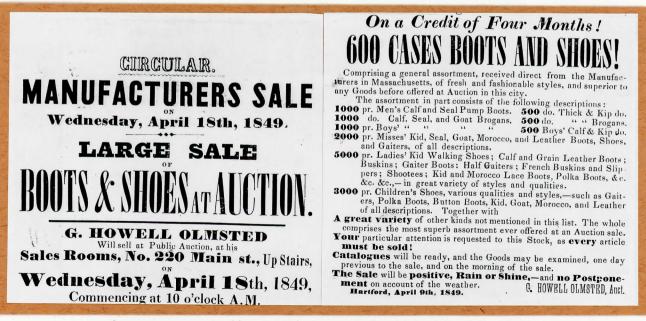
Instructions to insurance agent of new policy freeze

Rate in Postmark

Hartford, Ct. - April 9, 1849

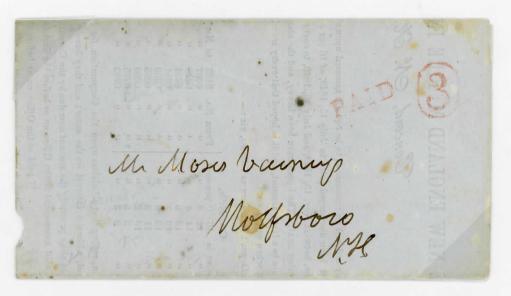


Hartford to Portland, Conn. with PAID and 3 rate in Hartford postmark mailed the same day as circular date



Handstamped Rate

Concord, N.H. - July 1849



Concord, N.H. to Wolfboro, N.H. with PAID and 3 rate in octagon

## OFFICE OF THE NEW ENGLAND M. FIRE INS. COMPANY.

Concord, N. H., July 15, 1849.

#### SIR:

The Directors, having this day ordered an assessment to be equally assessed upon all the Deposit Notes of said Company, that were in force, and had not expired or been discharged prior to July 15, 1849, of 16 per cent., and in equal proportion on those that have expired in the intermediate time, betwixt Nov. 15, 1848, and July 15, 1849, to cover losses that have occurred during that period, payable on the first day of September next. The losses have been heavy, and the claims against the corporation outstanding in the hands of the sufferers by fire, are to a large amount, and it is hoped that every member of the company will be prompt in paying their proportion of the assessment when called on.

The amount of the Assessment on the Deposit Notes are as follows, viz :-

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The Directors have great satisfaction in saying that all claims upon the Corporation for losses of its members, provided for by former assessments, have been fully paid, with the interest on the same; and they have the utmost confidence of being able, by timely payment of this assessment, to meet alike promptly the amount now due by the Corporation to its members. You are respectfully requested to pay your proportion of said assessment at the Office on or before the first day of October next, being on your Deposit Note No. 770

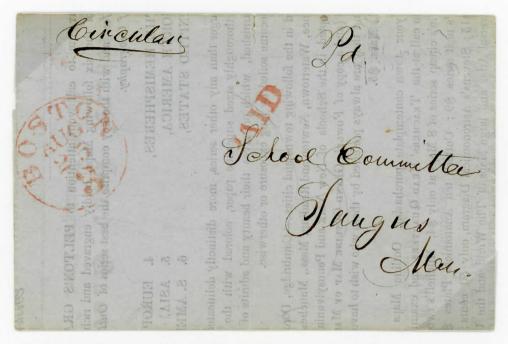
Substituting that all claims upon the Corporation for losses of its members, provided for by former assessment, to meet alike promptly the amount now due by the Corporation to its members. You are respectfully requested to pay your proportion of said assessment at the Office on or before the first day of October, a discount of 3 per cent. Will be research.

If paid at the Office on or before the first day of October, a discount of 3 aid at that time, interest will be taxed on your Assessment from the first October.

Assessment of \$28.89 by fire insurance company to cover losses

Rate in Postmark

Boston, Mass. - August 25, 1849



Boston to Saugus, Mass. with PAID and 3 rate in Boston postmark postmarked 13 weeks after date on circular

# Ceachers' head Quarters,

No. 1381 Washington Street.

Boston, June 1, 1849.

PERMIT me to call your attention to PELTON'S GRAND OUTLINE MAPS: The series consists of the six following Maps, boldly engraved and richly colored, each containing nearly forty square feet, and with the key comprise the best series of Outline Maps in the world, and a complete System of Geography.

- 1. THE HEMISPHERES,
- 2. NORTH AMERICA,
- 3. UNITED STATES,
- 4. EUROPE,
- 5. ASIA,
- 6. S. AMERICA AND AFRICA.

They are larger than any other series, more distinctly delineated and more comprehensive; They are printed on thoroughly sized superfine paper, colored with the most brilliant and durable colors, and highly varnished, which preserves their beauty and admits of their being cleansed with a sponge when they become soiled by long exposure or otherwise.

Advertisement for maps for school use dated June 1, 1849

Handstamped Rate

Painesville, Ohio - October 4, 1850



Painesville to Cleveland, Ohio with Painesville postmark and PAID 3, postmarked day after printing

#### (CONFIDENTIAL.)

Painesville, Chie, Oct. 3, 1850.

Sir: I had stolen, on Juesday last, a Package of Bills, on the Stark Bank Bennington, Vermont, of Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight Dollars.

Will pour give information to the Police of your Town, and keep a look out for such money. The Bills were of 1, 2, 5, and 10 Dollars. Any information obtained by you that may lead to the recovery of the money, direct here to Reynolds Carpenter, Jun., or J. S. Nathews.

Reynolds Carpenter, Jun.

## \$500 REWARD.

I will give Five Hundred Dollars for the recevery of the money stolen. I had not opened the Backage. Received it from the Express Agent at Fairport: left the Office: put my coat and package in my Buggi, from which I had it taken.

R. Carpenter, Jun.

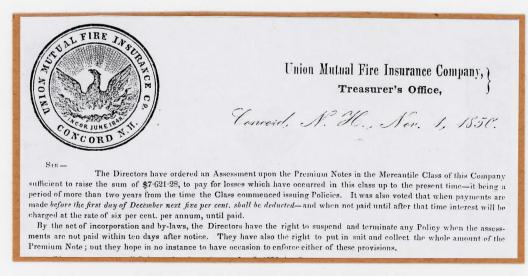
Reward notice for recovery of \$3938 in bills stolen from buggy

Rate in Postmark

Concord, N.H. - November, 1850



Concord, N.H. to Foster, R.I. with 3/PAID in undated postmark contents dated November 1, 1850



Announcement of special assessment by Union Mutual Fire Insurance Co. to cover losses of \$7,621.28

Handstamped Rate

Washington, D.C. - November 7, 1850



Washington, D.C. to Elmira, N.Y. with Washington City postmark PAID in arc and 3 rate, mailed 8 days after printing

C. W. BENNETT,
Attorney at Law and Agent for Claimants,
WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

His experience, having been for several years employed in the Third Auditor's Office, Treasury Department, and since the commencement of the Mexican War, in the Examination of Claims, gives him peculiar advantages in arranging and procuring satisfactory action upon such claims as may unusual to him for prosecution before either on the contract of t

Bennett's General Agency Office,

Washington, October 30th, 1850.

#### DEAR SIR

The act of Congress, recently passed, granting Bounty land to the officers and soldiers of the several wars since the Revolution, will render very many individuals throughout the country entitled to the bounty;—and amongst them many who will be unable to obtain their Warrants owing to the loss of their discharges and the recollection of the names of the officers under whom they served, and of the date of their services. I presume, that, in your vicinity, there are many thus entitled, who will probably apply to you or some other attorney for assistance. I have been for many years employed in the 3d Auditor's office, in which the greater portion of the rolls and other evidence of service are filed, and am familiar with the various operations of the troops of the late wars, owing to frequent examinations of the muster and pay rolls.

Attorney's offer to aid other lawyers in bounty land claims

Rate in Postmark

Concord, N.H. - June, 1851



Concord to Hillsboro Bridge, N.H. with 3/PAID in undated postmark, contents dated June 9, 1851

## CONTOCCOOK WALLEY RAILROAD.

At a meeting of the Stockholders held at Hillsborough Bridge on Saturday the 7th inst., it was voted unanimously, that the Directors proceed at once and assess each Stockholder for his proportion of the floating debt of the Corporation. You are therefore informed that your proportion of said debt is \$ //// which you will please pay to the Treasurer without the least delay.

Unless every Stockholder comes forward and meets his proportion promptly, the Corporation must fail, and suits will be commenced against every individual Stockholder who refuses to come forward and pay his just proportion as assessed by the Directors.

By order of the Board,
MATHEW HARVEY, President.

Concord, N. H., June 9, 1851.

P. S. The Directors have taken pains to obtain the opinion of the most able Lawyers in the State, who have decided, that every Stockholder is individually liable and their private property holden to pay the debts of the Corporation.

M. H.

Assessment notice to stockholders of Contoocook Valley Railroad

Handstamped Rate

In 1847 the U.S. established a rate of 3 cents for loose printed matter originating in the West Indies and given to the purser or mail agent on a U.S. contract steamship. If addressed beyond the U.S. port of arrival, the U.S. printed matter rate of 3 cents was in addition to the steamship rate, making a total of 6 cents.

Originated at Havana, Cuba May, 1851 - Received at New York



Havana, Cuba to Bath, Maine via New York. Handstamped 6 rate applied at New York, 3 cents steamship plus 3 cents inland printed matter charge, unpaid

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Sugar market report dated May 8, 1851

Rate in Postmark

Concord, N.H. - November, 1851



Concord, N.H. to Foster Centre, R.I. with blue undated Concord postmark containing 1 PAID rate, circular dated November 1, 1851

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IND CO	Concord, M. H., November 1, 1851.
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CORD	The Directors have ordered an Assessment upon the Premium Notes in the
Mercantile Cl	ass of this Company, sufficient to raise the sum of \$27 984 12 to rest.
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" Dec. 24, 1850, to Jan. 9, 1851.	" 16 " " " " " " " " Aug. 21, 1851, to Aug. 25, 1851, " 8 " " 7 0 70 "
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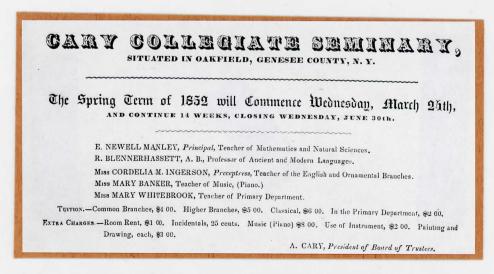
Fire insurance Co. assessment to cover losses

Manuscript Rate

Oakfield, N.Y. - March 9, 1852



Oakfield to Smithville, N.Y. with PAID and manuscript 1 rate



Announcement of Spring 1852 term for Cary Collegiate Seminary with list of faculty and tuition rate

Handstamped Rate

Baltimore, Md – March, 1852



Baltimore, Md. To McKee's Half Falls, Pa. with PAID/1 handstamped rate



Ad for Maryland lottery by George Cox, lottery agent

Rate in Postmark

New York, N.Y. - March 21, 1852



New York, N.Y. to Peace Dale R.I. with New York/Paid 1 Ct. dated postmark with rate, mailed 1 day after publication

For the past fortnight the same steadiness has continued in our Cotton Market, that we have noticed for five months past, the sales averaging 3,000 bales per day, with occasional irregularity in prices, which has been more manifest for the past few days. Notwithstanding the improvement in prices in Europe, it has failed to produce any influence here. The heavy receipts for the past three weeks have caused some uneasiness as to the lower estimates of Crop, and sellers offer their stocks freely, much uncertainty existing in the public mind as to the extent of the Crop up to this time. We see no reason to change our estimate of 2,700,000 bales. The latest telegraphic reports from New Orleans and Mobile are to the 15th inst.; "Middlings" are 71c. at the former, and 71c. at the latter Port,—Freight 7-16d., with an upward tendency.

Fine Cottons from the Gulf are very scarce, and prices are nominal; Uplands of the grade of Middling Fair to Good Fair, are in good stock, and relatively lower in price.

Receipts into the Ports of U.S. since 1st Sept. 2,015,100

"" "same time last year. 1,738,100

Increase 1130,600

Exports to Great Britain since 1st Sept. 7119,000

"other Foreign Ports. 411,600

Total exports. 1,130,600

Increase 1667,50

Increase 1667,50

Stock in the United States. 667,50

Decrease 667,50

Cotton market report by Maltbie & Munn, cotton brokers

Handstamped Rate

Dedham, Mass. - April 25, 1852



Dedham to Roxbury, Mass. with red Dedham postmark, PAID, large 1 rate. Circular undated but reply on back dated 4/30/52

Office of the Dedham Moutual Fire Ins. Co.

Your Policy of Insurance executed by the Dedham M. F. I. Co. will expire on the first day of the next month, at noon. If you intend to have your Policy renewed, you must apply at the office, or to some agent or director of the Company, who will, if requested, send your application to the office, and in due time deliver the Policy issued thereon.

J. Cleveland, Pecy.

Insurance Co. notice of policy expiration, circular returned to sender with request to continue policy coverage

Handstamped Rate

Richmond, Va. - June 12, 1852



Richmond to Washington Court House, Va. with PAID and 1 in circle rate, Richmond postmark, mailed 2 days after publication

#### AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

RICHMOND, VA. JUNE 10, 1852.

To the Clerks of Courts and Notaries Public

of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

GENTLEMEN,

I send you herewith, for your information and government, certain extracts from an act, entitled, "an act imposing taxes for the support of government for the fiscal year 1852-'3," passed June 5, 1852.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours, &c.

RO. JOHNSTON,

First Auditor.

Notice of changes in Virginia tax laws for 1852-'3

Rate in Postmark

Cleveland, Ohio - September, 1852



Cleveland to Chesterville, Ohio with red Cleveland postmark containing PAID 1 rate, circular dated September 1, 1852

Our Stock in the several departments, as noticed in the heading of this Circular, will be hept full and complete during the season.

We respectfully solicity a call.

Very truly yours,

ALCOTT & HORTON.

9. B. Entrance to Wholesale Rooms, through No. 57 up stavis.

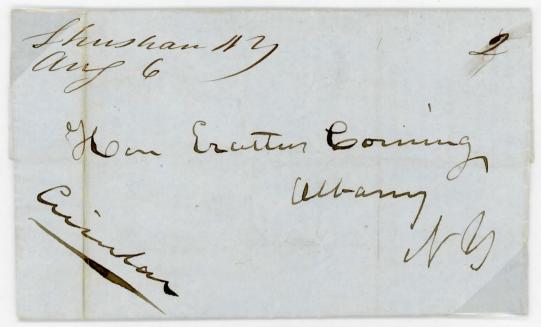
Cleveland, September 1st., 1852.

Announcement by dry goods dealer for the arrival of new Fall and Winter goods, circular dated September 1, 1852

Manuscript Postmark

Manuscript Rate

Shushan, N.Y. - August 6, 1851



Shushan to Albany, N.Y. with manuscript postmark and rate, unpaid mailed 5 days after date of circular

#### TROY AND RUTLAND RAIL ROAD COMPANY.

THE undersigned, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the TROY AND RUTLAND RAILROAD COMPANY deem it their duty to issue to the Shareholders of said Road the following

#### CIRCULAR.

On the 21st day of May last seventeen miles of your Road, from Salem village to Eagle Bridge, was put under contract upon favorable terms.

The contract was taken by George W. Barker & R. H. Hoes, of Montpelier, Vt., Wm. H. Sipperley, of Schaghticoke and A. Finney, of Fort Edward, who have given ample security for the faithful fulfillment of their contract. They are to construct the Road and prepare it in every respect ready for the ears, which includes graduation, masonry, superstructure, (including iron, &c.,) water tanks, land damages, fencing and engineering, and are to have it completed by the 1st of July, 1851. For this they are to receive at the rate of twenty thousand dollars per mile; and in payment therefor, take one hundred and eighty thousand dollars in casii, and the balance in the issue of the Stock of the Company. Payments to become due on or before the 10th day of every month, in proportion to the amount of work done.

Immediately upon closing the contract, the Contractors commenced the work and have prosecuted it with vigor. At this time there are at work upon the different sections of the Road, eighteen gangs of hands, and it is the intention of the Contractors to increase the number to forty by the first of September next. We have no reason to doubt their ability or determination to complete the contract by the specified time.

Rate in Postmark

Boston, Mass. - November 19, 1851



Boston, Mass. to Montpelier, Vt. with red PAID and Boston 2 cts. postmark with rate, mailed 4 days after printing, also contained proposal form increasing weight to over 1 oz.

Boston, November 15, 1851.

SIR,

The Directors of the Vermont Central Railroad Company have instructed me to receive proposals for the sale of the Mortgage Bonds of the Company, to the extent recommended by the Trustees, viz: Two Millions of Dollars (\$2,000,000).

The Directors have also instructed me to give the preference to the Stockholders, in the average rate of the accepted proposals.

You can therefore fill the enclosed blank, and return it to me on or before the 1st day of December next, when the proposals will be opened by the Directors, and thereby avail yourself of the preference given the Stockholders; or, you can propose for such an amount, and at such a rate, as you may please, according to the terms of the accompanying Circular.

JOSIAH QUINCY, JR.

Treasurer Vermont Central Railroad Company.

Proposal for sale of mortgage bonds by Vermont Central Railroad

Handstamped Rate

Philadelphia, Pa. - April, 1852



Philadelphia, Pa. to Freeport, III. with Paid and 2 in circle rate for delivery from 500 to 1500 miles, CIRCULAR printed on face

Philadelphia, April, 1852.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

I take this method of bringing before you and our Brethren generally a notice of my ODD FELLOWS' TEXT BOOK, the seventh edition of which is just published by Moss & Brother, No. 12 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia. It contains, among much other valuable matter, a proper explanation of the *Degree of Rebekah*, and a strikingly correct likeness of

## Schuyler Colfax, Esq.,

the author of that popular degree.

The Text Book has been pronounced by all the heads of the Order the best and most desirable work ever issued.

Its success has attested the correctness of this recommendation; seven thousand copies having been sold since August last. Among numerous testimonials I invite your attention to the following:

Ad for Odd Fellows text book by Moss & Brother, publishers

**Printed Official Business** 

Troy, N.Y. - July 28, 1852



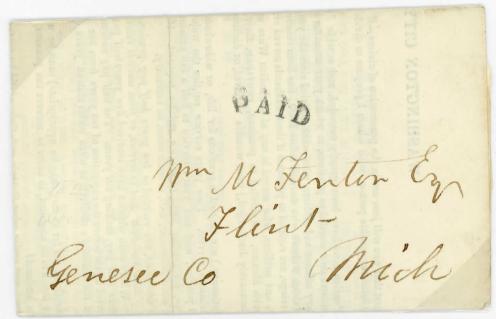
Troy N.Y. to New York City with printed frank "On Post Office Business Free"

AND AND THE WARRY WITH THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO
Post Office, Troy, N. Y.,
July 281852
To the Editor of Home Opificana
Dursuant to instructions from the Post  Master General, you are hereby informed that your
paper, addressed to frech Miches
is not taken from this office. You will therefore
please discontinue the same. Yours, Respectfully, .
W. T. WILLARD, P. M.

Notice to publisher of Home Missionary that copy is not being picked up at P.O.

Without Rate

Washington City, D.C. - February, 1853



Washington, D.C. to Flint, Mich. without postmark or rate, only postal marking is PAID in arc

# WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., February, 1853.

51x: I send this circular, and request that you will join me in the prosecution of claims—if you cannot give the subject your attention, please hand this to some responsible person, with whom I propose to divide the fees on all cases sent me.

By a recent act of Congress, the Pension laws have been greatly extended, and a wide field opened for prontable agencies. There are two classes of widows now entitled to pensions, to which your attention is invited, to wit:

First. The widows of Revolutionary officers and soldiers, who were married since the year 1800. The restriction which heretofore confined pensions to those widows who married before 1800, has been removed, and now all widows, without regard to the date of their marriage, are entitled to pensions if their husbands served six months or more.

Second. The widows of all officers and soldiers, who served in any of the Indian Wars since 1790, or who served in the War of 1812, or in the War with Mexico, are entitled to pensions, provided, their husbands were killed or died in service, or died, (after being honorably discharged,) from wounds received, or disease contracted in the line of duty.

duty.

The first class of widows, (Revolutionary,) are entitled to pensions for life, or widowhood, and the rate of pension will depend on the term of their husband's service. Two years service entitles the widow to a full pension six months service to one fourth of a full pension, and one year's service to half a full pension. Where the husband was himself a pensioner in his lifetime, no further proof of service will be required. Proof of marriage, and the identity of the widow, as the widow of such pensioner, will, in such cases, be necessary.

The second class of widows, above described, are entitled to ten years half pay pensions, according to the rate of their husbands pay, when in service, if such husbands died in service, or from wounds received, or disease contracted in the line of duly, but not otherwise. Where such widows have received five years half pay, under former laws, they can now recover the additional five years half pay, making ten years. The half pay commences from the date of the husband's death, and if the widow married again before the expiration of ten years from her husband's death, the balance of the half pay is given to such of the husband's children as were under sixteen years of age, and ceases at such age.

Solicitation to attorneys by pension claim agent in Washington to aid in the preparation of widows Revolutionary War pension claims

Without Rate

New Haven, Conn. - July 1, 1854



New Haven to Bethlem, Conn. with red undated New Haven CT./PAID postmark used primarily for printed circulars, no rate indicated

Patients will be charged at the rate of three dollars per week. One half of this amount will be paid by the State, and the remainder must be provided for by the patient or his friends Advance payment for one month, or adequate security, will be required in all cases. If patients remain more than one month in the Hospital, advance payment will be required on the first of each succeeding month, for the additional time. Should the amount thus paid in advance be not expended, the balance remaining will be refunded.

In extreme cases, when the patient or his friends have no means to meet the expense, the whole amount will be charged to the State.

If in any case patients, either from the nature of their disease or other causes, are not found to be proper subjects for the Hospital, they will be discharged, and their friends will be required to remove them, without expense to the Institution. The physician who has been in attendance should, in every instance, send a written statement of the case and the treatment pursued.

Applications for the admission of patients can be made to Anson Moory,

J. KNIGHT,

President of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

P. A. JEWETT, Secretary.

New Haven, July 1st, 1854.

Without Rate

New York, N.Y. - March 23, 1855



New York, N.Y. to Boston, Mass. with New-York/PAID dated postmark type used mainly for printed matter, mailed 7 days after printing, no rate shown

NEW-YORK, March 16th, 1855.

In handing you a statistical table of Imports of **Coal** into the Port of New York, together with the Exports from the Port of New Castle upon Tyne, England, to all Ports in the United States, I beg to add a few remarks on the business of the past year.

War having been declared by the Allied Powers against Russia a great demand took place for tonnage for Coal for the supplies of the Allied Fleets in the Baltic and Black Seas, followed by a rise in the price of Coals unprecedented for years. Consequently **Freights** rose from £28, in 1853, as high as £37 10s. \$\overline{\theta}\$ keel of 21 tons 4 cwt. in 1854, averaging through the year £32 \$\overline{\theta}\$ keel; and Gas Coals, which ranged at about 7s. \$\overline{\theta}\$ ton in 1853, rose to 9s. 6d. @ 10s. \$\overline{\theta}\$ ton in 1854.

The number of Gas Companies established on the Sea Board of the United States are annually adding to the consumption of Gas Coals, whilst the increase of population enhances the demand for Coal for house purposes so materially that the supply of 1854 has not caused the prices for Anthracite or American Bituminous Coal to recede from 1853, and a firm market throughout 1854 has characterized the operations in this commodity.

The production of Anthracite Coal in Pennsylvania was, in 1854, 6,000,000 tons, one half of which was consumed in the State of New York. The production of Bituminous Coal, in Maryland, was 650,000 tons, of which, full one third was shipped to this State during the year 1854.

Solicitation for sale of coal for production of gas for city lighting

Without Rate

Worcester, Mass. - September, 1855



Worcester to Shrewsbury, Mass. with undated Worcester Mass./Paid postmark used primarily for printed matter, rate not always indicated on each piece in large mailings

The subscriber having taken the new and commodious Bookstore, recently occupied by E. N. Tucker, No. 2 Worcester House Block, would respectfully inform his former patrons and the public generally, that they will always find at his new store a good supply of Standard School, Miscellaneous Books and all the periodicals of the day. A complete assortment of Law Blanks, Fancy Stationery, Blank Books and every article to be found at a general Book and Stationery Establishment.

E. L. would also invite the attention of Merchants and Dealers in School BOOKS, to the fact that he is connected with a Publishing House in New York, and has therefore greater facilities for obtaining School Books so as to sell them at Publishers' New York and Boston Prices.

#### EDW. LIVERMORE,

No. 2 Worcester House Block.

J. K. BANISTER, AGENT. Worcester, Sept., 1855.

The opening of a new bookstore is announced

Rate in Postmark

New York, N.Y. - April 22, 1853



New York to South Salem, Mass. with red New-York/Paid 1 CT. dated postmark with T in CT. high

NO. 148 PEARL STREET,
Three doors from Wall and apposite Beaver Street.
Off. I let the second
Having taken the premises, as above, for the purpose of a COTTON BROKERAGE BUSINESS, I solved your friendship and
pationage.
Prespectfully,  Your friend and serve.
New- York, April, 1853.

Announcement of cotton brokerage business opening

Handstamped Rate

Louisville, Ky. - August, 1853



Louisville, Ky. To Boston, Mass. with blue Louisville undated postmark and red PAID/1 rate in circle

Original contents not present but docketing dated August, 1853 indicates contents was circular from commission merchant

Rate in Postmark

Philadelphia, Pa., - 1853



Philadelphia, Pa. to Elmira, N.Y. with blue undated postmark Philadelphia, Pa./1 PAID, early use of envelope for circular

Philadelphia, 1853.

SIR

Some time since, I sent you a Circular, stating the nature of the business for which I desired Agents in different sections of the country, and as the terms were not accepted, I beg to renew the offer on more favorable terms. I will send you the recipes for making the "Soft Soap," the "Washing Fluid," and the "Starch Polish," for the sum of one dollar; with the understanding, that if you or the person whom you appoint to sell them for you, make, clear of travelling expenses, the sum of \$2 per day whilst engaged in the business, the additional \$4 are to be remitted to me, and should that sum not be realized nothing more is to be asked.

W.A. Kinsler seeking agents to buy his recipes, make the products and sell them

Rate in Postmark

Cincinnati, Ohio - January 21, 1854



Cincinnati to Lancaster, Ohio with red Cincinnati, O./1 Paid dated postmark containing 1 cent rate

# H. W. DERBY & CO., LAW BOOKSELLERS AND PUBLISHERS. HAVE NOW IN PRESS

THE NEW

REVISED STATUTES OF OHIO,

EDITED BY

HON. JOSEPH R. SWAN.

The Collated statutes of the state of Ohio, in force June 1st, 1853, with references of prior laws, in one large octavo volume, containing about 1200 pages.

The Statutes will be collated in the same alphabetical order in which Swan's Statutes were arranged; and will contain all such laws of a general nature as are in force; excluding from the volume all laws and sections of laws that are repealed, and giving reference to the repealed laws, so that they may be readily found:

Handstamped Rate

Philadelphia, Pa. - December 1, 1854



Philadelphia, Pa. to Pittsfield, N.Y. without postmark, PAID/1 ct. in circle rate

Philadelphia, December 1st, 1854.

Dear Sir,

Allow us to call your attention to the following highly important work, and to the great inducements which we offer to subscribers of the "AMERICAN JOURNAL OF THE MEDICAL SCIENCES."

Very respectfully,

Blanchard & Lea.

We shall publish, on the 1st of January, 1855, a new and improved edition of WHAT TO OBSERVE

AT THE BEDSIDE AND AFTER DEATH IN MEDICAL CASES. Published under authority of the London Medical Society of Observation. A new American, from the second and revised London edition. In one handsome royal 12mo. volume, in cloth.

Advertisement for American Journal of Medical Science

Handstamped Rate

Richmond, Va. - October, 1855



Richmond to Greenville, Va. with blue PAID/1 in circle rate

ISSUED FROM THE	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1855.	
FROM  M. BLAIR & CO.,  COMMISSION & FORWARDING MERCHANTS  Corner of 12th and Cary Sta, Richmond, Va.  Give their exclusive attention to the sals of  Flour, Corn., Wheat, Tbbacco, &c.,  Attention to the sals of the control of the co	HAY—\$1.91,121 from wharf, \$1.25 from store, HOOP FOLES.—We quote 7 P. M. HIDES.—Sisualitered, 6; cents \$P. B., green weight; calf HIDES.—Sisualitered, 6; cents \$P. B., green weight; calf P. Lower and C. B.	CATTLE, HOGS AND SHEEP, SEEP.—SHEEP over the second
PRICES CURRENT, For the week ending October 11, 1855.  13*Our quotations, it will be understood, represent the wholesale prices generally. In making us small		FOREIGN —Nothing deing in foreign freights at present.  DOMESTIC.—Freights deil at the following rates—  Local, P ton 1
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Richmond Prices Current dated Oct. 11, 1855

Handstamped Rate

Dedham, Mass. - November 15, 1855



Dedham to Marblehead, Mass. with red Dedham dated postmark and red PAID/1 rate. Circular headed Boston November 5, 1855

The following Subjects will be in order for discussion:—
1.—" The Propriety of requiring Scholars to study at other times than during School Hours."
2.—" The Importance of Physical Geography as a Branch of Study in our Common and
High Schools."
3.—" The best Methods of Teaching Penmanship."
Teachers) who may desire accommodations in private families, are
requested to send their names to the Publisher of the "Massachusetts
Teacher," by Monday, the 19th inst.
Should arrangements) for railroad facilities be made, notice thereof
will be given in the Boston evening papers of the 23d and 24th inst.
JOSIAH A. STEARNS, President.
Chas. J. Capen, Sec'y.
Boston, Nov. 5th, 1855.

Announcement of annual meeting of Massachusetts Teachers' Association dated 21 days before meeting, but mailed only 11 days before meeting

Handstamped Rate

Washington City, D.C. - December 24, 1855



Washington City, D.C. to Mt. Sterling, Ky. without postmark PAID/1 ct in circle rate

# JOHN M. CLARKE & CO., BANKERS,

# DEALERS IN LAND WARRANTS AND STOCKS.

AGENTS FOR THE COLLECTION OF CLAIMS

Against the Government,

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

Deamber 24, 1855.

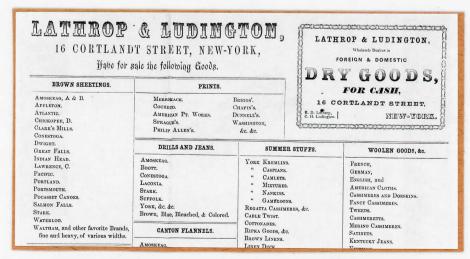
Offer by John M. Clarke & Co., dealer in government land warrants to buy at current "high" rate, predicting a big drop in value in near future

Rate in Postmark

New York, N.Y. - May 14, 1856



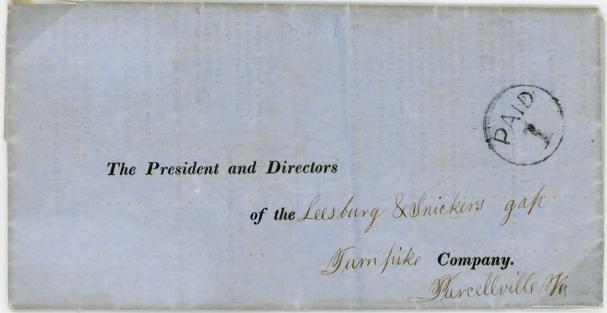
New York to Rouse's Point, N.Y. with red dated postmark New-York/Paid 1 ct. with small t in ct., docketed 1856



Undated circular announcing types of dry goods for sale

Handstamped Rate

Richmond, Va. - July, 1856



Richmond to Purcellville, Va. with PAID/1 in circle rate

## OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

RICHMOND, July

1856.

Accompanying this, you will receive a copy of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed March 4, 1856, entitled "An Act to insure greater efficiency in making and printing Reports of Companies and Institutions required for the use of the General Assembly."

By this act, you will observe that the Annual Report from your Company is required to be made on or before the first day of October; and that a neglect to comply with this requisition of the law, will make your Company liable to a fine of one hundred dollars.

The forms (A and B) which also accompany this Circular, have in view the preparation of a return from each Company or improvement, correctly exhibiting its fiscal condition generally, its receipts and disbursements during the year on account of the construction and repairs, as well as revenue and all other accounts.

New requirement for company Annual Reports in Virginia

No Postmark

Handstamped Rate

Meriden, Conn. - November, 1856



Meriden, Conn. To Boston, Mass. without postmark, PAID/1 in circle rate, undated but docketed Nov., 1856

### MERIDEN

# Motorpathic Water Cure & College of Bealth.

This Institution is now open for the reception of invalids. It is situated in Meriden Conn., on the line of the New York and Boston Rail Road, at a central and easily accessible point from Hartford, New Haven, Middletown and Waterbury. For an institution of the kind, the location is superior to any in the State: the air is pure, the water wholesome, and the scenery fine. Pleasant drives and places of resort, full of the picturesque and romantic, exist in the vicinity where the convalescing invalid, can find recreation healthful to body and mind.

It is believed that an opening exists for such an Institution in this State, and that time and money will be saved to those who, during the present season, are designing to visit similar establishments in the adjoining States. It has been fitted up and amply furnished with especial regard to the convenience of invalids; no pains have been spared to make its appliances conducive to the comfort and health of its visitors. The Rooms are large and airly and well arranged for ventilation. A Gymnasium, Bowling Alley, and other exercises are connected, well calculated to call into active exercise those muscules and portions of the system enfeebled by long disuse, and thus to efficiently fit them for the permanent performance of their legitimate functions. Its Bathing facilities will fully meet the requirments of wate-cure treatment. Separate rooms are provided for ladies and gentlemen.

Announcement of opening of Meriden Motorpathic Institute, chronic diseases treated are consumption, dyspepsia, dropsy, convulsions, hysteria, polapsis uteri, rheumatism, fluor albus, scrofula, liver complaint, derangement, paralysis

Paid by Stamp

Gorham, Maine - March 28, 1855



Gorham to Portland, Maine with 1 cent stamp of 1851 issue tied by blue dated Gorham postmark

The Constitution provides that-"All members of the Academy may become acting members of the Library Association by paying Twenty-five cents a Term,—or Members for Life, by paying One dollar and a half

Any one, who has been a member of the Academy, may become an Honorary member of the Library Association, by paying One dollar at one time." All the money received will be used for the improvement of the Library.

The Association will hold its Argust meeting on Wednesday following the Examination in August. This meeting must be peculiarly please to all who have been members of the school. Efforts will be made to bring together as many as possible, that cam'y prove an interesting and joyful occasion.

The first meeting will be on the first of August next at 9 o'clock A. M. in the Academy Hall.

Those receiving this Circular will confer a favor by showing it to Book Publishers near them, and calling their attention to the fact that they may give their new books notoriety by sending copies to the Library of Gorham Male Academy.

Donations of Books or Money may be sent to D. J. Poor, for the Library Association.

In behalf of the Association,

DANIEL J. POOR,

PRIN. G. M. ACADEMY.

P. S. Should our plan meet your approbation, it is hoped you will improve an early opportunity to constitute yourself an Honorary member.

GORHAM, ME., March 7, 1855.



Request to become member of Gorham Academy Library Association

Paid by Stamp

Boston, Mass. – March, 1854

Originated on Island of St. Helena, South Atlantic



Boston to New Bedford, Mass. with 1 cent stamp of 1851 issue tied by Boston/Paid postmark, circular printed on St. Helena, carried to U.S. in bulk and mailed in Boston 4 months after printing

### Island of Saint Helena,

Sth NOVEMBER, 1853.

The undersigned would wish most respectfully to obtrude himself on the kind-notice of the Mercantile Houses. Ship Owners, Insurance Offices, and other Interests in the United States, and would mention the following circumstances with a view to tender to them his best exertions to their interests, and particularly to that of supplying their Ships, arriving at Saint Helena, with Water, Provisions, Refreshments, Advice, Protection, and any other Assistance in his power, and with every dispatch. He had the honor of being appointed in 1831 to Consular Powers—since the year 1815 to the present time, he has been both a Merchant and Shipping Agent, and during this long period had the pleasure of transacting all the American Business, at this Island, to the satisfaction of all parties, by which he has formed a most extensive acquaintance with American friends. He has the honor of holding the Agency of several Insurance Offices in the United States. His establishment, now at this Island, he has lately increased, and he anxiously hopes, in the course of the next year, to visit the United States for a time, when he will do himself the honor, and have the gratification, of paying his respects in person, leaving his son here with an American gentleman, to conduct his business during his absence.

The principal cause of his visit is to undo a most diabolical report that has been got up by a person-lately from this Island, via England, who went to the United States, stating to some persons that the undersigned was dead, and to others, that he had left the Island.—
This untruth being told and circulated, to do the undersigned a serious injury, and thereby for himself obtaining business under this gross falsity.

Effort to quell rumors of bad services for ships and sailors on St. Helena

Manuscript Rate

Utica, N.Y. - December 17, 1852



# CIRCULAR.

Syracuse, Dec. 10, 1852.

You are hereby notified that a Convention of all Commissioned Officers belonging to the Milltia of the State of New York, will be held in the City of Syracuse on Tuesday the 11th day of January next, for the purpose of organizing a "Military Association" the object of which, will be

1st. To unite by an Association, the Militia of the State of New York, in one fraternal communion.

2d. By this union to foster, encourage, and perfect our Militia system under the present law as far as is practicable.

3d. To discuss such amendments, as are, and may be desirable in the laws to perfect this system, and bring such amendments before the Legislature, and secure their passage.

4th. To elevate the standing and character of our Militia, and persevere in the good work, until the system shall be perfected, and the State of New York have the largest, best organized and best drilled body of independent troops in the world.

For the purpose of raising a fund for the Association, it is proposed to have a Military Ball, during the sitting of the Convention—Tickets five dollars each.

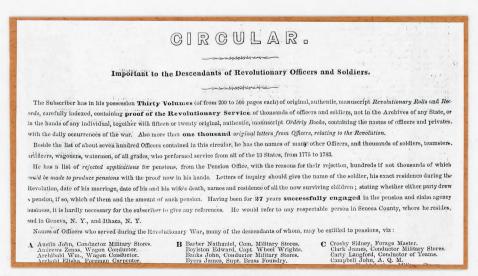
Every Commissioned Officer who shall subscribe, and pay his five dollars, will be entitled to his Ticket and also his Membership, (five dollars being the proposed initiation fee) but a Non-Commissioned Officer, Private, or Citizen, to his Ticket only. Subscription papers will be sent to each Brigade and Regiment.

Announcement of convention of New York Militia officers at Syracuse

Handstamped Rate

Ovid, N.Y. - December 21, 1854





Offer by Arad Joy, owner of original Revolutionary War rosters to furnish proof of service to veteran's relatives applying for military pensions

Handstamped Rate

Boston, Mass. - March 21, 1856



Boston, Mass. to Manchester, N.H. with dated Boston postmark and handstamped 2 rate, circular undated but docketed 1856

## EXCHANGE BANK.

No. 28 State Street, Merchants Bank Building,

BOSTON.

Your NOTE is due on the 24th, and you are requested to pay the same.

JOSEPH M. MARSH, Cashier.

Hand this to Receiving Teller.

Request for payment of loan. Mr. Riddle not only had to pay off the loan, but had to pay 2 cents to get the request from the P.O.

Paid by Stamps

New York, N.Y. – July 11, 1855



New York City to Oneida Depot, N.Y., New York postmark ties pair of 1 cent 1851s to circular weighing between 3 and 4 oz., extra weight due to samples of paper hangings attached to circular



Undated advertisement for U.S., English, and French paper hangings, docketed 1855

**Undated Postmark** 

Rate in Postmark

Originated at London, England July, 1855 – Received at New York

Loose letters from England to U.S. during the U.S.-British Treaty period are unusual



London to New Bedford, Ms. via New York. Rated 2 cents due at New York Placed aboard U.S. contract steamship by U.S. ship agents at Southampton

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES MAIL STEAM SHIPS.

HERMANN.
WASHINGTON

ARAGO.

ST. LOUIS.

67, GRACECHURCH STREET,

London, July 4th, 1855.

SIR,

In connection with the Agency of the United States Mail Steamers, between Southampton and New York, which we have for many years conducted in London and Southampton, we have to inform you that we carry on the Business of Ship and Insurance Brokers in London; our arrangements for procuring Charters and Freights being, we believe, equal to those of any other establishment.

As we are the only Americans engaged in this business, we respectfully, and, at the same time, with some confidence solicit the support of American Shipmasters and Owners.

Advertisement for U.S. ship agents in England dated July 4th, 1855

Manuscript Rate

West Leyden, N.Y. - September 23, 1862

Very Late Use of Manuscript Rate



West Leyden, N.Y. to Remsen, N.Y, with dated West Leyden postmark and manuscript PAID 1 Ct. rate

To M. We, the undersigned Commissioners of Common Schools for the County of Oneida, do hereby give notice that the Annual Teachers' Institute will be held in the Village of Rome, commencing on Monday, September the 29th, at 2 o'clock P. M., and to continue two weeks. The services of competent and experienced Educators have been secured to lecture before the Institute, and assist in conducting the exercises. No expense will necessarily be incurred except for board. Ladies can be provided with board and rooms at private residences on reasonable terms. Dated Sept. 15, 1862. P. B. CRANDALL, H. E. WILCOX, J. H. TRACY, M. N. CAPRON, School Commissioners for the County of Oneida.

Announcement of annual teachers institute, Rome, N.Y.

No Postmark

**Manuscript Cancellation** 

San Francisco, Calif. - 1858



San Francisco or Alameda, Calif. To Baltimore, Md., pen canceled 1 cent of 1851 issue on 8 pg. constitution of the Belles Lettres Society of Alameda Collegiate Institute

Canceled with Postmark

Cleveland, Ohio - August 29, 1857



Cleveland to Brownheilm, Ohio with 1 cent of 1857 issue tied by Cleveland postmark, mailed 2 days after publication

# Wholesale Dry Goods House FRENCE & EETTE, 18 WATER STREET, ... CLEVELAND, OHIO. August 27 th, 1857. Dear Gir. We take pleasure in soliciting your attention to our EXTENSIVE STOCK of DRY GOODS, which we are now receiving in Genet to meet the wants of our Autumn Gales. Our line of DRESS FABRICS embraces almost every variety of Foreign and Domestic Manufacture. In Cloths and Tailors' Trimmings we can offer inducements well worthy your attention.

Announcement of new dry goods received for Fall sale

Canceled by Postmark

Omaha City, Nebraska Terr. - circa 1859



Omaha City to Florence, N.T. with 1 cent of 1857 issue



Florence, N.T. to East Hamilton, N.Y. with 1 cent 1857, Florence postmark and PAID

Canceled with Postmark

Concord, N.H. - July 4, 1859



Concord to Pittsfield, N.H. with 1 cent of 1857 issue canceled with Concord July 4, 1859 postmark

Stamp and postmark placed over corner card to avoid letter postage rate



\$2,841,023.00,

WITH A CAPITAL, COMPOSED OF THE DEPOSIT NOTES OF THE COMPANY, OF \$91,068.41.

Whole number of POLICIES outstanding and now in force, is 3,469.

This Company confines its Risks to the safest Village and Farm Houses, their attachments and contents, which are in good conditio and at a reasonable distance from surrounding buildings; that, however, must be discretionary with the Agent, he keeping in view the facilities for extinguishing Fires. No more than \$2,000 will be taken in any one risk, nor will the Company, in case of loss, pay more than two-thirds of the actual cash value of the property insured. Personal property may be taken in buildings similarly situated.

Agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the charter and by-laws, and to supercede the necessity of collecting assessments, and save the losses consequent thereon, the Directors have established the following regulations, to be observed by the Agents of tl Company:—

Fire Insurance Co. status report dated June 1, 1859

Canceled by Postmark

Turned Cover Originating at Cleveland, Ohio - October 31, 1859

Inside of cover(80%)



Cleveland to Madison, Ohio with 1 cent type II of 1857 issue tied by Cleveland dated postmark. Cover was later turned and sent to Stoney Run, Mich. from Madison, Ohio at letter rate franked with 3 cent type I of 1857 issue. Original printed matter contents unknown.

Canceled by Postmark

Milwaukee, Wisc. - November 22, 1859



Milwaukee, Wisc. to Mt. Clingon, Iowa with 1 cent of 1857 tied by Milwaukee year dated postmark, mailed day after printing



Wholesale price report by Nichols, Britt & Co.

Canceled by Postmark

Washington, D.C. - November 27, 1859



Washington, D.C. to Princeton, III. with 1 cent of 1857 issue tied by Washington year dated postmark, mailed 2 months after printing

Sir,

Circulars have been sent to the Pastmasters, throughout the U.S. reguesting them to place boxes, within their respective offices, for the ception of contributions to the Mashington National Monument, and to for the proceeds, at the end of each mouth, to this place.

A large number of Postmastas have complied with this reguest and the returns are must satisfactory, but the small amounts contributed see to have discouraged many in regard to the practicability of the project

Request from Lt. J.C. Ives, Chief Engineer of Washington Monument project, for postmasters to increase fund raising efforts because of small public response

Paid by Stamp

Portland, Maine - February 10, 1860



Portland to Smithfield, Maine with two parts of 1 cent stamp of 1857 issue paying 1 cent postage

# NEW Progressive English Grammar, ILLUSTRATED WITH COPIOUS EXERCISES IN ANALYSIS, PARSING AND COMPOSITION. Adapted to Academies and Schools of every grade. The Publishers have the satisfaction of presenting to the public, and especially to Teachers and School Officers, the above new work, which they believe to be equal in every respect, and in very many of its features, much superior to any other school grammar that has yet appeared in this country. Its authors, Allen H. Weld, A. M., author of "Latin Lessons and Reader," and George P. Quackenbos, A. M., author of "First Lessons in Composition," and "Advanced Course in Composition and Rhetoric," are well known to be eminent scholars and practical teachers; and this book is the result of their large experience and distinguished literary attainments.

Canceled by Postmark

Saint Louis, Mo. - February 24, 1860



Saint Louis to Kansas City, Mo. With 1 cent of 1857 issue tied by Saint Louis postmark, mailed one day after publication

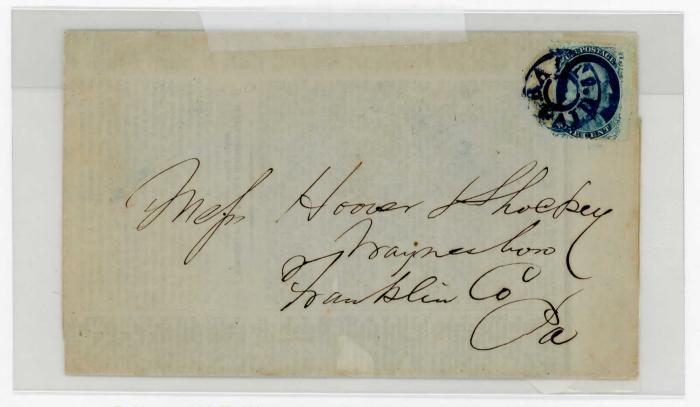
MERCH	IANTS' EXCHAN	GE PRIC	E CURRE	NT.
SAINT LOUIS.  THURSDAY MORNING, Feb. 23, 1860  Financial.  Sight Exchange on the East closed firm on Saturday at 145 premium, being in shorter supply han earlier in the week. Currency was at 1460 discount in exchange for bankable funds. Heavy ransactions in Provisions, mostly on Southern riders, had placed a large amount of money in the worden supply has been supply as the supply of the supply and the supply and the supply as the su	[From the Chicago Com'l Express, Feb. 16.]  Corn Statement.  The statement of Corn in store on the Canal A and River, shown on 'Change, and not without Poundaries of the Canal A and River, shown on 'Change, and not without Poundaries of the Canal A and River, shown on 'Change, and not without Poundaries of the Canal A and River, shown on 'Change, and not without Poundaries of the Canal A and the	ST. LOUIS W    Shes, &c, p D	Yellow Ochre   25   34   Eggs	TORE P
There is very little Missouri money, compara- ively, of any kind in circulation - large amounts of branch bills having recently been retired. The	La	aguire 14	Opossum - 5 - 8 Grey Fox - 18 - 25 Wild Cat - 20 - 30 Skuuk - 15 - 25	Dried Beef

Saint Louis Price Current dated February 23, 1860

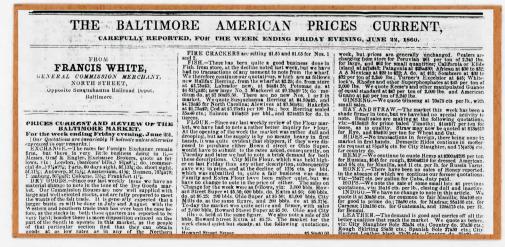
**Undated Postmark** 

Canceled with Postmark

Baltimore, Md. - June, 1860



Baltimore, Md. To Waynesboro, Pa. with 1 cent stamp of 1857 tied by blue undated postmark BALTO./PAID in double circles



Three page Baltimore American prices current from Francis White, commission merchant

Postmark with Grid

Cleveland, Ohio - May 23, 1862



Cleveland, Ohio to Boston, Mass. w1th 1 cent stamp of 1861 issue tied by Cleveland postmark with grid, mailed 13 days after printing

Cleveland, Ohio, May 10th, 1862.

SIR:

We are the owners of Letters Patent of the United States, granted to Joseph W. Briggs, of Cleveland, Ohio, for Improved STITCHING MACHINE, to wit: Dated April 15th, 1862,—marked No. 34,938.

The improvement consists in the employment of an Eye-Pointed Needle, for the purpose of stitching Leather, Textile Fabrics, &c.; the patentee dating his priority of invention as early as the year 1838.

This Patent you are declared to infringe by the manufacture, sale or use of the \*Sewing Machines\* in which you are now engaged.

Notice by Payne & Wade, Attorneys at Law, of infringement on sewing machine patent and request manufacture or use be stopped

Canceled with Postmark

THE

Springfield, Mass. Sept. 1, 1859

# ORTHOGRAPHICAL

# HOBGOBLIN.

Township Clerk.... Chairman Board of Education

OHIO.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.:

G. & C. MERRIAM, PUBLISHERS.

1859.

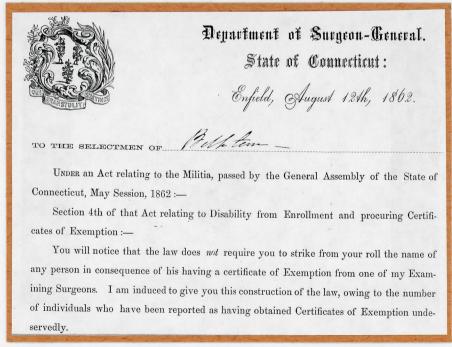
Springfield, Mass. to Lyons, O with 1 cent 1857 on wrapper for 16 pg. circular about virtues of Webster's dictionary

Canceled by Postmark

Thompsonville, Ct. - August 13, 1862



Thompsonville to Bethlem, Ct. with 1 cent of 1861 tied by Thompsonville postmark, circular is datelined Enfield, Aug. 12, 1862, carried to Thompsonville and mailed there one day after printing



Notice from Surgeon-General of Ct. regarding militia certificate of exemption

Canceled by Postmark

Washington, D.C. - October 20, 1862



One cent stamped envelope of 1860 issue with Washington postmark sent to Orrville, Ohio

### PENSIONS AND BOUNTY LAND.

CHAS. C. TUCKER, ATTORNEY FORCLAIMANTS, PENSION, BOUNTY LAND AND PATENT AGENT,

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

Revolutionary, Naval, Invalid and Half-pay Pensions and Bounty Land procured for those entitled. Claims of Military and Naval officers, Sutlers. Contractors, &c., attended to before the proper departments. Arrears of Pay and Pensions, and Prize-money obtained. Patents procured for inventors; Land Warrants bought sold and located; old Land Patents and Land Claims purchased, and titles to land granted for military services, investigated and prosecuted.

Pensions Procured for Wounded and Disabled Soldiers, Seamen, and Marines of the Present War, and for Widows and Orphan Children

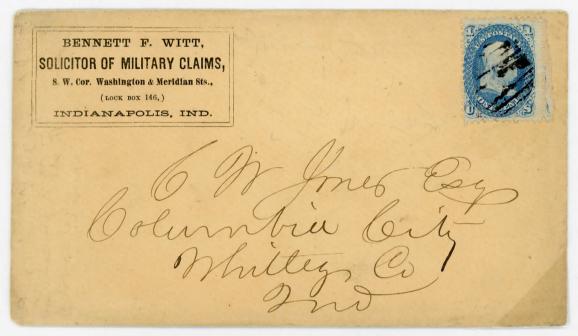
Of those who have died or been killed while in service. Also, Bounty Money and Arrears of Pay for the widows or other heirs of deceased soldiers.

Attorney soliciting war claims from veterans and widows of veterans

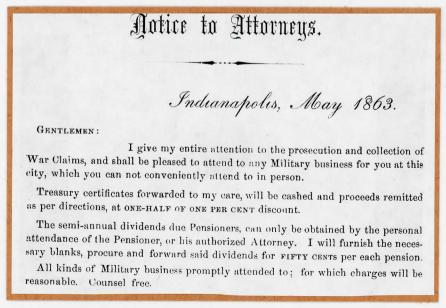
No Postmark

Grid Killer

Indianapolis, Ind. - May, 1863



Indianapolis to Columbia City, Ind. with 1 cent of 1861 issue canceled with grid, probably precanceled



Attorney offering services in prosecution of war claims and pensions

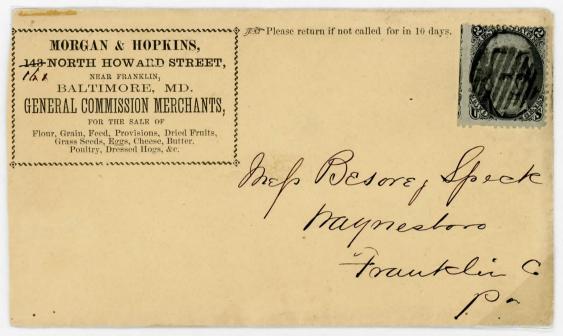
### July 1, 1863 to June 8, 1872 - 2 Cent Prepaid Rate

The postal act effective July 1, 1863 allowed the use of advertising corner cards and the senders name and address on printed matter. It also authorized the use of a request to return to sender at the senders expense if undeliverable.

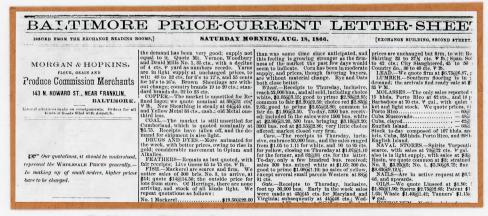
No Postmark

Grid Killer

Baltimore, Md. - August, 1866



Baltimore, Md. To Waynesboro, Pa. with straddle copy of 2 cent of 1863 issue no postmark, cover has both advertising corner card and return request



Sendonell
Street Co.

N. G. Markhain
Rush,

My.

JAMES M. MILLER, Auctioneer,

Office, No. 28 Pine Street, N. Y. City.

SOUTH DOWN BUCKS, EWES & LAMBS

ALSO

Shropshire Down Rams, Ewes & Lambs, DURHAM BULLS, COWS & HEIFERS,

AND

DEVON BULL AND HEIFER.

JAMES M. MILLER

WILL SELL AT AUCTION,

On Wednesday, October 7th, 1863

At one o'clock,

On the Farm of PETER LORILLARD, Esq., at FORDHAM, Westchester Co., N. Y.

11 miles from the City-adjoining the Harlem R. R.

The following Catalogue of (and from) IMPORTED STOCK.

NEW-YORK:

J. CRAFT, STEAM JOB PRINTER, 29 ANN STREET, COR. NASSAU.

1863.

New York City to Rusk, N.Y. with 2 cent stamp of 1863 issue tied by New York postmark 18 page livestock auction catalog mailed during September, 1863

Canceled by Postmark

Portland, Maine - October 30, 1863



Portland to Carmel, Maine with 2 cent of 1861 tied by dated postmark

# Office of State Liquor Agency,

Portland, October, 1863.

Gentlemen: — By a reference to my books, and those of the Commissioner of Massachusetts, it appears that you have no legal Agency in your town for the sale of pure Liquors. Perhaps the subject has not engaged your attention, or you may judge that no such Agency is needed.

Please allow me, however, in a candid and friendly way, to recommend the establishment of an Agency, as the law provides, at some place convenient for your citizens, that it may be fairly tested whether such an Agency is beneficial and desirable or not.

In various parts of the State, Alcohol is extensively used for manufacturing and mechanical purposes. Our physicians frequently prescribe Wines and Alcoholic Liquors for their patients; and these articles are used in sickness by many of our citizens. But those who have had any observation in the analysis of the Liquors usually kept on sale, cannot but feel how essentially and vitally important it is, that if Wines and Liquors are used at all by the feeble invalid, such only should be used as are known to be pure.

Solicitation by State of Maine to establish a state liquor agency in Carmel

**Target Killer** 

Boston, Mass. - May 31, 1864



Boston to Bridgewater, Mass. with 2 cent of 1863 issue tied by Boston Paid postmark and target killer, mailed 3 days after printing

LIST OF ST	COCKHOLDERS OF THE	
STEWART GOLD MINING	G COMPANY, OF CO	OLERADO,
MAY	1,1864.	
NAME.	RESIDENCE.	SHARES.
Adams, Edw'd F. Trustee,	Boston,	635
Adams, John,	Boston,	100
Atkinson, J.	Newburyport,	100
Butler, Geo.	Boston,	2,500
Brooks, Geo. M.	Concord, Mass.	100
Beal, A.	Boston,	250
S. C. Coffin, agt. Nancy B. Coffin,	Fairhaven,	30,000
Crocker, Daniel P.	Boston,	25
Crocker, H. C.	Milwaukie, Wis.	100
Durham, Charles,	Chelsea,	3,000
Durham, Charles, Treas.	Chelsea,	20,000
Durham, Charles, agt.	Chelsea,	3,000
Eames, W. J.	Boston,	200
Foster, Eben C.	Manchester, N. H.	50
Floyd, W. J.	Neponset.	100

List of gold mine stockholders sent to tax assessors, dated May 28, 1864

No Postmark

Grid Killer

Cincinnati, Ohio - 1864



Cincinnati, O. Charleston, III. with 2 cent stamp of 1863 issue canceled with black grid, circular only contains year date



Offer to prepare patent documents for \$30 by Knight Bros.

# July 1, 1863 to June 8, 1872 - 2 Cent Prepaid Rate

Boston, Ms. - May 10, 1864

To the Assessors

South Salisbury, Ms. - May 14, 1865



Stockholder list to assessors in Lancaster, Ms. 2 cent of 1863 issue cancelled with PAID in box



12 pg. list of Boston & Maine R.R. stockholders

# July 1, 1863 to June 8, 1872 - 2 Cent Prepaid Rate

Dated Postmarks with Negative Star Killers - circa 1865



Boston to Lunenberg, Mass. with 2 cent 1863

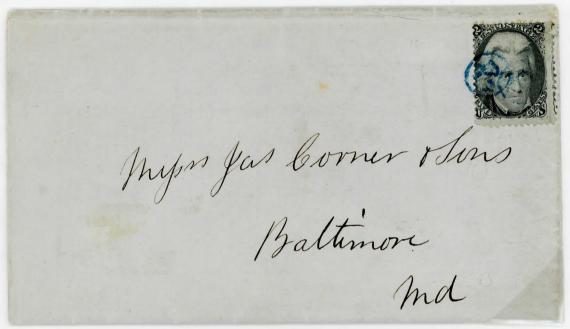


Cumberland, Md. to Norfolk, Va. with 2 cent 1863 on wrapper

No Postmark

Fancy 2c in Circle

Wilmington, N.C. - September, 1865



Wilmington, N.C. to Baltimore, Md. With 2 cent of 1863 issue tied by blue 2c in circle

O. G.	PARSLEY &	& CO.,	
A EEETROUEL	MO COMMISSION	MERCHAM	TS.
No. 6	NORTH WATER ST	REET.	
WILL GIVE STRICT AT	TTENTION TO ALL BUSINESS ENTRU	CTED TO THEIR CARE	
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WILMINGTON, N	. C., FRIDAY, SEPT	EMBER 29, 18	865.
REVIEW OF THE MARKET FOR THE WEEK ENDING THURNDAY EVEN- ING, SEPT. 28TH.	C., FRADAY, SEPT  SUGARAND CHARRS.—By anction we note the sales of 66 boxes Havana Sugar at 13½ of 14½6. 300 Cubuno Cigars	Cheese, E. D	21 a 18 a 30 a 32
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Wilmington, N.C. market review by O.G. Parsley & Co., commission merchants

## July 1, 1863 to June 8, 1872 - 2 Cent Prepaid Rate

Washington, D.C. - circa 1865



Stamped envelope of 1864 issue with Washington postmark and cork killer

New York, N.Y. - circa 1865



N.Y. to Ypsilanti, Mich. with 2 cent stamp of 1863 with smudge cancel

**Duplex Postmark** 

Charleston, S.C. – September 15, (1867)



Charleston to Camden, S.C. with pair of 1 cent issue of 1861 Issue tied by Charleston duplex. Pairs of this stamp used to pay the 2 cent printed matter rate are not common.

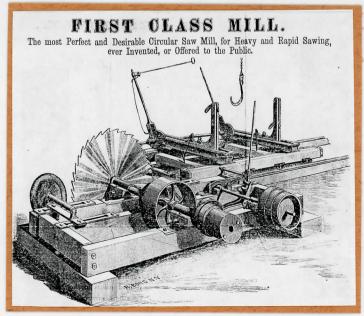
Originated from Charleston merchant and banker and probably contained a price list or financial report.

Dated Postmark Grid Killer

Sandy Hill, N.Y. - February 10, 1868



Sandy Hill, N.Y. to Sherburne Vt. with 2 cent Blackjack with grill canceled with partial grid, dated Sandy Hill, N.Y. postmark



Two large 4 pg. brochures illustrating several types of sawmill machinery

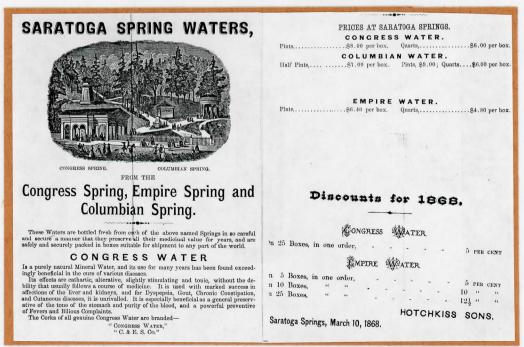
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Fancy P Killer

### Saratoga Springs, N.Y. - March, 1868



Saratoga Springs to Clinton, N.Y. with 2 cent Blackjack with grill canceled with negative P in octagon killer

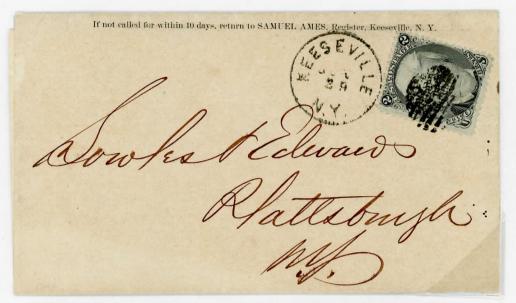


Description and prices of Saratoga Springs bottled water

**Dated Postmark** 

Grid Killer

Keeseville, N.Y. - June 29, 1868



Keeseville to Plattsburgh, N.Y. with Keeseville postmark and 2 cent Blackjack with grill canceled with grid killer, return request

In the District Court of the United States
For the Northern District of New York.
IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM CRESSEY, A BANKRUPT. No. 290.  In Bankruptcy.
At Keeseville, in said District, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1868.
A list of debts proved and claimed under the Bankruptcy
of William Cressy aforesaid with first dividend, at the rate
of seven per cent., this day declared thereon by me, Samuel
Ames, one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said District
Court.
CREDITORS. Sums proved. Dividend.
Arno, Edward

Bankruptcy notice with list of creditors and proven claims

**Dated Postmark** 

Star-in Circle Killer

New York, N.Y. - September 11, 1868



New York, N.Y. to Adamsville, Pa. with N.Y. postmark and 2 cent stamp of 1863 issue tied by 4 pointed star in circle, mailed 10 days after printing

Sir:

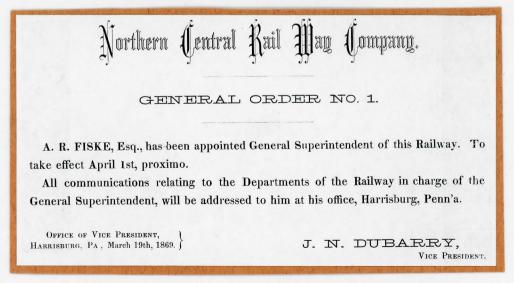
We take this opportunity of informing you that our mutual friend, MR. SAM'L H. L. RANKIN, still continues his connection with our House.

Owing to severe illness, he will be unable to meet his customers at No. 25 PARK ROW, and attend to them in person. We have made arrangements how=

Announcement by Baldwin, Fisher & Co. of the illness of business partner



Harrisburg, Pa to Morganton, N.C. with grilled 2 cent of 1861 tied by cork killer, mailed 11 days after printing



General order No. 1 of Northern Central Railway Co.

**Dated Postmark** 

**Manuscript Cancellation** 

West Henniker, N.H. - February 2, 1869

24.
UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE.
ANNUAL TAXES, MARCH, 1869.
of Bressford, in
the Division District,
and State of New Hempshire
TAKE NOTICE
That, in pursuance of the acts of Congress, you are required to make out a Return according to the forms witkin, as far as the same may be applicable to your case, and deliver the same to me, at my office, WITHIN TEN DAYS FROM THE DATE HEREOF, or an addition of FIFTY PER CENTUM will be made to the proper tax.
Dated this 1. day of Merich, 1869.
C.G. Fisher
Assistant Assessor.
OFFICE at West- Humiker N. H.

West Henniker, N.H. to Bradford, N.H. 2 cents postage paid by stamp with manuscript cancellation

Unused 3 page1868 IRS income tax form sent by ass't. assessor of 2<sup>nd</sup> N.H. district

The federal income tax was created by the act of June 30, 1864

Cork Killer

Baltimore, Md. - circa 1869



Baltimore, Md. to Three Springs, Va. with grilled 2 cent 1863 no Baltimore postmark

**Smudge Cancellation** 

Galveston, Texas - June, 1869

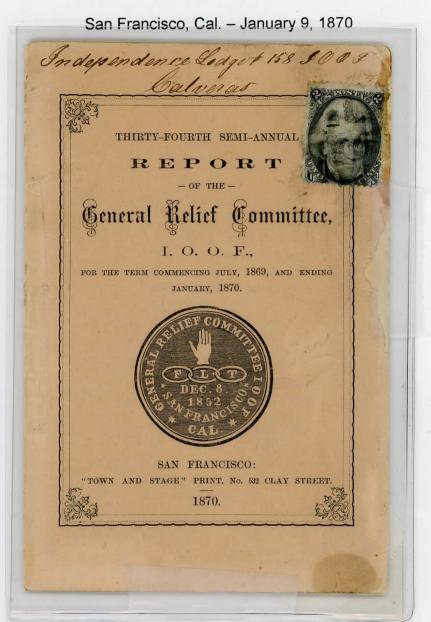


Galveston to Port Sullivan, Texas with smudge cancelled 2 cent stamp paying circular postage rate

Comme	rcial Pulletin Tetter-Speet	•
Vol IV	GALVESTON, SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1869	No. 41
S. JACOBS & C Dry Goods, Clottle Notions, Hats, Boots & STRAND, GALFESTON.  GALVESTON HOLESALE PRICES OF GALVESTON HOLESALE AS THEY T CONTRIBUTE OF THE CONT	Texas Moss	none   none

Three page Commercial Bulletin with prices current published by F. Flake

Cork Killer

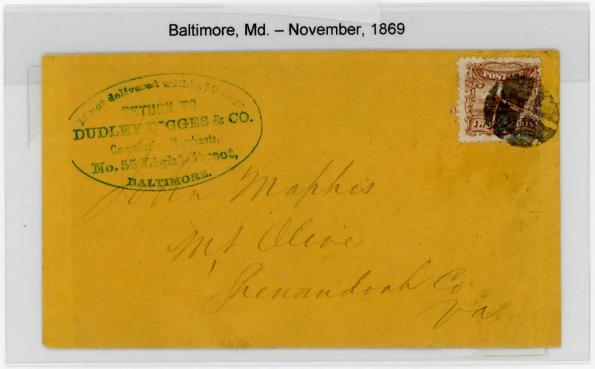


San Francisco to Calveras, Cal. with grilled 2 cent 1861 canceled with cork crossroad killer, no postmark

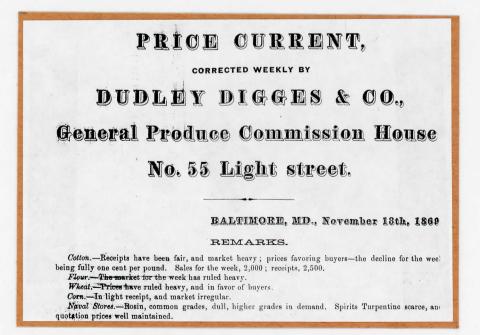
Boston, Ms. postmark and cork killer with 2 cent 1869 on wrapper to Greenville, R.I.

George B. Ballou, Esq.,
AGENT, BUREAU R., F. & A. L.;
Unthbert, Ga.

Segmented Cork Killer



Baltimore. Md. To Mt. Olive, Va. with 2 cent 1869 issue tied by segmented cork killer, no Baltimore postmark



Price Current from Dudley Diggs & Co., commission merchants

Open Rosette Killer



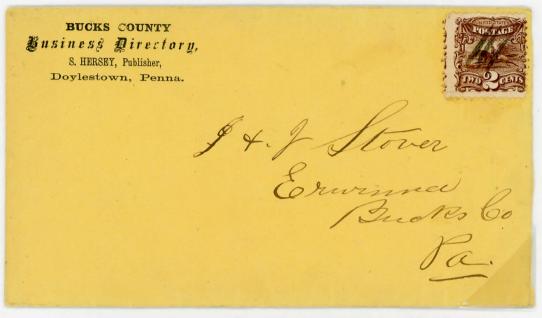
New York to Philadelphia with 2 cent of 1869 issue tied by fancy New York open rosette, no New York postmark

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" CITRIC, " Keg's.  ALBUMEN BLOOD.  ALBUMEN OF EGGS. Cases.  ALKANET ROOF, Select Bales.		66 to arrive. 2.10	Gold.	COLCHICUM ROOT. Bbls. & Casks.  "SEED. Bbls. & Casks.  COLOCYNTH APPLES, Cases.  COLOMBO ROOT. Bags.  CONIUM LEAVES. 120 lb. Bales.		14 16 42 @ 50	Gol
" CITRIC, " Kegs.  ALBUMEN BLOOD		66 to arrive. 2.10	Gold.	COLCHICUM ROOT. Bbls. & Casks.  "SEED. Bbls. & Casks.  COLOCYNTH APPLES, Cases.  COLOMBO ROOT. Bags.		14 16 42 @ 50 17 ½	Gol

Price list for medicinal products

Manuscript Cancel

Doylestown, Pa.- April, 1871



Doylestown to Erwinna, Pa. with manuscript canceled 2 cent stamp of 1869, no postmark

Doylestown, Pa., Chr & 29 1871.
Mr. P. H. Moren
The Canvass for the Bucks County Directory is progressing as rapidly as pos-
sible. The encouragement already given to the publisher justifies him in saying
that it will have an unparalleled circulation in the County, and will offer an ad-
vertising medium but seldom presented to business men.
When completed it will be the first Directory ever published in Bucks County,
which makes it still more desirable that business men should have cards inserted
As a book of reference it will be useful to all classes. Each Township and Bor-
ough will be separate, giving boundary and location together with the names of
all Rail Roads, Turnpike and other Incorporated Companies, Township Officers,
Churches, Schools, Societies, names of Professional Men, Manufacturers Mer-
chants, Mechanics, Farmers, and retired persons, alphabetically arranged by Townships with Post Office Address. The book will contain the names of not less
than 12 000 persons, with a short local sketch of each town in the County.
Advertising Cards will be received and inserted at the following rates:
One Page, \$15
Half " 8
Quarter Page, 5
The subscription price of the book, will be \$150, but a copy of the work which will contain over 300 pages, will be given gratis to each advertiser.
Do not fail to have your card inserted, and send your order to

Solicitation for ads in the Bucks County Business Directory

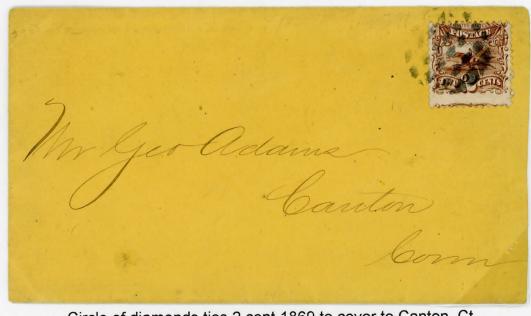
Fancy Killers

New York, N.Y. - circa 1870



Solid star in circle ties 2 cent 1869 to cover to Exeter, N.H.

Boston, Mass. - circa 1870



Circle of diamonds ties 2 cent 1869 to cover to Canton, Ct.

No Postmark Grid Killer



Cincinnati, Ohio to Vandalia, III. with 2 cent National Bank Note issue of 1870 canceled with 7 bar grid, probably precanceled

