

Parcel Post Stamps and Usages

The Parcel Post Act of 1912 led to the production of seventeen special new stamps. They were all to be exclusively used on fourth-class mail beginning on January 1, 1913. At least that was the original intention. There were twelve Parcel Post postage stamps from one cent to one dollar all produced in carmine rose, and five Parcel Post Postage Due stamps from one cent to twenty-five cents all produced in dark green. The exclusive use on fourth-class mail lasted only six months. On July 1, 1913 they could be used on first class mail also. Regular issues could also be used on fourth-class mail on that date. With the exception of three denominations (3¢, 50¢ and \$1.00), all stamps were produced and available at the post offices in late 1912. There were no instructions to hold them for a first day of issue. Consequently several issues found their way into the mails before the first day of the Parcel Post System with fourth-class mail. A rate table is included in the exhibit.

It is the **purpose of this exhibit** to show all of the adhesive Parcel Post Stamps, the adhesive Parcel Post Postage Due Stamps and many varied usages. Perfins, Precanceled and Interesting Cancels are also shown. Errors are also shown and discussed. Parcel Post covers without at least one of these stamps are not shown. For each denomination, available usages will be presented in the following order:

Stamps By Denomination (Singles, Blocks, Perfins, Precanceled, Interesting Cancels, Straight Edges, Sheets)

Fourth Class Mail Usage (Includes ALASKA Territory Usages)

Post Cards - Domestic Usage

Post Cards - Foreign Usage

Registered Post Cards - Foreign Usage

Letters - Domestic Usage

Letters - Foreign Usage

Registered Letters - Domestic Usage

Registered Letters - Foreign Usage

Commercial Usage

Advertising Usage

Transported via Ship Usage

War Rates - Domestic and Foreign Usage

Other Usages

Forgeries

Note: After the \$1.00 Parcel Post issue, the **Shanghai Overprints** are shown and discussed with a usage shown.

Then a page showing prior to first day issues will be displayed via the **UPU Specimens of Madagascar.**

This is followed by stamps and usages for the Parcel Post Postage Due issues by denomination.

PARCEL POST to the RESCUE (TRUE STORY)

On February 19, 1914, Five year old May Pierstorff wanted to visit her grandmother who lived across the mountains in Lewiston, ID. May lived in Grangeville, ID. Her family could not afford the \$1.55 train fair, a days wages, so they came up with the idea to ship her Parcel Post. Since her Mother's cousin was the postal clerk on the train she would be well taken care of. She weighed in at 48 lbs. 8 oz. and they classified her as a baby chick. The Parcel Post rate was only 53¢. This was a very special usage.



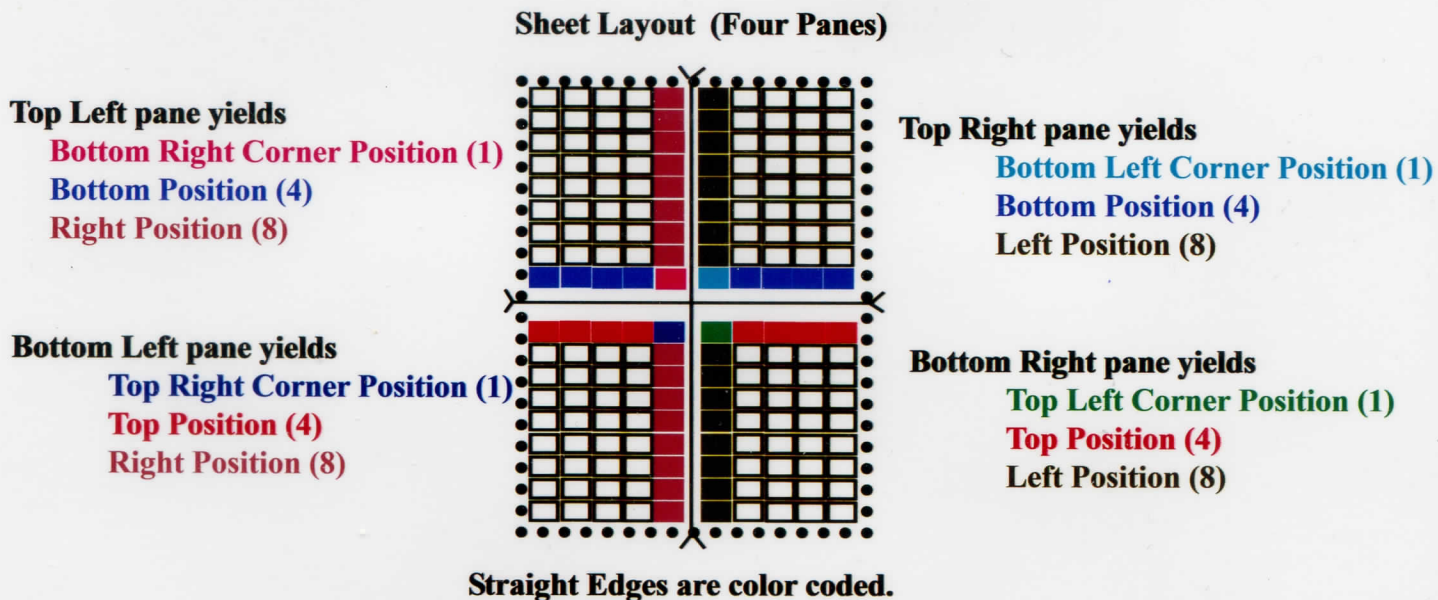
An illustration by Ted Rand in the book "Mailing May" by Michael O. Tunnell, 1997.

It only took two Parcel Post stamps similar to those shown below:



Parcel Post Straight Edges

Due to the guide lines used to cut a sheet into four panes and having 45 stamps per pane, the Parcel Post issue has a higher percentage of straight edges -- **29%**. For most stamp collectors, a straight edge is **not** desirable. Consequently, one must be on the lookout for stamps that have been re-perforated on the straight edge. The positions of the straight edges will be shown on this and following pages for each denomination of the Parcel Post stamps. In order to obtain a set of straight edges for a single denomination it requires panes from all four positions on the sheet. See the color coded diagram below:



1¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



2¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



3¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



4¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



5¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



10¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



15¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



20¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



25¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



50¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



75¢ Parcel Post Straight Edges



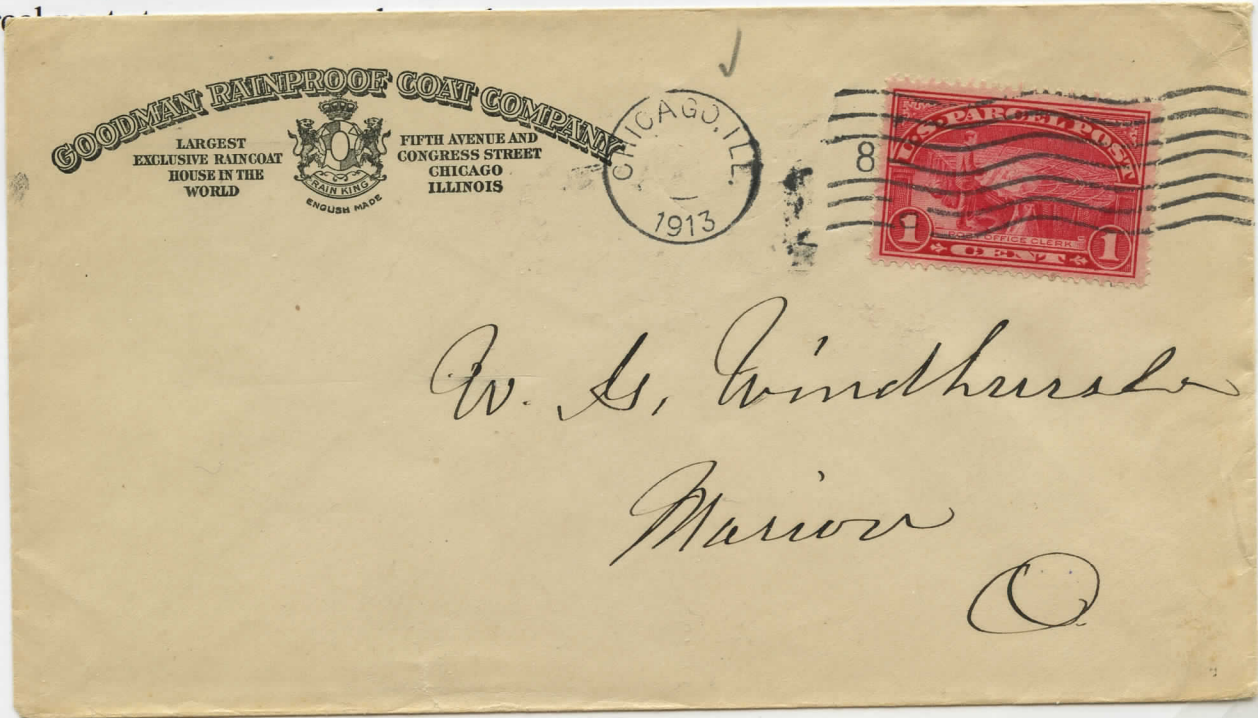
\$1 Parcel Post Straight Edges



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 Fourth Class Mail Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

Fourth-Class Parcel Post

When the new and more extensive parcel post system came into existence on January 1, 1913, the prior fourth class weight limitation was raised to 11 pounds and the new red parcel



This cover mailed in March, 1913, as parcel post containing samples of raincoat material did not bear a "MAR" cancel as it was not required for parcel post (fourth class) mail -- only the mailing post office was required.

Parcels under 4 ounces could be mailed for 1¢ per ounce regardless of distance.

At right is a copy of the advertising circular sent with the samples.

If a parcel contained both third (circulars) and fourth class (samples, merchandise) material it was still considered parcel post if fourth class postage equaled or exceeded third class rate.

DIRECT FROM FACTORY TO WEARER TELEPHONE WABASH 1000-1001

GOODMAN RAINPROOF COAT COMPANY

LARGEST EXCLUSIVE RAINCOAT HOUSE IN THE WORLD  FIFTH AVENUE AND CONGRESS STREET CHICAGO ILLINOIS

March, 1913.

REFERENCES:
National Bank of New York
Commercial Security, \$2,000,000

Dear Sir:-

Would you lend us the influence of your standing in your community by wearing a genuine Goodman Silk Poplin raincoat if we sent you one express prepaid for less than half price?

We are to-day considered as being the largest exclusive raincoat manufacturers in the world. For years we have sold our product to merchants, but since Oct. 1st, 1912, have changed our policy, and are selling our garments from "maker to wearer."

In order to insure the appearance of one of our raincoats on the back of a prominent citizen of your town, we come to you with the following fine offer - the greatest ever made.

From now until April 30th, we will let you have one of our famous English Cravenette rain-proof coats for \$5.00 express prepaid. Never before has this coat been offered for less than \$12.00.

This coat has a high storm collar, side pockets, cemented and sewed seams, plain rubber surface cloth lining, outside covering made of absolutely water-proof tan or grey silk poplin (samples of which are enclosed) - will last a life time.

Our idea is to furnish this coat at actual cost of manufacture for advertising. We know that one of our coats in your vicinity will help us to introduce dozens of others. Hence we are willing to sacrifice all profit on the first coat.

Get your raincoat at once. Remember this offer expires April 30th, 1913. If you wish to send cash in full you can take advantage of our regular cash discount of 1%. If, however, this is not reasonable to you just send us \$2.00 or \$3.00 as deposit together with your breast measurement, and we will forward by prepaid express one of these raincoats, balance C. O. D. If you find upon arrival of the coat that it is not entirely satisfactory in every way you can return it to us at our expense.

Yours truly,
 GOODMAN RAINPROOF COAT COMPANY.

Chas. Goodhue
 President

**RAINCOAT SHIPPED EXPRESS PREPAID
 MONEY BACK IF NOT SATISFACTORY**

P. S. This coat can be furnished in both ladies' and men's styles. Be sure to give breast measurement when ordering. If cash in full accompanies order, we will ship by Parcel Post if you so desire. Money refunded if not entirely satisfactory.

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Fourth Class Mail Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

FOR ECONOMY AND
ABSOLUTE ACCURACY
USE
OUTLOOK
ENVELOPES

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO
OUTLOOK ENVELOPE COMPANY
RAND McNALLY BUILDING
CHICAGO

CHICAGO
1913
ILL.



They work while
you sleep.

(SALE OVER TWELVE MILLION A YEAR)



Mrs. Henry R. Baker,
(or successor in business)

Town Lewisburg,

State Pa

No. R.F.D. # 3
(Leave at street number addressed)

(POSTMASTER OVER)

This is an example from the Parcel Post only period dated Jun 1913. Sometimes invoices with samples were liberally construed as Fourth Class.

Advertising Sample

If these covers contained samples it would be **FOURTH CLASS USAGE.**
If not **THIRD CLASS USAGE**

Tied to Dennison Clasp .
Envelope. New York
Box Cancel. To Priest
Valley, CA. Postmaster
Instructions printed at
bottom.

Mrs Jno Clayton
Priest Valley
Cal.

3cm



TO THE POSTMASTER.—If this package is not delivered within 20 days, you will confer a favor by notifying us, and we will at once send stamps for its return.

Address Box 3512, New York Post Office.

Advertising from Storm
Lake, IA to Chicago, IL.
Indistinct Duplex
Cancel. Postmaster
Instructions printed at
bottom left.

MAGNICAROCIOUS

PROMOTED, Produced,
Perpetrated, Printed and
Passed Along to Live Ones
from Our Office in

STORM LAKE, IOWA, U. S. A.

Where Brag, Bluster, Boodle,
Base Ball and Bum Booze rival
real estate promoters and dime-
odean nuisances in sucking the
teat of the contented life.

POSTMASTER: If not delivered in 10 days
notify H. S. POWELL STAMP Co., who will
provide for return postage.

GIVE REASONS WHY RETURNED



James A. Zalud,

1439 So. 40th Court,

Chicago,

Illinois.

NATIONAL CLOAK & SUIT CO.,
203 to 217 West 24th St., - - NEW YORK CITY.



Tied to brown National
Cloak & Suit Co. Clasp
Cover with NEW YORK
Double Line Cancel.
Printed address to East
Randolph, NY.
Postmaster Instructions
printed at bottom..

MRS C D HITCHCOCK
EAST RANDOLPH N Y
RFD

Postmaster:— If unclaimed, please favor us by sending notice, using P. O. Dept. Form No. 3540,
as required by Act of Congress, June 13th 1898. We will send postage for return.

1¢ Parcel Post Usage (Domestic Post Cards)

One of the most popular usages of the 1¢ Parcel Post stamp was on penny post cards. Several examples follow:

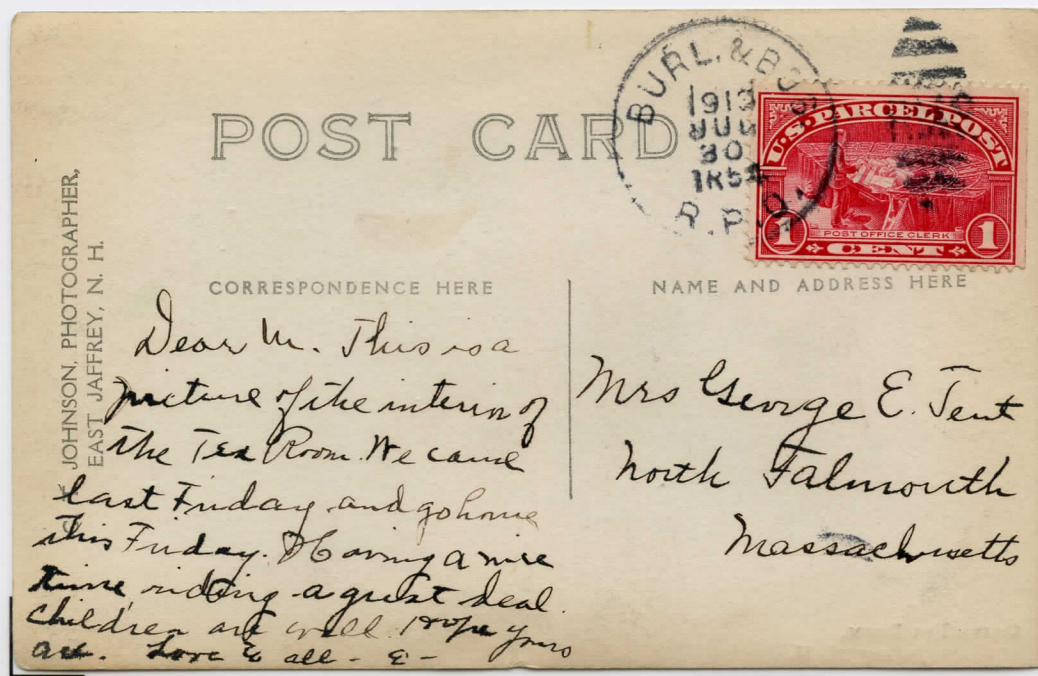


This card is dated March 22, 1913 which is before the July 1, 1913 date when Parcel Post could be used on other than fourth-class mail.



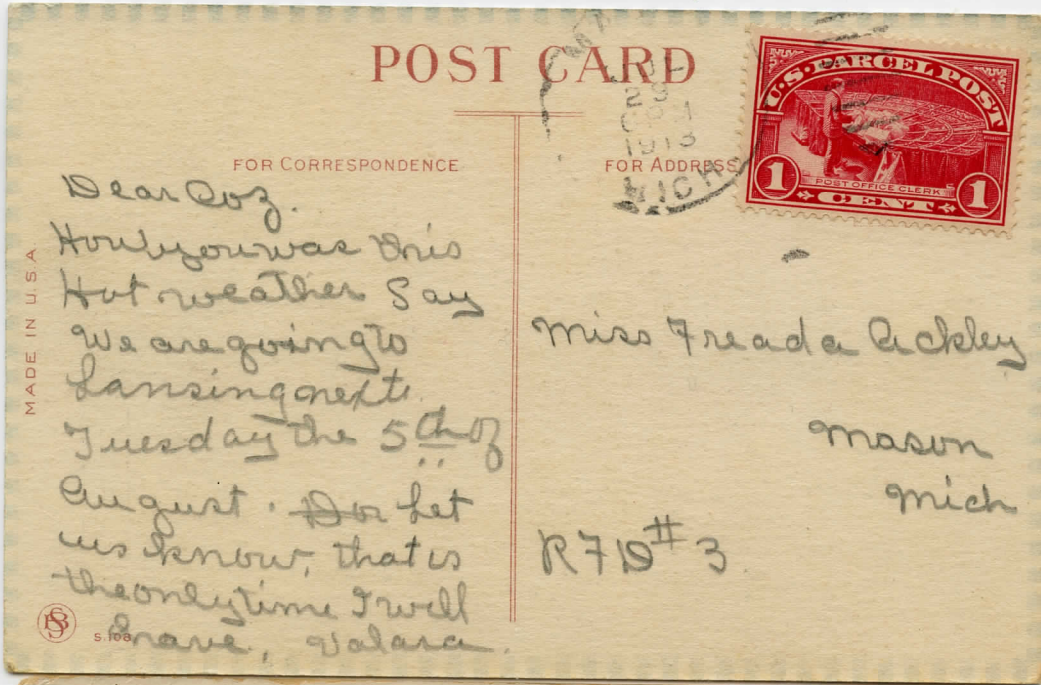
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Los Angeles, California to Kokomo, Indiana (Birthday Card) July 9, 1913.



Front of card reduced

R.P.O. Burlington and Boston Railway Post Office Cancel (Photo Post Card to North Falmouth, MA) July 30, 1913



Michigan to Mason Michigan (Cartoon Greeting) July 29, 1913



Front of card reduced



Fort Worth, TX to VT, Nov. 1913. Auxiliary Marking "Called Out" applied in Rutland, VT. If no street address was given for a piece of mail, the name would be "called out" at the morning gathering of mail carriers: "Anyone got a Madge Healey on their route?"



Front of card reduced



Rockford, Illinois to Birnamwood, Wisconsin (Christmas Card) December 23, 1913 Note: Machine Cancel



Front of card reduced

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Post Cards - Foreign Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

TO FOREIGN DESTINATION: Note usage of two 1¢ stamps to make 2¢ foreign post card rate.

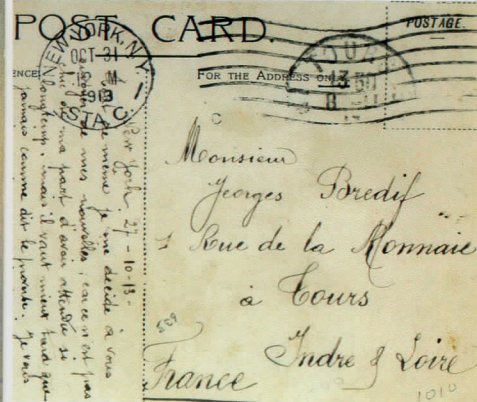
ITALY Brooklyn, NY to Trieste, Italy (Picture Post Card) July 29, 1913.



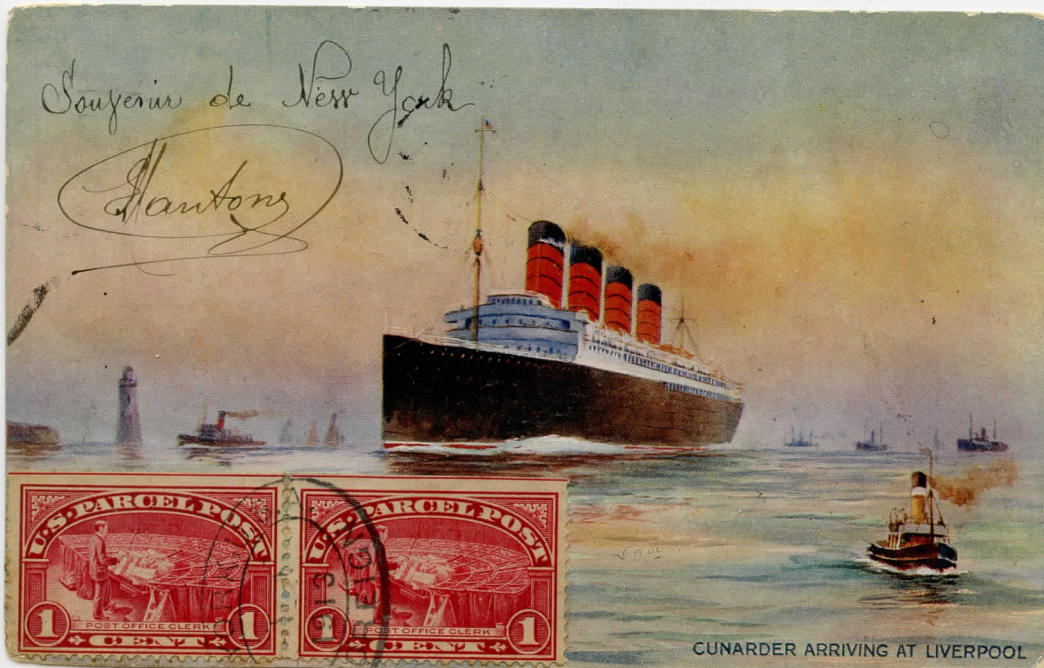
Front of card



New York, NY to France Oct. 13, 1913



Back of card



CUNARDER ARRIVING AT LIVERPOOL

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Post Cards - Foreign Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

TO FOREIGN DESTINATION: Special Post Card Rates for Canada and Mexico.

Framingham, Mass to

Canada

Oct. 15, 1913

Note: 1¢ Post Card Rate to Canada



Front of card



Portland, Oregon to
Aguascalientes, Mexico

Mar. 11, 1916

Note: 1¢ Post Card Rate to Mexico



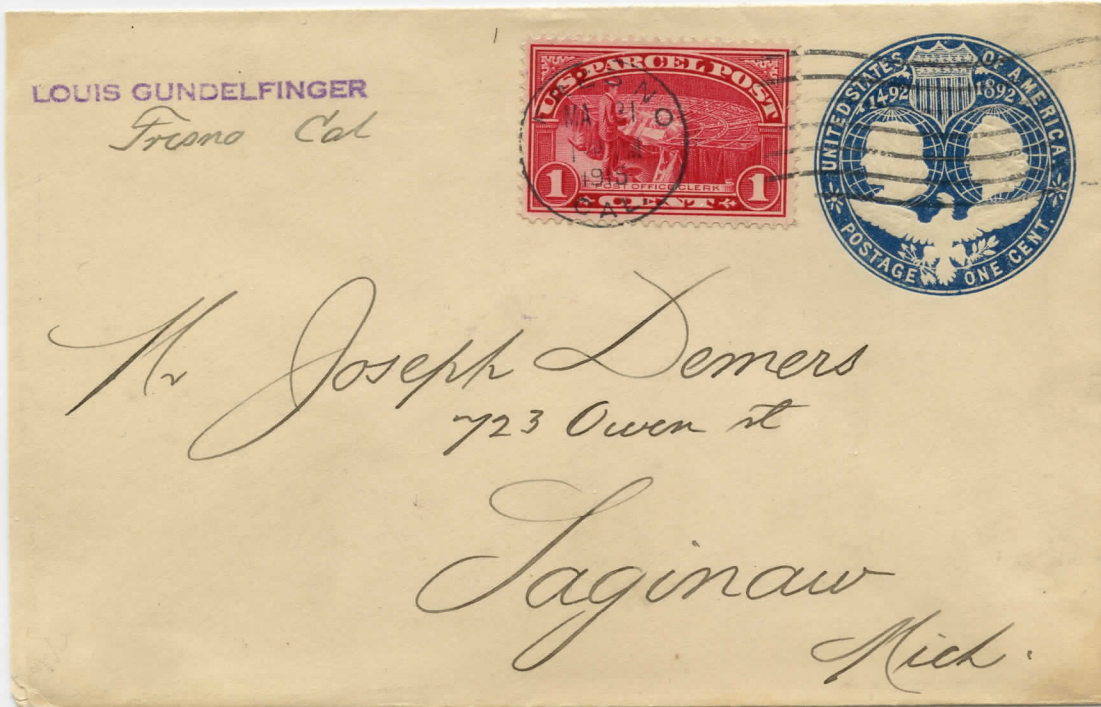
Front of card



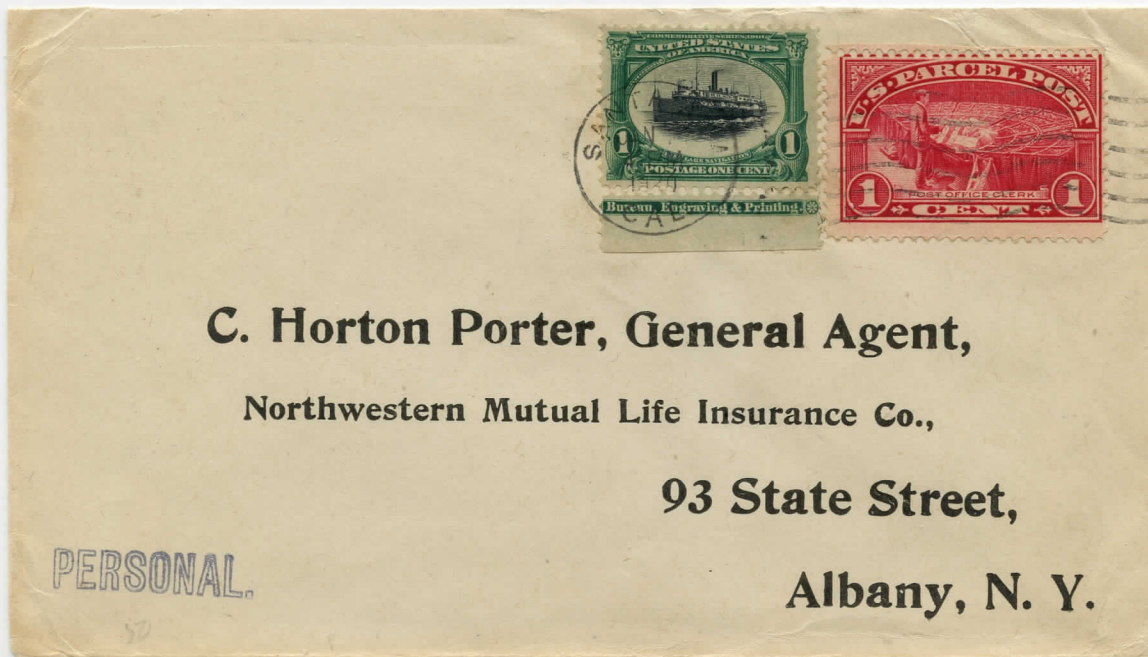
A Change in Usage

The Parcel Post system went into effect on January 1, 1913. The stamps were to be used exclusively for fourth-class mail. If fourth-class mail was presented franked with any other (non Parcel Post) stamps then the item was to be **HELD FOR POSTAGE**. A date was not required on the postmark -- only the city and state. Many times a date was applied anyway. This order was rescinded on July 1, 1913 and regular postage stamps were allowed on fourth class mail and the Parcel Posts were allowed on first-class mail. On this page are examples of first class mail using at least one Parcel Post stamp.

1¢ Parcel Post used with 1¢ Columbian Entire Envelope



1¢ Parcel Post with 1¢ Pan-American Expo Stamp



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Other Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

Registered Domestic Letter

From Los Angeles, Calif. to Auburn, Maine on Feb. 2, 1922. 10¢ of the 18¢ franking was for registration, the remainder paid the first class rate.



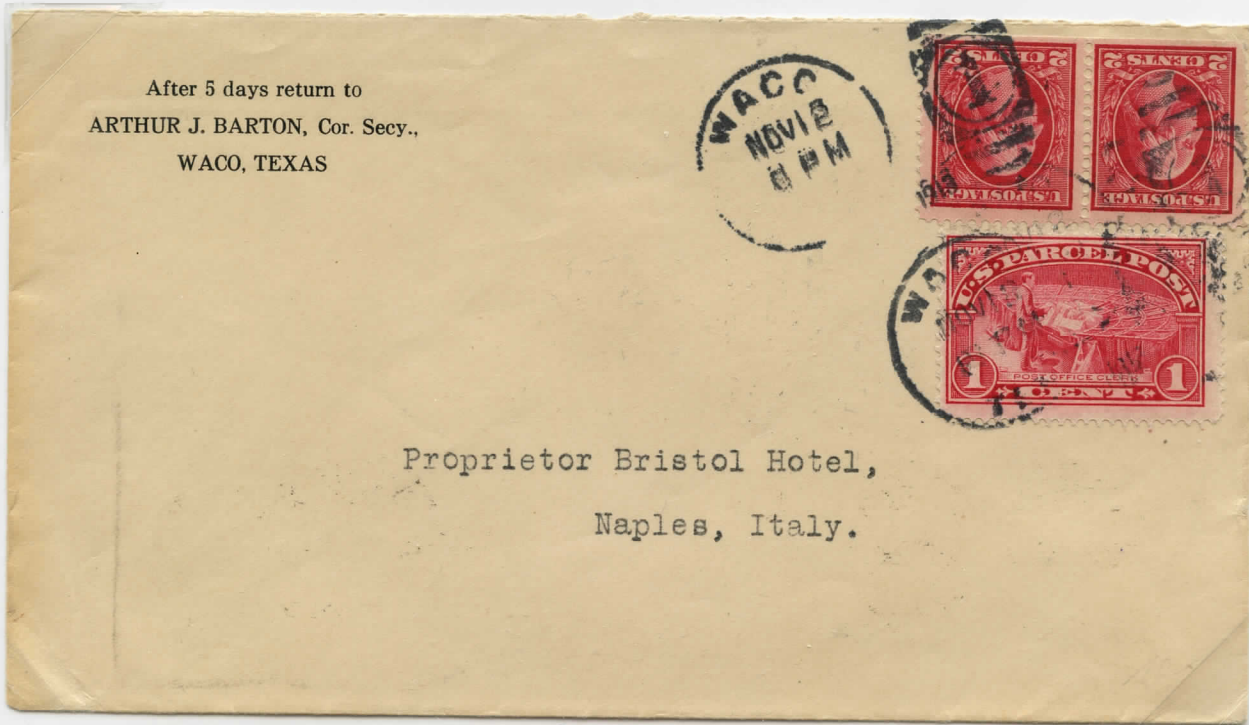
Note: "Loly" wax seals and Los Angeles Registration Marks



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Letters - Foreign Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

TO FOREIGN DESTINATION: Italy

Note usage of one 1¢ Parcel Post along with a horizontal pair of 2¢ Carmine Washington stamps to make the 5¢ foreign letter rate from Waco, Texas to Naples Italy on November 12, 1913.



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TO FOREIGN DESTINATION: Germany

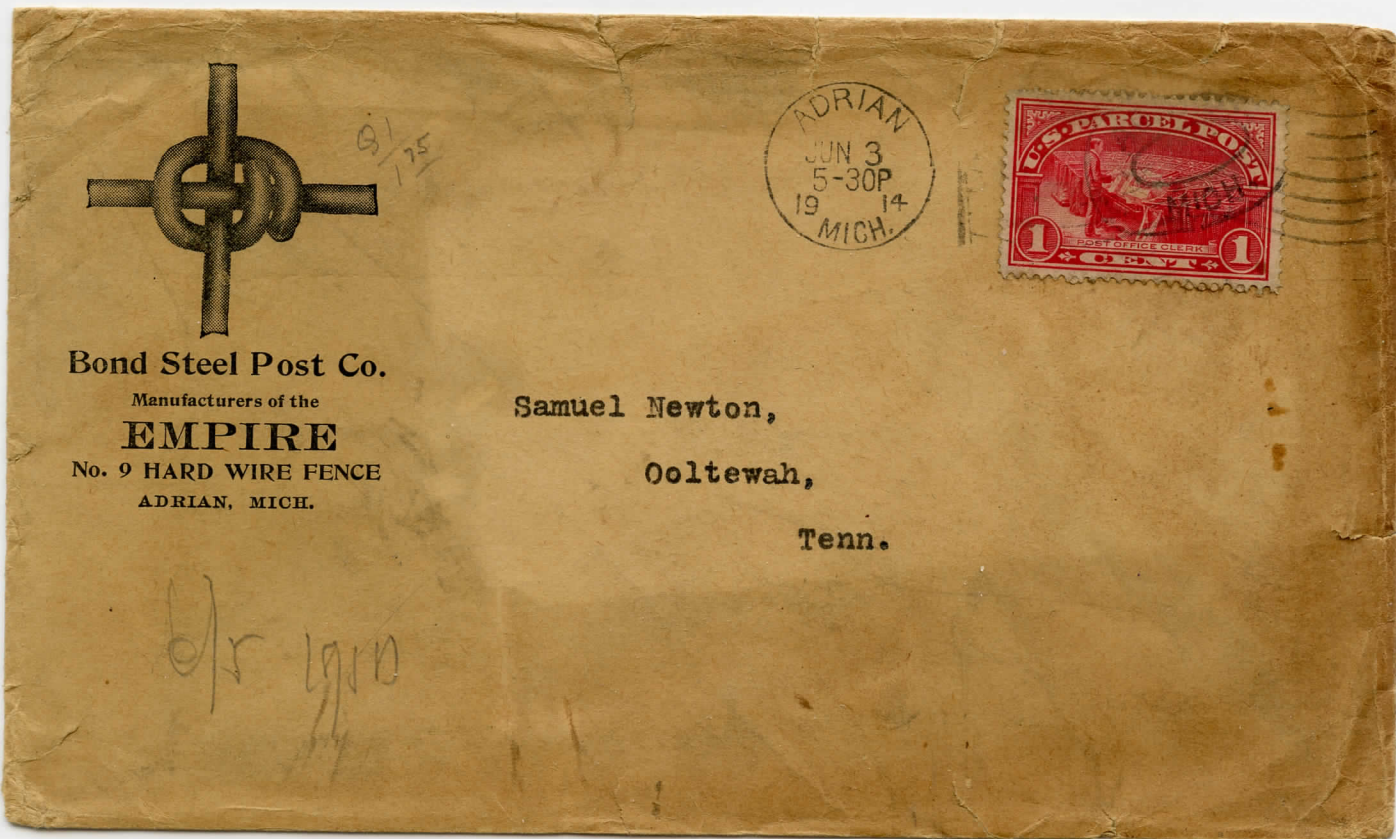
Note usage of one 1¢ Parcel Post along with a 1¢ and 2¢ Panama Pacific stamps to come up underfranked for the 5¢ foreign letter rate from Philadelphia, PA. to Goepingen Wuerit, Germany on August 11, 1913. The Circle T mark usually means that Postage Due stamps should be applied, but they were not. No Back Stamps.



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Advertising Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

Advertising Covers

From the **Bond Steel Post Co** in Adrian, Michigan to Ooltewah, Tennessee franked with a 1¢ Parcel Post tied by a June 3, 1914 machine cancel. No Back Stamp.



Nast and Company, "The Photographers". Gold printed return address on cover franked with 1¢ Parcel Post and 1¢ Deep Green Lexington-Concord issue tied by DENVER COLO Duplex. Cancelled two days after "Black Tuesday" (October 29), The day of the Great Stock Market Crash. No Back Stamp.



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Advertising Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

Here we have an advertisement directed to a furrier, to sell finished goods to friends, customers, merchants, storekeepers, etc. The previous page was a request for raw furs from the same company to which this letter is addressed. The 1¢ Parcel Post usage is shown here only because it relates to the previous page.

ALFRED POST & Co.
IMPORT AND EXPORT
FURS AND SKINS
18 EAST 13TH STREET

NEW YORK. **OCT 15 1913**

NOTICE
To every shipper of Raw Furs or any industrious person anxious to make money.

IMPORTANT
Why not every woman wear fine looking furs they can do it at our prices.

Reduced copy of Partial contents of cover below.

Dear Sir:

Have you ever considered the question of selling made up furs to your friends, customers, merchants, storekeepers, etc. in your section, if not, why not, it will pay you.

There is no reason why you can't handle and sell this class of goods with as much satisfaction and more profit than you are realizing on your raw fur collections or any other business or work you may be engaged in. Others are doing it, why not you.

We offer you the same opportunity whether you have cash capital or not. We only want to know that you are reliable, honest, trustworthy etc. that's all.

We will provide you with the goods if you can furnish good reference. A letter from your merchant, storekeeper, Postmaster or any good reliable person vouching for your honesty etc. is all that is necessary.

Why not make money both ways, it can be done, make every turn

TO POSTMASTER.

If unable to deliver this circular as addressed please hand it to the largest shipper of Raw Furs, Skins, Ginseng, etc.

ALFRED POST & CO.
DEALERS AND EXPORTERS
RAW FURS, SKINS, GINSENG, ET
18 EAST 13TH STREET, NEW YORK



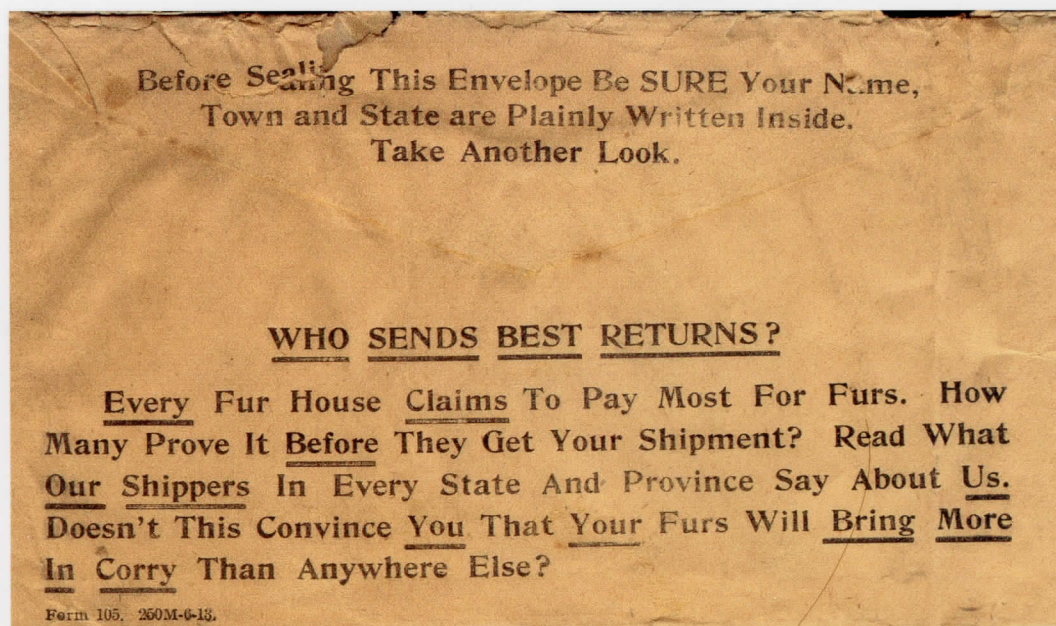
CORRY HIDE & FUR CO.,

CORRY, PA.

A 1913 Returned Address envelope preprinted with addressee's Name and Address



The reverse side encourages the sale of furs to the firm of Corry Hide and Fur Co. We often find parcel post used in the fur business. Several uses by the fur business will be shown.

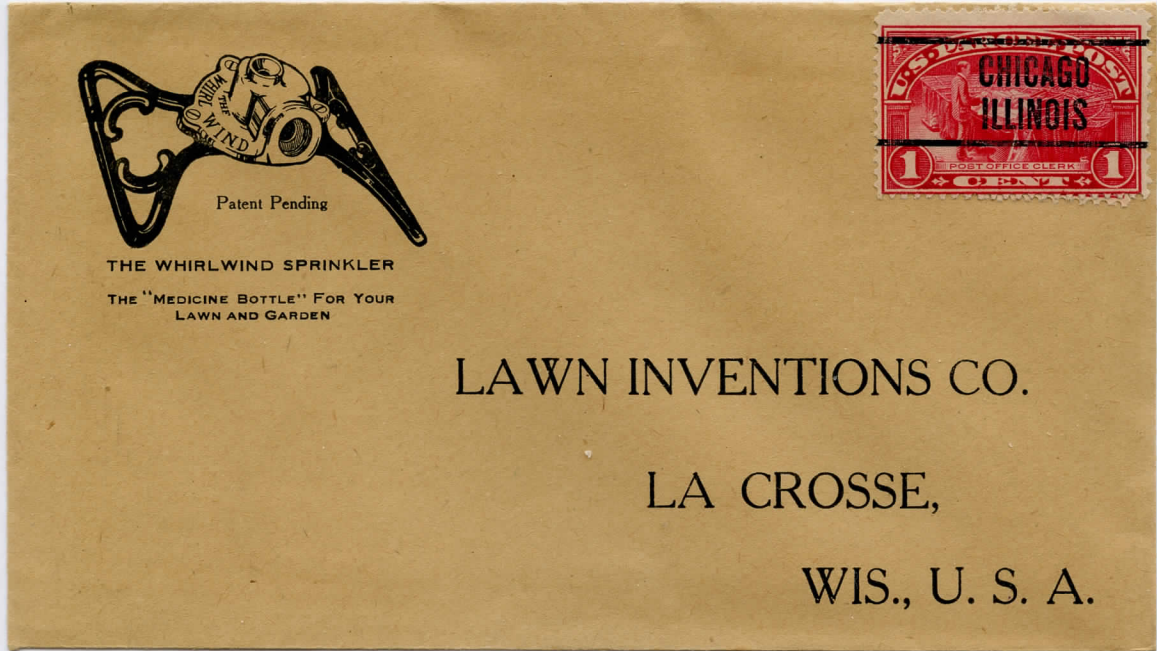


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Other Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

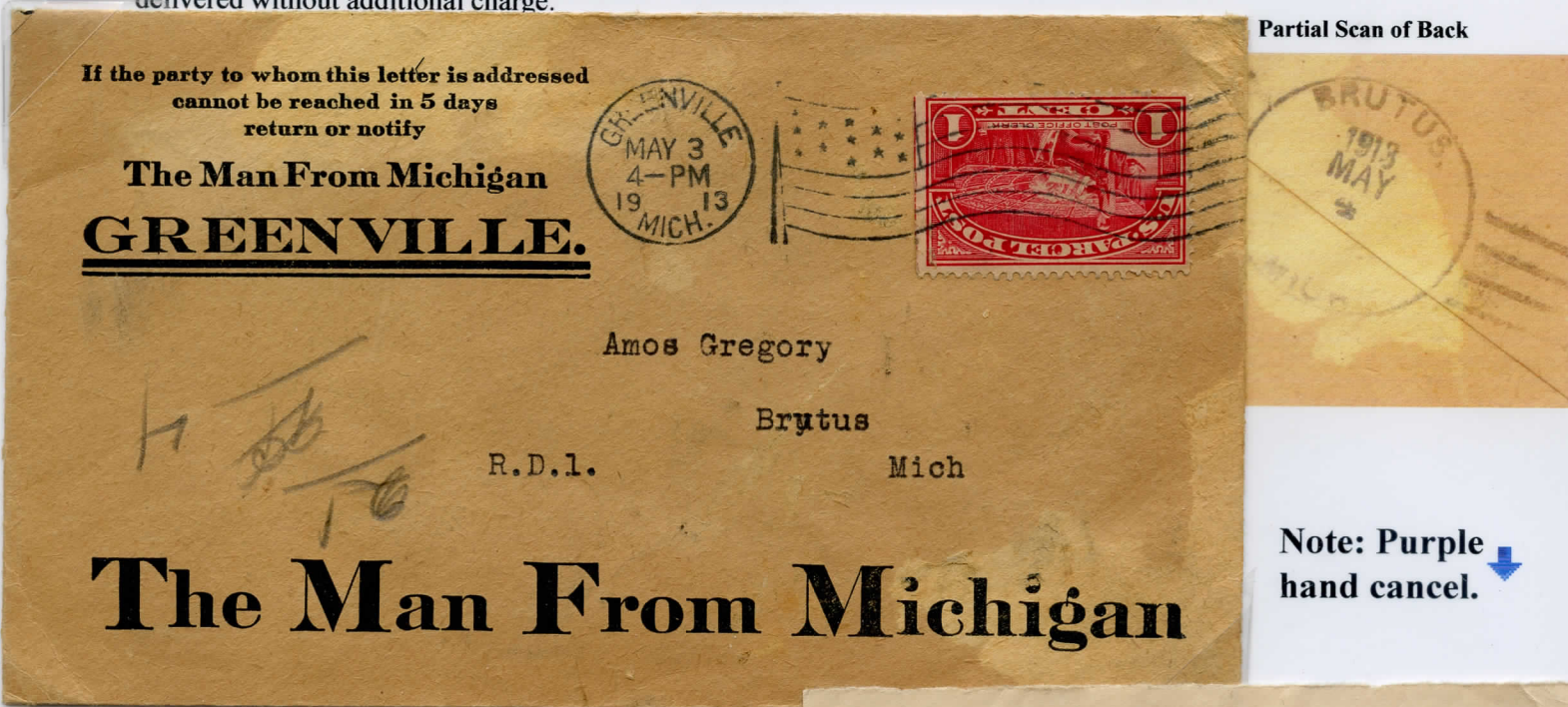
Parcel Post PRECANCEL Usage

Advertising Covers: To La Crosse, Wis., U.S.A. No Back Stamp



Parcel Post only period Usage

Posted on May 3, 1913 (Before July 1) On March 8, 1913 the rules were relaxed to provide that if a parcel post stamp on mail of another class (Third Class in this case), which reached its office of address, that mail was to be delivered without additional charge.



Parcel Post

ALASKA TERRITORY Usage

Two 1¢ Parcel Post stamps used on a package from Bethel, Alaska on July 17, 1914 - LONG BEFORE STATEHOOD.

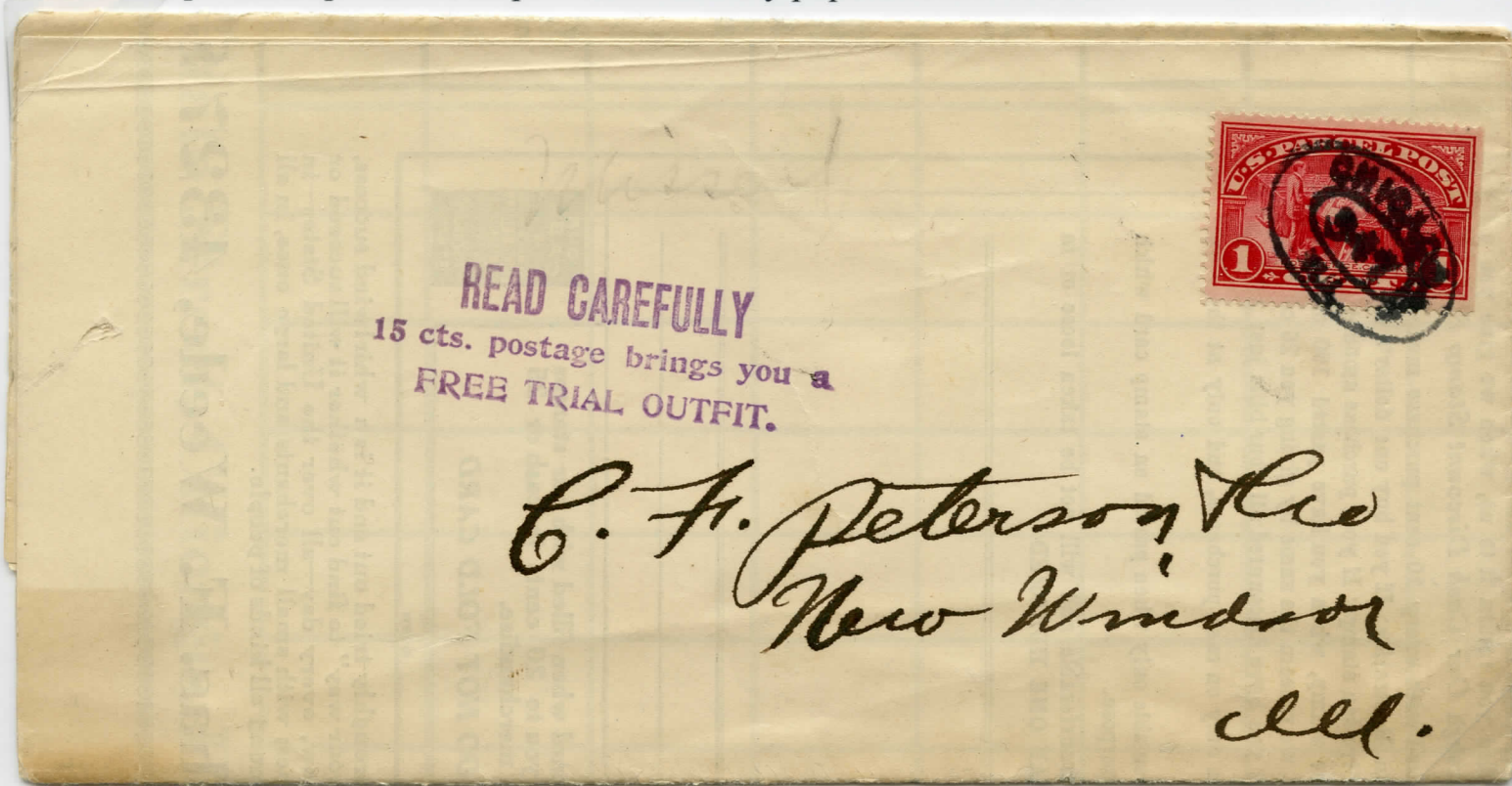


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Other Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

1¢ Parcel Post used on folded circular advertising "Cash Redemption" stamps for merchants to use to attract customers.

This 24" by 25" folded circular printed on one side (Third Class mail) was used to entice merchants to purchase "Cash Redemption" stamps to give to their customers for cash or discounts when they fill a card. This is a forerunner of programs like S & H Green Stamps and Top Value stamps which was very popular in the 1950's.



Scan of portion of circular.

ADVANTAGES OF THE DISCOUNT CARD PLAN

No cash register checks to add, no tickets or coupons to count. No stamps issued on purchases less than 10 cents.

No counting, a glance telling you how many stamps a card contains. A larger percentage of stamps lost than tickets or checks, which is to your benefit.

No stock of premiums to carry, better advertising at a less percentage of cost than any other plan.

Amount of cash receipts \$10.00, figuring purchases on which no stamps are issued cash receipts will be between \$11.00 and \$12.00.

CHOICE OF EITHER ONE OF THESE

Cuts Free for Advertising purposes.

OUR CASH

1

10

VALUE 1 MILL

10

DISCOUNT

OUR CASH

1

10

VALUE 1 MILL

10

DISCOUNT

CASH

the use of

USE

THERE is no quicker way you can get the f the only way you can rea Your business with this p loose the many benefits

FRONT OF CUSTOMER'S

OUR CASH

1

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Other Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

LINCOLN-BROOKS COMPANY
418-420-422-424 SOUTH FIFTH AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILL.



"Blind
Undated"
Circular Rated
Postmark -
Unsealed

300 Elizabeth St.

*Brownsville
Texas*

BROWNSVILLE, TEX.

11--PM

SEP 30-13



Two 1¢ Parcel
Post for first
class letter from
Brownsville,
Texas to NY

Dr. Geo O. Williams

*Essex
Chemung Co
N. Y.*

1¢ Parcel Post used on Contract Air Mail First Flight - Macon to Atlanta

Two 1¢ Parcel Post Stamps along with an 8¢ Second Issue Air Mail stamp make up the domestic air mail rate for this cover which was back stamped in Atlanta on its way to Washington D.C.



Portion of Back

Raymond C. Schaffer.
1322 12th St., N. W.,
Washington. D. C.

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Other Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

Later Usages of 1¢ Parcel Post on Event Covers
Probably used because it is an attractive stamp.

First Voyage of S.S. Manhattan. U.S. German Sea Post August 10, 1932



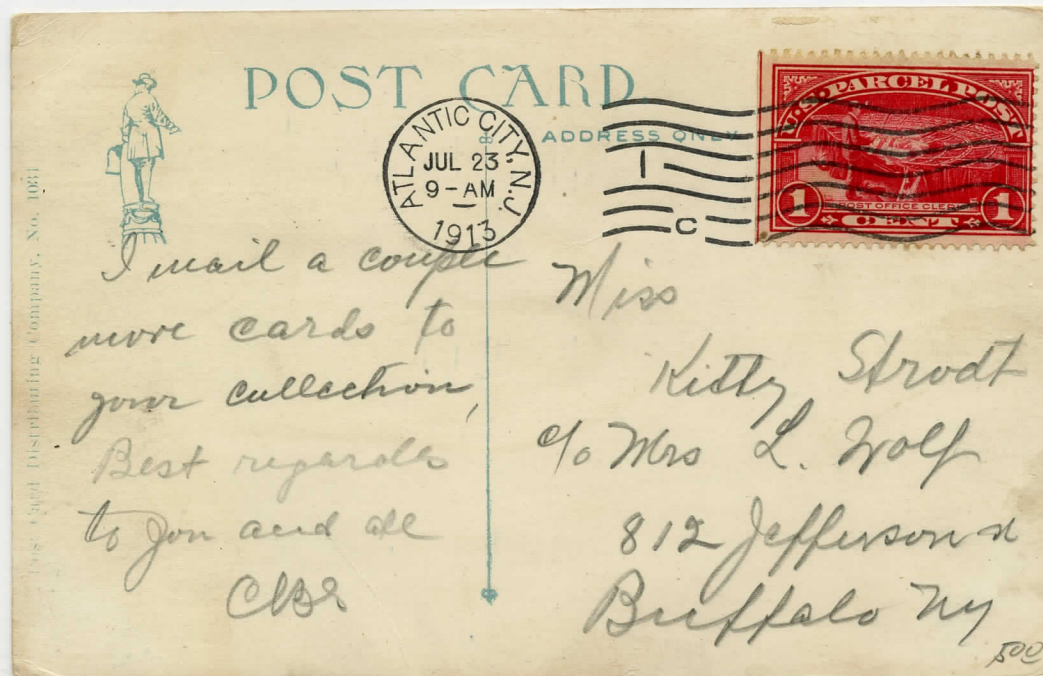
New Post Office Building - Laying of the corner stone.





Front of card reduced

Perta, Illinois to Green Valley, Illinois (Cartoon Post Card) September 15, 1913
 Note: Panama Pacific Cancel



Front of card reduced

Atlantic City, NJ to Bufalo, NY (Picture Post Card) July 23, 1913



Made in Germany. A. C. Böscheiman & Co., New York.

MARYVILLE, OHIO
AUG 12
3 PM C
1913



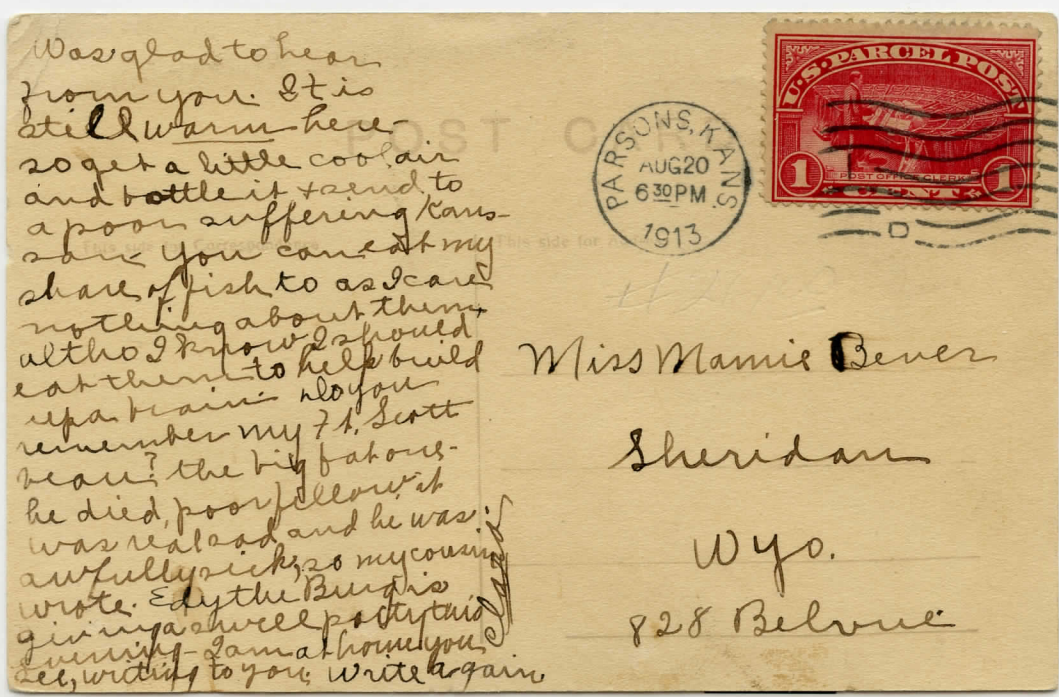
Miss M. Datz,
Amlin,
Ohio.

R. F. L. -



Front of card reduced

Maryville, Ohio to Amlin, Ohio (Picture Post Card) August 12, 1913



PARSONS, KANS.
AUG 20
6 30 PM
1913



Miss Mamie Bever

Sheridan

Wyo.

828 Belvue



Front of card reduced

Parsons, KS to Sheridan, Wyoming (Cartoon Greeting) August 20, 1913

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Commercial Usage - 1¢ Parcel Post (Post Office Clerk)

Note Commercial Usage



*Norton & Co.,
Worcester, Mass.*

RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO
The Elmira Advertiser Association
ELMIRA, N. Y.

**Pre-Addressed Reply
Card**



Deming-Palmer Milling Co.

114 & 116 Sacramento Street,

SAN FRANCISCO,

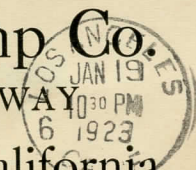
Capitol Mills.

Cal

California Stamp Co.

248 SOUTH BROADWAY

Los Angeles : California



REGISTERED
IN
VAL



Mr. G. C. Cuenod.

IF NOT DELIVERED IN 5 DAYS RETURN TO
HENRY ADES FOWLER
DEALER IN POSTAGE STAMPS
1301 FORT DEARBORN BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.



Mr. G. C. Cuenod.
Yalveston.

REGISTERED 10 DAYS

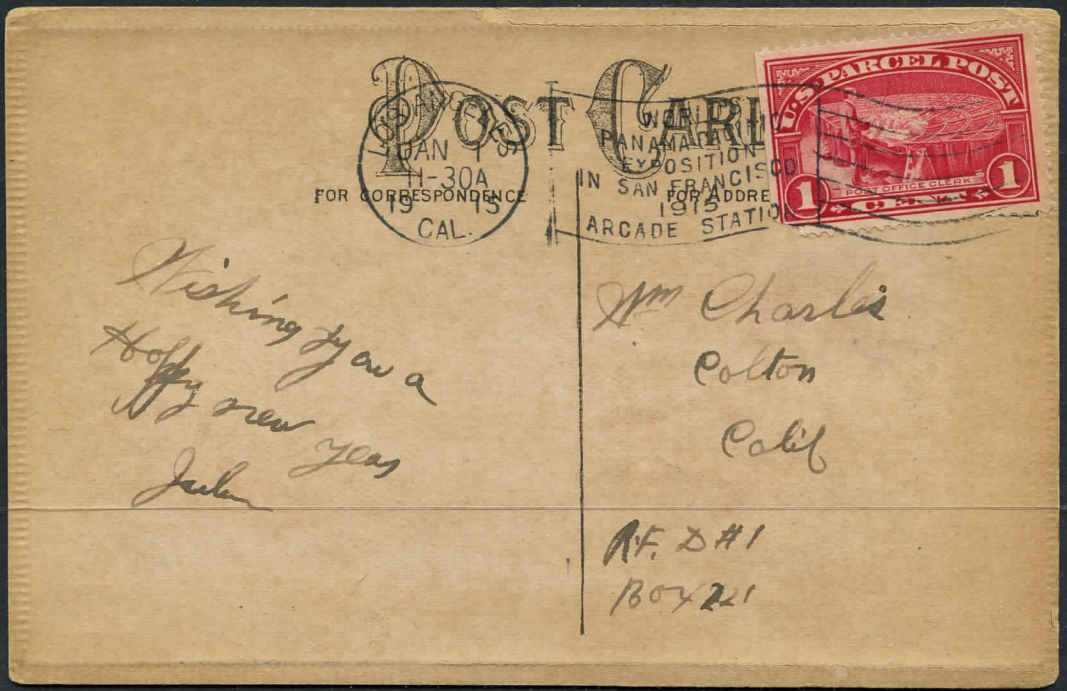


HYDRO-CARBONITE

In Steel Barr

We can't improve the paint so we've improved the package

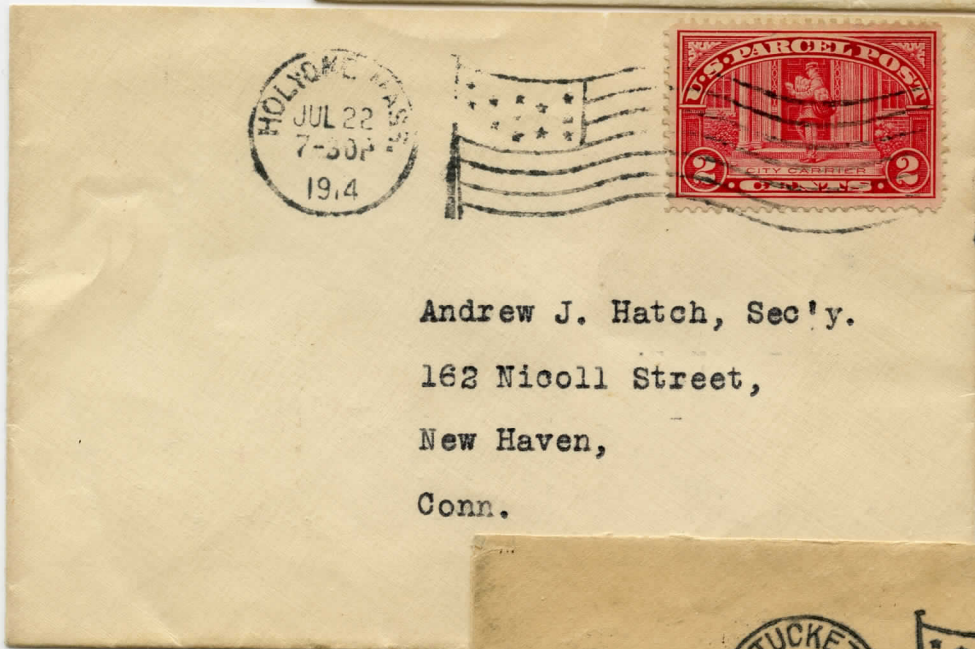




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Letter - Domestic Usage - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

FLAG CANCELS

Lockport, NY
to Chataqua, NY
August 8, 1913



Holyoke, MA
to New Haven, CN
July 22, 1914

Pawtucket, RI
to Taunton, MA
July 24, 1913



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Foreign Usage - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

FOREIGN DESTINATION

Foreign Post Card Rate - 2¢

**Philadelphia, PA
to Wurttemberg, Germany
April 2, 1914**

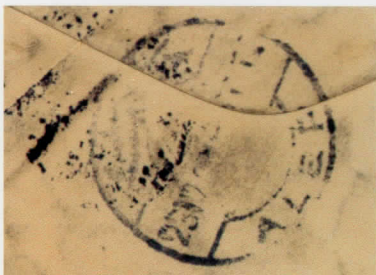


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Foreign Letter Rate - 5¢

**New York, NY
to Aleppo Syria**

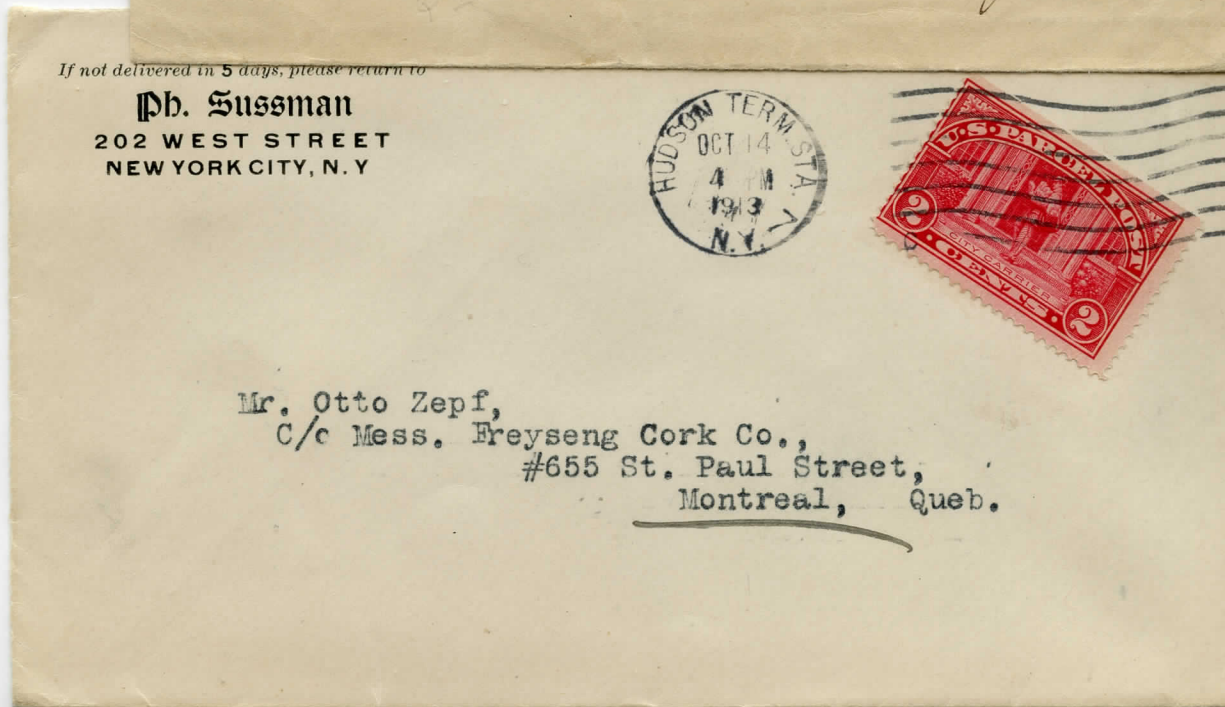


Back Stamp



**Canadian Letter
Rate - 2¢
New York, NY
to Montreal,
Quebec Canada**

No Back Stamp



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Other Usages - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

Foreign Destination REGISTERED to England

Franked with eight 2¢ Parcel Post stamps to pay 10¢ Registration and 6¢ for the overweight parcel.



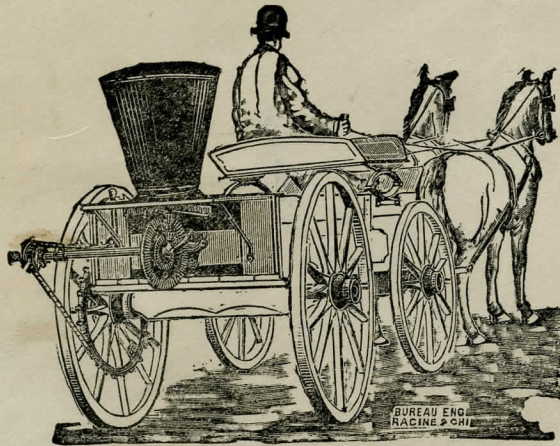
Partial scan of back cover

Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Commercial and Advertisement Usage - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

Commercial and Advertising Covers

Portland, Maine
to Syracuse, NY
Waving Flag
Machine Cancel
August 1, 1913

Return in 10 days
KENDALL & WHITNEY
Portland, Maine.



John Deere Plow Co.
Syracuse
N. Y.

FOSTER SEEDER

BUREAU ENG.
RACINE & CHI

Max Held
INCORPORATED
"THE LINEN WAIST HOUSE"
310-318 South Avenue
New York

NADISON SQ ST
AUG 29
7:30 AM
1913
N. Y.

*The Lindner Co
Cleveland, Ohio*

U.S. PARCEL POST
CITY CARRIER
2 CENTS

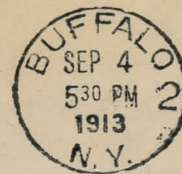
New York, NY
to Cleveland, OH
August 29, 1913

Buffalo, NY
to Brickton, MA
September 4, 1913

BULLETS SHOES
HIT THE MARK-FIT THE HEAD
FOOT AND POCKET BOOK
UP STAIRS-CHEAP RENT
NUF-SED

56 SENECA ST. UP STAIRS

BUFFALO, N. Y.



*Chas A Eaton Co
Brickton
Mass*

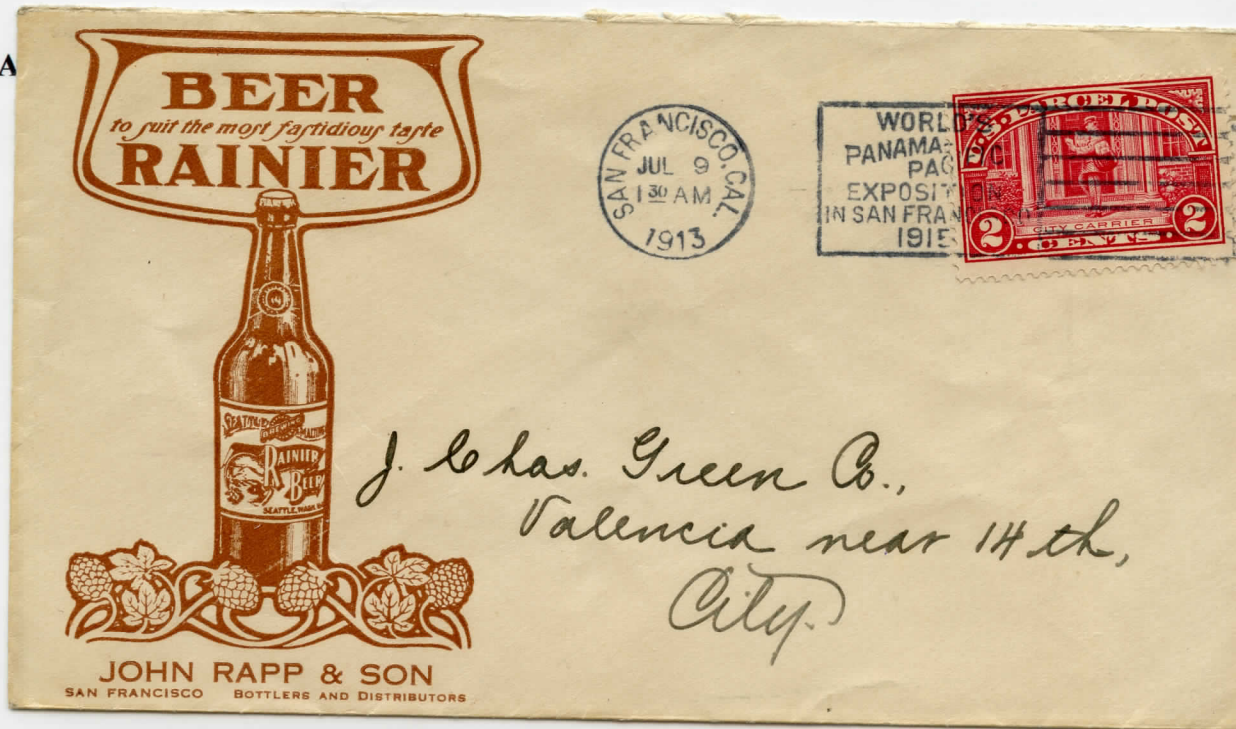
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Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Advertisement Usage - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

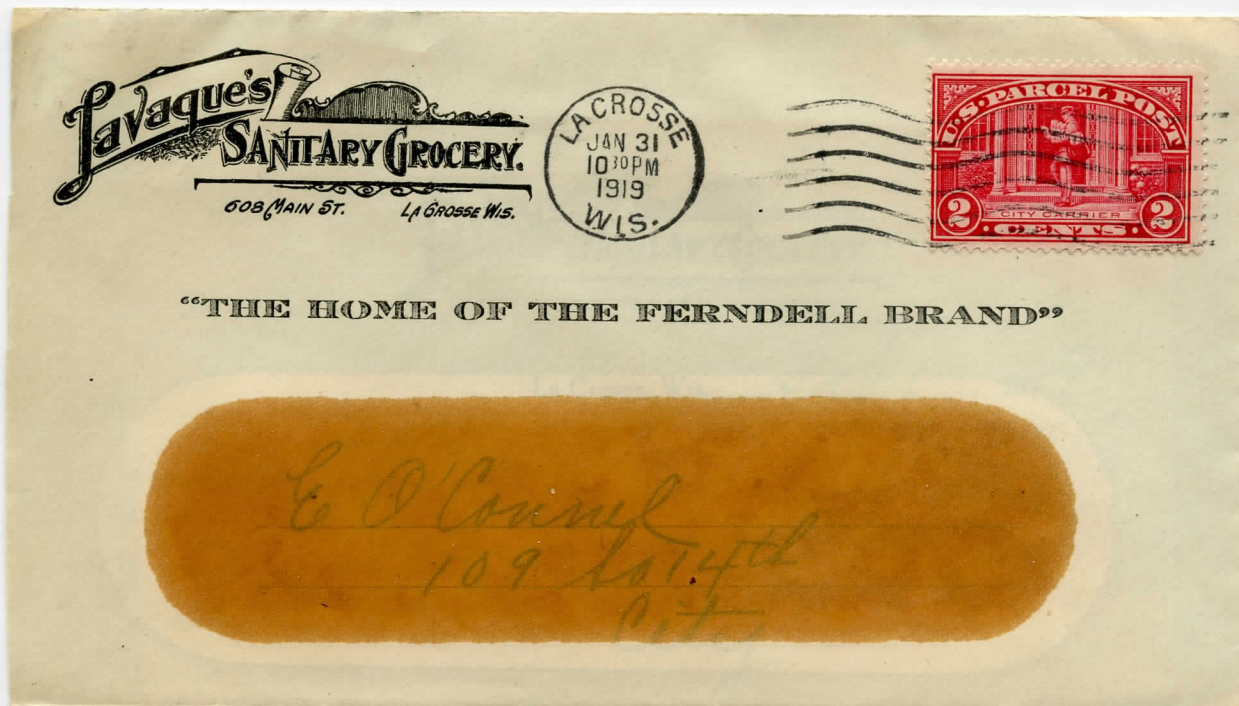
Advertising Covers

San Francisco, CA
to San Francisco, CA
July 8, 1913

Note:
Panama Pacific
Expo Cancel



LaCrosse, WI
to LaCrosse, WI
January 31, 1919



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Advertisement Usage - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

Advertising Covers



New York City

Norton Company,
Worcester, Mass.



JOSHUA OLDHAM & SONS
114-118 LIBERTY STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Advertisement Usage - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

Advertising Covers

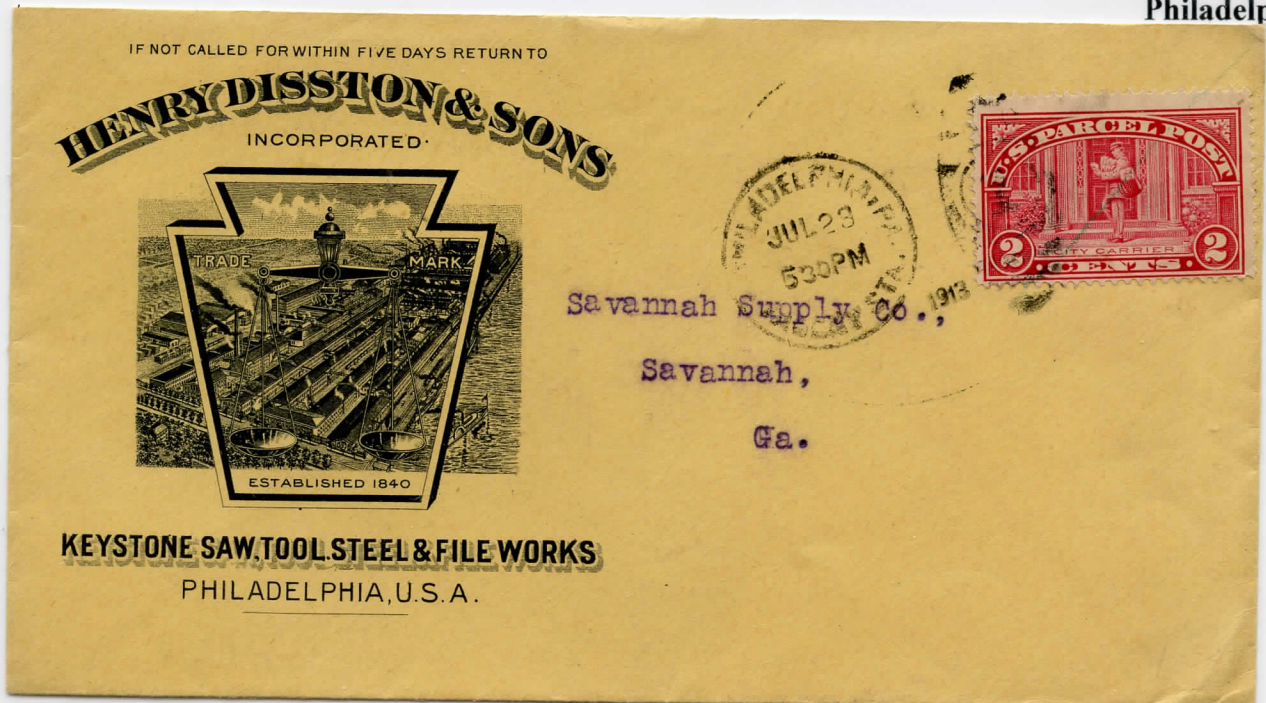
Salt Lake City to Missouri



Back of Cover



Philadelphia, PA



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Advertisement and Other Usages - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

Advertising Cover

Topeka, KS

Return to
Secretary and Treasurer,
The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co.,
Topeka, Kansas.
If not delivered within 10 days.

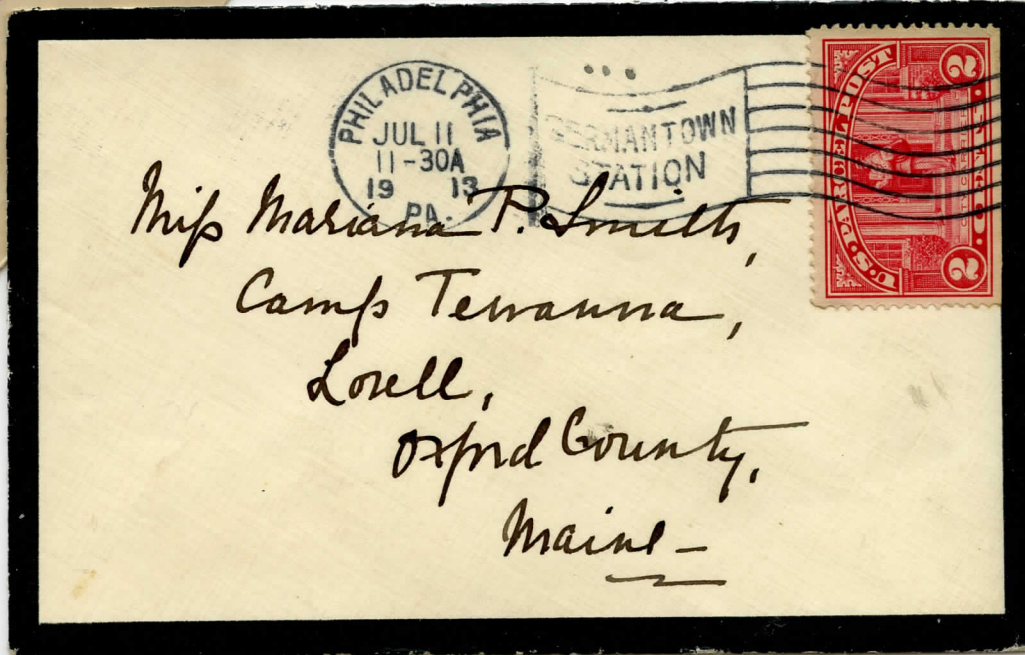
**DON'T MISS THE
BIG STATE FAIR, TOPEKA
SEPT. 8 TO 12.**

TOPEKA, KAN.
10 AUG 12
7:30 P.M.
1913



**2¢ Parcel Post
used on
MOURNING Cover**

Postmarked from
Germantown Station
in Philadelphia, PA
just 10 days after first day.



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Other Usages - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

Western Union used 2¢ (First-class rate) for city delivery.


Form 1529 TELEGRAPH AND CABLE SERVICE TO ALL THE WORLD
THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
INCORPORATED

FOR QUICK SERVICE,
ANSWER BY BEARER.

NUMBER 35 *Robert McLaughley*

PAID *Left office highland park city*

PAY NO CHARGES ON THIS MESSAGE.



NIGHT MESSAGES AT REDUCED RATES.

MONEY ORDERS BY TELEGRAPH.

Scan of back

Contents of Telegram

Form 2289 K

NIGHT LETTER
THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
INCORPORATED
25,000 OFFICES IN AMERICA CABLE SERVICE TO ALL THE WORLD

This Company TRANSMITS and DELIVERS messages only on conditions limiting its liability, which have been assented to by the sender of the following Night Letter. Errors can be guarded against only by repeating a message back to the sending station for comparison, and the Company will not hold itself liable for errors or delays in transmission or delivery of Unrepeated Night Letters, sent at reduced rates, beyond a sum equal to ten times the amount paid for transmission; nor in any case beyond the sum of Fifty Dollars, at which, unless otherwise stated below, this message has been valued by the sender thereof, nor in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the Company for transmission.
This is an UNREPEATED NIGHT LETTER, and is delivered by request of the sender, under the conditions named above.

ROBERT C. CLOWRY, PRESIDENT BELVIDERE BROOKS, GENERAL MANAGER

RECEIVED AT 1926 MAIN STREET, BAKER, ORE.

C17PO RA 49 NL

POMPTON LAKE N J JAN 15 1914

ROBERT R MCGAUGHEY

BAKER ORE

PRINCIPAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE CASE ARE REPORTS RECEIVED AT HOME THAT YOU HAD ABOUT RECEIVED EVERYTHING AND MISSED THE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST OF COMPANY ALSO THE GENERAL GLOOM AND FINANCIAL STRESS WHICH WAS PARTLY ATTRIBUTED TO YOU AND WHICH SEEMED GOOD EVIDENCE AM HAPPY AND CONFIDENT NOW BEST WISHES

SALLY

710 PM

Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Other Usages - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

Parcel Post, First Flight, and Wells Fargo.

This cover covers many topics. 2¢ Parcel Post, 6¢ Garfield, 3¢ entire surcharged 2¢ (Type 3) cancelled Bakersfield, CA, on September 15, 1926. First flight from Bakersfield to San Francisco, California (AMC 8N6). A Wells Fargo & Company Express label depicting a train is tied on reverse.



Scan of back



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Other Usages - 2¢ Parcel Post (City Carrier)

Usage with Registration Issue of 1911

A 2¢ Parcel Post stamp is used to pay the postage while a late usage of the 10¢ Registry stamp is used to register the letter on each example below:.

Scan of back



Scan of back



Scan of back



Covers Transported by Ship

Regular Ship Rate to Europe: 2¢

2¢ Parcel Post tied by Cleveland, Ohio November 26, 1913 machine cancel with message: "*German Ship Only*"



Canadian Letter Rate

From New London, Conn on Dec 28, 1913 to Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada. Franked with the 2¢ Parcel Post.



Scan of Machine Cancel on back



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages

Registered Letter Domestic Usage -3¢ Parcel Post (Railway Mail Clerk)

This 3¢ Parcel Post block is used to make up the prepaid letter rate of 2¢ from West Newton, Massachusetts to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and pay the registry fee of 10¢. Marked "RETURN RECEIPT DEMANDED". The block is cancelled with four strikes of a double Line oval from Boston, Mass with "W.M." in the center oval. The back has the appropriate Purple Double Circle Registered hand cancel.



Back of Cover

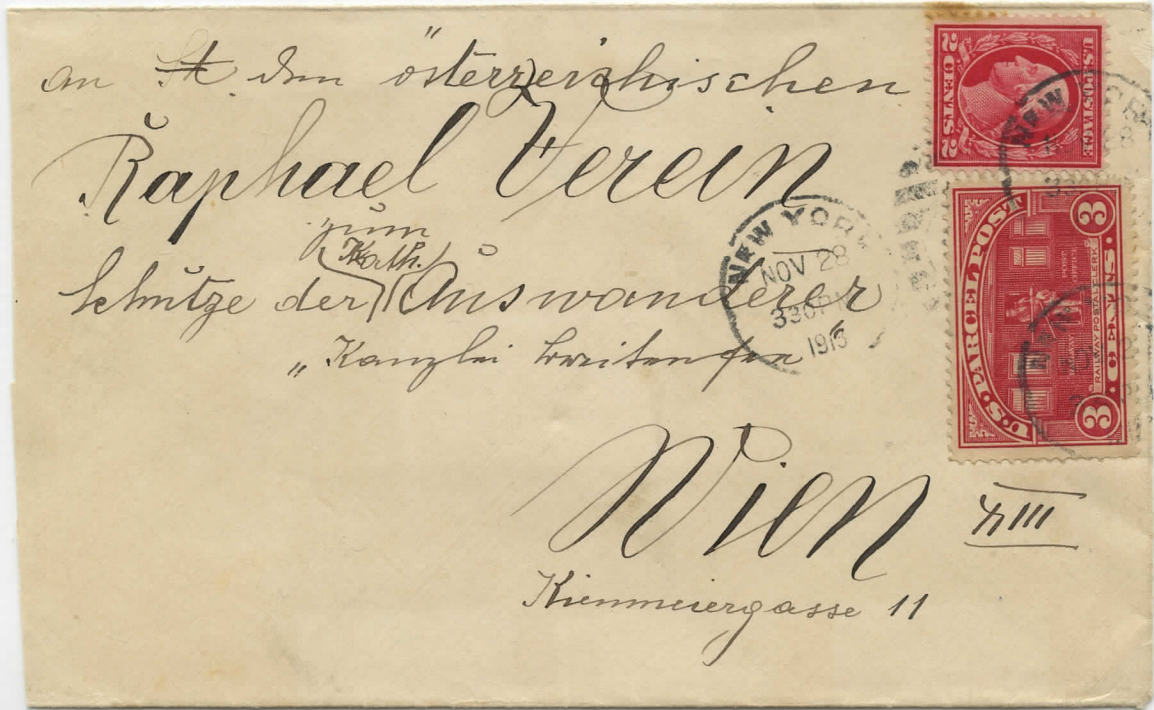
Letters - Foreign Usage: To Randers, Denmark franked with 2¢ and 3¢ Parcel Post tied to cover with CHICAGO, ILL, FEB 9, 1914 NORTH HALSTED STATION Machine cancel. No Back Stamp.



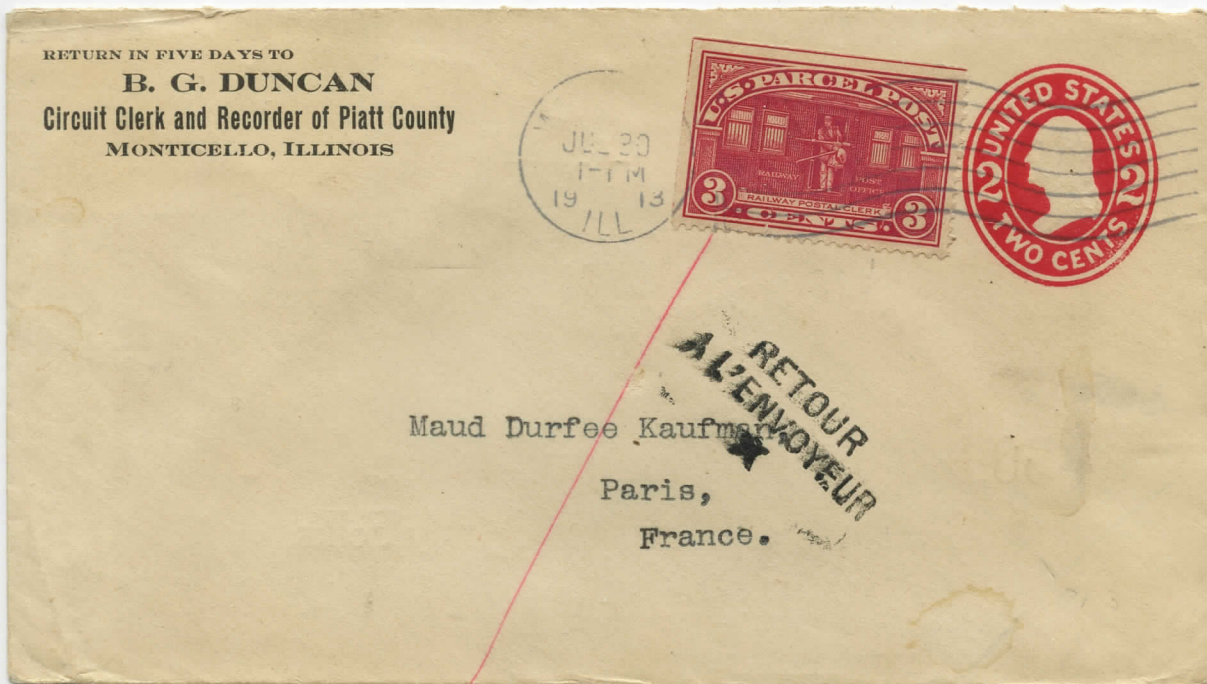
Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Letter Foreign Usages - 3¢ Parcel Post (Railway Mail Clerk)

FOREIGN DESTINATION

This 3¢ Parcel Post is used with a 2¢ Washington to make up the prepaid letter rate to Vienna, Austria.
No Back Stamp.



Foreign Destination: This 3¢ Parcel Post is used with a 2¢ Stamped Envelope to make up the prepaid letter rate to Paris, France. Marked "Retour A L' Envoyer". Return to Sender



Back Cover

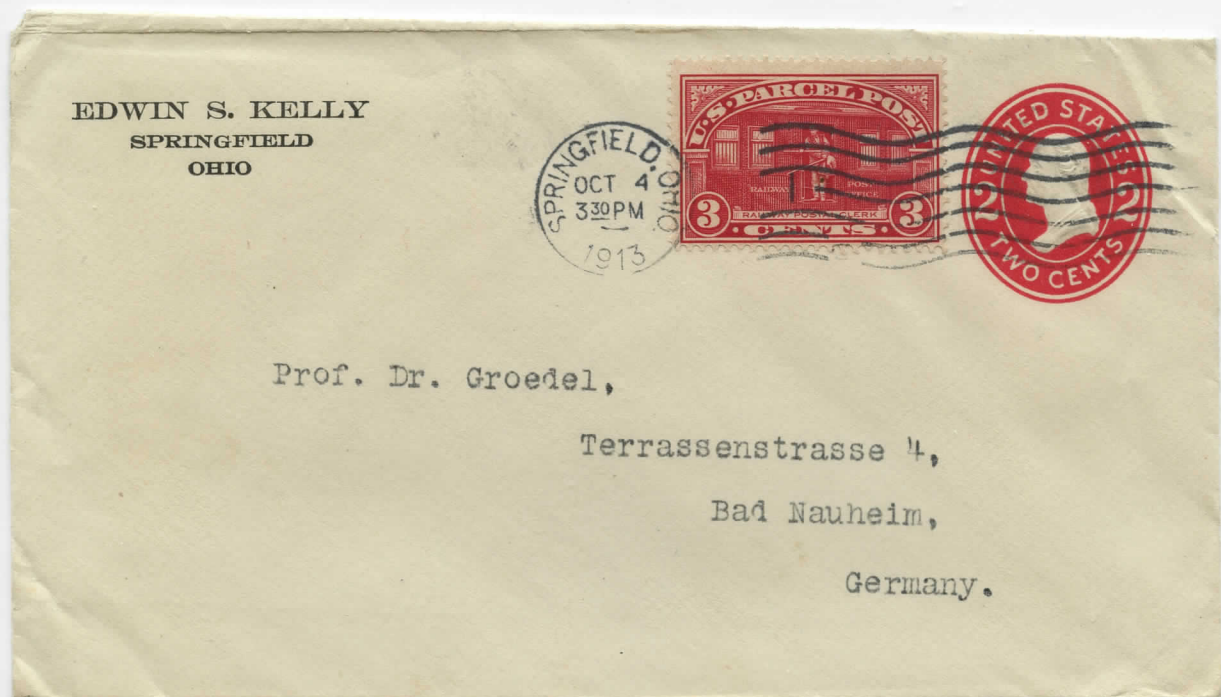
Piatt County Home Coming
At Monticello, Ill.
Aug. 31-Sept. 6
1912
50th Annual Fair and Race Meet
Grand Reunion of Piatt County Folks
We Expect You to Come
DUNCAN

Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Letter Foreign Usages - 3¢ Parcel Post (Railway Mail Clerk)

Foreign Destination: This 3¢ Parcel Post stamp is used with a 2¢ stamped envelope to make up the prepaid foreign letter rate to Munich, Bavaria in Germany. No Back Stamp.



Foreign Destination: This 3¢ Parcel Post stamp is used with a 2¢ stamped envelope to make up the prepaid foreign letter rate to Bad Nauheim in Germany. No Back Stamp.



Covers Transported by Ship

Expedited Ship Rate to Europe: 5¢

2¢ Carmine Entire and 3¢ Parcel post tied by Hudson Terminal , NY December 2, 1913 cancel addressed to Elisenthal, Austria with message "*SS Lusitania via Bremen*". The Lusitania was sunk by German U-Boat in May 1915.



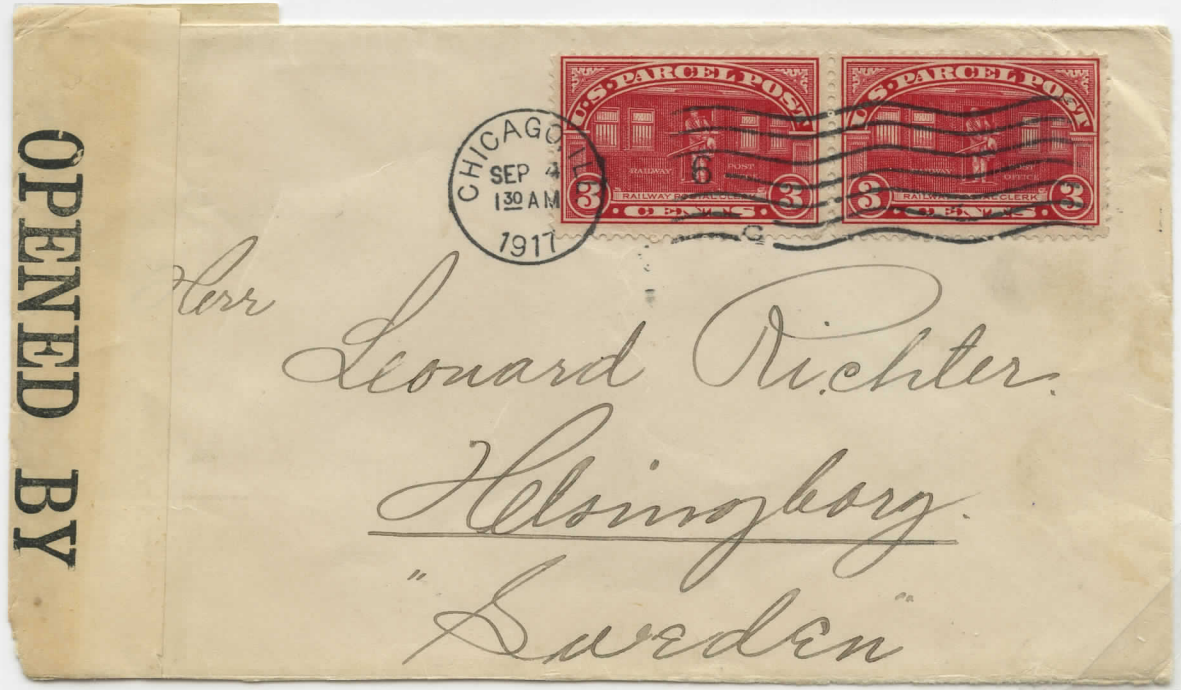
This 3¢ Parcel Post is used with a 2¢ Parcel Post to make up the prepaid expedited ship letter rate to Chemnitz, Saxony in Germany. Marked "*Per S.S. Oceanic*". No Back Stamp.



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Emergency War Rate Usages -3¢ Parcel Post (Railway Mail Clerk)

Emergency War Rates

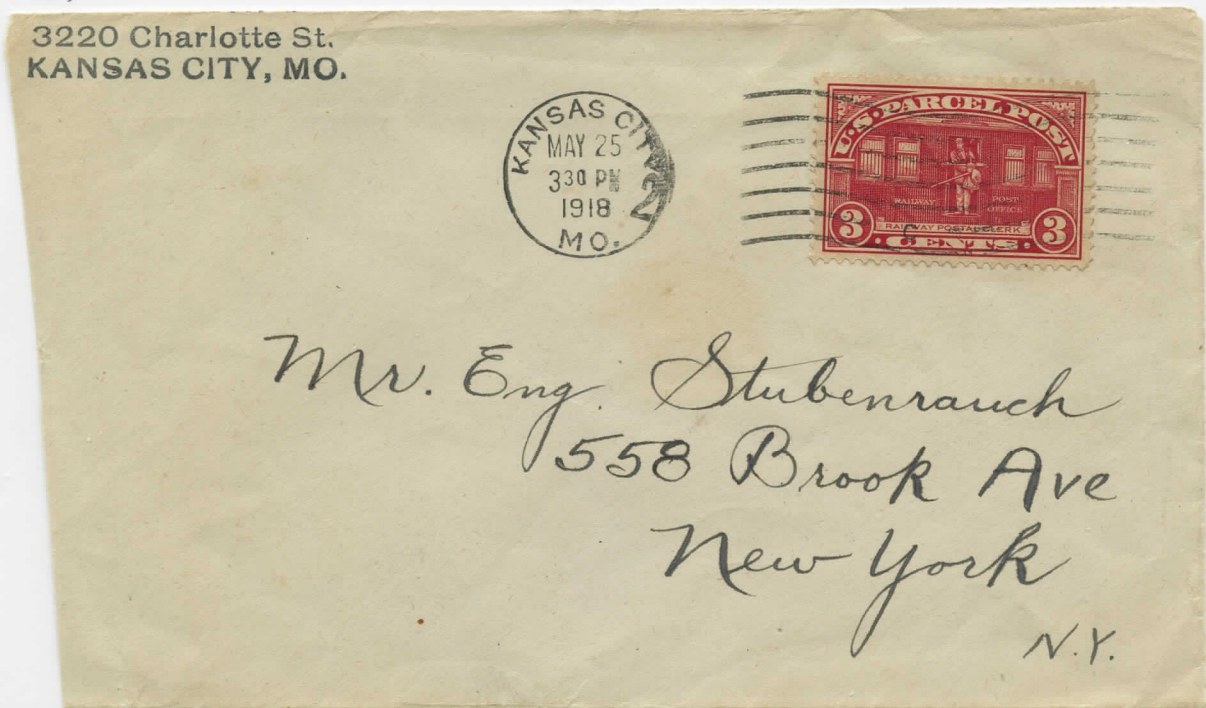
Foreign Destination: The Chicago sender used two 3¢ parcel post stamps to pay the 6¢ foreign rate to Helsingborg, Sweden on September 4, 1917. The letter was opened by a Great Britton censor on November 23, 1917. Note the two seals on the back for the William McKinley Memorial Hospital League. The postal rates were raised 1¢ to help defray the cost of World War I.



Portion of Back Cover



First Class Usage: This 3¢ Parcel Post stamp paid the wartime first class rate from Kansas City, Mo to New York, NY.



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages

Fourth Class Mail - 4¢ Parcel Post (Rural Carrier)

No. 15 Columbian Clasp Envelope probably used to send a pocket knife weighing 7 ounces or less and posted with a 4¢ Parcel Post stamp cancelled with a double oval handstamp, sending the package from Canton, Ohio to Guttenberg, Iowa Date not required by regulation.



Reduced back showing clasp



Usage on package wrapper

Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Letter Foreign Usage - 4¢ Parcel Post (Rural Carrier)



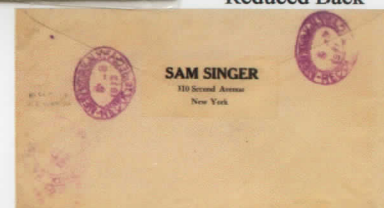
This cover to Bern, Switzerland is an example of an under posted cover to a **foreign destination**. The rate should have been 5¢, but a 4¢ Parcel Post was used.

Registered Letter Domestic Usage - 4¢ Parcel Post (Rural Carrier)



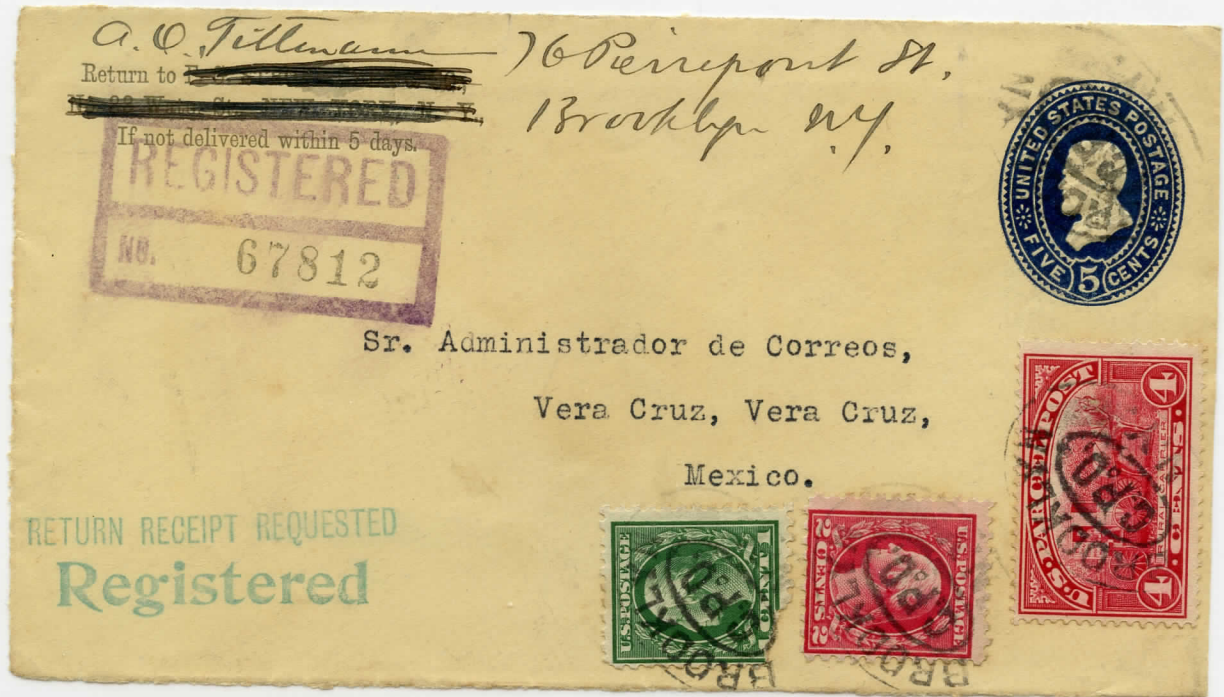
Reduced Back

Three 4¢ Parcel Post stamps pay both the Registry and Postage on this Registered Letter from New York, NY to Philadelphia, PA on May 9, 1917



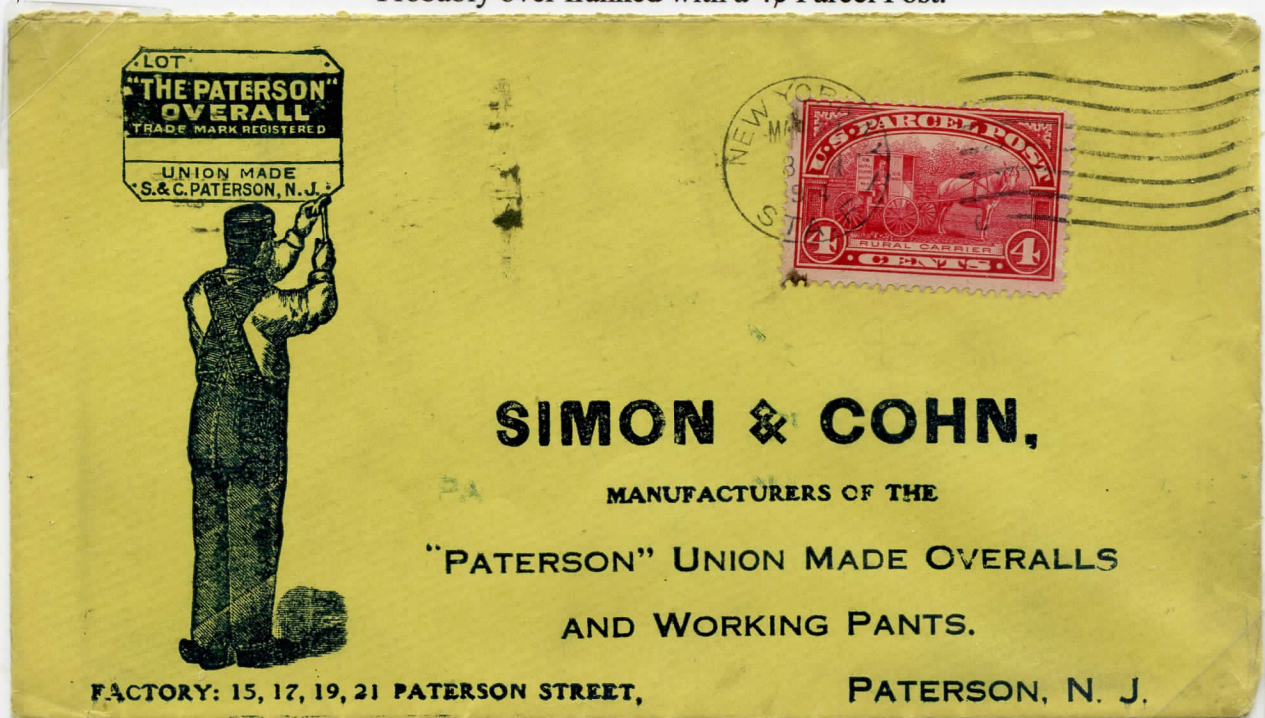
Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Registered Letter Foreign Usage - 4¢ Parcel Post (Rural Carrier)

Registered Letter to a Foreign Destination from Brooklyn, NY to Vera Cruz, Mexico and not dated.
Proper postage of 11¢ with a 4¢ Parcel Post, a 1¢ and 2¢ Washington added to a 5¢ postal envelope.



Advertising Usage - 4¢ Parcel Post (Rural Carrier)

Advertising Cover from New York, NY to Patterson, NJ on May 8, 1914.
Probably over franked with a 4¢ Parcel Post.



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Other Usage - 4¢ Parcel Post (Rural Carrier)

Special Delivery Usage

After July 1, 1913 the Parcel Post issue could be used to pay the 10¢ Special Delivery Fee. The envelope had to be clearly marked for that service. Note RPO (Railway Post Office) backstamp.



Partial Scan of back



Scan of back



Two 4¢ Parcel Post stamps on a 2¢ stamped envelope make up the air mail rate on this **First Flight Cover** from Birmingham, AL to Jamaica Plains, MA - May 1, 1928



REGISTERED

1148

NOV 1917



Return receipt

From
L.C. Walter,
Enid, Okla.

NOV 1917

G. C. Cuenod,
Galveston,
Texas.

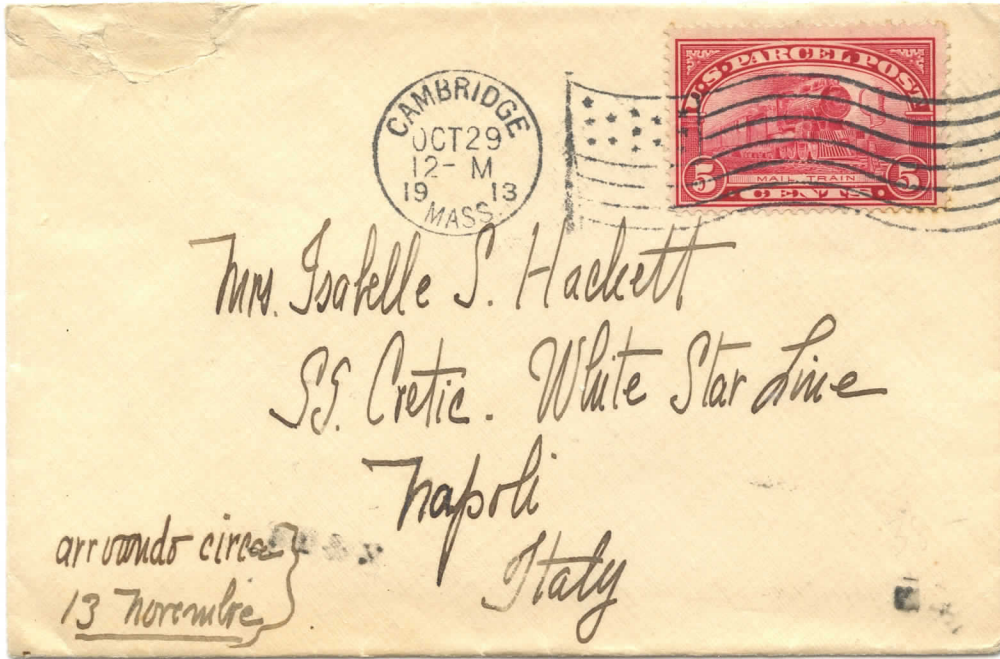
OCT 1 8 1917

Box 213

Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Letters - Foreign Usage - 5¢ Parcel Post (Mail Train)

FOREIGN DESTINATION - Cambridge, MA to Naples, Italy October 29, 1913.
Proper franking with 5¢ Parcel Post. Note Flag Cancel.

Portion of Back

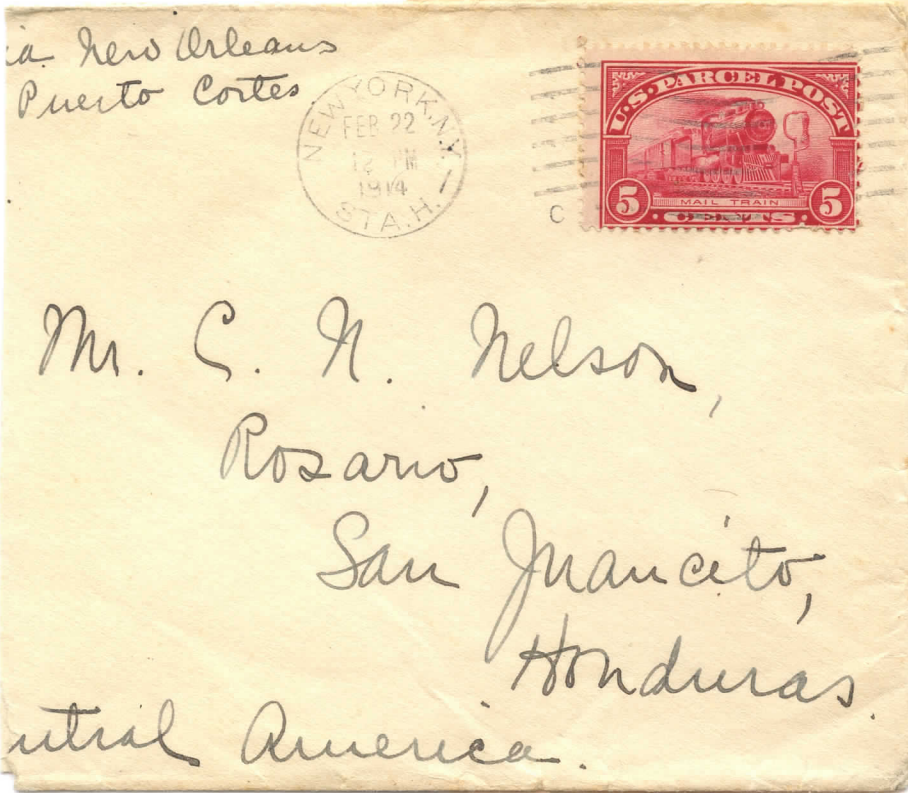


FOREIGN DESTINATION - New York, NY to Berlin, Germany August 8, 1913.
Proper franking with 5¢ Parcel Post. Machine Cancel. No Back Stamp.



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Letters - Foreign Usage - 5¢ Parcel Post (Mail Train)

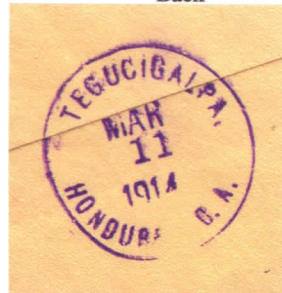
FOREIGN DESTINATION - Lake Como, Italy July 1913. Proper franking with 5¢ Parcel Post.



FOREIGN DESTINATION -

New York to Tegucigalpa,
Honduras Feb 22, 1914.
Recieved Mar 11, 1914
Proper franking with
5¢ Parcel Post.

Portion of
Back



FOREIGN DESTINATION -
Atlantic City, NJ to London,
England June 29,
1914. Redirected in London
and returned. Proper franking
with 5¢ Parcel Post.

Portion of
Back



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Registered Letters - Domestic Usage - 5¢ Parcel Post (Mail Train)

REGISTERED LETTER from National Home, WI to Los Angeles, CA sent 8/18/13 and received 8/22/13. Proper franking with two 5¢ Parcel Post on 2¢ stamped envelope.

Portion of Back



Registered Letters - Domestic Usage - 5¢ Parcel Post (Mail Train)

REGISTERED LETTER from Latrobe, PA to Los Angeles, CA sent 2/19/14 and received 2/24/14. Over franked by 2¢ with 5¢ Parcel Post, 2¢ Hudson Fulton, 2¢ Trans-Miss, and 5¢ Columbian.

Portion of Back



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages

Registered Letters - Domestic Usage - 5¢ Parcel Post (Mail Train)

REGISTERED LETTER from Washington D.C. to Detroit, Mich.

Proper franking with 5¢ Parcel Post and 9¢ orange Franklin.



Portion of Back



Registered Letters - Domestic Usage - 5¢ Parcel Post (Mail Train)

FOREIGN DESTINATION - REGISTERED Wisconsin to Vienna, Austria October 18, 1913.

Proper franking with 5¢ Parcel Post with 10¢ Parcel Post used for registration fee.



Portion of Back



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Other Usage - 5¢ Parcel Post (Mail Train)

First Flight from Springfield, OH to Albuquerque, NM on May 1, 1929 franked with a 5¢ Parcel Post. This represents a usage at the recently reduced air mail rate.



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Registered Letters - Domestic Usage - 10¢ Parcel Post (Steamship and Mail Tender)

REGISTERED LETTER from Bishop, CA to Chicago, IL sent September 1, 1913 and received September 5, 1913. Proper franking with 10¢ Parcel Post and 2¢ Red Washington.

Portion of Back



REGISTERED LETTER from Calhoun, LA to Providence, RI sent September 14, 1913 and received September 17, 1913. Proper franking with 10¢ Parcel Post and, 2¢ Red Washington.

Portion of Back



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Other Usage - 10¢ Parcel Post (Steamship and Mail Tender)

Parcel Post PERFIN Usage

Registered Wall Street Cancel: To Belleville, Illinois from Wall Street Station in New York City. Sent July 15, 1913 and received on July 17, 1913 using the 10¢ Parcel Post with Guaranty Trust Company of New York Perfin to pay the registration fee. This was a #10 envelope that is intact but has been sized down.

Perfin
Design



Portion of Back Stamp

First Class Mail - St Louis, MO to Oakland, CA
February 29, 1928. Air mail rate.
NOTE: "Air Mail Saves Time" cancel.

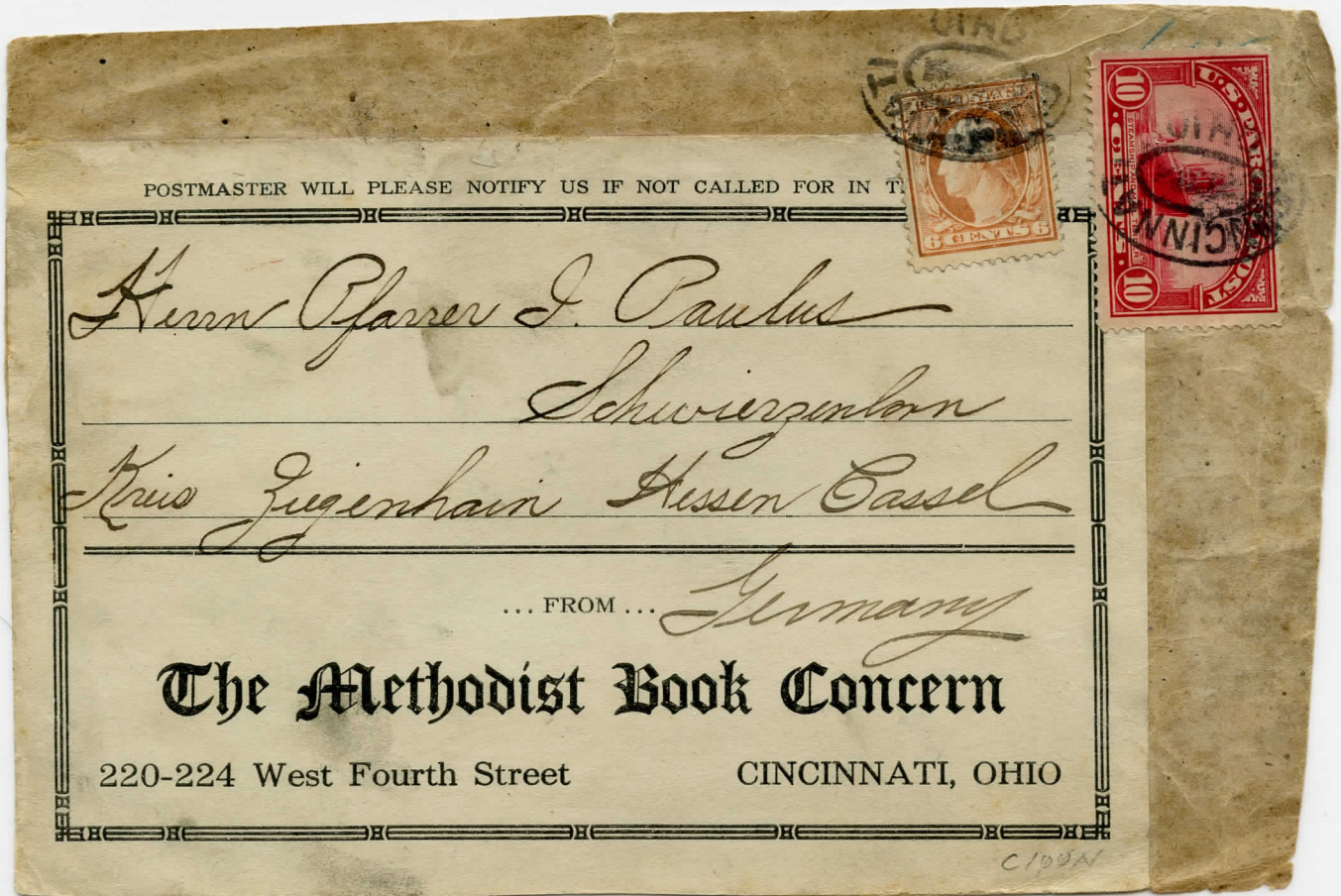


Scan of Backstamp



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Foreign Usage - 10¢ Parcel Post (Steamship and Mail Tender)

Foreign Destination: Parcel from Cincinnati, Ohio to Hessen Cassel Germany. Franked with the 10¢ Parcel Post and a 6¢ Washington, paid for this overweight parcel. Not dated.



Registered Foreign Destination: Parcel from Douglas, Arizona to La Colorada, Sonora, Mexico. Franked with the 10¢ Parcel Post and a 2¢ Washington, paid the Mexican Letter Rate plus 10¢ registration.



Scan of
Back Stamp

From F. Noyes.
Alice, Tex.

Return Receipt Requested.

REGISTER.



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MR. G. C. CUENOD.
Box 273



NOTIFIED!
OCT 1 7 1922
8219
GALVESTON

Return Receipt Demanded

TEX.

Parcel Post Stamps and Usages

Other Usage - 10¢ Parcel Post (Steamship and Mail Tender)

Same Day -- Both Directions

This is a First Flight Cover of December 17, 1927 going from Cleveland, OH to Buffalo, NY. Air Mail Route 20. It is correctly franked with a 10¢ Parcel Post. See the back side below for the return flight.



This is a full size scan of the back side of the above letter. It was turned over and returned to Cleveland at 3:30 PM on the **same day**. The stamp is not cancelled as the machine cancel was applied to the wrong side. The 10¢ Parcel Post is proper postage for the Air Mail rate in 1927



Scan of Back

Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Registered Letter - Foreign Usage - 15¢ Parcel Post (Automobile Service)

FOREIGN DESTINATION - REGISTERED from Cleveland, Ohio to Austria with 15¢ Parcel Post showing the automobile service along with 1¢ and 5¢ Bureau issues. Cancelled by four ring bullseyes handstamps. Backstamped Cleveland Sta. No.29 Ohio. Double circle magenta dated Feb 18, 1914. Double circle oval New York REC'D (3) FOR'GN dated 2-20-1914. A bridge double circle KIRCHDORF, O.O. a. Dated 4 III 14 6. Envelope has been cut down on left.



Scan of back



FOREIGN DESTINATION - REGISTERED from Brooklyn , NY to Floda, Sweden.

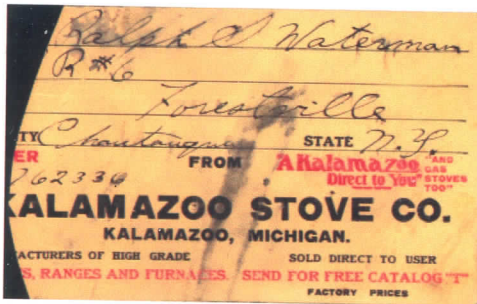


Scan of back



Parcel Post Stamps and Usages
Fourth Class Mail - 20¢ Parcel Post (Aeroplane Carrying Mail)

Below is a used mail tag with the 2¢, 10¢, and 20¢ Parcel Post stamps affixed. Also a counterfeit first day cover dated December 18, 1912.

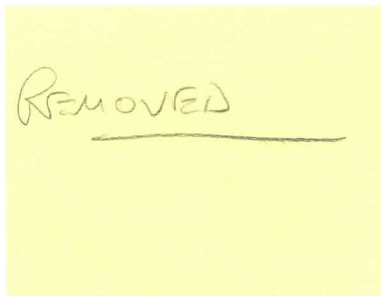


Address side of Tag

Mail Tag franked with 2¢, 10¢, and 20¢ Parcel Post stamps. Tag was from the Kalamazoo Stove Company in Michigan and sent to Chautauqua, New York. The postage paid for a six pound package (Zone 3).



Counterfeit - Created to deceive!



First Day Cover

The above ~~X~~ cover is an example of an early first class usage (Non- Authorized). ~~X~~ Probably an accommodation for this well known cover created ~~X~~ I call it first-class mail because ~~X~~ it is over posted and has a date and time stamp, which was not required in fourth-class mail.

This cover, purchased on eBay, bears a cancel that was not in use at the time (1912) and it misspells the maker's name.



PERCIVAS PARRISH
1204 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA

P. M. REGISTER
1204 Chestnut Street
PHILADELPHIA PA

REGISTER
1204 Chestnut Street
PHILADELPHIA PA

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
JUN 18 1914

NOT TO BE USED



RECEIVED
NO. 1032

Mr. G. C. Cuenod,

Box 273,

2700

Galveston,

2700

Texas.

2700

Parcel Post Stamps and Usages

Stamps by Denomination - \$1.00 Parcel Post (Fruit Growing)

\$1.00 Parcel Post (Fruit Growing)

Fourth item from the **Industry and Agriculture** category.

The \$1.00 is from a photo submitted by the Agriculture Department.

The \$1.00 Parcel Post stamp was designed by Clair A. Huston and the frame made by John Eissler while the vignette was made by M.W. Baldwin. There were **1,053,300** stamps produced in 1913 - 1917.

The reported first day of issue was **January 3, 1913**.

Block of Four

with hand Double Oval Cancel - CHICAGO, ILL.

Fourth Class Usage - \$1.00 Parcel Post (Fruit Growing)

Block of Four with Plate Number



Four \$1.00 Parcel Post stamps, plus four regular issue 10¢ Franklins and one 2¢ Washington, plus a 50¢ Columbian commemorative. They are affixed to a linen bank money bag and cancelled in Chicago. (Total Postage \$4.92)

ALASKA TERRITORY USAGE

Two \$1.00 Parcel Posts, a \$1.00 Franklin, and two 1¢ Washingtons (\$3.02) frank this raw fur shipment tag hand stamped at Bethel, Alaska on April 10, 1916. **Long Before Statehood.** Scan of front is at right.



2¢ Parcel Postage Due Usage

Philatelic Usage - This is an example of a 1¢ parcel post added to a 1¢ overall to make up regular postage, with a 2¢ parcel post postage due with plate number added. Not sent. No addressee.



Parcel Post Postage Due Stamps and Usages

Following covers illustrate the use of the 5¢ Parcel Postage Due. Both covers are from Russia to Derry, New Hampshire. They both have the marks of the Hudson Terminal in New York and have a circular Due 10 cents mark. **Missing Stamps.** The top cover has no back mark.



**Portion
 of back**



Parcel Post Postage Due Stamps and Usages

Following cover illustrates the use of two 5¢ Parcel Postage Due stamps affixed to back. The cover was sent from Sweden to Minnesota. It has the mark of the Hudson Terminal in New York and has a circular Due 10 cents mark.



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10¢ Parcel Postage Due Usage

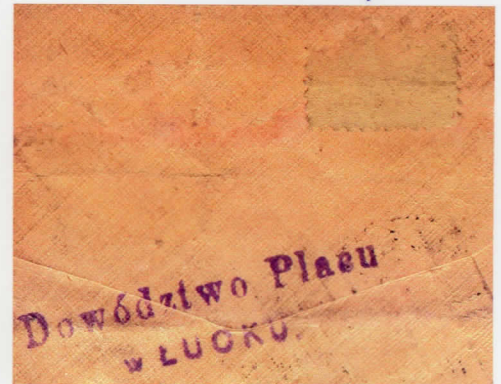
Less than 20 covers known with this stamp.

Arrived stampless from Kisa, Russia postmarked - June 20, 1914. Marked "*Due 10 cents*" by Hudson Terminal Station in NY. No Backstamps.

Incoming 1920 cover from Poland. "*Lucku*" 1920 cancel on cover with other Polish markings sent via "New York", marked "*Due 10 cents*", and on to "Cincinnati, Ohio" where the stamp was cancelled.



Note: Stamp
glue remnant



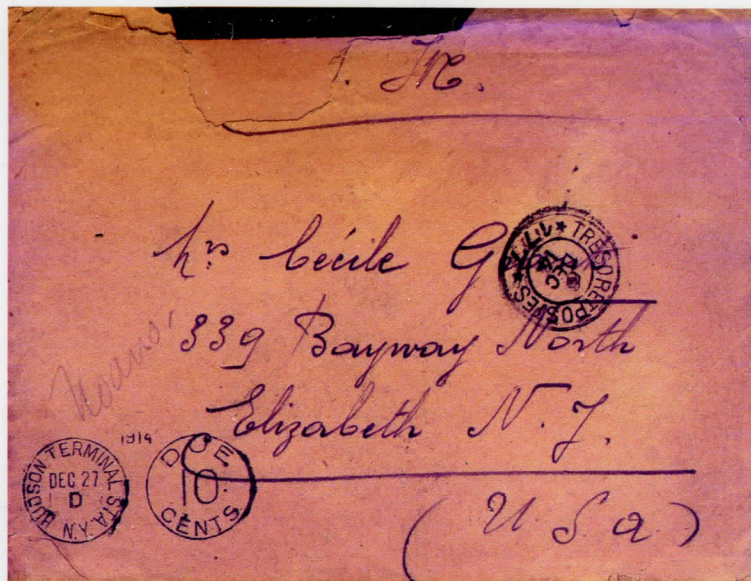
Partial Scan Back Cover

10¢ Parcel Postage Due Usage

This letter sent from Tresoretposts on December 14, 1914 and received at the Hudson Terminal Station in New York on December 27, 1914 without postage was marked with a circular DUE 10 CENTS mark and a 10¢ Parcel Post Postage Due stamp was affixed to the back of the cover and then hand cancelled.



Back of Cover



Front of Cover (Reduced)

2¢ Parcel Postage Due Usage

From Boston, Mass franked with a 2¢ red Washington with circular handstamp to Sabattus, Maine where a 2¢ Parcel Post Due stamp was affixed and cancelled with a rectangular handstamp. Also handstamped "Postage Due 2¢". Envelope clipped at left. **To make-up Domestic Rate.**



Arriving from London, England with a half penny stamp bound for Providence, N.Y., it had a circular DUE 2 CENTS hand stamp affixed at the Hudson Terminal on Aug 20, 1914 and the addressee paid for the 2¢ Parcel Post Postage Due cancelled by a double oval Providence handstamp. **To make-up Foreign Post Card rate.**

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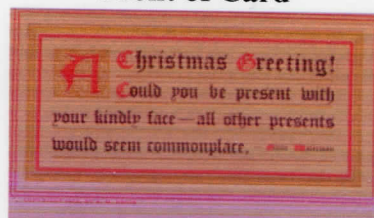
1¢ Parcel Postage Due Usage

Marked "Due 1 Cent"
from San Francisco, CA
December 24, 1915.

Stamp Missing.

NOTE: Panama Pacific
Expo Cancel

Front of Card



Used to pay 2¢ First-Class Postage Letter Rate, tied by Arroyo Chico, CA duplex cancels. Not the intended usage.



Iowa use of Parcel Post Due: 1¢ green Washington is duplex cancelled in George, Iowa on February 7 1914. The sender must have thought third-class rate was appropriate, but a 1¢ Parcel Post Due stamp was affixed in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and tied by a Cedar Rapids Oval handstamp. It was also handstamped "Postage Due....Cents" and filled in with handwritten "01". To make-up rate.