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Although "snail mail" may seem old fashioned and outdated in the twenty-first century, Catherine Golden argues that the creation of the Penny Post in Victorian England was just as revolutionary in its time as e-mail and text messages are today. Until Queen Victoria instituted the Postal Reform Act of 1839, mail was a luxury affordable only by the rich. Allowing anyone, from any social class, to send a letter anywhere in the country for only a penny had multiple and profound cultural impacts. Golden demonstrates how cheap postage--which was quickly adopted in other countries--led to a postal "network" that can be viewed as a forerunner of computer-mediated communications. Indeed, the revolution in letter writing of the nineteenth century led to blackmail, frauds, unsolicited mass mailings, and junk mail--problems that remain with us today. Author: Golden, Catherine J Publisher: University Press of Florida Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Posting It: The Victorian Revolution in Letter Writing Pages: 00320 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2009-10-04 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780813033792 Category: Literary Criticism : English, Irish, Scottish, Welsh Category: Literary Collections : Letters Category: Literary Criticism : Gothic & Romance

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