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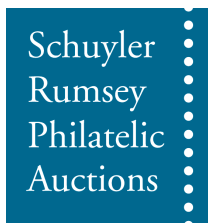
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(*)	Mint (no gum/regummed)	B	Booklet or Booklet Pane	▲	On Piece
o	Used	E	Essay		
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<b>Superb</b>	Extraordinary item in the finest condition.
<b>Extremely Fine</b>	Outstanding and exceptional quality.
<b>Very Fine</b>	Choice, first-class condition.
<b>Fine-Very Fine (F-VF)</b>	Stamp or cover in sound condition; if a stamp, it is slightly less well-centered than Very Fine but better centered than Fine.
<b>Fine</b>	Sound in all respects. Perforated stamps will have the designs clear of the perforations; the designs of imperforate stamps will not be cut in to any significant degree.
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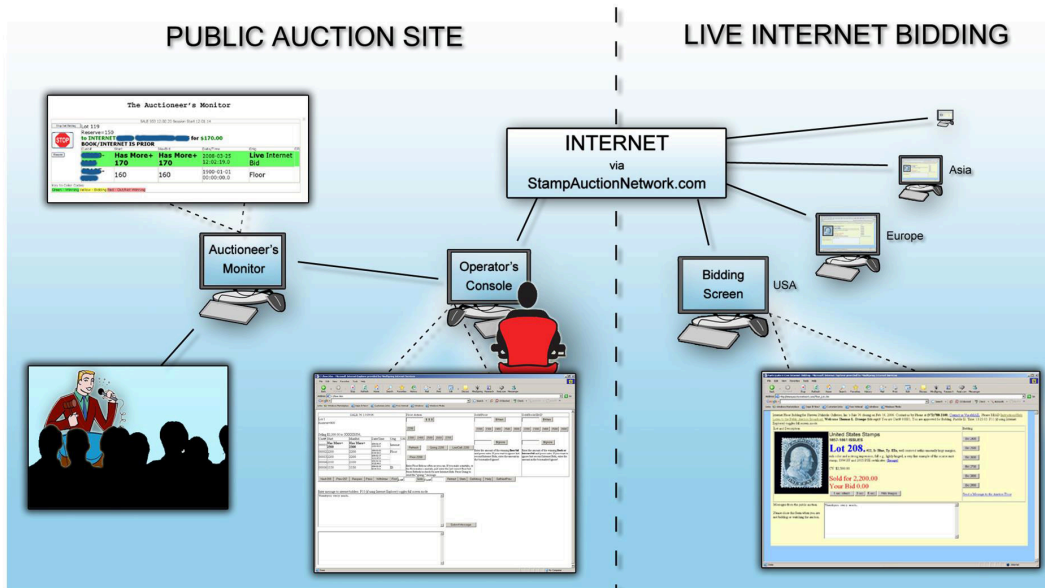
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Bernhard D. Forster, from Ridgewood, New Jersey was an important world-wide stamp and cover collector. He was a colleague of famous New York collectors Theodore Steinway, Charles Pack, Alfred Lichtenstein and John Boker. He sold some material while still alive including his Chile collection to Norman Hubbard, which included the legendary block of fourteen on cover. He passed away in 1964, and a portion of his collection was sold in a Harmer, Rooke auction on October 1, 1965 including a 24¢ Inverted Jenny C3a. However, the bulk of the collection was handed down to his two children, and then on to their children. Two of the grandchildren, brothers Bob and Dale are avid collectors and exhibitors with Bob having inherited the British North America and Dale the Australian States. Both would go on to continue the collections and develop them into several International Large Gold exhibits.

Mr. Forster joined the old Bank of the Manhattan Company, now the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York in 1896, became vice president in charge of the loan department in 1919, and retired in 1944. He was a longtime supporter of the YMCA and funded founding the youth camp, Camp Bernie. YMCA Camp Bernie began as a working farm in 1872. In 1956, 248 acres were purchased by the Ridgewood YMCA. The property was then renamed YMCA Camp Bernie after Bernhard Forster due to his endless work for the people of his community and their children. It is still in operation today.

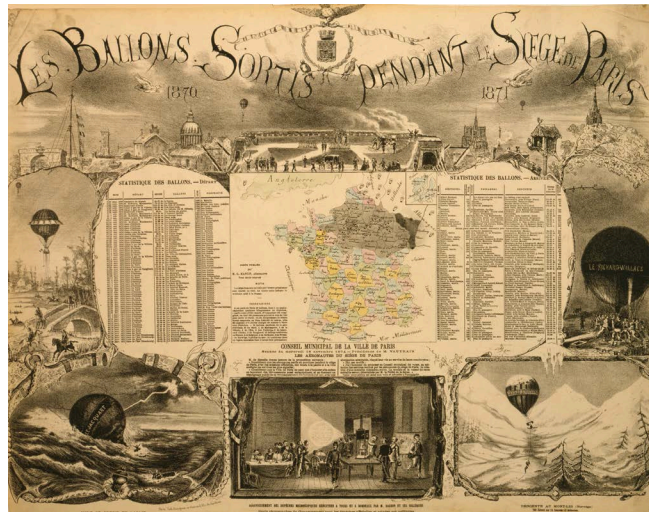
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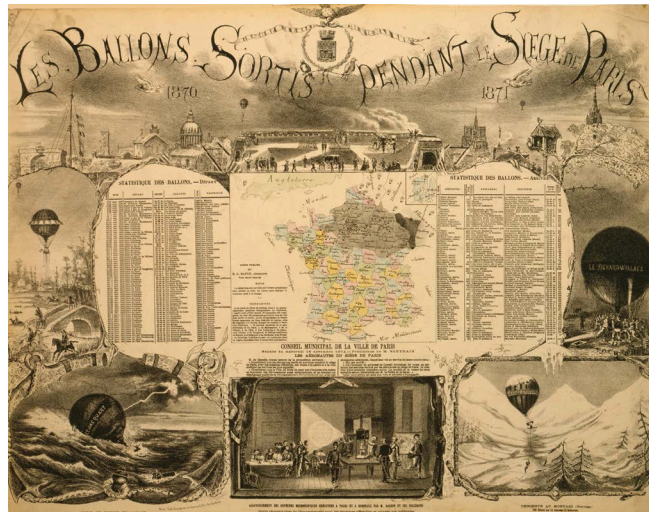
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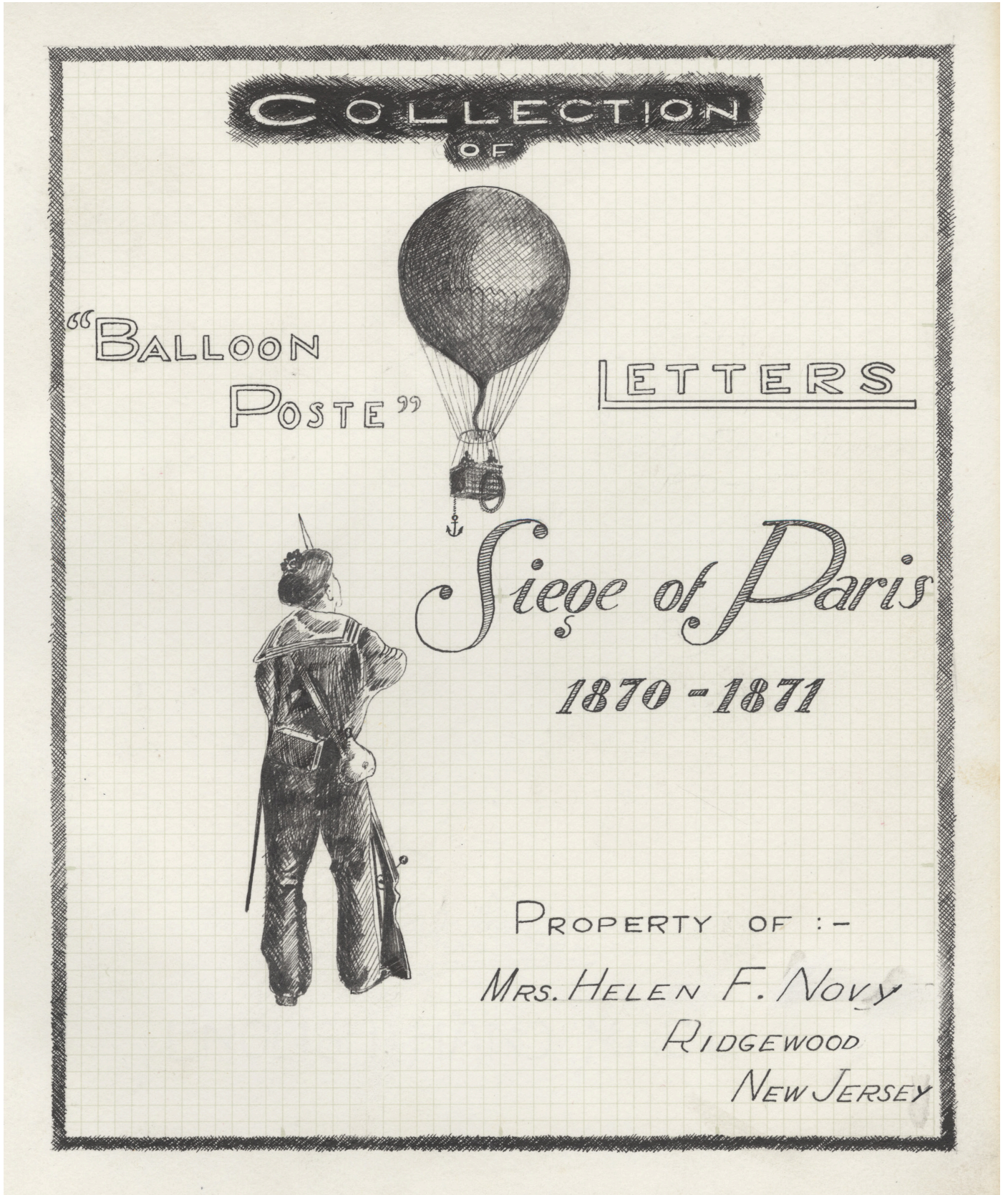
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The hand drawn frontispiece "Property of Mrs. Helen Novy", the late daughter of Mr. B.D. Forster



## Ballons Montés of the Paris Siege



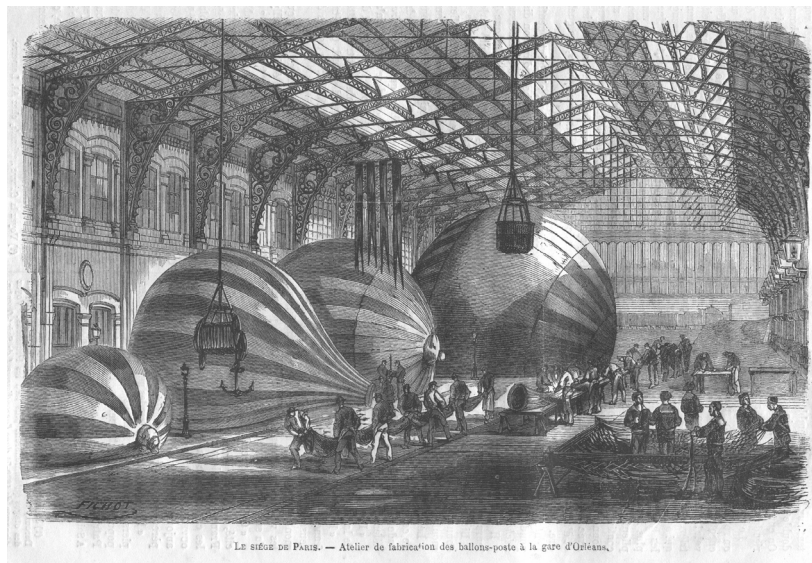
Felix Nadar

From September 19 1870 to January 28 1871 Paris was under siege by the German forces during the Franco-Prussian War. An ingenious method was used to communicate with the outside world was soon devised. The use of balloons to carry mail was first proposed by the photographer and balloonist Felix Nadar, who had established the grandiosely titled *No. 1 Compagnie des Aérostatiers*, with a single balloon, the *Neptune*, at its disposal, to perform tethered ascents for observation purposes. However the Prussian encirclement of the city made this pointless, and on 17 September Nadar wrote to the Council for the Defence of Paris proposing the use of balloons for communication with the outside world.

Within days the Director of Posts organised a system of balloon posts using balloons filled with coal gas, which is lighter than air. The first balloon launch was carried out on 23 September, using the *Neptune*, and carried 125 kg (276 lb) of mail in addition to the pilot. After a three-hour flight it landed at Craconville 83 km (52 mi) from Paris. Following this success a regular mail service was established, with a rate of 20 centimes per letter.

Two workshops to manufacture balloons were set up, one under the direction of Nadar in the Élysée-Montmartre dance-hall (later moved to the Gare du Nord), and the other under the direction of Godard in the Gare d'Orleans. Hundreds of volunteer dress-makers stitched the calico canopies at the railway stations, which were not in use because of the siege. Most of the balloons were manned by a pilot or two and occasionally carried a passenger as well as the mailbags. These balloons were referred to as *ballons montés*. Additionally there were a few balloons which departed without a pilot, containing only mailbags in the gondola. These were referred to as *ballons non-montés*. Most of the balloons also contained baskets of homing pigeons, which would be used for conveying correspondence back into the besieged city. In total 67 different balloons took off from Paris during the siege, 55 of which were authorised to carry mail. Ideally the balloons would fly over the heads of the surrounding Prussian forces and make a safe landing as soon as possible after clearing the enemy-held territory. The mail would then be posted in the normal manner, in a town not occupied by the enemy. In reality the flights were at the mercy of the winds and several drifted hundreds of kilometers before making a landing. One, the *Ville d'Orléans*, flew as far as southern Norway before making landfall, though not before the crew dumped one mailbag in the North Sea. Only 8 balloons were lost to the enemy or were engulfed by the sea.

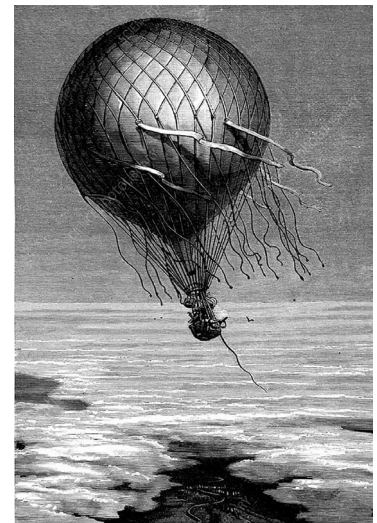
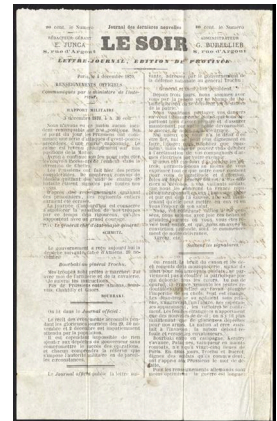
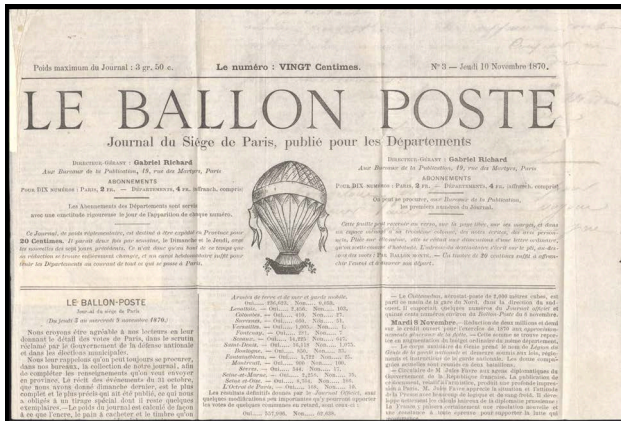
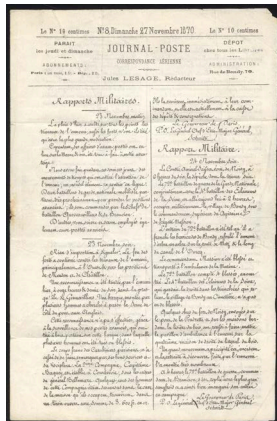
The balloon posts were very successful and in total 11,000 kilos of mail were transported. Often letters sent by balloon were endorsed "Par ballon monté" or "Par Ballon non-monté" and in many cases the name of the balloon would be added. Even without this endorsement it is usually possible to identify balloon post items by reference to the postmark dates of despatch and receipt.



Le siège de Paris. — Atelier de fabrication des ballons-poste à la gare d'Orléans.

Ballon Fabrication







Ville de Florence

**September 25** - (Sunday) The balloon *Ville de Florence* (Godard) left from Blvd d'Italie at 11:15am with 3 sacks of mail (150kg), and landed at Vernouillet (near Triel) at 2:15pm. Passenger Antoine Lutz reached Evreux in the evening of September 25, and left the next day at 9pm by train for Tours, where he arrived on the 27th at 4am. Pilot Gabriel Mangin left Evreux at 3pm on September 27 via Le Mans to Tours at midnight.

**Confided mail:** Lutz posted some confided mail at Evreux on September 26 (4e), and took the rest of the official and confided mail to Tours on September 27 (2e & 5e). Mangin posted some confided mail at Evreux on September 27 (3e levée) and on the train to Le Mans (September 27 Caen-Paris railroad ambulant).

**Regular mail:** Mangin took the September 24 Paris mail to Meulan on September 25 (one cover is known with a September 26 (1e) Meulan transit postmark). Over 90% of the September 23 and about 23% of the September 24 mail was delayed to the *Jean Bart* N° 2 and *Victor Hugo*.



4001 ☒ **1870 (Sept. 24) Paris to Coutainville**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. St. Honore, 24 Sept. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** (small defect) tied by numeral “11” Star cancel, backstamped “Agon 28 Sept. 70” arrival postmark, **F.-V.F.**, a lovely cover carried on the second balloon flight from Paris by the *Ville de Florence*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



4002 ☒ **1870 (Sept. 24) Paris to Cambes**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Ministère des Finances, 24 Sept. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by indistinct Star cancel, backstamped “Cambes 29 Sept. 70” arrival postmark, **F.-V.F.**, carried on the second balloon flight from Paris by the *Ville de Florence*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

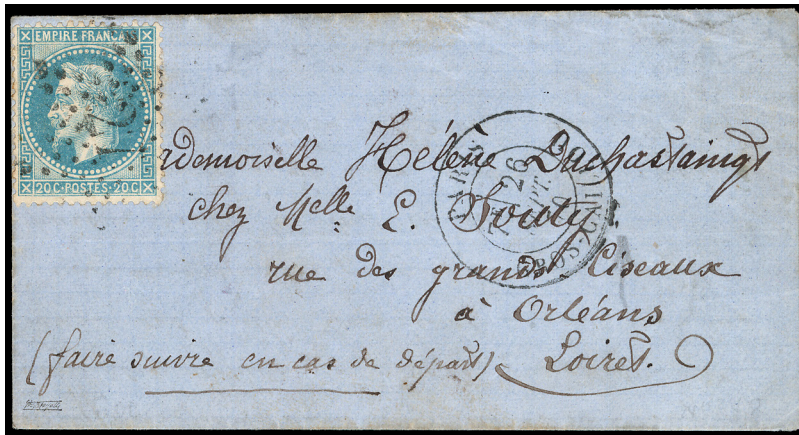
États-Unis

**September 29** - (Thursday) The balloon *Les États-Unis* (Godard) left from La Villette at 10:30am with 2 sacks of mail (83kg), and landed at Magnanville (3km south of Mantes) at 1:30pm. Passenger Jules Courtin went to Mantes around 3pm, and then to Evreux later that afternoon. He left that evening for Tours, and arrived at 9:30pm on September 30. Pilot Louis Godard passed through Mantes on September 29, but was held up for a day in Pacy-s-Eure, so he arrived in Evreux late on September 30. He left there at noon on October 1 for Le Mans, where he stayed the night. He left early on October 2 for Tours, and arrived at midday.

**Confided mail:** Courtin took confided and official mail to Tours on October 1 (1e). Godard posted some confided mail at the Gare de Mantes on September 29 (2e), and the rest at Le Mans on October 1 (2e).

**Privileged mail:** Courtin posted the privileged mail at Tours on October 1.

**Regular mail:** Courtin took the September 25-28 Paris mail to Mantes at 3pm on September 29. About a quarter of the September 25 mail was carried, with the balance delayed to the *Jean Bart* N° 1 and *Victor Hugo*. Half of the September 26 mail was aboard, with most of the rest delayed to the *Jean Bart* N° 1. Three-fourths of the September 27 mail was carried; the rest was delayed to the *Jean Bart* N° 1. Finally, about half of the September 28 mail was carried, with the remainder delayed to the *Washington/Louis Blanc* or *Victor Hugo*. Chaintrier also reported that a few bundles of letters fell out during the rough landing but were recovered by a peasant two weeks later, and were taken to Pacy-s-Eure to be postmarked on October 17.



4003 ☒ **1870 (Sep. 26) Paris to Orléans**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Gros Caillou, 26 Sept. 70” double circle, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “27” star cancel, no arrival backstamp, **Very Fine**, carried by the *États-Unis*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



4004 ☒ **1870 (Sept. 28) Paris to Gien**, miniature folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. St. Domque-St. Gn 53, 28 Sept. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “20” Star cancel, backstamped “Gien 3 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine, a charming little cover**, carried by the *États-Unis*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

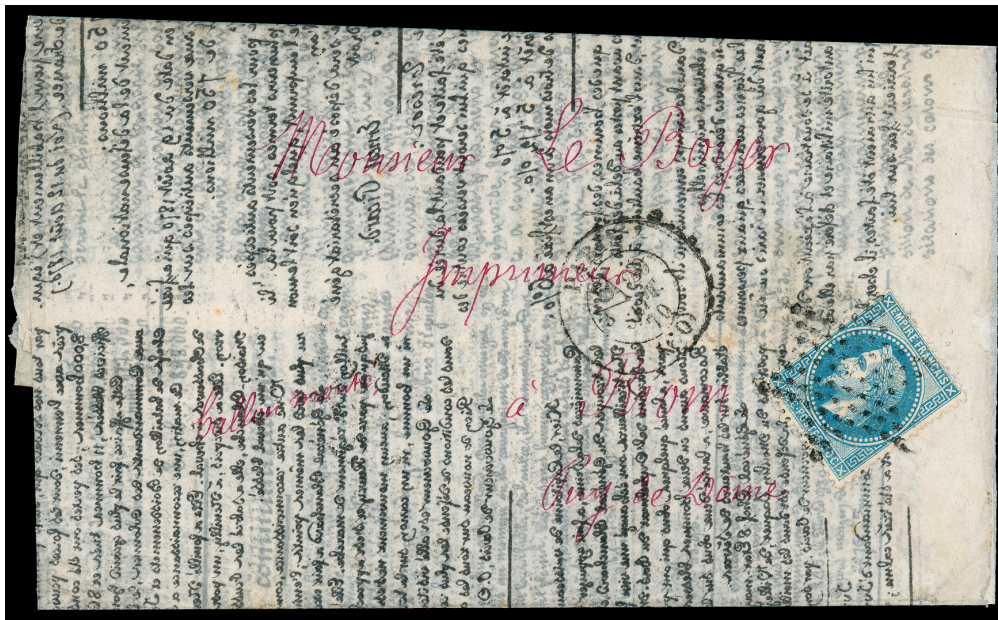


Céleste

**September 30** - (Friday) The balloon *Céleste* (Admin. des Postes) left from Vaugirard at 9:30am with 2 sacks of mail (50kg), and landed 3km east of Dreux (south of Evreux) at 11:50am. The pilot, Gaston Tissandier, delivered the confided and regular mail to the Dreux post office around 3pm. Later that afternoon, he left by train via Le Mans to Tours, where he arrived on October 1 in the morning.

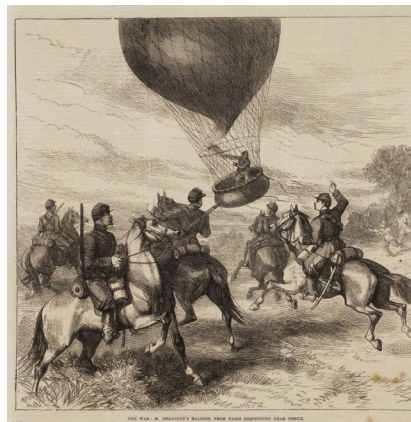
**Confided mail:** Tissandier took some confided mail to Dreux, where it was posted on September 30 (3e). He continued with the official and some confided mail to Tours, where it was processed on October 2 (2e).

**Regular mail:** One fifth of the September 29 Paris mail was carried and processed at Dreux on September 29. It consisted of mostly foreign mail, although some domestic letters (privileged?) were included. The delayed September 29 mail was carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc* or the *Victor Hugo*.



4005 ☒ **1870 (Sept. 29) Paris to Riom, folded “Correspondance Havas” (French Edition)** postmarked “Paris (60), 29 Sept. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by mute “Star” cancel, backstamped “Riom, 16 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, delayed from the *Céleste* and carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

THIS IS ONE OF THE EARLIEST HAVAS BALLOON EDITIONS (DATED SEPT. 29).



Armand Barbès

October 7 - (Friday) The balloon Armand Barbès (Aérostiers) left Place Saint Pierre, Montmartre at 11:00am with 1 sack of mail (10kg), and landed at 3pm near Épineuse (west of Compiègne). Along the way, the balloon touched down near Luzarches, but was able to regain altitude by jettisoning ballast and some mail. The balloon was fired upon again over Triel, so more ballast and mail were jettisoned. The pilot (Alexandre Trichet), passengers (Léon Gambetta and Leon Spuller) were taken north from Épineuse to Montdidier at 8pm on October 7, and then spent the night in Amiens. They left Amiens in the afternoon of October 8 for Tours, via Rouen and Le Mans, and arrived in Tours at midday on October 9.

**Confided mail:** The Aérostiers confided mail was jettisoned at Luzarches, but was recovered and taken via occupied Pontoise to Magny-en-Vexin. One letter is known postmarked on October 10 at Luzarches. Most of the non-Aérostiers confided mail was posted at Amiens on October 8 at the Paris-Calais railroad bureau (October 8 (N) Calais-Paris 1o F or October 8 (N) Paris-Calais 1o F postmarks and CP2 cancel). The confided mail in the official sack was posted at Tours on October 9 (3e and 5e).

**Privileged mail:** The October 6 Paris (SC) mail was posted at the Calais-Paris 1o F night ambulant (at Amiens) on October 8. The October 5 Paris (SC) mail appears to have been taken by the George Sand.

**Regular mail:** About 10% of the September 30-October 6 Paris mail was carried and processed at Amiens (Calais-Paris 1o F night ambulant) on October 8. The rest of the Sept.30-Oct. 4 Paris mail was delayed to the Washington or Louis Blanc, while the rest of the Oct. 5-6 mail was delayed to the Jean Bart #1. **ACTUAL MAIL CARRIED BY THE ARMAND BARBES IS RARE.**

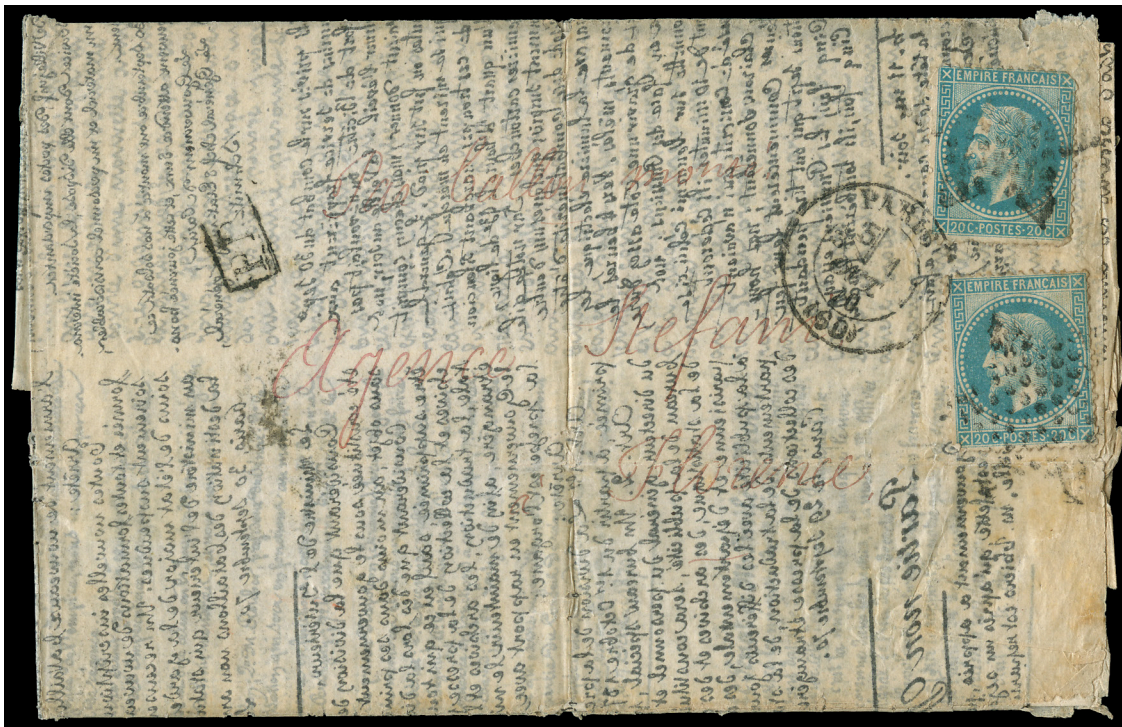


4006 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 1) Paris to Trieste, Austria**, folded cover with printed letterhead postmarked “Paris, Pl. de la Bourse, 1 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c + 40c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “1” Star cancels, backstamped “Wien, 20 10 70” transit and “Trieste 21 10” arrival postmark, 20c with minor imperfections, **still Very Fine, a rare destination**, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500





4007 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 1) Paris to Cowes, Isle of Wight**, small folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. Montaigne, 1 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **10c + 20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “9” Star cancel, backstamped “Cowes, 14 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine and choice**, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*, An attractive usage to this Channel Island, which is far scarcer than a normal usage to England.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4008 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 1) Paris to Florence, Italy**, folded “**Correspondance Havas**” (**French Edition**) postmarked “Paris (60), 1 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with two **20c Empire Lauré** tied by mute “Star” cancel, backstamped Italian railway transit postmark of Oct. 17 and “Florence, 18 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, some minor imperfections, **Fine**, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750





- 4009 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 2) Paris to St. Brieu**, folded letter postmarked "Paris, R. des Feuillantines, 2 Oct. 70" double circle postmark ties **20c Empire Lauré** (hint of perf toning) with numeral "38" star cancel, backstamped "St. Brieu, Oct. 12" arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, a nice cover from this scarce Paris Office and unusual with both the postmark and Star cancel tying the stamp, carried by the *Armand Barbès*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



- 4010 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 2) Paris to Villerville**, folded letter postmarked "Paris, B' Malesherbes, 2 Oct. 70" double circle postmark, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral "37" star cancel, backstamped with two strikes of "Trouville-S-Mer, 15 Oct. 70" transit and one of "Villerville, 16 Oct. 70" arrival postmark (type 24), **Very Fine**, mail delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Washington/L. Blanc*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



- 4011 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 3) Paris to Bruxelles, Belgium**, folded letter postmarked "Paris, Pl. de la Madeleine, 3 Oct. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral "3" Star cancel, backstamped "Paris à Arras, 13 Oct. 70" & "Gand (Station), 13 Oct. 70" railway transit postmarks and "Bruxelles, 14 Oct. 70" arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and attractive**, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



4012 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 4) Paris to New York, United States**, printed formula folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. Bonaparte, 4 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “15” Star cancel, adhesive tied by red “London Oct. 13” transit with red “New York Oct. 25” arrival postmark, minor soiling, **still Very Fine and attractive**, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500

A RARE AND ATTRACTIVE TRANS-ATLANTIC BALLON MONTE COVER.

*Mr. Forster paid \$40 for this cover in 1938 from Metro Stamp Co.*

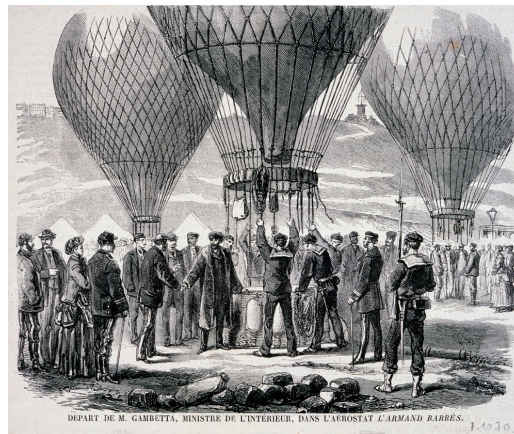




4013 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 4) Paris to Vire**, blue folded cover with blue handstamped advertising corner card at bottom left, postmarked “Paris, R. Bonaparte, 4 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “15” Star cancel, backstamped “Vire, 14 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and attractive**, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*. Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



4014 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 5) Paris to Le Tréport**, **Forwarded Twice**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. Bondy, 5 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “5” star cancel, backstamped “Le Tréport, 10 Oct.” arrival postmark, **cover forwarded to London and then onward to Cornwall Gardens with postage stamp sheet margin used for forwarding address**, markings include boxed “Affranchissement Insuffisant”, **British due marking “More To Pay”** and small red “Crowned R” for forwarding to Cornwall Gardens (within London), backstamped with two different London postmarks of Oct. 20, small portion of backflap torn away, **Very Fine, a lovely and interesting usage**, carried by the *Armand Barbès*. Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000



DEPART DE M. GAMBETTA, MINISTRE DE L'INTERIEUR, DANS L'AROSTAT J. ARMAND BARBÈS. 1.4930.





4015 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 6) Paris to Mâcon**, printed formula letter with manuscript endorsement “**Armée de Paris, Garde Mobile**”, postmarked “Paris, Montmartre, 6 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by superb strike of large numeral “2488” losange cancel, backstamped “Mâcon, Oct. 16” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and choice**, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

A NICE USAGE FROM THIS INTER-SUBURBAN POST OFFICE.



4016 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 6) Paris to Luc Sur Mer**, folded letter postmarked franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by red “**Paris (SC), 6 Oct. 70**” double circle postmark, backstamped “Calais a Paris, 8 Oct. 70” transit & “Luc-S-Mer, 9 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, cover with some wrinkles & creases which also affect the adhesive, **Fine**, carried by the *Armand Barbès*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

A RARE PARIS (SC) POSTMARK USED FOR PRIVILEGED MAIL AND THE SECOND DAY OF OPERATIONS FOR THIS SPECIAL SERVICE.



4017 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 8) Paris to Belgium (Pli Confié)**, envelope to Bruxelles franked with 10c + 20c Empire Lauré tied by “Calais à Paris 8 Oct. 1870” double circle postmark, cover struck with scarce large boxed “P.D.” in black, backstamped “Calais à Paris, 8 Oct. 70” transit, Belgian “France Midi, 9 Oct. 70” entry marking & with “Bruxelles, 9 Oct. 70” arrival, sealed cover tear at top, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Armand Barbès*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

*This cover is a “pli confié”, a letter entrusted to the pilot of the balloon, who posted it upon landing, rather than having it first pass through the Paris Post Office. Note the cancels on the adhesives - postmarks of the French traveling post office, outside the siege area.*





George Sand

**October 7** - (Friday) The balloon *George Sand* (Aérostiers) left Place Saint Pierre, Montmartre at 11:00am with no (?) post office mail, and landed at 4pm near Roye (southeast of Amiens). The pilot (Joseph de Révilliod) and passengers (Charles May, William Reynolds and Etienne Cuzon) spent the night there and travelled to Amiens the next morning. They reunited with the crew of the Armand Barbès at noon on October 8. The mail carried by George Sand was posted in Amiens in the morning of October 8.

**Confided mail:** The Aérostiers mail was taken to Amiens, where it received the October 8 (D) Calais-Paris 2° D postmark with the CP1 cancel. Regular confided mail was posted at Amiens on October 8 at the Lille-Paris C (N) railroad bureau; the census shows one such October 4 letter to Brest with an internal reference to being carried by passenger May.

**Privileged mail:** The two known October 5 Paris (SC) letters (earliest known for that bureau) have October 8 (N) Lille Paris C transit postmarks, suggesting that some privileged mail was carried by this balloon.

**Regular mail:** Some regular mail has October 8 (N) Lille Paris C and/or October 8 (D) Paris-Calais 1° C (D) transit postmarks, suggesting that some (foreign mail?) may have been carried by this balloon.



4018 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 1) Paris to La Ferté-Bernard (Pli Confié)**, folded letter datelined “Paris 1 Oct.” and franked with **20c Empire Lauré**, given directly to the aeronaut and upon landing of the balloon placed in the mails, tied by **Lille a Paris, 8 Oct. 70** railway transit double circle postmark, cover forwarded to Vitré, backstamped “La Ferté-Bernard, 10 Oct.” and Vitré, 10 Oct. postmarks, stamp with small faults due to placement at edge, some minor flap damage, **Very Fine**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750

A RARE PLI CONFIE CARRIED BY THE GEORGE SAND WHICH DID NOT CARRY ANY OFFICIAL MAIL.



4019 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 2) Paris to Rochefort (Pli Confié)**, folded letter datelined “Paris 2 Oct.” franked with **20c Empire Lauré**, given directly to the aeronaut and upon landing of the balloon placed in the mails, tied by **Lille a Paris, 8 Oct. 70** railway transit double circle postmark, backstamped “Rochefort, 10 Oct.” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine**, a rare Pli Confié carried by the *George Sand*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750

Non Dénommé N° 2

**October 7** - (Friday) The balloon *Non Dénommé* N°. 2 (Godard) left La Villette at 2:45pm with 2 sacks of post cards (70 kg) and crashed between the French and German lines near St. Denis and the Fort de la Courneuve. The pilot (Racine) and passengers (Piper and Friedmann) hid until nightfall and returned to Paris with the mail, which was returned to the post office for forwarding on a later balloon (Jean Bart No. 2).

**Regular mail:** Post cards postmarked in Paris from September 30 to October 7 could have been on this balloon. None would show arrival postmarks, except those with postmarks associated with the Jean Bart No. 2. A private cachet "Trouvée à La Courneuve Le 10 Oct. 1870" is known on a small number of cards, but its authenticity was questioned by Ernst Cohn.



4020 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 4) Paris to Alais**, postcard with manuscript endorsement "Par ballon libre" with superb strike of "Paris, B. Des Ecluses-St. Martin, 4 Oct. 70" double circle postmark tying **10c Empire Lauré** with "Alais Oct. 22" arrival postmark, card mentions sending a few words by Balloon Post, **Extremely Fine**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

*Carried by the "Non Dénommé N° 2" which crashed in the Siege lines. The mail was recovered and returned to Paris for re-expedition aboard the "Jean Bart N° 2".*



4021 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 7) Paris to Regnéville**, postcard postmarked "Paris, Pl. De La Madeleine, 7 Oct. 70" double circle, franked with **10c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral "3" star cancel, no arrival postmark, **Very Fine**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150

*Carried by the Non Dénommé N°2 which crashed in the flooded swamps outside of Paris. The mail was carried back into Paris under cover of night fall and was then carried by the Jean Bart N°2 which jettisoned the cards to gain loft as they were under fire by the Germans.*



## Washington or Louis Blanc

**October 12** - (Wednesday) The balloon *Washington* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 8:30am with 5 sacks of mail (350 kg) and landed at 11:30am at Carnières (near Cambrai). The pilot (Albert Bertaux) and one passenger (Comte Edouard Lefebvre) were injured during the landing, so the other passenger (Louis van Roosebecke) took the mail to Douai at 3pm, and then left for Tours, where he arrived on October 14.

**Confided mail:** Most of the confided mail was taken by van Roosebecke to Douai on October 13, where it was cancelled by the Douai datestamp (3e and 5e levées). He posted some mail from the official bag on October 14 (3e) at the Gare de Douai, and continued to Tours with the rest, which show October 15 (3e) Tours postmarks and GC 3997 cancels.

**Privileged mail:** All of the October 7-11 Paris (SC) mail was carried by the *Washington* (none on the *Louis Blanc*), and processed at Douai on October 13. Some of the October 9 (SC) mail shows an inverted "9."

**Regular mail:** October 11 (and some October 10) Paris mail was carried by the *Washington* or *Louis Blanc* and processed at Douai on October 13 or late on October 12 at Lille, so most regular mail cannot be distinguished between these two balloons. These balloons also carried delayed mail with Sept. 28-Oct. 4 Paris postmarks. Most of the Oct. 7-10 Paris mail was delayed to the *Cavaignac* or *Jean Bart* N<sup>o</sup> 1.

**October 12** – (Wednesday) The balloon *Louis Blanc* (Aérostiers) left Montmartre at 9:00am with 3 sacks of mail (125 kg) and landed at 12:30pm at Béclers, Belgium (8km from Tournai). The pilot (Eugene Farcot) and passenger (Gustave Tracelet) were taken to Tournai, where they left the mail addressed to Belgium, and took the rest by a mid-afternoon train for Lille. Later that afternoon, Farcot left the mail at the Lille train station, and stayed at Lille that night. Tracelet left that afternoon for Tours. On October 13, Farcot brought the balloon to Lille. He left via Boulogne for Dieppe to visit his family, before going to Tours on Oct. 16.

**Confided mail:** All but one cover in the census have Aérostiers markings, and received October 12 (N) Lille-Paris D postmarks with LIL P or P LIL cancels. A non-Aérostiers letter addressed to Holland was postmarked October 13 Lille-Calais 2 with LC2 cancel – carried by Farcot on his voyage to Boulogne.

**Regular mail:** The *Washington* mail was processed at Douai late on October 13, so only regular mail that shows October 13 (N) Lille-Paris transits can be attributed with certainty to the *Louis Blanc*.





4022 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 7) Paris to Brazil**, folded letter to Rio de Janeiro, postmarked "Paris, Rue D'Enghien, 7 Oct. 70" double circle postmark and franked with pair 40c Empire Lauré (small faults) tied by numeral "4" star cancels, backstamped "St. Nazaire, 19 Oct. 70" transit postmark and blue "Rio de Janeiro, 16 Nov. 70" arrival postmark, *Fine*, delayed from the *Washington/Louis Blanc* and carried by the *Godefroy Cavaignac/Jean Bart N°1*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$4,000 - 6,000

A VERY RARE USAGE TO BRAZIL WITH ARRIVAL POSTMARK.





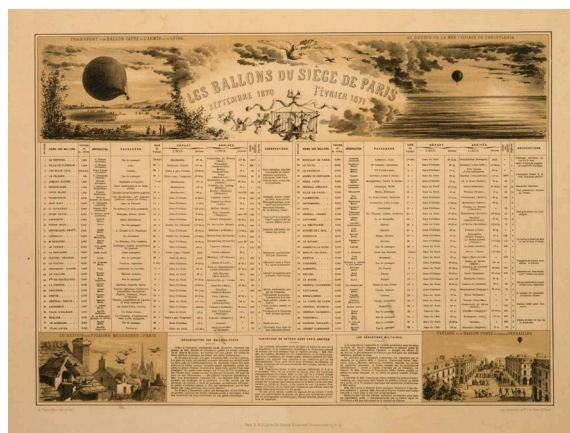
4023 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 7) Paris to La Ferté-Bernard**, folded letter franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by red **"Paris (SC), 7 Oct. 70"** double circle postmark, cover forwarded to Vitré, backstamped "La Ferté-Bernard, 15 Oct." arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine, a lovely cover**, carried by the *Washington*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

*The red date stamp "PARIS SC" was used to cancel postage stamps on letters from prominent residences, officials or relatives of a member of the government and guaranteed transmission on the next available balloon. The date stamp is quite scarce and prized by collectors.*



4024 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 8) Paris to Brest (Pli Confié)**, small folded cover datelined "8 Octobre 70, 21<sup>e</sup> jour de Siège de Paris", given directly to the aeronaut and upon landing of the balloon placed in the mails, tied in transit by part strike of **"Douai, 13 Oct. 70"**, backstamped Brest arrival cds's of the 16th & 17th of October, stamp creased due to placement at edge of cover, **Very Fine and scarce**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600

A RARE PLI CONFIE CARRIED BY THE WASHINGTON.





- 4025 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 8) Paris to Bruxelles, Belgium**, printed formula letter with manuscript endorsement “**Garde Mobile**”, postmarked “Paris, Pl. de la Madeleine, 8 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **10c + 20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “3” star cancels, backstamped “Bruxelles, 19 Oct.” arrival postmark, minor edge wear, **Very Fine**, delayed from the *Washington/Louis Blanc* and carried by the *Godefroy Cavaignac/Jean Bart N° 1*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



- 4026 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 8) Paris to Pont-L'Abbe**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Les Ternes, 8 Oct. 70” double circle, franked with **10c Empire Lauré** vert. pair, tied by large numeral “3921” losange cancels, backstamped “Nantes à Quimper, 18 Oct. 70” railroad transit and “Pont-L'Abbe, 18 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and choice**, delayed mail from the *Washington/Louis Blanc* and carried by *Godroy Cavaignac/Jean Bart N°1*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



- 4027 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 9) Paris to Montpellier**, blue formula folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. Serpente, 9 Oct. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “25” star cancel, backstamped “Montpellier, 17 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, delayed mail from the *Washington/Louis Blanc* and carried by *Godroy Cavaignac/Jean Bart N°1*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150





4028 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 10) Paris to Montreux, Switzerland**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. Taitbout, 10 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “22” star cancels, backstamped Lausanne and Montreux postmarks of 16 Oct., **Very Fine**, carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



4029 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 11) Paris to Riom, France**, folded “Correspondance Havas” (French Edition) postmarked “Paris (60), 11 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by mute “Star” cancel, backstamped “Riom, 17 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

**Godefroy-Cavaignac or Jean Bart N° 1**

**October 14** - (Friday) The balloon *Godefroy Cavaignac* (Godard) left Gare d'Orléans at 10:00am with 5 sacks of mail (310 kg) and landed in occupied territory at 2:45pm near Brillon-en Barrois (9km southwest of Bar-le-Duc). The passengers (Comte Emile de Kératry, Major Edouard Jay and Quesneau) were taken to Chaumont-en-Bassigny on October 15, and reached Tours at 7:30am on October 16. The pilot (Pierre-Edmé Godard) arranged to transport the mail to Chaumont at 8am on October 15, and then also reached Tours on October 16.

**Confided mail:** All but four covers in the census were processed at Chaumont, where they received the GC 978 cancel, but not a Chaumont datestamp. One cover, addressed to occupied Mulhouse, was postmarked in transit on October 16 by the 978 (Chaumont) Bureau de Passe. Two covers were posted in Tours on October 16 (3e), and one was posted on October 17 in the port of Marignane by de Kératry, enroute to a diplomatic mission in Spain.

**Privileged mail:** All of the October 12-13 Paris (SC) mail was carried by the *Cavaignac* (none by the *Jean Bart N°. 1*), and processed at Chaumont on October 15. One letter to Etretat is known with an October 16 978 (Chaumont) Bureau de Passe transit postmark.

**Regular mail:** October 12-13 Paris mail and delayed mail with September 27 and October 5-10 Paris postmarks (along with some earlier September delayed mail) was processed at Chaumont on October 15. Without a Chaumont transit postmark, *Cavaignac* mail is indistinguishable from *Jean Bart N°. 1* mail.



4030 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 12) Paris to Riom, folded Correspondance Havas (French Edition)** postmarked “Paris (60), 12 Oct. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** (perf flaws) tied by mute star cancel, backstamped with “Riom, 16 Oct. 70” double circle postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Godefroy Cavaignac/Jean Bart N° 1*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



Jules Favre N° 1 or Jean Bart N° 2

**October 16** - (Sunday) balloon *Jules Favre No. 1* (Godard) left Gare d'Orléans at 7:20am with 4 sacks of mail (195 kg) and landed at 12:30pm near Chimay, Belgium. The pilot Louis Mutin Godard and passengers F. Malapert and Charles Bureau stayed at Lille that evening, and left the mail there. Passenger Alexandre Ribot travelled via Valenciennes and Douai with the official dispatches to Tours on October 18 at 6:30pm.

**Confided mail:** Some mail was posted at the Gare de Lille on October 17 (1e) and has GC 2046 or LIL P cancels. The majority was processed at Tours on October 18 (3e to 5e levées) or October 19 (3e and 4e). This mail has Tours postmarks and GC 3997 cancels. The mail from the *Jules Favre N° 1* cannot be distinguished from the *Jean Bart N° 2*, unless internally endorsed to a passenger. One letter to Brissac that refers to Bureau was postmarked at Alençon on October 19. Another letter addressed to Clermont-Ferrand was posted at the Bureau Ambulant Ouest (Le Mans) on October 19. Mail endorsed "Aux soins de M. Jules Lèveillé" was separately bagged and postmarked at Tours on October 19 (4e).

**Privileged mail:** October 15 Paris (SC) mail (there is no October 14 mail in the census) was carried by the *Jules Favre N° 2* (none by the *Jean Bart No. 2*), and processed at Tours on October 18. A letter to Le Mans has an October 18 Tours transit postmark, and mail addressed to Tours has October 19 (1e) arrivals.

**Regular mail:** October 14-15 Paris mail was processed at Lille on October 17; non-postcard *Jules Favre N° 1* mail is indistinguishable from *Jean Bart N° 2* mail.



4031 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 14) Paris to The Hague, Holland**, folded letter postmarked "Paris, R. Bonaparte, 14 Oct. 70" double circle postmark and franked with 20c + 40c Empire Lauré tied by numeral "15" star cancels, backstamped "Gravenhage, 18 Oct. 70" arrival postmark, 20c with trivial crease, **Very Fine and a scarce destination**, carried by the carried by the *Jules Favre N° 1/Jean Bart N° 2*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



Jean Bart N° 2

**October 16** - (Sunday) The balloon *Jean Bart N° 2* (Godard) left Gare d'Orléans at 9:30am with 5 sacks of mail (270 kg) and landed at 2:45pm near Dinant, Belgium. The balloon encountered enemy gunfire over Soissons, so the pilot (Henri Labadie) jettisoned handfuls of post cards (many recovered from the failed earlier postcard balloons) which were recovered northeast of Soissons in occupied territory over the next few weeks and processed Crécy-sur-Serre (October 17, 19 and 23, and November 2 and 7), Anizy-le-Château (October 18 and 31 and November 2) and Sains-Richaumont (October 17). The rest of the mail was taken to Lille during the morning of October 17, and cannot be distinguished from *Jules Favre N° 1* mail. This balloon also carried September 23-24 delayed mail.



4032 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 7) Paris to Lambersart**, postcard with manuscript endorsement “ballon non monté” postmarked “Paris, Rue Aligre, 5<sup>E</sup>, 7 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **10c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “23” star cancel, indistinct arrival postmark of 20 Oct. at left, **Very Fine**, A nice card from this scarce Paris Office which missed the balloon *Non Dénommé N° 2* as this was from the 5<sup>e</sup> pick up, as a result this was carried aboard the *Jean Bart N° 2*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



4033 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 14) Paris to Lyon**, scarce printed formula card with Orlandi imprint, reverse printed “Correspondence Aérienne”, postmarked “Paris, Pl. de la Bourse, 14 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “1” star cancels, backstamped “Lyon, 21 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and choice**, all cards were carried by the *Jean Bart N° 2*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



Victor Hugo

**October 18** - (Tuesday) The balloon *Victor Hugo* (Aérostiers) left the Tuileries at 11:45am with 8 sacks of mail (440 kg) and landed at 5:30pm 8km south of Vic-s-Aisne, in occupied territory 17km west of Soissons. The pilot (Nadar) took the mail north to Noyon the next evening. The mail was processed through Amiens on October 20. Nadar reached Tours on October 21.

**Confided mail:** Nadar took the mail to Tours on October 21 and posted it there (2e, 3e and 4e levées). Some received GC 3997 cancels (most with no Tours postmark) and some were cancelled with the October 21 (3e) Tours datestamp. Half of the 72 covers in the census have Aérostiers markings.

**Privileged mail:** October 17 Paris (SC) mail (there is no Sunday, October 16 mail in the census) was taken by Nadar to Tours, where it was processed on October 21. The arrival pattern is centered on Tours, and not Amiens (where the regular mail was processed).

**Regular mail:** October 16-17 Paris mail was processed at Amiens on October 20 (Calais-Paris ambulant). This balloon (and/or the *Lafayette*) carried delayed mail with September 18-29 Paris postmarks.



4034 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 16) Paris to Grenoble**, folded “Correspondance Havas” (French Edition) postmarked “Paris (60) 16 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 20c Cérés tied by mute star cancel, backstamped “Grenoble, 23 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Victor Hugo*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



4035 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 17) Paris to Amsterdam, Holland**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Bd. Beaumarchais, 17 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 40c Empire Lauré tied by numeral “12” star cancels, backstamped “Amsterdam, 21 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, adhesive with small flaws, cover with sealed tear at right, **still Very Fine, a scarce destination**, carried by the *Victor Hugo*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

**Lafayette aka République Universelle**

**October 19** - (Wednesday) The balloon *Lafayette* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 9:15am with 5 sacks of mail (300 kg) and landed at 11:30am near Lonny (12km northwest of Mézières). The passengers (Antonin Dubost and Gaston de Prunières) took the mail to Lonny; it was sent north the next day to Renwez. The pilot (Louis Jossec) and de Prunières reached Mézières via Renwez that day at 10pm, and left the next day via Rethel, Chalons-s-Marne and Troyes to Dijon on October 22, where de Prunières delivered some confided letters. They then left via Nevers and Bourges to reach Tours at 9am on October 25. Dubost, with messages from Trochu for Gambetta, left Renwez with the official and Paris (SC) mail and travelled via Rocroi (October 19) and Amiens (October 20) to Tours on October 22.

**Confided mail:** Dubost left some mail at Renwez on October 19 (3e), some at Rocroi on October 19 (1e), and some at Amiens with an October 20 (N) Paris-Calais 2o B postmark. He reached Tours on Oct. 22 (3e and 4e levées). De Prunières traveled through occupied territory to Dijon (Oct. 22 Bureau de Passe 1307).

**Privileged mail:** October 18 Paris (SC) mail was taken by Dubost to Tours on October 22.

**Regular mail:** October 18 Paris mail was processed at Renwez on October 20. This balloon, along with the *Victor Hugo*, carried the last of the delayed Paris mail. Since the *Victor Hugo* mail was processed farther west at Amiens on October 20, its arrival pattern is generally a day earlier than this balloon.



4036 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 18) Paris to Switzerland**, printed formula folded letter to Rapperswyl, postmarked “Paris, R. D’Antin, 18 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 10c + 20c Empire Lauré tied by numeral “8” star cancels, backstamped “Rapperswyl, 26 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and attractive**, a rare item which was actually carried by the *Lafayette*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



Garibaldi

**October 22** - (Saturday) The balloon *Garibaldi* (Aérostiers) left the Tuileries at 11:40am with 8 sacks of mail (450 kg) and landed at 1:30pm in occupied territory 7km south of Meaux (37km east of Paris). The pilot (Iglésia) gave the regular mail to locals, who took 5 sacks to Coulommiers and 3 sacks to La Ferte Gaucher on October 23. These were moved to Provins on October 25-27, and then smuggled either south to Nogent or north to Amiens. Passenger Paul de Jouvencel traveled south via Nevers and Bourges to Tours at 5pm on October 24. Iglésia must have gone north via Amiens and Rouen with the official and Paris (SC) mail.

**Confided mail:** De Jouvencel left some mail at Provins on October 30 (1e). Some of that mail was routed south via Troyes and some north via Amiens. The Aérostiers mail was taken by Iglésia to Tours on November 1 (4e); some was postmarked there, and the rest in transit closer to their destinations. While enroute to Tours, Iglésia left mail at Rouen on October 31 (Havre-Paris HP2° cancel) and Le Mans on October 31 (Paris-La Rochelle PLAR cancel).

**Privileged mail:** Some of the October 19-21 Paris (SC) mail was taken south to Nogent-s-Seine on October 29, and some went north with Iglésia to Amiens on October 31.

**Regular mail:** Some of the October 19-21 mail was taken south to Nogent-s-Seine on October 29, and some went north to Amiens on October 31. Some delayed September Paris mail was carried by this balloon.



4037 ☒ **1870 (Oct.) Paris to London (Pli Confié)**, small envelope franked with 10c + 20c **Empire Lauré**, given directly to Aeronauts with **rare red circular “REPUBLIQUE-FRANÇAISE, 1 Aerostiers, Nadar-Dartois, Duruof”** handstamp of the “Compagnie des Aérostiers” struck on reverse, stamp tied in transit by “HP 2” (Havre-Paris) railway losange, red London arrival marking of Nov. 4, minor corner wear & small opening tear affecting marking, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Garibaldi*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$3,000 - 4,000

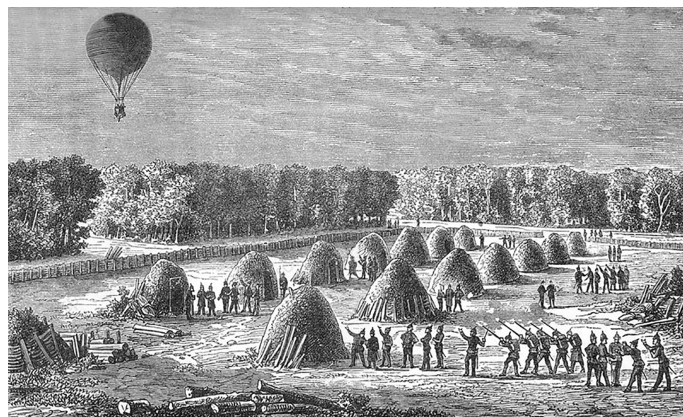
A FINE AND VERY RARE “PLI CONFIE” CARRIED BY THE AERONAUTS TO A FOREIGN DESTINATION.



4038 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 20) Paris to Switzerland**, printed formula folded letter to Rapperswyl, postmarked “Paris, R. D’Antin, 20 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **10c + 20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “8” star cancels, backstamped “Geneve, 1 Nov. 70” transit & “Rapperswyl, 2 Nov. 70” arrival postmarks, **Extremely Fine and choice**, carried by the *Garibaldi*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



4039 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 20) Paris to London**, folded printed formula letter postmarked “Paris, Les Batignolles, 20 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “347” losange cancel, backstamped red “London, NO 1 70” arrival postmark, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Garibaldi*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200





Montgolfier

**October 25** - (Tuesday) The balloon *Montgolfier* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 8:30am with 5 sacks of mail (280 kg) and landed in occupied territory at 12:15pm near Heiligenberg (9km from Molsheim). The pilot (Herve Sané) and passengers (Colonel Joseph-Maria Le Bouëdec and Colonel Eugene Delapierre) went into the forest to hide the mail (which was later discovered by the Prussians and destroyed), and then made their escape. During the voyage, the balloon had attempted a landing near Verdun, but was fired on by Prussian soldiers. The pilot threw out two sacks of mail (150kg) to re-ascend, and those sacks, which included "dispatches dated October 24 at Paris," were recovered by the Prussians.

Le Bouëdec crossed the Vosges on foot to the French lines at Giromagny (north of Belfort) at 9:30pm on October 27. The Germans had been repulsed at Besancon on October 22, and had moved to Dijon on October 31, so he and Sané travelled via Belfort and Pontarlier (October 29) to Tours on October 31. Delapierre, who was injured, was delayed several days before reaching Tours around November 3 or 4.

**Confided mail:** Le Bouëdec posted his confided mail at the Pontarlier train station on October 30, and Delapierre posted his (with a blue "Garde Mobile 62e Régiment Le Colonel") at Tours on November 4.

**Privileged mail:** Ernst Cohn believed that October 24 and 25 (1e) Paris Étranger mail was carried on this balloon and was saved along with Le Bouëdec's confided mail. He cites an October 25 Paris Étranger letter with an October 29 Pontarlier entry marking that is too early for the Vauban. All of the October 22-24 (SC) mail was destroyed, and there are no examples in the census.

**Regular mail:** Some October 22-23 captured mail escaped destruction and some was delivered after the war. Some October 24 Paris mail was delayed to the next balloon. Surviving mail from this flight is rare.



4040 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 22) Paris to Bruille**, printed formula letter franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by "Paris, R. Cardinal-Lemoine, 22 Oct. 70" double circle postmark with **illustrated blue oval handstamp of the Musee d'Hist. Nat.** on reverse showing Beehive, Serpent & Grapevine, some faults, **Extremely Fine and choice**, carried by the *Montgolfier*, quite scarce with the adhesive tied solely by Paris postmark.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750

*A very rare cover as the mail was captured by the Germans and most of which was destroyed.*

Vauban

**October 27** - (Thursday) The balloon *Vauban* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 9:00am with 5 sacks of mail (290 kg) and landed in occupied territory at 1:00pm near Vigneulles-Lès-Hattonchâtel (17km northwest of St. Mihiel). The pilot (Epiphane Guillaume) and passengers (Frédéric Reitlinger and Edouard Cassiers) escaped north via Fresnes-en-Woëvre, Montmédy (8am on October 28) and Brussels to Lille in the evening of October 29. Reitlinger left from Brussels for a diplomatic mission in Vienna, while Guillaume and Cassiers reached Tours on November 2.

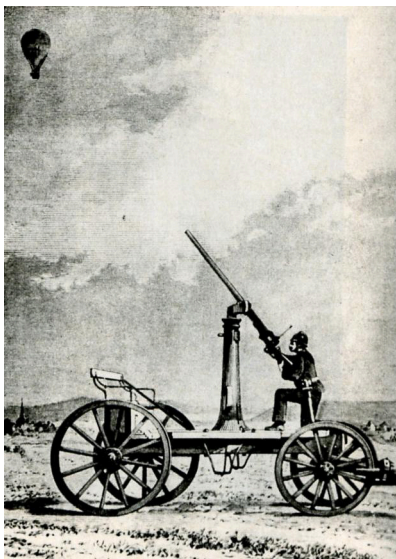
**Confided mail:** Most of this mail was taken south with the (SC) mail to Bar-le-Duc, where it was processed on October 28 (2e). Some of that mail also shows October 30 Bureau de Passe 978 (Chaumont) transits. Guillaume and Cassiers also carried some mail to Tours on November 2 (2e and 4e levées).

**Privileged mail:** Paris (SC) mail of October 25-26 was taken south to Bar-le-Duc and then forwarded via Chaumont on October 30 (some covers are known with Bureau de Passe 978 postmarks).

**Regular mail:** October 24-26 mail: two sacks were taken to Bar-le-Duc, and then forwarded south via Wassy to Chaumont in the evening of October 29. The remaining three sacks were taken to Fresnes-en-Woëvre on October 29, and then smuggled north via Montmédy to Belgium. There are two distribution patterns: one from Chaumont on October 30, and the northern pattern from Belgium on November 1.



4041 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 24) Paris to Aulnois-en-Perthois (Occupied Zone)**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. de Palestro, 24 Oct. 70” double circle postmark franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “16” star cancel, blue crayon manuscript “30” Prussian tax, no arrival as usual with mail sent to Occupied Territory, **Very Fine and choice**, carried by the *Vauban*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



Balloon Cannon





4042 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 25) Paris to Ballée**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, La Chapelle-St. Denis, 25 Oct. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “892” losange cancel, backstamped “Grez en Bouerre, 2 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, a nice cover from this Inter-Suburban Post Office, carried by the *Vauban*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



4043 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 26) Paris to Grenoble**, folded “**Correspondance Havas**” (French Edition) postmarked “Paris (60) 26 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Cérès** tied by mute star cancel, backstamped “Grenoble, 2 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Vauban*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

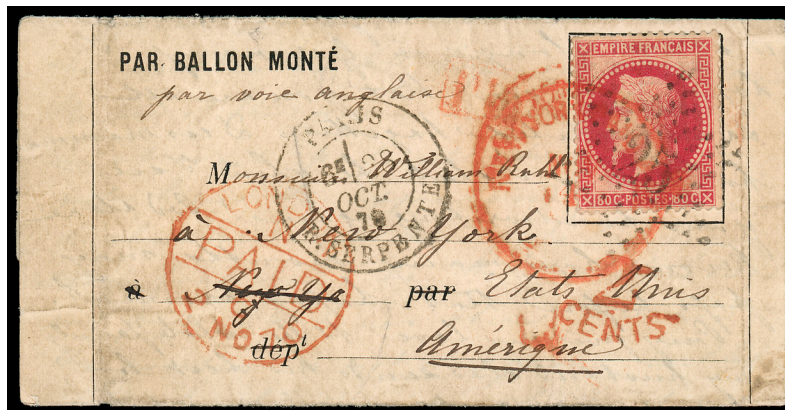
Colonel Charras

**October 29** - (Saturday) The balloon *Colonel Charras* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at noon with 8 sacks of mail (460 kg) and landed in occupied territory at 4:30pm at Montigny le Roi (22km northeast of Langres). The pilot (Ferdinand Gilles) took the balloon and mail to the Langres train station, and left the mail in transit at Chaumont the morning of October 30. He reached Tours on November 1.

**Confided mail:** Gilles left some confided mail at Langres on October 30 (3e) and mailed the rest at Tours on November 1 (4e). The Aérostiers mail was all mailed at Tours.

**Privileged mail:** Paris (SC) mail of October 27-28 was taken to Tours to be processed on November 1.

**Regular mail:** October 27-28 Paris mail (and Oct. 29 1e levée) was taken to Chaumont on October 30 and shows a distribution pattern from Nevers starting on November 1.

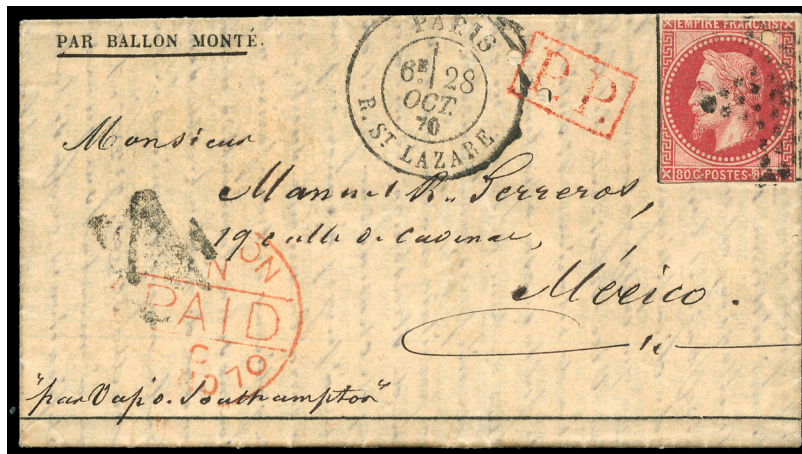


4044 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 28) Paris to United States**, folded printed formula letter to New York, postmarked “Paris, R. Serpente, 28 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “25” star cancel and red “New York Paid All, Nov. 14” arrival postmark, markings include red London transit cancel of Nov. 2 and red United States “2 CENTS” credit handstamp, **Extremely Fine and choice**. Estimate. . . . . \$2,000 - 3,000

A SUPERB COVER TO THE UNITED STATES CARRIED BY THE COLONEL CHARRAS.

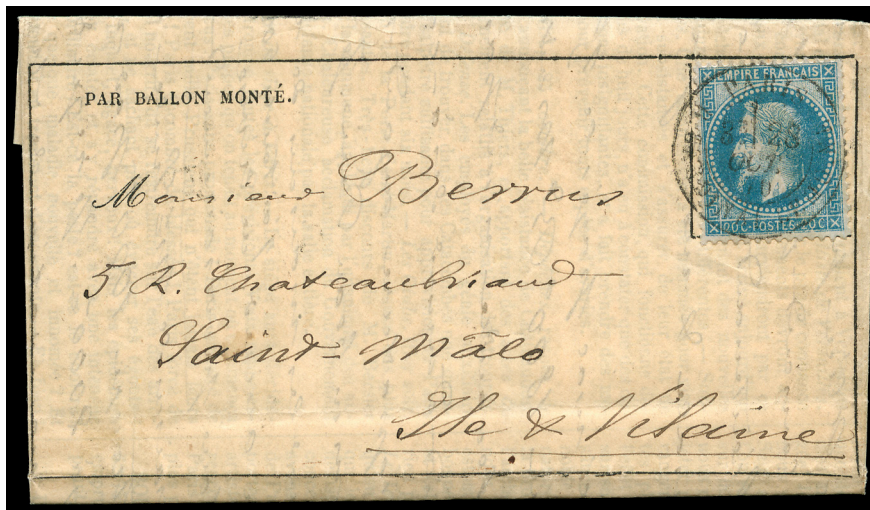
*Letter written in English and datelined “19 Oct. 1870” with interesting contents regarding the Siege, “If we did not often hear the canon all day long and if we did not see so many soldiers we should hardly know that we are in a besieged city. We are cut off from the rest of the world since a month and have not felt the disastrous effects which the Prussians expect. I hope you do not believe all the accounts of the German newspapers...”*





4045 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 28) Paris to Mexico**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N° 2, postmarked “Paris, R. St. Lazare, 28 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** (clipped perfs & insect hole) tied by numeral “2” star cancel, handstamped red boxed “P.P.”, red “London, 2 NO 70” transit and Mexican numeral “4” due marking, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Colonel Charras*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$2,000 - 3,000

A VERY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE USAGE TO MEXICO, OF WHICH VERY FEW ARE KNOWN.



4046 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 28) Paris to Saint-Malo**, folded “*Gazette des Absents* N° 2” franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by “Paris, R. Cardinal-Lemoine, 28 Oct. 70” double circle postmark, backstamped “S. Malo, 2 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine**, a scarce cover with the adhesive tied by the postmark rather than the usual numeral Star cancellation, carried by the *Colonel Charras*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

**Fulton**

**November 2** - (Wednesday) The balloon **Fulton** (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 8:30am with 4 sacks of mail (250 kg) and landed at 2:30pm near Chanzeaux (south of Angers). The mail was taken to Angers on November 2, and the pilot (Le Gloarnec) and passenger (Louis Cezanne) reached Tours on November 3.

**Confided mail:** Some mail was processed at the Gare d'Angers on November 2 (6e), and the majority at Tours on November 3. Some of the Tours mail was processed at the Bureau Ambulants Sud-Ouest, some at the post office (4e levée), and the majority at the Paris-La Rochelle ambulant (PLAR cancel).

**Privileged mail:** Paris (SC) mail of October 29-31 was taken to Tours to be processed on November 3. The volume of mail in the sample is greatly reduced, perhaps because of the rumors of an armistice.

**Regular mail:** The October 29-November 1 Paris mail was taken to Angers late on November 2, so arrivals began on November 3 in western France. Mail to northern France took a fast detour around Paris via Le Mans, Rouen and Amiens.



4047 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 30) Paris to Switzerland**, folded formula letter to Rapperswyl, postmarked “Paris, R. Montaigne, 30 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 10c + 20c **Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “9” star cancels, backstamped “Geneve-Culoz, 4.XI.70” Swiss transit postmark, **Extremely Fine and attractive**, a lovely cover in perfect condition, carried by the *Fulton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



**View of Rapperswyl**





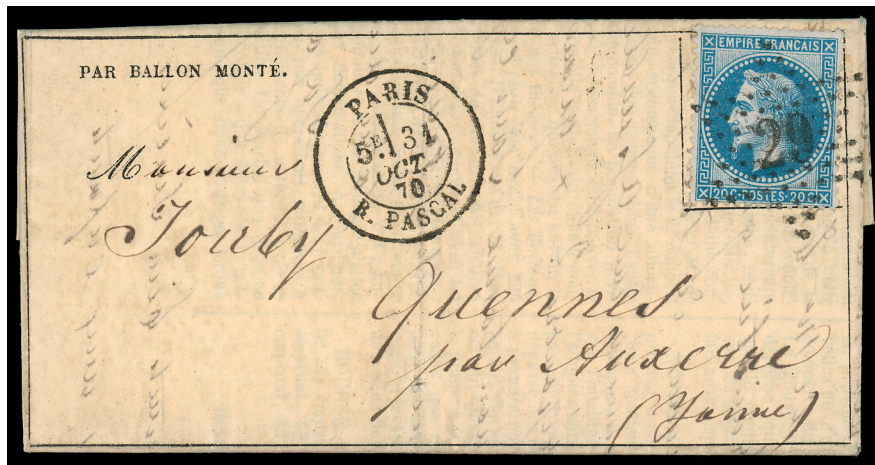
4048 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 30) Paris to Orchamps**, stampless folded letter postmarked rare “Paris, D’Engnien, 30c, 1 Nov. 70” postage due double circle postmark, backstamped “Dole-du-Jura, 5 Nov. 70” transit and “Orchamps, 6 Nov. 70” arrival postmarks, **Very Fine**, a scarce example of this postage due handstamp, carried by the *Fulton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



4049 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 31) Paris to Karlsruhe, Germany**, folded “Correspondance Havas” (German Edition) postmarked “Paris (60), 31 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 10c + 20c Cérés tied by mute “Star” cancel, backstamped “Arras à Paris, 12 Nov. 70” transit postmark, no arrival as usual, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Fulton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



- 4050 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 31) Paris to Holland**, envelope (with original enclosure) to The Hague, postmarked “Paris, Pl. de la Madeleine, 31 Oct. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **40c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “3” star cancels, backstamped **boxed “F.16”** and “s-Gravenhage, 6 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, adhesive with trivial perf flaw, **Very Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Fulton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



- 4051 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 31) Paris to Quenne**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N° 3 postmarked “Paris, R. Pascal, 31 Oct. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by superb strike of numeral “29” star cancel, backstamped “Quenne, 4 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and attractive**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

A LOVELY COVER FROM THE RARE PARIS OFFICE CARRIED BY THE *FULTON*.



Ferdinand Flocon

**November 4** - (Friday) The balloon *Ferdinand Flocon* (Godard) left the Gare du Nord at 9:30am with 3 sacks of mail (180 kg) and landed at 3:30pm 24km north of Nantes. The pilot (George Vidal-Louisset) and passenger (Abel de Jauvelle) reached Nantes that evening, and arrived in Tours at 3pm on November 5.

**Confided mail:** All of the mail was processed at Nantes on November 5 (1e).

**Privileged mail:** Paris (SC) dates of November 2-3 (and the only known November 1) were processed at Nantes on November 5 (1e). More than half have Nantes transit postmarks. No (SC) mail is known from the *Galilée*.

**Regular mail:** Paris dates of November 2-3 processed at Nantes on November 5 (1e). Unless there is a Nantes transit mark, mail cannot be distinguished between this balloon and the *Galilée* recovered mail.



4052 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 2) Paris to Muno, Belgium, folded Gazette des Absents N° 4 with supplement** postmarked "Paris, R. St. Lazare, 2 Nov. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by indistinct "star" cancel, backstamped "Florenville 8 Nov." arrival postmark, cover with mended tear on back flap, **Very Fine**, a scarce Gazette with original Supplement carried by the *Ferdinand Flocon*. Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



4053 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 2) Paris to Mende**, folded **Correspondance Havas (French Edition)** postmarked “Paris (60), 2 Nov. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Cérès** tied by muted “Star” cancel, backstamped “Mende 7 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Ferdinand Flocon*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



4054 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 3) Paris to Geneva, Switzerland**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 3** postmarked “Paris, R. D’Enghien, 3 Nov. 70” double circle, franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “4” star cancel, backstamped “Geneve, 8 XI 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Ferdinand Flocon*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



Ville de Châteaudun

**November 6** - (Sunday) The balloon *Ville de Châteaudun* (Godard) left the Gare du Nord at 9:45am with 8 sacks of mail (455 kg) and landed in occupied territory at 5:30pm near Reclainville (28km southeast of Chartres). The pilot (Philippe Bosc) reached Tours on November 7 via Vendome at 9am.

**Confided mail:** The mail was processed at Tours on November 7 and 8 (datestamp and Bur. Ambulants Sud-Ouest postmark). The GC 3997 cancel was used on almost all of this mail.

**Privileged mail:** Paris (SC) dates of November 4-5 were processed at Voves on November 6-8.

**Regular mail:** Paris dates of November 4-5 were processed slowly from south of Chartres on Nov. 6-8.



4055 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 4) Paris to Focine le Bas**, folded letter postmarked "Paris, B<sup>1</sup> Malesherbes, 4 Nov. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **20c Cérès** tied by numeral "37" Star cancel, cover **forwarded to Aigle, Switzerland** with 10c Empire Lauré tied by numeral "1535" losange, backstamped "Focine le Haut, 11 Nov. 70" postmark and Swiss postmarks of Neuchâtel, Yverdon (both Nov. 12) and "Aigle, 13 Nov. 70" arrival, **Very Fine & and usual usage**, carried by the *Ville de Châteaudun* with a scarce border rate to Switzerland.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600



4056 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 4) Paris to Cowes, Isle of Wight**, small envelope postmarked "Paris, Corps Législatif, 4 Nov. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral "31" Star cancel, backstamped "Cowes, 9 Nov. 70" arrival postmark, **Very Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Ville de Châteaudun*. An attractive usage to this British Isle, which is far scarcer than a normal usage to England.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



- 4057 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 4) Paris to Nice**, folded formula letter postmarked “Paris, R. de Strasbourg, 4 Nov. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “14” star cancel, backstamped “Nice, 10 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Ville de Châteaudun*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150

**Gironde**

**November 8** - (Tuesday) The balloon *Gironde* (Godard) left the Gare d’Orléans at 8:30am with 1 sack of mail (60 kg) and landed at 1:40pm near Gaudreville la Riviere (14km southwest of Evreux). The pilot (Claude Galley, sailor from the Fort de Romainville) and passengers (J. Gambes, E. Barry and Herbault) went to Evreux, where they left the mail, and reached Tours at 7pm on November 9.

**Confided mail:** Herbault left some mail at Evreux on November 8 (5e). The remainder was processed at Evreux on November 8-9 with Paris-Cherbourg D (N) ambulant postmarks. The official mail was processed in Tours on November 11 (3e), and Galley posted a letter from a fellow sailor in Toulon on November 13.

**Privileged mail:** Paris (SC) dates of November 6-7 were processed at Evreux on November 8.

**Regular mail:** Paris dates of November 6-7 were processed at Evreux on November 8.



- 4058 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 6) Paris to Turkey**, folded printed formula letter to Constantinople, postmarked “Paris, R. Taitbout, 6 Nov. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **40c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “22” star cancel, backstamped “Marseilles, 12 Nov. 70” transit and “Constantinople, 19 Nov. 70” arrival postmark of French Post Office in Turkey, **Very Fine and rare**, carried by the *Gironde*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

A NICE USAGE TO TURKEY VIA MARITIME ROUTE.





- 4059 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 6) Paris to Arthon**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 4** postmarked “Vincennes, 6 Nov. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “4290” losange cancel, backstamped indistinct arrival postmark, **Very Fine, a nice cover from this Outer-Suburban Post Office**, carried by the *Gironde*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



- 4060 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 7) Paris to United States**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 5 to San Francisco**, postmarked “Paris, 7 Nov. 70” double circle, cover sent via London & New York with red London transit and New York “2 Cents” credit handstamp, original adhesives (top right & bottom left) tied by London transit and San Francisco arrival postmarks, the **stamps were then removed as the recipient could not be found and scarce San Francisco “Advertised 1” straight line applied** where the stamp at the top right had been originally placed, interesting **Red Cross label used to seal cover and “San Francisco Advertised, Dec. 14” cds applied on reverse**, name of recipient crossed out, **Very Fine, ex-Steinway**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500

A FASCINATING AND UNIQUE USAGE CARRIED BY THE *GIRONDE*.

*These advertised markings were used on unclaimed mail for which the recipient could not be found. The letters were advertised in the local newspaper and a one cent charge was applied for this service.*

Daguerre

**November 12** - (Saturday) The balloon *Daguerre* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 9:15am with 5 sacks of mail (260 kg) and landed at 10:30am at Jossigny (5km northeast of Ferrières-en-Brie and 32km from Paris). To avoid landing among Prussian troops, the pilot (Sylvain Jubert) threw out a sack of mail over Ferrières, which was recovered by a game warden (Desire Moutier) and delivered to the post office at Ferrières - mail was sent on after a considerable delay. The passengers and the rest of the mail were captured on landing.

**Confided mail:** One letter, datelined November 7, is known addressed to Lisieux with no arrival marks.

**Privileged mail:** Paris (SC) dates of November 8-11 were captured. Paris Étranger mail was saved.

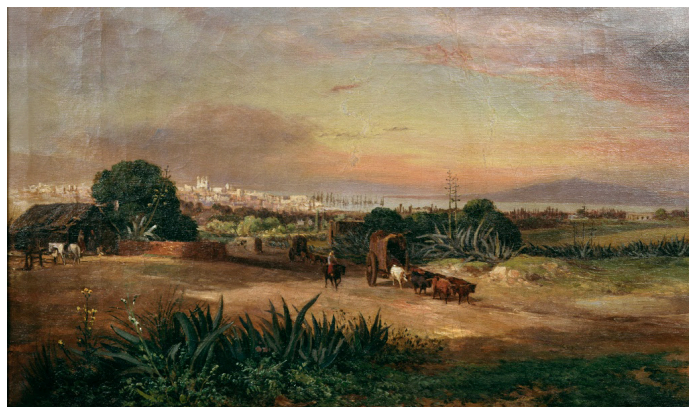
**Regular mail:** Paris dates of November 8-11 were carried - all of the November 10-11 mail was captured (some preserved but never delivered) and some November 8-9 mail was in the recovered sack. The recovered mail was forwarded slowly via Fontainebleau on November 17 (4e) to Auxerre on November 27.



4061 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 8) Paris to Uruguay (Jettisoned Mail)**, folded **printed Orlandi formula** letter to Montevideo, postmarked “Paris, Rue D’Enghien, 8 Nov. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** (defective) tied by numeral “4” star cancel, handstamped red boxed “P.P.”, red “London, 30 NO 70” transit, cover slightly aged, **Fine**, carried by the *Daguerre* and part of the jettisoned mail.

Estimate. . . . . \$4,000 - 6,000

AN IMPORTANT BALLON MONTÉ TO THIS EXTREMELY RARE DESTINATION.



View of Montevideo





4062 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 8) Paris to Elbeuf (Jettisoned Mail)**, folded **Dépêche-Ballon N°. 4** postmarked "Paris, R. St. Domque S'. G<sup>n</sup> 58, 8 Nov. 70" double circle and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral "20" star cancel, backstamped "Elbeuf, 1 Dec. 70" arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Daguerre*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600

"Le Daguerre" was piloted by Sylvain Jubert with a freight of 270 kgs, landing later the same day (12 Nov.) with the pilot, passengers & mail all captured - the latter released after conclusion of the war - one mail bag was jettisoned, recovered by the French Guard at Ferrières and transmitted with arrival postmarks from the 20th of November to the 29th.



4063 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 8) Paris to Jonzac**, folded "**Correspondance Havas**" (**French Edition**) postmarked "Paris (60), 8 Nov. 70" double circle tying **20c Cérès** with mute Star cancel, no arrival marking as this mail was captured by the Germans, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Daguerre*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200







- 4064 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 9) Paris to Baden, Switzerland (Jettisoned Mail)**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N°. 6 postmarked “Paris, Pl. De La Bourse, 9 Nov. 70” double circle and franked with **20c Empire Lauré + 10c Cérès** (10c small perf fault) tied by numeral “1” star cancel, sent in error to England with bold two line handstamp tying 20c “**PAID ONLY, TO ENGLAND**”, backstamped red “London, 30 NOV. 70” transit, notation at bottom “*prière de faire suivre en cas d’absence*” and addressed at top to a hotel in Basel, backstamped “Basel, 4.XII.70” arrival postmark, red manuscript crayon “60” at left, **Very Fine and an intriguing usage**, carried by the *Daguerre*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000



- 4065 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 9) Paris to Italy (Jettisoned Mail)**, folded letter to Milano, postmarked “Paris, R. St. Lazare, 9 Nov. 70” double circle, franked with two **20c Empire Lauré** tied by two strike of numeral “2” star cancel, backstamped Italian railway transit of Nov. 28 and “Milano, 29 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, slightly refolded at bottom, **F-V.F.**, a **scarce destination**, carried by the *Daguerre*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

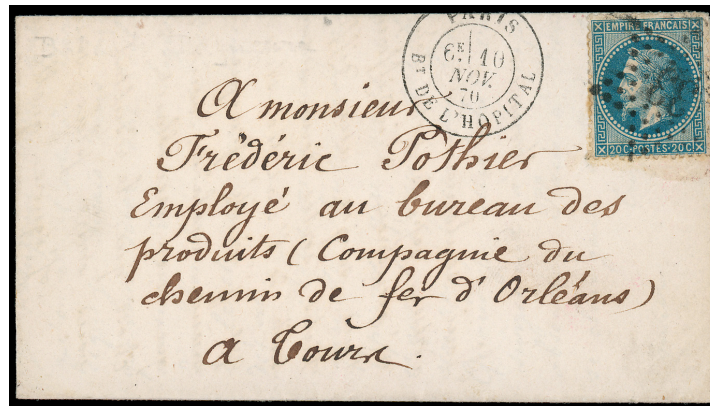


- 4066 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 9) Paris to England (Jettisoned Mail)**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N°. 6 to Manchester, postmarked “Paris, R. de Bondy, 9 Nov. 70” double circle and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “5” star cancel, backstamped “Manchester, 3 DE. 70” arrival postmark, light cover stain, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Daguerre*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200





4067 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 10) Paris to Lussan**, folded “Le Ballon Poste N° 3” (on pink paper) postmarked “Paris, Pl. De La Bourse, 10 Nov. 70” double circle, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “1” star cancel, no arrival marking as this mail was captured by the Germans, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Dagueur*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4068 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 10) Paris to Tours**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, B<sup>T</sup>. de L’Hopital, 10 Nov. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “33” star cancel, no arrival marking as this mail was captured by the Germans, **Very Fine**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

A NICE COVER FROM THIS SCARCE PARIS OFFICE CARRIED BY *LE DAGEURRE*.



4069 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 11) Paris to Rennes**, folded letter postmarked red “Paris (SC), 11 Nov. 70” double circle tying **20c Empire Lauré** with red “**REPUBLIC FRANÇAISE MINISTÈRE DE L’INTERIEUR, CABINET DU MINISTÈRE**” backstamped, no arrival marking as this mail was captured by the Germans, **Very Fine**, an attractive & rare cover, carried by the *Daguerre*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750



4070 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 11) Paris to Autun**, folded **Correspondance Havas (French Edition)** postmarked “Paris (60), 11 Nov. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Cérés** (trivial corner perf flaw) tied by mute star cancel, no arrival marking as this mail was captured by the Germans, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Dageurre*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300





4071 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 11) Paris to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Gare Du Nord, 11 Nov. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** (small perf tear) tied by neat numeral “26” star cancel, large red boxed “P.D.” handstamp alongside, no arrival marking as this mail was captured by the Germans, cover with some wrinkles and expert restoration, **Very Fine appearance**. Estimate. . . . . \$3,000 - 4,000

A RARE COVER TO THIS EXOTIC DESTINATION CARRIED BY THE *DAGUERRE*.



Général Uhrich

**November 18** - (Friday) The balloon *Général Uhrich* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 11:15pm with 2 sacks of mail (80 kg) and landed in occupied territory at 8:00am on November 19 in occupied territory near Luzarches (33km north of Paris). The pilot (Louis Lemoine) and a passenger (Prosper Thomas) hid the balloon and left on November 20 with the official dispatches via Rouen at 4pm on November 21. The other passengers (Joseph Bienbar and Jean Chapouil) left immediately for Tours, and arrived in the evening of November 24. A sack of regular mail was taken to Luzarches, and one to Viarmes. The Luzarches mail was smuggled to Gournay-en Bray and the Viarmes mail was sent out in small batches over several days.

**Confided mail:** Processed at Luzarches on November 20 (1e). New “Dartois & Yon” cachets used red ink until November 15, and then blue. The mail was routed north to Beauvais (November 22 (D) Paris-Calais 2° A ambulant). Bienbar and Chapouil left mail at Le Mans on Nov. 24 (2e) and at Tours on Nov. 25 (3e).

**Privileged mail:** Paris (SC) dates of November 12-18 were processed at Luzarches on November 20 (1e). The mail was transported north across the lines to Beauvais, where it was processed on the Paris-Calais railroad. One letter, addressed to Chatillon-Loing, has a November 21 (2e) Beauvais transit, in addition to the November 22 (D) Paris-Calais 2° A ambulant postmark applied on the train at Beauvais. The great majority of this mail received November 20 (1e) Luzarches transit postmarks.

**Regular mail:** Paris dates of November 12-13 were carried, and the November 14-18 mail was delayed to the *Archimède*. The mail was distributed from Amiens on November 24, two days later than the (SC) mail.



4072 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 12) Paris to Mexico City**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 6**, postmarked “Paris, R. St. Lazare, 12 Nov. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** (clipped perfs) tied by numeral “2” star cancel, handstamped red boxed “P.P.” and **Mexican numeral “4” due marking**, backstamped “Paris à Calais 1°, 26 Nov. 70” transit marking, manuscript routing instruction “voie de St. Nazaire” for transmission by French Packet at bottom left, two unnoticeable insect holes to left of stamp and unnoticeable cover tear at top, **still Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$2,000 - 3,000

A VERY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE USAGE TO MEXICO, OF WHICH VERY FEW ARE KNOWN.





- 4073 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 12) Paris to London**, folded **Correspondance Havas (French Edition)** postmarked “Paris (60), 12 Nov. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **10c + 20c Cérès** tied by mute star cancels & red London, 26 Nov. 70 arrival, trivial light toning & 10c small defect, **F.-V.F.**, a scarce Correspondance Havas used to a foreign destination, carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



- 4074 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 12) Paris to Le Mans**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 7** with Supplement postmarked “Paris, R. S' Honoré, 12 Nov. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “11” Star cancel, backstamped “Calais a Paris 2°, 25 Nov. 70” railway transit & “Le Mans, 28 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine and choice**, a rare Gazette des Absents with Supplement carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



4075 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 12) Paris to Bruxelles, Belgium**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. D’ Antin, 12 Nov. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “8” star cancel, backstamped “Bruxelles, 26 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

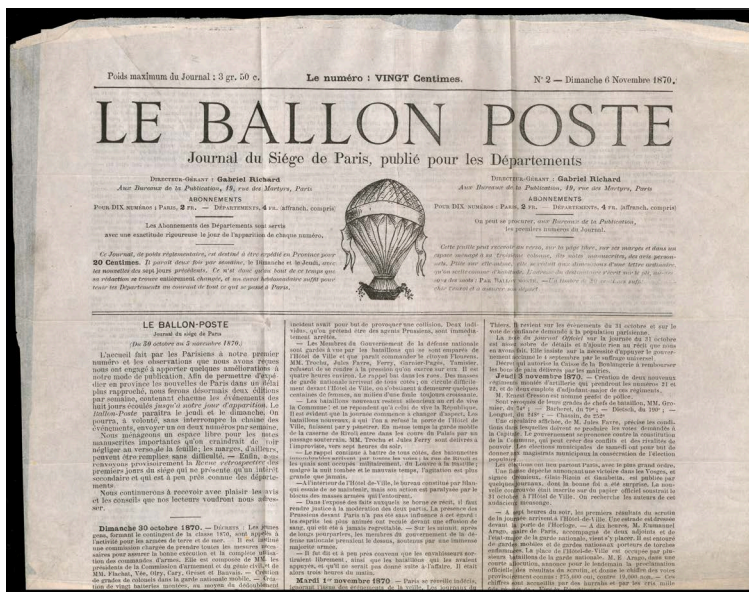


4076 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 13) Paris to Seine-Port**, envelope with manuscript endorsement “Garde Nationale Mobile” at top, postmarked rare “**ARMÉE FRANÇAISE, QUARTIER GAL**, 13 Nov. 70” double circle tying two **10c Empire Lauré** (minor flaws), no arrival marking as usual on mail to occupied territory, **Very Fine**, a rare military usage, carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4077 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 14) Paris to Laon (Occupied Zone)**, folded “**Journal-Poste N° 4**” postmarked “Paris, Pl. De La Bourse, 14 Nov. 70” double circle, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “1” star cancel, sent to the Prussian occupied zone and taxed with blue crayon “30” manuscript, **Very Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



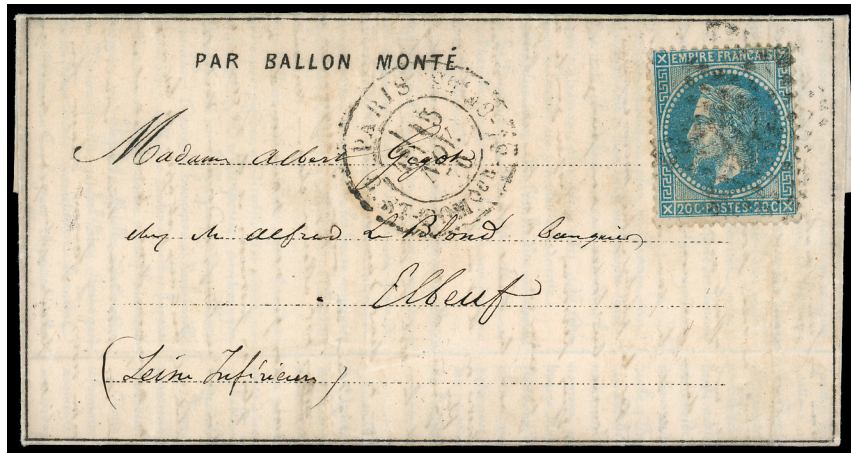


4078 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 14) Paris to Toulouse**, envelope with printed enclosure (on pink paper) **“Le Ballon-Poste N° 2”** postmarked “Paris, R. Bonaparte, 14 Nov. 70” double circle franked with **20c Empire Lauré** (defective) tied by numeral “15” star cancel, backstamped with “Toulouse, 26 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, cover with tiny edge flaws, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Uhrich*. Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

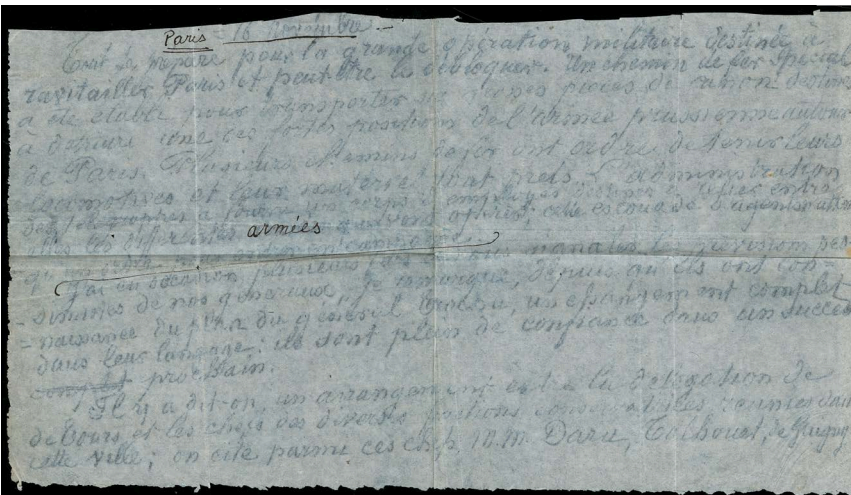


4079 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 15) Paris to Grenoble**, folded **“Correspondance Havas” (French Edition)** postmarked “Paris (60), 15 Nov. 70” double circle franked with **20c Cérés** tied by mute Star cancel, backstamped “Grenoble, 27 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Général Uhrich*. Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



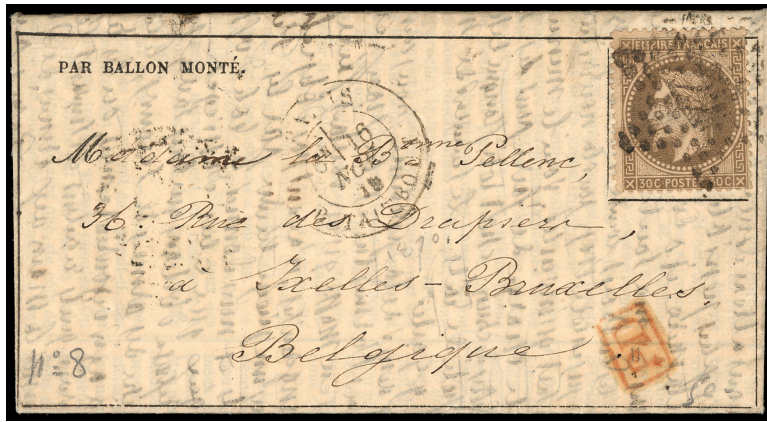


4080 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 15) Paris to Elbeuf, folded Dépêche Ballon N° 6** postmarked “Paris, R. S<sup>t</sup>. Dom<sup>que</sup>-S<sup>t</sup>-Gn 56, 15 Nov. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** (light crease) tied by numeral “20” Star cancel, backstamped “Elbeuf, 24 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine and choice**, carried by the *Général Uhrich, ex-Steinway*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



4081 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 16) Paris to Sion, Switzerland, envelope with Correspondance “Agence Fournier”** enclosure, postmarked “Paris, Pl. de la Bourse, 16 Nov. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **10c + 20c Cérès** tied by numeral “1” star cancels, arrival postmarks of 27 Nov. 70, some faults, **Fine and a rare Agence Fournier** newsletter enclosure, carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000





- 4082 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 16) Paris to Bruxelles, folded Gazette des Absents N° 8** postmarked “Paris, R. Taitbout, 16 Nov. 70” double circle, franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “22” star cancel, backstamped two different Bruxelles arrival postmarks of 22 Nov. 70, **Very Fine**, delayed from the *Général Uhrich* and carried by the *Archimède*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



- 4083 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 17) Paris to Trèves, Germany, folded “Correspondance Havas” (German Edition)** postmarked “Paris (60), 17 Nov. 70” double circle franked with **40c Cérés** (small defect) tied by mute Star cancel with black boxed “PD”, no arrival marking as usual, **Very Fine and choice**, carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600



- 4084 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 17) Paris to Belgium, printed “Depeche - Ballon, N° 6”** letter-journal to **Willebroeck, Belgium**, postmarked “Paris, Montrouge Paris, 17 Nov. 70” origin cds, franked with overlapping **10c Empire Lauré + 20c Cérés** tied by large numeral “2523” losange, backstamped “Willebroeck, 23 Nov. 70” arrival backstamp, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400





- 4085 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 17) Paris to Romans**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N° 8 with bold oval handstamp of “*Chemins de Fer de L’Ouest, 1<sup>o</sup> Division, 2<sup>o</sup> Section, Entretien et Surveillance*” on reverse, postmarked “Paris, R. D’Amsterdam, 17 Nov. 70” double circle, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “18” star cancel, backstamped “Romans” arrival postmarks of Nov. 27 & 28, reverse with handstamp over original tape used to seal the letter, **Very Fine**, delayed from the *Général Uhrich* and carried by the *Archimède*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

AN INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL ITEM FOR THE SPECIALIST.



- 4086 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 18) Paris to Tours**, red “*Paris (SC), 18 Nov. 70*” double circle ties **20c Empire Lauré** on tissue paper envelope with original enclosure, markings include “Luzarches, 20 Nov. 70” transit and “Tours, 26 Nov. 70” arrival postmarks, **Very Fine and attractive**, an attractive cover from the Paris “Privileged Mail” Office carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



**Archimède**

**November 21** - (Monday) The balloon *Archimède* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 12:45am with 4 sacks of mail (290 kg) and landed at 6:45am in Holland (16km from Turnhout, Belgium). The pilot (Jules Buffet) and passengers (Albert de Jaudas and Gaston de Saint Valry) travelled via Turnhout and Brussels to Lille on November 22.

**Confided mail:** Processed at Turnhout, Belgium on November 21. De Saint Valry posted some mail in Brussels on November 23. Much of the known mail was postmarked at its destination or in transit.

**Privileged mail:** Paris (SC) dates of November 19-20 were processed at Tours on November 25.

**Regular mail:** Paris dates of November 19-20 and November 14-18 were distributed from Turnhout on November 21 without Belgian postal charges. French arrivals began November 22-23 in northern France. The fast Amiens-Rouen-Le Mans railroad detour around Paris was still operational.



4087 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 19) Paris to Berlin, Germany**, folded “Correspondance Havas” (German Edition) postmarked “Paris (60), 19 Nov. 70” double circle franked with 10c + 40c *Cérès* tied by mute Star cancels with red boxed “PD” at right, no arrival backstamp as usual, **Extremely Fine and choice**, carried by the *Archimède*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

Ville D'Orléans

**November 24** - (Thursday) balloon *Ville d'Orléans* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 11:40pm with 4 sacks of mail (230 kg) and landed the next day at the Tunet farm in Norway at 2:25pm. The pilot (Paul Rolier) took 2 (?) sacks of Tunet mail via Caen to Tours on December 9. The French government had evacuated Tours on December 8, so the Tunet mail was taken to Moulins-s-Allier for processing on December 11. During the aerial voyage, at 6:30am on November 25, the balloon descended toward the North Sea, so Rolier threw out some mail to re-ascend; at noon he jettisoned a 125kg bag of mail near the coast of Mandal. The Mandal mail was recovered and forwarded via London on December 2.

**Confided mail:** was left at Tours on December 9, and shows arrivals of December 10-16. One letter addressed to Granville was postmarked at Tours on December 9, but the rest of the mail, including some with Aérostiers cachets, was postmarked in transit or at destination. Another letter to Granville, with an Aérostiers cachet and its franking floated off, was in the Mandal mail, and was received on December 4. Finally, three letters (two with Aérostiers) arrived much later, on December 20-23.

**Privileged mail:** Paris (SC) mail of November 21-24 was with the Tunet mail, and taken to Tours on December 9. Some mail was processed at Tours on December 10, some at Bordeaux on December 10, and some at Moulins-s-Allier on December 11 (5e).

**Regular mail:** The Tunet mail was processed at Caen on December 8. The jettisoned Mandal mail was processed at London on December 2, and sent to Cherbourg. Routing in France was affected by the capture of Rouen and military activity east of Tours. Some November 23-24 mail with water damage was processed on December 21 at La Rochelle. Ernst Cohn considered this mail to be part of the *Jacquard's* Bryher recovery, but the dates do not align well with that.



4088 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 21) Paris to Lunel**, small folded formula letter postmarked “Paris, La Villette, 21 Nov. 70” double circle franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by “4277” Inter-Suburban Post Office losange cancel, additionally tied by superb strike of blue Military handstamp “**45<sup>E</sup> RÉGIMENT DE GARDE MOBILE, CONSEIL ÉVENTUEL DU 3<sup>E</sup> BATAILLON, HERAULT**” with manuscript endorsement “45<sup>e</sup> Regt. de Marche Mobile de L’Herault”, backstamped “Lunel, 12 Dec. 70” arrival cds, **Extremely Fine and rare**, carried by the *Ville d’Orléans* which landed in Norway (Tunet Mail).  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750





- 4089 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 21) Paris to Gex**, folded “**Dépêche-Ballon N° 7**” postmarked “Paris, Rue d’Enghien, 21 Nov. 70” double circle franked with **20c Cérès** (torn) tied by “4” star cancel, backstamped “Gex, 12 Dec. 70” arrival postmark, cover then forwarded to Geneva, Switzerland and **additionally franked with 10c Empire Lauré paying the special 10c border rate**, tied by superb strike of “Gex, 13 Dec. 70” single circle postmark, backstamped “Geneve, 13 XII 70” & Chene-Bourg, 13 XII 70 arrival cds’s, **Extremely Fine and choice, an unusual and rare usage**, carried by the *Ville d’Orléans* which landed in Norway (Tunet Mail).  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750



- 4090 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 22) Paris to Honfleur**, folded “**Dépêche-Ballon N° 8**” postmarked “Paris, R. St. Lazare, 22 Nov. 70” double circle franked with **20c Empire Lauré** (light corner crease) tied by “2” star cancel, backstamped “Honfleur, 11 Dec. 70” arrival cds, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Ville d’Orléans* to Norway (Tunet Mail).  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



- 4091 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 22) Paris to Bagnols-sur-Cèze (Crashed Mail)**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 9** postmarked “Paris, R. St. Dom<sup>que</sup> St, Gn 58, 22 Nov. 70” double circle, franked with **20c Cérès** (small defect) tied by numeral “20” star cancel, backstamped “Bagnols-sur-Cèze, 12 Dec. 70” arrival postmark, **Fine**, carried by the *Ville d’Orléans* from the Mandal mail.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4092 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 23) Paris to Panama (Central America)**, folded “*Gazette des Absents N° 10*” postmarked “Paris, Pl. de la Bourse, 23 Nov. 70” double circle with magenta manuscript endorsement “Vapeur Anglais” and “via Southhampton” red boxed “PD” and box “PP” handstamps, the franking (80c) has been floated off as this was part of the jettisoned mail during the voyage, some minor cover damage due to immersion in the sea, carried by the *Ville d’Orléans*.  
 Estimate . . . . . \$10,000 - 15,000

A SUPERB COVER CARRIED ON THE FAMED *VILLE D’ORLÉANS* BALLOON FLIGHT AND THE ONLY RECORDED COVER TO PANAMA.

*The balloon “Ville d’Orléans” left the Gare du Nord at 11:40pm with 4 sacks of mail (230 kg) and landed the next day at the Tunet farm in Norway at 2:25pm.*

*During the aerial voyage, at 6:30am on November 25, the balloon descended toward the North Sea, so pilot threw out some mail to re-ascend; at noon he jettisoned a 125kg bag of mail near the coast of Mandal (Norway). The Mandal mail was recovered and forwarded via London on December 2.*

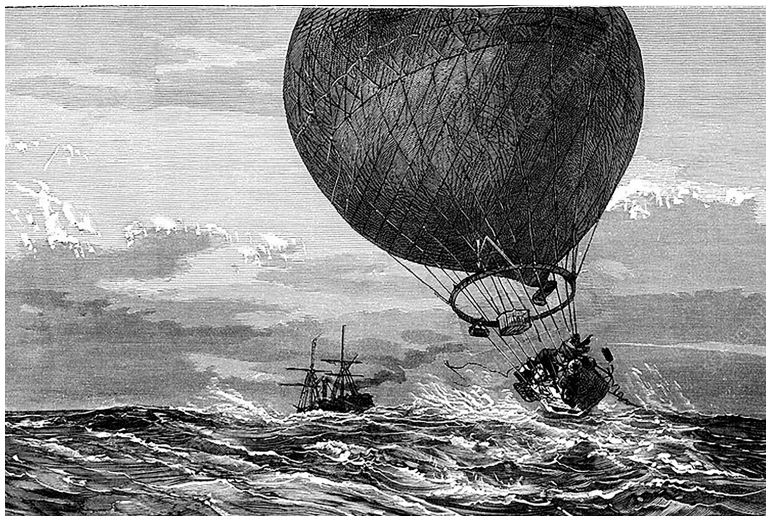


La Ville d’Orléans French balloon in Norway





4093 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 24) Paris to Gex (Jettisoned Mail)**, folded cover postmarked “Paris, Pl. De La Bourse, 24 Nov. 70” double circle franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by “1” star cancel, backstamped “Gex, 12 Dec. 70” arrival postmark, cover then forwarded to Geneva, Switzerland and **additionally franked with 10c Empire Lauré paying the special 10c border rate**, tied by “Gex, 24 Dec. 70” double circle postmark, backstamped “Geneve, 24 XII 70” & “Chene-Bourg, 25 XII 70” (Christmas Day) arrival cds’s, some minor cover damage due to immersion in the sea, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Ville d’Orléans*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750



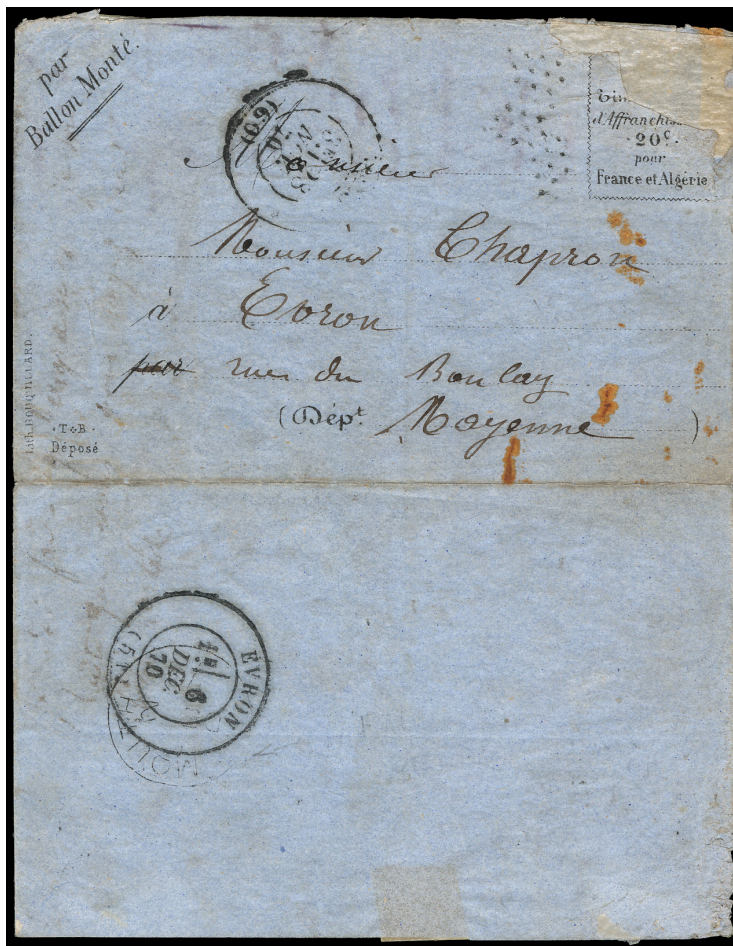
Jacquard

**November 28** - (Monday) The balloon *Jacquard* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 11:10pm with 4 sacks of mail (250 kg) and crashed in the English Channel near Falmouth. The pilot (Alexandre Prince) was last sighted at 7:30am on November 29 off Land's End, England. On December 1, about 1,000 letters washed ashore at Falmouth and were given to the post office. On December 3, the Falmouth postmaster collected another 1,500 letters that had washed ashore at Cadgwith. On December 20, 5 parcels of letters (some dated November 28) washed ashore at Bryher Island (in the Scilly Islands southwest of Land's End) and were processed through London on December 24. That mail entered France via Boulogne on December 25.

**Confided mail:** One letter was recovered at Falmouth on Dec. 3 and the rest arrived in late December.

**Privileged mail:** November 25-28 Paris (SC) mail was part of the Bryher Island recovery, and was processed through London on December 24. Most of this mail shows signs of significant water damage.

**Regular mail:** November 25-28 Paris mail was recovered at Falmouth and Bryher.



4094 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 28) Paris to Evron (Crashed Mail)**, blue printed **Bouquillard** lettersheet, postmarked “Paris (60), 28 Nov. 70” double circle postmark, cancelled with Paris star where the adhesive has fallen off due to crash in the England Channel, backstamped by “Falmouth, DE 2, 70” British transit and “Evron, 6 Dec. 70” arrival cds, corner fault at top right due to immersion in the sea, **Very Fine and rare**, carried by the *Jacquard*, ex-T. Steinway; with 1948 P.F. certificate.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

A VERY RARE BALLON MONTÉ CARRIED ON THE ILL FATED “JACQUARD”, PARTICULARLY WHEN SHOWING THE BRITISH TRANSIT BACKSTAMP.

*A few balloons the flights ended in tragedy; the most famous of which was the “Le Jacquard “ piloted by a young sailor called Alexandre Prince. It was last seen from the lighthouse at Plymouth as it headed out into the Atlantic. A few sacks of mail were salvaged by fishermen, dried as best they could and dispatched to their intended recipients by a local priest.*



Jules Favre N° 2

**November 30** - (Wednesday) The balloon *Jules Favre N° 2* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 11:55pm with 1 sack of mail (110 kg) and landed at 7:45am on December 1 on Belle-Ile-en-Mer (island in the Atlantic, south of Lorient). The pilot (Alfred Martin) took a ship to Lorient on December 2, and then traveled by train to Tours on December 2.

**Confided mail:** was processed on December 2 (7e) at Lorient; much of this mail was postmarked in transit or at its destination. One surviving letter was posted at Tours on December 2 (2e).

**Privileged mail:** November 28-30 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Lorient on December 2. All three days show the inverted '28' instead of '70' postmark error that was finally corrected on November 30.

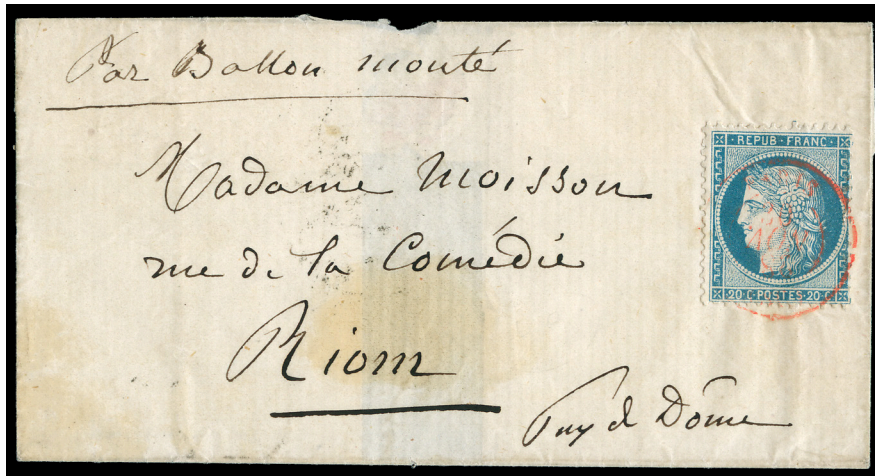
**Regular mail:** November 28-30 mail was processed at Lorient on Dec. 2. The November 28 fall of Amiens forced a Le Mans-Rouen-Dieppe detour by train, and then by road to Abbeville on the Paris-Calais RR.



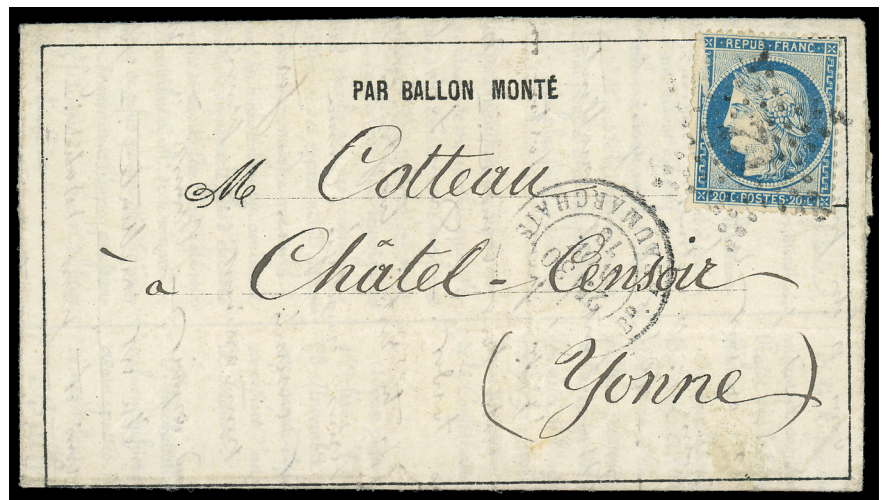
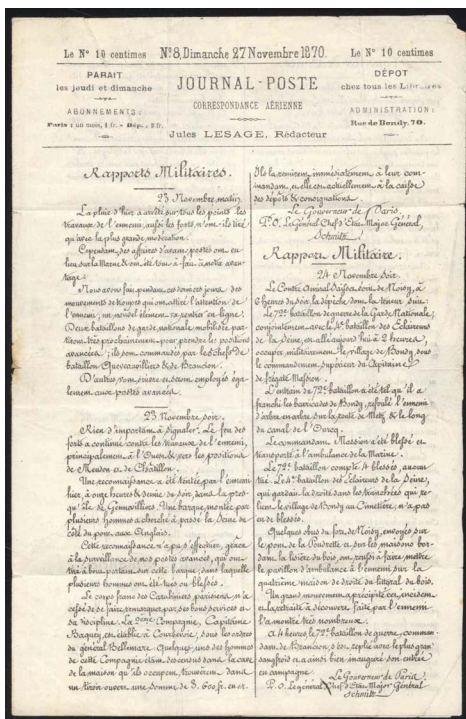
4095 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 29) Paris to London**, blue envelope postmarked "Paris, Rue D'Enghien, 29 Nov. 70" double circle postmark, franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral "4" star cancel, with red "London, 6 DE 70" arrival postmark, **Very Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Jules Favre N° 2*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



4096 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 30) Paris to Sweden**, folded **Gazette Des Absents N° 12** to Stockholm, postmarked "Paris, R. de Clery, 30 Nov. 70" double circle, franked with two **30c Empire Lauré** (one added) tied by two strikes of numeral "24" star cancels, backstamped with "Paris à Calais 2°, 4 Dec. 70" transit postmark, light cover staining, **Fine appearance, a very rare destination despite one of the 30c being replaced**, carried by the *Jules Favre N° 2*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4097 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 30) Paris to Riom**, folded letter postmarked red “Paris (SC), 30 Nov. 28” (inverted month & year slug with error year) double circle tying 20c Cérès backstamped with “Riom, 4 Dec. 70” arrival postmark, F.-V.F., carried by the *Jules Favre* N° 2. Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



4098 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 30) Paris to Châtel-Censoir**, folded **Journal-Poste** N° 8 postmarked “Paris, Bd. Beaumarchais, 30 Nov. 70” double circle, franked with 20c Cérès (small fault) tied by numeral “12” star cancel, backstamped “Châtel-Censoir” arrival postmark with indistinct date, **Very Fine and scarce**, carried by the *Jules Favre* N° 2. Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



**Franklin**

**December 5** - (Monday) The balloon *Franklin* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 1:00am with 2 sacks of mail (100kg) and landed at 8:00am 15km southwest of Nantes. The pilot (Pierre Marcia) and passenger (Comte de Andreourt) passed through Nantes and reached Tours that evening.

**Confided mail:** processed on December 5 (5e levée) at Nantes.

**Privileged mail:** December 1-4 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Nantes on December 5. Some of this large mail was delayed 2-3 days, and was probably carried by the Denis Papin.

**Regular mail:** December 1-4 Paris mail was processed at Nantes on December 5 (7e). The Dec. 5 fall of Rouen necessitated a Le Mans-Caen-Cherbourg railroad detour, and then a sea detour to Calais via England.



4099 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 1) Paris to Germany**, folded formula letter addressed to **Général Ladmirault, Aix la Chapelle (Aachen) in Prussia**, postmarked “Paris, R. d’Amsterdam, 1 Dec. 70” double circle, franked with **20c + 40c Empire Lauré** tied by two strikes of numeral “18” star cancels, no arrival backstamp as usual, **Very Fine and scarce**, carried by the *Franklin*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750

*During the Franco-Prussian War, Général Ladmirault was placed in command of the IV Corps of the Army of the Rhine, taking part in the battles of Mars-la-Tour and Saint-Privat; during the latter he repulsed the German attack at Amanvillers. After the capitulation of the Bazaine’s army however, he became a Prussian prisoner of war.*





4100 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 2) Paris to Rio de Janeiro, Brasil**, folded cover postmarked “Paris, Pl. de la Bourse, 2 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “1” star cancel, backstamped **blue “Rio de Janeiro, 14 Jan. 71” arrival postmark**, small unnoticeable erosion hole to left of address, **Extremely Fine and rare**, carried by the *Franklin*, *ex-Henry Gibson*.  
 Estimate . . . . . \$7,500 - 10,000

A STUNNING AND IMPORTANT BALLON MONTÉ COVER DURING THE SIEGE OF PARIS.





- 4101 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 2) Paris to Grenoble, folded “Correspondance Havas” (French Edition) postmarked indistinct “Paris (60) 2 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 20c Cérès tied by mute star cancel, backstamped indistinct Grenoble Dec. arrival postmark, Very Fine and attractive, carried by the Franklin.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



- 4102 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 2) Paris to England, folded Gazette Des Absents N° 11 to Folkestone, postmarked “Paris, Ministère des Finances, 2 Dec. 70” double circle, franked with 10c + 20c Cérès (small perf. faults) tied by two strikes of numeral “35” star cancels, backstamped with “Folkestone, Dec. 11 70” arrival postmark, light cover stain, F.-V.F., carried by the Franklin.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



- 4103 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 2) Paris to Tarascon, folded Lettre Journal “Depeche-Ballon N° 11” postmarked “Paris, Rue du Cherche-Midi, 2 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 20c Cérès tied by numeral “10” star cancel, backstamped “Lyon-a-Avignon, 8 Dec. 70” transit postmark, small cover repair at top left, Fine, carried by the Franklin.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



- 4104 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 3) Paris to Germany**, envelope with original enclosure addressed to **Prisoner of War**, postmarked "Paris, R. d'Antin, 3 Dec. 70" double circle, franked with two **20c Cérès** (small perf. faults) tied by two strikes of numeral "3" star cancels, no arrival backstamp as usual, small faults, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Franklin*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

*Addressed to "Capitaine au 18<sup>e</sup> régiment d'Artillerie, Prisonnier de l'Armée de Metz" with manuscript routing endorsement at bottom "Par la voie de Vervier et Cologne".*



- 4105 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 4) Paris to Reigate, England**, folded **Lettre Journal "Le Soir"** postmarked somewhat indistinct "Paris, Place de la Madeleine, 4 Dec. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral "3" star cancel, 10 Dec. Railway transit postmark and backstamped "Reigate DE 12 70" arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Franklin*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

A RARE USAGE OF THE LETTRE JOURNAL "LE SOIR".



Denis Papin

**December 7** - (Wednesday) The balloon *Denis Papin* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 1:00am with one sack of mail (55kg) and landed at 7:00am near Ferté-Bernard (47km northeast of Le Mans). The pilot (Domalin) passed through Le Mans enroute to Tours, where he arrived that afternoon.

**Confided mail:** processed on December 7 at Tours at the Paris-Bordeaux ambulant (PB) bureau.

**Privileged mail:** December 5-6 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Le Mans on December 7.

**Regular mail:** December 5-6 Paris mail was processed at Le Mans on December 7. Mail to northern France and England took the Le Mans-Caen-Cherbourg railroad detour, and then a sea detour from Cherbourg to Calais via Southampton.



4106 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 5) Paris to Frankfort sur Mein, Germany, folded “Correspondance Havas” (German Edition) postmarked “Paris (60) 5 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 40c Cérés tied by mute star cancel, without arrival postmark as usual, Very Fine and attractive, carried by the Denis Papin.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600



4107 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 5) Paris to Mont de Marson, card sent by Soldier from the 3rd Army, 5th Division, 1st Brigade postmarked “Paris, R. Bonaparte, 5 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 20c Cérés tied by “15” star cancel, with “Mont de Marson 8 Dec. 70” arrival postmark, Very Fine and scarce, a nice card usage by a soldier, carried by the Denis Papin.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



- 4108 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 5) Paris to London and forwarded to Cornwall Gardens**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. de Bondy, 5 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by “5” star cancel, struck with small red “**Crowned R**” handstamp for forwarding to Cornwall Gardens (within London) backstamped with three different London transit and arrival postmarks of Dec. 9, **Very Fine and scarce usage**, carried by the *Denis Papin*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



- 4109 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 5) Paris to Bruxelles and forwarded within Bruxelles**, folded printed formula letter postmarked “Paris, Sénat, 5 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **10c + 20c Cérés** tied by “6” star cancels, incorrectly struck with boxed “Affranchissement Insuffisant” which was then crossed out, forwarded from hotel in Bruxelles to address in Bruxelles Nord, two different Bruxelles arrival markings of Dec. 11, 10c with trivial stain, **Very Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Denis Papin*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



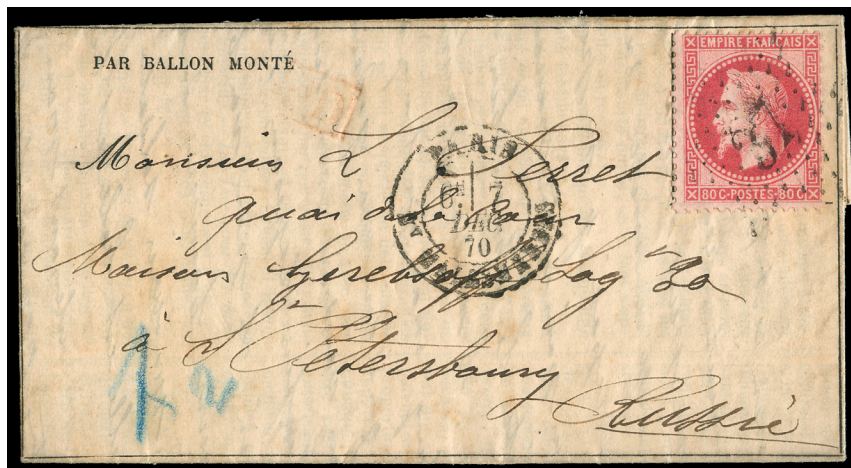
Général Renault

**December 11** - (Sunday) The balloon *Général Renault* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 2:15am with 2 sacks of mail (102kg) and landed at 5:30am in occupied territory near Baillolet (29km southeast of Dieppe). Dieppe was occupied on December 14-15 and then evacuated by the Germans. The pilot (Henri Joigneray) and passengers (Larmanjat and Louis Wolf) went north across the lines to Foucarmont, where they left one sack of mail at 9am on December 11. The aeronauts then continued to Abbeville, where they left the second mail bag in the morning of December 12.

**Confided mail:** some mail was processed on December 11 (1e) at Foucarmont, some on December 12 (1e) at Abbeville, and some on December 19 (2e) at Bordeaux.

**Privileged mail:** December 7-10 Paris (SC) mail was taken to Foucarmont on December 11 (1e). Southern destination mail was routed via Dieppe (December 12) and Le Havre (December 16). Northern destination mail was routed via the Paris-Calais ambulant at Abbeville on December 13.

**Regular mail:** December 7-10 Paris mail was processed at Foucarmont (December 11) and Abbeville (December 12). The Foucarmont mail was routed to Dieppe on December 12 and then by boat to Le Havre on December 16. The Abbeville southern mail was sent by boat from Calais to Cherbourg on December 16.

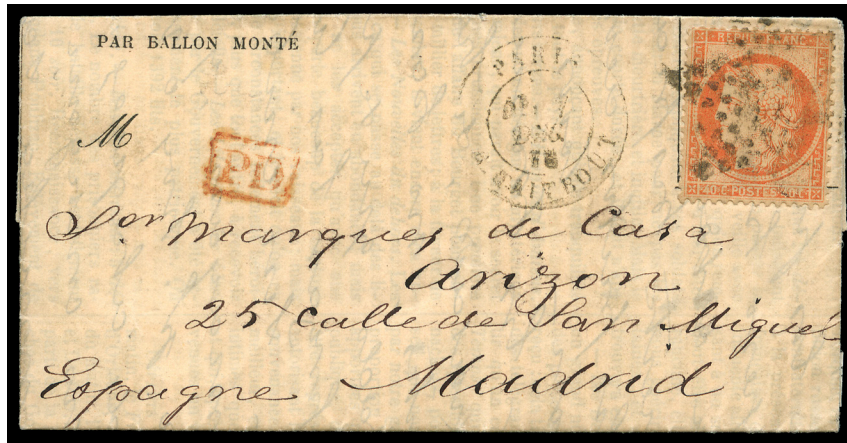


4110 ✉ **1870 (Dec. 7) Paris to St. Petersburg, Russia, folded Gazette des Absents N°. 14** postmarked "Paris, Bl. Malesherbes, 7 Dec. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral "37" star cancel, blue German manuscript crayon "f2" accountancy marking, no arrival as usual, **Extremely Fine and choice**, carried by the *Général Renault*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500

A STUNNING BALLON MONTÉ IN PERFECT CONDITION TO THIS RARE DESTINATION.



Panoramic View of St. Petersburg



4111 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 7) Paris to Madrid, Spain**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N°. 14 postmarked “Paris, R. Taitbout, 7 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 40c *Cérès* tied by indistinct numeral “22” star cancel, backstamped with red “Madrid 22 Dic. 70” double circle, **Very Fine**, a scarce usage to **Spain** carried by the *Général Renault*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750



4112 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 7) Paris to Orléans**, printed formula lettersheet postmarked “Paris, Montrouge-Paris, 7 Dec. 70” double circle, franked with 20c *Empire Lauré* tied by indistinct “2523” losange cancel, no arrival backstamp as the town of Orléans was captured by the Germans on December 5th, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Renault*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150







- 4113 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 8) Paris to Wiesbaden, Germany**, envelope postmarked “Paris, Pl. de la Bourse, 8 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with pair of 20c Empire Lauré tied by numeral “1” star cancel, no arrival as usual, **Extremely Fine**, a scarce usage to **Germany** carried by the *Général Renault*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600

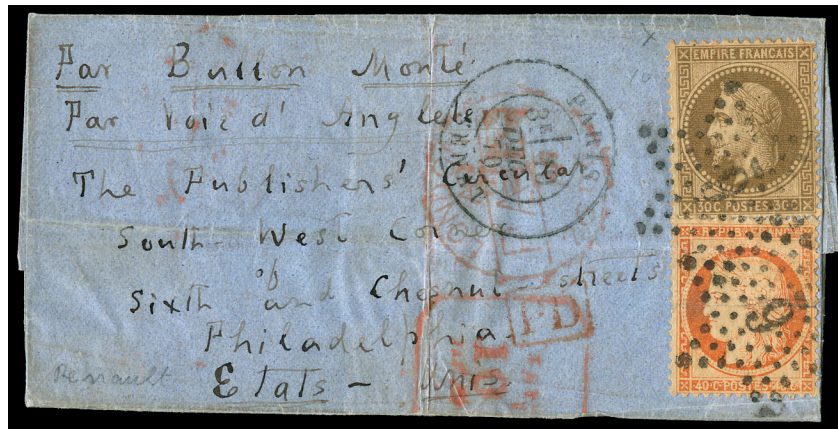


- 4114 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 9) Paris to the Department of Oise**, folded letter postmarked light strike of “Paris, R. D’Enghien, 9 Dec. 70” double circle, franked with 20c Cérés tied by indistinct numeral “4” losange cancel, cover then **forwarded to Boulogne sur Mer and then onto London**, with postage stamp selvaige used a forwarding label, red boxed Insufficient Postage handstamp & label to by **British “More to Pay”** handstamp, backstamped partial arrival of cds, then with “Boulogne-S-Mer, 31 Dec. 70” arrival and two different London receiving backstamps of Jan. 2, 71 (one in red & other in black), **Very Fine**, a charming little cover full of character, carried by the *Général Renault*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



- 4115 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 10) Paris to Odessa, Russia**, envelope with original contents postmarked “Paris, Les Batignolles, 10 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **two pairs of 20c Empire Lauré** tied by “347” losange cancels, blue Germany crayon accounting marking, no arrival as usual, one pair overlapping edge of cover at top, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Général Renault*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500

AN UNUSUAL FRANKING MADE UP STRICTLY WITH 20C EMPIRE LAURÉ TO THIS RARE DESTINATION. MOST ALL BALLOON MAIL TO RUSSIA IS ADDRESSED TO ST. PETERSBURG.



- 4116 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 10) Paris to Philadelphia, United States**, blue folded letter postmarked “Paris, Senat, 10 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré + 40c Cérés** tied by numeral “6” star cancel, red “London 26 Dec. 70” transit cds and red boxed Philadelphia “Jan. 10, 1871” arrival handstamp, 40c creased, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Renault*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500

A RARE 70C USAGE TO THE UNITED STATES PAID WITH MIXED ISSUE FRANKING.

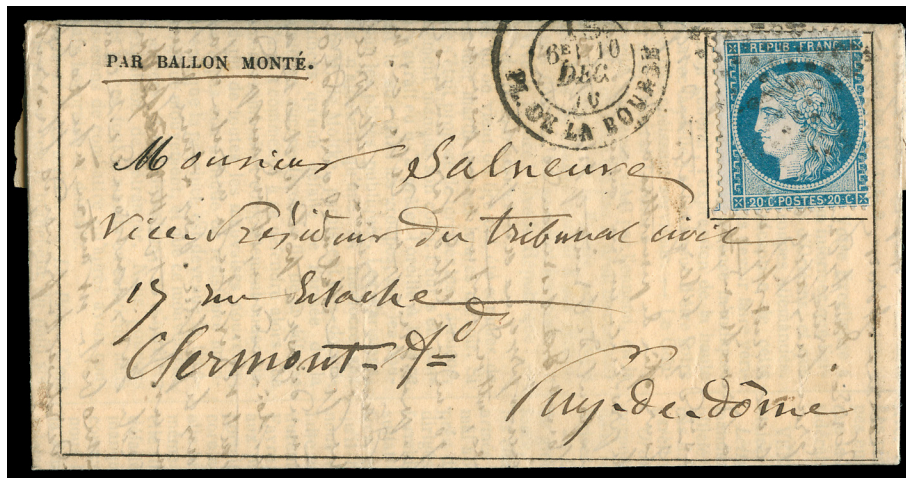




4117 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 10) Paris to Treves, Germany, folded Agence Fournier (?) (in German)** postmarked "Paris (60), 10 Dec. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **40c Empire Lauré** tied by perfect strike of muted "Star" cancel with scarce, large boxed "P.D.", no arrival marking as usual, **Extremely Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Général Renault*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750

A LOVELY BALLON MONTÉ IN PERFECT CONDITION.





4118 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 10) Paris to Clermont-Ferrand**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N°. 15 with supplement postmarked “Paris, Pl de la Bourse, 15c, 10 Dec. 70” postage due double circle postmark and franked with 20c Cérés tied by numeral “1” star cancel, backstamped “Clermont-Ferrand 20 Dec. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Renault*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750

A VERY SCARCE ITEM WITH THE 15C POSTAGE DUE POSTMARK STRUCK IN ERROR.

### Ville de Paris

**December 15** - (Thursday) The balloon *Ville de Paris* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 4:45am with 1 sack of mail (63kg) and landed at 11:00am near Wertzlur, Prussia. The pilot (Delamarne) and passengers (Lucien Morel and Billebault) were captured. The mail was captured but not destroyed.

**Confided mail:** was captured, so surviving letters show no arrival postmarks.

**Privileged and Regular mail:** December 11-14 mail was captured; some was delivered in July 1871.



4119 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 10) Paris to Cette**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Belleville, 10 Dec. 70, 7c” double circle postmark, franked with 20c Cérés tied by numeral “432” losange cancel, no arrival marking, **Very Fine**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

*The mail from the 7<sup>e</sup> was the final mail of the day and as a result was processed the following day. An interest & lengthy letter about the Siege carried by the Ville de Paris which was captured by the Germans and as result there no arrival backstamps.*





4120 ✉ **1870 (Dec. 12) Paris to Santiago de Cuba, Amérique Espagnolle (Cuba)**, envelope postmarked “Paris, R. de Bondy, 12 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** tied by “5” star cancel, manuscript endorsement “Par les Vapeurs Transatlantiques” with small red “PD” handstamp, no arrival postmark as this is part of the captured mail, stamp & cover with trivial imperfections, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Ville de Paris*.  
 Estimate . . . . . \$10,000 - 15,000

A MAJOR BALLON MONTÉ RARITY. THIS IS ONE OF TWO KNOWN COVERS TO THIS EXOTIC DESTINATION.





4121 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 12) Paris to Lima, Peru**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Bl. Malesherbes, 12 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré + 20c Cérès** tied by “37” star cancel, manuscript endorsement “Voie Panama” with red & black “PD” handstamps, no arrival postmark as this is part of the captured mail, 20c trivial imperfections, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Ville de Paris*, Mr. Forster purchased this cover in 1939 for \$36.

Estimate . . . . . \$7,500 - 10,000

AN OUTSTANDING COVER TO THIS RARE SOUTH AMERICAN DESTINATION.





4122 ☒ 1870 (Dec. 12) Paris to Izernore, folded formula letter postmarked Montreuil-s-Bois, 12 Dec. 70" double circle, franked with 20c Cérés (clipped perfs at top) tied by numeral "2516" losange cancel, backstamped "Châtel-Censor" arrival postmark with indistinct date, **Very Fine**, a nice usage from this Outer-Suburban Post Office carried by the *Ville de Paris*. Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



4123 ☒ 1870 (Dec. 13) Paris to La Rochelle, folded Journal-Poste N° 13 postmarked "Paris, R. du Pont-Neuf, 13 Dec. 70" double circle, franked with 20c Empire Lauré (light crease) tied by numeral "17" star cancel, no arrival postmark as this is part of the captured mail, **Very Fine and scarce**, a scarce letter journal carried by the *Ville de Paris*. Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600



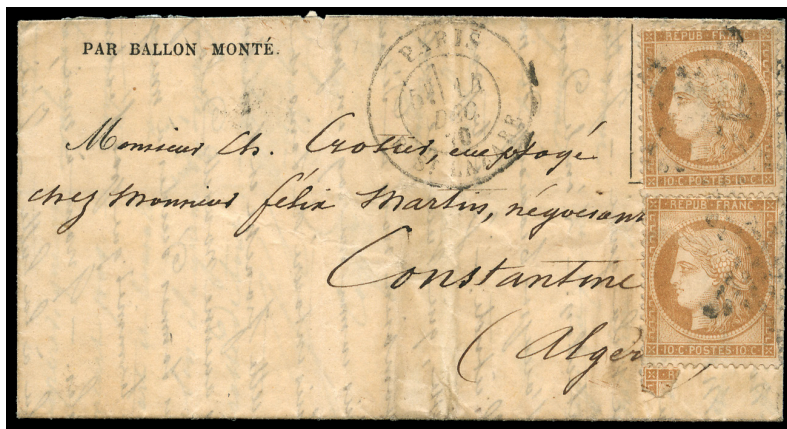
Parmentier

**December 17** - (Saturday) The balloon *Parmentier* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 1:15am with 3 sacks of mail (160kg) and landed at 9:00am in occupied territory near Gourgançon (44 km north of Troyes). The mail was taken to nearby Fère-Champenoise and then smuggled south via Troyes to Nevers on December 26. The pilot (Louis Paul) went south via Bourges (December 19) to Bordeaux on December 20. The passengers (Jules Lepere and Desdouet) went north via Reims to the Ardennes.

**Confided mail:** processed on December 19 (2e) at Bourges (west of Nevers). Mail in the official bag was processed at Bordeaux on December 20 (7e).

**Privileged mail:** December 15-16 Paris (SC) mail was taken south to Nevers on December 26.

**Regular mail:** December 15-16 Paris mail was taken to Nevers on December 26. Mail to northern France and England took the Le Mans-Caen-Cherbourg railroad detour, and then a sea detour to Calais. Much of the December 15-16 mail shows much earlier arrivals that are more consistent with those of the *Davy*.



4124 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 14) Paris to Constantine, Algeria**, folded formula letter postmarked “Paris, R. St. Lazare, 14 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **two 10c Cérès** tied by indistinct “2” star cancel, backstamped indistinct arrival postmark, one 10c trivial imperfections, backstamped partial strike of “Constantine, 1 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, letter with sealed tear on reverse, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Parmentier*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4125 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 14) Paris to Montpellier**, printed formula lettersheet postmarked “Paris, Gros-Caillou, 14 Dec. 70” double circle, franked with **20c Cérès** tied by numeral “27” star cancel, backstamped “Montpellier, 29 Dec. 70” postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Parmentier*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150





4126 ☒ 1870 (Dec. 15) Paris to Toulouse, envelope with **Le Ballon Poste N° 12** printed enclosure on pink paper, postmarked "Paris, Sénat, 15 Dec. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **20c Cérés** tied by "6" star cancel, backstamped "Toulouse 28 Dec. 70" arrival postmark, cover with some faults at bottom, **Fine**, carried by the *Parmentier*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

Davy

**December 18** - (Sunday) The balloon *Davy* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 5:00am with 2 sacks of mail (70kg) and landed at 11:55am near Fussey (12km north of Beaune), after flying over the Battle of Nuits. The mail was taken to Beaune that afternoon, and the passenger (Pierre Deschamps) left at 5pm via Chagny to Bordeaux on December 20. The pilot (Chaumnot) left Beaune a few hours later.

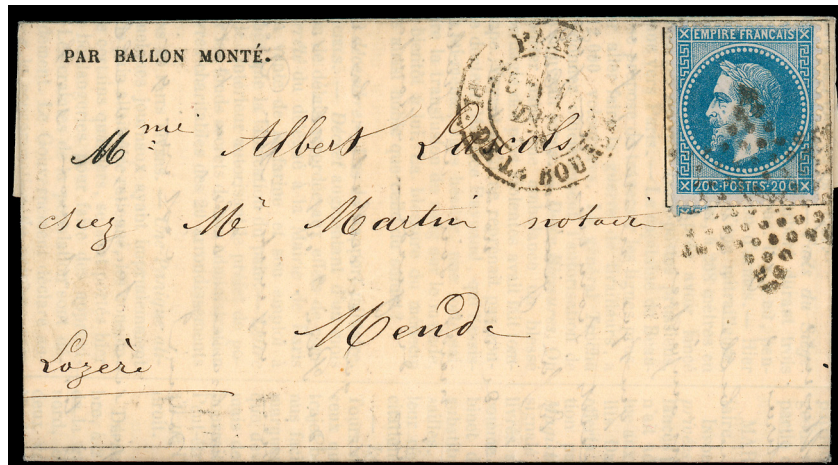
**Confided mail:** some mail was processed on December 18 at Beaune and mail in the official bag was processed at Bordeaux on December 20 (5e).

**Privileged and Regular mail:** December 17 Paris mail was taken to Beaune on December 18 (1e). Some Paris (SC) mail to the south was delayed several days since it was processed from Bordeaux. Some regular mail to Brittany was delayed by 5-6 days, because it was mis-directed to northern France. Mail to northern France took the Le Mans-Caen-Cherbourg railroad detour, and then a sea detour to Calais via England.



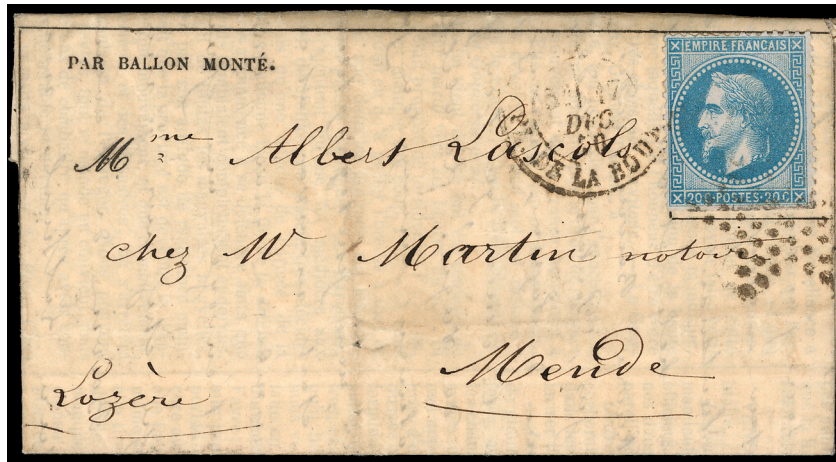
4127 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 17) Paris to Contres**, folded formula letter postmarked “Paris, R. St. Lazare, 17 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with pair and two single 5c Empire dentelé tied by numeral “2” Star cancel, backstamped “Contres 9 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Davy*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750

A VERY RARE FRANKING MADE UP EXCLUSIVELY WITH 5C EMPIRE DENTELÉ TO MAKE THE 20C RATE.



4128 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 17) Paris to Mende**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N° 16 postmarked “Paris, Pl. de la Bourse, 17 Dec. 70” double circle, franked with 20c Empire Lauré tied by numeral “1” star cancel, backstamped “Mende, 20 Dec. 70” postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Davy*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200





- 4129 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 17) Paris to Mende**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N° 15 postmarked “Paris, Pl. de la Bourse, 17 Dec. 70” double circle, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “1” star cancel, backstamped “Lyon a Avignon, 19 Dec. 70” transit and “Mende, 20 Dec. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Davy*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

**Lavoisier**

**December 22** - (Wednesday) The balloon *Lavoisier* (Godard) left the Gare d’Orléans at 2:30am with 3 sacks of mail (175kg) and landed at 9:15am near La Menitré (22km southeast of Angers). The pilot (Joseph Ledret) took the mail to La Menitré that afternoon and then proceeded to Bordeaux on December 23. The passenger (Captain Raoul de Boisdeffre) sent a telegram at 1pm from Beaufort en Vallée and then proceeded via La Menitré to Angers that afternoon.

**Confided mail:** Some mail was processed on December 22 at Angers (Nantes-Paris A night ambulat) and the official bag was processed at Bordeaux on December 23.

**Privileged mail:** December 19-21 Paris (SC) mail was taken to La Menitré on December 22.

**Regular mail:** December 19-21 Paris mail was taken to La Menitré on December 22. Mail to northern France and England took the Le Mans-Caen-Cherbourg railroad detour, a sea detour to Calais via England.



- 4130 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 19) Paris to Constantinople, Turkey**, folded *Dépêche Ballon* N°. 15 addressed postmarked “Paris (60), 19 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** tied by muted “star” cancel, backstamped “Marseilles 29 Dec.” transit cds & “Constantinople, Turquie Janv. 14” arrival, cover with what appears to be contemporary blue manuscript docketing, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Lavoisier, ex-Meroni*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

A RARE 80C OVERLAND RATE USAGE TO TURKEY.



- 4131 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 19) Paris to St. Servan**, folded *Dépêche Ballon N°. 15* postmarked “Paris (60), 19 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 20c Cérés tied by muted “Star” cancel, backstamped St. Servan arrival with indistinct date, 20c with perf defect, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Lavoisier*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



- 4132 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 20) Paris to Chalon sur Saône**, charming small folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. Bonaparte, 20 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with 20c Cérés tied by numeral “15” Star cancel, backstamped “Chalon sur Saône 29 Dec. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Lavoisier*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150





## Délivrance

**December 23** - (Wednesday) The balloon *Délivrance* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 4:30am with 2 sacks of mail (110kg) and landed at 11:45am near La Boissière des Landes (12km south of La Roche-s-Yon). The pilot (Edouard Gaudet) and passenger (Reboul) left the mail that afternoon at La Roche-s-Yon (formerly Napoléon-Vendée) and left for Bordeaux at 5pm.

**Confided mail:** was processed at Bordeaux on December 24 (7e) and December 25.

**Privileged mail:** Some December 22 Paris (SC) mail was taken to La Roche-s-Yon on December 23, and some was processed at Bordeaux on December 25.

**Regular mail:** December 22 Paris mail was taken to La Roche-s-Yon on December 23 (4e). Mail to northern France and England took the Le Mans-Cherbourg railroad detour, and then a French ship to Calais.



4133 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 22) Paris to Laon (Occupied Zone), folded Correspondance Havas (French Edition) postmarked "Paris (60), 22 Dec. 70"** double circle postmark, franked with 20c Cérès tied by mute star cancel, blue manuscript Prussian "30" due marking, carried by the *Délivrance*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



**Rouget-de-l'Isle**

**December 24** - (Friday) The balloon *Rouget de l'Isle* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 3:00am with no post office mail and landed at 9:00am near La Ferté-Macé (40km northwest of Alençon). The pilot (François Iahn) and passengers (Garnier and Glachant) took 4kg of official dispatches to Bordeaux.

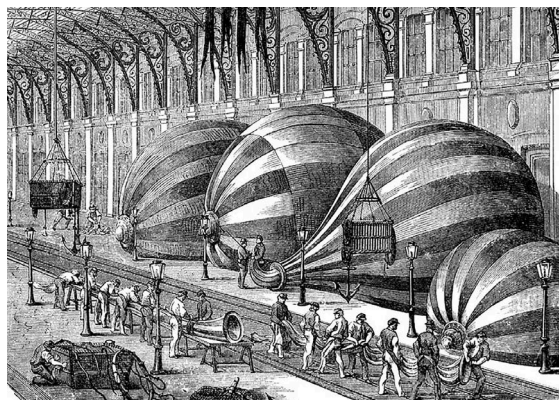
**Confided mail:** processed at La Ferté-Macé on December 24 (2e) and at Bordeaux on January 5 (3e). Some mail to England was processed on the *Angl. Calais ambulant*, and received red "AC" cancels.



4134 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 19) Paris to Coutances (Pli Confié)**, folded letter datelined "Paris le 19 Dec. 1870", franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by large numeral "1494" losange cancel with "**La Ferté-Macé, 24 Dec. 70**" transit postmark, backstamped "Coutances, 25 Dec." arrival postmark, **Very Fine**; signed Calves.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$5,000 - 7,500

A VERY RARE BALLON MONTÉ COVER CARRIED BY THE *ROUGET-DE-L'ISLE* OF WHICH PERHAPS ONLY 3-4 COVERS EXIST.

*This balloon carried only official dispatches - no mail was postmarked by the Paris Post Office. Private letters were included only if entrusted to the pilot (as "plis confiés"), and all such are extremely rare.*



**Balloon Fabrication**



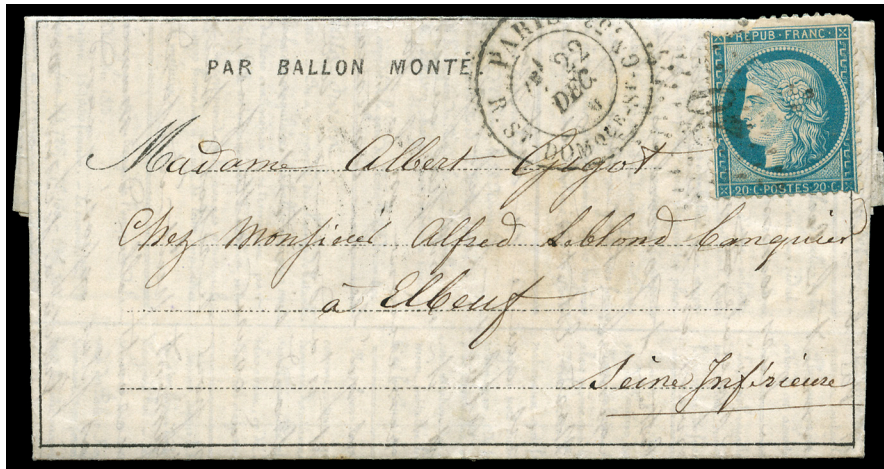
Tourville

**December 27** - (Tuesday) The balloon *Tourville* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 4:00am with 3 sacks of mail (160kg) and landed at 1:00pm near Eymoutiers (38km southeast of Limoges). The pilot (Abel Moutet) and passengers (Meige and Simon Delaleu) went to Eymoutiers and left with the mail at 5pm for Limoges, where they arrived in the afternoon of December 28.

**Confided mail:** Some was processed at Eymoutiers on Dec. 27 (2e) and some at Limoges on Dec. 28 (4e).

**Privileged mail:** December 23-26 Paris (SC) mail was taken to Limoges on December 28 (7e). Some (SC) mail was inexplicably delayed by up to 4 days, and some (SC) mail to southern France was mis-directed to the North, receiving a January 3 (N) Givet-Paris C transit postmark, before returning south.

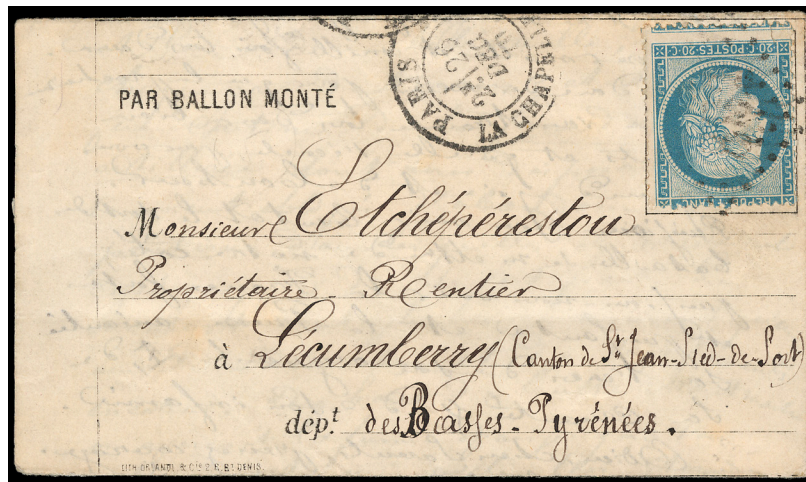
**Regular mail:** December 23-26 Paris mail was taken to Limoges on December 28 (7e). Mail to northern France and England took the Le Mans-Cherbourg railroad detour, and then by sea to Calais via England.



4135 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 22) Paris to Elbeuf**, folded *Dépêche Ballon* N° 16 postmarked "Paris, R. S. Dom<sup>que</sup>-S<sup>aint</sup>-G<sup>ermain</sup> 53, 7<sup>e</sup>, 22 Dec. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **20c Cérés** (small defect) tied by numeral "20" Star cancel, backstamped "Elbeuf, 1 Janv. 71" arrival postmark, **Very Fine and attractive**, This is from the 7<sup>e</sup> collection, the last of the day, as such the mail was processed the following day and carried by the *Tourville*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



4136 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 23) Paris to Bruges, Belgium**, folded letter postmarked "Paris, Pl. de la Bourse, 23 Dec. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** + **10c Cérés** tied by numeral "1" star cancels, backstamped with Bruxelles transit and Bruges arrival postmarks of 3 Janv., **Very Fine**, a nice mixed issue franking carried by the *Tourville*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4137 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 26) Paris to Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port**, folded **Orlandi formula letter** postmarked “Paris, La Chapelle St. Denis, 26 Dec. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Cérès** (small fault) tied by numeral “892” losange cancel, backstamped “Bordeaux à Irun, 31 Dec. 70” transit and “Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port, 1 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, a scarce **Inter-Suburban Post Office cancel**, carried by the *Tourville*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150

### Bayard

**December 29** - (Thursday) The balloon *Bayard* (Godard) left the Gare d’Orléans at 4:00am with 2 sacks of mail (110 kg) and landed at 10:00am near St. Julien des Landes (19km north of Les Sables d’Olonne). The pilot (Paul Reginensi) and passenger (Ducoux) left at 5pm for La Roche-s-Yon (formerly Napoléon-Vendée). The next day, they left the mail at Nantes, and reached Bordeaux at midnight.

**Confided mail:** processed on December 30 (5e) at Nantes. The official mailbag was processed at Bordeaux on December 31.

**Privileged mail:** December 27-28 Paris (SC) mail was processed on December 30 at Nantes.

**Regular mail:** December 27-28 Paris mail was processed on December 30 at Nantes. Mail to northern France and England took the Le Mans-Cherbourg railroad detour, and then by sea to Calais via England.



4138 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 26) Paris to Gaillac du Tarn**, folded formula letter postmarked “Paris, R. Bonaparte, 7<sup>e</sup>, 26 Dec. 70” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Cérès** (tear) tied by numeral “15” star cancel, backstamped “Gaillac du Tarn, 1 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, This is from the 7<sup>e</sup> collection, the last of the day, as such the mail was processed the following day and carried by the *Bayard*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150





- 4139 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 27) Paris to Geneva, Switzerland**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 19** postmarked “Paris, Montmartre, 27 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **10c + 20c Cérés** tied by numeral “2488” losange cancels, backstamped “Gèneve, 4 1 71” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and choice, a lovely cover in perfect condition**, carried by the *Bayard*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



- 4140 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 27) Paris to Switzerland**, folded **Dépêche Ballon N° 18** addressed to La Chaux-de-Fonds, postmarked “Paris, R. S. Honoré, 27 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “11” star cancel, backstamped “Chaux-de-Fonds, 5 1 71” arrival postmark, small, unnoticeable cover defect just affecting Paris postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Bayard*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

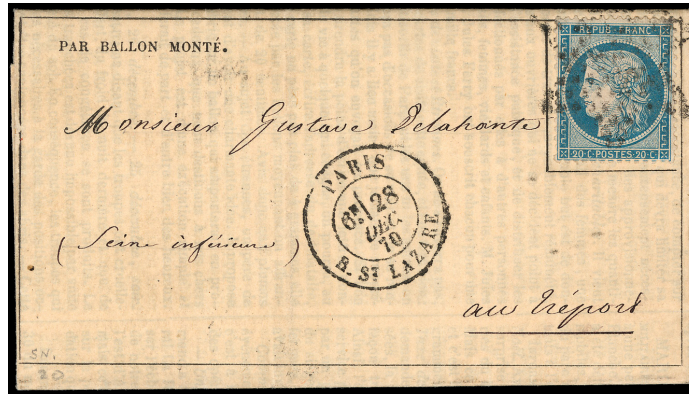


- 4141 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 28) Paris to London**, folded formula letter postmarked “Paris, R. D’Antin, 28 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “8” Star cancel, postmarked red “London, Ja. 3 71” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Bayard*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750

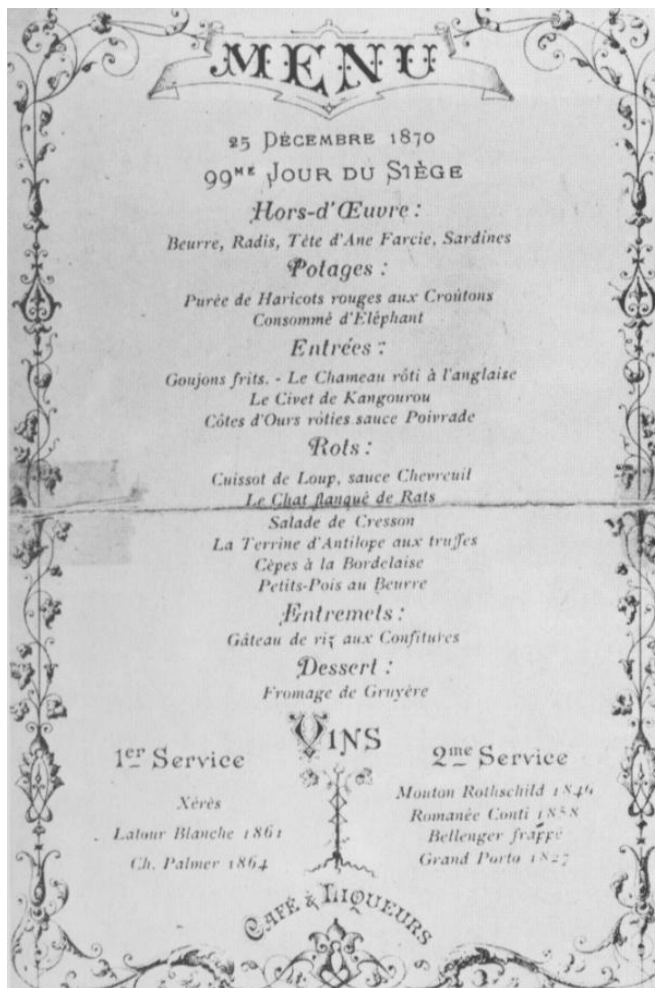
A FASCINATING AND HISTORIC LETTER.

*Letter written in English datelined “Paris, 100th Day of Siege”, with contents which include details of food available, “nearly starved, we have plenty of bread & wine & horse for sometime. Beef & Mutton have gone, though a leg of mutton was seen, ...an egg cost 40 sous, a pair of fowl 51frs, Rabbit 35+40, Cats 10frs, Rats 1/50 ea, a Duck 40, All the beast at the Jardin des plantes are eaten such as the Camels, Antelope. I believe we have not begun the Elephants & Lions but if it lasts much longer they will go also.”*

*Due to a severe shortage of food, Parisians were forced to slaughter whatever animals were at hand. Rats, dogs, cats, and horses were the first to be slaughtered and became regular fare on restaurant menus. Once the supply of those animals ran low, the citizens of Paris turned on the zoo animals residing at Jardin des Plantes. Even Castor and Pollux, the only pair of elephants in Paris, were slaughtered for their meat.*



4142 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 28) Paris to Le Tréport**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 20** postmarked “Paris, St. Lazare, 28 Dec. 70” double circle, franked with **20c Cérés** tied by numeral “2” star cancel, backstamped “Dieppe, 3 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and choice**, a lovely cover carried by the *Bayard* in perfect condition.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



Parisian Menu, “99th Day of the Siege”, Menu with delicacies such Kangaroo, Bear and Camel which had been slaughtered at the local Zoo. Not to mention the wine, “Mouton Rothschild 1849”, “Romanee Conti 1858”.



Armée de la Loire

**December 31** - (Saturday) The balloon *Armée de la Loire* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 5:00am with 4 sacks of mail (232 kg) and landed at 1:00pm in a camp of the 2e Armée de la Loire near Montbizot (15km north of Le Mans). The pilot (Eugene Lemoine) and mail went to Le Mans at 7pm. He left the next morning and reached Bordeaux at midnight on January 1.

**Confided mail:** Some was processed on December 31 at Le Mans but cancelled in transit or at destination; and some (including the Aérostiers mail) was processed at Bordeaux on January 2 (2e).

**Privileged mail:** Most December 29-30 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Le Mans on January 1, and some at Bordeaux on January 2.

**Regular mail:** December 29-30 Paris mail was processed at Le Mans on January 1. Mail to northern France and England took the Le Mans-Cherbourg railroad detour, and then by sea to Calais via Southampton.



4143 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 30) Paris to Mexico**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N°. 20, postmarked "Paris, R. St. Lazare, 30 Dec. 70" double circle postmark and franked with pair of 40c Cérés tied by numeral "2" star cancel, handstamped red boxed "P.P." and "London, 5 JA 71" transit cds, pair tied by Mexican numeral "2" due marking, backstamped "Correos Mexico" oval arrival postmark, pair defective & small portion of reverse missing due to aging, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Armée de la Loire*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$3,000 - 4,000

A VERY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE USAGE TO MEXICO, OF WHICH VERY FEW ARE KNOWN.



**Newton**

**January 4** - (Wednesday) The balloon *Newton* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 1:00am with 6 sacks of mail (310 kg) and landed in occupied territory at 10:30am near Digny (23 km northwest of Chartres). The mail bags were hidden until January 6, when the pilot (Amable Ours) went west to Longny with the mail, and reached Bordeaux on January 9 at 10pm. The mail was smuggled from Longny to Mortagne-s-Huisne on January 9 and distributed from there. The passenger (Brousseau) went north via La Ferte-Vidame to the French lines at Verneuil on January 4, and then passed through Mortagne-s-Huisne and Alençon enroute to Gambetta at Bordeaux. He left there on January 7, attempting to carry a message back to Paris.

**Confided mail:** Brousseau left letters on January 5 at Mortagne-s-Huisne and Alençon. Ours posted mail confided to him by Leveillé to Bordeaux on January 10.

**Privileged mail:** December 31-January 3 Paris (SC) mail (along with mail from Vincennes) was taken by Brousseau to Alençon on January 5, four days earlier than the regular mail.

**Regular mail:** December 31-January 3 Paris mail was taken to Mortagne-s-Huisne on January 9. Mail to northern France and England took the Le Mans-Cherbourg railroad detour, and then by sea to Calais.

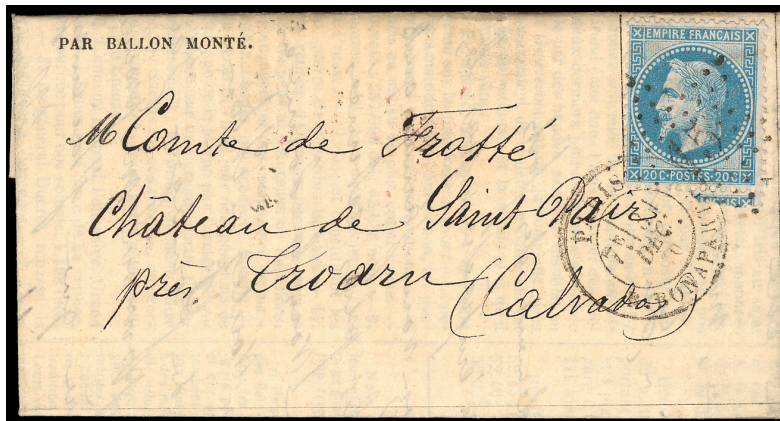


4144 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 30) Paris to Prisoner of War in Prussia**, folded letter to **Prisoner of War in “Camp de Coblenz”**, postmarked “Paris, R. D’Amsterdam, 7<sup>E</sup>, 30 Dec. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **40c Empire Lauré + 10c Cérés** tied by numeral “18” star cancels, **Very Fine and attractive**, This is from the 7<sup>E</sup> collection, the last of the day, as such the mail was processed the following day and carried by the *Newton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750





- 4145 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 30) Paris to Prangins, Switzerland**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. St.-Lazare, 30 Dec. 70, 7<sup>E</sup>” double circle postmark, franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “2” star cancel, backstamped “Nyon, 15 Jan. 71” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Newton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



- 4146 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 31) Paris to Troarn**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 21** postmarked “Paris, R. Bonaparte, 31 Dec. 70” double circle, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “15” star cancel, backstamped “Paris à Caen, 10 Janv. 71” railway transit & “Troarn, 11 Janv. 71” arrival postmarks, **Extremely Fine**, carried by the *Newton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



- 4147 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 1) Paris to Trouville-sur-Mer**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. Montaigne, 1 Janv. 71” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “9” star cancel, backstamped “Caen à Paris, 10 Janv. 71” railway transit & “Touville-s-Mer, 10 Janv. 71”(1) arrival postmark (missing “1” in year date), **Very Fine**, carried by the *Newton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



- 4148 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 2) Paris to Prisoner of War in Germany**, folded formula letter to **Prisoner of War in Weisbaden**, addressed to “Monsieur Le Général de Division L’Heriller”, postmarked “Paris, B<sup>t</sup> Malesherbes, 2 Janv. 71” double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “37” star cancel, small red boxed “P.D.” handstamp applied to cover and crossed out as the cover was underpaid, **two strikes of red “Affr. Insuff. / P37”** handstamp applied, blue crayon Prussian tax “2” manuscript marking, **Very Fine, a fine & unusual usage**, carried by the *Newton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750



- 4149 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 2) Paris to Brighton, England**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Bt Malesherbes, 2 Janv. 71” double circle postmark, franked with **10c Empire Lauré + 20c Cérés** tied by numeral “37” star cancel, folded letter shows unusual **red numeral “37” in circle** handstamp, backstamped “Brighton, JA 11 71” arrival postmark, adhesives with trivial defect, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Newton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

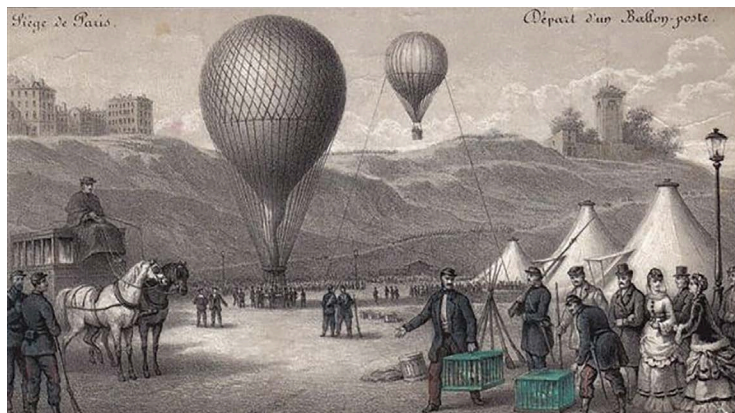




4150 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 3) Paris to Warsaw, Poland**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. St. Lazare, 3 Janv. 71” double circle postmark and franked with vertical pair 80c Empire Lauré tied by numeral “2” star cancels, blue manuscript Prussian crayon “fr 2” transit, no arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine.**

Estimate. . . . . \$2,000 - 3,000

A SUPERB COVER PAYING THE DOUBLE RATE TO THIS RARE DESTINATION CARRIED BY THE *NEWTON*.





4151 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 3) Paris to Alger, Algeria**, folded **Dépêche-Ballon N° 19** postmarked “Paris, R. de Bondy, 3 Janv. 71” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Cérès** tied by numeral “5” star cancel, backstamped “Alger, 16 Janv. 71” postmark, small cover tear at top, **Very Fine and a scarce destination**, carried by the *Newton*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

### Duquesne

**January 9** - (Monday) The balloon *Duquesne* (Godard) left the Gare d’Orléans at 3:15am with 6 sacks of mail (150 kg) and landed in occupied territory at 3:00pm near Puisieulx (12km southeast of Reims). The pilot (Charles Richard) arranged to smuggle the mail to Reims (where it was pre-sorted) and then north to Hirson late on January 10. Richard went via Hirson, Valenciennes and Lille to Bordeaux on January 18.

**Confided mail:** some was taken to Hirson on January 10 and processed on the Lille-Calais ambulant. Richard left mail at Valenciennes on January 12 and some mail was processed in Bordeaux on January 14.

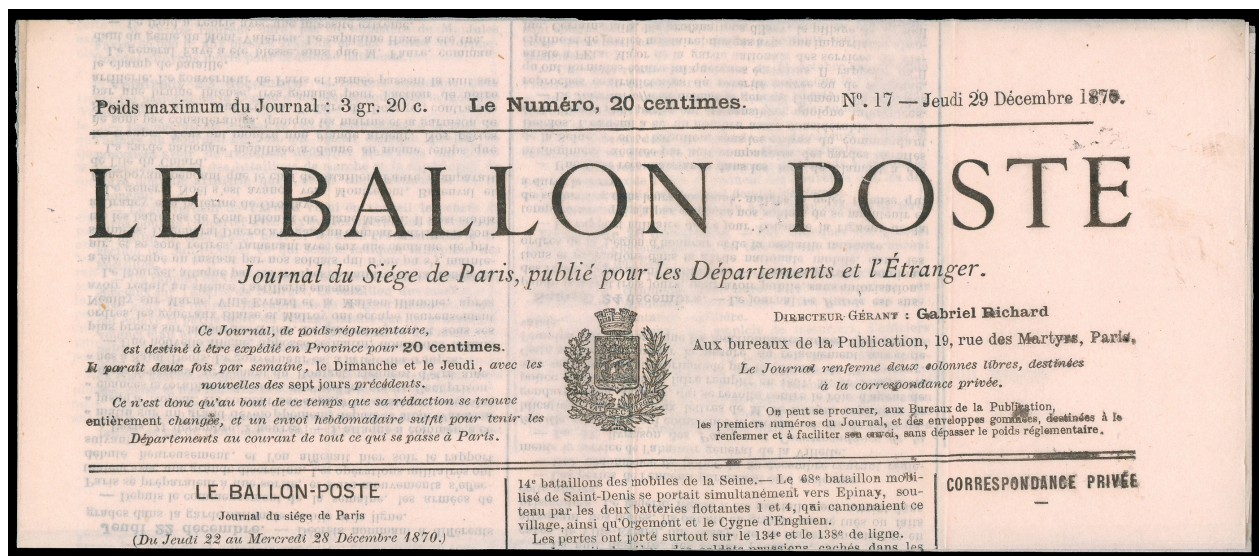
**Privileged mail:** most of the January 4-8 (SC) mail was smuggled to Hirson on January 10. Some (SC) mail was taken by Richard to be processed at Bordeaux on January 20.

**Regular mail:** January 4-8 Paris mail was taken to Hirson on January 10. After the January 12 fall of Le Mans, mail to southern France was taken by boat from Calais to Cherbourg, by rail to St Lo, by road to Dol (on the St. Malo-Rennes RR), and then by rail to Rennes-Nantes-Tours, until the January 19 fall of Tours.



4152 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 4) Paris to St. Petersburg, Russia**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 21** postmarked “Paris, Ministère des Finances, 4 Janv. 70” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré** tied by superb strike of numeral “35” star cancels, blue manuscript Prussian crayon “fr 2”, no arrival marking, trivial flap restoration, **Extremely Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Duquesne*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500





- 4153 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 4) Paris to Toulouse**, envelope with **Le Ballon-Poste** N° 17 enclosure on rose paper, postmarked "Paris, Sénat, 4 Janv. 71", franked with **20c Cérés** tied by numeral "6" star cancel, backstamped "Toulouse, 20 Janv. 71" arrival postmarks, small cover edge flaws, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Duquesne*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



- 4154 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 4) Paris to Cambes**, folded **Dépêche Ballon** N° 20 postmarked "Paris, Ministère des Finances, 4 Janv. 71" double circle postmark and franked with **20c Cérés** tied by numeral "35" star cancel, backstamped "Cambes, 18 Janv. 71" arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Duquesne*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200





4155 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 6) Paris to Toulouse**, envelope with **Le Ballon-Poste N° 18** enclosure on rose paper, postmarked “Paris, R. Bonaparte, 6 Janv. 71”, franked with **20c Cérés**, tied by numeral “15” star cancel, backstamped “Toulouse, 20 Janv. 71” arrival postmarks, small cover edge flaws, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Duquesne*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4156 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 6) Paris to Belgium**, folded letter to **Bruges and forwarded to Bruxelles**, postmarked “Paris, R. D’Antin, 6 Janv. 71” double circle postmark and franked with **pair 10c Cérés** (creased), tied by numeral “8” star cancel, small **blue** boxed “P.D.” handstamp applied to cover with blurry “**Affr. Insuff. / P8**” handstamp, backstamped two strikes “Bruges, 12 Janv. 71” arrival, **Very Fine**, a scarce forwarded cover with the “**P.D.**” handstamp in blue and cancelling stamps, carried by the *Duquesne*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200





4157 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 6) Paris to La Rochette**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Grenelle, 6 Janv. 71” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Cérés** tied by numeral “1715” losange cancel, backstamped “La Rochette, 21 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, **Very Fine and a scarce Inter-Suburban Post Office**, carried by the *Duquesne*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



4158 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 7) Paris to London**, folded **Correspondance Havas (French Edition)** postmarked “Paris (60), 7 Janv. 71” double circle, franked with two **20c Cérés** tied by mute star cancels overpaying the 30c rate to England, backstamped “London, JA 11 71” arrival postmark, light creasing affecting adhesives & some toned spots on letter, **Fine and scarce, a nice usage of the “Correspondance Havas” to a foreign destination**, carried by the *Duquesne*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

Kepler

**January 11** - (Wednesday) The balloon *Kepler* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 3:30am with 3 sacks of mail (160 kg) and landed at 10:15am 6km southwest of Laval. The pilot (Roux) and passenger (Dupuy) left Laval at noon on January 12 for Bordeaux.

**Confided mail:** was processed at Laval on January 12 (2e). Mail from the official bag was processed at Bordeaux on January 13 (5e).

**Privileged mail:** January 10 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Laval on January 11. Mail to northern France and England was sent by ship from Cherbourg via England to Calais.

**Regular mail:** January 10 Paris mail was processed at Laval on January 11. Mail to southern France took the Rennes-Nantes-Angers-Poitiers rail detour. Mail to England and northern France took the Rennes-Dol rail detour, by road to St. Lo, by rail to Cherbourg, and by ship via England to Calais.



4159 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 10) Paris to Mayet, folded Dépêche-Ballon N° 22** postmarked "Paris, R. du Cherche-Midi, 10 Janv. 71" double circle postmark and franked with **20c Cérès** tied by numeral "10" star cancel, no arrival backstamp, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Kepler*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



4160 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 10) Paris to Montreux, Switzerland, folded Gazette des Absents N° 25** postmarked "Paris, R. D'Antin, 10 Janv. 71" double circle postmark and franked with **30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral "8" star cancel, no arrival backstamp, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Kepler*.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200





- 4161 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 10) Paris to Geneva and forwarded to Nice**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N° 22 postmarked “Paris, Rue D’Engbien, 4 Janv. 71” double circle, franked with **30c Empire Lauré** (small scuff) tied by numeral “4” star cancel, adhesive **additionally tied by red “Paris Caisse, 10 Janv. 71” double circle postmark**, sent to Geneva with “19 I 71” arrival backstamp and forwarded to Nice with arrival of “21 Janv. 71” postmark, **Very Fine and unusual**, carried by the *Kepler*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

A RARE AND UNUSUAL COVER WHICH WAS MISLAID AND FOUND AT THE PARIS CENTRAL OFFICE AND CANCELLED BY THE RARE RED PARIS CAISSE POSTMARK FOR INCLUSION WITH THE PRIVILEGED MAILS. THIS IS THE FIRST ITEM OF ITS KIND SEEN TO DATE.

### Général Faidherbe

**January 13** - (Friday) balloon *Général Faidherbe* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 3:30am with 1 sack of mail (60 kg) and landed at 2:00pm near St. Avit de Soulege (8km southwest of Ste. Foy-la-Grande). The pilot (van Seymortier) and passenger (Murel) left the mail at Ste. Foy and left that evening for Bordeaux.

**Confided mail:** was processed at Ste. Foy-la-Grande on January 14.

**Privileged mail:** January 11-12 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Ste. Foy-la-Grande on January 14.

**Regular mail:** January 11-12 Paris mail was processed at Ste. Foy-la-Grande on January 14. Mail to England and northern France took the Tours-Angers-Nantes-Rennes-Dol rail detour, by road to St. Lo, by rail to Cherbourg on January 18, and then by French ship to Calais.

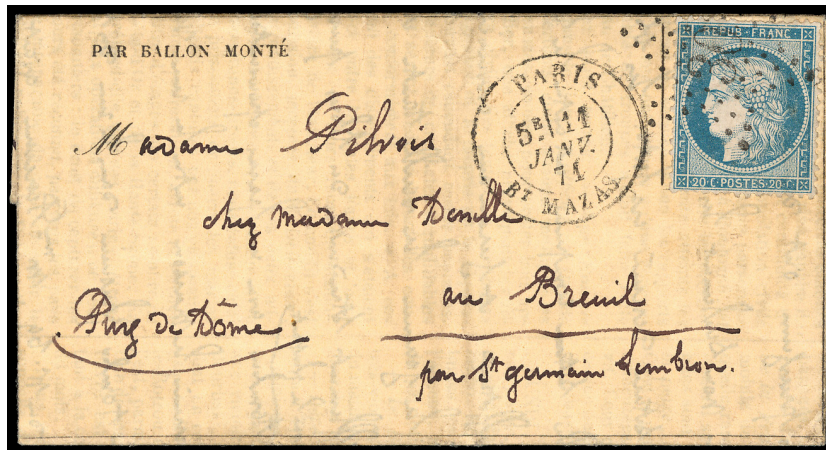


- 4162 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 11) Paris to Folkestone, England**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Ministère des Finances, 11 Janv. 71” double circle postmark, adhesives removed, red “**Affr. Insuff.**” applied, manuscript “4” due and British “More To Pay” handstamp, backstamped London and Folkestone arrival backstamps of Jan. 20, **Very Fine and unusual**, carried by the *Général Faidherbe*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

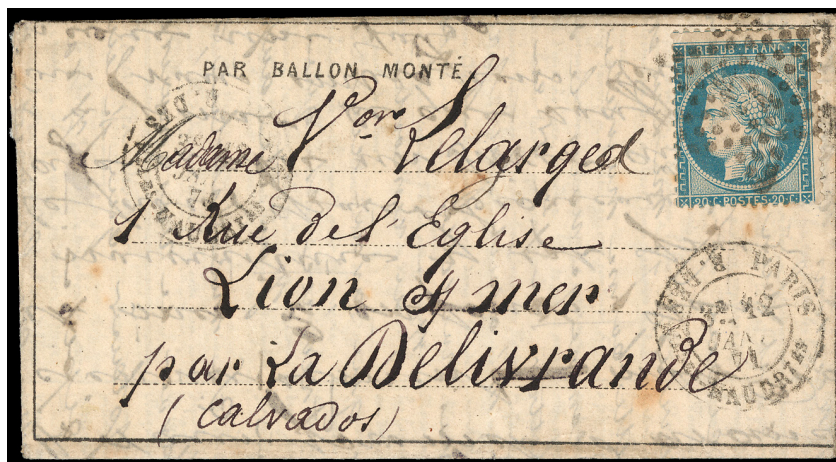




- 4163 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 11) Paris to Vannes**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N° 23 postmarked “Paris, R. du Pont-Neuf, 11 Janv. 71” double circle postmark and franked with 20c *Empire Lauré* tied by numeral “17” star cancel, backstamped “Vannes, 16 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and choice**, carried by the *Général Faidherbe*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



- 4164 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 11) Paris to St. Germain-Lembron**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N° 25 postmarked “Paris, B' Mazas, 11 Janv. 71” double circle, franked with 20c *Cérès* tied by numeral “30” star cancel, backstamped “St. Germain-Lembron, 17 Janv. arrival postmark, letter with light vertical fold, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Faidherbe*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



- 4165 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 12) Paris to La Délivrande**, folded *Dépêche-Ballon* N°22 postmarked “Paris, R. des V<sup>ies</sup> Haudr<sup>tes</sup>, 12 Janv. 71” double circle, franked with 20c *Cérès* tied by numeral “7” star cancel, backstamped “La Délivrande, 21 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Faidherbe*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



Vaucanson

**January 15** - (Sunday) The balloon *Vaucanson* (Godard) left the Gare d'Orléans at 3:00am with 1 sack of mail (75 kg) and landed at 10:15am 20km northwest of Lille. The pilot (André Clariot) and passengers (Léon Valade and Delente) left that afternoon for Lille, and then from Calais by boat to Bordeaux on January 20.

**Confided mail:** was processed at Lille (3e and 6e levées, and Lille-Paris C night ambulant) on January 15. The pilot left mail at Calais on January 16, and at Bordeaux on January 20.

**Privileged mail:** January 13-14 (SC) mail was processed at Lille (Lille-Paris C night ambulant) on Jan. 15.

**Regular mail:** January 13-14 Paris mail was processed at Lille on January 15. Mail for southern France entered via Cherbourg on January 18 by French ship from Calais, and went by rail to St. Lo, by road to Dol, and then by rail to Rennes-Nantes-Angers-Niort, since Tours had been occupied on January 19.



4166 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 13) Paris to Mexico City**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, R. St. Lazare, 13 Janv. 71” double circle postmark and franked with **80c Empire Lauré + 40c Cérés** tied by numeral “2” star cancel, additionally tied by red “London, 27 JA 71” transit and large numeral “4” reales Mexican due rate handstamp, endorsed at bottom left, “via St. Nazaire ou des Etats-Unis”, 80c small defect, **Extremely Fine**, carried by the *Vaucanson*.  
 Estimate . . . . . \$15,000 - 20,000

A SUPERB COVER OF GREAT RARITY FOR THE CONNOISSEUR AND ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FORSTER COLLECTION.

*The cover was carried by RMSS “Seine” from Southampton on Feb 2nd to St. Thomas arriving on Feb 18th, then by RMSP “Eider” departing on Feb. 19th to Vera Cruz arriving on March 2nd.*



Bird's Eye View of Mexico City

Poste de Paris

**January 18** - (Wednesday) The balloon *Poste de Paris* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 3:00am with 1 sack of mail (70 kg) and landed at 10:00am at Meerloo, Holland. That evening, passenger Edouard Cavailhon left for London via Rotterdam, and passenger Eugene Cleray left with the mail for Lille via Liege, Belgium. The pilot (Edmond Turbiaux) stayed two days to recover the balloon.

**Confided mail:** was processed at Lille (Lille-Calais 2° ambulant) on January 20. Cleray travelled with the official mail bag via Calais and to Bordeaux on January 25.

**Privileged mail:** January 15-17 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Lille on January 20.

**Regular mail:** January 15-17 Paris mail was processed at Lille on January 20. Mail for southern France was sent by English ship from Calais via Southampton to St. Malo on January 23 (the terminus for the English service had changed from Cherbourg to St. Malo on January 21).



4167 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 14) Paris to Troarn**, folded **Gazette des Absents N° 27** postmarked "Paris, D'Antin, 14 Janv. 71, 7<sup>th</sup>" double circle, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral "8" star cancel, backstamped "Caen à Paris, 29 Janv. 71" railway transit & "Troarn, 29 Janv. 71" arrival postmarks, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Poste de Paris* as this is from the 7<sup>e</sup> collection, the last of the day, as such the mail was processed the following day.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



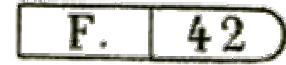
4168 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 16) Paris to Mayet**, folded **Dépêche Ballon N° 23** postmarked "Paris, R. du Cherche-Midi, 16 Janv. 71" double circle postmark and franked with **20c Cérés** tied by numeral "10" star cancel, backstamped "Mayet-Sarthe, 10 Mai. 71" arrival postmark, **Very Fine and attractive**, carried by the *Poste de Paris*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

*The cover landed in German Occupied Territory and delivered almost 5 months later with arrival postmark of May 10.*





4169 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 16) Paris to Darmstadt, Germany**, envelope with original enclosure, postmarked “Paris, R. Montaigne, 16 Janv. 71” double circle postmark, franked with **10c + 30c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “9” star cancel, no arrival postmark as usual, 10c light crease and cover with edge faults due to the delicate nature of the tissue paper, **Fine**, an attractive combination carried by the *Poste de Paris*. Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4170 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 17) Paris to Warsaw, Poland**, folded letter datelined “Quartier General de la 2eme Armée” franked with **20c Cérès** and tied by light strike of red “Paris (SC), 17 Janv. 71” double circle postmark, struck with **rare French “F. 42” accountancy marking** and blue manuscript “6” Prussian tax marking, reverse with nice strike of “**Republique Française, Ministère de L’Intérieur, Cabinet du Ministere**” handstamp in red, **Very Fine and choice**, carried by the *Poste de Paris*. Estimate. . . . . \$2,000 - 3,000

A RARE EXAMPLE OF A BALLON MONTÉ TO POLAND WITH THE 20C RATE TO THE FRENCH FRONTIER PRE-PAID BY 20C CÉRÈS TIED BY THE RED PARIS (SC) POSTMARK FOR PRIVILEGED MAIL.



- 4171 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 17) Paris to Cherbourg**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N° 27 postmarked “Les Lilas (60), 17 Janv. 71” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “3189” losange cancel, backstamped “Cherbourg, 27 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine**, a lovely and scarce cover from this rare Outer-Suburban Post Office, carried by the *Poste de Paris*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



- 4172 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 17) Paris to Jersey (Channel Islands)**, folded formula letter addressed to St. Hélier, postmarked “Paris, R. de Cléry, 17 Janv. 71” double circle postmark and franked with **pair of 20c Cérès** tied by numeral “24” star cancels, backstamped “Jersey, 21 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, a scarce cover addressed to the Channel Islands carried by the *Poste de Paris*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

*Letter written in England which mentions, “...the bombs are falling like rain”, and continues “...we always eat horse, dog, cat and rats”.*



**Général Bourbaki**

**January 20** - (Friday) The balloon *Général Bourbaki* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 5:15am with 3 sacks of mail (125 kg) and landed at 2:00pm in occupied territory 16km north of Reims. The pilot (Theodore Mangin) and passenger (Boisenfray) went north with the mail to Hirson on January 21 at 6pm, and then south by English ship from Calais to St. Malo on January 28. They reached Bordeaux on January 30.

**Confided mail:** was processed at Hirson on January 23 (night Paris-Givet C ambulant). Some mail was processed in transit. Mail from the official bag was processed at Bordeaux on January 30 (5e).

**Privileged mail:** January 18-19 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Hirson on January 23 at the Paris-Givet railroad bureau, along with the regular mail. Mail to southern France was sent by English ship from Calais via England to St. Malo on January 28.

**Regular mail:** January 18-19 Paris mail was processed at Hirson on January 23 (Paris-Givet ambulant).



4173 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 18) Paris to Florence, Italy, folded Correspondance Havas (French Edition) postmarked "Paris (60), 18 Jan. 71" double circle postmark and franked with 40c Cérès tied by muted "Star" cancel with red boxed "P.D.", backstamped "Susa A Torino, 1 Feb. 71" Italy railway transit and indistinct Florence arrival, Very Fine, carried by the *Général Bourbaki*.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750



4174 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 18) Paris to Le Fousseret, folded Gazette des Absents N° 28 postmarked "Paris, R. Bonaparte, 18 Janv. 71" double circle, franked with 20c Cérès tied by numeral "15" star cancel, backstamped "Le Fousseret" arrival postmark of both 31 Janv. 71 and 1 Fevr. 71, Very Fine and choice, carried by the *Général Bourbaki*.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



- 4175 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 19) Paris to Avranches**, folded *Dépêche-Ballon* N° 24 postmarked “Paris (60), 19 Janv. 71” double circle, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by mute star cancel, backstamped “Avranches, 30 Janv. 71” postmark, lettersheet with some creasing and small tear at bottom, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Général Bourbaki*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

**Général Daumesnil**

**January 22** - (Sunday) The balloon *Général Daumesnil* (Godard) left the Gare de l’Est at 4:00am with 5 sacks of mail (280 kg) and landed at 8:00am near Charleroi, Belgium. The pilot (Elisée Robin) left by train at 5pm for Lille, where he arrived at midnight.

**Confided mail:** was processed at Lille on January 23, and the official mail at Bordeaux on January 27.

**Privileged mail:** January 20-21 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Lille on January 23.

**Regular mail:** January 20-21 Paris mail was processed at Lille on January 23. Mail to Belgium was processed on January 22 at Charleroi. Mail to southern France detoured by French ship from Calais to Cherbourg on January 24, by rail to St. Lo and by road to Dol (on the St. Malo-Rennes RR).



- 4176 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 21) Paris to St. Servan**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N° 30 postmarked “Paris (60), 21 Janv, 71” double circle, franked with **20c Cérés** tied by mute star cancel, backstamped “St. Servan, 26 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, lettersheet with light vertical fold, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Daumesnil*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



Torricelli

**January 24** - (Tuesday) The balloon *Torricelli* (Godard) left the Gare de l'Est at 3:00am with 5 sacks of mail (230 kg) and landed at 11:00am in occupied territory near St Just-en-Chausée (50km south of Amiens). The pilot (Bély) reached Blangy on January 25 in the evening, and left the mail there. He then travelled via Abbeville (January 26), Calais and St. Malo (January 29) to Bordeaux on January 30.

**Confided mail:** processed at Abbeville (Paris-Calais PC 2o ambulant) on January 26. The official mail was processed at Bordeaux on January 30.

**Privileged mail:** January 22-23 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Abbeville on January 26.

**Regular mail:** January 22-23 Paris mail was processed at Abbeville on January 26. Mail to southern France detoured by French ship from Calais to Cherbourg on January 28, and then via St. Lo, Dol and Rennes.



4177 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 22) Paris to Bruxelles, Belgium**, folded letter postmarked “Vincennes, 22 Janv. 71” double circle postmark and franked with **10c + 20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “4290” losange cancels, backstamped “Bruxelles, 28 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, **Very Fine, a scarce cover from this Outer-Suburban Post Office**, carried by the *Torricelli*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

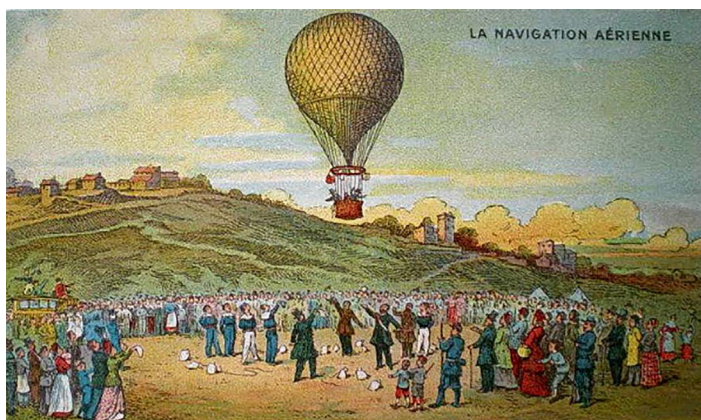


4178 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 23) Paris to Villerville**, folded **Orlandi formula** letter postmarked “Paris, R. D’Antin, 23 Janv. 71” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Cérés** tied by numeral “8” star cancel, backstamped two strikes of “Caen a Paris, 28 Janv. 71” railway transit and “Villerville, 31 Janv. 71” arrival postmark, small piece out at left, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Torricelli*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200



4179 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 23) Paris to Great Britain**, folded letter to London, postmarked "Paris R. d' Antin, 23 Jan. 1871" double circle, franked with **40c Empire Lauré** (10c overpaid) tied by numeral "8" star cancel, backstamped "London Jan 27 70" arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Toricelli*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

*Letter is in English, by an English prisoner in a Paris jail, and notes "We have food for yet a good while. It is really enormous to think what stock Paris has. Just think of feeding two millions of souls during more than four months. It is more than I ever would have believed... As I write these lines, the cannon is groaning but Paris is immense and the shells can only reach the far quarters of the city situated near the ramparts."*





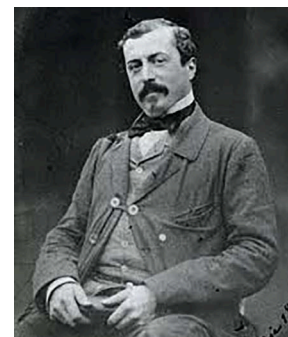
**Richard Wallace**

**January 27** - (Friday) The balloon *Richard Wallace* (Aérostiers) left the Gare du Nord at 3:30am with 4 sacks of mail (220 kg) and descended to 50 meters at 2:00pm at Mougou (15km southeast of Niort), where the pilot (Emile Lacaze) threw out packages of the Journal Officielle and a mail sack (?) and re-ascended. At 4pm he passed over La Rochelle and crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. A February 8 report from Sables d'Olonne described the recovery of 150 letters with January 26 Paris postmarks. A February 12 telegram reported the recovery of a packet of letters near La Tremblade; on February 13, the Charente-Inférieure postal director reported that packages of recovered letters had been sent to La Tremblade and Ile de Ré. In March and April, more letters were recovered and sent to Saint-Pierre d'Oleron and La Tremblade.

**Confided mail:** none is known to have survived.

**Privileged mail:** Some January 24-26 Paris (SC) mail is known with April 13 Caen transit marks.

**Regular mail:** January 24-26 Paris mail was carried. Some letters, with no signs of water damage and arrivals of January 28-29, were in the Mougou sack dropped near Niort on January 27; this mail was most likely processed through Niort on January 28. Some recovered mail has recovery postmarks from La Rochelle (Feb. 12, 14, 15 and 20), La Tremblade (Feb. 13) and Ars-en-Ré (Feb. 20 and 25). Later recoveries have transit marks from La Rochelle (April 8) and Caen (April 13); some arrivals are as late as June.



**Richard Wallace**

- 4180 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 25) Paris to Lisieux, folded Gazette des Absents N° 28 postmarked rare “Paris, La Gare D’Ivry, 25 Janv. 71” Inter-Suburban double circle postmark, the franking has floated off and some cover damage due to water immersion, backstamped “Lisieux, 22 Feb. 71” arrival postmark, Fine.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,500 - 2,000

CARRIED ON THE ILL FATED FLIGHT OF THE *RICHARD WALLACE* WHICH WAS LOST AT SEA OFF ARCACHON. ONE OF THE RAREST OF ALL BALLOON FLIGHTS.

*The balloon crashed in the ocean with some mail which washed up at La Tremblade, Ars-en-Ré and La Rochelle with frankings floated off.*

Général Cambronne

**January 28** - (Saturday) The balloon *Général Cambronne* (Godard) left the Gare de l'Est at 6:00am with 1 sack of mail (20 kg) and landed at 1:00pm in occupied territory near Sougé-le-Ganelon (37km northwest of Le Mans). The pilot (Auguste Tristant) went 23 km west that evening with the mail to the outposts of the Armée de la Loire at Villaines-la-Juhel. He then took the official dispatches via Laval to Bordeaux.

**Confided mail:** was processed at Villaines-la-Juhel on February 1 (1e). One letter is known processed at Laval (Brest-Paris D ambulante) on January 30 (N).

**Privileged mail:** January 27 Paris (SC) mail was processed at Laval on January 31.

**Regular mail:** January 27 Paris mail was processed at Laval on January 31. Mail to England and northern France took the Laval-Rennes-Dol rail detour, by road to St. Lo, by rail to Cherbourg on February 1, and then by French ship to Calais. Mail to southern France took the Laval-Rennes-Nantes-Angers-Niort-Poitiers railroad detour. The sea detour was discontinued on March 4. **MAIL ACTUALLY CARRIED BY THIS BALLOON IS QUITE RARE.**



4181 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 27) Paris to Trouville-Sur-Mer**, envelope postmarked “Paris, Pl. De La Bourse, 27Janv. 71” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “1” star cancel, backstamped “Trouville-S-Mer, 2 Fevr. 7(1)” arrival postmark with numeral “1” missing from year slug, some small faults due to the delicate nature of the tissue paper envelope, **F.-V.F.**, a rare item carried by the *Général Cambronne*, the last Balloon of the Siège.  
Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4182 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 27) Paris to Toulouse**, folded letter with printed letterhead, “Génie, Défense de Paris, Commandement de L’Est” postmarked “Paris, R. St. Dom<sup>que</sup> St, Gn, 27 Janv. 71” double circle postmark, franked with **20c Cérès** tied by numeral “20” star cancel, backstamped “Toulouse, 4 Fevr. 71” arrival postmark, folded letter with small tear at top, **Fine**, a rare item carried by the *Général Cambronne*, the last Balloon of the Siège.  
Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



Smuggled Mail - Lettre Par Passeur



4183 ☒

**1871 (Dec. 17) Paris to Prangins, Switzerland (Smuggled Mail, Lettres Par Passeur)**, folded letter datelined "Paris, 17 Dec. 1870", carried by **private line crosser, Alexandre Barthè** who smuggled the mail out of Paris and then deposited it at the Nevers Post Office, Barthè departed Paris on the 14th of January at 12pm arriving in Nevers on the 19th, the cover is postmarked "Nevers, 19 Janv. 71" double circle with the **30c Empire Lauré** tied by large numeral "2654" losange cancel, backstamped "Nyon, 22 Janv. 71" arrival postmark, on the reverse is **Barthè manuscript endorsement in French** which reads **Reply by return mail to M. Barthè Poste Restante in Bordeaux, Very Fine.**

Estimate. . . . . \$2,000 - 3,000

AN EXTRAORDINARY AND HISTORIC ITEM OF WHICH THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 20 PIECES RECORDED.

*Contents of the folded letter (written French with a few words in English) include:*

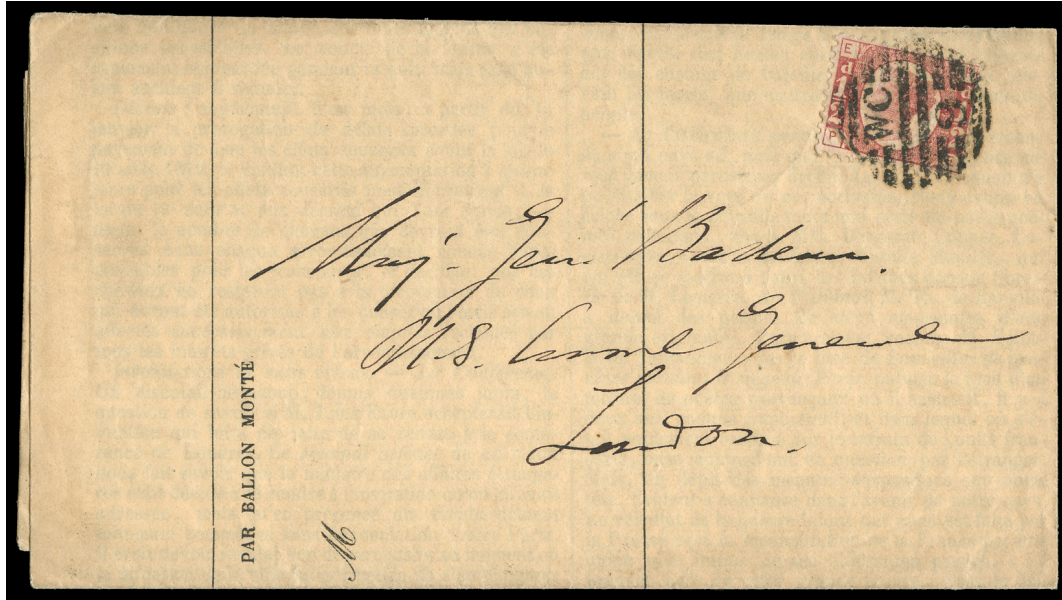
*"La presente part par un facteur special du gouvernement, [il] se charge de rapporter la reponse, God knows how, moyenant 5f que je lui remettre de grand coeur, car voila bien 3 Mois que je n'ai su ton coiture. Donc au recu de la presente adresse la reponse thus aux soins de Monsieur Alexandre Barthe professeur à Amiens Somme France... 30c affranchissement et ecris sur papier tres mince et tres serré avec forte details de famille & tres peu de politique. J'espere que ta lettre me parviendra vers la fin de l'année..."*

[Translation] The present leaves by a special postman of the government, [he] is in charge of bringing back the answer, God knows how, with 5f that I give him wholeheartedly, because it is indeed 3 months that I have not heard of your letter. So at the receipt of the present address the response thus to the, care of Mr. Alexandre Barthe professor at Amiens Somme France..., 30c postage and written on very thin, very tight paper with strong family details & very little politics. I hope your letter will reach me by the end of the year.

This letter gives special insight as to how this service functioned and the associated charges for the service (5f). By the time Barthè sent the letter he could no longer be found in Amiens, as it was then occupied by the Germans, thus he has endorsed it Poste Restante in Bordeaux.

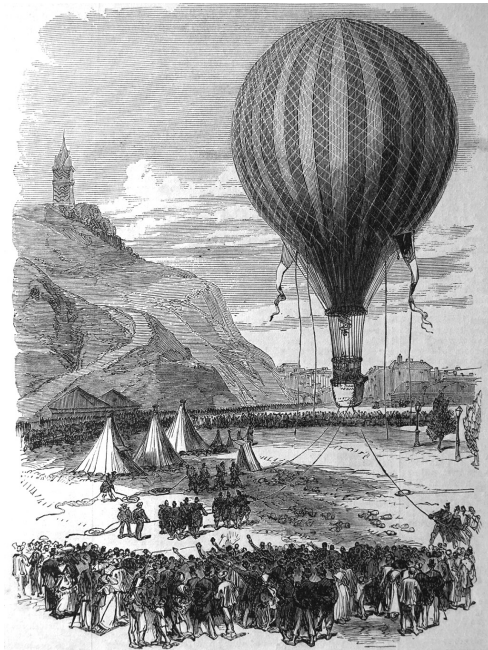
The "Lettres Par Passeurs" were both official carriers and enterprising private individuals who smuggled mails out of Paris. These "Passuers" charged a fee for their service and perhaps the best known is Grimbert, nicknamed "L'homme d'Amiens", letters bear the endorsement: "Responding to M. Grimbert, Poste restante à Ameins". Another, well known smuggler was Alexandre Barthè to whom we find the manuscript endorsement to "Mr. Barthè Poste restante à Bordeaux". These documents are very rare and highly prized by collectors.

Siege Related Covers



4184 ☒ **Gazette des Absents N° 27**, folded Gazette used in London to the U.S. Consul General in London, franked with **Great Britain ½p** tied by "WC 9" barred oval, full printed Gazette, however lettersheet is unused, **Very Fine**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

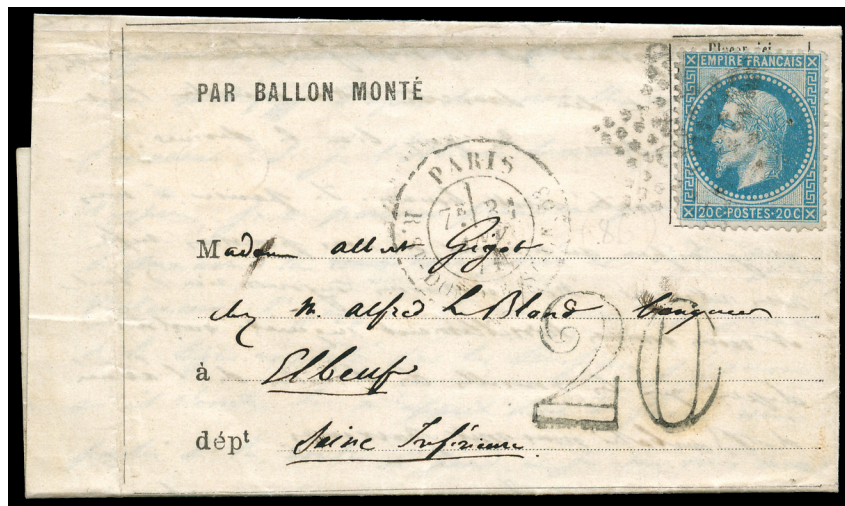
AN UNUSUAL AND INTRIGUING ITEM.







4185 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 20) Local Paris Military Cover**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Charron, 20 Janv. 71” double circle postmark with **rare red “Regiment de Paris, 164e Bataillon”** cachet, manuscript endorsement “garde nationale de marche” at bottom left, **Very Fine and rare**. Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150



4186 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 31) Paris to Elbeuf**, folded formula letter postmarked “Paris, R. St.Dominique St. Gn 53, 31 Janv. 71” double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “20” star cancel, stuck with large “20” due tax handstamp, **Very Fine**. Estimate. . . . . \$100 - 150

*Letter mailed Jan. 31st, three days after the Siege was lifted.*

*The letter was posted unseal as per German regulations. It was addressed to occupied territory, hence the 20c postage due marking as the German office that handled the letter did not recognize the 20c stamp.*



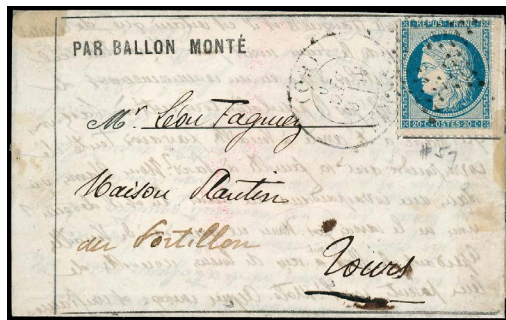
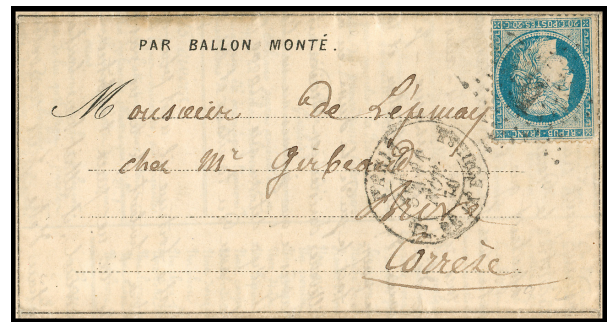
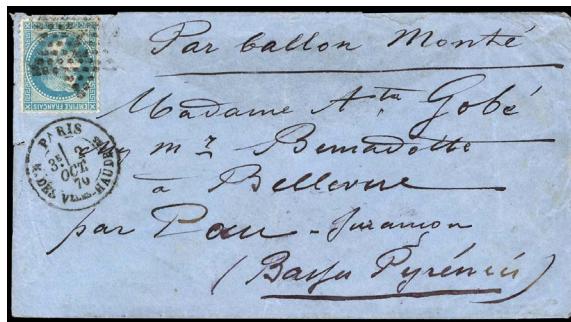
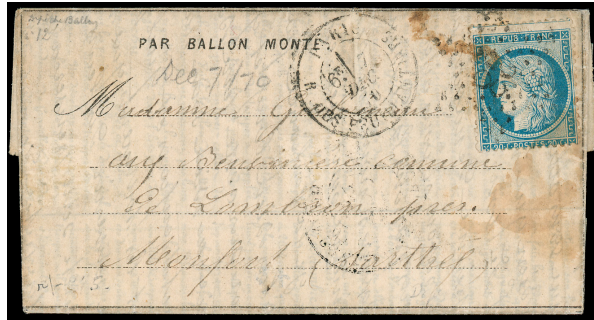
4187 ☒ **1871 (Feb. 14) Paris to London (Censored Letter)**, unsealed folded letter postmarked "Paris, R. D'Antin, 14 Fevr. 71" double circle postmark and franked with **20c Cérès** (clipped perfs) tied by indistinct cancel, stuck with red "Affranchissement Insuffisant" boxed handstamp, letter send unsealed as per German regulations, sent via Versailles with **blue boxed "Versailles Auswechselungs Stelle" censor handstamp**, British "4¼d" due handstamp applied on arrival, backstamped London arrival marking of Feb. 20, **Very Fine**. Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

*This is a very scarce censor's marking found on mail for only two weeks at Versailles and as per regulations all mail was to be sent unsealed to help facilitate censorship.*



**Signing of the Armistice on January 28, 1871 at Versailles**



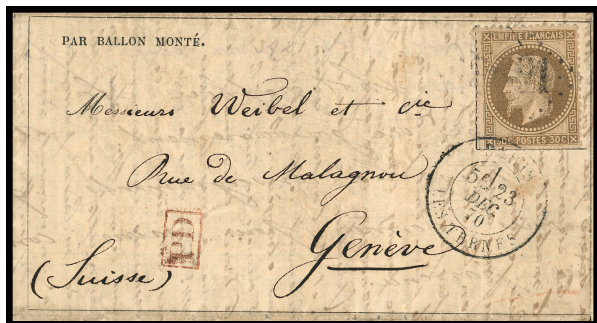


Ex 4188

**Balance of the B.D. Forster Collection of Ballon Montés**

4188 ☒ **Balance of the B.D. Forster Collection of Ballon Montés**, the balance is housed in three old-time Godden style leather albums with boxed slipcases, the most of the covers are mounted on beautiful hand done pages in pen and ink, represented are **51 Ballon Montés** plus a few miscellaneous ephemera items, the covers were sent on a wide variety of flights including *La Ville de Florence*, *L'Armand Barbès*, *Non Dénommé N°2*, *Le Jean Bart N°1*, *Le Victor Hugo*, *Le Vauban*, *Le Colonel Charras*, *Le Fulton*, *Le Ferdinand Flocon*, *La Gironde*, *Le Daguerre*, *Le Général Ulrich*, *Le Franklin*, *L'Armée de Bretagne*, *Le Général Renault*, *La Ville de Paris*, *Le Parmentier*, *Le Davy*, *Le Lavoisier*, *La Délivrance*, *Le Tourville*, *Le Bayard*, *Le Duquesne*, *Le Gambetta*, *Le Vaucanson*, *Le Général Bourbaki*, some printed Letter Journals are present including **Gazette des Absents** and one or two **Ballon-Poste**, destinations are mainly within France, however there a number to England, Belgium & Switzerland, some slight defects and one or two with stamps added or missing, however the overall quality is quite good and the collection should be inspected to truly appreciate the value.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$3,000 - 4,000







# The Marigny Collection of Ballon Montés

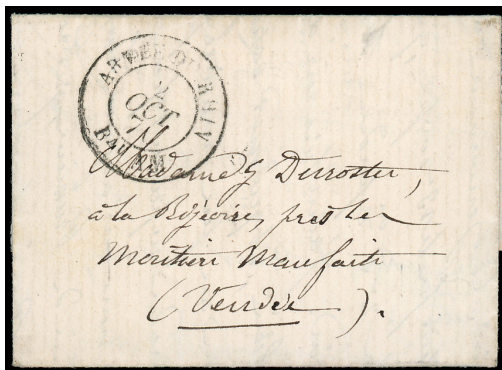
## Ballon Montés



- 4189 ☒ **1870 (Sept. 26) Paris to Pau**, folded letter with manuscript endorsement “*armée de Paris*” to Pau, postmarked “Paris (60), 26 Sept. 70” double circle postmark with boxed “P.P.” handstamp, backstamped “Pau, Oct. 2 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, a rare military free frank posted at Paris Route 4 (rare bureau), carried by the *États-Unis*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



- 4190 ☒ **1870 (Sept. 30) Paris to Castres-sur-l'Agout**, folded letter datelined “Montreuil le 30 7bre 1870” by an officer in the Garde Mobile du Tarn on “Garde Nationale Mobile/7e Régiment d'Infanterie/Le Lieutenant Colonel Commandant” letterhead, **carried into Paris** by Lieutenant Colonel de Juge and posted with Paris, Sénat, 30 Sept. 70 double circle, franked with **1863 20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “6” star cancel, backstamped with Périgueux-Toulouse transit and arrived “Castres-sur-l'Agout, 15 Oct. 70” arrival, **Very Fine**, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



- 4191 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 2) Paris to Moutiers-Maufaits**, small folded letter datelined “2 8<sup>bre</sup> Bicêtre” to Moutiers-Maufaits, postmarked “**Armée Du Rhin, B<sup>am</sup> AM**, 2 Oct. 70” double circle fieldpost postmark of the 13th Corps with an unauthorized but accepted military free frank, backstamped “Moutiers-Maufaits, 17 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Washington/Louis Blanc*; with 1992 Robineau certificate.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750



- 4192 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 3) Paris to Quimper**, postcard addressed to Quimper and postmarked “Paris, La Maison-Blanche, 3 Oct. 70” with black **P.P** for military free frank and blue boxed “**Marins de Lorient**” unit marking of the 2nd Battalion of naval marines, no arrival marking, **Very Fine and rare**, the Paris La Maison-Blanche is a rare postal marking with fewer than ten examples known on balloon mail, probably carried by the *Armand Barbès*; signed Goebel.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$600 - 800



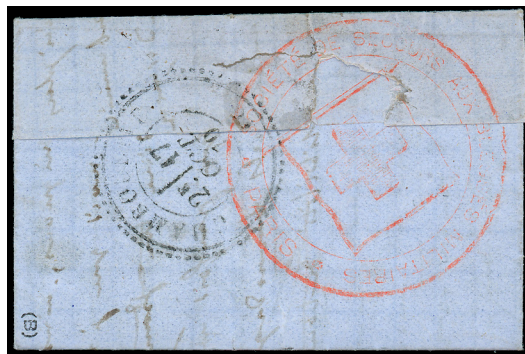
- 4193 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 6) Paris to Algeria**, small homemade envelope datelined “Polygon de Vincennes 5 8bre” and addressed to a **Captain in the 9th Chasseurs, Milianah, Algeria**, posted with “**Armée du Rhin B<sup>am</sup> AL**, 6 Oct. 70” double circle fieldpost postmark of the 13th Corps with an unauthorized but accepted military free frank; backstamped “Milianah Algeria 21 Oct. 70” arrival postmark, **Fine and scarce**, a rare destination with Military usage, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Godefroy Cavaignac/Jean Bart N° 1*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600



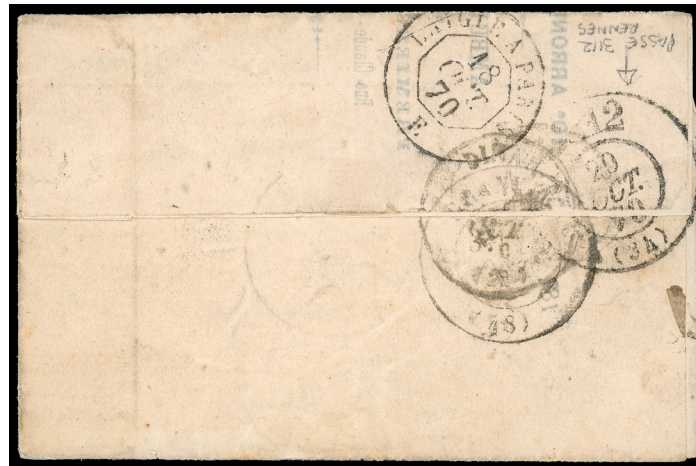


- 4194 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 6) Paris to Varennes-en-Argonne (Occupied Zone)**, folded letter to Varennes-en-Argonne, postmarked "Paris, Auteuil, 6 Oct. 70" double circle postmark and franked with **20c Empire Lauré** tied by large numeral "241" losange cancel, blue manuscript 30 centimes occupation postage due, no arrival marking as is usual in Occupied Territory, **Very Fine**, probably carried by the *Armand Barbès*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

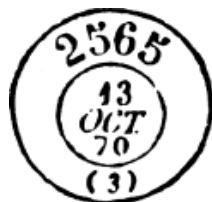
*Sent by a corporal in the 26th March Regiment of the 14th Corps; no military free frank was allowed after September 27, so the required balloon postage was prepaid.*



- 4195 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 8) Paris to Chamboulives**, small folded cover to Chamboulives, postmarked "Paris, R. St Dom<sup>que</sup> St G<sup>n</sup> 58, 8 Oct. 70" double circle and franked with **1863 20c Empire Lauré** (trimmed perfs at top) tied by numeral "20" star cancel, backstamped red "**Société de Secours aux Blessés Militaires Paris**" **Red Cross** marking on the reverse, Chamboulives, 17 Oct. 70 arrival backstamp, **F.-V.F.**, a very rare marking of the Franco-Prussian War with fewer than five known on balloon mail, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Godefroy Cavaignac/Jean Bart N° 1*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$3,000 - 4,000



4196 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 10) Paris to Granville**, folded cover made from "10e Arrondissement/Ambulance de Premiers Secours/Rue Claude-Vellefaux, 48" printed letterhead, postmarked rare "Paris, R. Des Ecluses-St-Martin, 10 Oct. 70" double circle and franked with **1863 10c Empire Lauré pair** tied by numeral "39" star cancel, cover addressed to Granville and forwarded to Dinan, numerous transit and arrival backstamps including scarce "**Bureau de Passe 3112**" of Rennes of Oct. 20, **Very Fine**, delayed from the *Armand Barbès* and carried by the *Godefroy Cavaignac/Jean Bart N° 1*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000



Example of Bureau de Passe Marking





4197 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 15) Paris to Donchéry (Occupied Zone)**, printed formula letter to Donchéry, postmarked “Paris, Bt Malesherbes, 15 Oct. 70” double circle and franked with **1863 20c Empire Lauré** tied by numeral “37” star cancel; marked “P.P.” for partial payment to occupied France; backstamped with **superb strike of blue “Auswartiges Amt des Norddeutschen Bundes” German censor marking**, docketed November 20 arrival in occupied Donchéry with blue manuscript 30c German postage due, **Very Fine**, probably carried by the *Jules Favre* N°1.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$5,000 - 7,500

*This German censor’s marking is very rare (fewer than ten known) which was used by the North German Confederation Foreign Affairs Department at Versailles from October 19 to November 16.*



4198 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 15) Paris to Marseille**, blue folded cover to Marseille, postmarked "Paris, Corps Législatif, 15 Oct. 70" double circle and franked with 1863 20c **Empire Lauré** (tiny corner defect at bottom right) tied by numeral "31" star cancel, cover backstamped with rare blue "**Commandant Supérieur/Défense de Paris/3me Secteur**" marking and "Marseille, 22 Oct. 70" arrival postmark, **Very Fine and rare**, carried by the *Jean Bart* N° 1.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$600 - 800





4199 ☒ **1870 (Oct.) Paris to Pont-l'Abbé-Lambour (Pli Confié)**, folded cover written by a guard at the Tuileries on Nadar's printed letterhead "Defense Nationale, 18e Arrond" Observations Aérostatiques sous la direction des Citoyens, Nadar - Dartois - Duruof", cover addressed to Pont-l'Abbé-Lambour and given to Nadar just before the balloon departure; reverse with **superb strike of red "République-Française, 1 Aérostiers, Nadar - Dartois - Duruof" cachet** on the reverse, "30" centimes unpaid letter postage due handstamp applied, backstamped "Quimper, 22 Oct. 70" transit and "Pont-l'Abbé-Lambour, 22 Oct. 70" arrival, **Extremely Fine and choice**; with 2014 Roumet certificate. Estimate . . . . . \$7,500 - 10,000

A STUNNING AND HISTORIC ITEM CARRIED BY THE PILOT, NADAR ON THE VICTOR HUGO. ROUMET CERTIFICATES READS, PREMIÈRE PIÈCE VUE À CE JOUR, PIÈCE MAJEURE DU SIÈGE DE PARIS. (FIRST PIECE SEEN TO DATE, A MAJOR PIECE OF THE SIEGE OF PARIS).

Letter includes "Je suis de garde au pont tournant du Tuileries, on gonfle un ballon qui va partir du jardin, un employé est assez bon pour me donner ce papier..." (I am on guard at the Tuileries swing bridge, we inflate a balloon that will leave the garden, an employee is good enough to give me this paper...).

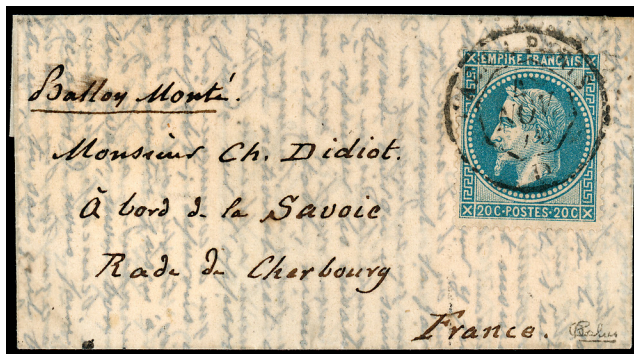


- 4200 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 19) Paris to Cahors**, small envelope with tissue paper enclosure datelined “Fort Montrouge le 19 Octobre 1870”, postmarked “Paris, Montrouge-Paris, 19 Oct. 70” double circle and franked by **1863 20c Empire Lauré** tied by large numeral “2523” losange cancel with black “P.P.” boxed handstamp alongside, cover also struck by circular “**Marine Impériale/Equipages de la Flotte/Commandant du 2e Bataillon**” naval unit marking, unusually applied to the front of the letter; part of the southern Nogent mail per the November 2 arrival in Cahors, adhesive folded over edge of cover and cut upon opening, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Garibaldi*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$600 - 800



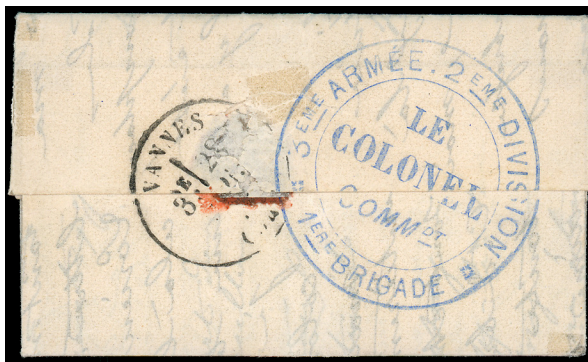
- 4201 ☒ **1870 (Oct. 20) Paris to Vannes**, folded cover datelined “Puteaux 17 8bre 1870” by Colonel Armand de Camas of the Morbihan garde mobile; postmarked “Paris (60) 3, 20 Oct. 70” (rare “cachet de route”) franked with **1863 20c Empire Lauré** tied by muted star cancel, backstamped circular “**Garde Nationale Mobile/31e Rgt\*/Morbihan\***” handstamp on the reverse; part of the northern Amiens mail per the November 3 arrival at Vannes, minor edge stains due to tape reinforcement, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Garibaldi*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000





- 4202 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 4) Paris to Sailor on board the *Savoie*** at Cherbourg (Pli Confié), small folded cover datelined “Paris 1er Novembre 70” and confided to the naval pilot *Le Gloarnec*; addressed to a Sailor on board the French Warship *Savoie* franked with **1863 20c Empire Lauré** and tied by “Caen-Paris D, 4 Nov. 70” ambulant double circle postmark while in transit from Tours; backstamped “Cherbourg, 5 Nov. 70” arrival postmark, **Extremely Fine and rare**; with 2015 Roumet certificate.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$2,000 - 3,000

CARRIED ON THE *FULTON* AND THE ONLY KNOWN COVER WITH THIS CANCELLATION.



- 4203 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 13) Paris to Vannes**, small folded cover postmarked “Paris, Ministère des Finances, 13 Nov. 70” double circle & franked with **1870 20c Siege** tied by numeral “35” star cancel, reverse with excellent strike of blue circular “3<sup>me</sup> Armée 2<sup>me</sup> Division 1<sup>ere</sup> Brigade Le Colonel Commdt” on reverse with Vannes, 28 Nov. 70 double circle arrival postmark, **Very Fine and rare**, carried by the *Général Uhrich*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

*Letter written by Colonel de Camas, who had been recently promoted to the command of a brigade in the 3<sup>me</sup> Armée.*



- 4204 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 15) Paris to Orgon**, rare Orlandi “République Française” printed postcard written by 14th Corps artilleryman to Orgon, postmarked “Neuilly-sur-Seine, 15 Nov. 70” double circle which ties **1863 10c Empire Lauré**, illegible Orgon arrival postmark (probably November 27), **Very Fine and scarce**, delayed from the *Général Uhrich* and carried by the *Archimède*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$600 - 800



- 4205 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 16) Paris to Castres**, folded cover with blue “*Armée de Paris/Garde N<sup>le</sup> Mobile Depart<sup>le</sup>/7e Régiment/Colonel Louis de Juge*” military commander’s handstamp, franked with **1863 20c Empire Lauré** (creased due to placement at edge of cover) tied by red “**Paris (SC), 16 Nov. 70**” double circle postmark, “Luzarches, 20 Nov. 70” double circle & “Calais-Paris 2° A, 22 Nov. 70” transit postmarks, **F.-V.F.**, carried by the *Général Uhrich*; with 1992 Robineau certificate.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600



- 4206 ☒ **1870 (Nov. 23) Paris to Nantes**, folded letter datelined “Mont Valérien le 21 9bre 70”; double circle postmark “**Armée Française Quartier Gal, 23 Nov. 70**” fieldpost bureau for the 14th Corps headquarters; prepaid by an **1863 20c Empire Lauré** cancelled by the datestamp; double circle “Nantes, 22 Dec. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine and rare**, carried by the *Jacquard* and part of the Bryher recovery.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000





- 4207 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 7) Paris to St. Martin de Connée**, folded letter postmarked “Paris (60), 7 Dec. 70” double circle and endorsed “(Garde mobile)” at upper left; handstamped black “P.P.” for a rare late military free frank, excellent strike of blue “3<sup>me</sup> Bataillon Garde Nat<sup>le</sup> Mobile/Le Commandant/(D’Ille & Vilaine)” unit marking on the reverse and “St. Martin de Connée, 18 Dec. 70” arrival postmark, cover with vertical file fold, F.-V.F., carried by the *Général Renault*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

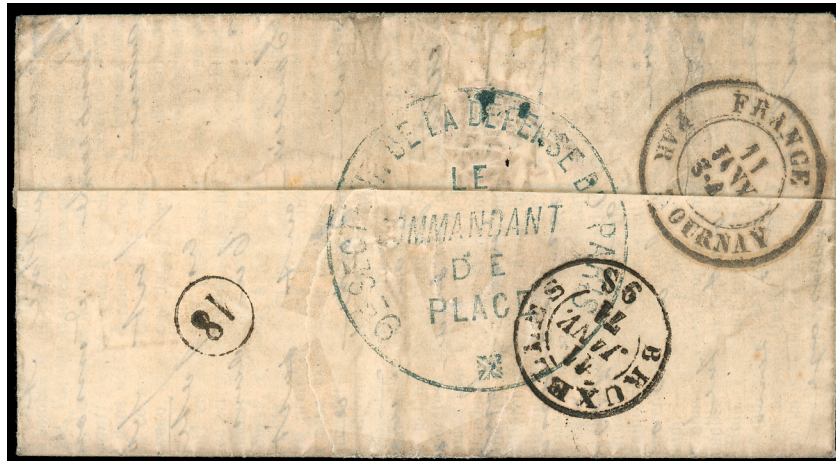


- 4208 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 5) Paris to St. Brieuc**, cover with original enclosure with red “Paris (SC), 5 Jan. 70” ties an an 1870 10c Siege pair (left stamp with corner defect) reverse with two strikes of red “Garde Nationale de la Seine/République Française \* Conseils de Guerre \*” unit marking & “St Brieuc, 22 Jan. 70” arrival postmark, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Duquesne* and part of the mail taken to Bordeaux.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750



4209 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 6) Paris to Douai**, folded letter postmarked “Paris, Ministère des Finances, 6 Jan. 70” double circle franked with **1870 20c Siege** tied by numeral “35” star, cover with two strikes of red “**Garde Nationale de la Seine, Intendance Militaire**” unit marking (one on front & one on reverse), **Very Fine**, carried by the *Duquesne*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750





4210 ☒

**1871 (Jan. 7) Paris to Belgium**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N°. 24 to Bruxelles, postmarked by "Paris, La Maison-Blanche, 7 Jan. 71" double circle, franked with **1863 30c Empire Lauré** tied by large numeral "2170" losange, reverse show nice strike of blue "9<sup>e</sup> Secteur de la Defense de Paris/Le Commandant de Place" handstamp with Belgian "France par Tournay, 11 Janv." transit & "Brussels, 11 Janv. 71" arrival postmark, **Very Fine and rare**, carried by the *Duquesne*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500



- 4211 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 12) Paris to Prisoner of War in Prussia**, folded letter addressed to 2nd Corps cavalry officer captured at Metz and imprisoned at Coblenz, postmarked “Paris, R. Montaigne, 12 Janv. 71” double circle, franked with **1870 20c Siege pair** pre-paying the 40c rate to Prussia, tied by numeral “9” star cancels, no arrival markings as usual for mail carried to Germany, **Very Fine**, carried by the *Général Faidherbe*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000



- 4212 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 17) Paris to Rennes**, folded *Gazette des Absents* N°. 28 posted unpaid with “Paris, R. S<sup>1</sup>-Domque-S<sup>1</sup>-G<sup>n</sup>, 56, 17 Janv. 71” **30c postage due double circle postmark** (7th levée - processed on January 18), blue “**Inspection des Forces Artillerie**” unit marking at top right & endorsed “Armée de Paris” at upper right, backstamped “Rennes, 28 Janv. 71” arrival backstamp, **Extremely Fine**, carried by the *Poste de Paris*.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750

A SPLENDID BALLOON COVER SHOWING THE VERY RARE 30C POSTAGE DUE DOUBLE CIRCLE POSTMARK OF PARIS.



## Papillons de Metz

On the 19th of August 1870, one month before the siege of Paris, the Prussians had surrounded Marshal Bazaine's army in the town of Metz. The next day all communication with the outside world became impossible.

In early September, to maintain communications with unoccupied France, two men suggested launching hydrogen balloons 1.50 metres high and 1 metre in diameter to carry private correspondence. They were Dr. Papillon (whose surname means butterfly), assistant medical officer first-class, attached to the ambulance of the guard corps, and Dr. Jeannel, chief pharmacist, who carried out the project.

Jeannel and Papillon, conceived and initiated a service that carried between 40 and 140 single-sheet messages on each of fourteen unmanned balloons from September 5 to September 15.

### **The Pharmacists' Balloons:**

Fourteen unmanned balloons were launched from September 6 to September 14, eight of these balloons were captured. In total, the service sent out about 1,500 letters. Only 24 papillons sent by this balloon service are known to collectors today. These small slips of paper are called papillons, perhaps in honor of their inventor. The address was on one side and a few lines on the other. There were no departure stamps or envelopes.

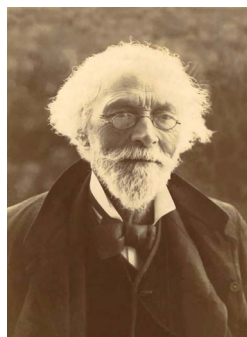
### **The Engineers' Balloons:**

The Pharmacists were superseded by a more elaborate operation managed by military engineers and an English war correspondent named George Robinson. From September 16 to October 3, the Engineers' service launched eleven larger unmanned balloons with 5,000 to 32,000 messages each. Six of the balloons were captured, and approximately 180 of these papillons are known today. The Engineers' service was terminated on October 3 for security reasons.

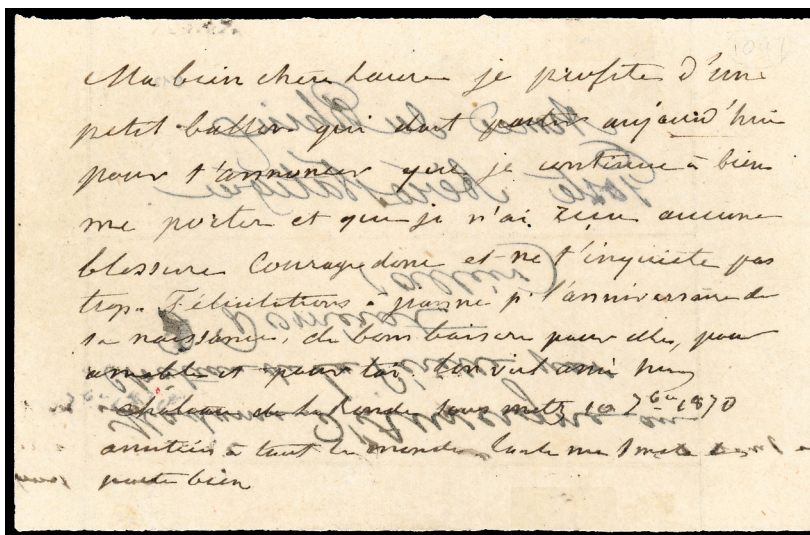
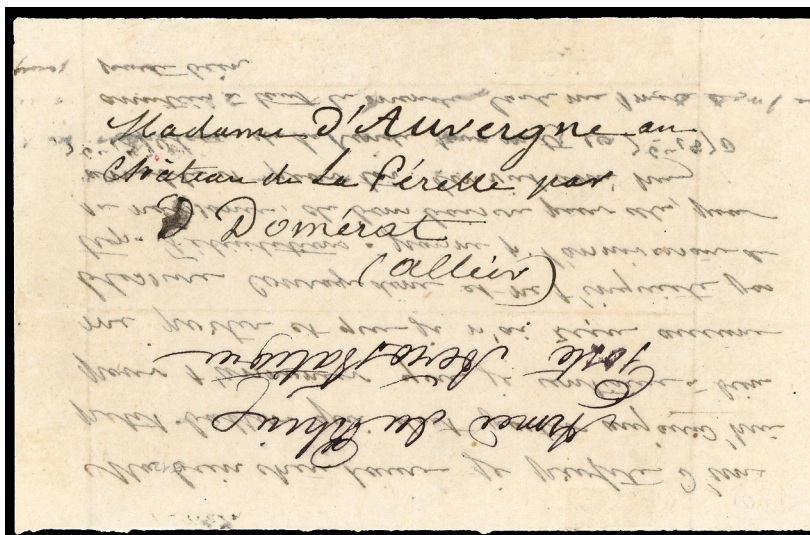
The first balloon, measuring around 3 metres in diameter, took off on 16 September 1870. A dozen balloons were launched between this date and 30 September 1870. Bazaine prohibited their use in early October 1870.

Upon landing, uncaptured papillons were bundled by destination and sent to regional post offices in packets. Captured papillons generally never entered the postal system. As a result, many surviving papillons have no postal markings. A small number of papillons were forwarded inside envelopes (enveloppes de reexpedition) provided by the French post office.

Papillons addressed to foreign countries are rare, most of which are addressed to Belgium or England.



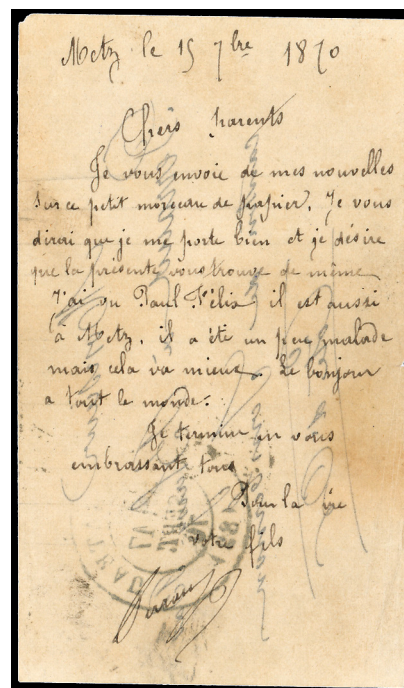
**Dr. Julien Jeannel**



4213 ☒ **1870 Pharmacists' Papillon to Domérat**, onionskin paper 10 x 5 corner margin (paper and dimensions typical of the papillons de Metz) datelined "sous Metz 10 7bre 1870" by a cavalry officer with manuscript endorsement "**Armée du Rhin, Poste Aerostatique**", no arrival Domérat postmarks, **Contents in French** include, "My Dear, I take advantage of a small balloon which should leave today...", **Very Fine**. Estimate. . . . . \$4,000 - 6,000

Sent aboard the 8th Pharmacists' balloon which left besieged Metz on September 11 with only 90 papillons and landed near Elmstein, Germany. It was found on November 28 and had a packing slip that read, "Armée du Rhin Poste aérostatique de pharmaciens de la garde imp. Ballon No. 8 Metz 11 7bre 1870, 120 gram 90 de lettres." Since its mail was captured and never delivered, surviving examples show no postmarks.





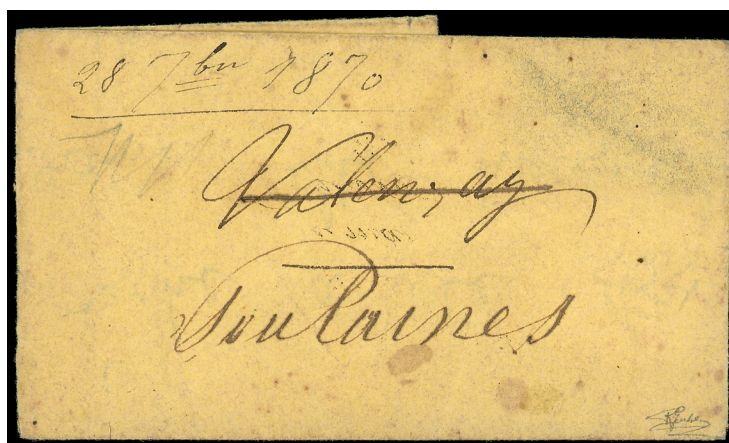
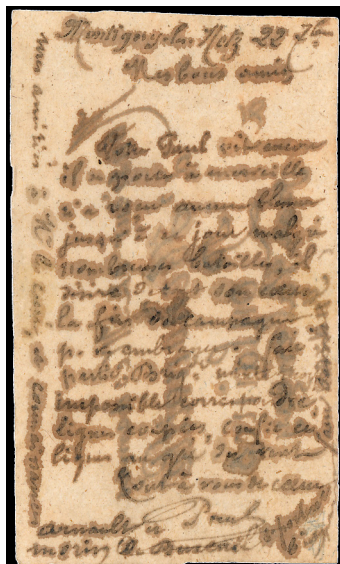
4214 ☒ **1870 Engineers' Papillon to Blaisy**, datelined "Metz le 15 7bre 1870" with "Neufchâteau, 17 Sept. 70" transit postmark; text includes, "Je vous envoie de mes nouvelles sur ce petit morceau de papier" (I send my news on this small scrape of paper), **Very Fine**. Estimate. . . . . \$3,000 - 4,000

*The Engineers' Balloon Mail Service, September 16 - October 3, 1870*

On August 27, Captain Schultz of the artillery and George Robinson, correspondent for the Manchester Guardian, met with Général Coffinières, military commander of Metz, to propose an unmanned balloon service managed by the military garrison of Metz. Coffinières immediately approved the idea and introduced them to Colonel Goulier, commander of the "École d'Application et du Génie," who supervised the construction of the unmanned balloons that would carry messages out of besieged Metz. Because they were constructed at the school of engineering, they are known as Engineers' balloons. A September 14 Order of the Day announced the Engineers' balloon service: "Balloons carrying messages will leave Metz, starting in the morning of 15 September. To permit the dispatching of the greatest number of letters, they must be written on thin paper, 10 x 5 centimeters; they will be sent open and without envelope to the Headquarters of the Commanding General of Metz, to be sent as and when balloons are built." Eleven Engineers' balloons were sent out between September 16 and October 3, with an estimated total of 165,000 papillons carried. A detailed census of surviving Engineers' papillons includes just over 200 survivors, with 40% of those bearing arrival postmarks. Some papillons were sent to their destinations inside of another envelope provided by the post office. These "enveloppes de ré-expédition" are greatly prized by collectors, and only 26 are known today. Finally, only 20 papillons are known addressed to foreign destinations.

*The 1st Engineers' balloon left besieged Metz on September 16th with about 5,000 papillons. It was recovered near Neufchâteau later that same day.*

*In its nacelle was found a package, carefully wrapped and covered with a white rubberized cloth. It was opened, and on a piece of parchment, a statement dated this morning, 16 September, signed by General Coffinières, Commandant of the City of Metz, and sealed with his seal, by means of which this Superior Officer asked the person, in whose hands the package in question would fall, to take it to the nearest French post office. The mayor of Pargny informed of this discovery, hastened to comply with the request of the General, and took the package to the office at Neufchâteau. The Neufchâteau post office postmarked the papillons on September 17.*



4215 ☒ **1870 Engineers' Papillon to Poulaines**, datelined "Montigny-les-Metz le 22 7bre" (pre-dated by one day) and addressed to Poulaines par Valenciay, **damaged by water during transit, so placed in envelope de ré-expédition** with a manuscript "28 7bre 1870", pencil notation inside of envelope explains "cette dépêche a ete trouvée telle dans celle pour le train 10"; forwarded from Valenciay to Poulaines, **Very Fine**, carried aboard the 4th Engineers' balloon which left Metz on September 21.  
 Estimate . . . . . \$10,000 - 15,000

ONE OF THE GREAT RARITIES OF THE PAPILLONS DE METZ PLACED IN ENVELOPE DE RÉ-EXPÉDITION.

*Sent aboard the 4th -Engineers' balloon left besieged Metz on September 21st and was recovered safely in occupied France near Fresnes-en-Voèvre with 25,000 papillons.*

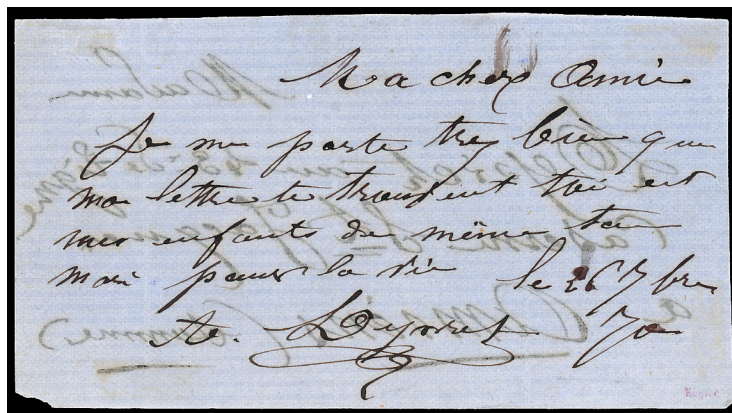
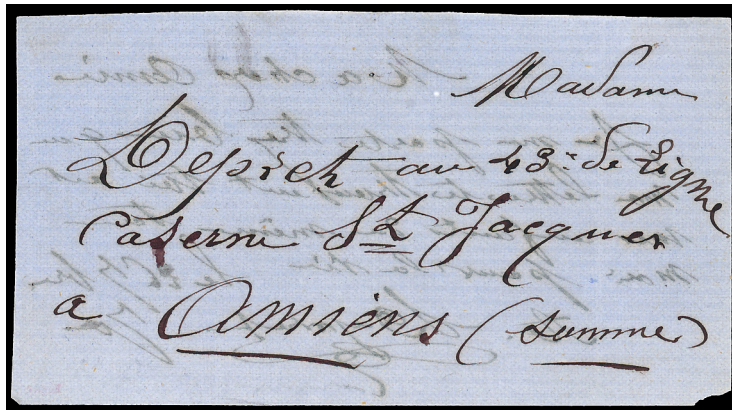
*Some papillons were sent to their destinations inside of another envelope provided by the post office. These "enveloppes de ré-expédition" are greatly prized by collectors, and only 26 are known today.*





4216 ☒ **1870 Engineers' Papillon to Poland**, onionskin paper datelined "Metz le 23 Septembre" address to Radom, Poland via Warsaw, probably carried inside of an envelope de ré-expédition, **Very Fine**, carried aboard the 6th Engineers' balloon which left besieged Metz on September 24 and was recovered safely.  
Estimate. . . . . \$3,000 - 4,000

PAPILLONS ADDRESSED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE VERY RARE - ONLY THREE ARE KNOWN TO POLAND.



4217 ☒ **1870 Engineers' Papillon to Amiens**, datelined "le 26 7bre 70", probably carried inside of an envelope de ré-expédition; no arrival postmark in Amiens., **Very Fine**, carried aboard the 8th Engineers' balloon which departed on September 27.  
Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

*Carried aboard the 8th Engineers' balloon which departed besieged Metz on September 27 and was recovered safely in occupied France with about 15,000 papillons. The papillons were carried across the lines to Mézières on September 28, and then to Lille.*

*The October 4 Moniteur Universel (Tours) contains a report on this balloon from the Prefect at Mézières (in the north of France) which read as follows:*

*"A balloon that left Metz on September 27 and carried a suspended package descended the 28th in the area of Bayonville (Ardennes). The package, opened at the office at Buzancy, contained about 15,000 letters of the garrison of Metz and the army of General Bazaine. The postmaster is organizing a service to have these letters sent to the addressees."*



## The Hugh V. Feldman Collections of United States Railroads

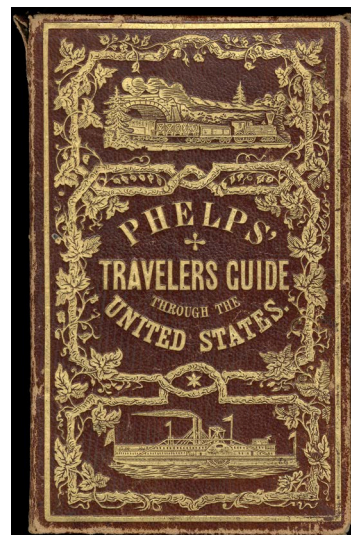
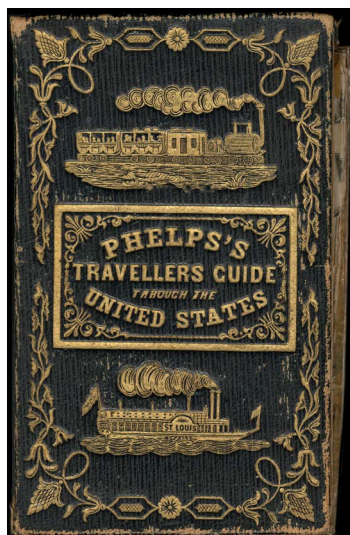


Hugh has collected several philatelic subjects with great passion over the years including Letter Receivers of London 1652-1857, Transatlantic Mails, U.S. Steamboat and Railroad Postal History. Hugh's interest in U.S. postal history began while attending Pacific 97 in San Francisco when he was shown an example of the Philadelphia rigged ship letter handstamp on an incoming letter. Afterwards he began to buy U.S. covers initially with a transatlantic focus, then unusual United States cancellations and rail road covers. After reviewing a copy of Dr. James Milgram's Vessel-Names Markings on United States Inland and Ocean Waterways 1810-1890, he was hooked on this new subject. One of his interests was to try and identify which steamboats operated on the numerous routes. This led to research in the original Post Office Department records housed at the National Archives in Washington D.C. The

original ledgers provided a record of all contract routes that were advertised by Washington, including the offices served and the schedules to be maintained. He spent seven weeks combing through a total of 326 volumes containing in excess of 190,000 pages. The wealth of information culminated in Hugh's book U.S. Contract Mail Routes by Water 1824-1875 published in 2008, and his second book U.S. Contract Mail Routes by Railroad 1832-1875, both of which provide significant original research for the postal historian. The Waterways book won Large Gold at IPHL 2012 Literature competition in Menz, Germany 2012, as well as being awarded the prestigious Elliott Perry Cup of the U.S. Classics Society in 2008 and the Diane D. Boehret Award of the American Philatelic Congress in 2008.

Hugh has been a keen exhibitor for many years including winning two large golds for his London exhibit, Letter Receivers of London 1652 – 1857 and a gold medal for his book on the subject. The waterways collection won numerous U.S. national awards including Grand Awards at Westpex 2009 and Chicagopex 2011. In International competition it won four large golds at Tel Aviv 2008, New Delhi 2011, Indonesia 2012 and most recently in the Championship class at Melbourne 2013. His railroads won Large Gold at Stockholmia in 2019.

Hugh's railroad collection includes numerous rare and unique markings starting with the earliest dated railroad handstamp of "Baltimore R.R." in 1838, Mohawk & Hudson R.R. "Rail/Road" two-line 1839 handstamp, numerous 1847 Issue railroad uses including Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad #1 pair use, Civil War patriotics and Confederate uses, illustrated advertising designs, etc. We hope you enjoy this wonderful collection that shows the importance of railroads in the movement of the mails.



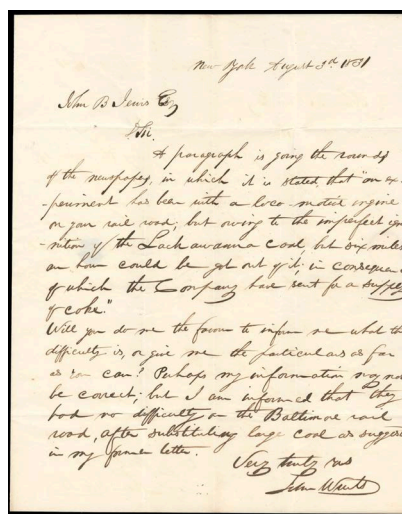


4218 ☒ (Railroad Illustrated) Daily Times Steam Printing Office, Cincinnati, all-over caricature design showing Steam Locomotive Printing Press with “Office of the Daily and Dollar Weekly Times” imprint below, on buff cover to Merrimack, N.H. with red “Cincinnati, O. ‘1 Paid’ Jan 26” integral-rate cds, unnoticeable mended tear at right & overall toning on reverse, otherwise Very Fine.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500

A MAGNIFICENT AND RARE ILLUSTRATED RAILROAD ADVERTISING DESIGN.



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4219 First Illustration of Trains Published in the United States, April 30th 1825 edition of American Mechanics Magazine showing illustration of steam powered train and coach car on front page, article titled “Proposition for a General Iron Rail-Way, with Steam-Engines, to Supersede the Necessity of Horses in all Public Vehicles”, accompanied by July 2nd 1825 edition showing carriage improvements titled “Description of some improvements in the construction of Railways, and in the mode of propelling carriages upon them.”; some aging, Very Fine pair.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

4220 ☒ (Hudson & Mohawk Railroad) The First Experiment with Locomotive, original letter datelined “New-York August 3d 1831” from John Wants to John B. Jervis reading “A paragraph is going the rounds of the newspapers, in which it is stated that “an experiment has ben with a loco-motive engine on your rail road; but owing to the imperfect ignition of the Lackawanna coal, but six miles an hour could be got out of it; in consequence of which the Company have sent for a supply of coke.” Will you do me the favour to inform me what the difficulty is, or give me the particulars as far as you can? Perhaps my information may not be correct; but I am informed that they had no difficulty on the Baltimore rail road, after substituting large coal as suggested in my former letter.”, address leaf with red “New-York, Aug 3” cds and matching “Paid” arc handstamp with magenta “12½” rating to Albany N.Y., Very Fine.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

*John Bloomfield Jervis (1795-1885) was an American civil engineer who was America’s leading consulting engineer of the antebellum era (1820-60). He designed and supervised the construction of five of America’s earliest railroads, was chief engineer of three major canal projects and designed the first locomotive to run in America. At this time, he was the Chief Engineer of the Hudson & Mohawk Railroad.*



Baltimore to New York via Philadelphia



- 4221 ☒ (New Jersey Railroad & Transportation Co.) NY, blue manuscript postmark and matching “10” rating on buff cover to Trenton, N.J. bearing New York Postmaster Provisional, 5¢ Black (9X1a) two singles for double weight, stamps uncanceled but left stamp just tied by “NY” postmark, adhesives fresh and with large margins, except left stamp in at left; right with tiny margin tear, **Very Fine and rare**; with 2001 P.F. certificate.  
Towle No. 240-Sp unlisted. . . . . Estimate \$3,000 - 4,000

A REMARKABLE RAILROAD USE OF THE NEW YORK POSTMASTER PROVISIONAL.

*The franking was disallowed as the cover was put onto the mail car at Jersey City, at Philadelphia the franking was disallowed and a manuscript charge of 10¢ applied before being sent back up the line to Trenton.*

- 4222 ☒ (New Jersey Railroad & Transportation Co.) NY, bold blue handstamp in circle with matching “5” in double circle rate handstamp on blue folded cover to Washington D.C., **Very Fine**.  
Towle No. 240-Sp-c var. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*It is believed by most authorities that this marking to have been applied to New York-Philadelphia mail carried by railroad and posted at convenience boxes at stations or ferry terminals. They were probably postmarked by post office clerks at New York. They occur at an early period when there were contract difficulties between the P.O.D. and the New Jersey railroads. Most of these examples predate the January 1847 appointment of the first route agent on the New York-Philadelphia route.*

*This is similar to Towle 240-Sp-c, however the rate handstamp on this cover is a double circle not a single circle.*



- 4223 ☒ (New Jersey Railroad & Transportation Co.) N. York & Phila. R.R., Nov 10, route agent cds ties 3¢ orange brown (10A), vivid color with four ample to mostly huge margins including part of adjoining stamp at top, additionally tied by strikes of matching red circular grid on 1851 folded letter from New York City to New Orleans La., “Recd 19 Nov. 1851” receipt, **Very Fine and choice, a lovely cover and a scarce railroad usage with an 1851 3¢ orange brown, ex-Wagshal**.  
Towle No. 240-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Carried south to Philadelphia for transfer via Washington to the Great Southern Mails for New Orleans.*

- 4224 ☒ (New Jersey Railroad & Transportation Co. / Philadelphia & Trenton Railroad) **PHILADA. RAIL ROAD**, straightline in red and black applied on two folded letters, red strike datelined "Philadelphia, November 14, 1850" to Providence R.I. with bold red "New-York, 5 cts., 16 Nov" integral-rate cds; black strike datelined "Trenton July 8 1851" on Camden & Amboy Railroad illustrated bill of lading to Naugatuck Conn. with black "New-York '5 cts.' Jul 11" integral-rate cds, **Very Fine exhibit pair**.  
Towle No. **240-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*The "Philada. Rail Road" straightline marking was applied at New York on arriving railroad mail.*

- 4225 ☒ (New York and Philadelphia Railroad) **NY**, blue straightline in partial circle with matching "5" in double circle on 1845 folded cover to Philadelphia, datelined "6 October 45", **Extremely Fine and choice**.  
Towle No. **240-SP-c** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Towle states most authorities believed that this marking to have been applied to New York-Philadelphia mail carried by railroad and posted at convenience boxes at stations or ferry terminals. They were probably postmarked by post office clerks at New York or Philadelphia depots or post offices, most likely at the latter point. They occur at an early period when there were contract difficulties between the P.O.D. and the New Jersey railroads. Most of these examples predate the appointment of the first route agent on the New York-Philadelphia route, during Jan. 1847.*

*However, noted Postal Historian, Richard Frajola states, "Although this "NY" marking has historically been considered a railroad route agent marking, I believe the marking was most likely applied at Philadelphia to indicate that the letter was received from New York in a closed bag (although the closed bag was carried most of the way by rail)".*

- 4226 ☒ (Pennsylvania Railroad) **PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAIL ROAD**, red straightline handstamp along with two matching grid cancels and "New York, Nov 29" cds tie **two 1847 5¢ red brown (1) singles** both four margins and fresh color, on blue folded letter datelined "Philada Nov. 28, 1850" to Boston Mas., adhesives both with four margins & fresh color; right stamp with minor margin crease, **Very Fine**; with 2010 P.F. certificate.  
Towle No. **240-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750



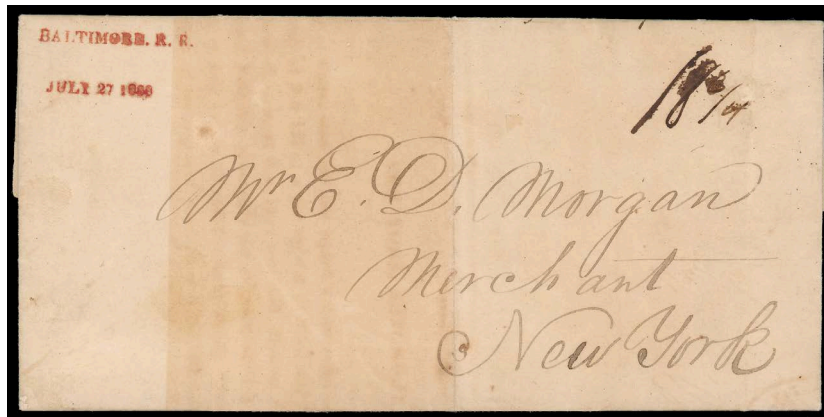
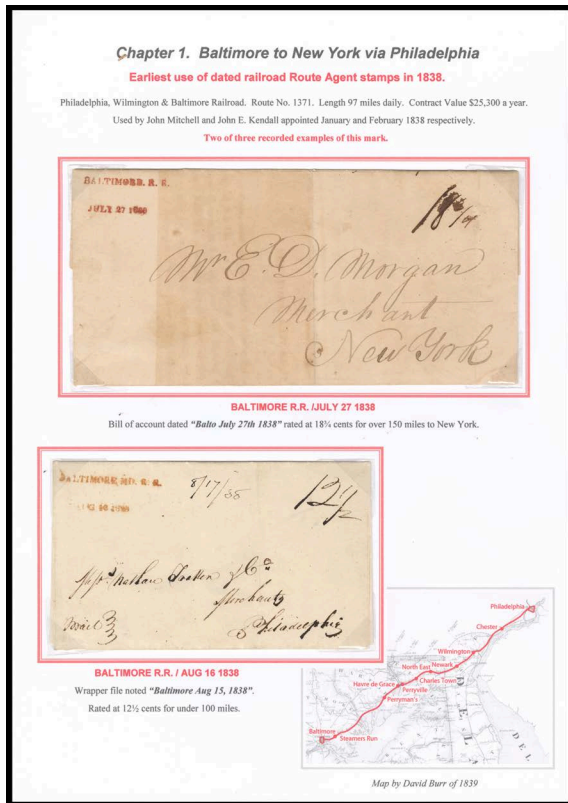
- 4227 ☒ (Pennsylvania Railroad) **"Philada. Railroad"**, red straightline ties **D.O. Blood & Co., 1c Bronze on Black (15L13)**, additional acid tie, along with matching "New-York, Nov 30" cds and square grid tying **5¢ red brown (1)**, large to huge margins, stamp with tear at right, on blue 1850 folded letter datelined at Philadelphia Pa. to New Haven Conn.; vertical file fold does not affect stamps, **Very Fine, ex-Frelinghuysen**.  
Towle No. **240-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

A SCARCE PHILADELPHIA RAILROAD COMBINATION USE OF THE 1847 ISSUE AND D.O. BLOODS LOCAL POST.

*The red straightline was applied on arrival at New York City to indicate mail was received from a train out of Philadelphia.*

- 4228 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) **Baltimore Rail Road, Jan 11**, red cds with manuscript "25" rate for over 400 miles on 1838 folded letter from Baltimore to Ludlow, Vermont, **Very Fine, this is the second earliest recorded usage of this marking**.  
Towle No. **239-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200



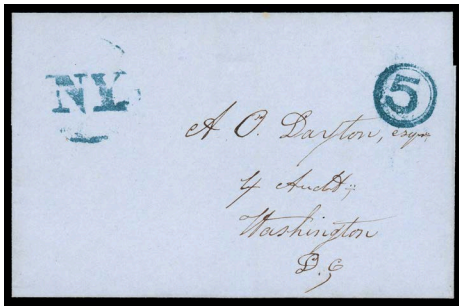


4229 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) **BALTIMORE. R.R., JULY 27 1838**, red straightline handstamp on 1838 folded letter from Baltimore Md. to New York City with manuscript "18<sup>3/4</sup>" rating for over 150 miles, light vertical band of toning; *ex-Hannen*; **Very Fine.**

**BALTIMORE, MD. R.R., AUG 18 1838**, red straightline handstamp on folded cover docketed "Baltimore Aug 15, 1838" to Philadelphia Pa. with manuscript "12<sup>1/2</sup>" cent rating for under 100 miles; *ex-Wyer*, **Extremely Fine and choice.**

Towle Nos. **239-C-2, 239-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$4,000 - 6,000

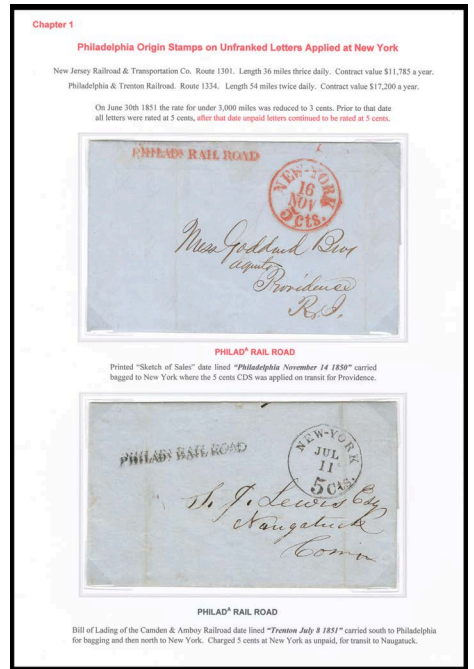
THE EARLIEST RECORDED DATED RAILROAD ROUTE AGENT HANDSTAMPS, OF WHICH ONLY THREE EXAMPLES IN TOTAL ARE RECORDED.



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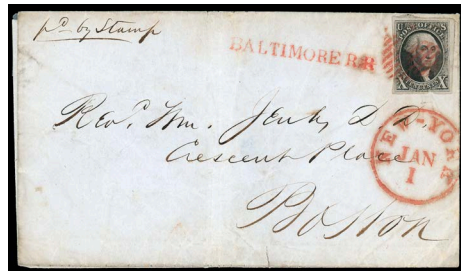


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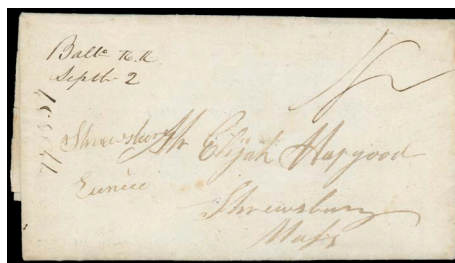


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4230 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) Baltimore Rail Road, Aug. 28, blue cds ties 10¢ Black (2) large margins, on buff cover to Prescott, Pa. with second cds strike at right; hint of cover restoration, **Very Fine and rare, ex-Boker, Gross**; signed Ashbrook. Towle No. 239-D-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

ONLY A HANDFUL OF 10¢ 1847 COVERS ARE KNOWN USED ON THIS RAILROAD, WHICH WAS ONE OF THE EARLIEST TO CARRY MAIL UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.





- 4231 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) **BALTIMORE R.R.**, red straightline handstamp on folded cover to New York City bearing **5¢ Brown (1)**, four large margins, tied by neat red “5” in circle rate marking for under 300 miles, **Extremely Fine**. Towle No. **239-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

A WONDERFUL 5¢ 1847 ISSUE COVER TIED BY BALTIMORE R.R. CIRCLED “5”.

- 4232 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) **BALTIMORE R.R.**, red straightline handstamp on blue 1851 folded cover to Boston Mass. bearing **10¢ Black (2)**, mostly large margins, tied in transit by “New York, Jan 1” red cds with Baltimore railroad origin handstamp applied, manuscript notation at top left “Pd by Stamp”, adhesive affixed with wax wafer as is occasionally found with the first government issue; cover and stamp faults, **Fine**. Towle No. **239-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750



- 4233 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) **Baltimore R.R.**, black straightline with matching circular grid cancel ties **3¢ orange brown (10)**, large margins to touched, on ornate lace envelope to Pittsfield, N.H., **Very Fine and choice**; with 2006 P.F. certificate. Towle No. **239-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

A STUNNING RAILROAD USE WITH WONDERFUL EYE APPEAL.

- 4234 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) “**Balt<sup>o</sup>. R.R., Septbr 2**”, manuscript postmark and matching “18¾” rating for over 150 miles on 1838 folded letter to Shrewsbury, Mass., **Very Fine and rare early use**, *Rarity V, ex-Hannen*. Towle No. **239-M-2**. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*The illustration in Towle is of this cover, however it is incorrectly listed as Balt<sup>o</sup>.*

- 4235 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) “**Phila., Wilm. & Balt. R.R. Co., Philadelphia**”, illustrated corner card showing locomotive engine on buff cover bearing **3¢ dull red (11A)** tied by “Philadelphia Pa., Jan 4” cds to Baltimore Md.; envelope manufacturing crease. Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

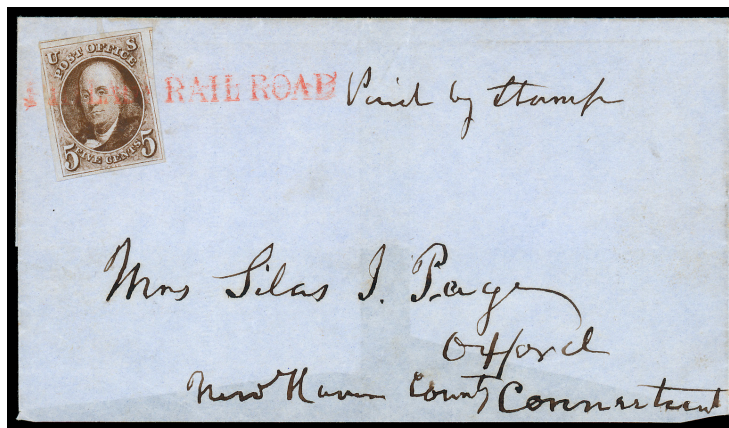


4236 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAIL ROAD, red straight line handstamp on cover bearing **Bloods 1¢ Local (15L13)**, acid tied, and **10¢ Black (2)**, large margins to in at bottom, light stain at top, tied by red open grid cancel, matching New-York, Oct 22” cds on cover from Philadelphia Pa. to Monson, Mass.; cover soiling, **F.-V.F.**; with 2007 P.F. certificate. Towle No. **240-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

ONE OF ONLY TWO 10¢ 1847 ISSUE FRANKINGS BEARING THE PHILADELPHIA RAILROAD POSTMARK.



4237 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAIL ROAD, red straightline on 1848 folded cover from Philadelphia Pa. to New York City bearing **5¢ Red Brown (1)**, four large margins with deep rich color, tied by second partial strike of straightline and canceled by blue manuscript “X”, **Very Fine and attractive**. Towle No. **240-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750



4238 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) PHILAD<sup>A</sup> RAIL ROAD, red straight line tying **5¢ red brown (1)**, rich shade with large margins except clear at top left, on circa 1848 blue folded cover from Philadelphia via New York to Oxford, Conn., manuscript notation “Paid by Stamp” at top; missing bottom flap, 5¢ two minute surface abrasions, **still Very Fine and attractive**; with 2004 P.F. certificate. Towle No. **240-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600





- 4239 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) Philada. Rail Road, Jul 17, blue cds on cover to Grahamsville S.C. bearing 5¢ red brown (1) vertical pair, rich color, full margins to touching at top, tied by multiple part strikes of matching “Philada. Rail Road, Jul 17” route agent cds; addressee crossed out, some minor cover edgewear which just affects top left corner of top stamp, **Very Fine**, *ex-Mirsky*. Towle No. 239-V-1 . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*A scarce southbound railroad use from Philadelphia for over 300 miles for Baltimore and Washington D.C. Transferred south for Grahamsville S.C. via Weldon.*

- 4240 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) Philada. Rail Road, Sep 10, cds on 1841 folded letter from Philadelphia Pa. to Fredricksburg Va. with blue Philadelphia “Paid” double-octagon handstamp and red manuscript “18¾” rating, redirected to Clarksburg with green “Fredricksburg, Va. Sep 12” cds and two strikes of matching “Paid” straightline, **Very Fine**. Towle No. 239-V-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200



- 4241 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) Wilmington R.R. Del., Oct 17, blue cds on 1849 folded cover docketed from Ekton Md. to Baltimore Md. bearing 5¢ red brown (1), ample to large margins, manuscript canceled, matching ms. notation “Elkton” at right of adhesive indicating where letter was put on rail car, 18 miles west of Wilmington; vertical file folds do not affect stamp, **Very Fine and scarce**, *Rarity VIII, ex-Emerson, Hahn*. Towle No. 239-R-1 . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

ONE OF ONLY TWO 5¢ 1847 ISSUE COVERS BEARING THE WILMINGTON ROUTE AGENT MARKING.

### Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

- 4242 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Adamstown, B. & O. R.R., Jan 10, 1862, oval ties 3¢ rose (65) on Lady Liberty & Flag Civil War patriotic cover to Philadelphia Pa.; edge tear and reduced at right, **otherwise Very Fine and attractive patriotic use**, *Rarity VI*. Towle No. 274-S-10 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

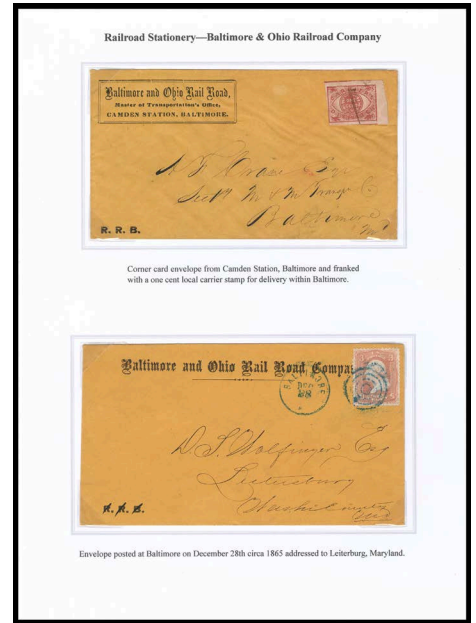
*Route 3207 from Adamstown, Md. station 64 miles east to Baltimore for transfer onto Route 3201 for the 102 miles to Philadelphia.*



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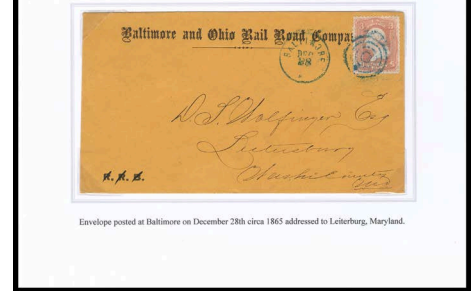
Corner card envelope from Camden Station, Baltimore and franked with a one-cent local carrier stamp for delivery within Baltimore.



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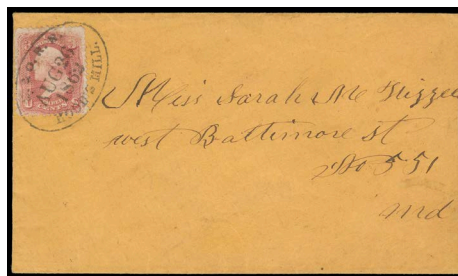


Envelope posted at Baltimore on December 28th circa 1865 addressed to Litchfield, Maryland.

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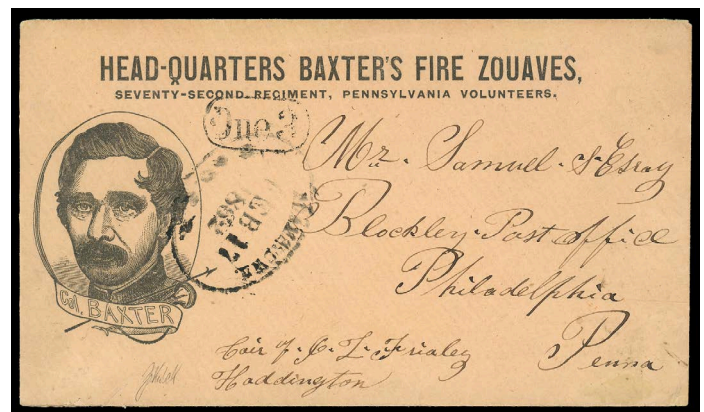
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4243 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Adamstown, B. & O. R.R., Jan 13 1862, blue oval handstamp with matching "Due 3" oval on blue "The Union Forever" Eagle & Shield Patriotic cover to Camden N.J., carried east on Route 3207 for Baltimore, some edge wear and aging, flap missing, F.-V.F.

Towle No. 274-S-10a. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

This Civil War "The Union Forever" Eagle & Shield Patriotic design in blue is unrecorded by Weiss.



4244 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Adamstown, B. & O. R.R., Feb 17 1862, oval handstamp with matching "Due 3" on Col. Baxter Fire Zouaves Patriotic cover to Philadelphia Pa., Very Fine and rare Patriotic usage. Towle No. 274-S-10a. . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750





4245 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Adamstown, B. & O. R.R., Feb 27 1862**, oval handstamp ties defective 3¢ rose (65) on gray **Massachusetts Soldier and Camp Scene Patriotic cover** (Weiss ST396) to New Worcester Mass., carried on Route 3207 to Baltimore and then via Philadelphia for New York and New Worcester; light cover stain, **Very Fine and attractive**.  
Towle No. 274-S-10a . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

4246 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Co.**, two different corner card covers, first bearing pen canceled Baltimore, 1¢ red (1LB7) to local street address, second bearing 3¢ rose (65) tied by blue four-ring target cancel duplexed with "Baltimore, Md. Dec 28" cds to Leiterburg Md., **Very Fine**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

4247 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Berlin, B. & O. R.R., Jul 4, 1865**, blue station oval ties 3¢ rose (65) on cover to Baltimore Md., 1865 docketing at left; small top edge tear, **F.-V.F., Rarity IX**.  
Towle No. 274-S-34 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Route 3208 from Berlin, Maryland station 75 miles east to Baltimore.*



4248 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Buckeystown, B. & O. R.R., Jan 5, 1876**, sharp blue station double-oval cancels 1¢ postal card (UX3) datelined "Elm Tree Farm" to Baltimore Md., **Very Fine and rare unlisted Maryland station**.  
Towle No. 274-S unlisted . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Route 10003 from Buckeystown, Maryland station east 62 miles to Baltimore.*

4249 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Duffield, B. & O. R.R., Feb 6, 1860**, station oval ties 3¢ dull red (26) on cover to Petersville Md.; small faults, **Fine and rare West Virginia station, Rarity VIII**.  
Towle No. 274-S-13 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Route 3902 from Duffield, W.Va. carried 12 miles east to Berlin for the 2¾ mile post road to Petersville.*

4250 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Green Spring Run, B. & O. R.R., Mar 7, 1873**, sharp strike of blue station double-oval ties 3¢ green (147), tear, on orange buff cover to Bruceton Mills, West Virginia; reduced at left, **Very Fine use**.  
Towle No. 274-S-32 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Route 3504 at Green Spring Run station carried 14 miles west to Cumberland for the 70 mile post road west to Bruceton Mills.*

4251 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) B. & O. R.R., Hood's Mill, Aug 26, 1862**, sharp station oval ties 3¢ rose (65) small flaws, on orange cover to Baltimore Md.; reduced at right, **a Very Fine and choice Maryland station oval, Rarity VI**.  
Towle No. 274-S-6 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Route 3207 from Hood's Mill, Maryland carried 34 miles east to Baltimore.*

4252 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Marriottsville, B. & O. R.R., Aug 23, 1869**, blue station oval and with matching target cancel ties 3¢ ultramarine (114) on cover to Hartford Furnace Md.; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine and attractive use, Rarity VII**.  
Towle No. 274-S-3 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Route 2904 from Marriottsville Md. station carried 27 miles east to Baltimore, transferred to Route 2901 for the 37 miles east to Perryville for Hartford Furnace.*

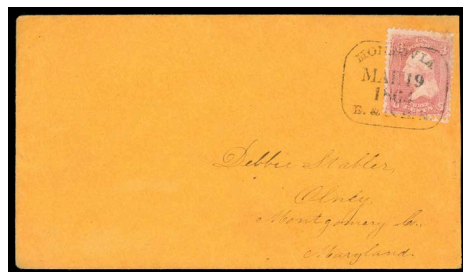
4253 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) B. & O.R.R., Monrovia, Mar 19 1864**, rounded box station postmark ties 3¢ rose (65), small perf flaws, on dark orange cover to Olney, Md.; reduced slightly at right, **F.-V.F., Rarity V**.  
Towle No. 274-S-8 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4254 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Monrovia, B. & O. R.R., Jul 12, 1865**, blue rounded box ties 3¢ rose (65) on cover to Tioga, Pa.; reduced slightly at right, **Very Fine and choice strike, Rarity V**.  
Towle No. 274-S-8 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Route 3208 from Monrovia, Maryland carried 50 miles east to Baltimore for transfer via Harrisburg to Tioga, Pa.*

4255 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Newburg, B & O R.R., Nov 19, 1860**, clear strike of station oval ties 3¢ dull red (26) on orange **Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road** imprint cover to Prunty Town, Va., **Very Fine and rare early West Virginia Station, ex-Hicks, Wyer**.  
Towle No. 274-S-25 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

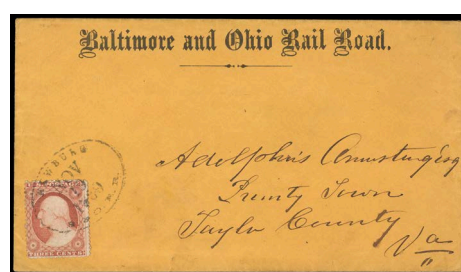
*Route 3207 at Newburg, Va. Station to be carried 13 miles west to Grafton for the 4½ mile post road to Prunty Town, Va. According to local history, Newburg was so named on account of it being the newest town on the railroad.*



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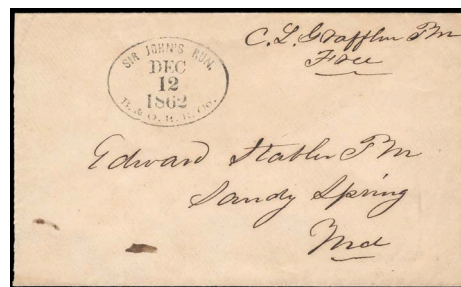
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- 4256 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) North Mountain, B. & O. R.R., Jun 16, 1869**, station oval on light pink cover bearing manuscript cancelled 3¢ ultramarine (114) and matching ms. “North Mountain W. Va. Jun 16” postmark at upper left to New Orleans La., second strike of station oval on reverse; small edge tear and wear, **F.-V.F. and rare unlisted West Virginia station oval**. Towle No. 274-S-15 var. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400  
*Route 2904 from North Mountain W. Va. station carried 107 miles east to Baltimore for transfer to the Great Southern Mail for New Orleans.*
- 4257 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) North Mountain “Va”, B. & O. R.R. Co. “Mar 24”**, blue station oval with ms. state and date, along with ms. “Due 3” rating on yellow cover to Potsdam N. Y., reverse with pen cancelled 3¢ rose (65) as flap seal, apparently not noticed or ignored by the station agent as it was against regulations, **F.-V.F. and rare unlisted West Virginia station oval, Rarity VIII**. Towle No. 274-S-15 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300  
*Route 2904 from North Mountain W. Va. station carried 107 miles east to Baltimore for transfer to north to Potsdam.*
- 4258 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) B. & O. R.R., Paw-Paw, Jun 4, 1864**, bold blue station oval and matching radial cancel ties 3¢ rose (65), small flaw, on light buff cover to Bantam, Ohio; small edge tear and wear, **Very Fine and scarce West Virginia station, Rarity VII**. Towle No. 274-S-20 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300  
*Route 3204 from Paw Paw, West Virginia to be carried 226 miles west to Wheeling for transfer via Columbus & Cincinnati R.R. to Banton, Ohio.*
- 4259 ☒ **(Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Rawling Water, B. & O. R.R., Dec 19, 1879**, blue double-oval postmark ties 3¢ green (184), corner crease from edge placement, additional ms. cancel on cover to Strasburg, Va., **Very Fine and rare, Rarity VII, the discovery example, ex-Wyer**. Towle No. 274-S-31 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200  
*Route 10003 at Rawling Water Station carried 191 miles east to Baltimore for transfer via Washington and Manassas to Strasburg, Virginia.*





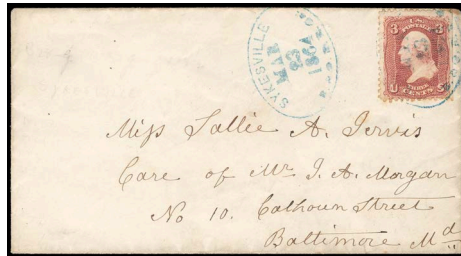
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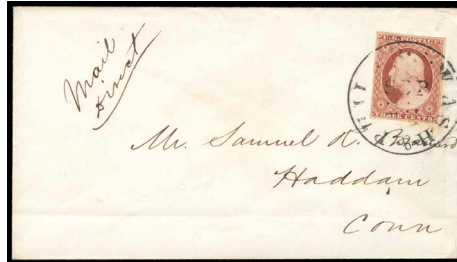
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4260 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Simpson's, B. & O. R.R., Nov 1, 1875, blue double-oval station postmark cancels 1¢ postal card (UX3) to Baltimore Md., **Very Fine and unlisted station, One of only Two Recorded Examples.** Towle No. 274-S-Unlisted . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Carried on Route 12002 at Simpson's Station to be carried 8 miles east to Grafton for transfer to Rout 10003 for the 280 miles further east to Baltimore.*

4261 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Sir John's Run, B. & O. R.R. Co., Dec 12, 1862, neat black station oval on light buff cover with manuscript "C.L. Grafflin P.M., Free" free frank rating to Sandy Spring Md.; reduced at left, **Rarity V.** Towle No. 274-S-18 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Route 3204 from St. John's Run station 128 miles east to Baltimore and then 30 miles by post road to Sandy Springs located north of Washington D.C.*

4262 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Sleeping Creek, B. & O. R.R., Apr 14, 1873, blue station double-oval on yellow cover bearing manuscript cancelled 3¢ green (147) to Frederick Md., **Very Fine and rare West Virginia station.** Towle No. 274-S-17 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Route 3504 from Sleepy Creek, W.V. station carried 63 miles east to Monocacy for the 4½ mile branch line to Frederick.*

4263 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Smithton, B. & O. R.R., Jun 17, 1876, blue double-oval with matching cork ties 3¢ green (158) on light greenish gray cover to Scipio, Ohio; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine, Rarity IV.** Towle No. 571-S-3 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

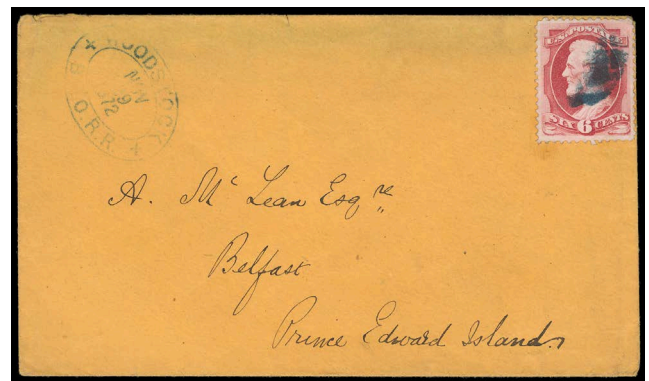
*Route 4102 from Smithton, West Virginia carried 42 miles east to Grafton for transfer on Route 3504 via Wheeling for Scipio.*

4264 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Sykesville, B. & O. R.R. Co., Jul 30, 1861, blue station oval ties 3¢ dull red (26), pulled perf. at bottom, additional strike at left on orange cover to Frederick City, Md., **Very Fine, Rarity VI.** Towle No. 274-S-4a . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Route 3207 from Sykesville, Maryland carried 26 miles west to Monocacy for the 3½ mile branch line to Frederick City.*

4265 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Sykesville, B. & O. R.R. Co., Mar 23, 1864, blue station oval at left, second partial strike ties 3¢ rose (65) on cover to Baltimore Md.; slight toning upper right, **Very Fine, Rarity VI.** Towle No. 274-S-4a . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Route 3207 from Sykesville, Maryland carried 32 miles east to Baltimore.*



4266 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R.) Woodstock, B. & O. R.R., Nov 29, 1872, blue double-oval with matching cork cancels 6¢ carmine (148), light corner crease, on orange cross-border cover to Belfast, Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown P.E.I. (12.5) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine, Rarity IV.** Towle No. 274-S-2 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Route 3207 from Woodstock, Maryland station carried 22 miles east to Baltimore, then via New York, Boston and St. John, New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island.*

- 4267 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R. - Washington Branch) Wash. & Phila. R.R., Sep 23, route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A), four margins, on cover to Haddam, Conn.; light hoz. fold at bottom, **F.-V.F. and rare, Rarity VIII.**  
 Towle No. 239-O-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 9851 at Washington where Route Agent cds struck to Baltimore and transferred to Route 9850 for Philadelphia and then onward to New York.*

- 4268 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R. - Washington Branch) Wash. & N.Y. P.R.W. Car, Jul 22, route agent postal card cds on light gray cover free franked "C. Sumner" of Charles Sumner (1811-1874) at top right to Col. F. Wentworth Higgins at Newport R.I., **Very Fine.**  
 Towle No. 238-E-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto the railway post office sorting car at Washington D.C. Both men were strong abolitionists and in the Civil War, Higginson (1823 - 1911) was Colonel of the first regiment of freed slaves initially called the 1st South Carolina Volunteers.*



- 4269 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R. - Washington Branch) Washington Branch R.R., May 17, blue cds and manuscript "5" rating on folded cover to South Manchester, Conn., black "New-York, May 18" cds and manuscript "5" rating, **Very Fine, ex-Towle, Hahn, Hannen, Rarity X (Unique, or excessively rare).**  
 Towle No. 239-Z-1 . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE WASHINGTON BRANCH RAILROAD ROUTE AGENT MARKING.



- 4270 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R. - Washington Branch) Washington Rail Rd., May 9, blue cds on blue folded letter datelined "Washington May 8th 1849" to Concord Mass. bearing manuscript canceled 1847 10¢ Black (2), four large margins, transferred at Baltimore for New York and Boston; cover staining at right, **Very Fine and rare.**  
 Towle No. 239-N-1 . . . . . Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED 10¢ 1847 ISSUE USES WITH THE WASHINGTON RAILROAD ROUTE AGENT MARKING.

*The letter is addressed to Ralph Waldo Emerson, from his brother-in-law Dr. Jackson (who discovered Ether).*

- 4271 ☒ (Baltimore & Ohio R.R. - Washington Branch) Washington Railroad, Mar 25, red cds with matching "Free" handstamp on 1842 folded cover with Congressman Victory Birdsey free frank datelined from Washington, D.C. to New York City, transferred at Baltimore to New York, **Very Fine.**  
 Towle No. 239-X-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200



Pennsylvania & New Jersey



4272 ☒ **(Baltimore & Susquehanna Railroad) Balt. & Susquehanna R.R., Jun 17**, blue cds on blue folded letter bearing **5¢ Red Brown (1)**, four margins, manuscript cancelled and tied by Baltimore blue "5" in oval cancel to Wrightsville, Pa., **Very Fine**.  
Towle No. **195-C-1**. . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

ONE OF ONLY FOUR RECORDED 5¢ 1847 ISSUE USES BEARING THIS BALTIMORE & SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD MARKING IN THE 1847 ISSUE CENSUS.



4273 ☒ **(Belvidere & Delaware Railroad) Belvidere & Delae. R.R. N.J., Nov 12**, cds on **Blood's City Despatch, Philadelphia Pa. (1¢) Red on 3¢ Red (#U9) Entire (15LU5b)** and put onto Route 2857 and carried south to Trenton for transfer to Philadelphia, addressed to "Elbert Kochersperger, Blood's Dispatch, Philadelphia", **Very Fine, Rarity IX, ex-Chase, Hall and Hahn**.  
Towle No. **242-A-1**. . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Blood's Despatch was founded by Daniel Otis Blood, who died in 1855. Charles Kochersperger (General Manager) purchased the business from the heirs on October 31, 1855. He formed Charles Kochersperger & Co. with his brother, Elbert, as partner.*

4274 ☒ **(Belvidere & Delaware Railroad) Belvidere & Delae. R.R., Dec 17**, partial cds ties **3¢ dull red (11)** on cover to Blood's Despatch, Philadelphia; bit flap missing, **F.-V.F. and exceptionally rare, Rarity IX**.  
Towle No. **242-A-1**. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Put onto Route 2857 circa 1854 and carried South to Trenton for transfer to Philadelphia.*

4275 ☒ **(Belvidere & Delaware Railroad) B. D. R.R., 2d Line, Titusville, Jul 2**, station cds on **3¢ pink (U35) buff** entire to Philadelphia Pa.; couple top edge tears and reduced slightly at right, **F.-V.F. and exceptionally rare, Rarity IX**.  
Towle No. **242-S-2**. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

4276 ☒ **(Buffalo & State Line Railroad - Erie & Northeast Railroad) Buffalo & Erie R.R., Mar 21**, blue route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)**, bright shade, on cover with original "Freight Department B. & S.F. and C. & N.E. R. Roads, Erie, Pa." letterhead enclosure dated "March 21st 1856" to Geneva N.Y., **Very Fine and rare, Rarity VIII, This appears to be the Towle listing example.**  
Towle No. **115-D-2**. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried on Routes 9601 and 1311, transferred at Buffalo for the routes east to Geneva via Lockport and Canandaigua.*

4277 ☒ **(Camden & Burlington County Railroad) C. & B. Co. R.R., Masonville, Apl 26, 1873**, bold station oval ties **3¢ green (147)** on orange cover to Philadelphia, Pa.; tiny top edge tear and reduced at left, **Very Fine**.  
Towle No. **243-S-1**. . . . . Estimate \$100 - 150

4278 ☒ **(Cumberland Valley Railroad) Cumb. Valley R.R., Mar 14**, cds with matching circular grid cancel ties **3¢ rose (65)**, couple blunted perfs, on cover to Carlisle, Pa., **Very Fine, Rarity VIII**.  
Towle No. **209-A-1**. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

4279 ☒ **(Morris & Essex Railroad) Morris & Essex R.R., Jan 21**, nice strike of route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (26)** on buff cover to Newark, N.J.; adhesive with clipped perfs at right and slight wrinkle, **Very Fine and choice**.  
Towle No. **250-A-1**. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

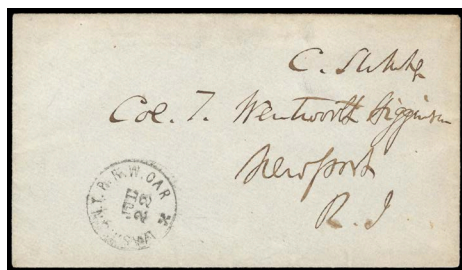
4280 ☒ **(New Jersey & Southern Railroad) N.J.S. R.R. "9/20"**, cds with blue crayon date on **3¢ Post Office Official** entire with "Office of Supt. Railway Mail Service" corner card and addressed to same the Superintendent in New York City, put onto Route 2127 carried north to Sandy Hook for the ferry to New York, **F.-V.F.**  
Towle No. **241-E-1**. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Usage of an official envelope, especial one of the Railway Mail Service on railroad carried mail is unusual.*

4281 ☒ **(New Jersey Midland Railway) N.J. Midland R'y, Maywood. N.J., Oct 25, 1876**, neat blue double-circle cds ties **3¢ green (158)** on cover to Stamford, Ct., **Extremely Fine**.  
Towle No. **121-S-3**. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 7037 at Maywood to receive the Station Agent's cds and carried 15 miles east to Jersey City for New York. Carried eastward for Stamford, Connecticut.*





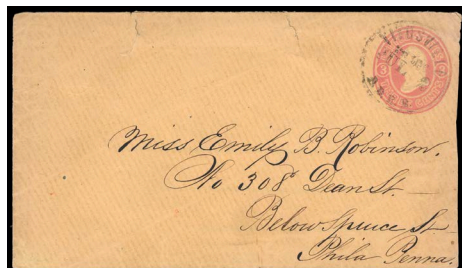
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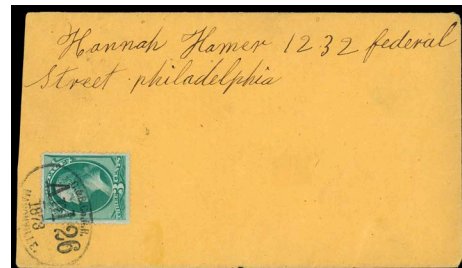
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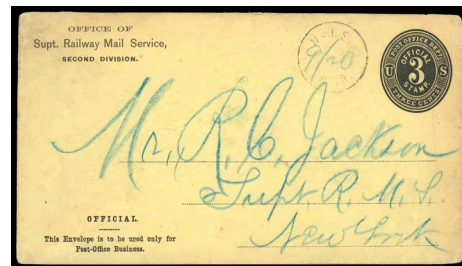
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4282 ☒ (New Jersey Railroad & Transportation Company) Philada Rail Road, Nov 12, blue cds on folded cover to Sandy Spring, Md. bearing two 1847 5c brown (1) singles, tied by manuscript cancels, both stamps slightly touched at top otherwise large margins, right stamp trivial wrinkles, F.-V.F. Towle No. 239-V-2 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

Put onto Route 9850 at Philadelphia and carried through to Washington for the 19½ mile post road north to Sandy Springs.





4283 ☒ (New Jersey Railroad & Transportation Company) New York & Phila R.R., Aug 10, blue cds with 5¢ dark brown (1a), four clear to mostly large margins with intense color, on blue 1847 folded letter from Philadelphia Pa. to New York City; certificate mentions “slightly oxidized”, however in our opinion it is nothing but a dark early shade with sharp, first printing impression, cover with tiny bit on staining, **Very Fine**, *ex-Mirsky*; with 2003 P.F. certificate. Towle No. **240-A-3** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

THIS IS THE EARLIEST REPORTED USE OF THE “NEW YORK & PHILA R.R.” CDS ON ANY 1847 ISSUE COVER.

*Put onto the combined Route 1301 & 1301a for the Joint Companies 89 mile route from Philadelphia via New Brunswick and Jersey City for New York.*



4284 ☒ (Northern Central Railroad) No. Central R.R., blue 30mm cds ties 3¢ ultramarine (114) on purple cover to New York City; tiny bit of perf tip toning, **F.-V.F.** Towle No. **195-E-1 var.** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Envelope file noted “18 June” and carried on Route 1821 for Williamsport and transfer eastward via Washington and Baltimore for New York in circa 1869. Although Towle recorded four datestamps on this route, they were all between 25 to 26.5 mm diameter. This 30mm example is a previously unrecorded type.*

4285 ☒ (Northern Central Railroad) N.C.R.W., Glencoe, Apr 12, 1872, bold blue oval route agent postmark on small cover bearing 3¢ green (158), manuscript cancel to Sandy Springs, Md., original enclosure datelined “Glen Haven, Glencoe, Baltimore County, April 12th 1872” and carried 20 miles south to Baltimore, transferred via Washington D.C. to destination; cover with flap missing, **Very Fine and attractive.** Towle No. **195-S-1a** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4286 ☒ (Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad) Ohio & Pa. R.R., Aug 4, route agent cds on 3¢ red (U10) buff Nesbitt entire to Locust Corner, Ohio; couple tape stains at top, **Very Fine**, *Rarity VII.* Towle No. **560-C-2** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Entire carried west to Crestline on Route 10330 to receive the Route Agent marking. At Crestline routed via Columbus on the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati R.R. to Columbus. To Xenia on the Columbus and Xenia R.R. and on to Cincinnati on the Little Miami R.R. for Locust Corner 18 miles east.*

4287 ☒ (Pennsylvania Railroad) “Penn. R.R., Aug. 26”, manuscript marking and black grid cancel 3¢ red (U10) Nesbitt entire to Carlisle, Pa., **Very Fine.** Towle No. **203-D-5** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4288 ☒ (Pennsylvania Railroad) Pennsylvania R.R., Mar 26, blue cds and matching “5” rating handstamp on 1850 folded letter datelined “Duncannon Iron Works, March 26th 1850” to Philadelphia Pa., **Very Fine.** Towle No. **203-E-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

4289 ☒ (Pennsylvania Railroad) “Pennsylvania Railroad”, all-over illustrated advertising design showing railroad map on buff cover bearing 3¢ dull red (11A), full margins to just touched, tied by blue “Philadelphia, Pa. Sep 24” cds to Morgantown Va., **Very Fine and choice.** Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4290 ☒ (Pennsylvania Railroad) Phila. & Cola. R.R., Dec 15, two strikes of blue cds tie 3¢ dull red (11A) four margins, on neat cover to New York City, **Very Fine**, *Rarity VIII, ex-Judd.* Towle No. **203-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

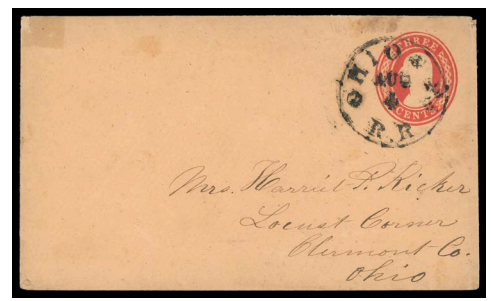




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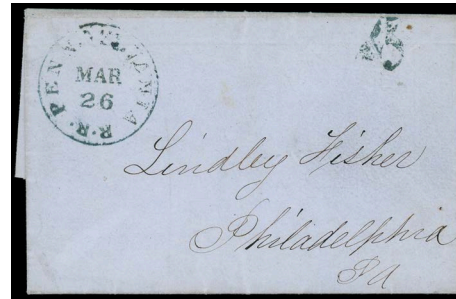
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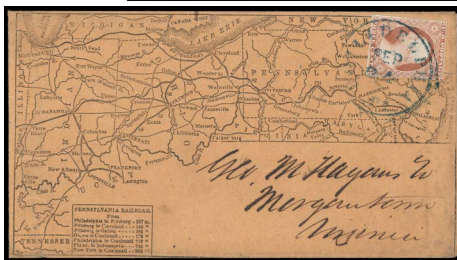
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4291 ☒ (Pennsylvania Railroad) Phila. & Columbia R.R., Jul 16, perfect blue cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A), four margins, on neat circa 1852 buff cover to Philadelphia Pa., **Extremely Fine and choice**, *Rarity IX, ex-Jarrett, Wagshal (Pictured in Simpson-Alexander, Pg. 184).*

Towle No. 203-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

A GORGEOUS COVER IN GEM CONDITION.

4292 ☒ (Philadelphia & Erie Railroad) Phila & Erie R.R., Wetmore., Oct 14 1871, clear blue oval route agent handstamp on cover bearing 3¢ green (147) tied by pencil manuscript cancel to Erie Pa., 3¢ with minor gum staining at top, slightly rough opening at bottom, **Very Fine**.

Towle No. 198-S-2 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200



4293 ☒ (Philadelphia & Erie Railroad) P. & E. R.R., Westport., July 16, 1866, shield station postmark on yellow cover bearing 3¢ rose (65), s.e. at right, manuscript cancel to Marietta, Pa., original enclosure datelined "Westport, July 16/66", carried 275 miles to Philadelphia for Marietta, **Very Fine and rare, Unrecorded by Towle**.

Towle No. 198-S-unlisted . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

4294 ☒ (Philadelphia & Reading Railroad) Phila. & Pottsville R.R., two covers with route agent cds in black and blue, first with black Jun. 2nd strike ties 3¢ dull red (11A) on 1852 letter from Pottsville Pa. to Furnace Pa.; second with blue May 3rd strike ties 3¢ dull red (11A) on 1854 folded letter from Pottsville Pa. to Philadelphia Pa., **Very Fine and scarce exhibit pair, Rarity VI**, latter *ex-Gibson*.

Towle No. 190-C-1 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400





4295 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) P. & B. R.P.O., Feb 17, two strikes of blue cds with one tying 3¢ ultramarine (114), corner flaw, on cover to Shiloh N.Y.; flap missing, **Very Fine and attractive**, a scarce unlisted marking.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

4296 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) Baltimore Rail Road, Oct 10, blue cds ties 5¢ dark brown (1a), four ample to large margins with additional manuscript cancel, on blue 1849 folded letter from Baltimore Md. to Marlborough Md.; internal cover tear affecting address panel, **otherwise Very Fine**.  
 Towle No. 239-D-1 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Although posted onto a mail car at Baltimore the letter must have been carried on Route 1902 Baltimore to Washington. Some Route Agents operated between Philadelphia and Washington and in this instance he picked up the incorrect route agent marking instead of the "WASHINGTON RAIL ROAD" which should have been applied.*

4297 ☒ (Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad) "Baltm" Rail Road", blue manuscript postmark and matching "18¾" rating on 1843 folded letter datelined "Baltimore July 3 1843" and put onto Route 1901 for New York and Hartford Connecticut, **Very Fine**.  
 Towle No. 239-M-4 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4298 ☒ (Pittsburgh, Fort Worth & Chicago Railroad) P. Ft W. & C. R'y, Mahong'town Station, Apr 23, 1875, blue station octagon cancels 3¢ green entire to West Chester Pa.; docketing at left, reduced at right, **Very Fine and choice strike, Rarity IV, This is the Discovery Example and Listing in Towle**.  
 Towle No. 560-S-2 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put into Mahoningtown station and carried 2114 miles north to New Castle for transfer east to West Chester.*

4299 ☒ (Sunbury & Erie Railroad) S. & E. R.R. PA, NOV 10, perfect cds strike ties 3¢ rose (65), vibrant shade, on yellow cover to Macedonia, Ohio; reduced slightly at left.  
 Towle No. 198-C-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto either Route 2726 or 2773 between 1861 and 1868 to receive the Route Agent's date stamp. Probably routed west to Erie for Cleveland and then south to Macedonia.*

Routes Within New York State



4300 ☒ (Albany and Buffalo Railroad) Alby. & Buffalo R.R., Sep. 12, blue route agent's cds with matching blue "Paid" straightline on 10¢ black (2) large margins to clear at left, on light blue 1848 folded cover from Buffalo N.Y. to New York City, red "From Western Hotel, Buffalo, Ira Osborn" hotel forwarder's octagonal handstamp; light vertical file folds do not affect stamp, F-V.F., ex-Craveri, Mirsky; with 1999 P.F. certificate.  
 Towle No. 114-D-3 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

*ATTRACTIVE USE OF THE 10¢ 1847, DELIVERED TO THE MAILES BY THE HOTEL AND SENT BY RAIL OVER 300 MILES.*

4301 ☒ (Black River & Utica Railroad) Utica & Black River R.R., Castor Land, Oct 15, 1875, clear blue station double-oval on 1¢ postal card (UX3) to Potsdam N.Y., datelined "Castorland, Oct. 15/75", **Very Fine and choice, ex-Bagby**.  
 Towle No. 104-S-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried 25 miles west from Castorland to Watertown for transfer to Potsdam.*

4302 ☒ (Buffalo & Erie Railroad) Buffalo & Erie R.R., Jun 6, route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A) on buff cover to Geneva, N.Y., **Very Fine and scarce, Rarity VII**.  
 Towle No. 115-D-1 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

4303 ☒ (Buffalo & New York City Railroad) Buffalo & N.Y. City R.R., 10 Jun, blue rimless cds ties 3¢ dull red (11) on cover to Castile N.Y., **Very Fine, Rarity VII**.  
 Towle No. 125-G-2 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 1314 and carried to Castile located 57 miles from Buffalo.*

4304 ☒ (Buffalo & New York City Railroad) Buffalo & N.Y. City R.R., 29 Sep, red route agent cds with matching circular grid cancel on 3¢ red (U1) Nesbitt entire with partial seal to New York City, flap mostly missing and top edge mend, **a Very Fine strike, Rarity VI**.  
 Towle No. 125-G-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

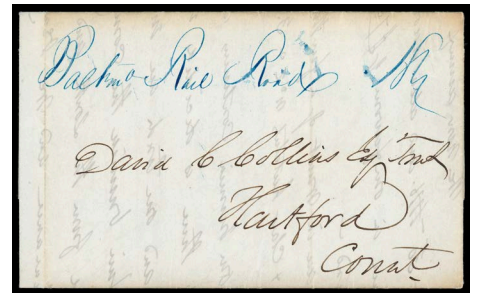
*Put onto Route 1306 and carried east to New York circa 1853.*



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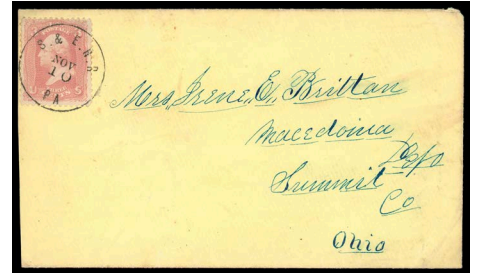
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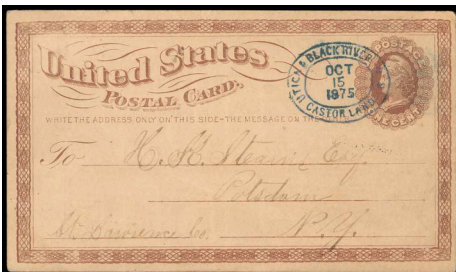
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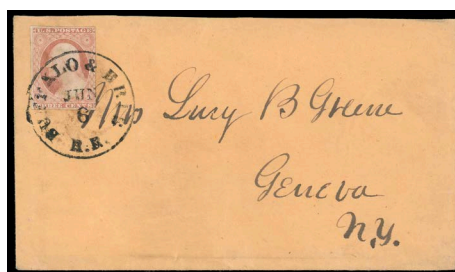
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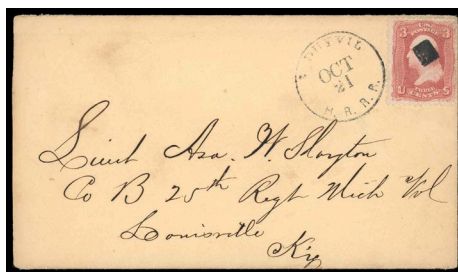
4305 ☒ (Cayuga & Susquehanna Railroad) Cayuga & Susqh. R.R., 17 Jun, cds ties 1¢ blue, vertical strip of three, Types II-IIA-II (7-8A-7), positions 27-37-47R1E, four even margins, on neat cover to Albany N.Y., Very Fine, Rarity VII; with 2009 A.P.S. certificate. Towle No. 131-A-1. . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

Envelope put onto Route 1246 to be carried to Cayuga for transfer to Auburn & Rochester rail road for Albany. Reverse annotated by Ashbrook.





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4306 ☒ **(Cayuga & Susquahanna Railroad) Cayuga & Susq. R.R., 13 Aug**, red cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A), deep intense color, mostly large margins, on neat cover from Aurora, N.Y. to Cleveland, Ohio, original enclosure dated "Aurora, Cayuga Cy. N.Y. 1 Aug 13th 1852", **Very Fine, Rarity VII**; with 2009 A.P.S. certificate.  
Towle No. **131-A-1**. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto the steamboat at Aurora to be carried to Cayuga for transfer to Auburn & Rochester railroad for Cleveland via Buffalo.*

4307 ☒ **(Cayuga & Susquahanna Railroad) Cayuga & Susq. R.R., Mar 17**, black route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A) on light buff cover to Syracuse, N.Y., accompanied by circa 1875 cover with "Cayuga Lake N.Y., Nov 5" cds on Union Springs N.Y. corner card cover bearing 3¢ green (158) to Ithaca N.Y.; latter with some wedge wear, **a Very Fine pair**.  
Towle No. **131-A-2**. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Circa 1852 cover carried north to Cayuga for Syracuse on the combined railroad and steamboat service of Route 1368. Circa 1875 cover carried 32 miles south from Union Springs to Ithaca on Route 1284. The Cayuga Lake cds is unrecorded but must have been used on the route, as no post office of this name existed in New York State.*



4308 ☒ **(Express Mail Albany to Buffalo) U.S. Express Mail, Jul 4**, choice strike of red route agent cds and matching "Free" rating on folded letter datelined "Buffalo July 3d 1844" to Bern, N.Y., **Very Fine and choice**.  
Towle No. **114-O-1**. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*The Express Mail service from Albany to Buffalo encompassed a total of 8 different railroad route contracts. This letter was carrier east over seven of the railroads. In July 1842 the Expressman, William F. Harnden was contracted to supervise the carriage of the mails on the full route. He employed two agents to accompany the car the full distance.*

4309 ☒ **(Hudson River Railroad) S. Duyvil, H.R. R.R., Oct 21**, station cds just ties 3¢ rose (65) with bold fancy rectangle cancel on buff cover to Louisville, Ky. addressed to Lieut. in the "25th Regt. Michigan Vol." with original enclosure which states, "The new pistol will carry a larger cartridge, have tremendous power, are the most perfect pistol ever produced. There will be two styles, Full Plate & Plated France.", signed "T.W. Moore"; 3¢ tiny perf tear, **F.-V.F.**, **Rarity V**.  
Towle No. **114-S-3a**. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

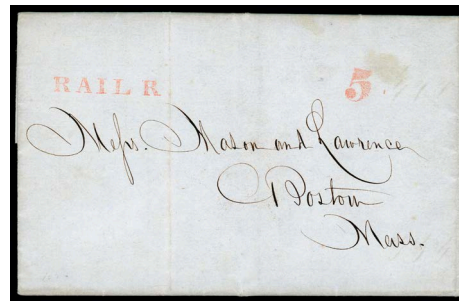
*Put onto Route 1002 at Spuyten Duyvil and carried south to the Chambers Street Depot for transfer to the New York main post office.*



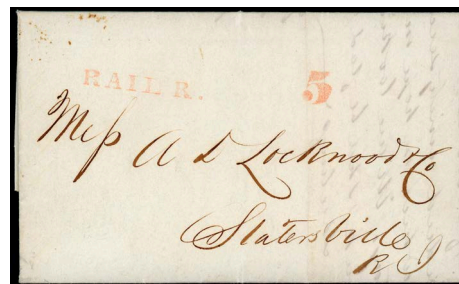
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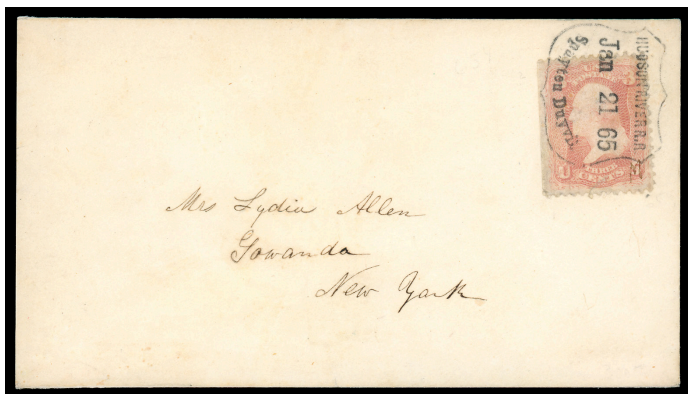
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4310 ☒ **(Hudson River Railroad) Hudson River R.R., Jan 21 65, Spuyten Duyvil**, perfect sharp strike of station agent's shield tying **3¢ Rose (65)**, nat. s.e., tiny perf tear, on neat cover to Gowanda, N.Y., **F.-V.F.**, ex-Wyer, Jarrett. Towle No. **114-S-3b** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Envelope put onto Route 1002 and carried 12 miles south to the Chambers Street Depot. Transferred to the main post office for forwarding via Albany and Buffalo to Gowanda, NY.*

4311 ☒ **(Long Island Railroad) L.I. Rail Road N.Y.**, two covers with the two 5¢ route agent cds mounted on exhibit page, first with red "L.I. Rail Road, N.Y., 5 'Sept 11'" double-circle with pencil date on gray Sept. 11th 1846 folded letter from New York to Five Places, Long Island; second with red "L.I. Rail Road, 5 cts. 'Feb 16'" double-circle with pencil date on gray circa 1847 folded letter from Yuphank west to New York City; former with tear, **F.-V.F. exhibit pair, Rarity VIII.** Towle No. **112-A-1, 112-A-2.** . . . Estimate \$400 - 600



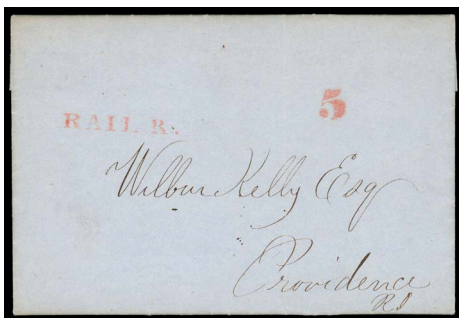
4312 ☒ **(Long Island Railroad) Long Island R.R., Jul 22**, route agent cds ties **2¢ black (73) vertical pair** on cover to Shelter Island N.Y., cover with corner wear at bottom, **otherwise Very Fine.** Towle No. **112-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

**A VERY RARE 2¢ BLACKJACK USAGE ALONG THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.**

*Cover addressed to Shelter Island located at the eastern end of Long Island. Convenience franked at 4 cents and carried on the line July 22nd circa 1865. If from New York the mail car left Hunters Point, Brooklyn at 8.00 a.m. to arrive at Greenport at 1.15 p.m. The 94 mile journey being run at an average speed of 18 mph.*

4313 ☒ **(Long Island Railroad) Long Island R.R., Mar 3**, bold route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)**, position 97L1L, on cover to Greenport, Long Island, **Very Fine and choice.** Towle No. **112-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300





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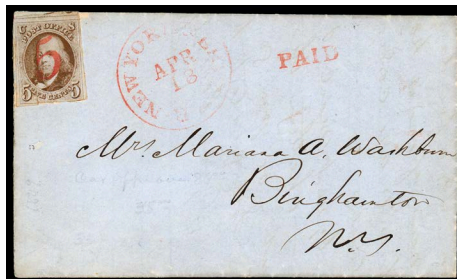
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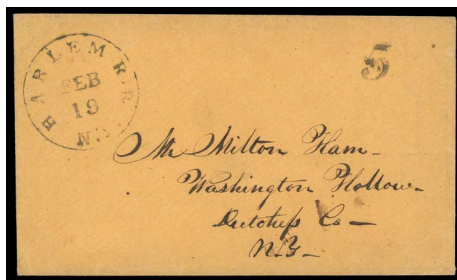
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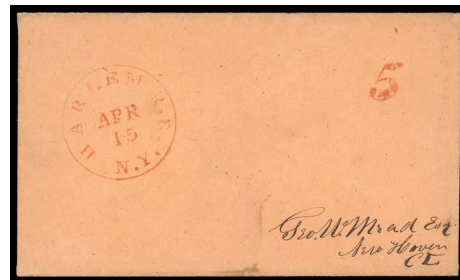
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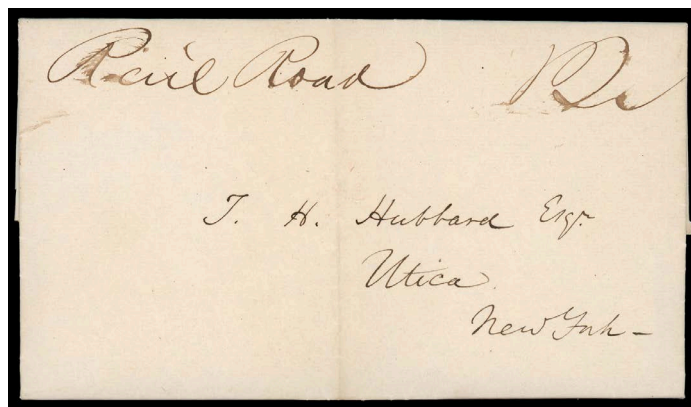
4314 ☒ **(Long Island Railroad) RAIL R**, clear red straight line with matching “5” rate handstamp on blue folded letter datelined Apr. 18th 1846 New York City to Boston Mass, **Very Fine, Rarity VI**, Carried on the Long Island Sound Route, nice waterway use.  
Towle No. **112-L-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4315 ☒ **(Long Island Railroad) RAIL R.**, red straightline with matching “5” rate handstamp on 1846 folded letter from New York City to Slatersville R.I., **Very Fine**.  
Towle No. **112-L-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Carried on the Long Island Railroad Brooklyn-Boston route using Long Island Sound steamers.*

4316 ☒ **(Long Island Railroad) RAIL R.**, red straightline with matching “5” rating handstamp on blue 1846 folded letter datelined “New York Apr. 25, 1846” to Providence, R.I., **Extremely Fine and choice**.  
Towle No. **112-L-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Carried on the Long Island Railroad Brooklyn-Boston route using Long Island Sound steamers.*



4317 ☒ **(Mohawk & Hudson Railroad) “Rail Road”**, manuscript notation with matching “12½” cent rating on folded letter datelined “Cherry Valley Sep. 4. 1837” to Utica, put onto Route 541 at Palatine Bridge and carried 40 miles west to Utica, **Very Fine**.  
Towle No. **114-A unlisted** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

**A VERY EARLY RAILROAD NOTATION BY THE UTICA POSTMASTER WITH “12½” CENT RATING.**



4318 ☒ (Mohawk & Hudson Railroad) RAIL ROAD, red two-line postmark over pencil "Utica" and with red manuscript "18¾" rating on folded letter datelined "Holland Patent Sept. 11th 1839" to Buffalo N.Y.; some separation and light staining at bottom, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity IX.**  
Towle No. **114-B-7** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

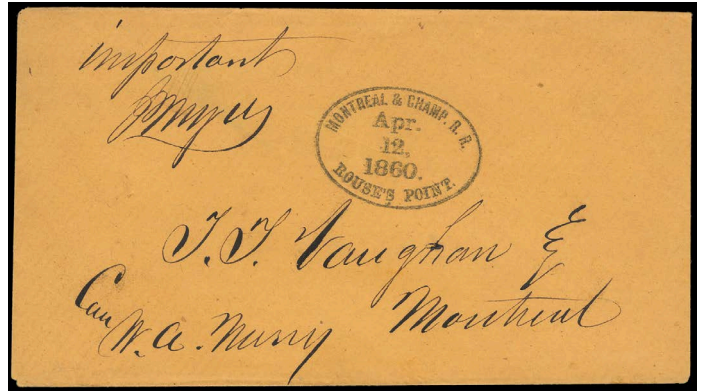
*Folded letter datelined "Holland Patent Sept. 11th 1839". Carried 91½ miles south to be put onto the car at Utica. Carried west 52 miles on Route 909 to Syracuse the 26 miles on Route 910 to Auburn. Buffalo at this date was not connected by railroad so a mail coach by road was used to that city.*



4319 ☒ (Mohawk & Hudson Railroad) RAIL ROAD, circular handstamp and manuscript "10" rating on folded letter datelined "Scottsville April 16th 1842" to Schoharrie, N.Y., redirected to Fultonham with red "Schoharrie, N.Y. Apr 27" cds and red ms. "Forwd 6" rating totaled to "16" cents due, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity VIII.**  
Towle No. **114-B-5** . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*Carried on the five Routes 1165, 1119, 1036, 9275 and 969 to Schenectady for Schoharrie.*

4320 ☒ (Mohawk & Hudson Railroad) Utica "12½ RR", red manuscript railroad rating with light red "Utica, N.Y., Feb. 20" fancy oval postmark on folded letter datelined "Albany Feby: 18. 1838" to Chenango County, N.Y., **Very Fine and rare early railroad usage.**  
Towle No. **114-A-2 var.** . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600



4321 ☒ (Montreal & Champlain Railroad) Montreal & Champ. R.R., Apr. 12, 1860., Rouse's Point., perfect strike of oval railroad marking on orange cover to Montreal, manuscript notation "Important", **Extremely Fine, Rarity VI.**  
Towle No. **SP-6** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Remele has never seen this marking on a letter, however in addition to this cover, we are aware of one other cover with this marking which is franked with 1857 3¢ issue. The same marking is often seen cancelling revenue stamps from this border depot.*

*This cover was sold by Robert A. Siegel in 1953 as part of the famous BURGER & CO. STOCK, PART III (Sale 164, Lot 18).*

4322 ☒ (New York & Erie Railroad) N-Y & Erie R.R., Jun 21, red route agent cds with matching open grid cancel on **3¢ dull red (11A)**, three margins, on small cover with original "Horseheads June 1853" enclosure to Chemung; 3¢ corner crease, bit of flap missing, **Very Fine and scarce, Rarity VII.**  
Towle No. **125-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Cover from Horseheads, N.Y. to Chemung located 13 miles east of Elmira on Route 1003. A branch line from Horseheads running 6 miles south to Elmira was included in the contract for the route. The letter therefore was carried a total of 19 miles between Horseheads and Chemung. On transfer to the main line the Route Agent struck his date stamp for June 21st.*

4323 ☒ (New York & Erie Railroad) N.Y. & Erie R.Road, two covers with strikes of route agent in red and black, comprising 1848 red strike with matching "5" rating h.s. from New York to Honesdale Pa.; and 1851 Mar 3rd black strike with matching "5" rating h.s. from Calicoon to Deposit; latter with tear, **F.-V.F. pair.**  
Towle No. **125-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4324 ☒ (New York & Erie Railroad) New York & Erie R.R., Apr 16, red cds on with matching "Paid" straightline and perfect "5" rating handstamp cancels **5¢ red brown (1)**, large margins to in at bottom including portion of adjacent stamp at top, on blue folded letter from New York City to Binghamton N.Y.; 5¢ vertical crease ending in tear, **F.-V.F.**  
Towle No. **125-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried on Route 815, the 200 miles from Piermont to Binghamton to be struck with the Route Agent's date stamp.*



- 4325 ☒ (New York & Erie Railroad) New York & Erie R.R., Jun 7, bold strike on 3¢ red (U10) buff Nesbitt entire addressed to "Office of Allegheny Valley RR Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.", **Very Fine, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. 125-B-2 . . . . . Estimate \$100 - 150

*Carried on Route 1001, probably to Dunkirk for routing to Pittsburgh via Erie.*

- 4326 ☒ (New York & Harlem Railroad) Harlem R.R. N.Y., Feb 19, route agent cds and matching "5" rating on buff cover docketed "Pawling, Feb 18, 1855" on reverse to Washington Hollow, N.Y., **Very Fine, Rarity VII.**  
Towle No. 108-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Put onto Route 1003 at Pawling and carried 13 miles north to Dover Plains for 12 miles west to Washington Hollow.*

- 4327 ☒ (New York & Harlem Railroad) Harlem R.R. N.Y., Apr 15, red route agent cds and matching "5" rating handstamp on orange cover to New Haven, Ct., **Very Fine.**  
Towle No. 108-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Transferred from Route 810 at Williams Bridge to the New York & New Haven Rail Road running Route 710.*

- 4328 ☒ (New York & Harlem Railroad) N. York & Harlem R.R., Oct 20, bold red route agent's cds and matching circular grid cancel 3¢ dull red (11A), large margins to clear, small corner defect at top right, on cover to New Haven, Conn., **a Very Fine use, Rarity VII.**  
Towle No. 108-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Envelope put onto Route 1003 for transfer at Williams Bridge to Route 710 for New Haven on October 20th circa 1855.*

- 4330 ☒ (New York & New Haven Railroad) N. York & N. Haven R.R., Aug 26, route agent cds ties 1¢ blue (9) four margins, on 1854 New York City printed circular for "Caloric Air Furnace" to New Britain, Ct., **Very Fine, Rarity VI.**  
Towle No. 70-D-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

- 4331 ☒ (New York & New Haven Railroad) N. York & N. Haven R.R., Jun 9, red route agent cds with matching red circular grid cancel on 3¢ dull red (11A), faulty at right, on orange buff cover to Vernon, Conn., 1852 docketing at left; some wrinkling and part of left flap missing, **a Very Fine strike, ex-Wagshal.**  
Towle No. 70-D-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200



- 4332 ☒ (New York & New Haven Railroad) N.Y. & Boston R.P.O., Aug 3, cds duplexed with circular grid cancel ties 15¢ red orange (189) on 1877 cover to Cape of Good Hope, numerous markings including red "New York '50", Aug 4" exchange credit cds, red London (8.14) transit and dark red Wellington (9.10) arrival cds; minor cover defects at top, **otherwise Very Fine.**  
Towle No. 80-B-Unlisted . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

- 4333 ☒ (New York Central & Hudson River Railroad) CHAT. VIL. & N.Y. AGT, SEP 29, perfect strike of blue cds with matching four-ring target ties 3¢ green (158) on lemon cover to Hudson N.Y.; light horizontal bend, **Very Fine and choice strike.**  
Towle No. 108-D-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Carried north to Chatham Village for transfer to the Hudson & Boston Rail Road on Route 1261 for Hudson.*

- 4334 ☒ (New York Central & Hudson River Railroad) N.Y. Central R.R., Leroy, L.G. Paul, Ag't., Fr't Office, Jun 28, neat oval station handstamp on orange cover to Hartland, Vt. bearing 3¢ green (147) cancelled by pencil; reduced at right, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity V, The Towle Listing Example.**  
Towle No. 130-S-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300



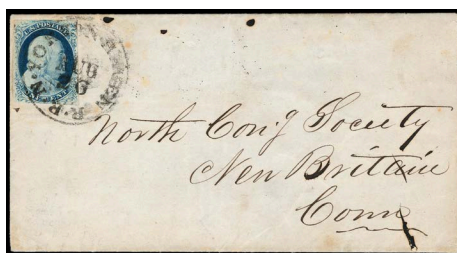
- 4329 ☒ (New York & New Haven Railroad) N. York & N. Haven R.R., Jun. 24, reddish brown cds with matching circular grid cancel ties along with manuscript 5¢ red brown (1), large to full margins, on orange cover to Wilton Ct., **Very Fine and attractive.**  
Towle No. 70-D-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

A SCARCE 1847 ISSUE USE WITH THE NEW YORK & NEW HAVEN R.R. ROUTE AGENT CDS.

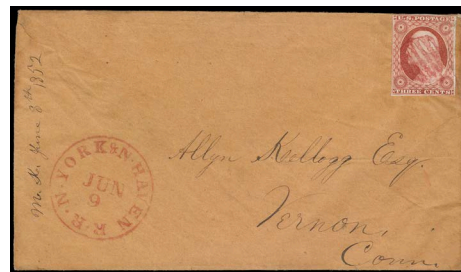
*Cover put onto Route 710 and carried to Norwalk for the 6 mile post road north to Wilton.*



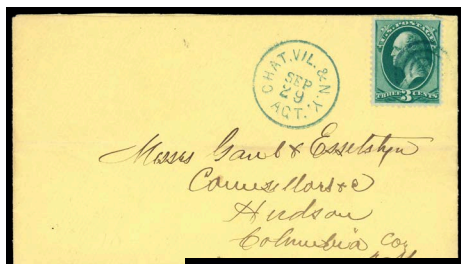
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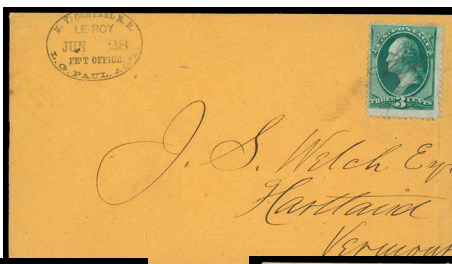
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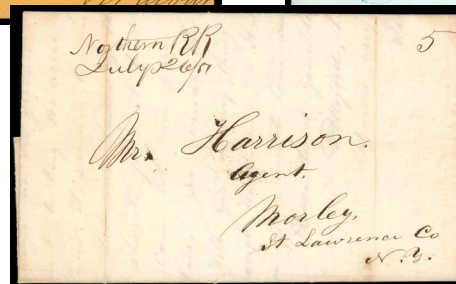
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4335 ☒ (New York Central & Hudson River Railroad) N.Y.C. & H.R.R.R. Co., Freight Office, Lockport, N.Y., Jan 6, Paid, blue station oval on light green cover to Washington, D.C. bearing 3¢ green (158) with light manuscript cancel; flap missing, **Very Fine and scarce**. Towle No. 115-S-5 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300



4337 ☒ (New York Central Railroad) Boston & Albany R.R., May 9, clear strike of red cds and matching two strikes of open circular grid cancel ties 5¢ red brown (1), four large even margins, on cover to Salisbury Conn., endorsed "Via Housa. R.R." at bottom left; light stain spot, **Very Fine and choice**. Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

Put onto the two contract Boston to Albany routes on May 9th circa 1850. Manuscript "Via Housa R.R." and addressed to Salisbury, carried through to Pittsfield for the 37 miles south to Salisbury on the Housatonic Railroad.



4336 ☒ (New York Central Railroad) Alby. & Buffalo R.R., Feb 23, blue route agent cds ties 10¢ black (2) on cover to Boston Mass.; small stamp and cover faults, **Fine**. Towle No. 114-D-6 . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

Put onto the multi contract Buffalo to Albany route on February 23rd circa 1850. Carried through to Albany for transfer to the Western Railroad route 478 for Worcester and Boston.

4338 ☒ (New York to Chicago Fast Train) The Fast Mail, N.Y. & Chic. R.P.O., West, Mar 14, rimless cds duplexed with cork cancel ties 3¢ green (158) on ad cover to Chicago Ill., purple Chicago Carrier arrival cds on reverse, **Very Fine strike and cover**. Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400





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4339 ☒ (Northern (Ogdensburg) Railroad) Ogdensburg R.R., Dec 19, choice strike of route agent cds ties 3¢ rose (65) on red and blue “The War, For the Union” Liberty and Flag with Eagle and Shield Patriotic cover to Romeo Mich., strong offset of blue printing of design on back; some edge wear, 3¢ small flaws, Very Fine and attractive, ex-Bischel.  
Towle No. 101-E-1 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

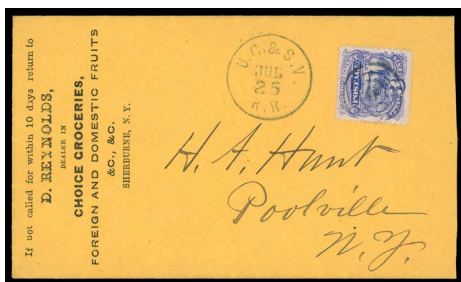
A LOVELY AND RARE RAILROAD USAGE ON A PATRIOTIC COVER.



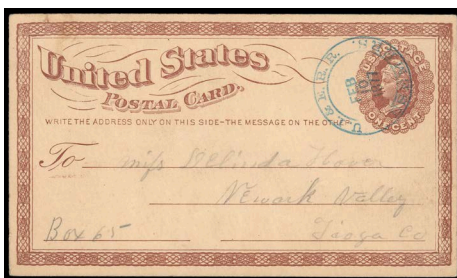
4340 ☒ (Northern Railroad) Northern R.R. N.Y., Oct. 8, double-circle datestamp ties 3¢ experimental orange brown (11A var.) rich color, on buff cover to Vergennes Vt., “Oct. 1851” docketing at left; backflap tear and tape stain at bottom, still Very Fine and rare, ex-Wagshal, Rarity VIII.  
Towle No. 101-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

A LOVELY COMBINATION OF THIS SCARCE SHADE WITH A RARE ROUTE AGENT MARKING.

Both Remele and Towle only saw examples with manuscript day of month instead of slugs. Addressed to Vergennes on Lake Champlain and carried east to Rouse’s Point on Route 1252. Probably routed south by steamboat on Route 1110 to Burlington and then 23 miles by post road south to Vergennes.



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- 4341 ☒ (Northern Railroad) Northern R.R., July 23, well-struck route agent's double-circle datestamp with day in manuscript and two strikes of matching "PAID" in rectangle handstamps cancel 3¢ dull red (11A), large margins to clear at right with brilliant color, on circa 1852 folded cover to Concord N.H., **Very Fine, a rare route agent marking, Rarity VIII**; with 2011 P.F. certificate. Towle No. **101-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Envelope put onto Route 1252 on July 23rd circa 1852. Probably carried east to Rouses Point for transfer onto Route 301 on the Vermont Central Railroad and east to Concord.*

*Simpson-Alexander list this as Rarity 10 (unique), however we note two other examples, one offered in the prior lot (lot 4340) and one other in the Wyer collection.*

- 4342 ☒ (Northern Railroad) "Northern R.R., July 26/51", manuscript route agent postmark and matching "5" rating on folded letter datelined "Parishville July 23 1851" to Morley N.Y.; two vertical filefolds, **Very Fine, Rarity VI, Towle Listing Example**. Towle No. **101-O-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Cover put onto Route 1252 at Potsdam Junction for the 25 miles west to Ogdensburg. Transferred to the 16 mile post road to Morley.*





- 4343 ☒ **(Rensselaer & Saratoga Railroad) Troy & Whitehall R.R., Aug 16**, five strikes of blue route agent cds on 1849 blue cover to Champlain, N.Y. bearing **5¢ red brown**, three margins with manuscript cancel; cover with light wax seal tone spot, **Very Fine**.  
 Towle No. **100-A-2** . . . . . Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

A STUNNING AND ATTRACTIVE 1847 ISSUE COVER.

*Carried north to Whitehall on Route 935 for the steamboat to Champlain. The Route Agent had set the cds with "15" and corrected the slug using the stamp to obliterate the mistake and added fifth strike below to make the date readable.*

- 4344 ☒ **(Rensselaer & Saratoga Railroad) Troy & Whitehall R.R., Dec 6**, bold blue route agent cds with matching "5" rating handstamp on 1849 folded cover docketed from Whitehall N.Y. to Schaghticoke, N.Y.; light horizontal fold and number notation, **Very Fine**, *ex-Lehman*.  
 Towle No. **100-A-2** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried south on routes 935 & 929 to Troy for transfer 14½ miles north to Schaghticoke.*

- 4345 ☒ **(Rensselaer & Saratoga Railroad) Rens. & Sar. R.R., Round Lake, Apr 17, 1875**, blue route agent handstamp with manuscript tied **3¢ green (158)**, corner replaced, on cover to Waterford, N.Y., **Very Fine appearance**.  
 Towle No. **100-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Envelope put onto 1221 at Round Oak Station and carried 17 miles south to Troy for transfer to Waterford.*



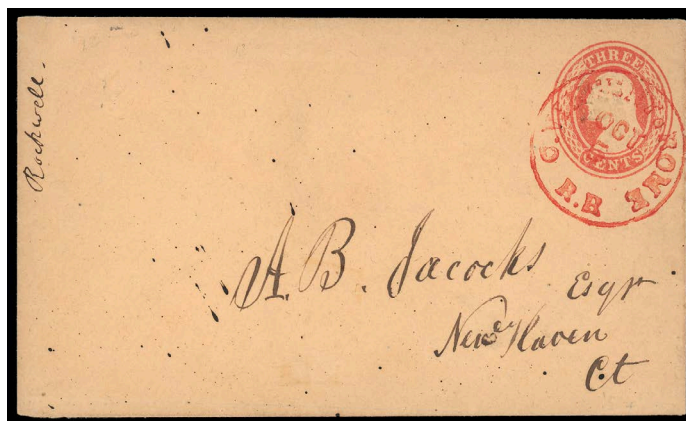
- 4346 ☒ **(Rochester & Niagara Falls Railroad) Rochester & Niagara Falls R.R., Nov 15**, blue route agent cds and matching "10" rating handstamp on cover to **St. Catharines Canada**, Canada "United States / 6d" straight line exchange handstamp, **F.-V.F. and rare, Rarity VIII**.  
 Towle No. **115-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Routed from Niagara Falls via Lewiston and Queenston to St. Catherine's.*

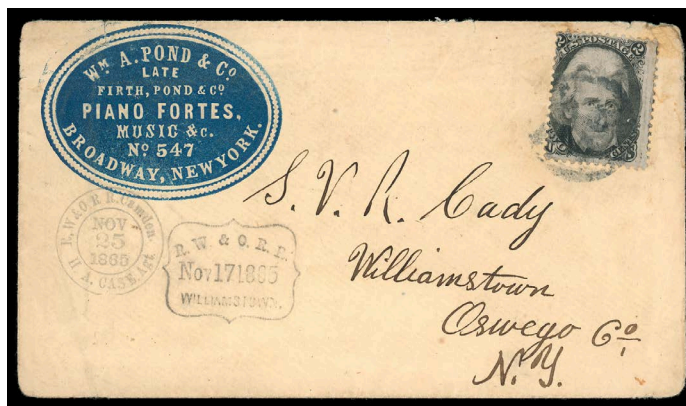


- 4347 ☒ (Rochester & Niagara Falls Railroad) Rochester & Niagara Falls R.R., Oct 30, route agent's cds ties 3¢ Dull Red (11A), top sheet margin pos. 9L1L on turned cover to Watertown, Wisc., original use bearing 3¢ dull red #11A from Buffalo to Albion, **Very Fine, Rarity VIII (Very Rare)**.  
Towle No. **115-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

A VERY RARE RAILROAD ROUTE AGENT MARKING ON THIS UNUSUAL TURNED COVER.



- 4348 ☒ (Rome & Cape Vincent Railroad) C. Vincent & Rome R.R., Oct 5, red cds on 3¢ red (U2) buff entire with Nesbitt seal on flap, addressed to New Haven CT, carried on the Cape Vincent, Watertown to Rome route, **Very Fine and scarce, Rarity VII**.  
Towle No. **102-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400



- 4349 ☒ (Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad) R.W. & O. R.R. Camden, Nov 25, 1865, circular agent datestamp and "R.W. & C. R.R., Nov. 17, 1865, Williamstown" station datestamp alongside on blue embossed cameo "Wm. A. Pond & Co., Piano Fortes, New York" corner card cover to Williamstown, N.Y. bearing 2¢ black (73) tied by NYCM four-point geometric in circle cancel; small cover tears and small toned spots, **F.-V.F., ex-Fosdyke**; with 2001 P.F. certificate.  
Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

A RARE RAILROAD USE WITH BOTH ROME, WATERTOWN & OGDENSBURGH RAILROAD STATION AGENT DATESTAMPS ARE UNRECORDED BY TOWLE.



- 4350 ☒ (Sodus Point & Southern Railroad) S.P. & S.R., Wallington, Aug 17 18, blue fancy framed station postmark ties 3¢ green (158) on cover to Newcomb, Essex County, N.Y., Very Fine and rare fancy framed railroad station, *Rarity VII*; This is the discovery copy illustrated in Towle's "Route Agent Postmarks Supplement".  
Towle No. 129-S-2 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

The Sodus Point & Southern Rail Road Company was incorporated on March 19th 1852. The 34 mile line from the coal piers at Sodus Point was not completed until 1873 when it was contracted for Route 1285 at \$1,700 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.

Put into the post at Wallington Station located 4 miles south of Sodus Point. Put onto Route 1285 and transferred onto Route 1213 for Syracuse and eastward to Troy.



- 4351 ☒ (Syracuse & Binghamton Railroad) Syra. & Binghampn. R.R., Nov 8, clear route agent cds with matching small dotted grid cancel ties 3¢ dull red (11A) on buff cover to Warren, Ohio, Very Fine and attractive, *Rarity X*.  
Towle No. 127-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

Carried on Route 1463 south to Binghamton for westward carriage to Warren, Ohio.



- 4352 ☒ (Syracuse & Utica Railroad) RAIL ROAD. UTICA, petite red straightline handstamp with pencil "12½" rating on folded cover to Genesco N.Y.; file fold, small edge and internal tears, Very Fine appearance, *Rarity X*.  
Towle No. 114-B-3 . . . . . Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS UTICA RAIL ROAD STRAIGHTLINE, THE OTHER USED IN MARCH 1842.

Carried on the Syracuse & Utica RR, forerunner to the New York Central, this marking is only known on this and one other cover and alignment indicates that that it may be from a single device.



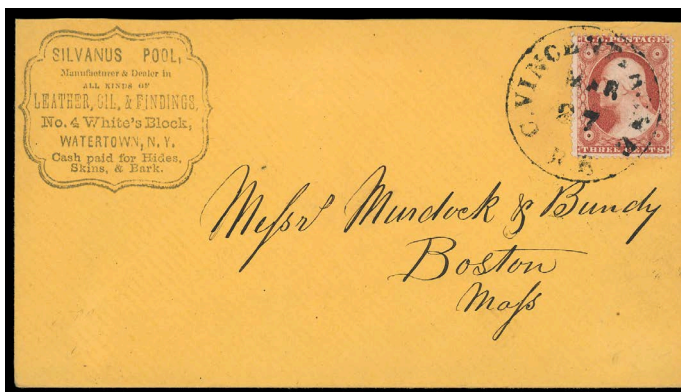
4353 ☒ (Utica & Schenectady Railroad) U.S. Express Mail, Sep 4, red cds with matching "PAID" straightline and red crayon "20" rating on 1843 folded letter datelined "Little Falls NY" to Cooperstown N.Y., manuscript "Paid 2" at lower left, **Very Fine and rare use carried on the Utica & Schenectady R.R.**  
 Towle No. 114-O-1 . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

4354 ☒ (Utica, Chenango & Susquehanna Valley Railroad) U.C. & S.V. R.R., Jul 25, route agent cds duplexed with four-ring target cancel on 3¢ ultramarine (114) on orange advertising cover from Sherburne N.Y. to Poolville N.Y.; cover a bit reduced at right, **Very Fine and attractive.**  
 Towle No. 126-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4355 ☒ (Utica, Ithaca & Elmira Railroad) U. I. & E. R.R. Besemers. Feb 10, 1877, bold double-circle station cds cancels 1¢ postal card (UX3) to Newark Valley, **Extremely Fine and choice.**  
 Towle No. 123-S-unlisted . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*The Besemer's Depot post office was opened on March 9th 1876 with the postmaster as Mary A. Besemer. Located on the Utica, Ithaca & Elmira Rail Road some 5¼ miles from Ithaca. Received the Station Agent's date stamp for Besemer's Depot to travel on Route 6075 contracted for 48½ miles at \$2,226 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.*

*Put into Besemer's Depot on February 10th 1877 and carried south on Route 6075 to Wilseyville for transfer via Owego to Newark Valley.*



4356 ☒ (Watertown & Rome Railroad) C. Vincent & Rome R.R., Mar 27, route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (26) on orange cover with handstamped Watertown N.Y. corner card for "Dealer in Leather, Oil & Findings" to Boston Mass., **Very Fine and attractive**, a very scarce railroad marking, *Rarity VII.*  
 Towle No. 102-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

4357 ☒ (Watertown & Rome Railroad) Watertown & Rome R.R., Jun 17, route agent cds on 3¢ red (U10) Nesbitt buff entire to Watertown N.Y., **Very Fine and scarce Nesbitt use**, *Rarity VI.*  
 Towle No. 102-C-1 . . . . . Estimate \$100 - 150

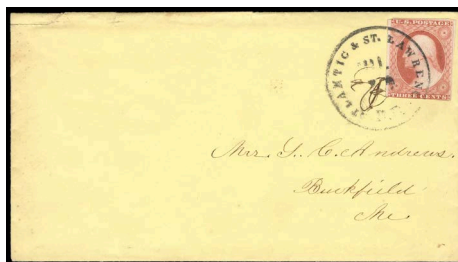
4358 ☒ (Watertown & Rome Rail Road) "W & Rome R.R., Nov 29", pencil manuscript on 1851 folded letter datelined "Camden Nov 29 / 51" to New Haven, Conn. bearing 3¢ dull red (11A) canceled by grid cancel, **Very Fine and rare**, *Rarity V, the Towle Listing example.*  
 Towle No. 102-V-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried on Route 1256 prior to issuing of a date stamp of the Route Agent. Carried 18 miles east to Rome for transfer to Route 1030 on the Syracuse & Utica Rail Road.*

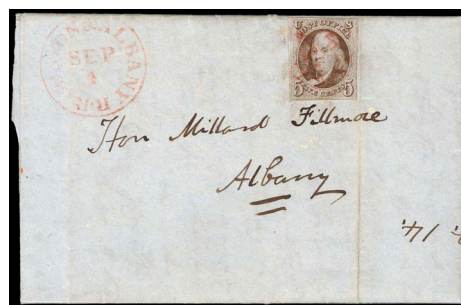




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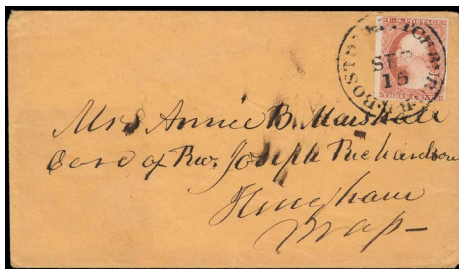
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### Routes in New England

- 4359 ☒ (Atlantic & St. Lawrence and Androscoggin & Kennebec Railroads) A<sup>C</sup>. & S<sup>T</sup>. L. & A<sup>N</sup>. & K<sup>K</sup>. R.R., route agent cds with manuscript "Paid" endorsement and matching "X" cancel tying defective 3¢ dull red (11A) on orange cover to Paris, Me., still Very Fine. Towle No. 4-D-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

Cover put onto Route 97 and carried to Paris located 47 miles north of Portland.

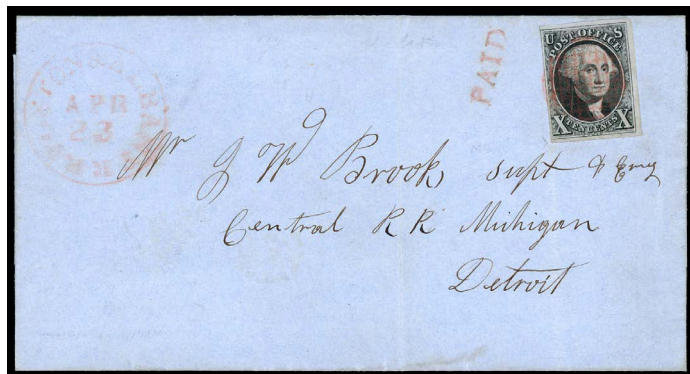
- 4360 ☒ (Atlantic & St. Lawrence and Androscoggin & Kennebec Railroads) A & St. L. & A. & Kenbk. R.R., Jan 11, blue route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A), large to huge margins except just touching frameline at bottom right, on blue folded letter datelined "Lewiston Jany 11 1853" to Newburyport Mass.; couple of light cover stains, F.-V.F. and scarce, Rarity VI. Towle No. 4-C-1 . . . . . Estimate \$100 - 150

Put onto Route 91 south from Lewiston Me. via Danville Junction. The car then continued on Route 97 to Portland, then transferred to the Portland to Boston railroad.

- 4361 ☒ (Atlantic & St. Lawrence and Androscoggin & Kennebec Railroads) A. & S<sup>T</sup>. L. & A. & Kenbk. R.R., Aug 17, red route agent cds with matching "5" rate handstamp on 1849 folded cover from Winthrop Mass. to Lewiston Me. Towle No. 4-C-1 . . . . . Estimate \$100 - 150

Pencil notation on flap "From Winthrop 1849" put onto Route 91 and carried 19 miles south to Lewiston.

- 4362 ☒ (Atlantic & St. Lawrence Railroad) Atlantic & St. Lawrence R.R. Jul 28, clear route agent cds with manuscript day ties 3¢ dull red (11), margins to just in, on 1856 yellow cover with original enclosure from Portland Me. to Buckfield Me.; flap torn from opening, Very Fine and attractive, Rarity VII. Towle No. 9-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300



- 4363 ☒ (Boston & Albany Railroad) Boston & Albany R.R., Apr. 23, red route agent cds with matching "Paid" and fancy criss-cross circular grid cancels 10¢ black (2), large margins to just shaving left frameline, on blue folded cover to Detroit Michigan, F.-V.F. Towle No. 53-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

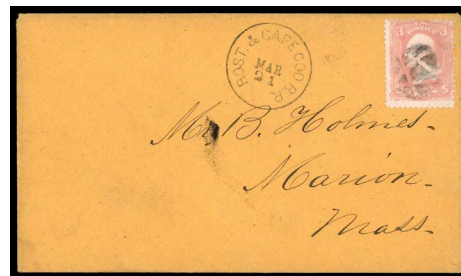
Cover carried on Routes 605 and 476 to Albany for Detroit via Buffalo and Cleveland. Addressed to John W. Brook, Superintendent Engineer of the Michigan Central Railroad.



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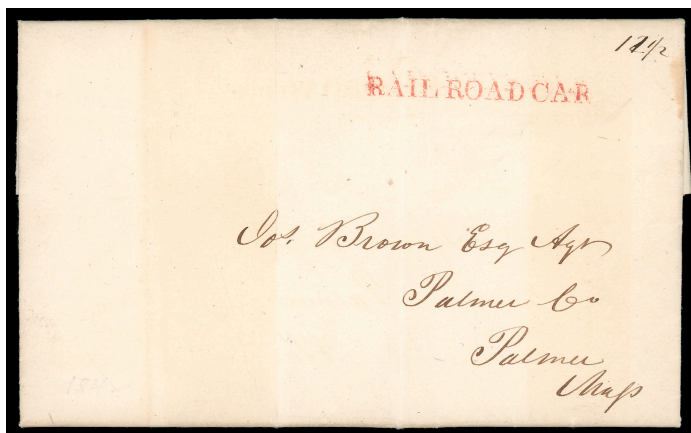
- 4364 ☒ **(Boston & Albany Railroad) Boston & Albany R.R., Sep 4**, red route agent cds and matching criss-cross strikes of red "Paid" handstamps cancel **5¢ red brown (1)**, margins to just in at top, on blue 1848 folded letter datelined "Boston, Sept. 3. 1848" to future **President Millard Fillmore** at Albany N.Y.; vertical file folds do not affect stamp, stamp with tiny tear at bottom, **Fine**; with 2013 R.P.S.L. certificate.  
Towle No. **53-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried from Boston through to Albany on Routes 605 & 476. Addressed to Millard Fillmore when Comptroller for the State of New York. President of the United States 1850 to 1853.*

- 4367 ☒ **(Boston & Fitchburg Railroad) Boston & Fitchburg R.R., Sep 15**, route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)** left sheet margin single, large margins to just touched, on buff cover to Hingham Mass., **Very Fine and attractive, Rarity V**.  
Towle No. **41-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

- 4368 ☒ **(Boston & Maine Railroad) Boston & Maine R.R., 4 May**, blue route agent cds and matching unusual tiny **fancy grid** cancels **5¢ red brown (1)**, almost four full margins, small natural pre-printing paper fold at top right, on blue folded letter datelined "Great Falls May 4, 1849" to Franklin N.H., **F.-V.F.**, **Rarity V**.  
Towle No. **50-A-3** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Cover put onto Route 402 and carried 20 miles south to Newmarket. Transferred to the Portsmouth & Concord R.R. for Franklin.*



- 4365 ☒ **(Boston & Albany Railroad) RAIL ROAD CAR**, red route agent straightline handstamp with manuscript "12½" rating at top right on 1842 folded letter datelined "Springfield Sep 20, 1842" to Palmer, Mass., three vert file folds, **Very Fine and a scarce railroad marking, Rarity V**.  
Towle No. **53-A-1 var** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300



- 4369 ☒ **(Boston & Maine Railroad) Boston & Maine R.R., Jun 9**, superb strike of blue route agent cds tying **3¢ dull red (11A)**, full margins except slightly in at left, on cover with original enclosure datelined "Lawrence June 8th 1853" to Hebron Me., **Extremely Fine and choice, Rarity V, ex-W. Fox**.  
Towle No. **50-A-3** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried 48 miles north from Lawrence Mass. to South Berwick Me. for transfer north via Portland to Hebron.*

*Letter from a railroad employee stating "Today I have been out to Boston to work fitting locks on cars. The distance from Lawrence to Boston of 26 miles, you may think is a great distance to go to work, but we went in about 40 minutes."*

- 4366 ☒ **(Boston & Albany Railroad) Rail Road Car**, straightline route agent handstamp on 1856 folded cover to Salem Mass. bearing **3¢ dull red (11)** tied by large "Paid" grid cancel and red "Boston Ms., Feb 16", 1856 inside docketing; file folds affect 3¢, **F.-V.F.**, **Rarity VII, ex-Wagshal**.  
Towle No. **53-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Carried east to Boston on the Albany to Boston route with Route Agent applying the "RAIL ROAD CAR" handstamp. Stamp cancelled at Boston post office before routing to Salem.*

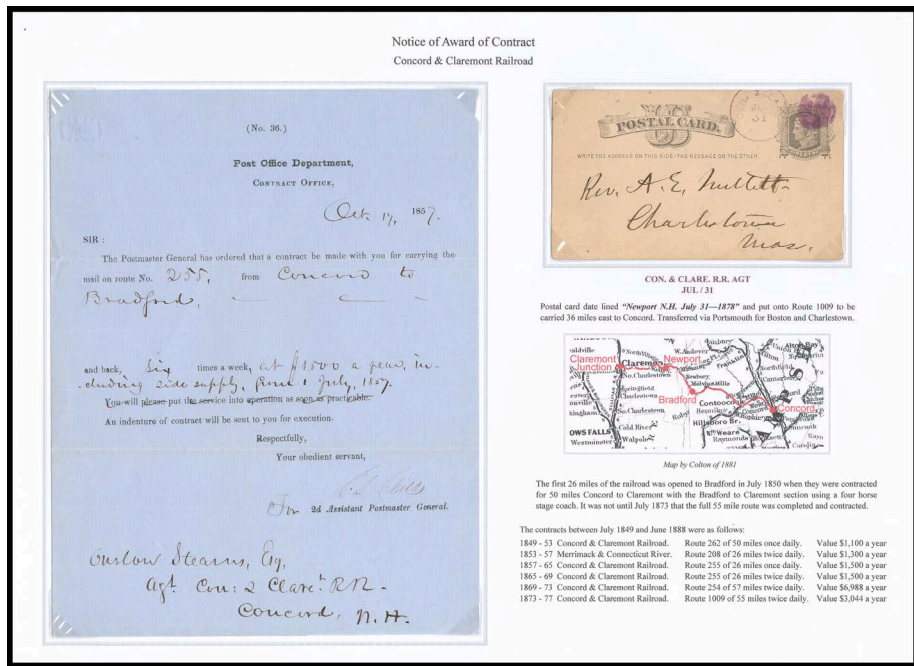




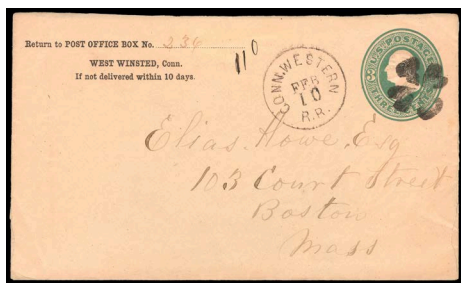
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4370 ☒ **(Boston & Maine Railroad) Boston & Maine R.R., Aug 8**, blue route agent cds with matching "Paid" straightline and blue grid cancel ties **3¢ orange brown (10A)**, full margins to touched at top, on blue folded cover to Roxbury, Mass., **Very Fine and attractive, Rarity V, ex-Wagshal**. Towle No. **50-A-3** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

4371 ☒ **(Boston & Maine Railroad) Boston & Maine R.R., Apr 24**, blue route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)** on buff cover to Sutton, N.H., **Very Fine and choice, Rarity V**. Towle No. **50-A-3** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200



4372 ☒ **(Boston & Providence Railroad) Boston & Providence R.R., Sep 5**, balloon route agent cds ties **2¢ Blackjacket (73)** on fresh unsealed cover to Sunderland, Mass., with original printed English and Classical School, Walpole Mass. circular mentioning "accessible from all points by railroad", **Very Fine and scarce railroad circular rate use, ex-Fosdyke**. Towle No. **70-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

A VERY RARE RAILROAD MARKING PARTICULARLY ON A 2¢ BLACKJACK.



4373 ☒ **(Boston & Providence Railroad) Boston & Providence R.R. Feb 11**, neat strike of route agent cds ties **1¢ blue (9) horizontal strip of three** on cover with original contents to Cambridge Mass., the strip is **Positions 71-73L1L**, **left stamp triple transfer, one inverted, recut twice at top and once at bottom (only four such recuts on plate)**, huge margins to clear including part of sheet margin at left, folded between right stamps prior to use; small top edge taped tear, **Extremely Fine appearance**, a desirable example of the triple transfer/one inverted position used on a cover with railroad route agent marking (Rarity VIII), *ex-Vogel*.  
 Towle No. **70-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750



4374 ☒ **(Boston to New York Express Mail) U.S. Express Mail, Boston Mass., May 2**, red route agent cds with matching bold circular grid cancels tie **two 10¢ black (2) singles** left stamp with four margins and right stamp in at left otherwise large margins including portion of next stamp at right, both with clear, sharp impression, on blue folded cover from the Ludlow Beebe correspondence to Philadelphia, Pa.; tiny repaired nick at top edge of cover, **Very Fine and attractive**.  
 Towle No. **73-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000

*Cover from the extensive Ludlow Beebe archive put onto Route 410 for Philadelphia.*



4375 ☒ **(Boston to New York Express Mail) U.S. Express Mail, Boston Mass., Aug 17**, red route agent cds with matching well-struck red circular grids tying **10¢ black (2) horizontal pair**, clear margins to in, on blue folded cover to Philadelphia; trivial edgewear, **F.-V.F. and attractive 1847 issue**.  
 Towle No. **73-A-2** . . . . . Estimate \$2,000 - 3,000

A SCARCE 10¢ 1847 ISSUE USE ON THE BOSTON TO NEW YORK EXPRESS MAIL ROUTE.





- 4376 ☒ **(Boston to New York Express Mail) U.S. Express Mail 'Boston Mass.'** Oct 23, red cds with matching red grid cancels tying **5¢ red brown (1) horizontal pair**, large margins to clear, pretty color, on blue folded cover to Philadelphia Pa., small indentation at center of pair, **Very Fine, ex-Wagshal.**  
 Towle No. **73-A-3** . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

*Cover put onto Route 410 at Boston on October 26th circa 1848 and franked 10 cents for over 300 miles to Philadelphia. From the extensive Ludlow Beebe correspondence. A total of 13 covers from the correspondence are recorded from Boston franked with the 1847 issue five cents stamp.*



- 4377 ☒ **(Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad) Concord & Montreal R.R., Apr 18**, bold strike of blue route agent cds with matching blue circular grid cancel ties **5¢ red brown (1)**, large margins to just touching frameline at bottom, on 1851 folded letter datelined "Sanbornton Bridge April 18 / 50" to Salem, Mass., **Very Fine and attractive, Rarity V.**  
 Towle No. **25-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

*Put onto Route 205 at Sanbornton N.H. and carried 18 miles south to Concord. Transferred via Lowell and Boston to Salem.*

- 4378 ☒ **(Boston, Lowell & Nashua Railroad) Boston, Lowell & Nashua Railroad, North Billerica, Sep 4, 1867**, blue station cds on cover bearing pen cancelled **3¢ rose (65)** to Lowell, Mass., **Very Fine and choice, Rarity IV, ex-Beane.**  
 Towle No. **24-S-3**. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*The Nashua & Lowell Rail Road was completed in 1838 between those two towns. In 1835 the Boston & Lowell Rail Road was completed and commenced passenger services in 1842. In 1857 the two companies, whilst keeping their individual corporate identities, agreed to operate as one rail road.*

*The contract for the 42 mile Route 603 for the Boston to Nashua in 1865 listed 11 offices to be served on the route. The station recorded as using a Station Agents date stamp was North Billerica located 22 miles north of Boston. The company was paid \$6,300 a year for a three times a day service excluding Sundays.*

*Put on Route 603 at the North Billerica station carried just four miles north on the route to Lowell.*

- 4379 ☒ **(Cape Cod Branch Railroad) Bost. & Cape Cod R.R., Mar 21**, sharp clear strike of route agent cds with matching fancy incised star cancels **3¢ rose (65)** on orange cover to Marion, Mass., original letter datelined "Randolph 21 March 1866", **Very Fine, Rarity IV.**  
 Towle No. **55-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

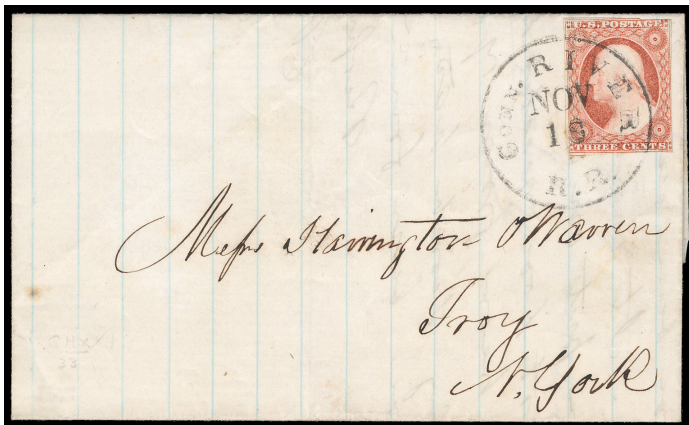
*Put onto Route 657 for transfer to 664 at Middlesboro. Put off at West Wareham for Marion.*

- 4380 ☒ (Cheshire Railroad) F.C. & R. & B. R.R. Mail Line, Aug 23 (Fitchburg, Cheshire, Rutland and Burlington Railroad), bold route agent cds ties 3¢ Rose (65) on cover to Hartford, Conn.; cover slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine and choice**, *Rarity V*.  
Towle No. 41-H-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Envelope put onto Route 693 on August 23rd circa 1868 and carried to Bellow Falls for transfer via Keene to Hartford, CT.*

- 4381 ☒ (Concord & Claremont Railroad) Con. & Clare. R.R., Agt., Jul 31, purple route agent cds and cork cancel on 1¢ postal card (UX5) datelined "Newport N.H. Jul 31 - 1878" to Charlestown Mass., accompanied by original Oct. 17, 1857 Post Office Department Contract Office notice of contract for route 255 from Concord to Bradford to Concord & Claremont R.R. agent mounted together on 11x17 exhibit page, **Very Fine exhibit pair**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

- 4382 ☒ (Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers Railroad) Sullivan & Passumpsic R.R., two covers, each franked with 3¢ dull red (11A), first with adhesive tied by route agent's cds with serified letters (Towle 35-F-1), second with 3¢ tied by non-serified cds (Towle 35-F-2, *ex-Judd*), both addressed to towns in Vermont, **F.-V.F.**, both *Towle Rarity VII (Rare)*.  
Towle No. 35-F-1, 35-F-2 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400



- 4383 ☒ (Connecticut River Railroad) Conn. RIVER R.R., Nov 10, clear strike of route agent's cds tying 3¢ dull red (11A) on 1854 folded letter datelined "Royalston Nov 17 54" to Troy, NY, **Very Fine**, *ex-Wyer, Wagshal*.  
Towle No. 35-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

A VERY RARE ROUTE AGENT MARKING THAT IS THE BASIS FOR THE TRACING IN SIMPSON-ALEXANDER (RARITY 9).

*Carried via Bellows Falls to Keene to be put onto Route 692 for Springfield. Transferred West for Troy.*

- 4384 ☒ (Connecticut Western Railroad) Conn. Western R.R. Feb 10, clear strike of cds duplex with fancy four-hearts cancel on 3¢ green entire to Boston Mass., docketed "West Winstead Conn. Feb 11/76" on back; missing backflap and open at sides, **Very Fine**, *Rarity IV*.  
Towle No. 91-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

- 4385 ☒ (Eastern Railroad) Eastern R.R., 10 Mar, blue route agent cds ties four margin 3¢ dull red (11A) on blue 1853 folded letter to Boston Mass.; central file fold, **fresh and Very Fine**.  
Towle No. 4-A-2 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200



- 4386 ☒ (Eastern Railroad) Eastern R.R., 28 May, blue route agent's cds with matching "Paid" straightline adjacent and additional strike cancelling 10¢ Black (2), position 58R, four large margins, additional manuscript cross-hatch and tied by manuscript "10 Paid" beneath stamp that bleeds through on blue folded cover to Washington D.C., **Very Fine and a rare usage**; with 1994 P.F. certificate.  
Towle No. 4-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000



- 4387 ☒ (Eastern Railroad) Eastern R.R., Nov 7, perfect strike of bold blue route agent cds with matching "Paid" straightline and circular grid cancel ties 5¢ red brown (1), four margins except just touching bottom left corner frameline, on cover addressed to Worcester, Mass.; some edge wear, tiny blue ink stain at bottom, **Very Fine and a stunning cover**.  
Towle No. 4-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*Cover put onto Route 401 on November 7th and carried south to Boston for transfer west to Worcester.*

- 4388 ☒ (Fall River Railroad) Boston & Fall River R.R., May 28, nice strike of red route agent cds with matching two strikes of circular grid cancel tie 3¢ dull red (11) on buff cover to Grand Rapids, Michigan, **Very Fine**, *Rarity VI*.  
Towle No. 55-A-2 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Carried on Route 634 to Boston for transfer to Albany and west to Grand Rapids.*



- 4389 ☒ (Housatonic Railroad) Housatonic Railroad, 5, clear strike of red route agent cds with integral "5" rate on cover to Stapleton, Staten Island, N.Y., **F.-V.F.**, *Rarity VI*. Towle No. **88-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried to Bridgeport on Route 702 and then by coach to New York.*

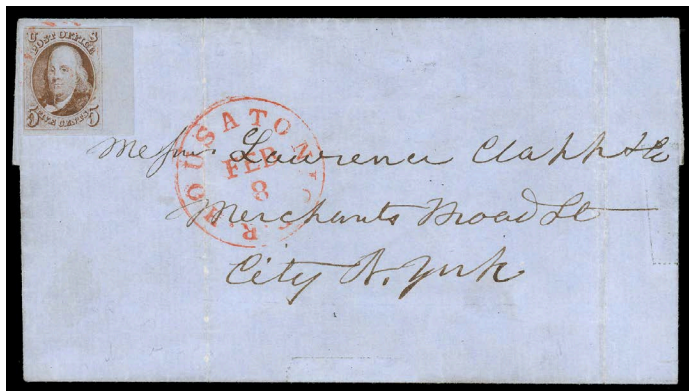


- 4390 ☒ (Housatonic Railroad) Housatonic Railroad, 5, wonderful strike of red double circle route agent handstamp with intergral "5" rating on cover to St. Albans, Vermont, **Extremely Fine, rare in this gem condition.** Towle No. **88-B-2** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Envelope put onto Route 705 circa 1850 carried south to Bridgeport for onward carriage via New York to St. Albans.*

- 4391 ☒ (Housatonic Railroad) Housatonic R.R., May 22, excellent strike of red route agent cds on 1851 folded letter datelined "Falls Village 22 May 1851" to South Lee, Mass., **Extremely Fine and choice.** Towle No. **88-B-6** . . . . . Estimate \$100 - 150

*Put onto Route 705 at Falls Village Conn. to be carried 28 miles north to South Lee.*



- 4392 ☒ (Housatonic Railroad) Housatonic R.R. Feb 8, red route agent cds with matching partial red grid cancel tying **5¢ red brown (1)**, huge margins to just in including sheet margin at right, on blue 1851 folded cover to New York City, **Very Fine, Rarity V.** Towle No. **88-B-7** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

- 4393 ☒ (Housatonic Railroad) Merwinsville, Housatonic R.R., May 20, station oval ties **3¢ dull red (26)**, top left corner torn off prior to use, on red & blue **Flag Patriotic** cover to Albion, N.Y., some edge wrinkles, **F.-V.F. and attractive, a scarce railroad marking, particularly on a Patriotic cover, Rarity VII.** Towle No. **88-S-8a** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

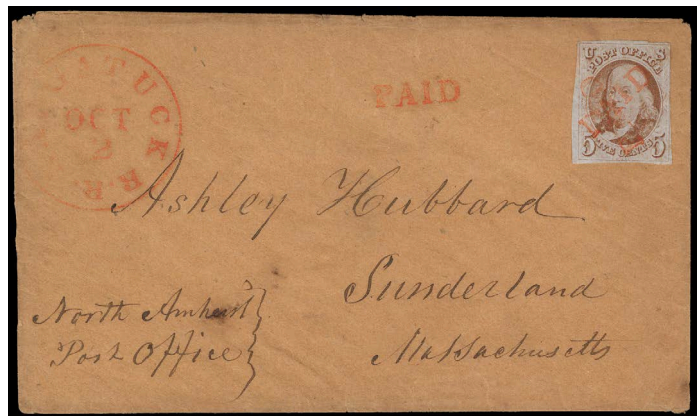
*Put onto Route 945 circa 1862 carried 42 miles south to Bridgeport for New York and then via Albany to Albion.*

- 4394 ☒ (Housatonic Railroad) Hawleyville, Housatonic R.R., Feb. 5, nice strike of station oval on buff cover to New Millford, Conn. bearing **3¢ ultramarine (114)** canceled by segmented cork cancels; some light cover wear, **Very Fine.** Towle No. **88-S-4b** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

- 4395 ☒ (Knox & Lincoln Railroad) K. & L. R.R., Aug 30, route agent cds duplex with cork cancel tying **3¢ green (158)** on cover to Gorham, Me., cancelled by cork, blue oval "Steamer Ulysses, Aug. 30, 1876" waterway oval, cover slightly reduced at right, 3¢ corner crease, **Fine, an unusual steamboat and railroad combination.** Towle No. **8-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$100 - 150

*Envelope initially carried by the "Ulysses" to Rockland, running Route 246 of 72 miles from Sullivan via Vinal Haven. Put onto Route 13 at Rockland for Bath to receive the Route Agent's date stamp. Transferred at Bath south to Portland for the post road west to Gorham.*

*The "Ulysses" of 239 tons built in 1864 was stranded and lost at Rockland on October 1st 1878.*



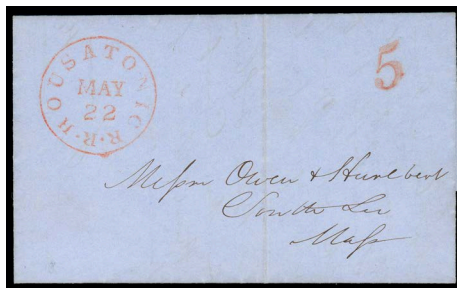
- 4396 ☒ (Naugatuck Railroad) Naugatuck R.R., Oct 2, red-orange route agent cds with matching "Paid" handstamp at center and criss-cross strikes cancel **5¢ red brown (1)**, beautiful shade, large margins to touched, on orange buff cover endorsed "North Amherst Post Office" to Sunderland Mass.; some edge wear, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity VII.** Towle No. **87-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

**A CHOICE 1847 ISSUE COVER WITH THE NAUGATUCK R.R. ROUTE AGENT CDS.**

*Put onto Route 689 on October 2nd 1849 and carried north to Winsted for Springfield and North Amherst.*



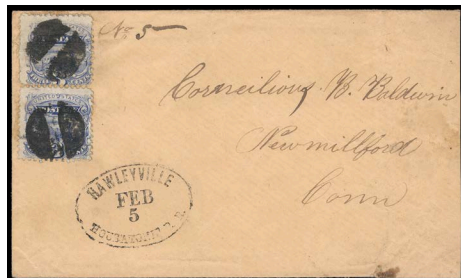
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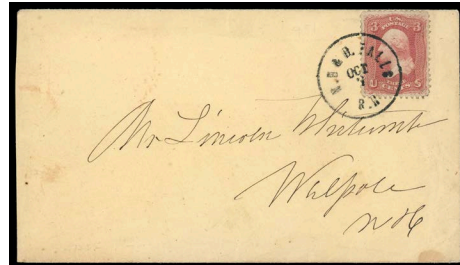
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4397 ☒ (New Haven & Bellows Falls Railroad) N.H. & B. Falls R.R., Oct. 7, route agent cds ties 3¢ rose (65) on light yellow cover to Walpole, N.H.; minor cover wrinkles at right, **Very Fine, Rarity V, This is the Towle Listing Example.**  
Towle No. **35-P-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Put onto the route somewhere between New Haven & Bellows Falls and carried through to Walpole located 5½ miles south of Bellows Falls on October 7th circa 1861.*

*The mail car running between New Haven and Bellows Falls ran on all or parts of four different contracts. The full route length was 137 miles, payment being apportioned relative to the mileage on each section of the route.*

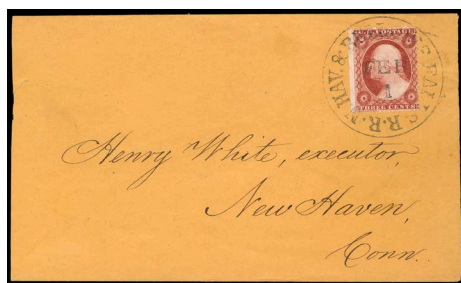


4398 ☒ (New Haven & New London Railroad) N. Haven & N. London R.R., Jan 6, excellent strike of route agent cds cancels 1853-55 3¢ Nesbitt entire, horizontally laid paper (U1) entire to Great Barrington, Mass.; part of flap torn away and small defect at top right with some tape on reverse showing through, **Very Fine, Rarity VIII.**  
Towle No. **70-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

AN ATTRACTIVE USAGE OF THIS RAILWAY MARKING ON A VERY RARE NESBITT ENTIRE (UPSS 1A \$3500).

*Put onto Route 602 in January and carried west to New Haven for Springfield and Great Barrington.*

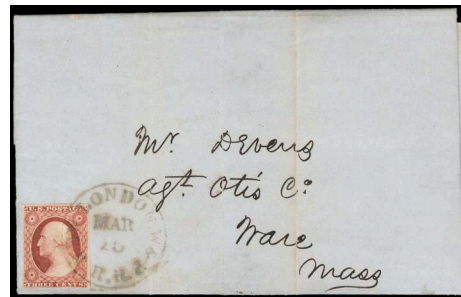




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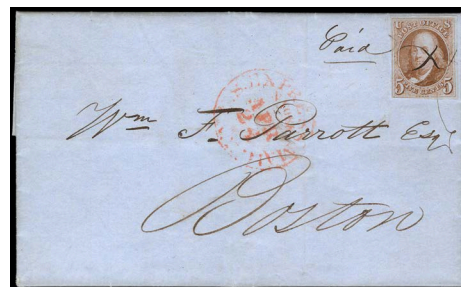
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- 4399 ☒ (New Haven & Springfield Railroad) N. Haven & Springfield R.R., Nov. 3, light strike of red cds with magenta “PAID” with pointing hand handstamp and bearing 5¢ red brown (1), four mostly large margins, tied by pencil cancel on blue 1848 folded cover to Boston Mass., **Very Fine and scarce railroad usage, Rarity VI, ex-Wagshal.**  
Towle No. **80-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

THE ALEXANDER BOOK ONLY RECORDS THREE 5¢ AND ONE 10¢ 1847 ISSUE USES ON THIS RAILROAD.

Cover put onto Route 685 for 26 miles to Springfield for transfer east to Boston.

- 4400 ☒ (New Haven to Bellows Falls Route) N. Hav. & Bellows Falls R.R., Feb 1, sharp strike of route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (26), center s.e. at left, on orange cover to New Haven, Conn.; side flaps missing, reduced slightly at left, **otherwise Very Fine and scarce, Rarity VIII.**  
Towle No. **35-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

Put onto the route somewhere between Bellows Falls and New Haven on February 1st circa 1860.

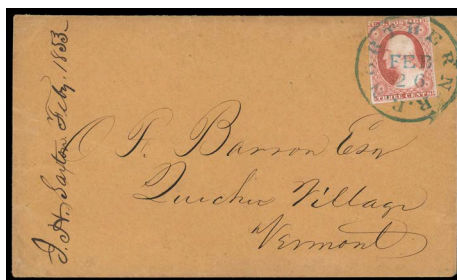
This route agent cds was used over the Hartford & New Haven Railroad (Route 940), Connecticut River Railroad (Route 702), Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad (Route 691) and Vermont Valley Railroad (Route 477).

- 4401 ☒ (New Haven to Greenfield Railroad) N. Haven & Greenfield R.R., Sep 10, clear route agent cds with matching bold circular grid cancel on 3¢ dull red (11A), tied by tiny bit of manuscript on light gray cover to Portland, Conn., **Very Fine and choice, ex-Hicks.**  
Towle No. **35-E-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

Envelope put onto Route 939 on September 10th circa 1853 and carried to Hartford for the 14 mile post road south to Portland on the Connecticut River.



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- 4402 ☒ (New London, Willimantic & Palmer Railroad) New London, W & P.R.R., Mar 15, ultramarine route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A) on blue 1853 folded letter to Ware, Mass.; vertical file folds, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity IX in Ultramarine, ex-Hicks, Wyer.**  
Towle No. **82-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*Interesting letter datelined "N.L.W. and Palmer R.R. Office, New London 14 March 1853" reading "Some of the New London capitalists are becoming interested in the establishing of a line of packets between this port and New Orleans, and propose in case they can find reasonable encouragement to build 3 or 4 first class vessels for that trade..."*

- 4403 ☒ (New London, Willimantic & Palmer Railroad) New London, W. & P. R.R., Dec 18, greenish blue route agent cds ties 3¢ orange brown (10A), rich vibrant color, virtually four margins, on 1851 folded letter datelined "New London Dec 15th 1851" to Hartford Conn.; stamp with light vertical crease, **Very Fine and attractive.**  
Towle No. **82-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 712 at New London and carried 36 miles north to Willimantic. Transferred west on the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill R.R. to Hartford.*

- 4404 ☒ (New York & New Haven Railroad) N.Y. & Boston R.P.O., two strikes of railroad post office datestamp ties 1¢ blue (63) strip of three on Adams Express Co., Meriden Conn. corner card light buff cover to Bridgeport Conn.; barely reduced at right, **Very Fine.**  
Towle No. **80-B-Unlisted** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

- 4405 ☒ (New York to Boston Express Mail) U.S. Express Mail N.Y. 'N.-York' Apr 24, red cds on blue 1850 folded letter from New York City to Boston Mass. bearing 5¢ red brown (1), large margins to clear, bright shade approaching the orange brown, canceled by stylized manuscript "X"; light vertical file fold well away from stamp, stamp with light wrinkle at right, **fresh and Very Fine, ex-Wagshal.**  
Towle No. **73-B-4** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Put onto Route 801 at the pier at New York. Carried through on the combined steamboat and railroad route to the ship owner William F. Parrot at Boston.*

*Notation on back indicates the adhesive is from the cleaned plate before Fourth Delivery and is a rare color.*

- 4406 ☒ (New York to Boston Express Mail) U.S. Express Mail, N.Y., N.York, Sep 25, route agent cds and red crayon "10" rating on blue 1854 cross-border folded letter from New York City to Annapolis, Nova Scotia, endorsed "Via St. Johns N.B.", blue St. Andrews N.B. (9.28) transit backstamp and matching "6" pence due rating, Annapolis (10.3) arrival backstamp; small portion of flap torn away, **Very Fine and nice cross border Express Mail usage.**  
Towle No. **73-B-4** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

- 4407 ☒ (Northern Railroad) Northern R.R. Feb 26, perfect strike of blue cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A), corner crease, on neat 1853 buff cover to Quechee Village, Vermont, **Extremely Fine and attractive, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. **24-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

- 4408 ☒ (Northern Railroad) Northern R.R., Jul 23, three strikes of blue route agent cds, two tying 3¢ dull red (11) on 1851 folded letter datelined "Burlington" to Pittsford Vt.; minor gum staining, **Very Fine, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. **24-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Carried on Route 207 by a Route Agent traveling Burlington to Concord.*

- 4409 ☒ (Northern Railroad) Northern R.R., Mar 18, three strikes of blue route agent cds, one ties 5¢ red brown (1), large margins to just in at bottom, on blue 1850 folded letter datelined "Royalton" to Alden N.Y., F.-V.F., **Rarity V;** with 1980 P.F. certificate.  
Towle No. **24-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Carried on Route 207. Sent probably via Concord and Boston for Alden, located 20 miles east of Buffalo.*

- 4410 ☒ (Northern Railroad) Northern R.R., Sep 22, blue route agent cds with matching blue cancel on 5¢ brown (1), large margins except in at left, on 1849 folded letter datelined "Royalton, Vermont Sept 22 / 49" to Boston Mass., **Fine, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. **24-A-2** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 301 from Royalton, Vermont to White River Junction for transfer at White River Junction to Route 207 for Concord and Boston.*

*The mail cars by this date were running through from Burlington to Boston and the Route Agents used whatever date stamp they were carrying with them irrespective of where the letter was put onto the car.*



4411 ☒ **(Norwich & Worcester Railroad) Norwich & Worcester. R.R., Mar 8**, blue route agent cds with matching numeral "5" rate handstamp on blue folded cover to Boston, Mass.; some staining on reverse, **Very Fine, ex-Milgram.**

Towle No. **81-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4412 ☒ **(Penobscot & Kennebeck Railroad) Penobscot & Ken. R.R., Sep 2**, route agent's cds ties **3¢ dull red (26)** on yellow embossed "Grand Trunk Railway, Portland District" corner card cover to Bangor Me.; some cover faults on reverse, **still Very Fine, Rarity VII.**

Towle No. **4-I-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Put onto Route 131 and carried west to Bangor on September 2nd circa 1858.*

*A rare railway corner card for this historic railroad which operated from 1852-1923 in the Canadian provinces of Quebec and Ontario as well as several New England states, including Maine.*

4413 ☒ **(Providence & Stonington Railroad) Prov. & Stonington R.R., Oct 10**, route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A) large corner margin single**, slightly cut in, on orange buff cover to Peace Dale R.I., **Very Fine.**

Towle No. **70-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4414 ☒ **(Providence & Worcester Railroad) Prov. & Wor. R.R., Apr 29**, beautiful strike of blue route agent cds on forwarded cover originating from Roxbury, Mass. with red cds of "Apr. 24" and matching "5" rating handstamp to Providence, forwarded to Chicopee, Mass. with **5¢ red brown (1)** tied by blue grid cancel paying forwarding postage; adhesive torn away to reveal "5" rate marking, some cover defects and light tape staining, **Fine and intriguing usage**; with 2005 P.F. certificate.

Towle No. **72-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*The Route Agent on the car probably defaced the stamp to verify original postage. Carried via Worcester and Springfield to Chicopee.*

4415 ☒ **(Providence & Worcester Railroad) Prov. & Wor. R.R., May 2**, blue route agent cds with matching circular grid cancel ties **5¢ red brown (1)**, four margins but small flaws, on 1850 folded letter from Providence R.I. to Chicopee Mass.; some edge wear, **F.-V.F. and scarce 1847 issue use.**

Towle No. **72-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

4416 ☒ **(Providence & Worcester Railroad) Prov. & Wor. R.R., Mar 24**, perfect strike of blue route agent cds with matching "5" rating handstamp on buff cover to Slatersville, R.I., **Extremely Fine and choice, Rarity IV.**

Towle No. **72-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Envelope put onto Route 610 and carried to Woonsocket for Slaterville located 3.3 miles westward.*



4417 ☒ **(Providence & Worcester Railroad) Prov. & Wor. R.R., Aug 21**, perfect strike of blue route agent cds duplexed with geometric cancel tying **3¢ green (158)** on cover to West Philadelphia Pa.; cover slightly reduced at left, **Extremely Fine and choice.**

Towle No. **72-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Envelope carried on Route 801 south to Providence on August 21st circa 1872 for transfer south to New York for West Philadelphia.*

4418 ☒ **(Providence & Worcester Railroad) Prov. & Wor. R.R., Mar 26**, perfect sharp strike of cds duplexed with circular grid cancel ties **3¢ ultramarine (114)** on circa 1870 cover to North Brookfield Mass.; reduced slightly at right, **fresh and Very Fine.**

Towle No. **72-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4419 ☒ **(Rutland & Burlington Railroad) Boston & Fitchburg R.R., Jul 27**, blue route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)**, trivial corner crease, on embossed **Early Steam Locomotive Train corner card** buff cover with original enclosed letter datelined "Burlington July 27-1852" to Arlington, Vt., **Very Fine, Rarity V.**

Towle No. **41-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 377 and carried to Bellows Falls for the post road west to Arlington.*

4420 ☒ **(Rutland & Burlington Railroad) R. & B.R.R., Clarendon., Oct 4 1869**, neat station oval on cover to New York City bearing **3¢ ultramarine (114)** tied by manuscript cancel, **Very Fine and rare Vermont Station oval, Rarity V, ex-Kramer.**

Towle No. **40-S-5** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

4421 ☒ **(Rutland & Burlington Railroad) Cuttingsville, R. & B. R.R., Jan 12 1870**, blue station oval on cover to Schoolcraft, Mich. bearing **3¢ ultramarine (114)**, small corner defect, tied by cork cancel, **F.-V.F., Rarity VI.**

Towle No. **41-S-8** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

4422 ☒ **(Rutland & Burlington Railroad) Gassetts, R. & 8. R.R., Sep 1 1869**, oval route agent handstamp with matching four-ring target cancels on **1¢ buff (112) vertical strip of three** on cover to Harvard Mass.; strip with minor staining, **F.-V.F.**

Towle No. **41-S-9** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

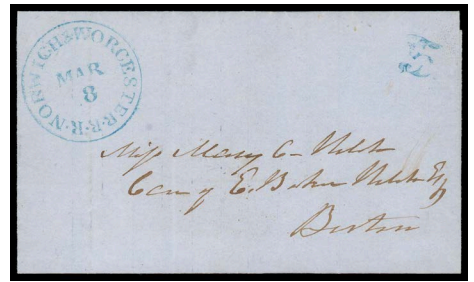
*Envelope put onto Route 2 at Gassetts to be carried 18 miles south to Bellows Falls for transfer east via Fitchburg to Boston.*



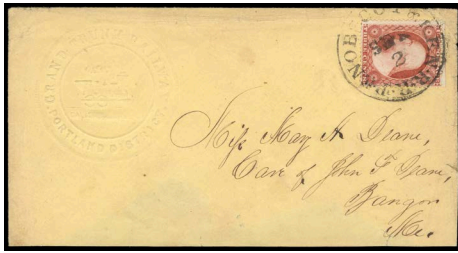
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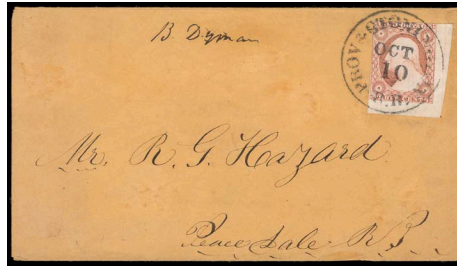
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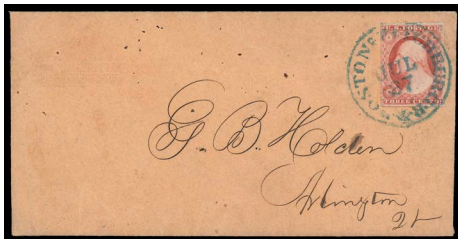
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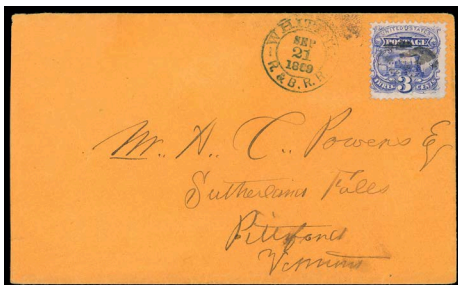
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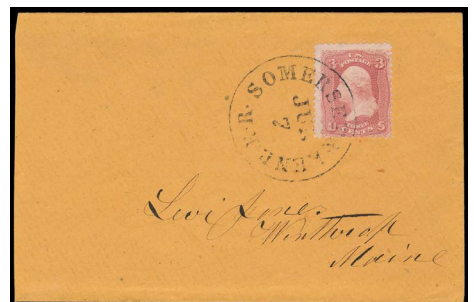
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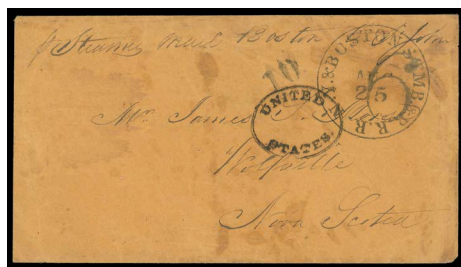


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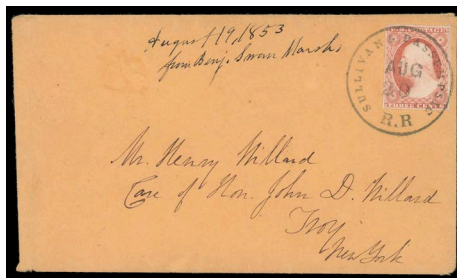


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- 4423 ☒ **(Rutland & Burlington Railroad) Middlebury, R. & B. R. R., 1857 Dec 12**, perfect strike of blue oval route agent handstamp on buff cover to Pittsford Vt., matching blue advertising corner card of “Henry L. Sheldon, Dealer in Musical Instruments, Middlebury” at top left, manuscript **Free Frank of H.L. Sheldon, Otac City** at top right, slightly reduced at top right, **Very Fine, Rarity IX**. Towle No. **41-S-1**. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Envelope put onto Route 131 and carried 23 miles south from Middlebury to Pittsford. Sheldon was an absent postmaster of Otac City, MI. in business in Middlebury.*

- 4424 ☒ **(Rutland & Burlington Railroad) Sutherland Falls R. & B. R.R., Nov 18, 1865**, two strikes of station oval on cover bearing **3¢ rose (65)** tied by four-rings target to Montpelier Vt., 1866 docketing at left, **F.-V.F.**, *Rarity VII*. Towle No. **41-S-12**. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*The station at Sutherland Falls was situated 61 miles south of Burlington and 58 miles north of Bellows Falls on Route 454. The Rutland & Burlington was contracted in July 1865 at \$19,400 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays on the 199½-mile route.*

*Put into the Sutherland Falls station on November 18th 1865 and addressed to Montpelier and struck with the Station Agents date stamp. Carried on Route 454 north to Burlington for transfer to Route 463 on the Vermont Central Rail Road for Montpelier.*

- 4425 ☒ **(Rutland & Burlington Railroad) Whiting, R. & B.R.R., Sep 21 1869**, blue station agent double-circle cds on orange cover to Pittsford, VT bearing **3¢ ultramarine (114)** cancelled by black cork cancel, original 1869 enclosure accompanies; **3¢ small flaws**, reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity VIII, This is the Towle listing Example**. Towle No. **43-S-1**. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Whiting, VT is four miles west of Leicester Junction on the Addison Branch.*



- 4426 ☒ **(Rutland & Washington Railroad) Rutland & Washn. R. R., June 13**, clear blue circle ties **3¢ dull red (11A)**, margins to slightly in, on buff 1853 cover with original letter from Clapp Mills, Burlington, Mass. to Beverly, Mass., **Very Fine, Rarity IX, ex-Hicks, Wyer** (This cover realized \$110 in 1967). Towle No. **44-A-1**. . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

THE FINER OF ONLY TWO RECORDED STRIKES OF THIS ROUTE AGENT CDS.



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- 4427 ☒ **(Rutland & Washington Railroad) Rutland & Washn. R.R., well-struck dateless circular postmark** on cover with original Feb. 8th 1859 Rutland Vt. letter on General Ticket Department letterhead to Shushaw N.Y., endorsed “R.R.S.” (Rail Road Service) at bottom left; minor edgewear, **Very Fine railroad use carried outside of the mails, Rarity IX, This Towle Tracing is Partial unlike this Example, ex-Towle, Hannen**. Towle No. **44-A-1**. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400



4431 ☒ (Stonington & Providence Railroad - Steamboat) N.Y. & Boston Stmb. & R.R.R., Aug 25, route agent cds and matching "10" cent rating handstamp on 1858 buff cover to Wolfville, Nova Scotia, oval "United States" exchange handstamp and large Canadian "6" pence due handstamp, reverse with St. Johns N.B., Annapolis (8.30) transits and Wolfville (9.1) arrival cds; some cover staining and wrinkles, **F.-V.F.**  
Towle No. **73-C-3** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Postmarks used by through New York-Boston route agents. They succeeded the U.S. Express Mail 'N.York' and 'Boston' postmarks.*

4428 ☒ (Somerset & Kennebeck Railroad) Eastern R.R. Ms., Jul 29, blue route agent cds tying 1852 3¢ dull red (11) and 1857 3¢ dull red, type I (25) on cover to Manchester Vt., 3¢ '51 with four margins and 3¢ '57 with light corner creases, cover barely reduced at right, **Extremely Fine, Rarity IV, ex-Wagshal.**  
Towle No. **4-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

A LOVELY AND RARE USAGE OF THE MIXED ISSUE FRANKING (PARTICULARLY WITH AN 1857 3¢ TYPE I) USED ON COVER WITH RAILROAD CANCEL. A WONDERFUL COVER FOR THE SPECIALIST.



4432 ☒ (Stonington & Providence Railroad) Norwich & Worcester R.R., Jul 5, bold red route agent's cds on 1848 folded letter to Worcester, Mass. bearing manuscript canceled 5¢ red brown (1), four full to large margins with rich color and nice impression; horizontal file fold affecting stamp, light tape stain at top edge, **Extremely Fine appearance, Rarity V;** with 2010 Weiss certificate.  
Towle No. **81-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

4429 ☒ (Somerset & Kennebeck Railroad) Somerset & Kens. R.R., Jul 7, route agent cds ties 3¢ rose (65) on orange cover to Winthrop, Me., cover reduced at left, **Very Fine and rare railroad marking, Rarity VIII.**  
Towle No. **4-H-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Envelope put onto Route 2 and carried south to Augusta for transfer 10½ miles west to Winthrop.*

4433 ☒ (Sullivan Railroad) Sullivan & Passumpsic R.R., Aug 20, superb strike of route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A), four margins on 1853 orange cover to Troy, N.Y., 1853 docketing; flap tear, **Extremely Fine and choice.**  
Towle No. **35-F-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Carried on Route 460 for transfer at Springfield westward via Albany for Troy.*



4434 ☒ (Troy & Boston Railroad) Danby, T. & B. R.R., Mar 1866, station oval cancels 3¢ rose (65) on blind-embossed American Telegraph Co. eagle corner card cover to Waterbury Center Vt.; reduced slightly at left with nick, **F.-V.F., Rarity VI.**  
Towle No. **40-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Of the 15 stations on the route only Danby located 18 miles south of Rutland is recorded as using a Station Agents date stamp associated with the Troy & Boston Railroad.*

4430 ☒ (Stonington & Providence Railroad - Steamboat) N.Y. & Boston Stmb. & R.R.R., Jan 29, route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (26) on lemon cover with "Gibbs \$15 Sewing Machine" blue cameo advertising corner card to Boston Mass.  
Towle No. **73-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

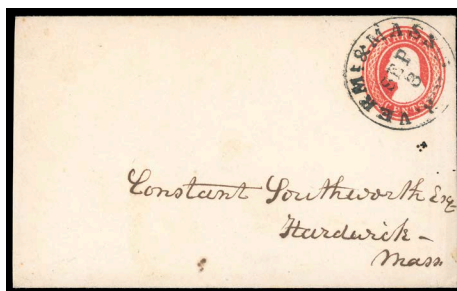
*Carried on the combined steamboat and railroad route between New York and Boston. Part of the route used the Stonington & Providence Railroad.*

*Put onto Route 477 north to Rutland for transfer to Route 454 for Burlington and then a transfer to Route 463 on the Vermont Central R.R. to Waterbury.*

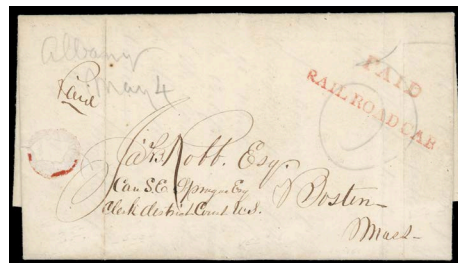




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4435 ☒ (Troy & Rutland Railroad) Troy & Rutland R.R., Feb 7, bold route agent cds on gray 1853 folded Printed Prices Current postmarked red "Boston 'Paid.' 5 Feb" rimless cds to Darby, Vt., **Very Fine and rare, Rarity VIII.**  
Towle No. 40-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*From Boston sorted at Troy and put onto Route 348 for the 66 miles north to Darby.*



4436 ☒ (Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad) Vermt. & Massts. R.R., Jun 26, nice strike of orange-red route agent cds with matching grid cancel tying **5¢ red brown (1)**, four ample to large margins, on cover to Boston Mass.; cover with part of back torn away, sealed tears, **still Very Fine and attractive, Rarity VIII.**  
Towle No. 51-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*Put onto Route 472 on June 26th circa 1850. Carried east to Fitchburg for transfer to Boston.*

4437 ☒ (Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad) Vermt. & Massts. R.R., 23 May, route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)**, four nice margins, on cover addressed to Chester Village, Mass., **Very Fine and choice.**  
Towle No. 51-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Cover put onto Route 472 and carried south to Vernon for transfer via Springfield for post road to Chester.*

4438 ☒ (Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad) VERMt. & MASSct. R.R., Sep 3, cds cancels **3¢ red (U1)** Nesbitt entire circa 1853 to Hardwick Mass.; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine, Rarity VI.**  
Towle No. 51-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 661 and carried probably to Athol, then 18 miles south on the post road to Hardwick.*



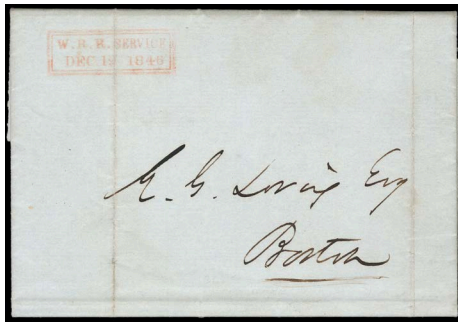
4439 ☒ (Western Railroad) RAIL ROAD CAR, red straightline with matching "Worcester Ms., Jul 30" cds and red manuscript "6" cent rating on 1841 folded letter datelined "Springfield July 19. 1841" to Leicester, Mass, **Very Fine and rare used with town cds, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. 53-A-2 . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*Carried 55 miles east on Route 443 to Worcester for Leicester. Rated in error 6¢ instead of 10¢ for 30 - 80 miles. An early use of this marking.*

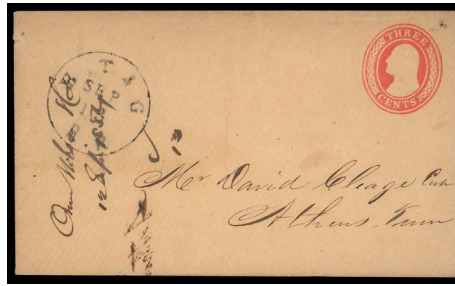
4440 ☒ (Western Railroad) RAIL ROAD CAR, red straightline with pencil "Albany, May 4" and matching "5" rating with red "PAID" handstamp on 1846 folded letter from Albany N.Y. to Boston, Mass.; couple file folds, cover defect from wax seal removal, **F.-V.F., Rarity V.**  
Towle No. 53-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Carried over three contracts including Route 476.*





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4441 ☒ (Western Railroad) W.R.R. Service, Dec. 19 1846, clear strike of red two lines in double rectangle handstamp on blue folded letter datelined Dec. 18th 1848 Springfield Mass. to Boston Mass., no rate marks; file fold through postmark, **otherwise Very Fine and unique unlisted item.** Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



4442 ☒ (Worcester & Nashua Railroad) Worcester & Nashua. R.R. Ms., Dec 15, bold strike of route agent's cds ties **10¢ green (68)**, couple perfs torn away at bottom right, on small 1868 cover to "United States Ship *Dacotah*, South Pacific Squadron, Care of United States Consul, Panama", docketed at left "Callao, Peru, Jan 1st 1869", additionally tied by black "New York Dec 16" exchange postmark, **Very Fine and attractive.** Towle No. **21-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

A RARE USAGE OF A RAILROAD COVER FRANKED WITH 10¢ 1861 ISSUE, THE FEW KNOWN 10¢ COVERS ARE TYPICALLY USED TO CANADA OR THE WEST COAST.

*USS "Dacotah" was commissioned in 1859 was a large 1,012 tons steam sloop that served the United States Navy in the Atlantic Ocean as well as in Pacific Ocean. When the American Civil War occurred, "Dacotah" assumed the role of a gunboat in the Union blockade of the Confederate States of America. When the war was over, "Dacotah", who was named for the American Dakota tribe, resumed her role protecting American interests worldwide by showing her presence in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.*

**Southern States**



4443 ☒ (Charlotte & South Carolina R.R.) Charlotte & S.C.R.R. Mar. 12, bold strike of route agent cds with matching bold "5" in circle rating handstamp on lady's embossed cover to Walton's Ford Ga., manuscript "Way" and "5" ratings, original 1855 contents from Rich Hill no longer accompany; some wear, **still Very Fine and rare railroad way use, ex-Towle, Hannen.** Towle No. **338-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

4444 ☒ (East Tennessee & Georgia Railroad) E.T & G R.R., Sep 13, route agent cds on **3¢ red (U10) Nesbitt buff** entire to Athens, Ga., 1854 docketing at left, **F.-V.F. and scarce, Rarity VII.** Towle No. **500-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

4445 ☒ (East Tennessee & Virginia Railroad) East Tennessee & Va. R.R., Aug 5, bold route agent cds on **3¢ red (U10) buff Nesbitt** entire cancel by manuscript to Madisonville, Tenn.; some light soiling, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity IX, ex-Towle, Hannen.** Towle No. **500-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS ROUTE AGENT CDS.

*Put onto Route 10063 on August 5th circa 1859 and carried west to Knoxville for transfer south to Madisonville.*



4446 ☒ (East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad) Bristol To Chatta. R.P.O., Dec 27, bold route agent cds with matching bold four-ring target cancel ties **3¢ ultramarine (114)** on circa 1869 cover to Blountville, Tenn.; bit of flap missing, **F.-V.F.**  
Towle No. **500-H-2**. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*The East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia was a consolidation in 1869 of the East Tennessee & Virginia and the East Tennessee & Georgia Rail Roads. The 243 mile route between Bristol and Chattanooga via Knoxville was run under two contracts using a Railway Post Office car at \$39,255 a year for a daily service.*

*Sent on R.P.O. car from Bristol 10 miles west to Blountville.*

4447 ☒ (East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad) Fullens E.T. & Va. R.R., Dec 9, 1869, blue station double-oval on cover bearing **3¢ ultramarine (114)** tied by four-ring target cancel to Rogersville, E. Tenn., 1869 docketing at left; flap torn, **F.-V.F. and rare, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. **500-S-1**. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Envelope put onto Route 10001 at Fullens and carried 14 miles west to Rogersville Junction for transfer to the 14 mile branch line on Route 10003.*

4448 ☒ (Greenville & Columbia Railroad) Greenville & Columbia R.R., Feb 7, choice sharp strike of route agent cds cancels **3¢ red (U9)** Nesbitt entire to Monticello; tiny edge tear at top, **otherwise Extremely Fine and choice, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. **337-A-1**. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 3102 and carried to Alston for the 10 mile post road to Monticello.*

4449 ☒ (Greenville & Columbia Railroad) Greenville & Columbia R.R., Oct 15, red route agent cds on **3¢ red (U1)** Nesbitt entire with original 1856 Alston Depot, S.C. letter to Newberry, S.C., 1856 docketing at left, **Very Fine, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. **337-A-1**. . . . . Estimate \$100 - 150

*Original enclosure dated "Alston Depo (sic) Oct 14th 1856" and addressed to Newberry located 22 miles west of Alton on Route 6001.*

4450 ☒ (Hempfield Railroad) Hempfield R.R., two covers with route agent cds strikes in blue and black, first circa 1863 cover with blue "Hempfield R.R. Oct 17" cds and matching open grid cancel tying faulty **3¢ rose (65)** east to Washington Pa.; second with black "Hempfield R.R. Jan 25" cds with matching circular cancel ties **3¢ rose (65)** to Fairmont W.V., carried east for transfer to the B&O to Fairmont, **still Very Fine appearing and exceptionally rare railroad, Rarity X as Unique, both ex-Hannen, former also ex-Towle.**  
Towle No. **293-I-1**. . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Hempfield Railroad a little 32½ mile railroad that had but one route agent in service for Route 2649 opening once daily for \$3,234 a year, commencing Oct. 1, 1858. It ran from Washington, Pa. to Wheeling, Va. and was notable only for reaching its western terminus via a tunnel beneath a cemetery.*

4451 ☒ (Louisa and Virginia Central Railroad) Virginia Central R.R., Sep 16, bold route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)** on blue folded cover to Charlotte C.H., Va.; some extra cds ink, **F.-V.F. and exceptionally rare, Rarity IX.**  
Towle No. **303-B-2**. . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*September 16th circa 1852 east on Route 2429 to Richmond for transfer via Burkesville to Charlotte Court House.*

4452 ☒ (Louisa and Virginia Central Railroad) Virginia Central R.R., Sep 18, route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)**, four margins on cover to New York City, **Very Fine and scarce, Rarity VIII.**  
Towle No. **303-B-1**. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

4453 ☒ (Louisville & Nashville Branch Railroad) "L & N & L Br R.R., Dec 7", manuscript Louisville & Nashville Lebanon Branch Line R.R. route agent postmark ties **3¢ rose pink (64b)** on purple **General Nathaniel Lyon patriotic cover** to Aztlan, Wisconsin; toning and stains; reduced slightly at right, **Fine and rare route agent postmark with scarce Civil War patriotic design, Rarity V, This is the Towle Listing Example, ex-Gallagher, Bischel.**  
Towle No. **532-E-1**. . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*Patriotic envelope put onto Route 9505 on December 7th 1861 and carried north to Louisville for transfer via Chicago to Aztlan, Wisconsin. Louisville & Nashville Lebanon Branch Railroad operated Route 9505 of 67½ miles once daily for a contract value of \$6,750 a year.*

*General Nathaniel Lyon was the first Union General to fall in the Civil War.*

4454 ☒ (Louisville & Nashville Branch Railroad) "L & N & L Br R.R., Dec 7", choice bold route agent cds ties **3¢ rose (65)** on orange cover to Clarksville, Tenn.; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine, Rarity VI.**  
Towle No. **526-S-1**. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Put onto Route 9611 at Olmstead and carried 26 miles south west to Clarksville, Tenn.*

4455 ☒ (Macon & Western Railroad) Culverton, Agency, Apr 1, 1874, blue station double-oval ties **3¢ green (158)** on orange cover to Tallahassee, Florida; cover slightly reduced at bottom, **F.-V.F. and rare Georgia station.**  
Towle No. **352-S-unlisted**. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Posted at Culverton on April 1st 1874 for the 59½ miles on Route 6145 to Macon. Routed south via Thomasville, Georgia for Tallahassee.*

4456 ☒ (Mississippi Central Railroad) Lamar, M.C.R.R., Aug 9, 1860, clear strike of station cds cancels **3¢ red (U10)** entire to Knoxville, Tenn.; missing part of top flap, some edgewear, **still Very Fine and rare, Rarity IX, Only two Recorded Examples of this Station cds, ex-Wyer, Towle.**  
Towle No. **421-S-1**. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

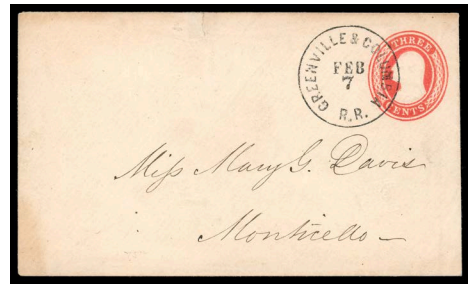
*Put onto Route 7412 at Lamar station and carried 61 miles north to Jackson for onward carriage by road via Nashville to Knoxville, Tennessee.*



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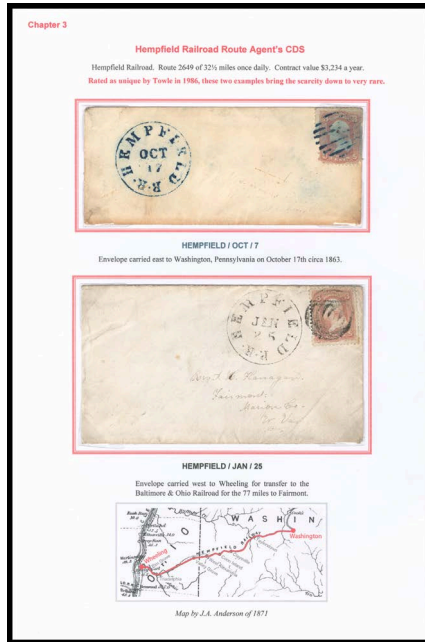
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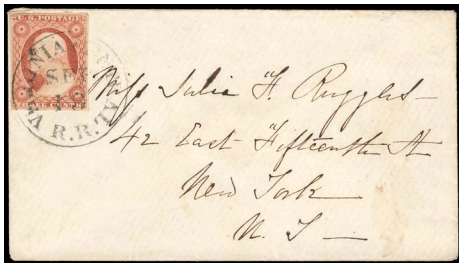
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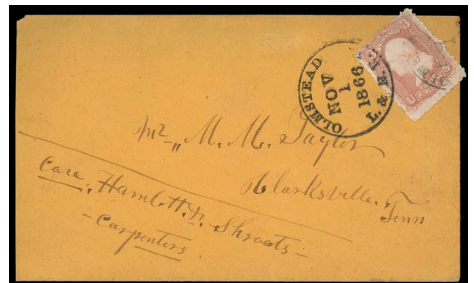
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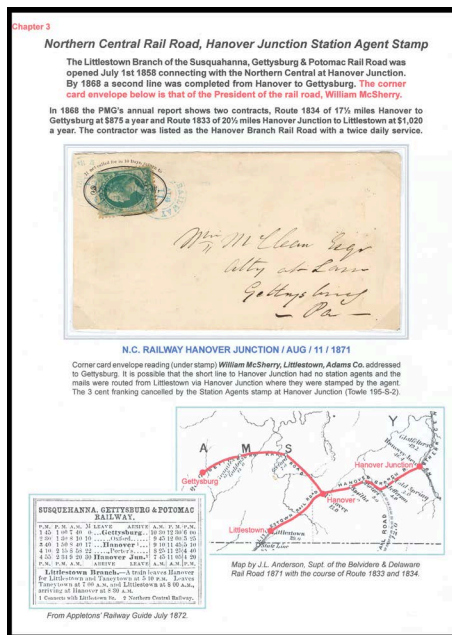




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4457 ☒ (Mississippi Central Railroad) Miss. Cent. R.R., Vaiden, Mar 2, 1869, station double-oval on “Southern Express Company” black on orange label, affixed on pen canceled 3¢ pink (U59) buff entire from the Carroll Hoy & Co. correspondence to New Orleans La.; scissor opening at top, **Very Fine**, would be **Rarity X** as unique.  
Towle No. **421-S-unlisted** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

A WONDERFUL SOUTHERN EXPRESS CO. USE WITH AN UNLISTED MISSISSIPPI CENTRAL R.R. STATION OVAL FROM VAIDEN.

*The station of Vaiden was located 54 miles north of Canton on the Mississippi Central Railroad. They were contracted for Route 7001 running 235½ miles between Canton and Jackson, Tennessee. Payment was \$23,560 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.*

*Put into the Vaiden Station on Route 7001 to receive the Station Agent’s date stamp (Unlisted by Towle) and carried south to Canton. Transferred to Route 8002 of 206 miles for New Orleans on the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad.*

*The Southern Express Company was founded during the Confederacy, acted as an express delivery company in both the Southern States and the Mid-West.*

4458 ☒ (Mobile & Ohio Railroad) Mobile & Ohio R.R., two different route agent postmarks, first blue “Mobile & Ohio R.R., Oct 17” cds on yellow “M. & O. R.R., Mobile Ala.” corner card cover to Cobham Depot Va. bearing **3¢ green (158)**; second with unrecorded bold blue “M.O. R.R., Sep 6, 1878” boxed postmark ties **3¢ green (158)** on orange cover to Frankfort Ind.; later some cover flaws, **Very Fine exhibit pair**.  
Towle No. **420-A-4, other unlisted** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

- 4459 ☒ (Morgan City Railroad) N. Orleans, Opelousas & G.W. Railroad Co., blue circular agent handstamp on orange cover bearing 3¢ dull red (11A), creased, tied by "STEAM" straightline, red "New Orleans La, Nov 30" cds to Carroll Hoy correspondence to New Orleans La.; small repaired edge nick at top and flap flaws, **F.-V.F. appearance.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 7808 and carried east to Algiers for the steambot to New Orleans. The CDS applied by the baggage master acting as an unofficial Route Agent. The "STEAM" applied at New Orleans.*



- 4460 ☒ (Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad) Smyrna, N. & C. R.R., Feb 4, 1859, perfect strike of station oval ties 3¢ dull red (26), straddle-line s.e. at right, on small cover to South Glen's Falls, N.Y.; small edge tear top left, **Extremely Fine and choice, Rarity X, The Towle Listing Example.**  
 Towle No. 510-S-2 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

THE DISCOVERY COPY OF THIS RAILROAD STATION OVAL, THE FINEST KNOWN STRIKE AND ONLY RECORDED FEDERAL USE.

*Put onto Route 10006 and carried 20 miles north to Nashville for routing via Louisville to New York and South Glen Falls.*

*Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad. Route 10006 of 153 miles twice daily. Contract value \$36,662 a year. On May 31st 1861 all contracts in the seceded States were cancelled, the Confederate Post Office taking them over for themselves.*

- 4461 ☒ (New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern Railroad) N.O. J. & Great No. R.R., Dec 21, route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (26), rich color, on pinkish buff cover to New Orleans, La., **Fine and rare, Rarity X, ex-Chase, Wyer.**  
 Towle No. 421-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

THIS IS THE TOWLE LISTING EXAMPLE.

*Put onto Route 8151 and carried south to New Orleans on December 21st circa 1858.*

- 4462 ☒ (North Carolina Railroad) North Carolina R.R., Jan 4, blue route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A) on blue cover to Society Hill S.C., forwarded to Darlington with "Society Hill, S.C. Jan 5" cds and manuscript "5" rating; some light cover wear and aging, **F.-V.F. and rare, Rarity IX (Extremely Rare).**  
 Towle No. 322-D-1 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

- 4463 ☒ (North Central Railroad) Station Agents, group of 4 covers comprising "N.C. R.W., Whitehall, Jun 24, 1875" blue double-oval (195-S-7) on 3¢ green entire; "N.C. Railway, New Freedom, Jul 9, 1878" blue double-circle (195-S-5) on 6¢ #159 cover; "N.C. Railway, Hanover Junction, Aug 11, 1871" blue double-circle (195-S-2) on 3¢ #147 cover; and "N.C. R.W., Whitehall, Aug 17, 1876" blue double-oval on 1¢ postal card; couple with faults, **F.-V.F. group.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



- 4464 ☒ (North Eastern Railroad) North Eastern R.R., 12 Dec, fine strike of cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A), four margins, on cover to Charleston S.C., original letter datelined "Chelsea 10 Dec 1858", **Very Fine and rare, Rarity X, ex-Hicks, Wyer.**  
 Towle No. 340-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS NORTH EASTERN RAILROAD AGENT CDS.

*The North Eastern Railroad was chartered December 16th 1851 and constructed largely through the efforts of the City of Charleston. It was completed to Florence S.C. in November 1856, and route agent service commenced in 1858. After the Civil War, different postmarks were used. This letter was addressed to Branchville, where the line divided into two segments to Hamburg and Columbia.*

*"Chelsea 10th Dec 1858" dateline being the plantation of Morton A. Waring located 6½ miles from Monks Comer on Route 6168. Carried 29 miles south to Charleston.*

- 4465 ☒ (North Eastern Railroad) North Eastern R.R., May 5, sharp strike of cds duplexed with target cancel on 3¢ pink entire (U58) to Mount Holly Depot, N.E. R.R., S.C., **Very Fine and choice strike, Rarity IV, ex-Wyer.**  
 Towle No. 340-C-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 5604 on May 6th circa 1867 and carried 19 miles north from Charleston to the Mount Holly depot.*



4466 ☒ (North Eastern Railroad) North Eastern Railroad, **Gourdins, Aug 31 1872**, blue boxed station postmark on pink cover bearing **3¢ green (147)** tied by manuscript cancel to McClellansville S.C.; small cover tear at top, **Very Fine, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. **340-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

4467 ☒ (Orange & Alexandria Railroad) Alex & Orange R.R., **Apr 20**, bold red route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)** large margins to just in including part of adjoining stamp at left, also tied by pencil cancel, on orange buff cover to Philadelphia Pa.; edge wear with corner flaws, **Fine and rare, Rarity VIII, ex-Towle, Hannen.**  
Towle No. **302-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*The Orange & Alexandria was chartered in March 1848 and reached Gordonsville in March 1854 being contracted for Route 2724 from January 1854. The 88-mile route was given \$4,850 a year for a daily service.*

*Put onto Route 2724 on April 20th circa 1855 and carried to Alexandria for onward carriage via Washington and Baltimore to Philadelphia.*

4468 ☒ (Orange & Alexandria Railroad) Orange & Alex. R.R., **Jan 9**, route agent cds on cover bearing 3¢ rose (65) cancelled by circle of wedges to Staunton Va., Jan. 11th 1866 receipt docketing at left; light central stain, **Rarity V.**  
Towle No. **302-I-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 4831 carried south to Gordonsville for transfer to Staunton on the Virginia Central Railroad Route.*

4469 ☒ (Orange, Alexandria & Manassas Railroad) O. A. & M. R.R., **Rectortown, Aug 15, 1868**, sharp station double-circle cds with matching partial four-ring target cancels tying **3¢ rose (65)** s.e. and flaw, on light buff cover to Alexandria Va.; no flap and small top edge mend, **a Very Fine strike, Rarity VI.**  
Towle No. **302-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 4404 at Rectortown and carried 17½ miles east to Manassas Junction for transfer to Route 4401 and 27 miles south to Alexandria.*

4470 ☒ (Petersburg & Roanoke Railroad) Petersburg & Roanoke R.R. **Jun. 27**, two strikes of route agent's cds struck at left on blue folded cover to Richmond Va. bearing **1847 5¢ black brown (1a)**, four clear to large margins, tied by unusual pen cross cancel; small indentations affecting stamp, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity IX (Extremely Rare), ex-Hahn.**  
Towle No. **305-E-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

THIS IS THE ONLY REPORTED USE OF THIS RAILROAD MARKING ON THE 1847 ISSUE.



4471 ☒ (Portsmouth & Roanoke Railroad) Portsmouth & Roanoke R.R. **Jan. 6**, well-struck brown route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)**, large margins to in at top, on blue folded letter datelined "Raleigh Jany. 5, 1855" to Edenton N.C., **Very Fine strike of this scarce route agent cds, Rarity IX.**  
Towle No. **309-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Carried outside the post from Raleigh to Weldon and put onto Route 2470. Carried 63 miles east to Suffolk for the post road south to Edenton. The Towle Jan. 1st tracing is partial, this example is far superior.*

4472 ☒ (Raleigh & Gaston Railroad) Raleigh & Gaston R.R., **Aug 6**, bold strike of green route agent cds on **3¢ red (U10)** buff Nesbitt entire to Scotland Neck, N.C.; some restoration, **scarce and Very Fine appearance, Rarity VIII, ex-Chase.**  
Towle No. **309-C-2** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

4473 ☒ (Richmond & Danville Railroad) Richmond & Danville R.R., **Jun 1**, blue route agent cds on buff cover with blue **Booker & Watkins Commission Merchants, Richmond Va.** cameo corner card bearing **3¢ dull red (11A)**, jumbo margins, tied by manuscript "X" cancel to Drakes Branch Va.; light stain, **otherwise Very Fine.**  
Towle No. **310-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 4854 and carried 81 miles from Richmond to Drakes Branch.*

4474 ☒ (Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad) Potomac Postal Cards, **Dec**, route agent cds duplex with grid cancel on **3¢ pink (U59)** buff entire with Dover Coal & Iron Co., Richmond Va. corner card to New York N.Y., **Very Fine, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. **305-V-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 4402 and carried by the combined railroad and steamboat route for Washington. Routed via Baltimore and Philadelphia to New York.*

4475 ☒ (Roanoke & Petersburg Railroad) Roanoke & Petersburg R.R. **Apr. 24.**, bluish black cds on **3¢ red (U10)** Nesbitt buff entire to Suffolk Va., **F.-V.F., Rarity X (Unique), ex-Wyer, Towle, Hannen.**  
Towle No. **305-G-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

THIS IS THE TOWLE LISTING EXAMPLE AND IS REPORTEDLY UNIQUE.

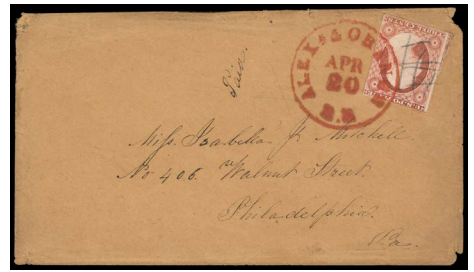




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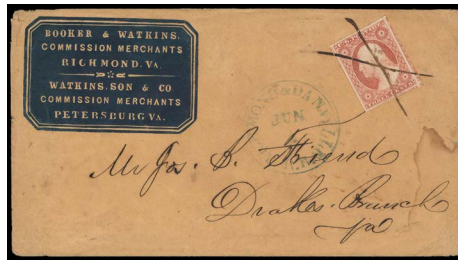
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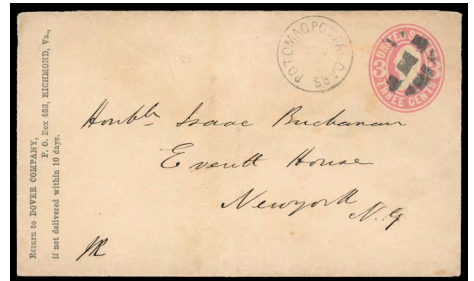
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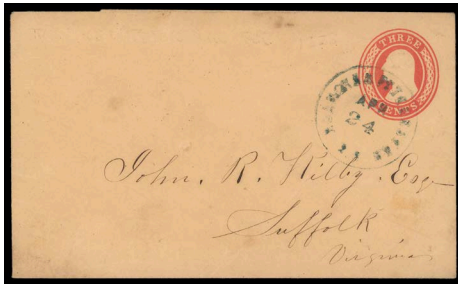
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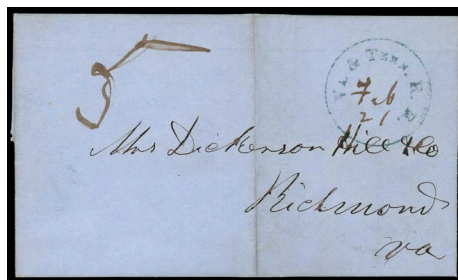
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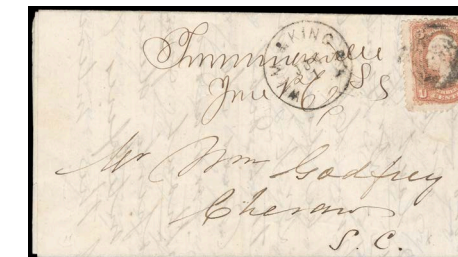
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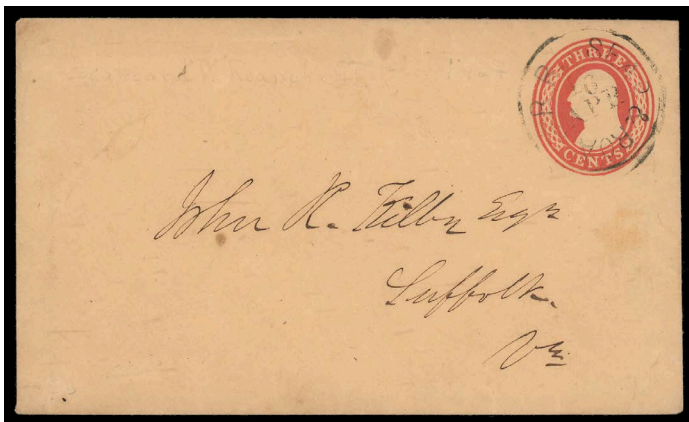
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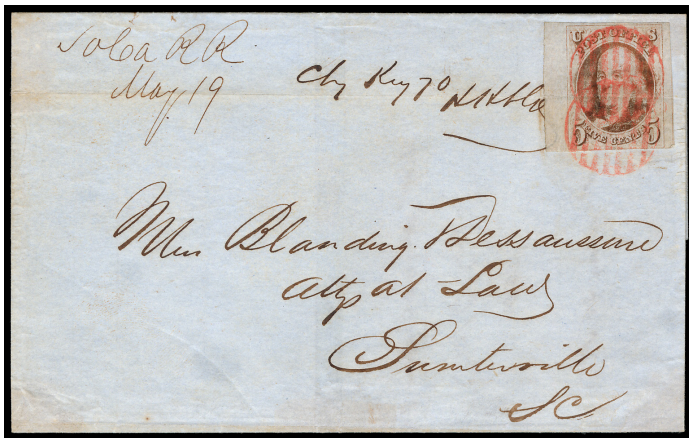
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4476 ☒ (Savannah & Charleston Railroad) C. & Savannah R.R., Nov 2, clear strike of cds with matching four-ring target cancels tie two 3¢ ultramarine (114) singles, on cover to Charleston S.C.; small cover tear, **Very Fine and scarce**.  
Towle No. 350-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300



4477 ☒ (Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad) Sea<sup>d</sup>. & Roa<sup>n</sup>. R.R., partial strike cancels 3¢ red (U10) buff Nesbitt entire to Suffolk, Va., **Very Fine and rare, Rarity IX, ex-Wyer, Towle, Hannen**.  
Towle No. 309-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750  
  
*Put onto Route 2470 on April 16th circa 1854 and carried to Suffolk located 17 miles from Portsmouth and 68 miles from Weldon.*



4478 ☒ (South Carolina Railroad) "SoCa R R, May 19", manuscript railroad postmark on blue folded cover bearing 5¢ red brown (1), tied by two strikes of red circular grids, addressed to Sumterville S.C., charge box notation; horizontal crease affects 5¢, **F.-V.F., ex-Karrer**; with 1980 P.F. certificate.  
Towle No. 336-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

A RARE SOUTH CAROLINA RAILROAD AGENT USE BEARING THE 1847 ISSUE USE.

*Carried north on Route 3104 to Columbia for transfer on the 45 mile post road to Sumterville.*



4479 ☒ (South Carolina Railroad) South Carolina Railroad, Office of the General Superintendent, Charleston S.C., all-over illustrated shaded ad cover showing steam locomotive bearing 3¢ dull red (26), cancelled by black grid cancel, matching bold "Charleston S.C. Nov 5" cds to New York, **Extremely Fine and attractive**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

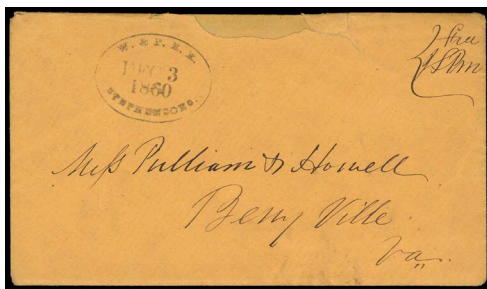
*The South Carolina Railroad was chartered December 10th 1827 as Charleston & Hamburg R.R., initial 6 miles completed in 1829, and the first U.S. mails carried by rail on December 1st 1831. Line completed to Hamburg in October 1833, and branches to Columbia in 1840 and Camden in September 1848. As the railroad post system grew in sophistication, several datestamps were procured along with ratemarks and cancels.*

4480 ☒ (South Carolina Railroad) South Carolina R.R., two covers, first with manuscript "SoCaRR, April 19" postmark and matching "5" rating on circa 1854 folded cover to Aiken S.C.; second with blue "South Carolina R.R., Dec 29" route agent cds with matching "5" rating handstamp stampless cover to Augusta Ga., **Very Fine exhibit page**.  
Towle No. 336-A-1, 336-D-1. . . . Estimate \$150 - 200



4481 ☒ (South Carolina Railroad) E.N. Fuller, R. & F. Agt., S.C.R.R., Charleston, S.C., illustrated corner card showing Steam Locomotive & Train on 3¢ pink (U58) entire cancelled by "Charleston S.C. Oct. 13" cds and cork cancel to Abbeville S.C., **Very Fine**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

*Lovely advertising corner card promoting the railway and freight agent "E.N. Fuller" of Charleston.*



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- 4482 ☒ **(South Side Railroad) South Side R.R., Mar 11**, blue route agent cds on folded letter datelined “Petersburg, March 10th 1853” to Farmville Va. bearing **3¢ dull red (11A)** tied by manuscript, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity IX, ex-Hannen**.  
Towle No. **311-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Put onto Route 2443 and carried 69 miles west to Farmville.*

- 4483 ☒ **(Valley Railroad) Pleasant Valley Depot**, purple station cds overstruck by matching unlisted “Pleasant Valley, Valley Railroad” oval handstamp on **1¢ postal card (UX5)** to Harrisburg Va., datelined “Pleasant Valley Va Oct 28 1878”, **Very Fine and rare unlisted Valley Railroad oval**.  
Towle No. **274-S-40** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Chartered in February 1866 the Valley Railroad intended to connect the Baltimore & Ohio at Harpers Ferry to the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad. A section of the one between Harrisburg and Staunton was completed by 1877 using convict labor but by 1878 construction was stopped at Lexington. The line was taken over by the Baltimore & Ohio in 1881 as their Valley Branch but in the Postmaster General’s Annual Report of 1878 neither company were listed as having a contract on the Harrison to Staunton section of the road.*

*Carried outside the mails 5 miles north having received the Station Agent cds and an unlisted undated “VALLEY RAILROAD” in the same ink.*

- 4484 ☒ **(Virginia & Tennessee Railroad) Va. & Tenn. R.R. “Feb. 21”**, clear blue cds strike with date in manuscript and matching large “5” cent due rating on blue folded letter datelined “Liberty 21 Feby. 1855” to Richmond Va.; vertical file fold well away from markings, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity IX, ex-Towle, Hannen**.  
Towle No. **311-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Put onto Route 2022 and carried 25 miles east to Lynchburg for Richmond.*

- 4485 ☒ **(Western & Atlantic Railroad) West. & Atlantic R.R., Aug 23**, red route agent cds with inverted date slug that ties manuscript cancelled **3¢ dull red (11)** on orange buff cover to Hon. Howell Cobb, Athens, Ga.; minor cover fault at bottom, **F.-V.F., Rarity VIII**.  
Towle No. **357-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

- 4486 ☒ **(Wilmington & Manchester Railroad) Wilm. & King. R.R., Jun 1**, clear strike of route agent cds with matching target cancels **3¢ rose (65)**, faulty at bottom, on folded letter datelined “Timmons ville June 1” S.C. to Cheraw S.C., **a Very Fine strike and rare Carolina Railroad use**.  
Towle No. **340-J-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE WILM. & KING. R.R. ROUTE AGENT CDS.

*In 1854, the Wilmington & Manchester Railroad was extended to Kingsville S.C.*





- 4487 ☒ **(Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad) Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad, Mar 11**, sharp strike of red route agent cds on blue folded cover from the Ludlow Beebee correspondence to Philadelphia bearing **5¢ red brown (1) horizontal pair**, large margins all around, brilliant shade and crisp impression, each cancelled by manuscript "X"; tiny scissors-cut at bottom between stamps, cover with tear at top that does not detract, **Extremely Fine, Rarity V, ex-Picher, Gross.**  
 Towle No. **305-H-2** . . . . . Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000

A CHOICE 1847 ISSUE WILMINGTON & RALEIGH RAILROAD USE.

*Probably originating from Charleston circa 1848 and put onto Route 2817 carried by steamboat and railroad the 340 miles to Weldon. Transferred via Richmond and Washington to Philadelphia.*

- 4488 ☒ **(Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad) Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad, Mar 25**, sharp blue route agent cds with matching large "10" rating handstamp on blue folded cover to New Haven, Conn.; small edge tear at bottom, **Very Fine, Rarity V.**  
 Towle No. **305-H-2** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

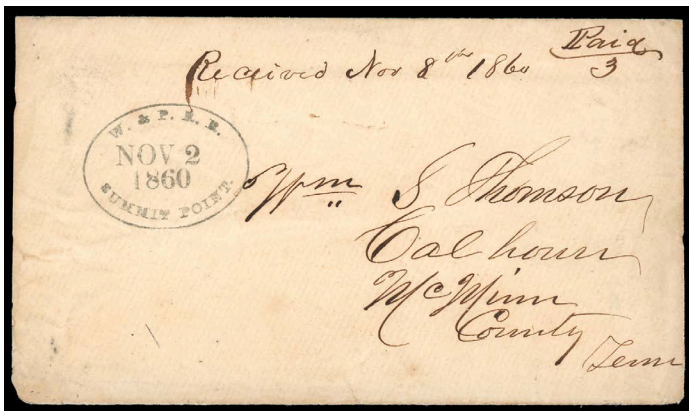
*Put onto Route 2817 on March 25th circa 1847 and carried to Weldon for New Haven via Washington and New York.*

- 4489 ☒ **(Winchester & Potomac Railroad) W. & P. R.R., Stephenson, Dec 3, 1860**, station oval on orange buff cover with "Free, J.S. P.M." postmaster free frank to Berryville Va.; top edge repair, **Fine appearance, Rarity VIII, ex-Towle, Hannen, The Towle Listing and Only Recorded Example.**  
 Towle No. **273-S-3b** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Put onto Route 4492 at Stephensons on December 3rd 1860 to Berryville, located two miles south of St. Johns Run on the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road. Carried 27 miles east to Harpers Ferry for transfer west on Route 3207.*

- 4490 ☒ **(Winchester & Potomac Railroad) W. & P. R.R., Summit Point, Sep 20, 1860**, sharp strike of station oval ties **3¢ dull red (26)** on buff cover to Calhoun, Tenn.; edge wear, **F.-V.F. with a choice station oval, Rarity IX, ex-Towle.**  
 Towle No. **273-S-11** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

Southern States - Confederate

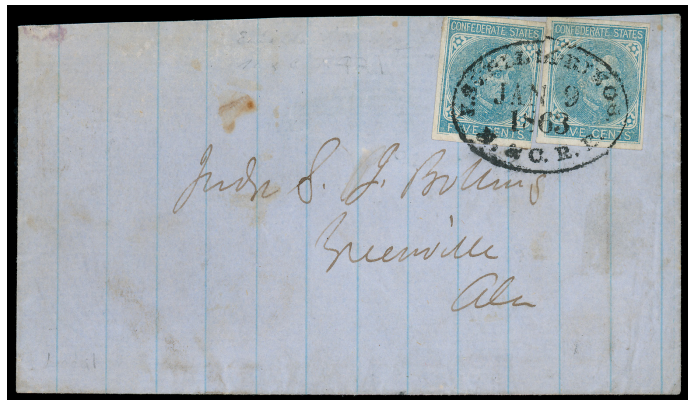


4491 ☒ (Winchester & Potomac Railroad) W. & P. R.R., Summit Point, Nov 2, 1860, clear sharp strike of station oval with manuscript "Paid 3" rating to Calhoun, Tenn., docketed "Received Nov 8th 1860" at top; some edge wear, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity IX, ex-Towle, Hannen.**  
Towle No. 273-S-11 . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*Put onto Route 4492 at Summit Point located 14 miles east of Winchester, Virginia. Carried to Harpers Ferry and then via Baltimore and Washington for Calhoun, Tennessee.*



4492 ☒ (Winchester & Potomac Railroad) W. & P. R.R., Wadesville, Jan 7, 1861, well-struck station oval ties 3¢ dull red (26) on lady's embossed cover to Middletown Va.; few faults including stamp with tear at top, **still Very Fine and rare station oval, Rarity IX, The Towle Listing Example and Illustrated., ex-Towle, Hannen.**  
Towle No. 273-S-2b . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750



4493 ☒ **Confederacy (Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad) Estell Springs, N. & C. R.R., Jan 9, 1863, bold oval route agent handstamp ties 5¢ blue (7), two singles with large margins except right stamp just touched at bottom right, on blue lined adversity envelope to Greenville, Alabama, Very Fine, Rarity IX.**  
Towle No. 510-S-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

A RARE CONFEDERATE RAILROAD USE WITH THE ESTELL SPRINGS, NASHVILLE & CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD STATION OVAL.



4494 ☒ **Confederacy (Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad) Smyrna, N. & C. R.R., Dec 29, 1861, station oval ties C.S.A. 5¢ green (1), faulty with corner replaced, on cover to Nashville, Tennessee; repaired top edge faults and flap replaced, reduced a bit at left, F.-V.F. appearance, Rarity X; with 2000 C.S.A. certificate. C.S.A. Catalog \$1,500.**  
Towle No. 510-S-2 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

A RARE NASHVILLE & CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD STATION OVAL USE DURING THE CONFEDERACY.

*Put onto the Nashville & Chattanooga R.R. at Smyrna to be carried 20 miles north to Nashville.*





4495 ☒ **Confederacy (Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad) Wartrace N. & C. R. R. May 8, 1863**, station oval and manuscript “Due 10” rating on homemade brown cover endorsed “From J.W. Patton Capt, Co 60 Reg N.C.” to his wife at Asheville N.C., endorsed “*by stage from Greenville Tenn*” at lower left, **Very Fine and scarce**. Towle No. **510-S-3** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

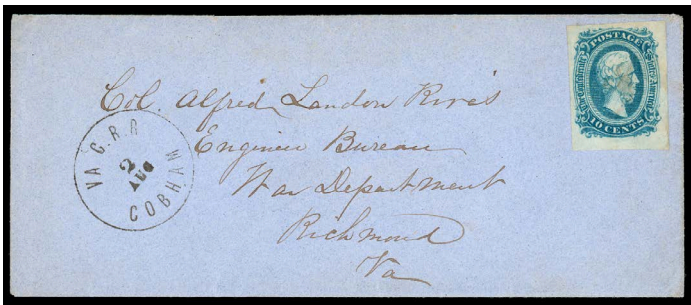
4496 ☒ **Confederacy (New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern Railroad) “Pr J. Rl. Rd.”**, manuscript per Jackson Railroad endorsement at bottom left of yellow cover bearing **C.S.A. New Orleans, 5¢ brown (62X4)** tied by “Paid” handstamp and “New Orleans La., 30 Aug” cds to Copper’s Wells, Mississippi; mended edge and flap flaws, **Very Fine appearance**. Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

*Carried 183 miles north by the New Orleans, Jackson & Great Northern Railroad Jackson for Coppers Wells. Sender marking envelope for Jackson R.R.*



4497 ☒ **Confederacy (Virginia Central Railroad) Va. C. R.R., Cobham, 25 May**, route agent cds ties **United States, 3¢ dull red (US #26)**, additional strike adjacent on circa 1861 cover to Craney Island, Norfolk Va.; no flap and couple tiny top edge tears, **Very Fine and rare U.S. used in the Confederacy Railroad use, Rarity VII**. Towle No. **303-S-2** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Envelope put onto Route 4381 at Cobham on 25th May circa 1860 and carried 85 east to Richmond for transfer via Petersburg to Norfolk, Virginia. Addressed to Dr J.C. Gordon, Assistant Surgeon to the 38th Virginia Infantry.*



4498 ☒ **Confederacy (Virginia Central Railroad) Va. C. R.R., Cobham, 2 Aug**, sharp route agent cds on blue cover bearing C.S.A. 10¢ blue (11) four margins, pen “X” cancel to Col. Alfred Landon Rives, Engineer Bureau, War Department, Richmond Va.; flap tear, **Very Fine and choice Confederate Railroad station use**. Towle No. **303-S-2** . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*Envelope put onto the Virginia Central Railroad on May 2nd 1863 to be carried east to Richmond.*

*Col. A. L. Rives became the Chief of Bureau on August 13th 1863.*

4499 ☒ **Confederacy (Virginia Central Railroad) Va. C. R.R., Cobham, 9 Aug**, railroad station agent cds on cover to Warren P.O., Va. bearing **Confederate States of America, 5¢ blue (7) horizontal pair**, four margins, canceled by manuscript; accompanied by excellent soldier’s letter that does not belong from same correspondence of **Samuel A. Johnson** datelined “Camp of the 23d Va Regt, April 29th 1863”; some cover staining and flap torn, **Fine, CSA catalog \$750**. Towle No. **303-S-2** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Samuel A. Johnson rose in the ranks of Company D of the 23rd Virginia Infantry (Louisa Grays) from Private to 2nd Lieut. He was captured at Spotsylvania and taken to Fort Delaware Prison. From there he was taken to Morris Island S.C. where he became one of the Immortal 600 kept under the fire of his own guns. He was transferred to Hilton Head, Fort Pulaskia and then back to Hilton Head and Fort Delaware where he took the Oath of Allegiance in June 1865.*

*War content includes “...I think the Army of Northern Virginia is as near perfection as a volunteer army will be...Heavy cannonading was heard yesterday in the direction of Kellys Fort...we daily expect Hooker (as the boys call him) to pay us a visit & all preparations are made to give him a warm reception...I think if we can whip them two or three times that by this time next year that an armistice will be in existence & after that I think we will have not more fighting...”.*





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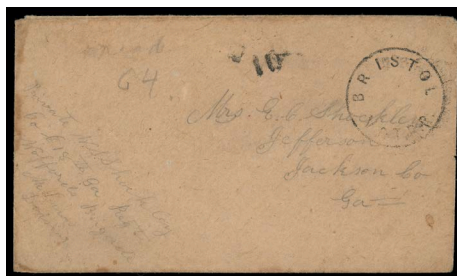
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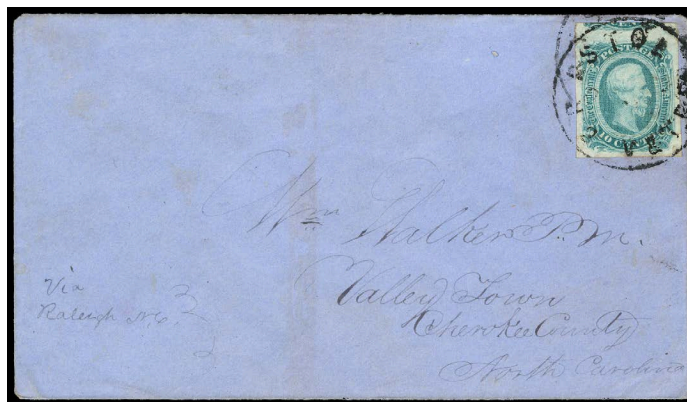
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4500 ☒ **Confederacy (Virginia & Tennessee Railroad) Bristol V. & T. R.R.**, clear bold strike of dateless station postmark ties **Confederate States of America, 10¢ light blue (12)**, four nice margins, on pristine light buff cover to Lynchburg Va.; slightly reduced at right, **Extremely Fine and choice**. Towle No. **311-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

A GORGEOUS CONFEDERATE RAILROAD USE.

*There were 113 railroads in operation in the states comprising the Confederacy in 1861. These railroads were not only crucial in the movement of supplies and troops, they also played a critical role in the delivery of mail throughout the South. There are 23 known Confederate railroad postal markings which were applied by either local agents of the railroads or by railroad route agents. Local agents were employed by the railroads and route agents were representatives of the Confederate Post Office Department. Bristol was a railroad station in Virginia on the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad.*



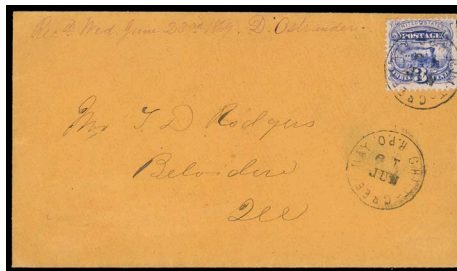
4501 ☒ **Confederacy (Virginia & Tennessee Railroad) Bristol V. & T. R.R.**, clear strike of station agent dateless postmark ties **Confederate States of America, 10¢ greenish blue (12)**, four huge margins, on neat blue cover addressed to Valley Town, N.C., manuscript notation at bottom left "Via Raleigh, N.C."; horizontal pre-use crease and small margin scissor-cut, **Extremely Fine, CSA catalog \$750**. Towle No. **311-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

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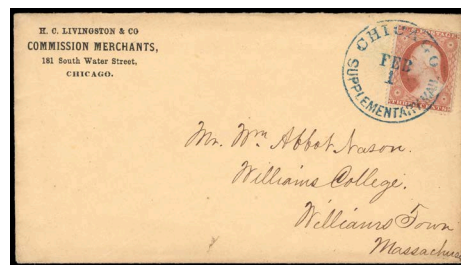




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- 4502 ☒ **Confederacy (Virginia & Tennessee Railroad) Bristol V. & T. R.R.**, nice strike of dateless station postmark ties **Confederate States of America, 10¢ light blue (11)**, four large margins, on light buff cover addressed to Brushy Creek S.C.; some cover wear and couple small taped edge flaws, top and right flap missing, **F.-V.F.**, **CSA catalog \$750**.  
Towle No. **311-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

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- 4503 ☒ **Confederacy (Virginia & Tennessee Railroad) Bristol V. & T. R.R.**, dateless station postmark ties **C.S.A., 5¢ blue (7)**, two faulty singles on small cover to Americus, Ga.; some cover soiling and wrinkles, **Fine**, **CSA catalog \$750**.  
Towle No. **311-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

- 4504 ☒ **Confederacy (Virginia & Tennessee Railroad) Bristol V. & T. R.R.**, full strike of circular station agent postmark and partial "Due 10" rating handstamp on homemade brown cover to Jefferson, Ga., additional soldier's endorsement at lower left; some edge toning, **F.-V.F. and scarce Virginia and Tennessee railroad postmark**, **CSA catalog \$750**.  
Towle No. **311-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

**Mid-Western States**



- 4505 ☒ **(Bureau Valley Railroad) Bureau Valley R.R., Mar 17**, bold route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11)** rich color, on orange cover to Chester N.H., manuscript "Missent" rating and blue "Nashua N.H. Mar 23, 1857" cds; missing small part of top flap and corner flaw, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity X**.  
Towle No. **703-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

**ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS BUREAU VALLEY RAILROAD POSTMARK.**

*Put onto Route 13394 and carried either to La Salle or Peoria for transmission east via New York and Boston. After 6 days missent to Nashua for redirection to Chester, NH.*

- 4506 ☒ **(Central Railroad of Iowa) Central Iowa Ry., Newburg**, green negative station oval ties **3¢ green (147)**, additionally cancelled by manuscript, matching manuscript postmark on yellow cover from the H.B. Shaw correspondence to Alfred Me., **Very Fine and rare negative station oval**.  
Towle No. **751-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Envelope put onto Route 11008 at Newburg located 62 miles north of Alba.*

- 4507 ☒ (Chicago & Alton Railroad) C. & St. Louis R.P.O. Aug 9, route agent cds ties 3¢ ultramarine (114) on cover addressed in blue ink to Hollidaysburg, Pa.; Very Fine, Very Fine.  
Towle No. 705-I-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200



- 4508 ☒ (Chicago & Mississippi Railroad) Chicago & Miss. R.R., May "17", red route agent cds with manuscript day ties 3¢ dull red (11A) on cover to St. Louis Mo.; small edge tear and lower right corner clipped, otherwise Very Fine and exceptionally rare, Rarity IX.  
Towle No. 705-A-2 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*In July 1853, the first portion of the Chicago to St. Louis route was constructed by the Chicago & Mississippi Rail Road and contracted for 124 miles to Bloomington. By July 1st 1854 the full 256-mile road was operating to Alton and contracted as Route 13264 at \$24,500 a year for twice daily service excluding Sundays. The final 25 miles of the route to St. Louis was undertaken by steamboat operated by the rail road company.*

- 4509 ☒ (Chicago & North Western Railroad) Chi. To Green Bay R.P.O., Jun 18, two strikes of route agent cds with one tying 3¢ ultramarine (114), trivial corner crease, on orange cover to Belvidere, Ill., 1869 receipt docketing at top, Very Fine; with 2009 P.F. certificate.  
Towle No. 839-C-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried on Route 13001 for transfer at an intermediate station to Belvidere in Boon County. Received the Sorting Clerk's datestamp for June 18, 1869.*

- 4510 ☒ Chicago Supplementary Mail, Feb 1, blue cds ties 3¢ dull red (26) on buff H.C. Livingston & Co. Commission Merchant corner card cover to Williamstown Mass., Very Fine and superb strike, ex-Wagshal.  
Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

*In January 1860 the Chicago Post Office introduced a no fee service to take in letters going eastward up to half an hour after the close of the regular mail.*

*Put into the Supplementary mail box on February 1st 1861 and carried eastward 467 miles on Route 9050 for Pittsburgh. Transferred via Philadelphia and New York to Williamstown.*



- 4511 ☒ (Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad) Aurora Exten<sup>n</sup>. R.R., Aug 13, bold strike of 3¢ red (U2) buff Nesbitt entire to Mt. Blaski Ill.; partial flap and some slight edgewear, Very Fine strike, Rarity IX, This is the Towle listing copy., ex-Hannen.  
Towle No. 694-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Envelope put onto Route 13392a on August 13th circa 1855. Probably carried to Mendosa for routing via Peoria to Mount Polaski.*

*Reference: Illustrated in Remele book on p. 11.*



- 4512 ☒ (Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Rail Road) Hor. & Port. R.R., Nov 1, clear strike of route agent cds with matching four-ring targets tie 2¢ black (73) and 1¢ ultramarine (145) arrow guideline s.e. on yellow cover to Milwaukee Wisc., Very Fine, Rarity IV, ex-Rorke, Fosdyke.  
Towle No. 840-C-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

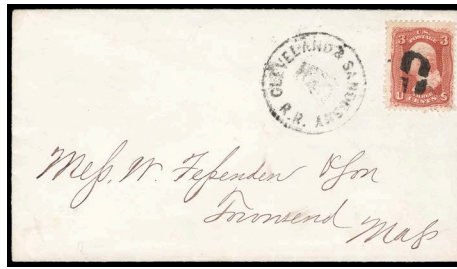
**A RARE RAILROAD 1863 AND 1870 ISSUE COMBINATION USE.**

*Put onto Route 13009 addressed to Milwaukee and carried east between Horicon and Portage 45¼ miles on the Milwaukee and St. Paul Rail Road. Contracted between Horicon and Portage at \$3,394 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.*





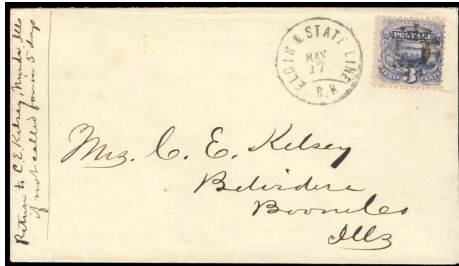
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- 4513 ☒ (Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad) Miss & Mo R.R., Sep 10, route agent cds at center (pencil date updated to "11") and double-strike ties 3¢ rose (65), perf flaws, on orange cover with original letter datelined "Ainsworth, Iowa, Sep 4, 1866" to Fairview, West Virginia, F.-V.F. Towle No. 702-K-1. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 11008 at Ainsworth for transfer at Muscatine to the branch line of Route 11007 for Wilton and Davenport. Transferred to the Davenport, Iowa to Chicago Route 11404 thence east to Wheeling for Fairview.*

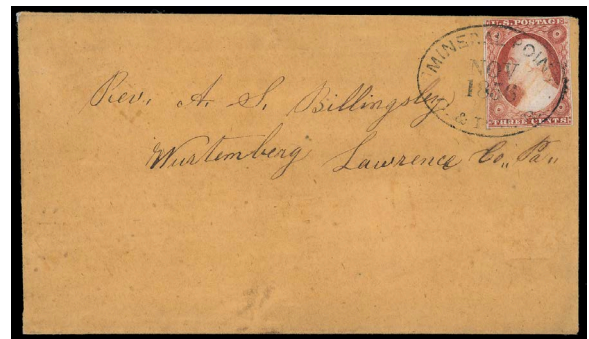
- 4515 ☒ (Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad) Cleveland & Pittsbh. R.R., Dec 4, bold route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A), four margins, on circa 1855 cover to Salem, Ohio, Very Fine, Rarity V. Towle No. 554-B-1. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 10329 on December 4th circa 1855 and carried to Alliance. Transferred 13 miles to Salem on Route 10418 of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad.*



- 4514 ☒ (Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad) Cleveland & Pittsbh. R.R., Nov 13, bold strike of route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A) position 61L1L, large margins to clear including left part imprint sheet margin, on circa 1855 cover to Salem Ohio, Very Fine and choice, Rarity V, ex-Eubanks; with 2006 P.F. certificate. Towle No. 554-B-1. . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*Envelope put onto Route 9120 on November 13th circa 1855 and carried east to Baynard for transfer 18 miles to Salem.*



- 4516 ☒ (Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad) C. & P. R.R., Mineral Point, Nov 1856, oval station marking ties 3¢ dull red (11), on buff cover to Wurtemberg, Pa., with original Nov. 22nd enclosure regarding coming to Mineral Point via the railroad "...from your place to Georgetown in Pa. from that to Wellsville, from that to Beaird (Bayard). Then you will change cars to Minrel Point. The cars come to that place every day at one O'clock..."; stamp with lightened pen cancel, otherwise Very Fine and extremely rare station marking, Rarity VIII. Towle No. 553-S-1. . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Put onto Route 9120 carried 18 miles to Bayard for transfer onto Route 9108 for Wurtemberg.*

- 4517 ☒ (Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad) C. & P. R.R., Earlville Station, Feb 24 1879, octagonal station agents handstamp on cover bearing manuscript cancelled 3¢ green (184) to Russell, Mass.; slightly reduced at right, Very Fine. Towle No. 554-S-2. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

- 4518 ☒ (Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad) C. & P. R.R., E. Rochester Station, Jul 18, 1867, blue framed station postmark on yellow cover bearing 3¢ rose (65), left s.e., canceled by manuscript "1867" to Sandy, Ohio; reduced slightly at right, small edge flaws, F.-V.F. and rare station, Rarity V.  
Towle No. 554-S-7 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 9102 at East Rochester to receive the Station Agent's date stamp Carried just 8 miles south to Sandy.*

- 4519 ☒ (Cleveland & Toledo Railroad) Cleveland & Sandusky R.R., Feb 4, route agent cds with bold fancy cancel on 3¢ red, grill (94), bright and fresh, on clean cover to Townsend Mass.; reduced slightly at right, Very Fine, Rarity VIII.  
Towle No. 559-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*The line between Cleveland and Sandusky was operated by the Cleveland & Toledo Railroad. In July 1860, the contract was for Route 9103 of 61 miles at \$3,050 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.*

*Put onto Route 9103 on February 4th circa 1862 for carriage to Cleveland. Transferred to Route 9095 for Erie and the westward.*



- 4522 ☒ (Cleveland, Zanesville & Cincinnati Railroad) Clev. Zansv. & Cini, R.R. Mar 10, route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A), margins to touched, on buff cover to Buffalo, N.Y.; no flap, F.-V.F. and unique, Rarity X, ex-Hicks, Wyer.  
Towle No. 573-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

THE FINER OF ONLY TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS RARE ROUTE AGENT CDS.

*Incorporated as the Akron Branch of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Rail Road in March 1851 and opened in 1853 as the Cleveland, Zanesville & Cincinnati to serve the coal fields of the Millersburg region. The first contract was for Route 10424 in February 1855 at \$1,830 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays on the 61¼-mile route.*

*Carried north on Route 10424 to Hudson on March 10th 1855 for transfer through Cleveland to Buffalo.*



- 4520 ☒ (Cleveland & Toledo Railroad) Cleveland & Toledo R.R. '20' Mar 27, lovely strike of bold route agent cds on small cover to Cleveland with original enclosure datelined "March 27, 1856", Extremely Fine and rare.  
Towle No. SP-2 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Towle states, "About 3 examples of this unusual item have been recorded. It is most likely a railroad company business mail marking - in this case improperly used. The meaning of the distinctive "20" has not been determined."*

- 4523 ☒ (Elgin & State Line R.R.) Elgin & State Line R.R., May 17, route agent cds duplexed with unusual cogwheel fancy cancel on 3¢ ultramarine (114) on cover to Belvidere Ill., docketing at left from Nunda, Ill., Very Fine, Rarity IV.  
Towle No. 692-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

- 4524 ☒ (Great Central Railway Line) Wyley's, Aug 22, Gt. Central R.W. Line, black fancy scroll postmark ties 3¢ green (147) on circa 1871 cover to Spartansburg, Ind.; opening tear, F.-V.F. and rare example of this attractive fancy railroad marking, Rarity V.  
Towle No. 561-S-4 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

- 4521 ☒ Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula Railroad) Cleveland & Erie R.R., Jun 25, black route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (11A) on orange buff cover with original letter datelined "Conneaut, June 25th 1857" to Buffalo N.Y.; pencil docketing, F.-V.F., Rarity VI.  
Towle No. 115-F-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*The Cleveland to Erie route was contracted to the Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula Rail Road, in July 1856 it was Route 9097 of 96 miles at \$21,600 a year for a twice daily service.*

*Put onto Route 9097 for Erie and transfer east to Buffalo.*

- 4525 ☒ (Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad) Hannibal & St. Joseph R.R., Engineer's Office, Hannibal Mo., blue fancy corner handstamp on orange buff cover front only to Homer Me. bearing 3¢ dull red (11) hanging over edge, couple corner creases, tied by "Steam" straightline handstamp and matching "5" due handstamp, manuscript "3 cts Due" rating, Very Fine; with 2007 P.S.E. certificate.  
Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

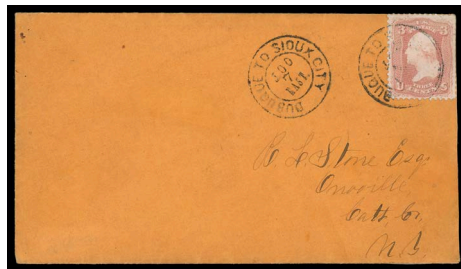




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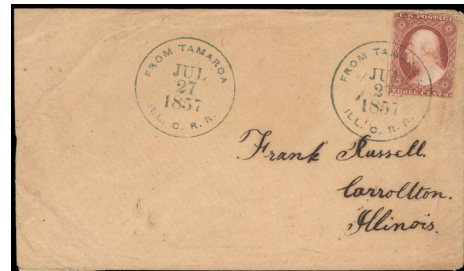
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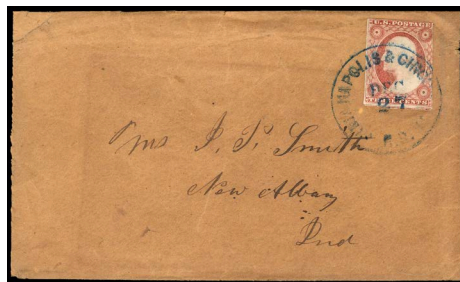
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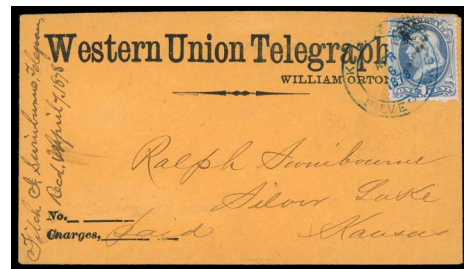
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- 4526 ☒ (Illinois Central Railroad) Dub. & Sioux City R.R., Aug 15, clear route agent cds with matching fancy cross-roads cancel ties fresh 3¢ rose (65) on cover to Dubuque, Iowa, **Very Fine and rare, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. 759-C-1. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300
- 4527 ☒ (Illinois Central Railroad) Dub. To Iowa Falls R.P.O. Aug 29, route agent cds duplexed with cross-roads cancel ties 3¢ ultramarine (114) on cover to Sand Spring, Iowa, **Very Fine and scarce.**  
Towle No. 759-G-1. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200
- 4528 ☒ (Illinois Central Railroad) Dubuque To Sioux City, East, Oct 7, cds ties 3¢ rose (65), small tear, additional cds adjacent on orange cover to Onoville, N.Y., **Very Fine and scarce route agent cds, Rarity IV, ex-Kramer.**  
Towle No. 759-D-1. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200
- 4529 ☒ (Illinois Central Railroad) Illinois Central R.R., Lostant, Apl 6, 1865, sharp partial framed station postmark ties 3¢ rose (65) on orange cover to Granville, Illinois; no back flap, **Very Fine, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. 709-S-1. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried on the Lostant to Hinnepen 21 mile branch line from Lostant to Granville. Part of the main Dubuque to Cairo contract for Route 11512.*



- 4530 ☒ (Illinois Central Railroad) From Richview, Ill. C. R.R., Mar 23, 1863, station agent cds ties 3¢ rose (65) on orange cover to Normal Ill., with additional strike at left; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine, Rarity V.**  
Towle No. 708-S-4. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Richview was first formed in 1839. It gradually grew into a business center. It had five stores, two blacksmiths, one wagon shop, 3 physicians, and had a population around 600 people. It had also turned into a railroad town. It was one of 4 towns along the Illinois Central Railway.*



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- 4531 ☒ **(Illinois Central Railroad) From Tamaroa, Ill. C. R.R., Jul 27, 1857**, blue cds ties faulty **3¢ dull red (11A)**, additional strike adjacent on buff cover to Carrollton, Ill., original enclosure accompanies, **F.-V.F. and rare Illinois Central station, Rarity VII.**  
Towle No. **708-S-8** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Carried on Route 13441 north for transfer at Sandoval west to St. Louis and north to Carrollton.*

- 4532 ☒ **(Illinois Midland Railroad) Paris & Dec. R.R., May 5**, three strikes of blue route agent cds tie **1¢ blue (145)**, pair and single, on 1875 orange cover to Atlanta, Ill.; 1¢ single pre-use faults, **Very Fine.**  
Towle No. **716-unlisted** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*On November 4, 1874 the Paris and Decatur Railroad merged with the Paris and Terre Haute Railroad and the Peoria, Atlanta, and Decatur Railroad, thus forming the Illinois Midland Railroad. Trains would often be 24, 48, or even 72 hours in making a round trip from Terre Haute to Decatur. In 1886, The Illinois Midland was sold under foreclosure and in February of 1887 it was reorganized as the Terre Haute and Peoria Railroad.*

- 4533 ☒ **(Indianapolis & Cincinnati Railroad) Indianapolis & Cincinnati R.R., Dec 27**, blue route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)** on dark orange buff cover to New Albany, Indiana; partial flap and edge flaws with top left corner repaired, **F.-V.F. and rare, Rarity VIII.**  
Towle No. **653-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 14500 carried to the distribution office at Cincinnati for transfer to Route 5032 by steamboat to Louisville and route 5102 to New Albany.*

- 4534 ☒ **(Kansas & Pacific Railroad) K. & P. R.R., Silver Lake, Apr 6 1878**, blue station double-circle ties **1¢ blue (156)** on orange Western Union Telegraph printed cover to Silver Lake, Kansas, **Very Fine and attractive.**  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

*The Telegraph Office was in Silver Lake Railway Depot where the Station Agent cancelled the adhesive with the railway station handstamp.*

- 4535 ☒ **(Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway) L.S. & M.S. Ry., Hamburg, Jun 13, 1877**, blue station oval with matching target cancel on **3¢ green (158)** on cover to Decatur, Mich., **F.-V.F. and rare unlisted Michigan station oval.**  
Towle No. **625-S-Unlisted** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

- 4536 ☒ **(Lexington & Covington Railroad) Kentucky Central R.R., Apr 20**, route agent cds cancels **3¢ red (U9)** Nesbitt entire to Keene, Ky., **Very Fine and choice, Rarity VIII, ex-Wyer, Towle and Hannen.**  
Towle No. **522-B-2** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Envelope put onto Route 9524 on April 20th circa 1859 carried south to Nicholasville for Keene.*



- 4537 ☒ **(Little Miami, Xenia & Columbus Railroad) Little M. X. & C. R.R., June 18**, blue route agent cds cancels **3¢ red (U2)** buff Nesbitt entire to St. Mary's, Ohio, **Very Fine, Rarity IX, This is the Towle Listing Example, ex-Wyer, Towle.**  
Towle No. **561-V-1** . . . . . Estimate \$750 - 1,000

**AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE LITTLE MIAMI RAILROAD ROUTE AGENT CDS.**

*Envelope put onto Route 9177 on June 18th circa 1857 west to Xenia for transfer onto Route 9306 for Springfield. Transferred 77 miles northward to St. Mary's.*

- 4538 ☒ **(Little Miami, Xenia & Columbus Railroad) Little Miami R.R., Jul 3**, red cds and matching slanted "5" rating handstamp on folded letter from Cincinnati, Oh. to Columbus, Oh., **Very Fine, Rarity VII.**  
Towle No. **561-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 2234 for 84 miles north to Springfield. Transferred to the 42112 post road east for Columbus. The Columbia & Xenia railroad not being completed until December 1850.*





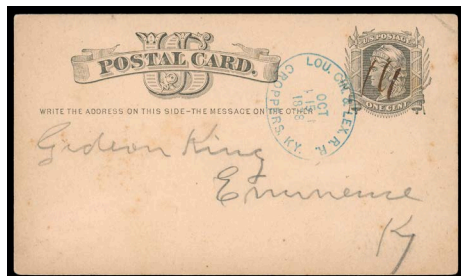
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4539 ☒ **(Logansport to Peoria) Peoria & Logansport R.R., Sep 28**, route agent cds cancels **1¢ Postal Card (UX3)** datelined "El Paso, Sept 27th/75" to Pekin, Ill.; closed spindle hole, otherwise **Very Fine, Rarity V**. Towle No. **656-D-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 23027 and carried 23 miles west to Peoria for transfer to Pekin.*

*The Route Agent service between Logansport, Indiana and Peoria, Illinois was performed over the course of two contracts in 1875. Route 22013 between Logansport and the Indiana State Line by the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis of 61 miles at \$4,575 a year and State Line to Peoria on Route 23027. The latter was 228¾ miles State Line to Warsaw at \$16,612 a year with the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Rail Road. The service was for a daily trip excluding Sundays.*

4540 ☒ **(Louisville & Frankfort R.R.-Lexington & Frankfort R.R.) Lou. & Fran. & Lex. & Fran. R.R., Croppers, May 7**, blue large balloon-style station cds ties **3¢ rose (65)** on gray cover with letter datelined "Mulberry Manse May 2d, Wednesday" circa 1862 to University of Virginia, redirected to Warrenton with manuscript "Ford 3" rating; small stamp and cover faults, **Fine and rare Kentucky station cds**. Towle No. **524-S-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Letter from Mulberry Manse May 2d circa 1862 and put onto route 9704 at Croppers. Carried 47 miles east to Lexington for transfer to Charlottesville and the University of Virginia. Redirected to Warrenton with 3¢ due.*

4541 ☒ **(Louisville & Frankfort R.R.-Lexington & Frankfort R.R.) Lou. & Fran. & Lex. & Fran., R.R., O'Bannon, Oct 15**, bold strike of blue route agent cds ties **3¢ pink (64)**, vibrant color, on immaculate small cover to Mount Sterling Ky.; 3¢ trivial pulled perf, **Very Fine and rare Kentucky Station, Rarity VII**; with 2011 P.F. certificate. Towle No. **524-S-4** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

4542 ☒ **(Louisville to Lexington Railroad) Station Agents: Croppers, Ducker and Spring Station**, group of three covers comprising "Lou. Fran. & Lex. & Fran. R.R., Ducker" blue station balloon-cds (524-S-2, VIII, ex-Atkins, Towle) on #26 cover, "Lou. Fran. & Lex. & Fran. R.R., Croppers" blue station balloon-cds (524-S-1, VII, ex-Bischel, Hannen) on 3¢ #65 civil war patriotic cover; and "Lou. Fran. & Lex. & Fran. R.R., Spring Station" blue station balloon-cds (524-S-5, VI, ex-Towle) on 3¢ Nesbit #U10 buff entire; mixed condition, **Fine and rare group**. Towle No. **524-S-1, S-2, S-5** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

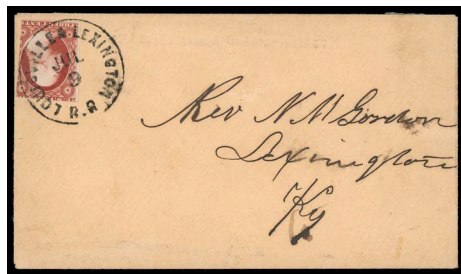
4543 ☒ **(Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington R.R.) Lou. Cin & Lex. R.R., Croppers, Ky. Oct 15, 1878**, postal card datelined "Croppers Depot, Oct 15, 1878" to Eminence, Ky.; corner crease, **F.-V.F. and unlisted station oval**. Towle No. **524-S unlisted** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Carried on Route 20003 westward 7 miles to Eminence. This oval form unrecorded by Towle.*

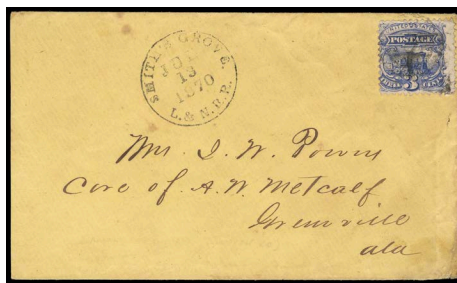
4544 ☒ **(Louisville, Cincinnati & Lexington R.R.) Lou. Cin & Lex. R.R., Ducker, Ky., Jul 17, 1878**, blue double-circle cds cancels **1¢ postal card (UX5)** datelined "Ducker June the 17 1878" to Eminence, Ky. carried west 31 miles west on Route 20003, **F.-V.F. and unique Kentucky station marking**. Towle No. **524-S-unlisted** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

4545 ☒ **(Louisville, Frankfort & Lexington Railroad) Louisville & Frankfort R.R., Mar 13, 1855**, route agent cds cancels **3¢ red (U10)** buff Nesbitt entire to Paris, Kentucky, **Very Fine, ex-Wyer**. Towle No. **524-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 8202 on March 13th circa 1855 and carried to Lexington for the 17 mile post road to Paris.*



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- 4546 ☒ **(Louisville, Frankfort & Lexington Railroad) Louisville & Lexington R.R., Jul 9**, bold strike of route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11)**, margins in, deep shade, on buff cover to Lexington Ky.. **Very Fine, Rarity VI**.  
Towle No. **524-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 8202 on July 9th circa 1855 and carried east to Lexington.*

- 4547 ☒ **(Louisville, Nashville, Lexington & Frankfort Railroad) Smith's Grove, L. & N. R.R., Jul 13 1870**, clear strike of cds on circa 1869 yellow cover bearing **3¢ ultramarine (114)** tied by circular cancel to Greenville Ala.; reduced at left, **F.-V.F. and scarce Kentucky station, Rarity V**.  
Towle No. **525-S-2** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 9504 at Smith's Grove located 85 miles north of Nashville for forwarding via Chattanooga and Atlanta to Greenville, Alabama.*

- 4548 ☒ **(Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad) Mad Riv & Lak. Erie R.R., Sep 27**, blue cds ties **3¢ orange brown (10)** four margins, bright color, on circa 1851 blue folded cover to Cincinnati, Ohio; central file fold, **Very Fine and scarce, Rarity VII**.  
Towle No. **565-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

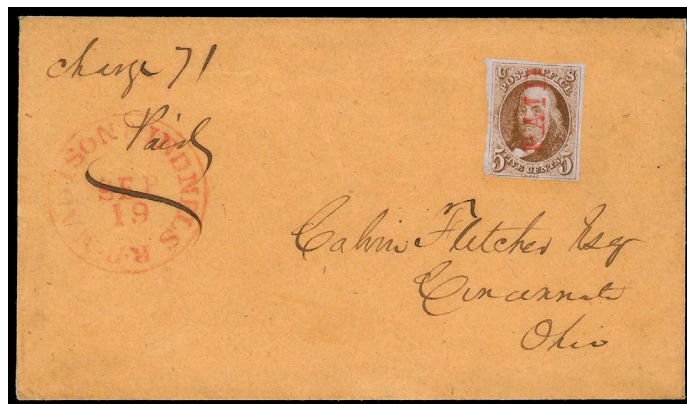


- 4549 ☒ **(Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad) Mad Riv & Lak. Erie R.R.,** blue route agent cds without date and matching "FREE" cancel on **3¢ orange brown (10)**, bright shade, four margins, on blue folded letter datelined "Bellefontaine Oct 28 1851" to Sandusky, Ohio; edge tear at left, **Very Fine and choice railroad use**.  
Towle No. **565-A-2** . . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

*Carried 97 miles north on Route 10234 to Sandusky.*

- 4550 ☒ **(Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad) Mad Riv & Lak. Erie R.R., Feb 25**, blue route agent cds and matching slanted "10" rating handstamp on 1850 folded letter to Nacogdoches, Texas; tape stain at top, **Fine, Rarity VII**.  
Towle No. **565-A-2** . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 10234 and carried south to Springfield for transfer to Cincinnati. Sent onward by steamboat route to New Orleans for Nacogdoches, Texas.*



- 4551 ☒ **(Madison & Indianapolis Railroad) Madison & Indnpls. R.R. Sep. 19**, red route agent cds with matching "Paid" straightline cancels **5¢ orange Brown (1b)**, radiant color, large margins to ample, orange buff cover to Cincinnati, Ohio, manuscript box charge no. at upper left, **Very Fine and choice, ex-Ackerman, Picher, Grunin, Garrett, Ishikawa, Boker, Gross**.  
Towle No. **654-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$2,000 - 3,000

**A REMARKABLE 1847 ISSUE RAILROAD USE FROM THE ONLY OPERATING RAILROAD OPERATING IN INDIANA PRIOR TO 1850.**

*Put onto Route 3904 carried south to Madison for transfer to the steamboat Route 3052 for Cincinnati. The 87-mile route was contracted from January 1848 at \$3,792 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.*



- 4552 ☒ (Madison & Indianapolis Railroad) "Madison & Indnpls R.R., Jan 21", red route agent cds on gray 1850 folded letter datelined "Madison Ind. January 18th 1850" to To Joseph Albert Wright, Governor of Indiana (1849-1857) at Indianapolis, Indiana bearing **5¢ red brown (1)** rich color with full margins to just touched, manuscript "X" cancel; stamp with slight age spotting, a **Very Fine 1847 Issue Railroad use**.  
Towle No. **654-B-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Put onto Route 3904 for Indianapolis. The Madison & Indianapolis Railroad contract for Route 3904 of 87 miles once daily for \$3,629 a year.*

- 4553 ☒ (Madison & Indianapolis Railroad) "Madison & Indiana R.R. Co. Decr. 1853", manuscript route agent postmark on buff cover to New Milford Conn. bearing **3¢ dull red (11A)**, tiny corner crease, tied upon arrival by "New-York, 17 Dec" cds, **Very Fine and scarce, Rarity V**.  
Towle No. **360-M-1**. . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Envelope put onto Route 3903 on December 15th 1853 and carried to Indianapolis for transfer via Pittsburgh to New York.*

- 4554 ☒ (Madison & Indianapolis Railroad) "Via M & I. R.R.", straightline directional handstamp on blue folded letter datelined "Branch of the State Bank of Indianapolis - Madison 4 Oct. 1851" bearing **3¢ orange brown (10A)** tied by "Madison, Ind. Oct 6" cds to Indianapolis, Ind.; file fold crease through **3¢, Fine and rare railroad directional handstamp**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200

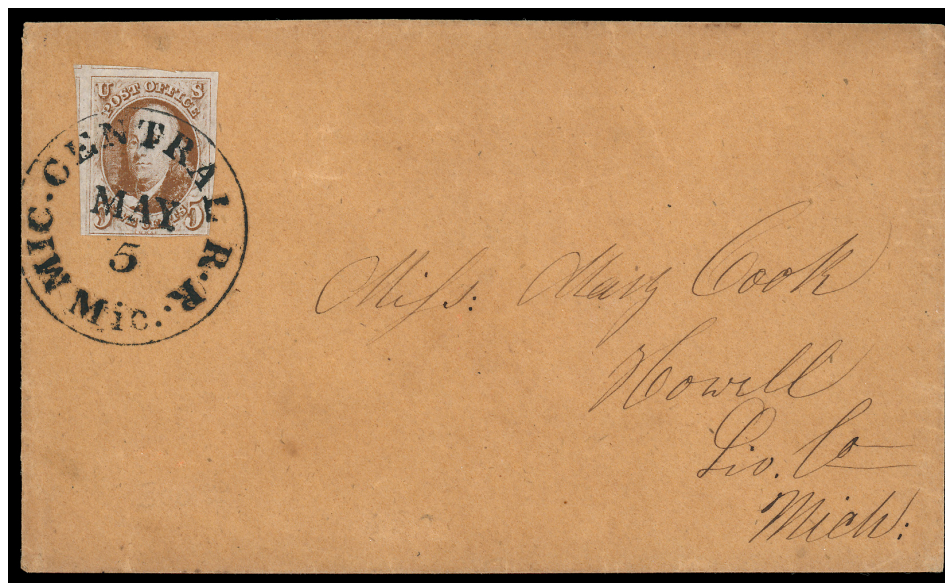
*The directional stamp was applied by the bank before being put into the Madison post office. The instruction was unnecessary as the letter would have been bagged for the post office car anyway.*

- 4555 ☒ (Michigan Central) "Rail Road, Way", oval postmark and matching "Detroit, Mich. Jan 22" duplex with four-rings cancel ties **3¢ rose (65)** on cover to Utica N.Y.; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine and scarce**.  
Towle No. **SP-15** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Applied to inbound mail at Detroit Post Office on letters received from Michigan Central or Detroit & Milwaukee R.R.*

- 4556 ☒ (Michigan Central) "Rail Road, Way", clear strike of Detroit oval handstamp on cover with matching "Detroit, Mich. Jan 6" duplex with circular grid cancel ties **3¢ red, grilled (94)** to Painesville Oh., 1869 docketing on reverse; minor cover faults, **still a Very Fine strike of this scarce marking, ex-Graham**.  
Towle No. **SP-15** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Applied to inbound mail at Detroit Post Office on letters received from Michigan Central or Detroit & Milwaukee R.R.*



- 4557 ☒ (Michigan Central Railroad) Mic. Central R.R. Mic., May 5, perfect strike of route agent's cds ties **5¢ red brown (1)** bright shade, huge margins to clear including part of three adjoining stamps, on orange buff cover to Howell Mich., **fresh and Very Fine, Rarity VII, ex Moody, Jack Dick, Rust, Boker and Gross**.  
Towle No. **610-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$3,000 - 4,000

**A STUNNING RAILROAD USE BEARING THE 5¢ 1847 ISSUE GRACING MANY OF THE GREAT 1847 ISSUE COLLECTIONS OF THE PAST.**

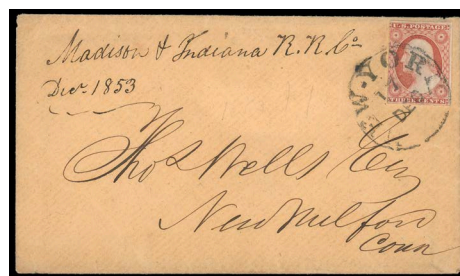
*Put onto Route 3702 on May 5th circa 1850 and carried to Ann Arbor for the 28 mile post road to Howell.*



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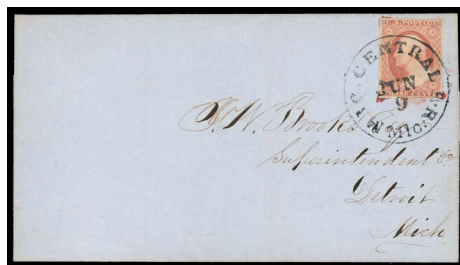
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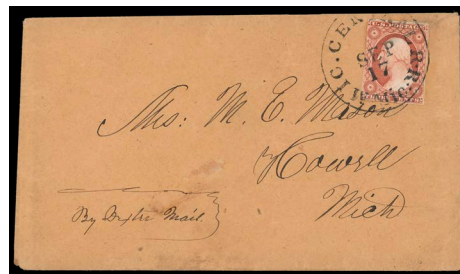
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- 4558 ☒ **(Michigan Central Railroad) Mic. Central R.R. Mic., Jun 9**, sharp strike of route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)** four margins, bright and fresh, on 1853 light blue folded cover to Detroit, Mich.; stamp additionally affixed with wax, **Extremely Fine and choice railroad use**. Towle No. **610-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Put onto Route 3703 on June 9th circa 1854 and carried east to Detroit.*

- 4559 ☒ **(Michigan Central Railroad) Mic. Central R.R., Mic. Oct 24**, route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)** on buff cover to Lockport N.Y., **Very Fine, Rarity VII**. Towle No. **610-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*The first contract with the Michigan Central Rail Road was in July 1841 for the first 30 miles of the route between Detroit and Ypsilanti. It was not until 1852 that the full 282½ miles was completed to Chicago and contracted as Route 3703 at \$28,250 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays.*

*Put onto the Michigan Central on the course of Route 3703 for Detroit.*

- 4560 ☒ **(Michigan Central Railroad) Mic. Central R.R., Mic., Sep 17**, nice strike of route agent cds ties **3¢ orange brown (10A)** on buff cover to Howell, Michigan, **Very Fine and choice, Rarity VII**. Towle No. **610-A-1** . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

- 4561 ☒ **(Michigan Southern Railroad) Mich. Southern R.R., Jun 4**, bold blue route agent cds ties **3¢ dull red (11A)**, additional pencil cancel on buff cover to Elkhart, Indiana; stamp oxidized, a **Very Fine strike, Rarity VII**. Towle No. **559-C-1** . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

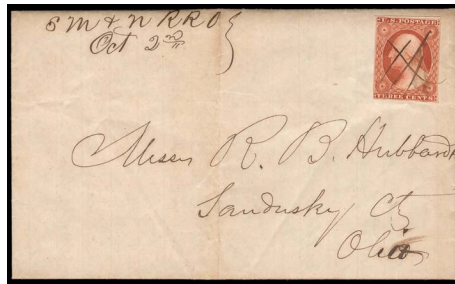
*Put onto Route 13018 on June 4th circa 1855 carried on the route to Elkhart located 101 miles east of Chicago and 143 miles west of Toledo.*

*The first contract with the Michigan Southern Rail Road was in July 1848 on the 68 miles of completed track between Monroe and Hillsdale. By 1854 the line had merged with the Northern Indiana & Chicago and renamed the Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Rail Road. In July 1854, Route 13018 of 242 miles was contracted between Toledo and Chicago at \$36,300 a year for a twice daily service excluding Sundays. The Route Agent's date stamps continued to be worded for the Michigan Southern.*





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4562 ☒ (Pacific Railroad) Pacific Railroad, Jun 30, complete strike of cds on 3¢ red (U9) Nesbitt entire to St. Louis Mo.; flap missing and edge flaws, stain at lower right, **Fine and rare, Rarity IX.**  
Towle No. 805-A-2 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

*Envelope put onto Route 9030 on June 30th circa 1858 and carried east to St. Louis. Route Agents were not appointed until 30th June 1857 and served until 30th June 1859.*

4563 ☒ (Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark Railroad) "S M & N RR O, Oct 2", manuscript route agent postmark with matching ms. cancel ties 3¢ orange brown (10A), full margins to just touched, on folded letter datelined "Mount Vernon Oct 2nd 1851" to Sandusky, Ohio; vertical file fold, **F.-V.F. and rare.**  
Towle No. 567-M-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Put onto Route 9142 to be carried 91 miles north to Sandusky.*

4564 ☒ (Scioto & Hocking Valley Railroad) Scioto & Hock. Val. R.R., Mar 26, fine strike cancels 3¢ red (U10) buff Nesbitt entire to Burlington, Ohio; minor restoration, **rare and Very Fine appearance, Rarity VIII.**  
Towle No. 572-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400



4565 ☒ (St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad) Iron Mountain R.R., May 11, route agent cds ties 3¢ dull red (26) on orange cover to Cleveland, Ohio, insignificant flap defect, **F.-V.F., Rarity X, ex-Wyer.**  
Towle No. 456-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

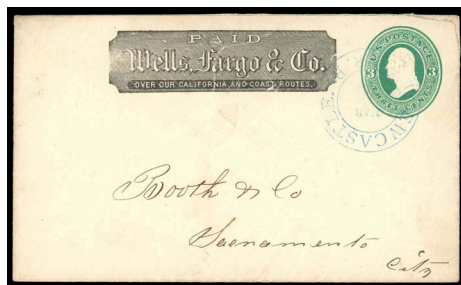
**THIS IS THE UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF THE RAILROAD ROUTE AGENT HANDSTAMP.**

**Western States**

4566 ☒ (Central Pacific - Union Pacific) Union Pacific R.R., Feb 17, route agent cds on 3¢ pink (U58) entire with Wells Fargo printed frank canceled by blue "Wells Fargo & Co. Express, Knights Landg." oval to Dresden, Maine, **Very Fine.**  
Towle No. 932-A-4 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Wells Fargo envelope put into their Knight's Landing office. Carried on Route 14709 for the 18 miles south to Davisville for transfer to the Central Pacific R.R. for carriage east.*

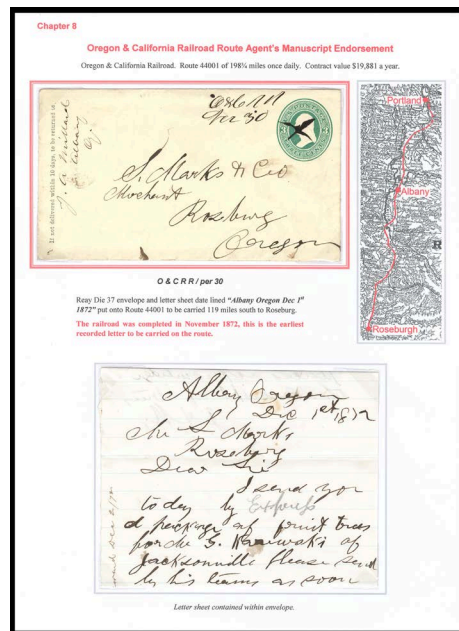




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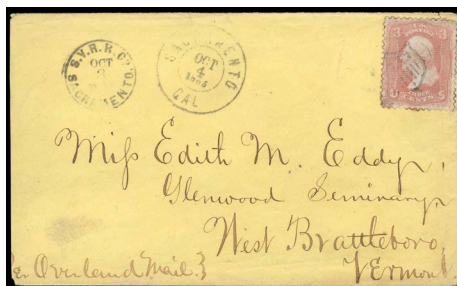
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4567 ☒ (Central Pacific Railroad) "Cent. Pacific R.R., Jul 18", route agent cds on 3¢ pink (U59) buff entire with Wells Fargo printed frank cancelled by blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., Wheatland, Jul 18" oval to Kingston, Canada, ms. "25c" express fee notation, Canada "10/Cents" due handstamp, reverse with Loughboro U.C. (7.25) transit and Kingston (7.25) arrival cds, **Fine and scarce use, Rarity V.** Towle No. 976-B-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Wells Fargo envelope put into their Wheatland office on July 16th 1870. Carried on Route 14703 the 21 miles south to Roseville for transfer onto the Central Pacific Railroad 14834 for the east.*

4568 ☒ (Central Pacific Railroad) C.P.R.R., Florin, Oct 14, 1876, partial strike of blue double-circle datestamp ties 5¢ blue (185) on cover to Newport-Pagnel, England, Nov. 3rd arrival backstamp; small flaws, **Fine and rare California station cds.** Towle No. 976-S-Unlisted . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*The Florin, California post office reopened on August 14, 1876 and no postmarks have been recorded by Williams before 1883.*

4569 ☒ (Central Pacific Railroad) Newcastle C.P.R.R., Mar 9, 1871, blue double-circle cds on 3¢ green entire with Wells Fargo imprint to Sacramento, Cal., **Very Fine and scarce railroad station, Rarity V, ex-Kramer, Tatham.** Towle No. 976-S-4 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*A total of five Station Agent date stamps are recorded in use between Sacramento City and Ogden by Towle in the 1870s, these being at Newcastle, Penryn, Pino, Tacoma & Verdi.*

*Wells Fargo envelope put onto Route 14701 at Newcastle to be carried 32 miles south west to Sacramento.*

4570 ☒ (Central Pacific Railroad) C.P.R.R. Penryn, Oct 28, 1876, partial double-circle datestamp on 3¢ green entire cancelled by manuscript to Lebanon, N. Y.; light toning and staining, **Fine and rare railroad station, Rarity VI.** Towle No. 976-S-2 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

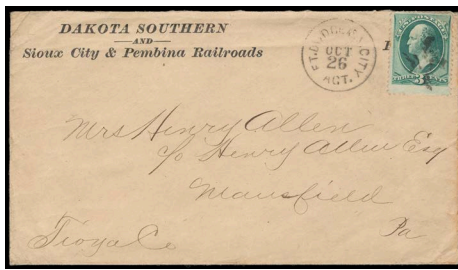
*Put onto Route 46001 at Penryn to be carried 715 miles east to Ogden and thence on the Union Pacific to Omaha for Lebanon, New York.*



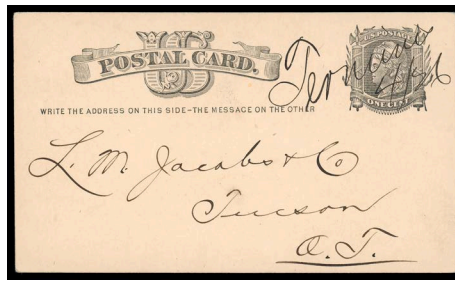
4571 ☒ (Milwaukee & Mississippi Railroad) Mil. & Miss. R.R. Agency, Reed's Landing, M.T., May 22, 1859, clear full strike of station cds on bill of lading cover to Eau Claire, Wis.; cover slightly reduced at left, **Extremely Fine and choice.** Towle No. SP-4. . . . . Estimate \$400 - 600

**UNLISTED IN REMELE AND MOSTLY CERTAINLY A UNIQUE STATION MARKING FROM REED'S LANDING, MONTANA TERRITORY ON MILWAUKEE & MISSISSIPPI RAIL ROAD.**

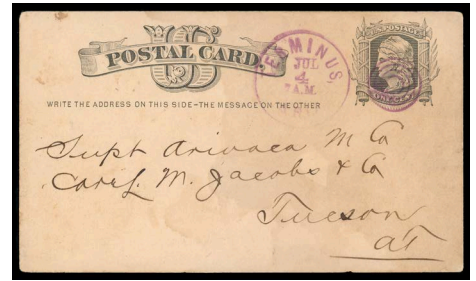




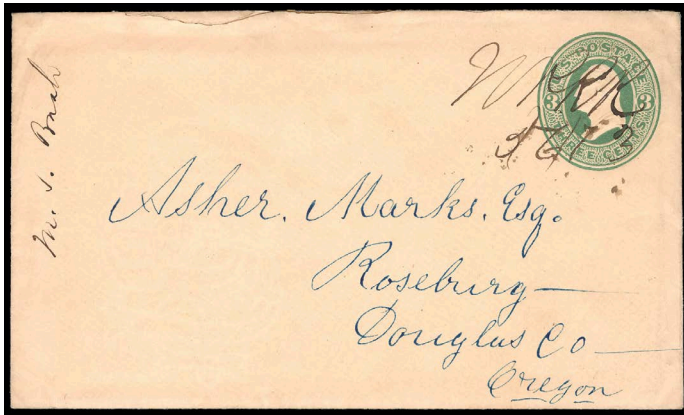
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4572 ☒ (Northern Pacific Railroad) "N P RR, 5/6/73", manuscript route agent postmark on 3¢ green (U84) with original letter datelined "Bush's Camp N.P.R.R. May 4th 73" to Roseburg, Oregon, **Very Fine**, *Rarity VIII*. Towle No. **895-C-1**. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*Bush's Camp N.P.R.R. carried 20 miles south to the rail head at Tenino to be put onto Route 43001 for the 105½ miles south to Kalama. Transferred by stage to Portland and then railroad on Route 44001 to Roseburg.*

*The letter written by M.S. Bush, a construction manager on the line reads: "I am here on the NP.R.R. in charge of thirteen miles of clearing and expect to remain here all summer. I*

*am located Twenty Miles from Tenino, the end of track and twelve miles from Steilacom which is the nearest point on the Sound that the RR will come until the final terminus is fixed which will not be sometime yet. But whatever place is selected will certainly be a very large City in a very few years."*

4573 ☒ (Oregon & California Railroad) "O & C RR, Nov 30", manuscript postmark (date error?) on 3¢ green (U83) entire with ms. "J.A. Millard, Albany, Or." return address to Roseburg, Oregon, original letter datelined "Albany Oregon, Dec 1st 1872" appears in same hand as address and postmark reading "I send you today by Express a package of fruit..." , **Very Fine**, *Rarity V*. Towle No. **894-D-2**. . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

THE RAILROAD WAS COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER 1872, THIS IS THE EARLIEST RECORDED LETTER CARRIED ON THE ROUTE.

*Put onto Route 44001 at Albany, Oregon to be carried 119 miles south to Roseburg.*

4574 ☒ (Panama Railroad) "Pr P. R.R. Co.", manuscript endorsement on cover with pencil "Feby 20. 1863" dating at left and "6" rating on cover to **Hon. E. O. Crosby, Legation of the United States, Guatemala City, Guatemala**, blue "6" reales due handstamp. Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

*Cover was addressed to Elisha Oscar Crosby, the U.S. Minister to Guatemala. It was probably carried to Aspinwall by the contract ship from New York, and then the 47 miles to Panama City by rail. Then by ship to Guatemala.*

4575 ☒ (Sacramento Valley Railroad) S.R.R.R. Co., **Sacramento, Oct 3, 1865**, station cds as corner corner handstamp, additional strike on reverse of yellow cover bearing 3¢ bright rose (65), cancelled by partial fancy shield cancel, matching "Sacramento, Cal., Oct 4, 1865" double-circle datestamp to Glenwood Seminary, West Brattleboro, Vt., endorsed "Per Overland Mail" at bottom left; reduced slightly at left, **F.-V.F. and rare**. Towle No. **Unlisted**. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

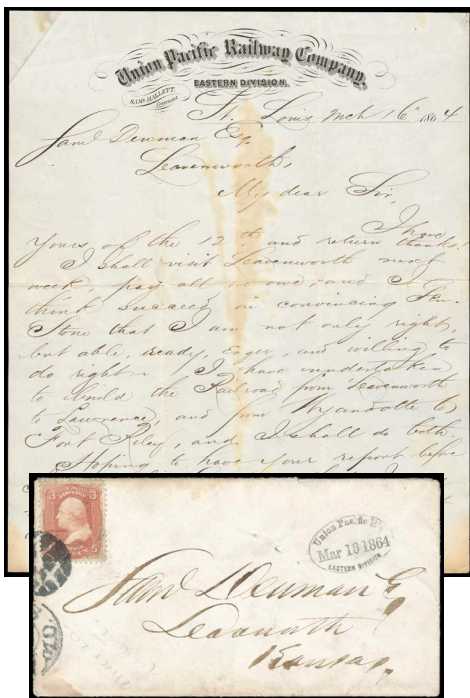
*Incorporated in August 1852, the Sacramento Valley Railroad was the first operational steam railroad west of the Rocky Mountains and the first to carry mails under contract starting on July 1st 1858. The railroad's first President was William Tecumseh Sherman, then employed to manage a branch of a St. Louis bank in Sacramento.*

*Endorsed "Pr Overland Mail" put onto Route 14793 for Indianapolis and carried to Sacramento to receive the Station Agent's CDS. Transferred to the overland mail coach via Salt Lake City to St. Louis and then eastward by railroad for West Brattleboro, VT.*

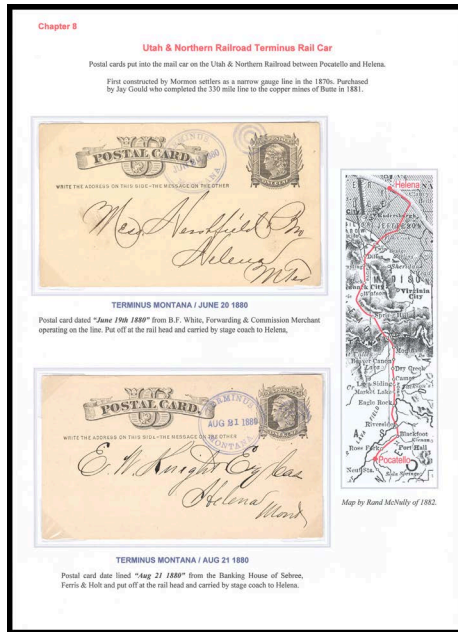
4576 ☒ (Sioux City & Pembina Rail Road - Illinois Central Railroad) **Ft. Dodge & S. City Agt., Oct 26**, route agent cds duplexed with cork cancel on 3¢ green (158) on "Dakota Southern and Sioux City & Pembina Railroads" corner card cover to Mansfield Pa., **Very Fine**. Towle No. **759-K-2**. . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*The Sioux City & Pembina Rail Road was first contracted from July 1st 1876 for 30 miles between Sioux City and Portlandville at \$1,350 a year for a daily service excluding Sundays. The road was absorbed into the Illinois Central Rail Road by 1878 who extended it eastward to Fort Dodge giving a total route distance of 134 miles.*

*Probably carried eastward from Sioux City on Route 27034 to receiving the Route Agent cds.*



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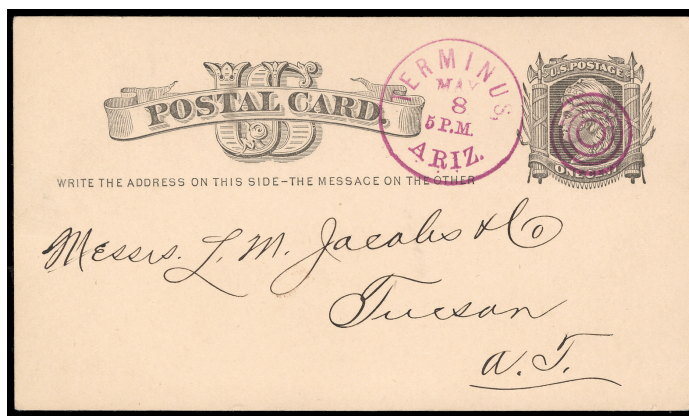


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4577 ☒ (Southern Pacific Railroad) "Terminus 4/26", manuscript railroad postmark on 1¢ postal card (UX5) datelined "Gila Bend 4/25.79" to Tucson, Ariz. Terr., **Extremely Fine and choice, Unlisted by Towle.**  
 Towle No. 963-S-Unlisted . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

Construction of the line commenced in 1878 at Yuma and the 248 mile track opened to Tucson in March 1880. No mail contracts were operated until 1883.

Gila Bend, Arizona Territory April 26th 1879 carried from the rail head 128 miles to Tucson, Arizona by stage coach.



4578 ☒ (Southern Pacific Railroad) Terminus, Ariz. May 8, 5 P.M., purple duplex with four-rings cancel on 1¢ postal card (UX5) datelined "Maricopa A.T. 5/8. 79" to Tucson, Arizona Territory, **Extremely Fine and choice, Rarity IX.**  
 Towle No. 963-S-1 . . . . . Estimate \$500 - 750

AN ABSOLUTE GEM USE OF THE TERMINUS, ARIZ. RAILROAD MARKING FROM MARICOPA, ARIZONA TERRITORY.

Carried from the rail head at Maricopa 81 miles south to Tucson, Arizona Territory by stage coach.

Sent by David Neahr of Yuma, the freight contractor employed by the railroad constructor to bring materials from the port of Yuma to the rail head. Addressed to Lionel M. Jacob, President of the Pima County Bank instructing payment for materials.



- 4579 ☒ (Southern Pacific Railroad) Terminus, Ariz. Jul 4, 7 A.M., purple duplex with four-rings cancel on 1¢ postal card (UX5) datelined “Casa Grande 7/4. 79” to Tucson, Ariz. Terr.; some light staining, **Fine and rare, Rarity IX.**  
 Towle No. 963-S-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Carried from the rail head at Casa Grande 65 miles south to Tucson, Arizona by stage coach.*



- 4580 ☒ (Train) Per Overland Mail, via Los Angeles, illustrated propoganda design with imprint of McNeil & Dudley of Napa City Locomotive and two passenger cars, on cover bearing 3¢ dull red (26) tied by partial “Napa City, Cal., Feb 1” cds and manuscript “Due 7” rating to Denny, Ill., docketed “Recd March 6/60” at bottom left, original letter accompanies; flap mostly missing but showing Lipman’s embossed seal, some soiling and small flaws, **F.-V.F. and rare.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500

ONE OF ONLY THREE EXAMPLES OF THIS BUTTERFIELD ROUTE PROPAGANDA DESIGN FROM THIS NAPA CITY PRINTER.

*Comer card envelope instructing carriage via Butterfield’s contract. A number of printers produced these with a steam train image promoting a speedier service by railroad. Total transit between Napa and Denary, IL was 34 days.*



- 4581 ☒ (Union Pacific Railroad) Union Pacific R.P.O., Sep 29, bold strike of route agent cds and small cross cancel tie 12¢ green (117) on 1870 buff cover to Edinburgh, Scotland, Oct. 20th receiving backstamp; stamp has slight corner crease, **Very Fine and choice railroad use, ex-Kuphal, Heimberger.**  
 Towle No. 932-A-3 . . . . . Estimate \$2,000 - 3,000

AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THIS ROUTE AGENT’S MARKING ON A 12¢ 1869 ISSUE TRANSATLANTIC COVER.

*The Towle 932-A-3 listing is missing the “P.O.” of “R.P.O.” and he incorrectly guess it was “R.R.”.*

- 4582 ☒ (Union Pacific Railroad) Union Pacific R'y, Eastern Division, Mar 16, 1864, oval postmark on cover bearing 3¢ rose (65) tied by circular grid cancel duplexed with partial St. Louis Mo. cds to Leavenworth Kans., original "Union Pacific Railway Company, Eastern Division" letterhead enclosure from Samuel Hallett, President of Union Pacific with some interesting content "...I undertaken to build the Railroad from Leavenworth, and from Wyandotte to Fort Riley, and, I shall do both..." , F.-V.F. and important historical railroad document.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

*In July 1864, Hallett was shot dead in Wyandotte before the track to Lawrence was opened. The company failed in its aim to control the route to the west coast.*

- 4583 ☒ (Union Pacific Railroad) Green Riv. & Ogden R.P.O., Nov 1, purple route agent cds duplex with cork cancel on 3¢ green entire with Wells Fargo & Co. paid frank to Elizabeth, N.J., Nov. 6th arrival backstamp, Very Fine and attractive use.  
 Towle No. 932-unlisted . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Although the contract with the Union Pacific Rail Road was between Omaha and Ogden at \$320,912 a year for the 1,032 mile Route 34001 of 1873, the route was split into sections for the purposes of the Railway Post Office cars operating on the route. One section was between Ogden and Green River, Wyoming and an R.P.O. datestamp with the wording for this section was used by clerks on the car.*

*Carried east on the portion of Route 34001 operated by the Ogden to Green River clerks.*



- 4585 ☒ (Union Pacific Railroad) Freight Office, Ogden, U.P.R.R., Apr 22 70, blue station agent oval cds on buff cover to Iowa, franked with 3¢ ultramarine (114) tied by manuscript cancel; couple small cover edge flaws at right, otherwise Very Fine, ex-Jarrett.  
 Towle No. 932-S-6 . . . . . Estimate \$300 - 400

*This was used at the freight office at western terminus of railroad in Ogden, Utah and is the listing example in Towle.*

- 4586 ☒ (Utah & Northern Railroad) Terminus, Montana, two blue duplex strikes dated Jun 20th and Aug. 21st, 1880 on 1¢ postal cards (UX5) addressed to Helena, Montana, Very Fine Montana Territorial uses, Rarity VI.  
 Towle No. 890-S-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put off at the rail head and carried by stage coach to Helena, Montana.*

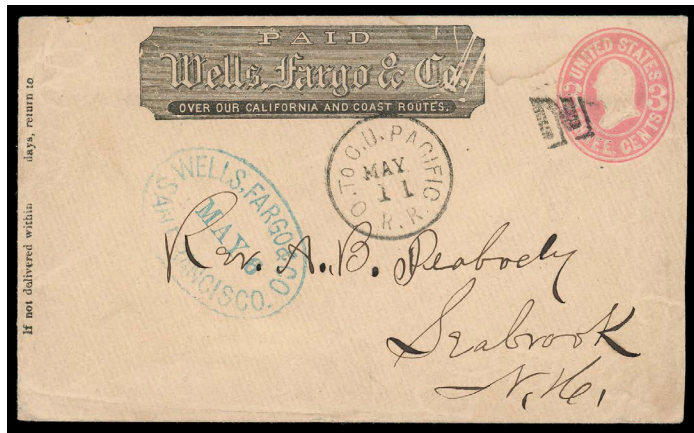
- 4587 ☒ (Virginia City & Truckee Railroad) Reno & V. City Agt., Nov 8, sharp blue route agent cds with matching target cancel on 3¢ green (158), nat. s.e., on cover to Orono, Maine; reduced slightly at right, Very Fine and scarce Nevada railroad use, Rarity IV.  
 Towle No. 978-A-1 . . . . . Estimate \$150 - 200

*Put onto Route 16419 on November 8th circa 1873 and carried to Reno for transfer eastward via the Central Pacific R.R. Route 14701 for Ogden. The railroad was built to service the Comstock Load, the extensive gold and silver deposits found in northeast Nevada discovered in 1859.*

**Railroad Advertising and Collateral**

- 4584 ☒ (Union Pacific Railroad) O. To C. U. Pacific R.R., May 11, bold strike of route agent cds with matching "N" lined fancy cancel on 3¢ pink (U59) buff entire with Wells Fargo printed frank and blue "Wells, Fargo & Co., San Francisco, May 6" oval datestamp to Seabrook N.H.; light stain and wrinkling, Very Fine and choice strike of this rare route agent cds, Rarity IV, The Towle Listing Example.  
 Towle No. 932-D-1 . . . . . Estimate \$200 - 300

*Nesbitt Die 26 Wells Fargo envelope put onto Route 14834 for Cisco. Stage coach to Ogden and Cheyenne. Put onto Route 14451 at Cheyenne for Omaha and the east. Posted May 11th 1868 when mail car was operating from Cheyenne to Omaha.*

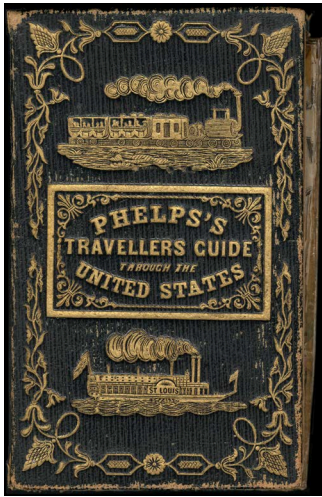


- 4588 1847 Phelps's Travellers Guide Through The United States, Black leather 14.5 x 8.9cm, front cover lettered and decorated in gilt showing Steam Locomotive Train and Steamboat, inside with schedules by state and a full-color 54.3 x 65.7cm fold-out map of the United States titled "Phelps's national map of the United States, a travellers guide. 1847" (Entered 1845), drawn and engraved by J. M. Atwood. The map is completely bordered with uncolored portraits and state seals engraved by William D. Smith; the map with separations and tape stains need restoration; some cover wear; Sabin 61379, Howes P291, F.-V.F.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400

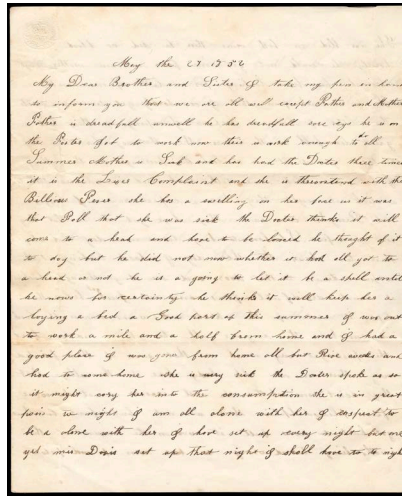


- 4589 **1851 Phelps's Travellers Guide Through The United States**, Brown leather 14.5 x 8.9cm, front cover lettered and decorated in gilt showing Steam Locomotive Train and Steamboat, inside with schedules by state and a full-color 54.3 x 65.7cm fold-out map of the United States titled "Phelps's national map of the United States, a travellers guide. 1851", drawn and engraved by J. M. Atwood. The map is completely bordered with uncolored portraits and state seals engraved by William D. Smith; the map with some professional reinforcement; some normal cover wear, **Very Fine**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000
- 4590 **(Albany & Rutland Railroad) 1852 Railroad Accident**, three-page May 27, 1856 letter providing first-hand account of a railroad accident reading in part "...the other day I stood looking at the express train door and see it go through...it went dreadful fast and it just got below the depo it run off the track and went down the bank and smashed the engine all to atoms and it hurt the passengers very much so that some of them fainted away there is one old lady here to the village that they don't know whether she will recover or not she came from Philadelphia there was not but four but that got hurt to cars...it was on the account of the switch being turned wrong..." **Very Fine**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200
- 4591 **Appleton's Railway and Steam Navigation Guides**, group of 6 comprising edition: August 1860, October 1860, May 1862, September 1869, July 1872 and September 1874; wealth of route information and time tables, maps, etc; each with varying degree of faults, **Fine and rare group**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300
- 4592 **The Central Pacific Railroad: A Trip Across the North American Continent From Ogden To San Francisco.**, Nelson and Sons, T.: Nelson's Pictorial Guide-Books. New York: 1870, Oblong 12mo. 32pp + 12 attractive full-page color plates including a Bird's-Eye View of San Francisco and a View of Salt Lake, and full-page map of the Union and Central Pacific Railroad Line and Connections. Bound in original cloth, stamped in blind, with decorated title on front cover. Prior owner's gilt seal. good condition overall (Cowan 452 note, Graff 2977), **Very Fine**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200
- A very early Central Pacific pictorial work with timetable, list of stations, fares, elevations, descriptions of the route. Illustrations include "Interior of snow sheds", "Birds eye view of San Francisco", "Lake Tahoe", etc.*
- 4593 ☒ **George Pullman's Early Palace Sleeping Cards**, 11x17 exhibit page with legal-size Central Pacific Railroad illustrated ad envelope with "Central Pacific Railroad, Nov 1, 1873" ticket dater to San Francisco Cal.; and Chicago & Dalton Railroad all-over ad design showing the inside of the Pullman car on reverse of ad cover bearing 3¢ green (158) tied by "Chicago, Ill" duplex, **F.-V.F.**  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200
- 4594 ☒ **(New York & Harlem Railroad) 1831 (Dec.) Law Authorizing the New York & Harlem Railroad**, two-page original document titled "A Law, To Authorise the New-York and Harlem Rail Road Company to Construct their Rail Way", pages taped together, **otherwise Very Fine**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200
- When rail roads were first introduced into the the U.S.A. they were short in length and were regulated by State and in some circumstances by City Councils. The initial 4½ miles of the New York & Harlem Rail Road was authorized by an act approved by the Mayor of New York on December 22nd 1831.*
- 4595 ☒ **Pathfinder Railway Guides**, double-page containing August 1856 pocket-size edition, May 1858 journal size edition (16.5x25cm), and all-over red illustrated ad design showing Steam Locomotive train bearing 3¢ green (158) tied by "Boston Mass." duplex, **F.-V.F.**  
Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300
- 4596 **Post Office Act of 1845**, group of Senate and House bills and various amendments which included reformed and simplified rates of postage within the U.S., the previous rating by mileage and number of sheets was changed to per ½ ounce and over/under 300 miles, **Very Fine group of official documents**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750
- 4597 ☒ **(Propaganda) Cheap Inland and Ocean Postage**, illustrated Barnabas Bates Postage Reform Propaganda cover showing Steamship, Eagle with Shield & Steam Engine, manuscript "Flushing, Mich., July 9th" postmark with "Paid 3" rating crossed out and updated to unpaid "5" cents to Sherfall N.Y., ornate imprint of "D. Felt & Hosford, Stationers" on reverse; faulty and flaps mostly separated, **Fine and scarce design**.  
Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600
- In the 1850s, Bates adopted the Elihu Blurrirt practice of using illustrated envelopes to further his reform proposals for America. Paradoxically, this cover was sent to a member of House of Representatives under the Congressman's franking privilege to receive his mail free of postage.*
- 4598 ☒ **Railroad Advertising**, group of 24 including "Grand Trunk R.R. Co., Mobile, Ala." corner card on #147 cover; "Boston, Lowell & Nashua Rail-Road" embossed corner card on 2¢ #73 cover; "Old Colony & Newport Railway Co." 1863 Boston MA 2¢ #73 printed circular; "Erie Railway" fancy corner card on #114 cover; "Penn'a R.R. Service" corner card on Philadelphia Pa. #25 cover; "Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Co." corner card on Baltimore Md. #65 cover; "Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Co." corner card on "R.&G.&S.&R. R.R." route agent cds #147 cover; U58 with all-over "Little Rock and its Railroad Connections" map design on reverse; illustrated locomotive ads for Truman & Co. Express frank and Railway Supply Store, etc.; some mixed condition, **F.-V.F.**  
Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600

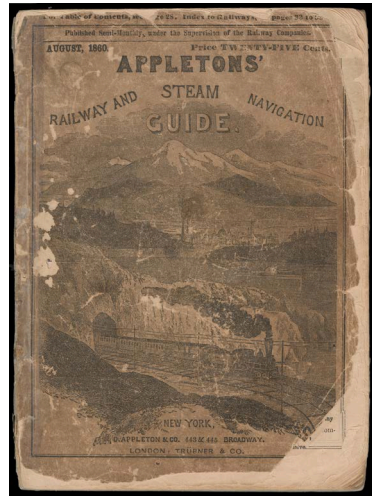




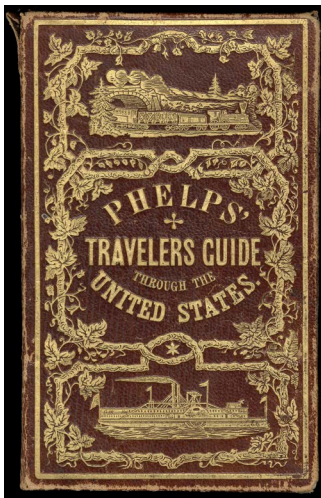
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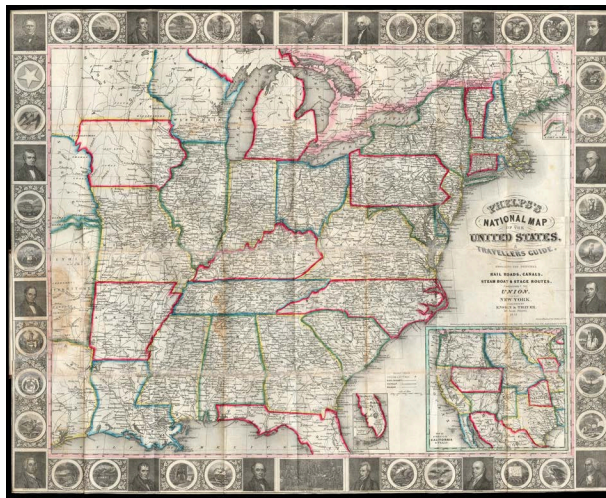
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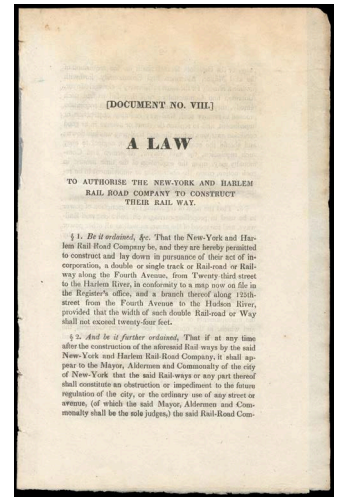
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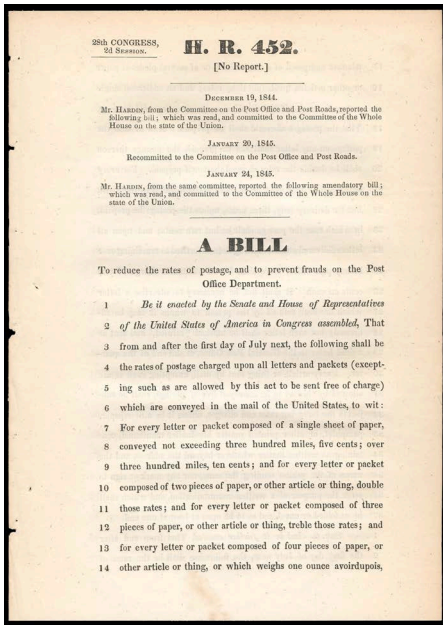


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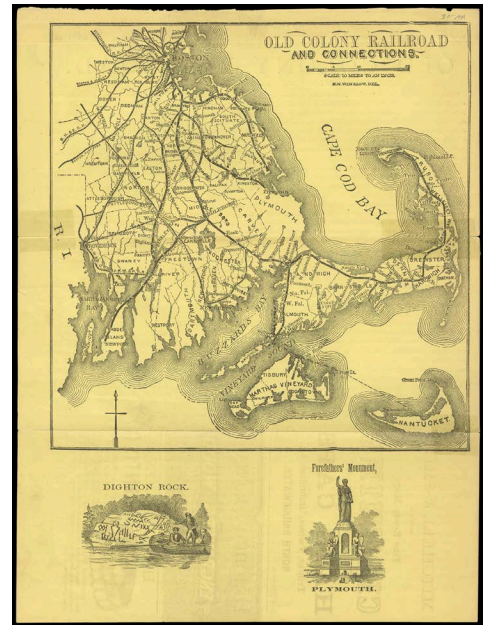




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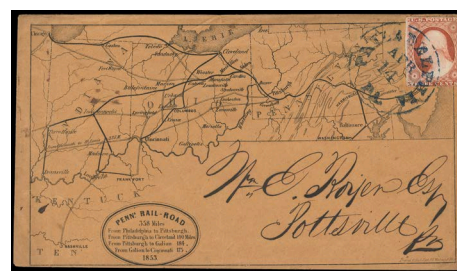
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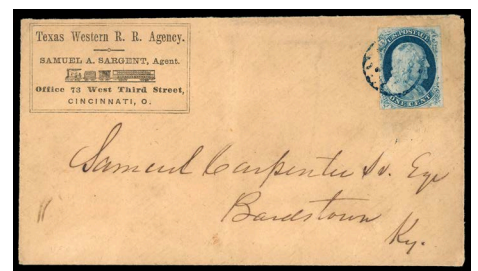
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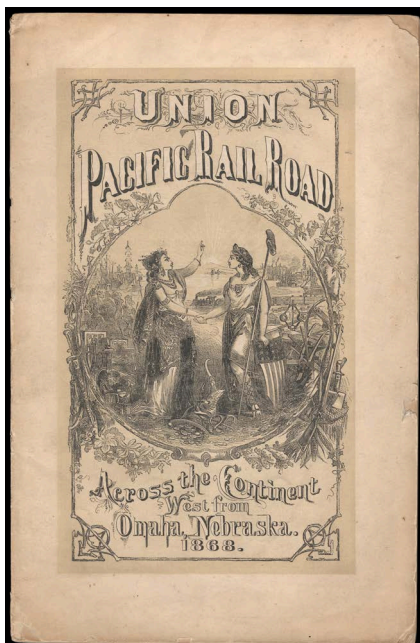
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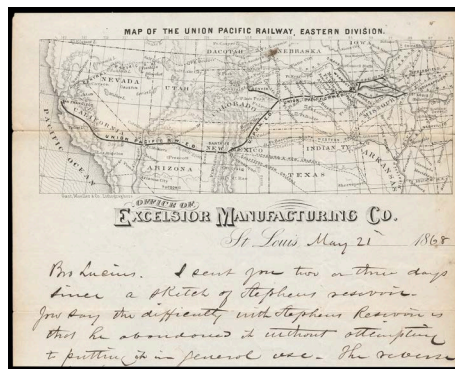
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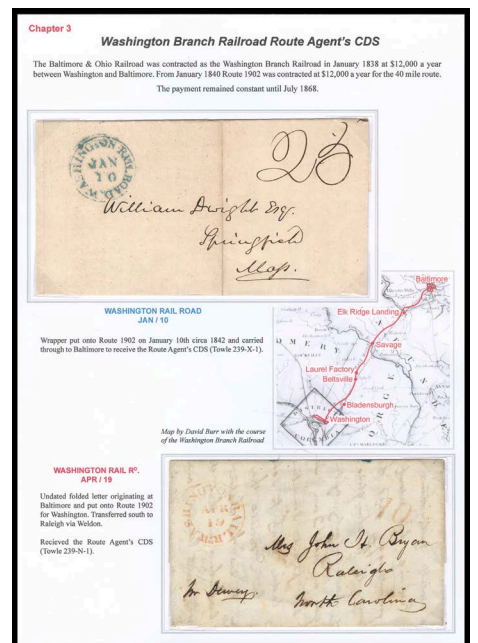
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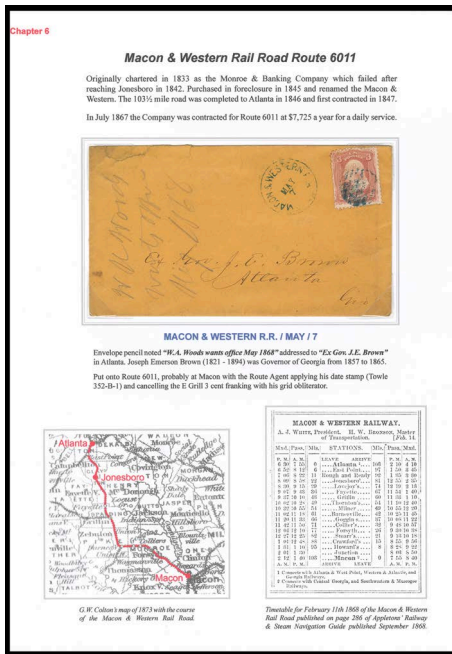


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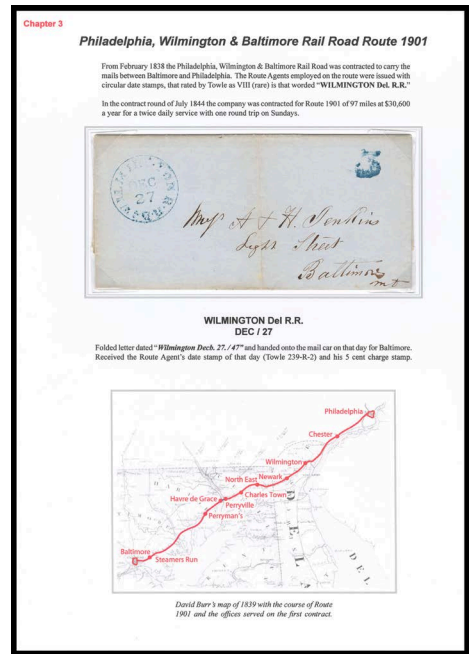




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4599 **Railroad Collateral and Ephemera**, large group of 32 including contract documents, three Magnus city lettersheets of Buffalo, Newark and Albany, a wide range of Senate and House printed documents including 1856 Illinois Central R.R. report on transmission of mail and munitions; 1873 Table of Service of th Mail by Railroads; 1870 Letter from Postmaster General on Mail Contracts by Railroads; Boston Hartford and Erie R.R. stock certificate; 1855 First Annual Report of the Northern Central Railway Co.; Old Colony Railroad Map; Railway Passengers Assurance Co. ticket; 1837 Illinois Central R.R. bill to authorize land purchases for railway; etc., **F.-V.F.**, a wonderful assemblage.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

4600  **(Railroad Illustrated) Pennsylvania Railroad Promotional Map Envelope**, all-over illustrated design of PENNA RAIL ROAD route map on buff cover to Pottsville, Pa. bearing **3¢ dull red (11A)** tied by blue Philadelphia cds, flap with brown shield cameo advertising (torn), **Very Fine**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300  
*Envelope posted at Philadelphia on April 14th circa 1853 with connecting routes to the west.*

4601  **(Texas Western Railroad) "Texas Western R.R. Agency, Cincinnati, O."**, illustrated locomotive agent corner card on buff cover bearing **1¢ blue (9)** tied by blue circular grid cancel to Bardstown Ky., **Very Fine**; with 2013 P.F. certificate.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600

4602 **(Union Pacific Railroad) "Across the Continent West from Omaha, Nebraska 1868"**, subtitled **"Progress of the the Union Pacific Railroad West From Omaha, Nebraska, Across the Continent. Making, With Its Connections, an Unbroken Line From the Atlantic To the Pacific Ocean. Eight Hundred and Twenty Miles Completed Sept.20, 1868. Offices, No.20 Nassau Street, New York."**; New York: Published by the Company. C.A. Alvord, Printer, Pamphlet Edition, September 25th, 1868. Original printed and illustrated wrappers, full page map frontis, 'Map of the Union Pacific Rail Road and its Connections.' 40pp. Wraps a bit dusted with light extremity wear. Engraved text illustrations., **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

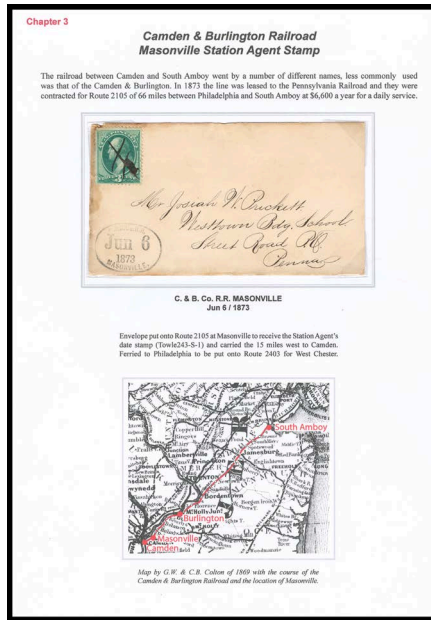
*This rare pamphlet is one of several promotions describing— as of different dates— the status of the transcontinental railroad's construction, and the Union Pacific's progress. The Map and accompanying text detail the responsibilities of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads in completing the transcontinental railroad, with branches into Washington and Montana. The pamphlet details the agricultural and mineral resources of the land which the Road will open to settlement; the resources available to the Union Pacific [including government funding], the financial status of the Road, and the availability of mortgage bonds [which the rear wrapper also advertises].*

4603  **(Union Pacific Railway) Map of the Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division**, letterhead showing the U.P. map from the Office of Excelsior Manufacturing Co. datelined St. Louis May 21, 1868, **F.-V.F. and scarce group**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$150 - 200





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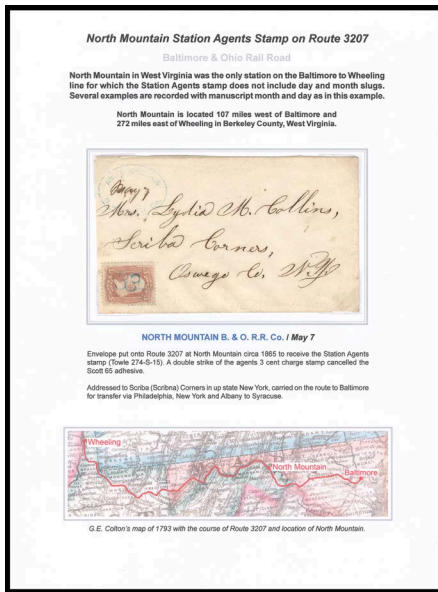


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Ex 4613

**Railroad Balances**



Ex 4604

4604 ☒

**Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad**, group of **23** mostly mounted on exhibit pages, includes "Balt & Ohio Rail Rd." blue cds (274-A-1) ties 3¢ #11A on cover; three stampless uses, a wide range of station ovals including "Buckeystown, B. & O. R.R." blue oval on #114 cover; "North Mountain, B. & O. R.R." blue oval on #65 cover; "Hood's Mill, B. & O. R.R." blue double-oval on 3¢ #147 cover; "Marriottsville, B. & O. R.R." blue double-oval on 3¢ #147 cover; "Tunnelton, B. & O. R.R." blue oval on #65 cover; "Waterville, B. & O. R.R." blue double-oval on 1¢ #182 cover; "Monrovia, B. & O. R.R." oval on #26 cover; "South Branch, B. & O. R.R." blue double-circle on 3¢ #184 cover; etc., some flaws, **F.-V.F.** with many better stations and markings.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

4605 ☒

**Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Baltimore & Ohio Railroad - Washington Branch**, group of **6** covers including four with "Washington Railroad" rout agent cds struck in red, blue and greenish; "Muirkirk, B. & O. R.R., Oct 3, 1879" blue station oval on 3¢ #184 (2) cover; and "Beltsville, B. & O. R.R., May 28, 1891" blue station oval on 1¢ #219 (2) cover, **F.-V.F. group**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

4606 ☒

**Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Connecticut Routes**, group of **18** on 15 exhibit pages, including "Naugatuck R.R." red cds (87-A-1) stampless use and black cds use on 3¢ #U10 buff Nesbitt entire; "Housatonic Railroad, 5" circular postmark (88-B-3) on stampless cover; "Housatonic R.R." red cds (88-B-7, VII) stampless use and black cds (88-B-7) use on 3¢ #26 cover; "Kent, Housatonic R.R." station oval (88-S-6a) on 3¢ #U32 star die entire; "Conn. Western R.R." cds on 1876 1¢ postal card; "N. Haven & N. London R.R." cds use on 3¢ #11A cover; "N.H. & Bellows Falls R.R." cds on #11A pair cover to Portland, Oregon Terr.; some mixed condition.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$750 - 1,000

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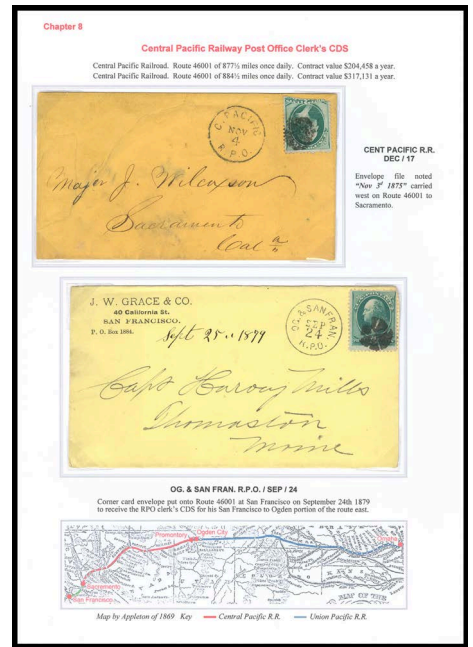
**Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Georgia Routes**, group of **16** mounted on 10 exhibit pages, includes "Ga. Central R.R." cds (353-A-1) on 3¢ #158 cover to Alexander H. Stephens; "Chatt. to Atlanta R.P.O." blue cds (Towle unlisted) on 3¢ #U58 entire; "Atl. & Aug. R.P.O." cds (Towle unlisted) on 3¢ #147 cover to A.H. Stephens; "So. Western R.R." cds (360-E-1) on 3¢ #114 cover; "A. & R. Air Line" cds (320-A-2) on 1¢ #156 (3) cover; "Port Royal R.R." cds (335-A-1) on 3¢ #184 cover; "Macon & Western R.R." blue cds (352-B-1, ex-Wyer) on 3¢ #88 cover; "Atlantic & Gulf R.R." blue cds (350-D-1) on 3¢ #147 cover; "Dalton & Selma Agt." blue cds (401-H-1) on 3¢ entire; etc.; some faults, **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$400 - 600



Ex 4614



Ex 4615



Ex 4618

4608 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Mid-Atlantic Routes**, group of 9 mounted on exhibit pages, including “Balto. & Susq. R.R.” blue cds on stampless cover; “Wilmington Del R.R.” blue cds (239-R-2) on stampless 1847 folded letter; “Phil. & Baltimore R.R.” cds (239-K-1) on official free franked “Bureau of Medicine & Surgery” cover; “A. & Elk Ridge R.R.” cds (269-A-2) on 3¢ #147 cover; “West. Md. R.R.” cds (275-A-1) on 1877 cover with #158; etc., **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300



Ex 4609

4609 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Midwest Routes**, balance of 55 covers mounted on 43 pages with a few being loose, better includes “Kentucky Central R.R.” (522-B-1, VIII, ex-Wyer, Towle) use on faulty 11A cover; “Madison & Indnpls R.R.” red cds (654-B-1, V) on #11A; letter; “Lou. Nash. & Lex. & Fr. R.R.” blue cds (Towle unlisted) on 3¢ #65 civil war patriotic cover; “Lou. Cin. & Lex. R.R., Hedges, Ky.” station oval (Towle unlisted) on 1¢ #UX5 postal card; “P.C. & St. L. Ry. / Millers Station” blue station octagon (561-S-1, VI) on repaired 1¢ postal card; “P.C. & St. L. Ry. / New Paris Station” blue station octagon (561-S-11, V) on 1¢ postal card; “St L. & I.M.R.R., Mineral Point” cds (456-S-1, VIII) ties 3¢ #65 on civil war patriotic cover; “St. L J & C R R” cds (706-A-1, VI) on 3¢ #65 cover; “Chi. to Centralia R.P.O.” cds (Towle unlisted) ties 3¢ #65 on cover; “From Carbondale, Ill. C. R.R.” cds (708-S-6, VI) on #65 cover; “Chi. to Green Bay R.P.O.” cds on #94 pair cover; “Louisville & Lexington R.R.” cds (524-B-1, VI) ties #11 on cover; etc.; some flaws, **F.-V.F.**, important exhibit balance.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$2,000 - 3,000

4610 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - New England Routes**, group of 25 on 20 exhibit pages, including “Worcester & Nashua R.R.” cds in blue on #26 cover and black on #65 cover; “Concord & Montreal R.R.” blue cds on 3¢ #26 cover; “Sun Val. R.R.” cds on 3¢ green entire; “Prov. & Stonington R.R.” cds on 3¢ #26 cover; “Northern R.R.” green cds on 1848 Franklin N.H. folded letter; “RAIL ROAD CAR” red straightline on 1845 Worcester Mass. folded letter to Ballston Spa N.Y.; “Atlantic & St. L. R.R.” blue cds on 1852 #11A cover from Buckfield Me.; etc.; some faults, **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$500 - 750





Ex 4616



Ex 4617

4611 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - New Jersey Routes**, group of 8 with some exhibit pages including “N.York & Phila. R.R.” red cds use to Burlington N.J.; “Masonville, C. & B. Co. R.R., Jun 6, 1873” station oval on 3¢ #158 cover; two “Morris & Essex R.R.” (250-A-1) cds on 3¢ #26 cover and 3¢ #65 cover; “N.J. S. R.R., Whitings” unlisted station oval as corner card on 3¢ #147 cover; “West Jersey R.R., Bridgeton” station cds backstamp on 1877 cover, etc., **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$200 - 300

**Chapter 4**  
**New York & New Haven Railroad Route Agent's CDS**

The first contract for the 78 mile New York to New Haven route was for Route 710 on July 1st 1849 at \$13,372 a year for three daily trips excluding Sundays. From July 1st 1853 the contract was for route 941 at \$19,500 a year for the same service.

**N. YORK & N. HAVEN R.R.**  
 APR / 8

Wrapper put onto Route 710 on April 8th circa 1849 and carried the full length of the route to New Haven for transfer to Providence. Received the Route Agent's CDS (Towle 70-D-1)

Map by G. Woolworth Colton of 1860 with the course of the New York & New Haven Railroad.

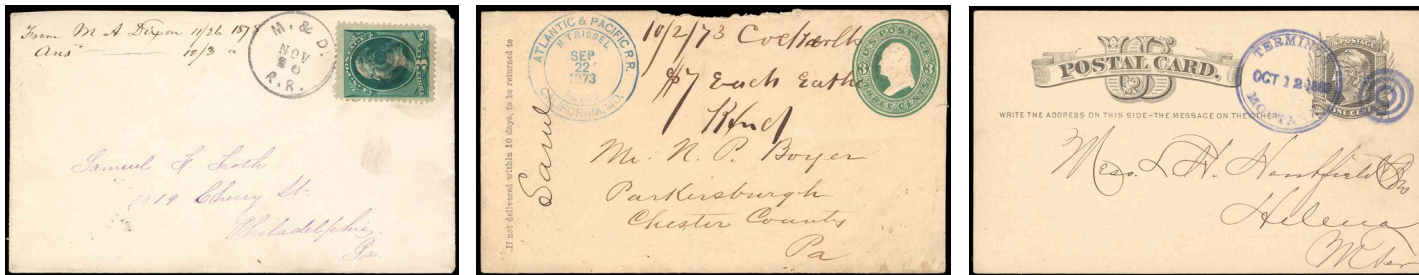
**N. YORK & N. HAVEN R.R.**  
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Ex 4612

4612 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - New York State Routes**, group of 30 covers and 3 documents on 28 exhibit pages, includes “Utica, N.Y.” red fancy double-oval with ms. “RR 37½” rating; “N. York & N. Haven R.R.” red cds (70-D-1) on 5¢ #1 cover; “Buffalo & Erie R.R.” blue cds on 3¢ #U10 buff Nesbitt entire; “Roch. To N. Falls R.P.O.” cds on 3¢ #U59 entire; “Watertown & Rome R.R.” cds on 3¢ #26 cover; Long Island R.R. “RAIL R” straightline on 1846 stampless letter; “Long Island R.R.” cds ties 3¢ #26 on cover; “RAILROAD” red straightline on 1840 Chittenango stampless letter; “Rail.Road” red arc handstamp on 1841 Johnstown N.Y. letter; 1866 Post Office railroad contact request; etc.; some faults, **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500

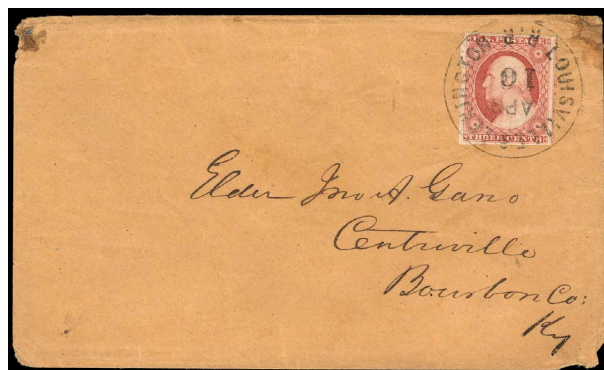
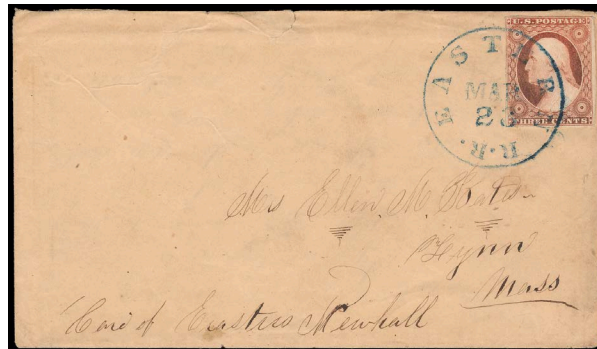
- 4613 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Pennsylvania Routes**, group of **10** mounted on exhibit pages including Magnus "Bird's Eye View of the City of Philadelphia" four-page unused lettersheet showing railroads, "Pitts. & Connellsville R.R." cds ties 3¢ #147 on cover; "P.Ft. W. & Chic. R.R., Moravia Station" octagon unlisted station on 3¢ #184 cover; two covers with "Cumberland Valley R.R." cds on 3¢ #65 cover and 3¢ #U58 entire; "Easton & Elmira Agt." cds on 1¢ postal card; "Wetmore, Phila. & Erie R.R." blue station oval on 3¢ #147 cover; etc.; some mixed condition, **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400
- 4614 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - South Carolina Routes**, group of **9** mounted on 7 exhibit pages, including ms. "S C RR" postmark on #11 lady's embossed envelope; "South Carolina R.R." (336-D-2) blue cds on #11A cover; "So. & Ca. R.R." (336-E-1) bold blue cds on 1¢ postal card; "North Eastern R.R." (340-C-1) on 3¢ #65 cover; "Northeastern R.R." (340-C-2) blue cds on 1¢ postal card; "C. & D. R.R., Doves" small double-circle (341-S-1) on 3¢ #114 cover; and "Greenv. & Columbia R.R." cds (337-B-3) on 3¢ #65 cover; few flaws, **F.-V.F. and scarce group**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400
- 4615 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Southern Routes**, group of **15** mounted on 12 exhibit pages including Florida, Miss., Alabama, North Carolina and Tennessee, note "Pensa. & Ga. R.R." blue cds (381-A-1) on 3¢ #158 cover; "J.P. & M. R.R." bold cds (381-B-1) on 3¢ #158 cover; "Via Jackson Rail Road" endorsement on 1¢ #24 printed circular to Boston; "Bristol & Chat. R.P.O." cds (500-G-2) on 1874 1¢ postal card use; "S. & N.A. R.R." cds (509-B-1) on 3¢ #147 cover; "R. & G.S. & R. R.R." blue cds on 3¢ #158 cover; "A & NC R.R." cds (323-C-2) on 3¢ #158 cover; "Wilmington & Raleigh Railroad" red cds (305-H-2) on 1844 stampless letter; some faults, **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400
- 4616 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Vermont Routes**, group of **7** on 5 exhibit pages including "Sullivan & Passumpsic R.R." cds ties 3¢ #26 on Island House, Bellow Falls Vt. corner card cover; "B. To Rouses Point R.P.O." cds on 3¢ #65 cover; "Vt. Div. P. & O. R.R." cds on stampless cover; "Bos & Essex Junction R.R." cds on 3¢ green entire; etc., **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400
- 4617 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Virginia Routes**, group of **10** mounted on exhibit pages including "Louisa - R. Road, Va" cds (303-A-1, VII) blue cds stampless cover; "Richmond R.R., Va" cds (305-B-1) ties two #10A singles on rebacked cover front; "Chesp. & O. R.R." cds (303-E-1) on 3¢ #U58 entire; "Chesa. & Ohio R.R." cds (303-D-3) on 1¢ postal card; "Richmond Rail Road" cds (305-A-1) on 1845 folded letter from Richmond to Baltimore; "R. & D. R.R., Wolf Trap" large blue double-circle (310-S-1) on 3¢ #147 cover; and "Rich. & York Riv. R.R." cds (306-A-1) on 3¢ #158 cover; etc.; some faults, **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400
- 4618 ☒ **Feldman Railroad Exhibit - Western Routes**, small group of 6 covers including "Cent. Pacific R.R." cds on Pacific Union Express Co. frank #U58 entire; "Cent. Pacific R.R." cds on Pacific Union Express Co. frank #U58 entire with Wells Fargo & Co. printed frank to Washington D.C.; "Union Pacific R.P.O." (932-G-1) on 3¢ #147 cover to Denver Col.; San Francisco Cal. Brooklyn Hotel ad cover with all-over "Chicago, Burlington & Omaha R.R. route map; etc.; some faults, **F.-V.F.**  
 Estimate. . . . . \$300 - 400



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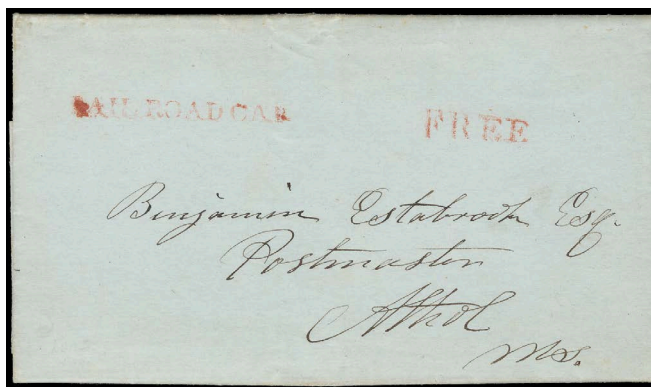
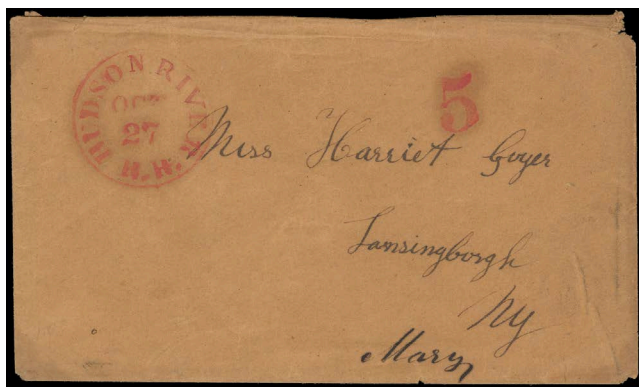
- 4619 ☒ **Railroad Postal History - 1870s**, large balance of over **260** from mostly 1870s plus some later; noted includes "Slatting. & Read. Agt." (184-A-1) on 3¢ entire; "S.M. & M. R.R." cds on #158 cover; "Atl. & Aug. R.P.O." cds (355-C-1) on 1¢ postal card; "N.D. & C. R.R., Verbank" blue station double-oval (111-S-4a) on #158 cover; "C.T.V. & W. Ry., Justus" blue double-circle #158 cover; "Delaware River R.R." cds on UX3; "From Jonesboro, Ill. Cen. R.R." cds (708-S-7) on #147 cover; "Atlantic & Pacific R.R., California, Mo." agent cds (805-S-1) listing copy on 3¢ entire; "May. & Lex. R.R." blue cds on #184 cover; "M. & D. R.R." cds on #184 cover; "West. Div. A.C. R.R." blue cds on #147 cover; "Rut. & Chat. Vil. Agt." cds (40-F-1) on 1¢ postal card; "Irv. & C. City Agt." cds (218-S-2 var) on 1¢ postal card; "Housatonic R.R." cds on #158 cover; "P.G. & C. R.R." cds on #147 cover; "S.C. R.R." cds (336-F-1) on #158 cover; "Pitts. & Law. Agt." cds on 1¢ postal card; "S. & N. A. R.R." cds (509-C-1) on #147 cover; "A. & N.C. R.R." cds (323-C-2) on #147 cover; "Pensa. & Ga. R.R." blue cds on 3¢ entire; "N.O. & Alexandria Agt" cds (436-A-2) on 2¢ red entire; "Law. & Brad. R.R." blue cds on #147 cover; two different "Lou. Cin. & Lex. R.R." oval stations of Jericho, Ky. and Paynes Kt. on #147, 158 covers; "Bur. & K. R.R." cds on #158 cover; "Central Iowa R.R., Newburg" negative fancy station oval (751-S-1) on #147 cover; "Rond. & Stam. Agt." cds on Grant & Colfax #147 campaign cover; "Terminus, Ariz." purple duplex on UX5; etc.; mixed condition, **F.-V.F. and important balance**.  
 Estimate. . . . . \$3,000 - 4,000





Ex 4620

4620 ☒ **Railroad Postal History - Classic 1850-69 Era Stamped**, group of 82 including many better, noted "Dav. & C. Bluffs R.P.O." duplex on #U59 entire; "Southern Miss. R.R." cds on #U9 Nesbitt entire; "Kent, Housatonic R.R." oval (88-S-6a) on #26 cover; "N.O. & Vicksburg R.R." dark blue cds (M-15-b, VII) on #26 cover; "Penobscot & Kennebec R.R." cds (4-I-1, VII) cds on #26 cover; "Madison & Indnpls R.R." red cds on #11A folded letter; "Sandusky & Newark R.R." cds (567-C-1) on #11A folded letter; "Eastern R.R." cds on #11A cover; "Boston & Cape Cod R.R." cds on #65 cover; "Adamstown, B & O R.R." oval on #88 cover; "Chi. to Centralia R.R." on #88 cover; "Milwk. & Horicon R.R." cds (840-A-1, VIII) on #65 cover; "R.W. & O.R.R. Kasoag" octagon station on #65 cover; "Cincinnati C & C R.R." cds (555-A-2, VII) cds on #11A cover; "Cumberland Valley R.R." cds on #26 cover; "Labanon Valley R.R." cds (183-A-1) on #65 cover; "New York & Erie R.R." blue cds (125-B-3, VI) cds on #11A cover; "Louisville & Lexington R.R." cds on #11A cover; "From Maroa, Ill. C. R.R." station cds (709-S-2, VII) on #26 cover, "Central R.R." cds on #65 cover; "Kennebunk & Portland R.R." cds on #11A cover; "Castleton, H.R. R.R." station cds (114-S-1) on #65 cover; "Penobscot & Ken. R.R." cds on #65 cover; etc.; mixed condition, **F.-V.F. & rare group**. Estimate. . . . . \$3,000 - 4,000



Ex 4621

4621 ☒ **Railroad Postal History - Stampless**, collection balance of 46 including red "N.Y. & Erie R.Road" cds, "Phila. Rail Road" red straightline on "New York '40' Mar 11" debit cds; "Baltimore, Rail Road" blue cds; "Mad Riv. & Lake Erie R.R." blue cds; "P & W RR" pencil route agent postmark; "Richmond Va. Rail Road" blue cds; "New York & Phila. R.R." blue cds; "N.Haven & Greenfield R.R." red cds; "Railroad Card" red straightline and "Free" handstamp; "Boston & Albany R.R." red cds; Utica N.Y. red fancy oval with "Rail Road" straightline, "Baltimore R.R." red straightline; "Boston & Fitchburg R.R." blue cds; etc.; some mixed condition, **F.-V.F.** Estimate. . . . . \$1,000 - 1,500

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