

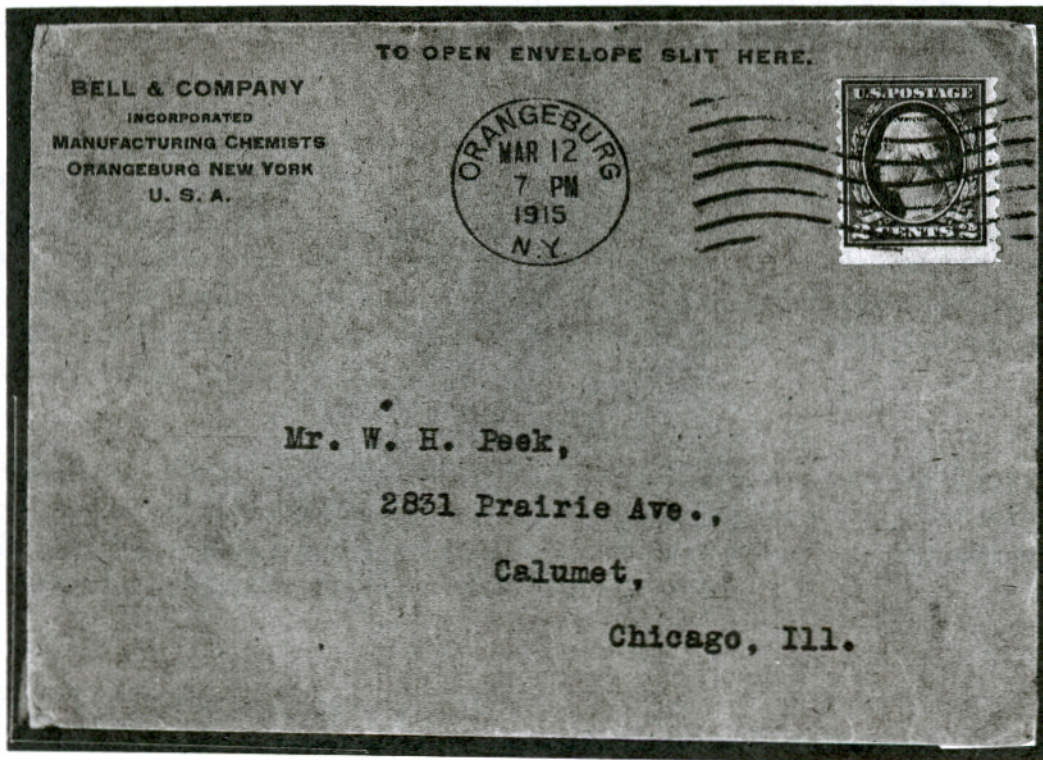
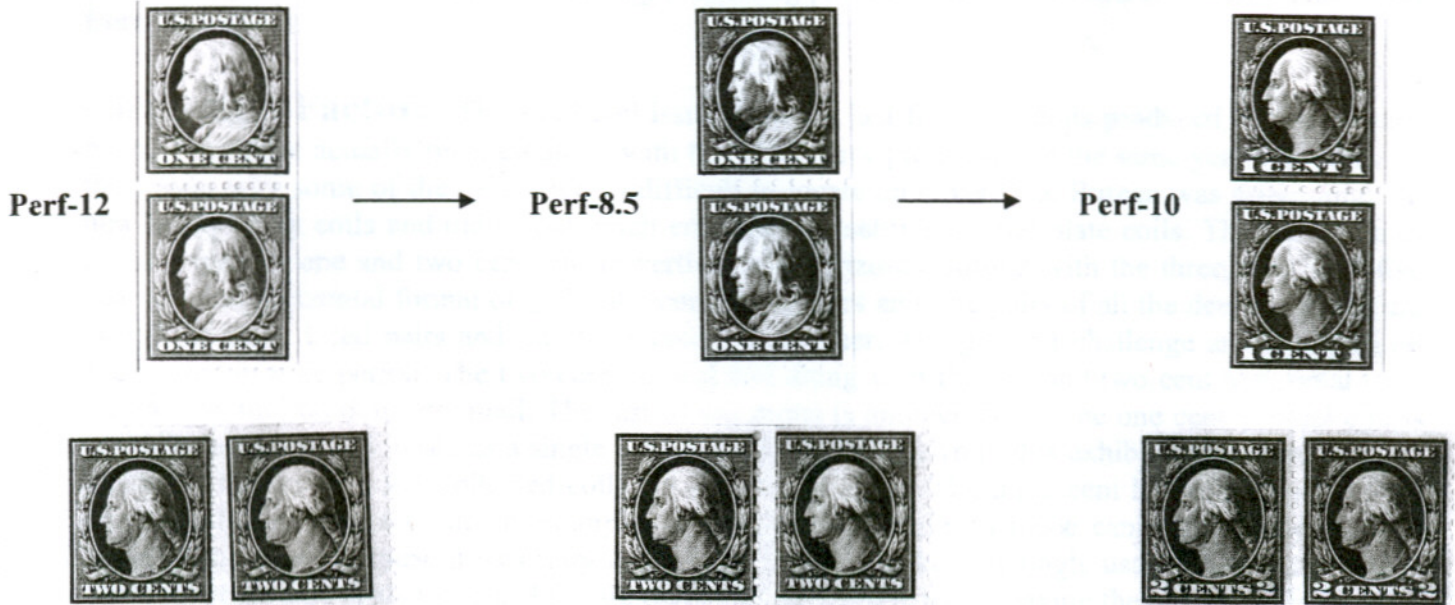
Washington and Franklin Coils

1914 Issue Perf-10

The 1914 issue was the last of the flat plate coils. The key difference is the change of perforations. The Bureau experimented with perf-12 and found them to be too brittle to handle the stress of rolling them into coils during production. They changed to perf-8.5 to strengthen the paper, but found out it was then too difficult to separate the stamps without tearing them. The Bureau finally settled on perf-10 which made the paper strong enough to handle the coiling process in production, but easy enough to separate without damaging the stamps.

- 1914 Postal Usages**

 - 1 cent: First class: Post cards, Domestic & Treaty
Third class: Printed matter
 - 2 cent: First class: Domestic letters, Treaty rate
First class: Post cards, Treaty & UPU
 - 3 cent: First & Third class: War rate, printed matter
 - 4 cent: First class: Double weight
 - 5 cent: First class: UPU rate. Registered



Fourth Class Usage

The Bell and Company sent out samples of antacid pills to Doctors and pharmacists to promote their product. The 2 cent horizontal coil pays the fourth class sealed merchandise rate.