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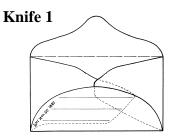


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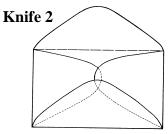
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#### Size 1 - 65 x 118 mm



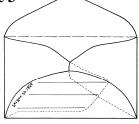
Nesbitt Knife, smallest patent knife, 65 x 118 mm.

#### Size 2 - 73/76 x 122 mm



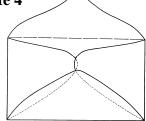
Nesbitt Knife, rounded top flap, 73 x 120 mm.

#### Knife 3



Nesbitt Knife, used only on UPSS 68, 76 x 122 mm.

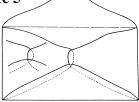
#### Knife 4



Nesbitt Knife, tongue-shaped top flap, 73 x 120 mm.

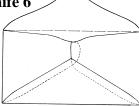
#### Size 3 - 71/73 x 134 mm

#### Knife 5



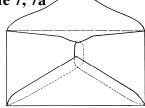
Reay Knife, used only on 3¢ white only, 71 x 134 mm.

#### Knife 6



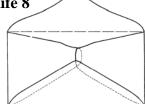
Reay Knife, shallow throat, 71 x 134 mm.

### Knife 7, 7a



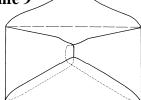
Plimpton Knife, shallow throat, *knife 7* sides have 9 mm overlap while *knife 7a* sides have 7 mm overlap, 72 x134 mm.

#### Knife 8

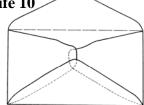


Plimpton-Morgan Knife, compare to Knife 10 which is left over right.

#### Knife 9

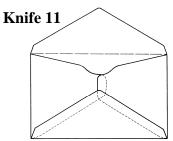


Purcell Knife, reappears as Knife 10 (in 1907) with straight edges on top flap but still left over right.



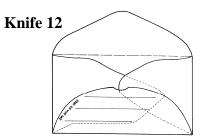
Purcell Knife, with straight edges but still left over right.

#### Size 4 - 80 x 130 mm



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, clipped corners on top and bottom flaps, top flap pointed, side flaps with broad ends.

#### Size 5 - 77 x 135 mm

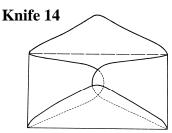


Nesbitt Knife, right flap end curved.

## Knife 13

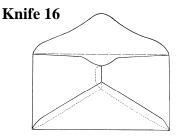
Nesbitt Knife, right flap upper edge has reverse curve and end almost straight.

#### Size 6 - 78 x 139 mm

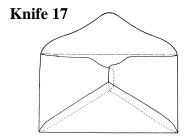


Private Knife, stamp embossed after folding; only use was on UPSS #42, one copy known.

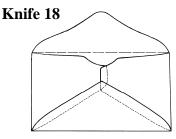
Reay Knife, similar to knives 12 and 13 but shallow notch.



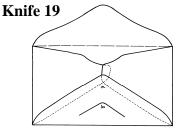
Reay Knife, left flap is vertical without rounded corners; left side flap over right only.



Reay Knife, corners rounded on left end, right over left only.



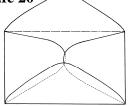
Plimpton Knife, right flap end is vertical.



Plimpton & Morgan Knife, much deeper throat than Knife 18.

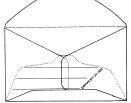
#### Size 7 - 83 x 139 mm

#### Knife 20



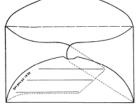
Nesbitt Knife, top and bottom flaps broadly rounded, compare to Knife 24.

#### Knife 21



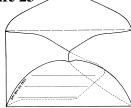
Nesbitt Knife, first patent line type, lines on bottom flap; wide and deep throat.

#### Knife 22



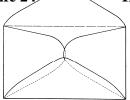
Nesbitt Knife, patent lines; wide and deep curved throat; all curves broadly rounded.

#### Knife 23



Nesbitt Knife, patent lines; deep, pointed throat; shoulders on side flaps.

#### Knife 24



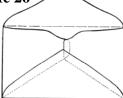
Nesbitt Knife, top and bottom flaps have rounded points, compare to knife 20.

#### Knife 25



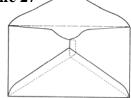
Reay Knife, very shallow throat (10mm), 2mm slope of top of side flaps, side flap ends are 25mm tall.

#### Knife 26



Reay Knife, shallow throat (14mm), 5mm slope of top of side flaps, side flap ends are 21mm tall.

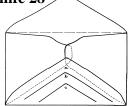
#### Knife 27



Reay Knife, top flap is 41mm (vs 43-44mm from knives 25 & 26), deep throat (17.5mm), side flap ends nearly square and 19 mm tall.

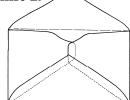
Knives 25, 26, and 27 are very similar and, perhaps, should have been combined as minor variations but are presented for historical and reference value.

#### Knife 28



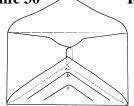
Plimpton Knife, shallow throat, top flap 43 mm high, ends of side flaps slightly rounded, bottom pointedness varies.

#### Knife 29



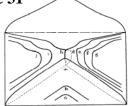
Plimpton Knife, top flap 43 mm high, shallow throat, right flap end is vertical, bottom flap is pointed.

#### Knife 30



Plimpton Knife, top flap 40 mm high, medium deep throat, right flap end is more vertical and less rounded than Knife 31.

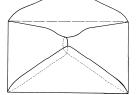
#### Knife 31



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, top flap 41 mm high, deeper throat than Knife 30.

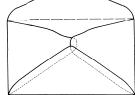
Knives 28, 29, and 30 are very similar and, perhaps, should have been combined as minor variations but are presented for historical and reference value.

#### Knife 32

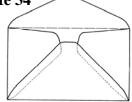


Purcell Knife, left flap over right.

#### Knife 33



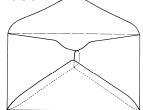
Plimpton-Morgan Knife, top flap 37 mm high, deep throat.



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, high back, side flaps do not meet.

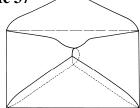
#### Size 8 - 85 x 149 mm

#### Knife 36



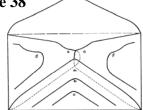
Plimpton Knife, shallower throat than Knife 38; right side flap has square end; used before 1878.

#### Knife 37



Plimpton Knife, differs from Knife 36 in the rounded left side

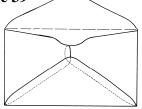
#### Knife 38



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, deeper throat than Knife 37, side and bottom flaps are more rounded.

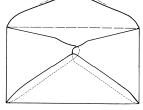
Knives 36, 37, and 38 are very similar and, perhaps, should have been combined as minor variations but are presented for historical and reference value.

#### Knife 39



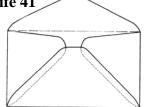
Purcell Knife, left flap over right.

#### Knife 40



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, deep throat.

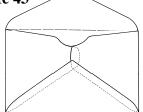
#### Knife 41



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, high back, sides don't meet.

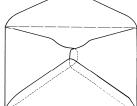
#### Size 9 - 92/93 x 148/149 mm

#### Knife 43

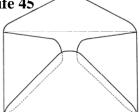


Plimpton-Morgan Knife, first used on Columbian issues; shallower throat than knife 44.

#### Knife 44



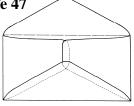
Plimpton-Morgan Knife, deep throat.



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, high back, sides broadly rounded, don't meet.

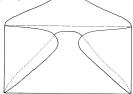
#### Size 10 - 87/92 x 161 mm

#### Knife 47



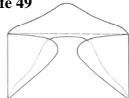
Nesbitt Knife, shallow throat.

#### Knife 48



Reay Knife, broadly rounded side flaps; high bottom flap.

#### Knife 49

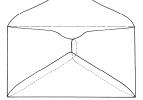


Reay Knife, differs from Knife 48 by having a wider and higher bottom flap.

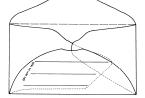
Knives 48 and 49 were made for use on unstamped government envelopes and were inadvertently used on some 2¢ and 3¢ envelopes; rarely found.

#### Knife 50

Knife 51

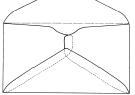


Reay Knife, the most common Reay knife of this size; side flap ends flattened, compare to Knife 53.



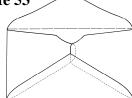
Reay Knife, only patent line envelope of this size.

Knife 52



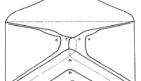
Plimpton Knife, shallow throat, large side flap overlap (11 mm).

Knife 53



Plimpton Knife, medium deep throat, small side flap overlap (7 mm).

#### Knife 54



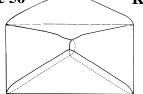
Plimpton-Morgan Knife, moderately deep throat (20 mm from top; 10 mm at flap shoulder); sides of top flap slightly concave; right flap over left.

#### Knife 55



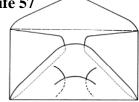
Purcell Knife, similar to Knife 54 but left flap over right.

#### Knife 56



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, deep throat (23 mm from top; 15 mm at flap shoulder); sides of top flap straight, right flap over left.

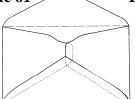
Knife 57



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, high back.

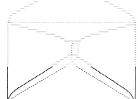
#### Size 11 - 95 x 160 mm

#### Knife 61



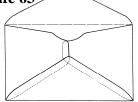
Plimpton-Morgan Knife, nearly pointed top and bottom flap.

#### Knife 62 \_-

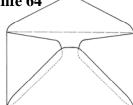


Plimpton-Morgan Knife, with a deeper throat and more rounded points on top and bottom flaps than Knife 61.

#### Knife 63



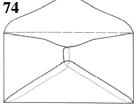
Purcell Knife, left over right flap.



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, high back.

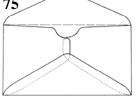
#### Size 13 - 95 x 171/173 mm

#### Knife 74



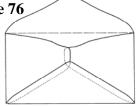
Plimpton-Morgan Knife, deep throat, right flap end more rounded than knife 77, right flap over left, top flap is 51 mm.

#### Knife 75



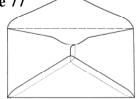
Plimpton-Morgan Knife, shallow throat, left flap over right.

#### Knife 76



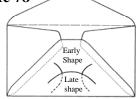
Purcell Knife, deep throat, left flap over right.

#### Knife 77



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, deep throat, straight ends on side flap, right flap over left, top flap is 44 mm, compare to knife 74.

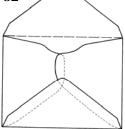
#### Knife 78



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, also used by International Env. Co for window fronts from 1949 to 1965.

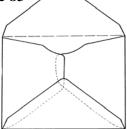
#### Size 14 - 90 x 117 mm

#### Knife 82



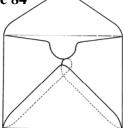
Plimpton-Morgan Knife, right flap over left flap; right end rounded.

#### Knife 83



Purcell Knife, left flap over right flap.

#### Knife 84



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, Deep semi-circular throat, right over left.

#### Size 15 - 105 x 130 mm

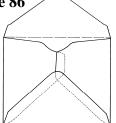


Plimpton-Morgan Knife.

#### Size 16 - 107 x 132/134 mm

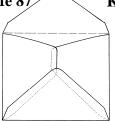
#### Size 18 - 111 x 143 mm

#### Knife 86



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, right over left.

#### Knife 87



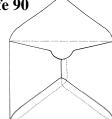
Purcell Knife, left over right.

#### Knife 88



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, deep semi-circular throat.

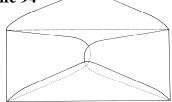
#### Knife 90



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, *used* only on Columbian envelopes, extra large Baronial shape with deep throat.

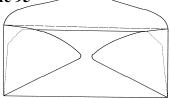
#### Size 21 - 96/100 x 221/226 mm

#### Knife 94



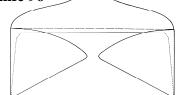
Nesbitt Knife, all curves broadly rounded; used only on 6¢ envelopes, 98 x 221 mm.

#### Knife 95



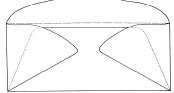
Nesbitt Knife, *known only on proofs*, 96 x 224 mm.

#### Knife 96



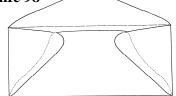
Nesbitt Knife, used only for 12 cents brown and red, 97 x 226 mm.

#### Knife 97



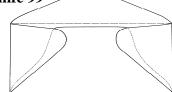
Nesbitt Knife, the most common knife for this size on the later Nesbitt issues, 98 x 225 mm.

#### Knife 98



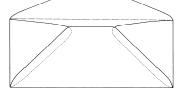
Reay Knife, side flaps more pointed than Knife 99, 100 x 225 mm.

#### Knife 99

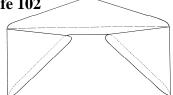


Reay Knife, side flaps broader curve than knife 98, 100 x 225 mm.

#### Knife 100/101



Plimpton Knife, top flap 50 mm and broadly rounded, when found side over bottom is Knife 101.



Purcell Knife, top flap 45 mm and with slight rounding compare to Knife 101 which is also side over bottom.

#### Size 22 - 100 x 241 mm

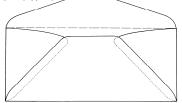
#### Size 23 - 105 x 241 mm

#### **Knife 105**



Nesbitt Knife, used only for 20¢ red and blue, earliest high-backed envelope.

#### Knife 106/107



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, used for this size until 1950; bottom over sides (Knife 106); sides over bottom (Knife 107).

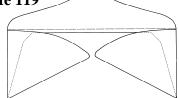
#### Knife 108/109



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, bottom over sides (Knife 108); sides over bottom (Knife 109).

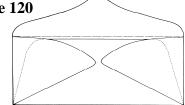
#### Size 24 - 105 x 249 mm





Nesbitt Knife, *known only on proofs*, top corners of bottom flap are clipped.

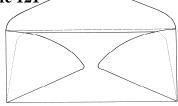
#### Knife 120



Nesbitt Knife, top corners of bottom are broadly rounded, the common knife for this size in the higher values of the Nesbitt issues.

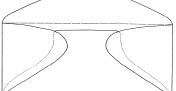
#### Size 25 - 110 x 257/260 mm

#### **Knife 121**



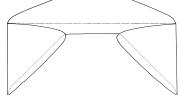
Nesbitt Knife, *known only on proofs*, top corners of bottom flap are clipped.

#### Knife 122

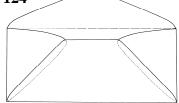


Reay Knife, sides over bottom flap and are broadly rounded.

### Knife 123



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, side over bottom flaps, side flaps are slightly rounded.



Plimpton-Morgan Knife, bottom over side flaps, side flaps are slightly rounded.

