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FIRST POSTAL CARD ISSUED.

IE ORIGIN AND INTRODUCTION OF THE POSTAL CARD.

While adhesive postage stamps have been in use since I it was about 30 years later, on October I, 1869, when the Postal Card was issued by the Austrian Empire, where it this day it is called "Korrespondenz-Karte" (correspondence card) as shown by the illustration above. The credit for having successfully agitated its introducin belongs to Professor Emanuel Herrmann, of Vienna, Austria claims for him the honor of having invented

Postal Card.

However, the subject of introducing in the German mails use of an open Correspondence Card was discussed by Stephan, who represented the Prussian Post Office Detunct at the German Postal Congress at Karlsruhe (Laddin 1865, four years prior to the introduction of the Postal din Austria, which latter country, until 1866 a member the German Confederation, was likewise represented at Congress the German t Congress.

While the proposition of Dr. Stephan was listened to themuch interest, the idea of sending *open* correspondence ough the mails was such a novel one in those days that it s not acted upon by that Congress.

It was not until 1870 that Postal Cards were introduced in Germany, Luxemburg and Switzerland. During the new year (1871) Belgium, Canada and Deumark fell into line while the United States adopted their use in 1873 and other countries followed until at present these convenient card boards are used in every civilized country.

It was again Dr. Heinrich von Stephan, (later Postings ter General of the German Empire until his death in 1800 the inventor of the Postal Card, who devoted his energy to the establishment of uniform international postage rates his untiring efforts in (this direction leading to the formation of the Universal Postal Union in 1875.

This again led to the adoption of International Postal Cards the uniform rate having been fixed at 10 centings (French) = 2 cents, Germany taking the lead in their introduction.

The first United States Universal Postal Card (2c blue) was issued in 1879, and while Canada introduced a 2c card "To United Kingdom" in 1877 the Postal Union Card was not issued until 1879.

While Postal Cards have been collected ever since their introduction, especially in Europe, the American collector was rather slow in taking them up, and it was not until the early eighties that they were collected to any considerable extent, since which time a large number of very fine collections have been formed.

HOW TO COLLECT.

Some collectors confine themselves exclusively to unused cards on the ground of their beauty as such, while a few known to the writer, collect them only after they have done postal duty.

The great majority, however, collect both used and unused and this is, according to the writers experience, the mode to be recommended for the reason that completeness is more easily attained.

Various schemes for the arrangement of a Postal Card collection have been resorted to, such as pasting the cards in scrap books, with paste or gunnaed hinges, a mode which has long since been abandoned, owing to the injury done to the cards by the paste

My advice to the beginner is to keep the cards in large manila envelopes which can be bought in any stationers store, each country separate, until the collection is fairly on the way, and then arrange them in a regular Postal Carl Album, as designed, copyrighted, and manufactured by the writer.

These albums have been in use since 1802 and have give universal satisfaction.

ADVANTAGES.

As every collector knows, it is impossible to build up: camplete collection of postage stamps on account of the great scarcity and the prevailing high prices of hundreds, even thousands, of stamps.

This does not apply to postal cards, among which there are but few great rorities. Besides the highest face value of a card is 4 cents, a double Postal Union Card, while stamp run up as high as, and in some countries even higher than \$5.00. Again, the collector of Postal Cards is not troubled and worried with the greatest enemy to the collector, the counterfeits.

Some stamp collectors who have never seen a foreign Postal Card judge them by the design and quality of the cheap productions of the U.S. post office department.

This is a great mistake as will be seen from the few illustrations of foreign cards on the next page.

I also annex a price list of cards of the cheaper grades such as a beginner generally acquires for a foundation, and shall be pleased to receive your orders which will have my prompt attention.

The prices given are for cash. I do not accept U.S cards in exchange. Any information about Postal Card will be cheerfully given on receipt of request accompanied by a self addressed stamped envelope.

Hoping to hear from you often, I am

Yours truly

ADOLPH LOHMEYER.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF FOREIGN POSTAL CARDS.



Greece, 1900, carmine on pearl.



Japan, 1898, mauve on cream.



Mexico, 1896, brown and red on buff.



Venezuela, 1899, carmine and black on white.

PRICE LIST. First column for unused, second for used Cards, All on buff card board unless otherwise noted.

Postage extra at the rate of 2c for 5 Cards, if used and unused mixed, Ic for 5 Cards if unused. Please order by numbers and state "from list No. 12." United States. 3с 2cle 3c 1c 1c de ļc lc 1c Angra. 19 1892, 10 reis green 4c 20 1897, 10 " ໌'' 3c Argentine.

 21
 1892, 2c green
 4c

 22
 1896, 3c orange
 4c

 23
 1899, 4c green
 5c

 Austria. 3c 2c lc 10 20 le Bavaria. 4c 2c 10 20 10

 5pf brown
 3c

 5pf dark green and black
 4c

 10pf carmine
 6c

 2pf gray
 2c

 5pf green
 3c

 10pf carmine
 5c

Belgium.

41 " 42 " 43 1900, 44 " 45 " Bolivia.

53 1888. Ic brown, green 3c	
54 1894, 1c bistre, pale green 2c	5c
55 " 2c blue 4c	5c
Bosnia.	
56 1879, 2n brown.	2.
57 1900, 5h green 3c	3e
Brazil.	
18 1893, 20 reis brown, white 4c	
9 1889, 40 " blue 5c	
1890, 40 " orange & blue, white. 5c	
10 1890, 40 " orange & blue, white 5c 11 1895, 40 " green & blue, orange. 4c	
British Guiana.	
2 1893, 1c gray 2c	
3 " 2c carmine 4c	
British Honduras.	
# 1898, 1c green 2c	
Bulgaria.	
5 1879, 10c carmine and black	4c
6 1885, 5st green	2c
7 1893, 5st "	
8 1896, 5st " and blue	
Canada.	
1871, lc blue, M. and O	
1876, lc "Montreal	3c
2 1882, 1c ultramarine	2c Ic
3 1887, 1c	le
3 1887, 1c '	lc
) 1895, 1c gray 3c	lc
1897, lc black, Jubilee	lc
1898, 1c green and black	le
" 2c orange red 5c	le
" 2c dark blue 4c	
LETTER CARDS.	
1809 20 00	
1895, 1c black "	
" 2c green "	
" 2c green " 4c	
oc carmine " Ro	
1839, 2c on No. 81	
Carles	
Ceylon.	
1893, 2c blue, white	5 c
1896, 2c yellow brown, white 2c	
Chile.	
1892. 1c green, gray green 3c	
ac 1. Sc. vale vreen	
1000 4C ultramarine, vellore 40	5 c
oc brown red. grav go	5 C
mr. 40 ultraliarine, pale blue 10	
3c sceen, pale green, 3c	
China.	
898. lc carmine 2c	
CHEEFOO.	
894, 1c green, white	
1c vermilion, blne, L. C 3c	
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		CHINKIANG.	
101	1894,	le brown, white	30
102	1898,	lc blue "	30
		SHANGHAI.	170
103	1893	le brown, white	O .
104	44	2c lilac "	50
105	44	2c lilac "	30
		Cuba.	1)(
106	1898.	5m claret	20
107	4.6	lc blue green	20
108	66	2c violet	50
109		3c brown	6:0
110	1899,	lc black, on U. S. No. 13	3c
111		1c black, on U. S. No. 13 2c " 17	5c
		Denmark.	
112	1879,	4 ore blue, white	
113	44	8 " red "	
114	1887,	10 " "	
115	1888,	3 " gray, white	
116	4.4	8 " red " 10 " " 3 " gray, white 5 " green "	
		Dutch Indies,	
117	1887.		
118	1889,	5c green, white	
		Ecuador.	
114	1000		
119	1092,	2c brown, blue	Зc
120		3c blue, white	ЭC
161	1005	Finland.	
190	1000,	10p rose	
144	1000,	10p " white	
• • • •		France.	
123	1883,	10c black, lavender	
$\frac{124}{125}$	1890,	10c " greenish	
120	1092,	ive greenish	
		Funchal.	
126	1892,	10 reis green	4c
127	1897,	10 " "	3с
		10 reis green	
128	1873,	½gro brown	
129	11	½gro brown 2kr "	4c
130	1875.	5pf lilac	
131	1878,	10pf rose 5pf lilac	
132	1880,	opt lilac	
133	1886,	10pt rose	
134	1009,	5pf green	

Dutch males,	
117 1887, 5c green, white	
118 1889, 5c blue, blue	
120 1000, oc orde, other	
Ecuador.	
119 1892, 2c brown, blue	ЗĊ
120 " 3c blue, white	эc
Finland.	
121 1885, 10p rose	
122 1888, 10p " white	
France.	
123 1883, 10c black, lavender	
124 1890, 10c "	
125 1892, 10c " greenish	
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Funchal.	
126 1892, 10 reis green	10
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Germany.	
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129 " 2kr "	łс
130 1875, 5pf lilac	
131 1878, 10pf rose	
132 1880, 5pf lilac	
133 1886, 10pf rose	
134 1889, 5pf green	
135 " 10pf rose	
Great Britain.	
136 1878, ½d brown	
137 1883, ½d " 138 1888, ½d "	
138 1888, ½d " 3	3c
139 " 4d " white	
	Вc
140 1892, Id vermillion	
141 1895, ½d brown, white	3c
Greece.	
140 Jone 64	
142 1891, 5 lepta, black	Вс
143 " 10 " bine, yellow	
144 " 10 " carmine, gray blue	
Guatemala.	
145 1875, { real, black	4e
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147 1007, 10 DIOWII, White	
147 1897, ic black and lilac, white	2c
	4c
149 " 3c " red, "	łс
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Hawaii.

100	1894. 1c vermillion	3c	
190	2c green, white	ōс	
191			
	Hayti.		
150	1800. lc blue, white	2c	
400	"c oralige, 7036	00	
105	Bc green, yellow	5 c	
104			
	Hungary.		
155	1871, 2kr orange and black		3c
1:12	1811 "kr orange		2c
157	1881, 2kr brown	3c	1c
101			
	Italy.		
158	1871, 10e brown		4c
159	1879, 10c " white		3e
160	1879, 10c " white		2c
161	1889, 10c carmine. green		$2\mathbf{c}$
169	" 10c " cream		2c
183	1895 10e " · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5c	
100			
	Japan.		
164	1875 sen orange	3c	
165	1sen blue	4c	Ic
166	1876 arin orange, white	3c	
167	1898 Isen brown "	3c	lc
169	1898 Isen brown "	2c	
169	1899 Usen ultramarine, white	3c	
100		•	
	Luxemburg.		
170	1880 5c lilac		3c
171	" 10c yellow brown		Бc
172	1888 5c green		1c
	1895 5c ''	3c	
1111		•	
	Mauritius.		
174	1879, 2c brown	3c	
174 75	1879, 2c brown	3c 2c	
75	1895, 2c green and black	2c	
75	1895, 2c green and black 1897, 2c brown	2c	
75 76	1895, 2c green and black	2c	
75 76	1895, 2c green and black	2c 2c	4c
75 76 77 78	1895, 2c green and black	2c 2c	4c
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Peru.
200 1897, 1c green and black, white 3c
201 " 2c orange " " 4c
202 1898, 1c red " " 3c
203 " 2c blue " " 4c
Philippines.
204 1900, 1c black (U. S. No. 13) 3c
205 " 2c " (" 17) 5c
206 " 2+2c blue (U. S. No. 11) 8c
Porto-Rico.
207 1894, 2c dark blue 3c
208 ' 3c carmine
210 " 3c red brown 4c 211-18 '98, 8 varieties complete. 30c
1310 1000 1 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
219 1899, 1c black (U. S. No. 13) 1 3c 220 " 1c " II 3c
221 1900, lc " (Puerto Rico) 3c
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Portugal.
222 1890, 10 reis brown
tooo, to black, green
8
Roumania.
226 1879, 5 bani black, rose
227 1883, 10 " red, orange
228 " 5 " black, rose
27 10,77, 0
250 1055, 5
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23: 1895 5 " blue, white
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Russia.
2:4 1879, 3kop black
235 1884, 3kop carmine
Sweden.
236 1881, 6 ore lilac, white
237 1885, 5 ore green, "
238 1897, 5 ore " " 3c
Switzerland.
239 1874, 5c brown, while
210 1875, 5c " " "
241 1879, 5c black
242 " 10c carmine
Wurttemberg.
243 1875, 5pf violet and black, gray
244 1876, 5pf " " "
245 1882, 5pf violet
245 1882, 5pf violet
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247 1883, 5pf violet
248 1890, 5pf " cream
249 1893, 5pf green
250 1897, 5pf "
The above sepre-ents but a small portion

The above sepre-ents but a small portion of immense stock of Postal Cards and Letter Carwhich contains over 3000 varieties.

I also carry in Stock Scott's latest Catalogue Postal Cards, price 25 cents, and the 1899 suppment thereto, price 10 cents. These should be the hands of every collector.