CARELESS LETTER WRITERS.

A circular has been issued by the post office department giving some statistics and information pertaining to that branch of the postal service. It states that over 6,000,000 pieces of mail matter are sent to the Dead Letter Office annually by reason of incorrect, illegible or deficient addresses, insufficient postage or failure of delivery. In the last fiscal year there were 451,020 letters misdirected; 24,000 were entirely blank, being very largely the correspondence of business men and covering checks, money-orders and drafts. Ninety-eight thousand were letters to domestic addresses, held for postage, together with letters addressed to Mexico and Canada, not payable except on paying full postage. There were 165,000 letters addressed to persons at hotels, and not delivered. Forty-two thousand letters were sent to fictitious addresses, among which were included correspondence relating to swindles of the "green goods" order. Eighty thousand were parcels of merchandise, books and kindred articles from which the wrapper had become detached.

Of the number of letters reported 28,000 contained money to the amount of $48,642. Four thousand had inclosures of postal notes in small sums under $5 aggregating $5,300. In 27,000 there were found checks, drafts and notes to the amount of $1,471,871. There were photographs in 42,000, 1,000 contained articles forbidden in the mails, and 11,000 were lottery tickets. In 162,000 there were postage stamps for return answers, and 531,000 were letters and 41,000 parcels from foreign countries mailed to offices within the United States. There were 205,000 letters and 47,000 parcels returned from foreign countries to senders in the United States.

The following suggestions, if observed, will aid the dispatch and delivery of matter sent through the mails, or its return directly to the sender in the event of non-delivery, and thus prevent the annoyance, delay, and embarrassment caused by sending matter to the Dead Letter Office.

Mail matter should be plainly and correctly addressed, the name of the post office to which it is to be sent should be clearly and distinctly stated, and the name of the state should also be given in full. In the case of mail addressed to small offices, or where there are offices of like names in different states, the name of the county should be added.

Where mail matter is addressed to cities or free-delivery offices the street and house number, or post office box number of the person addressed are important, and should always be given when it is possible to do so,

Where this cannot be done, the business employment of the persons addressed, if stated, will often secure delivery.

Matter mailed to cities and free-delivery offices, addressed without street and number, or some other designation enabling delivery, goes into the general delivery, subject to be called for, and of such matter, the statistics of the post office of some of the larger cities show that not more than 25 per cent. is called for.

Letters addressed to persons temporarily sojourning in a city where the letter-carrier system is in operation should be marked "Transient" or "General Delivery" if not addressed to a street and number, or some other designated place of delivery.

The name and address of the sender, either printed or written, should be placed upon the upper left-hand corner of the envelope or wrapper of all matter mailed.

This will secure its immediate return to the sender from the mailing office for correction if improperly addressed insufficiently paid, or otherwise defective.

Letters and all other matter mailed, so marked with the name and address of the sender, that should fail to be called for or delivered to the persons addressed, and upon which full letter rates of postage has been paid are not sent to the Dead Letter Office, but are returnable to the sender directly—without additional charge, and with the reason of non-delivery indorsed thereon.

Packages should, in addition to the name and address of the sender upon the envelope or wrapper, bear in connection therewith a request for its return in the event of non delivery, in which case it is also returnable directly to the sender from the post office addressed, charged with return postage at the rate required for the class of matter to which it belongs.

All matter mailable at less than letter rates of postage must be wrapped or inclosed that it can be readily examined at the office of delivery, as well as at the mailing office, without destroying the wrapper; otherwise it is subject to letter postage.

Much of the package and parcel matter received at the Dead Letter Office is that which has been deposited for sealed and closed against inspection and prepaid at less than letter rates, being unmailable in such condition, and the name and address of the sender not appearing upon the cover, whereby it might be returned for correction and proper compliance with postal conditions, it necessarily is sent to the Dead Letter Office.

In mailing packages addressed to foreign countries, care should be taken to ascertain whether they are prohibited from transmission to the country of destination, or can only be forwarded when the postage is fully prepaid at foreign letter rates—5 cents per half ounce.

Only bona fide trade samples are transmissible at reduced rates of postage.

Persons desiring to mail matter other than letters to foreign countries should consult their post-masters, who, being provided with the postal laws and regulations, are enabled to give proper information respecting conditions, etc., etc., of mailing to foreign countries.

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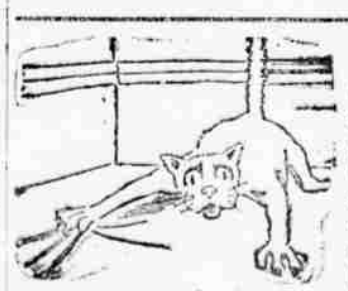

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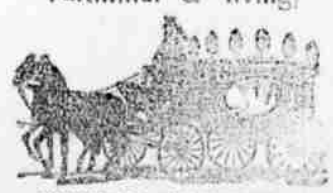

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