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REMITTANCES.

DOMESTIC,

The safest and best way of making a remittance is by Post Office Money Order, Express Money Order, or Bank Draft.

Personal checks will be subject to a deduction of 25 cents for collection if drawn on any bank outside of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago or St. Louis.

If money is enclosed, the letter should always be registered.

Never enclose coin of any kind in a letter, it almost always breaks

through the envelope.

Unused U. S. stamps of any denomination will be accepted in any quantity, but if just as convenient please send amounts exceeding one dollar in some other way. Pos al notes are the most acceptable for small amounts.

FOREIGN.

P. O. Money Orders can be obtained in most foreign countries, and when it is possible this means should be adopted.

Drafts on New York are accepted, or drafts on London at \$4.80 to the \mathcal{L} , Bank of England notes taken at \$4.87 to the \mathcal{L} .

Bank notes of other countries accepted at the current rates of exchange. Unused European stamps are not accepted, except those of England and Germany, at 24 cents to the shilling and 23 cents to the mark.

Unused stamps of all countries except those in Europe will be accepted in small sums if the lower denominations are sent.

NEW ISSUES AND PROVISIONALS.

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We want \$5.00 worth of every new stamp that appears in the world, and especially provisionals.

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Our specialty is the stamps of America, including North, South and Central America, and we publish a Complete Illustrated Catalogue of these stamps, which will be sent upon receipt of 25 cents. The following is only an abbreviated list of such stamps as we can offer below prevailing catalogue rates.

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Orders for less than 25 cents respectfully declined. Postage extra on orders of less than \$1.00. Prices are net, and permit of no discount,

Cash must be sent in advance.

If the following stamps are sent out on sheets, they will be marked 30 per cent higher to make up for the discount we allow. Good specimens will always be sent or money refunded:

MEXICO.

* 1854, I real, red	1864, 2 reales, yellow \$0.04 " 4 " green 15 1866, 13 cent, blue (Lith.) 50 " 25 " buff " 25 " 25 " red brown(Lith) 1 00 " 13 " blue (Eng.) 20 " 25 " buff " 18 1867, same as 1856-61 with "Mexico" surcharged in gothic type.
1864, 1 real, blue 7	1867, 1 real, blue 6 00

~ MEXICO.		MEXICO.	
1867, Ir, green p\$	50	1882, 50c, (type 1874)	12
" 2r, pink p	50	* " 50c, (type 1879) 1	00
" 2r, green on bluish	бо	# " 85c, violet 2	00
1868, 6c, brown p	10	* " 100c, black	75
" 12c, green p	3	* " 2c, green	3
" 25c, blue on pink	3	* " 3c, red	3
" 50c, yellow p	15	* " oc, blue	4
" 12c, perforated	5	* " ioc, brown (error)	50
" 25c, perforatea	5	* " 12c, brown	15
" 50c, perforated	15	* " 18c, red brown	20
1872, 6c, green	12	* " 25c, red brown (error).	75
" 12c, blue	4	* " 24c, violet	30
" 25c, red	4	* " 100c, orange 2	00
" 50c, yellow	20	1884, 1c, green	I
" Iooc, lilac	35	4 2c, "	2
" 12c, perforated	10	" 3c, "	2
" 25c, perforated	6	" 5c, "	2
1874, 5c, brown	2	" бс, "	2
" Ioc, black	2	" IOC, "	1
" 25c, blue	I	" 12c, "	3
" 50c, green	7	" 20c, "	2
" 100c, carmine	Io	" 25c, "	4
1878, 10c, orange	2	" 50c, "	9
1879, 1c, brown	2	" i peso, blue	35 .
2c, violet	4	1885, 1c, light green	1
" 5c, orange	2	" 2c, carmine	2
" Toc, blue	3	" 3c, brown	2
* . 25c, carmine	15	" 4c, salmon	7
* " 50c, green	35	" 5c, blue	2
* " 85c, purple	75	" 6c, brown	5
* " 100c, black	90	" toc, yellow	2
1880, 4c, orange	- 8	" 10c, orange	1
1882, Stamps same as issue		" 12c, brown	10
issues of 1874 to 1880 on		" 25c, blue	15
thin paper		1886, 1c, green	I
*1882, 1c, brown	6	' 2c, carmine	1
* " 2c, violet	6	* " 1c on 2c, carmine	25
" 4c, orange	12	" 3c, lilac	2
* " 5c, orange	2	" 4c, lilac	2
" 5c, brown	5	" 5c, blue	1
" 10c, orange	3	" roc, lilac	I
* " 10c, blue	3	25c, lilac	20
" 25c, blue	2	1888, 3c, scarlet	1
* " 25c, rose I	OO	" 4c, "	2

	MEXICO.		MEXICO.	
888	6c, scarlet	2	ENVELOPES.	
"	10c. "	ī	The following are entire.	
6.6	20c, "	6	1882, 10c, "Habilitado"	5
44	25c, "	6	.00 //	[2
66	Stamps same as 1886	0	1883, 10c, " olive	_
	pin perforations wide		green, rare	7
			1883, 25c, (5x10x10c)	9
64	apart.	10		9
66	Ic, green		ARGENTINE.	
66	2c, carmine	15	1867, 5c, red	
44	5c, blue	5	" ioc, green	
66	ioc, lilac	5	" 15c, blue	
66	ioc, scarlet	5	1873, 1c, purple	
	Stamps on paper ruled		" 4c, brown	
	with lines for writing.		" 30c, orange	
66	1c, pin perf	10	" 60c, black	1
46	ic, regular perf	25	" 90c, blue	2
66	2c, pin perf	25	1877, 8c, lake	
6.6	2c, regular perf	25	1878, 16c, green,	
66	5c, pin perf	3	" 20c, blue	1
	5c, regular perf	15	" 24c blue	
66	Ioc, lilac, pin perf	3	" 25c. carmine	2
66	Ioc, scarlet, pin perf.	3	1880, 8c, lake	
e r	toc, " reg'l'r perf.	7	1884, ½c, brown	
	APPLAINT C		" Ic, red	
	OFFICIALS.		" 12c, blue	
884,	Scarlet	3	1887, 24c, blue	
887,	brown	2	1888, ½c, blue	
890,	orange	3	2c, green	
•			" 3c, green	
	ENVELOPES.		" 5c, carmine	
1874	, 10c, green	10	6c, red	1
	25c, blue	10	44 Ioc, brown	
1879	, 4c, orange	15	" 15c, orange	
1882	, 5c, brown	30	" 3oc, chocolate	1
4.6	5c, green (error)	1 75	" 40c, slate	2
4.4	10c, yellow green	20	" 50c, blue	
6.6	Ioc, olive green	50	1889, Ic, olive brown	•
884,	Ioc, green	8	" 5c, rose	
885.	Ioc, orange	01	" 20c, green	1
	5c, blue	5	*1890, 3c, green	
886.	toc, lilac	5	" 6c, dark blue	ı
	ioc, scarlet	4	* " 12c, blue	2
887.	HOC, SCATIPL,			

SALVADOR.	ECUADOR,
1867, ½r, blue 4	1865, ½r, blue
" ir, red 4	" 1r, buff 8
" 2r, green 7	" 1r, green 16
" 4r, brown 18	1866. 4r, red 1 20
1874, ½r, blue 8	1872, ½r, blue 2
' 1r, red	" Ir, orange 2
	10, 1030
4.7	1881, 1c, brown
1879, Ic, green 2	" 5c, blue 2
" 5c, blue	" Ioc, orange 2
" 10c, black 5	" 20c, slate 8
14 20c, violet 10	" 50c, green 20
1887, 3c, brown, perforated 4	1888, 1c, green 2
* " 3c, brown, unperforated 4 oo	" 2c, carmine 3
" 10c, orange 3	" 5c, blue 2
1888, 5c, blue	" Soc, grey 40
1889, 1c, light green 10	REVENUES, used postally.
* " 1c on 3c, brown 25	
* " Ic, green, with bar Io	1885-9, 10 25
ac, rea, man omi	20 25
1890, 1c, green	" 5c 25
" 3c, yellow 3	100 23
" 5c, blue 3	200
" 10c, violet 5	" I peso
" 20c, orange 10	1 300101
" 25c, red 15	PERU.
" 50c, brown 25	1858, 1d, blue 20
" 1 peso, carmine 50	" ip, red 60
ENVELOPES.	1859 1d, blue 14
*1887, 5c, blue, white p 15	" 1p, ted 18
* " Toc, red " 25	1860, 1d, blue 33
* " 11c, blue " 30	" 1p, red 40
* " 11c, lilac, " 30	1862, 1d, red 3
* " 10c, red, on orange p 30	1863, tp, brown
*1888, 11c, olive, white p 30	1866, 5c, green 2
*1889, 5c, blue, white p 15	1867, 10c, vermilion 3
* " 5c, blue, amber p 15	1868. Id. green 2
* " 5c, blue, blue p 15	,, B
*1890, 5c, blue, white p 15	" 5c, red 12 " 1p, orange 13
* " 5c, blue, amber p 15 * " 5c, blue, blue p 15	1874, 2c, violet
5e, blue, blue p 15	1 10/4, 20, 410/00111111111111111111111111111111111

PERU.	MISCELLANEOUS.
1874, 50c, green 15 " 1s, rose 40 1876, 5c, blue 2 " 10c, green 2 20c, carmine 5 1879, 1c, orange 2	* Br. Honduras, 1887, 20c on 6p
WITH TRIANGLE. 1883, Ic, orange	Chili, 1852, 202 20 1862, 1c 15 1867, 20c 4 1877, 20c 4 1878, 50c 7 1889, 20c 4
1883, 1c, green 10 "2c, carmine 3 "10c, slate 1 1885, 5c, olive 40 "10c, grey 60	Confederate, 1861, 5c
" 5c, blue 40 " 10c, olive 60 1886, 1c, violet 1 " 2c, green 1 " 5c, orange 1	Costa Rica, 1883, 40c
" 10c, slate	1889, 5c, brown
1889, Ic, green	* Cuba, 1864, 5c, unperfor- ated
1882, 10c, blue 40 * " 10c, blue 75 * " 25c, red 3 00 * 1883, 25c, red 3 00	Dominican Rep., 1885, 1c
"Puno." 1882, 10c, blue	Hayti, 1887, 1c

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100 rate.	Per 12.	Per 100.
Argentine	\$ IO	\$ 7 5
Reavil		50
Reitish Colonies		50
Canada		35
Central A erica	20	1 25
Chili		40
Confederate States	50	3 00
Costa Rica	. 20	1 25
Cuba		50
Curacoa	. 35	2 00
Danish West Indies	25	1 50
Dominican Republic	35	2 00
Ecnador.	15	85
French Colonies		1 00
Gautemala	15	2 00
Hayti	25	1 (0
Honduras	- 25	
Jamaica		3 00
Japan, high values	40	
Mexico, 1856	75	2
Mexico, 1861	75	5 50 2 50
*Mexico, 1864, head	35	4 CO
Mexico, 1864, engle		18 0
Mexico, 1866		
Mexico, 1867, "Gothic"	35	2 50
Mexico, 1868		
Mexico, 1872		
Mexico, 1874-8	15	
Mexico, 1879-82	. 75	50
Mexico, 1884	-	
Mexico, 1885	. 15	30
Mexico, 1886		30
Mexico, 1888-90	. 10	
Mexico, wide perforations	. 10	. 75

Mexico, ruled lines	10	יי כ
Mexico, official, 3 var	10	75
Mexico, cut envelopes		75
Mexico, porte de mar	75	5 00
New Countries	35	2 50
New Foundland	25	1 50
Native Indian States	40	3 00
Nicaragua	30	2 25
Peru	10	8c
Porto Rico		40
Prince Edward Islands	45	3 25
Salvador	35	2 25
South America	-	60
Transvaal	10	75
U. S. of Colombia	10	80
U. S. Postage		1 00
U. S. Envelopes (cut)		2 00
U. S. Revenues.		50
U. S. Match and Medicine		2 00
Venezuela	15	1 00
West Indies	•)	1 00
Stamps to sell, ic. each		40
		80
Stamps to sell, 2c. each		
Stamps to sell, 3c. each		I 25
Stamps to sell, 5c. each		2 25
Stamps to sell, Ioc. each		4 75
Stamps to sell, 15c. each		7 59
Stamps to sell, 20c. each		9 75
STAMPS BY THE 1000.		
D (1)		Per 1000
Br. Colonies, assorted		\$ 2 50
Central America, assorted		10 00
European, well assorted		1 00
European, finely assorted		2 00
Jamacia, well assorted, to varieties		2 00
Mexico, 1856-1882, finely assorted. (No 25c. 1874)		35 00
Mexico, 1884-1890, well assorted		.5 00
Mexico, 1884-1890, finely assorted		6 50
Mexico, 1884-1890, 10 varieties		3 00
South America, assorted		5 00
United States, assorted		2 50
Stamps to sell at 1c. each		
Stamps to sell at an analy		2 2 .
Stamps to sell at 2c. each		10 00
Stamps to sell at 3e. each		10 00

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Well assorted foreign stamps from all parts of the world, 1000 for \$2.50; 5000 for \$10.00.

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wholesale prices, express extra.		
		Per 100.
No. 1. Bound in board covers	.\$2 15	\$15 00
No. 2. Cloth bound	. 4 00	22 50
No. 3. Handsomely bound in cloth and gilt	5 40	37 50
The Pocket Album, (see page 23), is sold at following [orices, p	ost free:
Per 12, \$1.35; per 100, \$9.00.	•	
Towns on Malastia Disale Allegas formulated on small	ofice.	Accounts

Terms on Mekeel's Blank Albums furnished on application. Agents wanted for all our publications.

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This is a Complete Stock of Stamps, and is a much better Stock of Stamps than Mr. Mekeel had when he started in business in 1877. The Stamps in this lot could easily be sold to net the dealer over \$100.00 profit. It consists as follows: 1000 mixed British Colonials from every quarter of the globe, 1000 United States Stamps, including some good Departments and old issues, 1000 finely mixed European, 1000 South, Central America and Mexican mixtures, well assorted, and 1000 Different Varieties from all parts of the world, including some very rare stamps. To this we add blank approval sheets, gummed paper, and a three-inch advertisement in The Philatelic Journal of America, for \$25.00.

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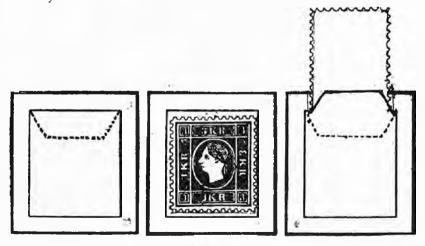
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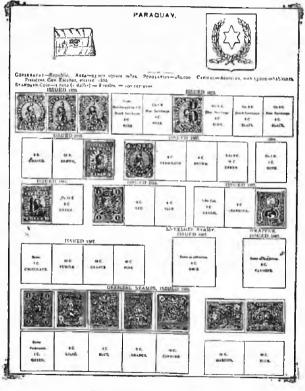
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