

Unusually Addressed

By Patrick Crosby

Poor Miss Steiger – I hope she got the help she needed. I guess the sender of the first postcard knew right where the postman could find her – on “Street near Bavarian Brewing Co.” Usually a street number and name were required.

The card is overpaid by 1¢ and something like a bit of paper must temporarily prevented the common American machine flag cancel from totally printing.

The view side is a reflective type of hold-to-light scene, with a reflective ink added to the buildings' windows and other features to enhance with gold and reddish shimmerings when held under a light.



The view side of the first card is from a photo by Mary Beth Crosby.



The writer of the second card apparently didn't realize that since 1907 a postcard needed to be addressed on the right-hand side for the special postcard rate of 1¢.

A post office employee didn't go for the address being across the top and the rest of the address side being used for correspondence.

He noticed the sender's address at the bottom (1224 Crown Hill), underlined it with blue crayon, and marked the card "Returned for Postage" and "Due 1¢ Cent."

About three days later 1¢ postage was added paying the 2¢ letter rate and the card went on its way from Los Angeles to Long Beach, CA.

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