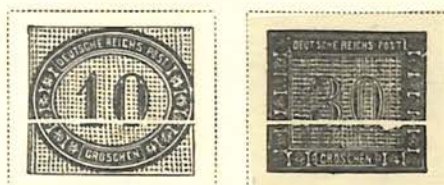


# GERMANY

## EMPIRE

Unwatermarked

1872



1874





GERMANY  
1872



20 DD  
Double Embossed Center  
Expertized by GPS



Certificate No. 5232

Date: December 13, 1985

The Expert Committee is of the opinion that

----- Germany, Michel No. 20 DD -----

**GERMANY**  
**1875**  
**Currency Reform**  
**January- June**



$\frac{1}{2}$  Gr  
as 5 Pf



1 Gr  
as 10 Pf



2 Gr  
as 20 Pf



$2\frac{1}{2}$  Gr  
as 25 Pf



5 Gr  
as 50 Pf



$2\frac{1}{2}$  on  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Gr  
as 25 Pf

**July - December**



$\frac{1}{2}$  Gr  
as 5 Pf



1 Gr  
as 10 Pf



2 Gr  
as 20 Pf



$2\frac{1}{2}$  Gr  
as 25 Pf



5 Gr  
as 50 Pf



$2\frac{1}{2}$  on  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Gr  
as 25 Pf

In 1875 the German government unified the Groschen currency of northern Germany and the Kreuzer currency of southern Germany. The new currency was Phennige and Marks. Most of the embossed shield stamps in use since 1872 were not valid for postage after December 31, 1874. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and 5 Groschen stamps continued to be used as Phennige stamps until December 31, 1875. Stamps used in this manner during the second half of the year are extremely scarce.



GERMANY  
1872



This registered cover was mailed from Elberfeld to Siegburg on January 1, 1872. The stamps are canceled with circular Elberfeld cancels. Postage is paid at the 3 groschen registered rate by one 1 groschen stamp, Michel # 4 and a 2 groschen stamp, Michel # 5. This is a first day cover for the first German stamps and as such is very scarce. Unfortunately the cancellation date appears to have been altered.



GERMANY  
1875



Currency Reform

Letter sent from Goerlitz to Cottbus October 8, 1875.

Addressee was not in Cottbus so the letter was returned as indicated by the markings on the back.



Cottbus receiving mark  
October 9, 1875



Returned to Goerlitz  
October 17, 1875



GERMANY  
1873



**1873 cover Mulhausen to Rouen, France**

This cover uses a 2 Groschen small shield (Michel #5) and a 1 Groschen large shield (Michel #19) to pay the three Groschen rate for this letter. Covers using a combination of small and large shields are scarce. The letter was sent on January 23, 1873 as shown on the two Mulhausen, Els (Elsass), Bhf (Bahnhof- railroad station) horseshoe cancels. The letter went by train to Paris as shown by the Allemagne Bhnf Paris blue transit circular cancel along with the red PD cancel. From Paris the letter went to Rouen where it was received on January 24 as shown on the Rouen circular receiving cancel on the back of the cover. The 2 Groschen stamp has a plate variety of a white line on the top border over the CHS of Reichs. (Michel #51).



GERMANY  
1872



This cover was mailed from Rothau in Alsace to Paris, France on April 19, 1872. As a result of the Franco Prussian War the French post offices did not recognize stamps from the Germany on letters sent from the occupied territory in Alsace and Lorraine. Thus this letter had to be franked with a French stamp to proceed through the French postal system. For this reason this cover is franked with both a German, Michel # 5 stamp and a French stamp. This situation ended when the German French Postal Agreement of February 12, 1872 took effect on May 15, 1872 in Germany and May 24, 1872 in France.

GERMANY  
1872



**1872 cover Hamburg to Vienna, Austria**

This cover was mailed on October 28, 1872 from Hamburg to Vienna, Austria. The cover carries a "Hamburg I.A." horseshoe cancellation. There is an October 30 "Landstrasse Wien" receiving mark on the back of the cover. The 1/3 groshcen printed matter postal rate is paid a 1/3 gr. stamp, Michel #17.



GERMANY  
1874



This cover was mailed on April 10, 1874 from Meissen. There is an April 11 receiving mark on the back of the cover. The two groshcen postal rate is paid by two ½ gr. stamps, Michel #18 and one 1 gr. stamp, Michel #19. One of the ½ gr. stamps is perforated in the large format (16+ perforation holes) and the other is perforated in the small format (15 perforation holes). A most interesting cover.



GERMANY  
1872



**1872 cover Neuhausen to Montreux, Switzerland**

This cover was mailed on February 14, 1872 from Neuhausen to Montreux, Switzerland. The cover carries four double circle "Neuhausen" nachverwendete Prussian cancels. There is a February 16 "Montreux" receiving mark on the back of the cover. The 2 groshcen letter rate is paid by the 1 gr. postal stationary envelope and a 1 gr. stamp, Michel #19.



GERMANY  
1873



This card was mailed from Leipzig to Basel, Switzerland on December 16, 1873. The stamps are canceled by a rectangular Leipzig P.E. NR. VI, Connewitz cancel. There is a Basel receiving postmark dated December 17, 1873. The card was forwarded to Winterthur, Switzerland and there is a Winterthur receiving postmark dated December 18, 1873. Postage is paid at the 1 groschen postcard rate by one ½ groschen stamp, Michel # 18, on a ½ groschen postal card, Michel # P1.

scarce



GERMANY  
1873



This card was mailed from Bielefeld to Birtouta, Algeria on May 30, 1873. The stamps are canceled by old Prussian Nachverwendete Bielefeld cancel. The letter went by way of Paris and Marseille, France. There is a Paris transit cancel dated June 1, 1873 on the front of the cover. There is a Birtouta receiving postmark dated June 6, 1873 on the back of the cover. The card was forwarded to Alger and there is an Alger receiving postmark dated June 8, 1873. Postage is paid at the 3 groschen overseas letter rate by three 1 groschen stamp, Michel # 19.





Very Small  
14 Perforation Holes



Small  
15 Perforation Holes



Large  
16+ Perforation Holes



Rough  
Perforations



Skipped Perforations







1<sup>st</sup> day of issue  
usage 1/1/1872



2<sup>nd</sup> day of issue  
usage 1/2/1872



3<sup>rd</sup> day of issue  
usage 1/3/1872



Last day valid for use  
12/31/1874



1875 Currency Reform  
Valued as Pfennig  
1/1 – 6/30



1875 Currency Reform  
Valued as Pfennig  
7/1 – 12/31







Plate Fault VII  
white line in bottom border



Plate Fault XIa  
accent over RE of REICH



Plate Fault XXIII  
dot over C in REICH



Plate Fault I  
1 in 1/2 shifted left



Plate Fault II  
Broken H



Smeared ink in  
upper border



Pre-printing  
paper wrinkle



Plate Fault?  
dot over R in Reich



Upper border stamp  
shifted up



Shades















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## Prüfungsbefund

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Zur Prüfung vorgelegte Marke, Briefstück, Brief des Deutschen Reiches Michel Nr. 2.5.1.15.0 ist echt/falsch.

Erhaltung: 3 H. vorabrennen, d. Bild postfisch-ungebraucht mit Originalgummi, Farbrest-farbfriech, sehr gut geprägt. sehr gut zentriert - sehr gut gezähnt - vorzüglich - sehr gut erhalten.

Die Entwertung der Marke ist echt/falsch.

Plattenfehler: VIII

Kelle Spindel im Rahmen...

Gold nicht fassen...

bestimmen lassen

KA Stempel:

badische Type

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Koch, Weid. 1931

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Erhaltung: 2/2 a. 2/2 b. braun, kl. Schild  
postfach, ungebraucht mit Originalummi, Falzrest, farbfriech, sehr gut geprägt.  
sehr gut zentriert, sehr gut gezähnt, vorzüglich, sehr gut erhalten.  
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Plattenfehler: II

„Schild“ in „Dunkelheit“  
von „Schild“ 90 der Staaten  
- 0 - - 1 -



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Ungelesen  
keine Schadenfalsch  
Ja  
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18 Kr. graubraun, kleiner Schild, 1872 - ist echt.

Erhaltung: oben flache Zähne, Eckzahnschüler, kleine Marke

L15: Ecklung; die Entwertung ist echt.



Stempel

GIESSEN-STADT

Signiert -

Hildesheim 30.4.1981

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spez. Nachverwendete altdeutsche Stempel

Dieser Prüfungsbefund gilt nicht als Attest



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ALT-DEUTSCHLAND  
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BADEN



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HOLSTEIN



SAXONY







PRUSSIA



JANOWIEC  
(FEUSER +15)  
PR



SCHLODIEN  
(FEUSER +40)  
PR







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(FEUSER + SU)  
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