

## SPECIMEN POSTAGE STAMPS.

**Post Office Department,**

Office of Third Assistant Postmaster General,  
Division of Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, and Postal Cards,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 27, 1875.

The Department is prepared to furnish, upon application, *at face value*, specimens of adhesive postage stamps issued under its auspices, as follows:

## ORDINARY STAMPS FOR USE OF THE PUBLIC.

- † 1. *Issue of 1847*.—Denominations, 5 and 10 cents. Value of set, 15 cents.  
2. *Issue of 1851*.—Denominations, 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 24, 30, and 90 cents; also two separate designs of 1-cent carrier stamps. Value of set, \$1.77.  
3. *Issue of 1861*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents. Value of set, \$1.92.  
4. *Issue of 1869*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents. Value of set, \$1.93.  
5. *Issue of 1870, (current series)*.—Denominations, 1, 2, (brown,) 2, (vermillion,) 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents. Value of set, \$2.07.

## OFFICIAL STAMPS.

- † 1. *Executive*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, and 10 cents. Value of set, 22 cents.  
2. *Department of State*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents, and \$2, \$5, \$10, and \$20. Value of set, \$39.  
3. *Treasury Department*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents. Value of set, \$2.  
4. *War Department*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents. Value of set, \$2.  
5. *Navy Department*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents. Value of set, \$2.  
6. *Post Office Department*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents. Value of set, \$1.93.  
7. *Department of the Interior*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents. Value of set, \$1.93.  
8. *Department of Justice*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, and 90 cents. Value of set, \$1.93.  
9. *Department of Agriculture*.—Denominations, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, and 30 cents. Value of set, \$1.03.

## NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL STAMPS.

- † 1. *Issue of 1865*.—Denominations, 5, 10, and 25 cents. Value of set, 40 cents.  
2. *Issue of 1874*.—Denominations, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96 cents, \$1.92, \$3, \$6, \$9, \$12, \$24, \$36, \$48, and \$60. Value of set, \$204.66.

The 1847 and 1851 stamps are obsolete, and no longer receivable for postage. The subsequent issues of ordinary stamps are still valid. The newspaper and periodical stamps of 1865 are also uncurrent; those of the issue of 1874 can be used only by publishers and news agents for matter mailed in bulk, under the Act of June 23, 1874. The official stamps cannot be used except for the official business of the particular Department for which provided.

All the specimens furnished will be *ungummed*; and the official stamps will have printed across the face the word "Specimen," in small type. It will be useless to apply for *gummed* stamps, or for official stamps with the word "Specimen" omitted.

The stamps will be sold by sets, and application must not be made for less than one full set of any issue, except the State Department official stamps and the newspaper and periodical stamps of the issue of 1874. The regular set of the former will embrace all the denominations, from 1 cent to 90 cents, inclusive, valued at \$2; and any or all of the other denominations (\$2, \$5, \$10, and \$20) will be added or sold separately from the regular set, as desired.

The newspaper and periodical stamps of 1874 will be sold in quantities of not less than two dollars' worth in each case, of any denomination or denominations that may be ordered.

Stamps of any one denomination of any issue will be sold in quantities of two dollars' worth and upward.

*Under no circumstances will stamps be sold for less than their face value.*

Payment must invariably be made in advance in current funds of the United States. Mutilated currency, internal revenue and postage stamps, bank checks and drafts, will not be accepted, but will in all cases be returned to the sender.

To insure greater certainty of transmission, it is strongly urged that remittances be made either by money order or registered letter. *Applicants will also include a sufficient amount for return postage and registry fee*, it being desirable to send the stamps by registered letter. Losses in the mails or by any mode of transmission must be at the risk of the purchaser.

Applications should be addressed to "THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, WASHINGTON, D. C."

No other stamps will be sold than are included in the above list; and specimens of stamped envelopes, (either official or ordinary,) or of envelope stamps, postal cards, or *used* stamps, will not be furnished in any case.

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