

The Post Box



Modern post offices that provide postal services existed in Europe since the early 17th century. Paris, a major city in Europe only had four post offices in 1650. The post offices provided postal services and were responsible for the communication among the residents in different areas of Paris. However, the residents faced some problems because there were insufficient postal services in the city.

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One of its residents, Renouard De Valayer suggested that post offices provide mailing services to the residents. He hung some collection boxes at the road side for people to place their mail with the payment receipt pasted on the envelope as there were no postage stamps at the time. The postmen would do the collection of letters, three times a day. The collection boxes were considered as the earliest post boxes in the world.

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The post boxes brought much convenience to the residents of Paris. In 1780, Paris had more than 500 of such post boxes. Meanwhile, other areas in France also started to use post boxes. From then on, other countries adopted the concept and started to use post boxes as well.

Food for Thought:

There are many creative ideas that originate from our daily problems.

