

and not exceeding four pounds six ounces when mailed to Canada, Mexico, Cuba and the Republic of Panama. (Parcels weighing up to 20 pounds may be sent to Mexico, Ecuador, Salvador and the Republic of Panama as foreign parcel post mail under the parcel post conventions with those countries.)

**THE LIMIT OF WEIGHT** of fourth-class matter is 70 pounds for parcels mailed for delivery within the first, second and third zones, and 50 pounds for all other zones.

**LIMIT OF SIZE**—Parcel post matter may not exceed eighty-four inches in length and girth combined. In measuring a parcel the greatest distance in a straight line between the ends (but not around the parcel) is taken as its length, while the distance around the parcel at its thickest part is taken as its girth. For example, a parcel thirty-five inches long, ten inches wide, and five inches high measures sixty-five inches in length and girth combined.

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER**—A parcel of fourth-class matter may not be accepted for mailing unless it bears the name and address of the sender, which should be preceded by the word "from."

**ADDITIONS TO FOURTH-CLASS MAIL**—The written additions permissible upon third-class matter also may be placed on fourth-class matter, together with any marks, numbers, names or letters for purpose of description, or they may be placed on the wrapper or cover, tag or label. There may be written on the blank leaves or cover of any book a simple manuscript dedication or inscription not in the nature of personal correspondence. Space sufficient for a legible address, postmark and the necessary postage stamps must be left on the address side of parcels.

**INCLOSURES**—There may be inclosed with fourth-class matter a written or printed invoice showing the name and address of the sender and of the addressee; the names and quantities of articles inclosed, together with inscriptions indicating "for purpose of description," the price, style, stock 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.

Dead bodies, or parts thereof, of any game birds or animals which are protected by the laws of any state are not mailable in such state, either in or out of season.

**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 3c for value not exceeding \$5; 5 cents for value not exceeding \$25; 10 cents for value not exceeding \$50 or 25 cents for value not exceeding \$100, in addition to the postage, both to be prepaid with stamps affixed.

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