

Postage Stamp
Collection

Martin Schroeder

Leipzig

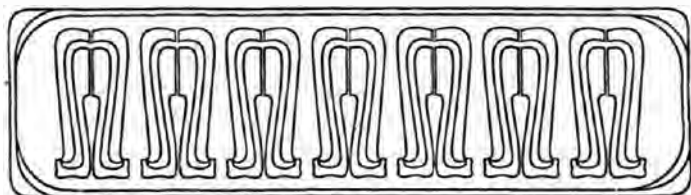


A brief discourse
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I was honoured with the commission to write a discourse upon the large postage-stamp collection of Mr. Martin Schroeder of Leipzig. I undertook this retributive work after an exhaustive study of the various countries and their territories.

A great many collect and a great deal is collected; but the question is "How have the stamps been collected?" this is of vital importance! What is their state of preservation, what their arrangement as a collection, and what object and system does the collector pursue?

As regards the collection before me, these questions are easily answered. The stamps of those countries, which it was the owner's object to collect in "unused" condition, are almost all in *a faultless state of preservation, fresh in colour*, and show the *original gumming*, which latter fact is of special importance for the appearance and value of each specimen!

As regards the "used" specimens, the collector has been most particular about their state of preservation and the

post-marks they bear. Respecting the manner of putting them in, the owner has hit upon a system which is probably 'unique', showing rare skill, patience and perseverance and painful accuracy in the arrangement, the whole impressing the examiner most favourably: Each stamp is fixed, by means of a hinge, in a tiny frame with fine gold ornamentation. There are 5 sizes to suit any size and shape of stamp. Owing to this elegant and unique arrangement, each page presents a different picture, thus happily precluding any monotonous effect, as is too apt to be produced by other arrangements.

In my long years of experience I have seen and arranged "many" and "large" collections, but none that could worthily be placed beside *the marvellous collection of Mr. Schroeder*.

The collection to be discoursed upon in these pages, closes with the issues of 1900.

In order to afford those who may be interested some idea of this collection grandly arranged in Kröttsch's magnificent albums, I purpose giving, in a few sketches, the contents of each separate volume (numbering in all no fewer than 73), beginning with stamps of those countries which have been collected in an "unused" condition; they are:

Album I—V.

5 Albums of unused stamps of Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy and Greece.

Album I.

German Empire. All the issues since 1871 contain the rarest varieties in colouring and printing, and the various values in all the shadings known have been collected.

The two Germania-issues contain all the varieties of type, colour and perforation, including the first specimens officially issued. The high values with perforation $11\frac{1}{2}$ have been collected in several varieties of colour.

The issue of 1889 contains a curiosity in a strip of three 10 Pf. stamps of the so-called "Höchster" forgery, which are rarely known to occur except in single specimens.

The German Levant and the issues for the German post-offices abroad have been collected in all the rare varieties of surcharge, types and shades.

Among the Colonial issues of the Eagle-types, space was left when the collection was planned, for such specimens of the Colonial issues of the Eagle-types on which the position of the surcharge in relation to the design on the stamp itself, has lately come under the notice of specialists.

Baden. From among the rich collection of stamps of this country, I am only going to mention:

Issue 1851, 6 Kr. blue-green;

„ 1862, 3 Kr. pink, with small perforation, and 6 Kr. prussian-blue, which colour, with the original gum, is exceedingly rare.

Bavaria. The 1 Kr.-stamp black has been collected in five different shades of colour and varieties of printing, among which is also the exceedingly rare reprint with red silk thread. The issue of 1849 also contains the rare 6 Kr. brown in I. type; the exceedingly rare 9 Kr. *blue-green*, issued 1860, deserves special mention.

Of the silk-thread issue, the collection contains the well-known specimens with errors in the plate; of the perforated Kreuzer-issues, both types of the watermarks with crossed lines, and with the misprints, have been collected.

Among the stamps of the issue of 1875 with wavy lines in spandrels wide apart, the 1 Mark-value occupies the *first* place.

The other values of the different issues have been abundantly collected with regard to the various shades of colour that occur.

Among the 'unpaid postage'-stamps, the error "Vom Empfänge" issued 1862, is worthy of notice.

Bergedorf. The issue has also been collected in stamped specimens (loose or on letter-cutting).

All used stamps of this small postal district must be considered rarities. The Bergedorf special-collection, which forms a part of this work as a whole, will be treated of in detail, later on.

Brunswick. Fine specimens of the 1, 2 and 3 Sgr.

of the first issue of this country are exceedingly rare; besides these, the $\frac{1}{2}$ Gr. green, the 1 Sgr. yellow, 'percé en ligne et en arc' of the rouletted issue (on coloured paper) and in a state of perfect preservation, as here collected, call for special mention.

Bremen. All the types of the 3 Grote-stamp in single and in double-specimens, have been collected; blocs and single specimens of the 1st issue are particularly numerous. The 2nd issue is represented by all the values in their variety of type and shades of colour, with faultless, rouletted edges. The same remarks refer to the perforated 3rd issue.

Album II.

Hamburg. Here we have the first (unperforated) issue in beautiful, broad-edged specimens and in all the varieties of colour.

All specimens of the $1\frac{1}{4}$ Sch.-value are here in their beautiful, fresh colours, and with the original gum.

The perforated issue is just as rich in variety of colour; a bloc of four $2\frac{1}{2}$ Sch. perforated, showing the city-arms of Hamburg as a water-mark in the bottom corner (row 11 and 12), deserves special mention.

Hanover. This country is particularly rich in varieties, special mention must be made of:

1 Ggr. grey-blue, wonderfully preserved and rich in colour, besides a double-margined specimen $\frac{1}{10}$ Thaler with narrow net-work, and marginal figures 9 and 10. 10 Groschen occurs in *four* varieties of colour; the other values are copiously represented as regards rouletted edges and the different ways of gumming.

Heligoland shows an abundance of blocs of 4, strips of tens, and single specimens, among which occurs the II. type of the rouletted $\frac{1}{2}$ Sch. stamp, so rarely seen in collections. All the other values occur in the variety of colours dependent upon the number printed, some of which are exceedingly rare.

The values 1 and 5 Mark also occur with the large perforation 11.

Lübeck. The rare error $2\frac{1}{2}$ Sch. occurs in the double-specimen (96th and 97th stamps of the sheet), the other values and issues are represented in their variety of shape and colour.

Mecklenburg-Schwerin and **Mecklenburg-Strelitz.** As belonging to the first state, I mention the $\frac{1}{4}$ Sch. specimen with dotted ground, rouletted edges, the other values being represented in single specimens and blocs. Mecklenburg-Strelitz occurs in a variety of colours, amongst which in the rare $\frac{1}{4}$ Sch. yellow-orange, an upper corner specimen with marginal number 4.

North German Postal District. The rouletted and perforated issues occur in a rich variety of colour; the stamps of the Groschen-currency have been collected unperforated, also.

The $\frac{1}{3}$ Gr. perforated with clear net-work and the original gum must be specially mentioned.

Album III.

Oldenburg. All the varying types of the 1st issue of the $\frac{1}{3}$ Gr.-value, of 1861 have been collected in three colours, among them the rare "mossgreen" specimen.

Both kinds of rouletted edgings ($11\frac{1}{2}$ and 10) of the 1862 issue have been collected.

Prussia. The stamps of this state have been collected in particularly rare abundance, in single specimens, in pairs and in blocs.

The issue on smooth ground is represented by particularly beautiful specimens, amongst them a double 3 Sgr. yellow stamp. Among the rich variety of colours, the 2 Sgr. specimen in the rare prussian-blue colour deserves special mention.

Saxony. The stamp most sought after, the 3 Pfennige red, occurs in 3 varieties of colour, amongst which is the extremely rare print in the "larger form or issue" (circa 1 mm difference). A specially striking feature in the collection of Saxony is the exceedingly rare $\frac{1}{2}$ Ngr. on ligh-blue paper with the original gum preserved in a magnificent specimen.

The other issues and their values occur in a rich variety of colours and shades, in long strips and blocs.

5 and 10 Neugroschen stamps occur in numerous specimens in the partly very rare varieties of colour and paper known.

Schleswig-Holstein. Both values of the first issue occur in light and in dark shading of colour, and with full margins. A particularly striking feature of the 1864 issue is the $1\frac{1}{4}$ Schilling with wavy lines in spandrels wider apart.

Thurn and Taxis Postal District. The early issues, in a fine state of preservation, with the original-gum, are specially rare features; besides which the Groschen- and Kreuzer-values in their varieties of colour strike the examiner by their rich beauty.

Wurtemberg. Unused "Original specimens" of the first issues of this country, in perfect preservation, are doubtless extremely rare; and the collecting of the whole series of the issue *without* silk thread has been a fondly cherished but vain hope of many. Here, however, in this collection even this task has been accomplished, magnificent specimens of the whole series having been brought together. The perforated issue of 1859 occurs on thick and on thin paper and in great variety of colours.

The large-perforated issues of 1862—1864 which it is exceedingly difficult to obtain in perfect preservation, owing to their being printed on very thin paper, are here represented in all their values and variety of colours with perfectly preserved perforation; besides a magnificent "unperforated" specimen of the 14 Kreuzer stamp, issued 1869.

The rare 70 Kreuzer stamps occur in 4 specimens in both colours, among which there is a large corner-margin specimen bearing the official stamp or figure, referring to the nominal value of the whole sheet, which deserves special mention.

The later issues also excel by their great variety of colours, as also do the official stamps of both kinds.

Album IV.

Great-Britain. The collection of this country, upon which great care and pains have been bestowed, starts with the rare 1 Penny black, with V. R. in the top corners. This stamp is a fine marginal specimen with marginal inscription at the top.

I will not leave unnoticed the rare Albert-Essais 1 penny black und 1 penny red-brown.

6 pence violet of the 1856 issue occurs on bluish paper. Of this issue, the following rare specimens must be mentioned:

3 pence pink with white dot on the margin,

4 pence brick-red and 6 pence lilac with white lines in the corners; 1 Sh. green "unperforated" and the rare 3 pence pink with shaded background as a specimen-copy.

The 1873 issue contains 8 pence red-brown, the high values of 10 Sh. and 1 Pound unused, and a specimen-copy of each. The 1880 issue contains 2 Sh. red-brown, the 1882 issue contains finest specimens of the 5-Pound stamp on white and bluish paper, besides the high values (watermark: an anchor) of 5/—, 10/— and 1 Pound, the former on bluish paper.

All the other issues occur in numerous varieties; I would draw special attention to the fine state of preservation in which all the stamps have been kept, without exception, a most important feature especially in connection with British stamps.

Among the stamps of the British Levant, we also find, amongst others, the exceedingly rare unused 40 para provisorium of 1893 with "inverted" surcharge. The various local issues have been collected in single specimens and in pairs.

These stamps, which the public never get to see, and are difficult to obtain, contain all the rare specimens, I would only mention of J. R. OFFICIAL:

5/— pink —, 10/— blue, 1 Pound brown-violet (Imperial Orb)

1 Pound brown-violet and 1 Pound green (with watermark 3 crowns).

Of the Army Officials the two values of $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 penny, with the error I instead of L at the end of the word "OFFICIAL", are both here.

Greece. Of this country with its numberless varieties I would mention among the I. issue, the 20 l. dull-blue, and the complete series of the proofs (without gum). Of the 1881 issue, 10 Lepta orange, with and without large figures on back. The following issues, and postage-due stamps (both issues) with the various perforations, occur in a variety of shades of colour.

Italy. The mother-country, the Italian Levant and Eritrea are complete.

Album V.

France. On the first page we find a bloc of 9 of the 20 ct. black, the 5th stamp in which bloc is inverted; besides which there is the 15 ct. green, and the 'error' 20 ct. blue.

The 1 Fr. value occurs in 4 varieties of colour, and in the 'error' in brick-red.

1 Franc Napoleon occurs as a single specimen, in a pair and 'tête-bêche', as which there is also the 20 ct. blue, issued 1862, 5 Fr. in two specimens extremely fresh in colour, 10 ct. and 20 ct. issued 1870 in tête-bêche.

The lithographed issue of 1870 of Bordeaux occurs in a rich variety of colours and, in some cases, in pairs. The various types of the 20 ct. stamp of this issue, including the rare I. type, have been collected.

Issue 1873, 10 ct. brown on pink, perforated in tête-bêche, besides an unperforated pair, and the 'error' 15 ct. joined to 10 ct. brown on pink, in a perfect state of preservation.

Issue 1876/78, Allegory, both types have been collected; I would further mention 25 ct. ultramarine I. type, 20 ct. dark-blue II. type, and 5 Fr. unperforated, contained in this collection.

The rare indigo-blue 1 ct., the newspaper-stamps of 1868, 2 ct. and 5 ct. (the latter extremely rare) occur perforated and unperforated.

The postage-due stamps are represented, in litho- and typographed-specimens, besides various values in differing shades of colour.

In connection with the stamps of the various French post-offices abroad (Zansibar deserving special mention), the different surcharges, as they are catalogued, have been collected.

French Colonies. The first issue, Eagle-type, contains single stamps and blocs, 10 ct. brown occurs in a strip of 3 tête-bêche. The rare 4 ct. grey, issued 1876, is a magnificent specimen.

The various types of the 1877 issue are also collected here, some of the values being corner double-specimens, I must mention the 25 ct. blue, 25 ct. black on red, and 30 ct. brown in II. type. The collections of later issues and of postage-due stamps are complete.

Album 1—66.

General Collection.

German States and other Countries.

Album 1.

Baden. The early issues in pairs and blocs, 3 Kr. blue of 1860 and 1 Kr. black of 1862 with translucent print, have been collected.

The various kinds of cancellation (post-marks) throughout the issues, with some very rare post-marks have been collected in abundance.

The rural stamps have been "used"; among them are pairs and blocs. A letter-cutting with 1 + 1 + 3 + 3 + 12 *Kreuzer* used, must be looked upon a very great rarity.

Bavaria. I. issue 6 Kr. I. type, occurs in single specimens and in pairs.

Of the 1862 issue, the 6 Kr. light ultramarine and the 6 Kr. blue, halved, and used as 3 Kr. on a whole letter, have been collected. All inequalities of impression, water-marks and varieties of perforation, besides an incredible variety of post-marks, have been collected. The postage-due stamps contain, among other used specimens, the values:

10 Pf. with the 'error': Vom Empfänger, the

10 Pf. with the 'error': zahlbar, and

3 Pf. with inverted surcharge "Vom Empfänger zahlbar". This last surcharge is extremely rare, only a few specimens being known of.

Brunswick. Of this country all the rarities of the different issues in variety of colour, print and post-mark have been collected.

The "rouletted" issues of 1864 are here, 'percé en arc' and rouletted! —

Bremen. In the 3 issues all the types and varieties of colour are represented; special mention must be made of the "2 Grote" orange, of the II. and III. issues, rarely found in faultless preservation, of which this collection contains some superb specimens.

Of the III. perforated issue, the 7 Grote, single, and on a whole letter, and the 5 Sgr. *yellow-green* (2 specimens) are very rare stamps.

Album 2.

German Empire. The collection is complete, containing all the various prints and colour-shades known of. Levant: all the types, 1 piaster with blue surcharge in a bloc of 4 are here; the Colonies in all the issues are complete, even to the provisional stamps.

Hamburg. Here, especially in the unperforated issue, the variety of post-marks affords a rich picture; the 9 Sch., stamped by the Hamburg post-office and by means of the usual lines, deserves to be mentioned.

The perforated issue contains, as regards variety of colours and post-marks, an equally varied collection of rare specimens, a large number of some of the values occur in ten varieties.

This Hamburg collection is probably unequalled, by virtue of its abundant material and its variety of post-marks.

Hanover. What has just been said about the copious collection of Hamburg refers also to "Hanover", for here we see single specimens with and without marginal description and numbers, pairs and blocs. The 3 Pfg.-stamp with black net of 1855 occurs in a bloc of four of rare beauty.

We find all the stamps in magnificent shades of colour, and with the sorts of gum known of.

Album 3.

Heligoland is extraordinarily abundantly represented in stamps of all issues and the number printed of each. $\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling in I. and II. types, the latter very rarely found in collections.

Of the $\frac{1}{4}$ Sch. perforated we see both colours and the error, all the 10 and 20 Pf. have been brought together in the colours of the various issues.

1 Mark occurs in the 3 varieties.

Various values on a whole letter, among others $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 2$ Sch., rouletted; besides these, a letter with the values 3 to 25 Pf. of the last issues and stamps of the German Imperial Post together on one envelope.

Lübeck. Of the I. and II. issues every value stamped in Lübeck, or with the usual lines, has been collected. There is a used specimen of the exceedingly rare error $2\frac{1}{2}$ Sch. brown.

The 1863 issue shows the usual post-mark in lines, and the Lübeck stamp, besides the L and T (Ring post-mark) cancelment.

Mecklenburg-Schwerin. Every variety of colour, paper and rouletting has been collected. The rare $\frac{1}{4}$ Sch.,

dotted ground, rouletted is here in a magnificent specimen on a whole letter.

Mecklenburg-Strelitz. Every "used" stamp of this country is a rarity; we find here also the most varied kinds of post-marks; the $\frac{1}{4}$ and 1 Schilling are particularly worthy of notice.

North-German Postal District. In the Groschen- and in the Kreuzer-currency both kinds of rouletting have been considered; the official stamps of both districts are complete in the collection.

Alsace-Lorraine is represented in an extraordinarily rich abundance of colour and variety of post-marks in both issues, with regular and with inverted net-work.

Oldenburg. The collection of the first issue contains all types and tints of paper known, $\frac{1}{30}$ Thaler, I. type and II. type not separated.

The II. and III. issues we also see in pairs, and with the occurring varieties of type-setter's errors. In the IV. issue all the various kinds of rouletting have been considered.

Prussia. Here we have a rich abundance in all the issues of single specimens, pairs and blocs and a great variety of colours; an extra specimen of the 10 Sgr. is here with the Mecklenburg-Strelitz post-mark.

An extra page shows us some very peculiar effects of colours dissolved by (unintentional) chemical process.

A strip of 6 2 Sgr. blue, with smooth ground, a letter-cutting with 10 + 30 + 30 Sgr., and a bloc of 4 2 Sgr. prussian-blue deserve special mention.

Album 4.

Saxony. The 3 Pfennige red, sought after by all collectors is here in a very interesting collecting of 12 spe-

cimens. We see single specimens loose, on letter-cutting and on whole letter, double-specimens on letter-cutting and on letters in several varieties of colour and with many kinds of post-marks.

5 and 10 Neugroschen fill each a whole page with their many varieties of colour, tints of paper, and post-marks. The same may be said of the "Royal-arms" issue, here the numerous tints are shown on single specimens and on pairs.

Of this country every issue has also been collected in abundance and of every imaginable manner and kind. **Schleswig-Holstein** contains in the rare I. issue, every value in two beautiful, stamped specimens.

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sch. of 1804 halved on a whole letter, is a great rarity.

Besides these, the 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sch. in wavy lines in spandrels wider apart, the same value in No. 4, rouletted, and in No. 5, in a halved specimen, are here collected.

The later issues of the various administrations are represented in many shades of colour.

Thurn and Taxis. The issues of both districts (Kreuzer- and Groschen-currency) abound in varieties of colour and post-marks, ring or circular cancellation-mark and with the "Ortsstempel" (local postmark).

10 Sgr. we find in a pair, and 30 Kr. each cancelled by a ring-mark and "Ortsstempel".

Wurtemberg abounds in varieties of colour, the two known types having been considered.

The same refers to the later issues, which are represented in single, double-specimens and in a great variety of colours, tints of paper and perforation.

Of the 70 Kreuzer there are two magnificent specimens.

and the rare 2 Mark yellow is here in 3 various tints of colour.

There is a vast variety of official stamp-issues, the 1 Mark violet, in a large bloc of 6. This country concludes the stamps of the German States (including Heligoland).

In conclusion I cannot help emphasizing the magnificent abundance and beautiful state of preservation of all the stamps of each of the countries.

Album 5.

Belgium contains all the paper water-marks and various perforations in several specimens. Of all issues, most of the values are also unused, the earlier issues being represented abundantly by specimens rich and fresh in colour. By collecting all the varieties of colours known, the stamps of this country have been collected together to form a most interesting and copious collection.

Bosnia has been collected in all the varieties of colour known, and in abundant numbers.

Bulgaria shows us all the issues in a perfect state of preservation, all the stamps occurring in several specimens; the error 5 Stot. pink, on flesh colour, unused, is particularly interesting and valuable. The 30 stot, with black surcharged 5, of the provisional issue of 1884 known as *a greatest rarity*, is represented in a superb used specimen.

A "Unicum" of its kind is the lithographed series of this issue, in the values 3, 5, 15, and 50 Stotinki, used on a whole original letter.

So far as I know, this is the only letter existant, which proves absolutely the actual, much disputed official use of this lithographed surcharge series.

Album 6.

Denmark. All the issues have been collected, almost without exception, new and used, and all varieties of perforation and other features have been considered. The fine unused specimens of the values 2 Rb. Sk. blue, 1851 2 S. blue, perforated, and 16 Sk. red-violet of the 1853 issue, finally of the 8 S. green, wavy ground, and of the 16 S. red-violet, dotted ground are worth particular mention.

A large letter-cutting with a peculiar, trial manner of cancellation applied in Copenhagen in 1892 is interesting; it shows year, month and day, a clock-face indicating the hour and the minute of the receipt.

Danish West-Indies. Most of these values have been collected new and used, 4 C. ultramarine-blue is contained in an unperforated specimen.

Finland affords the connoisseur a great treat, as it contains the first stamps 5 and 10 Kop. in unused double-specimens. In a used condition, they occur as single specimens, in pairs, loose and on whole letters in a perfect state of preservation.

The issues 1862—67 in all tints of paper and peculiar varieties of perforation have been collected in a perfect state of preservation and rich choice of colours.

Every collector knows sufficiently well how difficult it is to obtain fine and completely perforated specimens of these issues.

10 Kp. pink, with 8 mm broad water-lines, is preserved here in a magnificent unused specimen. The "errors" 5 Kop. chamois-colour, used, and 10 Kop. brownish-lilac, the latter perforated, $1\frac{3}{4}$ on smooth paper, $2\frac{1}{4}$ on striped paper, are valuable as fine, used specimens. We meet with the same abundance in later issues, used and unused, with all noteworthy varieties of perforation and colour and in the finest state of preservation.

Wendish stamps (Livonia). This issue is complete, some values have also been collected used. Special mention must be made of 2 and 4 Kp. pink and green, of the first 1863 issue, which are rare unused.

Album 7.

France belongs to those countries, which are abundantly furnished with richest and various material.

The first issue is enriched by beautiful tête-bêche specimens. 40 ct. orange occurs also in the rare II. type.

1 Fr. carmine we see in all its shades of colour from pink to brown-carmine; besides the error 1 Fr. vermillion in two beautiful specimens.

The great abundance of rich colour-variety of the French issues is here collected to a degree of perfection and completeness scarcely equalled.

In the typographical issue of 1870, we find the 40 ct. value, also in II. type.

The Bordeaux issue is used and unused, and all the varieties of type and colour and of the rouletted specimens are collected here in abundance. The rare I. type 20 ct. blue, is here in 2 specimens on a whole letter.

10 ct. pink on brown we see tête-bêche, the error 15 ct. in the same colours in a splendid, used specimen.

Albums 8—10.

French Colonies. We find the same richness of colour and the imposing number of finest specimens here in the Colonial issues, as we saw in the motherland. Besides these, the stamps of the French post-offices abroad are here collected with all the varieties of the surcharges.

Marocco contains the rare provisional stamps of 1900: 5 and 10 ct. on a large letter-clipping.

Special interest has been bestowed upon the stamps of **French Zanzibar** with its various types of surcharges.

The issue of 1887 with 3 surcharges shows us nothing but rareties in every value, amongst which the 'brick-red' $1\frac{1}{2}$ Anna surcharge occurs but very rarely, as only 800 specimens were thus surcharged.

The glory of all these issues is, however, the series of the same year, on the unprinted fragments of stamp-sheets, which is here shown in every value, used, on faultless letter-clippings.

Among further issues I mention: **Benin**, with all its rare types of surcharges, **Diego Suarez**, **Djibouti** (Somali-Coast) with its high values, **French Congo** and **Gabun** with its great rarity 25 on 20 ct. and 56 dots, besides the exceedingly rare issue of **French Soudan** of 1894.

Madagascar shows us, among other rarities, the values known as rarities of the provisional issue of 1896.

The provisionary issue of **Majunga-Madagascar**, of which only a few specimens were made, is here surcharged in pen and ink and type, and they must be looked upon as the rarest Colonial issue.

Nossi Bé and **Obock** with all their rarities, **Réunion**, including the first-class rarities of the first 1852 issue, of which there is a 30 ct. on a whole letter, have been collected in rare abundance, and all the type-setters' errors have been carefully watched and kept.

Martinique with all its types, among which is the rare variety 95 + 5 ct. joined together.

St. Pierre and **Miquelon**, including the emergency-issue on white paper, later issues with regular and with inverted surcharges, single, and joined.

New Caledonia abounds in varieties of surcharges and types in all issues; besides, as a rarity, an original sheet of 50 specimens of the first "Napoleon"-issue.

Tahiti. With few exceptions, this Colonial issue consists almost exclusively of rarities, all the varieties of the surcharges have been collected.

Album 11.

Greece with its abundance of colour-varieties has been collected very exhaustively, and the used issues form a stately volume. On one sheet are all the varieties of specimens with figures on back known of.

Creta. The series issued by different governments have been collected completely.

The provisional issue of the British post-office in Heraklea 20 parades violet is used on a letter-clipping.

The 1899 issue is collected new and used in single specimens and pairs.

The very rare I. and II. Russian issue for the province Rethymnos is complete, the II. issue containing single specimens, blocs of 4 and some on letter-clipping.

The III. issue, lithographed with long- and round post-marks are complete.

The issue of the autonomous government, with all the high values, is complete.

Album 12.

Great-Britain. The rare black 1 Penny stamp with V. R. is here in a fine specimen with red essai-cancellation; so are the other issues rich in varieties of colour, perforation-, paper- and water-marks. I only mention six pence of 1856 on bluish paper, 1/— green, 1862 with circular line, and the well-known values with white lines in the corners.

The complete plate-numbers of the 1 Penny stamp from 1—225 have been brought together. Also with the other values, the completing of the plate-numbers extant has been carefully kept in view.

The "high" values of all issues (10/— grey and 5 Pound we see on white and bluish paper) are here in fine specimens, Levant and official stamp-issues are complete.

Mulready envelopes of both values have been collected double.

The British Consular Mail stamps for Madagascar (large size) in all types known, the "British Inland Mail" in a used complete set, have been collected.

Album 13.

Gibraltar. New and used with all varieties of surcharges.

Jonian Islands. New and used, the latter very rare with the colours perfectly fresh.

Malta, complete with all the varieties of paper-tints, water-marks and perforation.

British Beshuanaland and Protectorate, including the rare, high values with all varieties of surcharge and water-marks.

British East-Africa and the issues of the Crown-Colony and Zanzibar, with all the existing varieties and types.

British South-Africa with all the rarities.

Album 14.

Gambia, Gold-Coast, Griqualand, in abundance. The last-named land with all its various types of surcharges collected.

Cape of Good Hope contains in the early, first issues, particularly beautiful specimens and colours, and large blocs.

The rare local edition of 1861 with the errors and varieties of colour.

The later issues with the occurring varieties of surcharges, water-marks, and other differences.

Lagos with all its rarities and varieties.

Album 15.

Mauritius. All the issues since 1848 with the rare varieties of print and colours, in excellent state of pre-

servation. The rare 2 pence dark blue of 1859 is a superb specimen.

Natal. The two first issues are collected in two beautiful unperforated specimens, partly on letter-clipping; these issues are indeed great rarities. The further issues in all types of surcharge, water-marks, etc. in finest state of preservation.

Negro-Coast, used and unused, the halved, rare provisional stamps in varieties on letter-clippings.

Oil Rivers Protectorate with its many rare surcharges of the issue 1894, used and new.

St. Helena contains all the varieties of surcharge and perforation, and shows many shades of colour.

Album 16.

Seyshells and **Sierra Leone** have been collected in most of the values and varieties known, new and used. The 1898 issue is complete.

Uganda. V. R. issues of both kinds have been considered.

Zanzibar. Of the issue 1896 all the varieties of surcharge used and unused have been collected. The later issues with all values and types have also been collected new and used.

Zululand is complete, used and new.

Antigua. The Colonies in America have also been most exhaustively collected, and every variety has been taken into account. Six pence green, water-mark "Star" is unperforated, it is a used specimen with very broad margin.

Bahama. With equal care and in abundance the

varieties of perforation and colour have been collected throughout all the issues.

Bermuda is complete in all issues.

Album 17.

Barbadoes is, like Bahama, abundantly represented; and for the most part has also been collected unused.

Brit.-Guiana. We see the issue of 1850 represented in a beautifully preserved and unperforated specimen of 12 ct. blue, that of 1851 by a magnificent double-specimen 1 ct. dark-carmine. The 1853 issue with all varieties, among which 1 ct. red, finely displayed in a broad-margined double-specimen.

Of the excessively rare issue of 1856 I would mention the 4 ct. carmine-red. The various types, perforations and tints of paper have been duly taken into account and collected in a rich variety of colours.

There is one type of each of the provisional issue 1862.

Brit.-Honduras. This collection is worthy of its predecessors. The London and Local provisional-surcharge issue stamps are used and new, the halved stamps, and all surcharges and water-marks have been duly considered.

Brit.-Columbia is complete, 5 and 10 ct. of the issue 1865 have each been collected in a "unperforated" specimen, used, and the differences in the perforation have been carefully taken into account throughout.

Album 18.

Canada. The varieties of paper used in the first issues have been considered throughout. As a first rarity we

see the 12 pence (Victoria) black, used on letter-clipping, and as an essai with specimen. The later abundant issues have been collected in rich profusion of colour.

Dominica. Water-marks, variety of perforation, the halved provisional issue 1882 have been collected in many varieties, also in pairs and large blocs, new and used. Later issues complete.

Falkland Islands have been collected in many varieties of colour.

Grenada, very rich in provisional issues, has been treated very exhaustively, and is furnished with all varieties.

Postage-due provisional issue is collected new and used (unused rare).

Jamaica in all issues and varieties.

Album 19.

Leeward Islands have been collected together with the Jubilee-issue.

Monserrat complete with a rich abundance of colour-variety.

New Brunswick is complete with its rarities in profuse variety of colours, it contains the Postmaster Conell stamp in essai.

New Foundland has been collected from the rare earliest issues to the latest, in rich profusion of colours.

Nova Scotia the same; six pence green is used, halved on a whole-letter.

Nevis with its various kinds of paper and type and differences in perforation, besides the rare water-

mark-issues, has been collected in an exhaustive manner. **Prince Edward Island** complete with all its varieties of perforation.

St. Christopher has been collected with all varieties and provisional issues.

Album 20.

St. Lucia. The first issues, varieties of perforation, partly very rare surcharge-stamps and revenue-issues, the latter represented in many kinds and varieties of colour.

St. Vincent has been collected with all perforations, 1 penny, dark-pink, in an unperforated pair is here. Rich variety of colour has been considered.

1 d. red on 6 p. green, a halved double-specimen.

5/— lilac-red, 1/2 d. halved on 6 d. yellow-green in many varieties, 4 d. on 1/— orange, great rarity, etc. with all regular issues, provisional issues and postal fiscals worth collecting.

Tabago. 5/— and 1 Pound of the first issue, rare halved provisional stamp 1 d. on 6 p. green (in pen and ink) 6 p. brown-olive CC and CA, besides all other rarities and higher values, have been collected.

Trinidad abounds in varieties of perforation and other noteworthy kinds, including the rare lithographed issue of 1858; an extraordinary number of shades of colour and specimens in pairs have been collected.

Album 21.

Turk's Islands. These series contain, in the 1873 issue, amongst others, the exceedingly rare 1/— violet.

The provisional issue of 1881, which contains great rarities, is complete with all its variety of surcharges and types.

Virgin Islands have been collected both in new and used conditions in all their varieties of perforation and other peculiarities, in as complete a manner as is rarely met with.

Ceylon. Here we find the first edition in finely cut specimens, and all the types of rarities; I only mention 4 p. pink, 8 p. chestnut-brown, 9 p. violet and 2/— blue.

The second "perforated" edition also contains the rare 8 p. chestnut-brown and yellow-brown, each is a magnificent specimen.

The perforated issues show a particularly rich abundance of specialities in all shades of colour, varieties of perforation and water-marks, which have all been studied and collected with painful exactitude, the same must be said of the further issues.

The provisional issues have also been collected, due attention having been paid to the numerous varieties of colour and other special features, with all the rarities, normal, and inverted surcharges, used and unused.

The official stamps of 1871 are complete, and (we may safely say) this Ceylon-collection *forms a particularly valuable and interesting part of this magnificent collection.*

Album 22.

Cyprus and **Hong-Kong** are shown used and new with all the known varieties of kind and colour, and that in a rich abundance.

Labuan. This state affords an abundance of water-marks and a vast variety of surcharges with many rarities, of which I will mention only a few:

1880 6 ct. red on 16 ct. blue, 2 CENTS black, horizontal on 16 ct. blue, 6 ct. red on 8 ct. violet, and all the other surcharges in different kinds and positions to the stamp itself.

North-Borneo, like Labuan, abounds in varieties and provisional issues, some of which are rarities.

Album 23.

East-Indies contains a rare stamp in the $\frac{1}{2}$ Anna red; it occurs new and used.

The other values of the earlier issues abound in rarities and varieties; the same may be said of the perforated issues with all the varieties in paper and water-marks. The rare large-sized provisional issue (postal fiscals) have also been collected; the official or service stamps with the surcharged stamps of India for use in native states occur in all their varieties.

Bamra. Large, rare blocs of the 1889 issue, with as many as 16 specimens in a bloc, have been collected.

Bhopal, in all issues, abounding in varieties.

Bundi, all values, in large blocs of 9.

Chamba, with all its kinds and varieties.

Album 24.

Faridkot, with the old originals and the stamps of the Brit.-Indian Post-Agency.

Gwalior, abounds in all issues, used and unused.

Haidarabad, with the rare official stamps of all types.

Jind. Here the local values, and the issues of the Brit.-Indian-Agency of all kinds and departments, have been collected.

Cachmir is well represented with its many rarities.

Album 25.

Nabha and **Patiala**, have been exhaustively collected, both as regards surcharged and official stamps and their varieties.

Saurath is represented in loose specimens, on letter-clippings and whole letters.

Scinde. Of these rarities there are used and single specimens and pairs.

Straits-Settlements abounds in varieties, has been collected in all issues in a most exhaustive manner, and all water-marks, surcharges and varieties of colour have been considered, many of which are unused.

Bangkok is complete with its many rarities, used and new.

Album 26.

Johor. Provisionary and native issues have been collected in abundance.

Perak, with its "rare" first stamps, and its many rarities and varieties of surcharges, affords a rich picture of the stamps of this state.

Selangor. The same may be said of this state; here we also have a superb specimen of the rare first stamp; the later issues, including the high dollar-values, are complete.

Sungei-Ujong shows great rarities and abounds in specimens of all the issues.

Fidji deserves special attention for its rare V. R.-issue; all other types of surcharges, kinds of paper etc. have been carefully collected; we see the issue 1876 in unperforated double-specimens on striped paper.

Album 27.

New-Zealand. There are hardly any other stamp-issues on such varieties of paper as the N. Z.-stamps, and yet here we find all the issues collected in every tint and thickness of paper, water-mark, and perforation, every shade of difference having been duly considered. — This is a *special collection* we have before us, with scarcely one specimen missing. For this reason, I can't refer to "single" specimens, as every thing has been collected of this country and is in a perfect state of preservation. A rich collection of postal fiscals, used for postal purposes, among which the highest values (up to 50 Pounds) occur, close the collection worthily.

New-South Wales. The Sidney issue, with all types and plates, the laurel-wreath series on grey and bluish paper with every variety, has been exhaustively collected.

The issue 1854—56 has been collected in the same manner with all shades of colour. There are several magnificent, broad-margined specimens of the large-sized stamps with the rare 5 and 8 pence values. The perforated issues are here in the same rich abundance in every variety known.

Of the "Registered" stamp, besides the numerous single specimens, we see the reconstructed plate of a whole

sheet of 50 specimens of the perforated issue. The official stamps have been collected in many denominations and in all types, new and used, and the number and specimens would do honour to a „special-collection“.

Album 28.

Queensland. The stamps of this country have also been collected in a special manner, and in point of abundance they leave nothing to be wished for. The very rare “error” 1 penny lemon-yellow is also here.

South Australia. I cannot pick out any single specimens in this country either, since, as was the case with the preceding countries, *all issues* and varieties have been considered and collected in great abundance.

Album 29.

Tasmania is just as abundant in number and variety, the rare 4 pence of 1853 we find on striped paper. The unperforated and the perforated early issues occur in unequalled varieties of colour, all other differences having been considered.

West Australia, the first issues of which in fine preservation are very rare, have been collected in various colours. The other issues with all the varieties and in the finest state of preservation have been collected in abundance. Provisionary stamps have been included.

Album 30.

Victoria I would call, to be brief, *a special collection* without an equal of its kind! We find stamps

also unused and many in pairs; of the 1852 2 pence lithographed issue, a whole "plate" has been reconstructed = 50 specimens.

Of the following issues all varieties of paper, water-marks, rouletting and perforation have been collected in rare abundance and perfection. Victoria is, with all its rarities, a worthy part of the great, magnificent collection. Great attention has been bestowed upon the provisional stamps of this country.

Album 31.

Iceland is complete, the rare provisional issue of 1898 with all its varieties, used and unused, has been collected.

Italy, with the 1861 issue, Estero- and Eritrea-issues, has been collected in rare abundance.

Papal States, Modena and Naples, have been exhaustively collected with all issues; of the latter state the rare $\frac{1}{2}$ Tornese in single specimens and on whole newspaper.

Sicily. These stamps have been collected with all the varieties of colour possible, both new and used.

Album 32.

Parma, Romagna and San Marino have been collected in all issues, used and unused.

Sardinia. All issues, rich in variety of colour and finest preservation, are collected.

Tuscany is collected with the various tints of paper, water-marks and shades of colour. Of the rarities I

will mention only 60 crazie brown-red of 1852, 9 crazie lilac of 1857, and as a rare final specimen "3 Lire" of 1860 in a magnificent specimen.

Luxemburg. Here I may be brief, for like the stamps of all the preceding states, it has been collected exhaustively. The official stamps have been considered in every variety of perforation and type.

Album 33.

Monaco abounds in all types, used and unused.

Montenegro, all the varieties of perforation, surcharge, used and new, are collected.

Netherlands, rich in varieties of colour, the rare, large perforation of 1867 is complete, and all other kinds have been collected exhaustively. Postage-due stamps are complete in all 4 types.

Curaçao, Netherl.-Indies and **Surinam** abound in rarities, and all the varieties are here.

Album 34.

Norway has been collected with every, even the very minutest variety in perforation and print.

Album 35.

Austria and **Levant** show us all the issues, also in the finest unused specimens.

The used specimens show an abundant richness of colours, varieties of paper, type and perforation, translucent and double print, ribbed paper, and there are many additional (St. Andrews' Cross).

The postage-due stamps are complete in all the issues. Of the newspaper-stamps, a perfect, used specimen of the yellow and pink Mercury is here, whereas the "red" specimen has been collected unused and is a great rarity. Newspaper-stamps and Imperial Journal-stamps have been collected in all issues and types, rich in variety of colour, new and used.

Lombardy and **Venetia** are represented in similar, rich abundance of colour and varieties of type, paper tints etc., and other varieties, single, in pairs, and large blocs.

Hungary we find collected in all issues, with every water-mark, perforation and other varieties, new and used.

Album 36.

Portugal. The first issues abound in single specimens and pairs with broadest margins, and all types and shades of colour have been collected. Considering how hard it is to preserve the embossed stamps, greatest care has been bestowed upon this feature.

The Antonius-issue is collected in new and used state.

The Azores and **Madeira** have been collected in all issues and types of surcharge, including every Jubilee-issue, even the Antonius series.

Album 37.

Angola and all the **Portuguese Colonies** have been collected in all issues, including almost all the varieties, errors, Jubilee-issues, new and used.

Timor with its many provisionary issues is complete.

Album 38.

Portug.-Guinea. Here is the first issue with the rare small "GUINÉ"-surcharge, together with all the other issues complete.

Portug.-India, the early issue of which is either omitted in most collections or only partly collected, is here wonderfully represented, the smallest variations having been collected.

The provisional issues are splendidly represented in all types of stamps and figures, errors etc., the other issues, without exception, have been considered in rich varieties of colour.

Albums 39—42.

Rumania. This assortment I must call *the crown of the whole collection*. We have before us a special collection of the very best of its kind, without rival, as regards volume, contents, variety and state of preservation.

Of the exceedingly rare first issue we find the values 27 and 54 parale on whole letters, 81 parale "*the greatest rarity*" in a magnificent unused specimen. The later high rectangular-series on bluish paper is here in single specimens, strips on letter-clipping and on whole letters, all varieties of colour and postmark having been exhaustively collected. In still greater abundance we see the same issue on white and yellowish paper, amongst which a fine, used 5 parale black deserves special mention.

Other values occur in single specimens, pairs, blocs, loose and on letter-clipping. 80 parale red occurs in a

magnificent rare double-specimen, used, in rusty-brown colour, a second specimen of which is not known of. The 1862 issue, eagle and bull's head, contains the largest assortment of the early stamp series. All kinds of single specimens, pairs, large blocs and whole sheets have been numerously put in.

Letters, with the most interesting manners of franking, and assortments have been abundantly collected.

Every value in many varieties of colour, on plain and striped paper, and every sort of postmark used.

The first Rumanian issue (Prinz Cuza) of 1885, the used and well preserved specimens of which are rare, we see in single specimens, pairs and blocs, loose and on letter-clippings and on whole letters, used and new, in rare abundance, and in every variety extant.

In equal abundance we see the issues of 1866/70, in which all the various kinds of paper, types and shades of colour have been copiously collected.

The issues of 1869/71 are particularly noticeable by the tremendous quantity of material collected, amongst which we find the rarest colours, types etc. in every possible assortment.

The same may be said of the full-beard series, new and used.

The rare 50 Bani unused, single and in large blocs, used in several loose specimens and on whole letter.

The following "perforated" issue of 1872 is rich in varieties of colour in all values.

The 1872 Paris issue contains, in richest abundance, every value also in unperforated pairs, and a whole original sheet of 10 Bani blue (= 150 specimens).

The Bukarest issues since 1876 contain, among others, the error 5 Bani blue, single, and joined to the 10 Bani-stamp; the error 5 Bani pink is collected in several specimens.

Levante and postage-due stamps are fully represented, but I will not go into details.

The whole Rumanian Collection shows in every part, how vivid interest combined with great knowledge, perseverance and the necessary means can procure a collection, which, as I began by saying, *has not its equal!* —

Album 43.

Russia presents to us also uncommonly abundant material, every variety, used and unused, having been collected.

The rare varieties on perpendicularly striped paper, unperforated specimens, also on whole letters have all been collected in great abundance.

Russ. Levant. The first issue 6 Kop., we see unused in dark- and light-blue, the latter also in a fine used specimen.

The 1865/66 issues in several specimens and in perfect preservation. In the following issues all the various paper-tints, perforations and colours have been collected. The provisional issue of 1879 contains all varieties of surcharge in blue and black. The exceedingly rare narrow 7 is single and on a whole letter (*great rarity*).

Sweden. The rule of collecting material in abundance has also been strictly observed here. 5 Sk. B^{co} green

is here in 3 fine specimens, the other values occur singly and in pairs in all varieties.

Every variety of perforation has been collected in the stamps, officials, and postage-dues, most exhaustively.

The error "Fretio"-Oere has been collected in a superb, unused specimen.

Album 44.

Switzerland. Among the various Canton stamp-issues we see the exceedingly rare Zurich 4 Rappen with vertical and horizontal lines, the former also on whole letter, 6 Rappen both kinds, each in 5 different types, in magnificent specimens.

Double-Geneva on whole letter, and both halves separately.

The yellow-green 5 ct., small eagle, loose and on whole letter, the other colours and types also on letters, perfectly preserved.

Basel Dove, singly and on letter, each a superb specimen.

Waadt 4 and 5 ct., the latter two types on loose and whole letter.

Winterthur a pair on large letter-clipping.

Ortspost- and Poste locale-central cross with and without black frame.

All the Rayon-stamps in richest abundance, reconstructed plates of Rayon I, II and III in all the types extant. (Rayon I and II each 40 types, Rayon III in three different issues of each 10 types.)

Of the Helvetia-issue all the types of print, paper and silk-thread with their many shades of colour have been collected.

The rare halved values are collected used. Later issues, errors and other characteristic features, postage-due-stamps in all colours and sorts of paper have been collected; each specimen in every issue, without exception, in perfect preservation.

Album 45 and 46.

Spain belongs to those countries, whose unusually abundant stamp-material affords an opportunity to start a collection on the broadest basis, and such has been the foundation on which this collection was started and completed.

The various thicknesses of the paper of the 1st issue have been carefully watched; and every value of the rarities of the early issues has been collected in a great variety of colours.

The exceedingly rare 2 Reales of the 1851 issue has been collected in a fine used specimen, of 1852 two superb unused specimens and of 1853 two used stamps in different tints.

The 'bear-stamps' of the Madrid-issue are here in several specimens, and of the 1 c. we see 3 specimens, 4 of the 3 c., new and used, in beautiful specimens.

The various sorts of paper of the two issues of 1854 have been collected, and the rare light-blue 1 Real in a superb, used specimen deserves mention. The uncommonly rich variety of colour and the collection of pairs and blocs give the assortment of these issues a particularly high value.

I will not pick out single specimens in the following issues, in connection with all of which all the values

have been collected in unequalled abundance and with special attention to the various colours and other special features.

The collection of all the 19 cuartos in single specimens, pairs and blocs, used and new, easily leads us to conclude correctly as to the abundance of the other values of all issues.

The Habilitados of 1868 have also been collected, Don Carlos-issues, new and used, in many and beautiful specimens complete.

Album 47.

Cuba and Span. West-Indies. We find the same abundance in the issues of these Spanish Colonies, as in connection with the stamps of the motherland. Most of the values, new and used, are collected in many colours and other varieties, the Y $\frac{1}{4}$ types have all been collected in several specimens.

The Interim-issues 1898/99 of Cuba have been collected in a particularly exhaustive manner, and with the later issues, including the American, everything that can possibly be claimed of a "special-collection" has been done.

Fernando-Po contains the rare provisional stamps of 1893—94, and the many other provisional-issues in rich abundance.

Album 48.

Phillipine Islands show us the first issues with all rarities in perfect state of preservation. The "Corros" error 1 Real blue 1854 occurs as a pair.

Varieties of type have all been collected, Habilitado-issues in abundance.

Of the Amadeus-issues the errors 62 C. d. P. pink and 12 C. d. P. blue have been collected.

The great number of the issued provisional stamps, amongst them many rarities, are almost complete. The later issues, also those of local government, have been collected exhaustively.

Porto-Rico shows an unusually abundant collection which has been infinitely increased by the many Habilitado and other provisional issues.

In spite of these difficulties, a fine collection has been got together, equal attention having been bestowed upon all the issues.

Album 49.

Turkey, in its peculiar completion, affords a rich picture in all issues. More particularly the first issues with their varieties of margin over-prints, and their many tête-bêche specimens have been collected in unusual abundance. All the values, both new and used, have been collected and arranged in a perfect state of preservation.

The later issues in the various types and perforations are complete. All the known errors, halved stamps, unperforated stamps are contained in the collection, so that I cannot add anything particular to the praise of the whole.

In the same exhaustive manner the postage-due issues have been treated.

Album 50.

Servia, in the early issues, has been collected both in used and unused state, and embellished with rare specimens. Varieties of type and paper have been duly considered and the single values occur also in pairs and blocs.

The 1869 issue, by virtue of its great variety of perforations, affords abundant material, and the arrangement observed in connection with the early issues has been here considered.

The newspaper-, and the Imperial Journal-stamps, with all their varieties, have been abundantly collected.

Album 51.

Egypt contains, as specially worthy of mention, the rare errors of the first edition of five Piaster with the 10 pi-surcharge, and 10 pi with the 5 Piastres-surcharge. The normal values in many varieties of colour, the essay-series are complete. The later issues, including postage-due stamps with all their varieties, have been considered.

Congo-State and **Liberia** have been collected in all issues with all varieties, new and used.

Orange-Free-State, the stamps of this state contain abundant surcharged issues and have been collected in many varieties. Of the provisional values, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 3 d. of 1896, there is a whole original sheet with every variety of type, containing 120 stamps.

The stamps of the postal fiscal-series have been collected up to the highest values.

Stellaland and **Swaziland** are complete.
New Republic contains many rare kinds, used and new.

Album 52.

Antioquia. To treat upon the many stamp-series in detail would go beyond the limits of this leaflet. I will limit myself to a few statements.

The first issue of 1867, of which each value is a rarity, is complete in used specimens.

The following issues, with their many varieties of paper, type, colour, and errors are abundantly represented.

Argentine Republic, a country rich in issues, affords abundant material for a collection in the various issues.

The peculiar first issues, that of 1864—67 with and without water-mark, every engraved and lithographed issue, as well as the many provisionary issues with all rarities, have been collected.

The provisionary issues of 1871 and 84 contain the surcharged denomination-figures also inverted.

The official stamps are represented in all types and varieties of surcharge.

Bolivar is also represented by many specimens of its first issues, of which the 10 ct. green deserves special mention.

The later issues are complete in every respect.

Album 53.

Bolivia is richly represented also in the first issue with its varieties of types.

Brazil The interesting first issue (the Brazilians call them *ox-eyes*) and the following figure-issues have been collected in all the varieties in several specimens.

The later issues are contained here with all varieties of perforation, type and provisional issues, new and used. Postage-due and newspaper-stamps are complete.

Buenos Ayres. The first issue (*Ship-type*), very primitive in its execution, contains, almost exclusively, rarities and is in several colours complete.

The later *Head-issues*, each value collected in several shades of colour, form, with the first issue, a very interesting part of the great collection.

Chili. All water-marks, all sorts of paper, varieties of type and perforations have been considered with their varieties of colours. Postal fiscals and telegraph-stamps have been collected.

Among the postage-due stamps, the complete second issue with the very rare 100 Centavos deserves special mention.

The *Multada-series* is complete with all rarer values.

Album 54.

Cordova is complete.

Corrientes, with all its varieties of type and colour, has been collected in single specimens, new and used, and in large blocs.

Costa-Rica and **Guanacaste** contain the early issues also in a used state. Of the provisional series 1881 to 1882 all types of surcharge have been considered and all later issues collected in rich choice of colour. The official stamps are richly represented in all types of surcharge.

The issue for "Guanacaste" contains all types of surcharge, the various printing-places having been considered.

Cundinamarca has been considered with all varieties of type and paper.

The rare 1 peso on 10 ct. red of 1883 is here.

Dominican Republic. The early issues, so difficult to preserve, owing to their delicate paper, have been exhaustively considered in all their varieties. The first issue contains, amongst others, the two very rare specimens 1 Real green of 1862 and 1 Real yellow of 1865, all in perfect state of preservation.

The issues with and without net-work of 1880—83 are complete with all the rarities.

Later issues, Postage-due and official-stamps are complete.

Album 55.

Ecuador is one of the states of Central America which have distinguished themselves by issuing new stamps almost every year. A vast number of provisional issues of postage-due-stamps and official-stamps appearing new every year have created abundant material, which, with all its varieties, has been collected.

Guatemala has been exhaustively considered in its stamp-material, and more especially in the superabundance of provisionaries and with all the varieties of type etc.

Album 56.

Haiti. The issues of this Negro Republic have been collected in the first Head-issues in all tints of paper, varieties of print and perforation, new and used.

The lithographed issue of 1883 has been completely considered with all its rare kinds of perforation.

The later issues are represented with all provisionaries, rich in tints.

Honduras contains many rarities especially in the surcharge-issues of 1877. All the existing varieties in form and colour of the surcharge, as well as the different kinds of paper, erroneous inscriptions etc. have met with full consideration.

The following series, appearing every year with a new design, have been collected complete with all the official stamps.

The Confederate States of America. The two issues with their variety of paper and type have been collected in a most interesting manner, 5 ct. green of 1861 is also here in a "first print" very rarely met with.

The many varieties of the 10 ct. of 1864 have been collected in many specimens with all the variations known.

Nicaragua. The early issues contain all the varieties of paper and perforation, new and used, with many shades of colour.

The later issues which appeared in quick succession are complete with all provisional-, official-, and postage-duestamps.

Album 57.

Columbia. The issues 1859—60 with their rare error 5 ct. "blue" have been considered in all shades of colour, and several specimens of each value have been collected.

The 1861 issue is complete in beautiful, used specimens.

The first "rare" series of the United States issue of 1861—62 is complete, 1 Peso also on bluish paper, *very rare!*

The 1863 issue contains the exceedingly rare error 50 ct. red (instead of green), and numerous shades of colour in beautiful specimens.

All other issues have been collected in unusually rich abundance of variety of colour, paper, type and plate and all errors.

The special issues of the "Republic Columbia" have been treated and collected in an equally exhaustive manner as the stamps of the "United States".

The "Estampillas"-issue on various kinds of paper has been considered, postage-due stamps etc. and registration-labels are nearly complete.

Columbia with its many stamp-issues caused by its state of government-affairs fills a stately volume with its valuable material.

Album 58.

Mexico is, in the true sense of the word, a *special collection* of great importance, every condition under which that name is merited having being considered in every possible manner.

All the numerous issues have been collected in choice specimens and great richness of colour, quartered and halved stamps on large letter-clippings having been considered.

The coat of arms issue of 1864 has been collected with its rare 3 Centav, the Maximilian-series in both types new and used, with many varieties.

With all its rarities, the "Mexico"-surcharge issue on tinted and on bluish paper is complete.

Guadalajara has been considered in beautiful unperforated and well preserved specimens.

The Republic issue of 1868/71 has been collected with all its varieties of paper, colour, perforation and errors, the 1872 issue, unperforated and rouletted in rich profusion. All not mentioned issues have been collected just as exhaustively, with due consideration to all the peculiarities worthy of notice, official stamps and the various Porte de Mar-issues.

Panama. The Inland-issues and those for the Union Postale are represented completely with all varieties of paper and surcharge, registered-letter-stamps and return-receipt-stamps.

Paraguay contains all the issues in a rich assortment of colour. The rare surcharged stamps of 1878 in their many types and colours, double surcharges and various positions of the surcharge have been very numerously collected.

10 ct. green of 1879 in a used, unperforated pair on letter-clipping. The errors 5 Real orange and 10 Real brown have been collected in fine specimens.

The following regular and provisionary issues, with all variety of colour, are complete. The same may be said of the official stamps which have been exhaustively considered in all kinds of surcharge and provisionary issues.

Album 59.

Uruguay contains a vast and also rare stamp-material. The valuable "Diligencia"-series is here, the large

Sun-stamps of the 1857 issue are represented with their varieties and many shades of colour and the *very rare brown-red* 240 ct., all in beautiful specimens.

The third smaller issue is complete in unusually numerous shades of colour, due consideration having been given to the thick and thin lettering and numerals, in many cases new and used.

The issues 1864—66 are, to a great extent, collected both new and used, in richest assortment of colour, varieties of error, types, perforation and print.

A special leaf introduces stamps of all issues with the "FUERTA DE HORA" postmark.

The provisionary issues shew every possible variety of position and type.

The later steel-engraved series with all provisionary issues and errors, new and used, have been collected with numerous varieties of colour.

The official stamps, containing many and rare values, have been arranged in all the known types of surcharge and their varieties of colour, double-surcharges and other differences of position in unusually abundant material.

Album 60.

Peru, owing to its war-disturbances, is the country most blessed with provisionary issues.

Of the earlist regular issue of 1858, the rare red Medio-Peso-error is here on a magnificent letter-clipping, the other values have been exhaustively considered, as regards varieties of type and colour.

The material of the later issues with all the pro-

visionaries is too extensive to allow of my entering into detail, I would, however, add that also here the designation "*special-collection*" appears justified, the provisionary issues, with their many varieties of surcharge, satisfying even the most extreme demands.

I must not leave unmentioned that, of the 25 ct. stamp with a surcharge "Provisional 1881—82", an original sheet of 50 specimens (5 rows à 10 stamps) has been included, the twelfth stamp of which contains the error "25".

The postal-fiscals, used provisionally, have been considered in greatest abundance in all varieties of surcharge, and the stamps of this country must be called a collection of great importance.

Album 61.

Salvador with its inexhaustible stamp-issues and the varieties, provisionaries issues, postage-due issues and official stamps contained therein, is complete.

Santander and **Tolima**, with the rarities, especially in the early issues, have been considered in every respect.

Album 62.

Venezuela. A stamp-material as extensive as it is varied in all issues with their characteristic features is contained in the collection of this country, especially the old "Escuelas"-issues are represented by fine specimens with many shades of colour and in rare completeness.

Album 63.

United States of North America. The collection of the United States issues has been divided into two parts, unused and used. I begin with:

1. Unused. The first issues from 1847—56 are complete, varieties of type and colour having been considered.

Of the 1861 issues we have here also the 1 cent in the rare indigo-blue colour and 24 cent violet-colour in the *very earliest prints* and in superb specimens as *rarities of very high value*.

Besides these, we have the first essay-proofs of the official reprint of 1875, and the 1861 issue contained in one complete "Specimen"-set.

The picture-series of 1869 has been collected in original and reprinted with "grilles" (goffrages)-impression. The later issues are represented with all the types and with the varieties of paper, colour and water-marks.

The Guam-series is complete.

II. Used. Naturally in this part abundant material has come together, we find the stamps of all the issues, rich in variety of colour, in all types and rarities collected here.

The three 5 cent-types of the perforated issue of 1857 have each been considered in two different colours.

The same may be said of the three shades of the brown 5 cent of the 1861 issue, a variation of each of which, a 5 cent yellow-brown also on whole letter, has been collected.

The rare I. type 10 cent green is here in a magnificent specimen, fresh in colour.

The 1861 issue, with and without goffrages, has been completely considered in many varieties, the original-issue of 1869 in many shades of colour, and types, the reprint without goffrages in well kept "used" specimens. The 1870 issue, with and without goffrages, has been collected and grouped in richest display of colours. The later issues with postage-due stamps are richly represented, all shades of colour, types and water-marks having been collected.

The department-stamps are complete, partly unused, the large-sized, very rare "State"-stamps are here, unused. The newspaper-stamps of 1865 and 1875 are complete, the issue of 1895 in early originals, used, a complete set unused, the values from 2—100 dollars in reprint, have been collected.

Album 64.

Afghanistan. The peculiar issues occur, even in larger collections, in a more or less neglected condition, the reason being probably that the stamps are so difficult to read and still more so to obtain.

In this collection, the Tiger-head issues, of 1870—75 and on, have been collected in superb specimens only. The issue of 1870/71, with its varieties in plates and types, has been collected in a most interesting manner. The two brown-violet stamps 6 Schahi (= $\frac{1}{2}$ Rupie) and 1 Rupie of 1871/2 are great rarities. The following issues are represented in all values, a bloc of 9 — 1 Abasi black — of the 1873/4 issue, is particular worthy of notice.

The issue 1874/5 has been considered with superb

specimens, new and used. The 1 Senar is a superb specimen of the rare "little label" issue.

The new issues are here in all colours, including the very rare $\frac{1}{2}$ Rupie of Kandabar.

The 1876—8 issues are particularly rich in fine, used specimens.

In the blue-grey issue of "Kabul" 1878 we find a used letter-slip with 6 stamps consisting of a square and a double-specimen (grouped as sketch shows), from which we can see that the different values are together on one sheet.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Rup.	1 Rup.	1 Abas
1 Abas	1 Abas	1 Abas

Of the later issues, we see that various values and types have been considered, and this collection, arranged by a connoisseur, forms a beautiful, interesting and valuable assortment of the stamps of this strange postal-district.

China. The issues of the Custom-House and those of the Imperial post are complete, partly new, partly used. The series, made in Japan, also contains the very rare 5 Dollar stamp, which is not easily obtained in collections nor in commerce. As a supplement we find the issues of the local post-offices of Hankow, Chefoe, Chinking, Chunking, Tientsin, Wulu and Kesokiang, almost all used, and complete.

Japan shows us the first issues on smoother and clearly striped paper. The issue 1872 without syllable characters has been considered, a sto paper and colour variety, in several specimens, and of each an original sheet, $\frac{1}{2}$ Sen with the error, on plain and striped paper has been collected. The syllable character series, collected both new and used, is equally interesting.

We find every issue, from 1876 on, richly considered

as to differences in perforation and colour and with all the rarities.

The China- and Korea-issues are complete.

Album 65.

Persia contains rich material in stamps and types, every variety having been considered in a most exhaustive manner.

We find the first issues with various perforations, and on thick and thin paper.

The rare series of 1878 is complete with its many varieties of colour.

The provisional issues of 1880/87 have been collected complete, all the other issues occur in rich shades of colour and all the varieties known.

Sarawak and **Shanghai** we see complete with all the provisional issues. The latter, with its first issues and all the types, shades of colour and varieties of paper which it is so difficult for any but a specialist and connoisseur to detect, affords a rich picture. The stamps of these issues must almost all be counted rarities.

Among the many provisional issues collected with every variety, the rare issue of 1875—77 is particularly worthy of notice.

All later adhesive and postage-due stamps have been collected in abundance with many varieties, all the chief shades of colour and other differences having been considered; and this collection contains an unusually rich and rare stamp-material.

Siam. Here also every variety of type etc., has been

exhaustively considered in all the issues. The "Tical-provisionaries", issue 1885, with their varied types of surcharge, deserve special mention; these provisional stamps are much rarer, than most philatelists think they are.

Album 66.

Hawai. In order to do justice to the early issues, each stamp here, owing to its rarity, ought to be mentioned separately; but I shall limit myself to a few statements regarding the beautiful, rare and abundant material.

We find here the exceedingly great rarity 13 cent light-blue of the 1st issue.

The 1853 issue (5 and 13 cent) is complete, the various kinds of paper having been considered.

2 cent pink in lithographic execution has been collected in the known three kinds of paper (plain, perpendicularly or horizontally striped).

The 1859—65 numeral-type series, the so-called Missionary-stamps, are nearly complete, with many varieties. Later issues, and the provisional issue of 1893 with provisional- etc. surcharge and official stamps have been considered exhaustively.

Samoa has been completely collected in all its issues, since 1877, with every variety of surcharge and type, in strips and blocs, every difference in colour having been considered.

Tonga-Islands have been collected complete with the many provisional series in all issues.

Transvaal. The rare earliest issues have been care-

fully collected, with due consideration to all sorts of perforation, surcharges and paper-tints.

The rare provisional issue of 1879 has been collected in all the 7 types. The 1885 issue and the following ones have been considered with every variety of surcharge and errors, that of 1894 has been collected with the two "Shaft-types".

The V. R. first series is complete on large letter, including the 10 Shilling.

The 66th volume concludes *this enormous collection*. It is no easy task, with merely simple words, to afford a vivid picture of this voluminous and extraordinary collection.

One must see these endless series of stamps from all parts of the world, in order to obtain anything like an idea of the rich and magnificent arrangement of the whole collection, which, by virtue of its peculiar foundation and completion, has no rival in Germany.

Leipzig, April 1903.

Max Thier,
Charlottenburg.

Special-Collection of the Stamps of Bergedorf.

A special collection of Bergedorf!

This small postal district, whose only issue consists in five different values; how can it possibly furnish material for a collection, such as we have before us? — And yet it can; here we have an abundance of rare Bergedorf material, than which none will be found richer and more valuable.

Before briefly sketching the contents, I would say a few words about the whole arrangement.

This valuable collection is in two high-shaped Albums of the Kröttsch style well known by their exterior.

An artistic title-page and the pages with their equally artistic borderings give the whole a noble appearance.

Volume I.

The collection opens with the 1861 original proofs of a series that never came into use.

We see 2 prints of the first original plate of the 3 Schilling-stamp, black type on white paper. More prints in five different colours, with the same design, in "reversed colours", i. e. white type on coloured ground. A similar black print occurs on an envelope, to illustrate the manner of franking a letter with stamps.

The designs were rejected, "new" ones were made, the designs of which we see on the 1861 issue, accepted. (Kröttsch. Manual p. 39.)

The collection contains 2 engravings, printed directly from the "original-stone" of this accepted issue, and one on Chinese paper (prepared purposely for any alteration). This latter, however, owes its origin to a badly preserved print, and shows us the design of a very badly preserved plate. We also see prints of the first original reprinting stones, on which each separate denomination occurs in blocs of 10 specimens each, in colours black, green, blue, red and red-brown. (Kröttsch. Manual p. 40.) These proofs have also been collected in single specimens, of all values, and in the same colours.

We also see proofs, in various colours, of a 4 Sch. stamp, on the original stone, forming the design for a new series, never used, suggested by Moens, 1868, who was in possession of the original stone.

The Section "Freimarken" (adhesive stamps)

begins with proofs of the $\frac{1}{2}$ Sch. black on lilac, and 3 Sch. black on dark pink, which are first class rarities, though they never were used in these colours.

The series, introduced 1861, we find unused in single specimens, and 1 Sch., $1\frac{1}{2}$ Sch. tête-bêche.

Stamps on original letters.

If used single specimens are already rarities, those on whole letter, such as we see collected here in abundance, are all the more so.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling, this smallest value, is in light-blue and on the dark-blue paper (used, very rare) in several specimens.

1 Sch. and $1\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling we see in several single and in double-specimens.

The 3 Schilling stamp, so rarely found on letters is here in 3 perfect specimens, fresh in colour. 4 Schilling occurs on two letters.

We also see a great rarity "1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling tête-bêche" used on letter-clipping, and a 4 Sch. double-specimen with the rare "Ortsstempel" cancellation.

In the following collection we see:

Stamps of other states used in Bergedorf

brought together.

Single specimens:

Denmark 4 Sch. brown, each with linear and date-postmark.

Holstein $1\frac{1}{4}$ Sch. wavy ground in spandrels close together, $1\frac{1}{4}$ larger inscription, $1\frac{1}{4}$ rouletted, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ lilac with circle of pearls.

Schleswig-Holstein $1\frac{1}{4}$ Sch. green and $1\frac{1}{4}$ lilac of 1865.

Schleswig $1\frac{1}{4}$ Sch. green, $1\frac{1}{4}$ violet, $1\frac{1}{4}$ in the rare grey tint, the latter two with "Ortsstempel". The stamps of the Schleswig-Holstein issues here mentioned occur also on whole letter.

Prussia. Of the stamps of this state we see the 6 Pfg. and 3 Sgr. on letter-clipping, $1 + 1 + 1$ Sgr., and $1 + 2$ Sgr. on whole letter.

North German Confederation. From the postal district of this State-Confederation we see a 1 Gr. envelope used in Bergedorf and stamped with "Bergedorf" postmark. This letter is very rare, no other being known of.

Hamburg begins with three envelopes of $\frac{1}{2}$ Sch. black, used in Bergedorf, on one of which, used as "Chargé-Brief", there is also a double-specimen $1+1$ Sch. of Bergedorf deficient or unprepaid postage.

Hamburg stamps with the Bergedorf cancellation mark, afford us an unusually abundant and rare assortment. We see the first issue on whole letters, $\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling as a double-specimen, 1 Sch. both as single and double specimen, 2 Schilling as single specimen.

II. Perforated issue contains $\frac{1}{2}$ Sch. on three letters, (the various manners of cancellation having been considered), and a double-specimen.

Single stamps, loose and on letter-cutting, we find alternately with Orts- and linear cancelmentmark, 3 Schilling prussian-blue and the exceedingly rare $1\frac{1}{4}$ Schilling blue of the first issue, a magnificent rarity with Bergedorf postmark.

The second issue shows us single and double-specimens of 1 Schilling, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ Schilling, rouletted, of 1866. As rarities in postmarks there have been collected: Holstein stamps with the "Ortsstempel" of the post-office (Enclave) Geesthacht and of the post-office Kirchwerder. Of the latter very rare cancellationmark, exclusively stamped in blue colour, there have been collected Bergedorf $\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling dark-blue, 1 Sch. and 4 Sch. in loose stamps, $\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling dark-blue in a fine letter-cutting and $1\frac{1}{4}$ Sch. violet of Schleswig on whole letter. We also see, with the same blue postmark, the $\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling envelope and a postal-order from Hamburg and a Prussian 3 Sgr. envelope of 1861.

As a noteworthy completion of this uncommonly interesting and valuable collection we also find a three-

lined Bergedorf "Ortsstempel" used as stamp of despatch, a straight postmark with date in which Bergedorf is written with FF in black and red colors, (the latter used as arrival-postmark).

On the 3 and 4 Schilling stamps we find a straight postmark BERGEDORF without any further indication, a great rarity.

The round "Ortsstempel" of Bergedorf we find with FF in red, and in normal spelling with one F, in black colour, used as arrival-postmark on letters.

The Bergedorf "Rural-post official post-mark" we find on letters with and without stamps; it served to indicate the place in the "Rural post-district" from which the letter hailed; it was not used to cancel stamps, occurs, however, by mistake together with linear cancellation on stamps.

Then follows another interesting assortment of genuine Bergedorf stamps with forged postmark, in great abundance, and a collection of forgeries of stamp and postmark. This is a short sketch of the contents of the first volume.

Volume II.

This second volume, also ornamented with an artistic titlepage, contains nothing but whole sheets of originals and all reprint-issues that were made, which I will briefly enumerate in the following.

Whole Original Sheets.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling light-blue, one original sheet in grey one in very black and one in pale type. Printed surface $267\frac{1}{2} \times 208\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling light-blue paper, in irregular type. Printed surface 268×210 mm.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling dark-blue, paper in the surfaces printed upon $262 \times 209\frac{1}{2}$ and 261×209 mm.

Each sheet contains two equal parts, each of 4 rows with 12 specimens, and each of 4 rows with 13 specimens.

1 Schilling black on white paper.

Surface printed on: $312\frac{1}{2} \times 170\frac{1}{2}$ mm,

 " " " $311\frac{1}{2} \times 171$ "

 " " " 312×171 "

These sheets consist of 4 blocs each of 40 stamps and 2 blocs each of 10 stamps.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ Schillinge, clear type, surf. print. on: $338\frac{1}{2} \times 227$ mm,

$1\frac{1}{2}$ " pale " " " " 337×227 "

$1\frac{1}{2}$ " irreg. " " " " $337 \times 226\frac{1}{2}$ "

These sheets consist of 2 parts, each of 8 rows with 12 stamps, and each of 1 row with 4 stamps. The latter, inverted, form on each part of the sheet 4 pairs tête-bêche.

3 Schilling blue on pink paper, each a sheet with

Surface printed on: 202×338 mm

 " " " 206×333 "

 " " " 207×334 "

Sheets consisting of 2 parts, each of 8 rows with 10 stamps.

4 Schilling black on brown paper, each 1 sheet with

Surface printed on: 187×233 mm

 " " " 185×235 "

Sheets consisting of 2 parts, each of 5 rows with 8 stamps.

Official Reprint of 1867.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling, black on lilac paper.

3 Schilling, black on vivid pink paper.

Sheet-assortment like the originals. Each sheet contains the indication in pen and ink "Réimpression de 1867. J. B. Moens."

1872 non-official Reprint-proof.

$\frac{1}{2}$	Schilling, black on white,	4 rows of 12 stamps and			
		4 " " 13 "			
1	" " " "	8 " " 10 "			
$1\frac{1}{2}$	Schillinge " " "	8 " " 12 "	and		
		1 " " 4 "			
3	Schilling " " "	10 " " 8 "			
4	" " " "	8 " " 5 "			

1872 non-official Reprint.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Schilling, black on blue paper, one sheet light and one dark type.

1 Schilling, black on white paper.

$1\frac{1}{2}$ Schillinge, one sheet light, one sheet dark type.

3 Schilling, blue on pink paper.

4 Schilling, black on brown paper.

The assortment of these sheets of reprints corresponds exactly to those of the previously enumerated reprint-proofs.

1874 non-official Reprint.

4 Schilling, black on brown paper.

In 1874 only this value was reprinted.

1887 non-official Reprint.

1/2 Schilling, blue on white paper, 20 rows of 10 stamps, gummed.					
1 Schilling, black on white	„	20	„	„	10 stamps, gummed.
1 Schilling,	„	20	„	„	10 stamps.
1 1/2 Schillinge, black on yellow	„	20	„	„	10 „
1 1/2 Schillinge,	„	19	„	„	10 „
3 Schilling, blue on pink	„	20	„	„	10 „
4 Schilling, black on brown	„	20	„	„	10 „

Reprint-proof, 1 Schilling of the 1888 issue.

Denomination-figure with inverted indication.

1 Sch. black on white, sheet contains 4 blocs of 40 stamps and 2 blocs of 10 stamps.

Reprint-proof, 1 Schilling of the 1888 issue

returned by Moens to the printer to have the inverted denomination-figure corrected.

1 Schilling, black on white paper.

Each of the above mentioned blocs contains 2 rows with inverted denomination-figure.

1888 non-official Reprint-proof.

3 Schilling, black on white paper.

2 parts each with 6 rows of 8 stamps.

1888 non-official Reprint.

1 Schilling, black on white paper.

Assorted as above only with corrected (regular) denomination-
figure 1.

3 Schilling blue on pink.

2 parts each with 6 rows of 10 stamps.

3 Schilling blue on pink.

This sheet contains only 60 stamps, 6 rows of 10 stamps.

In conclusion I must specially mention a

Non-official Reprint rectified-stamp on original paper.

Double-specimen 1½ Schillinge and

1½ Schilling joined together.

This special-collection of Bergedorf, unique of its kind, was awarded the gold medal at the Paris exhibition 1900.

Max Thier,
Charlottenburg.

Specimen of the stamps arrangement.

