

offer by letter is accepted in the exact terms by return letter or within any time limit specified, neither the offer nor the acceptance can be revoked by a telegram.

By depositing a letter in a post box, or at the post office, it is legally mailed. By delivery to a telegraph messenger, or at the Telegraph Company's office, the message is legally sent, and, therefore, binding. Delivery of a letter to a postman, who is not the Agent of the post office to receive letters, is not "mailing," according to law.

If an offer is made by mail or telegraph, and states that only the receipt of a letter or telegram constitutes a proper acceptance, the person making the offer is protected. The onus of completing the contract is thrown on the person receiving the offer.

Private boxes, pigeon holes and other letter receptacles may be the cause of trouble and inconvenience, unless properly cared for. A letter may be slipped through a hole in a door and become mixed up with boxes or desks, and eventually swept out and lost. The person or firm responsible for leaving the opening in a door without care, need not be surprised if some day a valuable contract is lost, or if they are held to some offer which has been forgotten.

It is very easy to forget that an acceptance in terms slightly different to the offer, either as to time, place, quantity or quality, is not valid, and the person who made the offer need not honor such an acceptance.

The words "by return mail," may be the loophole through which to escape from an undesirable