FOREIGN CARD POST.

Foreign post-cards may be sent to Canada and to all countries comprised in the General Postal Union, with the exception of British India.

A post-card of a card is in every case a letter post-card.

Foreign post-cards with an impressed stamp of 1d. each are sold at that rate and are transmissible to the majority of the countries of the Union without extra charge.

INDIAN PARCEL POST.

1. Persons wishing to send parcels to Great Britain can do so through the Indian Parcel Post Agency—established under authority of the Director-General of the Post Office of India—at 12, Leadenhall-street, E.C.; or at the Post Office branch at 110, Cockspur-street, S.W.

2. The charge for parcels is 1s. per lb. or fraction of a lb. (prepayment obligatory), covering transit from the place of origin to London. The rate may be defrayed, if desired, at the rate (to be prepaid) of 1s. up to £5 value, 2s. 6d. up to £10 value, and 5s. up to £20 value. Indian Customs duty (if payable) will be realized from the proprietor.

N.B.—Parcels containing books, or articles treated as books under the British Indian Post Box Rules, will be charged at half rates viz., 6d. per lb.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN PATTERN AND SAMPLE POST.

There is a Pattern and Sample Post to certain colonies and foreign countries, but it is restricted to bona fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise.

Letters sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another which are not actually patterns or samples, are not admissible.

The rates of postage are the same as for Book Post as above.

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS AND INSURANCE.

There is a Post Office Savings Bank in every town and in most villages, and at most savings banks there is an Insurance and Annuity Office. A list of them is kept at all post offices.

LETTERS "TO BE CALLED FOR.

There is a Poste Restante both at the General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, and at the Charing-Cross Post Office. Letters are marked "To be called for." can be obtained between the hours of nine a.m. and five p.m. There is also a Poste Restante at Woolwich, available during the ordinary hours of the Post Office.

No letters (except those in the Savings Bank Department) are taken in "to be called for" at the other district or branch offices, and any such directed are sent to the Returned Letter Office to be returned to the writers.

The Poste Restante being intended solely for the accommodation of strangers and travellers who have no fixed address in London, letters for residents must not be addressed to the Post Office "To be called for;" nor should letters for a resident be so marked unless the Post Office for one week, are, after that time, sent out by the letter carriers.

Envelopes are not, as a rule, allowed to use the Poste Restante for more than two months, after which period the writer is expected to have their letters sent to a private address.

Letters addressed to initials or to fictitious names at the Poste Restante are not taken in, but are once sent back to the writers.

ARTICLES NOT ALLOWED TO BE SENT BY POST.

It is forbidden to forward by post any indecent or obscene paint, print, photograph, lithograph, engraving, book or card, or any article, or any letter, newspaper, publication, packet, or card having thereon any words, marks, or designs of an indecent, obscene, libellous, or grossly offensive character. Anything posted contrary to this prohibition will be stopped and sent up to the Returned Letter Office, London.

Postmasters are instructed that the above prohibition is there good reason to believe contains anything likely to injure the contents of the mail packet or to do bodily harm to the person to whom such packet be posted without the Postmaster's knowledge, or if at any time before its despatch he should discover any such packet, he is directed not to keep it, but to report the case at once to the Chief Postmaster and to the Secretary of the Postmaster-General.

The following are examples of the articles referred to:

—bottles, vials, or glass in any form, whether of fruit or vegetable; bladders or other vessels containing liquids; gunpowder, lacquer matches, or anything which is explosive or liable to sudden combustion; cases, scissors, needles, forks, or other sharp instruments.

MODES OF PREPAYMENT.

Inland letters, newspapers, and book-packets cannot be prepaid in money but must be prepaid by means of stamps, either adhesive or embossed or impressed. This rule applies also to registered letters.

Postmasters are instructed that the principal exception to the above rule is that, the married, officers, marines, and seamen serving abroad, which, if posted in the ship's bag, must be prepaid by means of British postage-stamps.

REGISTRATION (INLAND AND FOREIGN).

The fee for registration is fixed at 2s. 6d. post free. English materials passing between any two places in the United Kingdom is fourpence.

English materials for registration to places abroad will be found in the British Postal Guide.

Every letter to be registered must be presented at the counter, and a receipt for it must be obtained, and should be affixed to the face of the letter. If, contrary to this rule, a letter marked "Registered" be dropped into the post box, it will not be registered, although the most of the British Colonies, be liable to a registration fee of 3d., instead of the ordinary fee of 4d.