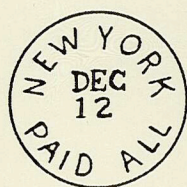


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Section 1.c of the Regulations under the 1868 Convention established Chicago as an exchange office for mail direct from Hamburg.

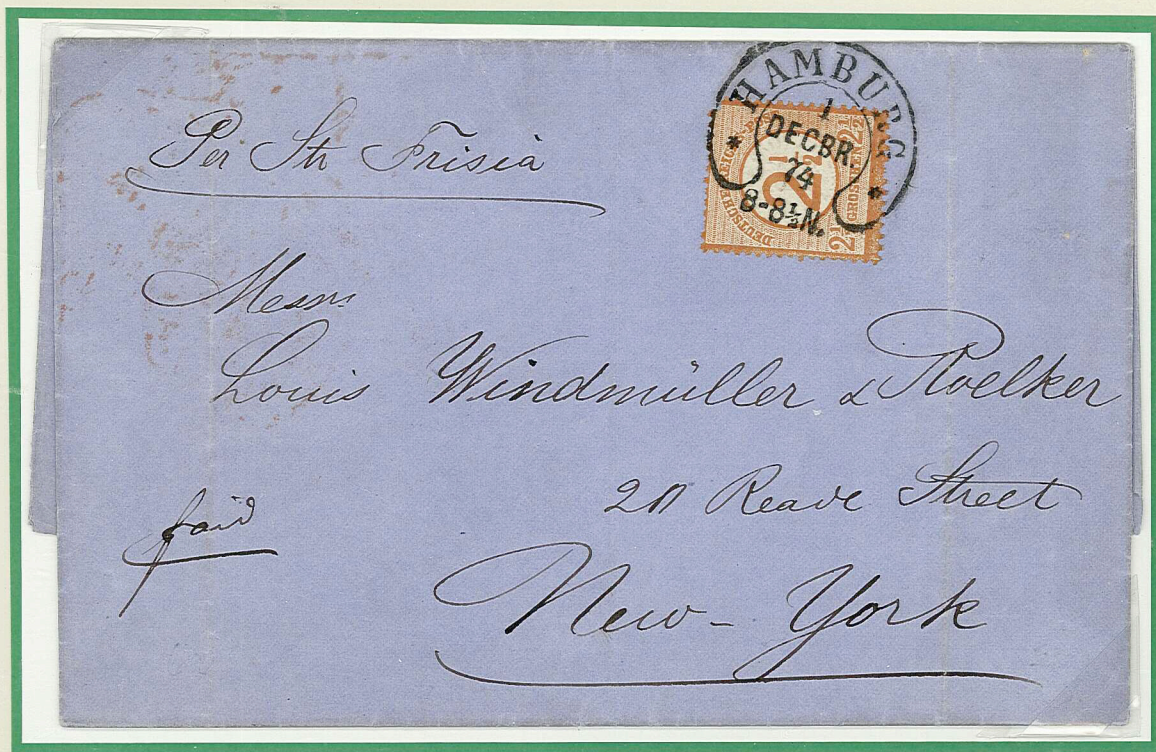
2½ sgr rate prepaid from Hanover, Germany, 16 December 1873 to Grand Detour, Illinois, by *Cimbria* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 17 December 1873, New York 2 January 1874.



Used January 1868 to July 1873.

10 kr rate prepaid from Heidelberg, Germany, 26 November 1872, Sandusky City, Ohio, by *Westphalia* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 27 November 1872, New York 12 December 1872.
2 sgr foreign postage.

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



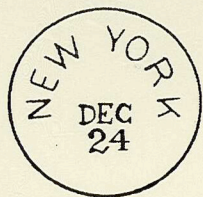
2½ sgr rate prepaid from Hamburg, Germany, 1 December 1874 to New York by Frisia (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 2 December 1874, New York 17 December 1874.



25 Pfennige rate prepaid from Pforzheim, Germany, 28 June 1875 to Lowell, Michigan, by Frisia (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 30 June 1875, New York 13 July 1875.

Mark and pfennig currencies were placed in effect in 1875. Mailed 3 days before the effective date of the General Postal Union Treaty, which reduced the rate to 20 pfennige.

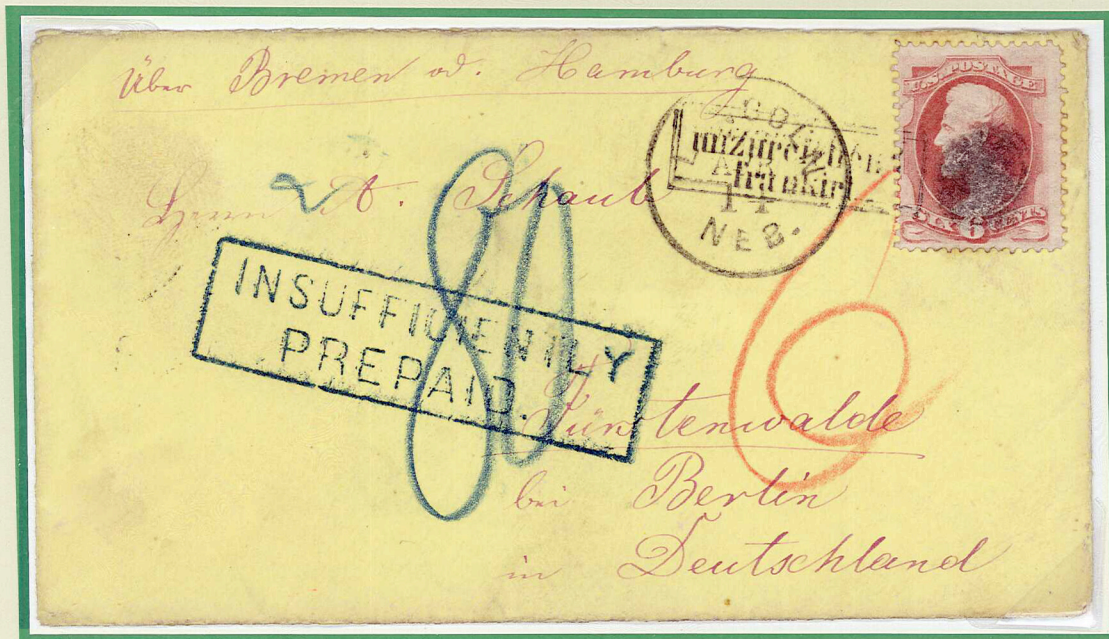
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Domestic duplex
cancel applied
before exchange
office applied this
foreign mail marking.



Double 6¢ rate **INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID** from New York 23 December 1874 to Osnabrück, Hanover, by *Frisia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 24 December 1874, Hamburg 5 January 1874. Straight line **INSUFFICIENTLY PAID** applied in New York. In accordance with Convention, New York marked **6** in red crayon to indicate the 6¢ prepayment. **2** indicates double rate. **unzureichend frankirt** (applied in Hamburg) indicates letter was insufficiently paid.



**INSUFFICIENTLY
PREPAID.**

Applied by Chicago
exchange office.

Double 6¢ rate **INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID** from Lincoln, Nebraska, 14 April 1875 to Fürstenwalde, Prussia, by *Suevia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 22 April 1875, Hamburg 6 May 1875. Large boxed **INSUFFICIENTLY PAID** applied in Chicago. In accordance with Convention, New York marked **6** in red crayon to indicate the 6¢ prepayment. Blue **2** indicates double rate. **unzureichend frankirt** (applied in Hamburg) indicates insufficiently paid. Even though the direct rate was 6¢ from the U.S. and 25 pfennige from Germany, beginning in January or February 1875 Germany equated the 6¢ prepayment to only 20 pfennige.

To Hanover		
Double direct rate	12¢	5 sgr
Underpaid penalty	12¢	5 sgr
Prepaid	(6¢)	(2½ sgr)
Due	18¢	7½ sgr due

To Prussia		
Double direct rate	12¢	50 pfennige
Underpaid penalty	12¢	50 pfennige
Prepaid	(6¢)	(20 pfennige)
Due	18¢	80 pfennige due

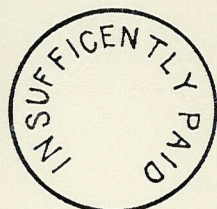
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Unfrankirt

Unpaid. Applied
in Bremen.

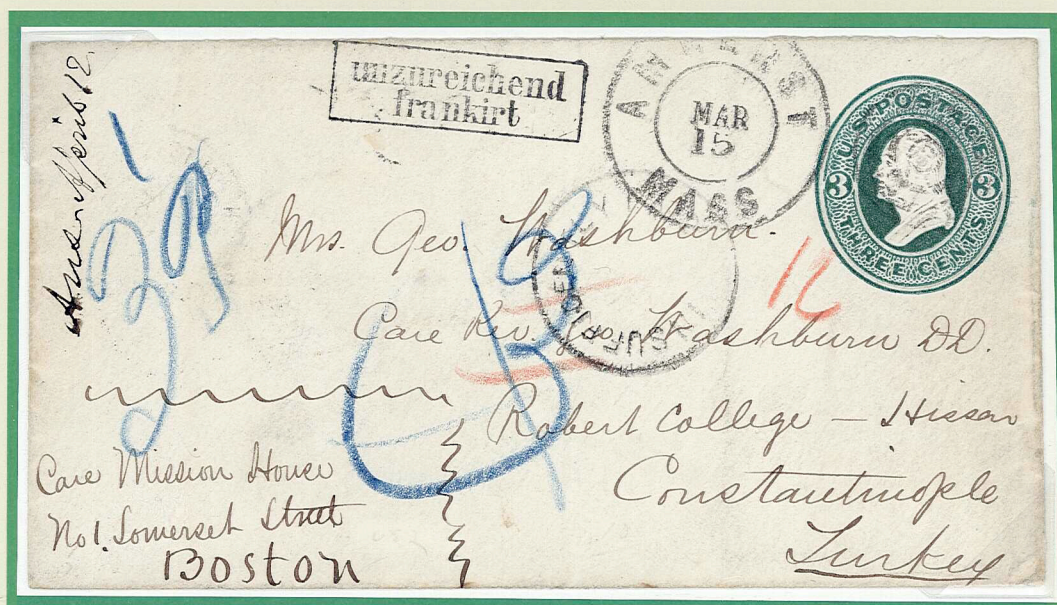
6¢ (2½ sgr) rate unpaid from Riemsloh, North German Union, 3 July 1874 to Richmond, Indiana, by Oder (North German Lloyd Line), Bremen 4 July 1874, New York 18 July 1874. Article I of 1870 Convention raised unpaid penalty to double the postage.



Misspelled marking
applied in Boston.

**unzureichend
frankirt**

Insufficiently paid.
Applied at Hamburg.



15¢ rate **INSUFFICIENTLY PAID** (sic) from Amherst, Massachusetts, 15 March 1875 to Constantinople, Turkey, by *Silesia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 18 March 1875, Hamburg 31 March 1875.

Letter was intended to be sent to a forwarder to carry it privately to Turkey. However, Boston ignored endorsement and marked 3 in blue crayon indicating the 3¢ prepayment. Hamburg struck **unzureichend frankirt** (insufficiently paid), crossed through the 3 and marked 12 pfennige (the equivalent of the 3 ¢ prepayment). The mark and pfennige currencies were put into effect 1 January 1875. Crayon 30 a P on the reverse means 30 pfennige auslage Porto (indicating the foreign postage).

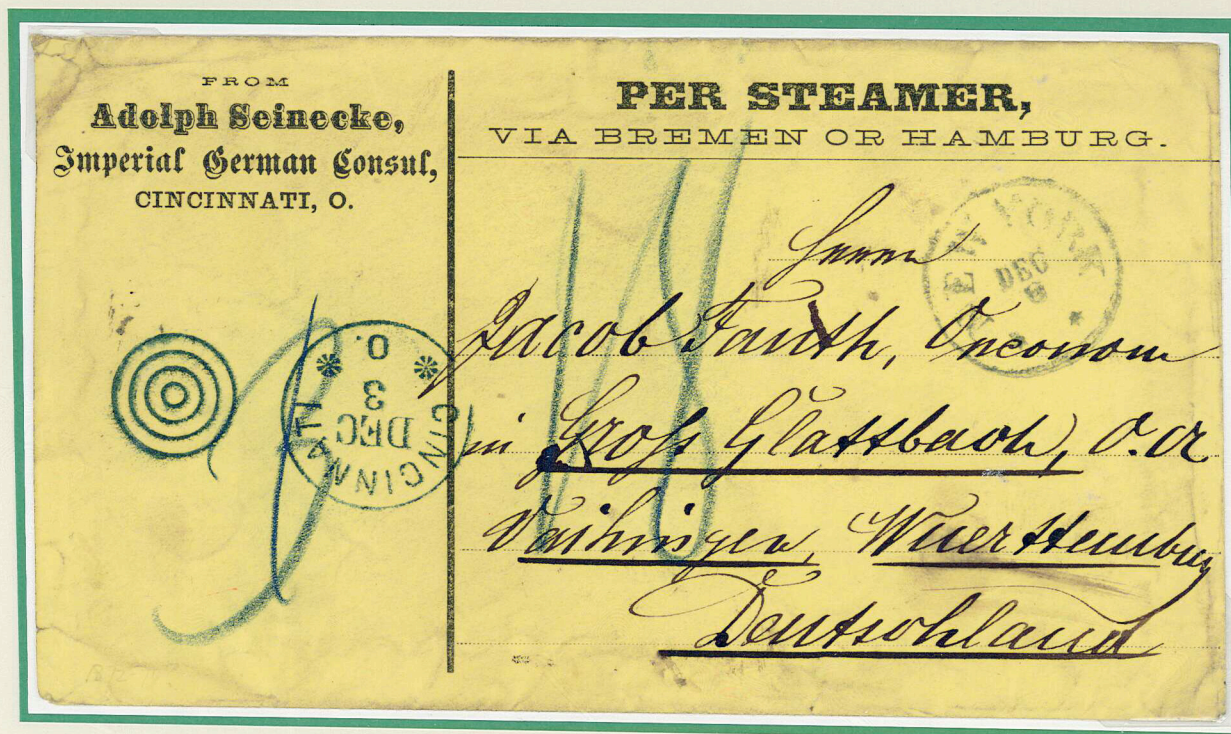
	From Riemsloh
Direct rate	6¢
Underpaid penalty	6¢
Due	12¢ or 14¢ in U.S. notes

	To Turkey
Direct rate	6¢ 25 pfennige
Underpaid penalty	6¢ 25 pfennige
Transit to Turkey	4¢ 17 pfennige
Less prepayment	(3¢) (12 pfennige)
Due	13¢ 55 pfennige = 1 piaster 35 para due

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6¢ rate unpaid from New York 4 October 1873 to Mulhouse, Haut Rhin, by *Main* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 4 October 1873, Bremen 16 October 1873.



9 kr (6¢) direct rate unpaid from Cincinnati, Ohio, 3 December 1871 to Gross Glassbach, Württemberg, by *Donau* (North German Lloyd Line), New York 9 December 1871, Bremen 20 December 1871.

Direct rate
Underpaid penalty
Due

2½ sgr
2½ sgr
5 sgr

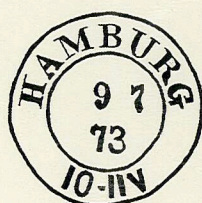
9 kr
9 kr
18 kr

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



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

10¢ rate prepaid from Savannah, Georgia, 23 November 1872 to Norrköping, Sweden,
by *Cimbria* (Hamburg American Line), New York 28 November 1872, Hamburg 12 December 1872.
1½ Wf. means 1½ sgr weiterfranco (foreign postage).



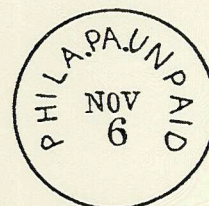
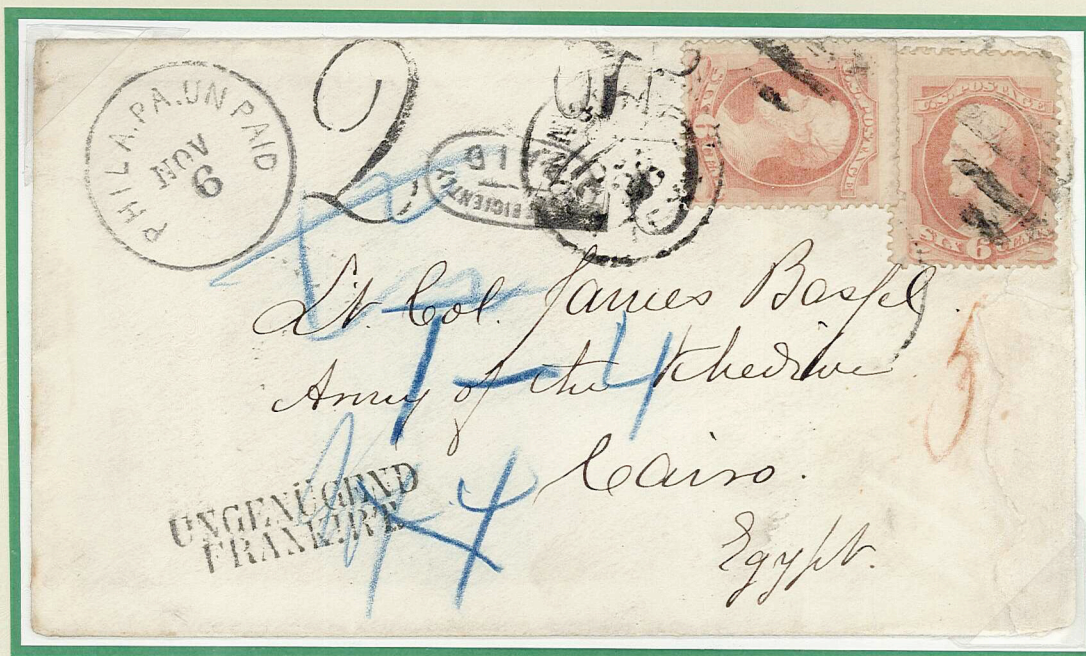
(reverse)



11¢ rate unpaid from Malaga, Spain, 1 July 1873 to Portland, Maine,
by *Westphalia* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 9 July 1873, New York 23 July 1873.

	To Sweden
Direct mail rate	6¢
Transit to Sweden	4¢ credit to Hamburg = 1½ sgr
Total	10¢

	From Spain
Transit from Spain	5¢
Direct mail rate	6¢
Total	11¢



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

16¢ rate **INSUFFICIENTLY / PAID** from Philadelphia 6 November 1874 to Cairo by Neckar (North German Lloyd Line), New York 7 November 1874, Bremen 20 November 1874. Red crayon 5 indicates 5¢ insufficiency. **UNGENÜGEND FRANKIRT** indicates insufficiently paid. Crayon 152 A P on reverse means 152 paras Auslage Porto (foreign postage). **wf 4** indicates 4 sgr foreign postage.



Aus Westindien
über Newyork.

From the West Indies
via New York.
Applied in Bremen.

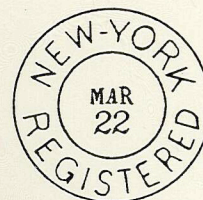
From Havana, Cuba, 24 April 1874 through New York then direct via Bremen to Kristiansand, Norway, by City of Havana (New York, Havana, and Mexican Mail S.S. Line), Havana 25 April 1874, New York 1 May 1874. by Donau (North German Lloyd Line), New York 2 May 1874, Bremen 14 May 1874.

Rated as a closed mail letter. 7¢ debit to Germany for transit from Cuba to New York. Regulations under the Convention specified that postage between Northern German Union and Norway was 2½ sgr if prepaid but 3 sgr if unpaid. 8½ sgr debit, which would have been correct for a direct rate, crossed out. 9½ sgr debit marked for a closed mail letter.

	To Cairo		
Direct mail rate	6¢	2½ sgr	
Underpaid penalty	6¢	2½ sgr	
Transit to Egypt	10¢	4 sgr	
Less prepayment	(12¢)	(5 sgr)	
Due	10¢	4 sgr = 225 paras	

	From Cuba through New York and Bremen to Norway					
	Rated As Direct Mail			Rated As Closed Mail		
Transit from Cuba	7¢	3½ sgr	8½ sgr	3½ sgr	9½ sgr	
International rate	6¢	2½ sgr	German debit	3 sgr	German debit	
Underpaid penalty	6¢	2½ sgr	to Norway	3 sgr	to Norway	
Germany to Norway	7¢	3 sgr		3 sgr		
Due	26¢	11½ sgr		12½ sgr = 32 skilling		

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Known used from
October 1866 to
February 1874.

6¢ direct rate prepaid and **REGISTERED** from New York 22 March 1873 to Neustadt, Schleswig-Holstein, by Mosel (North German Lloyd Line), New York 22 March 1873, Bremen 2 April 1873.



DIRECT SERV.
PAID ALL

Applied in New York. Used
February 1874 to April 1875.

6¢ direct rate prepaid and **REGISTERED** from Waterloo, New York, 3 February 1874 to Frankfurt am Main, Germany, by Mosel (North German Lloyd Line), New York 7 February 1874, Bremen 18 February 1874.

Direct mail rate
Registry fee
Prepaid

6¢
8¢
14¢

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

Effective 1 December 1873, the Convention was amended to provide a reduced rate of 2¢ or 1 sgr for postal cards, but only if sent by direct steamers between the U.S. and Germany. Unpaid or insufficiently paid cards would not be forwarded.



1 sgr (2¢) postal card rate prepaid from Kotzschbroda 19 March 1874 to New York by Weser II (North German Lloyd Line), Bremen 21 March 1874, New York 5 April 1874.



2¢ (1 sgr) postal card rate prepaid from New York 11 April 1874 to Hamburg by Weser II (North German Lloyd Line), New York 11 April 1874, Bremen 24 April 1874.

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

The amendment that provided for a reduced rate of 2¢ or 1 sgr for postal cards sent by direct steamers between the U.S. and Germany also extended the rate to Luxemburg, and Austria-Hungary.



Processed at the
Chicago exchange
office on 24
November 1874.



5 neukreuzer postal card rate prepaid from Aistersheim 3 November 1874 to Peoria, Illinois, by *Hermann* (North German Lloyd Line), Bremen 7 November 1874, New York 21 November 1874.



2½ sgr direct rate prepaid from Neustadt im Mecklenburg, Germany, 18 March 1874 to Buffalo, New York, by *Weser II* (North German Lloyd Line), Bremen 21 March 1874, New York 5 April 1874.

ADVERTISED 18 April 1874, **NOT CALLED FOR**, sent to the Dead Letter Office 19 May 1874, and returned July 1874. Under Article XVII of the Convention, letters not deliverable for any reason were returned to originating office at its expense.

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

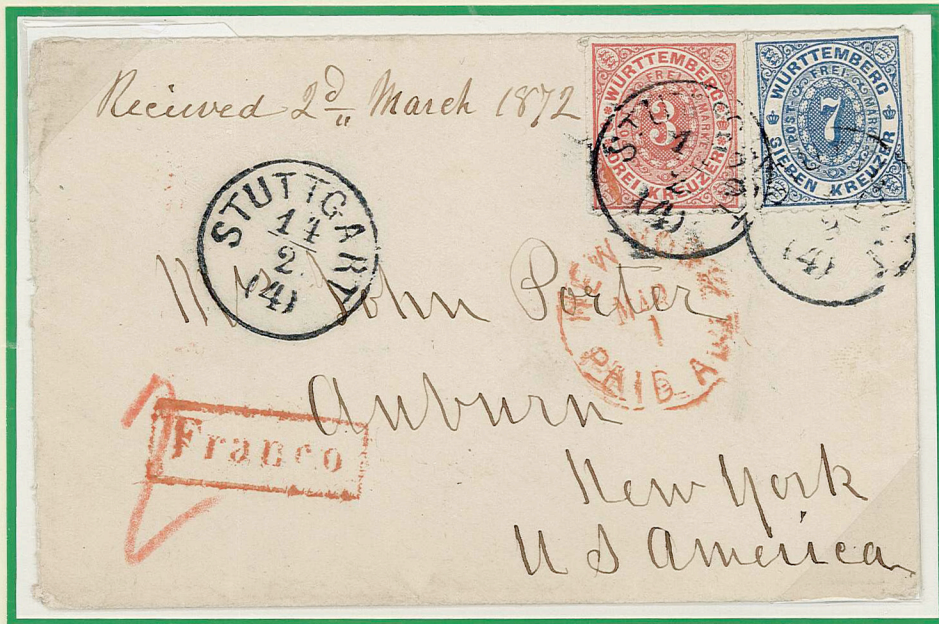


7¢ rate prepaid from San Francisco 22 April 1872 to Herford, Westphalia,
 by Wyoming (Guion Line), New York 1 May 1872, Queenstown 11 May 1872.



Double 7¢ rate prepaid from New Orleans 7 November 1872 to Torgau, Saxony,
 by Manhattan (Guion Line), New York 13 November 1872, Queenstown 25 November 1872.

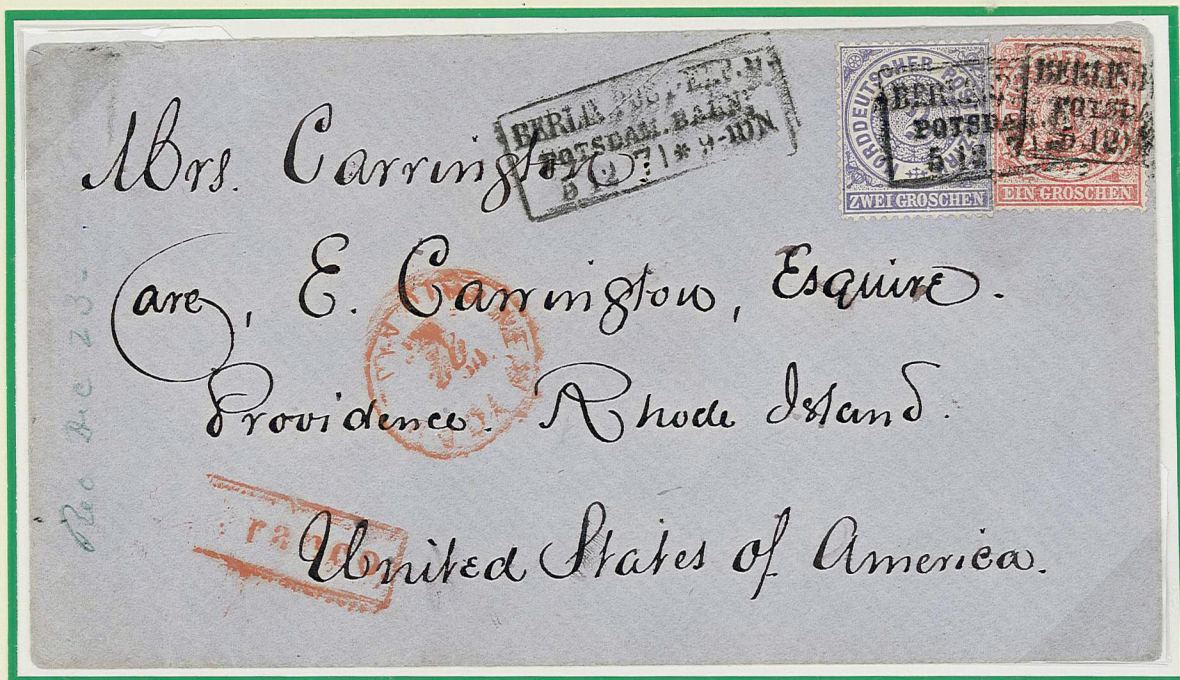
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Franco.

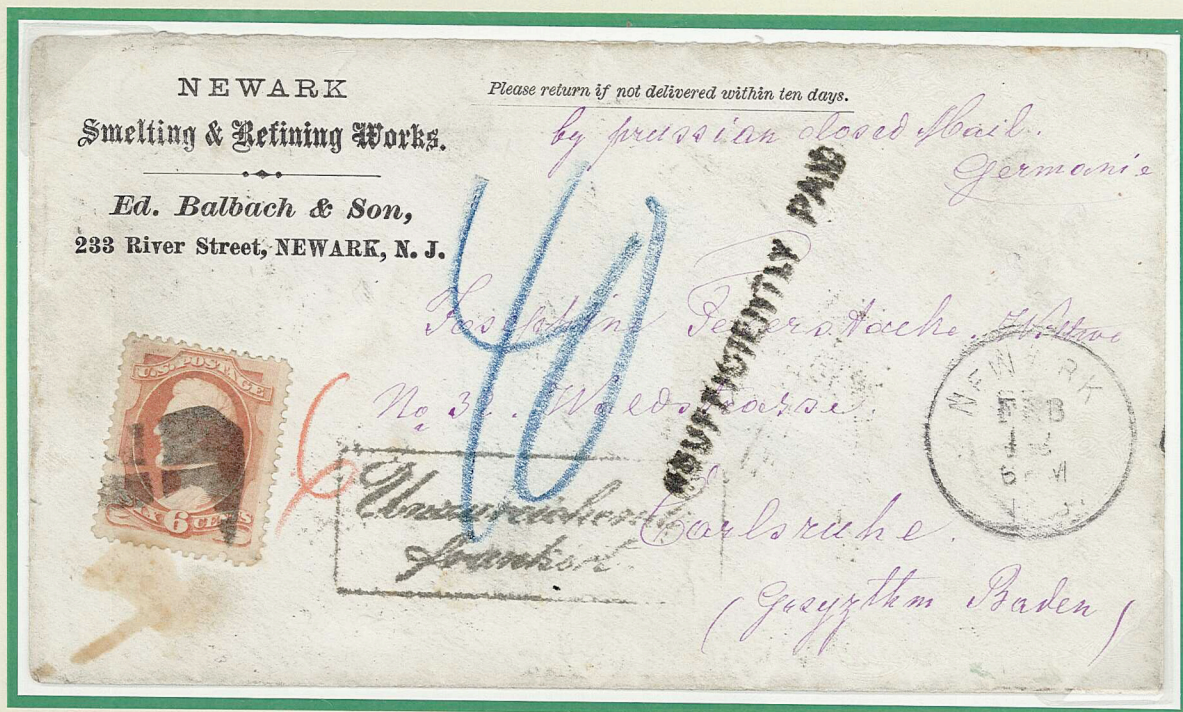
Applied in Aachen.

10 kr rate prepaid from Stuttgart 14 February 1872 to Auburn, New York,
by Calabria (Cunard Line), Queenstown 18 February 1872, New York 29 February 1872.
3 kr Württemberg, 7 kr or 2 sgr weiterfranco.



3 sgr rate prepaid from Berlin, 5 December 1871 to Providence, Rhode Island,
by Cuba (Cunard Line), Queenstown 10 December 1871, New York 22 December 1871.

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Unzureichend
frankirt.

"Unzureichend frankirt"
(insufficiently paid)
applied on the Verviers-
Cologne railroad.

Double 7¢ (30 pfennige) rate unpaid from Newark, New Jersey, 13 February 1875 to Carlsruhe, Baden, by *Atlas* (Cunard Line), Boston 13 February 1875, Queenstown 23 February 1875. Straight line **INSUFFICIENTLY PAID** applied in New York. In accordance with Convention, New York marked **6** in red crayon to indicate the 6¢ prepayment. Even though the direct rate was 6¢ from the U.S. and 25 pfennige from Germany, beginning in January or February 1875, Germany equated the 6¢ prepayment to only 20 pfennige.



UNPAID

Applied in New York.
Used January 1875 to
September 1875.

30 pfennige (7¢) rate unpaid from New York 5 January 1875 to Mulhouse, Haut Rhin, by *Cuba* (Cunard Line), New York 6 January 1875, Queenstown 16 January 1875. The mark and pfennig currencies were placed into effect in 1875.

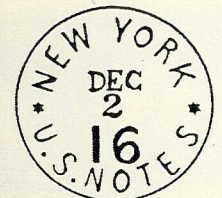
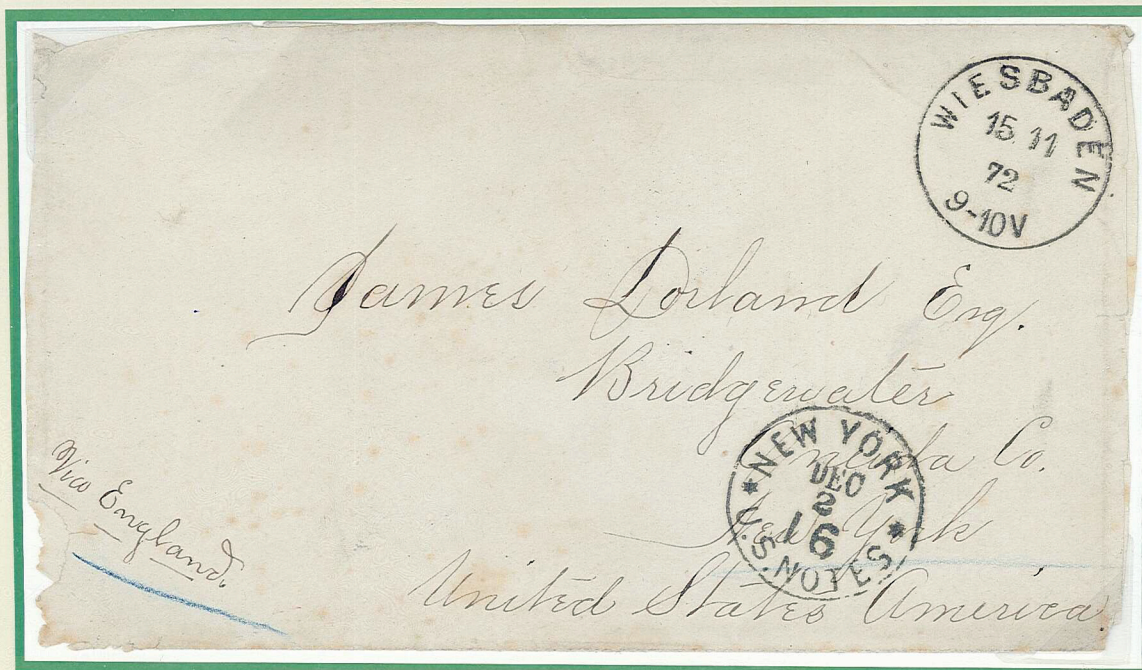
To Carlsruhe			To Mulhouse		
Closed mail rate	7¢	30 pfennige	Closed mail rate	30 pfennige	
Underpaid penalty	7¢	30 pfennige	Underpaid penalty	30 pfennige	
Less prepayment	(6¢)	(20 pfennige)	Due	60 pfennige	
Due	8¢	40 pfennige			

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10 kr rate prepaid from Carlsruhe, Baden, 2 June 1872 to Philadelphia by Parthia (Cunard Line), Queenstown 5 June 1872, New York 15 June 1872.

9 kr direct mail rate prepaid, but endorsed **Via England**. **Unzureichend / frankirt** indicated letter was insufficiently paid for 10 kr closed mail rate. New York marked 9¢ due but struck its **PAID ALL** marking in error.



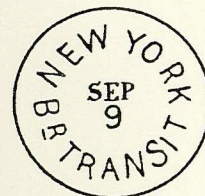
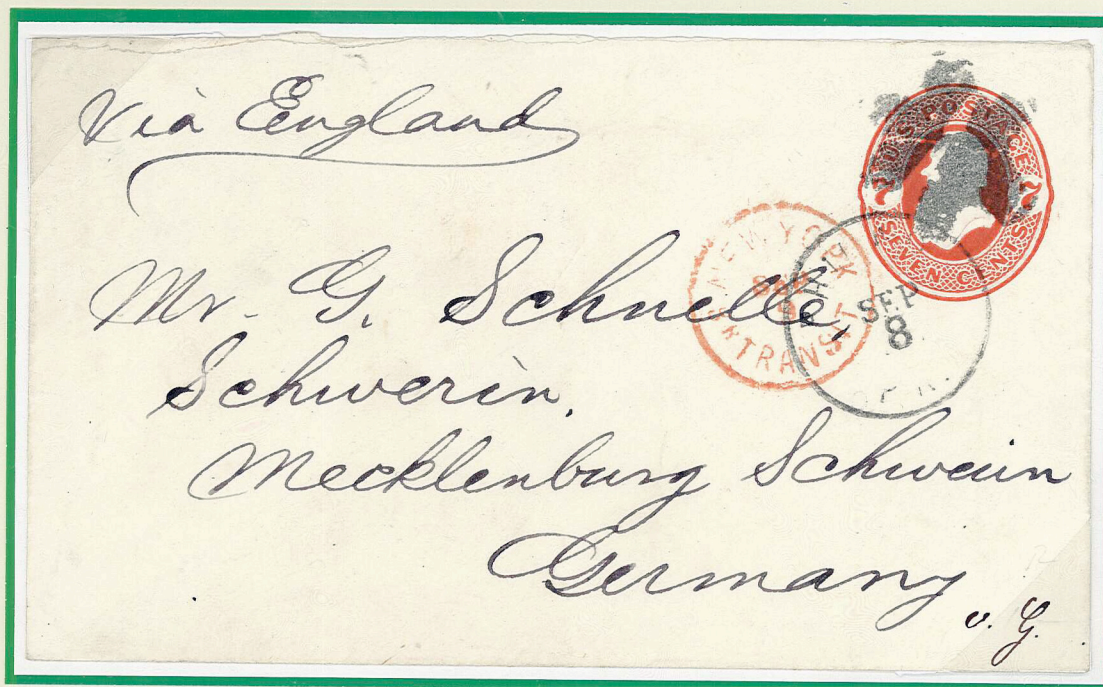
Marking shows only 16¢ due in U.S. notes, not the 14¢ specie equivalent.

7¢ (9 kr) rate unpaid from Wiesbaden, Nassau, 15 November 1872 to Bridgewater, New York, by Algeria (Cunard Line), Queenstown 19 November 1872, New York 1 December 1872.

	From Carlsruhe	
Closed mail rate	10 kr = 2½ sgr	7¢
Underpaid penalty	10 kr	7¢
Less prepayment	(9 kr)	(6¢)
Due	11 kr	8¢ = 9¢ in U.S. notes

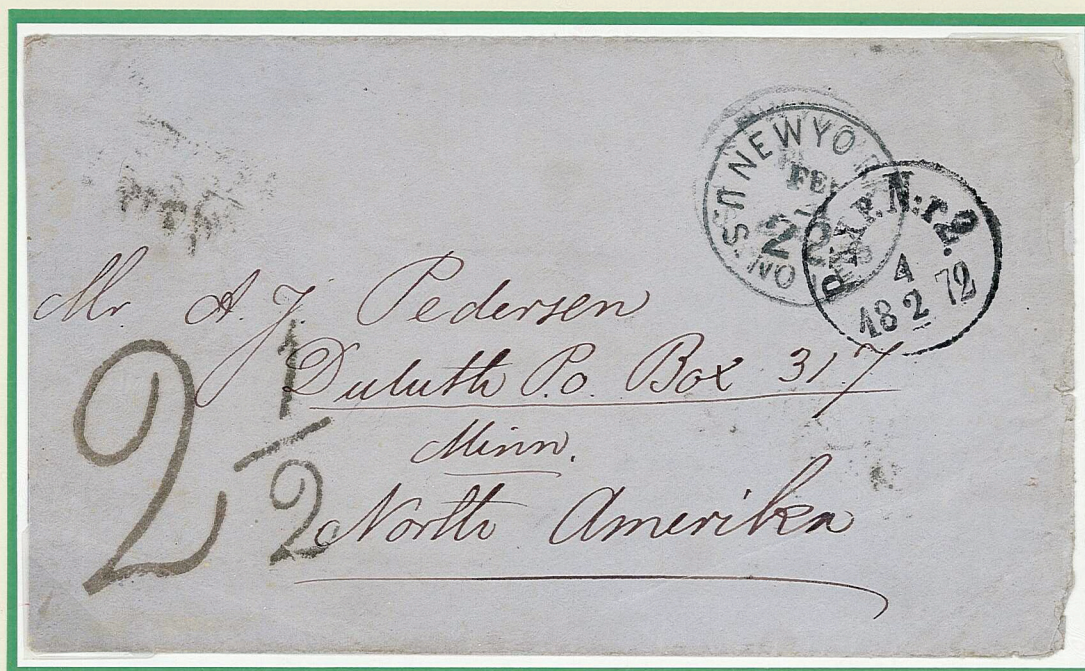
	From Wiesbaden	
Closed mail rate	7¢	
Underpaid penalty	7¢	
Due	14¢	16¢ = 16¢ in U.S. NOTES

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Used in red from
May 1872 to
November 1875.

7¢ rate prepaid from Philadelphia 8 September 1874 to Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, by Odor (North German Lloyd Line), New York 9 September 1874, Southampton 19 September 1874.



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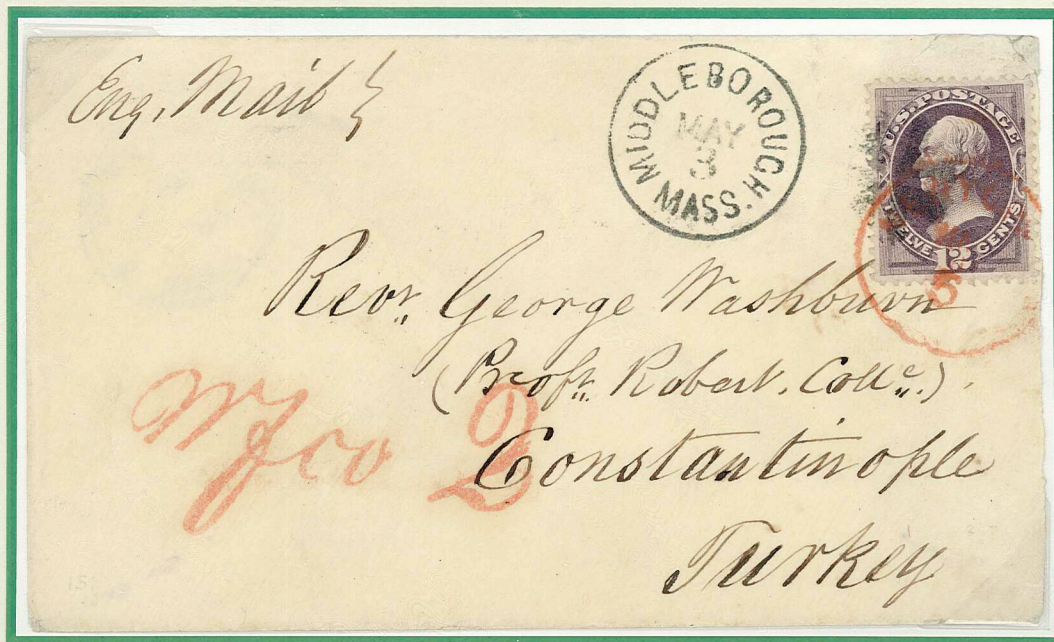
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Applied on Keil-Hamburg
railroad to indicate 2 1/2 sgr
auslage Porto (foreign
postage) due Prussia.

Unpaid from Stockholm, Sweden, 4 February 1872 to Duluth, Minnesota, by *Algeria* (Cunard Line), Queenstown 11 February 1872, New York 21 February 1872. The 11¢ closed mail rate to Sweden via the Northern German Union listed in the U.S. Mail and Post Office Assistant implies 1 1/2 sgr of "foreign postage." Apparently, the "foreign postage" was 2 1/2 sgr for an unpaid letter. 2 1/2 sgr debit to U.S. The penalty for underpayment was replaced with a double unpaid rate, all of which was taken into account in computing the depreciated equivalent.

Unpaid rate from Sweden	2 1/2 sgr	6¢
Closed mail unpaid rate	6 sgr	14¢
Due	8 1/2 sgr	20¢ or 22¢ in U.S. NOTES

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



5¢ credit to the
Northern German
Union for transit
beyond Germany.

12¢ closed mail rate via England prepaid from Middleborough, Massachusetts, 3 May 1872 to Constantinople, Turkey, by City of London (Inman Line), New York 4 May 1872, Queenstown 14 May 1872.
Wfro 2 means weiterfranco (foreign postage) 2 sgr.



11¢ closed mail rate via England prepaid from Cornwall on the Hudson, New York, 14 October 1873 to Constantinople, Turkey, by Bremen (North German Lloyd Line), New York 15 October 1873, Southampton 27 October 1873.

Closed mail rate
Transit to Turkey
Prepaid

7¢
5¢ = 2 sgr credit to Germany
12¢

7¢
4¢ credit to Germany
11¢