Green, Red and Blue Stamp Colors

Used for both domestic and foreign mailings of post/postal cards and letters.
Through this time period the U.P.U. recommended colors for postage stamps for easier sorting by mail clerks

- Green colored stamps (Valued at one cent)
  - In the USA these stamps were used for post/postal cards.
  - Other foreign counties within the UPU followed suit with their monetary units similar in value.
- Red colored stamps (Valued at two cents)
  - Used for both domestic letters and foreign countries for post/postal cards.
- Blue colored stamps (Valued at five cents)
  - Used for letters to UPU countries to handle surface mail as opposed to air mail as air mail became used more and more during and after WW2.
Domestic post/postal card rate - one cent
In use from July 1, 1898 to December 31, 1952
Except Nov. 11, 1917 - June 30, 1919 & April 15, 1925 - June 30, 1928
Domestic first-class letter rate - 2 cents
July 1, 1885 - December 31, 1952
Except November 1, 1917 to July 1, 1919
Surface post/postal card to U.P.U. countries
two cents
Used from July 1, 1875 to September 30, 1925
Surface letter rate to U.P.U. countries
Five cents
Used from July 1, 1875 to September 30, 1953