



Philately and Social History

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Our Agenda

- › The philatelic piece
- › The addressee

This started it all



- › Showed up in a French auction
- › Algiers to New Orleans, April 1, 1873
- › Transit markings in London, New York

More details



- › All stamps canceled "5005"
- › Pre-printed envelope from U.S. consulate
- › Boxed red "PD"
- › Routing request at upper left

The rate source

275

ETATS-UNIS

SOMME	Date applicative	Lettres affranchies		L.N.A.	Esboulons	Anglais	Journes
		Ch.	Ch.				
Angleterre par Pag. Anglois	1.09.51	F	F	7 1/2	1.50		
Angleterre par Pag. des Etats-Unis	1.09.51	▲	F	7 1/2	.80	▲ .80	
Jusqu'au port d'embarquement anglais							
Par Pag. des Etats-Unis parvenu au Havre ou de Southampton	1.10.51	F	F	7 1/2	.60	.60	
		F	F	7 1/2	.50	.30	
sans droits au port							
		F	F	40	.12	F	40 .12
		F	F	40	.12	F	40 .12
(port Anglois de débarquement)							
Angl. par Pag. des Etats-Unis	1.01.56					F	40 .12
						F	40 .12
(port Anglois d'embarquement)							
Angleterre par Pag. Angl.	1.01.57	F	F	7 1/2	.80	.80	
Angl. par Pag. Etats-Unis	1.01.57	▲	F	7 1/2	.50	.50	
sans droits d'embarquement							
Ventes valent :							
Bil. supposé Le Havre - Etats-Unis par U.S. ou U.S. supposé Le Havre - Etats-Unis							
	1.04.57	D	L	7 1/2	.80	.80	
sans changement selon les voies							
Pag. Française	17.06.64	D	L				
même tarif							
même tarif							
Pag. Fran. et tous Bil. à vapeur naviguant entre la France et les Etats-Unis	1.01.70	F	F	10	.80	.80	
		F	F	10	.70	.80	
V. d'Angleterre	1.01.70	D	L	10	1.60	.80	
		D	L	10	.20	F	40 .12
V. Balise, à valise nav. entre la France et les Etats-Unis	1.01.78	F	F	10	.40	.40	
		F	F	10	.40	.40	
Pag. à vap. Fran. et Etats. au passage entre France et Etats-Unis	1.07.71	F	F	10	.50	.50	
		F	F	10	1.20	1.20	
V. d'Angleterre	1.07.71	D	L	10	1.20	1.20	
		D	L	10	.15	F	40 .12
Ventes valent	1.08.74	D	L	10	.80	.80	
sans droits de même ordre = 12 droit fixe							

U.G.P. 1.01.74

- › Alexandre, et al., rate book
- › Section is rates to foreign destinations, pre-UPU
- › 1873 is close to the bottom

How I read the rate

Transport method	Effective Date	Prepaid Letters				LNA	Samples	Printed Matter	Newspapers	
Paq. à vap. Fran. ou Etran. naviguant entre France et Etats-Unis	1.07.71	P	F	10	.50	.50	P 40	.25 P 40	.15 P 40	.15
V. d'Angleterre	1.07.71	D	L	10	1.20	2.40 1.20	P 40	.25 P 40	.15 P 40	.15
Toutes voies	1.08.74	D	L	10	.50	+ .50	taxe lettre de même poids + .25 droit fixe D 40	.15 P 40	.15 P 40	.15

- › Only rate that makes sense
- › Even multiples of 1 fr20

Back to the markings

- › Both London and New York marks indicate full prepayment
- › Of course no reference to actual rate



Check the stamps again



› Stamps on the back flap aren't tied!

What's left with the front only

- › At least it looks like front of envelope
- › Rate still inexplicable – 15fr90?



The final clues



- › One more stamp not tied
- › Red crayon accounting mark



Back to the front

- › Ignore that stamp, rate is 15fr60, divisible by 1fr20
- › 13th weight step, $120 < \text{wt} < 130$ grams

Thank you,
Jeff Bohn,
for getting
this right!



Our Agenda

- › The philatelic piece
- › **The addressee**

J. L. Tissot

- › Practicing attorney and property owner in New Orleans
- › Very little web info about him
- › Had a son, also attorney, who probably handled the matter in the envelope

Enough already!

- › Tissot's son has lots of web info available
 - › Dwayne Littauer helped find info about case
 - › Further searches have been dead end
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- › Questions?