

above. In the other imitations the breath which ought to issue out of the horses nostrils cannot be seen, and the P in *Pony* is badly shaped. The ornamentation in the corners also is very blotchy and badly defined.

DENMARK.

1852.—*Inscription ; Kgl. Post Frimærke 2 rigsbank skilling blue.*

GENUINE.
The M in Frimærke is neatly printed.

The mouthpiece of the horn is pointed towards the left hand top corner.

The mouthpiece end of the horn is very thin

FORGED.

The second stroke, i. e., the first thick one in the M is clumsily done, and not so thick as the last stroke.

The horn is only slightly curved from the middle to the mouth piece, and therefore does not point up to the corner.

The end is rather thicker.

Postal Chit-Chat.

The following is a comparative statement of Money Orders drawn and paid in the month of July, in the years 1865 and 1866, at the Post Office, St. John :—

1865	1866
Drawn in July \$2358.58.	\$ 1813.82.
Paid in July \$15110.13.	\$17441.71.

By the new act to amend the post laws it is provided that postmasters shall return to the writers free of cost all letters not delivered or called for, when requested so to do by the person mailing them. Persons mailing letters may write on them a request to the postmaster to return the letter to them if not delivered in any number of days they may choose to mention, and it is made the duty of the postmaster to do so.—*Canada paper.*

AN arrangement has been made with the British Post Office for the transmission of book packets and packets containing merchandize of no intrinsic value in covers open at the ends, and subject to the usual regulations by the British mail packets from Panama to any port of the United States of Columbia, to any port in Bolivia, Ecuador, Chili or Peru. New York and San Francisco are the United States offices of dispatch.

WHAT IS MAIL MATTER? The clerks in the New York Post Office had a difficult subject under consideration last Saturday. A boy brought into the newspaper department a book to be sent by mail to Pennsylvania. This book was thin and large, eighteen inches in width and thirty inches in length. Its size was such that it could not be taken into the Post Office window, and it was doubtful if any of the mail bags were wide enough to contain it. But the

book was less than four pounds in weight, and so it seemed to be within the limit allowed by the Post Office regulations. The oldest clerk in the Newspaper department was called to give an opinion as to what should be done ; but he was puzzled, and the subject was then referred to Superintendent Knapp, who decided that, inasmuch as, according to law, the book ought to be carried, it must be received as mail matter, whatever the result might be. Owners of extensive packages like this, it should be understood, must run unusual risks.—*Boston Journal.*

A short time ago one of the route agents on a railroad terminating at New York reported that he had found in a crevice in one of the boxes of his distributing case, two letters of an old date, which had accidentally slipped through and lain concealed there for some months. A careful examination of the car was made, and resulted in the finding of over forty letters which had fallen behind the sloping bottoms of the boxes—some of them having remained there over a year. They had fallen through a space formed by the shrinking of the false bottoms and the backs of the boxes. Route agents would do well to overhaul their cars for these letter traps.—*U. S. Mail.*

"THE Footprints of a Letter Carrier," a book written by Mr. James Rees, a clerk in the Philadelphia Post-office, contains a collection of curious addresses on the backs of letters, which have passed through the author's hands. Among them are the following :

"John Shmeet,
Shemummen Roth,
began Weeter
And Jamphen St.,"

which was ingeniously interpreted—

"John Smith,
Germantown Road,
Between Master and Thompson."

Another is sarcastic :—

"To Albert Walker, an awful talker,
Who lives in Salina—you won't find a meaner
If you travel all day through the state of I-O-A."

A letter addressed

"To John Gillespie,
Camp Cade.
Dell. A. Ware, Pa."

was sent to Camp Cadwallader.

The following was undecipherable :—

"Ns Daniel
lesnut York
nrofflen peidelpha
Pa in cuese oof
obed
Eas Make."

When is a letter carrier like a printer?
When he distributes his letters.