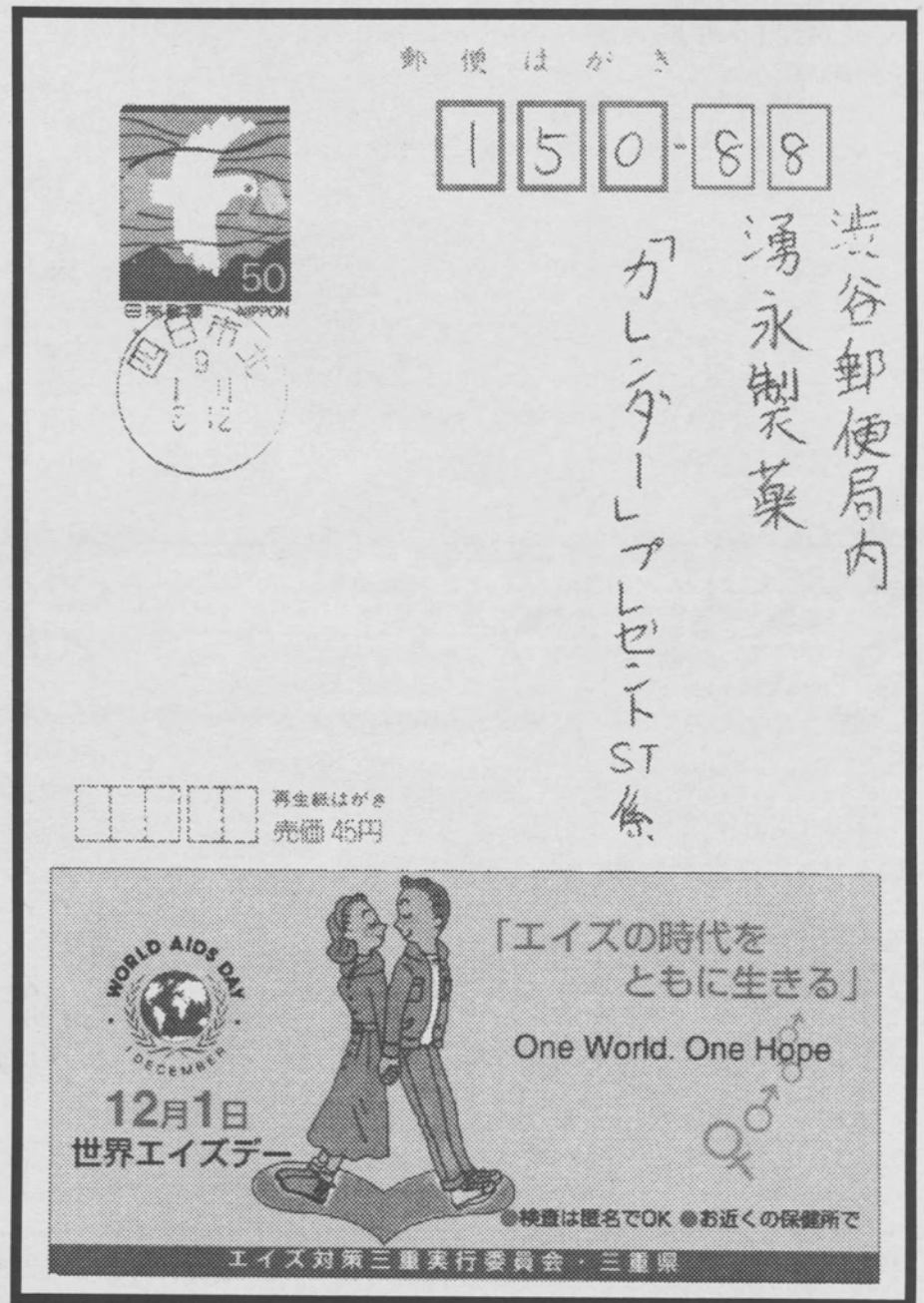




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Submitted by Ken Lawrence.

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- ▼ mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture,
- ▼ flora and fauna scientifically proven to having prominent homosexual behavior, and
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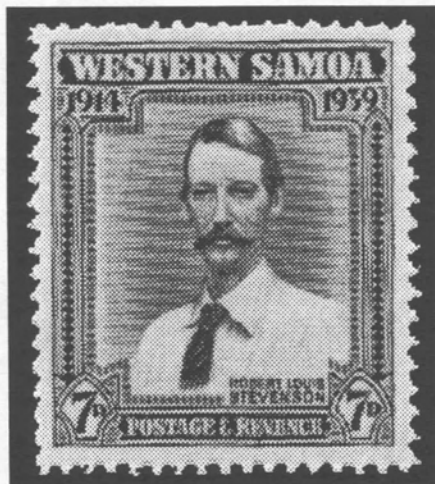
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Robert Louis Stevenson in a Gay Context

by Ian Young



Like generations of English boys, I grew up reading the adventure stories of Robert Louis Stevenson. *Treasure Island* was my favorite, with its boy hero, picturesque pirates and exciting twists and turns of plot. Thinking back in later years on Stevenson's novels and stories, there seemed to me a distinct homoerotic thread running through many of them. The strongest relationships in Stevenson's books are those between a young, teenaged boy and a romantic, charismatic rascal of an older man: the mutinous sea-cook Long John Silver in *Treasure Island*, or the Scottish rebel Alan Breck Stewart in *Kidnapped*. So I was surprised that Stevenson was never mentioned in discussions of gay themes in literature, especially as his influential *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* also has a strong gay subtext.

Jekyll and Hyde was written four years before *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Stevenson's contemporary, Oscar Wilde. Both books reflect similar Victorian preoccupations with psychic doubles, hidden lives and the lurking presence of those twin evils of the time, tuberculosis and syphilis (Stevenson was tubercular, Wilde was syphilitic).

Like *Frankenstein* earlier in the century, *Jekyll and Hyde* is a thriller about a scientific experiment gone wrong. Stevenson's novella evokes a scientific version of the mythical werewolf figure, and, like *Dorian Gray*, has a dark homoerotic subtext. One character refers to Dr. Jekyll's residence as Blackmail House, believing that Mr. Hyde lives there as Jekyll's companion. The name "Hyde" suggests guilt and secrecy, and some of Hyde's crimes, like Dorian's, are never quite spelled out, homosexuality being "the abominable crime never to be mentioned among Christians." In *Jekyll and Hyde*, the upright doctor and his murderous alter ego constitute a dark version of Stevenson's ideal homosexual couple.

In another of Stevenson's stories, "The Suicide Club," the male couple consists of the Prince of Bohemia and his devoted Master of the Horse, a dashing colonel whose name is Geraldine! A rather camp pair, they use the Prince's fortune to save errant young men from killing themselves.

The first significant look at Stevenson in a gay context came in 1989, as part of a chapter in Wayne Koestenbaum's book on male literary collaboration, *Double Talk*. "Stevenson's Queer Yarns" is a fascinating discussion of Stevenson's collaboration with his stepson Lloyd Osborne, whose map (drawn on Stevenson's bed!) provided the inspiration for *Treasure Island* and with whom Stevenson wrote three novels.

Koestenbaum's quotations from the two men's letters, and from Osborne's memoirs, leave little doubt of their romantic devotion to one another, complete with pet names, hand-holding, embraces, starry eyes and whispered endearments. His analysis of the stories Stevenson and Osborne wrote together reveal the gay subtexts lying just beneath the Victorian surface.

In 1888, Stevenson emigrated to the South Seas for his health. He settled in Samoa where he bought property, Valima, and convalesced. He became intensely interested in the history and lore of the region, which he wrote about in one of his last works, *A Footnote to History*. He died suddenly, of a brain hemorrhage, at the age of 44.

In 1898, the Kingdom of Samoa was partitioned between Germany and the United States. After the First World War, the former German sector became a New Zealand administered territory, Western Samoa, whose stamp depicting Stevenson (Scott no. 184) appeared in 1939.

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Fallingwater

by Blair O'Dell

My partner, Paul Hennefeld, and I decided we needed a brief respite from all the unpleasantries which have gone on in our lives this year. After losing both my parents in the space of six months and having to go through the added turmoil of selling their home and settling the estate, it was necessary for mental well-being to get away for just a little bit. But, we have two cats to take care of, our beloved Kato (he's really our 'child') as well as Missy, who we inherited from my deceased mother. We couldn't bear to leave them for too long, so we decided on a short trip out to western Pennsylvania. Our neighbor graciously volunteered to feed the felines.



Scott No. 1280

Our first stop was Reading, Pennsylvania, home of the original factory outlets. We paused just long enough to stock up on first quality Wrangler's and Lee jeans (I prefer these to Levi's,) as well as some gym wear and a neat looking macho camo cap. Three big bags of merchandise for \$81.00. Great savings out there; it's worth the trip!

Then we made a bee line on the Pennsylvania Turnpike to the environs of Fallingwater, one of the most famous structures designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. After spending the night in a little town near Pittsburgh, we embarked early the next morning on the few remaining miles to Wright's masterpiece. I have always been a devotee of this genius of architecture, but previously only had the opportunity to visit one of his great designs, the Guggenheim Museum in Manhattan.

Fallingwater is unquestionably one of the most famous private residences ever built, and is depicted on Scott US #2019. It was designed in 1936 for the family of Pittsburgh department store owner, Edgar J. Kaufmann, who enjoyed getting out of the polluted city on weekends. They commissioned Wright to design a weekend home nestled within the beautiful forested countryside a short ride southeast of Pittsburgh.

The key to the setting of the house is the waterfall over which it is built. The falls had been a focal point of the Kaufmann's activities, and the family had indicated the area around the falls as the location of the home. They were totally unprepared for Wright's suggestion that the house rise over the waterfall, rather than face it. But the Master's original proposal was adopted without change.

The house was kept in the Kaufmann family until 1963, when it and the entire contents were presented to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy by Edgar Kaufmann Jr. Edgar Jr, the only son of the senior Kaufmann, happened to be gay, and was also a great philanthropist who knew full well the immense archi-

tectural importance of his family's weekend retreat. He had the foresight to entrust this masterpiece to the Conservancy, so that it would be preserved for generations to come.

We visited on a VERY rainy Thursday, and found that Wright's design was not without flaw. Famous for his flat roof surfaces, these also can be a problem. They leak! Here and there throughout the principal residence and the guesthouse, one spied small sheets of plastic on the floor and telltale drops trickling from the ceiling. The tour guide pointed out that it is a constant battle to keep the roofs in shape. The famous cantilevered decks jutting out over the falls also were causing problems; we found them jacked up with joists temporarily holding them perfectly horizontal. Wright it seems, was 'pushing the technological envelope' when he designed the massive concrete surfaces extending so far into space without any visible support. These will need a massive amount of reinforcing in the years to come. A Wright residence sometimes can be a challenge to maintain!

We found, too, that a Wright residence even can be a challenge in which to dwell. A total autocrat, and knowing too well of his own importance, Wright did not take kindly to any suggestions on design changes. Most of the rooms, including Edgar Jr's bedroom, were claustrophobically small, with ceilings seemingly a scant seven feet high. Wright almost deliberately made the rooms cramped to force people out to the massive exterior cantilevered decks.

This house was designed in the midpoint of his career. Although I marveled at its intricacy and 'oneness' with the site, I think that I appreciate more his earlier extraordinarily innovative work in the many private residences which he designed in the Chicago suburbs. Fallingwater was almost a little too 'modern' for me. It seemed to have too little 'Arts and Crafts' style to it, and was too much a nod to stylistic developments which would come to pass in the Fifties.

We saw some other neat things on our foray into western Pennsylvania. Unfortunately we were back home all too quickly to our furry feline friends. And, you know, I'm not sure if they even missed us!



Scott no. 2022a.
Fallingwater, Scott no. 2019, is top right.

Gay Free Franks

by Joe Petronie

Tammy Baldwin has become the first open lesbian to be elected to the United States House of Representatives. She will represent Wisconsin's 2nd District, which includes the state capital, Madison. Ms. Baldwin was a three-term state representative. Her free frank will be available in January, once she takes the oath of office. She will join two other openly gay members of Congress, Barney Frank from Massachusetts and Jim Kolbe from Arizona. Both were re-elected on November 3. Ms. Baldwin's free frank should be a new year addition to your collection.

Former congressman Michael Huffington (R-California) disclosed his sexual orientation in the January 1999 issue of *Esquire*. Huffington ran for Congress in 1992. Two years later, he ran against Dianne Feinstein for US Senator. Feinstein won, and Huffington left Congress. He was married for 11 years to Arianna Huffington. They are currently divorced.

The first lesbian activist elected to the Mexican House of Representatives was Patria Jimenez. She was elected several years ago. Do any members know what type of franking privileges that the members of the Mexican Congress enjoy?

Finally, several members of Tony Blair's cabinet have recently been outed, or acknowledged that they are gay. Do British cabinet members have any type of free frank privileges?

Gay & Lesbian Update

Great Britain is scheduled to release a stamp featuring Alan Turing (1912 - 1954) on January 12, 1999. Turing is best known for his successful effort to crack the German "Enigma" Code during World War II.

Turing was born in 1912 in London and raised in various foster homes along with his older brother John. His father was an officer in the British Administration in India until retiring in 1926. Alan was admitted to King's college in Cambridge in 1931. It was here that he did his undergraduate work in mathematics. It was also where he came to accept his being gay. He befriended fellow undergraduate mathematician, James Atkins. They would later become lovers. Turing did his post graduate work in the United States. In 1938, he returned to England. He was called to serve at the Government Code and Cypher School at the outbreak of WW II.

In 1952, he was arrested for gross indecency. The penalty was treatments to cure his homosexuality. In a fit of depression brought on by this treatment, Turing committed suicide in June of 1954.

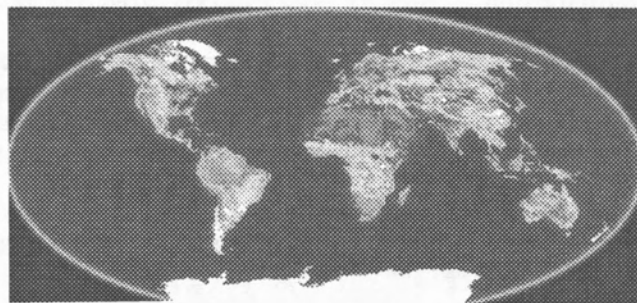
(Information gathered through a search on the Yahoo web-site.)

New postmark from Italy discovered!

A postmark used in Rome, Italy on November 17, 1997 has been discovered. The postmark was issued to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the beginning of the gay movement in Italy in 1969. A search for more copies and more information is underway.



Collecting stamps is fun!



It's a gay World...

Liberia issued three sheets of 6 and three souvenir sheets honoring monarchs of the world on July 27, 1998.

Alexander the Great is on Scott no. 1337a.

Peter the Great is on Scott no. 1337e.

Frederick the Great is on Scott no. 1337f.

Mexico issued a stamp to commemorate the centennial of the birth of Federico Garcia Lorca on June 5, 1998. Scott no. 2078.

Montserrat issued a set of 12 stamps plus a souvenir sheet in 1998 honoring famous people of the 20th century. Anne Frank can be found on Scott no. 944.

AIDS Update

Special postmark used in Portugal on December 2, 1996.



Various French post offices that used the SIDA Info Service machine slogan cancel from mid 1997 to mid 1998, and possibly later. Who are the various manufacturers of the cancelling machines?

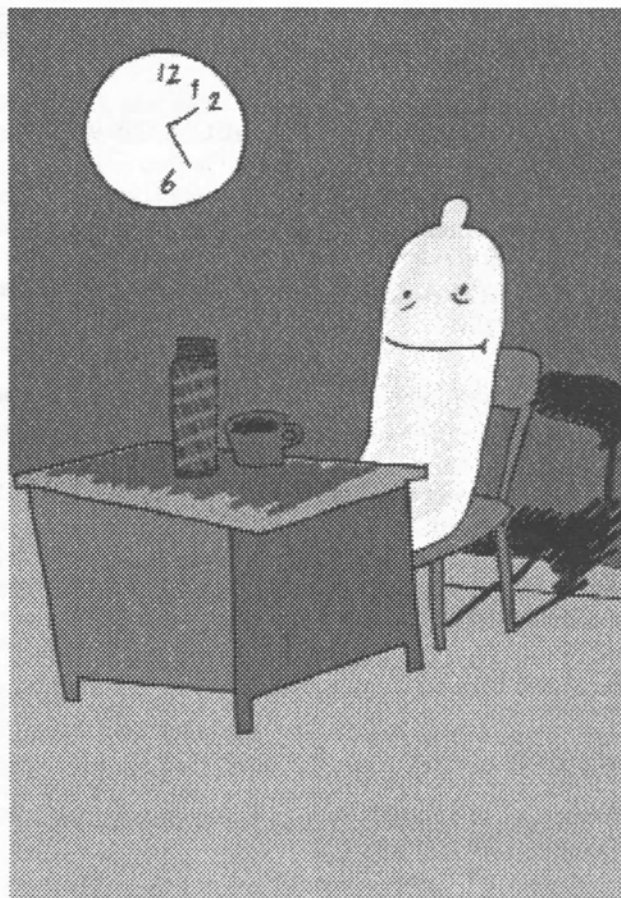
The most common variety is a 25mm diameter dial to the right of the boxed slogan (50 x 20mm) and with the dates both in the dial and below the boxed slogan.



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- 4 Double circle dial; with date and with partial date m-yr only
- 5 Without date only
- 6 No date; 26mm dial; new machine



Another free postcard, published by Hotstamp. "Condoms Work All Night", issued as advertising for Levi for World AIDS Day 1998.

Breast Cancer Awareness Update

The number of special postmarks related to breast cancer awareness/research continues to increase. Following are recent cancels:

Breast Cancer Research Station, Greenville, AL 36037-9998, October 1, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-9998, October 1, 1998, October 5, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Chamberlain, SD 57325-9998, October 2, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Knoxville, TN 37950-9662, October 2-3, 1998.

Race for the Cure Station, Denver, CO 80299-9998, October 4, 1998.

Race Day Station, Baltimore, MD 21233-9715, October 4, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Princeton, NJ 08540-9998, October 4, 1998.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Station, Binghamton, NY 13902-9998, October 4, 1998.

Race For The Cure Station, Boston, MA 02205-9996, October 4, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Tulsa, OK 74130-9998, October 5, 1998.

St. Mary's Hospital Station, St. Louis, MO 63155-9998, October 5, 1998 (American Cancer Society/St. Louis Breast Cancer Coalition).

Breast Cancer Research Station, Kalispell, MT 59901-9998, October 7, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Centerville, IA 52544-9403, October 8, 1998.

Breast Cancer Awareness Week Station, Richmond, VA 23234-9998, October 8-9, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Wichita, KS 67202-9998, October 9, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Sterling, VA 20164-9998, October 10, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-9998, October 10, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Savannah, GA 31404-9998, October 13, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Lancaster, KY 40444-9998, October 14, 1998.

Columbia Augusta Medical Center Station, Augusta, GA 30901-9998, October 14, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Philadelphia, PA 19104-9611, October 16, 1998, October 21, 1998.

Race for the Cure Station, Memphis, TN 38138-9998, October 17, 1998.

Making Strides Station, Albany, NY 12205-9998, October 18, 1998.

SUNY Station, Utica, NY 13504-9998, October 18, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Minneapolis, MN 55401-9635, October 20, 1998.

Senator Orrin Hatch's Fourteenth Annual Utah Women's Conference Breast Cancer Awareness Station, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-9998, October 23, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, New Philadelphia, OH 44663-9998, October 23, 1998.

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Breast Cancer Awareness Station, Neversink, NY 12765-9998, October 24, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Madisonville, KY 42431-9998, October 24, 1998.

Breast Cancer Awareness Station, New Haven, CT 06511-9998, October 24, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-9998, October 24, 1998.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Station, Cincinnati, OH 45234-9998, October 25, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Roseau, MN 56751-9998, October 29, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Millers Tavern, VA 23115-9998, October 29, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Stephenville, TX 76401-9998, October 31, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Proctor, TX 76468-9998, October 31, 1998.

Breast Cancer Research Station, Danville, IL 61832-9998, October 29-31, 1998.

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Tucson AZ 85728



There will be 300 frames reserved for the all-topical exhibition. Open class thematic exhibits will be restricted to a minimum of two and a maximum of ten frames. There will also be one-frame exhibits, junior exhibits of one to five frames and display class exhibits of two to ten frames.

52 dealers from around the country are scheduled the bourse. There should be something for everyone's collecting needs.

Last Lick



The American Topical Association (ATA) will be holding the National Topical Stamp Show '99 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin July 30, 31 and August 1, 1999. This show will be the ATA 50th Anniversary Convention. The show will be held at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 30 through August 1, 1999.

A special 50th anniversary celebration will replace the traditional President's Reception on Friday evening, July 30. This will be a big 50th birthday party with special plans and plenty for all to celebrate.

AMERICAS 99 to Focus on Philately of the Americas

AMERICAS 99, the American Philatelic Society's 1999 winter meeting, will be a large scale national event devoted to the philately of North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. The show, to be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida from February 25-28, 1999, will include approximately 125 stamp dealers, post offices and about 100 meetings and seminars.

The show will include a 750 frame exhibition which will be judged by an international panel using F.I.P. international standards. The show will also include a number of special features such as a special youth area, dime booths where all items cost 10 cents or less, and one booth where an entire bucket of stamps can be purchased for \$3.00 (or \$1.00 for youth age 15 or under).

Information on special hotel, airfare and car rental rates is available from the APS, PO Box 8000, State College, PA 16803. You may also reach the APS by phone at 814-237-3803, by fax at 814-237-6128 or by e-mail to kpmartin@stamps.org.

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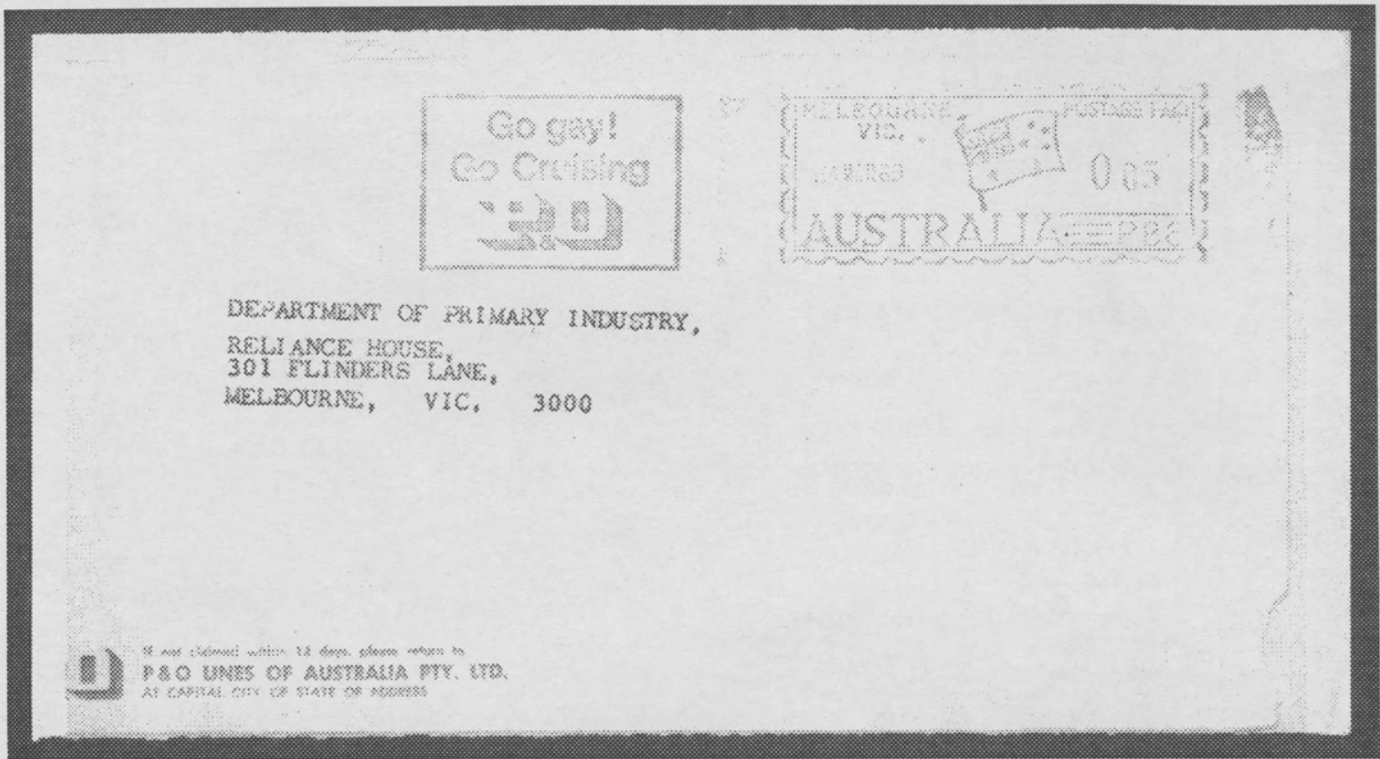
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Greta Garbo postmark used for the Swedish booklet stamps for 100 years of cinema. Greta's profile also was used on the booklet cover.



Cover used by GLHSC member to send in dues. Note Sappho Post rubber stamp.



"Go Gay" meter from Australia. Thanks to Phil Stager for sharing this cover.



Interesting cover using French bicentennial stamps, tied to a bicentennial cachet. From the editor's collection.