

Lot Type Grading Description

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GREAT BRITAIN - Postal Stationery Postal Cards

The world's first Postal Card was issued in Austria on 1st October 1869. Great Britain "joined the club" exactly one year later.

**Lot 575**

575 PS B **1870 First Issue** Smaller Size 1/2d lilac with chromolithographed illustration 'PEACE AND GOODWILL/TO YOU ALL/[Yule Log]' & 'JOHN S DAY...' Imprint at the base, a few blemishes on the address side, addressed but otherwise unused. *Ex Keith Harrison.*

This & the next two lots are from the first-ever series of mass-produced Christmas cards, printed in 1871 by **John S Day** of London. They are also the earliest known postcards with multi-colour illustrations.

500^T**Lot 576**

576 C A- - ditto, 'COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON' & Poem, similarly addressed but unused. *Ex Keith Harrison.*

500^T**Lot 577**

577 C B - ditto, 'A/MERRY/Christmas/AND/A HAPPY NEW YEAR', postally used to Cornwall with London duplex cancel of JA1/72, a bit soiled on the address side. *Ex Keith Harrison.* [Plus a facsimile of a fourth design]

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