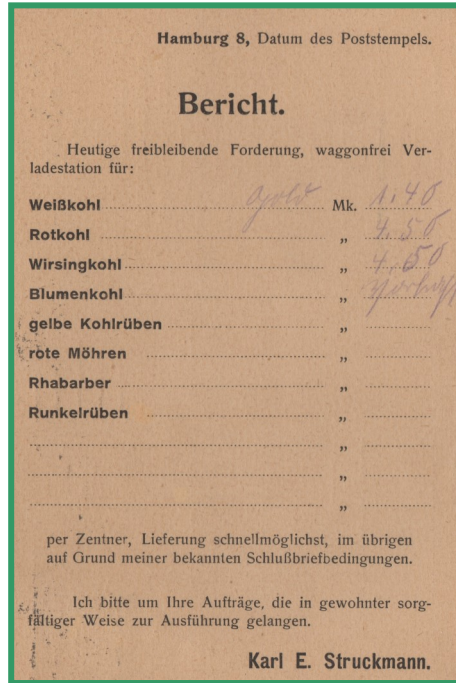
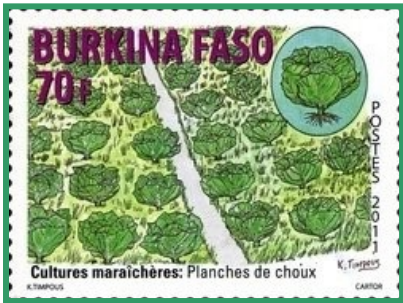


It all began in the cabbage patch

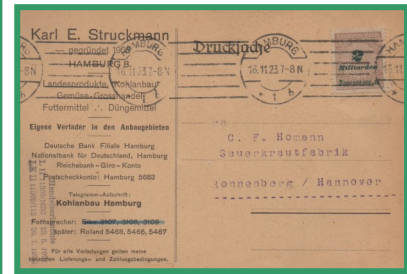
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How does a person choose a topic to collect? Sometimes it's an unexpected inspiration. I chose to collect cabbages on stamps and other items because I was attracted to the colorful lithograph printing on this picture postcard, circa 1910. It was produced by the Buckbee Seed Co. of Rockford, Illinois, one of the biggest seed companies, 1890—1930s.

Cabbage grows throughout the world. A field with rows of cabbage is beautiful.



There are green, white and red cabbages. This is an invoice from a cabbage grower to a sauerkraut manufacturer for all three colors of cabbage. Sent in 1923, during hyperinflation, it cost two billion marks to mail!



Americans prefer to eat cabbage raw, as cole slaw made from red and green varieties.



Another favorite use of cabbage is for sauer kraut. Here's an attractive lithographed cover for Clyde Kraut Co. mailed in 1920.

