



The World's First General Issue Postage Stamps

A Short Presentation

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The World's First Postage Stamps

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland

May 6, 1840
Imperforate, Small Crown Watermark



Penny Black

Imperforate, Small Crown Watermark, Bluish Paper
February 1841
March 13, 1841



Two Pence Blue



Penny Red



Two Pence Blue

Produced by Perkins, Bacon & Company
Printed in sheets of 240

The World's Second Postage Stamps

Brazil's "Bull's Eye" (*Olho-de-boi*) Postage Stamps

August 1, 1843

Imperforate, Unwatermarked

Design by Perkins, Bacon & Company

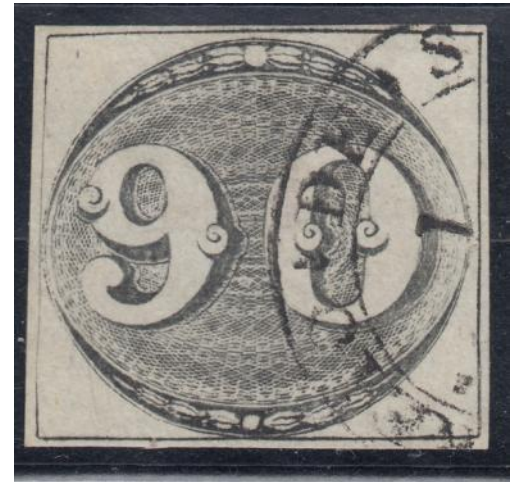
Produced by the Brazilian Mint



30 Reis



60 Reis



90 Reis

The World's Third Postage Stamps

The United States of America

July 1, 1847

Imperforate, Thin Bluish Wove Paper

Produced by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson



5¢ Red Brown Franklin



10¢ Black Washington

United States Local and Carrier Stamps Not General Issue Postage Stamps

February 1, 1842



Scott #40L1
1st U.S. Local
Stamp

August 16, 1842



Scott #6LBI
1st Local used as
U.S. Carrier Stamp

September 1, 1842



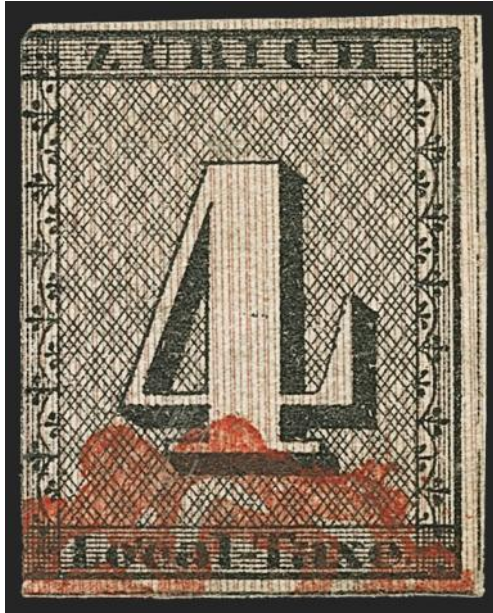
Scott #6LB3
1st Official U.S.
Carrier Stamp

**ALL THREE STAMPS WERE VALID ONLY
IN LOWER MANHATTAN**

The Scott #6LBI image is courtesy of Larry Lyons.

Zürich “Numeral” Postage Stamps Not General Issue Postage Stamps

March 1, 1843



Both stamps have “ZÜRICH” across the top. The 4 Rappen stamp has “Local-Tax.” across the bottom, while the 6 Rappen has “Cantonal-Tax.” across the bottom. They were valid only in the City of Zürich and the Canton of Zürich respectively, but not throughout Switzerland.

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