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THE GUIDE.

This book recalls the stamps of short-lived fame,
History henceforth will only speak their name;
Emblems they are of "THE CONFEDERATE STATES",
Gone its existance a few four years dates.
Useful this little book will always be
In aiding those who prize Philately.
Directing stamp-collectors how to make,
Easy and plain their choice without mistake.

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THE CONFEDERATE STATES: ITS STAMPS

On December 20th 1860, the Palmetto State seceded from the Old Federal Union; after which, other States joined with her, Kentucky being the last. As soon as these States had withdrawn from the Union, they determined to establish a government of their own, with Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, as President; and Alex. H. Stevens, of Georgia, as Vice-president.

The government had regular departments: such as, State, Justice, Treasury, War, Navy, Post office &c. This government had its existence only four years and a few months.

About 59 provisionals were issued in 1861, by various post-masters of several Southern cities prior to the regular issue

of the Confederate States. Letters that bore these stamps were delivered free of postage in the Confederacy, being recognised by the government. These stamps are very rare; and some cannot be obtained at any price.

TYPE No. 1.

Was a purple stamp issued in Athens Ga. by the postmaster of that place. It is about the size of our present two-cent stamp. In the centre is "Paid-5", around which are twelve stars. Around this can be seen, "T. Crawford. P.M." and the name of the place where issued. Color, blue. A 5c. lilac was also issued.

TYPE No. 2.

Baton Rouge, La. claims to have issued three of these provisionals, 2c. green 5c. green and red, 10c. green and red. In the centre can be seen "P.O. Baton Rouge-5 J. Mc. Cormick, P.M." on a very pretty background.

TYPE No. 3.

Charleston, S.C. issued three varieties, one of which was a 5c. blue adhesive. On this stamp can be found "5cts", surrounded by "P.O. Charleston, S.C. Postage Paid", encircled by an oval ring, from which projects a point at the top and bottom and at each side. Between each of which is a row of small

dots. In each corner of the stamp is the numeral "5". Although it is not given on the stamp, Mr. Alfred Huger was post-master at that time. Near the edge of the stamp is a dark straight border. The other two provisionals issued by this city were two envelope stamps; viz, 5c blue and 10c green. They bear the same description as the adhesive stamps. They are thought to have been engraved by Wm. Keenan, the only engraver on steel in the city at that time.

TYPE No. 4,

Was issued in Columbia, S.C. Value, 5 cts. "P.O. Columbia, S.C. Paid" encloses the numeral "5" in an oval ring. Surrounding the above is a heavy circle. Wm. Keenan is supposed to have engraved the die for this stamp, also. Color, blue.

TYPE No. 5. (Danville, Va.)

If anyone of the present day were to see one of these stamps on the left hand top corner of an envelope, he would suppose it were nothing but a very pretty "return notice." Three varieties are known to exist. It seems that Danville had two post-masters during the War. Die No. 1 consists of, "Paid 5 cents. W.D. Coleman, P.M." enclosed in a

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peculiar kind of scroll-work, with points projecting from the top, bottom, and each side. Color, blue; value, 5 cents; class, adhesive. Dies' No.1 and 2. are alike in value and description, but differing in color; one being black on buff, while the other is buff on white. On the left of this stamp are to be seen three persons; one standing, another sitting, and the third stooping. On the right of this group is a vine, which branches out on the top and bottom, and uniting at the side, encloses, "Southern Confederacy, Danville, Va. Paid W.B. Payne, P.M. 5"

TYPE No. 6.

Fredericksburg, Va.

This city has two varieties to boast of viz, 5c blue and 10c red. At the top is the name of place, Fredericksburg, Va.; beneath this, "R.T. Thom" (Thomson I suppose), and still lower down appears the numeral "5" denoting the value of the stamp. Thirty-two stars adorn the edge. The 10c. red is of the same description.

TYPE No. 7.

The P.M. of the then small town of Goliad, Tex. then issued two stamps; viz, 5c. and 10c black. They are not very plain in

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appearance. On the four sides appear, "Gollard Postage J. A. Clavare (?) Post-master". In the centre the figure "5" is to be seen. Around the edge is a border of six pointed stars. These stamps are type set. This accounts for their indistinctness.

TYPE No. 8.

Greenville, Ala. claims to have issued two provisional stamps; viz, 5c. blue and red, and 10c. blue and red. Taking it as a whole, these stamps are beautiful in appearance and design. Across the centre can be found these words, "Paid Five Greenville, Ala.", above and below which, are two pieces of honey-suckle locked together.

TYPE No. 9.

Two stamps for Helena, Ark. have been found of the following denominations, 5c. and 10c. Both are black.

TYPE No. 10.

The flourishing city of Knoxville, Tenn. was not behindhand in postal affairs during the War. Four varieties are said to exist, two being adhesive, and two, envelope stamps. The former are as follows; In the centre is, "5", above and below which, is the word "Paid". Around this are eleven stars,

representing the different states in the Confederacy. In a larger circle is, C. H. Charlton, P. M. Knoxville, Tenn. The envelope stamps are alike in design and value, but differ very much in color, one being 5cents black and the other dark green. The latter exists on various colors of paper. In the interior part of the stamp is an eagle with outspread wings; while around this 'bird of freedom', the name "Knoxville" and the state "Tennessee", appear. At the top in a curve, "C.S. Postage" presents itself in a different kind of type. Below are to be found the words, "Five-cents". A double ring encloses the whole. Reprints of the 5c red adhesive are in existence.

TYPE No. 11.

Livingston, Ala. certainly issued a very fine stamp in the 5c blue. A shield with a large "5" adorns the centre, while a bright star above, and two sprigs of evergreen below, add very much to its appearance. "Paid, Post-office Cents. Livingston" near the edge, and a face in each corner complete the description of this stamp.

TYPE No. 12.

Lynchburg, Va. brought to the front a provisional issue in the shape of a 5c blue

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Centre, "5"; above, "Paid"; below, "R. H. Glass, P. M.". A fancy figure adorns each corner.

TYPE No. 13.

Macon, Ga. issued two plain, though very pretty stamps; viz, 5c blue and 5c green. Above, "Post-office"; below, "Macon Ga"; centre, "Five-cents". All enclosed in two neat borders.

TYPE No. 14.

The "Secrets" of Madison is one of the prettiest of Confederate stamps, the color being gold on blue. In the value there was a mistake in engraving, "e" and "n" having been transposed. A very thick border surrounds the above inscription.

TYPE No. 15.

Marion, Va. next comes in the "role" with six black stamps; viz, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c. Near the lower portion of the stamp is the value; while above is this inscription "Check Paid". On left side, "P. Office"; on right, "Marion, Va."

TYPE No. 16.

Memphis, Tenn. brought before the public three stamps, two being adhesive, and one, envelope stamp. The two-cent blue has the value in a circle, while the 5c red has

not "Above, numeral and "Paid"; below, "Memphis, Tenn." The whole enclosed in a scalloped oval ring. The envelope stamp is the same as the adhesive, with the exception that the former is printed on yellow paper.

TYPE No. 17.

Mobile, Ala. claims that she also has a share to the provisional issues. Two varieties exist: viz, 2c black and 5c blue. A large star encloses the value, behind which star can be seen four men. Above, "Mobile"; below, "Post-office"; left hand side, "Paid"; right hand side, "Cents". A cross adorns each corner.

TYPE No. 18.

W.D.Mc.Nish, the then post-master at Nashville, Tenn. issued three varieties; viz, 3c red, 5c carmine and 10c green. The first has the following description; In a half circle at the top, the name of P.M.; below, "Nashville"; centre, "3 cents". (Numeral very large). The other two varieties differ only in color. The design is like that of the stamp issued in Knoxville. (TYPE No 10).

TYPE No. 19.

New Orleans issued five varieties, as follows, 2c blue, 2c red, 5c brown, 5c red and 5c brown on blue. At the top and bottom

the name of P.M. "J.L. Riddell"; in centre, "Paid (value) cents"; in circle, "New Orleans, Post-office". Ornament in each corner.

TYPE No. 20.

Petersburg, Va. issued one stamp only; viz, 5c red. Near the top: "Petersburg, Virginia", centre, "Post-office" and "5"; bottom "W.E. Bass, P.M."

TYPE No. 21.

Pleasant Shade, Va. issued a stamp exactly like that of Petersburg. The only difference is in the ornamentation and name of P.M. and place. Value, five-cents; P.M., R.E. Davis.

TYPE No. 22.

The P.M. of Pittsylvania presented to the public one stamp, 5c blue. (Description same as Type No. 5)

TYPE No. 23.

The little town of Rheatown, Tenn. was not behind in furnishing means to convey communications for its citizens. The post-master issued only one stamp; but this was all that was necessary. Value, 5 cents; color, red. Above, "D. Pence, P.M."; below, "Rheatown, Tenn."; centre, "Paid 5."

TYPE No. 24. Salem, N.C.

Color, black; value, 5 cts.; shape, round;

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Above, "Post-office"; below, "Salem, N.C."; centre, "Paid, 5" and O. A. Keenan, P.M.

TYPE No. 25. (Tusculum, Ala.)

One variety; viz, 5c black; shape, round; inscription in three-quarter circle, "Tusculum, Ala."; centre, "5"; bottom, "Paid"; across the face, the name of P.M., Jno. M. Payne (?).

TYPE No. 26. (Tellico Plains, Tenn.)

Two varieties appeared; viz, 5c red and 10c red. Description, same as that of Rheatown, Type No. 25.

TYPE No. 27. (The Plains, Va.)

Shape, round; in half-circle, "The Plains"; bottom, "Va."; centre, "Paid 5"; color, black; value, five-cents.

We now come to the regular issue of the Confederate Government. The provisionals are decided the rarer.

Issue of 1861.

In this year, two varieties were emitted; viz, five-cents green and ten-cents blue; the former bearing the following description; At the top; the word "Postage"; bottom, "Five cents"; centre, profile of Jeff Davis, above which is, "Confederate States of America." Other variety is as follows: Above, "Postage" on a straight line. Below, "Ten-cents"; in a circle above profile, "Confeder-

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States"; below, "Of America".

Issue of 1862.

The 2c green, 5c blue, and 10c rose generally constitute what is called the "62 issue". Three varieties of the 5c blue, and two varieties of the 10c rose exist. The 2c green is as follows; Near the top, "C. S. A. Postage" appears in plain type. At each side the word "Two" denotes the value of the stamp. At the bottom appear the words "Two Cents", each enclosed in a scroll. The 5c blue bears the same description as the 5 cent green of 1861. The last of this issue is a very pretty stamp in the shape of a 10c. rose. It is very much like the 10c blue of 1861.

Issue of 1863.

Seven stamps were issued in this year; viz. 1c orange, portrait of John C. Calhoun; 2c red, portrait of Andrew Jackson; 5c blue, Jeff. Davis; 10c blue, Davis; 10c blue, (with line around), Davis; "TEN CENTS", blue, Davis; and 10c green, Washington. This set of stamps is a little smaller than that of either 1861 or '62.

NOTE. Catalogues state that in 1864, a set of four perforated stamps appeared, as follows; 1c orange, 5c blue, 10c and 20c green; but from the following, it seems that they are mistaken. "None of the Confederate stamps were perforated and all such offered for sale are spurious. Mr. Clift, the

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chief contractor of the Confederate post-office is our authority for this statement." *

CONCLUSION.

In glancing over a collection of Confederate stamps, we notice, that the number of stamps printed in *blue* are 20; *black*, 18; *red*, 14; *green*, 13; *red on blue*, and *orange*, 2 each; and *purple*, *lila*, *gold on blue*, *carmine*, *brown*, *brown on blue*, and *rose* have 1 each. This makes a total of 75; 59 of which are provisionals issued by the post-masters of 28 cities and towns. (How is it that certain dealers offer 100 varieties for sale when only 75 were issued?) We also notice, That 18 were issued in Virginia; 11 in Tennessee; Alabama and Louisiana, 7 each; Georgia and South Carolina, 4 each; Texas, 2; Arkansas, 2; and North Carolina and Florida, 1 each. The remaining 16 were the regular issue of the Confederate Government; which stamps were superseded in 1865, by those of the United States.

THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF A FEW PHILATELISTS OF THE U. S. A.

[ADAPTED FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.]

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to unite the social bands which have disconnected them from one another, and to assume, a

* "CORREOS" IN STAMP WORLD.

mong this class of collectors the separate and equal station to which, the laws of philately entitle them, we verily believe, that as American Collectors we ought to be united, more as one large society than as each separate collector.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that small boys are "guiled" by buying counterfeit stamps; that they are endowed with enough common sense to distinguish more readily the difference between genuine and counterfeit stamps, if they examine their specimen sufficiently; and that we desire to carry on our hobby without so many drawbacks. That to secure these rights, societies ought to be established in each and every town and city in the United States, whether there are three or thirty collectors in it; laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as will be thought proper and adopted by a majority of the members. To prove that such societies would be beneficial, let these facts be submitted to the candid world.

(1) That our science will be spread over every part of the land.

(2) That our number will be increased: for, at the regular meetings parties might be present, who, after having heard a few short talks or essays read on philatelic topics, would consent to join our forces.

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(3) That the exchange of stamps will be promulgated.

(4) That specimens of counterfeit stamps be examined, and the members of the society made acquainted therewith; so that they may not be duped into buying any thing of the sort.

(5) That rare specimens of genuine stamps and collections be carried for inspection.

(6) And that the whole may be a great benefit to the collector.

We therefore, in order to benefit the philatelic public in every way, do urge them to form societies and organizations for the general good; and that they have some independent official organ, whether published by themselves, or by some one else. And as Free and Independent Collectors they have the right to make their own laws and regulations, or to be governed by one Head Society, situated in one of our principal cities. And for the support of the cause, with the firm reliance that this idea may be well considered for the good of Philately, we pledge to every collector our lives, our philatelic knowledge, and our help in every form.

A letter with the following address was mailed in a California mining camp not long ago:— "m R b i l l b Romn Sm."

It was claimed by Mr. Wm. Bronson.

THE YOUTHFUL COLLECTOR.

It is not the object of a philatelist to collect everything in the shape of stamps; but only those which belong to the class in which he is most interested, whether United States, foreign, revenue or local. Must I include telegraph stamps? No! Above all things do not collect those belonging to this class!

When a philatelist glances at the pages of a young collector, worthless are on almost every page; some being counterfeit, some torn or soiled, some envelope stamps cut round, or the perforations cut off of the adhesive stamps. My young reader, it does not show that you have two varieties of the same stamp by cutting off the perforations on one of them; but it shows that you have ruined, perhaps, a rare stamp, and you ought to have your head "souzed" in a bucket of cold water for doing so.

On the pages of an album belonging to "The Youthful Collector", can be seen very often a set of stamps with the letters "P. S. N. C." on them. These stamps belong to the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. and were used between Lima and Callao and Peruvian seaports on the Pacific, in 1851. They cannot be obtained for less than \$100.00 for a genuine set of eight. Counterfeit sets can be bought for forty cents. How is it, that these stamps can be seen in the collection of "Ye Boy"? A northern dealer made a lot of these forgeries

and presented them to the philatelic public several years ago. These, and specimens of like character, are invariably found in almost every collection.

Two years ago experienced collectors would not buy any of the outlandish look-Bhopal, Bhoire, Rajpeepla, Sirmoor, Nowanuggur, and a host of others, until they found out something about them; for they might pay enormous prices, and find that they had been swindled by some enterprising dealer in counterfeits.

If you wish to guard against buying forgeries, you must study your specimens; do not buy a single stamp off of a sheet until you have examined it carefully. Buy from reliable dealers only. Do not paste your specimens in your albums with common mucilage; but get prepared hinges, which are fully as cheap, and much better for the purpose. If you should have a blank book for an album, insert your stamps on one side of the paper only. When purchasing, if you have a doubt as to the genuineness of a stamp, take the advice of some advanced collector, who will take pleasure in advising you.

If you carry out the above directions, you will have a collection to be proud of: and it will always be a pleasure both to you and the advanced collector who may examine it, for philatelists enjoy looking at the collections of those younger than themselves, and aiding the uninstructed whenever they can.

NOTES.

In 1845, C. A. Wickliffe, Esq. of Kentucky, was Post-master General of the U. S.

The letters "B. G." on the newspaper stamps of Modena, signify 'Bollo Giornale' or, journal stamp.

During the year 1840, the mail was transported for a distance of 12,088,862 miles, by horses and sulkies; by stages and coaches, 18,961,213; by railroads and steamboats, 3,946,450 miles; making a total of 34,996,525 miles, at a total cost of \$31,159,375.

"Nemesis", in his work on the life of Mr. Palmer, gives about eight pages in describing the different and best methods of counterfeiting stamps. How is it that he happens to know so much about it?

Mr. A. Agate of Brighton, Eng., is selling some dangerous looking stamps. His writing bears a resemblance to that of J. Davidson Forbes, R. N. Parker, and others who have been exposed for selling forgeries. His price-lists are similar to those used by the Liverpool gang.

You will confer a favor on the Publisher as well as the Advertiser, by stating "*Saw Ad. in I. C. Guide*", when answering advertisements. Do not forget!

Postage stamps historic are,
Home or foreign, trite or rare;
In their impress we can trace
Lineaments of men and race.
Ancient kings are brought to view,
Thrones, dynasties, old and new;
Each, however small it be,
Leaves a nation's history.
You can read as well as we.

[INCOGNITA.]

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A man in a western city wanted the post-master to obtain for him a position to stand outside the ladies' window and hold out his tongue for them to moisten stamps on.

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Clerk. What have you done with the stamp I just sold you to prepay the postage on your letter?

Bumpkin. I put it inside.

C. But you ought to have put it on the outside.

B. To get it stollen, I suppose! I ain't sich a fool as yer teks me fur. [*S. N.*]

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ERRATA. Page 3 , 3rd line, = Color, *red* not blue.

Page 13 , 3rd line from bottom, = 10 ct *blue*, not green.

THE LONDON PENNY POST.

By REV. A. REEES, D. D.

The PENNY (or rather, Two-penny) Post was established in London, for the benefit of that city and the parts adjacent; by which any letter or parcel, not exceeding four ounces weight, (unless it be passing to or from the general post-office) was speedily and safely conveyed to all parts within the bills of mortality, to most towns and villages within ten miles of London, for one-penny (the original charge) for each letter, packet, etc., when delivered to the authorities, and also an additional penny, (making two-pence,) upon the delivery of such as are directed to any place beyond the cities of London and Westminster, to the borough of Southwark or suburbs, and within the district of the Penny Post Delivery.

The useful conveyance of letters and parcels by the Penny Post was first "set-up" in London and its suburbs in or about the year 1683 by a private undertaker, to whose assigns, the government allowed a yearly pension of £2000, in lieu of the revenue arising therefrom. It is said, however that after a trial in the court of the King's Bench, the projectors had the mortification to find this office under the supreme control of the Duke of York, as a branch of the General Post Office. But the first men-

tion of a penny-post in the statute-book, occurs in the ninth year of the reign of Queen Anne. Although it may be said to have been originally established in 1683, it was very essentially improved in 1794.

The Post-master General had the right to appoint a 'penny-post-office' in any city or town where he judged convenient, and to charge therein the same rates as within the limits of the London Penny Post.

The benefit of this establishment having been long experienced, it was determined towards the close of the last century, to double the charge; in consequence of which, it was denominated the "Two-penny Post".

There were five principal offices, from which letters were forwarded at certain hours. The two chief offices were the general post-office yard in Lombard Street, and in Gerard Street, Soho. There were also a great many receiving houses in parts of London and Westminster; the greater number of which, made three deliveries daily.

EARLY FOREIGN POSTS.

By REV. A. RHEES, D.D.

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We find mention of post-horses in the Theodosian Code, *De Cursu Publico*; but

these were very different from the posts that were afterwards established. The post-horses were first appointed by Trajan; till whose time, the messengers seized any horses that came in their way.

Lewis Hornigk wrote an express treatise on posts, of which he makes four kinds; viz., on *horse-back*, in *chariots*, in *boats*, and on *foot*; which last kind was in use in Italy, Turkey, and Peru*; but in 1740, the Turks began to establish regular posts like those of Christianized countries.

Herodotus ascribes the origin of posts to Cyrus or Xerxes; but the posts instituted by those princes were no more than couriers.

In effect, posts on the present footing, are but a modern invention; though some go back as far as to the reign of Charlemagne.

On the 19th of June, 1464, Louis XI of France established a post between his kingdom and the neighboring States; but they were only for the particular use of the

* When the Spaniards discovered Peru in 1527, they found messengers placed at short distances from one another on the road from Cusco to Quito in order to transmit with speed, the commands of the Inca.

court; for the author of the *Life of the Duke d'Espernon*, says that the packet or letter office was not set up in France until the year 1619.

From France the institution propagated itself by degrees through the several other parts of Europe. In Germany, Hornigk observes, "Posts were first established by Roger I, Count de Taxis, at his own expense; in acknowledgment of which, the Emperor Matthias, in 1616, gave him in fief the charge of post-master under him and his successors.

In England, posts were first established in the year 1660, by an act of parliament; which enabled the King to settle a post-office and appoint a governor, though there had been post couriers in England from the time of Charles I, and probably somewhat earlier. 1548, Edward VI fixed the rate of post-horses at 1d per mile; and in the 26th year of the reign Elizabeth, 1581, we find mention the office of chief post-master of England; and in 1631, of the office of postmaster for foreign parts, which office we also learn had been first created by King James.

In earlier times, the business of posts was confined to the furnishing of post-horses to persons for the dispatching of extraordinary packets upon special occasions. The post-office erected by James I and placed under the control of one Matthew de Quester, (or de l' Equester), served for the conveyance of letters to and from foreign parts; which office was afterwards claimed by Lord Stanhope; but it was confirmed to William Frizell and Thomas Witherings by Charles I in 1632, for the better accommodation of the English merchants. In 1635, the same prince erected a letter-office for England and Scotland, under the direction of Thos. Witherings, and established certain rules of postage; but this extended only to a few of the principal roads; the times of carriage were uncertain, and the post-masters on each road were required to furnish the mail with horses at the rate of two and one-half pence per mile. Witherings was superseded for abuses in the execution of both his offices, in 1640; and they were sequestered into the hands of Philip Barlamachy, to

be exercised under the care and oversight of the King's principal Secretary of State.

On the breaking out of the Civil War, great confusion and interruption were necessarily occasioned by the conduct of the letter office. About that time the outline of a more extended and regular plan seems to have been conceived by Edmund Prideaux who was appointed Attorney-general to the Commonwealth after the murder of King Charles. He was chairman of a committee, in 1642, for establishing rates; was appointed post-master by both houses; established a weekly conveyance of letters to all parts of the nation, thereby saving the public the charge of maintaining post-masters to the amount of £7000 per annum.

This office was afterwards re-established by one Munday, in 1654. In 1657, a regular post-office was erected by the authority of the Protector and his parliament, with the same rates of postage as continued till the reign of Queen Anne.

Mr. J.M.Hubbard has sold the "Granite State Philatelist" to Mr. T.C.Watkins (of New York), known among philatelic writers as "T. Coke."

THE OLD U.S. POSTS.

The first account of establishing a post-office in this country was on the 5th of September 1639. The following was given under General Court Records on that date:

"For preventing the miscarriage of letters, It is ordered that notice bee given that Richard Fairbanks --- his house in Boston is the place appointed for all letters which are brought from beyond the seas, or are to be sent thither, --- are to bee brought unto him, and he is to take care that they bee delivered, or sent according to their directions; and hee is to bee allowed for every such letter, 1d.; and must answer all miscarriages through his owne neglect; provided that no man bee compelled to brynge his letters thither except hee please."

In an old number of the "National Philatelist", it is stated that the first mention of a post-office in Boston was under date of 1677, and put under the charge of John Haywood. This statement is correct as to the post-master at that time; but it seems from the General Court Records of September 5th 1639, that Richard Fairbanks has the honor of being the *first* post-master of that place.

On May 23rd 1677, seventeen merchants of Boston wrote to the "Honourable General Court", then sitting at that city, asking that a regular postal system might be established, and they proposed Lieutenant Richard Way as a suitable person for the post-master. The reply to the letter is in the Court Records of December 28th 1677, as follows:

"In answer to the request of several merchants of Boston, declaring that they have heard complaints made by merchants and others that have been sensible of the losse of letters, whereby merchants with their friends and employers in foreign parts were gratefully troubled; many times letters are thrown upon the exchange that who will, may take them up, &c., therefore humbly desire this Court to depute some meete person, to take in and convey letters according to their directions, This Court judgeth it meete to grant the petitioners' request herein, and have made choyce of John Haywood, the Scrivener, to be the right person for that service."

Sixteen years later, "An act encouraging a Post-office" was brought before the Court by the Speaker, Mr. William Boyd. It was read thrice in the Council, and "Voted past" in the affirmative, June 9th. 1693.

About this time, Thomas Neale erected a Post-office, "By virtue of a patent granted under the Seale of England." All the letters and packages brought from ships were carried to the post-office, from which they were conveyed to their destinations by stages and post-boys at the following rates:

From Boston to Rhode Island, 6d ; Connecticut Colony to Boston, 9d ; New York to The Colonies, 12d ; East or West Jersey or Pennsylvania to the Settlements 15d; &c., in proportion to the distance carried.

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The Postal System improved little by little, until after the Revolutionary War, at the close of which a new basis was formed; ever since it has improved steadily up to the present time; and from the prospect before us, there is no cause to doubt that it will not continue to improve with our country.

HAMBURG LOCALS;

Should They Be Collected?

I would like to ask the readers of this little article, if they ever saw a genuine *used* Hamburg Local? Every dealer who advertises "Unused Hamburg Locals", generally has the word "unused" in italics as if it gave them more value. Scott has spaces for them in his International Album, but this is no reason that they are genuine.

I truly and firmly believe that the so-called Hamburg Locals were made by some enterprising (?) dealer, who has tried for several years to gull the youthful collector out of his pocket-money.

Buy them from different dealers and you will not find the sets exactly alike.

Do you know when they were issued?

The value of a set in Hamburg would be \$1.80, not including twenty stamps with no valuation thereon. Now, what dealer would pay \$1.80 for a set in Hamburg, and sell the same set for twenty-five cents, here!

Again, who ever heard of envelope stamps being on the flap of the envelope? If they were genuine, the envelope would be gummed together, ready for sealing. Taking the circumstances all together, we may just consider them a lot of labels, made expressly for,

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