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No. 4

## REPRINTS.

THESE are a class of stamps fully as dangerous to the juvenile collector as any counterfeits can possibly be, probably more so, from the fact that they are harder to distinguish than the average counterfeit; while their being unused presents to the beginner a strong argument in favor of their collection; amateurs, as a class, being strongly imbued with a mania for collecting *new* specimens; and the manufacture of these articles being, for the most part, carried on surreptitiously by parties ostensibly reliable and trustworthy.

Their sale is generally judiciously supervised, beside which the prices of many of them are placed at figures which would in most cases purchase originals, especially is this done by such houses as those of Ulex, in Vienna, and Fohl, of Riesa, Saxony. The latter is largely engaged in the manufacture of counterfeits but, also occasionally puts upon the market admirable copies from the original dies of various continental principalities, whose early issues are long since obsolete, and in

most cases rare. The former, Oscar Ulex, is probably one of the largest dealers in continental Europe, and the amount of reprints sold by him annually is almost incredible. The early issues of Saxony, Austria, and Prussia; the adhesives and envelopes of Hamburg; and the early Servia's and Papal States, are some of the specimens sent out from his establishment.

We would strongly urge upon young collectors the desirability of entirely excluding from their assemblages this class of stamps, when it is at all possible to obtain a genuine, original specimen.

Doubtless many of you are actuated by a very laudable desire to complete your collections, but even this consideration should not induce you to detract from its value, for the addition of reprints cannot possibly increase its worth, pecuniarily, should you desire to sell, as no dealer, not even the one from whom you purchased them, but would discard them as worthless. Nor would it increase its value as a collection of varieties or antiquities, for they could be had by almost any person as well as yourself; whereas, if you leave the space blank until such time as

you may be enabled the opportunity of obtaining an original, and there are but few stamps that you are not, at some time or other afforded a chance to buy, you then become the possessor of a thing of worth; an article that at any time you can find a ready sale for, and instead of being a heavy loser on the transaction, you pocket a surplus which is, mayhap, quite a handsome sum, as a clear profit.

[*W. H. Bruce in the Stamp Advocate for Feb., 1875.*]

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**NEW ISSUES.**

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*United States.*

Numerous changes have been made lately. The new postal treaty, which provides for transmission of letters between the United States and nearly all of the European Principalities, together with portions of Asia and Africa, has necessitated the issuing of a five cent stamp. The color is dark blue. France has recently seen fit to disturb the harmony which it was intended the treaty would insure, increasing the rate on all letters sent from the States to 8 cents. An extra charge of 4 cents is also made on unpaid letters, making the postage 14 cents, the charge named in the treaty being 10 cents.

The reason assigned for mak-

ing the above changes is that the original rates were insufficient to pay for the ocean carriage. The changes are, however, allowable under the provisions of the treaty.

The long promised postal cards have been in active circulation for several weeks. The vignette, and heading, *U. S. Postal Card*, far surpass the old ones in point of beauty; but we think that the omission of the border and ruling was a mistake; and venture that had they been printed on darker colored stock, they would have presented a much better appearance.

A newly issued two cent vermilion is in circulation.

*Canada.*

Canada has recently added a 5 cent stamp to her set. Color is a light green, the design being uniform with those of the 1868 issue.

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**FRAUDS.**

The *Boys' Own* advances the supposition that the set issued for Paraguay in 1870, exist, not officially, but in the imagination of a certain collector who got them up for speculation. How this may be we know not. As far as we know they have always been accepted as genuine by the public, and this intimation of their contrary character somewhat surpris-

es us. It, however, it be as Mr. Chate claims, it is one of the most perfect and clever deceptions ever practised upon collectors.

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We desire to inform our patrons in the stamp trade that having retired from the business, all orders for stamps, albums, price-lists, etc must hereafter be addressed to our successor, W. B. Briel, Jr., Box 79, Natchez, Miss. We would return our thanks to those who have favored us with their patronage during the past two years, and would most respectfully solicit a continuance of the same in behalf of our successor.

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A Monthly Paper for Stamp Collectors.

VOL. I.

PAINESVILLE, MAY, 1876.

No. 5.

## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

**U**NDER this heading we propose giving in each number, a list of all the postage and revenue stamps, news bands, post-cards, envelopes, etc., issued during the month. We aim to make the list *complete* and *reliable*, so that at the close of the year, by looking through the volume, one can tell just what stamps have been issued. Most of the news this month has been compiled from other journals; but by arrangements now effecting with our foreign correspondents, we shall soon be enabled to have all news fresh and original.

### *St. Thomas.*

The first to come under our notice is a new stamp for St Thomas. Value, 40 reis; color, l. blue.

### *Cuba*

has issued her usual annual set. The colors and values are as follows:

- 12½c. de peseta, green;
- 25c. de peseta, maroon;
- 50c. de peseta, blue;
- 1 peseta, black.

### *Canada.*

A new 5 cent stamp for use in the international service, has appeared.

### *Bavaria.*

The *Western Philatelist* brings us information respecting a new set for Bavaria. It seems this country has also adopted the "pfennige" coinage, which has necessitated the issuing of the series. Values and colors are as follows:

#### Adhesives:

- 3 pfennige, violet;
- 5 pfennige, green;
- 10 pfennige, rose;
- 20 pfennige, blue;
- 25 pfennige, brown;
- 50 pfennige, slate;
- 1 mark, blue;
- 2 marks, violet.

#### Envelope:

- 10 pfennige, rose;

#### Postal Card:

- 5 pfennige, violet.

#### Newsband:

- 3 pfennige, green on blue.

### *Bolivia.*

From the *Western Philatelist* we also learn of a new set for Bolivia. 5 centavos, ultramarine; 10 centavos, orange; 20 centavos, green; 50 centavos carmine.

### *Portugal.*

Portugal has issued three new stamps: 15 reis, brown; 150 reis, blue; 300 reis, violet.

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## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

After an absence of several months, we again make our appearance in the philatelic ranks. When we started out over a year ago, we contemplated issuing in twelve page magazine form, but we found we had undertaken too great a task and had to give it up, issuing a small folio instead. This we intended issuing monthly, but other matters interfered, rendering it impossible; and we succeeded in getting out but four numbers. Seeing that we could not possibly complete volume 1 in 1875, we have concluded to step over a year. Making allowance for the numbers already issued, in order to publish twelve full numbers during 1876, it would be necessary to issue no. 5 in May. This we have accordingly done, and trust that

our course will give satisfaction.

After having made so many promises in the past, which we have found it impossible to fulfil, we dislike making any for the future; but think our subscribers can safely rely upon receiving the paper hereafter promptly at the commencement of each month.

With our last number we changed our name to the *Stamp Collector*; but owing to an oversight no mention was made of it. We did so because we liked it better than our old one, and because it expressed more plainly the meaning we wished our title to convey. A person who knew nothing about the existence of stamp collecting, would be puzzled to know what was meant by the *American Philatelist*, but the title, *Stamp Collector*, would at once suggest its meaning.

# The Rogues Gallery.

There is doubtless no pursuit infested with so many frauds and dead-beats of every description as stamp collecting. There is the confidence swindler, the collector who fails to pay for stamps sent on approval, the counterfeitor, in fact we might go on and mention perhaps a dozen classes of swindlers, who, almost from the rise of collecting, have preyed upon its followers, cheating them out of

their money, and bringing distrust upon many who prefer doing business in an honest manner.

But the damage done is something more than a matter of pecuniary loss. Take for instance a new beginner. He starts out with a collection of fifteen or twenty common varieties, obtained from some schoolmate, or taken from old letters. He falls into the hands of these swindlers. One takes him, and after fleecing him of all he can, hands him over to another of the "ring," who in turn repeats the operation. This is how the thing is generally managed. At last, finding his money gone with little or nothing to show for it, he loses faith in the newly found diversion, and disposing of his collection for what he can, retires forever from the ranks, disgusted with the whole business.


Thus we see that left to itself, this element would gradually undermine the whole science, and ultimately end in its entire dissolution. It is therefore plainly the duty of those who have the best interests of collecting at heart, to be untiring in their efforts for the suppression of this evil. We will endeavor to do our share, and each month intend devoting a portion of our space to the ventilation of frauds and swindlers. Next month we shall tell our readers something about the rogues themselves.

### THE CENTENNIAL ENVELOPES.

A novelty in the shape of a 3c. stamped envelope for use in Philadelphia during the exposition, is to be issued on the 10th of May. It will be manufactured on the exposition grounds, will be sold only from the Philadelphia post-offices, can be used for no letters but those mailed from Philadelphia, and will be withdrawn at the close of the centennial.

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PAINESVILLE, JUNE, 1876.

No. 6.

## PAPERS FOR BEGINNERS.

No. 1.

A great deal has been written for the benefit of amateurs and the younger collectors, treating of what stamps they should collect, the more correct methods of mounting them, etc.; and many valuable hints and suggestions have been offered from time to time, which, if put to practical use, would be productive of the most beneficial results. In fact, we dare say as much, if not more, has been written upon the subject than upon any other, and we fail to see any reason why a great improvement has not been made.

We regret to say, however, that on the contrary there has been but little. Here and there we find a few painstaking collectors who have sense enough to see that stamp collecting is a pursuit which requires the use of a great amount of taste, skill and judgment, and that without a proper exercise of these, the objects had in collecting can never be attained; but the majority still go on in the old way, purchasing torn and greasy specimens, many of them so badly canceled that it is impossible to tell what the design and lettering may be, and inserting them in their albums in a very careless manner, gumming the

stamp firmly to the page, and then giving it a good coat of mucilage to brighten up the colors, the whole presenting the most unartistic appearance imaginable. No wonder that so many parents are disgusted upon witnessing the botchy attempts of their proteges, and that the public in general have a false impression as to what stamp collecting really is.

A great reform is certainly needed; one which will be most thorough and effective in its results, sweeping from the ranks all of those boys and girls who collect merely for "the fun of the thing," and a host of others, who by their present proceedings are fast disgusting sensible people, and if their course be not speedily checked, will soon run philately into the ground. Then, and not until then, will collecting stand upon a firm, solid foundation; and no matter how few representatives may be left, it will assume an air of stability, and be given at least a chance to proclaim its true value and merits.

With the hope that at least a few of the younger collectors will derive some material benefit therefrom, we have undertaken the preparation of a series of articles on the different branches of

collecting. In their arrangement originality has not been aimed at. We have selected the most valuable ideas we have seen advanced, adding now and then a few original ones of our own; our object in view being to treat the subject in as thorough and practical a manner as possible.

### The Rogues Gallery.

Before ventilating a few rogues who have been operating more recently, it would be best, perhaps, to bestow a little attention upon two or three who have figured quite conspicuously in the past. Messrs. Chas. A. Lyford & Co., and Samuel Allan Taylor of Boston, Mass., have without doubt imposed upon the stamp collecting public to as great, if not a greater extent, than any other firms in the world. There is scarcely a postal label that they have not counterfeited most extensively; and it would take volumes to contain the woes of collectors whom they have in various other ways swindled out of their money. The day of these men, however, may be said to be well nigh past. There is scarcely a stamp journal published but has had something to say about them; and the majority of collectors are well aware of their true character. Their only victims are now among the young and more inexperienced philatelists, and we may soon look for

their permanent retirement from the business. Hoping we shall hear of none of our readers being imposed upon by either of the above firms, we will now take up the case of Mr. Fred. F. Ely, of Cleveland, O. This young man is one of the worst dead-beats we ever came across, and we do not feel the least hesitation in warning the public against having anything whatever to do with him.

Akron, Ohio, boasts an unprincipled scamp in the person of Mr. Will. W. Clemens. He has managed to swindle us out of \$6.70.

The Globe Stamp Co., formerly of Rockford, Ill., is a pack of frauds. Mr. D. A. K. Andrus, who did business in the same place has shown himself to be a person given largely to fraudulent dealing. Besides a collector in Cleveland who has been bitten to quite an extent, the publisher of this paper accuses him of selling counterfeit stamps.

Will. W. Jones, Toledo, O., is a swindler of the worst description, and we caution the public against giving him any credit.

The Forest City Stamp Co., 49 Cedar av., Cleveland, O., purchased a quantity of stamps from us over a year ago, but up to date have failed to settle for the same. We consider them swindlers.

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Burt Blossom, 95 State street,  
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Aside from the above we have under consideration a number of cases which will stand over until next month. It might also be well to state in this connection that we do not, under any circumstances, advertise a party until we have the most conclusive evidence of their guilt. We try all available means of bringing about a settlement, giving ample time to set matters to rights; but then if nothing is consummated, do not hesitate to give them their just deserts.

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If the U. S. Novelty Co., Hudson, O., don't pay for that advertisement of theirs *at once*, they will get another one of an entirely different character. We would

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