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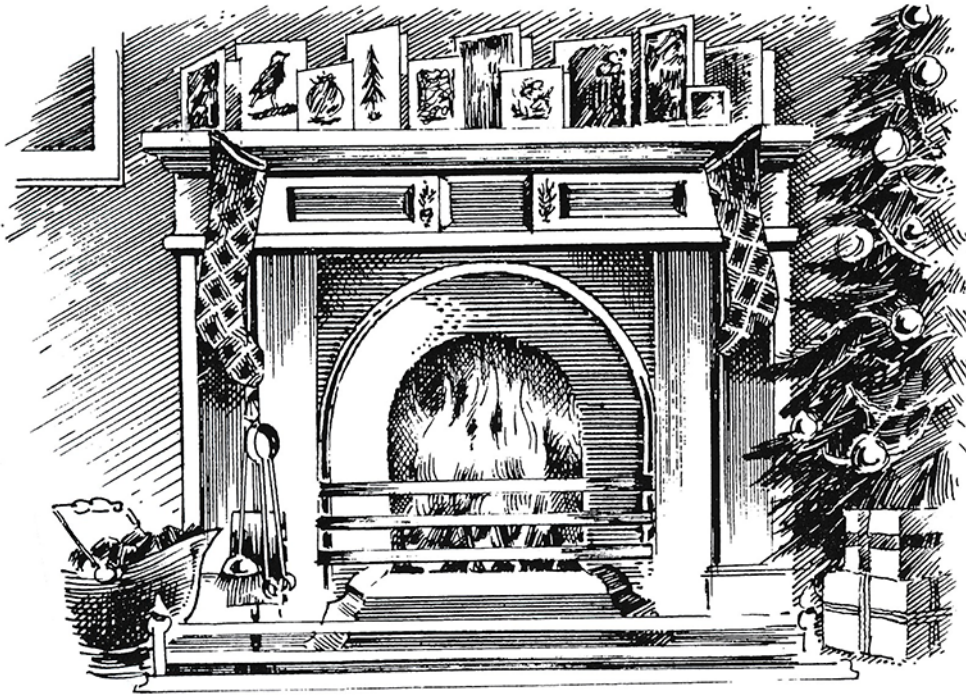
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS TREATS.



1. 1834. SUNDAY SCALLOP. A fine wrapper bearing a crowned FREE and an excellent SUNDAY NOV 2 1834. Two good strikes. Both clear and upright. **£60**
2. PLATE 1a 1d grey black showing moderate plate wear. A PRIME EXAMPLE lettered NL. Large even margins and a crisp upright Maltese cross in red. Stunning. **£485**
3. 1840 1d black . Plate 1b. SUPERB MINT. An outstanding example lettered JF with 4 balanced margins. With large part original gum and excellent colour and freshness. A Brandon certificate accompanies. A lovely adhesive. **£4250**

**A FESTIVE SELECTION TO END THE YEAR.**



4. 1d intense black plate 1b. Lettered GC with margins cut good – large and a crisp vivid red maltese cross. **£325**
5. 1d black plate 1b. Part sheet marginal at top with excellent margins to other sides. Lettered AF. A lovely upright orange – red Maltese cross. A superb adhesive. **£450**
6. 1d grey black plate 1b. Lettered KD with 4 large margins and a crisp upright maltese cross in black. **£325**
7. PLATE TWO CANCELLED IN BLACK. 1d black lettered MB. 4 very choice margins and a part crisp Maltese cross. Very fine indeed. **£350**
8. 1d black plate 2. Lettered LL with choice full margins especially at right side. A light complete Maltese cross in orange – red. Superb quality. **£350**
9. A RICH BROWN MALTESE CROSS. 1d black plate 4. Lettered QK. With good – large margins and a wonderful Maltese cross in brown. **£475**
10. 1d black plate 4. A superb example lettered SF. Wide, balanced margins and a crisp upright Maltese cross in red. **£325**
11. 1d black plate 6. Lettered FL with large – HUGE margins and a crisp, upright maltese cross in black. **£325**
12. Plate 6 1d black. A HUGE ADHESIVE lettered PE with full generously cut margins and a vivid orange – red maltese cross. **£385**

Christmas Day Efforts 1885.

On Christmas morning it was evident that the vast accumulation of parcels could not be cleared off by the tired and jaded men who had been on duty for about twenty four hours and there was nothing for it but to disperse the staff, which was done at noon. When the order was given for all the men to break off and to resume their labours at midnight there was a cheer, showing that the men were animated with British pluck and would be ready and willing to recommence the struggle after a little rest. By noon on the 26<sup>th</sup> December (boxing day) the accumulation was disposed of but there were heavy and late arrivals from the provinces on that morning and on the following morning also.



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The process of tackling the problem of Christmas traffic goes on to some extent all year round, the problem differing naturally according to the day of the week on which Christmas day falls. About October in each year planning gives place to detailed organization, the administration begins to engage its supplementary man power and transport all over the country, about 90,000 extra men are engaged through the Labour Exchange, of these some 16,000 are taken by London alone. So that Christmas in the Post Office makes a not inconsiderable dent in the Unemployment figure.



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My Post Office Journal. Rowland Hill  
Christmas 1852.

"It is safe to say that there never was a Christmas season when the postal service was thrown into such disorganization by the weather as it has been this year. Trains were delayed by the fogs and carts by the snow. The regular flow of work was prevented all through the week. The staff had to do their work under great disadvantages and the outdoor work was rendered exceptionally fatiguing. In spite of all hindrance, however, the pressure was met satisfactorily in all branches of the duty, especially in the letter department. The collections and deliveries of letters went on promptly and without interruption".

13. 1d black plate 9. A very choice single lettered IH. A clear 'O' flaw with excellent margins and a dazzling red Maltese cross. £425
14. PLATE 9. Lettered KG with superbly cut margins and a crisp, complete and upright maltese cross in black. Very clear 'O' flaw. Very strong horizontal guide lines in letter squares and value and vertical guide lines NE square and 'G' square. All these are clear of postmark. OUTSTANDING. £350
15. BLACK PLATE 9 in red brown. Lettered HJ. Very well cut with a particularly sharp Maltese cross. £110
16. PLATE 10. 1d grey black. Lettered QK. Choice margins and a light, upright maltese cross in black. Very fine. £425
17. BLACK PLATE ELEVEN in red – brown. Lettered PE. Very fine with excellent margins and a lightly placed Maltese cross £90
18. 1840 2d pale blue plate 1. A delightful single. Delicate colour. Excellent margins. Lettered OK. A pin sharp Maltese cross in pale orange red. £450
19. 1840 2d bright blue plate 1. A lovely bright single lettered CK with a featherlight and almost complete Maltese cross in black. £450
20. 1840 2d deep blue plate 1 lettered NJ. With excellent margins and a crisp black maltese cross. Wonderfully rich colour. £450
21. 1840 2d deep full blue plate 2. Lettered FE. Perfectly cut margins. A featherlight Maltese cross in black set clear of Queens features. OUTSTANDING. £485
22. HUMES No 2 BALLOONING ENVELOPE. 1840. A superb mint example of this rare illustrated envelope. Apart from a single minor tone spot in PRISTINE CONDITION. Very choice indeed and certainly the finest I have seen. AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE. £1400
23. 1841 1d. A fabulous single. Plate 26. Lettered PI. Giant margins – a lovely maltese cross. Finest quality. £75
24. SG 14 1841 2d blue plate 3. Lettered ME. Perfect margins and a lovely sharp maltese cross. £90
25. SG 14 2d blue 4. With fine full margins and Queens features clear of a numeral cancel. Shows a clear SHIFTED TRANSFER at top. £75
26. 1841 2d blue plate 4. A lovely well cut single cancelled by a crisp 466 LIVERPOOL SPOON. Very fine. £80
27. 1841 2d blue with a green numeral cancel. CAT £9000. A Magnificent example from plate 4 lettered EC with four margins cut large – HUGE and a lightly applied 387 numeral of Huddersfield in deep green. An exceptional adhesive and A GREAT RARITY. Originally from a strip of three and copy of a Brandon certificate accompanies. £2500



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*Rackets to the Moon daily  
Winter 2000 extra de  
... for Valentines day*

*Remember for the Cabinet  
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*THE BRIDGE*

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*Printed and Published by R. Williams, Stationers, Ludlow.*

**RATES OF POSTAGE!**

*Steam-freight charged at a reducing  
rate. The cost of postage is paid by  
the sender. Letters must be addressed  
to the sender. All the mail has left  
its transmission.*

*Never post your letter  
in a newspaper or other  
public place. The  
editorial committee  
will not be responsible  
for the return of  
undelivered letters.*

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28. SG 17 1d plate 180. A remarkably well centred block of 4 with crisp London District Duplex cancels. **£185**
29. SG 20a 2d blue plate 5. Very well centred. Lettered DD. A featherlight numeral cancel leaving features clear. Lovely. **£165**
30. USED IN FRANCE. SG 29 1d with a MORLAIX (Brittany) CDS. A lovely crisp strike. **£50**
31. SG 39 1d pale rose. A fine vertical strip of 3 showing a crisp MULLINGAR spoon cancel. Most attractive. **£50**
32. 1848 'ABERYSTWITH PAID' shield in red. On clean entire letter with a fine CDS at lower left. Lovely, clean and uncreased quality. **£80**
33. SG 43 1d plate 157. A block of six with crisp upright DROGHED steel CDSs. **£185**
34. PLATE 225 SG 43 1d. A lightly used example with a partial upright numeral cancel. Both plate numbers are perfectly clear. A fine example. **£425**
35. SG 48 1/2d plate 13 with half a crisp steel CDS. **£35**
36. SG 48 1/2d plate 15. A lovely crisp IPSWICH steel CDS. **£45**
37. 'P.P 12 PAID' in box. Two clear strikes on SG 51 1 1/2d plate 1. Very unusual and certainly striking. **£95**
38. SG 51 1 1/2d plate 3 SUPERB UNMOUNTED. Very well centred. A lovely fresh example. **£285**
39. SG 55 1/- green. A side of sheet marginal single with generous margins on other three sides and a crisp London District duplex cancel. A very fine adhesive. **£485**
40. SG 57 10d brown. A very choice full margined example with a crisp , light, upright and complete 742 numeral of STAMFORD. Certainly rare this fine. **£650**
41. SG 59 6d dull lilac. With full excellent margins and showing portions of three adjoining adhesives. A light London district cancel. **£375**





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The Willing Efforts of the Whole Staff 1870

Notwithstanding that the men had to battle not only with Christmas cards and parcels, but with adverse elements. Great as was the strain upon the staff dealing with letters, it was still greater and more trying as regards the men engaged upon parcel work, as the latter is performed under more adverse circumstances. The men going off duty on the 24th December could not be allowed their previously allotted twelve hours rest, and had to resume duty at 7pm. Three of these persons, mere lads, who lived at long distances from the office, were found to have improvised beds for themselves in the booths erected for refreshment purposes. They had no soft couches, but had made cribs of large parcel baskets which they had filled with straw from the floor, and the mail bags had to serve as sheets, blankets, and counterpanes. Their controller was sorry that his entrance deprived them for a few minutes of the sleep which they so much needed and had so well earned.

42. SG 66a 4d rose. A glorious single. A pristine London CDS. Cancelled in heaven. **£200**
43. SG 80 4d pale red. Very well centred and a light but clear London steel CDS. Difficult on this issue. **£120**
44. SG 98 9d straw. With strong colour and a Liverpool CDS for 12 OCT 1866. Very difficult. **£190**
45. SG 108 6d plate 8. With a crisp near complete London steel CDS. **£65**
46. SG 108 6d dull violet plate 9. Bottom of sheet marginal with a complete 498 numeral of Manchester perfectly struck. **£45**
47. SG 127 5/- pale rose plate 1. A super fresh adhesive with a crisp 1438 Telegraphic circle cancel of London Victoria. **£275**
48. SG 128 10/- greenish – grey. A superb example. Rich full colour and freshness. A lovely crisp Plymouth steel CDS. Very fine. **£1400**
49. SG 128 10/- greenish – grey. With a lightly placed registered duplex cancel. The colour is excellent. **£525**
50. SG 131 10/- grey – green. A choice and most rare pair. Each adhesive a crisp House of commons steel CDS. Exceptionally fine quality and hardly ever seen in multiples. **£5500**
51. SG 147 6d plate 14. Superb mint. Perfectly centred and lightly hinged. A lovely fresh single. **£225**







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52. 'A25' USED IN MALTA. A very choice strike o SG 141 2 1/2d plate 9. **£45**
53. SG 147 6d plate 16. A lovely example with a crisp corner CDS. **£70**
54. SG 163 1/- plate 13. A lovely single with a crisp steel CDS. **£95**
55. SG 169 5d indigo. With a crisp BURNLEY steel CDS. **£90**
56. 1890 JUBILEE OF UNIFORM PENNY POSTAGE. A pre paid envelope with a perfectly struck South Kensington cancel for July 2<sup>nd</sup>. **£60**

Christmas Incidents. 1900

The first unpleasant incident of the Christmas period was the loss of four insured parcels from a box formings part of a home ward indian parcel mail. The robbery was discovered immediatly the mail was opened and occasioned much anxiety, which however was allayed by a letter received from the Commander who was in charge of the mail steamer, from which it transpired that the theft was found out on board, and is said to have been committed by the Arabs, who were discharging cargo day and night from the hold when the ship was aground in the Suez cancel.

57. SG 179 2/6d. With a lovely crisp and complete No 1 SHAFTSBURY AVENUE steel CDS. A wonderful strike. **£80**
58. SG 180 5/- rose. A very fine example. A crisp BANGOR steel CDS. Lovely fresh single. **£95**
59. SG 181 5/- crimson. Wonderfully deep colour. A lovely strike of the GLASGOW STOCK EXCHANGE REGISTERED CDS. **£90**
60. SG 185 £1 brown – lilac. Perfectly centred with exquisite full colour and freshness. A crisp BELFAST steel CDS and part of two others. **£1400**
61. SG 189 2d lilac. Pristine untouched mint unmounted. As issued. **£180**
62. Sg 194 6d. Perfectly centred a light crisp MONK BAY steel CDS. Very fine. **£165**
63. SG 205 4d HEAD PLATE DIE PROOF IN BLACK ON WHITE GLAZED CARD from the De La Rue striking books. A superb example. Hinge remains and in outstanding condition. Rarely seen. **£425**
64. SG 205 4d green and purple brown. A SUPERB MINT FULL PANE of 20. Hinged within margins. The adhesives being untouched mint unmounted. A striking pane. **£1150**
65. SG 206a 4 1/2d green and deep bright carmine. A flawless mint unmounted pair. A Roal certificate accompanies. **£1600**
66. SG 207a 5d. A post office fresh mint unmounted block of four. **£115**
67. SG 211 1/- green. A lovely block of 4 tied to piece by crisp MANCHESTER GRANDSTAND steel CDSs. A very choice multiple. **£275**
68. SG 232c M20 (1) 3d pale red purple/orange – yellow. (Chalky). A Locksheath steel CDS. Lovely delicate shade. **£65**
69. SG 250 M39 (1) 9d dull purple and ultramarine. A pin sharp EPSOM steel CDS. **£65**

A Christmas story.

The contribution to the general feeling of goodwill at Christmas time made by our friend the postman is immense and yet at this season of family gatherings it is not unlikely that as we sit around the festive table, his unmistakeable knock is heard at the door. He is still working, endeavouring to ensure that last minute greetings are delivered on time and still dreaming of his own well earned relaxation. Today we are exhorted, during the month of December to 'Post early for Christmas'.



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70. SG 255 M43 (2) 10d slate purple and carmine (Chalky). With a very fine MARLBOROUGH steel CDS. **£60**
71. SG 257 M45 (2) 1/- dull green and bright carmine. A light complete WATERLOO steel CDS. **£40**
72. SG 257 1/- dull green and carmine. A fine block of 4 with light steel CDSs. **£65**
73. SG 260 2/6d. with a crisp ST LEONARDS GREEN steel CDS. **£95**
74. SG 260 2/6d with a perfectly struck CHELTENHAM steel CDS. A lovely strike. **£85**
75. SG 262 2/6 slate purple (chalky paper). A lovely crisp MANCHESTER double ringed CDS. Clear and complete. **£85**
76. SG 266 £1. A prime example with a crisp and upright GUERNSEY steel CDS for May 4 1912. **£450**
77. SG 311 M44 (6) 10d dull purple and carmine. A lovely light steel CDS. **£50**
78. SG 314 1/- green and carmine. A superb corner of sheet block of 4. 3 adhesive untouched mint unmounted. **£350**
79. SG 316 2/6d dull reddish purple. VFU a pristine FINCHLEY GREEN steel CDS. Lovely quality. **£110**





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80. SG 318 5/-. With a very light and complete BRISTON RD steel CDS. **£110**
81. SG 319 10/- deep blue M54 (3). Post Office perfect mint unmounted and a Hendon certificate accompanies. **£1400**
82. SG 319 10/- blue. The lightest steel CDS on a very choice example. **£325**
83. SG 341a 1d 'NO CROSS ON CROWN'. With a crisp upright CDS. Clear of variety. **£40**
84. SG 404 £1 SEAHORSE DULL BLUE – GREEN. Pristine mint unmounted. An outstanding example of this classic adhesive. **£3250**
85. SG 412 10/- blue. A lovely example. A light and crisp DURRINGTON CAMP SALISBURY CDS. Very fine. **£385**
86. SG 414 2/6d chocolate brown. A light SOUTHAMPTON double ringed steel CDS **£50**
87. SG 451 5/- bright rose – red. Superb mint. A bright fresh MM example. **£75**
88. SG 596a 5/- 1963 Bradbury. A fine CDS block of 4. **£24**
89. SG 014 2 1/2d IR Official. A perfect block of 4 with crisp MANCHESTER REGISTERED ovals. A scarce multiple. **£135**
90. SG 042 1/2d ARMY OFFICIAL. Variety:- TALL 'L'. (Right hand stamp). In a interpane marginal pair. Mounted in margin only. **£60**



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May the warmth and friendliness  
of the Christmas Season  
be with you throughout the coming  
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91. SG 044 2 1.2d ARMY OFFICIAL. Pristine untouched unmounted. £60
92. SG 050 6d Army Official. A fine CDS example. £45
93. SG 066 6d GOVT PARCELS. VFU a corner steel CDS. £50
94. SG 067 9d GOVT PARCELS. A magnificent corner of pane example with single hinge remain. Very striking. £240
95. SG 071 4 1/2d GOVT PARCELS. With parts of 3 light CDSs. Lovely fresh colours. £85
96. SG 074 1d GOVT PARCELS. A pristine untouched mint unmounted block of four. As issued quality and a BPA certificate accompanies. £285
97. SG 078 1/- GOVT PARCELS. SUPERB MINT. A lovely fresh MM example. Bright colours, well centred. Odd light gum crease. A rare official in mint condition. A Brandon certificate accompanies. £485
98. SG 091 and 092 1/2d and 1d RH Official. A superb LTLY MM pair. £325
99. SG 0104 2d Admiralty official with a crisp poplar squared CDS. £80
100. SG 0105 2 1/2d Admiralty Official. Pristine mint unmounted. Rarely seen this fine. £325

*With all  
Good Wishes for Christmas, and  
Every Happiness in the Coming Year*

*from  
John Lamonty*

*Karen De Caen      Natalie Gadsdon*