

Synopsis –

## UPU 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee Post Card from Switzerland Design & Usages

I decided to do this card topically rather than as postal history, centering on the design instead of uses allows me to bring in the stamps of the same design

They were issued in very large quantities. Valid only from July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1900 to December 30<sup>th</sup> 1900, the cards (and stamps) were popular and saw many printings. Examples with the UPU Extraordinary Congress are also in the exhibit. There are many of these cards still in circulation; 7,400,000 5c green for local use within Switzerland were issued and 1,700,000 10c red for international use.

Various uses of the card are shown, the most popular foreign destination is Germany, though unusual foreign destinations like The Azores, Egypt, Portugal and Britain. Others are in the collection; some still being researched.

The exhibit also includes a “cello” design where the allegory figure is depicted playing a cello instead of the envelopes or letters being dropped, symbolizing mail traveling around the world.