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HAMBURG – BOTEN ISSUES

Th. Lafrenz. Possibly a bogus post or Lafrenz and Krantz collaborated as the stamps may well have been printed by the same printer.

Originals – 1863 – Imperforate. Types 1 and 2 se-tenant

½ Schilling



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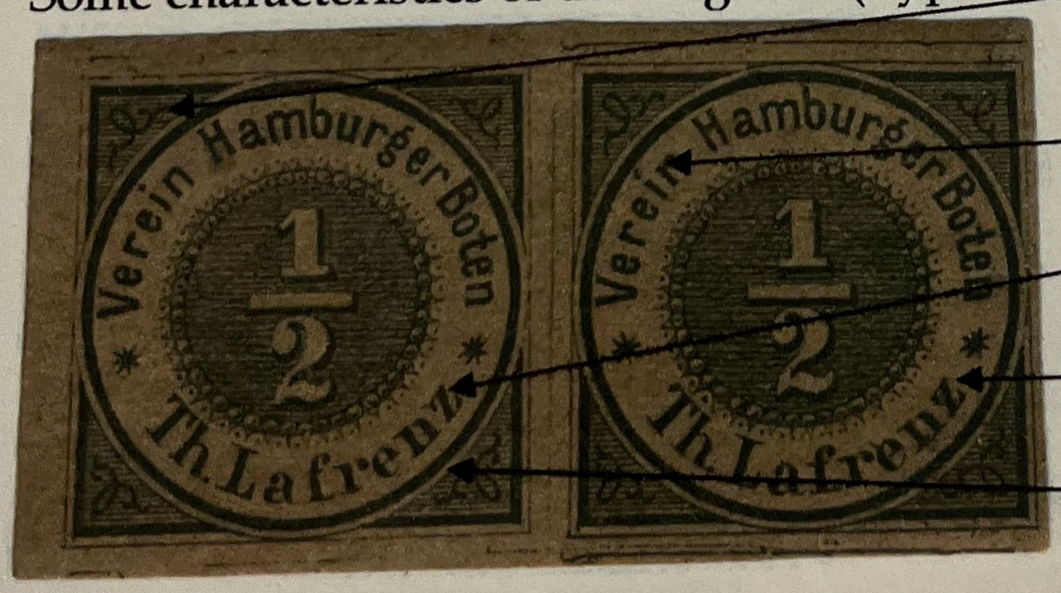


1 2



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Some characteristics of the originals (Type 1 and Type 2).



Type 1: "dot" above "i"

Type 2: "comma" above "i"

Type 1 : stroke at top of "z"

Type 2 : no stroke at top of "z"

Large lettering and stop merges with "h" of "Th" (both types)

Type 1 Type 2

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HAMBURG – Hamonia

W. Krantz. This Hamoia private post never became reality and it is believed that this issue was produced for collectors

1 and 2 Schilling - Metallic inks on white or coloured paper (11 combinations).

Originals - 1863



Some characteristics of the originals: a very crude printing



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HAMBURG & ALTONA

H. Maack. Briefbeförderung *(Letter Transportation (company))*.
Established 1st January 1872 and operated until 1874.

1 schilling red and 2 schilling blue.

In April 1872, their address changed to "Rödingsmarkt 68" and so the "Steintwiete 25" below H. MAACK was struck through.



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BOGUS

HAMBURG – BOTEN ISSUES

W Krantz – a bogus issue attributed to J W Scott or S Allan Taylor. This is a copy of the design of the Gdot and Korcheva Zemsto stamps. 1 sch. and 2 sch. in 28 different colour/paper combinations.



HAMBURG – BOTEN ISSUES

Charles Van Diemen – Spiro forgery – c 1865/70

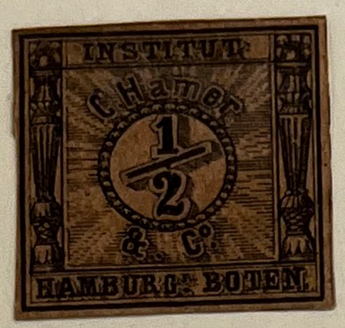


HAMBURG – BOTEN ISSUES

C. Hamer & Co – Spiro forgery – c 1865/70

C. Hamer & Co - It was reported that a Messrs Hamer and Lehmann had established as Carl Hamer &Co, an enterprise under the name of "Institut Hamburger Boten". It was not clear what business it carried out but tickets are known showing the name of the firm, a number and a charge of 1 sch., probably for the carriage of goods. It is generally accepted that the stamps issued in July 1861 were used for postal purposes.

Originals – 1861 - Imperforate





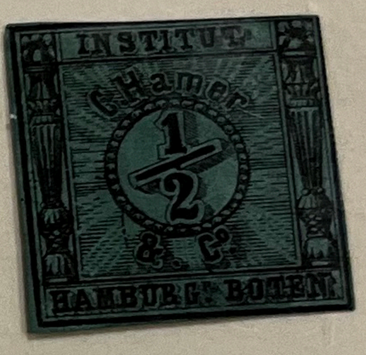
Reprints – coarser print and an almost vertical scratch to left of "&".



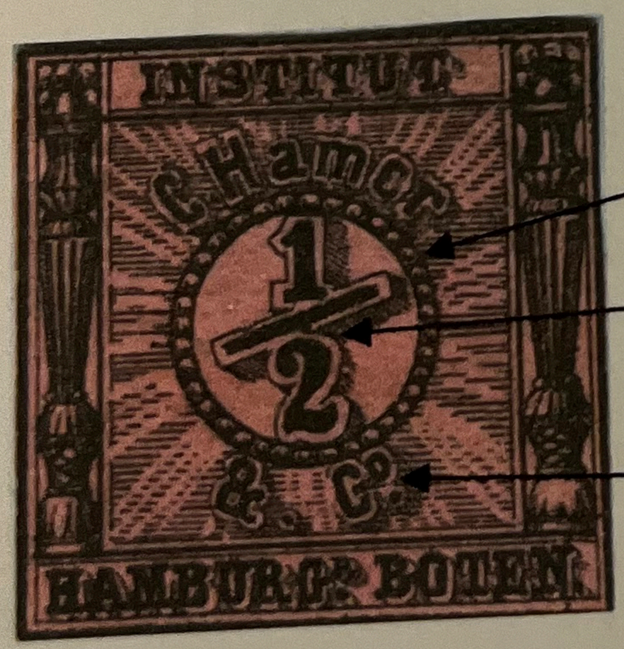








Some characteristics of the originals



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HAMBURG – BOTEN ISSUES

H. Scheerenbeck

Issue 2 - Postboy type. Originals – 1862 – Imperforate. It is believed that this issue saw postal use.

1 Schilling



Reprints – scratches running through "OT in BOTEN and first "E" of Scheerenbeck



Some characteristics of the originals



Left down stroke of "M" is thin

Head and letter reasonably well drawn

Small stroke at foot of "B"

Full stop after "H" and "K"

Well shaped six pointed star

HAMBURG – BOTEN ISSUES

H. Scheerenbeck. Spiro forgery – c1865/70





Well shaped six pointed star

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AMBURG – Hamonia

Krantz - Spiro forgery – c 1865/70



GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

BERGEDORF

A short lived local post run by A Salvador from 21st December 1887 to 28th January 1888.

21st December 1887



25th December 1887















GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

BERGEDORF

25th December 1887 issue – die proofs in various colours printed on shiny brittle paper on thick card.































GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

BERLIN

Berliner Verkehrs-Anstalt Hansa *(Hansa Berlin Transport Institute)*

Opened 19th June 1886

19th June 1886 (dots in corners)



September 1886 (no dots in corners)



19th November 1886 – colours changed



GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

BERLIN

Berliner Verkehrs-Anstalt Hansa *(Hansa Berlin Transport Institute)*

2 pf. Postal card commercially used on 12th August 1886



GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

BERLIN

Berliner Privatpost und Spedition *(Berlin Private Post and Forwarding Agency)*

Opened on 1st October 1895 by Paul Isaak and Edmund Hintze and merged with the Berlin Packetfahrt post in June 1897.

1st October 1895



June 1896 – International Fashion Exhibition



Poster Stamp issued for the Exhibition



GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

BERLIN

Berliner Privatpost und Spedition *(Berlin Private Post and Forwarding Agency)*

Early use of a 2pf postal card used on the 8th October 1895. The writer refers to "a new post". Note that the card is annotated at the top "only put in the yellow Private Post Company post box". As there were several private post companies and also the Reichspost in existence at this time, post boxes were colour coded.

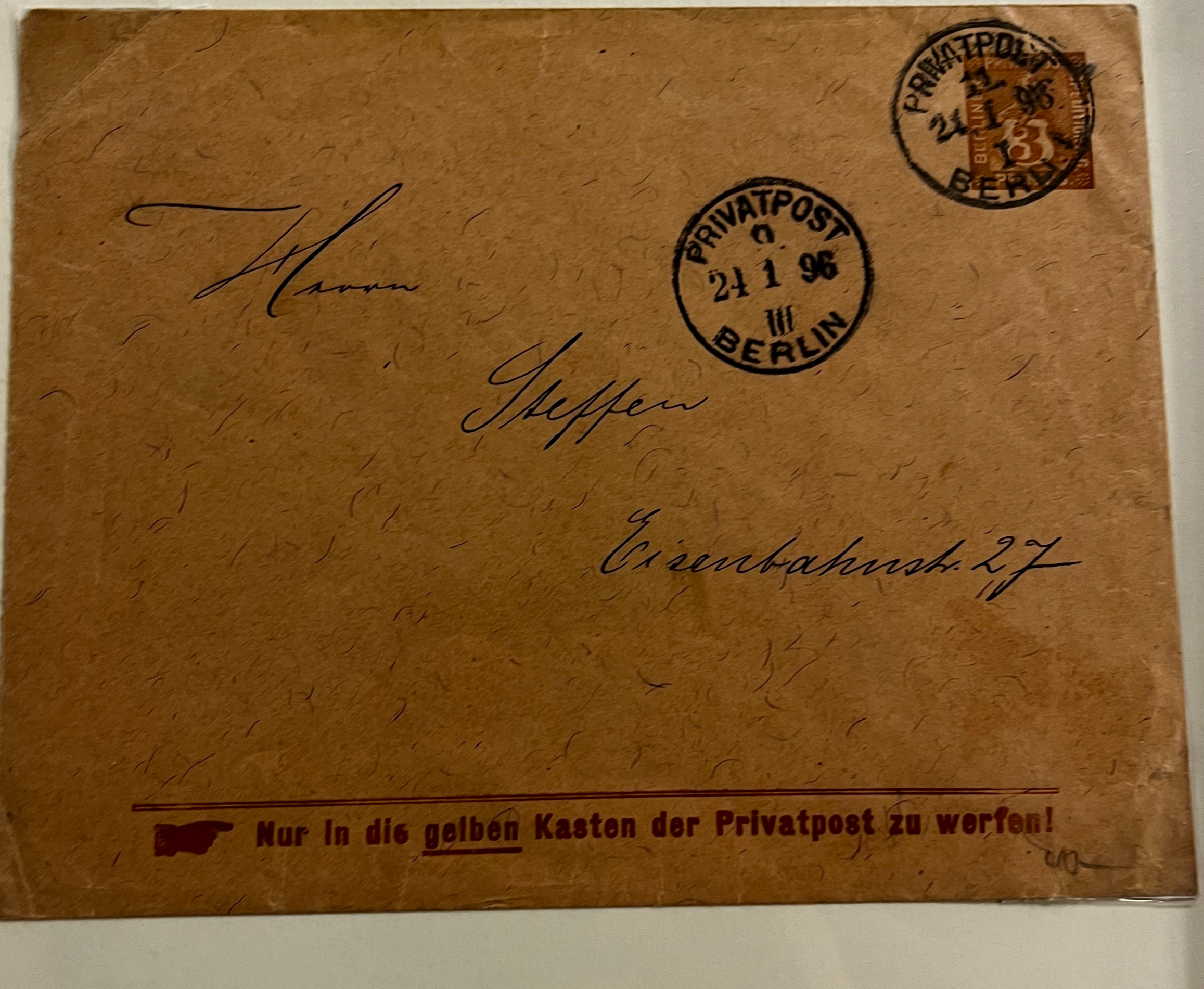


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Berliner Privatpost und Spedition *(Berlin Private Post and Forwarding Agency)*

A 3pf postal envelope used on the 24th January 1896. Note that the envelope is annotated at the foot "only put in the yellow Private Post (post) box".



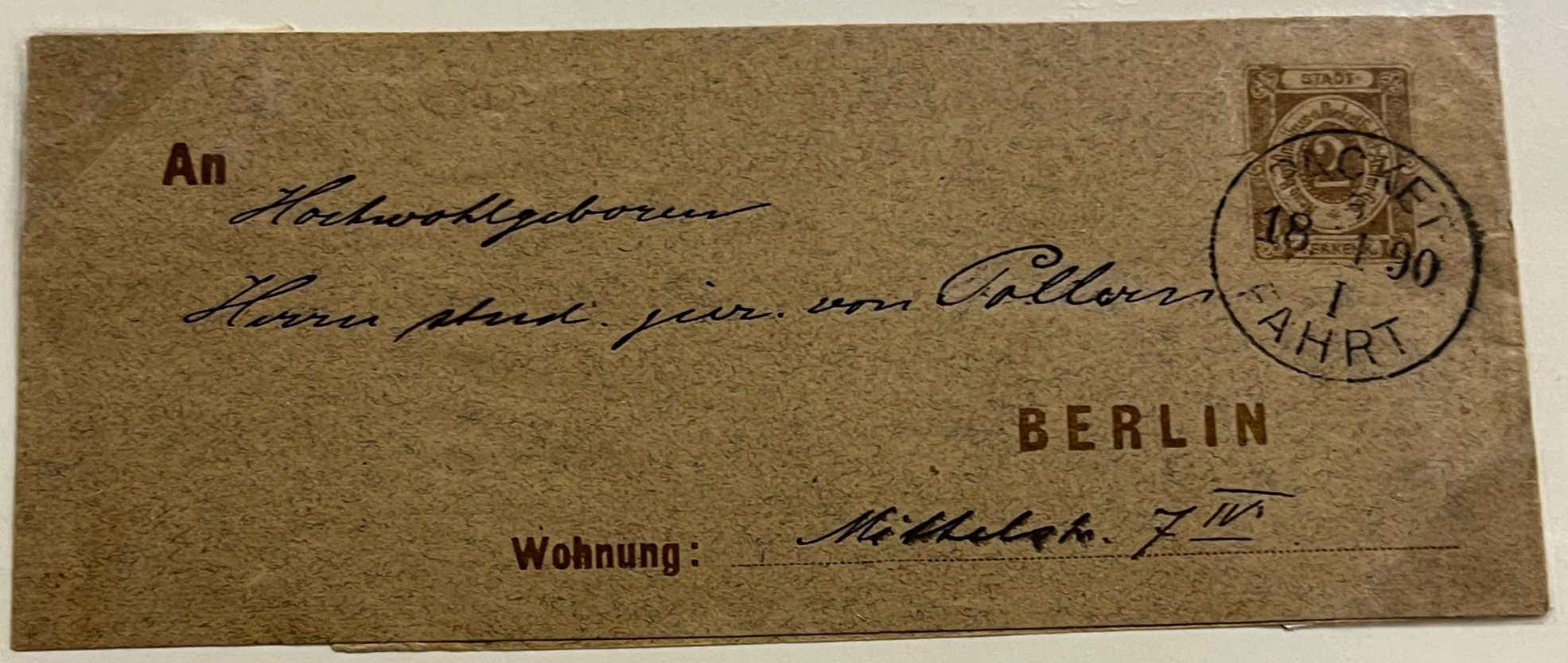
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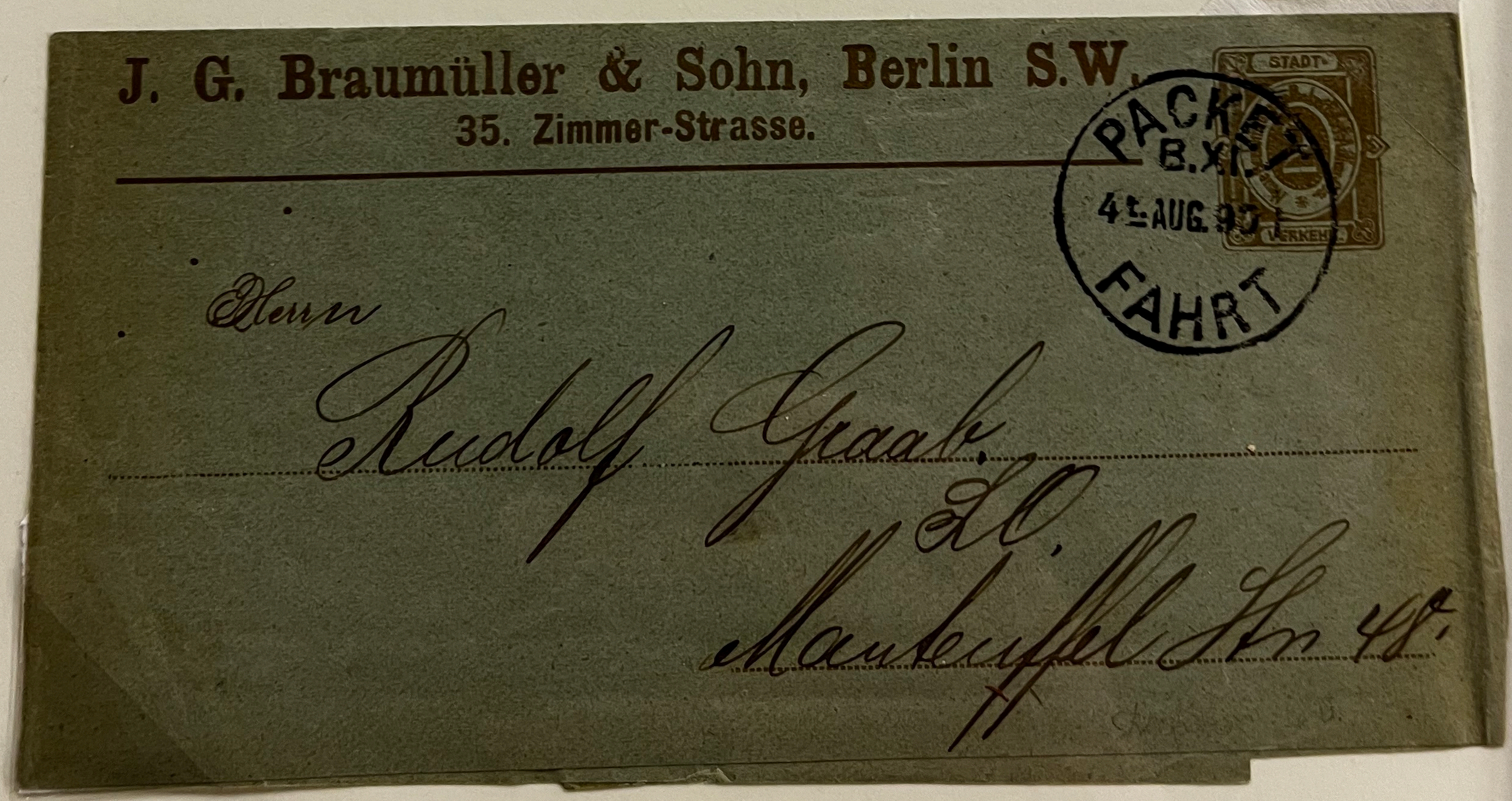
Berliner "Neue Berliner Omnibus und Packetfahrt-Actien-Gesellschaft" *(New Berlin Omnibus and packet delivery Company)* . Formed in January 1886 and closed March 1900.

2 pf wrappers.

"Official"



"Printed to order"



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BERLIN

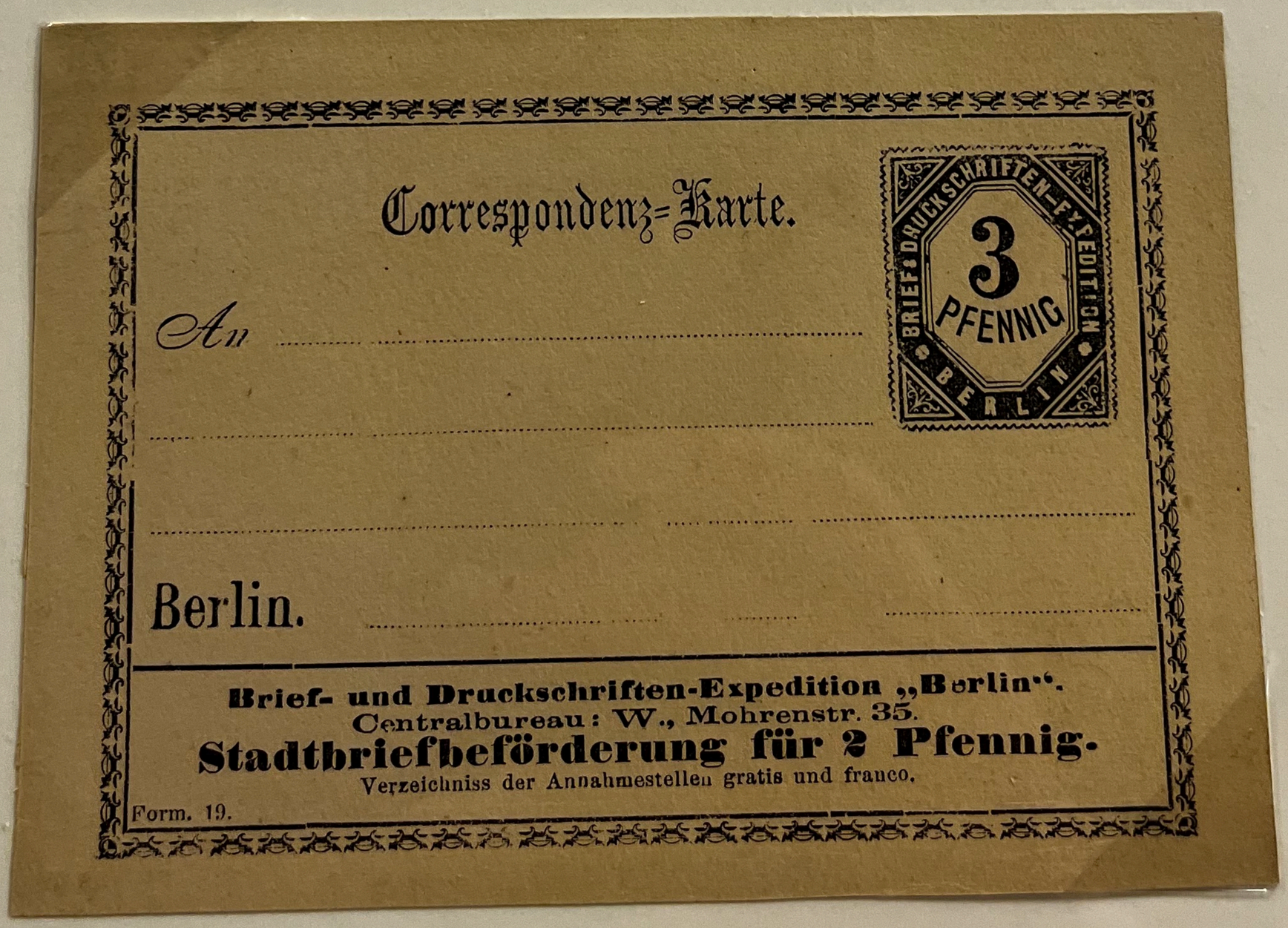
Brief- und Druckschriften-Expedition *(Letters and Pamphlets Despatch)*

Local post run by J J Schreiber from 27th May 1873 to August 1874.

Only one stamp issued



Postal card



BERLIN

Berliner "Neue Berliner Omnibus und Packetfahrt-Actien-Gesellschaft" *(New Berlin Omnibus and packet delivery Company) .*

22nd March 1897

Centenary of the birth of Kaiser Wilhelm I





GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

BERLIN

Berliner Verkehrs-Anstalt *(Berlin Transport Agency)*

October 1895



Orange red



Carmine



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BERLIN

Berliner Verkehrs-Anstalt Hansa *(Hansa Berlin Transport Institute)*

Second incarnation opened on 24th November 1886 and closed 15th February 1887

November 1886













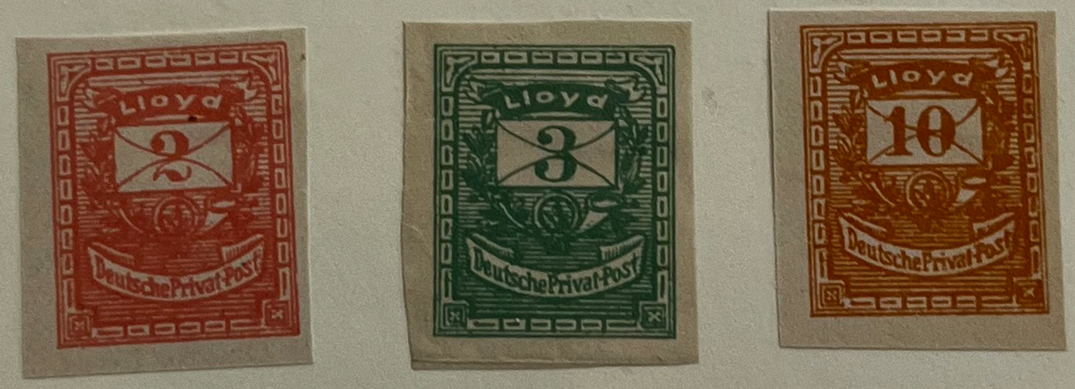
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Deutsche Privat-Post Lloyd *(Lloyd German Private post)*

August 1886





GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

ESSEN

Privat-Stadt-Post

January 1888 - Receipt for bulk mailing





















GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

ESSEN

Privat-Brief-Verkehr

January 1888 – new design inscribed "Privat-Brief-Verkehr "= "Private Correspondence" which avoids the use of "Post".



February 1888 – new colour for 3pf



GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

ESSEN

Privat-Brief-Verkehr

March 1888 – new design for "Receipt for Bulk Mailing"



GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

ESSEN

Privat-Stadt-Post - Founded on the 10th October 1887 by Louis Feldhaus but quickly changed the name to "Privat-Brief-Verkehr" on Government orders

October 1887 (imperforate stamps are reprints)



The use of the designation "POST" was prohibited on the 5 and 10 pf values presumably to avoid any potential competition with the Reichspost and so they were overprinted with 2 and 3 pf.

Reprints (dodgy) with inverted overprints

ESSEN

Privat-Brief-Verkehr

April 1888 – new design



Inverted centre – dodgy reprint



April 1888 – Receipt stamp



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FRANKFURT am MAIN

Privat-Brief-Verkehr

October 1886



December 1886 – colour change



January 1887 – overprinted "2" to make distinction from Reichspost 20 pf stamp



GERMAN LOCAL POSTS

FRANKFURT am MAIN

Privat-Brief-Verkehr

January - May 1887 - Change of colour, because of similarities with the same Reichspost stamps.



1887 – Control stamp – receipt for bulk mailing



June 1887 – National shooting event held in Frankfurt

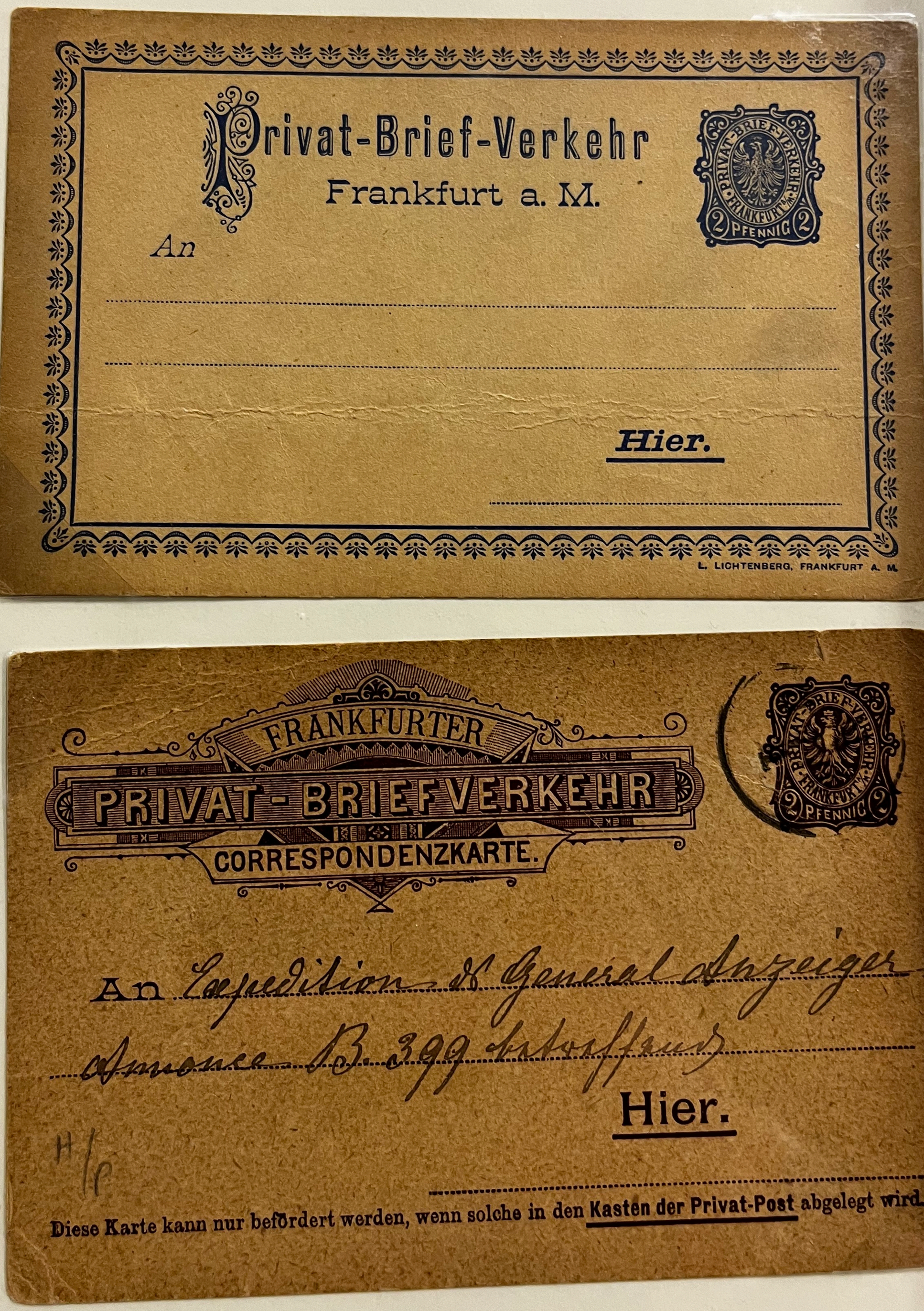


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FRANKFURT am MAIN

Privat-Brief-Verkehr- Postal cards

Both have the printed address "Hier" = literally "Here" meaning "Local "



FRANKFURT am MAIN

Privat-Brief-Verkehr

February 1888 – 1899. Change of design printed in several colours: main colours are shown below.



October 1899 – 2pf brownish grey used on a postcard.



FRANKFURT am MAIN

Drucksachen & Circularbeförderung (Printed Matter and Circular Delivery)

1887/1891



January 1887 – colour change and overprinted for use as "receipt for bulk mail"

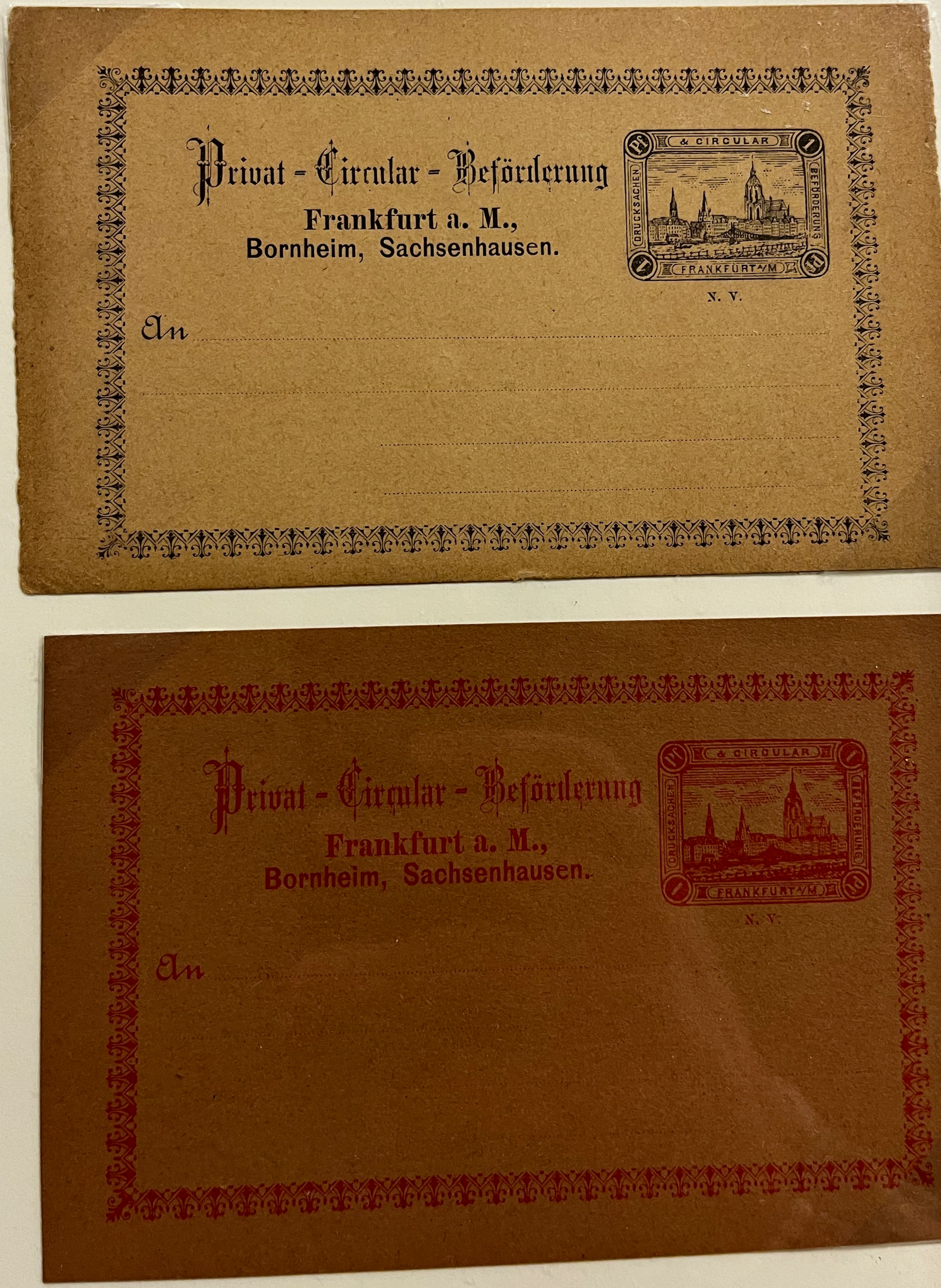


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FRANKFURT am MAIN

Drucksachen & Circularbeförderung (Printed Matter and Circular Delivery)

1887 – Postal Cards.



FRANKFURT am MAIN

Drucksachen & Circularbeforderung (Printed Matter and Circular Delivery)

May 1887 Printed Matter.



August 1887 – 4th German Federal Bicycle Convention.



November 1887





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FRANKFURT am MAIN

Almeritter's Privat-Circular-Post

1889 – Express Envelope – Golden Jubilee of Penny Postage May 1890. Portraits of Rowland Hill and James Chalmers.



HAMBURG

Hammonia (1) Stadtbriefbeförderung

End 1888

Four blocks each showing flaw “38 I”

