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THE STAMP NEWS.

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No. 1.

Our Debut.

The first issue of every stamp paper starts out usually with an editorial of apology. To be original we omit this seemingly important feature.

This little journal is issued solely for our patrons. Our plan a few years ago was to circulate, as many dealers still do, an annual price-list. A few months after being mailed certain stamps, probably priced too low, would sell out. It appeared as if every order for the next ten months called for these same stamps. To make a list of value, it soon became evident it must be issued more frequently. This circular is the result, and in it we shall endeavor to give not only prices, but also little notes on stamps.

Our opportunities for buying cheaply in the greatest stamp market in America is, we think, well exemplified in this number. Prices in this list will be permanent and changes or items sold out will be announced in subsequent numbers. This makes the list practically permanent. By saving this paper you will also save money, for we guarantee some of our prices will be startling.

A Few Notes.

The 1901 issue of the Dutch Indies surcharged Buiten Bezit are comparatively scarce. It is well to pass the inverted over-prints, for our correspondent in the Netherlands informs us they are printers' waste.

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The one-dollar black U. S. of the 1902 issue is not as common as may be supposed. We have had a standing order, at a very fair price, with all the dealers who usually handle this stamp in wholesale lots and have received only a few copies. Five years ago it was possible to buy this stamp in lots of 100 from almost any dealer in the financial district. Many copies now received are perforated with initials. It is safe to presume the price will be raised in the next catalog.

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The Postal Union regulations require that 1000 copies of all new issues must be sent to Bern for distribution to the countries participating in the organization.

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THE STAMP NEWS.

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 NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

SUBSCRIPTION, 25 Cents Per Year.

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WE would be pleased to have your subscription. The price is only 25¢ per year. It costs us 12¢ per year for postage to each subscriber and besides this our premiums are really worth while. Look them over on page 3. If you want new issues at a slight advance over face value, and at prices absolutely guaranteed below any dealer in England or America send your quarter now.

During the year we shall have many features of a novel and surprising nature. Offers, which will be below actual cost, will be made to only those on our subscription list. Notice the offer made on this page. The Wells-Fargo locals bring half catalog at auctions and are then considered great bargains. This lot was purchased from an old man in Providence, R. I., and are splendid copies. We can sell only one to each reader at this price, which is less than we paid for them.

Nickel-plated Tweezers. 75¢.


SPECIAL!

Fine used copies of the 25¢ blue
Wells-Fargo Local,
 cataloged by Scott at \$3.00

To Subscribers Only

37 cts.

GUARANTEED GENUINE.

 Offer expires May 1.

THE A. P. S.

If you are not a member of the American Philatelic Society we shall be pleased to send application blanks and an interesting little booklet describing its advantages. Mekeel's Weekly is the official organ and is worth in itself the cost of joining. Send for the booklet to-day.

U. S. REV. No. 3036, uncut, fine specimens, catalog 15¢, our price 3¢.

MEXICO, 4 varieties, catalog value 41¢, for only 6¢.

U. S. 2¢ COLUMBIANS, 14¢ per 1000.

LINCOLN, imperf., block of 4, 14¢.

U. S. 1902, \$1. black, 12¢.

SUBSCRIBERS will receive an extra premium in the next number.

A Few Notes.

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Considering the small number printed, it is surprising that these stamps bring very low prices at auctions.

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In a letter from a Washington, D. C. collector we are informed that a set for the Alaska-Yukon exposition is not contemplated. It is not improbable, however, that permission to use a special obliterating mark will be granted.

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The British Solomon Islands Protectorate Stamps were printed in sheets of 60, 6x10, and of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., there were approximately 100,000 each. We can supply the set of 4 values, unused for 19¢.

FOR TRADERS.

Watch the next issue of THE STAMP NEWS for wholesale offers. We shall offer stamps in sets that will appeal not only to the dealer, but also to the collector who wishes duplicates for trading purposes.

FINE SETS.

A part of our list of sets is given on the last page. They are priced extremely low, and in the past year we have sold thousands to dealers.

ECUADOR

1897 issue, 3 varieties, catalog

67 Cents.

Send 25¢ for a year's subscription to THE STAMP NEWS and receive the above set free.

A. C. Roessler,

1958 Washington Ave.,

NEW YORK CITY, — N. Y.

BELOW FACE!

U. S. Postage Dues unused, 1879-93, 5 varieties, cat. 15¢, 12¢, 6¢, etc. Send 30¢ and we will send 35¢ face value.

ONE POUND

of mixed stamps just as received from Europe; may contain anything from a 1¢ green U. S. to a P. O. Mauritius, postfree for 52¢.

The following new issues have just been received:—

Gold Coast 6d., Natal 2d. and 5d.; all multiple wk. The 3 for 32¢.


We pay cash and sell for cash. That's why our prices are low.

Dealers' stocks, collections, job lots, etc, wanted for cash.

APPROVALS.

A collector in Ohio wrote us that he did not understand how our approval books could be priced so low. The secret is that we have never lost a cent through books being stolen, or stamps substituted. No approvals are sent unless applicant is a member of the A. P. S. or a deposit of \$2.00 is made. Our prices are extremely low, ranging from one-tenth to one-third of catalogue. Nothing is priced higher than one-third. Can you beat it?

SINGLE STAMPS CHEAP.

U. S. 50¢ orange.....	\$.03
*Honduras, No. 46, cat. 8¢... .01	
Nicaragua, No. 175, cat. 6¢... .01	
Dominican Republic, No. 155. .01	
Canada, No. 14, cat. 8¢..... .02	
Guatemala, No. 120, cat. 8¢... .02	
New Brunswick, No.9, cat.50¢. .14	
*Honduras, No. 71, cat. 8¢... .01	
*Mexico, No. 187, cat. 25¢... .05	
*Ecuador, No. 647, cat. 10¢... .01	
 *unused.	

FOR DEALERS.

Our wholesale department supplies stamps not usually offered by wholesale dealers. Stamps supplied in lots of 5, 10, 50, 100, and 1,000. Also sets and mixtures. Send a small deposit and we'll send you a lot on approval.

SETS.

All different. Entire lot 62 different stamps, cataloging \$5.77 for 67¢.

7 Shanghai Dues, un'd.,	cat. 74¢... 10¢
4 Ecuador, used, cat. 38¢.....	5¢
3 Mexico, cat. 79¢.....	10¢
6 Hayti, 96-101, cat. 74¢.....	10¢
5 Ecuador, un'd., cat. 92¢... .	12¢
8 Austria Dues, cat. 16¢.....	2¢
5 Honduras, 1891, un'd.,	cat. 27¢.. 4¢
5 Ecuador, cat. 42¢.....	6¢
4 Salvador, used, 336-40,	cat. 15¢.... 4¢
7 Honduras, 1878, un'd.	cat. 84¢ ....12¢
3 Honduras, un'd., cat. 19¢... .	3¢
5 Salvador, 355-9, cat. 17¢....	4¢

A COLONIAL - - - CHEAP.

HAWAII, number 31, 2¢ vermilion, mint, catalogs 75¢. Tricky dealers sell number 50 for this stamp. Our price for number 31 is 22¢.

Money refunded on anything unsatisfactory.

Our profit is so small that we ask 2¢ postage on all orders.

Better send that quarter for 12 numbers NOW.

8 varieties Japan, per 100 sets 32¢.

100 Special Delivery,.....28¢.

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June 1, 1909.

No. 2.

Brickbats & Bouquets.

"Mr. A. C. Roessler, the former Denver dealer, now of New York, is the latest stamp tradesman to start a house organ. The initial number of his little venture, "The Stamp News," contains four pages, about equally divided between advertising and reading matter; and proves Mr. Roessler to be a dealer of no little enterprise." — REDFIELD'S WEEKLY.

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"I have collected freaks and curiosities for some time and wish to receive your "News" free for a few months. I consider it a great acquisition to my collection of freaks." — C. W.

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"Vol. I, No. 1, of THE STAMP NEWS published monthly by A. C. Roessler, 1958 Wash. Av., N. Y. City, is at hand. Though it may well be called a "yellow" sheet, to the philatelist it will appear all right. It is a house organ and though small in size is giving itself an opportunity to increase in favor." — MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

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Stray Notes.

The English philatelic press is greatly agitated over the new issues.

"Don't you think it is time that the U. S. government should be above issuing stamps for collectors?" asks one editor. Another gets heated under the collar and storms and frets through a page and finally ends by comparing our country with Nicaragua. And that's pretty tough. One paper says it's atrocious that a big pow-

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THANKS, kind friends, thanks. For the many kind words, for the generous patronage, for the scores of subscriptions we are deeply grateful. In an effort to show our gratitude, in a small way, we will give a premium to subscribers EVERY month, for the next six numbers. Our little token this month consists of 2 entire unused U. S. envelopes worth at least 30¢. Next month we will give something equally as attractive.

COSTA RICA.

The 1 peso, 2 peso and 5 peso, unused, are cataloged at 55¢. Send 25¢ for a year's subscription and get the 3 stamps free!

ORANGE RIVER COLONY, 1 penny red, 100 for 21¢. The cheapest quotation by English dealers is 45¢ per 100.

THE PAN-AMERICAN SET, unused, face 30¢, price 35¢.

BULGARIA, No. 159, cat. 10¢, 2¢.

An Investment.

"The 3, 4 and 5¢ of the present issue, regular type, have been issued imperforate, while the 2¢ Lincoln has led dealers and speculators a merry chase by appearing in the same condition in small quantities at various places. A comparatively large quantity of these Lincolns seems to have been supplied by the Department in rolls for use in slot vending machines, but as most of them were sold by the machine which supplies them with corners clipped, these specimens are practically worthless for a collection, except regarded as curiosities. Sheets of the Lincoln have been difficult to get hold of. The small supplies available at New York have been quickly taken up, and we have seen them offered as high as 50 cents a block."

The above extract is taken from the Scott Stamp and Coin Company's Circular. Our price for imperf. Lincolns is 10¢ per block of four. In complete sheets, mailed registered in a tube, \$9.25. A quarter sheet, (100 stamps), for \$2.45. This is a good chance to make a profitable investment. We reserve the right to withdraw offer at any time.

U. S. Wholesale.

Compare our prices with other wholesale dealers and you will find usually our prices are cut in half. More will be listed next issue.

	Per 10.
1851 1¢ blue,	\$1.25.
3¢ red, .....	.06.
1857 1¢ blue, .....	.50.
3¢ red, .....	.05.
1861 1¢ blue, .....	.14.
3¢ rose, .....	.02.
1862 2¢ black, .....	.30.
1869 2¢ brown, .....	.70.
3¢ blue, .....	.07.
1875 2¢ brown, .....	.06.
1879 2¢ vermilion, .....	.02.
1882 5¢ brown, .....	.06.
1883 2¢ brown, .....	.01.
4¢ green, .....	.06.


Prices are for 10 copies; for 100 multiply by 9. 5 copies supplied at same rate.

SPECIAL OFFER!

To Subscribers Only.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Nice used copies of the 10¢ vermilion, Scott's number 12, cataloged at \$1.50. Our price ... 37¢.

 Offer expires July 1.

100 2¢ Pan-America..... 14¢.

2 Venezuela, cat. 25¢, unused.. 3¢.

10 U. S. Rev., uncut, \$3. brown, cat. 15¢ 22¢.

We make a specialty of mixtures and import all stamps direct. Our mixtures have not been sorted over and picked to pieces. For a trial, order the Newfoundland mixture at 50¢ (100 stamps) and see if it is not worth twice the price.

24 varieties of Cuba and the Philippines, cat. 71¢, for 10¢.

12 var U. S. revenues, 1898, 1/2¢ to \$1. for 5¢.



JAPAN.



WE HAVE A SPLENDID MIXTURE OF THIS POPULAR COUNTRY. CONTAINS 8 VARIETIES, WELL ASSORTED.

1000 for..... 36¢.

-100 Sets, 8 Varieties, 32¢.



Brickbats & Bouquets.

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"Consider your prices the lowest of any stamp dealer." — B. G.

"The pound mixture came this evening. While I found no P. O. Mauritius, I did find a very good lot of the cheaper class foreign." — S. E. K.


"Am including 25¢ for THE NEWS. It's a good idea, this paper, and I wish you success. Don't forget the premium, as I want same for my son." H. W. S.

"Several months ago I bought a pound mixture from a St. Louis concern for a dollar. It was fierce. Your mixture, if there were less 2¢ reds, would be ten times as good as the St. Louis stuff. Your price forgives the quality." — B. D.

"If No. 1 of your little sheet is an example of future numbers, put me down for the enclosed quarter for a year." — M. O. L.

CHEAP SETS.

*3	Bulgaria, cat. 26¢	.....	\$.04.
8	Chili	.....	.03.
*8	Cuba, cat. 21¢	.....	.03.
*3	Ecuador, cat. 11¢	.....	.02.
*3	Honduras, cat. 13¢	.....	.02.
*9	Peru, cat. 63¢	.....	.10.
*5	Philippines, cat. 17¢03.
*5	Servia, cat. 16¢03.
12	U. S. Doc. ½¢ to \$1.0005.
10	U. S. Tel., cat. 46¢06.

 * unused.

Stray Notes.

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erful country should stoop to imperfs, inverted watermarks, advertising labels and picture stamps.

When we heard the roar from across the pond we commissioned our staff artist to England and present a photo (on first page) of an English editor as our reporter was telling him that the Yukon-Alaska set would be issued June 1.

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One of the most singular stamps recently produced is the 75¢ Liberia. It represents a book. On the back of the binding is the word Liberia and on the cover is a picture of a native village. Another stamp in this set, which was put on sale last month, is the 25¢, which shows a straw hut amid the palm-trees and has the effect of an artistically mounted photo. The 10¢ is triangular and is similar to the 5¢ of a previous issue.

In speaking to Mr. Merrill, the American consul for Liberia, the writer was informed that the population of this interesting country is 3,000,000, but that nine-tenth were illiterate. In a way this accounts for the scarcity of used specimens. It would naturally be supposed that Mr. Merrill receives thousands of letters from the negro republic in a year, but as a matter of fact last year only received seventy-five.

Used Liberians are good things to buy. An examination of the catalog proves this.

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July 1, 1909.

No. 3.

Canada Imperfs.

A short time ago we were informed that Canada, upon request by stamp vending machine companies, would issue the 2¢ King head imperforate. A letter from the post-master of Ottawa explains itself:

"Mr. A. C. Roessler,
Dear Sir:—

With reference to your communication of recent date, I beg leave to state that this office has not yet been supplied by the Department with imperforate stamps and as soon as they are received your order will be duly forwarded."

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Lowest Prices.

An agent for a Japanese stamp dealer passed thru' New York recently. He had a quantity of the commoner varieties of Japan. We purchased five million. Later a Western dealer bought the same mixture and advertised it at 52¢ per 1000, which was cheap enough. Nevertheless, we are selling the same at 36¢. All of which points the moral: We undersell 'em all.

Stamp Papers.

Several of our younger-customers have written regarding stamp papers. We sent a list of the best ones, and, as the STAMP NEWS goes to many beginners we think it advisable to give a list of a few philatelic journals that every real collector should have.

MEKEEL'S WEEKLY, an eight-page stamp newspaper, is without a peer.

REDFIELD'S WEEKLY, consists of eight pages of good reading matter for the beginner and advanced collector.

THE HOBBYIST, a monthly, is the most artistically printed paper in America. From 24 to 48 pages.

THE STAMP JOURNAL heads the list for enterprise and, tho' always excellent, is constantly improving.

THE PHILATELIC "WEST," is the largest paper printed, often containing 100 pages of news on stamps, coins, post cards, etc.

The price on each of the above named papers is 50¢ per year. If remittance is sent to us, we will acknowledge receipt of subscription and notify publisher at once.

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POOOR as our little paper may be, we attribute to it the biggest month's business in our career of 15 years as a dealer. We have never advertised heavily in the philatelic press, believing that the humble "trade column" was sufficient for our needs. This season we have scarcely used even the small ads, so that actually the entire credit goes to the "STAMP NEWS." Our greatest surprise was in the number of subscriptions received. Conservatively they exceeded our expectations ten-fold. That we may be ever deserving of the support of our subscribers is our earnest desire.

OUR FREE

MONTHLY PREMIUM for this issue is a small set of used Foreign Cards.

CUBA, now that it has shaken off American control, will issue a new set of stamps. The re-engraved set will be comparatively scarce owing to its short life. We have No. 227 - 31, 1¢, 2¢, 3¢, 5¢

and 10¢ at 4¢ per set. The 50¢ gray blue and black, always a hard-to-get stamp we can supply at 14¢ for a short time.


SOLD OUT.

Several items, owing to unusual demands, are sold out. They are
 New Brunswick No. 9
 Canada No. 14
 All stamps listed under "U. S. Wholesale," page 7.
 Pan-American set, unused.
 Bulgaria, 3 var. cat. 26¢.

In the Fall a complete wholesale list of U. S. will be issued. Meanwhile, we are open for offers. We can use almost anything.

The green Special Delivery stamp, humorously referred to as the "Merry Widow Hat Stamp," is in great demand. We can use several thousand at \$1.00 per 100, an unprecedented price for a special delivery.

SINGLE STAMPS

*Chile, No. 47, cat. 6¢ 1¢
 *Costa Rica, No. 37A, cat. 8¢ . . . 1¢
 Nicaragua, No. 226, cat. 8¢ . . . 1¢
 Nicaragua, No. 227, cat. 8¢ . . . 1¢
 * unused.

SHANGHAI

We offer free for a year's subscription 3 unused Shanghai due stamps cataloged at 60¢.

LINCOLNS.

The memorial stamps imperforated are selling today as heavily as when first issued. We sell on an average 6 sheets per week. Our offer on page 6 is still open, but we do not believe will hold good next month, as our supply is getting low. Our prices on these stamps showing a line is 10¢ per pair, 20¢ per block of 4. A block showing the vertical and horizontal lines for \$2. We also have the Lincoln on blued paper at 10¢ per stamp.

The current set of 5 values (1¢ to 5¢) imperforate blocks of 4 for 72¢. Same, in pairs, 36¢. Lincoln imperfs., 10¢ per unused block of 4.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA.

We have a splendid mixture of the republics of the south. New York City is well connected commercially with South and Central America and we have made arrangements with three of the largest Spanish-American mercantile houses for all stamps received. Most of the stamps in this mixture are uncataloged, having been issued recently. The collector of minor varieties will appreciate this lot. The greatest portion consists of new issues, though we notice a few obsolete. Price, per 100, 55¢.

SPECIAL OFFER!

TO SUBSCRIBERS ONLY.

One of the advantages of subscribing to THE STAMP NEWS is the extra special bargains offered, each month. We offer the Rhodesia set of 11 unused, from ½d. to 1s. complete, for \$1.30. Other dealers charge \$1.45 for 10 varieties, the 7½d. being scarce. The set consists of a heavy surcharge on the British South Africa Company stamps and, it is said, will be in use for only six months. Offer expires July 10.

HAWAII.



We know of no better country to specialize in than the Hawaiian Islands. Some of the common varieties we sell cheap are:

Number 31, cat. 75¢	.....	22¢
Number 33, cat. 60¢	.....	22¢
Number 44, cat. 25¢	.....	9¢
Number *55, cat. 6¢	.....	2¢
Number 57, cat. 8¢	.....	3¢
Number *57, cat. 8¢	.....	3¢
Number *74, cat. 5¢	.....	2¢
Number 75, cat. 5¢	.....	2¢
Number *75, cat. 8¢	.....	3¢
Number 76, cat. 5¢	.....	2¢
Number *80, cat. 3¢	.....	2¢
Number *81, cat. 5¢	.....	3¢
Number 82, cat. 10¢	.....	3¢

For Thin People.

Did you ever hear of a stamp dealer having a "Fire Sale?" Here is something similar: We stored part of our stock in a storage ware-house and after a year's time found several million hinges had been spoiled by being slightly stuck together. Rather than throw them away we will sell at a very low price. About 80% in each 1000 are perfectly good, but to be absolutely within the limits of truth we say 50% are as good as the 15¢ kind. Several patrons say they are alright and good in every respect. If you like bargains, here's a chance to save money even on hinges. Price, 4¢ per 1000. Better squander 4¢, for we know you'll order more. In a Continental paper we note this testimonial for a certain hinge.

"I have re-mounted my collection and used your hinges. After licking 9,000 hinges I gained 15 pounds."

If you want to gain weight, use our 4¢ hinge.

ECUADOR.

Specialists in the above country can save money by sending want lists. Our prices will astonish you. Practically everything in stock from the 1 real yellow on quadrille paper to the newest issue. Very few dealers carry a good stock of Ecuador.

25¢

25¢

FOR A QUARTER

you get 12 issues of THE STAMP NEWS,

A premium for subscribing,
Special offers of really good things,

A small premium with every issue, and

Thousands of stamp bargains.

Can You Beat It?

25¢

25¢

GUATEMALA.

The 12½¢ black and blue Guatemala stamp of 1907 was issued to meet the demand for the revised tariff of 15 grams of printed matter. The picture shows the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Our price for nice used copies 2¢.

WANTED.

We can use immediately U. S. \$1. black, 50¢ orange, 2¢ Lincoln, special delivery, 13¢, etc; also Canada Tercents and British colonial shilling stamps.

FIJI.

The 1 shilling Fiji Islands on multiple chalky paper will soon be superceded by a new issue. Our price for unused copies is 34¢.

5 Costa Rica, cat. 19¢, 2¢.

THE STAMP NEWS.

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AUGUST 1, 1909.

No. 4.

A Freak.

The U. S. government seldom permits imperfect stamps to get into circulation, but we have discovered an oddity which will interest the collector of errors. While going over our stock of complete sheets we saw two sheets of the Lincoln imperforates with corners bent over. The flap was printed upon and when bent back left part of the corner stamp albino.

Imperf. Canada.

As we go to press our consignment of the 2¢ King head imperforated arrives. Our price is 10¢ per block of 4, 5¢ per pair.

Unnoticed.

A minor variety which has evidently escaped the vigilant eye of the new issue chronicler is the 6¢ surcharged on 50¢ Guatemala. The final s of centavos is small. It looks as if someone distributed nonpareil in the brevier case. We also notice this error on the 6¢ on 20¢.

Many Changes.

The portrait of Columbus is to be displaced by the pictures of various presidents of Chile on the new issue of stamps.

We note many other changes in South and Central America. The new colors of Nicaragua are coming north rapidly, and the new surcharges of Guatemala are fairly common. Ecuador will put forth a commemorative set this month consisting of nine values. The new Canal Zone stamps are also appearing in larger quantities. Nearly all of these new issues will be found in our mixture of South and Central America at 55¢ per 100.

A New Feature.

In our next issue the first of a series of stories on "Great Stamp Finds" will be presented. Each story will be original, tho' not necessarily new. For the September number we have prepared

"THE INVERTED 2 CT. PAN-AMERICAN."

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MIXTURES are always popular. We have been gathering a good line for the past year and in this number offer mixtures which we sincerely believe to be unequalled. It is true that summer is a poor time to put out mixtures, but it is our contention that goods sell as well in hot weather as in winter, if the price is right. Our mixtures are not bought from wholesale dealers. Each assortment is gathered directly by us in the countries where issued. The South and Central American mixture (see page 11) went like hot cakes, and we know the present line will sell as well.

A \$1.00 Stamp Free.

Send a quarter for a year's subscription to **THE STAMP NEWS** and we will send a stamp cataloged at \$1.00. The most remarkable offer ever made.

 Please remember postage is 2¢ extra.

15 different Roumania 6¢.

Comparing Catalogs.

As an example of what the various catalogers think of certain stamps we have taken a group of unused Ecuador, Scott's numbers 90, 97 and 98.

Kohl says they are worth \$4.85
 Stanley Gibbons says 4.40
 Scott charges 1.90
 Roessler SELLS at27

Perforation guages, 4¢.

3 Colombia, cat. 9¢, 2¢.

12 Salvador, cat. 54¢, 10¢.

Money cheerfully refunded on anything unsatisfactory.

Mexico, 1 peso, blue and black, cat. 40¢, 10¢.

6 Hayti, 1904 complete, used, cat. 64¢, 8¢.

We have all the new issues of British colonials at a slight margin over face.

"The man who kicks on your Mission mixture would holler if you gave it away." — J. S. B.

An Explanation.

Last month the post office department notified us that the foreign post cards which we intended for premiums were unmailable and we were compelled to take them out. That the premiums are sought for is evinced by the numerous inquiries received. This month each subscriber should receive a small unused set of officials.

The Green Special.

An item of no little interest presents itself in the green special delivery. European dealers are clamoring for used copies, which are as scarce as hen's teeth. A timely note appeared recently in Mekeel's Weekly. We quote:

"SEEMS SCARCE — There is a chance that the ten-cent special delivery stamp whose discontinuance was ordered recently by the postmaster, as mentioned in newspaper despatches will become a desirable stamp. If the accounts of certain collectors who have interested themselves in the stamp are any criterion, the green special has a promising future. Reports to the effect that only comparatively small quantities of the green special delivery stamp were distributed by the department seem to have a basis in fact. It is known that some of the largest cities received but small lots of the green special, probably because the supply of the old type stamp was still ample. The use of the special delivery stamp has been greatly curtailed through the regulation that allows the stamps of the ordinary type to pay the special fee, even though the authorities encourage the use of the special stamp in preference to the others. There is no objection to calling attention to the possibility that the ten-cent green, special delivery, is destined to become a desirable stamp."

☞ To our readers we will supply single unused copies at 15¢; a block of four for 60¢. Only a limited stock.

Mixtures.

	Per 100.
S. and C. America.....	\$.55
Turkey, well mixed.....	.20
Newfoundland, good.....	.50
Chile, 5 to 7 var.....	.08
Oriental mixture.....	.20

The Turkey mixture runs from 5 to 18 varieties and is very cheap. The Oriental mixture contains stamps not generally found in assortments at 20¢ per 100. The above stamps if mounted on sheets should net the dealer 500 per cent profit. Sounds extravagant, but a trial will convince you of the true merits of our mixtures.

Ten ounces of mixed stamps, about 3500, for 30¢ postfree. This mixture is not guaranteed as to count or quality.

Better order that South and Central American mixture before it is sold out.

5 different unused Venezuela Maps for 4¢.

10 varieties Honduras, unused, cat. 54¢ for 7¢.

3 varieties Salvador, unused, cat. 22¢ for 4¢.

4 diff. Venezuela, unused, cat. 43¢ for 6¢.

2 Porto Rico, No. 71-73, cat. 9¢ for 2¢.

A set of used Jamestown for 5¢.

50 different Australia 14¢

One Cent Each.

During the past month we purchased 3 collections and have prepared a line of approvals which are hard to beat. There is nothing priced over one-third of catalog and some are as low as one-tenth. A deposit of \$2 required. We cannot prepare selections of special countries at these prices, but if you will take the sheets as they run, you will be surprised at the many bargains offered. We also have sheets containing stamps priced at 1¢ each. Send \$1 and get a fine lot for your approval.

Unused Columbians.

We have a few sets of mint Columbians from 1¢ to 50¢ complete for \$1.49. The lower values we have in practically unlimited numbers. For nice copies 1¢, 2¢, 4¢, 5¢, 6¢, 8¢ and 10¢, unused, our price is 42¢.

The used set complete from 1¢ to 10¢, 8 varieties, for 11¢.

Better look up the ad. "A \$1 Stamp Free" on page 14, bottom first column.

10 var. unused Phil. Is. cat. 29¢ for 5¢.

*Mexico, No. 162, cat. 15¢....3¢.

Curacao, No. 36, cat. 8¢.....2¢.

Hawaii, No. 39, cat. 5¢.....2¢.

5 varieties Newfoundland.....4¢

Experimental Paper.

The experimental paper Lincolns should prove good buys. There were only 1700 sheets made and many of these were used by the public. The blued paper is not being used at this time but we have been unable to learn if the experimental was a success. Our readers may have the Lincoln memorial on blued experimental paper, unused, at 10¢ each.

Coin Bargains.

We have many bargains in U. S. half-cents, large copper cents, eagle pennies, 2 cent pieces, 3¢ nickel, 3¢ silver, half-dimes, dimes and gold dollars. Write, if interested.

Permanent Prices.

Everything listed in THE STAMP NEWS from the first to the current number can be supplied except items listed on page 10, column 2.

6 different Labuan Postage Dues, used, pictorial, (stag, peacock, monkey, palm-tree, boat, etc.) for.....18¢

A very fine collection of Venezuela, 32 var., cat. \$2.75 for 44¢.

7 varieties Nyassaland (giraffes) used.....13¢.

Montenegro, unused, numbers 7 and 11, cat. 58¢,.....12¢

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No. 5.

THE INVERTED TWO CENT PAN-AMERICAN.

MR. J. S. DAVIS of Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, sat at breakfast. It was a balmy Spring morning, the latter part of April, 1901. He was reading the BROOKLYN EAGLE in a careless manner when his eye caught the head lines:

"GOVERNMENT ISSUES NEW STAMP."

Being an ex-collector, he read the article, which gave in detail, the particulars of the new stamps designed to advertise the Buffalo exposition.

He was still reading the story when the door bell rang and the postman, whom Mr. Davis knew well, handed him a letter.

"Say, Charley," said Mr. Davis, "I see the new stamp is out this morning. Will you bring me up a dollar's worth?"

On the next delivery the carrier brought 50 2¢ Pan-Americans, and after glancing at them hurriedly, Mr. Davis decided to use them for postage at the office,

being not over-enthused with their beauty.

The next morning Mr. Davis was surprised to have his stenographer say, "Look at these funny stamps, Mr. Davis. I never saw such queer ones."

Explaining briefly that they were a new issue, he went on working.

"Well, I think they are too funny for anything," continued the young lady. "Why did they put that engine up-side-down?"

"Huh? What's that?" gasped Davis, taking the sheet rather impolitely.

Lo and behold! The stamps were really inverted. When his breath came normally, Mr. Davis hurried to Nassau street with his find. But the dealers were not impressed deeply. If a sheet was discovered the first day, they thought, others would turn up. Mr. Krossa bought one at a dol-

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THE STAMP NEWS.

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SUBSCRIPTION, - - - 25 Cents Per Year.

Remit in stamps or M. O. N. Y. banks charge
 15c. exchange on checks. Postage 2c. extra on
 orders less than \$1.

LAST month we illustrated the difference in the various catalogs. Owing to the interest shown, we again show the prices on a group from the same country, Ecuador, Scott's numbers 516, 517, 518. This time we show that prices are nearly alike.

Gibbons.....	\$2.50.
Kohl.....	2.60.
Scott.....	2.50.
ROESSLER.....	.30.

No, it is not a typographical error. 30¢ is correct. And all nice postally used copies, too.

An Inside Tip.

Dealers as a rule refrain from giving "tips." To the contrary, we advise our readers that U. S. of Colombian stamps at current prices are good buys. The catalog makers have been at work on this country for over six months with the result that many specimens now listed at 1¢ to 10¢ will be raised ten-fold and more.

4 Persia, unused, cat. 19¢ 3¢

Approval Selections.

Customers will kindly note that we have sufficient custom for our approval department and regret we cannot accept orders at this time for approvals.

Sample Copies.

We do not send free samples of the STAMP NEWS more than once. If it isn't worth 25¢ per year with a premium, we argue, then nothing we can offer will interest you.

This Month's Premium

is an unused foreign post card. Each subscriber gets a small gift every month. Do you know of any other paper as generous?

The Green Special.

Our buying price for used copies of the special delivery has been increased to 2¢ each. We can use any quantity.

\$1.00 Stamp Free.

We continue our offer of a stamp cataloged at \$1.00 for a year's subscription to the STAMP NEWS.

\$2.50 Premium.

On the next 20 orders for stamps amounting to \$5. we will give a stamp cataloged by Scott at \$2.50. Liberal, isn't it?

Nicaragua.

* unused.

Cat. No.	Cat. price.	Our price.
* 4.....	25¢.....	\$.08
10.....	18¢.....	.06
76.....	12¢.....	.03
*147.....	25¢.....	.08
*155.....	20¢.....	.06
156.....	25¢.....	.07
157.....	50¢.....	.15
158.....	60¢.....	.18
*163.....	35¢.....	.12
177.....	50¢.....	.16
195.....	15¢.....	.05
196.....	15¢.....	.05
197.....	40¢.....	.14
215.....	10¢.....	.03
216.....	10¢.....	.03
366.....	25¢.....	.07
*581.....	08¢.....	.03
*582.....	12¢.....	.04
*583.....	15¢.....	.05
*584.....	20¢.....	.07

We have just received some new provisionals, viz. 10¢ on 2 peso green, and 10¢ on 5 peso violet. Not listed. Our price, 25¢ for the pair. Supply limited.

New Catalog Soon.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Company promises early delivery of the 1910 catalog. Orders sent to us (60¢ postfree) will be sent day received and, if requested, we will use an odd stamp as postage.

Nicaragua officials, 6 var.,
cat. 76¢.....10¢

South Americans.

Everywhere is shown evidence of the increased values of South and Central American stamps. The latest circular of the Scott company shows that the wise collector is doing well by investing in the Southern Republics.

Imperforates.

2¢ Lincoln, block of 4,	\$.10
2¢ Alaska, block of 4, .....	.10
1¢ to 5¢ current issue, blocks of 4, .....	.72
2¢ Canada, block of 4, .....	.10

All unused mint copies. Pairs same rate.

1898 Revenues.

No. 3038, cat. 15¢.....	\$.03
No. 3046, cat. 15¢.....	\$.03
No. 3049, cat. 75¢, (cut)....	\$.15
No. 3055, cat. 20¢.....	\$.04

A Choice Lot.

Elsewhere we present a list of Nicaragua, of which we have a complete stock, at prices which should appeal. The prices on this country are ever advancing and we believe the next catalog will show startling changes. Collectors interested in other varieties would do well to send want lists.

Zanzibar, number 38, cat. 12¢, mint,.....	\$.04
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☛ Don't forget, please, to include 2¢ for postage.

The Inverted Two Cent Pan-American.

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lar, merely to have a freak. Mr. Tuttle bought two at one dollar each. Mr. Burger, of Burger Bros., took a block of four on approval. He priced it at \$10., but finding no buyer, returned it within a few days.

Mr. Davis was disappointed.

A week elapsed and then came the rush. Dealers and collectors flocked to the Brooklyn address and as each stamp was passed out the price increased.

Mr. Davis even sold those copies which had been on envelopes (about ten). The last one of the 50 was an ungummed specimen. It brought \$50. There are 40 mint copies known and they are worth \$250. each. Mr. Davis' investment of \$1. netted \$1,250.

Used Canal Zones.

We note an ad of a prominent American dealer in a Canal Zone paper offering to buy used Canal Zone stamps, any kind, at 90¢ per 100. If the actual scarcity of used specimens were known there would be a scramble for C. Z's. The issues have a comparatively short life, and few dealer's stocks we have seen contain enough to mention. Buy used Canal Zones.

Brickbats & Bouquets.

"Want to say THE STAMP NEWS contains the greatest bargains I ever saw." — H. I. B.

"I have been collecting for some years but never heard of such low prices as yours. I paid \$1.20 for the imperf's. you sell at 72¢." — J. L. S.

"Your so-called 'News' is fierce." — K. L. S.

"Your little paper is O. K." — P. K. S.

"I cannot see how you can afford to give a dollar stamp free with a subscription netting you only 25¢. Most collectors would give more than that for the stamp itself, not to speak of the premiums given each month." — F. F. O'N.

"My gracious, Mr. Roessler, are you a philanthropist?" — C. E.

"Very cheap stamps, but little news of value." — O. C. F.

"Am tickled to death with my investment of a quarter for your paper. It is interesting." — E.K.

"Leave out the notes and give us more bargains." — Miss M. C. B.

"I like to take your prices and compare them with other dealers. It surely makes the other fellows look like highway robbers." — J. A. W.

"Your prices on some articles are excessively high." — R. R. K.

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Blued Paper.

The Lincoln on blued paper is getting scarce. We advised readers to buy at 10¢ each. Our advise still holds.

It seems the department has not been satisfied with the paper being used. The cancellation marks were easily removed. An appeal was made to the department of agriculture and the chemists, after several months experimenting, produced a paper of a bluish tint.

Instead of using all wood pulp, a mixture of 35% rag and 65% wood was tried. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing issued 1700 sheets of the Lincoln memorial stamp which were given out at the general postoffice in Washington. No other city was supplied. Very few were allowed to get into circulation. Speculators and dealers bought up practically the entire lot. The 1909 1¢ and 2¢ values were also issued on the blued paper. Their future value depends on the decision of Postmaster General Hitchcock, who is now on a vacation. If he ap-

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Standard Catalogue.

The Scott Stamp and Coin Company has sent us the following:

“The preparation of the 1910 edition of our Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue is well advanced, and we expect to issue the book much earlier than usual this year indications in the printing office, at the time this is written, being that the book will be ready very early in October. The catalogue has been thoroughly revised, particularly as to prices, thousands of quotations having been changed this year in accordance with the tendency of the market, by far the great majority of price changes being in an upward direction.

It is with some regret that we announce that the constantly increasing cost of the preparation of this book of over 800 pages has forced us this year, to raise the price in cloth binding, to 65¢ over the counter and 75¢ by mail. For the benefit of our friends, who still desire the catalogue as cheap as possible, we shall also furnish the book, bound in paper, at the old price of 50¢ over the counter or 60¢ by mail.”

Brickbats & Bouquets.

A. C. Roessler's 'STAMP NEWS' is a small paper of only four pages, serving Mr. Roessler of New York for advertising, but it is well enough fitted with news and items of interest to make it readable." — R. R. Thiele in "The West."

"Am kicking myself for not finding the STAMP NEWS sooner." — W. C. P.

"I expected a great deal of the S. & C. Am. Mixture, I was not disappointed." — S. E.

"I am simply in love with you as a stamp dealer. I shall always congratulate myself upon the day that I first saw your ad. in 'Redfield's.'" — A. L.

"Discontinue my sub. as I find your sheet valueless." — B. W. F.

U. S. Departments.

For a limited time we will sell the above in mixed lots, cataloging \$3.00 for \$1.00. In other words, one-third catalog value, but orders under \$1.00 respectfully declined. First orders will get Navy, Justice, Treasury, War, State, Interior, P. O. and Agriculture. All good copies, perforated 4 sides, clean, etc. Money back if not entirely satisfactory.

6 var. Venezuela, unused, cat. 36¢, 4¢.

Our Leader.

During the past month we have made up a packet which we know will please our customers. It contains 100 varieties of South and Central American stamps selected from our stock books of recent issues. Every stamp is perfect and if bought singly would cost 2¢ each or more. Many of the stamps are unobtainable from other dealers as our imports enable us to get specimens in advance, frequently, of the chroniclers.

Our price for 100 different is 60¢ and if you do not believe it to be "a great big bargain," return to us at once and we will remit 60¢ plus your postage expenses. That shows our confidence, doesn't it?

\$2.50 Stamp Free.

Until October 15 we will give a stamp cataloged by Scott at \$2.50 to anyone sending 25¢ for a year's subscription to THE STAMP NEWS.

Get three friends to subscribe, send us 75¢ and we will send each the \$2.50 stamp and give you, as a token of our appreciation, a block of 4 of the same stamp. \$10. cat. value for a moment's work. And don't forget to tell your friends they will get a premium free each month.

You cannot collect without a catalog. Why not let us book your order?

1909 Test Paper.

We are selling the Lincoln on blued paper, fine mint copies for 10¢. Same, with one straight edge, 5¢. The regular issue, unused, 1¢ for 3¢; 2¢ for 4¢; blocks same rate. Very few dealers have the blued paper in stock and we suggest an order immediately. Our price will be positively increased next month as our information comes from no mean authority.

A Communication.

The following "brickbat" was evidently aimed at our head, but we gracefully ducked and pass it up to our contemporaries:

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Our next number will have something of importance about hinges if a certain deal goes through. We also plan a complete list of all goods in stock with revised prices, showing the new catalog changes.

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Wanted.

The 13¢ 1902, (Harrison) is in demand in Europe. Two correspondents have asked us to obtain any quantity at 60¢ per 100. Readers wishing to sell please communicate at once.

Postage Extra.

Many dealers advertise postage free. The mailing charges are, of course, added to the selling price, so that a person ordering 10 items pays 18¢ more than the actual price. By asking 2¢ extra on each order, we are able to figure goods at the lowest possible price, and this is one secret of our astonishing prices.

7 Bolivia, used, cat. 33¢ (the 1894 issue complete) 5¢.

1898 U. S. Revenue, 80¢ bistre, uncut, very scarce, at the wholesale price, 8¢.

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TWO English lords had a debate. One claimed that he could go on London Bridge and offer genuine gold guineas for half price and no one would buy. Accordingly, the wager was made. The lord went forth and with a neat card around his neck and a box of gold pieces before him, offered the money at half face. The story runs that the populace jeered and hooted, but refused to buy.

Last month we listed a certain stamp at half its face value. We were not emulating the member of England's nobility. It was a fault in our figures. The stamp in question is good for postage and could be sold in a stamp brokerage office at 90¢ on the dollar. All our offers of last month hold good, even the one mentioned herein, but it would be unfair to ourselves to point it out. Of all the items listed last month this was the poorest seller, and proves that goods may be marked too low.

Christmas Number.

The next issue of **THE STAMP NEWS** will be the Christmas issue. We plan to have 12 pages and believe our subscribers will find many items of interest. The next story of "Stamp Finds" will be published and we shall also endeavor to have short stories from some of the most prominent philatelists. It should prove a good number. If you have collecting friends, we will gladly mail samples.

High-water Mark.

Business during the past 30 days has been brisk. Our mail has been doubled, and if there has been a delay of a day or two, we ask our readers to be lenient. We have discontinued advertising in the stamp papers, as at this time we have all the trade we can handle. Our thanks are due to our customers.

Premium.

Subscribers will find enclosed a copy of the 10¢ Nicaragua in the new color. The revolution now in progress will lend an added attraction to this country. We have nearly everything in "Nics." What do you need? It will be cheap.

Canada, No. 16, 10¢ red lilac,
 cat. 65¢, . . . 20¢.

The New Catalog.

Scott's 1910 catalog was sent out October 16, and our lot was probably the first to leave the city. We sent out 74 before 11 o'clock and believe we beat the record. The paper bound books are flimsy and poorly bound. We advise collectors not to buy it as a month's wear will cause it to fall apart. As the catalog is an absolute necessity we have decided to make the following

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Send 75¢ (the price of the cloth bound book) and we will send a year's subscription to THE STAMP NEWS, including the 12 monthly premiums and Scott's cloth bound catalog. The paper will be sent to any address and need not go to the person ordering catalog. This makes the catalog cost 50¢.

Newfoundland.

During the past six weeks we have sold thousands of this popular mixture. In looking over our foreign wholesale lists we fail to find one concern offering even the commonest variety for less than 50¢ per 100. Recently we have made arrangements to get our mixture at a lower rate, and in turn, have reduced our price to 32¢ per 100. The 50¢ mixture will run from 6 to 10 varieties, the 32¢ assortment about 4 or 5 varieties. Both are worth the money.

Imported Hinges.

As mentioned in our last number, we have been planning the purchase of a lot of fine hinges. It is our pleasure to announce that we are now able to give our readers the best peelable hinge we have ever seen. In order to get the lowest possible price it was necessary to buy an enormous quantity. The duty on the shipment amounted to \$42.20.

The hinges are put up in a neat enameled tin box (air-tight), each box containing 4 bundles, of 250 hinges of good tough paper, doubly gummed and thus easily peelable. We guarantee satisfaction. Price, postage free, 12¢ per box. If not entirely satisfactory, price, plus postage charges, will be refunded. Must be good or we couldn't afford to make that proposition, eh?

Bolivar.

Have just bought a small stock of this country and will offer the following at prices which will compel you to purchase.

No. 11A and 19A, unused, in blocks of 4, cat. \$2.00.....27¢.

Pairs, same rate.

No. 35 and 36, unused, the 5 peso and 10 peso, cat. \$4.50, very scarce, our price,.....90¢.

No. 11, 12, 13 and 14, fine, unused, the 1879 set complete, cat. at 62¢.....18¢.

Mission Mixture.

Many dealers in describing mission mixtures tell of the wonderful things Mr. Jones or Mr. Brown of Oshkosh or Painted Post found in a pound. Quite often the amazed purchaser added 12,000 varieties to his collection of 20,000 different. We claim nothing for our pound lot except that 52¢ per pound postfree is a very low price.

Mint Canada.

½¢ numeral, cat. 2¢	.....	1¢
½¢ maple leaves, cat. 2¢	.....	1¢
2¢ purple, maple leaves, cat. 6¢	3¢	
2¢ map, cat. 6¢	.....	3¢
2¢ rose, numeral, cat. 5¢	.....	3¢
2¢ on 3¢ maple leaves, cat. 6¢	..	3¢
2¢ purple, numeral, cat. 8¢	....	4¢
3¢ rose, numeral, cat. 8¢	.....	4¢
6¢ brown, maple leaves, cat.		
	25¢	..12¢
8¢ orange, numeral, cat. 18¢	...	9¢
15¢ gray, cat. 50¢	.....	20¢

Philatelic Directory.

Mr. John R. Crawford, 5 Court Street, Auburn, N. Y., wishes us to say that he intends to publish a philatelic directory of the world, and requests the names of collectors and dealers. Publishers of stamp papers are also asked to send copies of their publications.

POSTAGE 2¢ EXTRA on all orders.

Lincoln on Blued.

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stamps on blue paper. Stanley Gibbons, New York City."

"Tendency is upward on the Lincoln Blue. Metropolitan Stamp Co., N. Y. City."

"I have no Lincoln or any other stamps on blue paper. I have paid little attention to these recent varieties and therefore am not in a position to say whether the prices will increase or not. It depends on the supply and demand. C. F. Rothfuchs, Roxbury, Mass."

"We can supply a few blocks of Lincoln on blued paper at 10¢ per stamps. Likely price will increase. Bogert & Durbin, Phila., Pa."

"Regret to say that we have not these stamps in stock. C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo."

"I consider them an excellent investment. L. W. Charlat, N. Y. City."

We will continue our price of 10¢ per stamp for one month more. Any size block will be supplied.

Cuba, 50¢ black and gray, very scarce and lacking in many collections.....14¢