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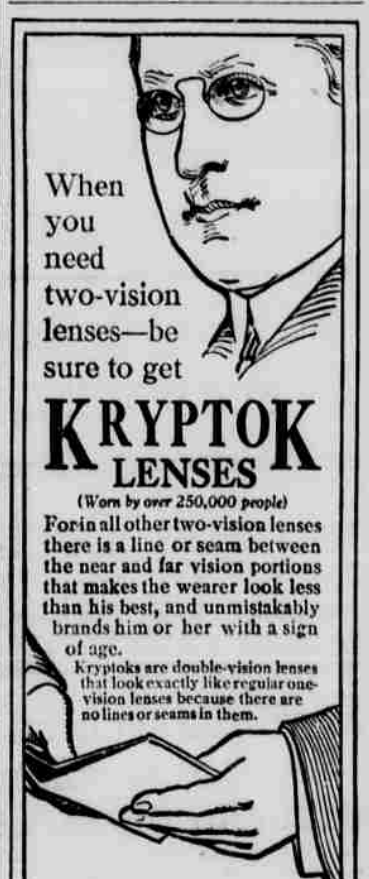


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KEEPING A NATION'S MAIL UNDER LOCK AND KEY

By L. M. Lamm, in September Popular Mechanics.

It takes more than a million locks to protect the United States government's letters while in transit. The department makes and keeps in repair not only all of these locks, but all fastening devices used in the mail service. Previous to 1889 everything of this nature was furnished and repaired by contract at a great expense. In that year it was decided to repair the locks and a small shop was installed at Washington. After experimenting a while it was found that the department could do the work not only cheaper than by contract but better. The following year it was decided to enter into the manufacture of locks, keys, and mail-bag attachments, as it was believed it would be a great advantage to the department to have its own shop where workers could be dinged more promptly and with less danger of keys getting into the hands of those not entitled to them.

From the small room equipped with one drill press and one stamping machine and employing half a dozen workmen the shop has grown until now it is a complete factory, equipped with tools and machinery necessary for the converting of sheet steel and brass and other material into locks and keys and the many other attachments that are made. Among other features, the present factory contains a press room with 14 stamping machines, a lock-finishing and assembling room, a miscellaneous room where cord fasteners are assembled and other equipment made, a department where hundreds of postal scales are repaired, and a tinning plant where all mail-bag attachments are tinned to prevent rusting.

Shortly after the shop was established a defect was found in the mail lock, and steps were taken to design a lock that could not be jarred open, with the result that the "Eagle" lock, later called the "Double Star" lock, was designed. More than 1,000,000 of these locks have been made and put into service since that time. Although this Eagle lock has given the best service of any lock ever used on mail bags, it is now being gradually withdrawn on account of its weight, and replaced by a still later lock known as the "La," weighing only 2 4-5 ounces, or about one-half the weight of the Double Star and costing less than one-half as much to manufacture. As the carrying of the mails is paid for by weight, the La lock will result in a large saving to the govern-

ment in transportation cost, besides which much time will be saved in the locking and unlocking. This is an important feature, especially with the railway post-office clerks, where every minute counts.

One of the most important and interesting locks in use in the postal service is the registered-mail lock, commonly called the "rotary." This lock is equipped with a registering mechanism having four dials, each numbered from 0 to 9, which indicates the number of times the lock is unlocked. Each is also provided with a serial number stamped on the outside of the case, no two bearing the same number. Pouches containing registered mail are kept locked with these and a record of both the serial number of the lock and the registered number as shown on the dials. If any lock reaches its destination showing a different number on the dials it is at once known that it has been tampered with. As each clerk who handles the pouch is required to receipt for the same, it is practically impossible to tamper with the contents of the pouch without detection. These locks were formerly made with cast cases and were purchased by the government at \$2.50 each. An improved case, which is drawn from sheet brass, has been designed by employees of the shop. It makes a lock of much neater appearance and lighter in weight, at a cost of 90 cents each. Savings such as this have been made all along the line.

Some idea may be had of the growth of the postal service from the fact that in 1890 only 300,000 locks were needed for locking pouches, while at the present time there are over 1,000,000 used for the purpose. The number of registered locks required has increased during this period from 7,000 to 8,000.

Keep Dogs Muzzled.

Heppner, Oregon, July 20, 1915. Owing to the prevalence of rabies in the immediate vicinity of Heppner, the City Council, looking to the welfare of the people of our town, has ordained that all dogs shall be muzzled or kept chained up until such time as the City Health Officer thinks the danger is past. Therefore the Marshal has been instructed to kill all dogs found running at large without muzzles within the corporate limits of the City of Heppner on or after July 25th, 1915.

Due notice will be given when this order is annulled. This order will be strictly enforced. People outside the city limits are requested to keep dogs at home as there will be no exception made. Rabies has ceased to be a joke and the welfare of the people demands this action.
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