

## OLD ENGLISH POSTAL RATES.

COPIED FROM AN OLD GUIDE, PUBLISHED IN 1810.

Rates of postage from the general post-office, Lombard Street, London, to any place in England or Wales:—

### Postage on a single Letter,

From any post-office in England or Wales, to any place not exceeding 15 miles from such office	From any distance above 15 m'ls, and not exceeding 20 m'ls.	4d
" " " " 20 " " "	" " " " 30 " " "	.6
" " " " 30 " " "	" " " " 50 " " "	.7
" " " " 50 " " "	" " " " 80 " " "	.8
" " " " 80 " " "	" " " " 120 " " "	.9
" " " " 120 " " "	" " " " 170 " " "	.10
" " " " 170 " " "	" " " " 230 " " "	.11
" " " " 230 " " "	" " " " 300 " " "	.12

And thus the postage increases progressively, one penny for a single letter, of every like excess of distance of 100 miles.

N.B.—All double, treble, and other letters and packets, whatever, (except by the twopenny post) pay in proportion to the respective rates of a single letter, unless such letter weighs an ounce; in such case it is rated as *four single letters*, and so in proportion for every quarter of an ounce.

FRED. INESON.

## ON REPRINTS,

It is not our "innate selfishness" that causes our "antipathy to reprints," but the simple fact that we are collectors of *stamps*, and not merely specimens of engraving. \* \* \* These things are not *stamps*, and should not be accepted as such by *stamp* collectors.—Major E. B. Evans in the American Philatelist for Nov., 1888.

These latter (reprints) are not *postage stamps*, and the collector of *postage stamps* should not be satisfied with anything but *postage stamps*.—R. R. Bogert in the American Philatelist for Nov., 1888.

## ERRORS IN PERFORATION.

A great deal has been said through the Philatelic press of the United States, about errors in perforation of the stamps, of that country; and so much interest has been aroused that the leader of Philatelic journalism, "The Ameri-

can Philatelist," has deemed the subject worthy its attention.

We wish to call the attention of the philatelic world to the fact that the United States is not the only country that that has errors in the perforation of their stamps. We have recently discovered a number of Canadian stamps with double perforations, some at top only, and others at top and bottom. We have in our possession a pair of Canada three cent stamps having two rows of perforations at top and bottom. We have also a two cent register perforated all around and then diagonally across the upper half of it.

## A COLLECTION STOLEN.

The house of Nathaniel Thayer Kidder, of Milton, Mass., was entered by burglars the night of November 4th, and his valuable collection of stamps stolen, together with silverware and other articles.

Through a circular issued by the Supt. of Boston Police he offers a reward of \$500 for the conviction of the thief and the recovery of the property.

The collection will probably be offered to some stamp dealer for sale. The following is an extract from a circular recently sent out:—

Should it come to your notice, I hope that you will notify me at once, or Mr. Trifet, 408 Washington Street, Boston. Mr. Trifet knows almost every stamp that is in the collection.

A large proportion of the stamps are uncanceled; many are put on with round gummed wafers.

The following are conspicuous for their rarity:—

- Sandwich Islands, 1852, 5 and 13 cts.
- Canada, 12d.
- Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland, 1 shilling.
- Spain, complete.
- Afghanistan, first issue.
- United States, State Department, 2, 5, 10 and 20 dollars, marked "*Specimen.*"
- Russian locals, very complete.
- Naples, Tuscany, all rarities.

I enclose a specimen of paper on which the collection is mounted.

NATHANIEL THAYER KIDDER.  
Milton, Mass.