

VI.A. 1857 U.S.-French Convention - Direct to France - American / French Packet

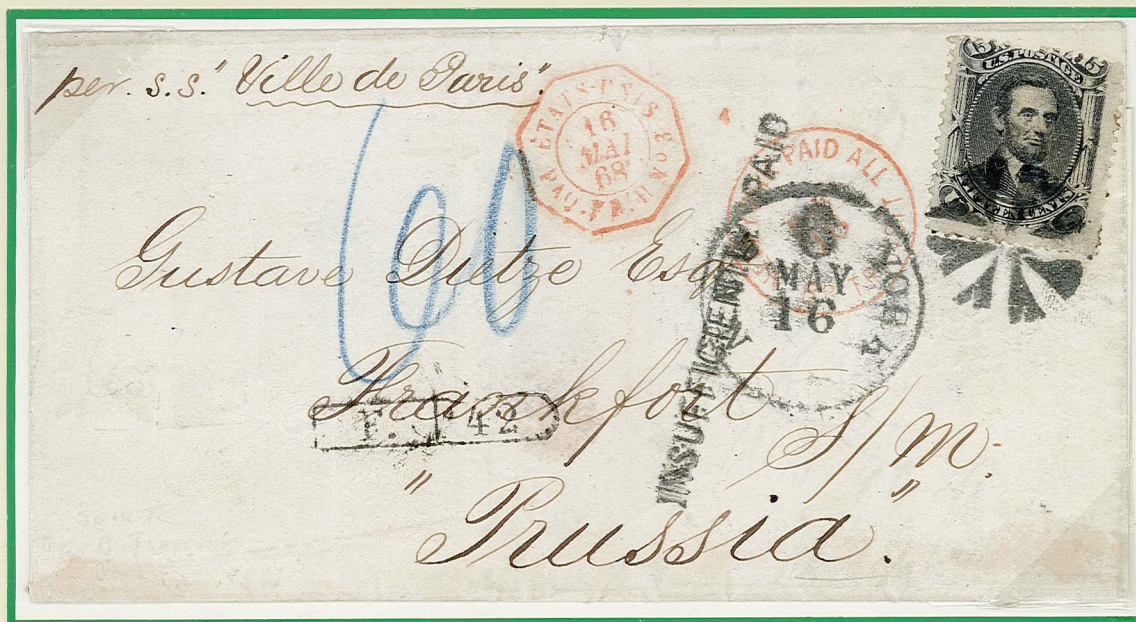
The U.S.-French Convention was effective 1 April 1857. Accounting for the postage depended on if the letter was: (1) sent direct to Le Havre or through England and (2) carried by American, British, or French packet. Credits on paid letters were indicated in red and debits on unpaid letters in black.



Used in blue from 1859-61, and in red from 1866-67.



American packet direct to Le Havre: 21¢ rate prepaid from Boston 13 September 1861 to Berlin, Prussia, by Arago (Havre Line), New York 14 September 1861, Le Havre 27 September 1861.



F. 42

Article 42 of the 1866 Franco-Thurn & Taxis Convention.

French packet direct to Le Havre: Double 21¢ rate unpaid direct from New York 16 May 1868 to Frankfurt am Main, Prussia, by *Ville de Paris* (French Line H), New York 16 May 1868, Le Havre 26 May 1868.

15¢ would have paid the ½ ounce Northern German Union closed mail rate. Endorsed for ship carrying French Convention mail (21¢ per ¼ ounce). Partial payment (by 15¢ E grill) disregarded and stamped **INSUFFICIENTLY PAID**.

The F. | 42 marking refers to Article 42 of the 1866 Franco-Thurn & Taxis Convention, under which unpaid letters from the U.S. through France to Thurn & Taxis were accounted.

	American Packet		French Packet
U.S. internal	3¢		6¢ debit to France
Sea	9¢		18¢
French transit	3¢] 9¢ credit to France	6¢
Transit to Germany	6¢		12¢
Totals	21¢		42¢ = 60 kr due

VI.B. 1857 U.S.-French Convention - Via England - American Packet Prepaid



Baden 3 kr,
Likely marked at
Kehl exchange
office.

British packet via England: Double 21¢ rate unpaid from Stuttgart, Württemberg, 14 December 1858 to Newark, New Jersey, by America (Cunard Line), Liverpool 18 December 1858, Boston 4 January 1859.

Under 1856 Baden-France Convention, Baden was due 3 kr per 15 grams for mail transited less than 10 German miles (4.61 English miles to a German mile), 6 kr for 10-20 German miles and 9 kr for greater distances. * / B.3K. / * and manuscript 3 (manuscript 2 crossed out) indicates 3 kr debit to France for Baden transit. T.F. means "Transit Français." Entered France at Strasbourg on 14 December 1858, where **BADE STRASB. / AMB. D** applied.



$\frac{6}{37}$
Shows
division
of 43 kr
payment

American packet via England: **43 kr** rate prepaid from Reichelsheim (**448**), Hessen-Darmstadt, 13 April 1859 to Pittsburgh by Bremen (North German Lloyd), Southampton 19 April 1859, New York 1 May 1859.

6/37 shows Thurn & Taxis division of **43 kr** payment between internal and foreign portion. Transit to French border was 6 kr per loth for 10-20 miles and 9 kr per loth over 20 miles (about 16.5 grams per loth).

Foreign portion credited to France for a double letter (between 4/20 and 9/20 loth) was **37 kr**. Letter entered France at Forbach, where **TOUR. T / 3 FORBACH 3** applied. Rated as double in France (probably 7.5 grams).

British Packet via England

German internal	12¢	} 36¢ debit to U.S.
French transit	8¢	
British transit	4¢	
Sea	12¢	
U.S. internal	6¢	
Totals	42¢	

American Packet via England

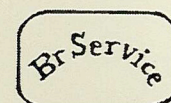
4/20 to 9/20 Loth	Double in France
6 kr	32¢
16¢	4¢
2¢	12¢
6¢	6¢
3¢	54¢
27¢	
43 kr	

} 18¢ credit
to U.S.

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Processed at Detroit exchange office, which sent letter to Quebec for Allen Line sailing.



Applied by Detroit exchange office

British Packet via England: Double 21¢ rate unpaid from Ann Arbor, Michigan, 24 June 1861 to Waldorf, Württemberg, by Jura (Allen Line), Quebec 29 June 1861, Londonderry 9 July 1861.

Br Service applied by Detroit exchange office. Local fees increase 60 kr or 1 sh 3 kr and 1 sh 5 kr.



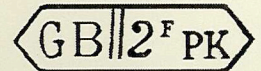
Although sent under the U.S.-French Convention, this Aachen entry mark generally applied to mail under the 1846 Anglo-Prussian Convention.

American Packet via England: Double 21¢ rate (2) prepaid (P.D.) from New York 1 August 1857 to Berlin, Prussia, by Vanderbilt (Vanderbilt Line), New York 1 August 1857, Southampton 11 August 1857.

	British Packet	American Packet
U.S. internal	6¢ debit to France	6¢
Sea	12¢	12¢
British transit	4¢	4¢
French internal	8¢	8¢
Foreign transit	12¢	12¢
Totals	42¢	42¢

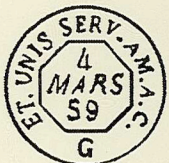
24¢ credit to France

VI.C. Pre- and 1857 U.S.-French Convention - Printed Matter



France paid Britain 2 francs per kilogram.

1849 U.S.-British Treaty / 1856 Anglo-French Convention: New Orleans 14 December 1856 to Augsburg, Bavaria, by *Africa* (Cunard Line), New York 24 December 1856, Liverpool 4 January 1857
First sailing during "Three Month Period" rates under new 1856 Anglo-French Convention and before 1857 U.S.-French Convention (1 January 1857 to 1 April 1857). England forwarded mail to France at **2 Francs Per Kilogram**. 7 kr due.

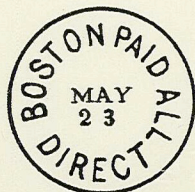


American service
Calais ambulant
post office.

1857 U.S.-French Convention: 2¢ circular rate prepaid from New Orleans 7 February 1859 to Schopfheim, Baden, by New York (North German Lloyd Line), New York 19 February 1859, Southampton 3 March 1859.
5 kr due (4 kr French, 1 kr Baden).

VII.A. U.S.-Northern German Union Convention - 1868 Rates - Direct

Effective 1 January 1868, the U.S. entered into a convention with the recently formed Northern German Union. The direct rate via Bremen or Hamburg was reduced to 10¢ (4 sgr or 14 kr) and the closed mail rate via England was reduced to 15¢ (6 sgr or 21 kr).



This Convention added Boston as an exchange office for direct mail.



10¢ direct rate prepaid from Dedham, Massachusetts, 23 May 1870 to Heidelberg by *Allemania* (Hamburg American Line), New York 24 May 1870, Hamburg 7 June 1870.



**BREMEN
17 9 68
FRANCO**

Applied in violet
from 1 January
1868 to Mid-1869.

10¢ rate prepaid from New York 4 September 1868 to Darmstadt, Germany, by *Deutschland* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 3 September 1868, Bremen 17 May 1868.

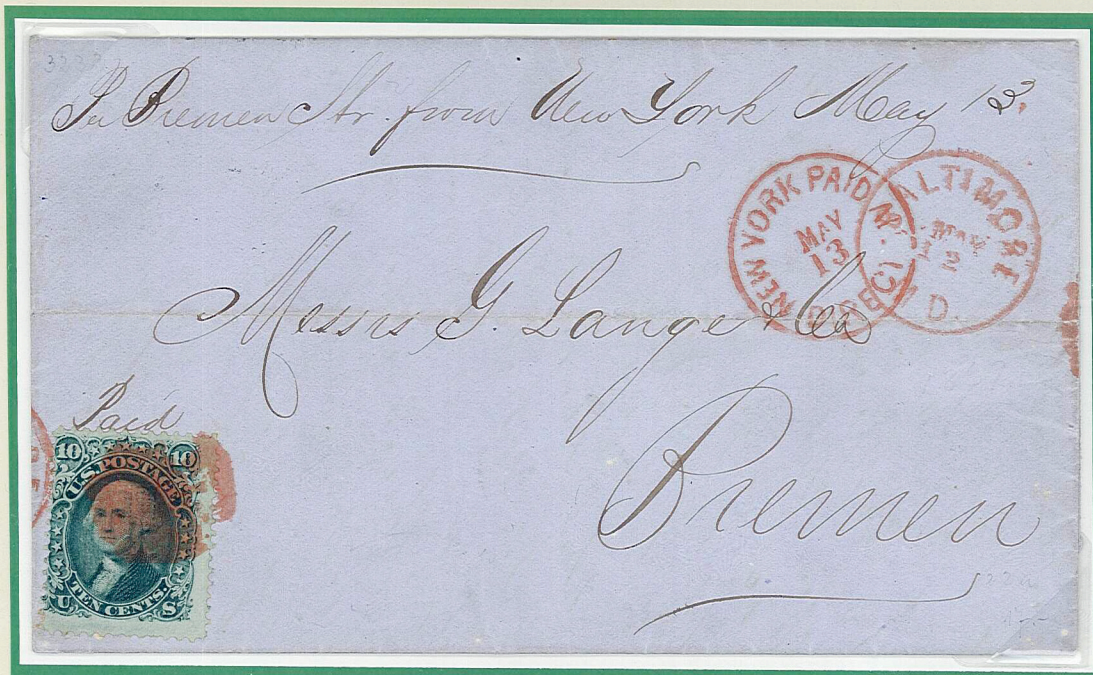
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1/2

(reverse)
½ groschen credit
to Hessen.

10¢ rate prepaid from San Antonio, Texas, 3 September 1869 to Wolfhagen, Hessen,
by Rhein (North German Lloyd Line), New York 16 September 1869, Bremen 28 September 1869.

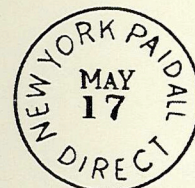


10¢ rate prepaid from Baltimore, Maryland, 12 May 1869 to Bremen
by Hermann (North German Lloyd Line), New York 13 May 1869, Bremen 24 May 1869.
Boxed Bremen receiving mark not struck on letters addressed to Bremen.

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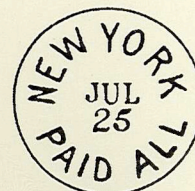
10¢ rate (2¢ overpaid) from Camp Stockton, Texas, 2 February 1870 to Mecklenburg Schwerin by Donau (North German Lloyd Line), New York 19 February 1870, Bremen 3 March 1870.



Used from April
1868 to
December 1873.

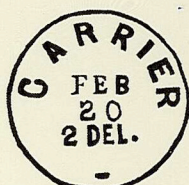
10¢ rate prepaid from Baltimore, Maryland, 16 May 1870 to Bremen by Hammonia II (Hamburg American Line), New York 17 May 1870, Hamburg 30 May 1870. Paid all and Baltimore duplex postmark and killer are Baltimore foreign mail markings.

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Used from 1
January 1868 to
July 1873.

4 sgr (10¢) rate prepaid from Bonn, Rhenish Prussia, 8 July 1868 to New York
by Weser II (North German Lloyd Line), Bremen 11 July 1868, New York 24 July 1868.

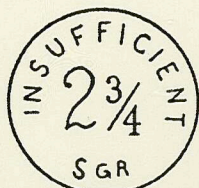


(reverse)
Washington, D.C.,
carrier service
delivered letter to
addressee

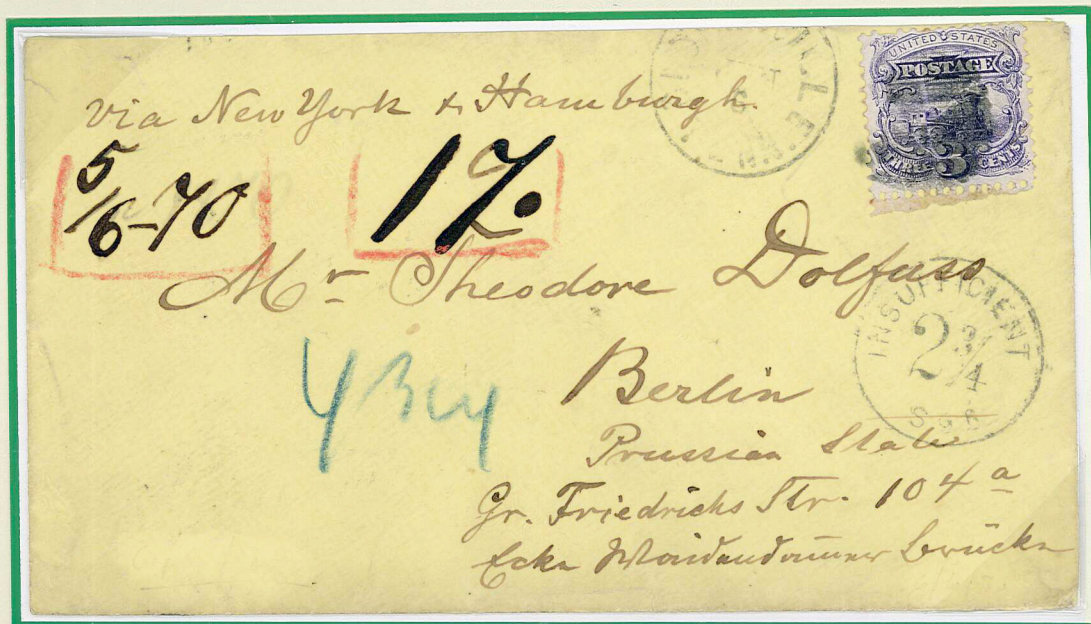
14 kr (10¢) rate prepaid from Kehl, Baden, 1 February 1870 to Washington, D.C.,
by Main (North German Lloyd Line), Bremen 5 February 1870, New York 19 February 1870.
From the U.S. consulate Strasbourg, France. Carried across the Rhine and
mailed from Kehl, Baden. 3 sgr foreign postage marked.

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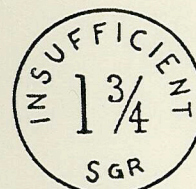
Prepayment was optional, but Article VII imposed a 5¢ or 2 sgr penalty if unpaid or insufficiently paid. The penalty was not increased for double rate letters.



Applied in New York.



Single 10¢ rate insufficiently paid from Blountsville, Tennessee, 6 June 1870 to Berlin, Prussia, by Weser II (North German Lloyd Line), New York 11 June 1870, Bremen 23 June 1870.



Rare example of a U.S. marking that converts the deficiency to a foreign currency.

Double 10¢ rate insufficiently paid from New York 26 March 1870 to Harpstedt, Hanover, by Deutschland (North German Lloyd Line), New York 26 March 1870, Bremen 10 April 1870. Hansa was advertised to carry mail, but letter sent on Deutschland.

	Single Rate		Double Rate	
Direct mail rate	10¢		20¢	
Prepaid	(3¢)		(15¢)	
Deficiency	7¢	=	5¢	=
Underpaid penalty				
Due		2 3/4 sgr		1 3/4 sgr
		2 sgr		2 sgr
		4 3/4 sgr		3 3/4 sgr

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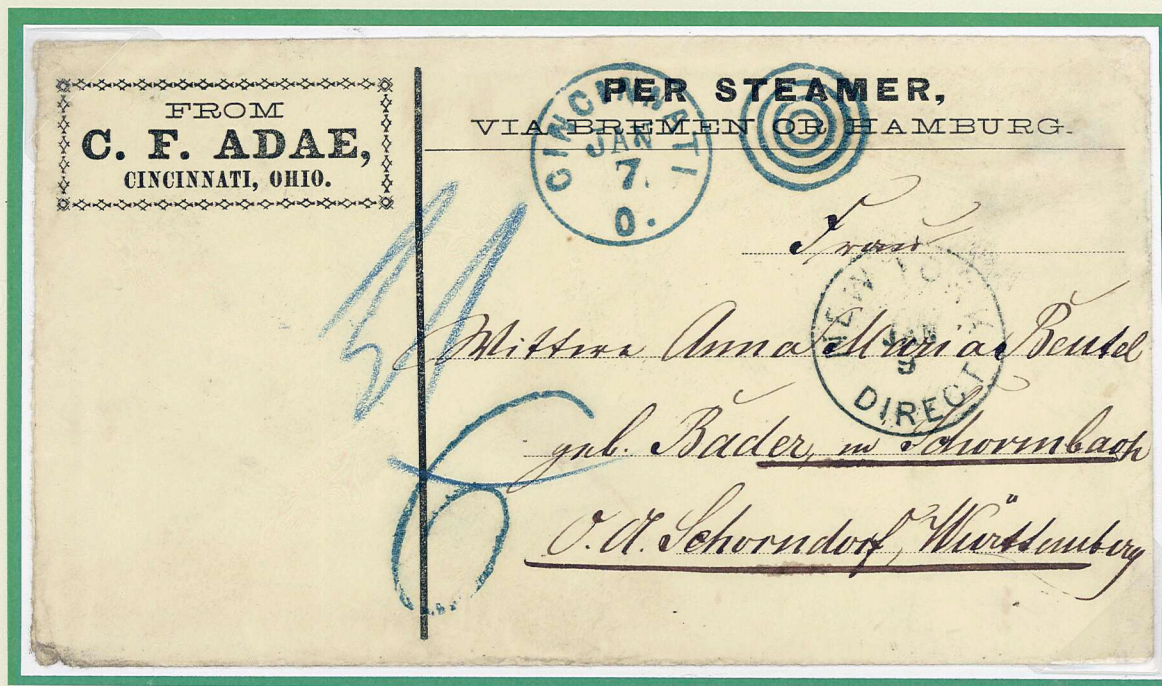
4 sgr rate prepaid from Kiel, Holstein, 1 April 1870 to Oswego, New York, by Silesia (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 6 April 1870, New York 19 April 1870. Schleswig and Hostein became a part of Prussia in 1866.



Triple 10¢ rate **INSUFFICIENTLY PAID** from Dixon's Springs, Tennessee, 13 November 1869 to Berlin by Silesia (Hamburg American Line), New York 30 November 1869, Hamburg 12 December 1869. Blue crayon 3 at upper left indicates triple rate.

Direct mail rate	30¢		
Prepaid	(9¢)		
Deficiency	21¢	=	8¼ sgr
Underpaid penalty			2 sgr
Due			10¼ sgr

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6 sgr due.
Applied in
Bremen.

Single 10¢ rate unpaid from Cincinnati, Ohio, 7 January 1868 to Schornbach, Württemberg, by *Deutschland* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 9 January 1868, Bremen 21 January 1868.



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Applied in New
York to indicate
double rate.

Double 10¢ rate unpaid from Cincinnati, Ohio, 30 April 1868 to Vaihingen, Württemberg, by *Germania* (Hamburg American Line), New York 5 May 1868, Hamburg 19 May 1868.
2 indicates two rates, as required by Section VI of Regulations under the Convention.
2 sgr penalty if unpaid or insufficiently paid. The penalty was not increased for double rate letter.

Direct mail rate
Underpaid penalty
Due

Single Rate	
10¢	4 sgr
5¢	2 sgr
15¢	6 sgr = 21 kr

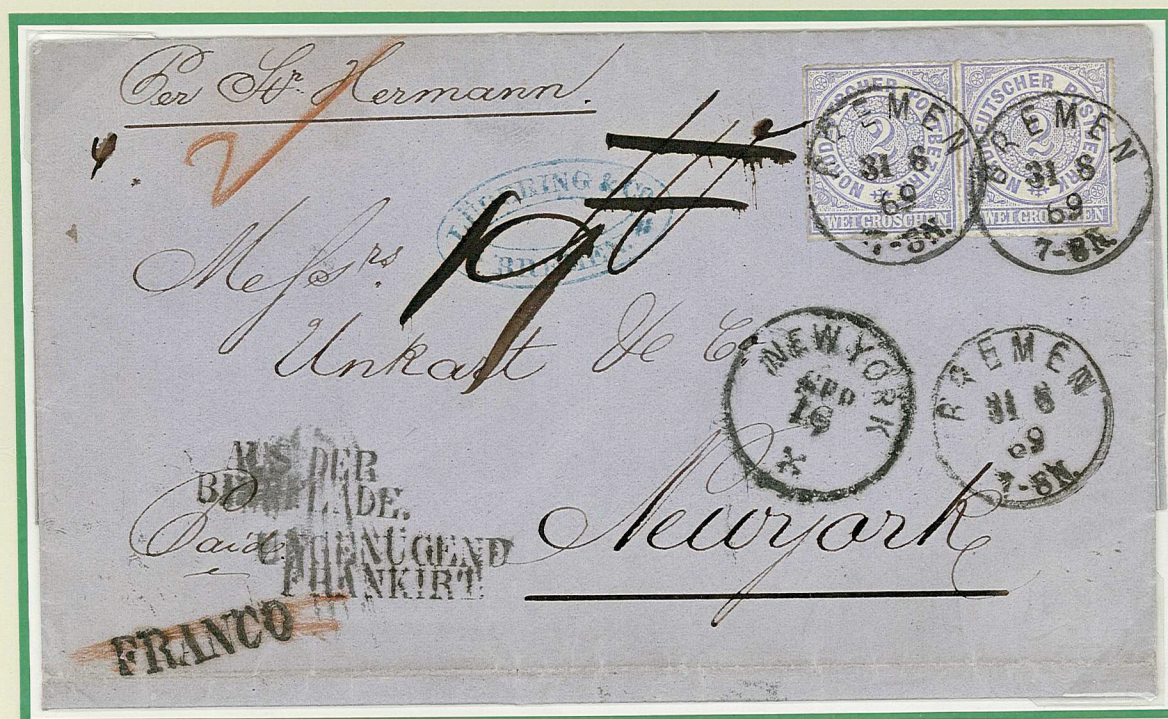
Double Rate	
20¢	8 sgr
5¢	2 sgr
25¢	10 sgr = 35 kr

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Marking shows only
19¢ due in U.S.
notes, not the 15¢
specie equivalent.

Single 4 sgr (10¢) direct rate unpaid from Hamburg 27 April 1869 to New York
by *Hermann* (North German Lloyd Line), Hamburg 28 April 1869, New York 10 May 1869.



**AUS DER
BRIEFLADE.**

From the letter box.

**UNGENÜGEND
FRANKIRT**

Insufficiently paid.

Double **4 sgr** (10¢) direct rate insufficiently paid from Bremen 31 August 1869 to New York
by *Hermann* (North German Lloyd Line), Bremen 1 September 1869, New York 15 September 1869.
2 indicates double rate.

	Single Rate Letter	Insufficiently Paid Letter
Direct/closed mail rate	4 sgr	8 sgr
Prepaid		(4 sgr)
Deficiency	4 sgr = 10¢	4 sgr = 10¢
Underpaid penalty	5¢	5¢
Due	15¢ = 19¢ in U.S. NOTES	15¢ = 19¢ in U.S. notes

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According to Article X, the registration fee (which was in addition to the postage) could not exceed 10¢ in the U.S. and 2 sgr in the Northern German Union.

Recomandirt

Registered.
Applied in
Aachen.



Double (2) 4 sgr rate prepaid and **Recomandirt** (registered) from Hamburg 24 November 1868 to New York by *Holsatia* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 25 November 1868, New York 8 December 1868.
10 sgr prepaid (8 sgr double rate 2 sgr registration fee).



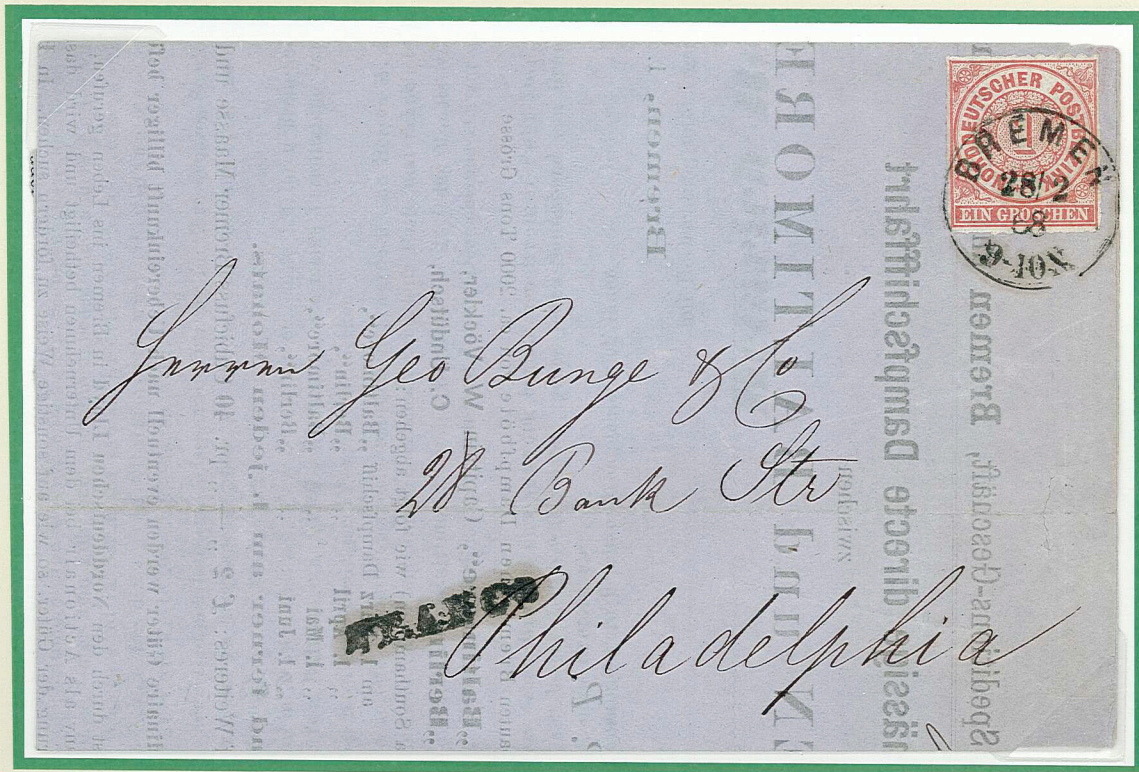
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US NOTES

18¢ due in U.S. notes.
Depreciated currency
marking applied in Chicago.

10¢ direct rate via Hamburg unpaid from Chemnitz, Saxony, 18 July 1868 to St. Louis, Missouri, by *Holsatia* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 22 July 1868, New York 3 August 1868.
Regulations under the Convention established Chicago as one of the exchange offices for mail from Hamburg.

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1 sgr circular rate paid from Bremen 28 February 1868 to Philadelphia by Hermann (North German Lloyd Line), Bremen 29 February 1868, New York 4 March 1868. This circular announced the North German Lloyd Line's new service between Bremen and Baltimore that began 1 March 1868. This line connected with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which financed half the cost of the first two new ships that would provide the transatlantic service.



7/12 wf

7/12 wf (weiterfranco) shows that of the 4 kr, 7 pfennige (7/12 sgr) was foreign postage.

4 kr direct mail circular rate prepaid from Emmendingen, Baden, 30 June 1870 to New York by Weser II (North German Lloyd Line), Bremen 2 July 1870, New York 15 July 1870.

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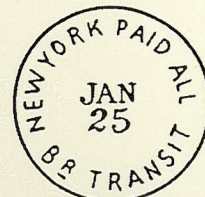
3 a.P.

(reverse)
3 a.P. or "3 silbergroschen
auslage Porto." This refers to
the foreign postage for an
unpaid letter from the U.S.

16¢ rate **INSUFFICIENTLY PAID** from Hartford, Connecticut, 4 March 1870 to Copenhagen, Denmark, by *Union* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 5 March 1870, Bremen 19 March 1870. Regulations under the Convention specified that postage between Northern German Union and Denmark was 1 sgr if prepaid but 2 sgr if unpaid. 3 a.P. on the reverse indicates 3 sgr auslage Porto (foreign postage from the U.S. via Bremen to Prussia) debit from Prussia to Denmark.

Unpaid direct rate	3 sgr]	24 skilling
Prussian internal and transit to Denmark	2 $\frac{2}{3}$ sgr		5 skilling
Danish internal			29 skilling due
Due	5 $\frac{2}{3}$ sgr		

VII.A. U.S.-Northern German Union Convention - 1868 Rates - Closed Mail



Indicated routing through Britain, not by a British packet. Used January 1868 to June 1875.

15¢ rate prepaid from Hartford, Connecticut, 24 January 1868 to Heidelberg, Baden, by City of Boston (Inman Line), New York 25 January 1868, Queenstown 5 February 1868. **VERVIERS.A / 6/2 III / COELN / FRANCO** (blue used only a short time in 1868).



VERVIERS. A
13 4 5
COELN
FRANCO

Applied in red beginning in late Winter 1868.

15¢ rate prepaid from New York 30 March 1870 to Stuttgart, Württemberg, by Manhattan (Guion Line), New York 30 March 1870, Queenstown 11 April 1870. **VERVIERS.A / 13 4 5 / COELN / FRANCO** in red.