

MOVABLE COLLECTION BOX = "BOITE MOBILE"

AN UNATTENDED BOX FOR COLLECTION OF MAIL WAS SOMETIMES PROVIDED ON BOARD SHIPS, AT RAILWAY STATIONS, OR ON THE WAGON TAKING MAIL FROM THE POST OFFICE TO THE TRAIN. SUCH BOXES WERE DESIGNATED "BOITE MOBILE" = MOVABLE BOX. WHILE NOT A TRAIN, IT WAS AN ADJUNCT TO RAILROAD MAIL SERVICE.



THE SERVICE WAS INDICATED BY AN OVAL "BM" OR BY APPLICATION OF A CACHET WITH THE WORDS "BOITE" OR "BOITE MOBILE", OR THE ABBREVIATION "B.M." AT THE BOTTOM. IT WAS SO MARKED TO INDICATE THE SOURCE OF MAIL WHICH HAD NOT BEEN CHECKED BY A POSTAL CLERK FOR SUFFICIENT POSTAGE DUE TO WEIGHT AND/OR DESTINATION.



OVAL



BOITE MOBILE



B.M.



1875 CARD FROM EPERNAY, PARIS RECEIPT



1870 LETTER, LURE – MULHOUSE
PARIS A BALE BACKSTAMP



1876 LETTER, BELFORT – ST CLEMENT
PARIS A BELFORT BACKSTAMP

BOITE MOBILE



1867 LETTER, LAVARDAC - NANTES



1867 LETTER, BORDEAUX - LONDON
BORDEAUX - PARIS - CALAIS BACKSTAMPS

BOITE MOBILE



1868 LETTER, BESSEGES - LYON

B.M.



1868 LETTER, ST. MARTIN - CHALON
THE LETTER "D" TOP RIGHT IS MARK OF ROUTE CARRIER

RAILWAY JUNCTION = "BUREAU de PASSE"

AT 25 IMPORTANT RAILWAY JUNCTIONS, MAIL WAS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER LINES TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY. THE MARKING OF THESE TRANSFER POINTS WAS A NON-CONCENTRIC CIRCLE WITH THE POST OFFICE NUMBER OF THE TOWN AT TOP. THESE MARKINGS WERE USUALLY APPLIED TO THE BACK OF THE LETTER. IT IS UNUSUAL TO FIND THE CANCEL ON THE STAMP. # 1307, DIJON IS THE ONE SHOWN HERE.



ON PERFORATED EMPIRE



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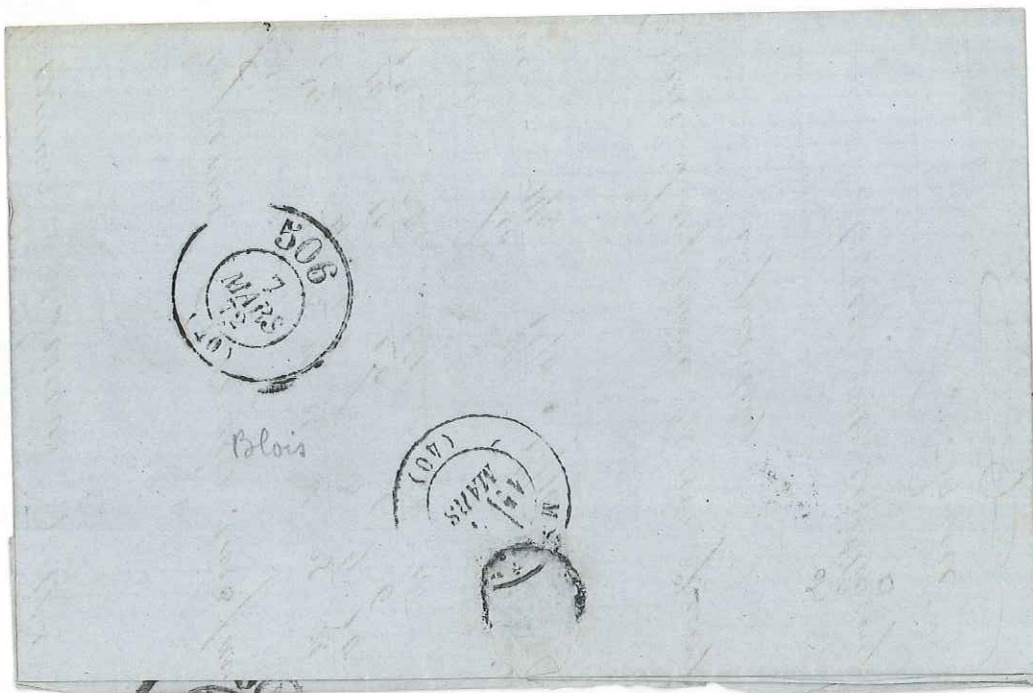


CERES



99 - ANGERS

1874 LETTER, NANTES – CHATEAUNEUF S/SARTHE



506 BLOIS
1872 LETTER, ORLEANS - MORÉE



691 CAEN
1873 CARD, MONTEAU – VIRN, FORWARDED TO CONDE-NOSREAU



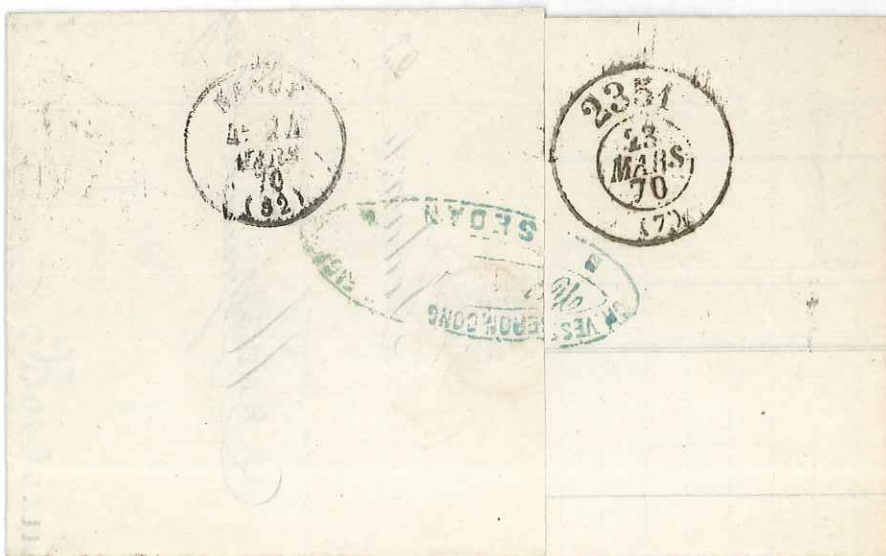
1871 LETTER
ANDOVILLE -
BACCONNIERE

1987 LAVAL



1876 LETTER
CAEN -
VIMOUTIERS

2056 LISIEUX



1870 LETTER
SEDAN - NANCY

2351 MEZIERES



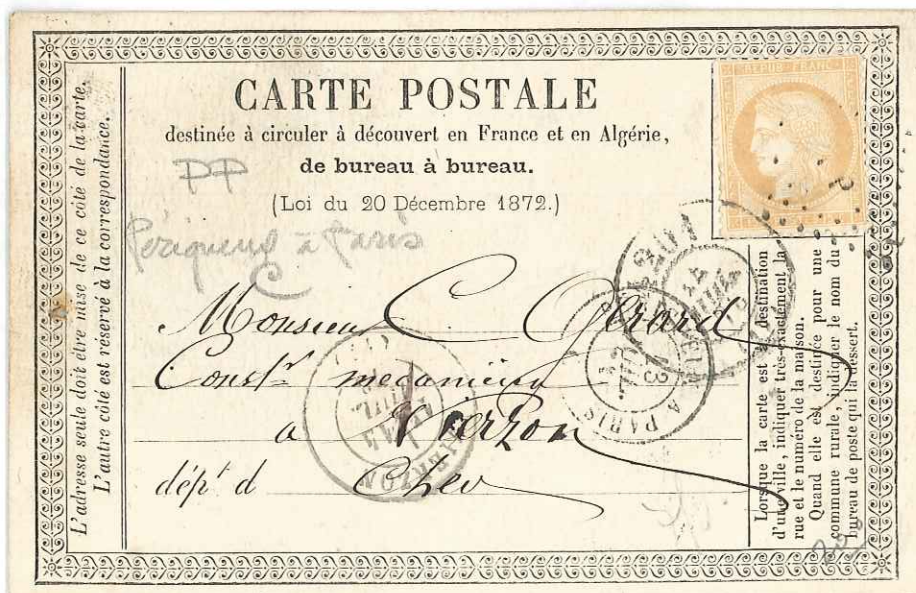
3112 RENNES

1876 LETTER
LORIENT - LAGUIOLE



1869 LETTER
AUFFAY -
DARNETAL

3219 ROUEN



4201 VIERZON

1873 CARD
POSTED ON LINE "PP"
PERIGUEUX - PARIS
TO VIERZON

"B.M." Boite mobile

This oval stamp was applied on letters which were brought to the railroad station by a horse drawn van which collected the mail in villages which themselves had no P.O.



The "Boite mobile" type.



Bureaux de Passe

These offices were installed in the rail road stations at important transfer points to facilitate the handling of the mail.

Their postmark is an excentric ring, with date block and department number. They had their own order number wich was completely unrelated to the local P.O. number. The postmark was struck on the back of the letter, it is scarce on the stamp.

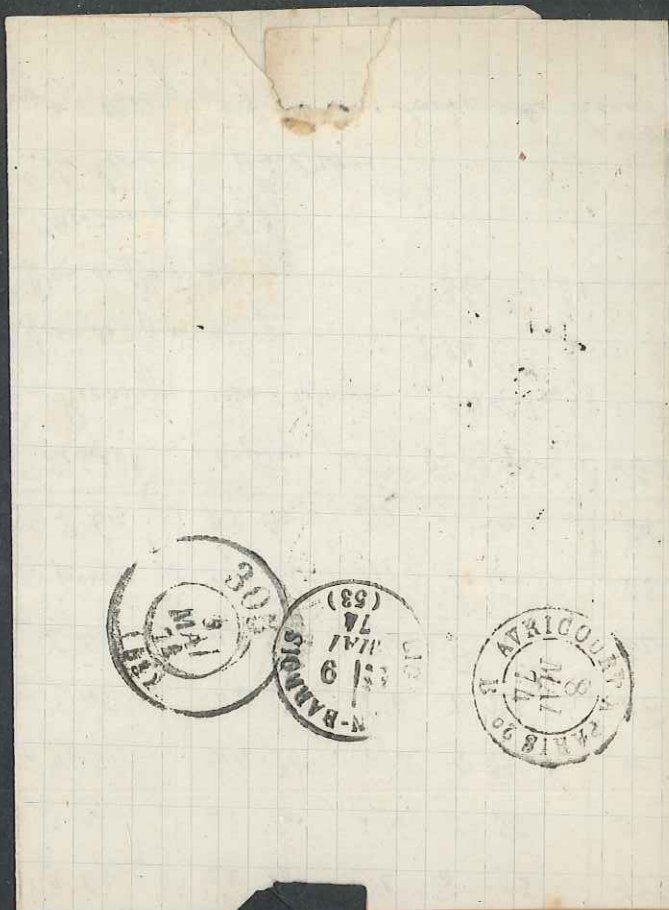
Dijon # 1307 GP5



VASSAUX 4201 GP4

LIST YET TO BE COMPLETED

	GP5			GP4
99 AMBERS X	3	2351 METZ	X	3
305 BRUXELLES X	3	2435 MONT-BELLARD		
506 BLOIS X	1	2505 NANTES	X	3
697 CAEN X	3	2598 NANCY	X	3
897 CHARLEVILLE X	3	2854 NANTES	X	3
898 CHATEAUBRIANT		2860 NANTES	X	3
947 CHATELAINVILLE X	1	2915 NANTES	X	2
978 CHATELAINVILLE X	3	3112 NANTES	X	3
1307 DIJON X (shown)	5	3219 NANTES	X	3
1987 LA ROCHE	3	3305 NANTES	X	2
2056 LISIERS X	3	3323 NANTES	X	2
2186 LE MANS X	3	4116 NANTES	X	1
		4201 NANTES	X	4

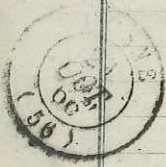


BUREAU DE PASSE

OFFICE AT RR JUNCTION FOR MAIL SORTING
DISTINCTIVE ECCENTRIC CIRCLE MARKING

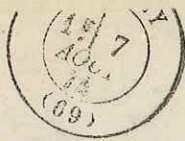


Chateaubriant par Bayonne
P.P. Chateau
Chateau d'Eschou par Bayonne



Messrs & Co

BANQUIERS



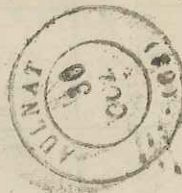
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SECIETE A RESPONSABILITE LIMITEE
CAPITAL 3.500.000
SUCRERIE DE BOURDON
PAR AULNAT (PUY-DE-DOME)



à cheve le service

Monsieur [red stamp]

Poyoux

*Rég. a
(Suise)*



com on [unclear]

Monsieur [unclear]







ROME - TURIN - GENOVA - MADRONE - PARIS
 TRANS EUROPE MAIL ROUTE
 THIS IS THE ONLY COPY I HAVE KNOWN OF OR SEEN
 OF THIS REMARKABLE TRANSIT
 CANCEL
 GY. MARICK



TORINO GENOVA
 22

23

GENOVA
 24

6316

LYON
 24
 SEPT
 71
 LES TERREAUX

Messieurs

f. fratelli Forquet

Naples.

PD



Rece de Montet N° 7
à
Paris

Monsieur Ernest Debens, Ingénieur,
~~à Luxembourg~~

~~Luxembourg~~
(Grand Duché)

par Chénille

AS -
ser
Seance
destinée
-
les ser
Capit
dozer