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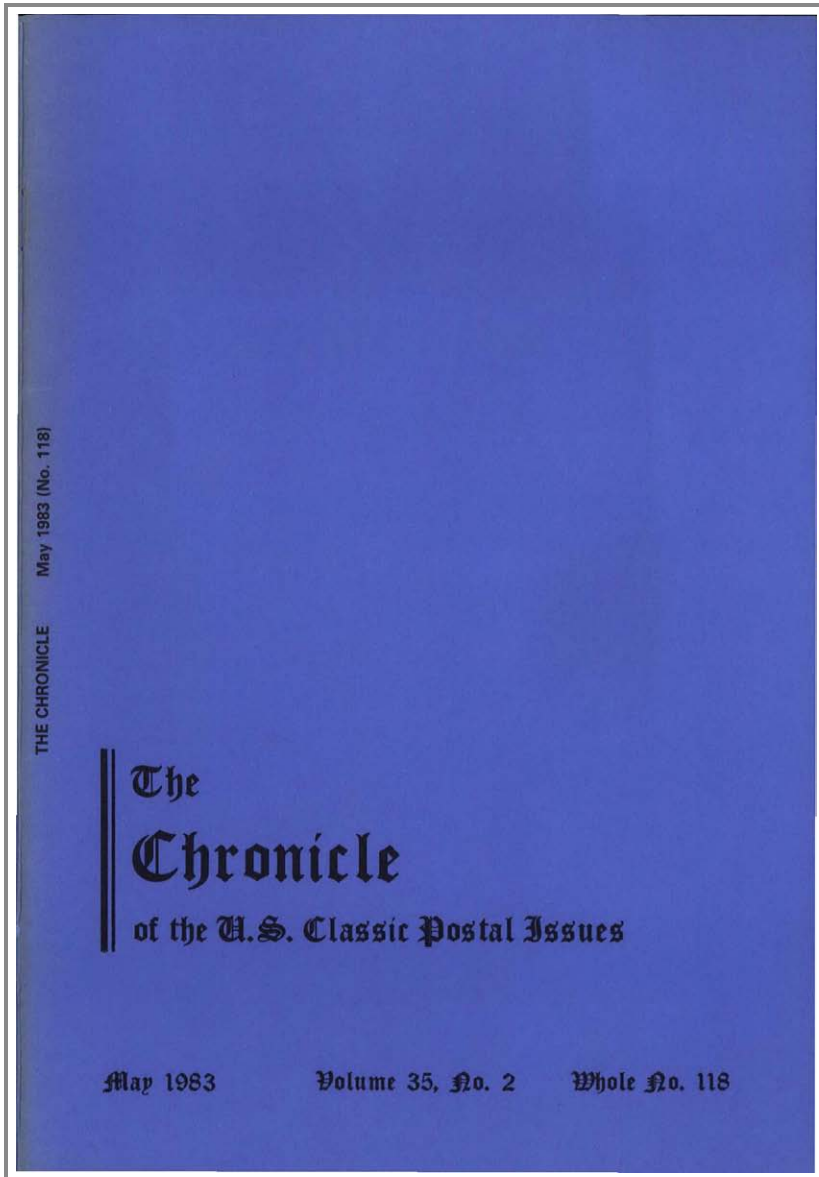


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THE 10¢ 1861 TYPE I STAMP ON COVER

WILLIAM WEISMANN

Students of the 1861 issue long have regarded the 10¢ Type I stamp used on cover as a scarce item. To date, there has been no effort to list the existing 10¢ Type I covers. As a result, comments on scarcity are based on observation and seat-of-the-pants estimates. In this article I present a listing of 10¢ Type I covers which I hope will stimulate response and expansion of the tabulation of known 10¢ Type I covers. In preparing the accompanying tables, over one thousand auction catalogues were reviewed, as well as several other sources. The records and library of the Philatelic Foundation also were utilized. I acknowledge my gratitude to the Philatelic Foundation and its staff for their assistance.

According to Elliott Perry,¹ the 10¢ Type I stamp was discovered by W. Kelsey Hall who, after removing the 10¢ stamps from a correspondence to Canada, noticed the two types. This removal may be a good example why classic covers are outnumbered by used off-cover stamps. Brookman estimated the quantity of Type I stamps issued at 500,000.² Using Dr. Richard Searing's "rule of thumb" that one cover survives for every 5,000 stamps issued,³ one would expect to find approximately 100 Type I covers in existence.

This research has uncovered a total of 122 Type I covers. The total is divided into three tables. Table I lists 44 domestic uses; Table II lists 22 uses to Canada; and Table III lists 56 uses to other foreign destinations. For ease of use, Tables I and II are alphabetized by origin, and Table III is alphabetized by country of destination.



Figure 1. Cover from Milwaukee to Belgium, December 1862, with Type I and Type II 10¢ stamps.

A summary of the data is presented in Table IV under origin, destination, and year of use. Covers originated from 51 different cities in the United States. Covers were sent to 16 different foreign destinations. Of the 79 covers with identifiable year dates, 74 were mailed in 1861 or 1862. The data seem to confirm the accepted theory that the 10¢ Type I stamps were issued in limited quantities from late 1861 into 1862.

1. Elliott Perry, *Pat Paragraphs* (Reprint), Bureau Issues Association, Inc., 1981, p. 148.

2. Lester G. Brookman, *The United States Postage Stamps of the 19th Century*, H. L. Lindquist Publications, Inc., 1966, Vol. II, p. 44.

3. R. M. Searing, *Chronicle* 106:120-1.

TABLE I — DOMESTIC USES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Origin/Destination</i>	<i>Stamps</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Source</i>
10/25/61	Akron/California	62B	10¢		412 Siegel 901
5/ /	Allegheny, Pa./Alvarado, Cal.	62B	10¢		6/19/73 J. Kaufmann 693
12/23/61	Benicia, Cal./Neponsett, Ms.	62B, U41	2x10¢		10/16/67 Harmer 227
3/24/62	Benicia/Neponsett	62B, U41	2x10¢	Ms. "24"	10/16/67 Harmer 228
4/21/62	Benicia/Neponsett	62B(2), U41	3x10¢		10/16/67 Harmer 229
10/27/61	Boston/San Francisco	62B, U40, 143L6	2x10¢	Pony Express	I Knapp 1580
10/29/61	Boston/California	62B(2)	2x10¢		2/24/65 Harmer 74
?	Central Village, Ct./S.F.	62B	10¢		433 Siegel 918
1/3/	Columbia, Cal./ Washington, D.C.	62B	10¢		5/5/71 Harmer 299
11/6/	East Cambridge, Ms./ Sutter's Creek, Cal.	62B	10¢ ?	Ms. "Due 10"	10/16/67 Harmer 226
1/11/	Fall River, Ms./S.F.	62B	10¢		6/57 Paige 890
9/18/61	Fort Madison, Iowa/ Placerville	62B	10¢		6 Caspary 16
10/21/61	Fort Madison/Placerville	62B	10¢	Ms. "due 3 cts."	575 Siegel 537
5/5/62	Fort Madison/Placerville	62B	10¢		9/22/81 Robbins 690
7/2/	Fort Madison/Placerville	62B	10¢		2/18/63 Harmer 426
?	Freeport, Ill./Portland, Ore.	62B	10¢	SE at right	6/54 Paige 35
11/14/63	Louisville/Washington, D.C.	62B	3x3¢	PFC	9/22/81 Robbins 687
10/29/	Madison, Ind./Eureka, Cal.	62B	10¢		9/22/81 Robbins 689
11/15/	Mokelumne Hill/Maine	62B	10¢	Pat. similar Walcott 2002	401 Siegel 1034
11/11/61	Mountain City, C.T./ Fort Owen, W.T.	62B	10¢		396 Siegel 90
7/28/	Nevada City, Cal./ Shelburn, Ms.	62B	10¢	Walcott 2469	Meroni 1759
11/8/	New York/ Alviso, Cal.	62B	10¢	O/A "Coleman's Calif. Line"	5/27/69 Harmer 277
?	S.F.? via N.Y./ Middleburgh, Ms.	62B	10¢	Wells Fargo printed frank	11/25/63 Harmer 399
10/30/	New York/San Francisco	62B	10¢	O/A Printer's ill.	4/81 Gibbons 218
?	New York/ Michigan	62B	10¢	Wells Fargo "paid"	6/55 Paige 402
11/1/	New York/San Francisco	62B	10¢	PFC, embossed c.c.	4/81 Gibbons 217
11/18/61	New York/San Francisco	62B	10¢	ms. Pony Express deleted	9/22/81 Robbins 688
7/ /62	Salem, Ill./Carlisle, Ill.	62B, 63(2), 65	5x3¢		2 Newberry 433
12/21/61	San Francisco/New York	62B(2)	2x10¢	hor. pr., PFC	6 Sotheby 1239
12/17/61	San Francisco/N.Y./ fwd. Mass.	62B, 65, 20L18	10¢ + 3¢ + 1¢		391 Siegel 54
2/ /	San Francisco/New York	62B, 68	2x10¢	Wells Fargo	38 Sotheby 1
9/ /62	San Francisco/New York	62B, 32	2x10¢ ?	Pat. unlisted flag	353 Siegel 559
11/3/61	San Francisco/ Portsmouth, N.H.	62B(2)	2x10¢		12/9/80 Simmy 131
11/6/61	San Francisco/	62B, 63(2), 64b(2)	6x3¢		412 Siegel 223
2/17/	San Francisco/ New York	62B	10¢	Wells Fargo frank	I Knapp 1808
10/30/61	San Francisco/New York	62B	2x10¢	"Due 10"	598 Siegel 75
10/28/61	San Francisco/Penn.	62B	10¢	Position 10L4	384 Siegel 378
2/1/62	San Francisco/Boston	62B, 68	2x10¢	PFC, unlisted pat.	11/81 Gibbons 456
12/18/61	San Francisco/ West Winsted, Ct.	62B	10¢		2/13/79 Harmer 434
5/31/	South Bend, Ind./ Forbestown, Cal.	62B	10¢		10/16/67 Harmer 225
7/16/	Sycamore, Ill./ Jacksonville, Ore.	62B(2)	2x10¢	vt. pr.	S.D. Brown 997
1/12/63	Watertown, N.Y./ Milwaukie, Ore.	62B	10¢	PFC	Philatelic Found.
11/20/61	West Union, Iowa/S.F.	62B	10¢		410 Siegel 294
1/26/62	West Union/S.F.	62B(2)	2x10¢	hor. pr.	384 Siegel 379

TABLE II — USES TO CANADA

Date	Origin/Destination	Stamps	Rate	Notes	Source
?	Adrian, Mich./Canada	62B	10¢	Walcott 2754	353 Siegel 828
2/10/62	Albany, N.Y./Canada	62B	10¢		6/8/76 Harmer 447
12/5/61	Albany/Hamilton, C.W.	62B	10¢		5/22/61 Harmer 173
12/3/61	Albion, Mich./Canada West	62B	10¢		2/18/63 Harmer 425
?	Ashtown, Ill./Dundas, C.W.	62B	10¢	ms. cancel	4/56 Paige 629
7/21/	Avon, N.Y./Beamsville, C.W.	62B	10¢	PFC	10/11/72 Harmer 398
11/4/61	Boston/Halifax, N.S.	62B	10¢		9/22/81 Robbins 692
12/2/	Boston/Annapolis, N.S.	62B,63	10¢ + 1¢	PFC	38 Sotheby 3
11/81/61	Burlington, Vt./ Hunterstown, C.E.	62B	10¢	PFC	Philatelic Found.
9/30/61	Fort Madison, Iowa/ Canada W.	62B	10¢		Gibson 185
12/10/	Miamiville, O./ Houghton Center, C.W.	62B	10¢	Fremont Pat.	9/22/81 Robbins 686
5/2/62	Mountain City, C.T./ Montreal	62B	10¢	PFC	333 Siegel 1033
10/14/61	New York/Coburg, C.W.	62B	10¢		3/52 Paige 329
11/ /61	Webster, N.Y./Oakville, C.W.	62B	10¢	Patriotic	103 Wolfers 302
10/12/61	New York/Toronto	62B(3)	4x10¢	PFC, vt. strip 3. one 10¢ missing	297 Siegel 545
10/10/61	Philadelphia/Canada	62B	10¢	PFC, Walcott 2854	363 Siegel 881
12/9/61	Providence, R.I./Pictou, N.S.	62B	10¢		598 Siegel 74
9/30/61	Rochester, N.Y./Toronto	62B	10¢		<i>Chronicle</i> 50:31
/ /61	Springfield, Ms./ Owen Sound, C.W.	62B	10¢		4/18/73 Herst 4997
?	Suspension Bridge, N.Y./ C.W.	62B	10¢		XX Green 103
?	Washington, D.C./Canada	62B	10¢		15 R.Kaufmann 572
/ /64	? /Dunnville, C.W.	62B	10¢	Yellow cover	556 Siegel 1027

Figure 1 is a cover franked by a 10¢ Type I, 10¢ Type II, two 3¢ 1861s (*Scott* 65), and a 1¢ 1861. This is one of only seven covers listed as bearing both types of 10¢ stamps. The stamps paid the 27 cents per ½ ounce Belgian Closed Mail rate to Belgium.⁴ The cover was mailed at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on December 22, 1862, and the New York exchange office credited 7 cents to Belgium on December 27, 1862.



Figure 2. Pair of Type I stamps used to Guatemala.

4. Charles J. Starnes, *United States Letter Rates to Foreign Destinations 1847 to GPU-UPU*, p. 7.

TABLE III — FOREIGN USES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Origin/Destination</i>	<i>Stamps</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Source</i>
10/ /61	New York/Austria	62B(3),63	2x15¢ + 1¢	2x B-H Mail	Waterhouse 449
?	New York/Bahamas	62B	10¢		522 Kelleher 112
3/11/62	Hartford,Ct./Belgium	62B,68,65(2),63	27¢	Belgian C.M.	2/18/63 Harmer 927
12/22/62	Milwaukee/Belgium	62B,68,65(2),63	27¢	Belgian C.M.	527 Siegel 270, Fig. 1
11/1/61	Brit. Columbia/via SF/ N.Weymouth,Ms.	62B,B.C.#5	10¢ U.S. + 5¢ B.C.		Gibson 187
/ /62	Boston/Cape of Good Hope	62B(3),65	33¢		Ishikawa Col.
11/27/61	Boston/Hong Kong, China	62B,67,65,72	2x53¢?		Waterhouse 535
10/12/61	New York/Hong Kong	62B,67,71	45¢	Suppl. Mail	Krug 469
9/21/61	Salem,Ms./Shanghai	62B,67,71	45¢	PFC	Moody 653
10/1/61	Salem,Ms./Shanghai	62B,67,71	45¢		Gibson 199
10/12/61	New York?/Shanghai	62B(4),67	45¢	hor. strip 4	IKnapp2805(ex-Emerson Seybold, Shierson)
10/6/62	Yokohama/via SF/ Bridgeport,Ct.	62B	10¢		346 Siegel 73
12/30/61	"the Pacific"/via SF/ Wash.,D.C. fwd. Providence, R.I.	62B	10¢	"Due 10", "12"	518 Siegel 287A
1/ /62	Boston/Havana, Cuba	62B	10¢		9/22/81 Robbins 691
10/26?/61	Boston/Havana	62B	10¢		Brown 997
12/16/62	Boston/Havana	62B	10¢		569 Siegel 609
10/14/61	Boston/Havana	62B	10¢		225 Siegel 143
1/28/	Dover,N.H./Cuba	62B(2)	2x10¢	hor. pr.	Gibson 186
10/29/61	New York/Manzanilla, Cuba	62B(2)	2x10¢		9/22/81 Robbins 693
9/24/	New York/St.lago, Cuba	62B	10¢		11/26/79 Stolow 54
10/15/61	New York/Cuba	62B	10¢		4/19/67 Harmer 223
?	New York/Cuba	62B	10¢		426 Siegel 994
11/6/61	New York/Sheffield, Eng.	62B(2)63,65	24¢	PFC, hor. pr.	590 Siegel 148
?	? /England	62B(2),67	24¢	10/14/61 London pmk	13 Sotheby 1172
10/ /	Boston/Havre, France	62B(3)	2x15¢	hor. strip 3	Brown 999
10/2/61	Boston/Paris	62B,67	15¢		Krug 470
10/2/61	Boston/Paris	62B,67	15¢		Krug 471
10/15/61	Jamaica Plain,Ms./Paris	62B,67a	15¢		409 Siegel 64
11/1/61	Naperville,Ill./France	62B,63(2),U-34	15¢		11/4/76 Harmer 369
11/6/61	New York/Havre	62B,67(4)	2x15¢		11/27/64 H.Rooke 432
10/12/61	New York/France	62B,67	15¢		512 Siegel 469
9/17/61	New York/Bordeaux	62B,67	2x15¢	E.K.U., "Short Paid"	Krug 467
9/17/61	New York/Lyon*	62B,67,71(2)	5x15¢	E.K.U.	376 Siegel 168
9/25/61	New York/Lyon	62B,67,71	3x15¢	PFC	Krug 468
7/30/62	New York/Lyon	62B,68,75(2)	2x15¢	SE at left	5/27/69 Harmer 278
1/21/62	New York/France	62B,67a	15¢		465 Siegel 71
9/22/66	New York/Bordeaux	62B,76	15¢	Origin New Orleans	103 Wolffers 304
?	New York/Lyon*	62B,67,71(2)	5x15¢	Questioned cover	10/29/51 Harmer 108
10/13/63	Virginia City, N.T./France	62B,65(2)	15¢		5/13/70 Harmer 212
?	Albany,N.Y./Germany	62B,67	15¢	Pat. sim. to Walcott 3060	353 Siegel 829
5/10/62	Allegheny,Pa./Germany	62B,67	15¢	Bremen mail	4/56 Paige 630
?	Cincinnati/Saxony	62B,67	15¢		12/52 Paige 224
3/25/62	Cleveland/Bremen	62B	10¢	Walcott 2018	5/80 Gibbons 321
11/8/	Hamburg, Pa./Hanover	62B(2),63	21¢	French Mail	9/22/81 Robbins 694
11/16/	New York/Germany	62B,67	15¢		10/29/51 Harmer 107
?	Pennsylvania/Germany	62B,67	15¢		1/13/76 Harmer 133
10/12/61	Racine,Wisc./Wiesbaden	62B,67	15¢		512 Siegel 470
10/27/61	S.F./Tauer, Germany	62B(3)	30¢	PCM before reduction to 28¢	12/2/71 Harmer 170

*May be same cover.

Date	Origin/Destination	Stamps	Rate	Notes	Source
8/5/	Terre Haute, Ind./Germany	62B,67	15¢		444 Siegel 773
7/17/	Wyandotte, Kan./Guatemala	62B(2)	2x10¢	hor. pr.	6/9/76 Harmer 448, Fig. 2
8/14/	Wyandotte/Guatemala	62B(2)	2x10¢	PFC	526 Siegel 133
?	New York/Amsterdam	62B,68,63	21¢	French Mail	I Knapp 2823
10/25/61	Boston/Calcutta	62B(2),63	21¢		Author's Col., Fig. 3
9/29/61	N.Y./Parma, Italy	62B(2),24,64,71	2x27¢	French Mail	414 Siegel 299
11/3/	N.Y./Cadiz, Spain	62B(2),68(2), 67(2),69	3x21¢?	Underpaid?	Philatelic Found.
10/29/61	Harrisburg, Pa./Stockholm	62B(4),63(2)	42¢	PCM	9/22/81 Robbins 696

Figure 2 is a cover franked by a pair of 10¢ Type I stamps. These stamps, if mailed in 1863 or later, paid two times the 10 cents per ½ ounce American Packet via Panama rate to Guatemala.⁵ The black "4" is a double rate internal due marking of 4 reales. The cover was mailed from Wyandotte, Kansas, on February 17.

Figure 3 is a folded letter franked by two 10¢ Type I stamps and a 1¢ 1861. These stamps paid the 21 cents per ½ ounce British Open Mail by American Packet rate to India.⁶ The manuscript black "8" is an 8 pence (16 cents) due marking. The reverse bears a black "BOSTON AM. PKT., OCT. 25", red "LONDON E C, NO. 9, 61", and octagonal black "CALCUTTA STEAMLETTER, 1861 DEC. 14" containing a manuscript "6" (6 annas due, approximately 18 cents). This particular Goddard correspondence folded letter from the original find has never appeared at auction.

In conclusion, I am convinced that this listing represents a very healthy "chunk" of the existing 10¢ Type I covers. I am convinced also that the readers of the *Chronicle* will add

TABLE IV — SUMMARY OF DATA

Origin	Origin	Destination	
New York	30 Louisville, Ky.	1 Domestic	44
Boston	14 Madison, Ind.	1 Canada	22
San Francisco	12 Milwaukee, Wisc.	1 France	15
Fort Madison, Iowa	5 Miamiville, O.	1 Germany	10
Albany, N.Y.	3 Mokelumne Hill, Cal.	1 Cuba	9
Benicia, Cal.	3 Naperville, Ill.	1 China	5
Mountain City, C.T.	2 Nevada City, Cal.	1 Belgium	2
Salem, Ms.	2 Philadelphia	1 England	2
Wyandotte, Kans.	2 Providence, R.I.	1 Guatemala	2
West Union, Iowa	2 Racine, Wisc.	1 Austria	1
Adrian, Mich.	1 Rochester, N.Y.	1 Bahamas	1
Akron, O.	1 Salem, Ill.	1 Cape of Good Hope	1
Albion, Mich.	1 Southbend, Ind.	1 Holland	1
Allegheny, Pa.	1 Springfield, Ms.	1 India	1
Allentown, Pa.	1 Suspension Bridge, N.Y.	1 Italy	1
Ashtown, Ill.	1 Sycamore, Ill.	1 Spain	1
Avon, N.Y.	1 Terre Haute, Ind.	1 Sweden	1
Burlington, Vt.	1 Virginia City, N.T.	1 B.C. to U.S.	1
Central Village, Ct.	1 Washington, D.C.	1 Pacific to U.S.	1
Cincinnati	1 Watertown, N.Y.	1 Yokohama to U.S.	1
Cleveland	1 Webster, N.Y.	1 Total	122
Columbia, Cal.	1 British Columbia		
Dover, N.H.	1 The Pacific	1 Year of Use	
East Cambridge, Ms.	1 Yokohama	1 1861	55
Fall River, Ms.	1 Unknown	1 1862	19
Freeport, Ill.	1 Total	1 1863	3
Hamburg, Pa.		1 1864	1
Harrisburg, Pa.		1 1866	1
Hartford, Ct.		Unknown	43
Jamaica Plain, Ms.		Total	122

5. *Ibid.*, p. 21.

6. *Ibid.*, p. 23.

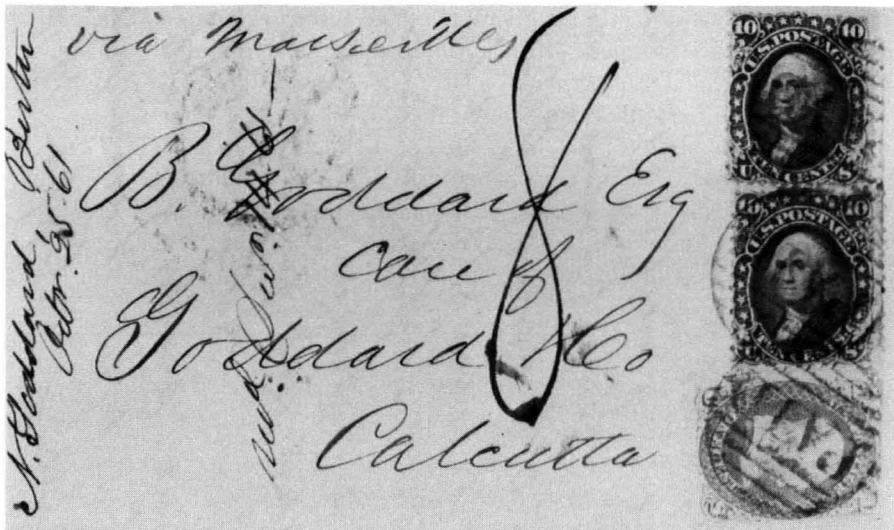


Figure 3. Two Type I 10¢ and a 1¢ used on an open mail cover by American packet to Calcutta in 1861.

several covers to this listing. Correspondence and comments are invited.

TRANSIENT PRINTED MATTER RATES, 1860-63; THE STAR DIE WRAPPERS
RICHARD B. GRAHAM

The transient rate for printed matter is probably one of the least understood rates of U.S. classic postal history. It is readily confused with carrier, drop letter, and circular rates and the fact that covers reflecting it were seldom saved, being essentially newspaper wrappers, makes those covers both interesting and scarce.

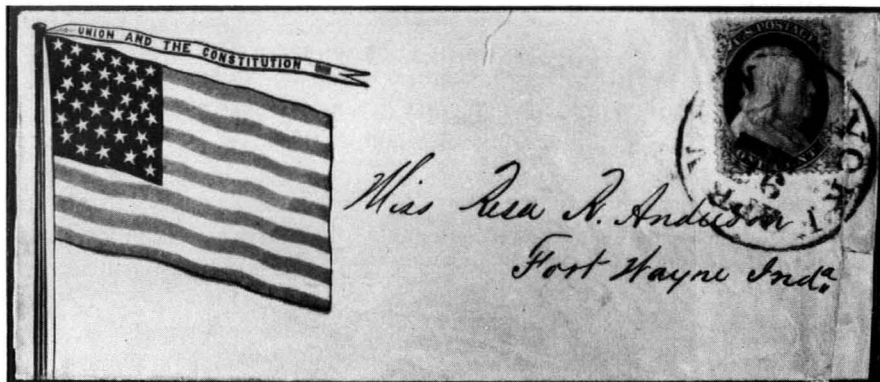


Figure 1. A patriotic envelope used as a wrapper, apparently to mail a newspaper from New York to Fort Wayne in April of 1861.

The rate was intended to apply to periodical printed matter "not sent from or by the office of publication." Which is to say, during the Civil War, the rate was used by many to mail the home newspapers to those away from home in the service. Apparently the first mention of the rate was in the Act of March 3, 1847, which contained a phrase concerning newspapers "not sent from the office of publication" and set the rate for such at 3¢ each. Without attempting an exhaustive review of the transient printed matter rates and requirements for such between then and 1860, it should be noted the basic requirement was that the material had to be sent in an open-ended wrapper so that it could be inspected. The inspection was for the purpose of detecting any written letters or other "first class" material. The only writing permitted on such printed matter was that paragraphs, to which a sender wished to call a recipient's attention, could be marked off.