

Post Office Department.

STATEMENT showing the balance in stock, 30th June, 1897, the balance carried forward, 30th June, 1898, and the quantity and cost of *Mail Bags, Mail Locks, &c.*, obtained and issued to the Postal Service generally through the Postal Stores Branch, from 1st July, 1897, to 30th June, 1898.

	Letter Carriers' Straps.		Patent Slip Label Cases.		Steel Ferrules for Cords.		MAIL LOCKS.				KEYS FOR MAIL LOCKS.				Parcel Post Hampers, new and repaired.		Mail Catching Posts, new and repaired.		Miscellaneous.		VALUE. \$ cts.		
	New.	Repaired.	New.	Repaired.	New.	Repaired.	Ordinary Brass.	International Registered.	Patent Steel Clamp.	Repaired.	Ordinary Brass.	International Registered.	Patent Steel Clamp.	New.	Repaired.	New.	Repaired.	New.	Repaired.				
Balance in stock, 30th June, 1897.....	114	2,719	3,319	11	9,920	11	13	3,217	50	3,086	10	2,824	12	18	13,025	74							
Received—Purchased or repaired.....	212	17,000			582		15	2,220		8					2	387	16,171	31					
Returned from circulation and added to stock for reissue.....		11,089	332		1,651		3	1,661		1,424	1	128	6			4,226	17						
Total.....	326	13,808	20,651	11	12,153	11	31	4,878	2,270	4,518	11	2,952	20	405	33,423	22							
Issued to the Inside Service.....					5					1		2										51	53
" Outside Service.....	219	13,319	19,708		45		16	4,698	2,134	17	3	2,275	14	382	29,278	92							
Total issue.....	219	13,319	19,708		50		16	4,698	2,134	18	3	2,277	14	387	29,330	45							
Balance in stock, 30th June, 1898.....	107	489	943	11	12,103	11	15	180	136	4,500	8	675	6	18	4,092	77							

Concluded.

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