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Famous & Infamous from pure thematic.
2.3 TREATMENTS

Ladies, two treatments especially for you!

From India, the Asoka Cordial Compound.

From the quacks in the USA, Scovill's SARSAPARILLA or BLOOD & LIVER SYRUP as detailed on this fold out trade card.

A peerless remedy for Scrofula, White Swellings, Cancer, Erysipelas, Chronic Sores, Syphils, Tumors, Carbuncles, Salt Rheum, Malaria, Bilious Complaints and all diseases indicating an impure condition of the Blood.
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In the 1890s, quackery reached a new low with Dr. Justin de Lisle's claim to have discovered the Bacillus of Syphilis (a spirochete is the causitive agent) and a serum to effect a cure (even today no vaccination or serum exists as a prevention or cure). Read all about it in this 6 page Prospectus for the Luelytic Serum Company from around 1890.
Controlling VD was of concern to America’s military; but controlling the abuse of official mail was of greater concern as evidenced by the free frank of Surgeon General W. Maxwell Wood, MD, Chief Bureau of Medicine and Surgery 1869-71...

Signature required due to legislation passed in March 1869; franking privilege abolished in 1873.

... and the use of Official stamps from 1873 until declared obsolete in 1884...

Navy Dept. official stamps are infamous for poor centering

... when a variety of Official Business envelopes became mandatory...

$300 penalty introduced for private use to avoid postage - penalty is still $300 some 120 years later!
3.4 SOCIAL EFFECTS
WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS Day, first held on 1-December 1988 and sponsored by the United Nations, was established to raise awareness about AIDS and HIV and to prevent discrimination towards those affected by it.

The U.N. used this meter design in N.Y. and similar cancels in N.Y. and Geneva.

Only a few countries prepared something philatelic in 1988.

Only Brazil and Romania were ready for World AIDS Day 1989.

<-- Brazil continued to recycle this basic design for several years

1990 produced nothing.

But Britain was ready for 1991 - except for the cancelling machine which malfunctioned for the duration the special cancel was in use. ...and so were the Swiss who produced this neat cancel in four languages.
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World AIDS Day 1992 saw only this meter stamp from Britain.

World AIDS Day 1993 saw a nationwide first day of issue for the U.S. AIDS stamp, ...and a special cancel from Canada,

Over 100 cities participated with special cancels.

...and first days of issue from Nepal and Peru.

World AIDS Day in 1994 and 1995 saw a variety of first day of issues and special cancels. A small sample below.
3.4. SOCIAL EFFECTS

In conjunction with World AIDS Day, an International Conference on AIDS is held to review the latest scientific work in the past year and to set goals for the future.

Canada issued this stamp in conjunction with the XI International Conference on AIDS in Vancouver, BC in July 1996.

Trial Colour Proof, Position 3B

Trial colour proofs, 32 different, were all printed on one sheet which was mounted on corrugated cardboard.

The slogan, One World - One Hope, was used at the 1996 Conference and throughout the year on a Japanese Echo card...

and an Italian machine cancel...

and an official cachet from the Seychelles.
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World AIDS Day 1997 and 1998 continued to see a variety of special philatelic items. France produced cancels for World AIDS Day and for use through the year.

Both Hong Kong and India finally noted World AIDS Day.

The first of a long series of Indian postal stationery related to World AIDS Day and AIDS awareness and prevention.
4.3 PREVENTION

Many countries had social barriers or laws regarding condoms; however, German condom manufacturers and vendors could advertise discreetly around the turn of the past century as seen by the adlet for Dr. Oskar Menzel's rubber goods on this printed-to-private-order letter sheet...

... and by the various euphemisms used by Friedrich Mücke in his advertisement on this printed-to-private-order envelope
Public health officials gradually became aware of the problems presented by venereal diseases. The Provincial Commissioner for health in Bologna in 1855 was more concerned with epidemic diseases that killed people quickly, like plague or cholera, than with slow killers like syphilis.

V.D. was of little concern to national health authorities until the Hygienic Laboratory was started as a one man laboratory on Staten Island, NY in 1887. In 1904, it moved to Washington, DC and in 1930 became the National Institute of Health - a giant in medical research worldwide.
5.2 NINETEENTH CENTURY WARS

"Officers may do as they please, as long as they stay free of disease" - Evita by Sir Andrew Lloyd Weber.

However, Captain Joseph Bushfield became "diseased with syphilis or clap" after "unlawful carnal intercourse with a lewd woman or common prostitute" and rendered himself unfit for duty - for which he was court martialed and dismissed from service to the United States.

GENERAL ORDERS, { WAR DEPARTMENT,}
No. 59. ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, February 18, 1864.

I., Before a General Court Martial, which convened at Beverly, Virginia, March 27, 1863, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 29, dated February 20, 1863, and No. 43, dated March 20, 1863, Headquarters, Northern Brigade, Buckhannon, Virginia, and of which Colonel GEORGE R. LATHAM, 2d Virginia Volunteer Infantry, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Captain Joseph Bushfield, 2d Virginia Volunteer Infantry.

CHARGE.—"Conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman."

Specification—"In this: that the said Captain Joseph Bushfield, Company ‘H,’ 2d Regiment Virginia Volunteer Infantry, did, at Ironton, Ohio, on or about the 10th of October, 1862, and divers other times during the month of October, 1862, have unlawful carnal intercourse with a lewd woman or common prostitute, by which said Captain Joseph Bushfield, Company ‘H,’ 2d Regiment Virginia Volunteer Infantry, became diseased with syphilis, or clap, in consequence of which he, said Captain Joseph Bushfield, Company ‘H,’ 2d Regiment Virginia Volunteer Infantry, has been unfit for duty since said month of October, 1862. This known to officers and men."

To which charge and specification the accused, Captain Joseph Bushfield, Company ‘H,’ 2d Virginia Volunteer Infantry, pleaded "Not Guilty."

Finding.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Captain Joseph Bushfield, Company ‘H,’ 2d Virginia Volunteer Infantry, as follows:

Of the Specification, "Guilty."
Of the Charge, "Guilty."
5.5 WORLD WAR II

We shall pass over most of WWII (since many of you veterans are still here). However, M.L. Lieutenant Alexander Dyemyenok of the Soviet Air Force was discharged from active duty in June, 1945, despite an excellent record as a pilot, since he contracted gonorrhea once too often - unacceptable Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist moral behavior! Discharge papers typed on back of old map of Kara Sea area near Siberia due to War-time paper shortages (and probably where poor Dyemyenok wound up).