

Pfennig Issues



pfennig with an "e"

1 January 1875

typography - unwatermarked - comb perforated $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{4}$
10 to 50 pfennig center embossed



as with the previous issue, misalignment of the comb perforator resulted in stamps of different sizes
in this issue it was the narrow edge which was affected, the top and bottom on these stamps
normal stamps = 13 holes, 19.5-20 mm; "B1", wide stamps = 21.5 to 22.5 mm with irregular corner perf
"B2", wide stamps = at least 21 mm with complete perf hole on right (14 holes)
"C", narrow stamps = 18.5-19 mm with 12 complete perf holes
"D", extended stamps = 20.5 mm with incomplete (14th) perf hole
valid until 31 January 1891

this issue reflects the new pfennig and mark currency which was introduced in the Reichpost area on 1 January 1875
the new currency was introduced in Wurttemberg on 1 July 1875 and in Bavaria on 1 January 1870



Scott 29; Michel 31a
blue green



Scott 29; Michel 31b
yellow green



Michel GA31a
cutout from postal
stationary



Scott 30; Michel 32



Scott 31; Michel 33a
carmine, rose
K1A GERSTUNGEN



Scott 31; Michel 33aa
bright brown red
(blood red)



Scott 31; Michel 33b
eosin rose
fluoresces orange



Scott 32; Michel 34a
ultramarine



Scott 32; Michel 34b
blue



Scott 32; Michel 34b
blue

Empire
1875



Scott 33; Michel 35a
red brown
possibly R3g Homberg



Scott 33; Michel 35a D
red brown
20.5 mm wide



Scott 33; Michel 35b
yellow brown
K1g Frankfurt a.m.



Scott 33; Michel 35c
dark brown



Scott 34; Michel 36a
gray, pale gray



Scott 34; Michel 36b
black gray
K1g Rybnir

Empire
1875



Scott 33; Michel 35aC
18,5-19 mm wide
12 complete perf holes



Michel 31 GA
from envelope

Postal Card 1875
usage 1877



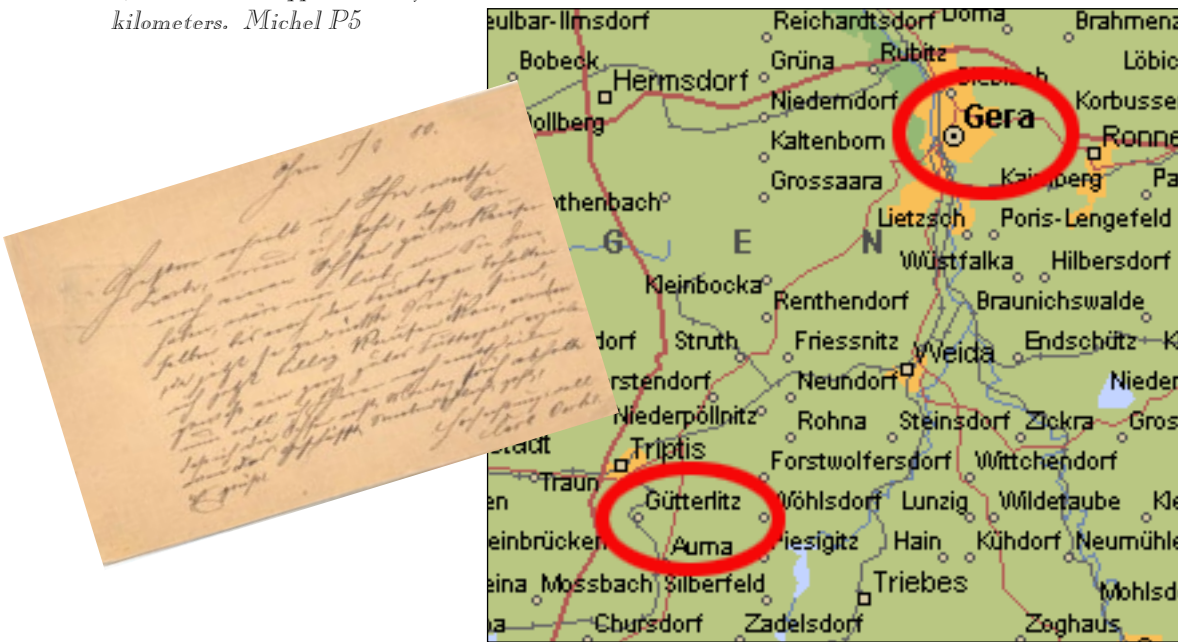
Clear Barmen R5a and Gand K1g cancels. This postal card went from Barmen, east north east of Dusseldorf to Gand, or Gent, in Belgium taking one day in transit. There is another Barmen to the south west. However, this Barmen was a post office prior to formation of the empire. Postal Card P5 with an additional 5 pfenniges added to pay the rate to Belgium
Scott 30, Michel 32 - with an "e"



Handwritten notes on a separate piece of paper, including a signature 'M' and the date 'Barmen 18.5.1877'.



Gera R3g cancel. From Gera to
Gütterlitz, a distance of approximately 25
kilometers. Michel P5





the background of this stamp is made up of its value, "zwei mark", repeated

Numeral Issue

1 January 1875
printings into 1900

for internal post office use, not for sale to general public
variations due to comb perforator affects height
color varieties:

all early stamps had variations in color from printing to printing and, sometimes, in the same printing the stamps of this issue are a good example - each of the twelve examples below appear to be a distinct color

Scott groups these stamps into three colors: 36- rose lilac (1890); 36a-purple; 36b-dull violet

Michel groups the stamps into six colors: 37a-violet purple (1875-1880, 1893-1894); 37b-lilac purple or dull lilac (1880-1884) 37c-dull rose lilac (1884-1889); 37d-dull violet purple (1889-1890); 37e-brown purple (1890-1899); 37f-lilac carmine (1899-1900)

Scott 36 - Rose Lilac



Michel 37 b
lilac purple
manuscript cancel
Bay/13 12 83



Michel 37 b
lilac purple
manuscript cancel
Neuf 2/29 11 84



Michel 37 b
dull lilac
K1g cancel
4 3 86



Michel 37 c
rose lilac



Michel 37 f
lilac carmine
K2g cancel
Bonn/4 3 97



Michel 37 f
lilac carmine
K2g cancel
Berlin NW/1 10 98



Michel 37 f
lilac carmine
K2g cancel
Metz/30 4 96



Michel 37 f
lilac carmine
K2g cancel
Coslin/12 5 00



Michel 37 e
brown purple



Michel 37 a
violet purple
manuscript cancel
Ber/3 7 80



Michel 37 a
violet purple
manuscript cancel
Lizg/8 5 79



Michel 37 a
violet purple
manuscript cancel
5 1 78

Empire
1875

Bavaria

Coat of Arms

Bavaria retained its postal independence under the Empire
mark issue

embossed - perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ - watermark 92 (Scott), 1 b (Michel) - typography
watermark of wide pattern of crossed wavy lines
issued 1 July 1875 - valid to 30 June 1912



Scott 32; Michel 31a
violet

Scott 32; Michel 31 b
dark violet

Bavaria Coat of Arms

Bavaria retained its postal independence under the Empire
last kreuzer issue

embossed - perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ - watermark 94 (Scott), 2 (Michel) - typography
watermark of wavy lines with crests wide apart
issued 5 July 1875 - valid to 31 December 1875



Watermark
illustration from Michel
Scott 94; Michel 2



Scott 33; Michel 32



Scott 34; Michel 33



Scott 35; Michel 34



Scott 36; Michel 35



Scott 37; Michel 36

Wurtemberg

regular issue

Wurtemberg also retained its postal independence under the Empire
this design, issued from 1875 to 1900, was the last regular issue from the State

unwatermarked - typography - perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 11
issued 1 July 1875 - 2 mark good to 15 October 1879
regular issues were superseded by stamps of the Empire in 1902



Scott 56; Michel 44a
yellow green



Scott 56; Michel 44b
bluish green



Scott 58; Michel 45a
violet to lilac



Scott 58; Michel 45b
blue violet



Scott 60a; Michel 46a
rose



Scott 60; Michel 46b
carmine



Scott 61; Michel 47a
blue, ultramarine



Scott 61a; Michel 47b
dull blue
prussian blue

Empire
1875



Scott 62; Michel 48a
redish brown



Scott 62; Michel 48b
pale to matt brown



Scott 66; Michel 49



Scott 69; Michel 50

Official Stamps



Scott 03; Michel 101a
violet



Scott 03; Michel 101b
blue violet



Scott 05; Michel 102a
rose



Scott 05; Michel 102b
carmine

Empire
1875

Württemberg

postal stationary



Cut Square from envelope
Michel Wurt. U 24

Single Circle Cancel
Stuttgart P.A.I



An 1879 usage of this 1875 postal card.
Traveling from Stuttgart in Württemberg to
Eisleben in Prussian Saxony.

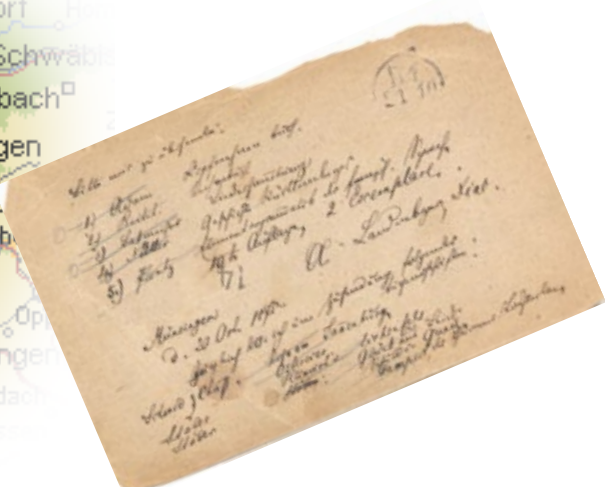


Michel: Württemberg P 20

Empire
1875



Postkarte



P 20 02
P 20: no frame
02; 3rd dotted line 53mm and 4th dotted line 81 mm

Cancelled in Metzingen on 20 October, 1875, and addressed to Stuttgart, the reverse bears what is probably a Stuttgart receiving or distribution stamp dated 21 October.

Empire
1875

Usage
1875 issue
Wurtemberg to New York
via England



Scott 61; Michel 47a
blue, ultramarine



Postal Stationary

Rohrpost-Umschlag

Stamped envelope used in the Berlin System of pneumatic tubes.



RU 1

Note that the postmark and receiving stamp indicate both the post office (P24, P21) and the tube station (R10, R29) involved.

Source and destination are both in the north west sector of the city.

Unlike other postal envelopes this is of standard construction (unlike others meant to be opened by the use of perforations) and the flap does not have the "bell Clapper" shape characteristic of other postal envelopes.



Babaria

Coat of Arms

first pfennig issue

watermark is horizontal wavy lines, crests wide apart Scott wmk 94; Michel wz 2

typography - embossed - perforated 11½

3, 25, and 50 pf good until 31 January 1893 5, 10, and 20 pf good until 30 June 1912

Scott places 1 and 2 mark issues in this year. Michel places the mark issues in 1879. I am following Michel.



Scott 38; Michel 37



Scott 39; Michel 38a
bluish green



Scott 39; Michel 38b
dark blue green



Scott 39; Michel 38c
gray olive green



Scott 41; Michel 39a
pale lilac rose



Scott 41; Michel 39b
rose to carmine



Scott 42; Michel 40a
shades of ultramarine



Scott 42; Michel 40b
prussian blue



Scott 43; Michel 41



Scott 44; Michel 42

Hostage Due

regular issue of 1876 overprinted "Vom Empfänger zahlbar"

watermark 94 Scott, 2 Michel

typography - embossed - perforated 11½



Scott J4; Michel 4



Scott J5; Michel 5



Scott J6; Michel 6



Scott J6; Michel 6

Postal Stationary



Bavaria P 6 Scan-150321-0001.tif
dark green

Bavaria P 8 Scan-150321-0003.tif
green (shades)





Probablu Ulm receiving
left on Württ postcard, right on Bavariavv

Bavaria Wurttt usage.tif

Württemberg

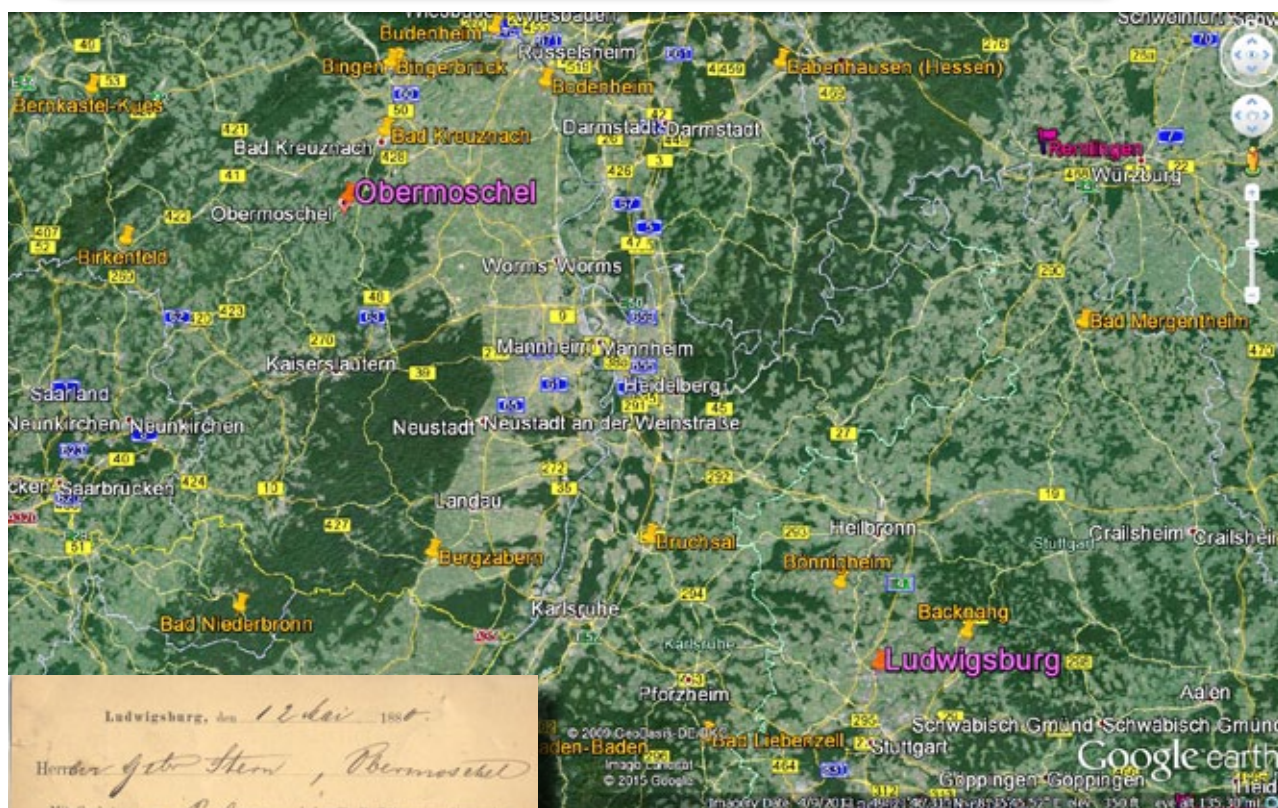
postal stationary



P22 Lilac on Salmon



P 22



Hennig Issue - with final "e"

5 March 1877

typography - unwatermarked - comb perf 13 1/2 x 14 1/2

center embossed

width varies as previously described for the issue



Scott 35; Michel 38a
gray olive

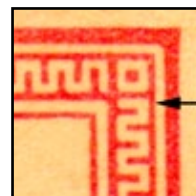


Scott 35; Michel 38b
dark olive green

Postal Stationary

postal card

"pfennig" issue, without final "e"
 issue distinguished by design of border (see right)
 this and other issues distinguished by gaps in the rows of dots



Two types depending upon the way the vertical border ends. If the zig is away from the center: type a. If the zig is towards the center: type b.



Michel P 8 II b

("II" = no gap in lines of dots; "b" = type of border, see above)

1878/79

Bavaria

issue of 1878/79

a continuation of the 1876 pfennig regular issue

Scott has these issued in 1878. Michel has the lilac 5 pf issued in 1878 and the remainder in 1879
valid until 31 January 1893



Scott 40; Michel 45a
lilac



Scott 40; Michel 45b
violet



Scott 45; Michel 46

issue of 1879

mark values of the 1876 pfennig issue

Scott lists as issued in 1876, Michel in 1879
valid until 30 June 1912



Scott 46; Michel 43



Scott 47; Michel 44

Wurtemberg

regular issue

part of the 1875 issue

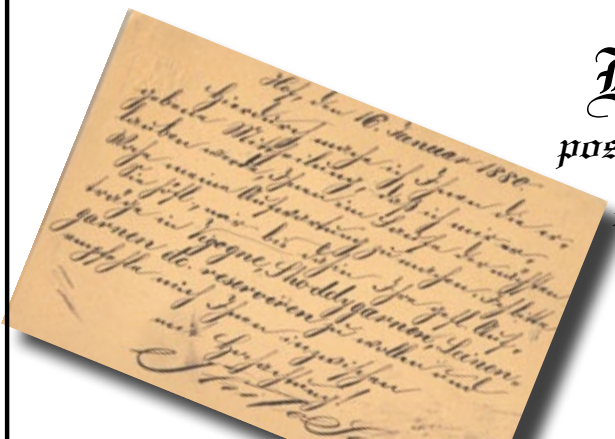
2 mark valid until 1 April 1883



Scott 67; Michel 51



Scott 70; Michel 52



Bavaria
 postal stationary
 postal card
 usage - 1880



Crest design has oval in the center instead of a shield.



Michel Bavaria P18 design is embossed on card

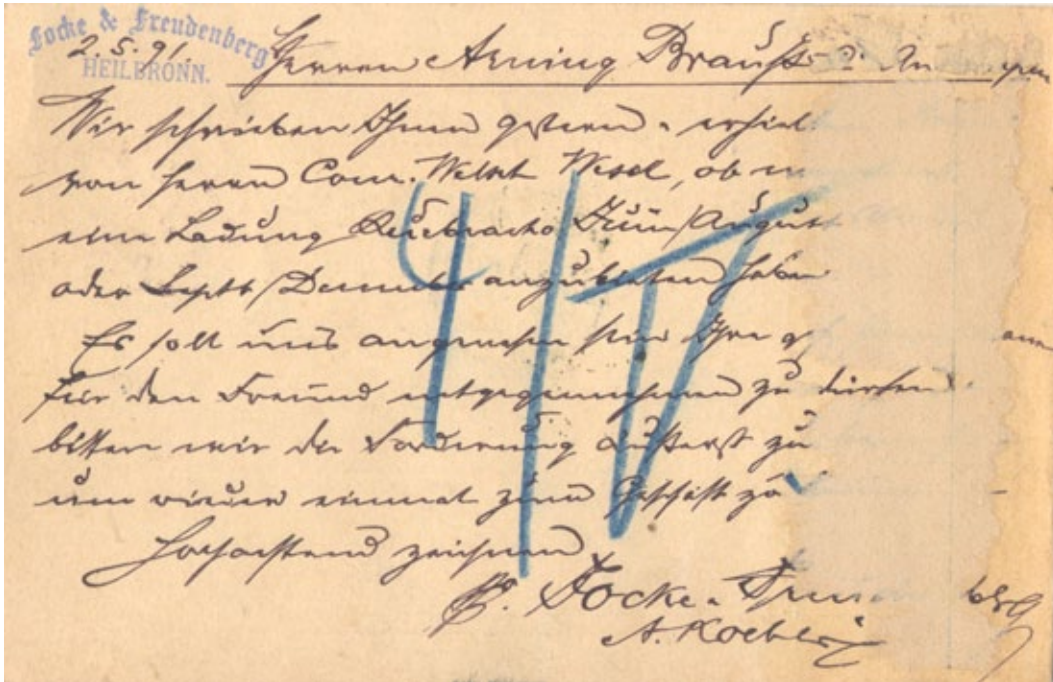
Date of usage is established by the first line of the message. Sent from Hof in the evening of January 16, the card passed through Munchberg on the 17th en route to Helmbrechts where it arrived on the 17th. Reference to Munchberg in the address was necessary to distinguish between two towns named

Helmbrechts. Other town is shown by pushpin to the south south east.

Hof, den 16. Januar 1880.



Württ P 28 02 Heilbronn 910502 Scan-150605-0001.tif



Württ P 28 02 Heilbronn 910502 Scan-150605-0002.tif



pfennig without final "e"



typography, embossed - unwatermarked - comb perforated $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{4}$
differences in size of stamps and number of perfs are the same as previous issue
counter sales until 1 December 1890, valid until 31 January 1891, stamp exchange until 1 February 1891



Scott 37; Michel 39a
green to bluish green
K1g



Scott 37; Michel 39b
yellow green



Scott 37; Michel 39b
yellow green
K1g Magdeberg



Scott 38; Michel 40
K1g
probably Mainz



Michel 40 GA
cut square from
postal stationary



Scott 39; Michel 41a
dull rose to dark rose



Scott 39; Michel 41a
dull rose to dark rose



Scott 39; Michel 41b
pale red to dull dark red
K2g Insterburg



Scott 40; Michel 42a
ultramarine



Scott 40; Michel 42a
ultramarine
K1g Hamburg



Scott 40; Michel 42aa
ultramarine gray
K1g Altona



Scott 40; Michel 42b
pale blue to blue



Scott 40; Michel 42b
pale blue to blue
R3g Seepost



Scott 40; Michel 42c
bright to violet
ultramarine



Scott 40; Michel 42c
bright to violet
ultramarine

Empire
1880



Scott 41a; Michel 43a
ocher brown
K1g cancel
probably Berlin



Scott 41a; Michel 43b
red brown
K1g Wernigerode



Scott 41; Michel 43c
Matte to dark
rose brown
K1g cancel



Scott 42a; Michel 44a
greenish to olive
gray
K1g cancel



Scott 42; Michel 44b
gray olive green
to dark olive
K1g Metz

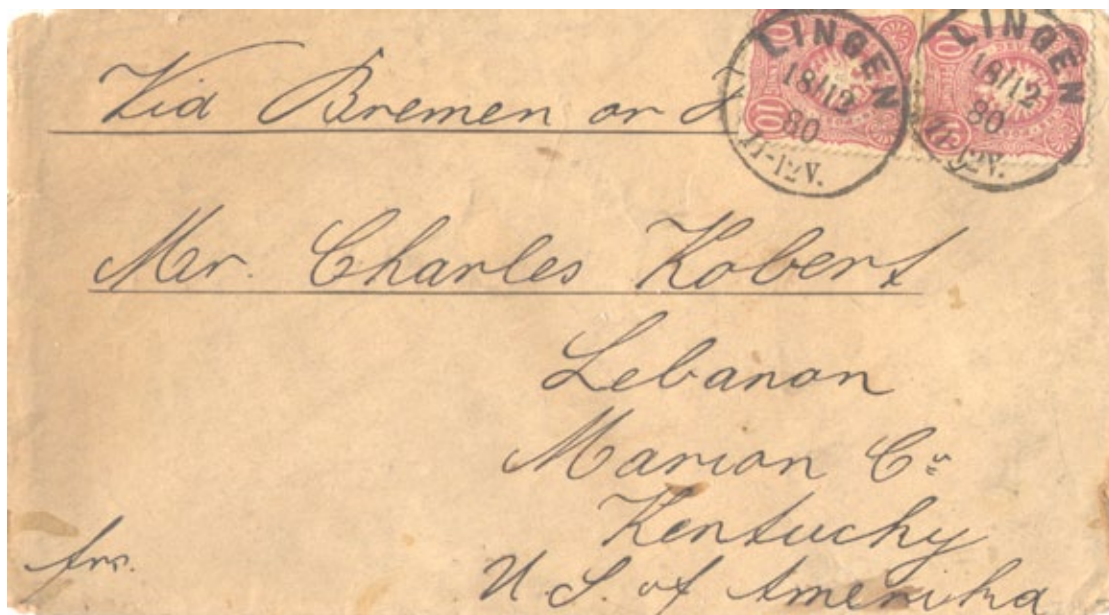


Scott 42; Michel 44c
yellowish olive green
to pale green
K1g
probably Berlin S.



Scott 42; Michel 44d
black green
K1g Ehrenfriedersdorf

Empire
1880



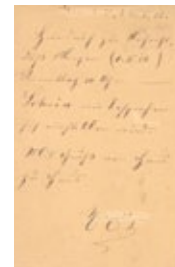
1880 usage. New York receiving stamp on reverse



Usage - 1886



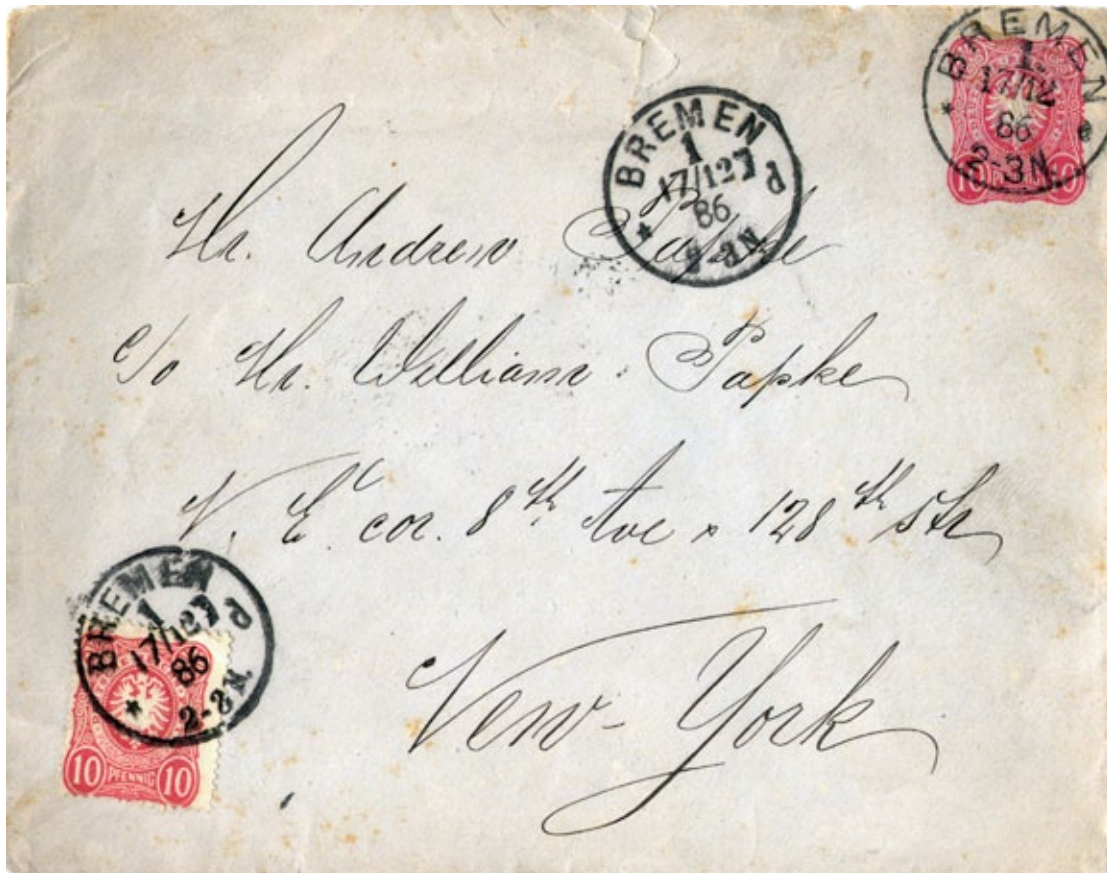
Scott 38; Michel 40
Single Circle Cancel
Neudietendorf



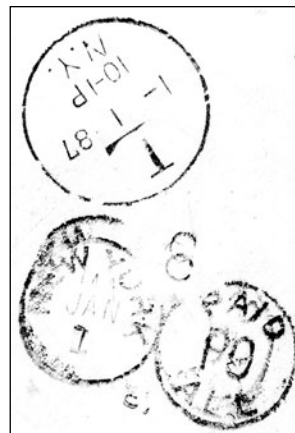
Although there has been an attempt to obliterate the address (and message) the cancel, Neudietendorf, is clear and the destination, Gotha, may be discerned. While there is a Neudietendorf in Saxony,

near Leipzig, it is more likely that the card traveled between the two cities, near each other, in Thuringia.

Usage - 1886



In addition to the Bremen single circle cancels on the face showing that this letter was posted in Bremen on 17 December, 1886, the receiving cancels on the reverse of January 1, 1887, show a fifteen day transit time. A stamp on the reverse shows the sender.



Postal Stationary

1876 Rohrpost-Umschlag

Stamped envelope used in the Berlin System of pneumatic tubes.
pfennig without the final "e"

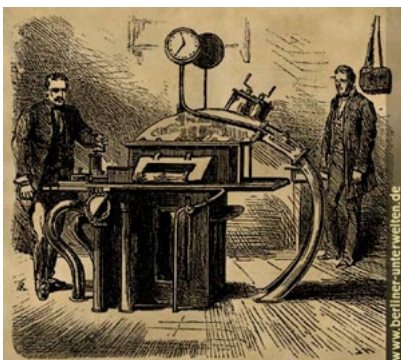


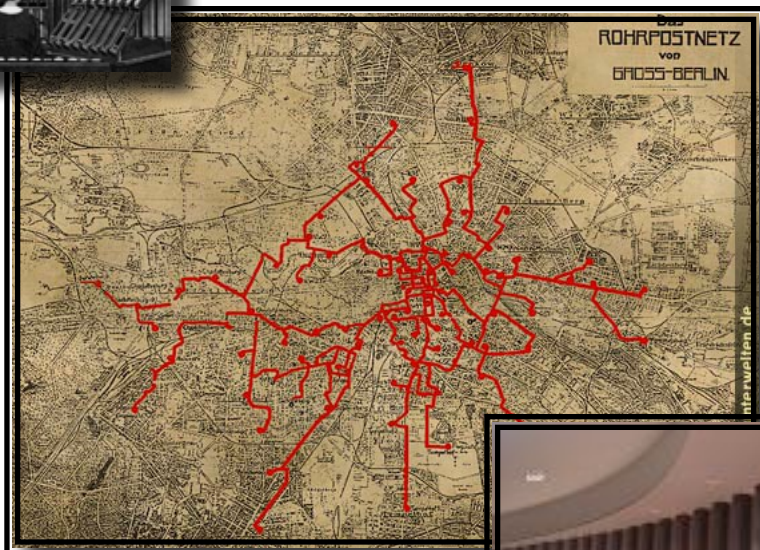
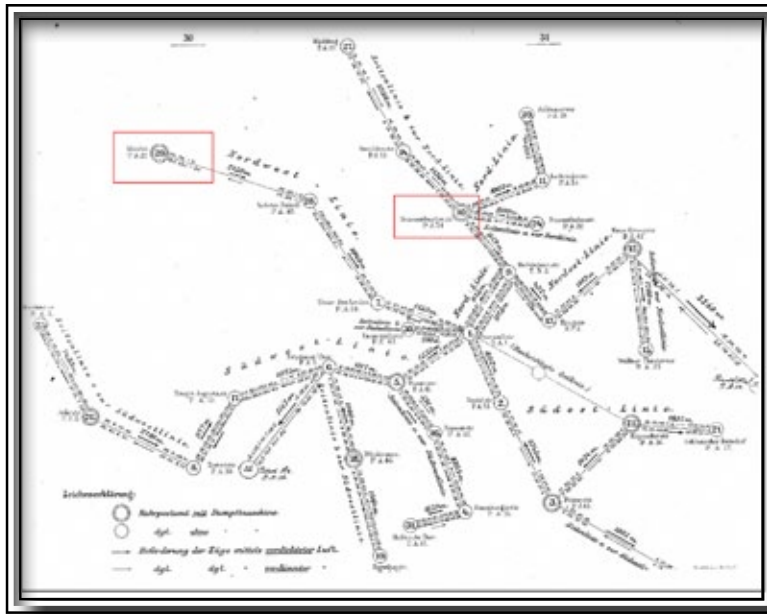
RU 1

Note that the postmark and receiving stamp indicate both the post office (P24, P21) and the tube station (R10, R29) involved.

Source and destination are both in the north west sector of the city.

Unlike other postal envelopes this is of standard construction (unlike others meant to be opened by the use of perforations) and the flap does not have the "bell Clapper" shape characteristic of other postal envelopes.





Empire
1880

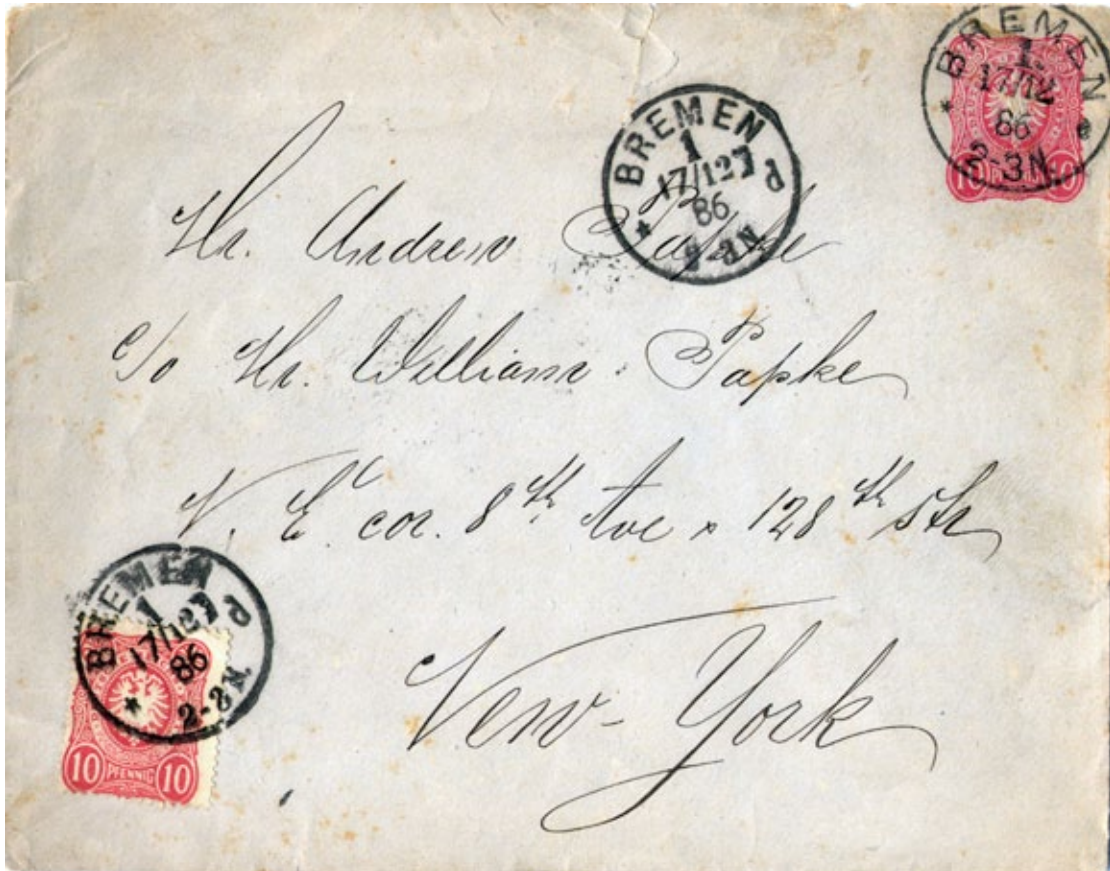
Umschlag

postal envelope

pfennig - eagle in an oval - typography and embossed

Format A 146: 83.5 mm - flap type 4 - blue grey

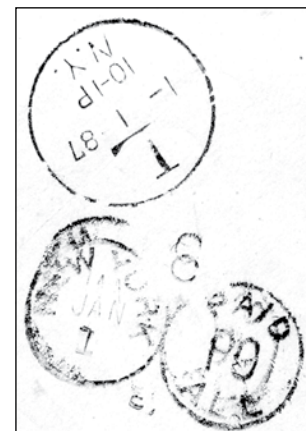
Format B 146.5: 113.5 mm - flap type 1 - pale blue



Usage - 1886
U 12 B



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Postal Stationary

postal card - Postkarten

1878 - 1889 design

numeral or small eagle in oval
"pfennig" issue, without final "e"

1878 printing

small eagle in oval

embossed printing - printed form black - value is in "pfennig"

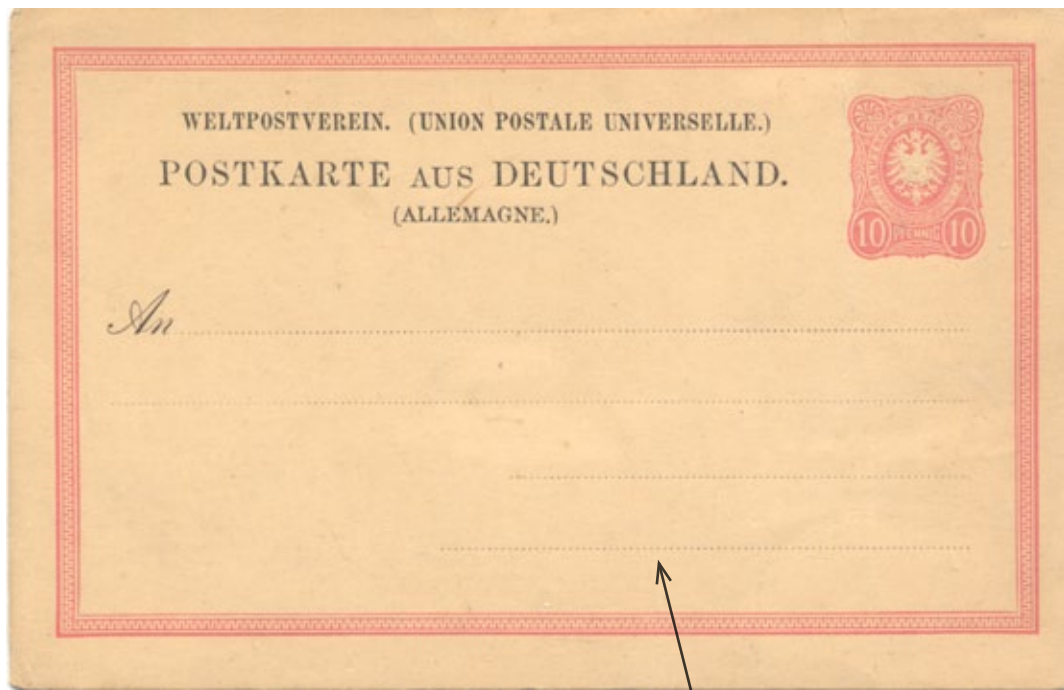
frame in the color of the indicia of value

two types of border: type a, top right border design ends pointing to the right;

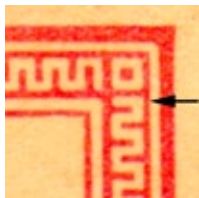
type b, top right border design ends pointing to the left

type I - gap in 4th line

type II - no gap



Michel P 8 II b

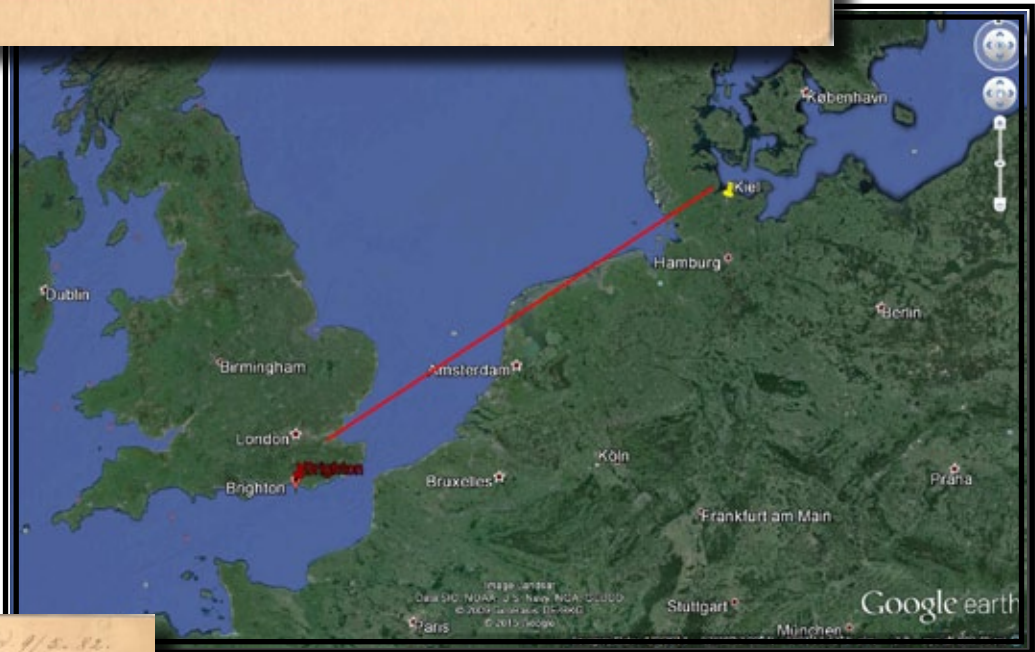


postkarte78 type b.tif

no gap in dots making up 4th line: type II



Kiel 820509 P 8 II b Scan-150402-0014.tif



Kiel d. 9/3. 82.
 Mr. A. Coastle Brighton.
 Als Mutter von 2 Kindern
 ich müßte leider beinahe die
 gewünschten Marken von
 Hannover augenblicklich nicht
 liefern zu können, erwarte
 jedoch nächstens eine neue
 Sendung von Post und sollte
 die Briefe abholen um eine
 Pfanne Sie sehr sofort.
 Haben Sie sonst keinen Auftrag
 ich besitze ein großes Lager und
 bin ganz erboten Ihnen Post-
 wahl zu senden sobald mir
 Ihre Adressen bekannt sind.
 Hochachtungsvoll
 Ed. Wislitzke

Kiel 820509 P 8 II b Scan-150402-0015.tif

5 pfennig postkarte

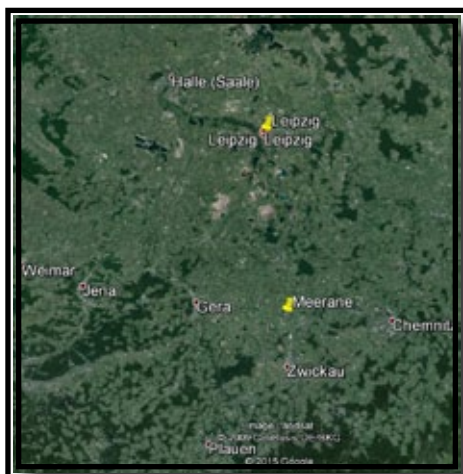
numeral surmounted by a crown
"pfennig" without a final "e" - no frame
as single card or double reply card
single and senders portion of reply card may have plate number
reply portion of reply card has no plate number

printing of 1879

there is a gap in the 4th line of dots
this issue has no printing datum
size: 140:90 mm
P10 single - P11 reply



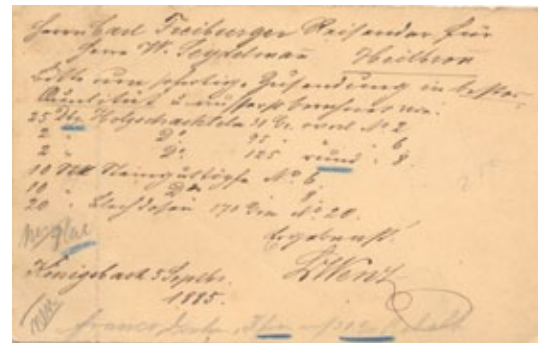
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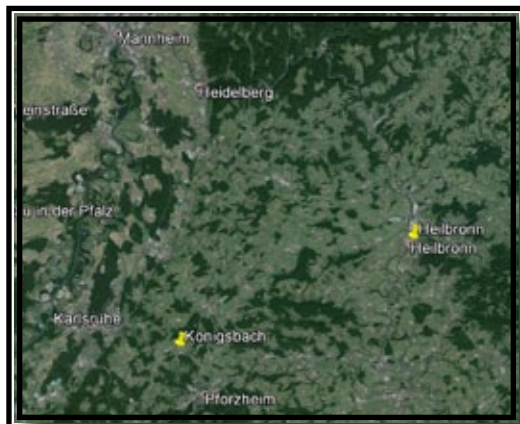
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Königsbach Heilbronn map.tif



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Herrn Jul. Schulz Waffgabern · Eitorf
 Hoehr 7/11 79.

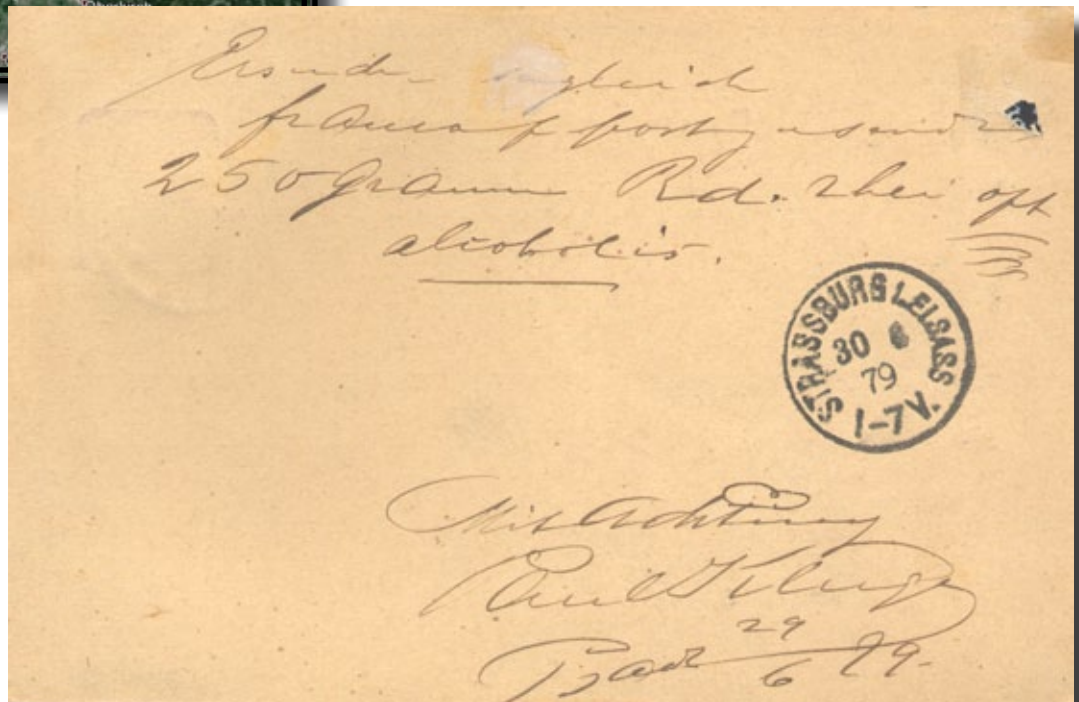
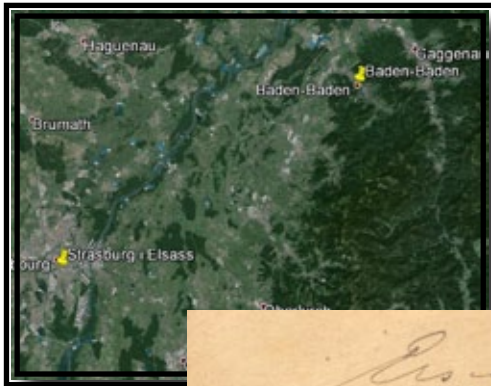
Die hatten die Güte mit p. Hoffenungsförderung
 Mk: 20. - 60 r. zu überreichen, die wir besten
 Dankes für die Überlieferung inf. Beförderung vom
 18 pte. versenden.

Ihre freundliche Hoffenungsförderung
 steht mit Dankungen entgegen, ganz
 mit bestem
 freundlicher Hoffenungsförderung!
 G. S. Lochschütz, C.

Hoehr 791108 P 10 Scan-150316-0021.tif



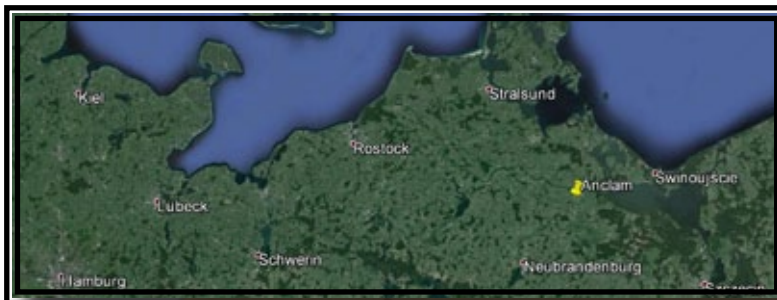
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Baden in Baden 790620 P 10 790629 Scan-150316-0019.tif



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Hra. Jansenpflanz
 erlaube mir ergebenst mitzutheilen das
 bei dem mir zum einlinden mit besond
 bluffiktion zum 29 ten Lundera von
 Gschl's Bucher Logen A. B. mit
 Lital folgt und bitte um gefällige
 Uebersendung derselben
 Jansenpflanz
 E. Dage
 Dudy
 Anklam d. 30.1.82.

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1882 printing - P 12 P 13

printing date at lower right - gap in dots of 4th line - without frame - size 140:90

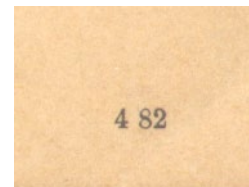
"DEUTSCHE REICHSPOST." -	plate A	54.5 mm	plate B	53.0 mm
"POSTKARTE. "	-	41.0 mm		39.5 mm

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/02 - printing data given in one number as: 684 (384 - 287)



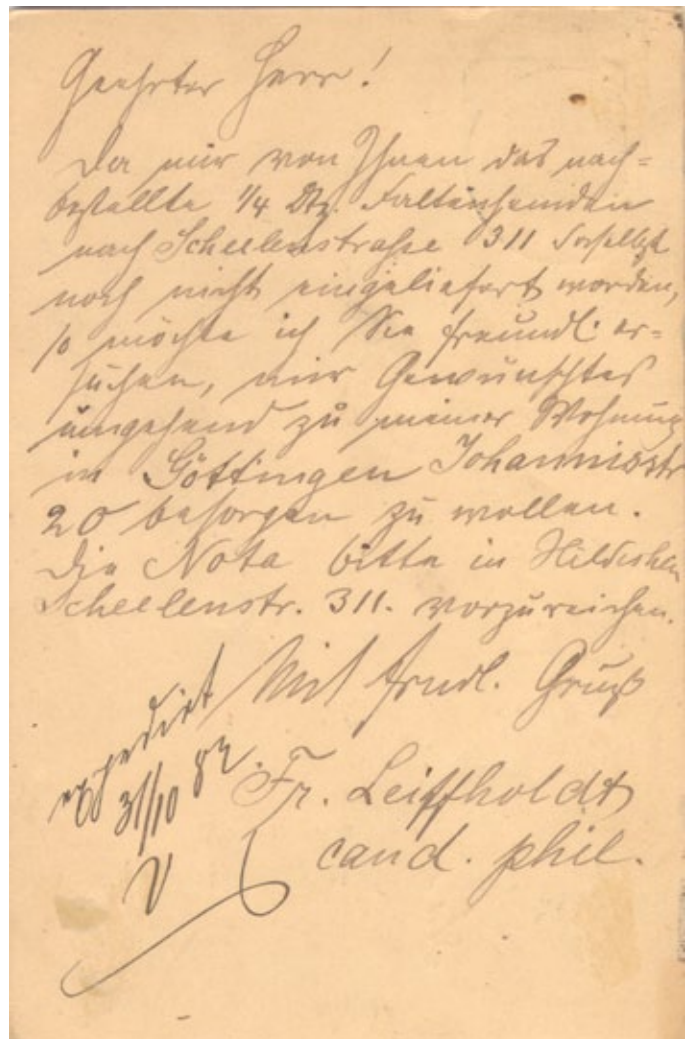
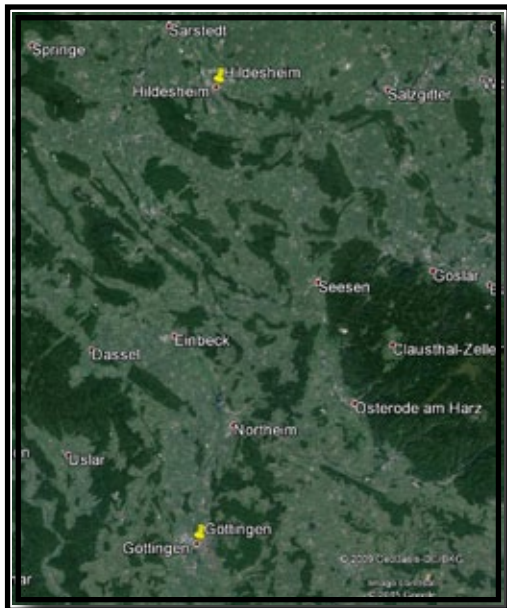
P 12 A /01

Printing date in lower right and gap in dots of line 4.
/01 = printing date in two separate numbers from 1 82 to 3 84
(as opposed to 384, for example)





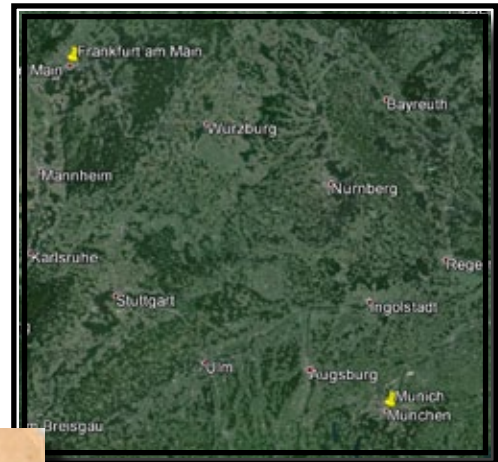
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*Herrn G. Schmidt Hauptmann in München
 Dillstr. 228
 München wegen sind die Namen bei
 Dillstr. 228 Dillstr. 228 Dillstr. 228
 Postfach in Fall in Fall in Fall
 falls sie sich in ungl. Weg
 dieses Jahr in in in in in in in
 in in in in in in in in in in in
 Gustav Sch
 H. Schmidt*

DEUTSCHE REICHSPOST.

POSTKARTE.



An

Herrn Superintendenten J. Nagel

forwärtet in

in Röthenburg

bei Grünberg in Sachsen.

KLEUCKE BERLIN, C. 114 d. 240.01

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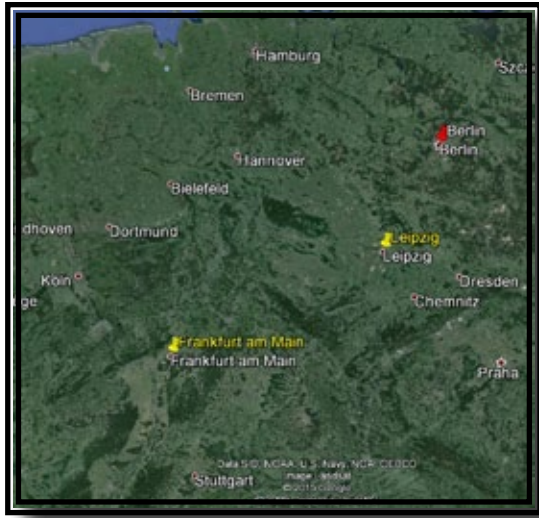
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Abgabe für in Kommission bei Tobler & Co. in Berlin
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 Exemplar an Hauptstadt & l. v. Markt. für 1/2 Pf. St.
 Abt. befugungsd. für 1/2 Pf. St. & für 1/2 Pf. St.
 41 v. Adr. d. Anst. Nr. 118. Administrator in
 in 16. Juli - für alle bis dahin. Jede 1/2 Pf. St. in
 auf 1/2 Pf. St. - 1/2 Pf. St. - 1/2 Pf. St. - 1/2 Pf. St.
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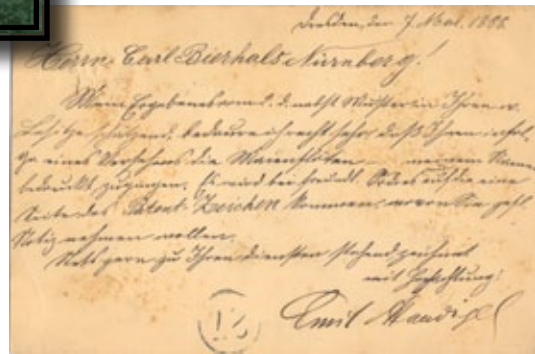
Frankfurt Leipzig map.tif

Dear Marie, Frankfurt, 11/1884

I see it is no doubt
 to be surprised and disappointed
 to hear that we did not pass
 through Gotha. came by way
 of Cassel. were obliged to
 change cars twice. It was very
 hard, and we were completely
 tired out. Uncle Boss, Miss Jones
 went to the main Bahnhof - as
 we came up to the Hotel alone.
 We shall leave here either tonight
 or tomorrow, I do not know
 where we go. Give my love
 to all. Write me a steamer letter
 and send it to Bremen, direct
 H. E. Pöhlen passenger on steamer line
 North German Lloyd. do not forget
 with a great deal of love for you
 your affectionate
 uncle & Mary Sauer



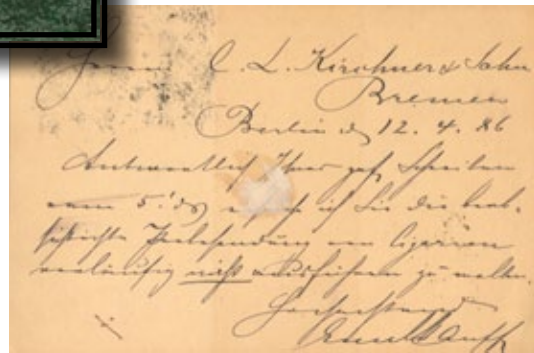
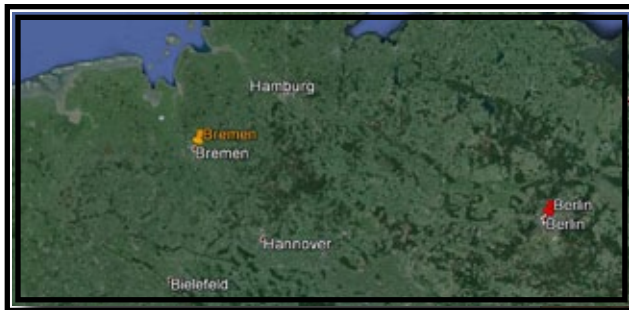
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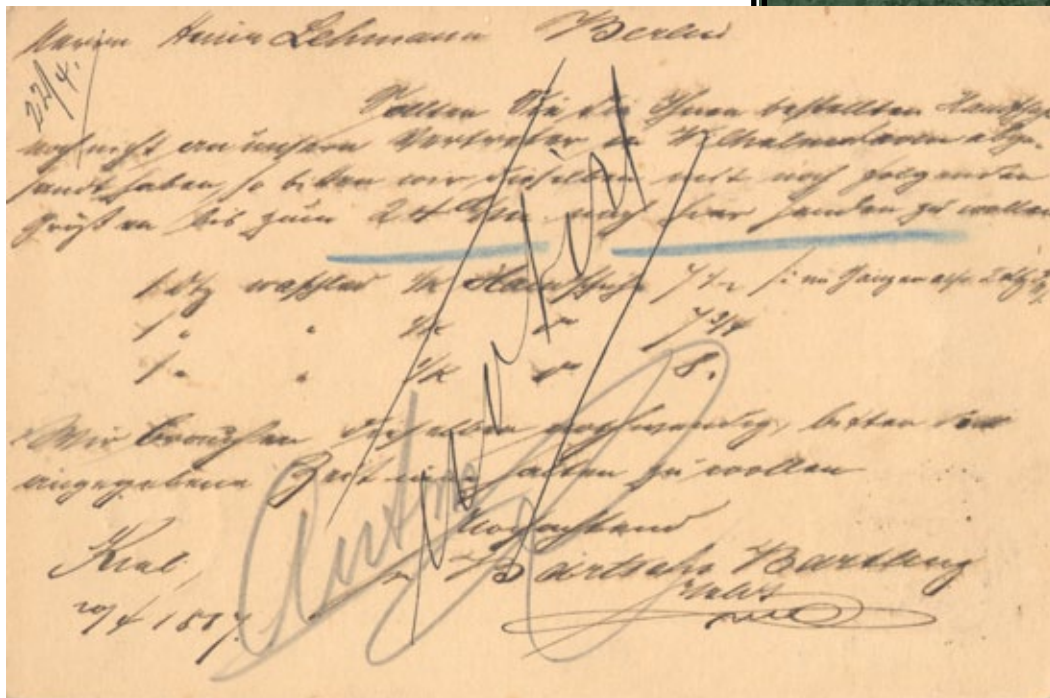
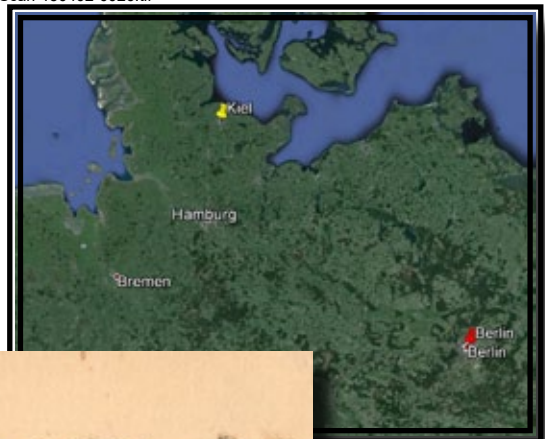
Berlin 860413 P 12 A 02(186) Hoster 5 Scan-150402-0018 (2).tif
 The machine serial number is at the upper left and the die at the lower left.
 27 - 2
 Each machine had two dies.



Berlin 860413 P 12 A 02(186) Hoster 5 Scan-150402-0019 (1).tif



Kiel P 12 B 02 Scan-150402-0026.tif



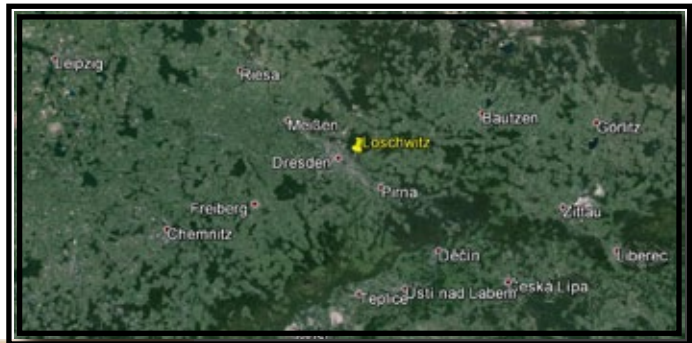
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1886/87 printing

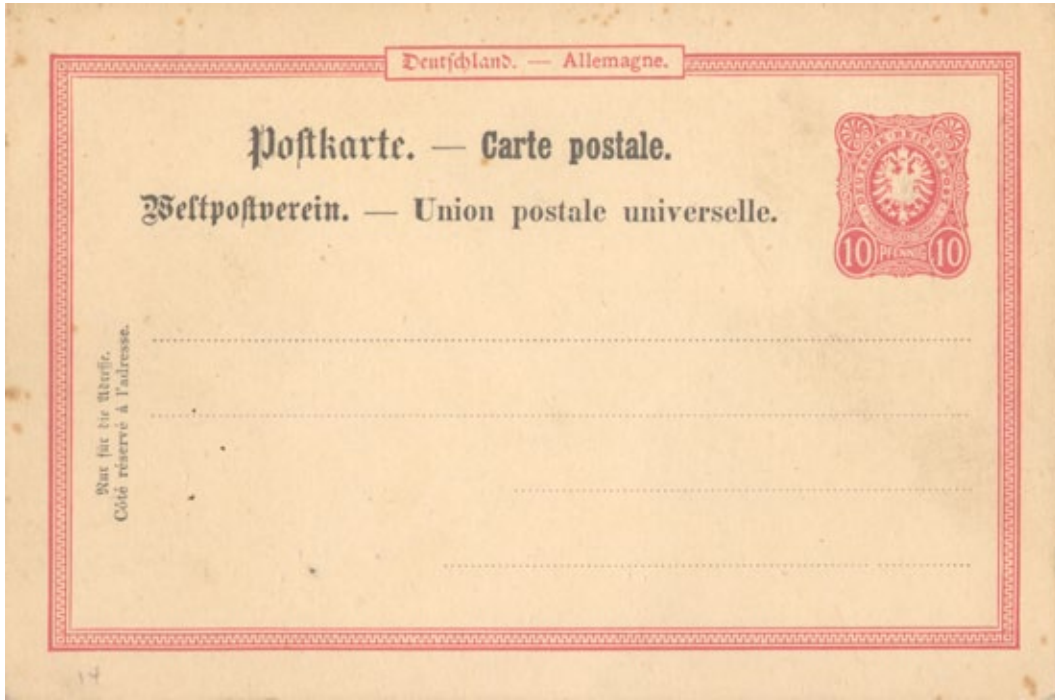
in the top red border framed inscription "Deutschland - Allemagne" in the color of the indicia of value
 missing dot in the 4th line
 without printing date
 large card: 140:90 mm

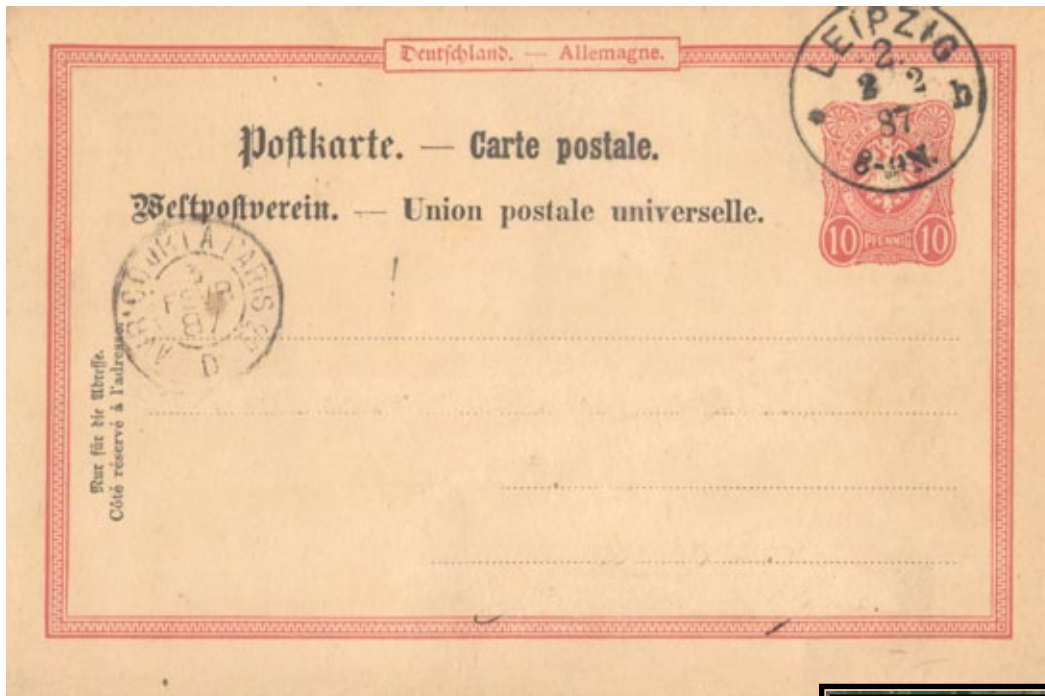


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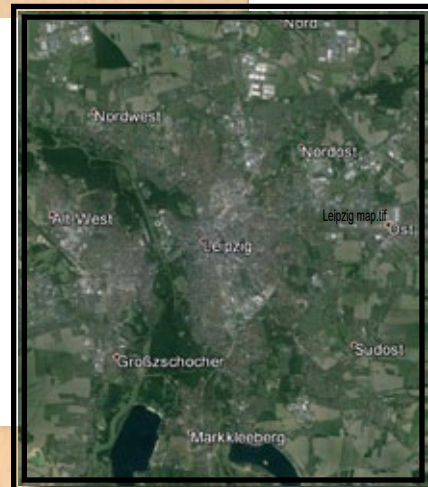


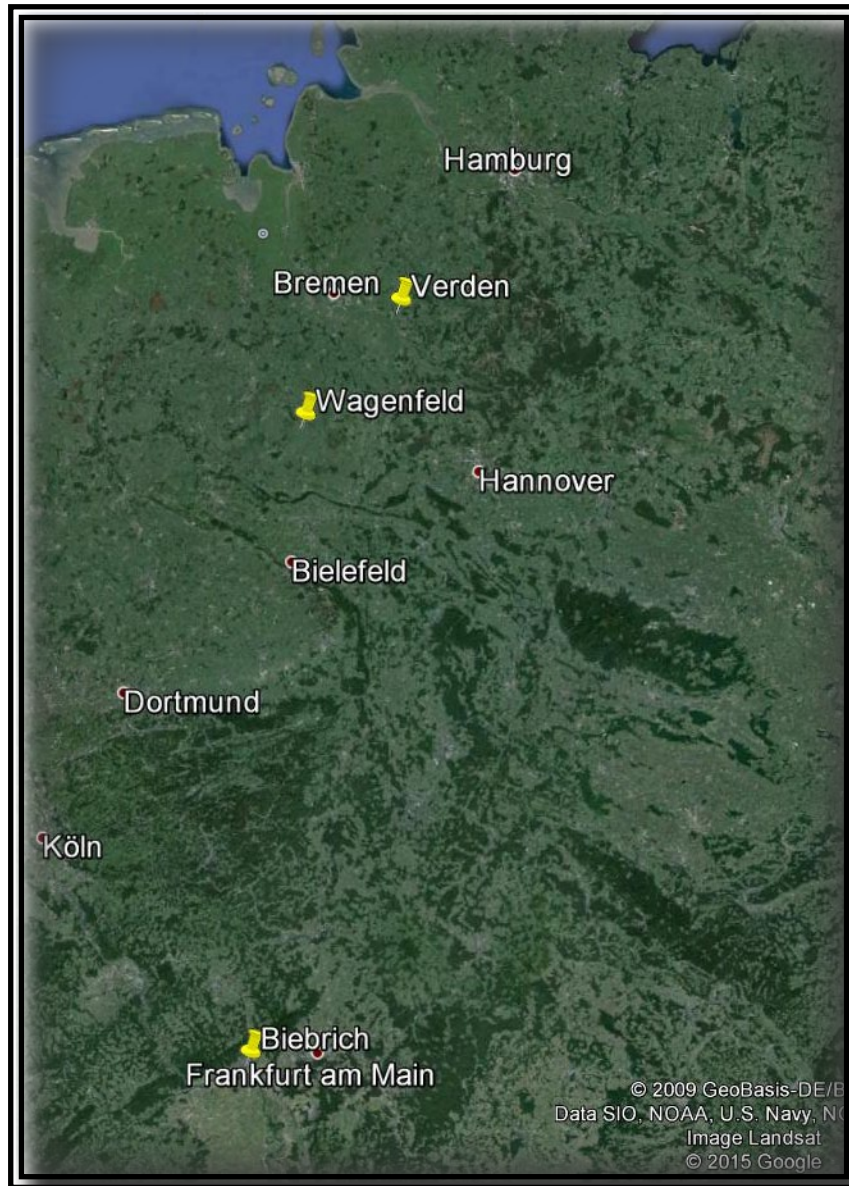
Herrn Burger & Co., New York 59 Nassau Street
 Bezugnahme auf meine von gestern mit
 Aufträgen auf beigefügte:
 U. S. of North America No. 14. 10% à 20 ct.
 Confederate States No. 885. 10% à 30 ct.
 do. „ 886 10 „ à 30 ct.
 do. „ 887 10 „ à 40 „
 do. „ 888 3 „ à 2 „
 do. „ 889 10 „ à 25 „
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 do. „ 899 3 „ à 2 „
 Loschwitz 7/27 11/16 89 „
 Richard Lehmann

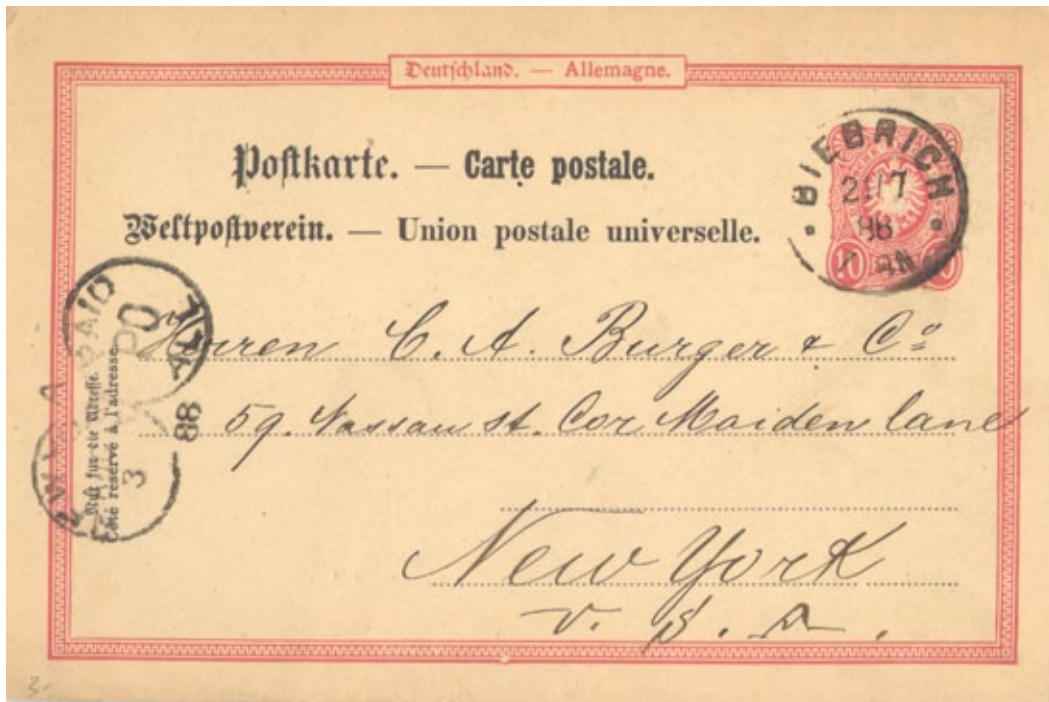




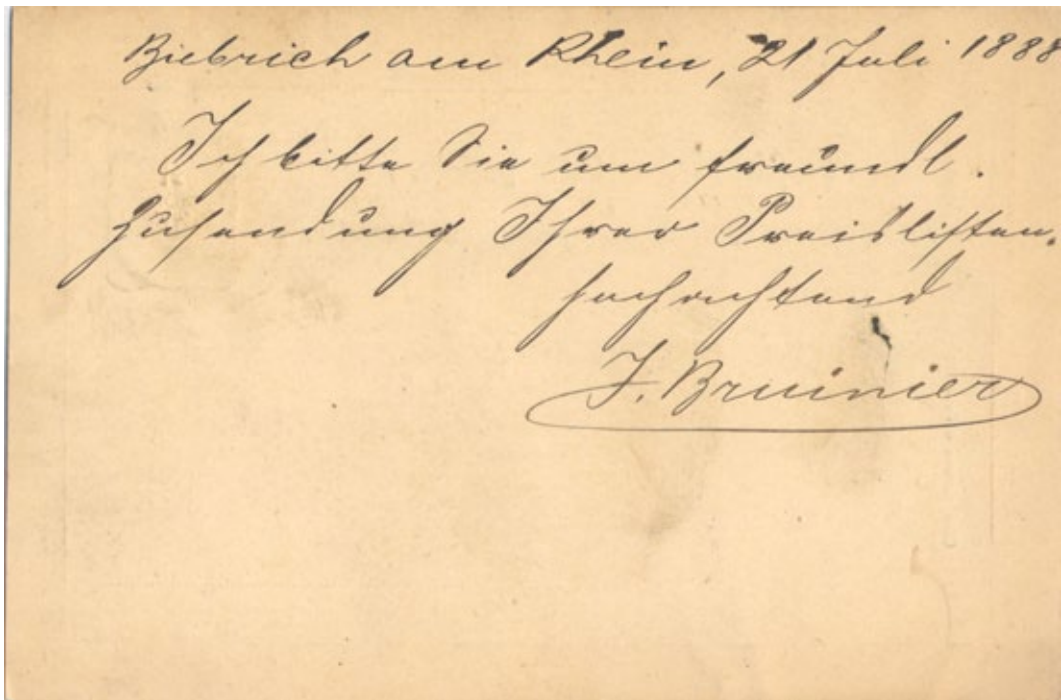
Leipzig 870202 P 14 b Scan-150401-0003.tif
Paris receiving stamp.







Biebrich 880721 P 14 b Scan-150402-0010.tif



Biebrich 880721 P 14 b Scan-150402-0011.tif




Verden den 25/8 88

Burger & Co.
New York
Linzmar Kaufmännische

und Ihre in Hannover im
Ganzjahr Anzeigen für Phil.
aufzuheben die Journalist
und Ihre Prinzipale von
Linzmar aus der zu senden
Kaufmännische
H. Meyer

p. Mor. G. F. Wolff Nachf.
Verden i. Hannover
Deutschland



 Inderen Sin vilken Pringensrost Ofon
 minsta Prisliste

 vaktmyndighet
 Carl Meyer

 Wagenfeld
 (Prof. Holmboer)
 s. 257, 89.

Wagenfeld 890126 P 14 b Scan-150402-0014 (1) 890126 P 14 b Scan-150402-0015 (1).tif

Deutschland. — Allemagne.

 Postkarte. — Carte postale.
 Weltpostverein. — Union postale universelle.



 Mister Burger & Co

 New-York N.S.A.
 No 59, Nassau st. Cor. Maiden Lane

Mit dieser Karte
 Cote Adresse.



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DEUTSCHE REICHSPOST.

POSTKARTE.



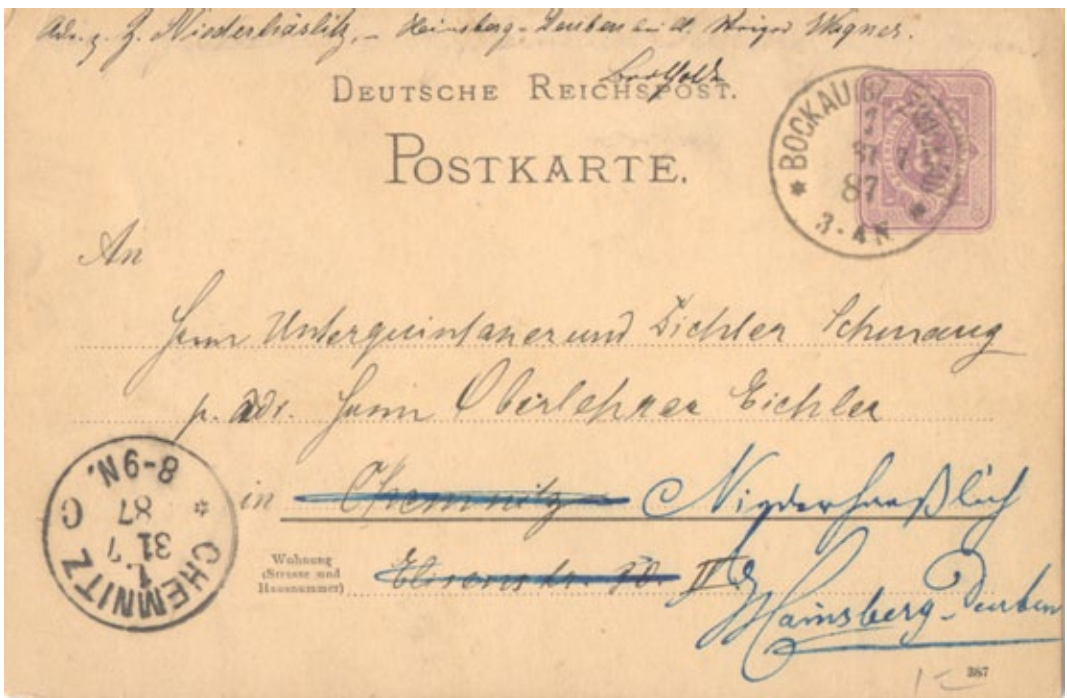
An

.....
.....

in

Wohnung
(Strasse und
Hausnummer)

10
1897



Bockau 870731 P 18 Scan-150401-0019.tif

1879 27. Aug 27

Kaffee trinken
 Das soll man besser nicht
 wohl natürlich gar nicht
 das ist gefährlich - wenn
 man krank ist und trinkt
 von feuchtem Wein
 das ist auch gefährlich den Vorrat - ?! -)
 (für Sie ist leider nicht das letzte Mal
 ist in Hainberg veraltet für überflüssig.
 Fourniermacher überlegen zu sein)
 Mit Gröblich an alle in der Stadt
 Danke für Ihre freundliche Gastfreundschaft
 und bestenfalls Ihre Dankbarkeit
 mit besten Grüßen
 Sie bleibt
 Sie bleibt

Bockau 870731 P 18 Scan-150401-0020.tif



Elberfeld 880207 P 18 Scan-150402-0020.tif

Elberfeld, den 7. Febr. 1888.

Lieber Emil!

Zu meinem Geburtstag sind
- ich meinem jugendlichen Glück
wünsche ich was Besseres
denn dessen Grüssen von dir
meinem Glück ich mit Grüssen
dein
H. Lander.

Elberfeld 880207 P 18 Scan-150402-0021.tif

DEUTSCHE REICHSPOST.

POSTKARTE.



An
Frau Emma sine Schneider



in Berlin. S.O.

Wohnung
(Strasse und
Hausnummer)

Wilmersburger 68. III

KLARKE BERLIN, SO # 16. a 24084

488

Berlin 880419 P 18 Scan-150402-0022.tif

Berlin am 19ten April 18.

Mein lieber Max!

Gernich habe ich Ihnen mit
dieser Postkarte den 2/4 6 Pf
Lohn Tasel im Briefkasten 82 Pfennig
Zuflohen glücklich bekommen und
mit der ich die gelbe Gellacke auch
gut ergoß, auf die kleinen hellen
wichtig sein. - Bitte Sie mir
in derigen Zeit noch für wertvolle
oder freundl. Grund noch für, die
wird ich Sie für bitten und auf
die ich selbe Markenscheine zu befor-
gen mit freigegeben, ich würde Ihnen
sehr dankbar sein, also bitte den
mir sagen, wenn ich Sie zu wenig
geht. - Und geht es gut und gut.
Sie ist fast mit der glücklich
angekommen, ist dann glücklich
empfangen für. Ihnen geht es auf und
mit, aber die Kinder sind sehr
Gut und ich bin L. Schmidt

Berlin 880419 P 18 Scan-150402-0023.tif

*Jan Carlsson der Gross-Engländer und Sohn
 Hindenburgstrasse 10. 1. 1888
 sagt, anfragen gemacht. Das keine Antwort bei ihm
 anfallen, die geforderten Briefe eingetroffen sind
 einige Zeit für Ihre Verfügung liegen bleiben.*
 München, 18. Mai 1888.
Carlsson
 R. Polster, H. Brand.

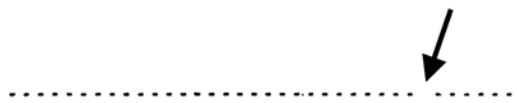


There are several "Bremens" as indicated by the pushpins on the map. However, there would probably be some indicia in the address if the city and former state were not the intended destination.



Michel P 18
 There are gaps in the dots in the fourth line
 two single circle cancels for Muenchen and Bremen

Wohnung
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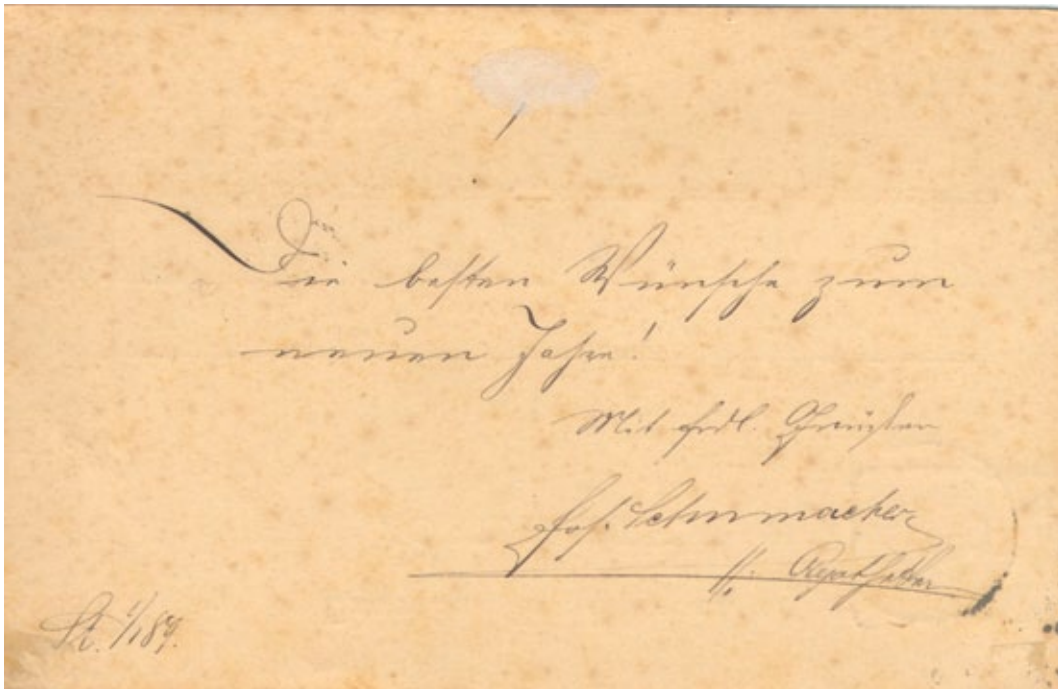




Stommeln 881231 P 18 Scan-150316-0022.tif



Stommeln 881231 P 18 Scan-150316-0022 cancel.tif



Stommeln 881231 P 18 Scan-150316-0023.tif



Breslau 880613 P 18 Scan-150401-0007.tif



Breslau 880613 P 18 Scan-150401-0008.tif



Emden 890828 P 18 Scan-150316-0026.tif

Ganzten Frau Dr. Mionator
Emden. d. 28 Aug. 89.

Gute wegen der Mitteilung der Dr. Mionator
auf den unrichtigen Sonnabend verlegt, welches
Ihnen gewiss recht sein wird. Die willigen
Bekanntmachungen habe ich Ihre Toppflichtige.
Sollte Sull auf Sonnabend gutet Walter sein
fallt, kommt der Mionator, da die Leute zu
falsch in Auftrag genommen sind, weil sie mir
nicht wissen.

Mit hochachtungsvoll
Grafen J. G. Schmidt

Emden 890828 P 18 Scan-150316-0027.tif



Berlin 891008 P 18 Scan-150402-0016.tif

Berlin, d. 7. Oktober 1889.

Frau und Frau lieben Angeh.
Geringen jedoch, freundpflichtige
Grüße und das herzlichste Abschieds-
wort

Ihr
ergebenster
Jüngling.

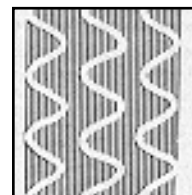
Berlin 891008 P 18 Scan-150402-0017.tif

1881

Bavaria

coat of arms issue 1881/1906

Scott wmk 95v Michel 3 - vertical wavy lines, crests close together
The one mark was printed on reddish paper (x) and white paper (y)
3, 5, 25, 50 valid until 31 January 1893; 10, 20, 1 valid until 30 June 1912



watermark Scott 95v; Michel 3
crests close together



Scott 48; Michel 47



Scott 49; Michel 48



Scott 50; Michel 49



Scott 51; Michel 50



Scott 52; Michel 51



Scott 53; Michel 52



Scott 54; Michel 53ya
red lilac on white paper

Scott 54; Michel 53yb
violet on white paper



Scott 54a; Michel 53xa
lilac on reddish paper

Scott 54a; Michel 53xb
reddish violet on reddish paper

Württemberg

regular issue

continuation of the issues of 1875
numeral design - black with clear background

Scott 72; Michel 54

official issue for state authorities

typography - unwatermarked - perforated 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11



Scott 095; Michel 201



Scott 097; Michel 202a
violet, lilac



Scott 097; Michel 202b
blue violet



Scott 099; Michel 203a
rose



Scott 099; Michel 203b
carmine



Scott 0100; Michel 204a
ultramarine



Scott 0100; Michel 204b
dull blue to olive gray



Scott 0101; Michel 205a
reddish brown

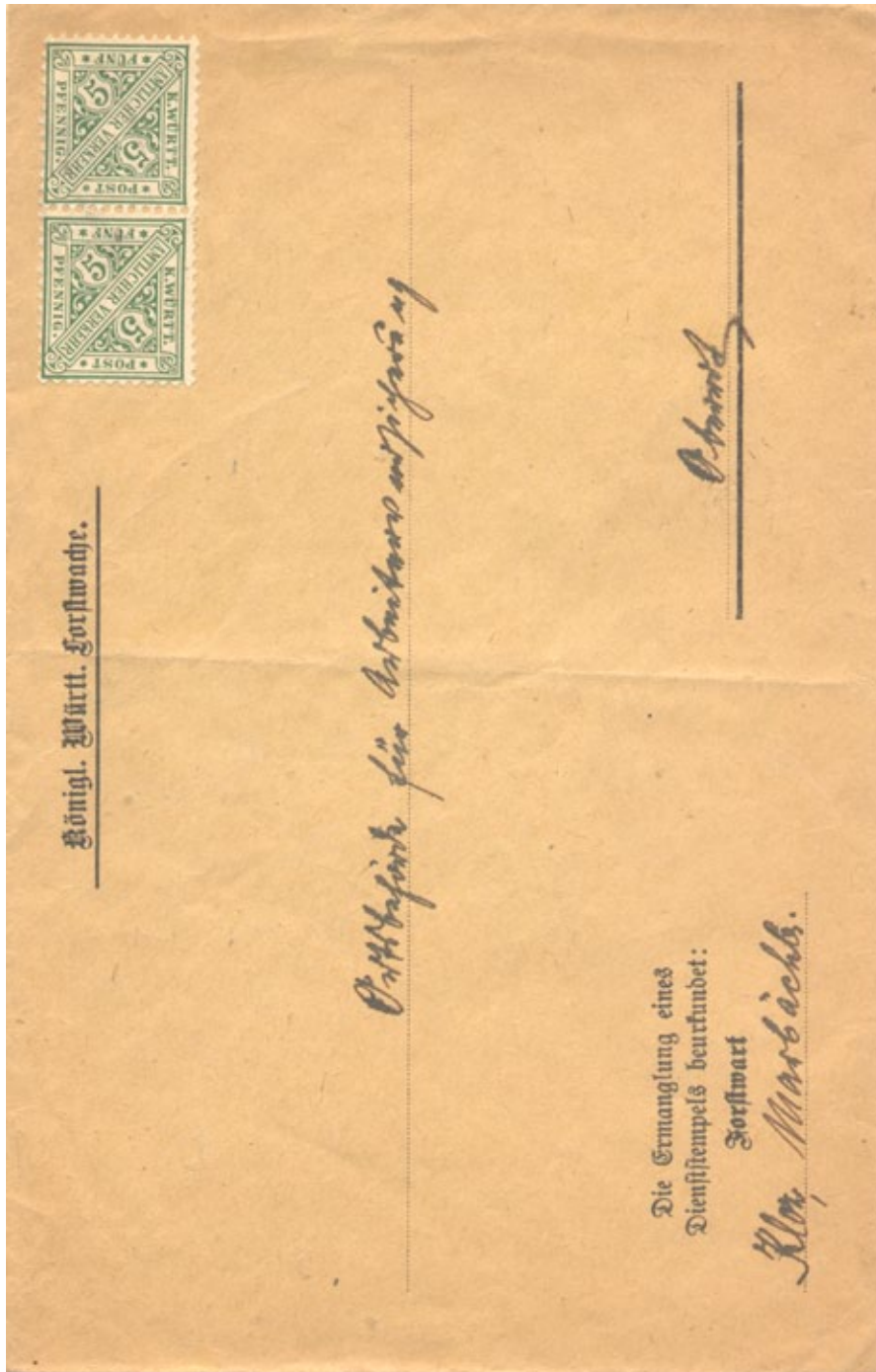


Scott 0105; Michel 206

Scott 0101; Michel 205b
pale brown

Scott 0107; Michel 207

Wurttemberg



Never used, this envelope was evidently intended for a reply and not used or some mistake was made.

It's interest stems from the fact that it has a cachet from the Forest Service of the Kingdom of Wurttemberg.

In the lower left is a space for a Forest Warden to certify that no official stamps were available. An official has made such a certification although official stamps are affixed.

My interest is not the stamps or the source of the envelope. Rather, it is the illustration of a method of ensuring that official business will proceed even in the event that no official postage is available.

When signed, it is my understanding that the letter would be handled by the post office even if there were otherwise no or insufficient postage.

Postal Stationary

postkarte

crown surmounted by a crown

"pfennig" without a final "e"

as single card or double reply card

single and senders portion of reply card may have plate number

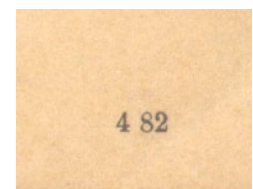
reply portion of reply card has no plate number



P 12 /01

Printing date in lower right and gap in dots of line 4.

/01 = printing date in two separate numbers from 1 82 to 3 84
(as opposed to 384, for example)



*Jan Carlsson der Gross-Engländerin und Sohn
 Norddeutsche Postkarte
 Sept. 1878
 München, 18. Mai 1878.
 K. Polster, Hauptamt.*

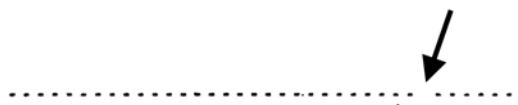


There are several "Bremens" as indicated by the pushpins on the map. However, there would probably be some indicia in the address if the city and former state were not the intended destination.



Michel P 13 A
 could be P 11, 1879 issue, but unlikely because of date of use
 there are gaps in the dots in the fourth line
 two single circle cancels for Muenchen and Bremen

**Wohnung
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Bavaria
postal stationery
streifbänder - wrapper
Mailer for newspaper, magazine, catalogue, etc.



Bavaria S 4 I
value imprint and frame lines pale green
no preprinted address
watermark 3 W = horizontal wavy lines
frame lines are small (l) - 1.5 mm (rather than 2.3 mm)
370 x 52 mm
Michel notes that the width of the gum area varies

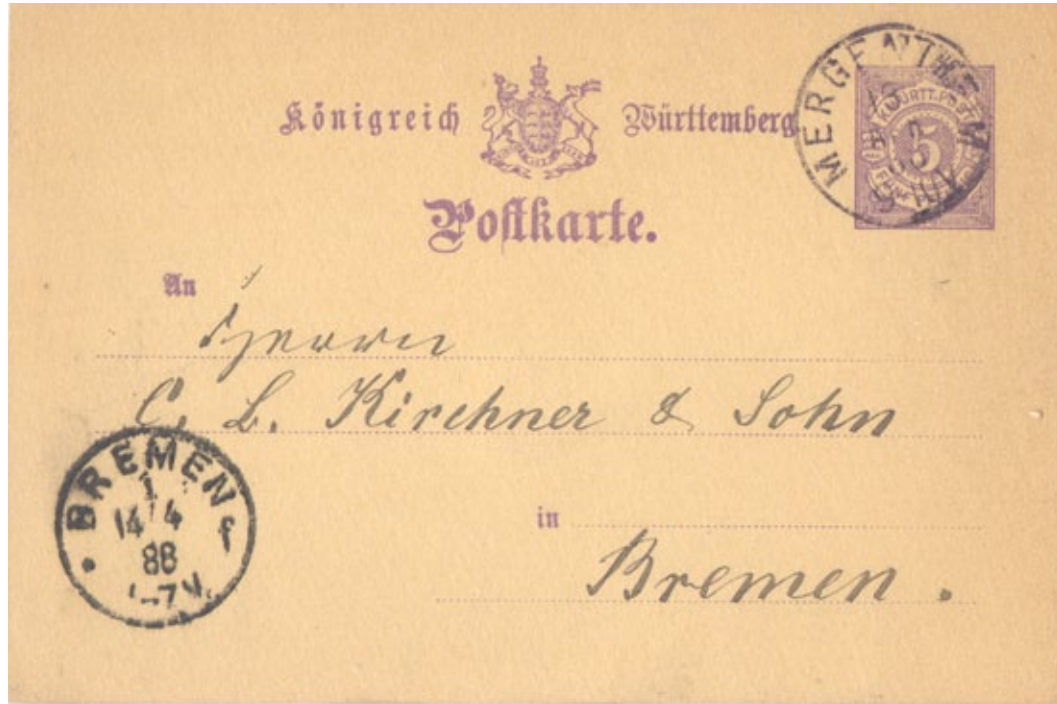


Württemberg

postkarte

original design: 1875

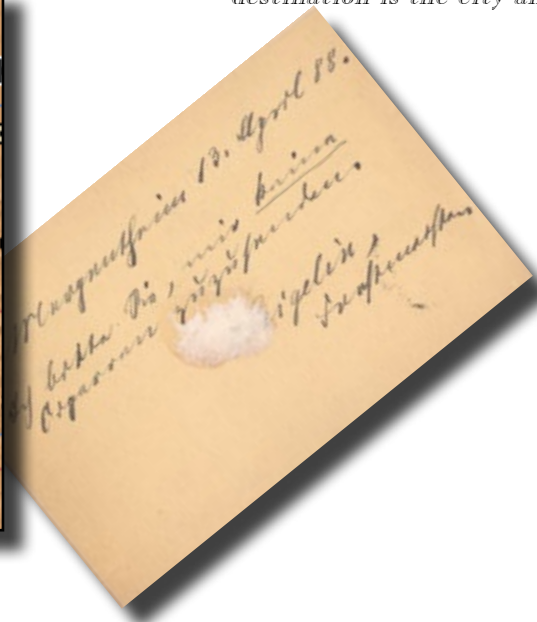
in this printing the text is in the same color as the stamp - previously black text



Michel Wurttemberg P 26 I /02

1 = salmon colored paper; 02 = upper inscription 68-69,5 mm long
two single circle cancels - Mergentheim and Bremen

Although there are several towns named Bremen, absent some indication in the address that one of these is the intended destination, the probable destination is the city and former state of Bremen.





Return to
ST. PAUL HARVESTER WORKS,
ST. PAUL, Minn.,
If not delivered within 10 days.

Mrs Mary A Lisch
Fruchtallee
Reimsbuttel
Hamburg
Germany

paid

An 1882 cover from Saint Paul Minnesota, U.S.A., to Hamburg, Germany.



This cover appears to be a mailing sleeve for a catalogue, magazine, or newspaper.

Ten cents covered the postage to Hamburg.

Posted March 10th, it arrived in Hamburg 15 days later.

Baharia

postage due

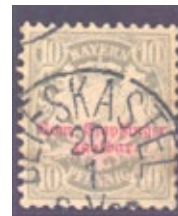
typography - perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ - watermarked vertical wavy lines, crests close together
valid until 31 January 1911

Scott J7; Michel 7

Scott J8; Michel 8



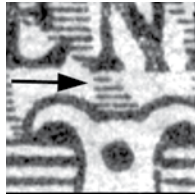
Scott J9; Michel 9



Badaria - Bayern

postal stationary 1883 - 1911

indicia of value is a large numeral on a background of diamonds (lozenges)
narrow (till 1895) (f) or wide diamonds from 1895 (f 1)
narrow diamonds have 4 shade lines under the first "N" of pfennig
wide diamonds have 3 shade lines
color of indicia of value changes in 1890



postal cards - postkarten

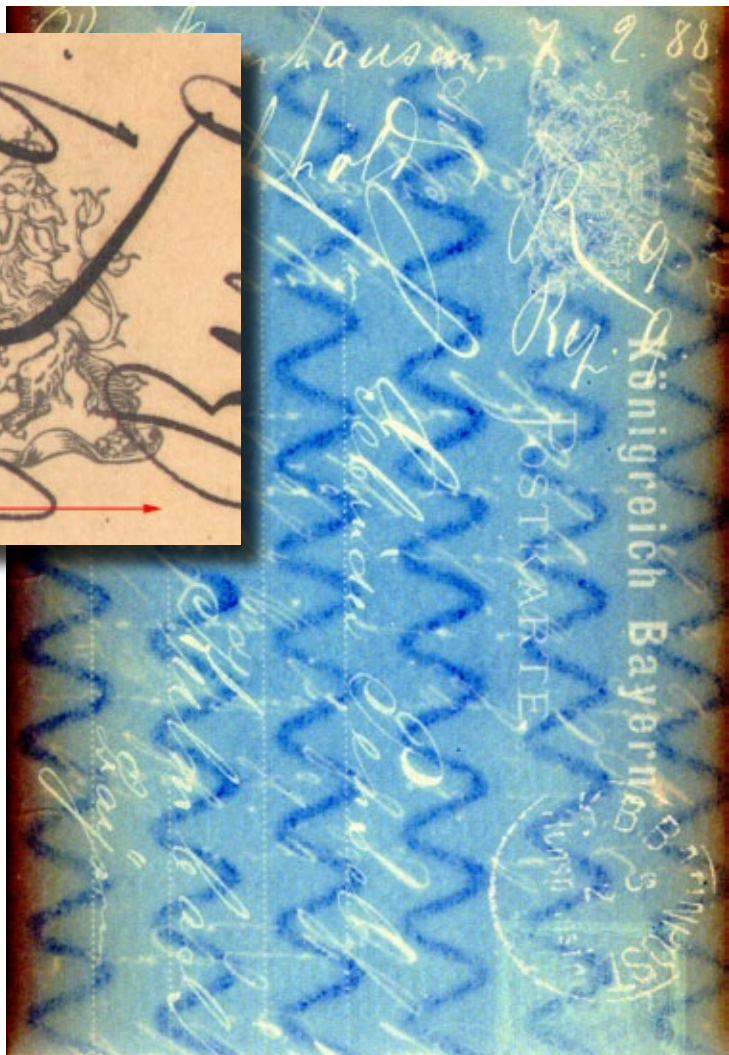
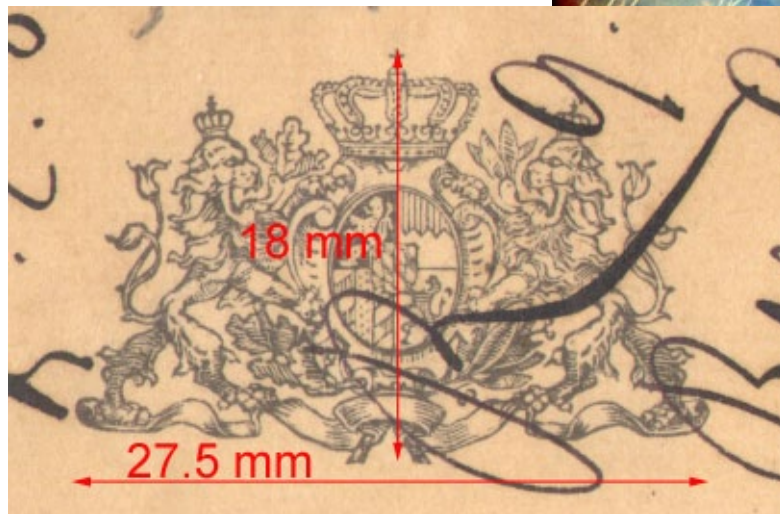
format 140:90 mm

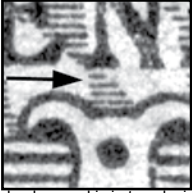
a large crest (printed in black) in the upper left:

type III - 27,5:18 mm (lions facing towards center) - type IV - 25:17,5 mm (lions facing away, standing on shelf)

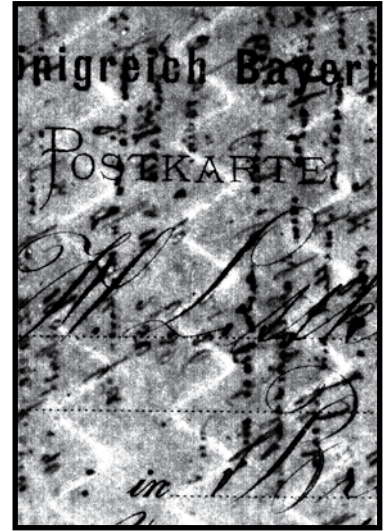
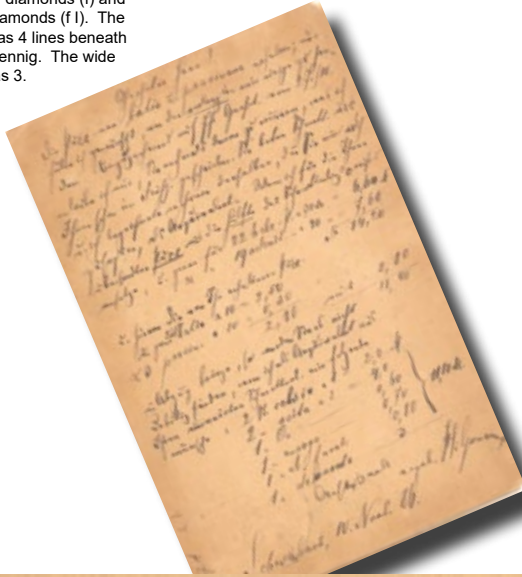
later with no crest

watermark - narrow wavy lines





The background is in two designs. One with narrow diamonds (f) and one with wide diamonds (f1). The narrow design has 4 lines beneath the first N of pfennig. The wide design has 3.



Michel Bavaria P 26
 indicia of value is design f (see illustration above)
 watermark is 3Z (illustration above)
 Crest is type III



P26 lilac & black



narrow diamonds (4 shading lines at left)

narrow wavy lines for watermark (below)

Type III crest (card above - in upper left)



Rockenhausen is a town in the Donnersbergkreis, in Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. It is situated on the river Alsenz, approx. 30 km north of Kaiserslautern.



Posted in Rockenhausen in Bavarian Pfalz, the railway postal system took it to Kulmbach in northeast Bavaria proper.



Kulmbach is the capital of the district of Kulmbach in Bavaria in Germany. The town is famous for Plassenburg Castle, which houses the largest tin soldier museum in the world, and for its famous sausages, or Bratwürste.



Württemberg

regular issue

unwatermarked - typography - perforated 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11
Scott lists as 1886. Michel lists as 1883.



Scott 71; Michel 53a
orange & black

Scott 71a; Michel 53b
yellow & black



Offices Abroad

Turkish Empire

The first such issue. As with the other imperial powers the new German empire established its right to extraterritoriality by establishing post offices in foreign countries. Here the post offices are in the Ottoman Empire, referred to, at the time, as the sick old man of Europe. Its slow dismemberment resulted in the Balken Wars which preceded the First World War and engendered hatreds which have lasted to the present. One can find cancels for Constantinople in 1870 on stamps of the Norddeutschen Postbezirks

German Stamps of 1880-83 surcharged with new values in blue or black
crown and eagle issue - pfennig without the final "e"
typography - unwatermarked - perforated $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$



Scott 2; Michel 2



Scott 3; Michel 3
black surcharge



Scott 4; Michel 3
blue surcharge



Scott 5; Michel 4

Scott 6; Michel 5

Bavaria

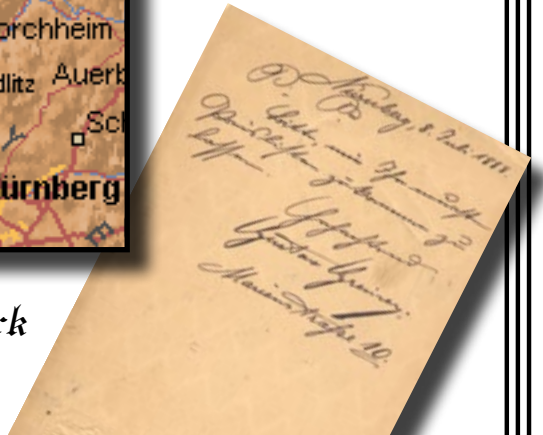
postal cards - usage

Germany to New York

Both of the cards which follow are directed to a stamp Dealer In New York on Nassau Street at the corner of Maiden Lane. An area of stamp dealers at the time. Each has the New York receiving stamp showing adequate postage paid.

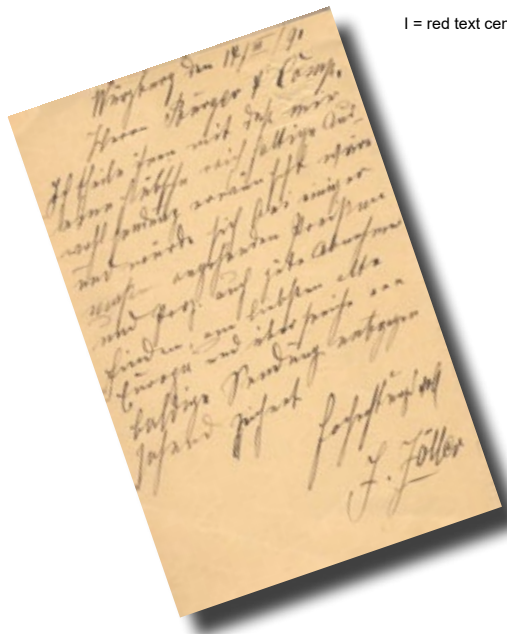
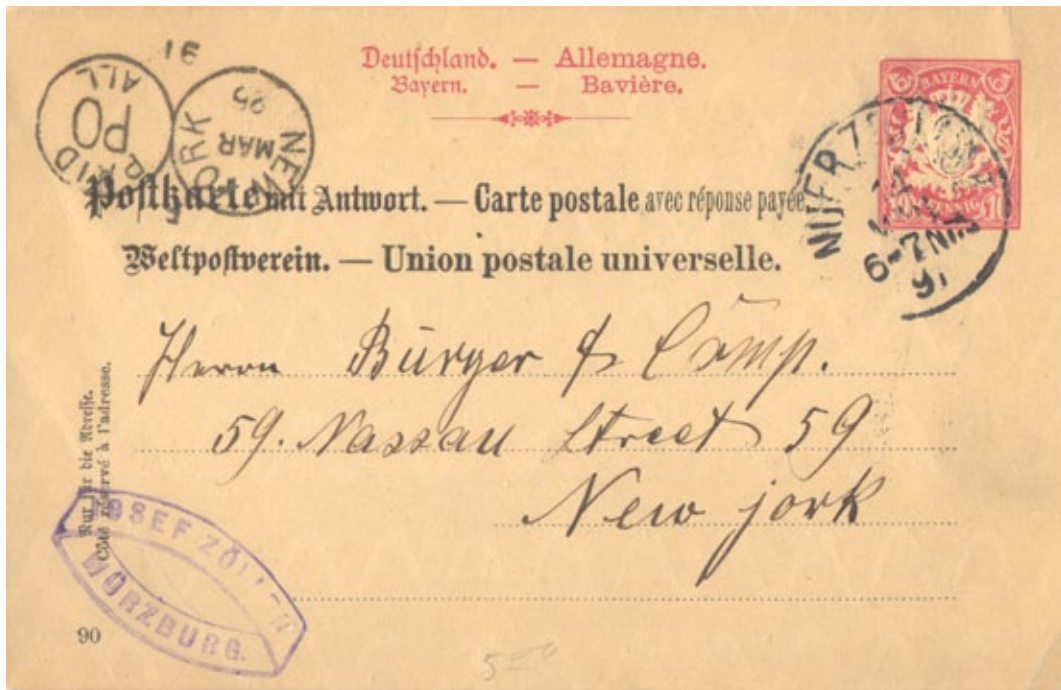


Nuernberg to New York



Michel Bavaria P 23 (31) /24 z
 z = type of vertical watermark; 24 = printing date (88)
 posted July 9, 1888 - receipt date not shown

Würzburg to New York



Michel Bavaria P 24 I (32) / 03 w
 I = red text centered on width of card rather than on the back text beneath
 03 = printing date of 90
 w = horizontal watermark of wavy lines

Württemberg

part of 1875 regular issue

typographed - unwatermarked - perforated 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11

Scott lists the issue date as 1886. Michel lists the date as 1883



Scott 71; Michel 53a
orange & black

Scott 71a; Michel 53b
yellow & black

Private Post

Berlin



Michel: Berlin D 1
A Berlin company

HANSA-KARTE.



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An

Berlin

Druck v. Walther Peck Berlin. S.

Druck v. Walther Peck Berlin. S.

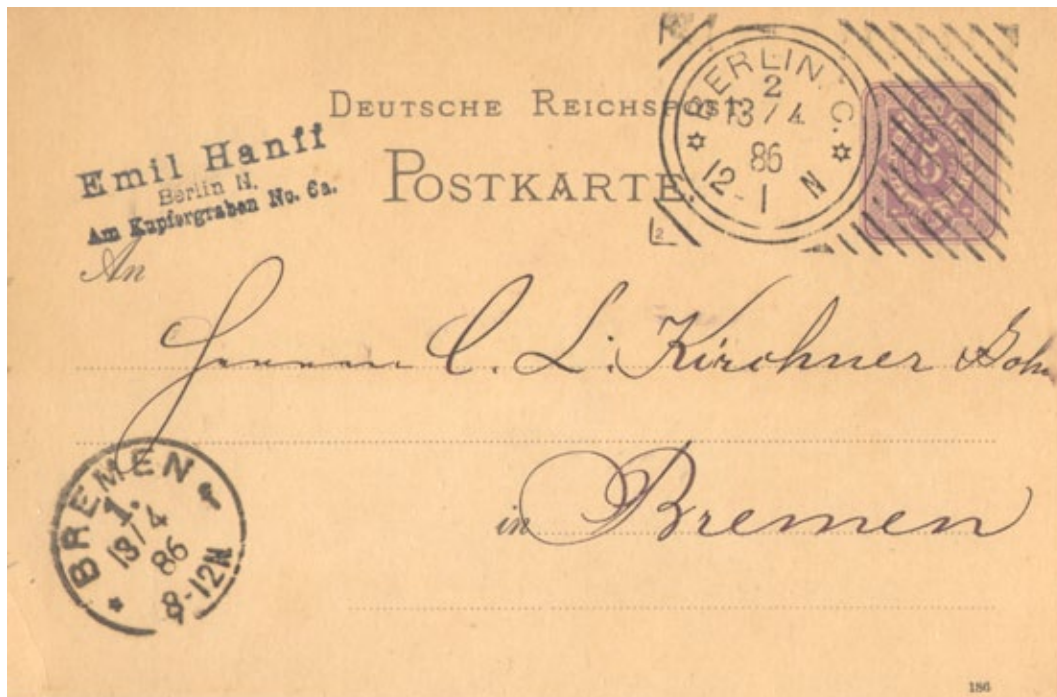
Machine Cancel

Hoster Machine Postmark

Albert Hoster developed a machine to apply postmarks to mail. One of his machines was tested by the post office in 1883. Hoster retrieved his machine to redesign it and two years later he submitted a new machine for testing at the Berlin Post Office. That machine was purchased for use. A machine was also in use in Hamburg.

The design below, on machine 27 in Berlin, was the result of alterations to the design of the die in November of 1885. The alteration included the machine number, "27", in the upper left corner and the number of the die, here "2", in the lower left corner.

This design, HO-5, is listed as very scarce (common, scarce, very scarce, rare, very rare). It was in use in Berlin from November of 1885 to April of 1887.



Machine Postmark HO-5 - Miller, *From Hinrichsen to Krag: The Experimental And Early Machine Postmarks of Germany*
Postal Card: Michel P 12 A /02
A = the top two lines are 54.5 and 41 mm; 02 = Printing is identified by month and date as one number
thus 186 = January of 1886
Bremen single circle receiving stamp

Postal Stationary

Postkarte - usage 1887



Michel P 18
 third line is underlined
 text beginning fourth line is in three lines
 there is a gap in the dots forming the fourth line
 printing date September 1887 ("987") in lower right corner

One day transit between the Prussian provinces of Westfalen and Schlesien. From Hamm, just east of Essen, to Liegnitz,, just west of Breslau. Liegnitz is now Legnica and Breslau is Wroclaw in southwest Poland.



Private Post

Braunschweig

1887 - postal stationary - postal card



The Harmonia head design of Hamburg with a stylized monogram overprinted in red. The initials of the monogram are, according to Michel, "HD" for Heinrich Duwel

Babaria

coat of arms issue of 1888

typographed - perforated $14\frac{1}{2}$ - horizontal watermark: wavy lines with crests close together
printed on reddish paper (x)

in 1900 the 10 and 20 pfennig were printed on white paper (y)

two types of perforations in 1888: in one (A) the holes are smaller than the paper between the holes; in the other (B) the holes are larger
not checked for size of holes



Scott 59; Michel 54 x



Scott 61; Michel 55 a x
lilac



Scott 61; Michel 55 b x
violet



Scott 63; Michel 56 y



Scott 63a; Michel 56 x



Scott 64; Michel 57 y



Scott 64a; Michel 57 x



Scott 65; Michel 58 x



Scott 69; Michel 59 x

Empire
1888

postage due

typography - perforated 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ - watermark: horizontal wavy lines with crests close together
as with regular issue, two sizes of perforation holes (A or B)
printed on reddish paper (x)



postal stationary

postkarte - 1888 design
usage 1890

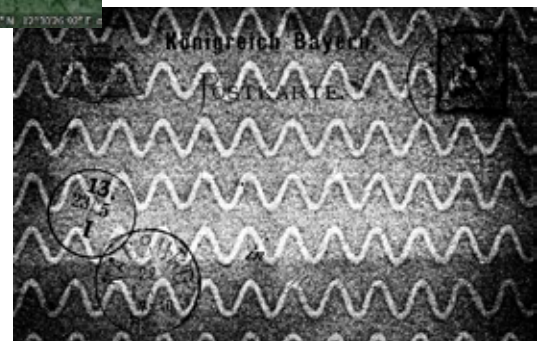


Michel P 34 /05 crest type IV
watermarked with 9 vertical zig zag lines (Wz 6z)
style of crest - note shelf on which lions stand
apparently posted in Munich to Berlin
1889 printing - note the "89" in lower left



Note printing date in lower left. Design of crest (type IV) and color of value imprint as well as watermark this among the 1888 designs with a printing in 1889.

The postmarks show usage originating in the mountainous border with what then would have been Austria-Hungary. The letter left there for Nabburg, just north of Regensburg, located on a river tributary to the Danube. Leaving on the 21st, it arrived in Nabburg on the 22nd. The third marking is probably a Berlin receipt or distribution stamp showing arrival for delivery in Berlin on the 23rd. On the basis of time/distance, the longest part of the journey was from Schönsee to Nabburg, taking a day, the same time as the lengthier journey to Berlin



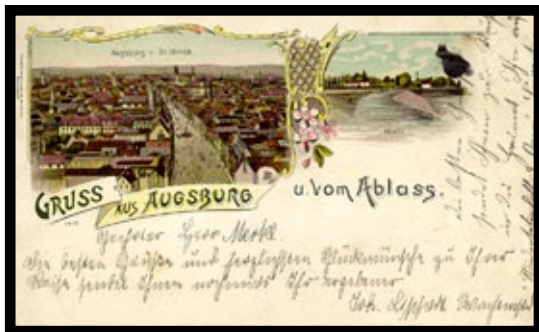
usage
letters to the United States
and one to a ship sailing from Belgium
from
Bavaria

Each of the sources of the letters is indicated.
Also noted is Antwerp the destination specified in the Augsburg postcard.





Letter from Speyer to Los Angeles. Speyer was in Rheinland Pfalz, a possession of Bavaria. However, the area was separated from Bavaria proper by Wurttemberg.



Note the instructions on the face of the postcard. It is sent care of a ship, the Kronland, in Antwerp, Belgium, sailing on March 28. Posted on the 25th, the card was in Antwerp (Anvers) on the 26th. Presumably it made the boat.

Empire
1888



Mailed from Hof on April 24, this card
reached Buffalo on May 6th.





As can be seen from the front, above, this card needed to be forwarded from Baltimore to Buffalo. At the top the duplex receiving stamps for each city hit almost identical spots. Each city has a pair of receiving stamps.

The cancel is from "Lager-Hammelburg." A lager is a camp, depot, or warehouse. Sem lists a Lager-Hammelburg cancel after 1900. However, the atlas I have shows only Hammelburg.

Württemberg

postal stationery

By 1888 the inland card was designed with the inscription in the color of the imprint of value rather than black.

In this year the style of type used on the early cards was also changed.

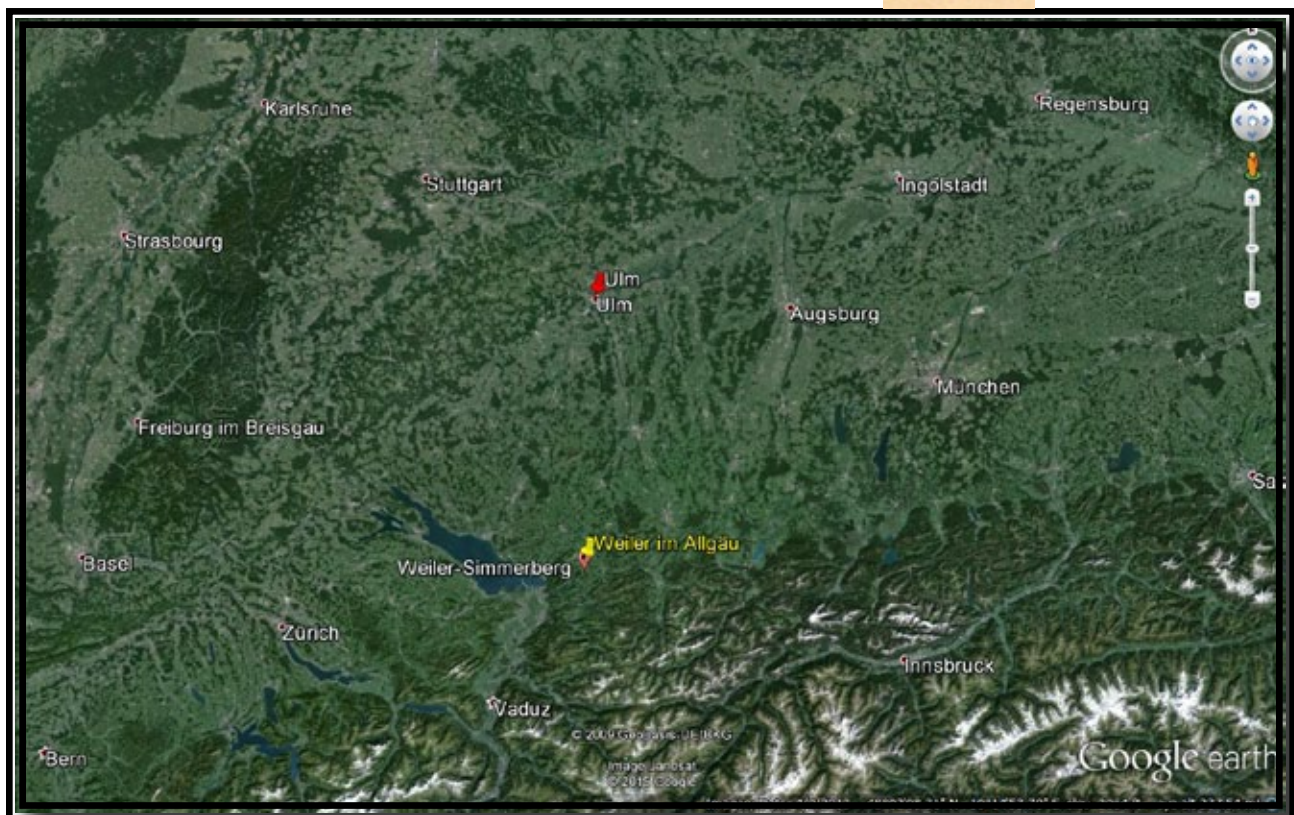
The printing for the inland card was in violet (a) or gray violet (b).

The paper was cream colored.



Württ

Württ



Königreich  Württemberg.

Postkarte.



An

*Herrn
Friedr. Heim
Weiler 4226*



*Synonim Friedr. Heim Weiler 4226
Anno 1860. Anzahl in hundertfünfundzwanzig
M 2860. 16 kg meingrund, wandelt nicht für die
von Ihnen mannt. adresse unbekannt. bitten inf die
sollen sofort nach Eintreffen von Genoss. Ant. Dörner
Kohenthan Arian Assling (Bayern) franco mannt
bestellen, kosten zu zahlen. Für nachträgliche
Tracht) 1/2 kg, unbekannt, wird nach in Höhe
Wopemelten links unten in 1 Ballot M 2860
mannt die factura schon vorliegen
franco von Ihnen mannt. adresse unbekannt.*

*Wird gerne zu Ihnen mannt, spritzen die
viele nachvoll
Julius Moos*

Mem, 31. August 1897.

Private Post City of Köln (Cologne)

Colonia in a circle of pearls



Michel Köln B 9 a
orange



Michel Köln B 9 c
orange red



Empire
1888

City of Dresden



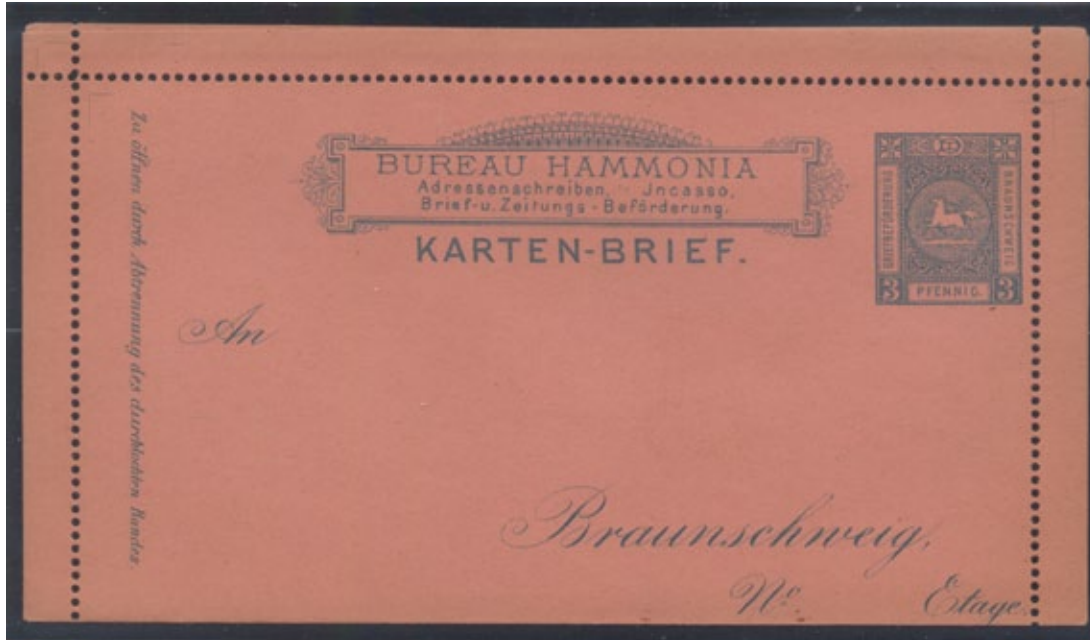
Michel Privatpost Dresden Hansa 89

Braunschweig (Brunswick)

letter cards

design - the leaping saxon horse

design of 1888



The language on the back of these envelopes is shown in the center of the page. It says to please deposit the letter only in the Hammonia deposit box.

Man bittet die Briefe nur in die Hammonia-kasten zu legen.

The language along the left edge of the envelope instructs that, to open, separate along the punched ribbons or lines.

