

third class a simple manuscript dedication or inscription not of the nature of a personal correspondence. Upon the wrapper or envelope of third-class matter mailable as third class, there must be left on the address side space sufficient for a legible address and necessary stamps.

Fourth Class—Miscellaneous Matter.

RATE OF POSTAGE: ONE CENT FOR EACH OUNCE OR FRACTIONAL PART THEREOF.

Mailable matter of the fourth class embraces all matter not embraced in the first, second and third class, which is not in its form or nature liable to destroy or deface or otherwise damage the contents of the mail bag or harm the persons of any one engaged in the postal service, and is not above four pounds in weight for each package thereof, except in case of single books weighing in excess of that amount.

Examination—All matter of the fourth class shall be subject to examination.

How Enclosed—Articles of merchandise must be wrapped or enclosed in such a manner that their character can be easily ascertained. In the case of such articles as medicine, powders, tobacco, cigars, fancy soaps and the like, postmasters will accept them when mailed in their original wrappers and so sealed or enclosed as to properly protect the articles, so that each package in its simplest mercantile form or unit of measure may be examined.

Permissible Writing or Printing Upon or with Fourth-Class Matter—With a package of fourth-class matter prepaid at the proper rate for that class, the sender may enclose any mailable third-class matter, and may write upon the wrapper or cover thereof, or tag or label accompanying, the business address, preceded by the word "from," and any marks, numbers, names or letters, for purpose of description, or may print thereon the same and any printed matter not in the nature of a personal correspondence.

Positively Unmailable—Poisons, inflammable or explosive substances and other substances exhaling a bad odor. All alcoholic liquors, live animals or reptiles, dead animals not stuffed, live insects, except bees, comb honey and fruits or vegetable matter liable to decay; also letters, pictures or other articles of obscene or indecent character (sealed or unsealed), letters or circulars regarding lotteries or fraudulent schemes of any kind, and letters or other articles upon the outside of which appears anything of a scurrilous, defamatory or threatening character.

Foreign.

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includes nearly all foreign countries. The classification of mail is as follows:

Articles for or from foreign countries, except Canada and Mexico, are classified as "Letters," "Postcards," "Newspapers," and other printed matter. "Commercial

or business papers," and "Patterns or samples."

The Rate of Postage to the countries and colonies comprising the Universal Postal Union (except Canada and Mexico), are as follows:

Letters, per 15 grams ($\frac{1}{2}$ ounce) 5 cents.

Postal cards, each, 2 cents.

Newspapers and other printed matter, per 2 ounces, 1 cent.

Commercial Papers—Packets, not in excess of 10 ounces, 5 cents. Packets in excess of 10 ounces, for each 2 ounces or fraction thereof, 1 cent.

Samples of Merchandise—Packets, not in excess of 4 ounces, 2 cents. Packets in excess of 4 ounces, for each 2 ounces or fraction thereof, 1 cent.

Mexico and Canada.

Mexico—Matter mailed in the United States addressed to Mexico is subject to the same postage rate and conditions as it would be if it were addressed for delivery in the United States, except that articles of miscellaneous merchandise (fourth-class matter) not sent as bona-fide trade samples, are required to be sent by "Parcels Post." See below.

Canada—Matter mailed in the United States, addressed to Canada, is subject to the same postage rates and conditions as it would be if it were addressed for delivery in the United States. The following articles, however, are absolutely excluded from the Canadian mails, without regard to the amount of postage prepaid, or the manner in which they are wrapped, viz: All sealed packages other than letters in their usual and ordinary form; all packages (except single volumes of printed books) which weigh more than 4 lbs. 6 oz.; "Police Gazette" publications which violate any copyright law of Canada.

Merchandise may be sent in the mails to Canada at domestic rates of postage, when not sealed against inspection, subject to the custom duties of that country.

Parcels Post.

Unsealed packages of mailable merchandise may be sent by Parcels Post to Germany, Jamaica, Barbadoes, the Bahamas, British Honduras, Mexico, the Leeward Islands, the Republic of Colombia, Costa Rica, the Danish West Indies and Salvador, British Guiana, Windward Islands and Newfoundland at the postage rate of 12 cents per pound.

General Information.

Application for missing letters, papers and packages mailed at Oakland for other postoffices, for mail matter that is held for postage, or is for any other reason unmailable, should be made at the office of the Superintendent of Mails.

For entry of second-class matter or for information concerning the same or for letters which the senders desire to recall by telegraph before delivery is made to address, application should be made at the Assistant Postmaster's room.