

RUSSIA

POSTAL STATIONERY

1845-1923

This Exhibit is a chronological presentation of Russian Postal Stationery - stamped envelopes; formular cards; postal cards; letter-cards; newspaper wrappers; money order forms.

The postal stationery frankings reflect the various postal rates for city, inland, inland registered and foreign use. Here, some emphasis is placed on unusual usage - additional frankings, registration, post-revolution etc.

Philatelic items of particular importance include:-

St Petersburg stamped envelope 1845-1848
Essay 1872 20 kop blue 140 x 58mm
Essay 7 kop on 20 kop envelope 1880-81
Money order SPECIMEN overprints 1900-01
Experimental formular reply letter-cards 1907
Provisional letter-card 1916
Kerensky 20 kop card with validating cachet

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1845-1848. ST. PETERSBURG Stamped Envelope

Handmade envelopes with an embossed circular stamp, applied by hand in the lower left corner inverted in relation to the envelope, were issued from 1845 for the St. Petersburg City Post.

The inscription around the Imperial Arms and Posthorns reads: "S.P.B. City Post, for the letter 5 kopeks, for the envelope 1 kopek." (S.P.B. = St. Petersburg).



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1848-63. Imperial Stamped Envelopes

Stamp embossed on ungummed flap of hand folded envelopes of various sizes, watermarked
10(+1) KOPEK

Stamp uncanceled, used Kasan 9-DEC 1863



"12" Ekaterinoslav

Stamp cancelled 9 FEB 1864 Proskurov

20(+7) KOPEK

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30(+7) KOPEK



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1868 IMPERIAL Stamped Envelopes

New design with double eagle in oval embossed at top left.

10 KOPEK



113mm x 73mm



139mm x 113mm



140mm x 58mm

12
Moscow

18 MAR 1869

ESSAY

140 x 98 mm



20 KOPEK



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CITY POST Stamped Envelopes 1869-72

1869 FIRST ISSUE.

For local correspondence only.



1870 SECOND ISSUE.

For local correspondence only.



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1872 THIRD ISSUE

Use not restricted to local correspondence.

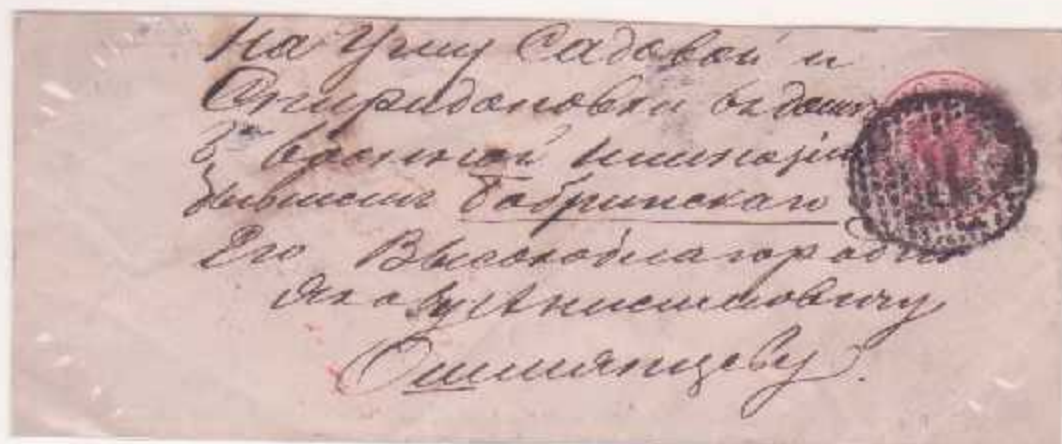


139mm x 113mm

141mm x 81mm



140mm x 58mm



"8" Obliterator of Moscow City Post. Red 33mm c.d.s. 15 SEP 1874

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1872 Stamped Envelopes

Similar design with embossed stamp in top right corner.

10 KOPEK

145x81mm.



Въ Свѣтлоярскій уѣздъ

Мѣстѣ сѣльскій

с. Монастырь



"2" Moscow City
Post 22 MAY 1872

с. Монастырь

Норманская улица, вѣ-
стникъ № 8



139 x 113mm



Свѣтлоярскій уѣздъ

с. Монастырь



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20 KOPEK



139 x 113 mm

30 KOPEK



139 x 113 mm

1872 Formular Cards

Small Inscription.



28 JAN 1872. Used to Poland.

Large Inscription.



27 APR 1878

1872, May 1. Postcards

3 kop. Brown on Buff



MOSCOW CITY POST 8 9 APR 1873

1875 Stamped Envelopes

Similar to 1872 issues with different lettering.

5 KOPEK - City Post



145mm x 81mm.



139 x 113.

8 KOPEK - Domestic rate reduced from 10k



139 x 113



145 x 81

Kazan 28 OCT 1877 to Finland.

10 KOPEK



145 x 81

20 KOPEK



139 x 113

1876 Postcards

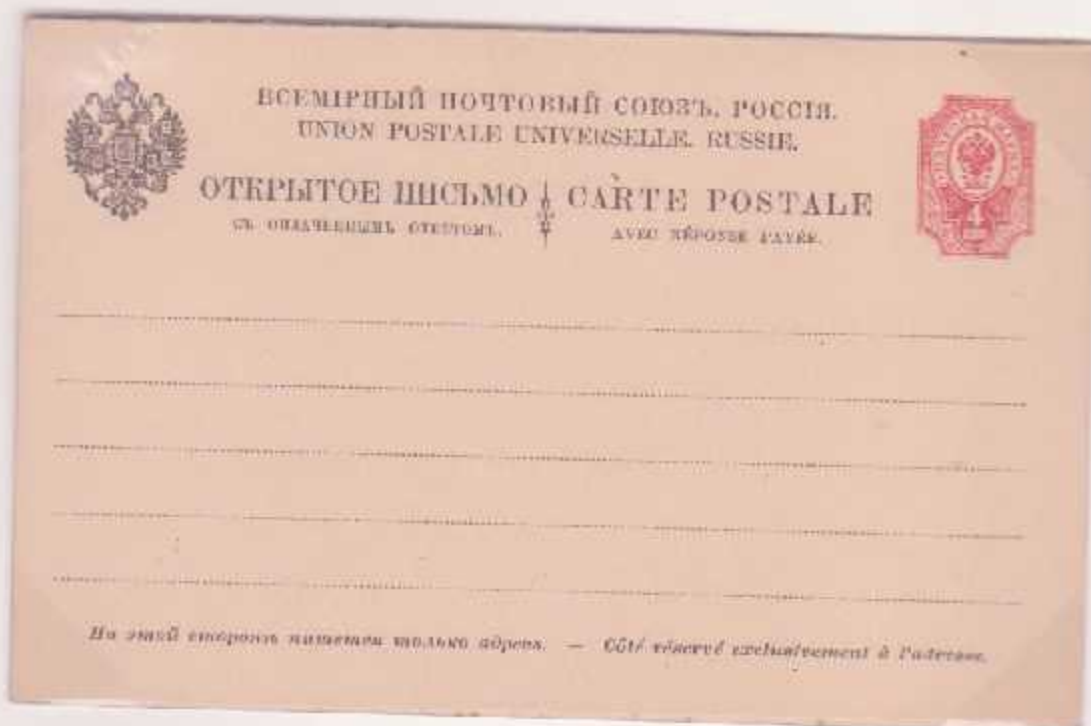
4 kop. Green on Gray-white



1st 'OTUEL' 1876, St. Petersburg City Post 11 FEB 1876 to London.

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4 kop + 4 kop Reply Card Red on Buff



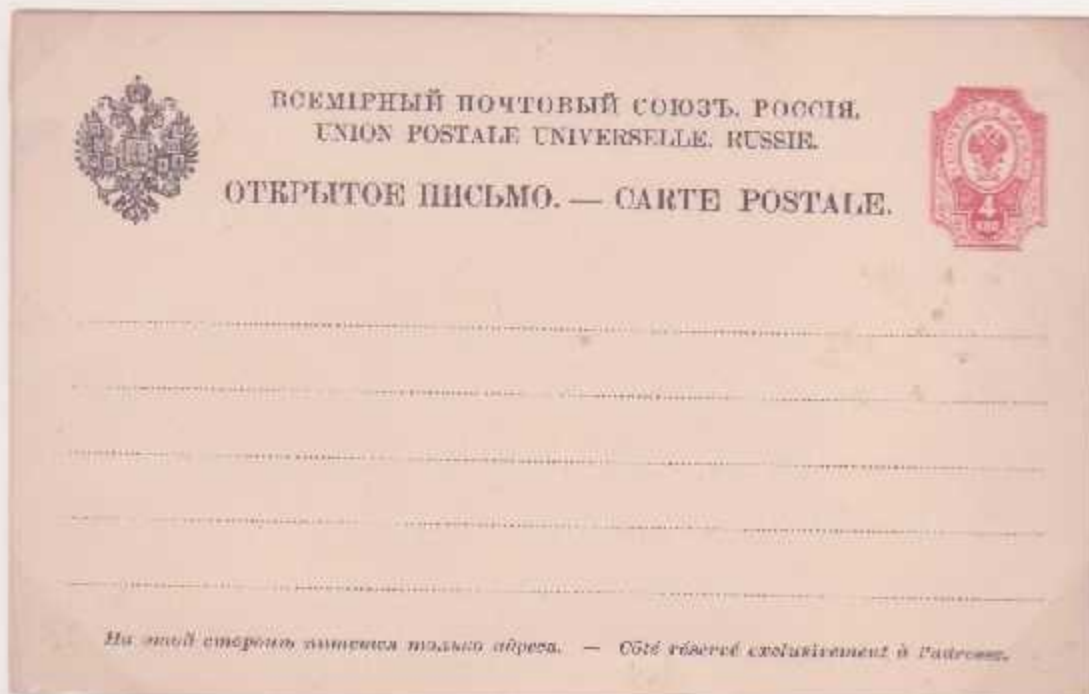
POST WAGON N° 65 1 APR 1890, to Breslau.

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1889, July. Postcards

Due to an increase in postal rates for international mail on 1/13 April, 1889, postcards of the July 1886 type were issued but with a 4k stamp.

4 kop. Red on Buff



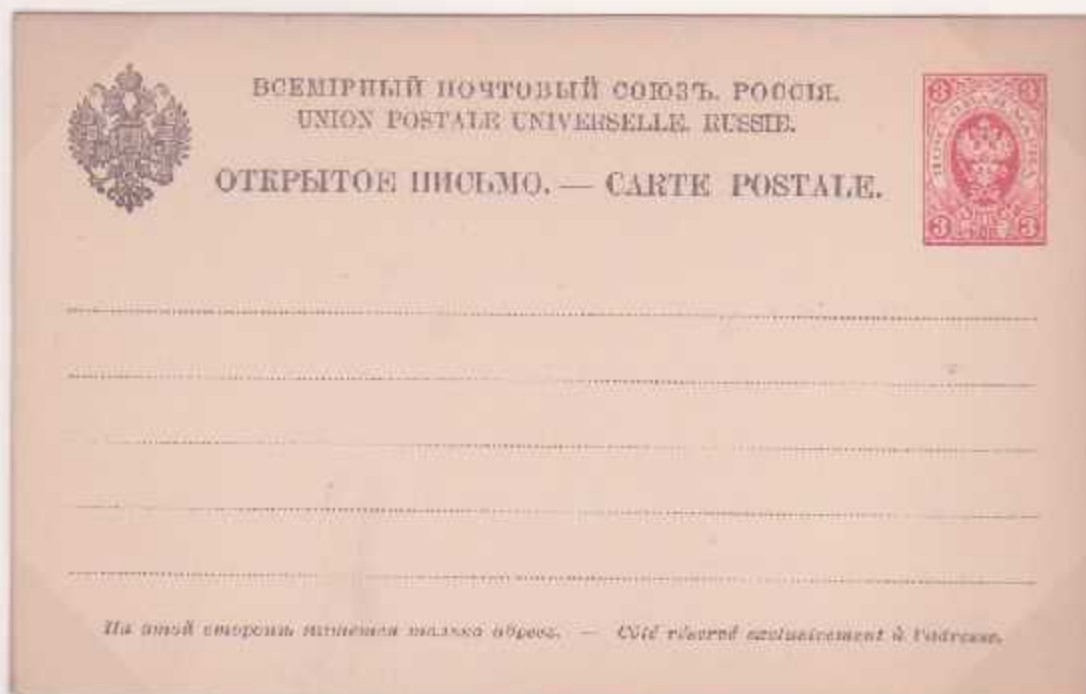
3 APR 1890 Riga to Leipzig

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1886, June. Postcards

3 kop. Red on Buff

Similar design but with thunderbolts added to posthorns. The Arms and text black. Inscriptions in Russian and French. 3 lines at top, 1 line at the bottom.



11 DEC 1888 Odessa to Denmark

1886 Formular Card

Brown or buff



1893



1905

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1884, April. Postcards

3 kop. Red on Buff.

New design. Text and Arms in black. 2 lines of instructions at the bottom



12 OCT 1886 Berdichev to Warsaw, Poland.

1884 Formular Cards

Brown on cream



Black on cream



9 January 1884

14 KOPEK Dark blue on light blue. Domestic Registered.

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138x110mm



Local Registered Use - 11 FEB 1892

143 x 81mm

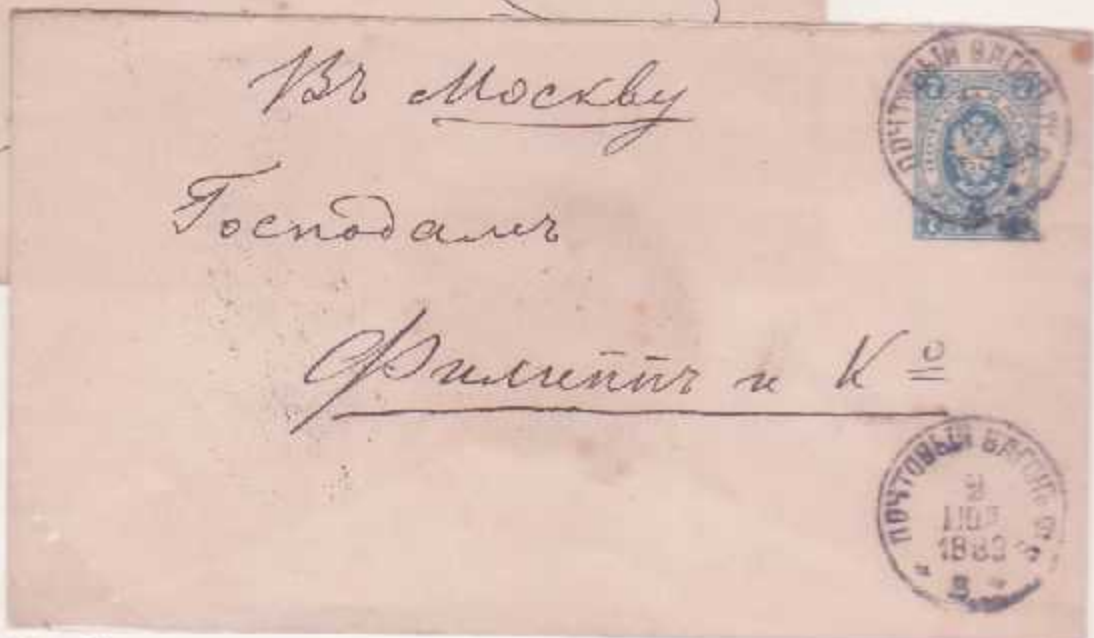


Foreign Registered Use - 20 IV 1892 - to London with 2x7kop on back.



13. VI 1892
Kazan to Moscow

145 x 120



145 x 81

Post Wagon B



140 x 58. International use to USA 1896. Rate 10k.

7 KOPEK Blue on buff Domestic



113x73



140x58

Reversed watermark



145x87



140 x 110

Moscow 25 Sept 1886 to Königsberg, Prussia. Postage 7k



140 x 58

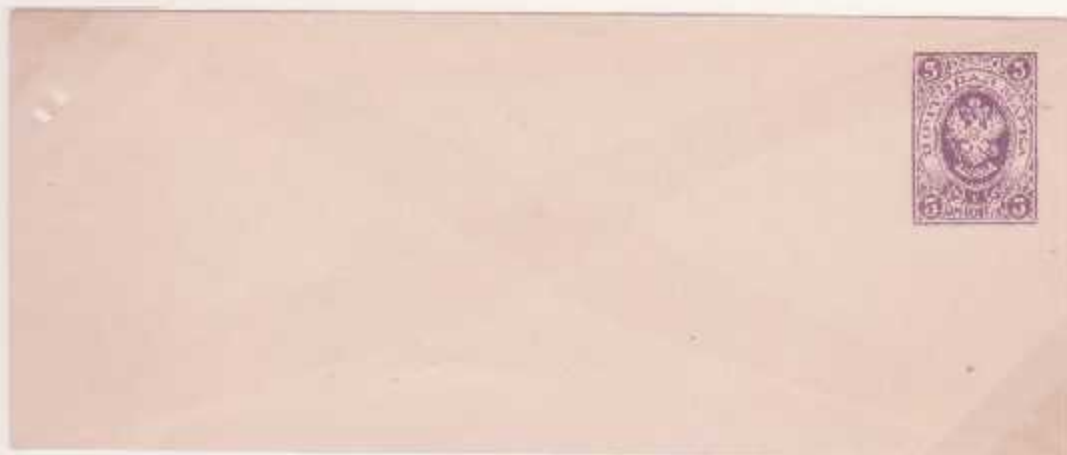
Moscow 9 Nov 1891 Registered to Belgium Postage 20k

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1883 Stamped Envelopes

New design. Posthorns without thunderbolts

5 KOPEK. Violet-brown on buff. City Post.



140x58



113x73

145x120

7 Kop. on 20 Kop.

This envelope was not officially issued. 100 copies sold.



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7 kop. on 8 kop.



140 x 58 mm.



145 x 81 mm.

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1880-81 Provisional Stamped Envelopes

In connection with lower postage rates, earlier envelopes were surcharge in full red. "price, 7 kopecks"

7kop. on 10kop.



26 NOV 1880. Registered St Petersburg to London, England.

The 7k/10k envelope has additional 2k and 5k Arms (both on horizontally laid paper) all cancelled at the Despatch Office for Reception of Foreign Mail, St Petersburg. Boxed ЗАКАЗНОЕ - REGISTERED.

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1879 Stamped Envelope

A reduction in the postal rate for domestic correspondence from 8 kop. to 7 kop. led to the issue of a 7 kop. envelope.

113 x 73 mm



25 MAY 1894. Blotok to Leipzig.

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1879, April 1. Postcards

3 kop. Gray-Black on Buff

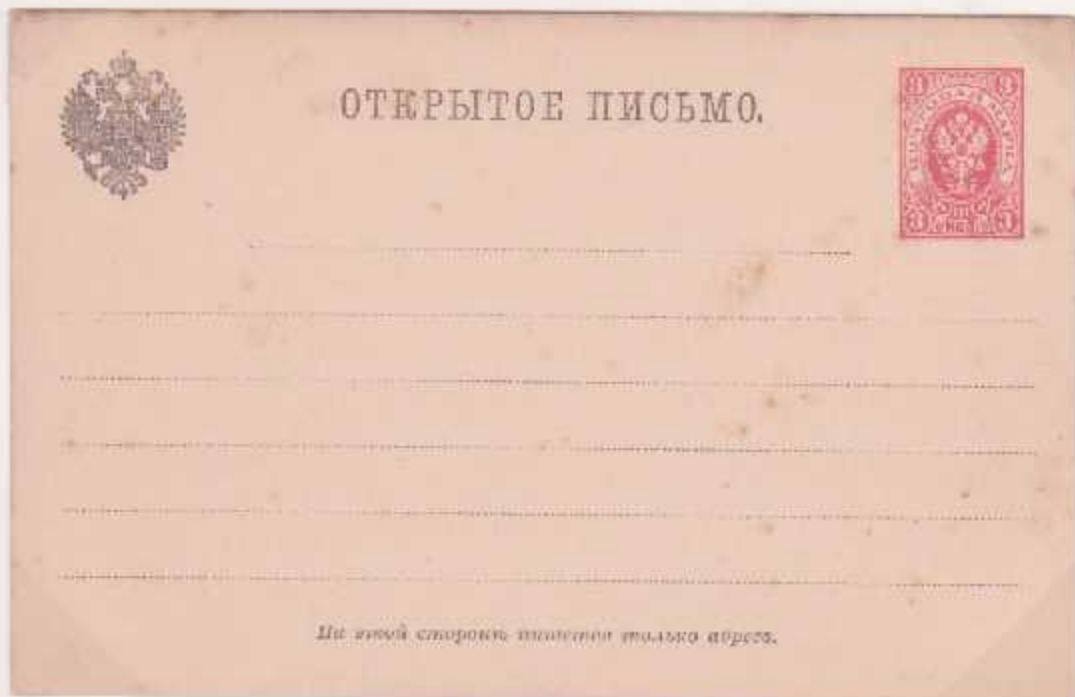


POST WAGON N°6 25 OCT 1881

1889, July. Postcards

3 kop. Red on Buff.

One line heading, Arms and one line instruction at the bottom in black.



10. XI. 1894. KRASNQYARSK. Used with 2x1k Arms (1889-92) Postage 5k.



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1889-90 Stamped Envelopes

Similar designs but with posthorns and thunderbolts symbolising the amalgamation of the Postal and Telegraph services.

5 kop. Violet-Brown on Buff (City Post)



Internal Letter Rate - 7 kop. - (with 2x1 kop.) St Petersburg to Revel 27 VIII 93.



Foreign Registered Letter Rate - 20 kop. - (with 3x5 kop.) St Petersburg to USA 8 IV 1899

7 kop. Blue on buff - Domestic rate.

145 x 81



145 x 120



115 x 80

7 kop. Blue on Buff (Internal Letter)

146 x 120 mm

POST WAGON 23-

2. Екатерининская

Проект 9. Садовыи

б-во П.б.

Михаило. Андреевичу



Москва.

У Лузской моста доиз. Аманской.
Въ винный магазин Арабажи.

Его благородію.

Федору Андреевичу

Штамп

146 x 81 mm



г. ОДЕССА.

Заказное

Херсонской губ.

С. В. П.

Александрю Яковлевичу

ЧЕРЛЕНІОВСКОМУ.

Улица Жуковского, № 4.

№ 868
АРАБОВЪ ИЛИ.



Local Registered
Letter - 14 kop.

2113

146 x 81 mm



Foreign Letter Use - 10 kop. (with 3 kop) Kiev to Berlin 21 10 03.

146 x 120 mm



Foreign Registered Letter Use - 20 kop. Sloutzky to Bremen 13 8 10.

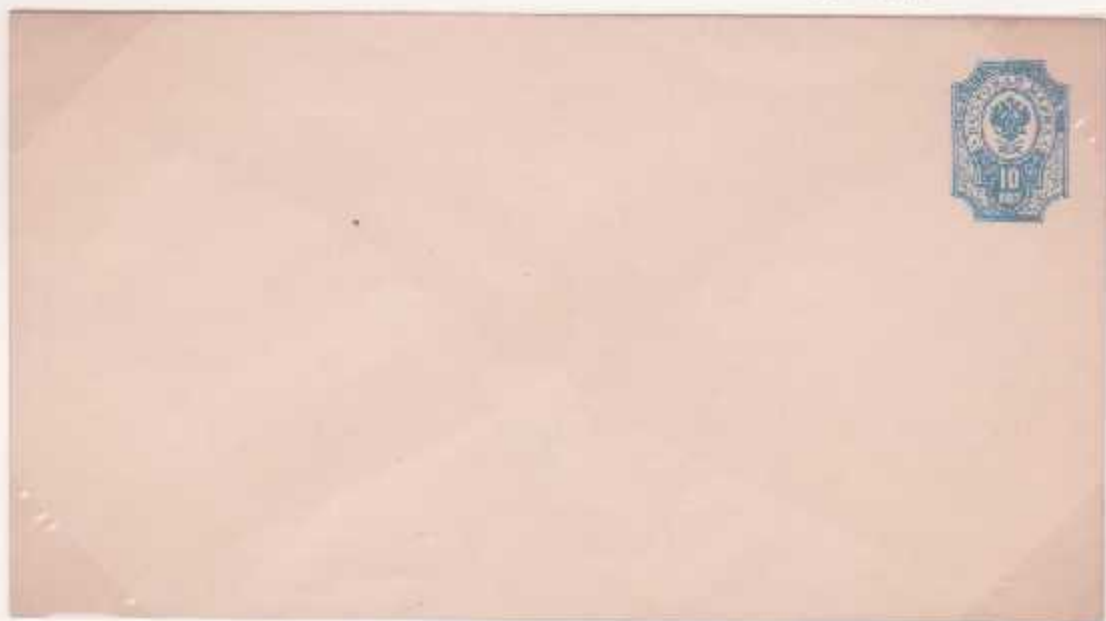
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10 kop. Blue on Buff.

145 x 120 mm



145 x 81 mm



10 kop. Blue on Buff (Foreign Letter)



Foreign Letter - 10 kop. Moscow to Germany 19 III 1900.



Foreign Registered Letter Use - 20 kop. Kharkov to Belgium 16 IV 1907.

20 kop. Blue on Pale Blue



№ 681
 ТРОИЦКОСАВСКЪ.
 И. Т. КОПТ.



20 kop. on Buff

1. Registered TRQITSKOSAVSK 25 II 1903 to USA with additional 10k (1889-92).

2. Registered ST PETERSBURG 28 OCT 1905, to Milwaukee U.S.A.

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Letter Cards

1st Issue: 1890

A: 5 KOPEK, Violet on smooth cream card (City Post)



St. Petersburg City Post.

International use



ЗАКРЫТОЕ ПИСЬМО.

Германия

Frau Dr. Rudolf

Kerrn



ЗАКРЫТОЕ ПИСЬМО.

Германия

Frau Rudolf Adler
 Kaiser Wilh. Str. 23
 Ludwigshafen a/Rhein



Для вскрытия - оторвать край по пунктиру.



ЗАКРЫТОЕ ПИСЬМО

Германия

Frau Rudolf Adler
 Ad. von R. Alberti
 Meisingerstr. 31

Coblenz a/Rhein

Для вскрытия - оторвать край по пунктиру.

Late printing on light card - 1901

B. 7 kop. Blue on Buff card (Domestic Post).



Inland Use to Finland
St. Petersburg 26 DEC 1895
to Helsinki.

Foreign Use - 10 kop.
Moscow 8 VIII 1896 to
Neuburg, Bayern.



C. 10kop. Blue on pale blue (Foreign Post)

Cyrillic text. Part 13.



1895. WATSON

10 Kap blue on light blue (Foreign Post)

French Inscription. Perf 11.5



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Wrappers.

Wrapper forms for mailing printed matter, such as newspapers, magazines, etc.
1 kop. for local mail and 2 kop. for internal mail.

1st Issue: 1890.

376 x 134mm

376 x 86mm





4. 1. 1895. Incorrect use to Berlin.



6. 1. 1897. To Austria with 1 kop. added.



17. DEK 1887. To Libuz with 2 kop. added.

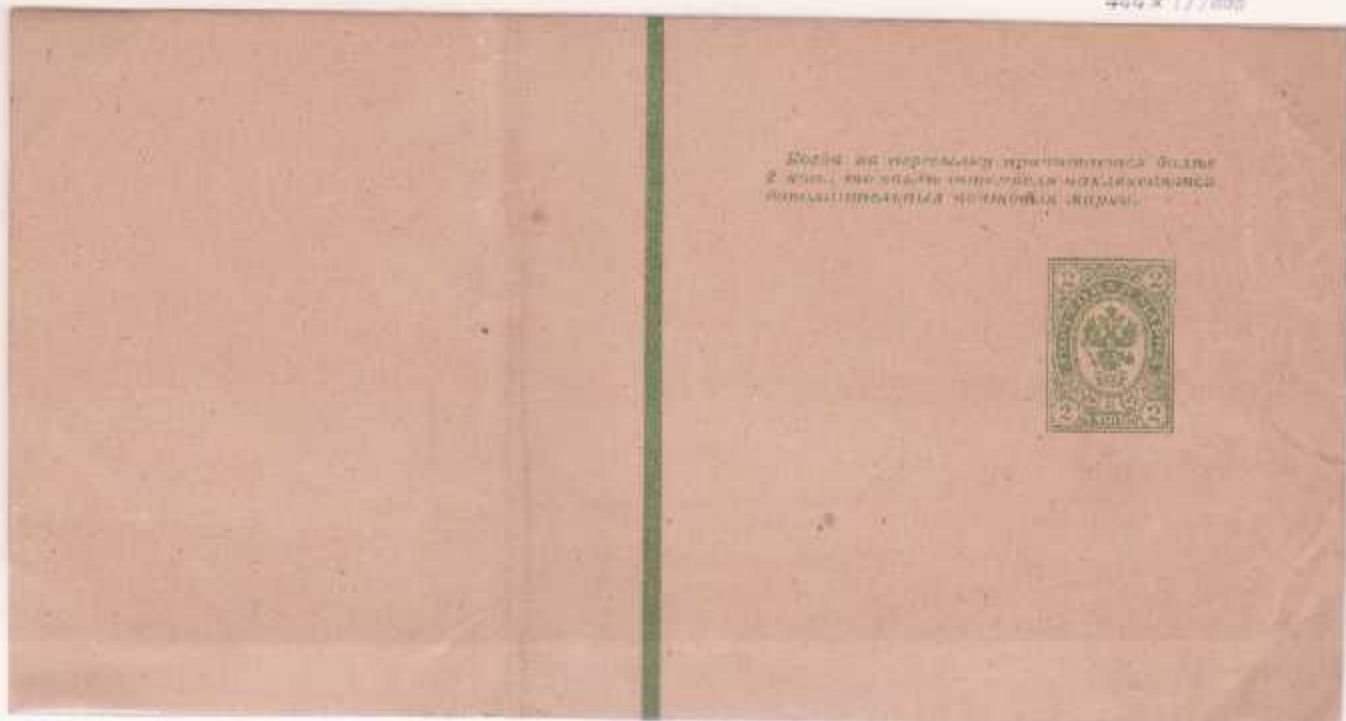
2nd Issue: 1891.

3-line inscription added.

376 x 82mm



444 x 177mm



44x177mm

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Когда по адресу приходящей Бюлле
2 коп., не будет возможно исполнить
соответствующие почтовые марки.

Offspring France
Converseville

Basile Stokapoff
Poste-Reservante



24 V 1902. Moscow to France with 2x1kop added.

Когда по адресу приходящей Бюлле
2 коп., не будет возможно исполнить
соответствующие почтовые марки.



Registered use to Italy 1 APR, 1908

R 102
St.-Petersburg

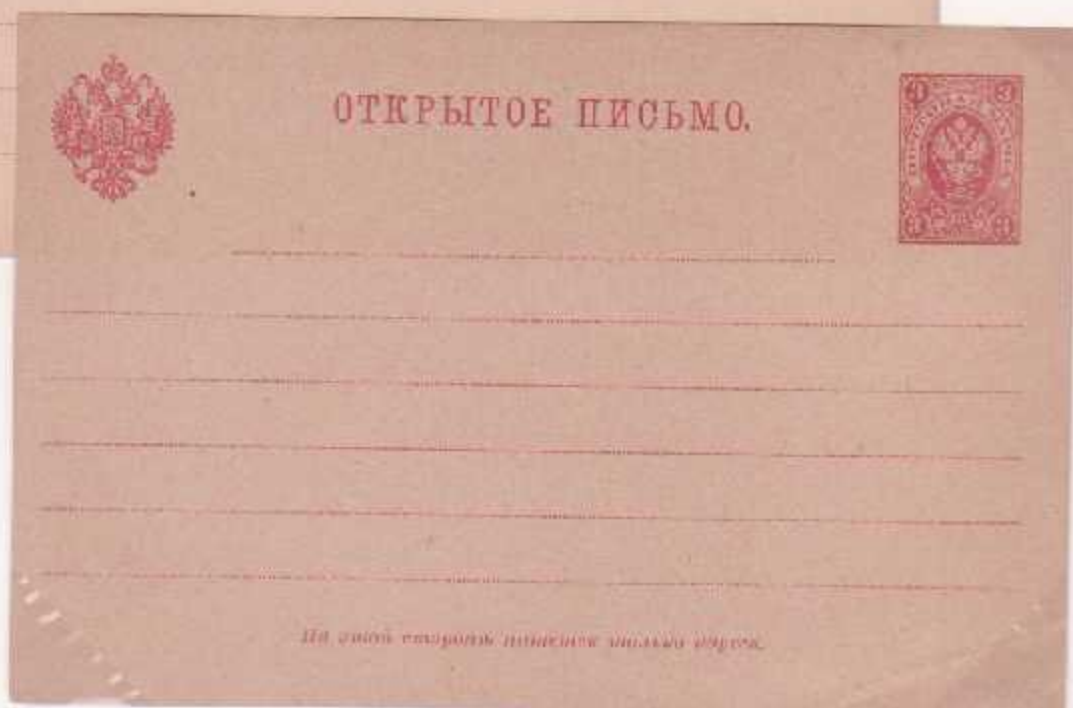
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Parma

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1890, March. Postcards

Arms, heading and one line instruction in red

3 kop. Red on Buff.



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Local use 7 JUN 1892
ISARSKOE SELO to
St. Petersburg.

WARSAW 1905



International use. BREST LITOVSK 8 7 06, to Berlin +1k Arms.

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3 kop. + 3 kop. Reply Card



International use KRASNIK (Poland) 7 APR 1892 to Copenhagen with 1k Arms.

4 kop Red on Buff

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Registered 10. VII 1905, RAMON VORONEZH to London with additional 10k

1900 Money Order Formular Form

ОТЪВЪЗНОЙ КУПОНЪ.

..... рубль. коп.

(сумма перевода)

Отъ

(Получатель и получивший через посредника)

ПЕРЕВОДЪ.

По

(по числу или по телеграфу)

На сумму рубль. коп.

(перевести сумму рублей предвзято)

На имя

Во

(всегда указывать и записывать через посредника)

Службы не отягачь.

Платитель понароде и поправке от платежа не возвращается.

СПЕЦИМЕН

SPCIMEH

1901 Money Orders

15 Kopek

Type I (25 dots in 2cm)

Type II (31 dots in 2cm)

ПЕРЕВОДЪ.

(по почте как по телеграфу.)

№ _____

Да сумму _____ руб. _____ коп.

(выпущена суммой русской прокламы.)

На имя _____



РОССИЙСКОЕ ПОЧТОВОЕ УПРАВЛЕНИЕ

ПЕРЕВОДЪ

По почте как по телеграфу.

На сумму *90* руб. _____ коп.

девяносто рублей

(выпущена суммой русской прокламы.)

На имя *Виленьскаго Земельнаго Банка.*

Въ городѣ *Вильно.*

(платежъ производится и обратномъ акрестъ безучастно.)

Служебный оттискъ.

2 19 23 05 2

23 19 05 2

Никакихъ помятокъ и поправокъ въ текстъ не допускается.



ОТРЪВНОЙ КУПОНЪ.

_____ руб. _____ коп.

(сумма перевода.)

Онес _____

(Платежи и обратный акрестъ отправляются.)

Поступило среброто на оборотъ этого купона.

25 КОРЕК

Type I

НАРИШСКОЙ ГУБЕРНИИ
ПЕРЕВОДЪ 98
 По *почтѣ*
(или почтой или по телеграфу).
 На сумму *60* руб. — коп.
шестьдесятъ руб.
(шести десятъ рублей аршинъ).
 На имя *Касіана*
Пржемыскаго
 Въ *Варшавѣ*
(или по назначенію)
 № 97
 ВЫШЕВЪ
 Нарышской Г.
 Никакихъ помяток и попу...

1906. Poland

Type II

НАРИШСКОЙ ГУБЕРНИИ
ПЕРЕВОДЪ 99
 По *почтѣ*
(или почтой или по телеграфу).
 На сумму *50* руб. — коп.
пятьдесятъ руб.
(пятидесятъ рублей аршинъ).
 На имя *Анатолия Уминовскаго*
 Въ *Углевъ Нарышской губ.*
(адвокат)
(или по назначенію)
 Никакихъ помяток и попу...
 Никакихъ помяток и попу...
 Никакихъ помяток и попу... не допускается.

1907. Poland

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ОТРЪЗНОЙ КУПОНЪ.

руб. коп.

ПЕРЕВОДЪ.



По

по слову моему (печатать)

На сумму руб. коп.

(Оформить сумму рублей прописью)



15 КОП. 15

Данная посылка и конверт не подлежат возврату.

Служба почт.

(Получатель должен указать адрес и фамилию своего)

Въ

На имя

(указать сумму рублей прописью)

На сумму руб. коп.

(печатать имя по адресу)

По

ПЕРЕВОДЪ.



15 КОП. 15

ОТРЪЗНОЙ КУПОНЪ.

руб. коп.

(печатать сумму)

2000

(указать сумму рублей прописью)

Данная посылка и конверт не подлежат возврату.

SPECIMEN

ПОЛУЧАТЕЛЬ:

ИМЯ:

Служба почт.

SPECIMEN

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1906 Postal Cards

New stamp design:

3 КОРЕК



International use



1907 Stamped Envelope

Design as 1889-90 with new type flap-sealing edge parallel to top of envelope.

7 КОРЕК



1907 Experimental, Formular, Reply Lettercards.

Letter card with detachable letter card inside for reply. Requiring the addition of adhesives, these cards were not on sale to the public. A few of the samples sent to postmasters found their way into the post.

A. Blue on Buff

Outer card 149 x 87mm. Perforation 11.5



17 11 07 Kronstadt to St. Petersburg - outer card.

B. Blue on Brown.

Outer card 143 x 86mm; Inner card 123 x 76mm; Perforation 11.5.



Registered Use. Blev 27 V 1907 to Kregel.

Reply addressed to Blev.



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1909 Letter Card

7 КОРЕК. New one word heading. Rate reduction - Inland.



International use



1909 Postal Cards

Design as 1906 but with new heading.

3 KOPEK.

Type I (23 dots in 2cm). Type II (31 dots in 2cm)



Type I

Type II

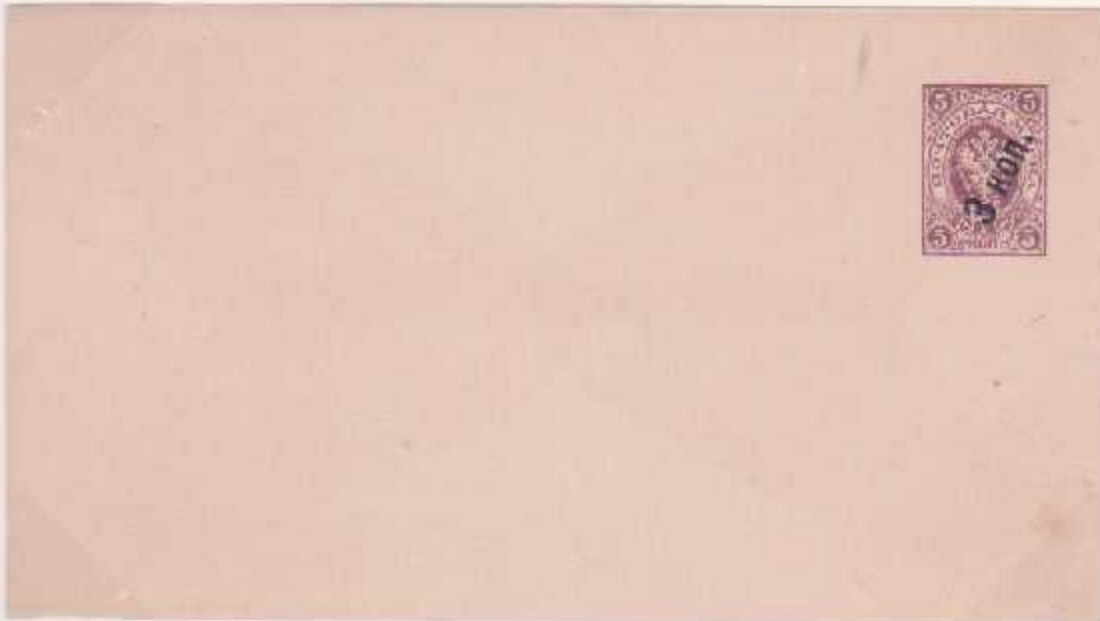


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1909 Rate Reduction Overprint

City Post rate reduced to 3 kopek.

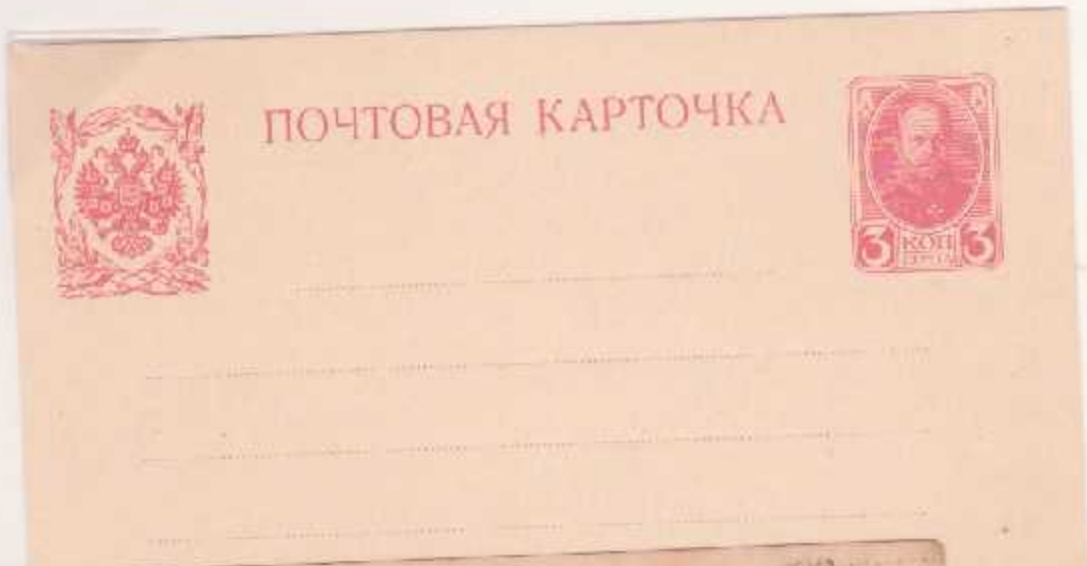
3 KOPEK



11.13. International use.

1913 Romanov Postal Cards

3 КОРЕК Tsar Alexander III.



Foreign use.

4 КОПЕК Isar Peter 1



1913 Romanov Letter Cards

3 KOPEK Tsar Alexander III City Post.



1913. International use.

7 KOPEK *Nicholas II. Domestic*



10 KOPEK *Nicholas II. Foreign*



1913 Romanov Envelopes

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City Post



Domestic



Domestic Registered

заканув
Уберингафінд

R 34 47
St.-Petersbourg.



M^{me} A. Lehmann
ср. П. Абуемс Куперова, Амант
в ропогс Бебе
à Vevey



заканув
Уберингафінд

ср. П.

Фред Амант
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M^{lle} M. Lehmann

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R 34 154
St.-Petersbourg.



ср.

Гром

заканув
Уберингафінд

ср. П.

M. K. Ganz
в ропогс Бебе

M^{lle} M. Ganz

à Vevey (Vaud)
Suisse

R 34 1
St.-Petersbourg.



Grand Hôtel du Lac

1. 20 kop. - Foreign Registered rate. 26.4.14
2. 14 kop. - Inland Registered - + 6 kop. = 20 kop. Registered to Switzerland. 24.4.14.
3. 3 kop (City Post) + 17 kop. Registered to Switzerland. 2.5.14.

1913 Romanov Wrappers

2 KOPEK Tsar Alexander II



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1916 Rate Increase Overprint

10 KOPEK on 7 kop



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1916 Letter Card Overprint

Rate increase

10 KOPK



3. 6. 17. Registered, Censored, Smolensk to Moscow.

Only used example known (L. L. Tann). Described in "ПОУТА" issue 6.

1917 Kerensky Postal Cards

Following the abdication of Tsar Nicholas II on 2/15 March 1917, a Provisional Government was formed, first under Prince Lvov and later (July) under Alexander Kerensky. Overthrown by Bolsheviks under Lenin in the "October Revolution"

3 KOPEK Brown on buff. Crown removed from design.



30.10 '18

From March 1919 all single postal cards were sold at 10 Kop, and all double cards at 20 kop



19.10.19. Usmi to Petrograd Free Inland Post period 1/1/19 - 15/8/21



17.2.22. Cherkov to Australia

Correct postage (stamps on back) 2000R (21/11/21 - 29/2/22)

3 коп + 3 коп

17.1.21
Free Post

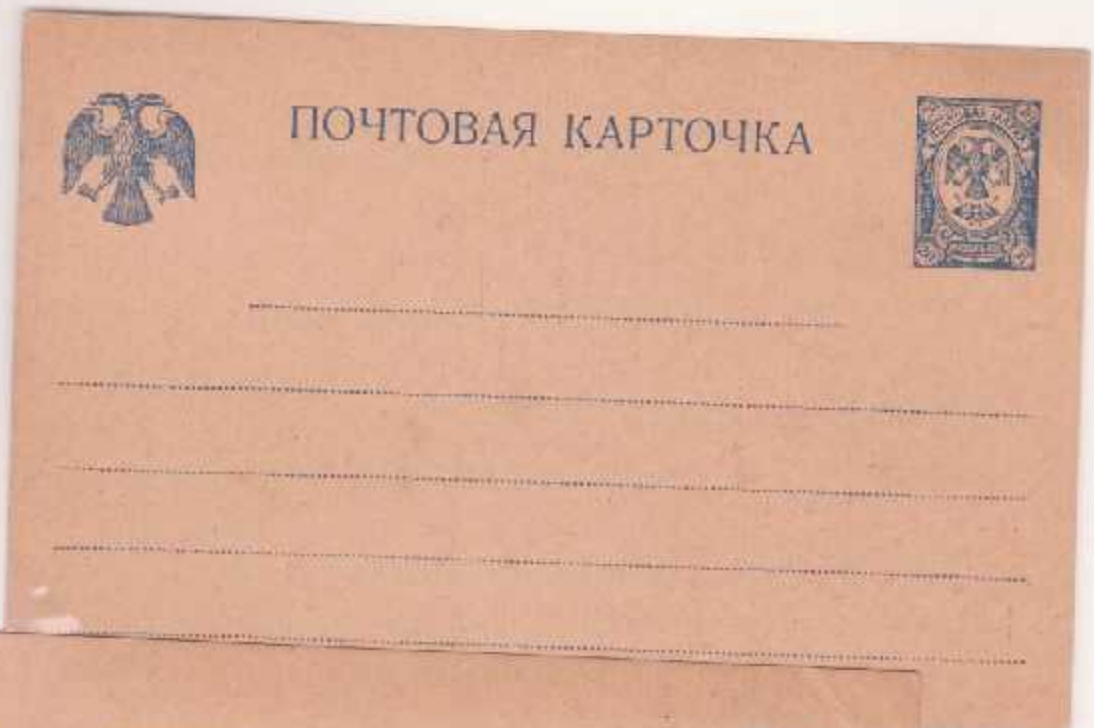


10.7.21
Free Post

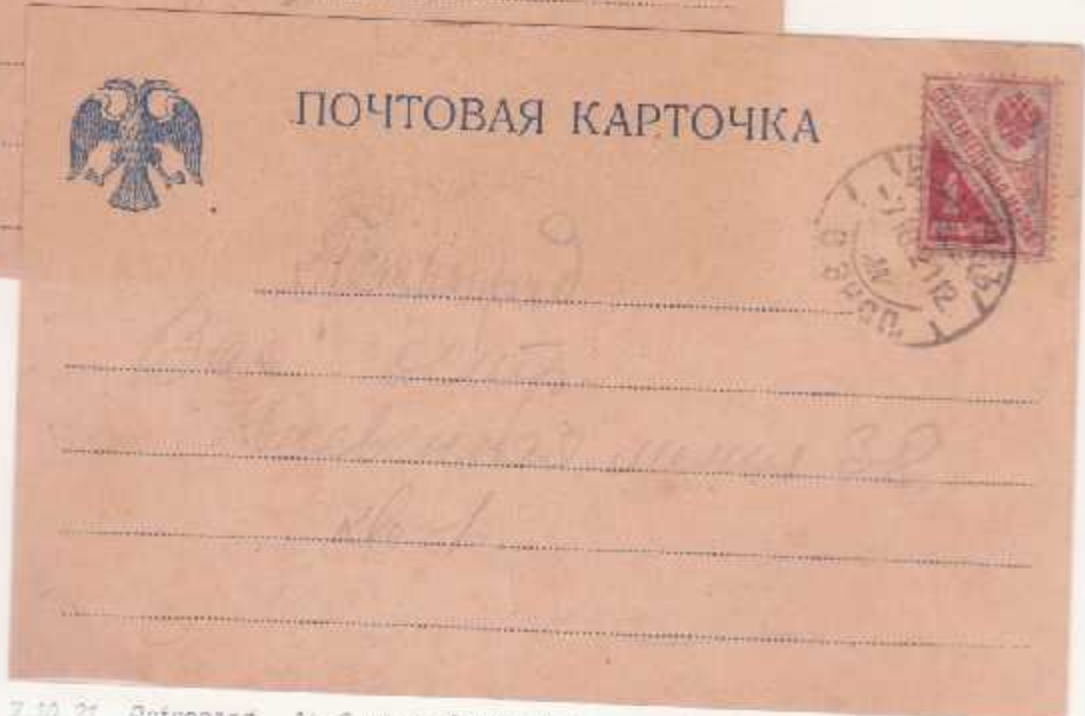


6.9.22 Archangel to New York. Postage 21R (11/7/22 - 15/10/22)

20 KOPEK Blue on buff. Released 1920



12.8.20. Free Post



7.10.21 Petrograd. 1k Savings Bank stamp revalued at 100R (15/8/21)

At the end of 1922, because of severe inflation and rising postage rates, the Central Postal Administration ordered the Local Postal Administrations to apply a validating handstamp on the stock of postal cards. This was to protect the Post revenue as only cards with the handstamps were to be accepted at postcard rates. These cards without the handstamp were charged letter rate. Abolished in 1924.



11.2.23 Petrograd to Switzerland

Validating handstamp of Petrograd Postal District

Card has postage due.

Foreign postcard rate 1/1/23-25/3/23 = 2 10R(1923) = 2,100,000R