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## American Rapid Telegraph Company.

(N. Y. C.)

STAMPS, to prepay telegrams for this company, were issued for the convenience of its patrons early in 1881, consisting of eight values: 1c., 3c., 5c., 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c. and 50c. They were, I believe, issued in sheets of one hundred of each value. They are all of the same general design, being a large figure of value on a ground of *lath* work, enclosed by a twelve scalloped line. At the top is "A. M." in upper sinister corner; under it, obliquely, in white letters "RAPID TEL.," a white line under this and "CO." in a curved tablet in dexter corner. At base, slanting the same, is the word "TELEGRAM" in white letters. Four white pearls on each side, above and below ornamental centre, and shaded scroll in lower sinister corner, ornaments at sides in centre. All on bevelled tablet, indented at corners, shaded at dexter and base. Engraved, 20x25 m.m., perf. 11. Col. imp. on white wove paper.

| No. | Value | Color         | C. C. |
|-----|-------|---------------|-------|
| 1.  | 1c.   | black         | —     |
| 2.  | 1c.   | grey or slate | 101.  |
| 3.  | 3c.   | orange        | 8.    |
| 4.  | 3c.   | yellow        | 9.    |
| 5.  | 5c.   | olive brown   | 87.   |
| 6.  | 10c.  | lilac         | 61.   |
| 7.  | 15c.  | emerald green | 35.   |
| 8.  | 20c.  | red           | 116.  |
| 9.  | 25c.  | pink          | 142.  |
| 10. | 50c.  | ultramarine   | 54.   |

The Collect or Unpaid are of the same design as the *Telegram*, save the 1c., which has the figure of value in a circle composed of the words "ONE," repeated many times, and rayed towards the centre. All in the twelve scalloped figure were issued at the same time as the former, and were for the use of the company,—same size and perf. as above.

|         |      |             |       |     |
|---------|------|-------------|-------|-----|
| No. 11. | 1c.  | brown       | C. C. | 78. |
| " 12.   | 5c.  | pale blue   | "     | 49. |
| " 13.   | 15c. | puce brown  | "     | 91. |
| " 14.   | 20c. | olive green | "     | 37. |

The Duplicate are a large numeral of value shaded *dexter*, in an oblong upright curved framed diamond of *lath* work, on a shaded bevelled shield, shaded at base and dexter, containing the letters (in color) in German text "A." in upper sinister "R." upper dexter "T." in lower sinister "and Co.," in lower dexter corners the word "Duplicate," on solid straight tablet at