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The modern postage stamp then was first used in England about the year 1840. In 1845, E. A. Mitchell, then Postmaster of New Haven, taking advantage of the English idea, made use of a postage stamp of his own, which he continued to use till 1847, when the Government of the United States issued the first American postage Stamps. They were in two denominations.

The 5 cent was a light-brown color, bearing the head of Franklin, and the 10 cent of a grey color, with the effigy of Washington. At that time the rate of postage was five and ten cents, according to distance.

In 1851, a series of six denominations was issued.

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