

HRADČANY

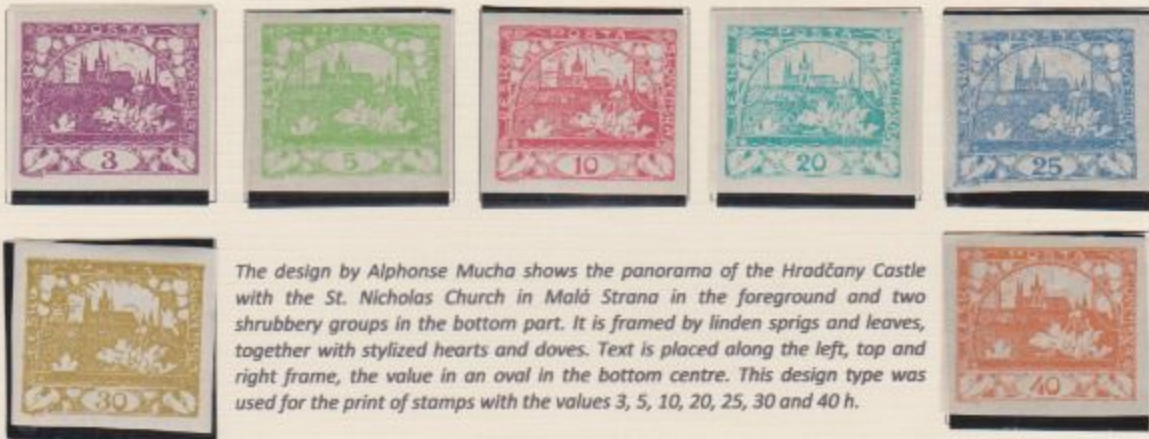
POSTAL USE OF THE FIRST DRAWING

INTRODUCTION

This exhibit is the selection from a large collection of Hradčany covers, postal cards and forms. It is aimed to show the variability of postal use of the first Czechoslovak postage stamps – HRADČANY – particularly of their FIRST DESIGN (DRAWING) TYPE. During the validity period of Hradčany stamps, this type was in postal use for the longest time, namely in all postal rate periods. The first design type so provides the most variable postal use, including combinations with Austro-Hungarian withrunner stamps and other subsequent stamp emissions issued until the end of validity of Hradčany stamps, i.e., April 30, 1921. This applies in the most pronounced way to the first and second rate period with low fees for particular postal services and to franking and uprating of forms of Austrian or Hungarian origin and of postal stationery. The exhibit is organized according to rate periods and consists of three sections, the first two rate periods forming its major part.

The postal use of the first design type is focused mainly into the first rate period when its denomination range sufficiently covered the common postal rates either as single frankings both on forms in the first and second rate period and on postal cards and covers according to the actual rates in the individual periods, or as special surcharges as, e.g., for registered letters or special delivery.

FIRST DESIGN TYPE



SCHEDULE OF THE EXHIBIT:

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Page 42-58 special use of the first design type and franked postal forms

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Section 3 – third and fourth rate period

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PAGE DESCRIPTION:

The heading of the page indicates the particular postal rate period and kind of mail shown. Explanation of postal system function related to shown covers and forms is given in the top part of the page. Description of the particular covers, postal cards and forms including applied postage, place of dispatch and recipient's address and also degree of item rarity are given below. Scarce items are marked * on the right.

LITERATURE:

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