

12¢ Letter Rate



Orange, NJ (10 Aug) to Kells, Ireland (27 Aug 69), with New York (12 Aug) and London (23 Aug) transit datestamps. Paid 12¢ per ½ oz. rate to United Kingdom in effect until 31 Dec 69.

Double 6¢ Letter Rate



Gold Hill, Nevada (2 Feb) via New York (10 Feb) to Lancaster, England (backstamped 23 Feb 74). Letter required double 6¢ rate applicable in 1874. INSUFFICIENTLY PAID applied at NY exchange office; 4½d collected from recipient (1½d = 3¢) for unpaid portion of 12¢ rate, plus penalty of twice the unpaid portion (= 3d) for inadequate franking.

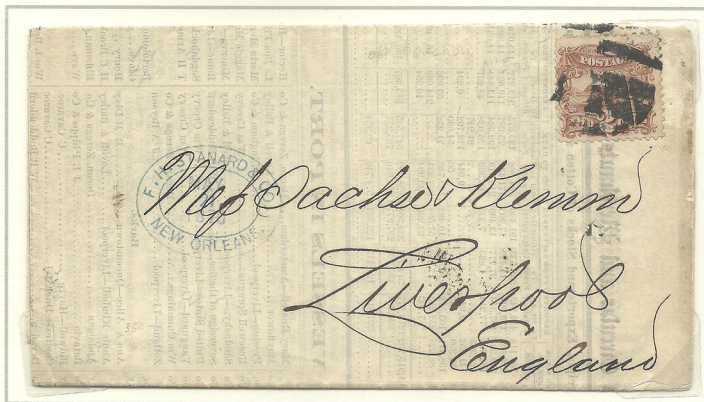
6¢ Letter Rate



Charleston, SC (2 Aug 70) to Liverpool, England (18 Aug), overpaying 6¢ international rate per ½ oz. effective 1 Jan 70. Forwarded 19 Aug to London (20 Aug), paid by British penny red stamp of 1864. (Cover restored.)

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2¢ Circular Rate



New Orleans (21 May 70) to Liverpool, England (8 Jun). Mercantile update sent at 2¢ treaty rate for printed circulars weighing up to 1 oz.

15¢ Treaty Rate



Carried privately from Matamoros, Mexico across Rio Grande River and put in the U.S. mail system at Brownsville, Texas (23 Sep). Passed through New York exchange office (6 Oct), with red "6" cent credit to France indicating passage for single-rate cover to France via England. Bordeaux, France arrival backstamp 19 Oct 69.



Philadelphia (20 Oct 69) to Dinard, France via England at **double 15¢ treaty rate** for letters to 15 grams ($\approx \frac{1}{2}$ oz). Via England with French entry at Calais (1 Nov); forwarded to Paris (4 Nov).

Post-Treaty 10¢ Direct Mail to French Border



Philadelphia (4 Apr 70) to Paris on HAPAG packet *Hammonia II* calling at Cherbourg (17 Apr) en route to Hamburg from NY. US 10¢ direct rate to French port after expiration of postal treaty with France on 1 Jan 70. Recipient charged 8 decimes per 10 grams for French transit/delivery.



Manuscript cancel "1870 January 24 1870" via New York (25 Jan) to Paris, on HAPAG packet *Holsatia* to Cherbourg (5 Feb 70). Cover franked at old 15¢ fully paid treaty rate (expired 31 Dec 69), instead of new 10¢ blanket rate to French frontier. Cover lacks the 8 decime due marking typically applied to post-treaty covers arriving at French frontier. (e)

10¢ Phantom Rate



New Orleans (25 Jul 70) via London (10 Aug), Calais (11 Aug), Paris (11 Aug), to Bordeaux (12 Aug). Red "6" credit handstamp and oval "PD" marking correspond to 10¢ phantom rate through England during absence of postal treaty between U.S. and France. Effective from 1 Jul 70, 10¢ paid for a single-rate cover up to 10 grams, with 6¢ credit to Britain.

4¢ British Open Mail Rate



New York (12 Jan 70) via London (24 Jan backstamp) and Calais (25 Jan) to Paris, paying the 4¢ British Open Mail rate to France via England. "PAID ONLY TO ENGLAND," with "5" decimes French postage due for each 7½ grams of weight. GB/40c accountancy handstamp showing unpaid letter exchanged with France at 40 centimes per 30 grams bulk weight.

4¢ British Open Mail Rate — Combinations

4¢ Open Mail rate from New York (12 Mar 70) via London (23 Mar) and Calais (24 Mar) to Paris (24 Mar). The characteristic "5" decimes due handstamp for this Open Mail rate has been crossed out (after being collected at initial destination?), with a French 10 centimes (= 1 decime) bis-tamp of 1867 paying the local forwarding fee.

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Double 4¢ Open Mail rate to France, with London (17 Jun) and Calais transits to Paris (18 Jun). Tampon for 10 decimes postage due corresponded to letter weighing up to 15 grams ($\approx \frac{1}{2}$ oz.)

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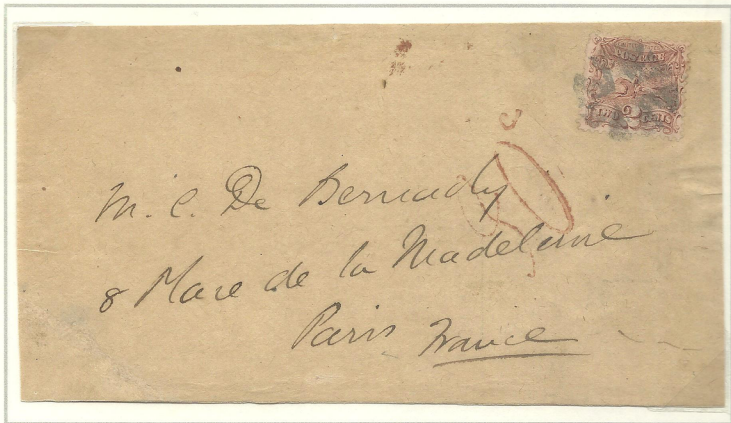
Double Open Mail rate of 4¢ per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. to French border. From New York (21 Apr) to Pyrenees village of Pau (4 May). Franked with 2¢ Pictorial and 6¢ banknote of 1870. France charged 15 decimes, or triple the postage due of 5 decimes per $7\frac{1}{2}$ grams. Thus, the letter weighed between $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.



Printed Matter —
Single and Double Rates



Unsealed trade circular from Hiogo, Japan via San Francisco, overland to New York, departing NY on French vessel *Lafayette* (4 Jan), arriving in Pauillac (15 Jan) (diverted from normal arrival port of Havre due to Franco-Prussian war), and on to St Etienne (21 Jan 71). Franked 4¢ at US postal agency in Hiogo (2¢ paid circular to New York + 2¢ to French frontier), with 15 centimes postage due collected in France for delivery of circulars up to 40 grams. (e)



Wrapper, probably for a newspaper. Newspaper rate from US to French border was 2¢. French delivery fee was 15 centimes per 40 grams. French postage due marked as 30 centimes. Thus, wrapper and contents weighed between 40-80 grams.

15¢ Closed Mail
Rate Through
England



Only recorded use of 2¢ Pictorial to Belgium. Chicago (17 Nov duplex) via New York exchange office (20 Nov) to Louvain, Belgium, entering at Ostend (3 Dec) 1869. Mistakenly franked at 20¢, but traveled via closed mail 15¢ rate through England on Inman Line City of London. (One missing stamp replaced.)

6.10 Holland



8¢ Printed Matter
Rate

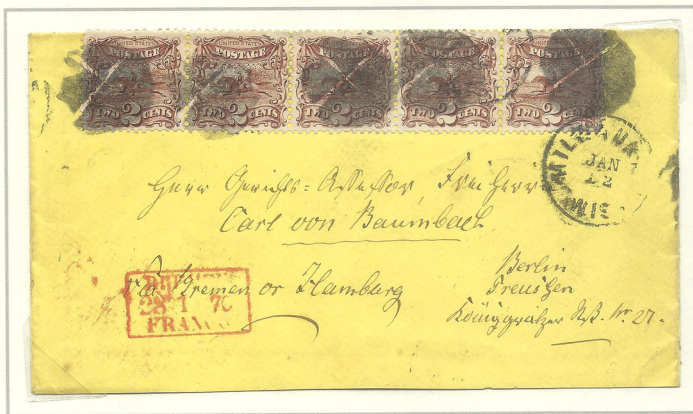
Printed circular ("Prices Current of Wool in New York, July 26th, 1869") from New York to Leiden, Holland (arrival backstamp 10 Aug). Fully paid at book-packet rate set by the U.S.-Netherlands Convention of 1867 — 8¢ per 4 oz. U.S. postal authorities included printed circulars in the book-packet rate.

Obsolete 13¢ North German Union Direct Rate



Dubuque, Iowa (27 Aug) via New York (2 Sep) to Oldenburg (18 Sep), with red BREMEN FRANCO transit (15/9/69) marking. Franked at expired 13¢ North German Union direct rate, reduced to 10¢ at the beginning of 1868. (c)

10¢ North German Union Direct Rate



Milwaukee (12 Jan) to Berlin (29 Jan), with red BREMEN FRANCO transit (28/1/70) at 10¢ North German Union direct rate then in force.

Reduced 7¢ NGU Direct Rate



2¢ Pictorial plus ungrilled 2¢ and 3¢ Banknotes tied by negative NY foreign-mail forerunner cancel on July 1870 cover to Frankfort am Maine, Germany, with HAMBURG FRANCO transit (18/7/70). Letter sent during first month of new 7¢ rate between U.S. and North German Union, with service suspended two weeks later due to outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war. (c)

15¢ Closed Mail Rate via England



New York 13 Nov) to Berlin (26 Nov), with VERVIER-COELN transit (25 Nov) for NGU closed mail 15¢ rate via England. New York exchange office applied circular, red NEW YORK PAID ALL Br TRANSIT marking. (Mailing year not indicated on the cover, but must be 1869 since the VERVIER-COELN marking was not used after the summer of 1870.)

North German Union Rates
Between October 1871 and UPU

7¢ Closed Mail
Rate via England



Woodlands, Wisconsin (28 Jan 72) by British packet via New York (1 Feb) to Guestebiese, Prussia. Double 7¢ via-England rate to Germany for letter up to 1 oz, effective from 1 Oct 71 up to UPU. **Only known Pictorial bisect to an international destination and only recorded 10¢ Pictorial cover showing the 7¢ via-England rate.** (e)



6¢ Direct Rate

Dayton, Ill. (15 Jan) via New York (20 Jan) and Bremen, Germany (3 Feb 72) to Muelsen, Germany (5 Feb). Overfranked 1¢ for old 7¢ direct rate, which had been reduced to 6¢ on 1 Oct 71. Sender requests "Bremen or Hamburg Steamer" for direct North German Union rate. Routing confirmed by New York exchange office marking "PAID ALL DIRECT."

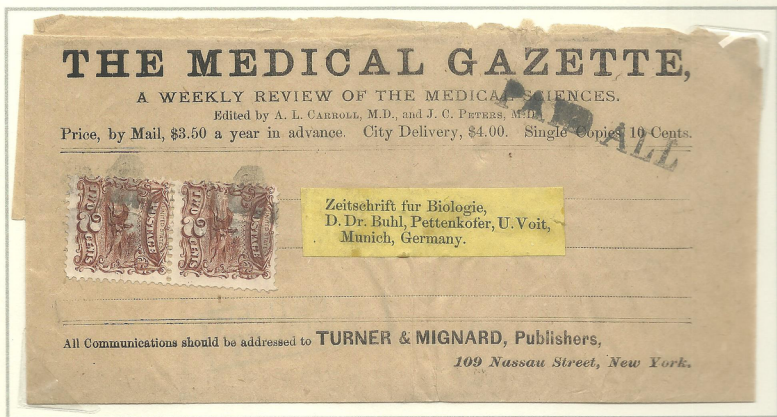
Printed Matter Rates

The 2¢ Pictorial also served as a primary stamp for printed matter sent outside the U.S. Most printed-matter rates to foreign destinations were calculated in multiples of 2¢. This exhibit has examples of international printed-matter uses ranging from 2¢ to 14¢.



6¢ Circular Rate

Printed **circular** from New Orleans (26 March 1870) to Bremen, Germany. Per 1867 U.S.-North German Union Convention, franked at 6¢ per 4 oz. rate by direct mail via New York where an exchange office clerk applied PAID ALL handstamp.



4¢ Wrapper Rate

Newspaper **wrapper** from New York to Munich, Germany (31 Oct 1869 backstamp). Franked to allow transit by either 3¢ direct mail rate or 4¢ closed mail rate via England.

15¢ Treaty Rate
Via Britain/Ostend



New York (21 Apr 70) to Bergdorf, Switzerland (4 May 70) via British mail through Ostend. Double 15¢ franking required under 1867 U.S.-Swiss postal convention. Postage due of 10¢ indicated by blue "50" expressing deficiency in Swiss centimes. Red "70" represents postage deficiency + 20 centimes fine.



4¢ Printed
Matter Rate

Wrapper from unknown U.S. origin to Worb, Switzerland, with arrival backstamp "BERN/26 XI 69". Franked at required 4¢ prepayment rate for newspapers and other periodicals up to 4 oz., per the 1867 U.S.-Swiss postal convention.

15¢ Closed Mail —
1867 Postal Treaty



New York (26 Jan 70) to Naples, Italy at 1867 treaty rate of 15¢ effective until 14 Feb 70. New York exchange office applied red NEW YORK PAID ALL BR TRANSIT marking. Late use just prior to reduction of rate to 10¢ per ½ oz.



Boston via New York (Dec 11) to Genoa, Italy (26 Dec 69). Franked to pay double 19¢ rate by North German Union mail, but instead sent at double 15¢ closed mail via England on the Inman Line *City of Paris*. With grilled 30¢ stamp of 1868.

To Rome via German Mails

From 1868 until December 1870, U.S. mail to Rome was not eligible for lower treaty rates negotiated in 1867 U.S.-Italian Postal Convention, because Papal States (including Rome) were not yet part of Italy. Mail to Rome could be sent through the German postal system at a 19¢ closed mail rate via England/Belgium to German border, or at a slower 14¢ rate with initial entry through a German port (Bremen or Hamburg).

**19¢ Closed Mail
Rate through
England**



New York (2 Apr) to Rome (18 Apr 70), with transit from England by train through Verviers (Belgium) and Cologne at German border. Credit to Germany of 4¢ restated as 1½ silver groschen in blue pencil.



**14¢ Direct Mail
Rate through
north German
port**

New York (25 Jan) via Hamburg (7 Feb 70) to Rome. New York exchange office 4¢ credit to Germany for transit from Germany to Rome (4¢ credit restated by red handstamp in Hamburg as 1½ silver groschen).

10¢ Closed Mail —
1867 Postal Treaty



New York (16 Apr 70) to Genoa, Italy (1 May). Franked at 14¢ North German Union rate, but dispatched by New York exchange office at reduced 10¢ treaty rate via England valid from February 1870 until U.P.U.



8¢ Printed
Matter Rate

Wrapper from Boston, MA to Catania, Italy (Aug 1869) posted at 8¢ printed matter rate. Forwarded to Padova (pencil note at top translates as "received from royal post of Padova on morning of 29 Aug 1869").