

number, size and quality of the articles; the order or file number, date of order and date and manner of shipment; and the initials or name of the salesman, or of the person by whom the articles were packed or checked.

Inscriptions, such as "Merry Christmas," "With best wishes," "Do not open until Christmas," or words to that effect, may be written on fourth-class mail, or on a card inclosed therewith.

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS, otherwise mailable as parcel post matter, may bear any printed or written mark constituting a necessary inscription for the purpose of a permanent library record.

PROPRIETARY ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE, such as harmless medicinal preparations, soaps, tobacco, food products, etc., put up in fixed quantities, in original sealed packages by the manufacturer so as to allow examination of the packages in their simplest mercantile form and labeled in printing so as to show the nature of contents, quantity and name of the manufacturer, are mailable at the fourth-class rates of postage. If such sealed packages are inclosed in an outer wrapper, the latter must not be sealed.

MEATS AND MEAT-FOOD PRODUCTS. Before meat or meat-food products of cattle, sheep, swine or goats may be accepted for mailing from one State or Territory to another State or Territory, the certificate of inspection or exemption required by section 477, Postal Laws and Regulations, must be filed with the postmaster. Such certificates must be prepared and furnished by the sender.

GAME. The dead bodies of any wild animals or birds, or parts thereof, including furs, skins, plumage, etc., lawfully killed and offered for shipment may be accepted for mailing only when the parcels are plainly marked to show the actual nature of the contents and the name and address of the sender. The dead bodies, or parts thereof, of any wild animals or birds which have been killed or offered for shipment in violation of the laws of a State, Territory or District are unmailable, persons sending such articles and the addressees knowingly receiving them in violation of law being liable to a fine of not more than \$200.

NURSERY STOCK, including all field-grown florists' stock, trees, shrubs, vines, cuttings, grafts, scions, buds, fruit pits and other seeds of fruit and ornamental trees or shrubs, and other plants and plant products for propagation, except field, vegetable and flower seeds, bedding plants and other herbaceous plants, bulbs and roots, may be admitted to the mails only when accompanied with a certificate from a State or Government inspector to the effect that the nursery from which such nursery stock is shipped has been inspected within a year and found free from injurious insects, and the parcel containing such nursery stock is plainly marked to show the nature of the contents and the name and address of the sender.

PLACE OF MAILING. Parcels of books, seeds and plants, weighing more than eight ounces and parcels of other fourth-class matter weighing more than four ounces, must be mailed at a postoffice, branch postoffice, named, numbered or lettered station, or delivered to a rural or other carrier duly authorized to receive such matter. Smaller parcels may be deposited in letter or package boxes.

INSURANCE OF FOURTH-CLASS MAIL

FEES AND CONDITIONS. Fourth-class or domestic parcel post mail (but no other) may be insured against loss upon payment of a fee of 5 cents for value not exceeding \$25, or 10 cents for value not exceeding \$50, in addition to the postage, both to be prepaid with stamps affixed.

Such mail may be insured at any postoffice or station thereof, or by rural carriers. The sender must fill out an insurance tag, which will be furnished him on request, to be attached to the parcel.

RETURN RECEIPTS FOR INSURED PARCELS may be obtained by indorsing the parcels and tags "Return receipt desired."

INDEMNITY FOR LOST INSURED PARCELS is paid for their actual value within the limit of insurance. No indemnity is payable on account of mere partial damage. However, when an article is so damaged as to render it wholly worthless, it is regarded as lost, provided it was packed and indorsed in accordance with the postal requirements. No indemnity is paid for labor, workmanship, etc., in repairing partial damage.

COLLECT-ON-DELIVERY SERVICE

CONDITIONS AND FEE. Parcels of fourth-class or parcel post matter (but no other) may be sent C. O. D. from one domestic money order postoffice to another, including those in the Canal Zone, on payment of a fee of 10 cents in addition to the postage, both to be prepaid with stamps affixed. The amount to be collected and remitted to the sender must not exceed \$100. The remittance is made by postoffice money order, the fee therefor being included in the amount collected from the addressee. A C. O. D. tag furnished by the postmaster must be filled in by the sender and attached to the parcel. The C. O. D. fee also covers insurance against loss up to \$50.

A RECEIPT is given the sender of a C. O. D. parcel at the time of mailing, but no return receipt is furnished, as the remittance shows that delivery has been made.

EXAMINATION OF CONTENTS OF A C. O. D. PARCEL is not permitted until it has been receipted for and all charges paid.

INDEMNITY FOR LOST C. O. D. PARCELS is paid for the actual value not to exceed \$50, under the conditions governing the payment of indemnity for lost insured parcels.