

RATES OF POSTAGE, AND POST OFFICE REGULATIONS, 1855.

Letters not weighing over half an ounce, to any part of the United States not exceeding three thousand miles, 3 cents; and, for any distance exceeding 3,000 miles, 10 cents.

All letters must be pre-paid, or they will not be sent; and, after January 1st, 1856, all letters must be pre-paid, either by Postage-stamps or stamped Envelopes.

Each fractional part of a letter over weight counts a half ounce.

Weekly newspapers (one copy only), sent to actual subscribers within the county where printed and published, go free.

Quarterly Rates of Postage, when paid in advance, on Newspapers and Periodicals sent from the office of publication to actual subscribers.

	Daily.	Six times a week.	Tri-Weekly.	Semi-Weekly.	Weekly.	Semi-Monthly.	Monthly.
	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.	cts.
Newspapers and Periodicals not exceeding 1½ oz. in weight, when circulated in the State where published	22½	19½	9½	6½	3½	1½	½
Newspapers and Periodicals of the weight of 3 oz. and under, sent to any part of the United States	45½	39	19½	13	6½	3	1½
Over 3 and not over 4 ounces	91	78	39	28	13	6	3
Over 4 and not over 5 ounces	1 36½	1 17	58½	39	19½	10	4
Over 5 and not over 6 ounces	1 82	1 56	78	52	26	12	6
Over 6 and not over 7 ounces	2 27½	1 95	97½	65	32½	15	7½
Over 7 and not over 8 ounces	2 73	2 34	1 17	78	39	18	9

POSTAGE ON PRINTED MATTER.

Newspapers, periodicals, unsealed circulars, or other article of printed matter, (except books,) when sent to any part of the United States—3 oz. or under, 1c.; 3 to 4, 2c.; 4 to 5, 3c.; 5 to 6, 4c.; 6 to 7, 5c.; 7 to 8, 6c.

Books, bound or unbound, not weighing over 4 lbs., for any distance under 3000 miles, prepaid—1 oz. or under, 1c.; 1 to 2, 2c.; 2 to 3, 3c.; 3 to 4, 4c.; 4 to 5, 5c.; 5 to 6, 6c.; 6 to 7, 7c.; 7 to 8, 8c.

For any distance over 3000 miles, prepaid—1 oz. or under, 2c.; 1 to 2, 4c.; 2 to 3, 6c.; 3 to 4, 8c.; 4 to 5, 10c.; 5 to 6, 12c.; 6 to 7, 14c.; 7 to 8, 16c.

Transient newspapers, periodicals, &c., sent to any part of the United States, not prepaid—3 oz. or under, 2c.; 3 to 4, 4c.; 4 to 5, 6c.; 5 to 6, 8c.; 6 to 7, 10c.; 7 to 8, 12c.

Bills and receipts for payments of moneys for newspapers may be enclosed in subscribers' papers.

Exchanges between newspaper-publishers, for one copy from each office, free.

Newspapers, &c., to be so enclosed that the character can be determined without removing the wrapper; to have nothing written or printed on the paper or wrapper beyond the direction, and to contain no enclosure other than the bills or receipts mentioned.

Be careful to direct all letters and papers sent by mail, plainly, with place, County and State.

OUR COUNTRY—THE EXTENT OF IT.

According to the Census Report, the area of the United States and territories is 2,936,166 square miles. The following table, taken from that document, but transposed so as to give each its proper rank, shows the area of each State and Territory:—

	Square Miles.		Square Miles.
Nebraska Territory	335,882	North Carolina	50,704
Utah Territory	289,170	Mississippi	47,156
Texas	237,504	New York	47,000
New Mexico Territory	207,007	Pennsylvania	46,000
Oregon Territory	185,030	Tennessee	45,600
Minnesota Territory	166,025	Louisiana	41,355
California	155,980	Ohio	39,964
Washington Territory	123,022	Kentucky	37,680
Kansas	114,798	Indiana	33,809
Indian Territory (Kansas)	71,127	Maine	31,766
Missouri	69,380	South Carolina	29,385
Virginia	61,352	Maryland	11,124
Florida	59,268	Vermont	10,212
Georgia	58,000	New Hampshire	9,280
Michigan	56,243	New Jersey	8,320
Illinois	55,405	Massachusetts	7,800
Wisconsin	53,924	Connecticut	4,674
Arkansas	52,198	Delaware	2,120
Iowa	50,914	Rhode Island	1,360
Alabama	50,722	District of Columbia	60

The Nebraska Territory is large enough to cut up into seven States of the size of New York and leave a surplus of territory large enough for a State of the size of Connecticut; Kansas Territory has an area sufficient to make two States of the size of Ohio and one of the size of Indiana; Texas will make four States of the size of Alabama and one of the size of Indiana; and California has a sufficient area to convert into sixteen States of the size of New Hampshire and a surplus to make one about the size of Massachusetts.