

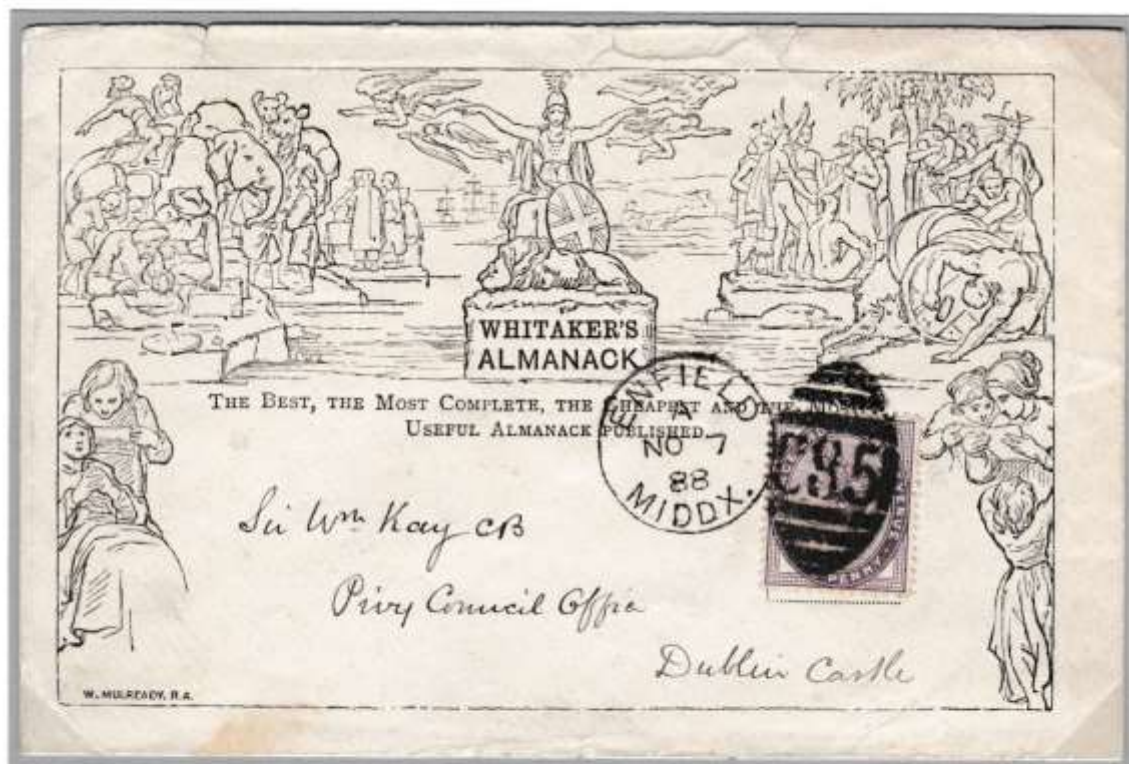
Whitaker's Almanack

Stamp collectors and Philatelist are well acquainted with the Mulready Envelope and Letter sheets which were issued along side that of the one penny black in May 1840. Due to the public response and ridicule they were quickly replaced by the one penny pink, but many publishers such as Valentine, Spooner , Fores took advantage of the fact and issued caricatures.

However the owner of "Whitaker's Almanack" who lived in Enfield in Bakers Street took a different view and utilised the design to produce envelopes of his own. These are known used between 1868 and 1900, during this period four distinctive varieties of the envelope are known.

- 1) Whitakers Almanack in Serifed letters, one line inscription
- 2) Whitakers Almanack in Serifed letters, No inscription
- 3) Whitakers Almanack in Serifed letters, two-line inscription
- 4) Whitakers Almanack in San Serifed letters, two-line inscription

Covers are mainly found with the London obliteration, but Enfield covers are also recorded bearing either the Squared circle or C85 obliterations which were in use at the time



Type Three

Envelope addressed to Sir W Kay CB at Dublin Castle, Ireland. It travelled by way of the H&K Packet on 8th November 1888.

At first glance the C85 Enfield appears to be a duplex obliteration, but is in fact a 23mm diameter receiver's mark and the first type three bar vertical oval C85 canceller.

