

Great Britain

1856/62

Paper no longer blued — Letters in lower corners — Wmk. Large Crown

Perf. 16



rose-red 30



blue 31

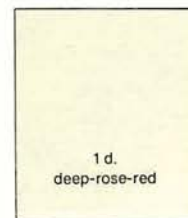
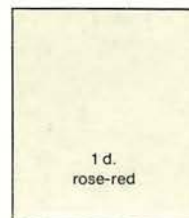
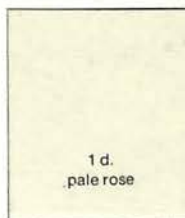
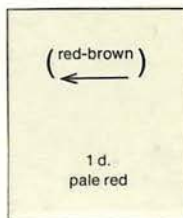


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Perf. 14 (Die II)



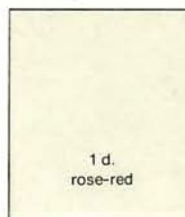
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27

1861

Letters engraved
on plate instead of punched
(Alphabet IV)



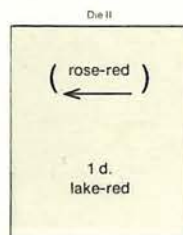
Die II
Plates 50 and 51



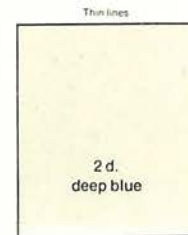
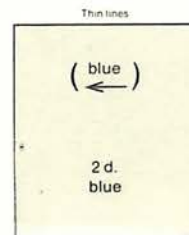
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1858/79

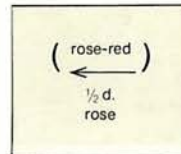
Letters in all four corners



29



1870



43-CONSTANTINOPLE



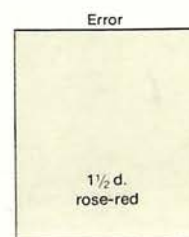
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32



32a



43 1/2

GREAT BRITAIN

Watermarked Heraldic Emblems

1862



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42

1865



43 plate 12

Scott 46

Scott 47



Watermarked Spray of Rose

1867-80



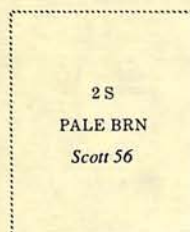
10 P
RED BRN
Scott 53



49a
plate 6



55x60a



2 S
PALE BRN
Scott 56

49 #7

plate 4

55a plate 1



55 plate 1

GREAT BRITAIN

Watermarked "Half Penny" in Script

1870



58 plate 2



58 plate 5



58 plate 10



plate 14



58 plate 8



58 plate 3



58 plate 6



58 plate 15



58 plate 1

Watermarked Spray of Rose

1872-80



61 plate 20



62 plate 16



59



60



59b



59a



64a plate 8



61 plate 12



61 plate 11



plate 15



6P
BUFF
Scott 63



64 plate 12



Watermarked Anchor

1875

Watermarked Orb

1876-80



61 plate 15



61 plate 18



plate 6



plate 18



68 plate 19



68 plate 23



69 plate 20



61 plate 16



62 plate 17



69



71



66a plate filler



67 plate 13

Watermarked Large Garter

1876-80



61 plate 7



61 plate 17



Scott 72



67 plate 16



67 plate 15



67 plate 12



67 plate 10



Great Britain

1905/10

Printed by De La Rue & Co. — Chalk-surfaced paper — Perf. 14



1280



127



129



128



130



130b



131



132b



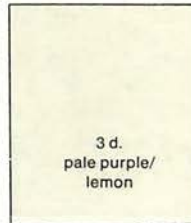
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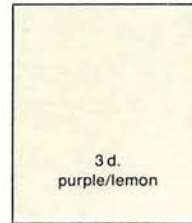
3 d.
dull purple/
orange-yellow



3 d.
dull redd. purple/
yellow (lemon back)



3 d.
pale purple/
lemon



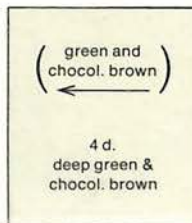
3 d.
purple/lemon



143



133



4 d.
deep green &
chocol. brown



134



5 d.
slate purple &
ultramarine



144



135b



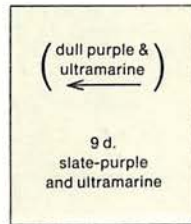
135



135a



136



9 d.
slate-purple
and ultramarine



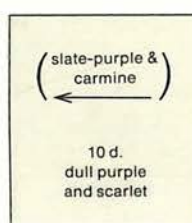
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136b



137



10 d.
dull purple
and scarlet



138a



1 s.
dull green
and scarlet



145



148



140



150



139



139a



149



147



146

Certificate of Authenticity

for The Twopenny Blue Stamp



Great Britain's 1840 Twopenny Blue Stamp

The 1840 Twopenny Blue Stamp was issued shortly after the Penny Black, and is considered the world's second postage stamp. The design is identical to the Penny Black, except for the denomination statement at the bottom and the heavy lines above and below Queen Victoria's portrait.

The Twopenny Blue was not perforated, so the individual stamps had to be cut or torn from an entire sheet of stamps. Using the same lettering system in the lower corners as the Penny Black, only one stamp from each 240-stamp sheet carries the same letters as the stamp on this page!

The Twopenny Blue Stamp contained herein is a genuine specimen of the world's second adhesive postage stamp. It was issued shortly after May 6, 1840 in Great Britain.

Fewer Twopenny Blues were printed than Penny Blacks, making them very desirable to collectors the world over. Since it is considered the world's second postage stamp, it adds significant historic value to every collection.

You are now among the select few to own this important philatelic heirloom. Below you will find your permanent certificate number, and the official signature attesting to the authenticity of your specimen of the world's first postage stamp.

000503

Certification Number

Signature

Donald Sundman
President - Mystic Stamp Company

Certificate of Authenticity

for *The* **Penny Black Stamp**



Great Britain's 1840 Penny Black Stamp

Issued on May 6, 1840, the world's first postage stamp cost one British Penny and made it possible to send a one-ounce letter for that small fee. The new British postal system became known as the "penny post" and the new stamp was called the "Penny Black."

The 1840 stamp was gummed but not perforated. It pictures the young Queen Victoria. The portrait was based on a commemorative medal minted during Victoria's first year as Queen, at the age of 18.

The Penny Black Stamp contained herein is a genuine specimen of the world's first adhesive postage stamp. It was issued by Great Britain on May 6, 1840.

As the world's first postage stamp, the Penny Black is the most famous, most desired, and most historically significant stamp of all time...and the one postage stamp all collectors dream of owning.

You are now among the select few to own this important philatelic heirloom. Below you will find your permanent certificate number, and the official signature attesting to the authenticity of your specimen of the world's first postage stamp.

003613

Certification Number

Signature

Don Sundman

Donald Sundman

President - Mystic Stamp Company



1 d.
scarlet
rot
Wmk. Sideways

1½ d.
red-brown
karminbraun
Wmk. Sideways

2 d.
orange
Wmk. Sideways



1 d.
scarlet
rot
Wmk. inverted



210. INVERT WMK

212. WMK INVERT



222



223



224

Great Britain
Großbritannien
Grande-Bretagne

1934/36