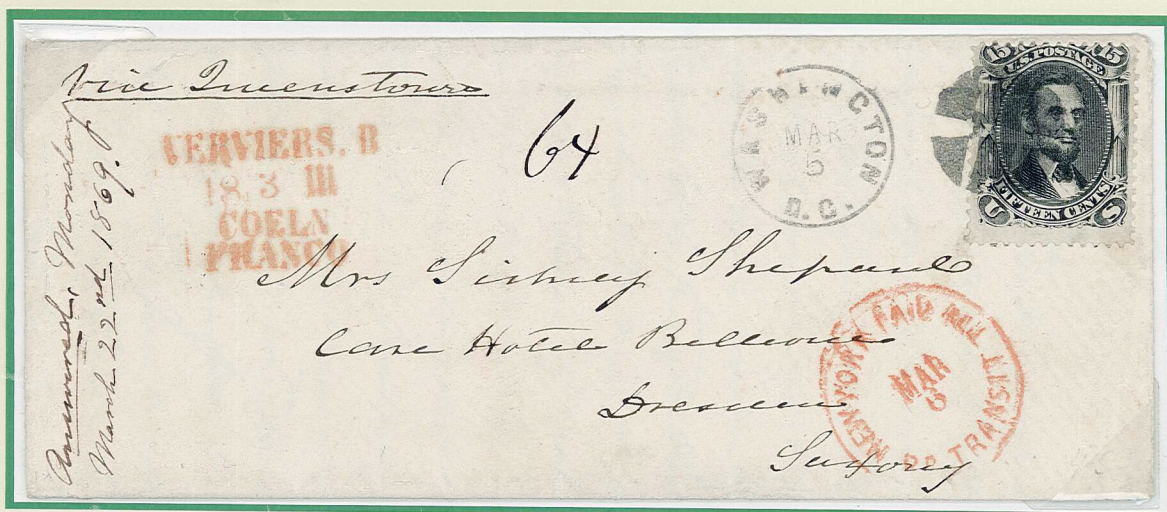


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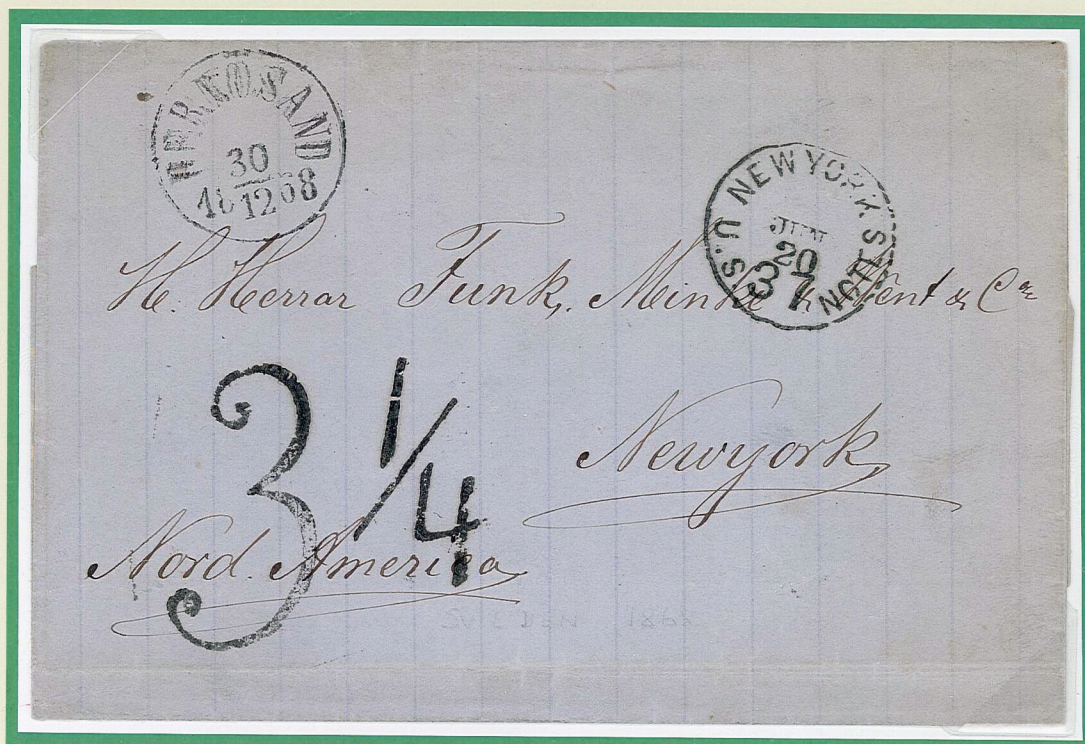


15¢ rate prepaid from Washington, D.C., 5 March 1869 to Dresden, Saxony,
by City of London (Inman Line), New York 6 March 1869, Queenstown 16 March 1869.
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3¼ a.P.

(reverse)

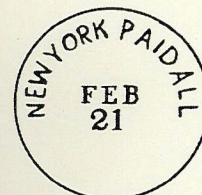
Applied on Keil-Hamburg
railroad to indicate 3¼ sgr
auslage Porto (foreign
postage) due Prussia.



28¢ rate unpaid from Hernösand, Sweden, 30 December 1868 to New York
by City of Brooklyn (Inman Line), Queenstown 7 January 1869, New York 20 January 1869.
New York used **JUN** slug used by mistake. Aachen office applied large 3¼ on the front to indicate 3¼ sgr debit to
the U.S. Under Article VII, the 5¢ underpaid penalty did not enter into the accounts between the two offices.
However, the depreciation ratio indicates New York included the penalty when computing the depreciated equivalent.

Swedish transit	3¼ sgr	8¢
Closed mail rate	6 sgr	15¢
Underpaid penalty	2 sgr	5¢
Totals	11¼ sgr	28¢ or 37¢ in U.S. NOTES

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Used in red
from April 1868
to July 1871.

6 sgr rate prepaid from Bremen 8 February 1870 to New York
by City of Brooklyn (Inman Line), Queenstown 11 February 1870, New York 20 February 1870.
Endorsed via Queenstown since next Bremen or Hamburg sailing was not until 12 February 1870.



21 kr rate prepaid from Würzburg (598), Bavaria, 26 February 1869 to Boston
by Hermann (North German Lloyd Line), Southampton 2 March 1869, New York 14 March 1869.
Prepaid for closed mail rate and 5 sgr closed mail foreign postage marked.
Although endorsement **Via England** was crossed out, 5 sgr credit indicates letter sent in the closed mail.

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4
4¢ credit to the
Northern German
Union for transit
beyond Germany.

19¢ rate prepaid from New York 7 May 1870 to Rome, Papal States,
by City of Antwerp (Inman Line), New York 7 May 1870, Queenstown 17 May 1870.

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2½ sgr debit to U.S.
Applied in Aachen.



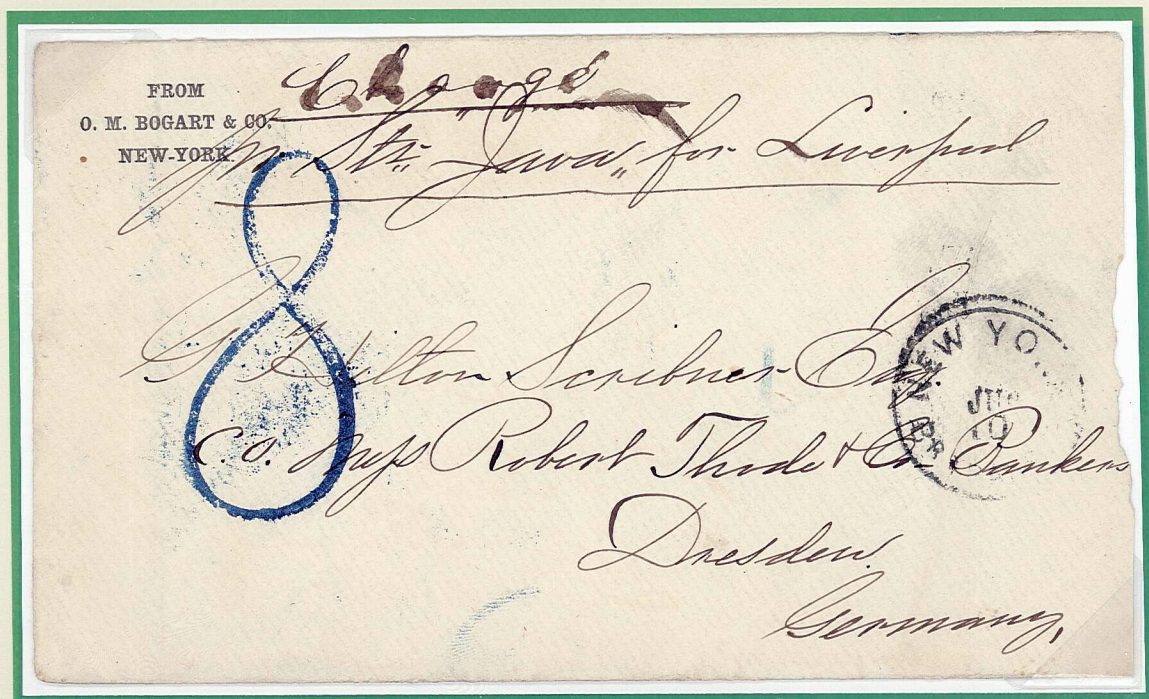
Unpaid from Rome, Papal States, 18 January 1870 to New York
by *Nemesis* (Cunard Line), Queenstown 23 January 1870, New York 5 February 1870.
Contrary to tables in the Regulations under the Convention, covers indicate postage between the Northern
German Union and the Papal States was 1½ sgr if prepaid but 2½ sgr if unpaid. 2½ sgr debit to U.S. Under
Article VII, the 5¢ underpaid penalty did not enter into the accounts between the two offices. However,
the depreciation ratio indicates New York included the penalty when computing the depreciated equivalent.

	Prepaid		Unpaid
Italian transit	4¢ = 1½ sgr	2½ sgr	6¢
Closed mail rate	15¢	6 sgr	15¢
Underpaid penalty		2 sgr	5¢
Totals	19¢	10½ sgr	26¢ or 31¢ in U.S. NOTES

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Singe 8 sgr due (6 sgr closed mail rate plus 2 sgr penalty). Scarce handstamp applied on Verviers-Cologne railroad.



15¢ (6 sgr) closed mail rate unpaid from New York 10 June 1868 to Dresden, Saxony, by Java (Cunard Line), New York 10 June 1868, Queenstown 19 June 1868.



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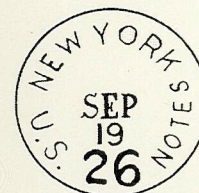
14 sgr due (12 sgr double closed mail rate plus 2 sgr penalty). Scarce handstamp applied on Verviers-Cologne railroad.

Double 15¢ (6 sgr) closed mail rate unpaid from San Francisco 11 January 1868 to Gschwend, Württemberg, by Java (Cunard Line), New York 10 January 1868, Queenstown 19 June 1868. Endorsed **per steamer**, but the letter was **Too Late** for steamer.

Single Rate	
Closed mail rate	6 sgr
Underpaid penalty	2 sgr
Due	8 sgr

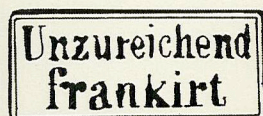
Double Rate	
Closed mail rate	12 sgr
Underpaid penalty	2 sgr
Due	14 sgr = 49 kr

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Marking shows only
26¢ due in U.S.
notes, not the 20¢
specie equivalent.

Single 6 sgr (15¢) closed mail rate unpaid from Bremen 5 September 1868 to New York
by Hermann (North German Lloyd Line), Southampton 8 September 1868, New York 19 September 1868.



Insufficiently paid.

Double 6 sgr (15¢) closed mail rate insufficiently paid from Bremen 30 August 1868 to New York
by Weser II (North German Lloyd Line), Southampton 1 September 1868, New York 12 September 1868.
2 indicates double rate

	Unpaid Letter	Insufficiently Paid Letter
Direct/closed mail rate	6 sgr	12 sgr
Prepaid		(5 sgr)
Deficiency	6 sgr = 15¢	7 sgr = 18¢
Underpaid penalty	5¢	5¢
Due	20¢ = 26¢ in U.S. NOTES	23¢ = 31¢ in U.S. notes

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8¢ closed mail circular rate prepaid from New York 1 August 1868 to Bremen by City of Paris (Inman Line), New York 1 August 1868, Queenstown 10 August 1868.



20¢ rate prepaid from New York 5 February 1868 to Neihum, Switzerland, by Russia (Cunard Line), New York 5 February 1868, Queenstown 14 February 1868.
Wfro 2 means weiterfranco (foreign postage) 2 sgr.

Closed mail rate
Transit to Switzerland
Prepaid

15¢
5¢ = 2 sgr credit to Germany
20¢

5

5¢ credit to the
North German
Union. Applied in
New York.

VII.B. U.S.-Northern German Union Convention - 1870 Rates - Direct

Effective 1 July 1870 the direct rate was reduced to 7¢ (3 sgr or 11 kr) and the closed mail rate was reduced to 10¢ (4 sgr or 14 kr). These reduced rates stayed in effect only until 1 October 1871. However, the Bremen and Hamburg lines' suspension of service from 1 July 1870 to 29 October 1870 because of the Franco-Prussian War delayed the start of the 7¢ direct rate.



7¢ rate prepaid from New York 12 August 1871 to Lübeck
by Hermann (North German Lloyd Line), New York 12 August 1871, Bremen 25 August 1871.



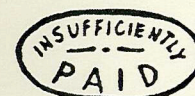
(reverse)
Chicago became an
exchange office
under Article II of the
1868 Convention.

7¢ rate prepaid from Chicago 31 July 1871 to Gladbach, Rhenish Prussia,
by Bremen (North German Lloyd Line), New York 3 August 1871, Bremen 16 August 1871.

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3 sgr (7¢) rate prepaid from Cologne 28 March 1871 to Bloomington, Illinois, by *Rhein* (North German Lloyd Line), Bremen 1 April 1871, New York 15 April 1871.



Applied in Philadelphia.



Section 1.b of the Regulations under the 1868 Convention established Philadelphia as an exchange office for mail direct from Bremen.

Double 7¢ rate insufficiently paid from Beatty, Pennsylvania, 5 May 1871 to Munich, Bavaria, by *Bremen* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 11 May 1871, Bremen 25 May 1871.

Article II changed the underpaid penalty to the unpaid rate (double the prepaid rate), after deducting the prepaid amount. Crayon 2 indicates double rate. 7 is the underpayment.

Double direct rate	14¢
Underpaid penalty	14¢
Less prepayment	(7¢)
Due	21¢ = 9¼ sgr = 33 kr

VII.B. U.S.-Northern German Union Convention - 1870 Rates - Closed Mail

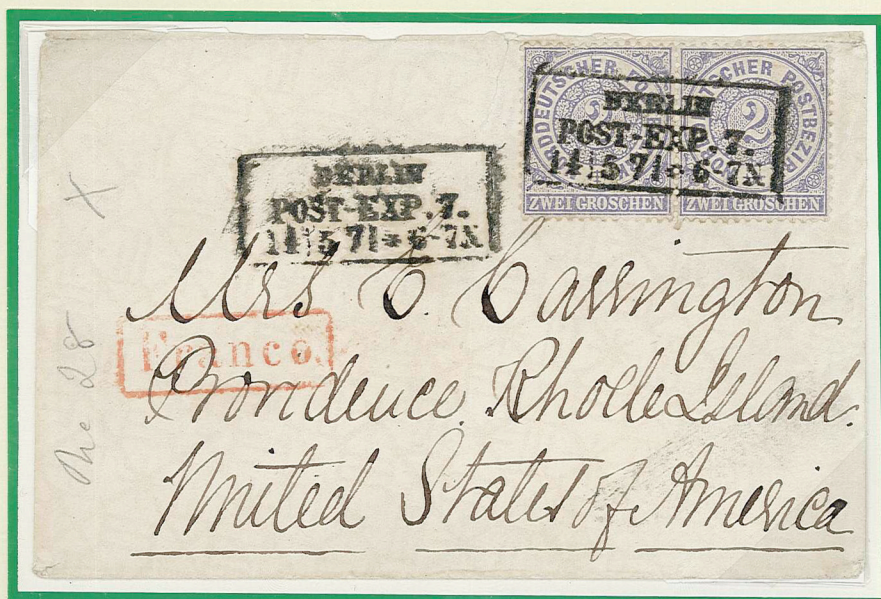


Single 10¢ rate prepaid from San Francisco 30 November 1870 to Hamburg by Nebraska (Guion Line), New York 7 December 1870, Queenstown 19 December 1870.



Triple 10¢ rate prepaid from Greencastle, Pennsylvania, 9 January 1871 to Heidelberg, Baden, by Wisconsin (Guion Line), New York 11 January 1871, Queenstown 21 January 1871.

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4 sgr rate prepaid from Berlin, Prussia, 14 May 1871 to Providence, Rhode Island, by City of Boston (Inman Line), Queenstown 17 May 1871, New York 27 May 1871



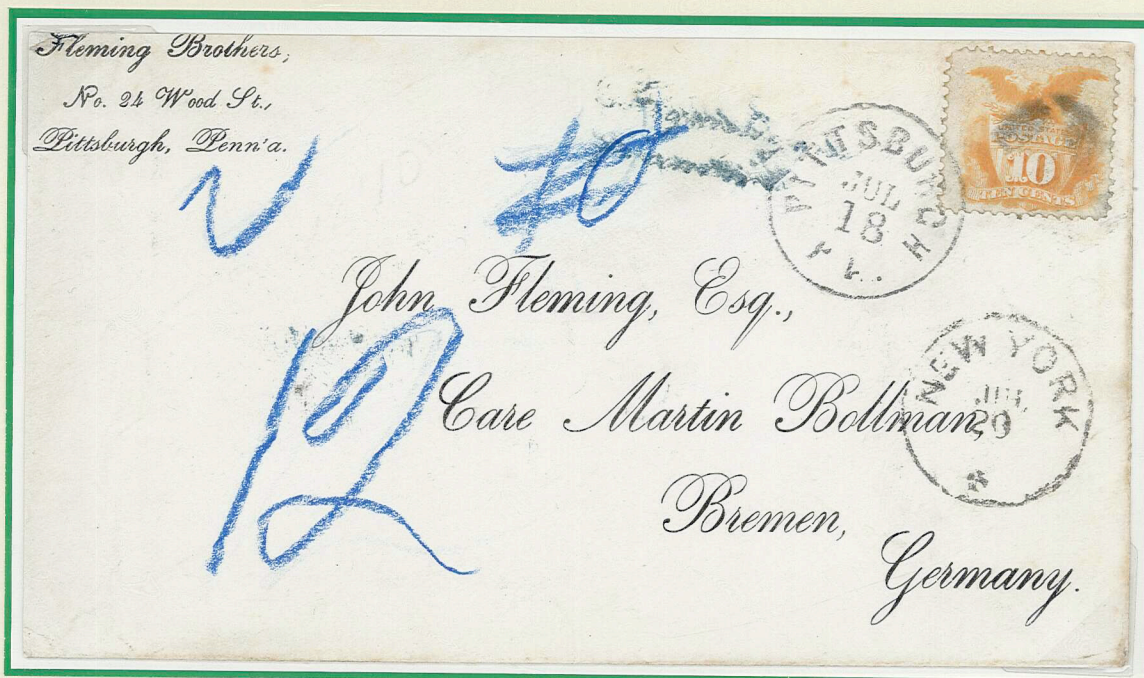
14 kr rate overpaid from Munich, Bavaria, 6 December 1870 to Boston by City of Brussels (Inman Line), Queenstown 9 December 1870, New York 21 December 1870. Marked **Franco** (paid). Sender paid prior 22 kr closed mail rate. 3 sgr foreign postage.

VII.B. U.S.-Northern German Union Convention - 1870 Rates - Closed Mail

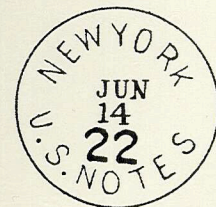
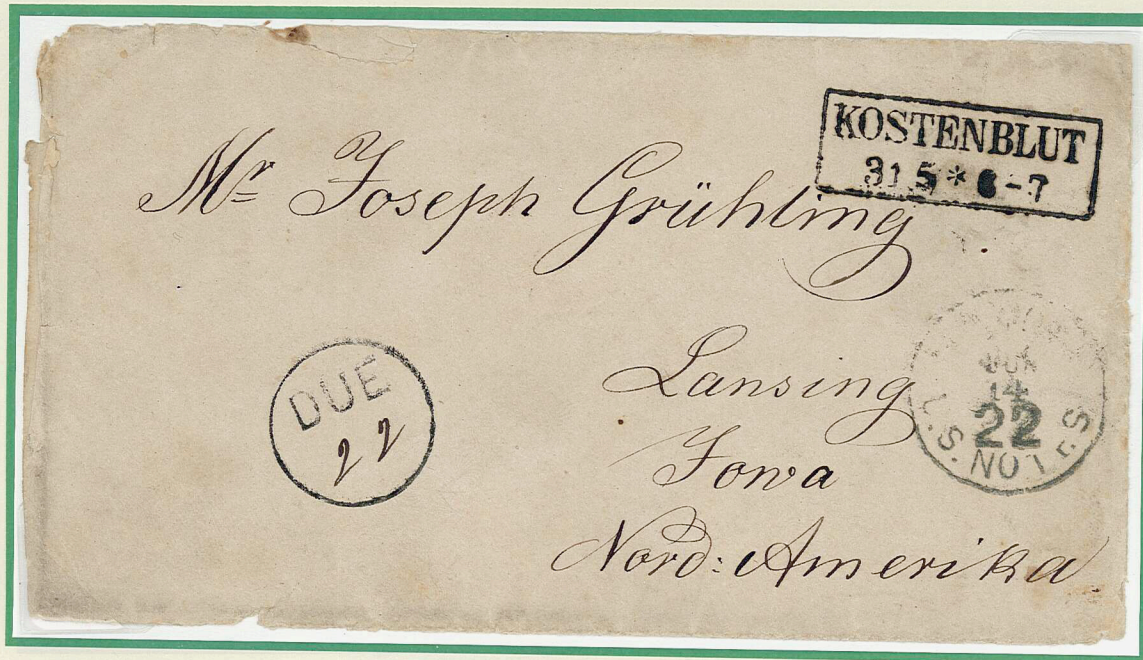
Article II of an 1870 amendment changed underpaid penalty to the unpaid rate (double the prepaid rate), after deducting the prepaid amount.

ungenügend frankirt

ungenügend frankirt
(insufficiently paid) struck
aboard the Verviers Coeln
ambulant post office.



Double 10¢ rate insufficiently paid from Pittsburgh 18 July 1870 to Bremen by *Colorado* (Guion Line), New York 20 July 1870, Queenstown 31 July 1870. Crayon 2 indicates double, 10 is the underpayment.



Marking shows only
22¢ due in U.S.
notes, not the 20¢
specie equivalent.

Single 10¢ (4 sgr) rate unpaid from Kostenblut 31 May 1871 to Lansing, Iowa, by *Russia* (Cunard Line), Queenstown 4 June 1871, New York 13 June 1871. Small **Due 22** applied in Lansing, Iowa.

Double Rate to Bremen	
Double closed mail rate	20¢
Underpaid penalty	20¢
Less prepayment	(10¢)
Due	30¢ = 12 sgr

Single Rate to Lansing	
Single closed mail rate	10¢
Underpaid penalty	10¢
Due	20¢ = 22¢ in U.S. NOTES

VII.B. U.S.-Northern German Union Convention - 1870 Rates - Closed Mail

By July 1870, the deficient postage no longer had to be marked in the other country's currency.



10¢ closed mail rate **INSUFFICIENTLY PAID** from Waverly, Illinois, 1 February 1871 to Hohenhameln, Hanover, by City of Antwerp (Inman Line), New York 4 February 1871, Queenstown 15 February 1871.



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(reverse)
Applied on Keil-Hamburg
railroad to indicate 3 sgr
auslage Porto (foreign
postage) due Prussia.

From Horten, Norway, 22 August 1871 to Portsmouth, New Hampshire,
by Donau (North German Lloyd Line), Southampton 29 August 1871, New York 9 September 1871.
Carried by ship from Arendal, Norway, to Frederikshavn, Denmark. 3 sgr debit to U.S. Regulations under the Convention
specified that postage between Northern German Union and Norway was 2½ sgr if prepaid but 3 sgr if unpaid.

To Hanover	
Closed mail rate	
Underpaid penalty	10¢
Less prepayment	(3¢)
Due	17¢ = 6¼ sgr

From Norway	
Unpaid rate from Norway	3 sgr 7¢
Closed mail rate	4 sgr 10¢
Underpaid penalty	4 sgr 10¢
Due	11 sgr 27¢ = 31¢ in U.S. NOTES

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Triple 3 sgr (7¢) rate insufficiently paid from Kiel, Holstein, 19 July 1870 to Oswego, New York, by *Hammonia II* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 20 July 1870, New York 1 August 1870. Letter was too late for *Hammonia II* from Hamburg and letter sent in closed mail through England. Red crayon 3 at upper right indicates the prepayment.

Closed mail rate
Underpaid penalty
Less prepayment
Due

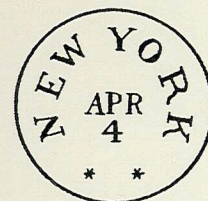
4 sgr
4 sgr
(3 sgr)
5 sgr = 13¢ or 15¢ in U.S. NOTES

VII.C. U.S.-Northern German Union Convention - 1871 Rates - Direct

Effective 12 July 1871 the direct rate was reduced to 6¢ (2½ sgr or 9 kr) for letters via Stettin and on 1 October 1871, the direct rate via Bremen or Hamburg was reduced to 6¢ (2½ sgr or 9 kr) and the closed mail rate was reduced to 7¢ (3 sgr or 10 kr).



6¢ rate prepaid from Rhinecliff, New York, 22 November 1872 to Leipzig, Germany, by Main (North German Lloyd Line), New York 23 November 1872, Bremen 7 December 1872.



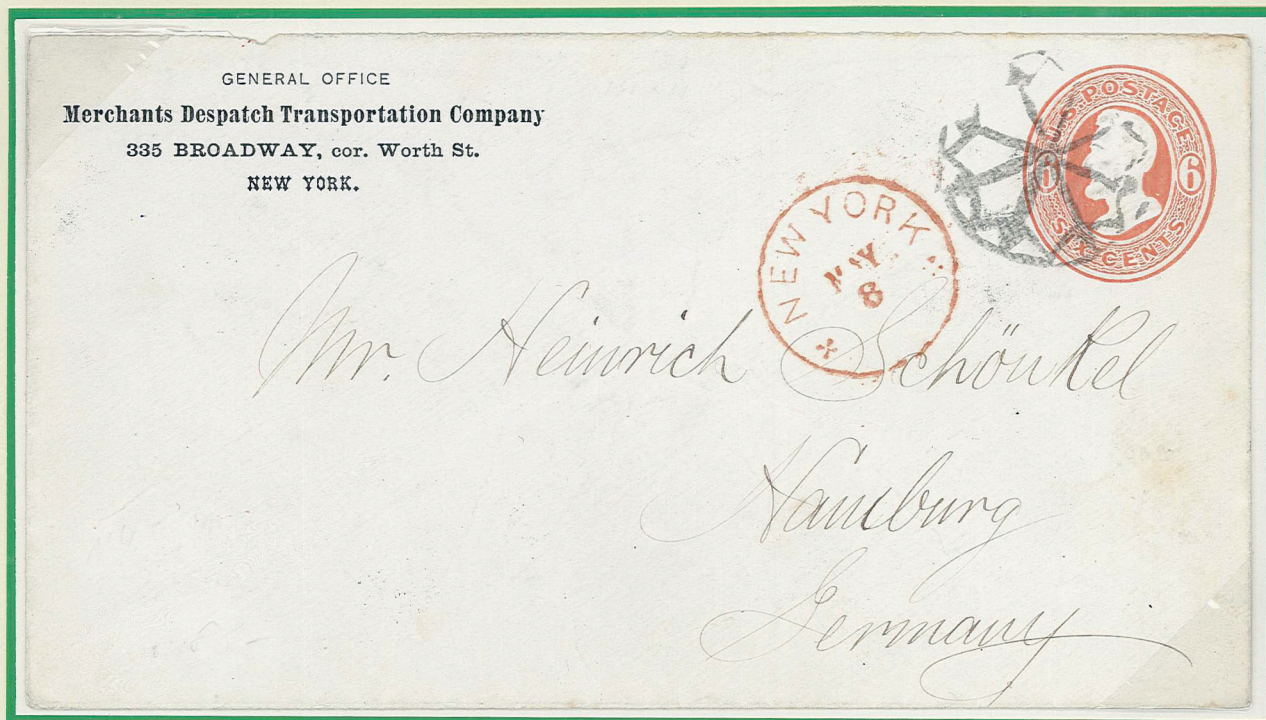
Used in red from May 1870 to November 1876.

6¢ rate prepaid from New York 3 April 1874 to Stuttgart, Germany, by Hermann (North German Lloyd Line), New York 4 April 1874, Bremen 18 April 1874.

VII.C. U.S.-Northern German Union Convention - 1871 Rates - Direct

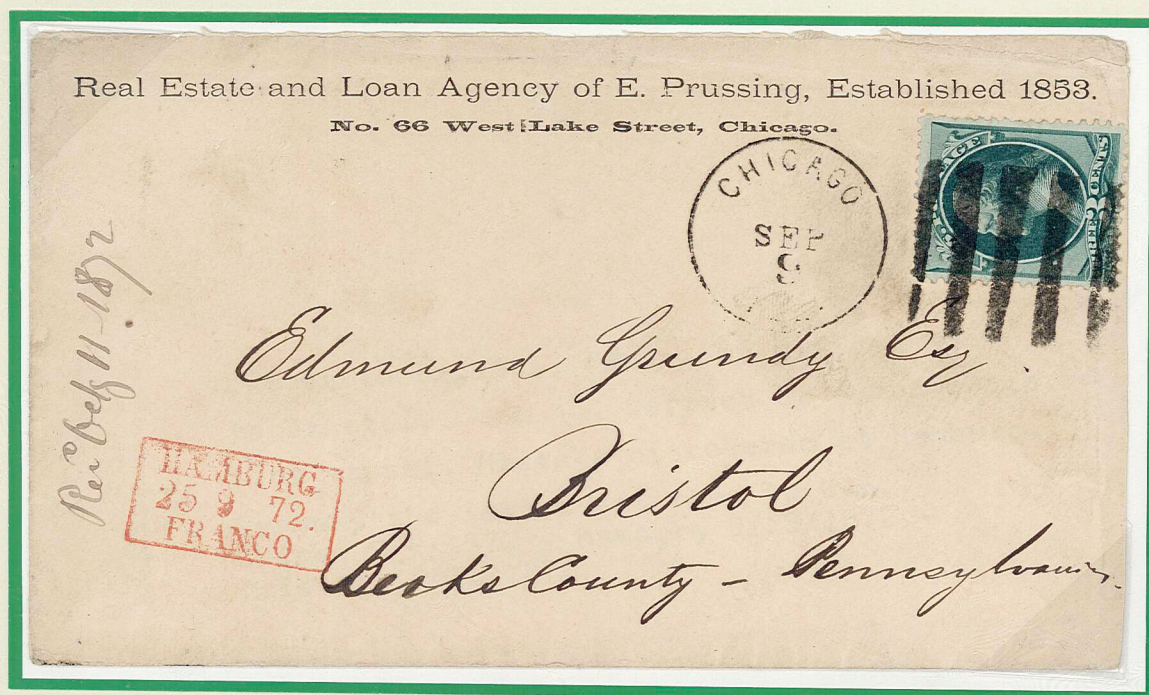


6¢ rate prepaid from Germania, Pennsylvania, 17 July 1872 to Emden, Ostfriesland, by Bremen (North German Lloyd Line), New York 20 July 1872, Bremen 3 August 1872.



6¢ rate prepaid from New York 8 May 1875 to Hamburg, Germany, by Main (North German Lloyd Line), New York 8 May 1875, Bremen 21 May 1875.

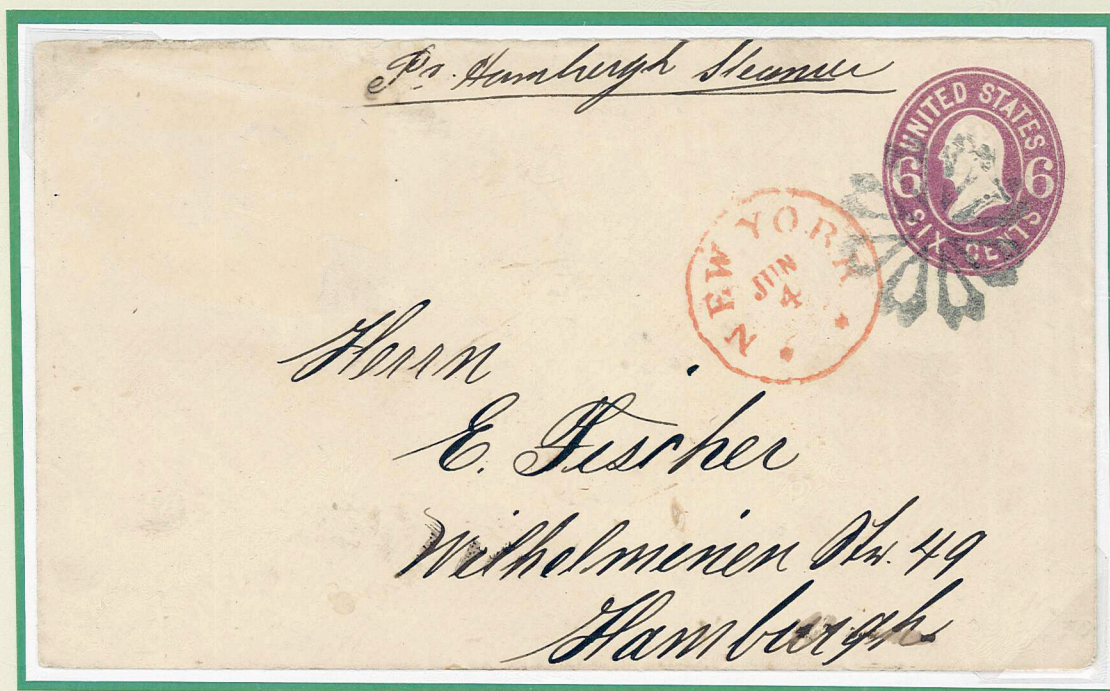
VII.C. U.S.-Northern German Union Convention - 1871 Rates - Direct



HAMBURG
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FRANCO

Domestic letter
mis-sent to
Hamburg.

3¢ domestic rate prepaid from Chicago 9 September 1872, mis-sent to Hamburg, then returned to Bristol, Pennsylvania, over by *Frisia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 12 September 1872, Hamburg 25 September 1872, returned by *Cimbria* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 25 September 1872, New York 10 October 1872.



6¢ rate prepaid from New York 4 June 1874 to Hamburg by *Silesia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 4 June 1874, Hamburg 24 April 1874.