

"TELEGRAPH" in white letters, under, in an inverted keystone is "CO" in solid fancy letters, all on a vertical and horizontal lined tablet.

Lithographed, colored impression on white wove paper, perf., $12\frac{1}{2}$, size 20×25 .

No. 1. 1883.—5c., brown, perf. $12\frac{1}{2}$, size 20×25 .

" 2. " —10c., " " " " "

" 3. " —20c., " " " " "

" 4. " —25c., " " " " "

V.—WESTERN UNION.

These franks are only for the use of the stockholder, or those to whom the free use of the line is given, and were first issued in 1871. In the centre is the word "No." in solid letters, under it in *red* or other *colors* is surcharged the number of the *frank*. In a square, the ground of which is "WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY" repeated many times, shaded towards the bases. Over this square is a double curved solid tablet, on which is the words "TELEGRAPH COMPANY" in white letters; over this, in a solid arched tablet is "WESTERN UNION" in white letters; a white geometric ornament is directly over the square in center. Under the square at base is an oblong table containing the name of the President in solid script, and the word "PRESIDENT" at the base of tablet in solid letters. The ground work of the tablet is "WESTERN UNION" many times repeated in a series of geometrical circles in color. The entire engraving is on a tablet of vertical parallel lines. At the base of the design is the word "COMPLIMENTARY" in white letters on a solid ground.

Engraved.—Colored impression on white wove paper. Perf. 11; size 20×30 .

No. 1, 1871. (No value) green; Wm. Orton, Prest.; type 11; Scott & Co.

" 2, 1872. " vermil; " " " "

" 3, 1873. " blue; " " " "

" 4, 1874. " brown; " " " "

Dated at sides in solid color.

No. 5, 1875. (No value) green; Wm. Orton, Prest.; perf. 11, 25 & 30; type 12.

" 6, 1876. " vermil; " " " "

" 7, 1877. " mauve; " " " "

" 8, 1878. " bistre; " " " "

" 9, 1879. " blue, Norvin Green; " " " "

" 10, 1880. " rose; " " " "

" 11, 1881. " green; " " " "

" 12, 1882. " blue; " " " "

" 13, 1883. " brown; " " " "

" 14, 1884. " violet; " " " "

" 15, 1885. " green; " " " "

" 16, 1886. " mauve; " " " "

" 17, 1887. " ———? " " " "

" 18, 1888. " ———? " " " "

" 19, 1889. " ———? " " " "