
G. H. Kaestlin Collection of Zemstvo and Imperial Russian Stamps and Covers

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COLLECTION SCOPE & CONTENT

The G. H. Kaestlin Zemstvo and Imperial Russian Stamp Collection consists of 13 volumes of stamps and covers, 15 staging albums of stamps and postal stationery from Russia from 1865 - 1917.

PROVENANCE

Vera Madeleine Kaestlin-Bock of St. Petersburg, Russia and later Zurich, Switzerland donated these specialized Russian philatelic collections, gathered by her uncle, George H. Kaestlin, of Moscow, Russia and later London, England to the Smithsonian Institution's National Philatelic Collection.

The specialized collection of Zemstvo and Imperial Russian stamps and covers was donated on October 18, 1984 (Accession Number 1984.1026).

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

George H. Kaestlin, one of three remarkable philatelists to join the *Rossika* membership rolls, was a quiet collector, building his collection without exhibiting it or authoring articles for *Rossika*, nor joining the Rossica Society after WWII. However, Kaestlin's attention to detail and fastidious collecting habits, so evident in the layout and handwriting on his album pages, made him a natural source of information for Karl Schmidt, author of the monumental zemstvo catalogs of the 1930s.

The quantity and quality of the stamps contained in the collection is outstanding. It has more than 1,500 pages and 14,000 stamps. An impressive amount of those 14,000 stamps were assembled by auction purchases from the famed Agathon Fabergé and the Phillip von Ferrary collections.

CONTAINER INVENTORY

Album 1 (Akhtyrka–Byelozersk) – 99 pages

- Akhtyrka (Khar'kov) 1–2 (2 pages)
- Alatyř' (Simbirsk) 3–3a–4 (3 pages)
- Aleksandriya (Kherson) 5–10 (6 pages)
- Anan'ev (Kherson) 11–14 (4 pages)
- Ardatov (Nizhniy–Novgorod) 15–32 (18 pages)
- Arzamas (Nizhniy–Novgorod) 33–48 (16 pages)
- Atkarsk (Saratov) 49–54 (6 pages)
- Bakhmut (Yekaterinoslav) and Balashov (Saratov) 55 (1 page)
- Balakhna (Nizhnii–Novgorod) 56 (1 page)
- Belebey (Ufa) 57–60 (4 pages)
- Berdyansk (Taurida) 61–62 (2 pages)
- Byelozersk (Novgorod) 63, 64, 64a, 65–97 (36 pages)



Figure 1. Alatyř's stamps were printed by typography in pale black ink on rough grayish white paper, gummed and imperforate. There are only three copies known of No. 1

Album 2 (Byezhetsk–Borovichi) – 86 pages

- Byezhetsk (Tver') 1–14 (14 pages)
- Bobrov (Voronezh) 15–20 (6 pages)
- Bogorodsk (Moscow) 21–66–66a–66b–67–74 (56 pages)
- Boguchary (Voronezh) 75 (1 page)
- Borisoglebsk (Tambov) page 76 (1 page)
- Borovichi (Novgorod) 77–84 (8 pages)



Figure 2. Bogorodsk: 1872 issue – *couché* example

Album 3 (Bugul'ma–Fatezh) – 107 pages

- Bugul'ma (Samara) 1–19 (19 pages)
- Buguruslan (Samara) 20–25 (6 pages)
- Buzuluk (Samara) 26–35 (10 pages)
- Bronnitsy (Moscow) 36–37 (2 pages)
- Charkov / Khar'kov (Khar'kov) 38–51 (14 pages)
- Cherson / Kherson (Kherson) 52–56 (5 pages)
- Cholm / Kholm (Pskov) 57 (1 page)
- Khvalinsk / Khvalynsk (Saratov) 58–59 (2 pages)
- Dankov (Ryazan') 60–64 (5 pages)
- Dem'yansk (Novgorod) 65–66 (2 pages)
- Dmitriev (Kursk) 67 (1 page)
- Dmitrov (Moscow) 68–71 (4 pages)
- Dneprovsk (Taurida) 72–74 (3 pages)
- Donetsk (Don Host Region) 75 (1 page)
- Dukhovshchina (Smolensk) 76–82 (7 pages)
- Egoryevsk / Yegor'evsk (Ryazan') 83–84 (2 pages)
- Ekaterinburg / Yekaterinburg (Perm') 85–86 (2 pages)



Figure 3. The first issue of Buzuluk. The stamp with black borders is from a Ferrary sale.

- Ekaterinoslav / Yekaterinoslav (Yekaterinoslav) 87 (1 page)
- Elets / Yelets (Orel) 88–95 (8 pages)
- Elisavetgrad / Yelisavetgrad (Kherson) 96–106 (11 pages)
- Fatezh (Kursk) 107 (1 page)

Album 4 (Gadyach–Kobelyaky) – 97 pages

- Gadyach (Poltava) 1–18 (18 pages)
- Gdov (St. Petersburg) 19–22 (4 pages)
- Glazov (Vyatka) 23–28 (6 pages)
- Gryazovets (Vologda) 29–57 (29 pages)
- Irbit (Perm') 58–68 (11 pages)
- Yarensk (Vologda) 69 (1 page)
- Jassy / Yassy (Bessarabia) 70–71 (2 pages)
- Kadnikov (Volodga) 72–77 (6 pages)
- Kamyshlov (Perm') 78–79 (2 pages)
- Kashira (Tula) 80 (1 page)
- Kazan' (Kazan') 81 (1 page)
- Kasimov (Ryazan') 82–83 (2 pages)
- Kirilov (Novgorod) 84–91 (8 pages)
- Kobelyaki (Poltava) 92–97 (6 pages)



Figure 4. Circular handstamps from Gryazovets which were printed as needed.

Album 5 (Kologriv–Lokhvitsa) – 98 pages

- Kologriv (Kostroma) 1–2 (2 pages)
- Kolomna (Moscow) 3–15 (13 pages)
- Konstantinograd (Poltava) 16–18 (3 pages)
- Korcheva (Tver') 19–21 (3 pages)
- Kotel'nich (Vyatka) 22 – 35 (14 pages)
- Kungur (Perm') 36–38 (3 pages)
- Kuznetsk (Saratov) 39–40 (2 pages)
- Kozelets (Chernigov) 41 (1 page)
- Krapivna (Tula) 42–43 (2 pages)
- Krasnoufimsk (Perm') 44–45 (2 pages)
- Krasnyy (Smolensk) 46–55 (10 pages)
- Kremenchug (Poltava) 56–65 (10 pages)
- Laishv (Kazan') 66–67 (2 pages)
- Lebedyan' (Tambov) 68–73 (6 pages)
- Lebedin (Khar'kov) 74–76 (3 pages)

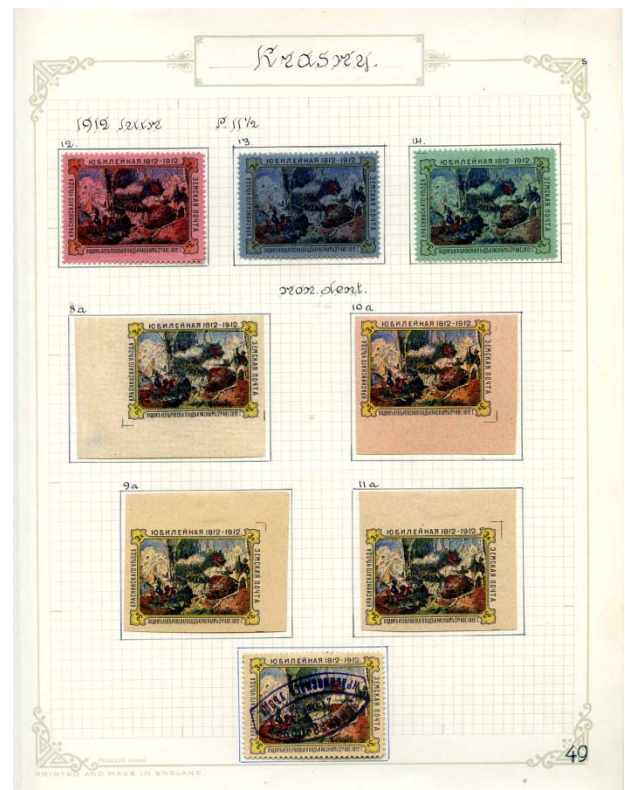


Figure 5. The 1912 lithographed commemorative issue for the 100th Anniversary of the War of 1812.

- L'gov (Kursk) 76(a) (1 page)
- Livny (Orel) 76(b)–78 (3 pages)
- Lokhvitsa (Poltava) 79–96 (18 pages)

Album 6 (Lubny – Ostashkov) – 90

- Lubny (Poltava) 1–4 (4 pages)
- Luga (St. Petersburg) 5–10 (6 pages)
- Malmzh (Vyatka) 11–13 (3 pages)
- Maloarkhangel'sk (Orel) 14–15 (2 pages)
- Mariupol' (Yekaterinoslav) 16–18 (3 pages)
- Melitopol' (Taurida) 19–22 (4 pages)
- Morshansk (Tambov) 23–29 (7 pages)
- Nikol'sk (Vologda) 30–31 (2 pages)
- Nolinsk (Vyatka) 32–42 (11 pages)
- Novaya Ladoga (St. Petersburg) 43–45 (3 pages)
- Novgorod (Novgorod) 46–53 (8 pages)
- Novomoskovsk (Yekaterinoslav) and Novouzensk (Samara) 54 (1 page)
- Novorzhev (Pskov) 55 (1 page)
- Okhansk (Perm') 56–64 (9 pages)
- Odessa (Kherson) 65 (1 page)
- Opochka (Pskov) 66–70 (5 pages)
- Orgeev (Bessarabia) 71–75 (5 pages)
- Osa (Perm') 76–87 (12 pages)
- Ostashkov (Tver') 88–90 (3 pages)

Album 7 (Oster–Poltava) – 99 pages

- Oster (Chernigov) 1 (1 page)
- Ostrogozhsk (Voronezh) 2–5 (4 pages)
- Ostrov (Pskov) 6–7 (2 pages)
- Urzhum (Vyatka) 8–10 (3 pages)
- Ustyuzhna (Novgorod) 11–21 (11 pages)
- Ust'sysol'sk (Vologda) 22–40 (19 pages)
- Pavlograd (Yekaterinoslav) 41–42 (2 pages)
- Penza (Penza) 43–46 (4 pages)
- Pereyaslav (Poltava) 47–55 (9 pages)
- Pereslavl'-Zalesskiy (Vladimir) 56–58 (3 pages)
- Perm' (Perm') 59–64 (6 pages)
- Petrozavodsk (Olonets) 65–66 (2 pages)
- Piryatin (Poltava) 67 (1 page)

Pages



Figure 6a. Melitopol' (Taurida province) No. 4 shows the rider without a pipe. (Ex. Fabergé.)



Figure 6b. Melitopol' (Taurida province) No. 5 shows the rider with a pipe.

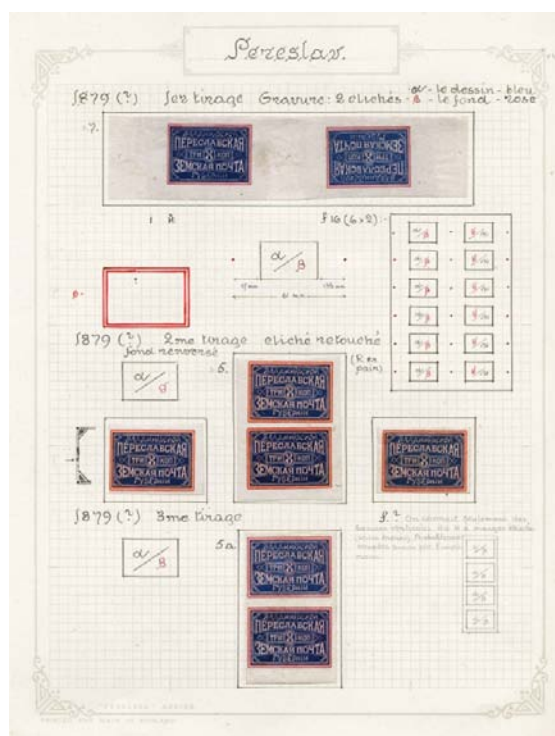


Figure 7. Pereslavl'-Zalesskiy: This page shows the level of detail presented on the album pages.

- Podol'sk (Moscow) 68–73 (6 pages)
- Poltava (Poltava) 74–99 (26 pages)

Album 8 (Porkhov–Smolensk) – 90 pages

- Porkhov (Pskov) 1–5 (5 pages)
- Pudozh (Olonets) 6–7 (2 pages)
- Priluki (Poltava) 8–11 (4 pages)
- Pskov (Pskov) 12–22 (11 pages)
- Ryazhsk (Ryazan') 23–24 (2 pages)
- Ryazan' (Ryazan') 25–35 (11 pages)
- Rzhev (Tver') 36–40 (5 pages)
- Rostov (Don Host Region) 41–46 (6 pages)
- Samara (Samara) 47 (1 page)
- Sapozhok (Ryazan') 48–53 (6 pages)
- Saransk (Penza) 54 (1 page)
- Sarapul (Vyatka) 55 (1 page)
- Saratov (Saratov) 56 (1 page)
- Shadrinsk (Perm') 57–67 (11 pages)
- Shatsk (Tambov) 68–83 (16 pages)
- Shlissel'burg (St. Petersburg) 84 (1 page)
- Skopin (Ryazan') 85–89 (5 pages)
- Smolensk (Smolensk) 90 (1 page)

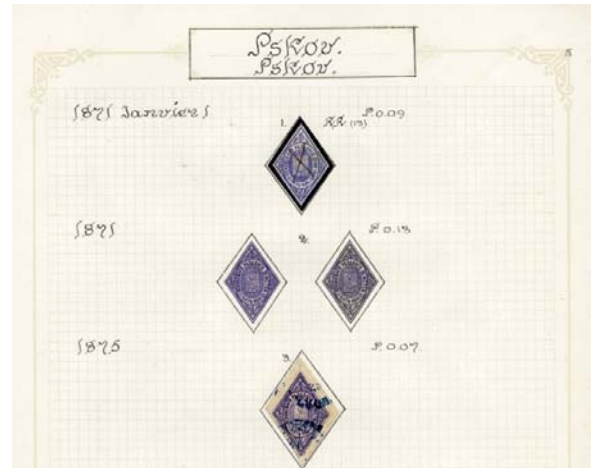


Figure 8. The lozenge stamps of Pskov with No. 1 Ex. Fabergé.

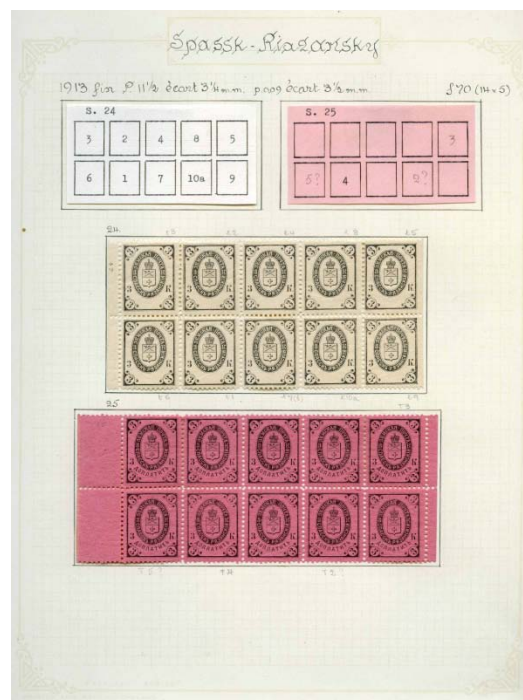


Figure 9. Spassk (Ryazan' Province) The 1913 issue was lithographed on white and colored paper.

Album 9 (Solikamsk–Tver') – 91 pages

- Solikamsk (Perm') 1–10 (10 pages)
- Soroki (Bessarabia) 11–16 (6 pages)
- Sudzha (Kursk) 17–18 (2 pages)
- Sumy (Khar'kov) 19–20 (2 pages)
- Spassk (Ryazan') 21–34 (14 pages)
- Staraya Russa (Novgorod) 35 (1 page)
- Starobel'sk (Khar'kov) 36–45 (10 pages)
- Stavropol' (Samara) 46–47 (2 pages)
- Shchigry (Kursk) 48 (1 page)
- Syzran' (Simbirsk) 49 (1 page)
- Tambov (Tambov) 50 (1 page)
- Tikhvin (Novgorod) 51–57 (7 pages)
- Tetyushi (Kazan') 58 (1 page)
- Tiraspol' (Kherson) 59–63 (5 pages)
- Tot'ma (Vologda) 64–67 (4 pages)

- Tula (Tula) 68 (1 page)
- Chembar (Penza) 69–70 (2 pages)
- Cherdyn' (Perm') 71–80 (10 pages)
- Cherepovets (Novgorod) 81 (1 page)
- Cherkassy (Don Host Region) 82 (1 page)
- Chern' (Tula) 83–84 (2 pages)
- Chistopol' (Kazan') 85–86 (2 pages)
- Tver' (Tver') 87–91 (5 pages)

Album 10 (Valday–Zolotonosha) – 97 pages

- Valday (Novgorod) 1–4 (4 pages)
- Valki (Khar'kov) 5–9 (5 pages)
- Vasil' (Nizhniy–Novgorod) 10 (1 page)
- Velikiy–Ustyug (Vologda) 11 (1 page)
- Vel'sk (Vologda) 12–16 (5 pages)
- Verkhne–Dneprovsk (Yekaterinoslav) 17–20 (4 pages)
- Verkhotur'e (Perm') 21–23 (3 pages)
- Ves'egonsk (Tver') 24–30 (7 pages)
- Vetluga (Kostroma) 31–32 (2 pages)
- Vyatka (Vyatka) 33 (1 page)
- Volchansk (Khar'kov) 34 (1 page)
- Vol'sk (Saratov) 35 (1 page)
- Zadonsk (Voronezh) 36–50 (15 pages)
- Zemlyansk (Voronezh) 51 (1 page)
- Zen'kov (Poltava) 52–86 (35 pages)
- Zmeinogorsk (Tomsk) 87 (1 page)
- Zolotonosha (Poltava) 88–97 (10 pages)



Figure 10. Volchansk (Khar'kov Province) 1872 issue Lithographed in three colors on gummed, gray-white paper.

Album 11 Imperial Stamp Album – 90 pages

- Stamps – (1857-1858) 1 (1 page)
- Stamps with pen cancellations – (1857-1858) 2 (1 page)
- Stamps with dispatch town name postmarks – (1857-1858) 3-9 (7 pages)
- Stamps with dots surrounding number postmarks – (1858-1875) 10-20 (11 pages)
- Stamps with dispatch town name and date postmarks – (1858-1879) 21-34 (14 pages)
- Postmarks – (St. Petersburg; 1856 - 1875) 35-38 (4 pages)
- Cancellations – (St. Petersburg; 1858-1880) 39-42 (4 pages)
- Town Post Postmarks – (St. Petersburg; 1881-1904) 43-44 (2 pages)
- Town Post Cancellations – (St. Petersburg; 1883-1889) 45-49 (5 pages)
- Postmarks – (Moscow; 1855-1875) 50-53 (4 pages)
- Town Post Cancellations – (Moscow; 1845-1879) 54 (1 page)



Figure 11. 1857 Russia Number 1 used in Moscow

- Town Post Postmarks – (Moscow) 55 (1 page)
- Town Post Cancellations – (Moscow; 1883-1889) 56 (1 page)
- Postmarks – (Riga; 1829-1847) 57-58 (2 pages)
- Postmarks – (Odessa; 1849-1875) 59-64 (6 pages)
- Erroneous Stamps/Forged Postmarks – (1883-1905) 65-76 (11 and ½ pages) *Errors: misplaced perforations, imperforate, inverted center, background omitted, printed on gummed side, altered background postally-used forgeries
- Postmarks – (1906-1913) 77-81 (5 pages)
- War Charity Stamps – (1914-1916) 82-83 (2 pages)
- Currency Stamps – (1915) 84 (1 page)
- Cover – (Novgorod-London; 1914-1920) 85 (1 page)
- Fancy Cancels – (1913) 86-90 (5 pages)

Album 12 Imperial Stamp Album – 87 pages

- Postal Stationery Essays – (St. Petersburg; 1845) 1–3 (3 pages)
- Postal Stationery with Information/Illustration – (St. Peterburg; 1848-1868) 4-5 (2 pages)
- Information/Illustration about Postal Stationery (Moscow; 1845-1856) 6 (1 page)
- Postal Stationery for Imperial Service – (1848-1859) 7-10
- Information/ Photographs with Stamp – (Tiflis; 1857) 11a, 11b (2 pages)
- Information/Photographs on Stamp Essays – 12 (1 pages)
- Stamp Essays –(1857/1858) 13 (1 page)
- Stamp Essay and Stamps on wove paper – (1858) 14 (1 page)
- Special Stamp – (Poland; 1860) 15 (1/2 page)
- Town Post Stamps – (St. Petersburg/ Moscow; 1863) 15 (1/2 page)
- Stamp Essays – (Printed in Paris; 1864) 16 (1 page)
- Stamp Proof/ Stamps – (1864) 17 (1 page)
- Stamp Essays on horizontally laid paper/ gummed/ unwatermarked/ thin curling paper – (1865-1866) 18 (1 page)
- Stamps – (1865-1879) 19-28 (10 pages) *sample errors on page 20 and 26
- Photographs of Essays (1883-1889) 28a (1 page)
- Stamp Essays – (1883-1888) 29-30 (2 pages)
- Stamps – (1883-1888) 31 (1 page)
- Stamps and Stamp Essays – (1883-1884) 32 (1 page)
- Photographs with Stamps – 33 (1 page) * Imperforated pair
- Stamps – 34-35 (2 pages) *Misplaced centers
- Stamps and Stamp Proofs (1889) 36 (1 page) *Imperforated pair
- Stamps – (1889) 37 (1 page)
- Stamps and Stamp Proofs – (1889) 38 (1 page)
- Photographs with Stamp Essay – (1896) 39 (1 page)
- Stamps- (1902 -1905) 40-55 (16 pages) *Errors: partially and fully printed on gummed sides; misplaced centers



*Figure 12. 1889 Bisect of 2
kopecks with St. Petersburg
Town Post cancellation*

- War Charity Stamp Proofs – (1905) 56a – 58 (4 pages)
- War Charity Stamps – (1905) 59 (1 page)
- Stamps – (1906) 60 (1 page)
- Stamp proofs – (1909-1912) 61 (1 page)
- Stamps – (1908-1912) 62 (1 page) * Errors: without lines of chalk
- Stamps – (1902-1905) 63 (1 page) * Errors: misplaced centers; printed on gummed sides; imperforate
- Stamps – (1918) 64 (1 page)
- Stamps – (1911) 65 (1 page)
- Photographs of Romanov Tercentenary Stamp Essays – (1913) 66 (1 page)
- Romanov Tercentenary Stamps – (1913?) 67-68 (2 pages)
- War Charity Stamps Specimen – (1914-1915) 69 (1 page)
- War Charity Stamps – (1914-1915) 70-74 (5 pages)
- Stamps – (1917) 75 (1 page)
- Currency Stamps – (1915) 76 (1 page)
- Stamps – (1917-1918) 77-81 * 80-81 Errors: partially and fully printed on gummed sides; misplaced centers
- Stamps with Unofficial Perforations – (1917) 82 (1 page)
- Stamps – (1917-1918) 83 (1 page)
- Currency Stamps – (1918) 84 (1 page)



*Figure 13. 1857 Tiflis
Provisional – First
Russian Adhesive
Stamp*

Album 13 Imperial Stamp Album – 89 pages

- Stamps – (Wenden; 1863-1903) 1-4 (4 pages)
- Cancelled Stamps – (Russian stamp, Polish postmark; 1858) 5-7 (3 pages)
- Cancelled Stamps on Covers – (Russian Stamp, Polish Postmarks – Towns: Siedlce, Kibarty, Zamoze, Gostynin, Wachock, Stopnica, Lublin, Seyny, Praszka, Turek, Konin, Kurow, Wyszogrod, Lodz, Czestochowa, 1860-1864) 8-13 (7 pages)
- Cancelled Stamps – (Russian stamp, Polish postmark; 1858-1864) 14-15 (2 pages)
- Cancelled Stamps on Covers – (Russian stamp, Polish postmarks; 1870-1875) 16 (1 page)
- Cancelled Stamps – (Russian stamp, Polish postmark; 1884) 17-18 (2 pages)
- Map of SE Europe and Southern Russia – 19 (1 page)
- Cancelled Stamps – (Russian stamp, Levant postmarks; 1858-1866) 20-22 (3 pages)
- Stamp Proofs – (Levant; 1863) 23 (1 page)
- Stamps – (Levant; 1863-1866) 24 (1 page)
- Photographs of Stamps – (1863-1865) 25 (1 page)
- Stamp Forgeries – 26 (1 page)
- Stamps and Photographs of Stamps – (1865-1867) 27-29 (3 pages)
- Stamps and Photographs of Stamps with horizontal network background – (1866-1867) 30-32 (3 pages)
- Stamps and Photographs of Stamps with vertical network background – (1866-1867) 33 (1 page)
- Stamps – (1868) 34 (1 page)
- Stamp Proofs – 35 (1 page)
- Stamps and Photographs of Stamps – (1872-1904) 36-42 (7 pages)



Figure 14. Map of SE Europe

- Stamps with location overprints – (overprint locations: Constantinople, G. A. o, onz, Mont-Athos, Mételin, Kerassunde, Rizeh, Trebizonde, Dardanelles, Salonique, Beyrouth, Smyrne, Ierusalem, Jaffa; 1910) 43-49 (7 pages)
- Stamps – (1910-1913) 50-69 (20 pages)
- Section Header page – 70 (1 page)
- Russian Offices in China Stamps /Photographs of Stamps – (Peking) 71 (1 page)
- Russian Offices in China Stamp Proofs – 72 (1 page)
- Russian Offices in China Stamps on Covers – 73 (1 page)
- Russian Offices in China Stamps – (1899-1916) 74-89 (11 pages)
- Town Postmarks – (Moscow; 1845-1879) 52 (1 page)
- Town Branch Offices Cancellation Postmarks – (Moscow) 53 (1 page)
- Town Post Postmarks – (Moscow; 1880-1905) 54 (1 page)
- Postmarks – (Riga; 1839-1909) 56-59 (4 pages)
- Postmarks – (Odessa; 1839-1909) 60-62 (3 pages)



Figure 15. Circular and concentric-ring numeral cancels on the 1857

- Table of Contents – 63 (1 page)
- Postmarks – (Poland; 1780-1850) 64 (1 page)
- Straight Inscription, Rectangular Frame, and Circular Town [and Date] Postmarks with Latin or Polish Characters – (Poland; 1814-1870) 64-71 (8 pages)
- Straight Inscription, Rectangular Frame, Circular, Oval Town Postmarks with Russian or Polish Characters – (Poland; 1860-1870) 72-74 (3 pages)
- Special Cancellation Postmarks – (Poland; 1858-1870) 75 (1 page)
- Mail Coach and Receiving Postmarks – (Poland) 76 (1 page)
- Town Postmark with Russian Characters – (Poland; 1858-1870) 77 (1 page)
- Postmarks – (Warsaw; 1787-1907) 78-81 (4 pages)
- Postmarks – (Levant region; 1865-1913) 82-83 (2 pages)
- Postmarks – (China; 1880-1913) 84 (1 page)

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