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AMERICAN POSTAGE STAMPS.

A Brief History of these Useful Little Articles. The proposition to change the size and colors of the prevailing postage stamps makes a short history of these useful little articles very timely.

It is now half a century since the first postage stamp was issued in this country. In 1840 England began using stamps, in 1845 the issue of postage stamps was authorized by Congress, and in 1847 the first stamps were issued.

Before that time the postage was paid in cash, sometimes by the sender and sometimes by the receiver of the letter, and the schedule of rates varied with the distances.

The charge for transmitting a letter thirty miles was 6 cents, and the tariff increased in gradual ratio until a maximum charge of 25 cents for 300 miles or more was reached. This method was in vogue for two years after the issue of stamps was authorized by Congress.

The first stamps issued were of the denominations of 5 cents and 10 cents. The 5-cent stamp had a picture of Ben Franklin and the 10-cent the head of Washington as the principal figure in the design.

Those heads have continued to adorn the postage stamps of our country from that day to this. The stamps first issued were a little larger than those now in use.

In 1851 the carrier system was introduced in all large cities, and a stamp of a peculiar design, costing 1 cent each and known as carriers' stamps, were issued for the purpose of providing prepaid delivery.

In that year the letter postage was reduced to 3 cents, and the old brick-dust red 3-cent stamp came in. At the same time the issue was enlarged to eight stamps, the largest denomination being 90 cents.

The portrait of Jefferson was introduced on the 5-cent stamp, but the other seven bore the heads of Washington and Franklin in different designs.

These stamps were the most popular ever issued by the department. They remained in use for ten years.

The new 3-cent stamp issued in 1861 was of a light red, and it remained in use until 1869, when there was a decided innovation in the designs of the entire issue. The new stamps were square instead of oblong, and many of them were printed in two colors, the central design being in one tone and the border in another.

The principal figure in each design was in almost every instance a representation of some mode of carrying the mails instead of the head of some departed statesman.

The 3-cent stamp was printed in blue, and the principal figure in the design was a locomotive. That issue of stamps lasted about ten months. The people clamored so against them that in 1870 a return was made to the old designs, which were printed, however, in different colors.

The 3-cent stamp was then made green, with the head of Washington in the center of the design. That stamp is of such recent date that its design is familiar to every one.

The green 3-cent stamp which was adopted in 1870 continued in use longer than any of its predecessors. It was used until October 1, 1883, and it might have continued in vogue much longer had not Congress reduced the rate of letter postage to 2 cents. Under the new law a brown 2-cent stamp was issued. It continued in use until 1887, when its color was changed to the green now in use, to which the public seem to have taken a strong dislike.

Among the rarest American stamps are some which are not issued by the Government. When Congress, in 1845, authorized the use of stamps it neglected to make such provision as warranted the postal authorities in their estimation in the issue of stamps.

During the period of two years preceding the issue of Government stamps the principal cities of the United States issued what were known as postmasters' stamps. They were intended for the convenience of business men who desired to mail letters after the closing of the post-office, for the postoffice did not remain in operation all night in the primitive days of the postal service.

These stamps were issued by postmasters at New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, St. Louis, Providence, Alexandria and a great many other places.

Some of the stamps were merely slips of paper bearing the signatures of the postmasters. Collectors value the Baltimore stamp at \$200. A stamp which was issued by the Postmaster of New Haven is worth on an original-use envelope \$300 and more. A postage stamp issued by the Milbury Postmaster, which was of elaborate design for those days, and bore the head of Washington, brings easily \$300 to \$500—Golden Days.

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