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October meeting. Attending at the Western Philatelic Library were: Franklin Ennik, HansPaul Hager, Arno Kolster, Stuart Leven, Burt Miller, Paul Swierstra, and Fred Van der Heyden.

AROUND THE TABLE

Franklin Ennik passed around a 1871 Netherlands postal card (Geuzendam's nr. 1) with a cancellation date of June 26, 1871, sent from Hoogezand (Gr.) to Burg op Texel (Island); a 1950 Curaçao 6 cent postal envelope with overprint *NEDERLAND / 10 cent* (Geuzendam's nr. 31, Mc); an 1891 postal card (Geuzendam's nr. 19) with a trial double ring cancellation of Amsterdam, December 14, 1895; and a presentation card with 1940-1947 issues of the International Court of Justice, cancelled with the event cancel, **Cour Internationale De Justice / La Haye / Fevrier Mars 1948**. This set of stamps was issued 10 februari 1947 and was valid for use by the Court until 18 maart 1951. Indeed, an attractive issue.



The **November 19th meeting** will be held at the home of Hans Kremer starting at 1:00pm.. Hans' phone number is 925-820-5841.
The **December 17th meeting** will be held at the home of Franklin Ennik starting at 1:00pm. Frank's phone number is 925-952 9424.

Stuart Leven related he was recently successful in bidding on several Dutch East Indies *bestelhuis* (delivery house) covers. The network of bestelhuis receiving and delivery stations was established under the Dutch colonial administration and were located in remote villages some distance from the larger cities and towns. These stations were only mail pickup and drop off points and provided no other services. Two examples are shown here: a 1937 DEI cover and a more recent 1998 Indonesian post card. There are over 200 of these delivery house stations. Notice the **AEK PAMIENKE** cancel and **RUMAH POS** (=bestelhuis) **NGESTIBOGA III** cancel.



Burt Miller recently returned from a holiday visit to northeastern US and commented about the extensive damage left by Hurricane Irene on the infrastructure of washed out covered bridges, roads, and electric grid.

Arno Kolster has been unsuccessful on his recent stamp bids in the Dutch auctions.

Fred Van der Heyden passed around a series of picture postcards featuring the statue of *Manneken pis*, a popular tourist destination in Brussels, Belgium; a copy of Newsweek magazine featuring the well-known actor, Rock Hudson; a series of large press photos showing the changing skyline of New York due to new building construction; a newspaper clipping about the many stamp dealers in San Francisco; a series of small, vintage photos of children and adults ca 1910; and a series of vintage photos of Volendam.

HansPaul Hager passed around examples of various postal forms used in teaching various aged school children how to use these forms; and a 1953 Indonesian language PTT instruction booklet, written for the benefit of the new Indonesian postal administrators, entitled, **Pedoman Pos Telegraf Dan Telefon (Regulations for Post and Telephone), Bagion Pos, DJuli 1953**. HansPaul also showed us examples of tobacco revenue strips that were applied to these products in the Dutch Indies and Indonesia. The format of these fiscal tax payment indicators has changed during each administration from the Dutch colonial period, Japanese occupation, various post-war Indonesian political periods to the present Indonesian government. This is a narrow collecting venue but it provides a great variety of interest and examples.

CANCEL OF THE MONTH

The October winner is **Arno Kolster** with a one guilder postage due (*portzegel*) post-dated September 7, 1904. The stamp is an 1881-1887 one gulden light blue, (NVPH nr. 12 D) perforated 12½ x 12½. It has 32 distinct links in the chain, making it a Type III printing.



The **ROTTERDAM-CENTR:STATION** large round cancel signifies the Rotterdam Central train station post office. It is dated 7/SEP/04 and shows an hour interval of **10-11 V** (=Voormiddag=AM) for the departure time.

A one guilder postage due penalty indicates the letter or small package was mailed with 50 cent insufficient postage, an unusual amount.

COVER OF THE MONTH

The October winner is **Franklin Ennik** with a stamp-less cover addressed to **Het Leydsche Veem**, Amsterdam. The Veem was located on the Y between the old port of Amsterdam and the now modern western ports. A century ago the Veem or storage company served as a temporary warehouse for luxury goods brought from the Dutch colonies; coffee, tea, tobacco, cocoa, spices, etc. It also served as a customs clearing house for all manner of imported goods. Similar storage facilities or Veems were located in the major ports and cities of Rotterdam, Leiden, and Antwerp.

The Amsterdam Veem was completed in 1898. At first it was called the Oranje Nassau Veem in honor of the coronation of Queen Wilhelmina.

This old warehouse building was renovated and converted into apartments, small businesses and artists' studios in 1996-1998 and is just one of the many renovation projects to revitalize and recapture unused and derelict buildings from squatters in the larger Dutch cities and ports.



The folded business letter shown here was sent to Amsterdam with a small round Rotterdam cancel October 14, 1871 from the firm of Schippers & De Jager, Rotterdam and franked with a 5 cent 1867-1868 Willem III.

OTHER CATEGORY OF THE MONTH

The October winner is **Franklin Ennik** with a small round cancel of Zetten (Gld.) on a 2½ cent 1876-1894 cijfer. This small round cancel of Zetten April 3, 1894 on an 1894 2½ cent cijfer is tied to a post card fragment. The village of Zetten is located a little SE of Wageningen, south of the Rhine River. The village of Zetten was formerly located in the municipality of Valburg.



In January 2001, three smaller county municipalities (Elst, Heteren and Valburg) merged to form the municipality now known as Overbetuwe. Overbetuwe is bordered in the north by the Rhine River and in the south by the Waal River. City Hall is located in Elst, the largest town in the new municipality.

Two Nachtuur (Overnight) cancels on one picture post card.

With thanks to Hans Kremer.

This rather unique item was offered for sale for 75 Euro on the Internet website: www.willempasterkamp.nl
 The card was sent April 18, 1906 from The Hague (‘s Gravenhage) to Amsterdam.

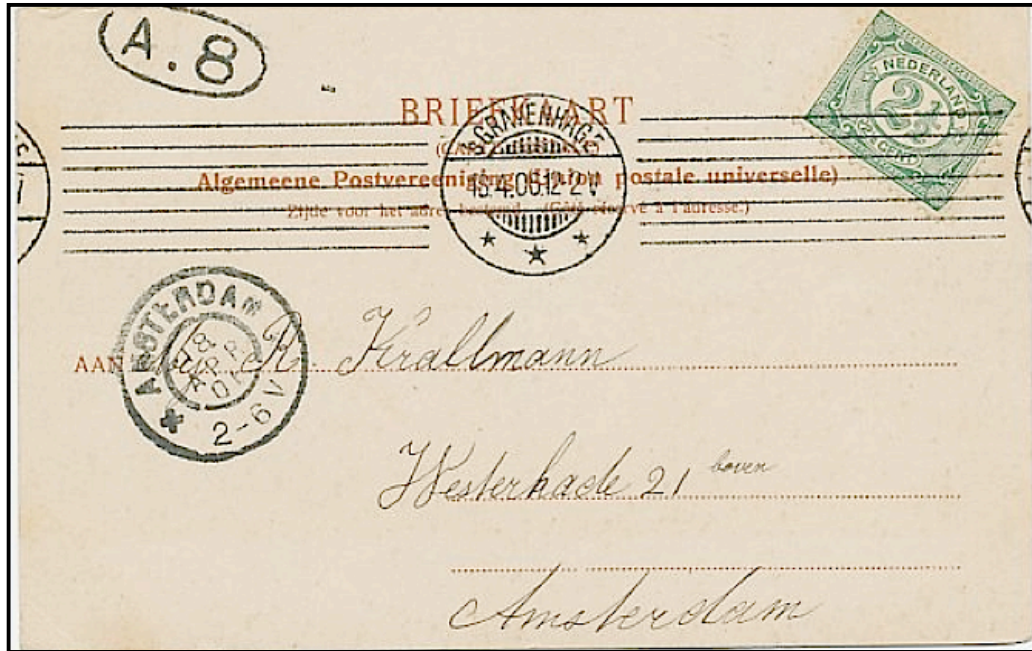
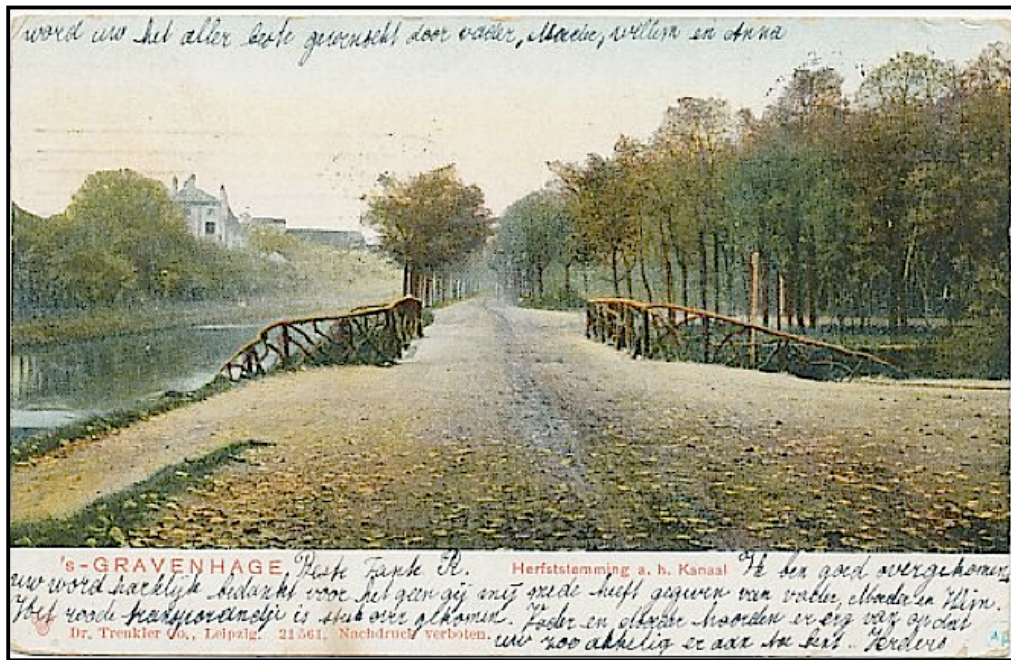


Figure 1 Post card with two Nachtuur (Overnight) cancels



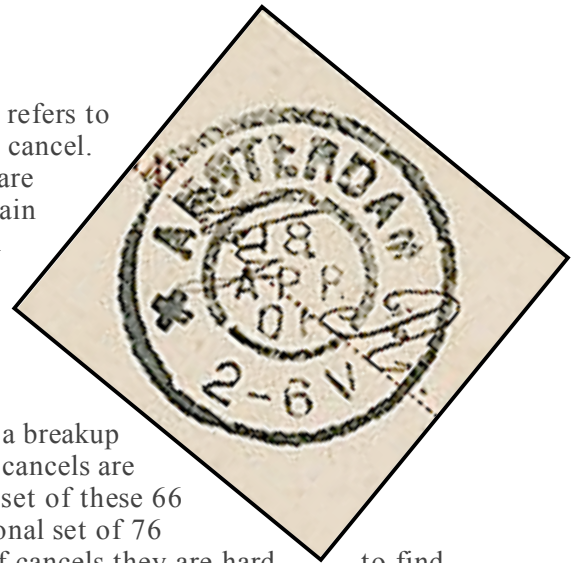
The picture postcard has three distinct cancells:

- a: Radertype departure cancel 's Gravenhage 18.4.06.12-2 V.
- b: Large round arrival cancel Amsterdam 18 APR 06/ 2-6 V.
- c: Mailman cancel A 8.

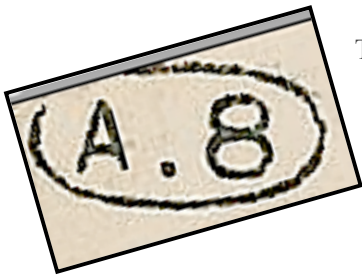


The radertype cancel is a very early example of a hand-driven continuous 'Krag' machine cancel. It was in use at the 's Gravenhage main post office from April 7, 1906 through March 11, 1913, so this postcard was mailed on only its 12th day of use. Although most radertype cancels used one hour time intervals, this particular one has a **12-2 V**, i.e. between midnight and 2am. cancel. This time interval has been described as a **nachtuur** cancel, where *nachtuur* literally means **night hour**. De Goede and Rozema state (in 1986) that only 12 of these cancels are known.

The **large round** cancel shows a time interval of **2-6 V**, which refers to the time period of midnight to 6am. Again, this is a 'nachtuur' cancel. Only about 200 of these Amsterdam **2-6 V** large round cancels are known. The regular time interval for large round cancels for main post offices were hourly intervals between 6am and 10pm, then **10-12 N** (pm) and **12-6 V** (am).



However, due to the ever increasing amount of mail sent during the night (especially through the larger post offices) it was felt that in order to have a more detailed understanding about the distribution of this mail a 'subdivision' was needed, resulting in a breakup of the **12-6 V** interval into a **12-2 V**, and **2-6 V** period. These cancels are only known on the train route Amsterdam-Antwerp. The first set of these 66 'nachtuur' characters were ordered in June 1905, with an additional set of 76 ordered in August 1905. In spite of this fairly decent number of cancels they are hard to find.



The **A 8 cancel** refers to the first (A) mail delivery of the day, by the mailman whose badge number was 8.

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