

Turk Use of U.S. Mails (Continued from Page 1)

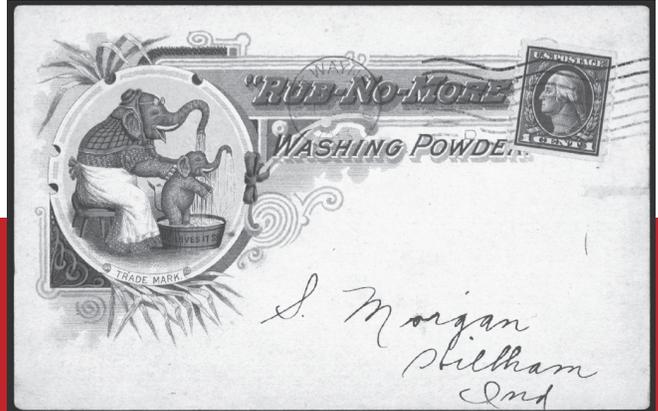
Were this a cover that had been sent from a member of the American military in September 1952, it might be worth \$20 or \$30. After all, it looks like an uncomplicated airmail usage of the 15-cent Presidential Series stamp on a normal airmail envelope. However, if one takes a closer look, the actual sender is not an American and he has turned this piece into a true rarity!

The soldiers of many nations were, with our troops, part of the United Nations forces in the Korean conflict. On this occasion, a soldier in the U.S. Army allowed a member of the Turkish army to use our military postal service (APO

25 near Seoul) to send a letter home to his family in Turkey. Thus, a common-looking cover is a true "keeper!" **Its worth:** perhaps as much as \$100. Note also that the return address is "American", which helps make the sending of this cover a "legal" usage.

There's a great lesson to be learned from this simply story. If in your home your family has stored original envelopes from old correspondences that are at least 30 years old, never consider throwing them out! Our firm buys such correspondences (es-

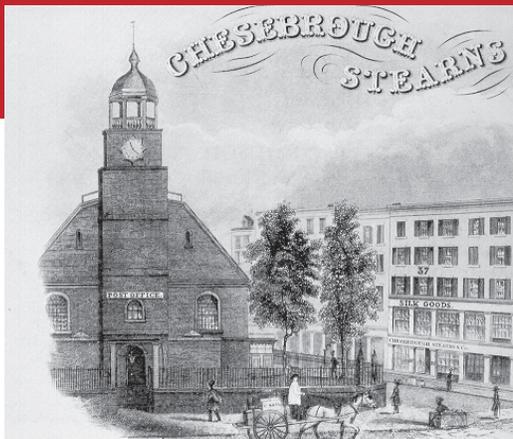
pecially wartime-related ones) and, often, you'd be surprised at the prices we pay. In fact, much of what we buy (from old mails to old manuscripts and documents) appears to the owner quite common at first glance. Would you like more information? Why not call us right now at (631) 367-4030 or get online and e-mail us now at fred@fredschmitt.com.



A colorful old postcard which features a full color advertisement on its address side. A descendant of the things we receive in today's mail, such early items are generally rare and desirable.

More Important Than You Might Think...

Examples of paper items one might find in an attic or old family trunk—which are worth something!

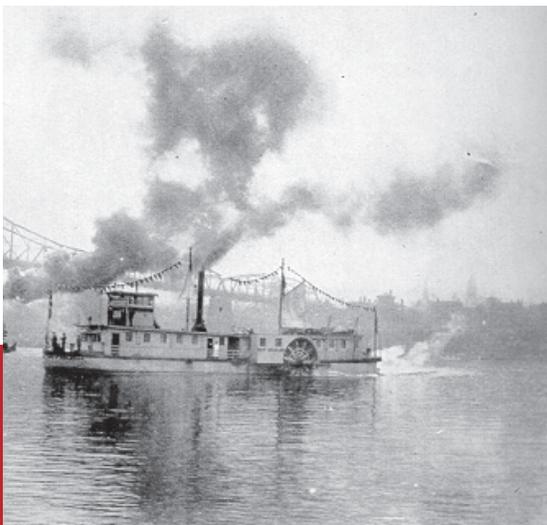


Early engravings of all kinds. Shown here is a portion of a business firm's letterhead from the 1830s. Such engraved pictures appeared on many different kinds of paper goods.

Commercial photographs. This 1918 picture of an office building in Washington, D.C., is part of that city's history and should be preserved.



19th Century Photographs. This riverboat scene in Saint Louis was photographed sometime in the 1880s. Virtually any outdoor photos from this era are very much sought after.



Check the places where things have been stored for a long time. You might be surprised at what you find. Be sure to contact us if you'd like some help (and a willing buyer).