

# The Usage of Switzerland's Imperforate *Sitting Helvetia* Issue of 1854 - 1863

## Introduction

Stamps became obligatory for prepayment of both domestic and international postage on October 11, 1854. Anticipating this need, the Swiss Post Office Department contracted for printing of the imperforate *Sitting Helvetia* in March of 1852. The first stamps were printed in Bavaria on locally made paper. The first use of Swiss-made paper was in 1856. Slow production methods and constantly rising demand for stamps led to many printings, stopgap use of earlier rejected printings on thin paper, and replacement of a hand press with a faster machine press.

## The Challenge

The difficulty of unearthing production details, release dates, and establishing earliest known uses as an alternative to release dates has made this issue a difficult one to catalog and show in exhibit form. This exhibitor's research is resulting in major revisions to catalogs, but the exhibit follows the *Zumstein 2000 Specialized Catalog of Switzerland* listing 31 basic stamps because it is the current generally accepted standard. All issues are featured in this exhibit. New research is highlighted throughout.

Because the exhibit is focused on usages and order of release, used stamps and use of covers are featured. One should not make the mistake that the lack of mint stamps makes this an easy exhibit to assemble. In fact, it is the finest exhibit of this issue assembled to date containing both unrivaled rarity and quality.

## Organization and Presentation

By virtue of the way the stamps were issued with embedded silk threads of various colors, using the classification of the *Zumstein Specialkatalog* of each issue, i.e., Aa, A, B, etc., the exhibit is divided into three parts.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Period 1854 - 1855 Munich Printing (Aa, A, B.) green threads.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Period 1855 - 1857 Bern Printing (C, D, E) different colored threads
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Period 1857 - 1863 Bern Printing (F, G) green threads.

The number of pages devoted to each printing reflects the variations in the number of denominations, number of color varieties, and length of use. These items are shown by issue, by cover, and by other varieties on & off cover showing normal and unusual rates.

Frames/Page	# of Pages	Catalog Identity	Paper	Printing
1/2 - 2/16	15	Aa (4)	Munich	Munich
2/1 - 3/5	21	A (4)	Munich	Munich
3/6 - 4/8	19	B (4)	Munich	Bern
4/9 - 6/4	28	C (4)	Munich/Zurich	Bern
6/6 - 7/5	17	D (3) +1	Munich/Zurich	Bern
7/6 - 7/11	5	E (2)	Munich	Bern
7/12 - 8/12	16	F (4)	Munich	Bern
8/13 - 10/16	38	G (6)	Zurich	Bern

Highlights are shown on red matting.

# Synopsis of The Usage of Switzerland's Imperforate *Sitting Helvetia* issue of 1854 – 1863

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This Traditional Postal exhibit is the Number 1 World -Class Swiss imperforate *Sitting Helvetia* exhibit, a 44-year effort. The issue is one of the Swiss classics, celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2004, commonly called *Strubel*.

## Purpose of the Exhibit

Because 2004 was the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the exhibit is to help show as many different facets of this popular Swiss collecting area, and have the exhibit serve as a resource for current ongoing research dealing with areas of color, silk threads & usages.

## What is Shown

There are individual items, multiple items on and off cover, different stamp combinations, destinations, production, printing, and color varieties, bisected stamps on cover, different cancellations, postal markings, and mixed franking covers. This exhibit is special for the following reasons:

- The exhibit shows all 31 recognized items on cover, also a copy of a newly discovered variety now being discussed by the Swiss philatelic experts, and is the only Strubel exhibit with a single use cover of every value known on cover.
- It is the only 10-frame Strubel exhibit shown in the United States, and it has more unique *Strubel* items than has been shown anywhere at one time
- The present structure is built around many items from past multiple grand award winning exhibits, and contains destination covers not readily known at the time of those exhibits.
- The exhibit contains the finest copy of the second rarest Swiss stamp (it has been previously exhibited as a single item in *The Court of Honor* at several shows).

## Organization & Presentation

By virtue of the way the stamps were issued with embedded silk threads of various colors, using the classification of the *Zumstein Specialized Catalog* of each issue i.e., Aa, A, B, etc., the 7 different issues are divided into three parts: For this issue only, because of the vast variety, experts recommend the use of the numbers, and has been used with all past grand award winners.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Period 1854 – 1855, Munich printing (Aa, A) green threads.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Period 1855 – 1857 Bern printing (C, D,E) different colored threads.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Period 1857 – 1863, Bern printing (F, G) green threads.

## Quality and Challenge Factor

This issue is one of the Swiss classics, and the items are now over 150 years old. Examples of the stamps, covers (or on piece items) are of very highest quality available. There are no damaged or space fillers. Because of such a comprehensive exhibit, it has taken 44 years to accumulate the vast number of rare items that are needed in the exhibit. Many items are in quantities of 20 or less. Exceptional items are matted in red. Examples of singles are used throughout the exhibit, but there it is difficult to show which are more rare than the others. Most thin paper items have certificates.

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Postal Directives On Cancellations  
Production Color Shades

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Emerald  
Printing: Munich

EKU September 15, 1854

October 22, 1850: Only black ink.

August 1, 1851: Only standard obliterating device in form of a grill, to be distributed by Postal Administration to all post offices (not depots).

December 7, 1854: Only grills. (There were a variety of styles and color cancels produced after this date).

May 23, 1857: End of grills, to be replaced immediately by circular date stamps with place names used with black ink.

Orange-Brown Shades



Dull

Light

Dark

Unique Cover - Dark Orange-Brown



Said to be only 3-piece of this dark shade used on cover.  
(Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 1999)

Domestic Postage Rates Based On Distance Zones

Period 1. Rate effective January 1, 1852 - June 30, 1862.

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Zone 1 - Up to 9.6km (6 miles)	5Rp./ $\frac{1}{2}$ loth = $7\frac{1}{2}$ gr. = $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Zone 2 9.6 - 48km (30 miles)	10Rp./ $7\frac{1}{2}$ gr. = $7\frac{1}{2}$ grams
Zone 3 More than 48km.	15Rp./ $7\frac{1}{2}$ grs.

Single Use - Light Orange Brown



ZURICH to RUSCHLIKON, 17 NOV 1854, Zone 1.  
(Attest: Hans Hunziker - 1975)

Multiple Use to Zone 3 - Orange Brown



BASEL to KREUEZLINGEN, 7 APRIL 1855, ordinary mail.  
Less than 18 covers (+/-) said to exist of this multiple.  
(Attest: Andre Nusebaum - 1993)

Cancellations  
Zone 2 Cover Usage

Unique Strip With Blue Cancel



Blue 15-Bar Grill  
(Attest: Hans Hunziker - 1971)

Small "zu spät" = "too late" - Black Grill - Orange Brown



FRUENFELD to ARBON, 9 DEC 1854, ordinary mail.  
About 40 pairs (+/-) said to exist on cover.  
(Attest: Remy Berra-Gautschy - 1999)

Color Varieties

"Error" - No Year In Cancellor - Bright Brown



BREMgarten to MURI, 12 SEPT (1856), ordinary mail.

Zone 3 Letter - Dull Yellow-Brown (with 23A)



COLOMBIER to GENEVA, 6 FEBRUARY 1856.

23Aa

Cancellations & Thread Variety

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Emerald  
Printing: Munich

EKU September 14, 1854

Blue



Two Threads  
(about 1  
of 20 )



15-Bar Grill  
Corner Pair From Sheet  
of 100.

Strong blue color results from fluid appearance of over-inked background (one characteristic of 23Aa) caused by dampening of paper before printing.

Neuchatel 11-Bar Grill - Blue



NEUCHATEL to CHAUX DE FONDS, 21 MAY 55, to Zone 2.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1987)

Cancellations & Shades  
Unlisted Production Variety

Blue Cancellations



Circled P.P.  
Dull Blue



7-Bar Grill  
Blue



15-Bar Grill  
Matte Blue

(Attest: von der Weid - 2003)

Discovery Example - Blue CDS - Dark Blue



OBERRIDEN to WOHLLEN, 23 DEC 1854, zone 2 letter.  
Plate variety - "white line in 1 of 10 of Centesimi."  
(Attest: Hans P. Renggli - 1998)

Zone 2 Letters  
Cancellation & Shades

Blue Circled "P.P." = Postage Paid - Bright Blue



AARAU to BERGDIIETIKON, 10 NOV 1854, on "Nachnahme" = C.O.D.  
(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 1994)

7-Bar Luzern Grill - Dark Blue



LUZERN to SCHWYZ, 10 MAY 1855.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1995)

Registered With Declared Value  
Cancellations & Shades

Boxed CHARGÉE = Registered - Medium Blue



AARAU to AUENSTEIN, 9.12.55, declared value registered letter.  
(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 1994)

Blue Cancels - Dull Light Blue (with 22A)



ST. IMIER to GENEVA, 16 OCT 1854, ordinary mail, Zone 3.  
(Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 1992)

## Cancellation Varieties

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Emerald  
Printing: Munich

EKU October 2, 1854



Black 13-Bar Grill



Ink Cancel



Blue Luzern Grill



Blue 16-Bar Grill

17-Bar Grill  
"A" Plate Variety

Typical paper break in left margin of top stamp (above pair) results from application of gum before printing & embossing, making paper a tough membrane, requiring pressure from the press, and causing paper to crack between plate clitches.

14-Bar Grill - Dull Rose



s/1 MOGELSBERG to WATTWYL 26 FEB 55, Zone 1 letter.  
(Attest: Fritz Moser - 1978)

Cancellations & Shades  
Cash Collection Service

Matte Rose

Dull Rose

Rose



Blue Town

Red Grill

Blue Grill

Post Office Cash Collection Service

Limit for cash collection service by letter post increased to 30frs. on January 1, 1852. Collection fee was 1% of amount to be collected, rounded up to the next 10c. Recipient had to give letter carrier total of debt, fee, and postage. Post Office remitted full amount to sender (less postage and fees), similar to C.O.D.

"Nachnahme" = Cash Collection Letter - Rose (with 23A)



NEUCHÂTEL to GENEVA, 3 JAN 1854, with red & blue inscriptions.  
15c/7gr. for franking over 48kms. (30+ miles).  
10c fee to collect 4fr. 15c cash.  
(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 1995)

Zone 3 Mail Usages

Single Use - Light Pale Rose



ZURICH to DELEMONT, 17 MAR 1855, ordinary mail.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1991)

"Nachnahme" - Blue Cancels - Dark Pale Rose (with 23Aa)



FRICK to HAGDEN, 27 SEPT 1855, "Nachnahme" = cash collection letter.  
A difficult combination franking with blue s/l GIPF-OBERFRICK cancels.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1992)

## Cancellation Ink Composition

Typical smeary cancellation with greasy appearance, caused when Post Office ignored federally recommended recipe for ink and used printers black with pork fat instead of linseed oil to keep ink fluid.

## Pale Yellow-Green



7-Bar Grill    13-Bar Grill    14-Bar Grill

## To France - Heavy Blurred Inking - Pale Yellow Green



TAVANNE to PARIS 2 JUN 1855, with red transit & boxed PD.  
 40¢/7½ gr. from 2nd Swiss zone (30+ miles) to beyond adjoining dept. in France  
 Rate September 14, 1854 - August 14, 1859.  
 (Attest: A. von der Weid - 1989)

Obligatory prepayment of international letters began on October 1, 1854, same day as for domestic letters.

One Of A Kind Items  
Unusual International Usage

Very Pale Yellow-Green



Blue 15-Bar Grill  
(Attest: Hans Hunsiker - 1971)

To U.S.A. - Postage Due 20¢ - Pale Yellow Green (with 25B & 22G)



ZURICH to NEW ORLEANS, 18 NOV 1855, ordinary mail, PP, 2nd Rate Period.  
65¢/7½gr. by American Packet from Le Harve, France, via New York.  
Rate of December 15, 1854 - December 31, 1856.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1995)

International Usages  
Special Rate Frankings

To Ireland - Pale Yellow Green (with 24A)



UNTERSEEN to ALLRIDGE, 4 JULY 1855, ordinary mail, PD.  
35c/7cgr. for pre-stamped letter (special rate - 65c at post office).  
Rate of December 15, 1854 - August 18, 1859.  
(Attest: Remy Berra-Gautschy - 1999)

To England - Light Yellow-Green (with 22Ad)



THURNEN to LIVERPOOL, 10 MAY 1855, an also pre-stamped letter.  
(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 1999)

International Usage to United States  
Unique Margin Copy Multiple

Stafa to New-York - Pale Yellow-Green (with 24B)



135c/7½gr. via British Packet from via Liverpool, ordinary mail.  
"PD" = Paid to country of destination. 5¢ assessed for inland postage.  
Rate of U. S. - British Treaty, December 15, 1854 - December 31, 1856.  
(Attest: J. P. Bach; M. Eichele; E. Rellstab, AIEP - 2000)

New Color Brown

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Emerald  
Printing: Munich

EKU September 21, 1854

Swiss postal authorities ordered color changed from orange-brown to brown to distinguish 5c more easily from 15c rose in artificial post office light.

Some Cancellations & Shades



Blue P.P.  
Gray Brown



13-Bar Grill  
Deep Reddish Brown



Brown Crayon  
Doe Brown



16-Bar Grill  
Matte Brown



Blue Grill  
Doe Brown



9-Bar Grill  
Red Brown



Blue CDS  
Reddish Brown



14-Bar Grill  
Gray Brown



Green Grill  
Pale Matte Brown



15-Bar Grill  
Gray Brown

Zone 1 Letters  
(Optional Return Receipt)

Bottom Stamp Without Thread Variety - Doe Brown



USTER to VOLKENSWEIL, 18 NOV 1854 (inside) on nachnahme.  
5c added for optional return receipt making 60c total.  
To August 1, 1860 receipt was obligatory on collections of 6frs. or more.  
A difficult combination cover - could be the only one!  
(Attest: Fritz Moser - 1976)

Local Area Letter - Reddish Brown



Letter delivered within Geneva, 14 JAN 1855, ordinary mail.

Zone 2 Letter Usages  
Cancellations & Shades

Black Grill & Thimble Cancel - Reddish Brown



WINTERTHUR to ZURICH, 12 MAY 1855, ordinary mail on cover front.

Blue 7-Bar Grill & Thimble - Deep Brown



LUZERN to WILLISAU, 23 OCT 1854, ordinary mail.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1999)

Zone 3 Letter Usages  
Cancellations & Shades

No Grill Cancel - Bright Reddish Brown



GIORNICO to LUGANO, 2 JAN 1855, ordinary mail on cover front.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1972)

Blue Cancels - Light Matte Brown



MORAT to SOMISWALD, 3 OCT 1854, ordinary mail.  
Very early usage - 12 days after issue day.

## Varieties &amp; Shades

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Emerald  
Printing: Munich

EKU September 14, 1854

Bright Blue



Misplaced Thread

Blue

Double Thread  
VarietyOlive-Yellow Thread  
(see right edge)  
Not submerged in blue vat  
to make emerald color."Star" Plate  
Variety

Two-Thread Variety - Light Blue



RUSSWIL to BURONM, 22 MAR 1856, ordinary mail, Zone 2.

Cancellations & Shades  
Authorized Bisect

Blue Cancellations



LUZERN  
Blue

Boxed PD  
Bright Blue

13-Bar Grill  
Blue

Black Grill Cancellations



11-Bar  
Blue

7-Bar  
Blue

15-Bar  
Blue

Blue Cancellations

Half Used For Zone 1 Letter - Blue



KUSSNACHT to LUZERN, 26 MAY 1855, ordinary mail.  
Fewer than 20 of this bisect said to exist.  
(Attest: Briefmarkprufestelle Basel - 2000)

Authorized Bisect Variety

Zone 3 Letter Usage - Light Blue



WEINFELDEN to SEEWIS, 1 JAN 1855, ordinary mail.  
About 15 (+/-) of this combination said to exist.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1991; Emil Rellstab - 1991)

Mixed Franking Usage  
International Multi-Stamp Combination Usage

Combination Possible For 15 Days - Blue



AARAU, 29 SEPT 1854, on folded collection letter.  
Combination authorized from September 15 - 30, 1854  
About a dozen covers (+/-) of this combination said to exist.  
(Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 1996)

To U.S.A. - Postage Due 5¢ - Blue (with 26Aa)



GENEVA to JERSEY CITY, 9 OCT 1855, ordinary mail, 2nd Rate Period.  
130c/15gr. from Zone 2 - 5¢ assessed at Boston.  
Rate of December 15, 1854 - December 31, 1856.  
(Attest: Henry C. Gibson - Signed)

Cancellations & Shades

Blue Grill & Thimble Cancels - Blue



BERN to WORB, 22 NOV 1854, ordinary mail to zone 2.  
(Attest: Frits Moser - 1976)

Blue-Green Cancels - Light Blue (with 22A)



SCHWANDEN to STANZ, 3 MAR 1855, ordinary mail to zone 3.

Domestic Cash Collection Letters  
Combination Frankings

Zone 1 Letter - Blue (with 22A)



ZOFINGEN to UERKHEIM, 20 DEC 1854.  
Assessed 10c fee to collect 65c.

An Oversize Zone 1 Letter - Light Blue (with 24Aa)



KULM to TRIENGEN, 20 DEC 1854.  
A difficult franking combination on an interesting usage.  
(Attest: Fritz Moser - 1973)

Zone 2 Cash Collection Letters  
Cancellations & Shades

Blue Cancel - Bright Blue - Munich Plate II



DAGMERSELLEN to REIDEN, 31 OCT 1855, to collect 1fr. 55c.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

s/1 Schachen + 8-Bar Cancels - Light Blue (with 22A)



SCHACHEN to RAMOOS, 16 MAR 1855, to collect 3fr. 95c.



Cancellation & Shade Varieties



Boxed PD  
Pale Rose



Red Pen Cancel  
Rose



Blue Grill  
Rose



13-Bar Grill  
Vivid Rose



9-Bar Grill  
Pale Rose



7-Bar Grill  
Rose



16-Bar Grill  
Deep Rose



Not Listed Grill  
Rose

12-Bar Grill - Rose



BASEL to MESSEN, 18 MARCH 1855, ordinary mail.

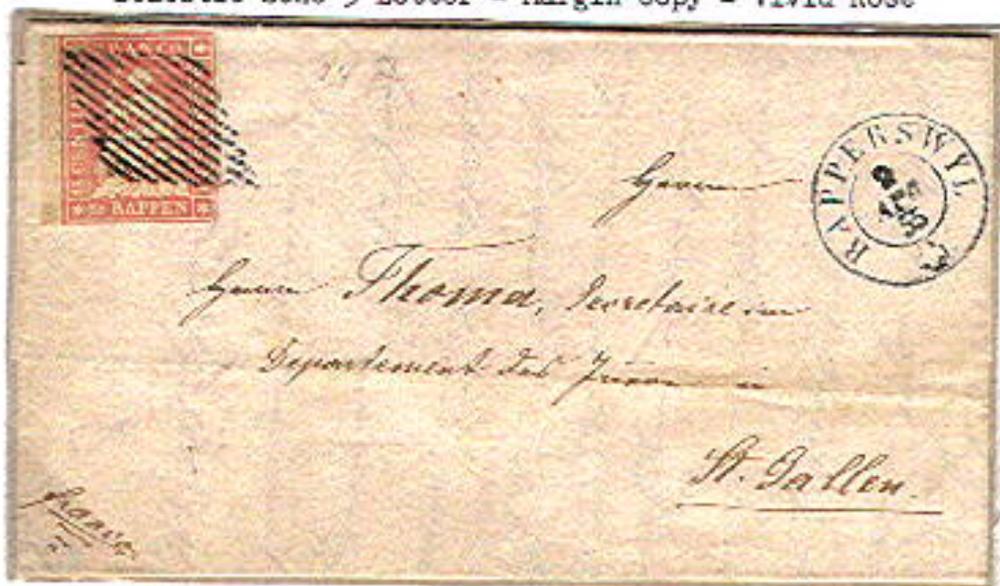
Foreign & Domestic Usages  
Cancellations & Shades

To France - Circled "7/A.E.D." - Rose (with 25B)



BASEL to BARR, 10 OCT 1855, ordinary mail, PD.  
35c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. for more than 30 miles from the border.  
"7/A.E.D" = "Hunique/Affranchie a l'Etranger jusqu'a Destination."  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

Domestic Zone 3 Letter - Margin Copy - Vivid Rose



RAPPERSWYL to ST. GALLEN, 9 APRIL 1855, ordinary mail.

Cancellations  
Improper Usages

With Grill Cancels - Vivid Rose (with 22A)



ST. GALLEN to RAVENSBURG, 7 NOV 1854, ordinary mail.  
Postal Directive September 1, 1854: Circular date stamps and straight-line  
hand-stamps permitted again in cancellers from October 1, 1854.  
(an improper usage)

Thimble Cancels Only - Pale Rose (with 22A)



FOUNTAINES to LENSBOURG, 16 DEC 1854, ordinary mail.  
Postal Directive, December 7, 1854: Only grills.  
(another improper usage)

## New Green Color

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Emerald  
Printing: Munich

EKU September 14, 1854

Swiss postal authorities ordered less palid yellow green color for more clarity of design.



PD Cancel  
Light  
Yellow-  
Green



13-Bar Grill  
Light  
Yellow-  
Green



14-Bar Grill  
Yellow-Green



14-Bar Grill  
Yellow-Green

(Typical paper break below second single and above bottom pair)

To England - Light Yellow-Green (with 24Aa)



ZURICH to LONDON, 14 JAN 1855, with London Paid & red transit cancel.

55c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. in stamps already affixed to cover - or -  
65c cash at time of mailing.

Rate of December 15, 1854 - August 14, 1859.

(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 1989)

Cancellations & Shades

Typical paper breaks on 5-piece multiple on left margin, between pair, and bottom of left bottom single.



PD  
Yellow-Green



Blue COUVET  
Green



BRUGG  
Yellow-Green

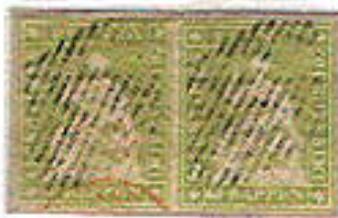


14-Bar Grill  
Green

16-Bar Federal Grill

Yellow-Green

(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1994)



Eidgen Grill  
Pale Yellow-Green



15-Bar Grill  
Green

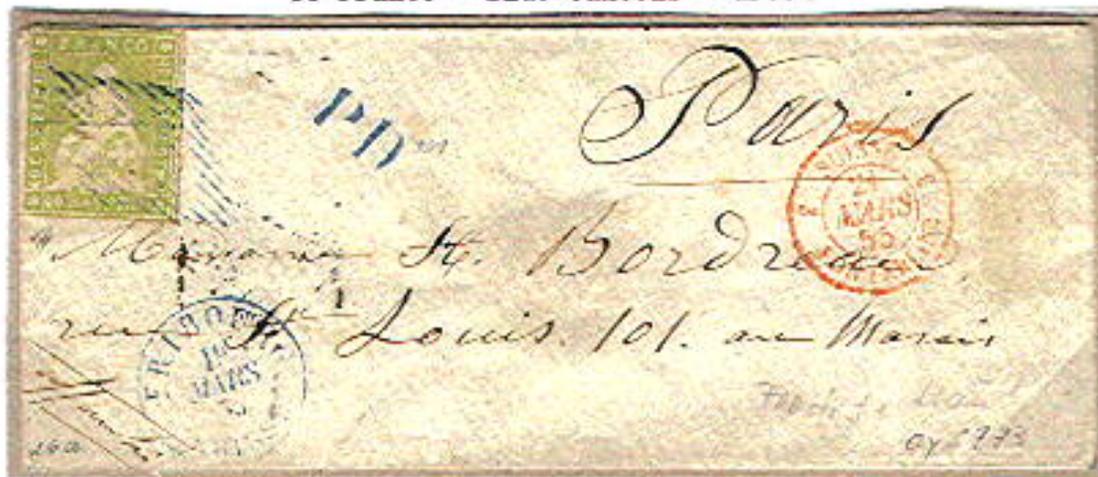
International Usages  
Cancellations & Shades

To France - Right Margin Copy - Yellow-Green



STAPA to LYON, 13 APRIL 1855, ordinary mail, PD.

To France - Blue Cancels - Green



FRIBOURG to PARIS, 16 MARCH 1855, ordinary mail, PD.

International Usages  
Special Rate Combination Frankings

To Great Britain - Yellow-Green (with 23A & 24A)



ROMONT to CHATHAM, 25 DEC 1854, ordinary mail, PD (blue).  
55c/7½gr. in stamps already affixed to cover, or 65c cash time of mailing.

To Great Britain - Green (with 22A & 24A)



LAUSANNE to DERBYSHIRE, 18 DEC 1854, ordinary mail, PD.  
60c/7½gr. via France from Swiss Zone 1.  
Rate of 50c in stamps already affixed or 60c cash at time of mailing.  
Rate of December 15, 1854 - August 14, 1859.

International Usages  
Cancellations & Shades

To European Turkey - Green-Blue Cancels - Green (with 24A)



GENEVA to CONSTANTINOPLE, 18 NOV 1854, ordinary mail, PD.  
Large margin copy specimen stamps.  
(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 2003)

To France - Red Cancels - Pair - Yellow Green



ZURICH to LYON, 8 DEC 1854, ordinary mail, PD.  
Red "7/A.E.D" = "Huningue/Postage fully paid" - in France.  
(Attest: H. P. Ronggli - 1999)



Four Plate Layouts

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Emerald  
Printing: Bern  
Plates: I, II

EKU November 6, 1854

Following breakdown of presses at University of Munich printery in November 1852 and lengthy repairs, Swiss Postal Department canceled it's contract for stamps, entrusting printing to Federal Mint in Bern in March, 1854, and ordered Munich to turn over all printed and unprinted paper.

Printing for the 1st Bern period (Nos. B and F, all with green silk threads), 2nd Bern period (Nos. C, D, and E, with different colored threads) and 3rd Bern period (No. G, with green threads) are divided according to Plates I and II for 25-stamp sheets and Plates III and IV for 50-stamp sheets.

The differences among stamps from the four plates are the amount of space between cliches, regularity of cliche alignment, completeness of printed frame lines, and source of paper. Not all stamps were printed from all four plates. Shown below are examples of Plates I & II.

Plate I  
Wide Gutters  
(.7.1mm)  
Frames Complete

Plate II  
Medium Gutters  
(.3.7mm)  
Frames Incomplete



Brown



Light Matte Brown



Light Matte Brown



Matte Gray-Brown



Dull Brown

5Rp. Milky-Blue "Error of Color"

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Green  
Printing: Bern

ERU Cover Date June 26, 1856

Color similiar to No. 23Ca  
Paper almost as thin as that used for No's E & F.  
(with characteristally displaced threads)



Error



Normal

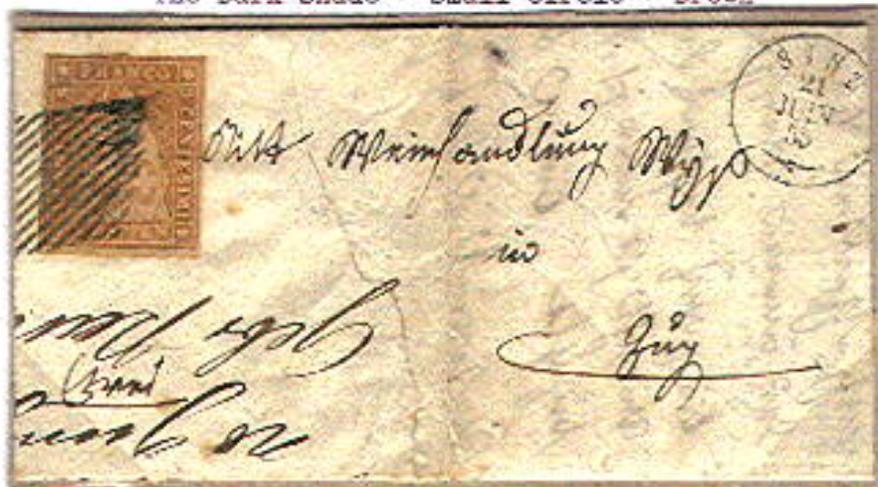
(Attest: Zumstein - 1995)

Only 5 copies of this error said to exist: 2 unused, 2 used, and 1 on cover dated June 26, 1856 from Basel Court of Law to the District Court of Law in Gelterkinder, but as far as been reported none has been reported since the end of the 19th century. After the 5c Rayed Star Postage Due stamp, this is the 2nd rarest Swiss stamp.

According to "Zumstein," the stamp is not represented in the Swiss Postal Museum nor is there any record of its existence in the Postal Museum's archives.

Cancellations & Shades

The Dark Shade - Small Circle - Brown



SINS to ZUG, 22 JUNE 1855, ordinary mail, folded cover.

The Lighter Shade - Bigger Circle - Matte Gray-Brown



BASEL to ARLESHEIM, 12 SEPT 1857, ordinary mail to zone 1.



Cancellations & Shades

Pair On Zone 2 Letter - Pale Gray-Brown



THUN to BERN, 4 SEPT 1856, ordinary mail to zone 2.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

"Double Rate" Letter - Very Pale Matte Brown (with 24B)



BERGDORF to GENEVA, 30 AUG 1856, ordinary mail to zone 2.  
(Attest: Moser - Signed)

## Different Trimmed Margins

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Emerald  
Printing: Bern  
Plates: I, II

EKU March 17, 1855

Blue

Pale Blue

Light Blue



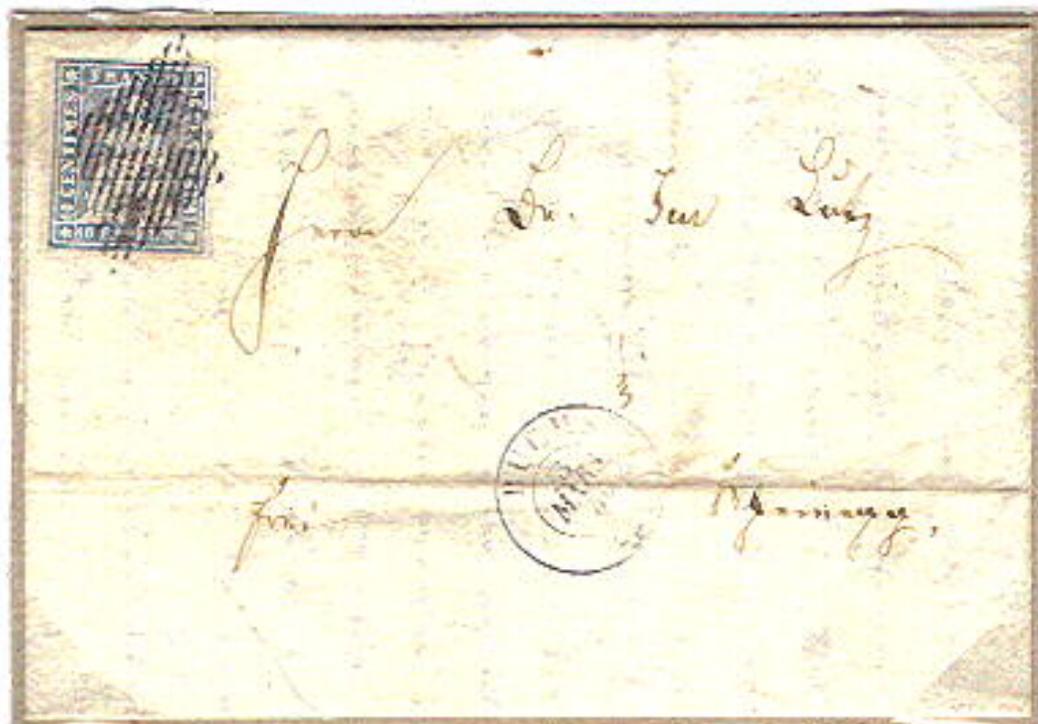
Corner Copy

Corner Copy

Top Margin - Plate I

The above stamps with trimmed margins. It has been said Postal Officials sometimes trimmed panes of 25 stamps so they would fit into special envelopes for distribution to post offices.

Left Margin Copy - Light Blue



BUCHS to RHEINECK (Rheinegg), 23 MARCH 1856, ordinary mail.



Misdirected Letter

Altnau, Sept. 25, 1856,  
stampless letter with  
postage paid, marked  
"franco" and with red  
lines, 10c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. for  
Zone 2 letter.

Transit marks: Frau-  
enfeld Sept. 25 (#1)  
and Munchweilen Sept.  
26. (#2)

Tobel (Canton of  
Thurgau) Justice of  
Peace refused letter  
with notation along  
bottom: "With post-  
age to pay not  
acceptable."

All in 6 Days! - Blue



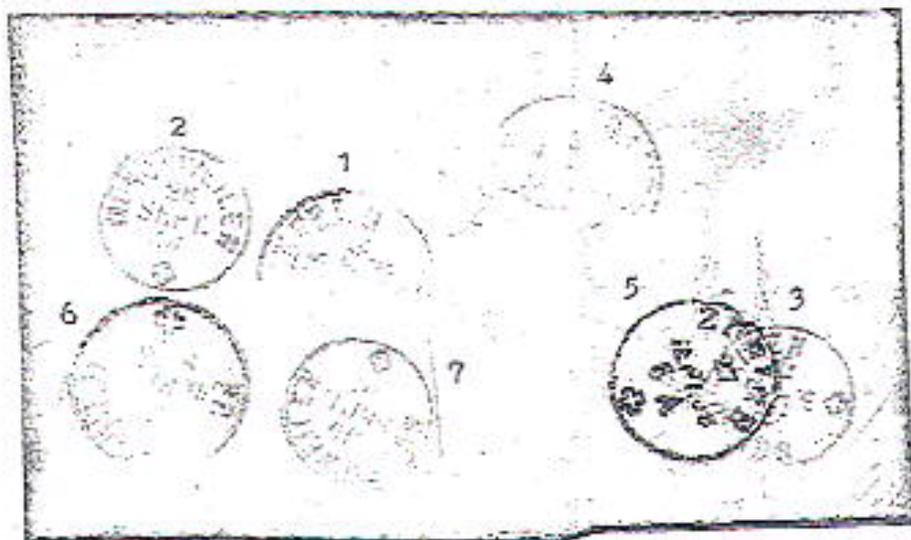
Returned to Altnau via Munchweilen Sept. 27, (#3) and Fruenfeld Sept. 27, (#4)

Back to Altnau, stamp placed on letter for remailing.

Sent by mistake via Zurich Sept. 27 (#5) to another Tobel (Canton of Zurich),  
small village with no Justice of Peace.

Redirected via Frauenfeld Sept. 29. (#6) and Munchweilen Sept. 30, (#7) to  
right destination.

Total elapsed time six days.



2nd & 3rd Zone Letters

Thread Shows on Printed Side - Light Blue



LAUSANNE to PRUY, 15 MAY 1856, to Zone 2, ordinary mail.

Margin Copy - Dull Light Blue (with 22A)



BASEL to LAUSANNE, 13 MARCH 1856, Zone 3, ordinary mail.

## Cancellations &amp; Shades

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Emerald  
Printing: Bern  
Plates: I, II

EKU January 29, 1855

Rose &amp; Matte Lilac Rose



16-Bar Grill

13-Bar Grill

7-Bar Grill

STEIN CDS

15-Bar Grill

Three Different Shades



Dual Cancels

Wimmis Grill  
(Attest: E. Rellstab)

Boxed CHIASSO

13-Bar Grill - Matte Lilac Rose - Plate I



LAUSANNE to GSTEIG, 8 MAY 1856, ordinary mail, Zone 3.  
(Attest: Fritz Moser - 1974)

Cancellations & Shades



Blue 15-Bar Grill



Blue PD & Grill  
Dull Rose



Black Pen  
Rose



8-Bar Grill  
Rose

Large Red St. Gallen Cancel - Strong Rose



ST. GALLEN to RAPPERSWIL, 2 AUGUST 1855, ordinary mail.

Cancellations & Shades  
A Case of Scissor Use

Double Circle Cancel - Matte Lilac Rose



FRIBOURG to COURTELARY, 25 OCT 1855, ordinary mail.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

To France - No Grill - Lilac-Rose - Plate II (with 25B)



GENEVA to CHATEAU near Montignac, 17 JULY 1857, ordinary mail, PD.  
35c/7½gr. from Swiss border zone (0 - 30 miles) to beyond French Dept.  
Rate of September 4, 1854 - August 14, 1859.

15c with parts of 5 other stamps at top, right side, & bottom, sheet margin on the side. (Finest known example on cover.)

## Cancellations &amp; Shades

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Emerald  
Printing: Bern  
Plates: I, II

EKU October 14, 1854

First stamp printed in Bern: carefully printed with sharp definition, good color dispersion, and deep embossing.



7-Bar Grill  
Yellow-Orange



15-Bar Grill  
Pale Yellow-Orange



7-Bar Grill  
Yellow-Orange



13-Bar Grill  
Orange-Yellow



WIMMIS Grill  
Pale "Y-O"



Blue LUZERN  
Orange-Yellow



11-Bar Grill  
Yellow-Orange

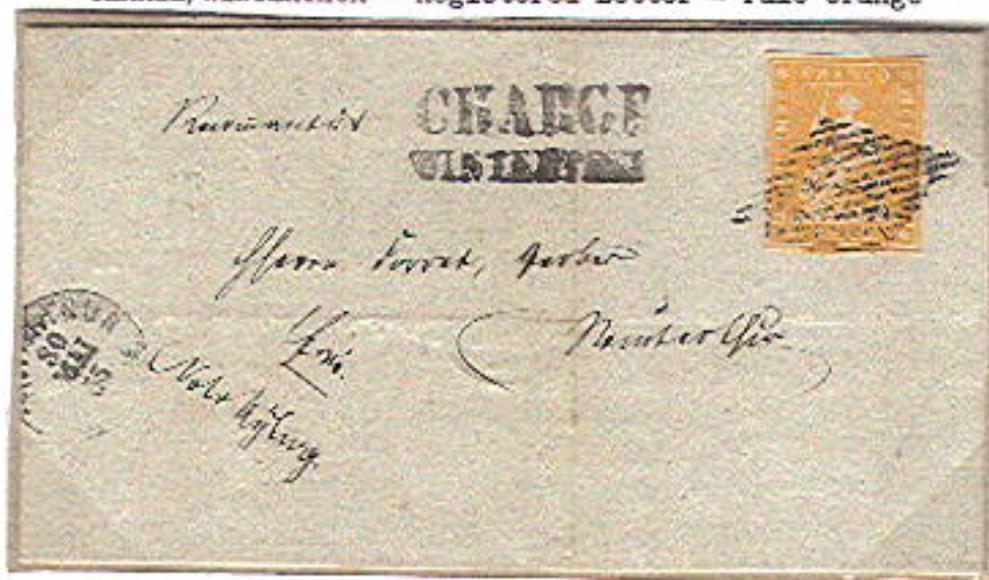
Blue "Embassy" & "Nachnahme" Cancels - Pale Yellow-Orange



LUZERN to TRIENGEN, 25 DEC 1854, collection letter.  
Boxed "Staatskanzlei Luzern" = Federal Chancellery (Embassy).

Two Types Of Registered Letters  
Cancellations & Shades

CHARGE/WINTERTHUR = Registered Letter - Pale Orange



WINTERTHUR to ?, 30 MAY 1856, zone 2 registered letter.  
10c/7½gr. franking + equal amount for registration fee.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

Blue s/l Town Spelling Error - Pale Yellow-Orange



WILLISAU (spelled Willinau) to MAUENSEN, 23 JAN 1855, zone 2 letter.  
The No. 17, red lines, and bottom script shows the cover is registered.  
The reverse also shows receiver cancels of Sursee & Luzern, same date.

Two Types Of Letters  
Cancellations & Shades

Cash Collection Letter - Dark Yellow-Orange



LIESTAL to OBERWYL, 13 DEC 1854, "Nachnahme."  
10c/7½gr. zone 2 franking + 10c to collect 1fr. 50c.

Double s/l Charge - Dark Orange



BELP to WATTENWYL, 12 MAY 1856, registered letter.  
Note: Only letters with declared value were marked with "Charge."

Border Zone Letters  
Cancellations & Shades

To Sardinia - "Verbano" - Lake Ship Mail - Pale Yellow-Orange



LOCARNO to PALLANZA, 19 APRIL 1855, via Lake Maggiore Steamer  
20c/7½gr. (instead of 40c) between P.O.'s within 30km of the border.  
Rate of April 1, 1851 - October 31, 1859.

To France - Double Rate Border Letter - Orange-Yellow (with 230)



BASEL to MULHOUSE, 15 APRIL 1857, ordinary border mail.  
15c/7½gr. x 2 for 8gr. letter.  
(going between border zones no more than 30kms apart)  
Rate of September 14, 1854 - August 14, 1859.

Special Rates  
Cancellations & Shades

To Scotland - Pale Yellow-Orange (with 26A & 22B)



ZURICH to LOGAN, 25 DEC 1854, with "N:Abg" = too late for mail coach.  
55c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. to Great Britain via France from 2nd Swiss zone (30+ miles).  
(55c in stamps already affixed or 65c cash at mailing time)  
Rate of December 15, 1854 - August 14, 1859.

To France - Double Rate - Yellow-Orange (with 26A & 23B)



BASEL to BESANCON, 13 SEPT 1855, ordinary mail, PD.  
35c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. x 2 from Swiss border zone (0 - 30 miles).  
(to beyond border department in France)  
Rate of September 14, 1854 - August 1, 1859.  
(Attest: Kurt Kimmel - 1974)

Combination Frankings  
Obligatory Return Receipt For Collection

More Than 30 Miles Of Border - Yellow-Orange (with 24A)



GENEVA to LYON, 5 MAY 1855, to beyond border dept. of France.

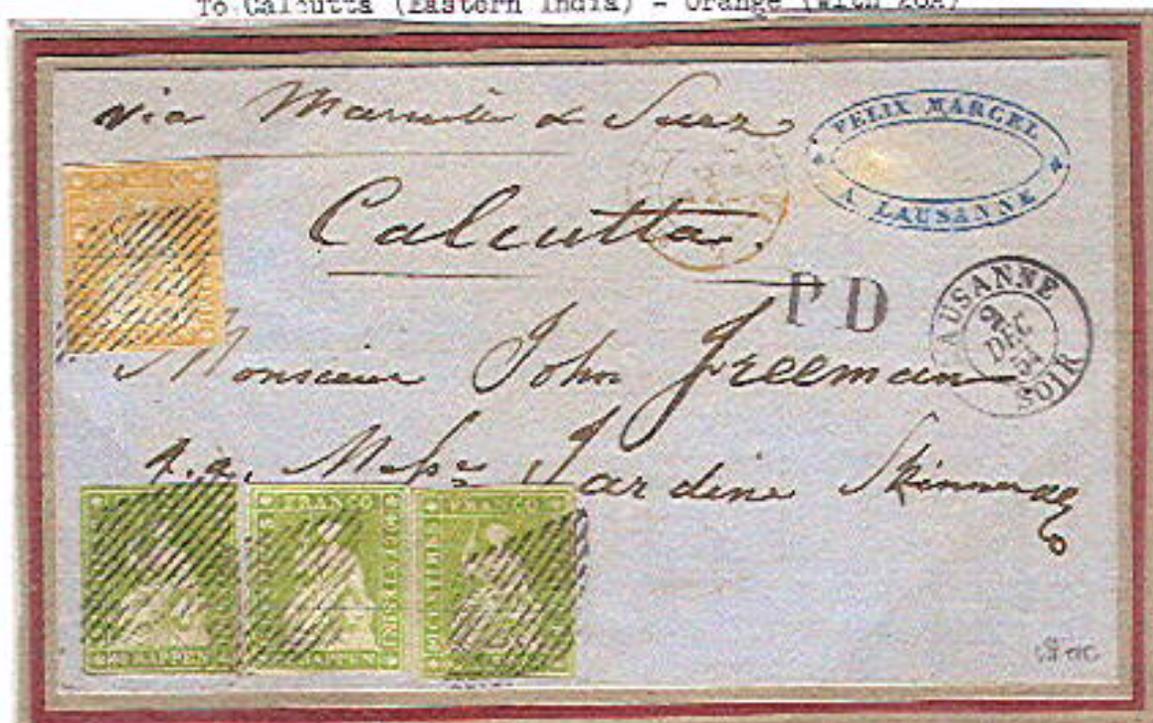
Nachnahme With Return Receipt - Yellow-Orange (with 24B)



SONVILLIER to LE NOIRMONT, 13 JULY 1856, cash collection letter.  
10c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. for zone 2, 80c to collect 77frs. 32c; 5c added for return receipt.  
(obligatory return receipt for collection of at least 6fr. with cash payment)  
Rate of January 1, 1852 - September 30, 1858.  
(Attest: Fritz Moser - 1974)

Remote Destination  
Overfranked Letter

To Calcutta (Eastern India) - Orange (with 26A)



LAUSANNE to CALCUTTA, 2 DEC 1854, ordinary mail, PD.  
110c/7½gr. from Swiss zone 2 to Marseille, France, to Suez, to destination.  
Rate valid from January 1, 1854 to December 14, 1854.

A one of a kind item.

(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1996; Urs Hermann - 2005)

The excess franking (30R) can be explained that the sender wanted the letter to reach without cost to addressee, explaining the "PD" designation.

Thread Color Change

EKU May 30, 1855

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Yellow  
Printing: Bern  
Plates: I, II

Director of Bern Mint decided in October, 1854 to employ different color thread in paper for each denomination as a further security measure, retaining emerald for the 20c stamp.

Light Brown



14-Bar Grill Plate I      ZURICH (thimble cds)      15-Bar Grill      7-Bar Grill

Plate Fault - Cleft In Upper Right Corner - Brown



BATTERKINDEN to FRAUBRUNNEN, 10 DEC 1855, ordinary mail.

Color Varieties

Light Matte Brown



LUZERN  
7-Bar Grill



LUZERN  
9-Bar Grill

Matte Gray-Brown



URNASH  
Plate II

Yellow-Brown



Pre-Printing  
Paper Fold



"R" Plate  
Variety



Zone 1 Letter - Margin Copy - Yellow-Brown



RORSCHACH to RHEINECK, 6 DEC 1857, ordinary mail.

Color Varieties

"Error" - No Year In Cancellor - Bright Brown



BREMGARTEN to MURI, 12 SEPT (1856), ordinary mail.

Zone 3 Letter - Dull Yellow-Brown (with 23A)



COLOMBIER to GENEVA, 6 FEBRUARY 1856.

Cancellations & Shades  
Authorized Bisect

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Light Red  
Printing: Bern  
Plates: I, II, III

EKU Julu (?), 1856

Milky Blue



BIENNE

BREMgarten

Blue Grill

Bern replacement of handpress for 25-stamp sheets with mechanical press for 50-stamp sheets, increased supply of stamps, for the space between cliches, 0.1.05 to plate III & .0.3.05 on plate IV. In addition, Plate III held irregularly alligned cliches and printed very incomplete stamp frame lines.

Half Used For Zone 1 Franking - Light Blue



CHIASO to COLDRERIO, 3 "GEN" 1858, ordinary mail.  
One of five existing examples said to exist of this bisect.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1982)

Thread & Color Varieties  
Lake Ship Mail

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Red  
Printing: Bern  
Plate: III

EKU January 6, 1858

## Dark Red Thread



Dark Blue

Green Blue

Gray-Blue

## Light Red Thread



Dark Blue

Intense Blue

Dull Blue

Light Blue

To Kingdom of Sardinia - Lake Ship Mail - Light Blue



WEESEN to MASSERANO, 2 DEC 1858, with circled & script PD.  
40c/7gr. via Lake Maggiore Steamer (Verbano cancel), direct exchange.  
Rate of April 1, 1861 - June 30, 1862.

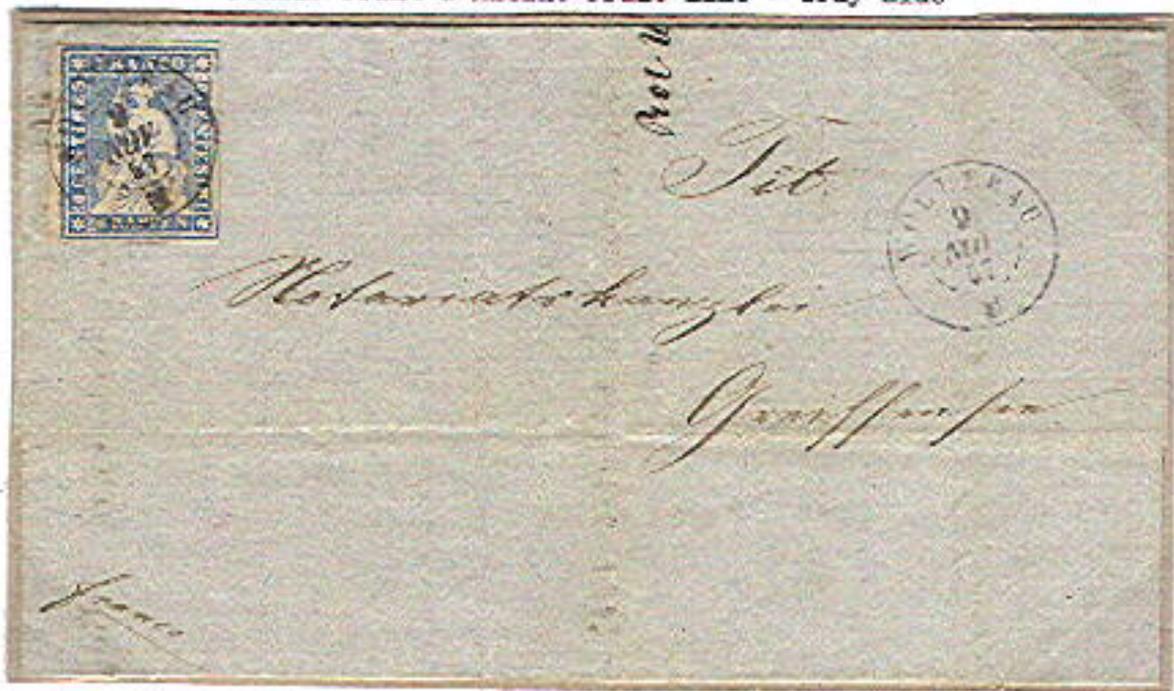
Production & Color Varieties



Cleft in Frame Double Print Split Frames



Double Print & Albino Frame Line - Gray Blue



WOLLERAU to GRIEFENSEE, 9 NOV 1857, ordinary mail.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1997)

Color Varieties

S/1 "Wülen" Cancel - Bright Milky-Blue



WÜLEN (Wilen) to SCHAFFHAUSEN, 28 DEC 1856, ordinary mail.

Darker Shade - Matte Milky-Blue



PORRENTROY to DELEMONT, 7 DECEMBER 1856.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

Cancellations & Shades

No Grill - Bottom Margin Copy - Dull Blue



BERLINGEN to PFFINGAN, 2 SEPT 1858, ordinary mail.

Dark Blue Cancels - Gray-Blue



KALTBRUNNEN to RAPPERSWIL, 3 SEPT 1856, ordinary mail to zone 2.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

Different Markings

"Recommandirt" = Registered Letter - Dull Blue - Plate III



ZURICH to OBERWYL, 19 AUGUST 1858, to Zone 2.  
"Recommandirt" = Registered with no stated value.

"Trop Tard" = Too Late (for coach) - Greenish-Blue



LAUSANNE to AIGLE, 24 JULY 1856.  
Marking seldom used and difficult to find.

Cancellations & Shades  
International Usage

Margin Copy - Blue



SCHAFFHAUSEN to OBERSTAMMHEIM, 9 JULY 1857, ordinary mail.

To France - "Haut Rhin" - Blue (with 24B)



BASEL to HAUT RHIN (old name for Alsace), 18 FEB 1857, ordinary mail.

Refused Collection Letter  
International Usage

Returned To Sender - Blue - Plate II



SCHLIERBACH to LUZERN (via Buren), 22 APRIL 1859, Nachnahme.  
Sender obligated to pay 20c postage & fee + additional 10c return postage.

To Wurttemberg - Blue - Plate III



HAUSEN to CONSTANZ, 6 AUGUST 1857, ordinary mail.  
10c/15gr. x 2 zones (1 Swiss, 1 German-Austrian).  
Rate of October 15, 1862 - August 31, 1868.

Registered Letters

"Charge" = Registered Letter - Greenish-Blue



BELP to WATTENWYL, 14 AUGUST, registered letter to zone 2.

Official Registered Letter - Dull Blue - Plate III



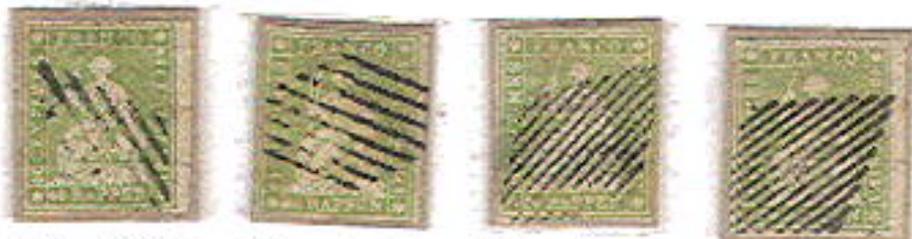
LAUSANNE to CHATEAU D'OR, 22 SET 1857. with official government seal.  
15c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. for 30+ miles (doubled for registration).

Paper: Munich  
 Thread: Red Brown  
 Printing: Bern  
 Plates: I, II, III

EKU February 17, 1855

First Printing 1855 - 1858  
 Good Embossing

Green



9-Bar Grill    8-Bar Grill    13-Bar Grill    15-Bar Grill

Yellow-Green



FRIBOURG

BASEL  
 Plate II

GENEVE

Second Printing 1858 - 1860  
 Poor Embossing

Yellow-Green

Green



2 Threads  
 21mm apart  
 (usually 25)

WATTWYL

LOCLE  
 Plate III

BERN

International Usages  
Combination Frankings

To Austro-Hungarian Empire - Green (with 23C)



BERN to VIENNA, 11 JULY 1857, ordinary mail rate with Austria.  
10c/15gr. x 5 distance zones (2 Swiss, 3 German-Austrian).  
Rate of November 1, 1862 - August 31, 1868.

To England - Special Rate - Yellow-Green (with 24D)



ZURICH to LONDON, 25 DEC 1857, from Swiss Zone 2, ordinary mail, PD.  
55c in stamps already affixed to cover or 65c cash at mailing time.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1995)

International Usages  
Cancellations & Shades

To Kingdom of Sardinia - Lake Ship Mail - Light Green



LUGANO to NOVANA, 20 MARCH 1857, "Verbano" = via Lake Maggiore Steamer.  
Not eligible for 20c reduced rate - destination 30+ km beyond border zone.  
Rate of September 15, 1854 - October 1, 1859.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

To Savoy - Postage Due - Yellow-Green



GENEVA to CHAMBERY, 8 SEPT 1857, "Affranchissement Insuffisant" = Postage Due.  
40c/15.6gr. up to 75km. of border = (1 Swiss zone + 3 Austrian zones = 50c).  
Rate of April 26, 1852 for entire "Strubel" period.

Note: Savoy was not part of French Postal System until July 1, 1860.

Cancellations & Shades  
International Usage



Black Grill  
Green



Bern  
Dull Blue Green



Grill & Boxed PD  
Light Yellow-Green

To Austro-Hungarian Empire - Double Rate Letter - Yellow-Green - Plate I



BASEL to VIENNA, 20 MAY 59, to German-Austrian Postal Union, ordinary mail.

Unusual International Usage  
Different Rate Periods

To Southern Brazil - Dark Green (with 24D)



WINTERTEUR to RIO GRANDE DO SOL, 7 MARCH 1860, ordinary mail, P.P.  
95c/7½gr. on French vessel from London to remote Brazilian destination.  
Rate of December 1, 1857 - September 30, 1860.  
(Attest: Urs Hermann - 2001)

To United States - Yellow-Green (with 24D)



CORCELLES to NEW YORK, 20 DEC 1858, ordinary mail, P.P.  
95c/7½gr. to arrival port by British Cunard African Line Packet, 15¢ credit.  
Rate of May 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862.  
(Attest: J. P. Bach; M. Eichele; E. Rellstab, AIPE - 2000)

International Usages  
Combination Frankings

To Wurttemberg - Green (with 22C)



BERN to HEIDELBERG, 29 SEPT 1858, to German Postal Union, ordinary mail.  
50c/7½gr. for 5 postal zones (2 Swiss, 3 German).  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1978)

To United States (Western) - Yellow-Green (with 24B)



LAGNAU to SAN FRANCISCO (via Panama), 15 JAN 1860, 4th Rate period.  
135c/7½gr. = to destination. 15¢ credit for inland postage.  
French Treaty Mail = Any vessel of any flag from any port.  
Rate of May 1, 1857 - June 30, 1866.

International Usages  
Combination Frankings

To United States - P.P. - Light Green (with 22B & 25B)



ZURICH to NEW YORK, 30 MAY 1856, ordinary mail, P.P.  
65c/7½gr. on French merchant ship via France & England.  
5¢ assessed at Boston to be paid by New York recipient.

To England - Special Rate - Pale Green (with 23B & 25B)



BIENNE to HUDERSFIELD, 4 JULY 1856, ordinary mail, PD.  
55c/7½gr. prestamped letter x 2, 2nd rate period.  
(Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 1994)

International Usage  
Combination Franking

To European Turkey - Double Rate Letter - Yellow-Green (with 24B)



LA CHAUX DE FONDS to CONSTANTINOPLE, 16 MAY 1856, ordinary mail, P.D.  
95c/7½gr. x 2 via Marseille.  
Rate of December 15, 1854 - June 30, 1862.

Cancellations & Shades  
Unusual International Usage

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Black  
Printing: Bern  
Plate: II

EKU March 2, 1855



BERN  
Bluish-Gray



8-Bar Grill  
Violet-Gray

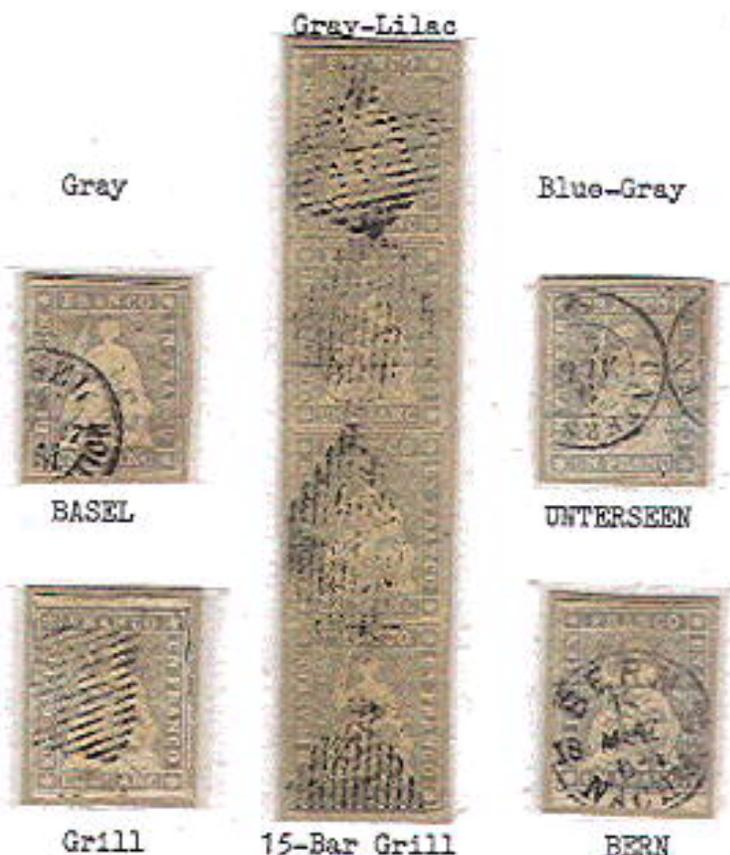
New 1fr. value, needed for international postage on trans-atlantic mail, delivered to Swiss Postal Department February 14, 1855.

To Bombay, India - Dark Bluish-Gray



BASEL to BOMBAY, 6 DEC 1856, ordinary mail, PP.  
1fr./7½gr. via Marseille - Alexandria (due 1sh.) - to unusual destination.  
A unique 1fr. single-franking item.  
(Attest: Urs Hermann - 2005)

Cancellations & Shades  
 Registration With No Stated Value



Mauvein, first synthetic dye used in Swiss stamp production proved sensitive to light and water & violet-gray color changed to bluish-gray.

To Austro-Hungarian Empire - Dark Gray (with 25G)



ZURICH to VENICE, 18 DEC 1858, registered letter.  
 "Recommandirt," red script, and "charge," = Registration.

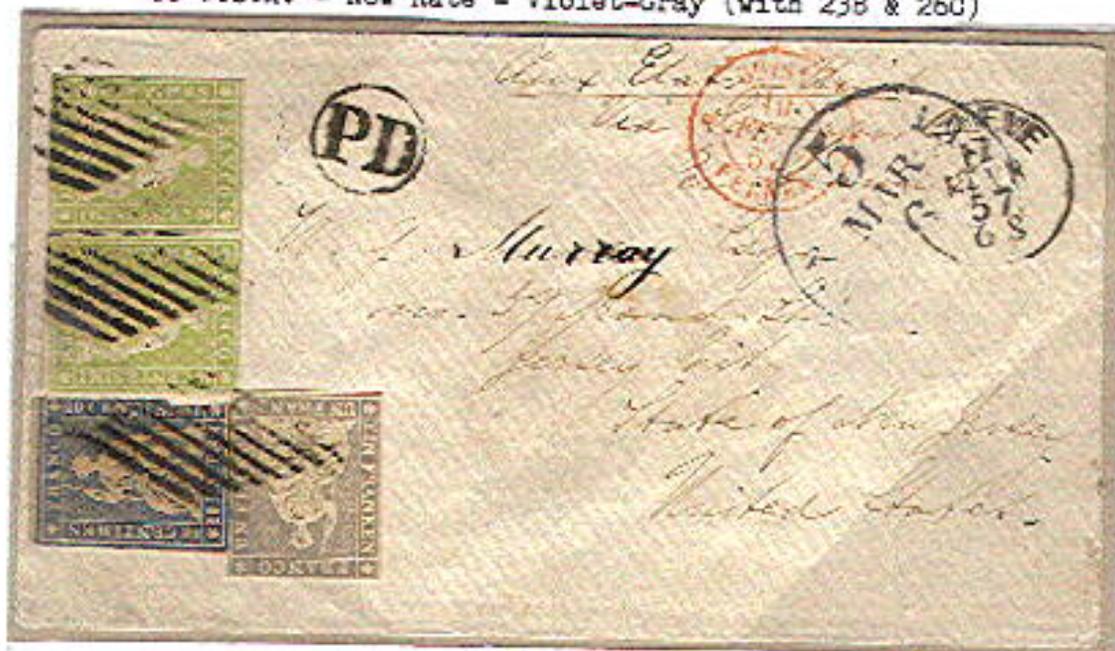
International Usages  
Combination Frankings

To U.S.A. - Due 5¢ - Violet-Gray (with 24B)



GENEVA to JERSEY CITY, 21 DEC 1856, ordinary mail, PD.  
130c/7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>gr. via British Packet from England & France. 5¢ assessed at New York.  
Rate of December 15, 1854 - December 31, 1856.

To U.S.A. - New Rate - Violet-Gray (with 23B & 26C)



GENEVA to JERSEY CITY, 17 FEB 1857, ordinary mail, PD.  
95c/7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>gr. by British Packet - paid to arrival port. 5¢ assessed at New York.  
Rate of January 1, 1857 - April 30, 1857.  
(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 1991)

International Usage  
Cancellations & Shades

Unique Block



Bluish-Gray (deep shade)  
(Attest: H. Hunziker - 1966)

To Two Sicilies - Double Rate Letter - Gray (with 23C & 26C)



BERN to Naples, 21 AUGUST 1858, ordinary mail, PD.  
75c/7<sup>2</sup>gr. x 2 via Marseille.  
Rate of January 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862.  
(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 1997)

International Usages  
Dual Use of "PP" & "P.D."

To United States - Gray-Lilac (with 24B & 25B)



ZURICH to PROVIDENCE, 26 OCT 56, with PP & PD (both used during 1856).  
135c/7½gr. by British Packet from Liverpool to Boston. 5¢ assessed at Boston.

To United States - Dark Gray (with 25B & 23C)



Blue ST. IMIER to NEW YORK, 6 OCT 1856, ordinary mail.  
130c/7½gr. by British Packet to arrival port. 5¢ assessed at Boston.  
Rate of December 15, 1854 - December 31, 1856.

International Usages  
Cancellations & Shades

To U.S.A. - "Ship 5 cts" - Gray (with 24D)



ZURICH to NEW YORK, 25 JUNE 1856, ordinary mail, P.P., Period 2.  
130c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. on French vessel from French port. Postage due 5c.  
Rate of December 15, 1854 - December 31, 1856.

To U.S.A. - Double Rate Letter - 30c Credit - Dark Gray (with 24D)



VEVEY to BOSTON, 2 JULY 1857, ordinary mail, P.D., Period 4.  
115c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. x2 on French Treaty Mail vessel from Swiss zone 2.  
(Shows red "Boston Paid" with 30c inland credit.)  
Rate of May 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862

Remote International Usage

To South Eastern Australia - Gray (with 26A & 25B)



LAUSANNE to MELBOURNE, 26 FEB 1855, ordinary mail - double rate, PD.  
130c/7½gr. x 2 via London - to Suez - to Melbourne. Back cancel shown below.  
One of 5 (+/-) covers sent to this infrequent destination.  
(Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 1998)

Red "Ship Letter" Cancel



Arrival cancel date May 14, 1855.

Unusual International Mixed Franking Usage  
Unique Double Embossing Combination Letter

To United States - Light Gray (with #31.2)



AARAU to NEW YORK, 11 DEC 1862, ordinary mail, PD.  
Few copies said to exist of this important double embossing error variety.  
- Pictured and written up in 1924 "Zumstein Handbook" on page 98. -  
(Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 2006)

Double Embossing, One Inverted



Issued October 1, 1862

Thread Color Change

Paper: Munich and Zurich  
Thread: Black  
Printing: Bern  
Plates: I, II, III, IV

EXU January, 1856

Colored thread changed from yellow to black because former was too faint in artificial post office light.

Plate I  
Two-side Calendered Paper (Munich)



Black Thread



Mat Gray-Brown  
GENEVE PD



Mat Gray-Brown  
AESCH

Plate II  
One-side Calendered Paper (Zurich)

Printed  
on  
smooth  
side



Gray-Brown  
SCHAPFHAUSEN  
(very thin paper)



Gray-Brown  
FRAUENFELD



Gray-Brown  
Boxed PD

Printed  
on  
rough  
side  
(spotty)

Plate III  
Poor Printing  
On Zurich Paper

Badly  
aligned  
cliches



Gray-Brown  
ST. IMIER

Plate IV  
Deep Color  
On Zurich Paper

Well-  
aligned  
cliches



Deep Brown  
SCHMERIKON



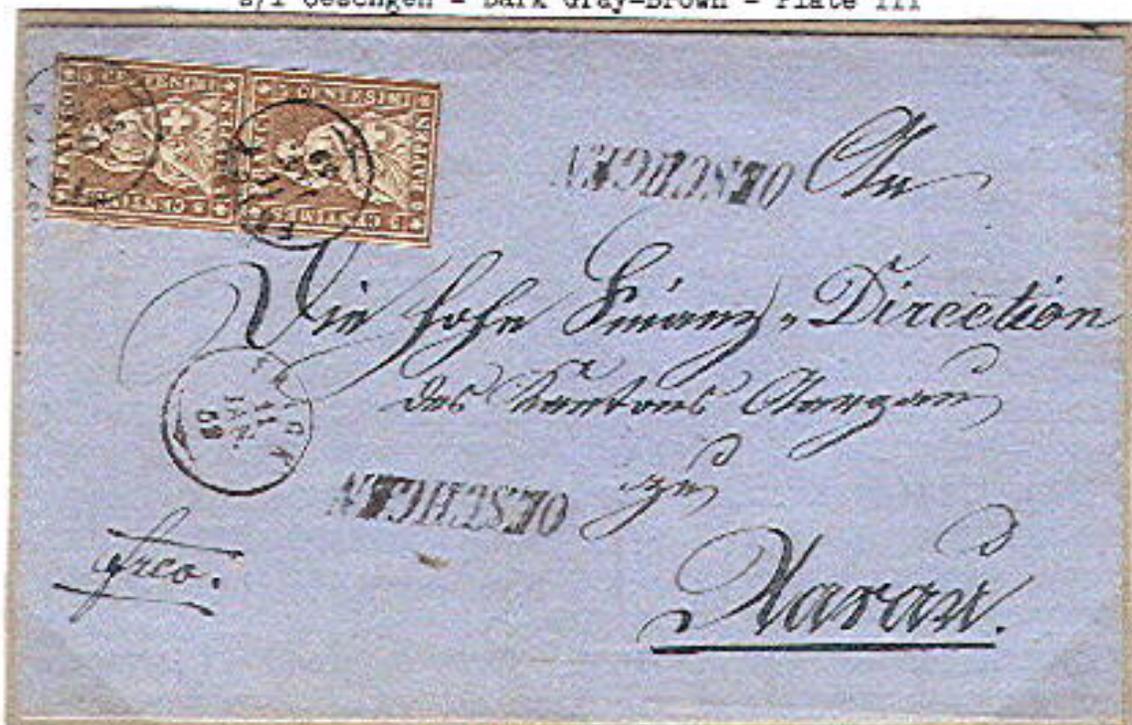
Zone 1 & 2 Letters

Dark Gray-Brown - Plate II



RORSCHACH to REIHNEGG (Rheineck), 12 DEC 1857, ordinary mail.

s/l Oeschgen - Dark Gray-Brown - Plate III



FRICK to AARAU, 11 JAN 1859, with s/l Oeschgen, ordinary mail.

Zone 3 Letters  
Cancellations & Shades

Circle Date Cancel - Light Gray-Brown



BASEL to ST. GALLEN, 16 MAY 1858, ordinary mail.

9-Bar Grill Cancel - Light Gray Brown - Plate II



BIENNE to ORBE, 22 MARCH 1857, ordinary mail.

Cancellations, Shades, Production Varieties



"5 CE" Variety  
Yellow-Brown

"MI" Variety  
Matte Gray-Brown

Wort on "A" of Rappen  
Brown

Cash Collection Letter - Light Matte Brown - Plate III



ESCHLIKON to GANTERSCHWYL, 30 JULY 1856, with blue town cancel.  
5c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. x 2 for up to 6 miles - 10c to collect 60c.

Interesting International Usage  
Combination Franking

To Papal States - Gray Brown (with 23C & 26C)



LAUSANNE to BOLOGNE, 30 NOVEMBER 1859, ordinary mail.  
55c/10gr. via land (Sardinia), PD = Paid to destination.  
Rate of November 1, 1859 - February 9, 1860.

Note mistaken use of "R. L." - "P. F." - "Insuffisant," as shown below:

- "R. L." = Rayon Limitrophe (within the limits of the frontier).
- "P. F." = Paye jusqu' a la frontiere (paid up to the frontier).
- "Insuffisant" = Insuffisient postage (postage due).

## Color Varieties

Paper: Zurich  
 Thread: Blue  
 Printing: Bern  
 Plates: I, II, III

EKU July 3, 1857  
 (see below)

## Rose



Blue Thread



BURGDORF



ST. IMIER

## Light Matte Rose



SCHLANS, Plate II



GSTAAD



Earliest  
 recorded  
 postmark  
 Plate II  
 (Attest: Kimmel)

## Plate Fault - Strong Rose - Plate IV



Plate  
 Fault:  
 color-  
 less  
 line



ST. GALLEN to LAUSANNE, 26 OCTOBER 1858, ordinary mail.

Cancellations & Shades

Rose

Dull Rose

Plate  
Variety



SCHWARZENBURG

Pale Rose



GRABS



Blue Grill



AIROLA



WEGGIS

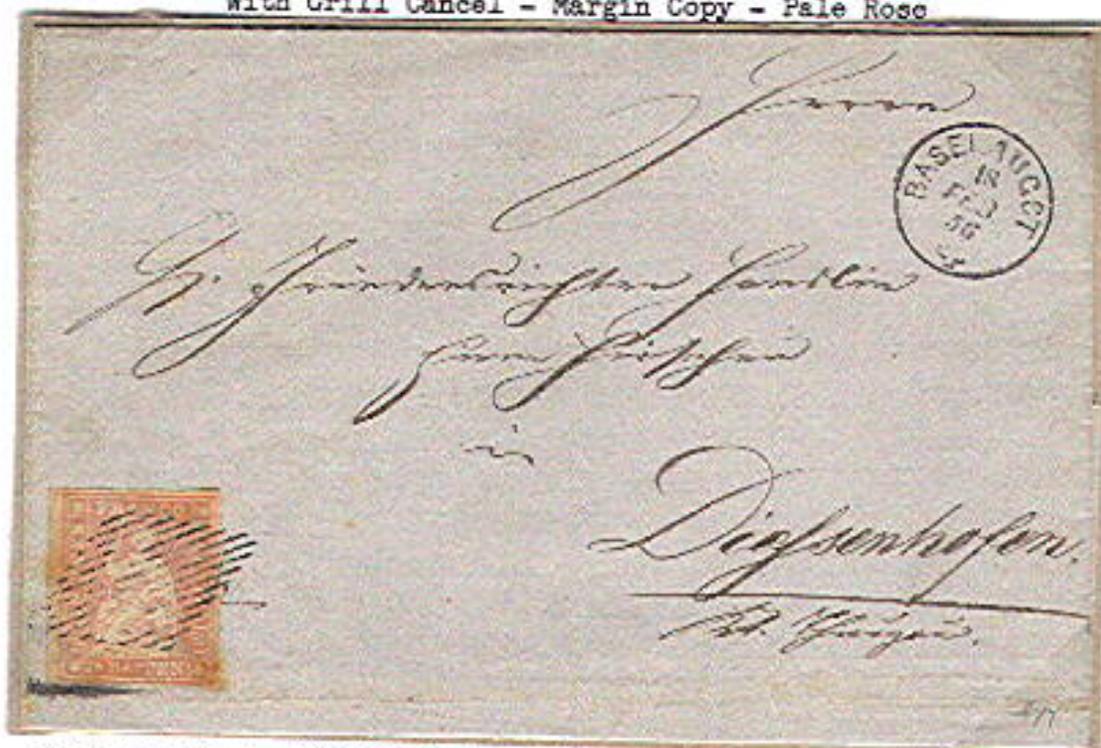
Zone 2 Cash Collection Letter - Dark Rose (with 22D)



RUSWIL to EBikon, 18 SEPT 1858. 100 to collect 3fr.  
(Attest: Fritz Moser - 1974)

Color Varieties

With Grill Cancel - Margin Copy - Pale Rose



BASEL ANGST to DIESSENHOFEN, 18 FEB 1856, ordinary mail, Zone 3.

With Mannedorf Thimble - Pale Dull Rose



MANNEDORF to MAGGADINO, 17 JAN 1858, ordinary mail, Zone 3.

Note: Grills ended May 23, 1857.

Obligatory Return Receipt  
French Limit Zone 1

Cash Collection Letter - Strong Rose - Plate IV (with 22G)



NIDAU to KOPPIGEN, 11 MARCH 1860, Zone 2 "Nachnahme."  
10c/7½gr. postage - 20c collection fee - 5c fee for return receipt.  
Obligatory for collections of 6frs. or more.  
(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 1994)

French Limit Zone 1 - Pale Rose (with 23Cb)



BASEL to ST. MARIE, 22 OCT 1856, ordinary mail, PD.  
25c/7½gr. up to 48km. of border to Swiss Zone 1.

International Usages  
Cancellations & Shades

To France - Border Rate - Pale Rose (with 25B)



COPPET to PARIS, 23 SEPT 1856, ordinary mail, P.D.  
35c/7½gr. from Swiss zone 1 (up to 48km. of the border), period 1.

To U.S.A. - 3¢ Credit - Rose (with 26Ca & 26Cb)



RENAN to NEW YORK, 18 APRIL 1857, ordinary mail, PD, 4th rate period.  
95c/7½gr. on French Treaty vessel - m/s "3" credit for internal postage.  
Rate of May 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862.  
(Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 1993)

Thread Color Change  
Unique Single Use International Usage

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Yellow  
Printing: Bern  
Plates: I, II, III

EKU July (?), 1856

Hard to discern yellow thread transferred from 5c value to this 1 fr., the latest value used.

Synthetic "mauvein" dye (see 27C) changed from violet-gray to bluish-gray when exposed to light and water.

Violet Gray

Bluish-Gray



VEVEY

ST. GALLEN

ST. GALLEN

RICHTENSCHWEIL

1 of 3 Known Covers Used To Sweden - Pale Bluish Gray



ST. GALLEN to GOTHENBERG, 27 JUNE 1861, ordinary mail, PD.  
A unique 1 fr. single-franked cover to unusual destination.  
(Not a listed destination in H. Brach's "Strubel" book).  
(Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 1999)

Cancellations & Shades  
International Usage

Gray-Lilac    Light Gray-Lilac    Light Blue-Gray



SCHWANDEN  
(thin paper)

Boxed Red PD

LOCLE

To United States - Gray-Lilac ( with 240)



ST. GALLEN to NEW YORK, 7 MAR 1862, ordinary mail, PD.

115c/7½gr. via France on any ship (British Packet).

3¢ credit for U.S. inland postage under U.S.-French convention April 1, 1857.

Rate of May 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862.

International Usages  
Different Rate Periods

To United States - 5th Rate Period - Gray (with 23G)



LAUSANNE to NEW YORK, 1 SEPT 1862, ordinary mail, PD.  
110c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. French Treaty Mail vessel.  
Rate of July 1, 1862 - July 31, 1863.

To United States - Double Rate Letter - Light Gray-Lilac (with 24D)



NEUCHÂTEL to NEW YORK, 31 JULY 1859, ordinary mail, P.D., Period 4.  
115c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. x 2 on French Treaty Mail vessel from Swiss Zone 2.  
Rate of May 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862.

Very Remote International Destination  
Use of Both PP & PD

To North China - Dark Violet-Gray (with 23G & 26G)



GENEVA to CHEFOO, 24 MARCH 1862, ordinary mail, PP & PD.  
95c/7½gr. x 2, via Marseille - Suez - Hong Kong, to unusual destination.  
A unique usage in every way for this issue.  
(Attest: Urs Hermann - 2004)

International Registered Letter  
International Mixed Franking Usage

To Austro-Hungarian Empire - Gray (with 25G)



ZURICH to VENICE, 20 DEC 1860, "Recommandirt" = Registered Letter.  
10c/15gr. x 2 x 5 zones (2 Swiss, 3 German-Austrian) + 20c for registration.  
Rate of November 1, 1852 - August 31, 1868.  
(Attest: Kurt Trussel - 1988)

Unique Item To Arrival Port - Gray-lilac (with #31)



NEUCHÂTEL to PRINCEDON, 6 JAN 1863, ordinary mail, PD, 5th Rate Period.  
110c/7½gr. via France on British Packet with red 6¢ inland postage credit.  
Rate of July 1, 1862 - July 31, 1863.  
Although 20 (+/-) of this combination exist, this is a unique item.

25D

New Classification

Paper: Zurich  
Thread: Green  
Printing: Bern  
Plate: II

Use Time: 1858 - 1859

Printing finer than 25F - like 25B

Paper thicker than 25F - like 25G



ROLLE  
Orange

"frei" = Postage Paid - Orange



BUREN (via an der Aare) to THUN, 5 JUNE 1858, ordinary mail.  
20c/7½gr. - 20grs. for over 48km. (30+ miles).  
(Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 1999)

Refused Collection Letter  
Newly Discovered Unlisted Boxed "Refuse" Mark

Discovery Example - Pale Yellow-Orange (with 24D)



GENEVA to BEX, 19 December 1858, to zone 3.  
Featured in "Postgeschichte, Postal History," 2004 issue on page 79.  
(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 2003)

Thin Paper

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Light Red  
Printing: Bern  
Plate: II

EKU August 20, 1856

July, 1856 - August, 1857 was a difficult transition period marked by:  
Slowness of new paper supplier in Zurich making first deliveries.  
Use of earlier rejected Bern-printed stamps on thin (.06 - .07mm)  
Munich paper as stop-gap measure (Nos. E. F.).

Since the printing plate and counter plate for embossing were adjusted for thicker paper, stamps printed on thin paper show flat embossing and less ink transfer, resulting in dull (matte) colors.

Similar to 230



EINSIEDELN      Black Grill  
Greenish-Blue    Milky Blue

Margin Copy - Light Blue



ST. GALLEN to SCHOCHERSWEIL, 20 APRIL 1857, ordinary mail.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)



Cancellations & Shades  
 Refused Cash Collection Letter



CAPPEL  
 Pale Blue



YVERDON  
 Light Blue



15-Bar Grill  
 Light Blue



WEINFELDEN  
 Greenish-Blue



MEERENSCHWAND  
 Greenish-Blue

s/1 "Retour" = Refused - Greenish-Blue - Plate III



EGG to SCHAFFHAUSEN, 26 DEC 1857, "Nachnahme," Zone 2.  
 10c/7½gr. for 9.6 - 48km. (6 - 30 miles).  
 30c fee to collect 22frs. (rounded up to 25c).  
 (Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1998)

## The Very Thin Paper Variety

Eku August 5, 1857

Paper: Munich  
 Thread: Yellow  
 Printing: Bern  
 Plates: II, III, IV

Similar to 27D

Only about 25 unused and used examples recorded. Examples are scarce because the initially rejected values printed on this paper included few 1 frs. (exact quantity not known). The 1 frs. were used to supplement supply of 27D only occasionally.



VEVEY - Gray-Lilac  
 (Attest: A. von der Weid - 2000)

To Valparaíso, Chile - Gray-Lilac (with 25B & 24D)



ST. GALLEN to VALPARAISO, 28 FEB 1861, ordinary mail, P.P., on piece.  
 Only recorded item to here, unique in every way.  
 (Attest: Zumstein & Zie - 1988)

International Usage  
One Of A Kind Item

Top Margin Copy - Light Lilac-Gray (with 24G)



GENEVA to NEW YORK, 23 SEPT 1861, ordinary mail, PD.  
115c/7½gr. on French Treaty Mail vessel from Swiss zone 1.  
(Only cover entire of this stamp we have seen in 40 years of searching.)  
Rate of May 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862.  
(Attest: Alain von der Weid - 2004)

EKU May 7, 1856

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Green  
Printing: Bern  
Plate: II

Similar to 22B  
(Thinner Paper)

Typical  
paper  
break  
between  
clitches



Left  
sheet  
margin

Light  
Matte Brown      Light  
Matte Brown      Light  
Matte Brown

Pale Matte Brown



Two Threads  
21mm apart  
(normally 25)

Blue VATTIS  
"variety"

Underpaid Letter = Postage Collect - Matte Gray-Brown



ZURICH to HORGAN, 6 JAN 58, Zone 2.  
10c/7½gr. for 6 - 30 miles.  
5c to be collected (faded red m/s 5)  
(Attest: Friedl Expert Committee - 1978)

Cancellations & Shades



VICOSPRANO  
Pale Matte-Brown

Largest Known Multiple



15-Bar Eidgegen Grill  
Light Grayish-Brown  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1991)

The Blue Neiderglatt - Matte Brown - Plate III



NEIDERGLATT to REIDT, 27 JUNE 1856, ordinary mail.  
Difficult stamp and cancel quality combination.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1982)

Cancellations & Shades

Blue s/1 WALLBACH Cancel - Pale Matte Brown - Plate IV



STEIN to AARAU, 24 DEC 1856, ordinary mail.  
Barely a couple dozen pairs on cover said to exist.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1989)

Scarcer Dark Shade - Matte Gray-Brown - Plate III



WYL to ST. CALLEN, 14 NOV 1856, ordinary mail, Zone 3.  
Misplaced thread on top of right stamp.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1988)

Combination Usages

With Grill Cancels - Matte Brown - Plate IV (with 23C)



FRUENFELD to GENEVA, 23 FEB 1857, ordinary mail, Zone 3.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 2002)

No Grill Cancels - Pale Matte Brown - Plate III (with 23E)



ORON to VEVEY, 29 JUNE 1857, ordinary mail, Zone 3.

23F

Cancellations & 2-Thread Variety

EKU July 4, 1856

Paper: Munich  
Thread: Green  
Printing: Bern  
Plate: II

Thin Paper  
Similar to 23B

Only Blue



Left Margin Copy - Blue - Plate II



ALTSTADTEN to RHEINEK, 13 DEC 1856, Zone 2, ordinary mail.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1987)

Cancellations & Shades



Eidgen 13-Bar Cancel  
Pale Blue  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1987)

Corner Margin Copy



Zaziwil 13-Bar Cancel  
Blue  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 2000)

Cash Collection Letter - Blue - Plate III (with 24B)



BERN to OBERWIL, 12 JUNE 1856, to Zone 3.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1991)

Cancellations & Shades  
Plate Fault Variety On Cover



Dark Blue  
(Attest: Marchand - 1998)

Rosette Plate Variety - Blue (with 22C)



ZOFINGEN to BASEL, 22 AUG 1856, ordinary mail.  
Unique usage for this stamp on cover.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1998)

Plate fault: Colorless "frame" around upper right rosette's right petal.  
Same fault on 23B, indicating 23F was printed on same plate.

Registered Letter

"CHARGE" = Registered Letter - Blue - Plate III



LAUSANNE to ROUGEMONT, 17 MAY 1856, registered letter with "declared value."  
One of less than 5 with strip of 3 on cover.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1999)

## Cancellations, Shades, Varieties

Paper: Munich  
 Thread: Green  
 Printing: Bern  
 Plate: II

EXU March 7, 1856

Thin Paper  
 Similar to 24B  
 Only Light Matte Rose

Privately  
 Perforated

Two Threads



Ex Reuterskiöld,  
 Bally, & Stone  
 (Att: Renggli)

20mm apart  
 (usually 25)  
 Blue Grill



Geneva 8-Bar

LUZERN

Boxed P.P.

Zone 3 Letter - Light Matte Rose



ZURICH to BIEL, 20 APRIL 1857, ordinary mail.  
 (Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 1986)

Zone 3 Letters

Stamped Hotel Logo - Pale Deep Rose



ST. GALLEN to WEESEN, 7 SEPT 1857, ordinary mail.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

15-Bar Grill - Pale Rose



BASEL to CHAUX DE FONDS, 6 MARCH 1857, ordinary mail.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

Other Usages & Shades

Local Cash Collection Letter - Very Pale Rose



FRAUENFELD, 29 APRIL 1857, on collection card.  
(Attest: Friedl Expert Committee - 1977)

To France - The Pale Shades



GENEVE to LYON, 8 DEC 1856, ordinary mail.  
(Attest: R. Berra-Gautschy - 2000)

International Usage  
Highest Recorded Franking Use Of 15 Rappen Issue

Shows Red "21" & M/S "9" Markings - Pale Rose



FRICK to PHILADELPHIA, 20 APRIL 1857, ordinary mail, PP, & P.D.  
135c charged when new rate was 115c/7½gr. for French Treaty mail.  
New U.S./French Postal Treaty was effective April 1, 1857.  
Swiss Postal Admin. changed rates May 1, 1857 (creating discrepancy period).  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1985); Ex Maurice Burrus item.

## Cancellations, Shades, &amp; 2-Thread Varieties

Paper: Munich  
 Thread: Green  
 Printing: Bern  
 Plates: II, III

EXU June 27, 1856

Thin Paper  
 Similar to 25B  
 Printed in 1854 - 1855  
 With Distinct Embossing



Double Thread

13-Bar Grill  
Yellow-Orange14-Bar Grill  
Yellow-OrangeLAUSANNE  
Yellow-OrangeBOLL & Grill  
Pale Yellow-Orange

Printed in 1857  
 With Flat Embossing

EXU (?), 1857

7-Bar Grill  
Yellow-OrangeST. GALLEN  
Yellow-Orange  
Plate IIZURICH  
Pale Y-OTHUN  
Pale Y-O  
2 Threads 21mm  
apart (vs 25)

Authorized (Thin Paper) Bisect

Half Used As 10Rp. - Yellow-Orange



WILLERAU, 13 APRIL 1858, on piece.

Only three or four examples of this bisect said to exist.  
(Attest: F. Moser-Raz - 1964; R. Borra-Gautschy - 1994)

International Usage  
Cancellations & Shades

To U.S.A. - 5¢ Postage Due - Orange (24B & 27C)



WATTWYL to NEW YORK, 10 AUG 1856, ordinary mail, PP.  
135c/7gr. by British Packet - A unique combination usage.  
(Attest: Urs Hermann - 2004)

Luzern 7-Bar Grill - Registered Letter - Dark Orange



LUZERN to SURSEE, 16 July 1856, on registered letter.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

International Usages  
Combination Frankings

To France - Bisect 40c Franking - Pale Orange (with 24F)



GENEVA to ANNONAY, 25 MAY 1857, ordinary mail, PD, from Zone 2.  
(Attest: Jean-Claude Marchand - 1997)

To France - "ZU SPAT" - Orange (with 22F)



LIESTAL to ENSISHEIM, 8 AUG 1856, ordinary mail, PD.  
25c/7 $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. from Basel District to Department of Haut Rhin.  
Rate of September 15, 1854 - August 1, 1859.



Cancellation & Color Varieties

Light Gray



LE SENTIER - About 40 (+/-) of this multiple exist.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1994)

Zone 2 Letter - Brown-Gray



ANDERMATT to BELLINZONA, 26 JAN 1863, ordinary mail.  
Unique dark brown-gray 5-strip on cover.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1996)

Printed Matter Franking From Any Point In Switzerland Or Italy

5  
20 Ottobre 1862




ANNO LXII.

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La Gazzetta di Lugano in  
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gole postali indirizzate franco  
alla Direzione della Gazzetta in  
Lugano.

pe marocchino Mul-  
a Granata per com-  
f.

ANIA.  
e. — La Dieta fede-  
ritato le proposizioni  
roduzione di una leg-  
sulle ristampe. La  
sua protesta.  
pacci di Berlino an-  
festazioni favorevoli  
li sono già incomin-  
capitale, ove gli elet-  
tanza ai loro rappre-  
temere che l'agita-  
re un'importanza che  
e la tranquillità.

RIA.  
iro dell'ex-regina di  
delle Orsoline vicino  
tta Officiale di Vienna

Regina Maria di Na-  
to l'occasione a diversi  
sa che la regina ha si-  
esentata, di accompa-  
menti le prime notizie

stabilito. Questo consiglio fu convocato  
per il 23 del corrente sull'istanza di lord  
Palmerston, e la circostanza suindicata in-  
duce ad attribuirvi un'importanza straor-  
dinaria. Da quanto è traspirato de' segreti  
ministeriali, che in Inghilterra sogliono  
serbare accuratamente, pare che il discorso  
del sig. Gladstone, cancelliere dello scac-  
chiere, a favore del riconoscimento degli  
Stati del Sud d'America condur debba ad  
uno di questi due risultati: o la rottura  
del ministero, o l'adottamento delle viste  
del sig. Gladstone nella quistione dell'in-  
dipendenza del Sud. Sembra pure che in  
questo consiglio sarà discussa anche la  
quistione italiana, ed il pubblico aspetta  
con ansia di conoscerne le deliberazioni.  
Lord Lyons, inviato straordinario e mi-  
nistro plenipotenziario della Gran Breta-  
gna a Washington, che qui era in congedo,  
è partito il 15 per ritornare in America.  
Si assicura che il nobile lord, senza aver  
incarico di fare al presidente Lincoln delle  
proposizioni, abbia quello di fargli cono-  
scere l'opinione del gabinetto britannico  
sul carattere che da qualche tempo ha preso  
la guerra americana, e sulle conse-  
guenze gravi che possono avere le ultime  
decisioni da lui adottate.

Used between July 1, 1862 - October 1, 1862.  
About a dozen of these bisects on papers still exist.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1987)

Note: Herbert Brach notes October 14, 1862 as last known date of use.  
This item is dated October 21, 1862 - a week later.

Mixed Frankings

As nos. 21 - 23G & 25 - 26G were valid for postage until Aug. 30, 1863, mixed frankings between the perf & imperf Sitting Helvetias occasionally occurred. These are scarce, depending on the combination (10 - 400 +/- ea.), and are sought after as a specialty in itself.

"Returned Collection Letter" - Light Gray (with 31c)



RIESBACH to LAUSANNE, 3 JAN 1863.  
New 2c/15gr. Zone 1 rate + 10c fee to collect 5fr. 12c.  
Rate of July 1, 1862 - July 31, 1863.

Zone 1 Mail - Gray (with #29)



FLUENLEN to ALTDORF, 23 JUNE 1863, ordinary mail.  
(Attest: Briefmarkenprüfstelle - 2000)

## Cancellations, Shades, &amp; Spacing

Paper: Zurich  
 Thread: Green  
 Printing: Bern  
 Plate: IV

EKU April 7, 1858

Brown



SCHENBACH



3.mm. Vertical Gutters

Yellow Brown



.4mm. Gutter



LAUSANNE

Gray Brown



MADULEIN

Dark Brown



EGLISAU



STEIN

Black Brown

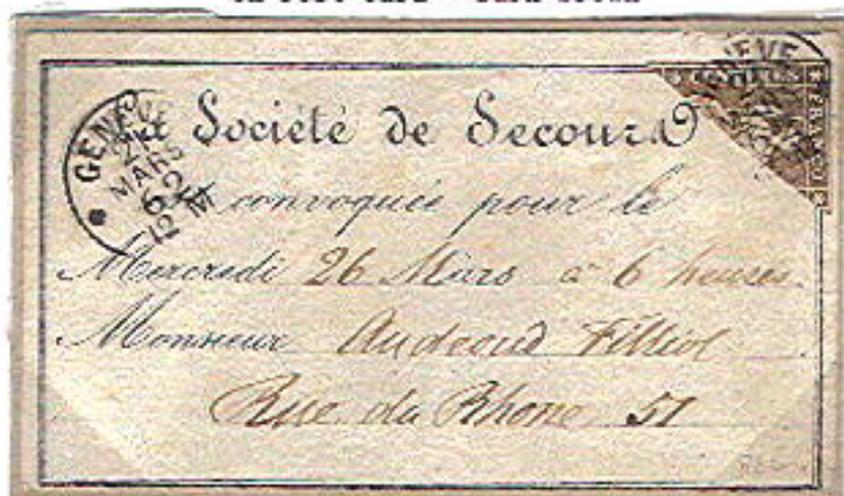


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Locally Authorized Bisect

In Geneva the district postal administration authorized bisected 5 rappen stamps instead of cash to pay 2½Rp. for printed matter pieces in excess of 20 items going within the canton. This bisect was lasted from July 1, 1861 until the printed matter rate became 2Rp. on July 1, 1862.

On Post Card - Dark Brown



Delivered within the town of Geneva, 21 March 1862.

On Folded Envelope - Gray Brown



DELIVERED WITHIN THE TOWN OF GENEVA, 21 MARCH 1862.  
(Attest: Kurt Trüssel - 1989)

International Printed Matter  
Special Rate To Sardinia & Italy

An

Domenica, 15

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Ogni cittadino si rechi a scrupolo d'intervenire alle assemblee del 29, ricordando che si deve render conto alla coscienza e a Dio non soltanto dei voti cattivi, ma anche

LUGANO to CREMA (Sardinia), 14 JUNE 1862.

5c per sheet - special rate to Sardinia & Italy.

Rate of March 10, 1862 - June 30, 1862.

(Only about 100 (+/-) are said to still be around.)

Reduced Bulk Mailing Rate

Printed matter postage rate simplified January 1, 1852 to 5c/60gr. for 0 - 30 miles and 10c/60gr. for 30+ miles. For those pieces in excess of 20 in bulk mailings, rate was 2½c. Only towns of Basel, Lausanne, St. Gallen, and Bern are known to have special "moderated postage" marks for bulk mailings. Examples are scarce and hard to find.

"Aff(ranchisemen)t Modere"



LAUSANNE to GENEVA, 28 FEB 1861, French mark.

"Moderierte Frankatur"



BERN to AARWANGEN, 29 MARCH 1860, German mark.



Cancellations & Multiple Usages

s/1 Gislikon - Dark Brown - Plate IV



LUZERN to PFAFFNAU, 10 MAY 1860, ordinary mail, to Zone 2.

s/1 ROTHENBURG - Dark Brown - Plate IV



LUZERN to DIRIKON, 7 OCT 1859, registered letter.  
L-Shaped strip of 2 + single.

Cancellations & Shades  
Same Value Franking - Mixed Franking Usage



LUZERN  
Brown



NEUENKIRCH  
Gray-Brown

(Attest: K. Kimmel - 1999) (Attest: A. von der Weid - 1991)

Difficult Combination - Light Brown (with #30)



CHEYBRES to YVERDON, 17 MAY 1863, ordinary mail.  
Few covers of this usage said to exist (30 +/-).  
(Attest: Urs Hermann - 2003)

## Cancellations, Shades, &amp; Plates

EKU June 16, 1859

Paper: Zurich  
 Thread: Green  
 Printing: Bern  
 Plates: III, IV

Dark Blue    Light Blue    Greenish Blue



BERGDORF  
 Plate III

Red P.P.  
 (Ex H. Stone)

UNTERSEEN  
 Plate IV

Blue



LAUSANNE  
 Plate IV



AFFOLTERN  
 Plate IV

LITTAU  
 (Att: Kimmel)

SCHAFFHAUSEN  
 Plate IV

Bright Blue



BERGDORF  
 Plate IV

WALLISELLEN  
 Plate IV

OETWEIL  
 Plate IV

Cancellations, Shades, Production Varieties



"Line in Spear"  
Blue

"T" Variety  
Bright Blue

"Line in Spear"  
Intense Blue

Two-Thread Variety The "Comet" Variety

Two threads  
.7mm apart =  
(usually 25)



Olive-Yellow  
(not green)



RHEINFELDEN  
Greenish-Blue  
(Super Margin Copy)



The "Comet" on Cover - Darker Blue



SCHAFFHAUSEN to ZURICH, 15 JAN 1862, ordinary mail, Zone 2.  
Probably less than 50 of this variety exists on cover.

Cancellations & Shades

"Franco" = Postage Paid - Dark Blue



EGG to TAGSCHWIL, 30 MARCH 1860, ordinary mail, Zone 2.  
(Attest: Kurt Trüssel - Signed)

"Charge" = Registration - Blue - Plate IV

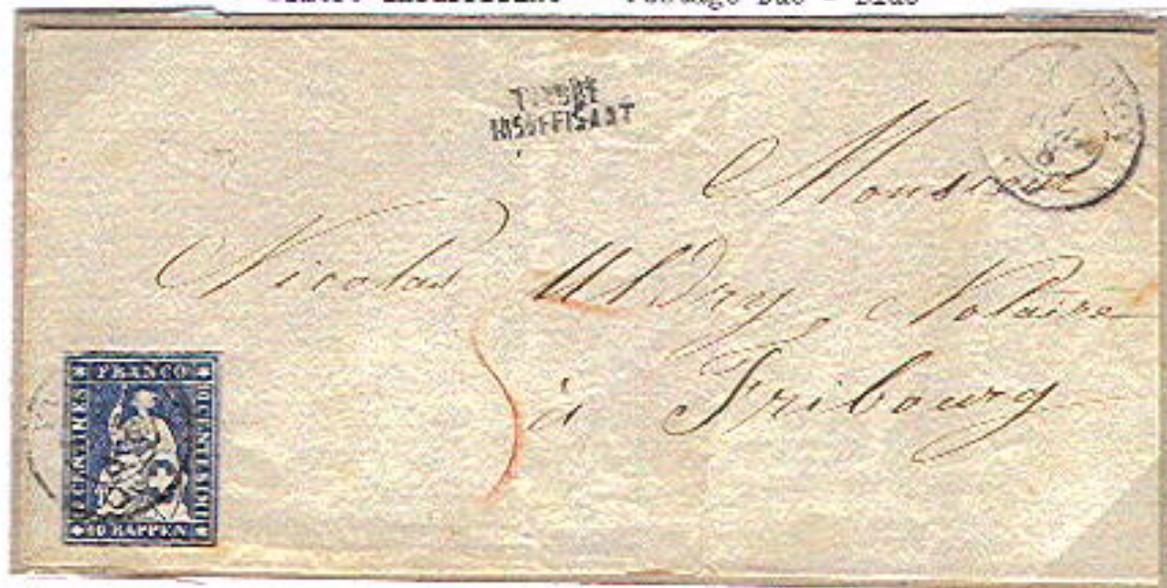


ST. GALLEN to REIDEN, 21 JUNE 1861, zone 2 registered letter.  
Brown-Red scribble also indicates registration.

Very Unusual Postal Markings  
(Difficult To Find)

Although prepayment was obligatory from October 1, 1854, it was not enforced through postage due penalties until July 1, 1862.

"Timbre Insuffisant" - Postage Due - Blue



YVERDON to FRIBOURG, 7 APRIL 1860, ordinary mail, zone 3.

"Zu Wenig Frankirt" = Postage Due - Dark Blue



LUZERN to DAGMERSELLEN, 10 MARCH 1860, red n/s 5 = 5c postage due.

Authorized Bisect

Zone 1 Letter - Light Blue



VILLANEUVE to MONTREUX, 8 MAY 1861, ordinary mail.  
Fewer than 20 (+/-) of this bisect said to exist.  
(Attest: Hans P. Renggli - 1991)

Unusual Straight-Line Cancellations

"Mourning" Letter - Bright Blue



TOFFEN to GROSS-HOCKSTETTEN, 20 AUG 1861, Zone 2.

"Twice Cancelled" - Blue (with 22G)



ALPNACHT to STAFA, 19 JUNE 1862, ordinary mail, zone 3.  
Alpnacht postmark too faint on stamps, so cancelled again by Luzern.  
(Attest: Fritz Moser - 1970)

## Cancellations &amp; Shades

Paper: Zurich  
 Thread: Green  
 Printing: Bern  
 Plate: IV

EKU July 26, 1857

Rose



GENEVA



Red Ink Cancel



COUVET



BASEL



FLUERIER



BERN



PORRENTUUY



LACHIN



SEDRUN



NIDAU



MALVAGLIA

Cancellations & Shades



NEUCHÂTEL  
Rose



ST. GALLEN  
Burgundy



MOTIERS  
Pale Rose



BERN  
Rose

Overpaid Franking - Strong Rose - Plate II



BASEL to PORRENTUUY, 15 AUG 1860, ordinary mail, Zone 2.  
10c/7½gr. for 6 - 30 miles = 5c overpaid.

Since the 15c value was valid for use only until August 31, 1862, one month before the introduction of the perforated Sitting Helvetia issue, no mixed frankings were possible.

Newspaper Wrap & Railroad Postmarks

Newspaper Collection Wrap - Pale Dull Rose



FAHRWANGEN to DIETWIL, 16 SEPT 1861, Zone 1, C.O.D.

"Bahnpost" = Railroad Cancel - Strong Rose



RUTI to ROVERDO, 4 NOV 61, Zone 3.

Early "ambulant" (railroad) circular date stamps on cover reverse shown below:



Upper right: Bahnpost Zurich-Chur, 6 NOV 61, (line completed in 1859).  
Lower left: Bahnpost St. Gallen-Chur, 4 NOV 61, (line completed in 1858).



International Usages  
Combination Frankings

To German Postal Union - Pale Matte Rose (with 22Da)



CHUR to FRANKFURT, 21 JAN 1861, ordinary mail, unusual combination.  
Few 3-strip of this stamp on cover said to exist (10 +/-).  
(Attest: Fritz Moser-Raz - 1967)

To France - Darker Shade Rose (with 25G)



BASEL to EPINAL, 2 APRIL 1858, ordinary mail, PD.  
35c/7½gr. to anywhere in France or Algeria from Zone 1.  
Rate of September 15, 1854 - August 1, 1859.

Authorized Bisect  
Cancellations

Paper: Zurich  
Thread: Green  
Printing: Bern  
Plate: IV

EKU August 25, 1857

## Yellow-Orange



Circled P.P. CHAUX DE FONDS OBERWYL LANDERON

## Zone 2 Letter - Yellow-Orange



SCHWYZ to LUZERN, 31 MARCH 1858, ordinary mail.  
About 5 of this bisect said to exist.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1999)

Postal clerk crossed out postage paid "franco,"  
and wrote "10" for postage due,  
then accepted bisected stamp and crossed out "10."

Printed Matter With C.O.D.

"Nachnahme" Paper Band - Pale Yellow-Orange



FRIBOURG to ESTAVAYER, 24 NOV 1859.  
10c/0 - 120gr. printed matter going 6 - 130 miles.  
10c fee to collect 8frs. 40c.

Notation on back of band: "Bill paid by town on behalf of school for newspaper advertisements. Newspaper with cash collection bill subsequently filed in the school's records."

Seldom Seen Usages

"Recommandee" = Registered Letter - Yellow-Orange



LUZERN to BALLWYL, 12 DEC 1861, on cover front.  
Registered letter with no declared value is marked "Recommandee."

Double Refused "C.O.D." Letter - Pale Yellow-Orange



ZURICH to SCHOFFLISHDORF, 10 JUNE 1861, "Nachnahme."  
Refused & returned (Zurich June 11, backstamp).  
Zurich to Regenberg with "2nd 10c Charge" added to collection total.  
Returned uncollected again (Zurich 13th, backstamp).

International Usages

To France - Yellow-Orange



GENEVA to PARIS, 2 NOV 1858, ordinary mail, PD.  
35c/7½gr. from Swiss border zone (30 mi.) to beyond adjoining French Dept.  
Rate of September 14, 1854 - August 14, 1859.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 2000)

To German States - Pale Yellow-Orange (with 24G)



BASEL to HANNOVER, 11 SEPT 1861, ordinary mail.  
10c/15.6gr. x 4 zones (1 Swiss, 3 German-Austrian Postal Union) overweight.  
Rate of October 15, 1852 - August 31, 1868.

International Usage  
Unusual Combination Franking

To Papal States - Yellow-Green (with 23C, 26C, & 22D)



GENEVA to ROME, 13 SEPT 1859, ordinary mail, PD.  
75c/7½gr. via Marseille, France - Swiss Zones eliminated.  
Rate of January 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1999)

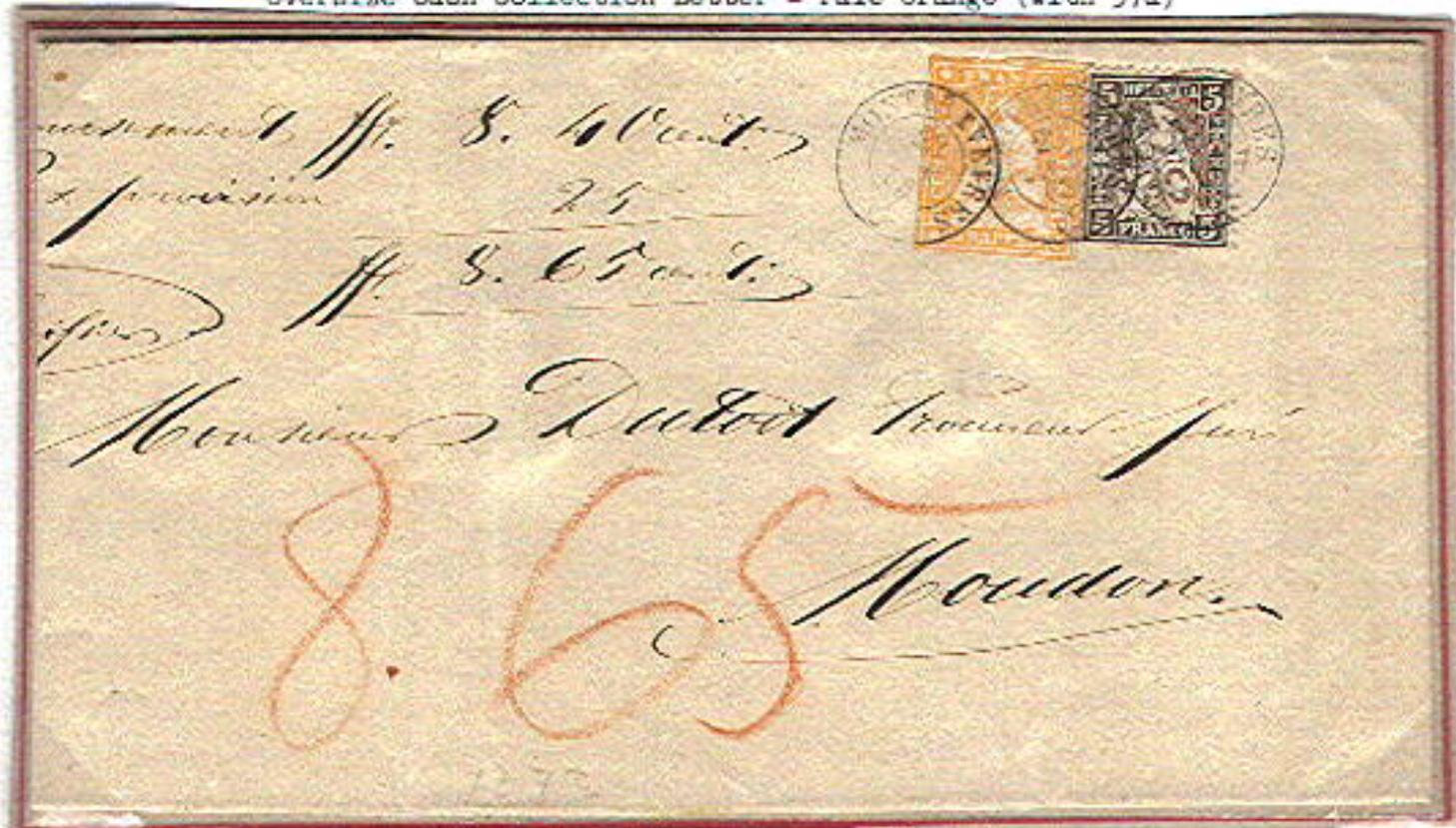
Mixed Frankings

To Sardinia - Pale Orange (with #31)



30c/7½gr. = Rate of July 1, 1862 - July 31, 1863.  
There exists less than 100 covers of this usage.

Oversize Cash Collection Letter - Pale Orange (with 37a)



There exists fewer than 12 covers of this usage.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1991; Jean-Claude Marchand - 1993)

## Cancellations &amp; Shades

EKU February 22, 1860

Paper: Zurich  
 Thread: Green  
 Printing: Bern  
 Plates: III, IV

## Yellowish Green



ST. MARC  
 SCHAFFHAUSEN  
 Plate III      Plate III

## Green



YVERDON

SISSACH

Circled PD

GENEVA

BASEL



FLEURIER



CHAUX-DE-FONDS

## Yellow Thread Variety



No Blue Added  
 To Make Green

International Usages  
Postage Due & Forfeited Postage

To German States - Voided "PD" - Deep Green



BERN to MAINZ (Mayance), 13 JUNE 1861, "Affranchissement Insuffisant."  
50c/15.6gr. for 5 zones (2 Swiss, 3 German) each over 75km.  
Swiss-German Postal Union Treaty, October 1, 1852, for total Strubel period.

Postage "Forfeited" = Total Now Due - Green (with 23G)



GENEVA to NAPLES (Two Sicilies), 1 MARCH 1860, via Sardinia registered letter.  
50c/7½gr. x 2, PD through Austria.  
"PD" crossed out & "P.F." = To frontier marked = Postage Due.  
Rate of September 15, 1854 - June 30, 1862.

International Usages  
Combination Frankings

To U.S.A. - "Inland Credit 15¢" - (with 24G & 25G)



PAID to NEW ORLEANS, 23 MARCH 1861, 4th Rate Period.  
115c/7½gr. French Treaty Mail, PD.  
Rate of May 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862.

To Kingdom of Two Sicilies - Green (with 24G & 25G)



BERN to NAPLES, 7 MARCH 1859, ordinary mail, PD.  
75c/7½gr. via France from Marseille. Swiss postal zones eliminated.

Very Remote International Usages

To Gwalior (Central India) - Yellow-Green (with 22G & 23G)



LAUSANNE to GWALIOR (via Bombay), 26 JUNE 1862, ordinary mail, PD.  
Unique item. About 650 miles inland, with unusual markings.  
(Attest: Briefmarkenprüfstelle - 1998)

To Ballarat (South-East Australia) - Green (with 23G)



POSCHIAVO to BALLARAT, 13 OCTOBER 1862, with "P.P." & "PD," ordinary mail.  
Unusual franking to an unusual destination.  
(Attest: Urs Hermann - 2004)

International Usages

To U.S.A. - "Credit 3¢" - Light Yellow-Green (with 24G & 25G)



GENEVA to GREAT BARRINGTON, 13 JULY 1861, ordinary mail, PD.  
114c/7½gr. via France & any ship to destination - 3¢ cr. for internal postage.  
Rate of May 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862.

To U.S.A. - Postage Due 3¢ - Yellow-Green (with 24G)



GENEVA to NASHVILLE, 25 SEPT 1860, ordinary mail, PP - Postage Paid.  
95c/7½gr. via France & American Packet. Shows 15¢ cr. for internal postage.  
(Attest: Freidl Committee - 1980)

Unusual International Usages  
Combination Frankings

To Brazil - Deep Green Shade - Plate IV (with 23G & 24G)



COUVET to Rio DI JANIERO, 1 OCT 1861, ordinary mail, PD.  
115c/7½gr. by French Treaty Mail.  
Rate of May 1, 1857 - June 30, 1862.

To U.S.A. - New Rate Schedule - Green - Plate III (with 23G & 25G)



CONCISE to NEW YORK, 9 DEC 1862, ordinary mail, 5th Rate Period.  
110c/7½gr. on French Treaty Mail Ship.  
Rate of July 1, 1862 - July 31, 1863.  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - 1994)

Unusual International Usage

To Malaya - Green (with 27D & 29G)



ST. GALLEN to SINGAPORE, 7 MARCH 1860, ordinary mail, PP.  
Double rate letter to an unusual destination.  
(Attest: Emil Rellstab - 1997)

International Usages  
Mixed Frankings

To Russian Empire - Green (with #31d)



CHAUX DE FONDS to BRESLAU, 30 JAN 1863, ordinary mail, PD.  
50c/7½gr. x 5 postal zones (2 Swiss, 3 German).  
(Attest: A. von der Weid - Signed)

To German Postal Union - Yellow-Green (with #31c)



GENEVA to DRESDEN, 29 JAN 1863, ordinary mail, PD.  
50c/7½gr. x 5 distance zones (2 Swiss, 3 German).  
(Attest: Urs Hermann - 2001)