

The World's First Postage Stamps

The world's first postage stamp went on sale in Great Britain on May 6, 1840. The brain-child of Sir Rowland Hill, it marked the first time that postal rates were determined by weight, rather than by the distance of the delivery. The 1840 Penny Black cost one English penny and would send a letter anywhere in the United Kingdom. Two days later, on May 8, 1840, Great Britain issued the Two Pence Blue which was to be used for double weight letters and heavy packages. The new English system was called the "Penny Post" . . . and for the first time offered affordable mail service to nearly every British citizen. Today, both the Penny Black and the Two Pence Blue are considered among the world's *most important* postal issues, for these very stamps heralded the issuance of postage stamps around the world . . . eventually resulting in an international postal network linking peoples from every corner of the globe.

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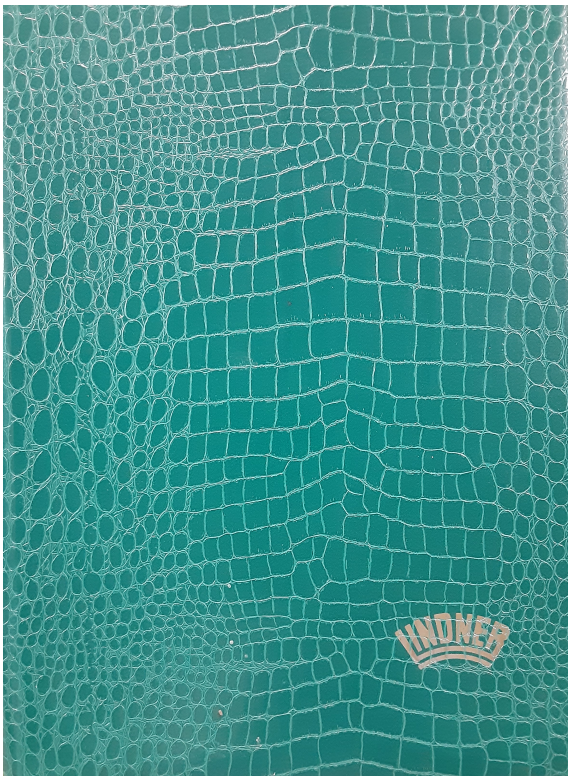
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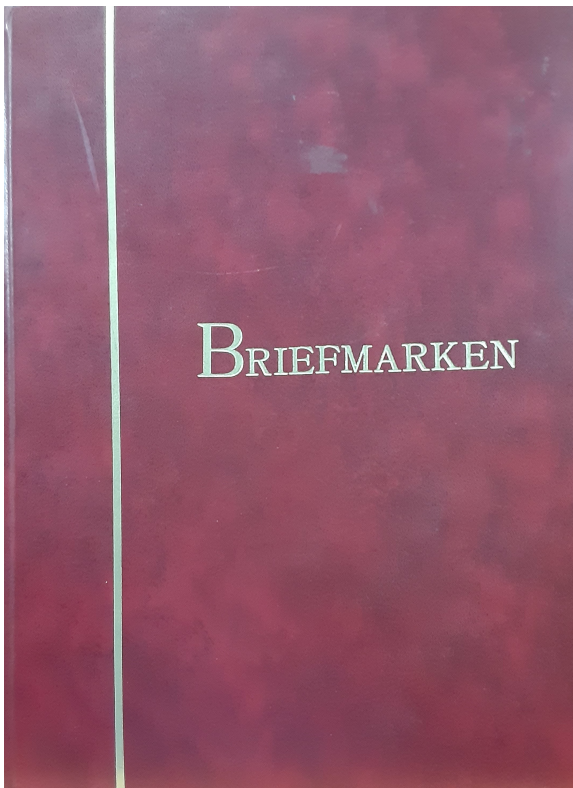


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