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Sec. 392. Consuls to pay Foreign Postage in certain Cases.—The Postmaster-General or the Secretary of State is hereby authorized to empower the consuls of the United States to pay the foreign postage on such letters destined for the United States as may be detained at the ports of foreign countries for the non-payment of postage, which postage shall be by the consul marked as paid by him, and the amount thereof shall be collected in the United States as other postage, on the delivery of the letters, and repaid to said consul, or credited on his account at the State Department. (R. S., 4014.)

MAILS WITH THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION COUNTRIES.

Sec. 393. Classification of Mail Matter.—Mail matter within the Universal Postal Union is classified as follows :

1. Letters.
2. Postal cards, and postal cards with paid reply.
3. Commercial papers.
4. Printed matter of every kind.
5. Samples of merchandise.

Sec. 394. Postal Cards cannot exceed $5\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length and $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width. They must be mailed without cover. On the address side must be nothing but the address, except that the sender may place on that side his name and address by means of a stamp, a stamp facsimile of his signature, or by any other typographical process. Nothing must be joined or attached to the card.

Postal cards with paid reply are in two parts; one must bear the printed label "Postal card with paid reply," the other "Reply postal card," and be folded together, but not in any manner stuck or closed against inspection. On the address side of the reply part the sender may write his name and address; but return will be made only to an address in the country where it originated.

Postal cards issued by private persons are not admissible to international mails except when entirely in print and properly stamped at foreign rates of postage.

Domestic postal cards may be used by the addition of a one-cent stamp.

Sec. 395. Commercial Papers include all instruments or documents, written or drawn wholly or partly by hand, which have not the character of *an actual and personal correspondence*, such as papers of legal procedure, deeds of all kinds drawn up by public functionaries, way bills or bills of lading, invoices, the various documents of insurance companies, copies or extracts of deeds under private seal written on

printed matter must contain any letter or manuscript note having the character of an actual and personal correspondence. But it is permitted to affix the signature of the sender, or to designate his name, trade, or profession, rank, the place whence sent, and the date of dispatch; also a dedication or mark of respect by the author of printed matter mailed; passages of a text may be marked by figures or signs to call attention. Prices in quotation lists may be added or altered by hand, the prices current of exchange or markets, in catalogues, prospectuses, and notices of different kinds; on printed offers of, or orders for, books, the offers and orders may be indicated by crossing out or underscoring the printed text. Invoices or bills may be inclosed with printed matter when relating thereto; typographical errors in printed matter may be corrected; annotations may be made on proofs of printing or musical compositions, relating to the text or execution of the work.

Sec. 398. Samples of Merchandise must not exceed $8\frac{3}{4}$ ounces in weight, 8 inches in length, 4 inches in breadth, and 2 inches in thickness. They must be placed in boxes, bags, or removable envelopes, in such a manner as to admit of easy inspection; they must not be of merchantable value, nor bear any other writing than the name and business address of the sender, address of destination, merchant's mark or trade mark, serial numbers, prices, or marks indicating weight, size, and dimensions, as well as quantities to be disposed of.

Between the United States and the countries of France, Great Britain, Belgium, Switzerland, and the Argentine Republic respectively, samples of merchandise are only limited to a weight of 12 ounces, and a length of 12 inches, width of 8 inches, and thickness of 4 inches.

Between the United States and Germany, Argentine Republic, Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Chili, Venezuela, Denmark, Dutch Guiana, Egypt, Spain, France, French colonies, Greece, The Hawaiian Kingdom, Hayti, British India, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Norway, The Netherlands, Netherland colonies, Peru, Portugal, Roumania, Salvador, Servia, Siam, Sweden, Switzerland, and Turkey, samples of liquids, fatty substances, and powders, whether coloring or not (except such as are dangerous, inflammable, explosive, or exhale a bad odor), will be admitted to the mails provided they conform to the following conditions, viz: They must be placed in thick glass bottles hermetically sealed; the bottles must be placed in a wooden box containing sufficient spongy matter to absorb the contents if the bottles should break; the whole to be inclosed in an outside metal case bearing the address; the wooden box and outside case must be closed so that they may be easily opened for examination of the contents, and the whole packet not exceed the size and weight hereinbefore prescribed.