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5. Detroit Urgent Mail — Envelopes and letterheads for the
Detroit Urgent Mail service, a private courier company
founded in 1907 by Thomas Reardon and Edward Kowalski
to compete with the United States Postal Service in
the Detroit metropolitan area. Reardon, a former
Michigan Central Railroad clerk, and Kowalski, a
former streetcar conductor, pooled $2,400 and began
delivering letters by bicycle and horse-drawn wagon
from a storefront at 214 Griswold Street. By 1912
the company had 38 messengers, 6 wagons, and
contracts with 140 downtown businesses. Its
envelopes carried the slogan "Faster Than the
Mail" and a drawing of a messenger on a bicycle
racing a locomotive. The company was sold to
the Detroit Transfer Company in 1919 and
dissolved in 1921.

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