

Exhibit Name

Pitney Bowes Story

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A short history on Pitney Bowes and the metered mail story. Mr Pitney lived in Chicago working in a wallpaper store, doing mailing of advertisements and sticking stamps on envelopes so they could be mailed. Mr Pitney felt it was a waste of time to sit and do that job - so he began to develop a machine and that was in 1902. Mr Pitney developed a meter that the post office accepted.

Mr Bowes in Stamford who was the owner of Universal Stamp Machine which is the machine that cancels the stamps, also had the same idea but not until about 1919, but the meter he developed, the Post Office would not approve.

The Post Office liked the idea of a meter because it would save the clerks time, so they had Mr Pitney and Mr Bowes get in touch with each other and they formed the company now known as Pitney Bowes.

On the following pages are some samples of the different kinds of meters that have be used since the first meter made an impression on Nov 10, 1920

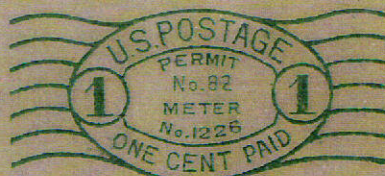
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STAMFORD, CONN., U. S. A.



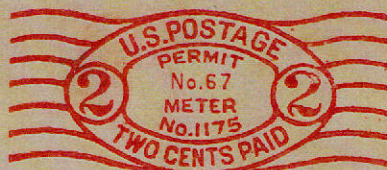
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PER STEAMER



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THE METERS FROM 1920 TO 1929 WERE SINGLE DEMONINATION,
MEANING THEY COULD ONLY PRINT ONE VALUE, AND THE GOVERN-
MENT WANTED THE COLOR TO BE THE SAME AS THE STAMPS
SOLD IN THE REGULAR ISSUE AS SHOWN.

THE SECOND ISSUE

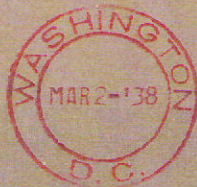
THE THIRD ISSUE
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THE FOURTH ISSUE

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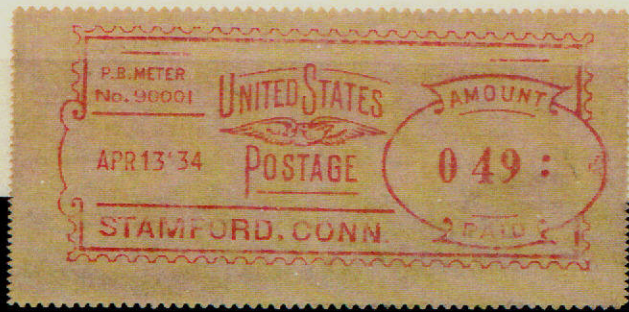


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THE SEVENTH ISSUE
(THE FLYING EAGLE)



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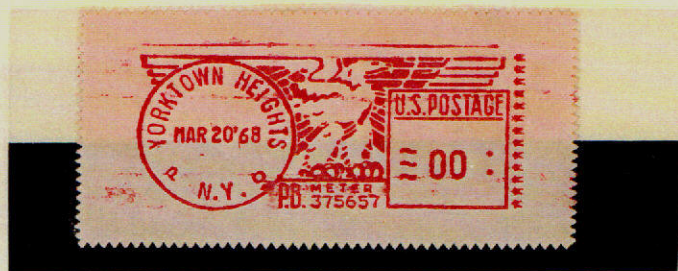


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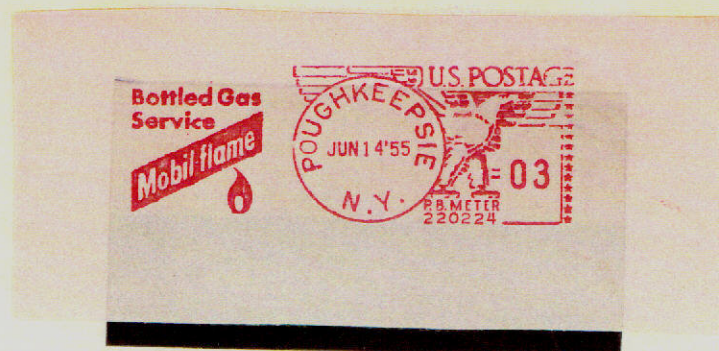
Prentice-Hall, Inc.
70 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.



THE TENTH ISSUE



THE ELEVENTH ISSUE





The "MAILOMAT"
COIN-OPERATED LETTER BOX

. . . furnishes postage and mailing service, day and night, to people who have letters to mail . . . and no stamps. It is a coin-operated U. S. mail box and postage meter.

To mail a letter you (1) drop coins in a slot (2) dial your postage value (3) insert your letter . . . and away it goes, stamped, postmarked and automatically deposited for collection. No adhesive stamps . . . no stamp-licking . . . no premium for postage.

This "self-service post office" prints U. S. meter stamps in denominations up to 32¢ on letters of various kinds and sizes, including Air Mail, Special Delivery and foreign mail. It can handle as many as 72 letters a minute.

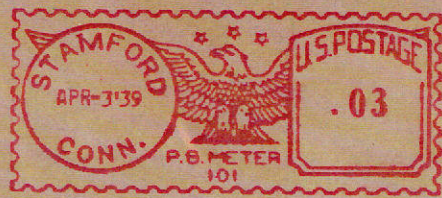
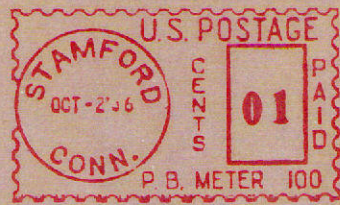
The "Mailomat" was developed by Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co., Stamford, Conn., in cooperation with the U. S. Post Office Department, to provide the public with stamp-buying and mailing facilities at times and places where they are not now available . . . in post office lobbies, hotels, stores, railway terminals and other public places.



THE TERM "MAILOMAT" IS COPYRIGHTED BY THE PITNEY BOWES POSTAGE METER COMPANY WHICH PRODUCED THESE MACHINES. THEY WERE A COMBINATION SELF-SERVICE, COIN-OPERATED POSTAGE METER AND A US MAIL BOX, AND WERE INSTALLED IN THE LOBBIES OF THE LARGER POST OFFICES AND ALSO IN SOME OF THE LARGER DEPARTMENT STORES, HOTELS AND RAILROAD STATIONS.



M. M. Ten Broeke.
715-5th St
Secaucus N.J.



Mr. H. Kroyer
35 Edgewood Avenue
Greenwich, Conn.

THE FIRST FOUR EXPERIMENTAL MAILMATS WERE INSTALLED
AT THE STAMFORD POST OFFICE (ALL FIRST DAY).

WHEN A PRESIDENT LEAVES OFFICE HE HAS THE PRIVLEDGE
OF "FREE MAIL". PITNEY BOWES OFFERS THE FORMER PRESI-
DENT A FREE MACHINE AND METER WITH HIS SIGNATURE SO
THAT HE MAY "FRANK" THE MAIL AND NOT HAVE TO SIGN EVERY
LETTER HE SEND OUT. HERE ARE TWO SAMPLES.



Jimmy Carter



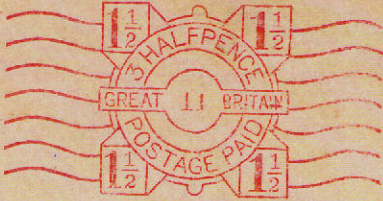
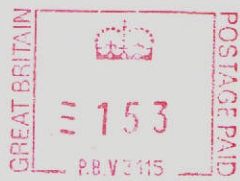
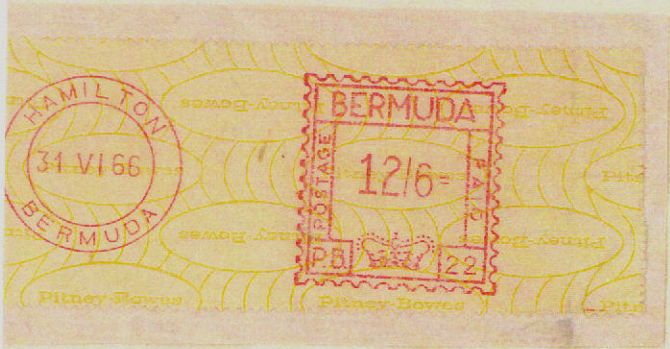
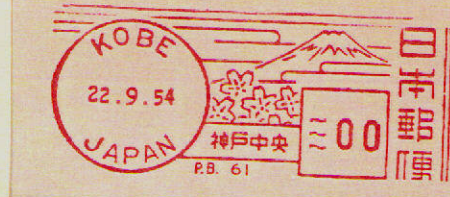
Herbert Hoover



Gerald R. Ford



Dwight D. Eisenhower



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PROVINCE DE QUÉBEC



A FEW OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES THAT WE MAKE METERS FOR.

SOME OTHER MANUFACTURES OF POSTAGE METERS

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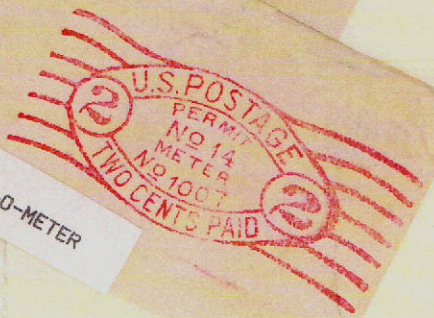
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MAIL-O-METER



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NEW YORK, N. Y.

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