ICONS OF POSTAL REFORM

The United States 1869 stamps
1869 stamp designs
Postal reform themes
Elihu Burritt (1810-1879)

- "The Learned Blacksmith"
- Propagandist
- Reform activist
- Author
- Lecturer
- Pamphleteer
- Speed-reader in 50 languages
World governance
World peace
Free trade
Globalization in microcosm
BRITAIN! BESTOW THIS BOON, AND BE IN BLESSING BLEST
OCEAN PENNY POSTAGE

WILL LINK ALL LANDS WITH THEE IN TRADE & PEACE.

Harry Hopkins
Williamtown Mass
International mails
U.S. version, Bates (Jarrett lot 10)
UK & US cheap postage covers

- Top banner
- Imperative
- Transport imagery
- Flag imagery
- Typography
- Global mission:
  - “Ocean postage”
Bates (1851) and stamps (1869)
Before and after the golden spike
“Year at whose wide-flung door I sing!
Year of the purpose accomplish’d!
Year of the marriage of continents, climates and oceans!...
I see O year in you the vast teraaqueous globe given and giving all,
Europe to Asia, Africa joined, and they to the New World,
The lands, geographies, dancing before you, holding a festival garland,
As brides and bridegrooms hand in hand.”
“Passage to India!
Lo, soul, seest thou not God’s purpose from the first?
The earth to be spanned, connected by network,
The races, neighbors, to marry and be given in marriage,
The oceans to be cross’d, the distant brought near,
The lands to be welded together.”