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The Spiro Forgery.



Philip Spiro was the head of Spiro Brothers, printers in Hamburg, who printed greetings cards and beer bottle labels. In 1864 they began printing lithographic stamp forgeries, in sheets of 25, perforated but ungummed and sold unused or cancelled. Counterfeiting by the Spiros ended in 1879.