

THE FIRST BELGIAN POSTAL STATIONERY ENVELOPE (1873)

The indicium of the 10 centimes green oval indicium of the first Belgian postal stationery envelope was developed by **Charles Wiener**, the younger brother of Léopold Wiener, who designed Belgium's first postage stamps in 1849. Charles Wiener was a Belgian medallist, born in Venlo (The Netherlands) on 25 March 1832 and died in Brussels on 15 August 1888. In 1872-1873, on request of the Belgian Postal Administration, he developed the indicium for the first Belgian postal stationery envelope. The effigy of King Leopold to be used in the centre of the indicium was first created by his brother Léopold for a set of coins minted in 1867-1873.



The effigy side of the 5Fr coin designed by Leopold Wiener in 1867
and the approved matrix of the 1873 issue by Charles Wiener.

PURPOSE OF THE COLLECTION

The purpose of this collection is to give a total overview of the development of the 1873 postal stationery envelope, including but not limited to, the complete genesis, all different types and issues, their usage and postal history (tariffs, services, destinations,...). The collection was built over more than 35 years and contains many rare & unique items of the first Belgian postal stationery envelope.

PLAN OF THE EXHIBIT

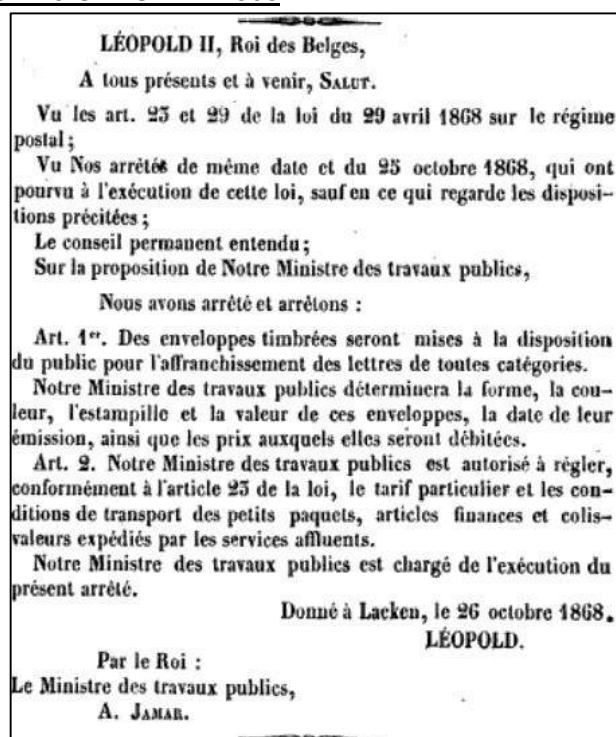
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1. PREFACE "*A long and winding road*"

THE ROYAL DECREE OF 26 OCTOBER 1868



King Leopold II ordered that:

According to the law of **29 April 1868**:

- Stamped envelopes will be made available to the public for franking all categories of letters.
- The minister of Public Works will determinate the form, the colour, the indicium and value of the envelopes, the issue date and the selling price.
- The minister of Public Works is responsible for implementing this royal decree.

THE ROYAL DECREE OF 19 DECEMBER 1872 (4 years later)

- Stamped envelopes will be created to be used for letters.
- These envelopes will be sold at their nominal value, **plus 1 centime** to recover the manufacturing cost.

THE MINISTERIAL DECREE OF 23 DECEMBER 1872

- On **May 1st next year**, franked envelopes of 10 centimes will be issued.
- The stamp of the envelope will show **the effigy of the King** and **the indication of the value**.
- The **stamp loses value if removed from the envelope** it is printed on.
- Additional adhesive stamps can be added to complete the franking for international use or additional services.

THE MINISTERIAL DECREE OF 26 APRIL 1873

"In line with decree of 23 November 1872, which determined the issue of franked envelopes on 1 May 1873" and "Whereas a new deadline is necessary because the successful bidder for the supply of these envelopes has not fulfilled its commitments in good time" : **The issue of stamped postal envelopes is postponed. A later notice will make known the date of this issue.**

THE MINISTERIAL DECREE OF 18 JULY 1873

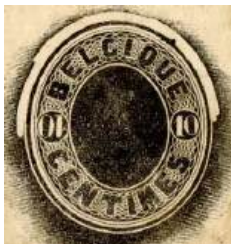
"In line with decree of 23 November 1872, which determined the issue of franked envelopes on May 1st 1873" and the Ministerial Decree of 26 April 1873 about the delay of the issue of forementioned envelopes; **considering that nothing now stands in the way of the implementation of the aforementioned Royal Decree of 19 December 1872, the issue of stamped envelopes is set for 1 August next.**

No less than 5 years after the first Royal Decree, the stamped envelopes would be issued.

2. GENESIS OF THE INDICIUM – OFFICIAL RELEASE

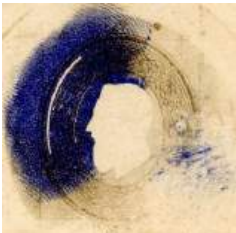
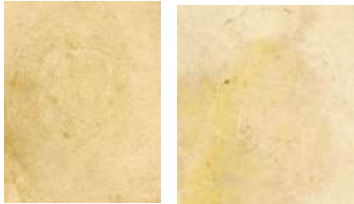
First proposals – Rejected and modified versions

(*) Some of the proofs shown were included in the book “Belgian Proofs” by Dr. J. Stes. The repertorised proofs are here referred to as Stes17**.

First proposal of a 10 centimes indicium  Incomplete proof of the 10 centimes oval Black on thick white laid paper Top text BELGIQUE completed Left value circle and left 10 completed Inner oval around the effigy lined with pearls. Rejected.	First proposal of a 20 centimes indicium  Complete proof of a 20 centimes design Inner oval around the effigy lined with pearls Black on cream paper. Initials C.W. Rejected. (Stes1732)
Second proposal of a 10 centimes indicium First state  Modified proposal with pearls removed Black on medium-thickness white paper Text BELGQUE and CENTIMES completed. Both value circles empty. (Stes1728).	Second proposal of a 10 centimes indicium Second state  Proof with pearls removed. Black on medium-thickness white paper Value circles filled with 10; left 10 inverted. Partially approved (except value circles). (Stes1729)
Effigy : First State  Die proof of effigy, not embossed Green background Medium tick white paper (Stes1739)	Effigy : First State  Die proof of effigy, not embossed Lilac background Medium tick white paper (Stes1740)

GENESIS OF THE INDICIUM

Completion of the effigy, development of the double oval frame

Effigy : Second state  Dry impression of the effigy Medium pressure Medium thickness white paper (black ink stains)	Effigy : Second state  Dry impression of the effigy High pressure Medium thickness white paper
Double oval frame : First state  Development of the double oval frame Background of frame engraved BE (from BELGIQUE) lightly engraved Left oval value cartouche roughed Grey/blue partial inking Effigy removed, not embossed	Double oval frame : First state  Development of the double oval frame Background of frame engraved BE (from BELGIQUE) lightly engraved Left oval value cartouche roughed Grey/blue inking Effigy removed, not embossed
Double oval frame : Second state  Development of the double oval frame Background of frame engraved BELGIQUE lightly engraved Left oval value cartouche roughed Dry impression, with effigy in centre Effigy present, embossed	Double oval frame : Second state  Development of the double oval frame Background of frame engraved BELGIQUE engraved Left oval value cartouche roughed Black inking, effigy removed, not embossed (Stes1742)

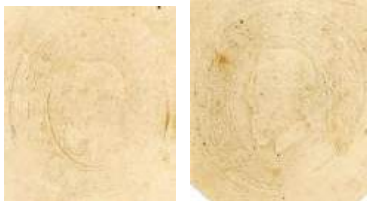
GENESIS OF THE INDICIUM

Development of the double oval frame

Double oval frame : Second state  Background of frame engraved BELGIQUE engraved Left oval value cartouche roughed Black inking, effigy present, embossed	Double oval frame : Second state  BELGIQUE engraved Left value 10 engraved Dry impression Effigy present, embossed
Double oval frame : Third state  Left value 10 engraved Right oval value cartouche roughed Dry impression Effigy present, embossed (Stes1745)	Double oval frame : Third state  Left value 10 engraved Right oval value cartouche roughed Green inking Effigy present, embossed (Stes1748)
Double oval frame : Third state  Left value 10 engraved Right oval value cartouche roughed Grey/blue inking Effigy removed, not embossed (Stes1750)	Double oval frame : Third state  Left value 10 engraved Right oval value cartouche roughed Lilac inking Effigy removed, not embossed (Stes1751)

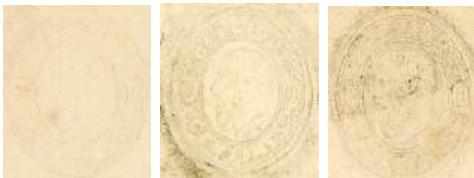
GENESIS OF THE INDICIUM

Development of the double oval frame

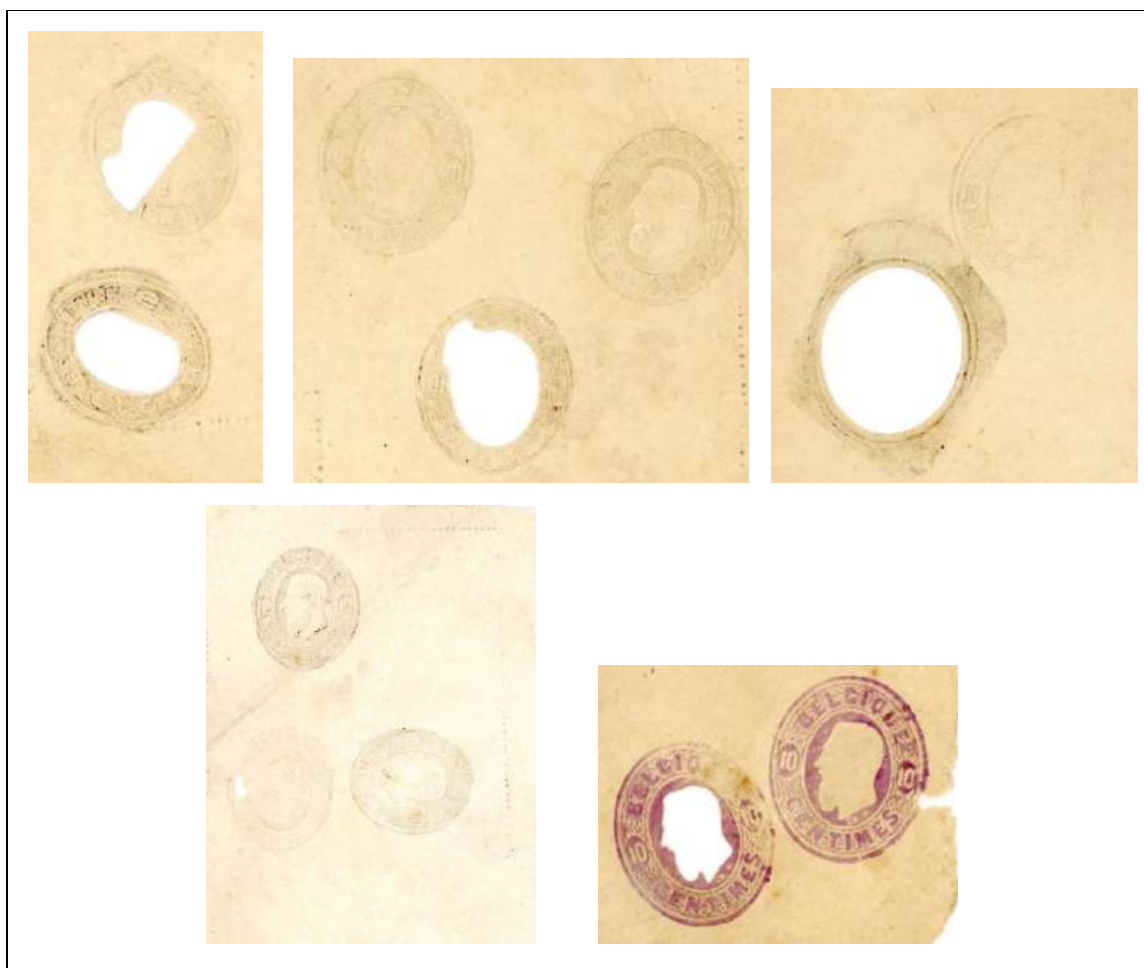
Double oval frame : Fourth state  Background of frame engraved BELGIQUE engraved Right oval value cartouche roughed CENT engraved in bottom of oval frame Dry impression Effigy present, embossed (Stes1752)	Double oval frame : Fourth state  Background of frame engraved BELGIQUE engraved Right oval value cartouche roughed CENT engraved in bottom of oval frame Violet inking Effigy present, embossed (Stes1754)
Double oval frame : Fifth state  Background of frame engraved BELGIQUE engraved Right oval value cartouche roughed CENTIMES engraved completely Dry impression Effigy present, embossed (Stes1755)	Double oval frame : Fifth state  Background of frame engraved BELGIQUE engraved Right oval value cartouche roughed CENTIMES engraved completely Emerald green inking Effigy present, embossed (Stes1758)
Double oval frame : Fifth state  Colour proofs of current state Light grey-brown, dark grey and dark green	Double oval frame : Fifth state  Bi-tone colour proofs of current state Green-white, light-medium grey and green-dark-grey

GENESIS OF THE INDICIUM

Finalisation of the complete indicium

Double oval frame : Sixth state  Finalising of the engraving BELGIQUE engraved Right oval value 10 engraved Initials CH.W. engraved below effigy Dry impression Effigy present, embossed (Stes1760)	Double oval frame : Sixth state  Fragment of the completed engraving. With date 30 January 1873 on the reverse side.
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Charles Wiener removed the last excess metal outside the outer ring of the indicium as a last step before it would be ready for production. In the finalising process the artist also sharpened the edges of the effigy, the value ovals and the outer oval. After a number of tests of both dry and inked embossed prints, a new problem surfaced: the sharp edges of the improved engraving were cutting through the paper.



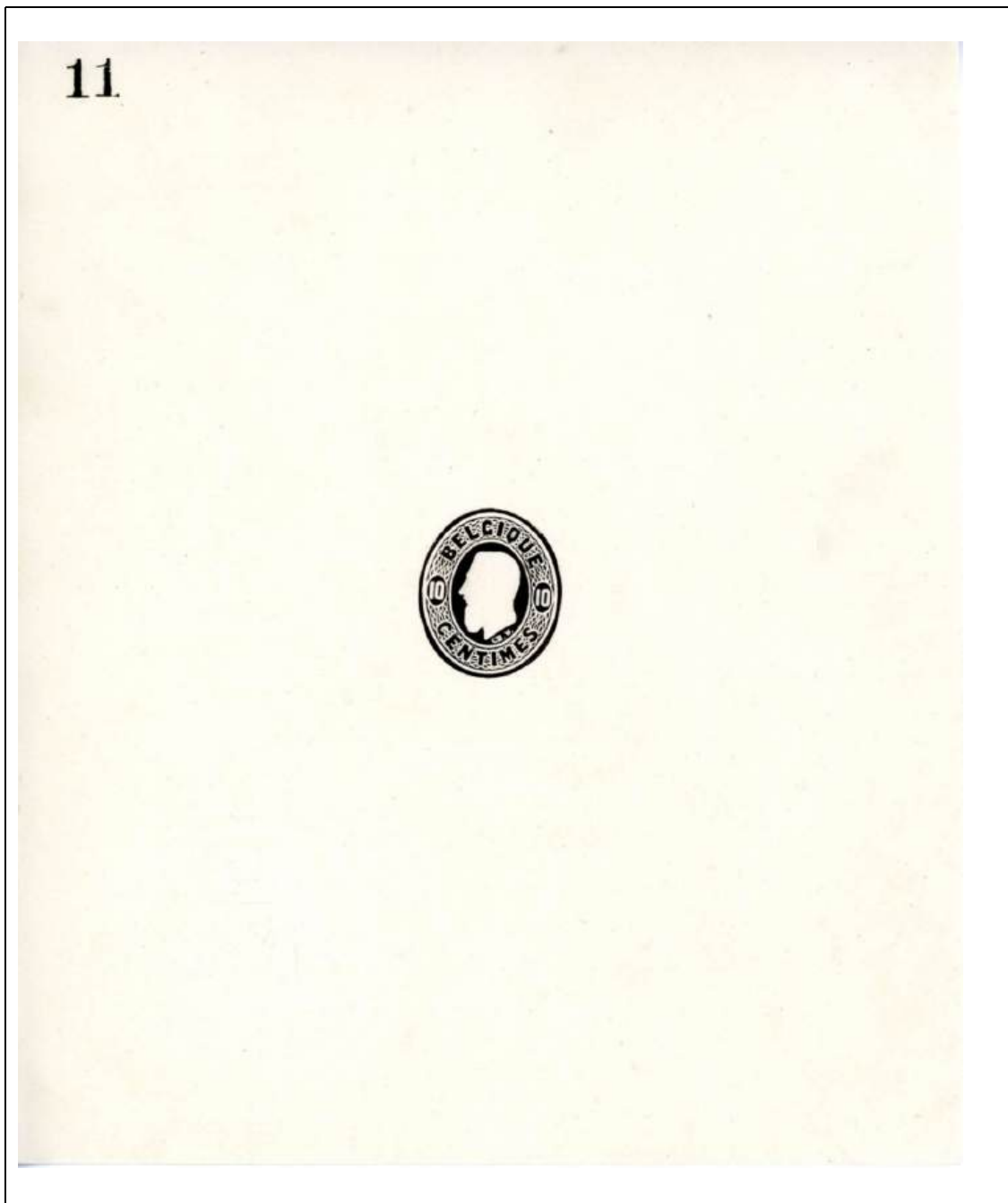
A number of test prints showing the paper damage when printing with the sharpened indicium.
Visible damage to paper around effigy, value ovals and double outer ring.

GENESIS OF THE INDICIUM

Finalisation of the complete indicium

Final stage  Dry embossed impressions Sharp edges removed from steel indicium Medium-thick paper.	Finale stage  Dry and violet inked prints after the final correction of the “cutting” edges.
 Violet colour proofs of the final stage of the engraving, after excess metal has been removed outside the outer oval. (Stes1763)	 Grubben colour proof medium-thick white paper
 Grubben colour proof Thick pink paper	 Final green colour proof on thick white paper. Ready for production. (Stes1767)

Souvenir Sheet for Cabinet Ministers



At the occasion of the release of each new stamp, the ministry governing the Postal Administration presented a **black & white souvenir sheet** to every cabinet minister. The stamp on this sheet was printed embossed, as the final approved proof.

In 1873, **18** ministers received this present, the serial number (**11** on the above one) was stamped on the top left corner of the sheet. In the bottom left corner, an embossed dry seal was placed with the bilingual (French/Dutch) text **MINISTRY OF RAILWAY, MARITIME, POST AND TELEGRAPH**. The centre of the dry stamp shows the Belgian state coat of arms.

PRINTING EQUIPMENT AND PAPER

The envelopes were printed at the postal printing works in Mechelen (at the Vaartdijk, opened in 1868). For printing the envelopes, the Post purchased a manual, pedal operated, press: the **LIBERTY type 3**, a platen job press invented by **Frederick Otto Degener** in 1860.

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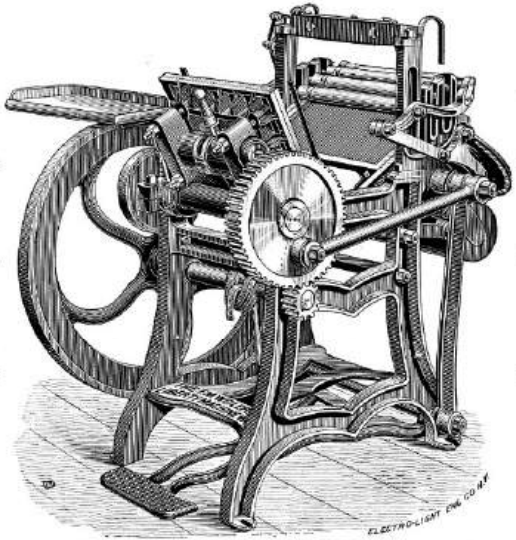
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No.	Inside Regular Case.	Inside Substant Case.	Price.	Feeder & Roller with Case.	Roller & Feeder.
No. 1	10 x 11 in.	10 1/2 x 11 1/2 in.	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$5.00
No. 2	10 x 12 in.	10 1/2 x 12 1/2 in.	25.00	30.00	5.00
No. 3	10 x 14 in.	10 1/2 x 14 1/2 in.	30.00	35.00	5.00
No. 4	10 x 16 in.	10 1/2 x 16 1/2 in.	35.00	40.00	5.00
No. 5	10 x 18 in.	10 1/2 x 18 1/2 in.	40.00	45.00	5.00

TWO EXTRA STRONG SIZES BUILT.					
No.	Inside Regular Case.	Inside Substant Case.	Price.	Feeder & Roller with Case.	Roller & Feeder.
No. 6	12 x 17 in.	12 1/2 x 17 1/2 in.	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$5.00
No. 7	12 x 19 in.	12 1/2 x 19 1/2 in.	60.00	65.00	5.00

Three (regular) cases, two sets of roller-stocks, one roller-roll, one hand-roller, and two wrenches (with through-off presses, three) go with each Press.
Extra distribution (over-roller arrangement) for the highest class color work, \$15.00 extra for roller stock.

Steam features roller regular roller or our Patent Combination Brake and Shifter, at the purchaser's choice, \$10.00, roller stock.

Overhead roller features (including one counter-shaft, two longest, two roller pulleys, one driving pulley) with three-speed cones, \$25.00; with four-speed cones, \$30.00.

Feeder set ordered with Press, \$12.50 for No. 2 and No. 3; \$15.00 for No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6.

The Liberty Press is built on the interchangeable plan, and any part can be had at once, fitting exactly the one to be replaced.

All Type Foundries and Dealers in Printing Materials sell our machines. Reasonable terms to responsible printers.

THE LIBERTY MACHINE WORKS,

(ESTABLISHED 1860)

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34 Frankfort St.

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THE GARDEN CITY TYPE FOUNDRY, 338, 340 and 342 Dearborn St., CHICAGO, ILL.

WHERE NEW STYLE LIBERTY PRESSES CAN BE SEEN IN OPERATION.

(copy – reduced size - National Archives Brussels)

This printing press was, at that time, **the only one that could print the coloured stamp and perform the embossment at the same time.**

The paper used to manufacture the envelopes was **greyish white, 82 grams** (per square metre). The format used was a half the size of "**Coquille in plano**" (full size was 43.5 * 56.5cm).

The "**margeuse**", the female employee of the printing works responsible for manually placing the sheets along the margin stops, operated the machine.

A pack of printed sheets, always marked in the same place thanks to adjusting cleats, was placed on a table under a steel punch with sharp edges and the exact shape of an expanded envelope. Pressure was exerted on this piece and the cut was made.

In a next phase, Arabic gum was applied to the top and bottom flaps and were then folded by machine. The envelope was born....

3. THE DEFINITIVE ISSUES

On **1 August 1873**, two versions of the **first** postal stationary envelopes were issued:

#1 was a small envelope measuring 115 x 75mm (business card size),

#2 was a larger type measuring 145 x 115mm (A6 paper size).

Both types had a pointed closing flap. By **Royal Decree of 19 December 1872** all types were sold at **11 centimes** : 10 centimes postal value and 1 centime surcharge for production costs.

Production quantities 1873: Type **#1** (1873): **1,200,000** envelopes.

Type **#2** (1873): **860,000** envelopes.



THE DEFINITIVE SECOND ISSUES

On **1 July 1878**, almost 6 years after the first issues, the envelopes were slightly modified. The sizes remained the same but the **pointed closing flap** was changed to a **rounded form**.

The new types were numbered **#3** and **#4**. They were also sold at **11 centimes**, but on **1 June 1879**, the selling price was reduced to **10 centimes**, due to easier (cheaper) production methods.

Production quantities 1878: Type **#3** (1873): **900,000** envelopes.

Type **#4** (1873): **400,000** envelopes.

Some batches of the 1878 issues used a different paper; Glossy White instead of Greyish White.

All envelopes (type #1 to #4) were taken out of service on **4 September 1910**.



4. VARIATIONS ON THE INDICIUM AND THE ENVELOPES

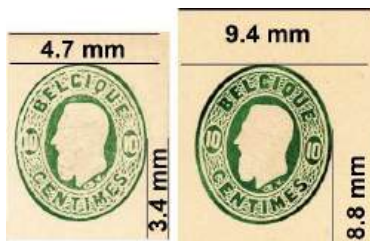
INCLINATION OF THE INDICIUM

Analysis of the inclination of the indicium versus the top of the envelope revealed variations from zero up to 9.8 degrees to the right. There are two possible causes for this deviation: incorrect placement of the paper sheet in the printing press or of the printed sheet in the cutting press.



Example of envelope type #3 with the highest observed inclination.

SPACING OF THE INDICIUM RELATIVE TO TOP AND RIGHT SIDE OF THE ENVELOPE



Two envelopes type #4 with variable top and right side spacing of the indicium.
The causes of this variation are the same as from the inclination variation (see above).

VARIATIONS IN THE SIZE OF THE INDICIUM

The indicium is found in two different sizes: **22.1*26.1mm** and **23.0*27.0mm**, indicating that (at least) two different embossed matrixes have been used for printing the indicium on the envelopes. The smaller matrix has been used on all four versions of the envelopes (small and large envelopes of both 1873 and 1879 issues). The larger version has only been used on the 1879 issue (both small and large envelopes).

The size of the effigies on the two matrixes are identical, which means that only the double oval rings have been modified.



Enlarged scan of the indicia of the two different matrixes.

COLOUR VARIATIONS OF THE INDICIUM

The colour of the printed indicium is varying from dark green to light yellow-green. The 1873 issue used the dark(-er) green colour while in the 1879 issue the colour was more yellow green, but not in all batches. The illustrations above (sizes of the indicium) also show the extreme range of the colour differences.

OTHER VARIATIONS IN THE INDICIUM

The pressure applied when printing the embossed indicium determines the thickness of the white sections: at lower force, more inkless space remains, with a larger section of white background as result. Also wear and tear, followed by small repairs to the matrixes created hundreds of variations.



Some examples of deteriorating indicia prints. Left: dirt filling the hollow (negative) part of matrix. Middle: matrix starting to loose sharpness. Right: heavily worn out matrix.

VARIATIONS IN ENVELOPE DIMENSIONS

The dimensions of the envelopes type #1 and type #3 have been set to 115 * 75mm. Size variations have been found of -1 tot +1mm in both width and height.

The dimensions of the envelopes type #2 and type #4 have been set to 145 * 115mm. Size variations have been found of -0.5 tot +1mm in both width and height.

VARIETIES OF THE PAPER OF THE ENVELOPES

The paper used to manufacture the first Belgian envelopes was produced by the company **Papeterie DE MEURS** (from St-Genesius-Rhode, south of Brussels). This company was famous for producing the paper for Belgian banknotes and postage stamps. The paper used to produce the envelopes was mainly made from pinewood (having a porous fibre).

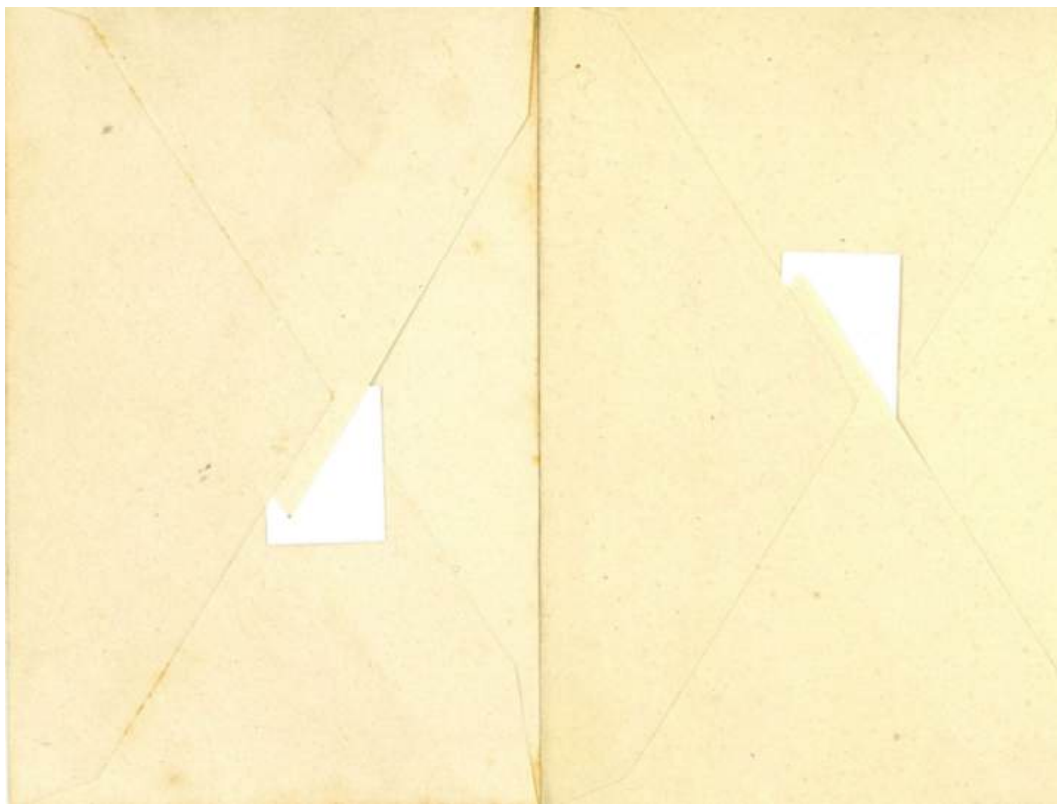
The paper discoloured quite easily when exposed to humidity. This discolouration was the result of the oxidation of the (porous) paper fibres, causing the paper to discolour from off-white to medium brown. This typical discolouration is visible on many of the (especially used) envelopes. Darker brown spots (rust-coloured) are also a typical result of exposing the paper to humidity (also frequently seen on postage stamps).



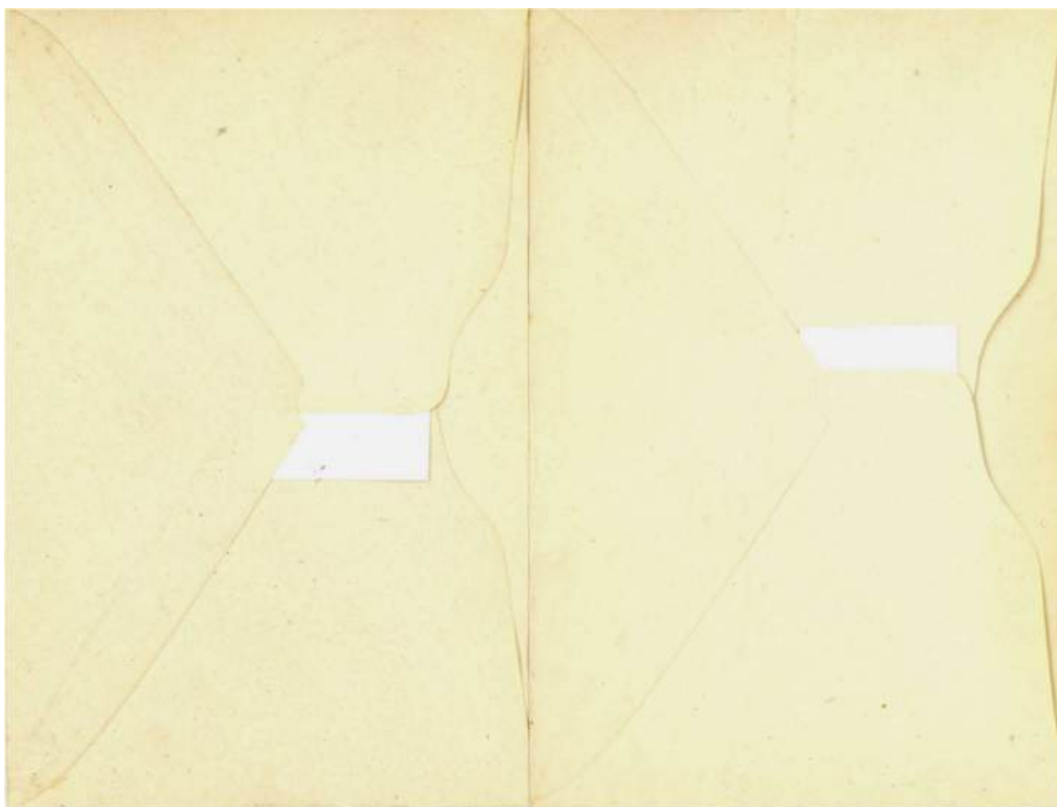
Examples for various stages of discolouration (and rust spots) of the envelopes under influence of humidity. This is however more visible on the envelopes of the 1873 issue than on the 1879 issue.

VARIETIES OF THE ENVELOPES

A peculiarity can be seen on the on the reverse side of all four different envelopes. The side flaps can be seen with both the left or the right one on top. This difference is visible on both the issues of 1873 and 1879, equally on the small and large envelopes. After verifying several hundred envelopes, no significant difference in the amount left first or right first flaps could be determined.



Folding sequence of side flaps on two envelopes type #1



Folding sequence of side flaps on two envelopes type #3

5. DATE STAMPS AT DEPARTURE

The oval printed stamp was exempt from cancelation (**Service Order 1233**). This was done because the date cancel was expected to be poorly readable on the embossed surface of the green indicium. To avoid (illegal) reuse of the indicium, the rule above was cancelled by **Special Order 274** on **8 September 1873**.

The Special Order 274 also stipulated that the date stamp should be placed a second time, away from the printed stamp, and, if necessary, repeated **until a clearly readable date stamp was obtained**.

Until now, no used envelopes from the period of the uncanceled printed stamp (1 August – 8 September 1873) have been found.



Envelope #3 sent from BLANKENBERGHE on 10 June 1881 with two date cancels as prescribed.
Late use of the double-cercle date stamp by the Blankenberghe post office.



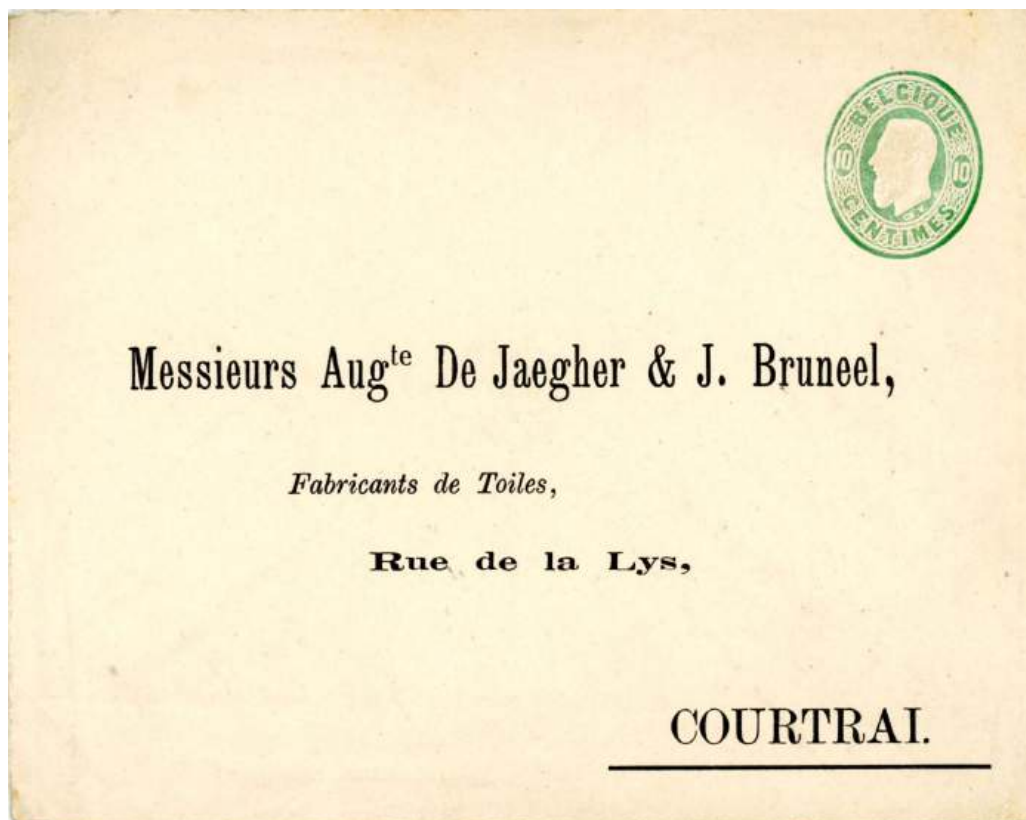
Envelope #1 sent from PERUWELZ on 25 November 1877 with two date cancels as prescribed.

6. PRIVATE OVERPRINTS

A number of companies made private overprints on the front side of the envelopes. Some printed the full address of the addressee, others only printed their company header on top of the envelopes.



Envelope #3 (unused) addressed to the consul of Argentina, who lived in Vielsalm.



Envelope #4 (unused) addressed to a manufacturer of linen.

PRIVATE OVERPRINTS



Envelope #4 sent from BRUXELLES 17 December 1889 to the Bas-Daussoulx farm at Vedrin.

Postage rate 10 centimes for internal letter up to 15 gram (1.11.1879 – 1.7.1909).

The farm was a large quadrangular farmhouse in the valley surrounded by meadows. It dates from the second half of the 17th century and was partially rebuilt in the early 20th century.



Envelope #4 sent from VEDRIN 1 February 1888 to BRUXELLES.

Postage 10 centimes for internal letter up to 15 gram (1.11.1879 – 1.7.1909).

The addressee was the accountant of the Bas-Daussoulx farm at Vedrin (see above).

PRIVATE OVERPRINTS



Envelope #4 sent from ANVERS(STATIOW) 10 January 1890 to Hamburg (Germany).

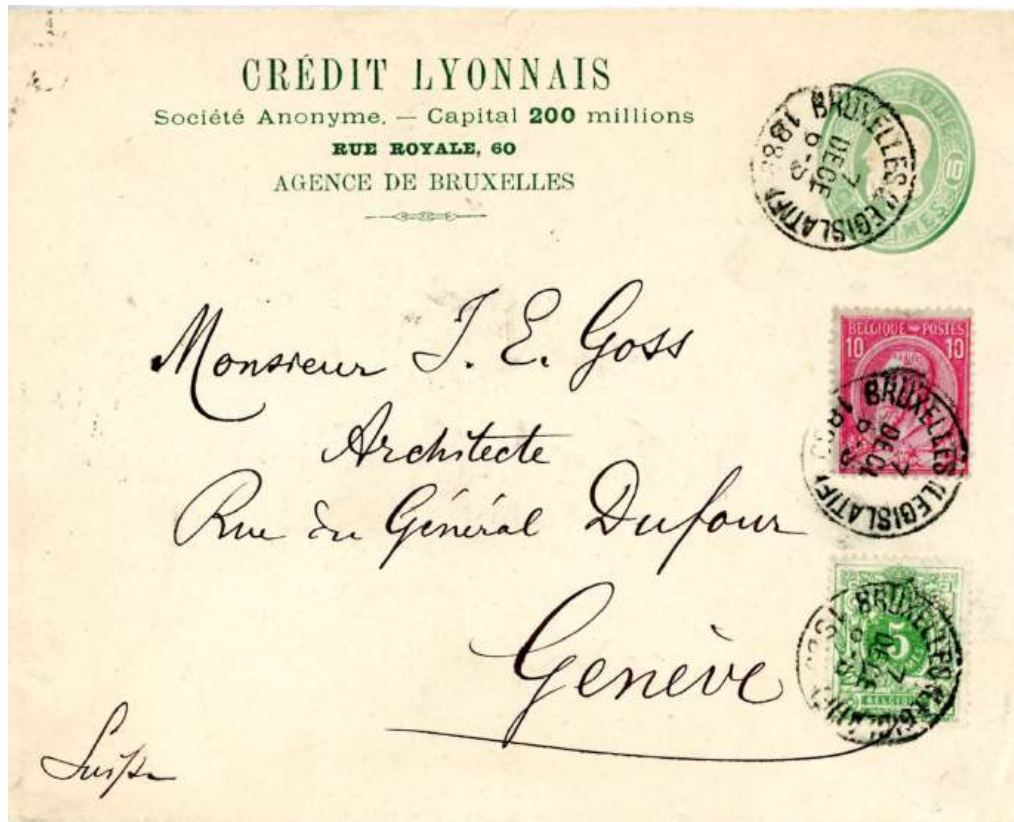
Postage rate 25 centimes for international letter up to 15 gram (1.7.1875 – 1.10.1907).

Propfe & Co was a renowned chemical company.

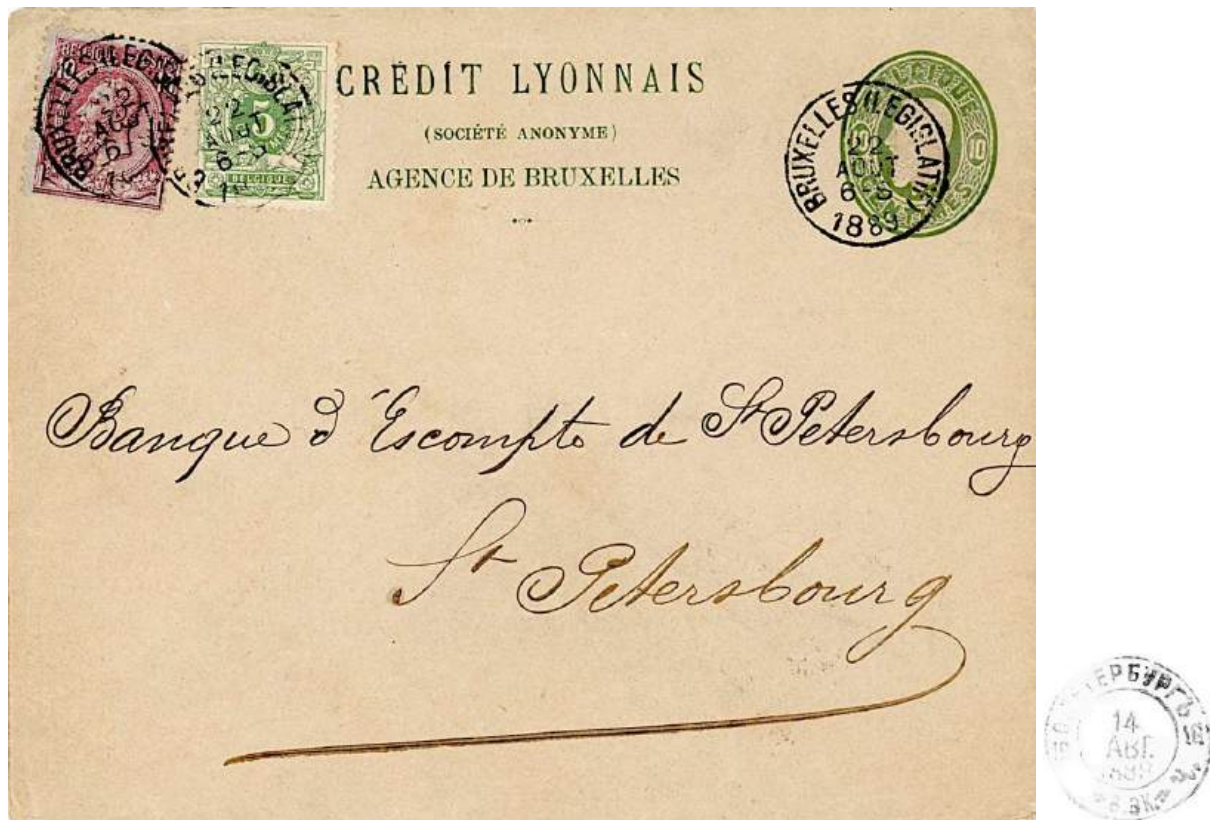


Envelope #4 sent to same address as the one above on 18 August 1893. Slightly different overprint. Postage rate 50 centimes for international letter of 15-30 gram (1.7.1875 – 1.10.1907).

PRIVATE OVERPRINTS



Envelope #4 sent from BRUXELLES (LEGISLATIF) 7 December 1889 to GENEVA (Switzerland).
Postage 25 centimes for international letter up to 15 gram (1.7.1875 – 1.10.1907).
The Crédit Lyonnais Bank (Belgium) was bought by Deutsche Bank in 1998.

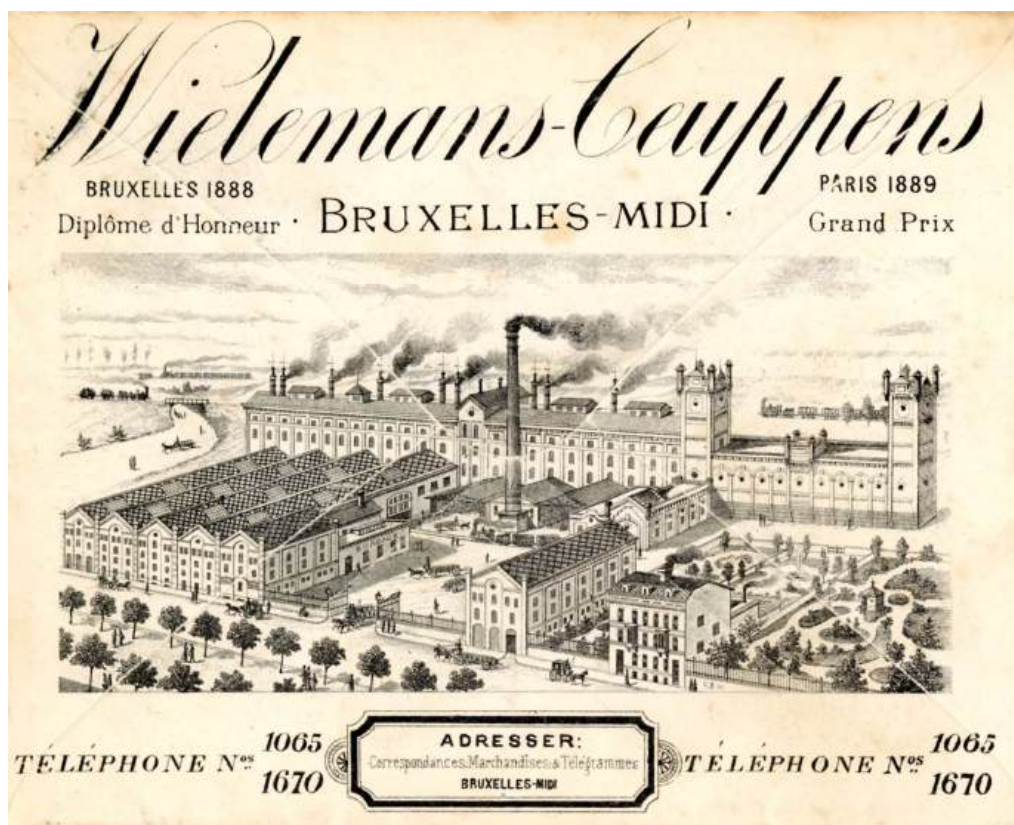


Envelope #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES (LEGISLATIF) 22 August 1889 to the Discounting Bank in St-Petersburg, Russia. Postage rate 25 centimes for international letter of first weight.
On the right, copy of the arrival date stamp of St-Petersburg 14 August 1889 (Julian calendar).
Different overprint compared to the envelope above.

PRIVATE OVERPRINTS



Envelope #4 sent from BRUXELLES 5 on 27 March 1885 to Hamburg (Germany). JAVAUX was an important tannery and leather goods company, disappeared in 1914. Postage rate 25 centimes for international letter up to 15 gram (1.7.1875 – 1.10.1907).



Envelope #4 with an impressive overprint on the reverse side of the envelope. The Wilemans-Ceuppens Brewery was a famous Brussels brewery from 1883 till 1988.

PRIVATE OVERPRINTS

ZURICH INCANDESCENCE LAMP COMPANY was a Swiss manufacturer of electric lamps, located in Zurich, started by Charles Henry Stearn in 1883. In 1891, they opened a sales office in Brussels on the Boulevard du Hainaut (now named Boulevard Maurice Lemonnier).



Two unused versions of envelope #4 with the red oval embossed overprint of the Zurich Incandescence Lamp Company.



(enlarged copy of the left top corner of the reverse side of the envelope)

The red embossed oval overprint on the left envelope was printed with the closing flap of the envelope left open. The envelope on the right was printed with the closing flap closed, resulting in an a partial dry embossed imprint on the flap.

PRIVATE OVERPRINTS



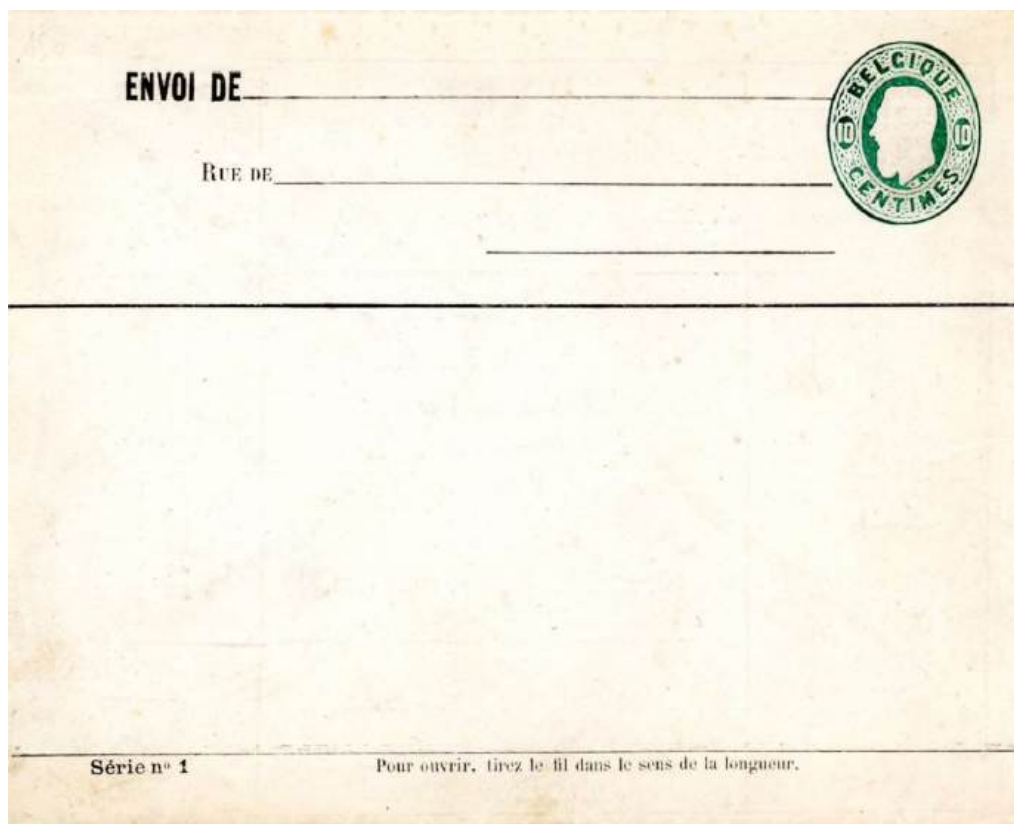
Two envelopes #4 with the embossed oval overprint of the Zurich Incandescence Lamp Company. The first one sent from BRUXELLES 28 November 1892 to Munich (Germany); the second sent to London (UK) on 28 June 1893.

Postage 25 centimes for international letter up to 15 gram (1.7.1875 – 1.10.1907).

Only 2 unused and 3 used envelopes with this overprint on record.

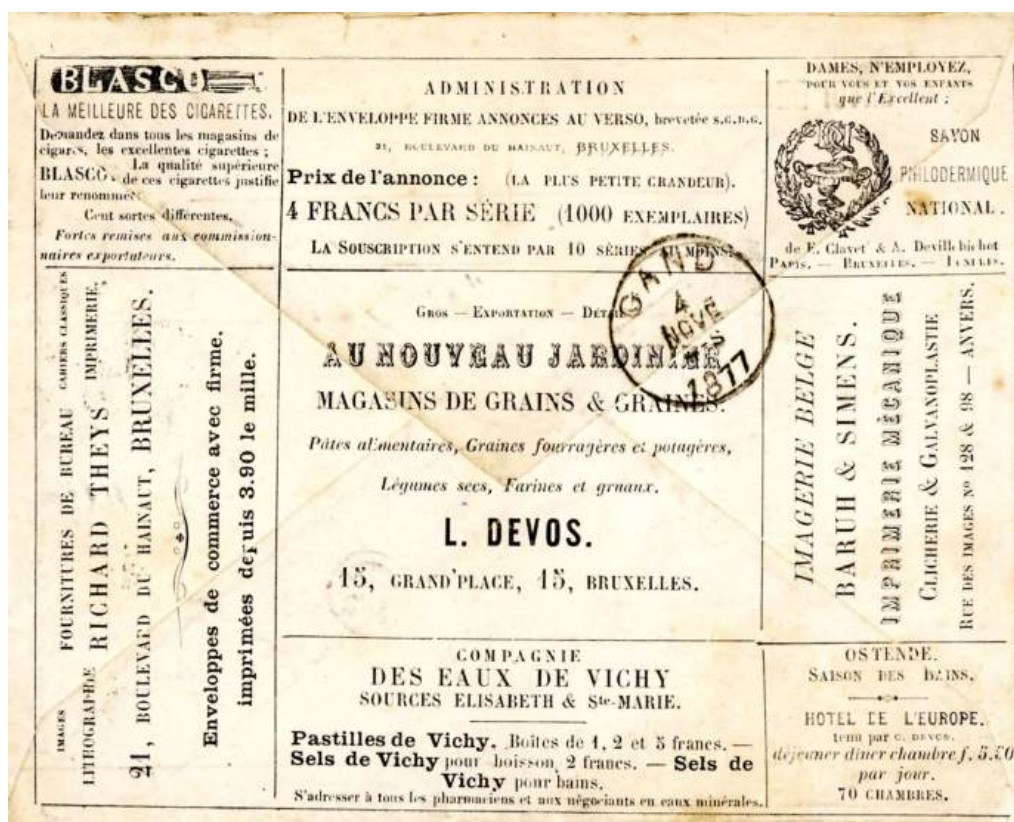
OVERPRINTS by the agency *ENVELOPPE-ANNONCE* from Brussels

10 different series, marketed in 1876. Sold at reduced rate of 8 centimes



Unused envelope type #1 of Serie n°1

Only unused one used envelope of this type on record (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 150)



Reverse side of the used envelope type #2 of Serie n°1, from BRUXELLES 4 November 1877 to GAND, arrival same day. Postage 10 centimes, letter < 15 gram (1.6.1870 – 1.11.1879).

Multiple adverts on reverse side only.



Used envelope type #2 of Serie n°2.

Sent from TOURNAI 9 August 1876 to LEUZE.

Postage 10 centimes, internal letter < 15 gram (1.6.1870 – 1.11.1879).

Only this used one on record (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 151)



Reduced size copy (80%) of the reverse side of the envelope above.

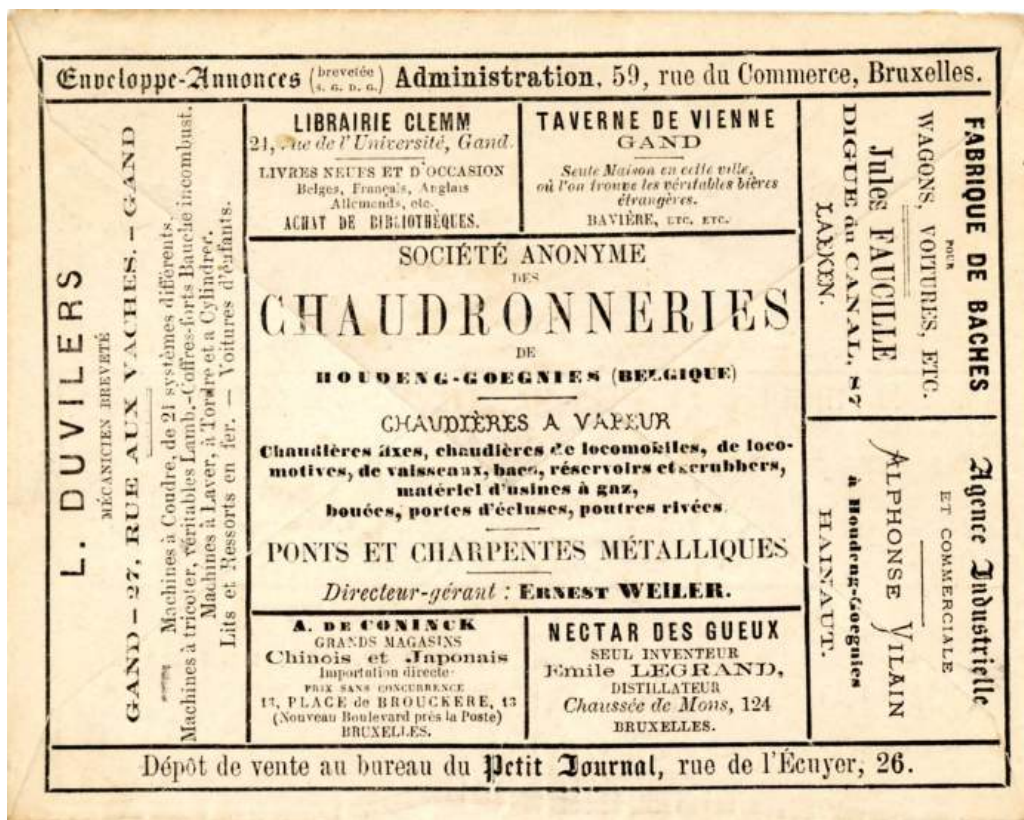
This the first envelope with multiple adverts on both side.



Used envelope type #2 of Serie n°3.

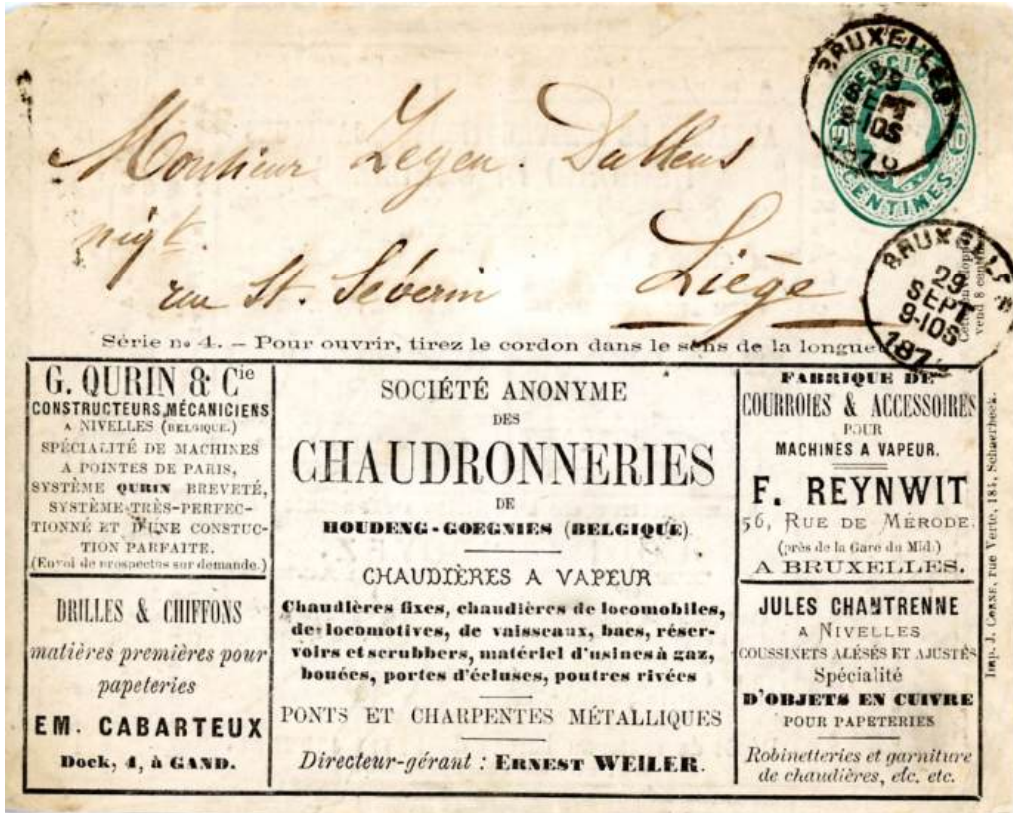
Sent from NEUVILLES 7 December 1876 to LEUZE.

Postage 10 centimes, internal letter < 15 gram (1.6.1870 – 1.11.1879).



Reverse side of unused envelope type #2 of Serie n°3.

1 unused and 2 used envelopes of this type on record (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 152).

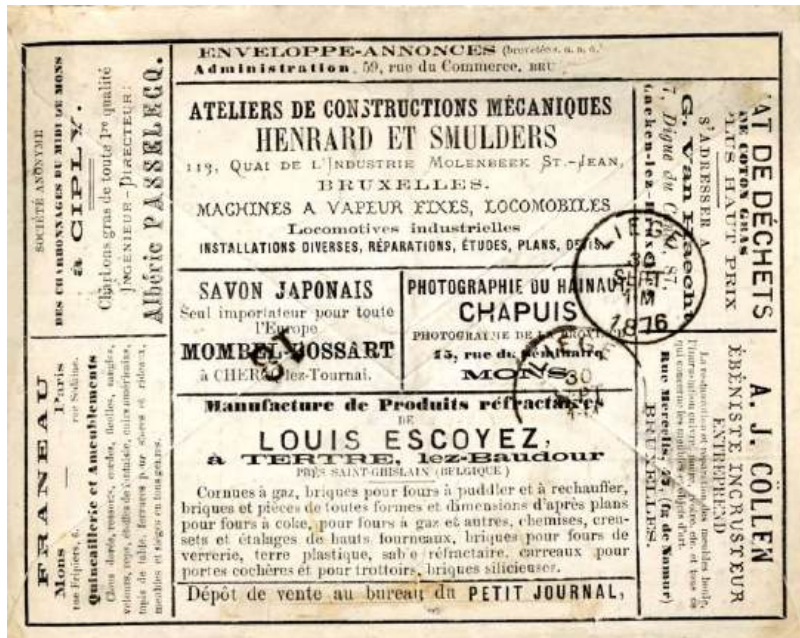


Used envelope type #2 of Serie n°4.

Sent from BRUXELLES 29 September 1876 to LIEGE 30 September 1876,

Arrival date stamp on reverse side of the envelope (see below).

Postage 10 centimes, internal letter < 15 gram (1.6.1870 – 1.11.1879).



Reduced size copy (80%) of the reverse side of the envelope above.

2 used ones of this type of envelope on record (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 153).



Used envelope type #2 of Serie n°5.

Sent from PERUWELZ 21 December 1876 to BRUXELLES, arrival date stamp same day.

Postage 10 centimes, internal letter < 15 gram (1.6.1870 – 1.11.1879).



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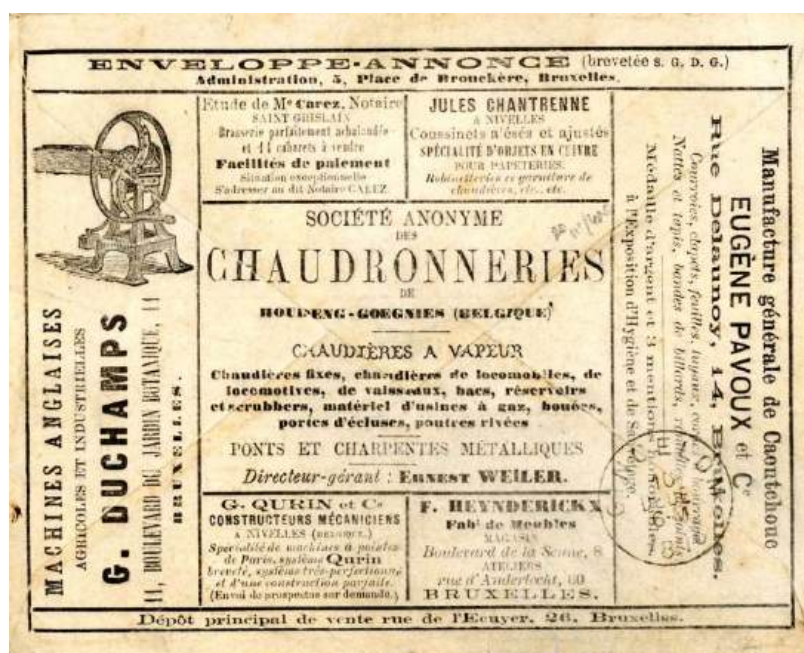
3 used envelopes of this type on record (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 154).



Used envelope type #2 of Serie n°6.

Sent from HASSELT 9 December 1876 to CORTHYS (hamlet of GINGELOM).

Postage 10 centimes, internal letter < 15 gram (1.6.1870 – 1.11.1879).



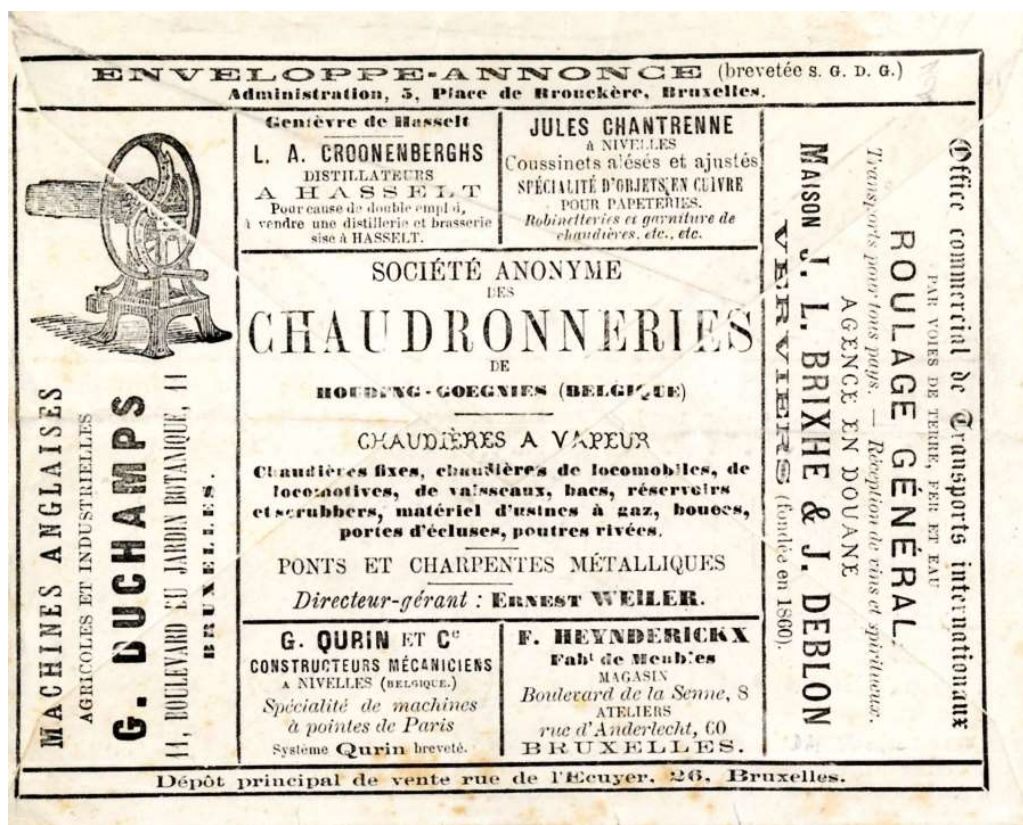
Reduced size copy (80%) of the reverse side of the envelope above.

Arrival date stamp GINGELOM 10 December 1876.

3 used ones of this type on record (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 155).



Envelope type #2 of Serie n°7 sent from PERUWELZ 30 January 1877 to TOURNAI, same day.
1 unused and 1 used on record (this one and the one below). Ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 156.
Postage 10 centimes, internal letter < 15 gram (1.6.1870 – 1.11.1879).



Reverse side of the only used envelope of Serie n°7.



Cette enveloppe se vend 8 centimes

SÉRIE N° 8. — Pour ouvrir, tirez le fil dans le sens de la longueur.

JULES CHANTRENNE A NIVELLES Coussinets alésés et ajustés SPÉCIALITÉ D'OBJETS EN CUIVRE POUR PAPETERIES. <i>Robinettes et garniture de chaudières, etc., etc.</i> G. QRIN ET C^{ie} CONSTRUCTEURS MÉCANICIENS A NIVELLES (BELGIQUE.) <i>Spécialité de machines à pointes de Paris</i> Système Qurin breveté.	L'ENVELOPPE-ANNONCE A TIMBRE INCÉRENT publie aujourd'hui, 2 janvier 1877, sa 8^{me} série. C'est assez dire de quel accueil favorable ce mode si avantageux de publicité est devenu en peu de temps l'objet. On reçoit les annonces et on donne tous les renseignements aux bureaux de l'Administration, 11, PLACE de BROUCKÈRE, 11 BRUXELLES.	F. VILLERS DISTILLERIE DE Genièvre de Grains HASSELT. FABRICANT DE  E. PEYRALBE 37, rue du Chemin de Fer BRUXELLES.
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Imp. J. Gossé, rue Verte, 184, Solignac.

Unused envelope type #2 of Serie n°8.

2 unused and 3 used of this type of envelope on record (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 157).

Dépôt principal de vente des Enveloppes-Annonces
rue de l'Écuyer, 26, Bruxelles.

 MACHINES ANGLAISES AGRICOLLES ET INDUSTRIELLES G. DUCHAMPS 11, BOULEVARD DU JARDIN BOTANIQUE, 11 BRUXELLES.	Manufacture de Tapis ALPHONSE LION 4, Boulevard Central, 4 (près des Augustins) BRUXELLES. L'ACTUALITÉ JOURNAL HEBDOMADAIRE DE SEIZE PAGES Romans, Littérature, Beaux-Arts ABONNEMENT : 10 FRANCS L'AN BUREAUX : 19, rue des Minimes, Bruxelles. MANUFACTURE GÉNÉRALE DE CAOUTCHOUC EUGÈNE PAVOUX et C^{ie} Rue Delaunoy, 14, Bruxelles, <i>Courroies, clapets, feuilles, tuyaux, cordes à bourrage.</i> <i>Nattes et tapis, bandes de billards, rondelles de joints.</i> Médaille d'argent et 3 mentions honorables à l'Exposition d'Hygiène et de Sauvetage. LOUIS WIBEAUX 15, rue de Nimy, à MONS Restaurant — Conserves alimentaires — Vins vieux. Spécialité de cigares de la Havane.	Office commercial de Transports internationaux PAR VOIES DE TERRE, MER ET EAU ROULAGE GÉNÉRAL <i>Transports pour tous pays. — Réception de vins et spiritueux.</i> AGENCE EN DOUANE MAISON J. L. BRIXHE & J. DEBLON VERVIERS (fondée en 1860).
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Reverse side of unused envelope type #2 of Serie n°8.



Used envelope type #2 of Serie n°8.

Sent from LIEGE 1 February 1877 to ZUTHPEN (The Netherlands).

Postage 20 centimes, preferential letter rate < 15 gram (1.7.1875 – 1.04.1879).



Used envelope type #2 of Serie n°8.

Sent from BRUXELLES 14 February 1877 to BERLIN (Germany).

Postage 25 centimes for international letter up to 15 gram (1.7.1875 – 1.10.1907).



Cette enveloppe se vend 1 centime.

SÉRIE N° 9. — Pour ouvrir, tirez le fil dans le sens de la longueur.

LOCOMOBILES ET $\frac{1}{2}$ FIXES <i>Forces: 2 à 20 chevaux. — Derniers perfectionnements.</i> TOURS, RABOTERIES, FORERIES, ETC. LOUIS DUVIEUSART rue Manchester, 21, BRUXELLES.	LOUIS DE BOECKX Facteur de Pianos et d'Harmoniums. DÉPOT DE PIANOS FRANÇAIS Quai du Bas Escourt, 36 (REEP) GAND. <i>Se charge de faire venir tous les Pianos français au prix de facture</i>
MANUFACTURE DE TAPIS ALPHONSE LION Boulevard Central, 4 (PRÈS DES AUGUSTINS). BRUXELLES.	AUGUSTE CHANTRENNE CONSTRUCTEUR-MÉCANICIEN à NIVELLES (BELGIQUE) <i>Spécialité pour machines et appareils de papeteries.</i> Machines à papier brevetées. — Machines à carton. MACHINES A VAPEUR, Système perfectionné.

ÉCHANGE et RÉPARATION
Imp. J. Conze, rue Verte, 184, Schaerbeek.

Unused envelope type #2 of Serie n°9.

4 unused and 1 used of this type of envelope on record (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 158).

ENVELOPPE-ANNONCE (brevetée s. g. d. g.)
Administration, 11, Place de Brouckère, Bruxelles.

 MACHINES ANGLAISES AGRICOLLES ET INDUSTRIELLES G. DUCHAMPS 11, BOULEVARD DU JARDIN BOTANIQUE, 11 BRUXELLES.	PHOTOGRAPHIE A. DELABARRE Portraits en tout genre <i>Spécialité pour enfants</i> 18, rue Fossé aux Loups BRUXELLES	ABONNEMENTS À TOUTES LES JOURNAUX en supplément de 5 FRANCS donné droit à UNE BELLE JUMELLE DE THÉÂTRE <i>Bureau du Petit Journal</i> 26, RUE DE L'ÉCUYER, 26 BRUXELLES	RÉUNION VINICOLE des principaux crus de la Gironde <i>Vins fins et ordinaires de Bordeaux, de provenance directe.</i> <i>Grand choix de cognacs. — Liqueurs fines.</i> VINS D'ESPAGNE. <i>Adresseur PLACE DE BROUCKÈRE, 11, au premier</i> BRUXELLES.
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME DES CHAUDRONNERIES de HOUDENG-GOEGNIES (Belgique). CHAUDIÈRES A VAPEUR. PONTS & CHARPENTES MÉTALLIQUES. <i>Directeur-Gérant: ERNEST WEILER.</i>			
L'ACTUALITÉ Journal Hebdomadaire de 16 pages Romans, Littérature, Beaux-Arts. ABONNEMENT: 10 FRANCS L'AN Bureaux: 19, rue des Minimes, Bruxelles.			
JULES CHANTRENNE à NIVELLES Coussinets alésés et ajustés <i>SPÉCIALITÉ D'OBJETS EN CUIVRE</i> POUR PAPETERIES. <i>Robinettes et garniture de chaudières, etc., etc.</i>		G. QRIN ET C^{ie} CONSTRUCTEURS MÉCANICIENS à NIVELLES (Belgique) <i>Spécialité de machines</i> à pointes de Paris Système Qurin breveté.	
Dépôt principal de vente rue de l'Écuyer, 26, Bruxelles.			

Reverse side of envelope type #2 of Serie n°9.



Used envelope type #2 of Serie n°9.

Sent from BRUXELLES 19 March 1877 to FLORENCE (Italy).

Postage 25 centimes for international letter up to 15 gram (1.7.1875 – 1.10.1907).

Until today, the only known used envelope of this type.



Cette enveloppe se vend 8 centimes.

SÉRIE N° 10. — Pour ouvrir, tirez le fil dans le sens de la longueur.

LOCOMOBILES ET $\frac{1}{2}$ FIXES <i>Forces: 2 à 20 chevaux. — Derniers perfectionnements.</i> TOURS, RABOTERIES, FORERIES, ETC. LOUIS DUVIEUSART rue Manchester, 21, BRUXELLES. VENTE ET LOCATION	FABRIQUE DE NOIR DE FUMÉE LÉGER ET CALCINÉ. MANUFACTURE DE Carton bitumé et Réasphalté <i>pour toitures économiques.</i> DURÉE ET IMPERMÉABILITÉ GARANTIES. AUG. HAGE-BUYDENS Usine : Petit Dock, 57/3, Bureaux : rue des Champs, 21bis. GAND. Meunerie de tabac.
MANUFACTURE DE TAPIS ALPHONSE LION Boulevard Central, 4 (PRÈS DES AUGUSTINS). BRUXELLES.	AUGUSTE CHANTRENNE CONSTRUCTEUR-MÉCANICIEN à NIVELLES (BELGIQUE) Spécialité pour machines et appareils de papeteries. Machines à papier brevetées. — Machines à carton. MACHINES A VAPEUR, Système perfectionné.

Unused envelope type #2 of Serie n°10. (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 159).



MACHINES ANGLAISES
AGRICOLLES ET INDUSTRIELLES

G. DUCHAMPS
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BRUXELLES.

FABRIQUE DE BILLARDS C^s TOULET (Breveté) 140, Rue de Laeken, 140 BRUXELLES.	F. POUMAY MAISON G. MORDANT FABRIQUE D'ARMES de Guerre, de Luxe et d'Exportation LIEGE 12, Rue Lamarek.
ENVELOPPE-ANNONCE à timbre inhérent (brevetée S. G. D. G.) Bureaux de l'Administration : 11, Place de Brouckère, Bruxelles.	
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BRUXELLES.

BRUGES

1^{er} JUIN 1877

Reverse side of used envelope type #2 of Serie n°10, sent to BRUGES on 1 June 1877.



Used envelope type #2 of Serie n°10.

Sent from **FRAMERIES** 13 July 1877 to **BRUXELES** (same day).

Postage 10 centimes, internal letter < 15 gram (1.6.1870 – 1.11.1879).



Used envelope type #2 of Serie n°10.

Sent from **BRUXELLES** 22 May 1877 to **NEUILLY-SUR-SEINE** (France).

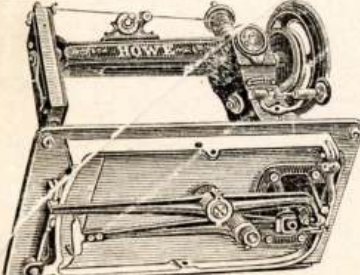
Postage 25 centimes for international letter up to 15 gram (1.7.1875 – 1.10.1907).

Only 1 version, marketed in 1876. Sold at reduced rate of 8 centimes

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DÉBITÉE à 8 CENTIMES En vente partout	ON DEMANDE DES CORPS 32, Rue de la Madeleine, Bruxelles Pour mettre dans nos superbes chemises à fr. 3.75 et 5.50 avec poignets et devants toile fine — MÊMES PRIX SUR MESURE — 32, Rue de la Madeleine, 32, BRUXELLES	 DIABÉTIQUES employez pour votre pain la FARINE DE GLUTEN D'OSSIAN à 2 fr. le demi-kilog. Dépôt : PHARMACIE PELERIN, Bruxelles.
DEMANDEZ le Chocolat DERBAIS à 1.00 et 2 fr. le 1/2 kilogr.	NÉVRALGIE de la Tête Guérison radicale et certaine S'ADRESSER Rue Van Eyck, 35 IXELLES	
DENTISTE	TORRES 61, Rue du Congrès, 61 BRUXELLES	Huitres supérieures à 8, 10 et 12 fr. le cent POISSONNERIE F. DE RYCK 60, Rue de la Putterie, 60, Bruxelles

Unused envelope #4 overprinted by GOSSET & Cie. (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 160).
5 unused and 4 used of this type on record.

APPLICATIONS GÉNÉRALES DE L'ELECTRICITE Sonneries, Téléphones, Porte-voix, etc. D. HAUMAN-DEVOS Electricien-Constructeur FOURNISSEUR DES MINISTÈRES et des principaux Hôtels 24, Rue de la Croix de Fer, Bruxelles	POSE DE DENTS ANGLAISES & AMÉRICAINES reconnues les plus solides et imitant le mieux la nature. TORRES 61, Rue du Congrès, 61 BRUXELLES	ÉPICERIE DES GALERIES SAINT-HUBERT MAUSSION, Bruxelles Épiceries Conserves Cafés Thés Vins Liqueurs
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Maison Firmin MIGNOT 101-103, Rue Neuve, BRUXELLES Agence européenne des véritables Machines à coudre ÉLIAS HOWE NOUVEAU MODÈLE N° 6 La plus douce et la plus silencieuse des Machines à coudre.		

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DENTISTE	TORRES 61, Rue du Congrès, 61 BRUXELLES	Huitres supérieures à 8, 10 et 12 fr. le cent POISSONNERIE F. DE RYCK 60, Rue de la Putterie, 60, Bruxelles

Used envelope type #4 GOSSET & Cie.

Sent from BRUXELLES(LUX) 3 January 1877 to NAMUR.

Postage 10 centimes, internal letter < 15 gram (1.6.1870 – 1.11.1879).

DÉBITÉE à 8 CENTIMES En vente partout	ON DEMANDE DES CORPS 32, Rue de la Madeleine, Bruxelles Pour mettre dans nos superbes chemises à fr. 3.75 et 5.50 avec poignets et devants toile fine — MÊMES PRIX SUR MESURE — 32, Rue de la Madeleine, 32, BRUXELLES	 DIABÉTIQUES employez pour votre pain la FARINE DE GLUTEN D'OSSIAN à 2 fr. le demi-kilog. Dépôt : PHARMACIE PETERIN, Bruxelles.
DEMANDEZ le Chocolat DERBAIS à 1.00 et 2 fr. le 1/2 kilog. NÉVRALGIE de la Tête Guérison radicale et certaine S'ADRESSER Rue Van Eyck, 35 IXELLES	I <i>Recommandée</i> <i>Monsieur Ad. Van Halbeke</i> <i>rue des Carroyens Noirs</i> <i>Bruges.</i>	
DENTISTE	TORRES 61, Rue du Congrès, 61 BRUXELLES	Huitres supérieures à 8, 10 et 12 fr. le cent POISSONNERIE F. DE RYCK 60, Rue de la Putterie, 60, Bruxelles

Used envelope #4 type GOSSET & Cie.

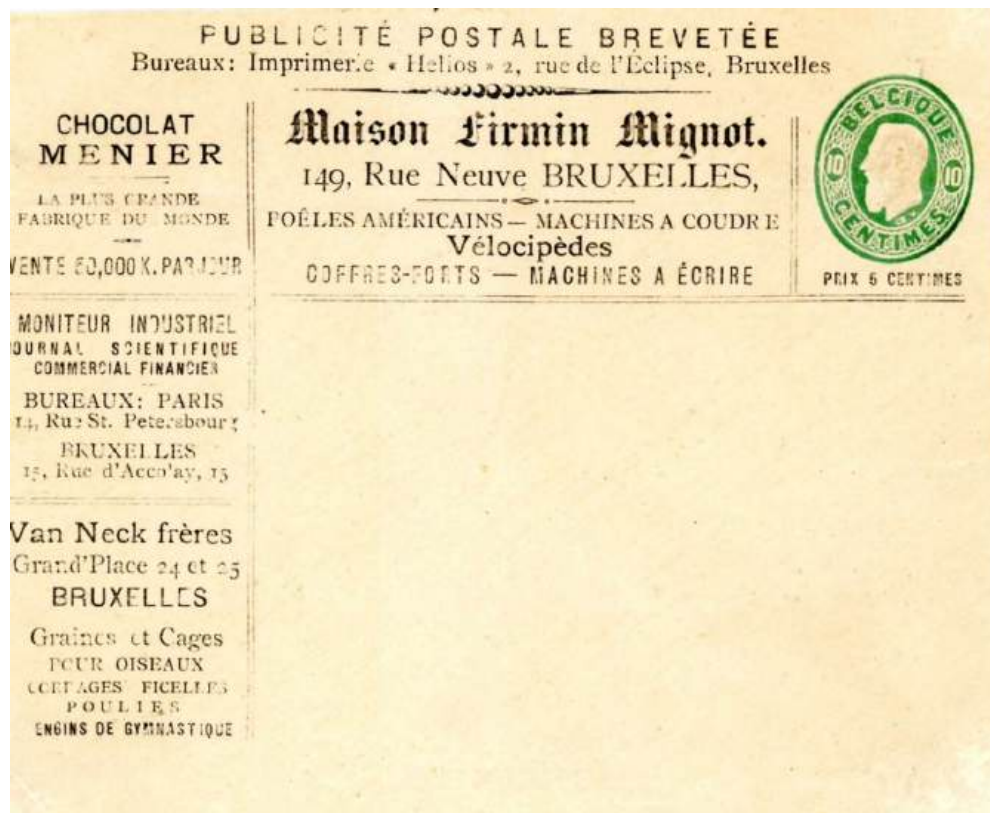
Sent REGISTERED from BRUXELLES 4 March 1889 to BRUGES 5 March 1889.

Postage 10ct letter < 15 gram (1.6.1870 – 1.11.1879), registration fee 25ct.

OVERPRINTS by the agency PUBLICITÉ POSTALE BREVETÉE from Brussels

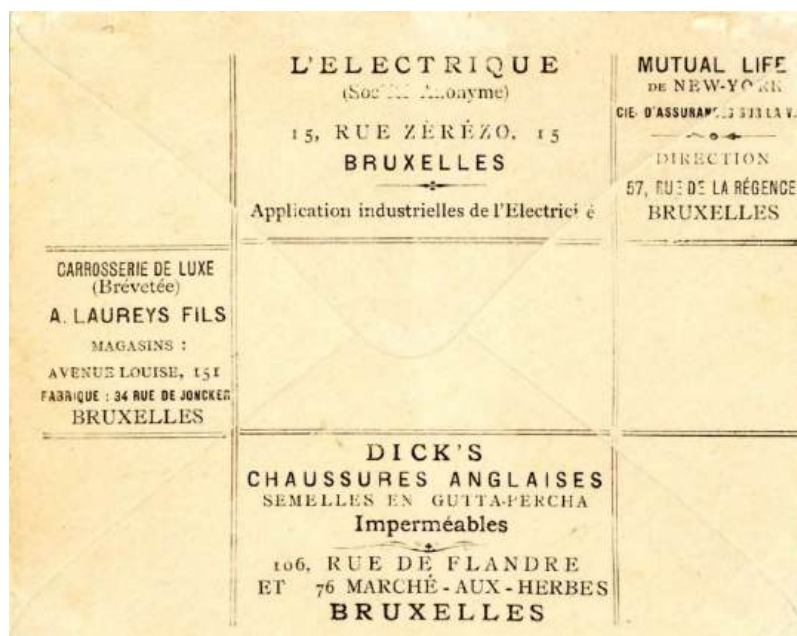
6 versions on record, marketed in 1891

Sold at reduced rate of 5 centimes



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1 unused and 1 used of this type of envelope on record. (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 161).



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4^{me} ÉDITION and PRIX 5 CENTIMES printed on single line

No publicity on the reverse side.



Used envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES 18 March 1891 to LIEGE.

Arrival date stamp LIEGE 19 March 1891 on reverse side.

Only 1 envelope of this type on record (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 162).

OVERPRINTS by the agency PUBLICITÉ POSTALE BREVETÉE from Brussels

5^{me} Série and PRIX 5 CENTIMES printed on 2 lines



**Unused envelope #4 overprinted by PUBLICITÉ POSTALE BREVETÉE.
2 unused envelopes of this type on record.
(ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 165)**



Reduced size copy (80%) of the reverse side of the above envelope.

OVERPRINTS by the agency PUBLICITÉ POSTALE BREVETÉE from Brussels

5^{me} Série and PRIX 5 CENTIMES printed on 2 lines



Printing error : Envelope type Waroquiers 165, displaced during the overprinting process.



Used envelope type Waroquiers 165 sent from BRUXELLES 21 June 1891 to St-JOSSE.

No arrival date stamp on reverse side.

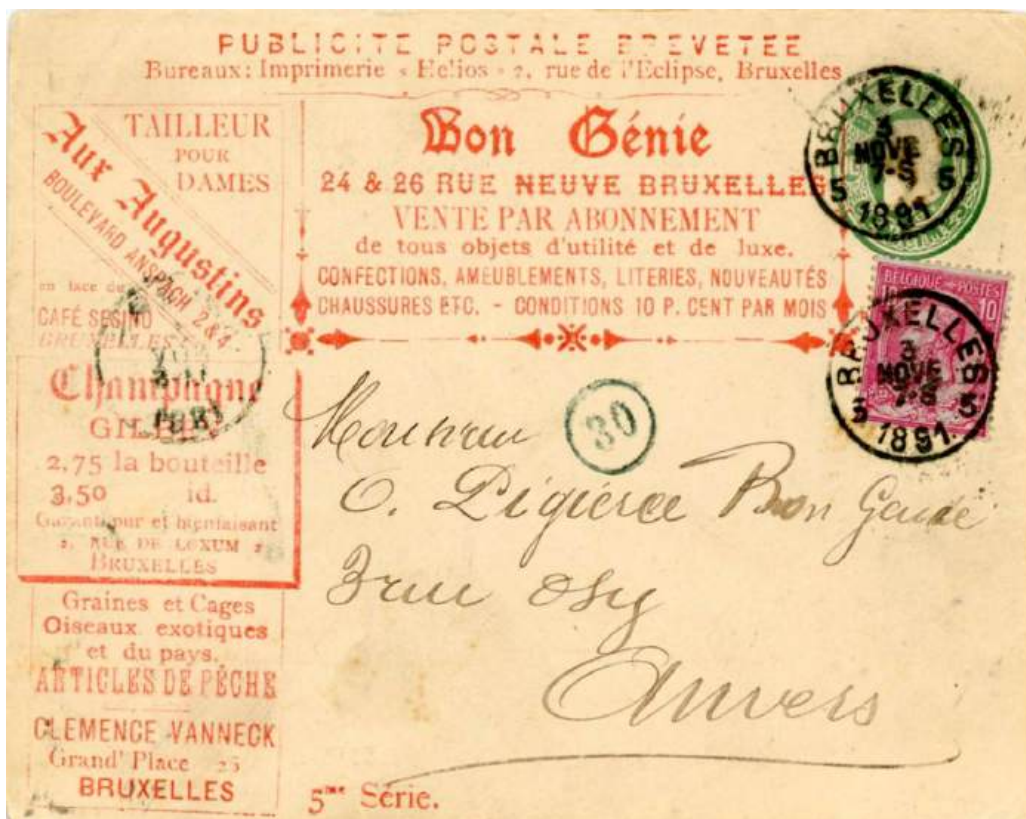
Only 1 used envelope of this type on record (ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 165).

OVERPRINTS by the agency PUBLICITÉ POSTALE BREVETÉE from Brussels

5^{me} Série and PRIX 5 CENTIMES printed on single line with short phantasy underlining



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1 unused envelopes of this type on record. (Ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 164)
Publicity on the reverse side identical to previous version.

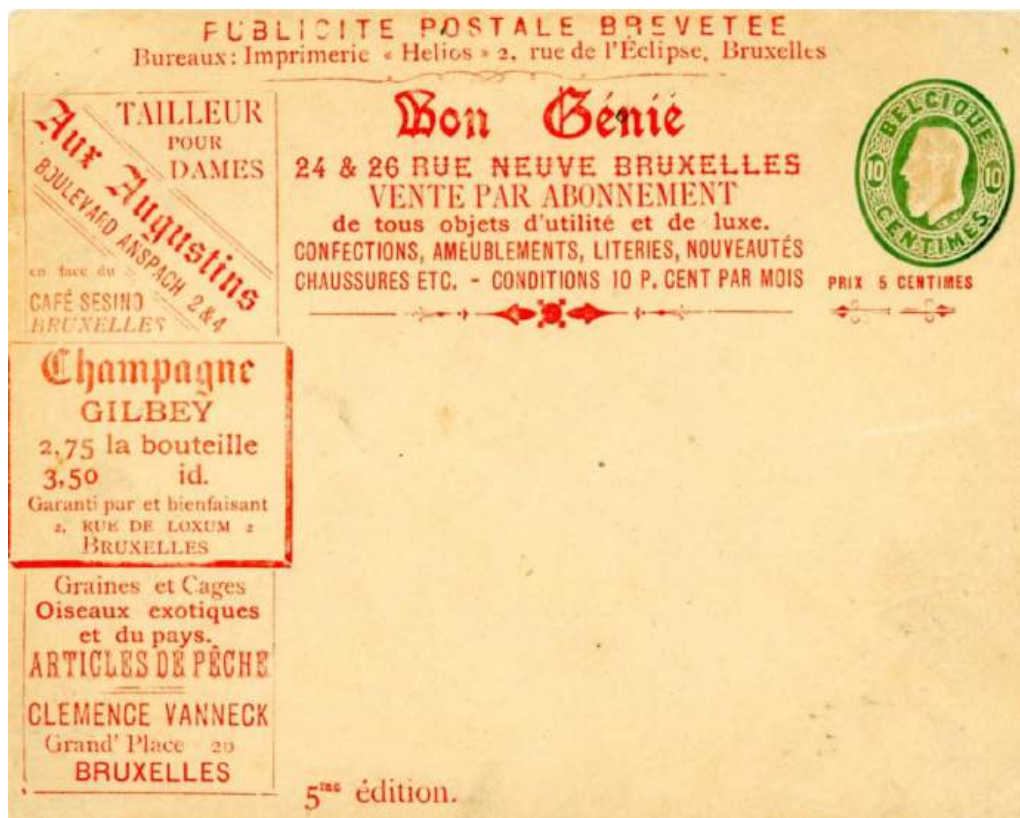


Used envelope type Waroquiers 164 sent from BRUXELLES 3 November 1891 to ANVERS.
3 used envelopes of this type on record.

OVERPRINTS by the agency PUBLICITÉ POSTALE BREVETÉE from Brussels

5^{me} édition and PRIX 5 CENTIMES printed on single line with long phantasy underlining

Publicity on the reverse side identical to previous versions



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3 unused envelopes of this type on record. (Ref. cat. Waroquiers E.A. 163)



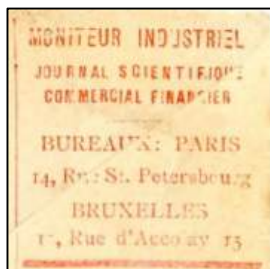
Used envelope type Waroquiers 163 sent from BRUXELLES 16 May 1891 to LIEGE.
2 used envelopes of this type on record.

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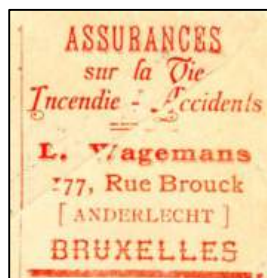
5^{me} édition and PRIX 5 CENTIMES printed on single line with long phantasy underlining

Front side identical from previous versions

Different ads (see box top right) on the reverse side.



Previous version



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From MALINES(STATION) 10 Jjune 1891 to HANAU (Germany)

International postage rate of 25 centimes.



Arrival date stamp on the reverse side of the envelope

Until today, the only known envelope of this type (no reference in Waroquiers' catalogue).

Only 1 type on record, marketed in 1893. Sold at reduced rate of 8 centimes.

Compagnie Américaine FABRIQUE DE TIMBRES en CAOUTCHOUC Avenue De Keyser — 36 — ANVERS	HARRY DANIELS AMÉRICAIN DENTIST — 28 — Rue Mercator, Sud ANVERS	J. HARTOG VLEESCHTOUWER Lange Kievitstraat — 40 — ANTWERPEN Gelegenheid voor Heeren te dineeren aan billijke prijzen.	A l'Agneau d'Or Mercerie, Gros - Détail. Spécialité pour Tailleurs et Tailleuses. Gants et Corsets Wynck Seurs 54, Rue Carnot, à côté de la Rue Duinganck, 54 ANVERS	
VELOCIPÈDES DES meilleurs marques A. De Maerschaleck Rue de la Commune, 20 ANVERS				Ch. DE KEPPEL-FAES 50, Steenhouwerijvest 15, Drukkerijstraat, 15 ANTWERPEN Alle slach van Meubels aan prijzen buiten alle concurrentie Let wel op het adres
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Used envelope type Waroquiers 166 sent from BRUXELLES 5 June 1893 to BOUCHOUT.
Postage 10 centimes for letter <15 gram internal usage.

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Used envelope type Waroquiers 166 sent from ANVERS 15 July 1893 to ZURICH(Switzerland).
Postage 25 centimes for letter <15 gram international usage.

7. FALSE & INVALID USAGE



**Standard visiting card envelope with cutout of the indicium from a real postal stationery envelope, mounted on the left side of the envelope. Falsification not detected.
Sent from ANVERS 9 March 1880 to STATTE (HUY) 10 March 1880.
Postage 10 centimes for letter <15 gram internal usage.**



**Standard A6-size envelope with cutout of the indicium from a real postal stationery envelope,
mounted on the right side of the envelope. Falsification not detected.
Sent from BRUXELLES 25 June 1886 to ESSEN (RUHR) same date.
Postage 25 centimes for international letter <15 gram**

FALSE & INVALID USAGE



Envelope type #1, stolen by the German Army in October 1917 and sent from Feldpost Battery 26 to SAYN bei COBLENZ. Illegal use of stolen stationery.



Envelope type #4 with an additional cutout mounted as second indicium.
Falsification not detected.

Sent from LIEGE 22 October 1894 to AMSTERDAM 23 October 94.
Preferential rate of 20 centimes for letter of first weight to The Netherlands.

FALSE & INVALID USAGE



Envelope #4 sent from BRUXELLES (NORD)1 on 20 May 1893 to BIRMINGHAM.

Postage 25 centimes for international letter up to 15 gram (1.7.1875 – 1.10.1907).

Postal stationery envelope of 10 centimes and additional 15 centimes.

15 centimes was paid with tax stamps; which are invalid as standard postage.

Black bold T stamp and tax annotation 0.15 placed at departure.

At arrival in England, taxed at LONDON INLAND BRANCH (I.B.) with 3 pence
(equal to 30 centimes), double of the missing 15 centimes.

Arrival cancel BIRMINGHAM 22 May 93.

Exceptional item, no other examples on record.

8. SPECIAL DATE CANCELS

- Temporarily test cancel
- Ambulant post offices
- Temporary event post offices
- Military post offices

TEMPORARILY TEST CANCEL

In the period of early December 1879 to May 1880, a test cancel stamp was introduced at the Brussels mail Post Office. The normal outside cercle was replaced by a dotted cercle. After the test period, this stamp has never been seen again. The purpose of this “meteor” stamp has never been disclosed.



Copy of the arrival date stamp on reverse side of letter

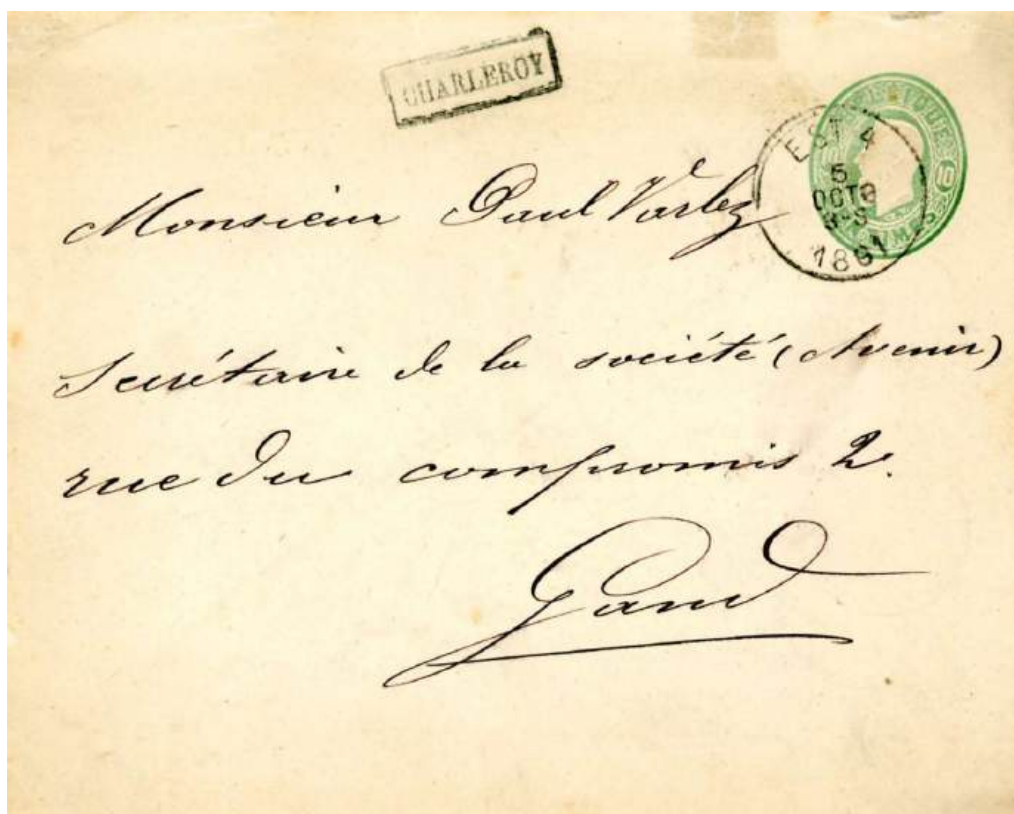
From BRUXELLES 26 January 1880 to LESSINES 27 January 1880.
Standard rate of 10 centimes for letter of first weight, internal usage.

AMBULANT "TRAVELLING" POST OFFICES



Copy of the arrival date stamp at reverse side of the envelope.

Letter posted in the train station-station post-box of TIRLEMONT. Handed over to the ambulant post office EST 3A (on the railway line BRUXELLES – VERVIERS) on 5 March 1888 to NAMUR same date. The ambulant cancel EST 3A was in use from 5.3.1883 until 31.5.1888. (RR).



Copy of the arrival date stamp at reverse side of the envelope.

Letter posted in the train station-station post-box of CHARLEROY. Handed over to the ambulant post office EST 4 (on the railway line ERQUELINNES – LIEGE) on 5 October 1891 to GAND 6 October 1891. The ambulant cancel EST 4 was in use from 1.9.1867 until 15.12.1895.

TEMPORARY EVENT POST OFFICES

The 1888 World's Fair was held in Brussels from 11 May until 31 October.



From BRUXELLES(EXPOSITION) 29 September 1888 to CASSEL (Germany) 30 9 88.
Standard international postage rate of 25 centimes.

MILITARY POST OFFICES

During military manoeuvres, train-based military post offices were deployed close to the manoeuvre sites. In 1894, this was from 29.8 until 8.9.1894 (11 days only).



From POSTES MILITAIRES BELGIQUE 6 September 1894 to BRUXELLES same day.
Standard national postage rate of 10 centimes.

9. PRE-UGP USAGE (up to 1 July 1875), INSIDE BELGIUM

Envelope type #1

Postage rate 10 centimes internal usage. Double circle cancelation on the indicium.



Envelope type #1 from BRUXELLES 30 September 1873 to OSTENDE 1 October 73
Double circle date stamp type 1 (year indication in bottom of the double circle)



Envelope type #1 from DIXMUDE 25 October 1873 to BRUSSELS.
Double circle date stamp type 2 (hour indication in bottom of the double circle)



BAARLE (rural post box J) via TRONCHIENNES 6 November 1873 to GAND 6 November 1873.

Double circle date stamp type 2 (hour indication in bottom of the double circle)

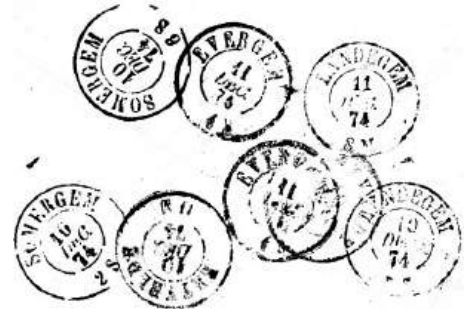
The date stamp should have been applied twice (second one next away from the indicium to increase readability). Curiosity: the month indicator NOV was inserted upside down.



WESTERLOO 7 August 1874 to BRUXELLES 7 August 1874

Double circle date stamp type 2 (hour indication in bottom of the double circle)

PRE-UGP USAGE (up to 1 July 1875), INSIDE BELGIUM



**SELZAETE 8 December 1874 via SOMERGEM, LANDEGEM, ERTVELDE to EVERGEM
11 December 1874. On the right, copy of the different transit date stamps (multiple searches).**



**CERFONTAINE 20 December 1874 to WALCOURT 20 December 1874 (same date)
Double circle date stamp type 2 (hour indication in bottom of the double circle)**



**OBOURG 5 January 1875 to (IXELLES) BRUXELLES (EST) 5 January 1875
Double circle date stamp type 2 (hour indication in bottom of the double circle)**

PRE-UGP USAGE (before 1 July 1875), INTERNATIONAL

Envelope types #1 and #2. Copy of transit or arrival date stamp(s) below the letters.



AUSTRIA : From LOUVAIN 30 January 1874 via ALLEMANGNE PAR VERVIERS to NEUBAU-WIEN
1 February 1874. PD stamp (Paid to Destination) Tariff 20 centimes from 1.9.1868 till 30.6.1875.



LUXEBURG : From LIEGE 8 April 1875 to ENCHERANGE (Post office WILTZ) 4 April 75
Postage rate 20 centimes from 1.8.1867 till 30.6.1875.
Envelope type #2. Copy of transit or arrival date stamps below the letter.

PRE-UGP USAGE (before 1 July 1875), INTERNATIONAL



GREAT BRITAIN : BRUXELLES (NORD) 16 September 1873 to LONDON S.E. 17 September 1873.

Postage rate 30 centimes (via Antwerp) from 1.7.1873 till 30.6.1875.

Envelope type #1. Copy of transit or arrival date stamps below the letter.



GERMANY : From HASSELT 7 January 1875 to HAMBURG 8 January 1875.

Postage rate 20 centimes from 1.9.1868 till 30.6.1875.

Envelope type #2. Copy of transit or arrival date stamp from reverse side.

PRE-UGP USAGE (before 1 July 1875), INTERNATIONAL



GERMANY : From RHISNE 1 June 1875 to HAMBURG 3 January 1875.
Postage rate 20 centimes from 1.9.1868 till 30.6.1875.
Envelope type #1

PRE-UGP USAGE to FRANCE (joined UGP only on 1 January 1876).

The pre-UGP rate for France was 30 centimes for letter under 10 gram (rate of 1.7.1875).
Arrival date stamps from the reverse side are shown next to the letters.



ANVERS(STATION) 13 October 1875 via BELG.AMB.GIVET 14 October 1875 to CHARLEVILLE
15 October 1875. PD stamp (Paid to Destination).

PRE-UGP USAGE to FRANCE (joined UGP only on 1 January 1876).



From HABAY-LA-NEUVE 19 October 1875 to PARIS, transit via ERQUELINES.
DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER (17grams), postage rate 2 * 30centimes = 60 centimes.
PD stamp (Paid to Destination).



From BRUXELLES 19 August 1875 via ambulant FRANCE / MIDI I 19 August 1875 and French
ambulant PARIS-VALENCIENNES 20 August 1875 to PARIS.
PD stamp (Paid to Destination).

ARGENTINA 1875



Copy of the arrival date stamp on reverse side.

ARGENTINA : From BRUXELLES 11 May 1875 to BUENOS AYRES 26 June 1875.

Postage rate 1Fr for double weight letter (2*15gr) from 20.11.1872 till 30.6.1875.

The blue notation "2" indicates double weight.

The blue notation 3/6 is the inland rate (3 pesos and 6 reales).

Until today, the only known Belgian stationary envelope sent pre-UPU to Argentina (RR).

10. PREFERENTIAL RATES FOR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES (UGP and UPU period)

THE NETHERLANDS : preferential rate of 20 centimes for franked letter up to 15 gram from 1.7.1875 until 28.2.1921.



Envelope type #3 sent from OSTENDE 16 April 1892 to ROTTERDAM 16 April 1892.
Preferential rate of 20 centimes from 1.7.1875 until 28.2.1921.



Envelope type #3 sent from BRUXELLES 10 March 1894 to AMSTERDAM (same day).
Preferential rate of 20 centimes from 1.7.1875 until 28.2.1921.

PREFERENTIAL RATES FOR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBURG : preferential rate of 20 centimes for franked letter up to 15 gram from 1.7.1875 until 28.2.1920.



LUXEMBURG : Envelope type #3 from BRUXELLES 14 October 1891 to DIEKIRCH 15 October 1891. Preferential rate of 20 centimes from 1.1.1872 until 30.6.1909



LUXEMBURG : From HOUFFALIZE 24 August 1893 to DIEKIRCH 25 August 1893. Preferential rate of 20 centimes from 1.1.1872 until 30.6.1909

PREFERENTIAL BORDER RATES FOR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES (UGP and UPU period).

France had a preferential rate of 15 centimes for border radius (30km) of letters up to 15 gram. Tariff from 1.1.1876 until 1919. Copies of the arrival date stamps on the reverse side are shown next or below the letters.



From TOURNAI(STATION) 20 December 1890 to LILLE 21 December 1890. Distance 27km



From MESSINES 26 September 1877 with ambulant FRANCE PAR COURTRAY 26 September, border crossing BELGIQUE/LILLE 26 September 1877 to COMINES (dept. 57) 27 September 77. Distance 10km

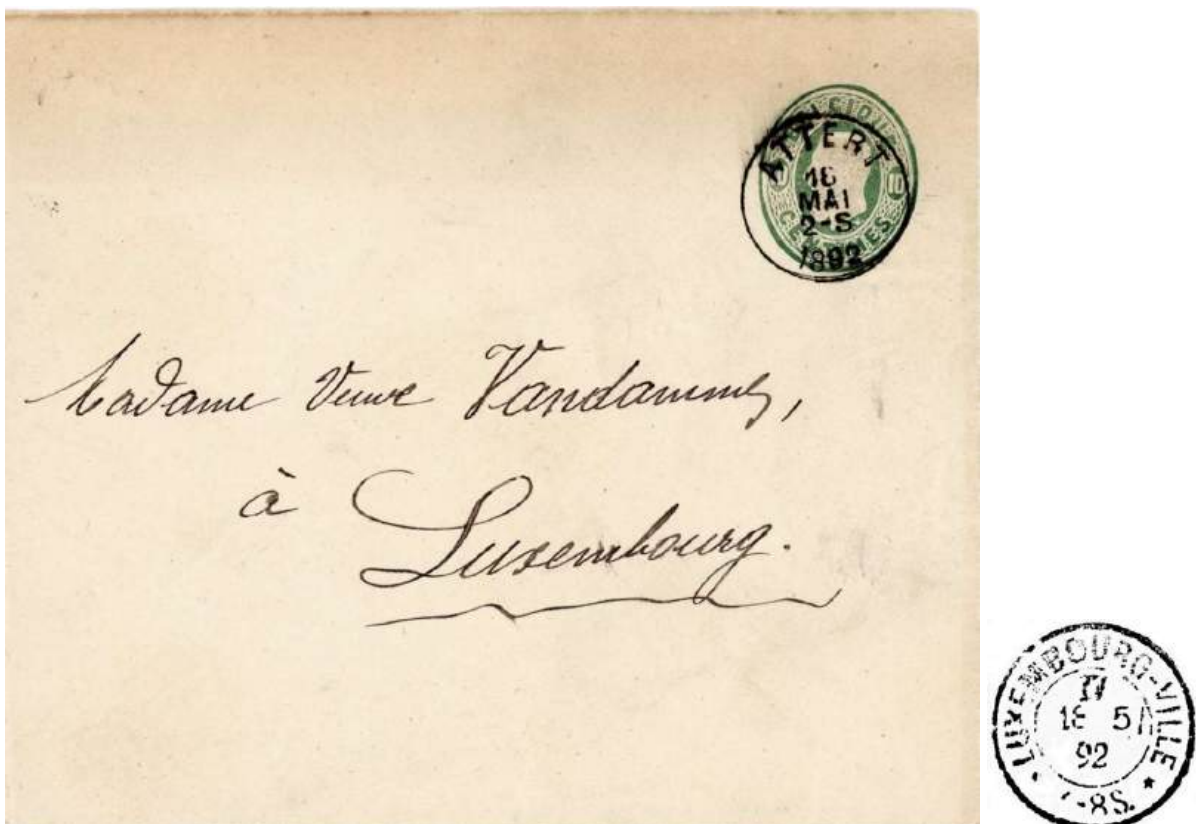
PREFERENTIAL BORDER RATES FOR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES (UGP and UPU period).

Germany had preferential rate for of 10 centimes for border radius (30km) of letter up to 15 gram. Tariff from 1.1.1876 until 1919. Copy of the arrival date stamp on the reverse side shown next to the letter.



Letter sent from VERVERS(STATION) 28 September 1890 to AACHEN, arrival same date. The distance is 26km, which granted the sender the 10 centimes preferential border rate.

The Grand Duchy of Luxemburg had preferential rate for of 10 centimes for border radius (30km) of letter up to 15 gram. Tariff from 1.1.1876 until 1919. Copy of the arrival date stamp on the reverse side shown next to the letter.



Letter sent from ATTERT 16 May 1892 to LUXEMBOURG-VILLE 18 May 1892. The distance was exactly 30km; letter postage rate of 10 centimes, the preferential border rate.

11. LETTERS SENT BY EXPRESS SERVICE



Envelope type #3 sent by express mail from BRUXELLES 11 August 1898 to ANVERS.
Postage rate 10 centimes for letter up to 15 gram and 25 centimes express fee.
No arrival date at the reverse side of the envelope.



Envelope type #4 by express mail from ANVERS(STATION) 1 October 1889 to BRUXELLES.
Postage rate 10 centimes for letter up to 15 gram and 25 centimes express fee.



Copy of octagonal telegraphic arrival date stamp on reverse side, 2 hours later.
The telegraph station was inside the BRUXELLES NORD railway station.

LETTERS SENT BY EXPRESS SERVICE



Envelope type #3 sent by express mail from HAL 29 November 90 to BRUXELLES.
Postage rate 10 centimes for letter up to 15 gram and 25 centimes express fee.
Indicium and 25 centimes postage stamp cancelled with octagonal telegraph stamp.



Copy of octagonal telegraphic arrival date stamp BRUXELLES (MIDI) on reverse side.
The telegraph station was located inside the BRUXELLES MIDI railway station.



Envelope type #3 sent by express mail from BRUGES 8 November 1893 to TERMONDE.
Postage rate 10 centimes for letter up to 15 gram and 25 centimes express fee.
Indicium and 25 centimes postage stamp cancelled with round post office date stamp.
No arrival date stamp on the reverse side of the envelope.

LETTERS SENT BY EXPRESS SERVICE



(some old repairs from water damage at bottom of the envelop)

Envelope type #4 sent by express mail from LIEGE 20 April 1891 to AUBEL.
Postage rate 10 centimes for letter up to 15 gram and 25 centimes express fee.
Express fee paid by means of telegraph stamps.



Copy of the round post office arrival date stamp on reverse side, 4 hours later.
Letters by express were delivered at the post office of AUBEL, which didn't have a telegraph station in 1891; the telegraph station was inside the AUBEL railway station.

LETTERS SENT BY EXPRESS SERVICE



Envelope type #4 sent by express from BRUXELLES (NORD) 21 December 1891 to VERVIERS.

Postage rate 10 centimes for letter up to 15 gram and 25 centimes express fee.

Express fee paid by mix of postage and telegraph stamps.



Copy of the octagon telegraph date stamp on reverse side.

Letters was delivered at the railway telegraph/post office of Verviers.

As the addressee could not be found at Verviers, the letter was returned to BRUXELLES 1.



Arrival date stamp BRUXELLES 1 on 22 December 1891.

The BRUXELLES 1 date stamp is only used at the arriving letters counter.

LETTERS SENT BY EXPRESS SERVICE



Envelope type #4 sent by express mail from KOEKELBERG 6 February 1892 to ANVERS.
Postage rate 20 centimes for letter up to 15-30 gram and 25 centimes express fee.
Indicium and postage stamps cancelled with hexagonal railway date stamp (RR).
The EXPRESS stamp was placed twice; the second one to cover the PAYÉ stamp
which was applied by error.



Copy of the octagonal telegraphic arrival date stamp on reverse side of the envelope.
The telegraph station at arrival was located inside the ANVERS(EST) railway station.

LETTERS SENT BY EXPRESS SERVICE

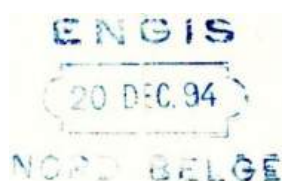


Envelope type #4 sent by express mail from LIEGE 20 December 1894 to ENGIS.

Postage rate 10 centimes for letter up to 15 gram and 25 centimes express fee.

Extra 75 centimes was charged for additional distance of 4 to 5 kilometres from the ENGIS train station to the final destination (tariff 1.12.1887 – 5.7.1895).

The high additional distance fee of 75 centimes is very rarely seen.



Copy of railway stamp ENGIS / NORD BELGE 20 December 1894 on reverse side of the envelope.

ENGIS was a railway station on the NAMUR-LIEGE line of the private railway network of the Compagnie du Chemin de fer du Nord, which only operated 4 small railway lines.

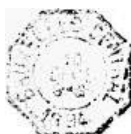
LETTERS SENT BY EXPRESS SERVICE



Envelope type #3 sent by express mail from RENAIX 30 July 1895 to BRAINE-LE-COMTE 30 July 1895. Postage rate 10 centimes for letter up to 15 gram and 25 centimes express fee. Indicum and 25 centimes postage stamp cancelled with octagonal telegraph stamp from the combined RENAIX post & telegraph office. On the right, copy of octagonal telegraphic arrival date stamp BRAINE-LE-COMTE.



Envelope type #4 sent by express mail from MENIN 10 December 1894 to BRUXELLES. Postage rate 10 centimes for letter up to 15 gram and 25 centimes express fee.



Copy of the octagonal telegraph office arrival date stamp on reverse side, 4 hours later. Telegraph office BRUXELLES CENTRAL was located inside the BRUXELLES main post office, at the Place de la Monnaie.

LETTERS SENT BY EXPRESS SERVICE



Envelope type #4 sent by express mail from BRUXELLES (13) 31 May 1893 to AMSTERDAM.

Postage rate 20 centimes (preferential rate for mail to The Netherlands)
for letter up to 15 gram and 25 centimes express fee.

Indicium and postage stamps cancelled with the postal BRUXELLES 13 date stamp, used only by
the special EXPRESS counter of the main Brussels post office (RR).



Copy of the octagonal telegraphic date stamp on reverse side of the envelope.
The letter arrived in Amsterdam 7 to 8 hours after departure from Brussels.

12. INSURED LETTERS (Assuré)

The postage rate for inland insured letters (from 1.11.1879 until 1.7.1909) consisted of 3 elements:

- The letter rate: 10 centimes per 15 gram
- Registration fee: 25 centimes
- Insurance fee: 10 centimes per 1000Fr insured value (or part thereof) for Belgium.

All insured letters need to be secured with 5 wax seals on the reverse side (1 in each corner and 1 in the middle of the closing flap).



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES (NORD) 5 June 1885 to CHARLEROI.

Letter rate : 10 centimes (9 gram, see top left). Registration fee: 25ct.

Insurance rate (for 550 Francs) : 10 centimes. Total : 45 centimes.



Copy (reduced size 80%) of the reverse side of the letter.

5 wax seals as required for insured letters.

INSURED LETTERS (Inland)



Envelope type #3 sent from ANVAING 28 March 1890 to AUDENAERDE.
 Letter rate : 10 centimes (6 gram, see top left). Registration fee: 25ct.
 Insurance rate (for 20 Francs) : 10 centimes. Total : 45 centimes.



Envelope type #4 sent from CHATELINEAU 29 June 1889 to LOUVAIN .
 Letter rate : 10 centimes (6 gram, see top left). Registration fee: 25ct.
 Insurance rate (for 20 Francs) : 10 centimes. Total : 45 centimes.



Reduced size copy of reverse side with the arrival date stamp LOUVAIN 30 June 1889.

INSURED LETTERS (Inland)



Envelope type #4 sent from LICHTERVELDE 4 May 1892 to BRUXELLES.
Letter rate : 30 centimes (32.5 gram, see top left). Registration fee: 25ct.
Insurance rate (for 1320 Francs) : 20 centimes. Total : 75 centimes.



Reduced size copy of reverse side with the arrival date stamp BRUXELLES 4 May 1892.

INSURED LETTERS (international rates)

- The letter rate: 25 centimes per 15 gram.
- Registration fee : 25 centimes.
- **GERMANY** : Insurance fee : 10 centimes per 200Fr insured value (or part thereof).
- **RUSSIA** : Insurance fee : 15 centimes per 200Fr insured value (or part thereof).
- **SWITZERLAND** : Insurance fee : 15 centimes per 300Fr insured value (or part thereof).

INSURED LETTERS (Germany)



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES 8 January 1890 to GÖSSNITZ.

Letter rate : 25 centimes (9.5 gram, see top left). Registration fee: 25ct.

Insurance rate (for 6.25 Francs) : 10 centimes. Total : 60 centimes.

SWITZERLAND



Envelope type #4 sent from Verviers(Station) 26 December 1892 to DAVOS.

Letter rate : 50 centimes (15.2 gram, see top left). Registration fee: 25ct.

Insurance rate (for 250 Francs) : 15 centimes. Total : 90 centimes.

INSURED LETTERS

RUSSIA (GRAND DUCHY OF FINLAND)



Envelope type #4 sent insured from BRUXELLES 25 March 1893 to FREDRIKSHAMN.
Letter rate : 50 centimes (22 gram = double weight, see top left). Registration fee: 25ct.
Insurance rate (for 162 Francs) : 15 centimes. Total : 90 centimes.
Rare destination for insured letters from Belgium.



Copy of the arrival date stamp on the reverse side of the envelope.
The date of 16 March 1893 is based on the Julian calendar.

13. REIMBURSEMENT (Remboursement)

Reimbursement of paid receipts was handled by the postal administration from 1 June 1882 onwards. The rate (from 1 May 1888) for handling reimbursement was 15 centimes per 100 francs or fraction thereof. This handling fee had to be paid with postage stamps, to be affixed on the receipt (see example on bottom of this page). If the receipt could not be reimbursed, the sender had the option to send it again at 50% of the original reimbursement fee. However, the envelope had to be re-stamped at the full postal rate.



Envelope type #4 sent from JUPILLE in 2 December 1890 to a notary in EGHEZÉE, arrival date stamp 3 December 1890 on the reverse side. The receipt could not be reimbursed and was returned to the sender. On 21 December 1890 the envelope was re-stamped and resent to the notary. On the reverse side we see the second arrival date stamp of EGHEZÉE 22 December 1890. REMB stamp to indicate the reimbursement request.



Copy (reduced size) of a receipt of 315 francs (similar amount as on the envelope above).
Reimbursement fee of 60 centimes (4 * 15 centimes).
Fee paid with postage stamps affixed on the receipt.

14. BUSINESS MAIL (Papiers d'affaires)

Business mail (Papiers d'affaires) was to most destinations charged at lower price than ordinary mail. To The Netherlands, the rate was 5 centimes per 50 grams, with a maximum of 2000 grams (2kg). But Belgium applied a minimum rate of 25 centimes.



Envelope #4 sent as Papiers d'affaires from ST-JOSSE-TEN-NOODE on 11 April 1891 to La Haye (The Hague).

The business mail rate was 25 centimes for weight up to 250 grams.



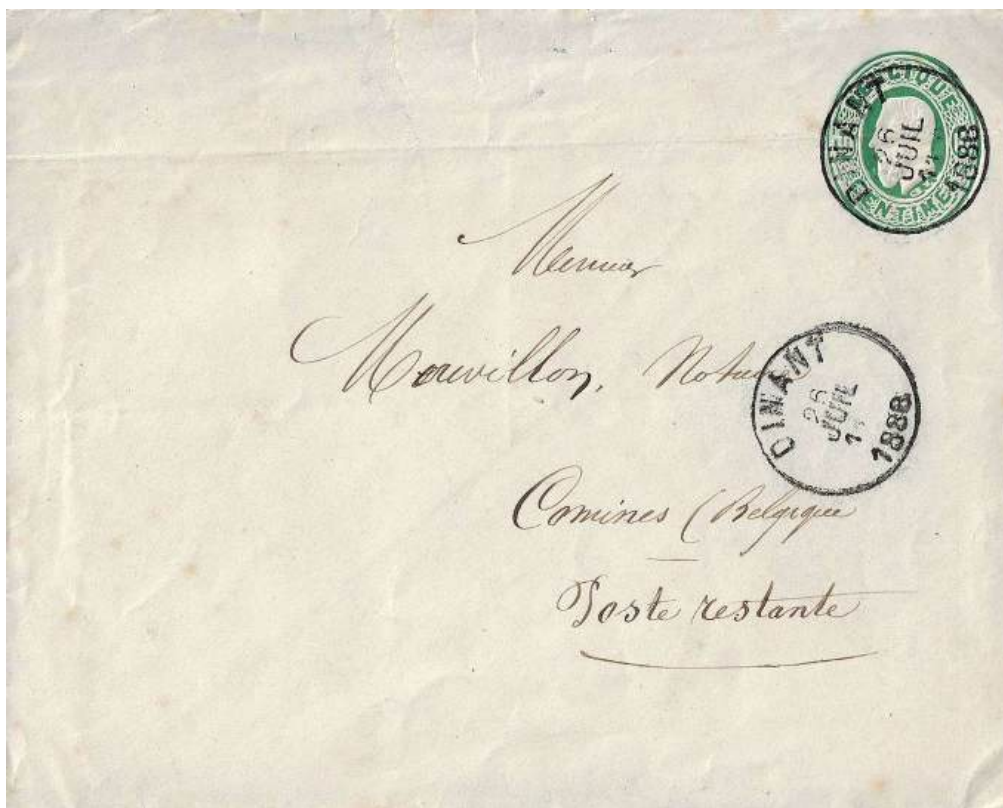
Copy of the arrival date stamp on the reverse side of the envelope.

15. POSTE RESTANTE

In Belgium, the Poste Restante service was regulated on 1 May 1879 was free of charge.

By Royal Decree of 16 May 1882, postal items sent by POSTE-RESTANTE were kept for one month at the disposal of the addressee, unless the sender has set a shorter period.

On 1 January 1923, the free service was abolished and a fixed rate was installed.



Envelope type #4, sent Poste Restante from DINANT 26 July 1886 to COMINES.



Copy of the arrival date stamp COMINES 27 July 1886 on the reverse side of the envelope.
The date on which the letter was collected from the post office by the addressee, is unknown.
The letter above is a relatively rare example of the national Poste Restante service.

16. NEWSPAPERS (Journaux)

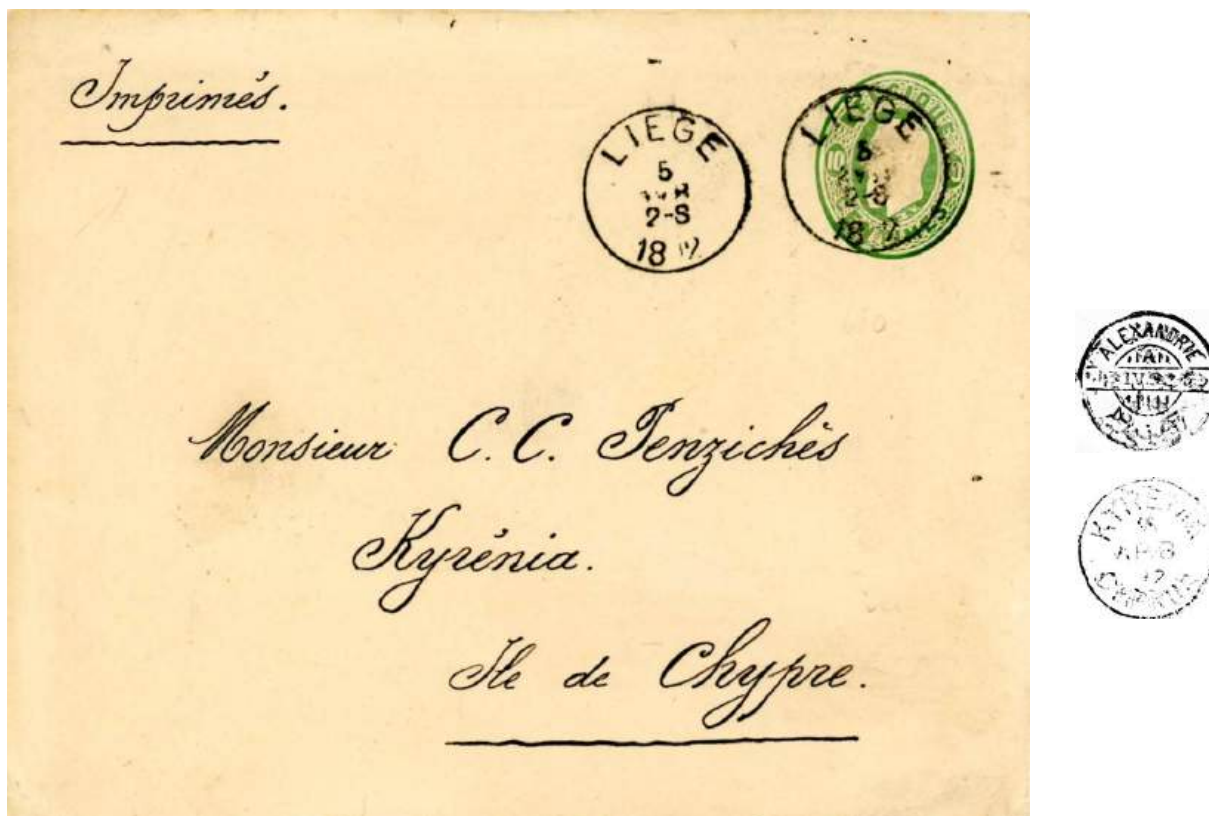
Postage rate for newspapers to UGP countries was 5 centimes per 50 grams, maximum of 1000 gram. Envelopes cut open both sides to be used as sleeve for a newspaper.



Two envelopes type #4 used as a sleeve to send a newspaper to respectively ALGERIA & FRANCE. Postage rate 10 centimes for newspapers of 50-100 gram. Both with free Poste Restante service to the same business traveller.

17. **PRINTED MATTERS (Imprimés)**

Printed matters to UGP countries used the same postage rate as newspapers (5 centimes per 50 grams, with a maximum of 1000 gram) until 1.3.1921.



Envelope type #4 sent from LIEGE 5 April 1892 via ALEXANDRIE 12 April 1892 to KYRENA 8 April 1892 (Julian calendar). Postage 10 centimes (open envelope) of 50-100gr.



Envelopes type #4 used as a sleeve to send printed matter from LIEGE 24 January 1890 to STETTIN (Germany). Postage rate 15 centimes for printed matter of 100-150 gram.
Free Poste Restante service, forwarded to an address in HAMBURG.

18. UNDERPAID LETTERS

INLAND LETTERS



Envelope type #3 sent from ANVERS 1 February 1895 to an address in the city. Addressee was moved to Hamburg (Germany) and letter was forward. The Antwerp post office detected the underpayment and placed the big black T stamp. The underpayment (15 centimes) was doubled and converted to 20 pf (blue aniline).



Copies of arrival date stamps on reverse side of the envelope.



Envelope type #4 sent from DIEST 12 November 1896 to Heyende, hamlet of LOKEREN. Letter was detected as over 15 grams and the big black T stamp was placed. The underpayment (10 centimes) was doubled and a tax stamp of 20ct was affixed.

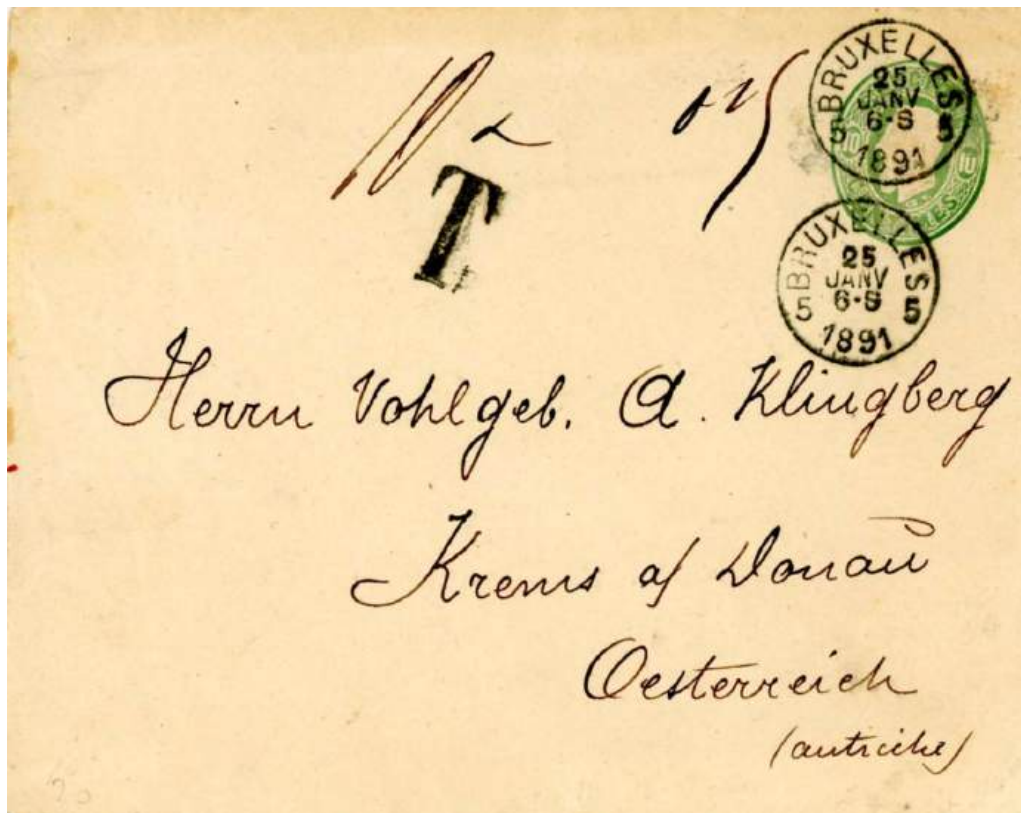
UNDERPAID LETTERS (INTERNATIONAL)



Envelope type #3 sent from ANVERS 3 January 1891 via PARIS 4 January 1891 and ST-NAZAIRE to PORT OF SPAIN. Arrival date stamp TRINIDAD 24 January 1891. Underpayment for internal service (15 centimes) and the big black T stamp was placed. Addressee was unknown (bilingual purple boxed stamp). Taxation not applied.



Copy of Paris transit date stamp and NOT KNOWN stamp on reverse side of envelope.



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES 25 January 1891 to KREMS a/DONAU in AUSTRIA. Underpayment for internal service (15 centimes) and the big black T stamp was placed. Taxed in Austria at 10 kreuzer. Austria did not have tax stamps before 1894.

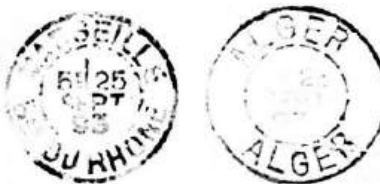
UNDERPAID LETTERS (INTERNATIONAL)



Envelope type #4 sent POSTE RESTANTE from LIEGE 23 September 1893 to ALGER (Algeria).
Postage rate for inland letter was 10 centimes; for Algeria it should have been 25 centimes.
The underpayment for internal service (15 centimes) was not detected at the post office of LIEGE
(the post office of departure should have noticed it) and as result the letter wasn't taxed.

Rare example of unnoticed underpayment.

Free Poste Restante service.



Copy of the transit date stamp MARSEILLE (BOUCHES-DU-RHÔNE) 25 September 1893
and the arrival date stamp ALGER 26 September 1893.

19. REGISTERED LETTERS

BELGIUM - UGP PERIOD 1875



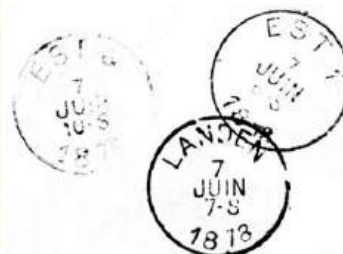
Copy of date stamps on reverse side of the envelope.

From BRUXELLES(NORD) 1 December 1875 with ambulant EST 2 to Thienen.

From Thienen via St-TROND to LOOZ (10km east of St-TROND).

Letter rate 10 centimes. Registration fee 20 centimes (1.7.1849 – 1.11.1879).

BELGIUM - 1878



On the right, copy of date stamps on reverse side of the envelope.

From St-TROND 7 June 1878 via ambulant EST 1, LANDEN, and EST 6 to MAMBOURG, a small hamlet near Charleroi.

Franked with 45 centimes. Postage rate (double weight) 20 centimes.

Registration fee 20 centimes (1.7.1849 – 31.10.1879). 5 centimes convenience overpaid.

REGISTERED LETTERS

BELGIUM – Last weeks of the framed *Recommandé* stamp



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUGES 15 July 1882 to RUDDERVOORDE 16 July 1882.

Letter tariff 10 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

The framed *Recommandé* stamp was replaced by the R BELGIQUE label on 1 August 1882.

BELGIUM – Double weight letter - 1884



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES(EST) 7 April 1884 to ANVERS same day .

Letter tariff 20 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

REGISTERED LETTERS

BELGIUM – Double weight letter - 1887



Envelope type #4 sent registered from YPRES 10 October 1887 to ACHEL 11 October 1887 .
Postage rate 20 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

FRANCE - 1883



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES(EST) 4 November 1883 via ambulant
VALENCIENNES À PARIS to PARIS . Postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes.

REGISTERED LETTERS

GREAT BRITAIN – 1886



Envelope type #3 sent registered from BRUGES 9 November 1886 to WIMBLEDON.

Red English registration stamp LONDON 9 November 1886.

Postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).



Copy of arrival date stamp on reverse side of envelope WIMBLEDON 9 November 1886.

DENMARK – 1889



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES 4 February 1889 to SKIVE.

Letter tariff 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

On the right: copy of arrival date cancel on reverse side of envelope SKIVE 6 February 1889.



REGISTERED LETTERS

GERMANY – ADDITIONAL POSTAGE STAMPS ON REVERSE SIDE – 1888



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES 12 July 1888 to OHRDORF. Letter postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920). The departure date stamp BRUXELLES 3 was only used by the registration office of the Brussels main post office at the Place de la Monnaie (Mint Square).

REGISTERED LETTERS

BOHEMIA – DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER - 1889



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES(LUX) 2 March 1889 to PRAGUE 4 March 1889.
Postage rate 50 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

FINLAND (RUSSIA)– 1889



Envelope type #4 sent registered from JUMET 3 April 1889 via WIBORG 7 April 1889 to KOSKI.
Postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).
On the right: copies of date stamps on reverse side of the envelopes.

REGISTERED LETTERS

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY – TRIPLE WEIGHT LETTER – 1889



Envelope type #4 sent registered from ST-JOSSE-TEN-NOODE 8 April 1889 KASSA (Kaschau in German). Postage rate 75 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).
On the right: copy of arrival date cancel on reverse side of envelope KASSA 14 April 1889.

GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG – PREFERENTIAL RATE - 1889



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES 30 October 1889 to LUXEMBOURG-VILLE. Preferential postage rate 20 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).
On the right: copy of arrival date cancel on reverse side LUXEMBOURG-VILLE 31 October 1889.

REGISTERED LETTERS

SCOTLAND – 1890



Envelope type #3 sent registered from BRUXELLES 2 July 1890 via LONDON REGISTERED 3 July 1890 to OCHILTREE, AYSHIRE, 20 km south of KILMARNOCK. Postage rate 20 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920). On the right: copy of transit date cancel on reverse side KILMARNOCK 3 July 1890.

THE NETHERLANDS – DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER – PREFERENTIAL RATE – 1891



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES 25 May 1891 to LA HAYE. Letter tariff 40 centimes (double weight, preferential neighbor country rate). Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

REGISTERED LETTERS

ROMANIA – 1891



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES 11 June 1891 to BUCAREST.
Letter postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

GREECE – 1891



Envelope type #3 sent registered from BRUXELLES 15 October 1891 to ATHENS.
Letter postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

REGISTERED LETTERS

HUNGARY – 1892



Envelope type #3 sent registered from BRUXELLES 11 January 1892 to DEBRECZENI.
Letter postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

UNITED KINGDOM – 1892



Envelope type #4 sent registered from SCHAEERBEEK 11 March 1892 to LONDON.
Arrival date stamp of LONDON REGISTERED 12 March 1892.
Letter postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

REGISTERED LETTERS

GERMANY – 1892



Envelope type #3 sent registered from BRUXELLES 28 April 1892 to COTHEN(ANHALT).

Letter tariff 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

On the right, copy of the arrival date cancel of COTHEN(ANHALT) on reverse side of envelope.

GERMANY – DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER – 1892



Envelope type #4 sent registered from SCHAERBEEK 14 May 1892 to KARLSRUHE.

Letter tariff 50 centimes (double weight). Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

Postage stamps of 5 and 20 centimes of the 1884 issue.

REGISTERED LETTERS

GERMANY – 1892



Envelope type #3 sent registered from ANVERS 10 October 1892 to STUTTGART.
Letter postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

GERMANY – DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER (Not Triple Weight) – 1893



Envelope type #4 sent registered from IXELLES 4 March 1893 to FRANKFURT.
Letter postage rate 50 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

REGISTERED LETTERS

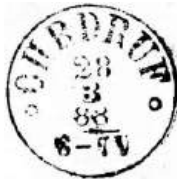
GERMANY – DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER - 1888

“ TROUVE À LA BOITE ”
(Found in the letterbox)



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES 26 March 1888 to OHRDRUF.
Letter postage rate 50 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

In contradiction to the rules, this registered letter was not handed in at the registration desk but posted directly in an letterbox. When the postman found the letter, he brought it to the nearest post office to complete the registration. The letter was still sent registered but the registration office placed the TROUVÉ A LA BOITE line stamp to indicate the incorrect handling by the sender. As the applied franking was sufficient for a registered letter, no duty payment was requested.



Copy of the arrival date stamp OHRDRUF 28 March 88 on the reverse side of the envelope.

REGISTERED LETTERS

GIBRALTAR – 1892



Envelope type #3 sent registered from NEDERBRAKEL 8 November 1892 via LILLE 9 November 1892 to GIBRALTAR 13 November 1892. Postage rate 25 centimes.
Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).



Copy of the black Gibraltar registration date stamp 13 November 1892.

PORTUGAL – 1895



Envelope type #4 sent registered from GAND(STATION) 14 May 1895 to AVEIRO. Postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

REGISTERED LETTERS

BELGIUM - 1897



Envelope #4 sent registered from SPA 14 September 1897 to BRUXELLES
Postage 20 centimes (second weight 15-30 grams), registration fee 25 centimes.
Envelope of the 1879 issue (white glossy paper, slightly bigger indicium).



Copy of the arrival date stamp BRUXELLES RÉCEPTION 14 September 1897, on the reverse side of the envelope. The oval double-ring cancel was only used on arriving registered letters.

20.1. DESTINATIONS – AFRICA

EGYPT – 1891



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES 25 September 1891 via ambulant VALENCIENNES A PARIS (same day) and ambulant PARIS A MODANE 26 September 1891 (and Genova) to CAIRE 1 October 1891. Letter postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

EGYPT – 1892



Envelope type #3 sent from BRUXELLES 29 November 1892 to ALEXANDRIE 7 December 1892. Letter postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate). Copy of arrival date stamp on the right.

DESTINATIONS – AFRICA

MADEIRA ISLAND - PORTUGAL – 1891



Envelope type #3 sent from BRUXELLES 2 September 1891 to FUNCHAL, capital of the island. Postage rate 25 centimes for single weight letter (UPU rate).



Copy of arrival date stamp on reverse side of the envelope FUNCHAL / MADEIRA 8 SET 91.

REUNION ISLAND – FRANCE (Indian Ocean)



Envelope type #4 (trimmed at the left) sent from GAND 1 May 1893 via PARIS ETRANGER and steamer LIGNE T PAQ.FR.N°6 on 3 May 1893 to ST-DENIS. No arrival date stamp. Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

DESTINATIONS – AFRICA

TUNESIA (French Protectorate) – DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER - 1893



Envelope type #4 sent registered from NIMY 13 October 1893 to TUNIS.

Postage rate 50 centimes (double weight).

Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

20.2. DESTINATIONS – ASIA

BRITISH INDIA – 1888



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUGES 30 October 1888 to DELHI 22 November 1888
Letter tariff 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

ISLE OF CYPRUS – 1892



Envelope type #4 sent from ANVERS(STATION) 28 May 1892 to KYRENIA 15 June 1892.
Letter postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).
Both envelopes to Cyprus with additional franking of the 1884 issue.

DESTINATIONS - ASIA

ISLE OF CYPRUS – 1891



Envelope type #3 sent from SERAING 10 December 1891 via LARNACA 22 December 1891 to KYRENIA, arriving 23 December 1891.
Letter postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

HUNGARY – 1890



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES(NORD) 25 July 1890 to BUDAPEST 27 July 1890.
Letter postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate). Registration fee 25 centimes.



Copy of arrival date stamp BUDAPEST FÖPOSTA OLLUTAN 27 July 1890
on reverse side of envelope.

DESTINATIONS - ASIA

PANAY ISLAND - PHILIPPINES – 1891



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES 12 September 1891 via ambulant VALENCIENNES A PARIS, 13 September 1891, PARIS ETRANGER 14 September 1891 and ETRANGER-MARSEILLE to ILOILO. No arrival date stamp. Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).



Copies of the transit date stamps on the reverse side of the letter.

Panay Island is a very rare destination for mail from Belgium (RR).

DESTINATIONS - ASIA

SULAWESI ISLAND – DUTCH INDIES – 1892



Envelope type #4 sent from ANVERS 3 October 1892 via SEMARANG 7 November 1892 to MAKKASAR 10 November 1892.

Not deliverable, forwarded to WELTEVREDEN (Batavia) 28 November 1892.

Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).



Copies of the transit and arrival date stamps on the reverse side of the letter.

20.3. DESTINATIONS – EUROPE

FRANCE – 1876



Envelope type #1 sent from ANVAING 5 October 1876 via Belgian border crossing
FRANCE / TOURNAI and ambulant CALAIS À PARIS to PARIS 6 October 1876.

Additional franking with postage stamps from to 1869 issue.

Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

GERMANY – 1882



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES(NORD) 23 August 1882 to KOLN
Arrival date stamp on reverse side (poorly readable) COLN-RHEIN 24 August 1882.

Additional franking with postage stamps from to 1869 issue.

Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

DESTINATIONS – EUROPE

GERMANY – 1887



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES 20 November 1887 to MÜNCHEN. On the right, copy of the arrival date stamp MÜNCHEN 21 November 1887. Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

GERMANY – 1889



Envelope type #4 sent registered from ANVERS 12 November 1889 to FRANKENSTEIN. Postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes. FRANKENSTEIN is current located in POLAND (Silesia).

DESTINATIONS - EUROPE

GREECE – 1890



Envelope type#3 sent from ANVERS 25 November 1890 via BRINDISI 28 November 1890, arriving Athens 21 November 1890 (Julian calendar). Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

GREECE – 1890



Envelope type #3 sent from BRUXELLES 21 November 1890 to ATHENS, arriving 17 November 1890 (Julian calendar). Letter postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

DESTINATIONS - EUROPE

FINLAND – 1893



Envelope type #3 sent from SPA 13 February 1893 via ambulant FINSKA POST KUPEN 18 February 1893 to ABO. Forwarded to HELSINGFORS 18 February 1893. Letter postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

SICILY ISLAND – ITALY – 1891



Envelope type #4 sent POSTE RESTANTE from LIEGE 25 February 1891 to MESSINA, arriving 2 March 1892. Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

DESTINATIONS – EUROPE

ITALY – 1892



Envelope type #3 sent from ANVERS 18 August 1892 to VENIZIA 19 August 1892.
Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

JERSEY ISLAND – CHANNEL ISLANDS (self-governing dependency of the United Kingdom) – 1886



Envelope type #3 sent from ANVERS 12 June 1886 to ST-HELIER 15 June 1886.
Postage rate 25 centimes for single weight letter.



Copy of arrival date stamp on reverse side of the envelope JERSEY 15 July 1886.

DESTINATIONS – EUROPE

NORWAY – 1893



Envelope type #4 sent from GAND 7 November 1893 to TRONDHJEM, arriving 11 November 1893.
Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).



Copy of the arrival date stamp TRONDHJEM 11 November 1893.

DESTINATIONS - EUROPE

PORTUGAL – 1892



Envelope type #4 sent from NAMUR(STATION) 25 March 1892 via BORDEAUX to LISBOA 29 February 1892 (leap date). Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

PORTUGAL – 1893



Envelope type #4 sent from MALINES(STATION) 14 July 1893 via PARIS ETRANGER to PORTO, arriving 18 July 1893. Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

DESTINATIONS - EUROPE

RUSSIAN EMPIRE (GEORGIA 1801-1917)– 1893



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES 11 January 1893 to TBILISI. Addressee was a Belgian engineer working for the TIFLIS RAILWAY COMPANY. Postage rate 25 centimes (UPU rate).



Copy of arrival date stamp TIFLIS 8 February 1893 (Julian date) on the reverse side.

SWEDEN – 1891



Envelope type #3 sent from ANVERS (STATION) 23 August 1891 to GUSTAFMINNE near MÖRARP. No arrival date stamp. Postage rate 25 centimes (UPU rate).

DESTINATIONS - EUROPE

SPAIN – 1893



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES(RUE CHANCELLERIE) 8 October 1892 to BARCELONA. Postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920). Curiosity in the date cancel stamps : the month indicator was placed upside down.



Copy of the CERTIFICADO arrival date stamp BARCELONA 30 November 1893 on the reverse side of the envelope.

Mail correspondence between Belgium and Spain is fairly rare in the 19th century.

DESTINATIONS – EUROPE

SWITZERLAND – 1891



Envelope type #3 sent from BRUXELLES(NORD)1 on 4 September 18912 to BARCELONA.
Postage rate 25 centimes; additional franking with stamps from 1884 issue.
No transit or arrival date stamps.

SWITZERLAND – 1893



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES on 5 November 1893 to ZÜRICH.
Postage rate 25 centimes; additional franking with stamps from 1884 issue.



Copy of arrival date stamp ZÜRICH 6 November 1893 on reverse side of the envelope.
Multicolour franking with postage stamps of the 1893 issue.

20.4. DESTINATIONS – NORTH AMERICA

CANADA – 1889



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES 15 December 1889 via LONDON 16 December 1889 to MONTREAL, arriving 31 December 1889. Postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

CANADA - DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER - 1892



Envelope type #4 sent from LIEGE 19 January 1892 via LONDON 20 January 1892 to HALIFAX, arriving 31 January 1892. Postage rate of 50 centimes (UPU rate, double weight).

DESTINATIONS – NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – 1892



Envelope type #3 sent from BRUXELLES 7 March 1892 to NEW YORK 19 March 1892.
On the right, copy of the arrival date stamp of New York on the reverse side of the envelope.
Letter postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – 1892



Envelope type #4 sent from BRUXELLES 17 May 1892 via NEW YORK May 27 to CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS, arrival 28 May 1892. Letter postage rate of 25 centimes (UPU rate).



Copies of the New York and Cambridge date stamps on the reverse side of the envelope.

DESTINATIONS – NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – 1892



Envelope type #4 sent registered from BRUXELLES 8 October 1892 to GALVESTON, TEXAS.

Letter postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

Right: copy of the transit date cancel of the New York registration office on reverse side.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER – 1893



Envelope type #4 sent registered from LIEGE 29 January 1893 to SAINT LOUIS 15 February 1893.

Letter postage rate 50 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

20.5. DESTINATIONS - OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA - NEW SOUTH WALES – 1893



Envelope type #4 sent registered from ANVERS 28 April 1893 via ambulant CALAIS A PARIS
29 April 1893 to BATHURST N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.

Postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).



Copy of the arrival date cancel of BATHURST N.S.W. 3 June 1893 on reverse side of the envelope.

Until today, the only known envelope sent registered to New South Wales.

2.6. DESTINATIONS – SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA – 1890



Envelope type #4 sent from ANVERS(PALAIS) 6 November 1890 to BUENOS-AYRES. Arrival date stamp on the reverse side 10 01 90 was impossible. Corrected by hand *Rd 10 Dez 90*.

ARGENTINA – 1893



Envelope type #4 sent registered from LIEGE 11 October 1893 to BUENOS AYRES. Letter postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

DESTINATIONS – SOUTH AMERICA

CHILI – 1891



Envelope type #4 sent registered from ANVERS(STATION) 30 May 1891 to SANTIAGO.
Letter postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).



Copy of arrival date cancel on reverse side of the envelope SANTIAGO CHILE 22 July 1891.

Mail from Belgium to Chili is rare in the 19th century.

DESTINATIONS – SOUTH AMERICA

SURINAME (Dutch colony 1667-1975) – DOUBLE WEIGHT LETTER – 1890



Envelope type #4 sent registered from ANVERS(PALAIS) 2 December 1890
via LONDON 3 December 1890 to PARAMARIBO 26 December 1890.
Postage rate 50 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).



Copy of the arrival date stamp PARAMARIBO 26 October 1890 on the reverse side of the envelope.

DESTINATIONS – SOUTH AMERICA

URUGUAY – 1891



Envelope type #3 sent registered from LIEGE 19 February 1891 via ambulant PARIS AUX PYRENEES 19 February 1891 to BORDEAUX. To MONTEVIDEO on paquebot ORENOQUE, LIGNE J PAQ. FR.N°4 23 February 1891.
Postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

URUGUAY – 1891



Envelope type #4 sent registered from LIEGE 15 April 1891 via ERQUELINNES A PARIS. Via BORDEAUX to MONTEVIDEO. Registration Office of MONTEVIDEO 13 May 1891.
Postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

DESTINATIONS – SOUTH AMERICA

VENEZUELA – 1886



Envelope type #4 sent registered from ST-GILLES-MONNAIE 22 November 1886 via PARIS to CARACAS. Venezuelan boxed registration stamp CERTIFICADO.

Postage rate 25 centimes. Registration fee 25 centimes (1.11.1879 – 1.11.1920).

VENEZUELA – 1893



Envelope type #4 sent REGISTERED from SPA 31 MAI 1893 via PARIS ETRANGER / CHARGEMENTS 1 June 1893 to VALENCIA. Envelope trimmed on the left by opening. Letter postage rate 25 centimes, registration fee 25 centimes. Additional 5 centimes stamp on the reverse side to complete franking.