

# *In This Issue*

The second part of **The Changing Formulas of the GPU/UPU for Postage Due** continues as the GPU/UPU matured and made some of the charges more standard than they had been before. **Jamie Gough** has chosen illustrations that are both ideal for the points being demonstrated and for their high philatelic quality.

The **In the National Postal Museum** for this issue turns to China, with the **Chinese Bureau of Engraving and Printing** having been started in 1908 by Lorenzo J. Hatch and William A. Grant, two Americans. **Tom Lera** offers a selection of early proofs and essays from this time period, found in the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's collections.

A collaboration by **Robert Johnson, Mark Schwartz** and **Michael Perlman** examines a cover sent to a surgeon serving on the U.S. Naval frigate *Powhatan*, which was returning from service in East Asia. Besides being Commander Perry's flagship in 1854, its distinguished service history is recounted in **The U.S. Navy, Chinese Pirates, Japan and Cape Town**.

The history behind how a cover traveled from **Odessa to Marseille in August 1870** is recounted by **Alan Wishart**. Normal routing of such letters was disrupted by war, and by deciphering the marks on front and back, the journey unfolds.

The early years of the Club have interested the Club Secretary, **Dave Steidley**, who has searched for information about **The First Women Members of the Collectors Club**. All four have interesting stories and backgrounds to their collecting, and this adds to the history of the Club.

In the **Cover Story** feature, **Harvey Mirsky** tells of a cover that bears one of each of the 1847 denominations, the 10¢ for its original postage over 300 miles, and the second stamp, the 5¢ that was used for forwarding. These combine in **The 1847 Concept on a Single Cover** to illustrate Harvey's thesis about the adoption of the use of postage stamps in the United States.

**At the Clubhouse** covers the final meeting before the summer vacation. **Dr. Armando Grassi** discussed **The Effect of Disease on Routing of the Mails in the Nineteenth Century**. This meeting covered only the effects of cholera, with similar coverage of the effects of other diseases planned for a future meeting.

In **News from the Library**, governor Bruce Marsden asks for volunteers for a special Saturday, October 2, **Library Volunteer Day**. Help make this a success.

**On the Cover:** The cover shown is the only example known of an 1847 era issue cover where each denomination is used, one for forwarding. It is discussed in the Cover Story article by Harvey Mirsky.

One of the Club's most prominent members, **F. Burton "Bud" Sellers**, died in June, and his obituary tells of his many accomplishments over the years, including being "drafted" to fill in for another term after having earlier served the traditional three one-year terms as Club president.