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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

All communications for this department must be addressed to J. M. CHUTE, care STATION A, BOSTON, MASS.

NOTES FOR COLLECTORS.

AUSTRIA.

The first series of stamps for Austria was issued on the 1st of June, 1850. The design was the well-known "Arms in Shield," and the values and colors present the following varieties: 1 kreuzer, ochre, to orange yellow and bright yellow. 2 k. intense black. 3 k. bright vermillion, to scarlet and brick red. 5 k. red brown to umber brown. 9 k., Prussian blue to sky blue and dull light blue. The series continued in use during a period of upward of eight years, and was replaced, in 1858, by the second general issue, with the portrait of the Emperor to the left. The issue is printed on white wove paper, thickly covered with adhesive matter, and is classified as follows: 2 k., Naples yellow, chrome yellow, and orange. 3 k., black. 4 k., green. 5 k., vermillion and brick red. 10 k., umber brown and reddish brown. 15 k., Prussian blue and light blue.

On the 1st of January, 1861, the foregoing were replaced by a third series, with the head of the Emperor to the right, colors and values as follows: 2 k., yellow. 3 k., green. 5 k., red. 10 k., brown. 15 k., blue. The series is printed on white wove paper, with shades of color in all the values.



On the 1st of July, 1863, the third series was superseded by one bearing the double-headed eagle of Austria, the values and colors being as follows: 2 k., Naples yellow to orange yellow. 3 k., sea green and yellow green. 5 k., pale and dark rose. 10 k., Prussian blue and light blue. 15 k., reddish brown and cinnamon.

The fifth series, which is still in use, was issued on the 1st of June, 1867, at Pesth, on the coronation of the Emperor as King of Hungary. The values are the same as in the preceding series, with the addition of two higher values—25 k., violet, and 50 k., flesh.

JOURNAL STAMPS.—The first issue of Austrian journal stamps appeared in 1851, and are known as the "Mercury" stamps. Authentic and original copies of the two higher values—the yellow and the rose—are so scarce that it is impossible to state whether any or what varieties exist. The variations in shade among the blue stamps are considerable, passing through every gradation from light gray blue to full blue. The yellow Mercury was superseded, on the 21st of March, 1856, by a scarlet stamp of the same type, the rose having been suppressed previously. In 1858 the stamps with the head of the Emperor to the left were omitted, and they, in turn, were replaced by the gray and lavender stamps, with head to right. In 1861, the lavender stamp, with the double-headed eagle, was issued in 1863, and remained current until replaced by the present journal stamp, with the head of Mercury, in 1867. The messenger of the gods seems to have grown very grim in the short space of nine years, and to have exchanged his winged helmet for something very like an iron pot.

THE STAMPS OF REUNION ISLE.



The creation of these extremely rare stamps was authorized by a decree of the governor of the island, M. Doret, dated the 10th of December, 1851. The stamps were composed of typographical designs, and each sheet contained six impressions. Only one supply was ever printed, and that consisted of 7,500 stamps of each value. Their circulation commenced on the 1st of January, 1852, and ceased on the 1st of January, 1860. No special postmark for their obliteration ever existed, and the few known specimens are cancelled by the stroke of the pen. There were two values—15 and 20 centimes, printed in black, on pale blue-tinted paper.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

[Under this heading we shall endeavor to do our best in answering all queries relating to stamp-collecting. Correspondents sending specimens for inspection and return, are requested to enclose a stamp-directed envelope.]

H. H. L., Toledo.—All your St. Helenas are forged. The other stamps appear to be genuine.

J. M. F., Philadelphia.—The first post-office in the United States was started in Boston, by Richard Fairbanks, in 1639. Letter-boxes on lamp-posts, etc., were established in 1860. The Money Order system in the United States, was established by Act of Congress, 17th of May, 1864.

A. B. D., Rochester.—It is generally conceded that Julius Caesar began the custom of folding the sheet, as we fold our note paper, and writing in pages.

"ALPHA," Chicago.—You can get the stamps you mention of J. M. Chute & Co., dealers in stamps, Boston, Mass. Send for illustrated price-list.

M. S., Mobile.—This correspondent has an English embossed penny envelope-stamp, on threaded paper, dated 1860, and inquires how the employment of threaded paper at that time can be explained. The post-office discontinued using it in 1855, and the only explanation we can suggest is, that a small remnant of this paper was found, and worked off in 1860.

E. B. S., St. Paul.—The stamps of Canada are now used in British Columbia. The emissions of the latter colony are, consequently, obsolete.

NOVICE, Rochester.—Your stamps, Nos. 1, 4, 7, 8, and 13 to 19, are forgeries; the rest are genuine.

S. R. D., Portland.—The foreign postal service of Turkey is entirely in the hands of other nations. The British, French, Russians, Austrians, Germans, Italians, Greeks, and Egyptians, have post-offices of their own at Constantinople, and through these various offices all the foreign postal matter is sent abroad, or received and distributed.

C. M. J., Scranton.—The only Austrian locals meriting the name, are the stamps of the Danubian Steam Navigation Company, which it has always been understood are in *bona fide* use.

W. H. D., Cambridge.—We believe the penny post referred to in the *Tatler* of 1709, was a local service for London.

J. M., Salem.—Your stamp is an Austrian commercial. The square stamp, with winged head of Mercury and inscription "K. G. L. POST F. R. M." is a Danish essay.

G. L., Paris.—Nous regrettons d'être forcés de remettre vos articles au mois prochain.

G. H. P., Providence.—The telegraph was first introduced into England, by private parties, in 1792. It became an official department of the English Post-office, December 6, 1838.

"COLLECTOR," Reading.—The Brazil, with large Roman figure, was issued in 1843.

sells only, at the Department in Washington. All Department stamps have the word SPECIMEN across the face.

SAMBO astonished a Kentucky postmaster, the other day, by enquiring for "stamped antelopes."

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.



SPAIN.—We have before us copies of the recently issued "return letter" stamp. It is printed in black on bluish paper. An illustration of it is annexed herewith. The 5 centimos (*impuesto de guerra*) is now printed in yellow green.

GRENADE.—The six-penny adhesives are now printed in a rich deep orange.



FRANCE.—Several designs have been submitted to the Minister of Finance as essays for the proposed new set of stamps. One of them has been accepted, and the new issue may be now in active use. We annex a copy of one of the designs submitted, which represents Peace and Commerce reclining on a globe.

GOLD COAST.—This colony has already issued three stamps; but it may be presumed that the requirements of the Gold Coast are the same with those of Lagos or Sierra Leone, and that more will soon be issued.

JAPAN.—A correspondent has sent us a set of four envelopes, printed in the following colors: 1 sen, very dark blue (small); 2 sen, orange-yellow (note size); 4 sen, brick-red (little size); and 6 sen, pale lilac (official size).

UNITED STATES.—A design for a three-cent stamped envelope, to be used during the Centennial Exhibition, has finally been selected by the Post-office Department. It will be represented by a shield, having at the top and bottom the dates 1776 and 1876, respectively. Within a scroll beneath the upper figures, will appear the words, "U. S. POSTAGE," and at the lower portion of the shield, also within a scroll, the words, "THREE CENTS." Upon the face of the shield and beneath the upper scroll-work, is a representation of a post-boy at full speed upon a groundwork of telegraph poles and wires, and on the lower portion of the shield appears an engine and postal car.

CUBA.—Stamps for the current year have been issued, bearing the portrait of Alfonso: 12 1/2, 25, and 50 c., de peseta, and 1 peseta.

TURKEY.—This country is soon to have postal cards. Provisional cards are already in use, having a 10 or 20 para adhesive affixed on the upper right hand corner.

ROUMANIA.—A complete series of envelopes are said to be in preparation for this country.

JAPAN.—The large 10, 20 and 30 sen, have been issued in small form, to make them uniform with the other values of the set. The 20 sen, now appears in vermilion.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE ISLANDS.—A 40 reis, blue, type of the current set, is announced.

JAMAICA.—The recently issued 2 and 5 shilling stamps printed in red-brown and lilac, respectively. Both values are watermarked cc. and crown.

URUGUAY.—The new post-card is in active service. We shall give a description of it soon.

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A. H. B., St. Louis.—The Paraguayan stamp with lion and liberty cap, inscribed "RE DEL PARAGUAY," is an essay which appeared some years ago. It was really submitted to the government, but never officially issued. The wood block is in the possession of the editor of the *Buenos Ayres Standard*, and impressions from it were given in that paper in 1871.

T. W. Philadelphia.—In reply to your query we refer you to quote from the *Coin and Currency*, Vol. 1, find among the definitions of the Greek word *phila*, the following, viz.: "In the plural to love, a business or occupation; Eachyl, Cleophr, 756, that which is paid or expended; hence a tribute, tax, toll or contribution." Clearly a postage or revenue stamp is a tax or tribute to the government. Among the definitions of the Greek adjective *phileos*, *phileos philotatatos*, Herodotus 2, 154, (*phila* in the sense of *phileos*) to contract a friendship with any one. Hence *phila* may be defined love or affection. Putting the two together, we have *Philatelia*, which evidently signifies a love of taxes, or substituting the means for the effect, a love or fondness for stamps. If any of our readers can do any better, our column is open to them.

P. B. R., Plainfield.—Hong Kong has never issued but one set of postals, although there are several varieties of color. The values are 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, 30, 48 and 96 cents. Your La Guairola stamps are counterfeit, as are also the Parmas.

G. L. P., St. Paul.—"The United States Postal Guide" is compiled and published under a contract made by the Postmaster-General, in pursuance of an Act of Congress approved June 23, 1874. It is issued quarterly, and you can procure it through your postmaster. You will find it very handy.

C. C. W., New Orleans.—All Zurich stamps with the figures 1843 in the corners are bogus. The Dominican stamps were issued in 1874, as follows: 1 penny lavender; 6 pence, green; 1 shilling, rose. We will give you \$10 for a genuine Baton Rouge stamp upon the original envelope. Your Buenos Ayres stamps are poor imitations. We have sent you circulars and price-lists by mail.

J. H. B., Chicago.—All the stamp cuts used in this paper are the property of J. M. CHUTE.

A. A. E., Elmira.—The very best stamp catalogue yet published is the "Stamp Collector's Hand Book," by E. L. Pemberton. The number of stamps in a collection forms no guide to its real worth, which depends on the genuineness, rarity, and condition of the specimens. The first series for the French Empire was issued, unperforated, in 1853-4.

NOTE.—We are almost daily in receipt of letters the postage of which is insufficiently paid. When our correspondents are in doubt regarding postage, they would do well to recollect the old adage: "Two heads are better than one."

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

ANTIOQUIA.—This Colombian State has issued four new values: 1 centavo, black; 2 1/2 c., blue; 5 c., green; 10 c., lilac. The 5 c. bears a profile of Liberty, and the 10 c., a three-quarter face of some individual with an enormous nose. It will be observed that these two values are totally unlike any previous type of the Colombian States.

URUGUAY.—The new post-card is printed in maroon on yellowish, olive and rose-gray, for simple correspondence, and in maroon on pale olive and deep buff, for reply cards. Within a frame composed of double serpentine lines, are found above, the words "TARJETA CORRESPONDENCIA;" and beneath: lower down "CORRESPONDENCIA" in a curve. In the reply card, the words "CONFESTACION PAGADA" replaces the word "CORRESPONDENCIA."

BRITISH GUIANA.—De La Rue & Co., of London, we are informed, have the contract for the manufacture of an entire new series of stamps for this colony. We are pleased to state that the "ship" will still be retained as the central device.

NOTES FOR COLLECTORS.

AUSTRIAN ITALY.

At the same time that the Austrian Empire created a series of stamps for home use, a series was also created for those parts of the empire where the accounts were kept in *lire* and *centesimi*, as also for the use of the foreign branches. The first series appeared on the 1st of June, 1856, the type being identical with that of the stamps of the first series for Austria proper, save in the enunciation of the value.

The values and colors are as follows: 5 centes, orange-yellow to chrome-yellow (shades); 10 c., intense black; 15 c., vermilion (shades); 30 c., brown (shades); 45 c., Prussian blue, light dull blue. The series was printed on both hand-made and wove white paper, varying in thickness. The second series was issued November 1, 1858, printed on white wove paper, perforated. Type same as the corresponding values in the

second Austrian series. 2 soldi, Naples-yellow, chrome-yellow; 3 s., intense black; 5 s., vermilion, brick red; 10 s., brown (shades); 15 s., blue (shades). Of these values only the 5 and 10 s., were actually used. The 2, 3 and 15 s. are said to have been got ready for service, but not being required, they remained in store until they were exhausted to satisfy the wants of collectors. The three values are thus deprived of what little value they possessed, and their collection becomes a matter of choice.

The third series was issued July 1, 1863, but does not call for special notice. Although resembling the Austrian series of the same date, it is not quite identical therewith, as the oval margin outside the inscription is wider. The values and colors are: 2 soldi, yellow (shades); 3 s., green (shades); 5 s., rose (shades); 10 s., blue (shades); 15 s., brown (shades).

The fourth series was issued simultaneously with the Austrian *kronens* in 1867, and are used only in the Austrian branch post-offices in foreign towns, which are scattered over Roumania, Turkey and Egypt. The values and colors are the same as the Austrian *kronens* stamps of the same issue; in fact, the only difference between the two sets is the maintenance of the "soldi" denominations. The envelopes require no comment further than that they closely resemble the issue of Austria proper, and that recent copies of the first series are very difficult to obtain.

POST CARDS.—A 4 soldi post-card was issued in 1873, bearing the arms of Austria, and the inscription, "CARTE DA CORRISPONDENZA" and "INDIRIZZO." The color of the stamp is pale pink. This card was replaced by a 5 soldi, pale and bright red, in 1875, and is similar to the first mentioned variety. It is reported that Austria is about to adopt the mark and penny currency, so that we may expect an entire new series for the various divisions of the empire.

FOREIGN NAMES OF COUNTRIES TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH.—Young collectors are often puzzled to find out to what countries a stamp belongs. Below we give the English translation of several countries, presenting such only as we think generally needed.

ACORES, Azores.	BAYERN, Bavaria.
BELGIQUE, Belgium.	ULTRA MAR, for Cuba, etc.
DANMARK, Denmark.	EG, Greece.
NETHERLAND, Holland.	ISLAND, Iceland.
ESTENSI, Modena.	NORGE, Norway.
PARMESSI, Parma.	SACHSEN, Saxony.
SICILIA, Sicily.	ESPANA, Spain.
SVERRIQ, Sweden.	HELVETIA, Switzerland.
TOSCANA, Tuscany.	NAPOLETANA, Naples.
NOIDDEUTSCHER POSTBEZIRK, North German Confederation.	
BRAUNSCHWEIG, Brunswick.	
NED. INDIES, Dutch Indies.	
FRANC. OF FRANCAIS, France.	
THURN AND TAXIS, Old Germany.	
ESTADOS UNIS DE NUEVA GRANADA, or E. U. DE COLOMBIA, Colombia.	
IONIKON KPATOC, Ionian Islands.	
ITALIANE, OF ITALIANO, Italy.	
ORANJE STAAT, Orange State.	
INDIA PORT, Portuguese Indies.	
DEUTSCHE REICH-POST, German Empire.	

THE EARLY PHILIPPINE ISLANDS OR LUZON STAMPS.—As information is so continually being asked for, concerning the stamps of these islands, we have no doubt that this list, compiled by a celebrated English philatelist, will be found very useful for reference. We have included all the varieties from 1854 to 1870; with the subsequent issues our readers are probably well acquainted.

ISSUE OF 1854-55.—Diademed head of Queen to right, in beaded double oval; "CORREOS 1854-55" below, "FRANCO" and value at top.

1 fl. ste, deep indigo, pale purple. Variety, lettered "CORREOS" instead of "CORREOS."—1 fl. ste. (2) "CORREOS 1854-55" above, "FRANCO" and value below.—5 cuartos, orange-red; 10 cuartos, deep carmine, pale rose (same as annexed copy). (3) Head as above, in dotted double circle, crown has crosses, "CORREOS 1854-55" above, "FRANCO" with value below.—5 cuartos, red; 10 cuartos, lilac.

ISSUE OF 1859.—Head with wreath in beaded circle to the right, "CORREOS INTERIOR" above, "FRANCO" with value below, hair with two tappings, hair neither touching the wreath or parting of the hair; no dot after "CORREOS."—5 cuartos, orange-red, vermilion; 10 cuartos, rosy pink. The 10 c. was used until 1864.

ISSUE OF 1861.—Head as above, hair touches the wreath and parting; a large dot after "CORREOS."—5 cuartos, vermilion.

ISSUE OF 1863.—General design as above, but head different, hair with one taping, one dot after "CORREOS," and two after value.—5 cuartos, vermilion. This is the commonest Luzon.

ISSUE OF 1864.—Similar to above, two dots after "CORREOS," and one after value.—5 cuartos, vermilion; 10 cuartos, carmine; 1 real, dark violet; 2 reales, blue. The 10 cuartos, 1 and 2 reales, though engraved, do not seem to have been sent out to Luzon.

ISSUE OF 1864.—Design same as 1860 Spain, but a coarse lithograph, and different in detail and size.—1 real plata f., blue green. Same as above, but wider.—1 real plata f., pale green.

ISSUE OF 1865.—Design as 1864 Spain, but not dated.—3 1/8 cent PO. FE., black on buff; 6 1/8 cent PO. FE., green on lilac; 12 1/8 cent PO. FE., blue on flesh; 25 cent PO. FE., vermilion on flesh.

ISSUE OF 1867.—Same as 1865, but surcharged with the letters "H. P. N."

ISSUE OF 1870.—Head of Liberty.—5 cents de esc., blue; 10 cents de esc., green; 20 cents de esc., bistre; 40 cents de esc., rose. Many of the earliest Luzons are found with the surcharged "H. P. N."

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T. N. W., St. Paul.—The genuine penny express stamps, 1 and 2 dollar values, have always a break in the semi-circle which encloses the numeral. The dove or carrier-pigeon shown on the Swiss envelopes is merely symbolical of the rapidity of postal communications.

J. R. L., Saratoga.—The English penny adhesives appeared with letters at each angle, in June, 1864. The stamp known as the "V. R." is exactly like the black penny, letters excepted.

D. E. G., New York City.—The collection of different styles of water-mark, perforation, etc., and minute shades of color, must be left to individual choice.

E. R. W., Charleston.—The British Columbian set is valuable, the stamps being high priced. All your stamps are genuine.

G. O. P., Philadelphia.—The earliest stamps issued on the American continent, were the large Brazilians, which appeared in July, 1842.

A. S. A., Helena.—The letters "U. S. P. O. D." signifies United States Post-Office Department. Your Nova Scotia 3 d., is discolored.

I. C. V., Trenton.—Your Venezuelas came out in 1874.

THE MAIL CARRIER.

WHO carries the mail from Ostragon-nosh, away up on the Minnesota line, to the nearest frontier settlement in Dakota? Why Boss, a mongrel kind of dog, an apparent ultimate result of the mingling of every kind of dog found in the Territory. Boss' master, a year ago, was a drunken half-breed who was paid three dollars a trip in summer, and five dollars in winter, for taking the mails a distance of some sixty miles. Boss' master was honest, and never pilfered, a letter, but he had a way of drinking on the road, and the mails were often delayed. Last January the mail carrier never reached his destination, but was found frozen stiff in a snow-bank, three miles beyond Jobley's Run. Boss was keeping guard over his master and the mail. Now Boss runs the machine in bad weather. All that has to be done is to take Boss and secure the letters round his neck in an oil-skin wrap, and away goes Boss to the end of the mail route on the biggest kind of a lode. There is no use of starving Boss, like people do pigeons, to get him to work, though he does expect a feed at the conclusion of his journey. No one as yet is intriguing for Boss' place. Sixty-two miles as the crow flies, carrying the mail through the snow, is not a position most office-seekers care for.

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REFERENCE LIST FOR BEGINNERS.

[Under this heading we shall give, from week to week, in alphabetical order, a complete list of all the stamps issued in the world. Collectors would do well to preserve each number, as this list will be found very handy for reference.]



ALSACE AND LORRAINE.—Same as annexed copy. —1 centime, green; 2 c., brown; 4 c., gray; 5 c., green; 10 c., light brown; 20 c., blue; 25 c., dark brown. These stamps were issued in 1870-1, during the Franco-Prussian war, and are now obsolete. There are several shades of color, and varieties exist with the net-work turned upside down.



ANGOLA.—Issue of 1870; crown in circle; name above. —5 reis, black; 10 r., yellow; 20 r., bistre; 25 r., rose; 50 r., green; 100 r., violet. There are several well-marked shades of color.

ANTIGUA.—Issue of 1862-8. —1 penny, lake, vermilion, roared, browned, brick-red, and pale red; 6 pence, light green, dark green, bottle-green, ash-green, and blue-green.

INVISIBLE INK FOR POSTCARDS.—The main objection most people have to sending communications on postal-cards is that the writing is open to general perusal. A good way of avoiding this difficulty is to use sympathetic ink. A solution of ten grains of hyposulphate of soda in sixteen teaspoonfuls of water is the simplest fluid for the purpose. Use a perfectly clean pen, and after writing, go over the letters with a smooth paper-cutter, to remove all traces of the salt. Exposure to the heat turns the writing black.

LIST OF BRAZILIAN STAMPS.—This country, far distant from Europe as it is, was the second to follow the example of England in the adoption of postal stamps. A decree of Nov. 29, 1842, ordered the creation of stamps, and they were issued the following year. The three issues of native manufacture were engraved by Carlos d'Azevedo and Jose de Faria, the mint engravers, and printed at the National Treasury. The current issue, with the exception of the 300 reis, is from the atelier of the American Bank Note Co. All of the old issues are still current.

ISSUE OF 1843.—Large oval with figures of value. —20, 60 and 90 reis, black.

ISSUE OF 1844.—Small oblong, slanting figures. —10, 30, 60, 90, 150, 300 and 600 reis, black. The 150, 300 and 600 reis are very scarce.

ISSUE OF 1850.—Small oblong, upright figures. —10, 20, 30, 60, 90 and 180 reis, black; 250 r., vermilion; 300 r., black; 450 r., orange; 600 r., black.

ISSUE OF 1866.—Head of Don Pedro. —10 r., red; 20 r., lilac; 30 r., blue; 50 r., lilac; 100 r., green; 200 r., black; 500 r., orange.



ISSUE OF 1870.—Head of Don Pedro. —300 reis, green and orange. This latter value was prepared by the Continental Bank Note Co., and a supply sent out to Rio Janeiro, but they have been held in reserve, in order to exhaust the supply of the old 300 reis.

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.—ISSUE OF 1834. —Small oblong, upright figures. —10 reis and 30 reis, blue.

ENVELOPE STAMPS.—ISSUE OF 1868. —100 reis, green; 200 reis, black; 300 reis, red.

THE HEAD ON THE SPANISH STAMPS OF 1870-1.—Shortly after the fall of Isabella II. and the revolution of 1868, the provisional government consulted the Academy of History upon the choice of an allegorical representation of the country. A commission appointed by the Academy, proposed that the symbol of Spain should be a figure similar to those which are depicted on the Emperor Adrian's medals; that is to say, a matron, seated, with an olive branch in her right hand and a crown on her head, in token of the national sovereignty. This figure is represented at full length on some of the Spanish revenue stamps and coins, as also on the 1871 Cuba stamps. The head above forms the grotesque ornament on the Spanish issues of 1870 and 1871.

CUBA Y. I. 4.—In 1855-6 the city post was first established to convey letters from one part of Havana to another. This is called in Spanish, *Correo Ynterior*, and the postage for a single letter was then a quarter of a real. There being no stamps of this denomination, some of the two reals were surcharged for this purpose, the letter Y standing for the word *Ynterior*, and the fraction 1-4, for the postal value. This affords a satisfactory explanation, totally demolishing the universal acceptance by philatelists of the meaning of the surcharge as implying "and a quarter."

NOTES FOR COLLECTORS.

BADEN.

The first Baden series was issued on May 1, 1851, in pursuance of the German Postal Union Treaty of April 6, 1850.

ISSUE OF 1851.—Numerals of value, black impression on colored paper. —1 kreuzer, buff; 3 k., yellow; 6 k., green; 9 k., pink. Of the 3 k. there are two distinct shades—lilac and chrome-yellow; of the 6 k. there are two, viz., deep yellowish-green and clear light green. After the 1851 series had been in use about a couple of years, the colors of three of its component values were changed. The 1 k. being thenceforth printed on white, the 3 k. on green, and the 6 k. on yellow. In 1857 the color of the 3 k. was changed again from green to blue; and in the latter it is somewhat rarer, as the blue was a comparatively short time in circulation. No great expense or trouble is necessary to secure good used copies of all the Baden figure stamps, but a collector with plenty of money in his pocket, may wait a long time before he can obtain a set of clean 1851 originals. We come now to the issue of 1860, when the simple numeral was dropped for the more pretentious arms; and when, with the arms, perforation was introduced.

ISSUE OF 1860.—Lined background. —1 k., black; 3 k., blue; 6 k., yellow; 9 k., rose. In 1862 the lined background was erased, and a new set issued, as follows:

ISSUE OF 1862.—White ground. —1 k., black; 3 k., rose; 6 k., blue; 7 k., brown; 18 k., green; 30 k., yellow. There are several well-marked shades of the 3, 6 and 9 k., of which the two most opposite may be collected. In all the stamps of the arms series from 1860 to 1864, the word "POSTVERKIN" is found on the right hand side, and forms a reminder of the origin of the stamps. A new series was issued in 1868, which is characterized by its having the value indicated by the abbreviation "KR." instead of the full word, "KREUZER."

ISSUE OF 1868.—Fretwork on each side. —1 k., green; 3 k., rose; 7 k., blue. The stamps inscribed, "LAND-POST PORTO-MARKK"—1, 3 and 12 k.—were issued in 1862, and were used for letters carried by conveyance other than railways. There are two sets of Baden envelopes, the first of which appeared in 1858, as follows:

ISSUE OF 1858.—Profile of Duke to right. —3 k., blue; 6 k., yellow; 9 k., rose; 12 k., bistre; 15 k., red. The 12 and 15 k. can be had occasionally at a high price, but the 9 k. is exceedingly scarce. The second set of envelopes appeared in 1862, consisting of three values only, as follows:

ISSUE OF 1862.—Same design as 1858. —3 k., rose; 6 k., blue; 9 k., bistre. Both sets are impressed on white paper, and the latter is easily obtainable. All the envelopes of Baden were manufactured, or at least stamped, at Berlin. The Baden post-card was issued in 1870, having "RADISCHER POSTBEZUG CORRESPONDENZ KARTK" above, and the usual instructions in German, no stamp or arms. Printed black on buff.

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W. S. R. Chateaugay.—The 12 c. black, 1847, is worth \$1.25, unused, and 40 cents, used. There is no U. S. issue of 1843, the first issue appeared in 1847. Your Canada revenues were issued in 1860. They are worth about five cents each.

M. L. H. Mobile.—We presume the device on the stamps of the Argentine Confederation is intended to denote Concord; the hands of two individuals being united to hold forth the cap of liberty to full view in the sight of the sun. The stamps of Gambia are still in use.

C. H. E. Princeton.—Angola is a Portuguese colony on the west coast of Africa; Corrientes is a province of the Argentine Republic; Sarawak is in Borneo. The letters in the corners of the Sarawak stamps stand for Charles Brooks, Rajah of Sarawak.

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NO. 130.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

All communications for this department must be addressed to J. M. CHUTE, care STATION A, BOSTON, MASS.

NOTES FOR COLLECTORS.

BAVARIA.

Postage-stamps were introduced into Bavaria on the 1st of November, 1849. The first series, if we adopt the usual classification, should be arranged as follows: November 1, 1849. —1 kr., black; 3 kr., blue; 6 kr., brown. July 1, 1850. —1 kr., rose; 9 kr., yellow-green. July 19, 1854. —18 kr., yellow. June 22, 1858. —12 kr., red. The black 1 kr. was only in use eight months, and yet four varieties thereof are in existence—two principal ones, characterized by differences in the design; two secondary ones, distinguished by the presence or absence of a silk thread worked into the paper. The second series was formed simply from the values of the first, impressed in different colors, viz.: 1862. —1 kr., yellow; 3 kr., rose; 6 kr., blue; 9 kr., stone; 12 kr., green; 18 kr., red. All these stamps are common. The third series, with the Bavarian arms, appeared in 1867, and was formed of the following values: 1 kr., green; 3 kr., rose; 6 kr., blue; 9 kr., bistre; 12 kr., blue; 18 kr., red. In 1868 the 9 kr. was withdrawn, and its color given to the 6 kr., a new value, the 7 kr. being impressed in blue. All the values of this series were issued, perforated, in 1870. A stamp of the value of 1 mark was issued in 1874, the design being an enlarged copy of that of the other values. The current set of adhesives was issued on January 1, 1876, as follows: 3 pf., green; 5 pf., violet; 10 pf., red; 20 pf., blue; 25 pf., brown; 50 pf., gray.



We give an illustration of the 5 pf. The envelopes of Bavaria do not present any specially remarkable history, as they are all common. The varieties are as follows: Issue of 1869, arms in oval. —3 kr., rose. Issue of 1875, type of 1867, adhesive on fancy colored paper. —1 kr., green; 3 kr., rose. Issue of 1876. —5 pf., blue; 10 pf., red.

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.—Issue of 1863, figure in center. —3 kr., black. This stamp has a silk thread running through the paper. Issue of 1872, similar to above. —1 kr., black; 3 kr., black. Return letter stamps were issued in 1865-67 for Augsburg, Bamberg, Nürnberg, München, Speyer and Würzburg. They all bear the Bavarian arms and the inscription, "COMMISSION FÜR RETOURBRIEF," and are struck in black on white paper. In 1872, simple type set return stamps were issued for Regensburg, Nürnberg, Bamberg, Augsburg and Würzburg, struck in black on white paper. There are varieties of each. Postcards were introduced in 1870, of which there are numerous varieties, the principal being: 1 k., green on buff; 2 k., green on buff; 2 k., green on olive (double); 5 pf., blue; 5 pf., blue (double).

REFERENCE LIST FOR BEGINNERS.

[Under this heading we shall give, from week to week, in alphabetical order, a complete list of all the stamps issued in the world. Collectors would do well to preserve each number, as this list will be found very handy for reference.]

ANTIOQUA.—Issue of 1865, arms, etc., on white ground. —2 1/2 centavos, pale blue; 10 c., lilac.

Issue of 1867, similar to annexed copy. —5 c., green; 1 peso, pink.

Issue of 1869, similar to annexed copy. —2 1/2 c., blue; 5 c., green; 10 c., blue; 20 c., brown. A variety of the 5 c. exists with shaded, instead of solid figures, in the corners.



Issue of 1874, various designs. —1 c., green; 2 1/2 c., blue; 5 c., green; 10 c., violet; 20 c., brown; 50 c., blue; 1 peso, red; 2 pesos, yellow; 5 pesos, pink.

Issue of 1875 (See No. 127). —1 c., black; 2 1/2 c., blue; 5 c., green; 10 c., lilac.

ARGENTINE CONFEDERATION.—Issue of 1858, rising sun, etc. —5 centavos, red. Issue of 1861, similar design. —5 c., red; 10 c., green; 15 c., blue.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Issue of 1862, arms. —5 centavos, rose; 10 c., green; 15 c., blue. Issue of 1864, head in oval. —5 c., red; 10 c., green; 15 c., blue. Issue of 1867-73, various portraits. —1 c., purple; 4 c., brown; 5 c., red; 10 c., green; 15 c., blue; 20 c., yellow; 60 c., black; 90 c., blue. The 5 c. of the 1864 type was used provisionally in 1872.

THE BRATTLEBORO STAMP.—This very scarce stamp was one of the earliest official issues used in the United States. It was issued by Dr. Frederick N. Palmer, the postmaster of Brattleboro, in the latter part of 1836, and continued in use until the appearance of the government issue, the following year, when the remainder of the stock was burnt up. It was engraved on copper by Thomas Chubbuck of Brattleboro, the stamp being repeated ten times, making that number of varieties. There was printed 500 impressions of the plate, which would give 5,000 as the number of stamps printed.

THE ORIGIN OF POSTAGE STAMPS.—In a pamphlet, by M. Piron, published in Paris in 1833, we find that the idea of post-paid or stamped paper, originated early in the reign of Louis XIV., with M. De Vélary, who, in 1653, established a private penny-post, placing boxes at the corners of streets for the reception of letters wrapped up in envelopes, which were franked by bands or slips of paper tied around them, with the inscription: "Post-paid the 1 day of 1653 de 54." These slips were sold for a *son tape*, and could be procured at the palace, at the turn-tables of convents, and from the porters of colleges. In 1758, under Louis XV., one M. De Chamousset, a wealthy Parisian, established a modest post for the metropolis, charging two *sous* for single letters under an owner, which were prepaid by stamps similar to those now in use. These primitive slips, or *slips*, were irregularly used, and soon were entirely forgotten. The next country to issue letter-stamps was Spain, their issue having been authorized by a royal decree of the 7th of December, 1765, which stipulated that the Secretaries to the Crown, etc., etc., will have the privilege of affixing on the letters addressed to the other authorities, a seal, impressed in ink, bearing the royal arms of Castile and Leon, which will pass them free. These stamps were used only for official public business, and were discontinued in the beginning of the present century. Semi-official stamped postal envelopes were used in Savoy from 1819 to 1836. But to Mr. Rowland Hill, of England, are we indebted for our modern postal label, those previously mentioned having little in common with those now in use. Mr. Hill proposed to the British Parliament, in 1837, that letters should be prepaid by means of adhesive stamps or stamped envelopes, and after many strong debates, his plan was adopted, and put in operation on the 6th of May, 1840. The first stamp used was the well-known one penny, black, the die of which is in use at the present day, producing the common red penny. England, therefore, has the honor of creating the first regular postage-stamp.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

[Under this heading we shall endeavor to do our best in answering all queries relating to stamp-collecting. Correspondents sending specimens for inspection and return, are requested to enclose a stamp-directed envelope.]

MARY S., Toledo.—Most of the United States locals were issued in 1845-8. You can get the sets of Hamburg, Lübeck, Prussia and Sweden, of J. M. Chute & Co., stamp dealers, Station A, Boston. Send for illustrated circular. Your 8 annas India, on yellowish paper, is of the 1855 issue.

F. H. H., New York.—The design of your card is very good, but we believe you can do better. We send circular by mail.

C. L. B., Trenton.—The 4-1/2ths g. gr. of Brunswick, on white paper, though never used, is universally admitted by collectors.

L. D. W., West Haven.—The Cordova stamp was noticed so long ago as November 15, 1872, in the *Philatelic Journal*. It is, undoubtedly, a bogus affair.

T. L. E., Trenton.—The Stamp Department was commenced in No. 124.

C. N. H., Arlington.—The article on "Postage Stamps and their Origin," in *Harper's Magazine*, October, 1871, was written by the editor of this column.

W. H. M., Chicago.—The franking privilege commenced in England in 1659, and was abolished on the introduction of the penny postal system. The Postmaster-General of Germany is M. Stephan.

J. B. M., Mobile.—The stamp you describe is a Bremen fiscal.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

WURTEMBERG.—Some envelopes, of the respective values of 5 and 10 pfennigs, will be shortly out, formed of paper watermarked with an Arabesque pattern and post-horn in a band. The post-cards will be changed in hue from bluish to buff.

JAPAN.—It is probable that an entire new emission will soon appear, in consequence of an American company undertaking its postal service.

FRANCE.—Since the 26th of last October it has been lawful for any one in France to prepare inland post-cards for transmission, according to his own design, within the limit of size and weight prescribed by the French post-office. The franking is by an adhesive stamp.

AUSTRIA.—We have before us specimens of the 36 k., printed in a very rich red-brown color.

BAHAMAS.—A bright vermilion penny, watermarked "cc" and crown, is announced.

FINLAND.—The Helsingfors card is slightly modified, the word "so" being larger and followed by a large full stop. Its color is pale and dark green.

CANADA.—A new 5 c. stamp has appeared: small size, color olive-green.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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MARY B. T., Cambridge.—The very rarest stamps are the 1850 Circular British Guiana; the 4 pesos, red, Buenos Ayres; some of the wood-blocks, Cape of Good Hope; the 1 franc, orange, France; the "Post-office," 1855, Mauritius; the 3 lire, Tuscany, and many of the Confederate provisionals.

B. T. B., New York.—W. P. Brown was in Japan at last accounts.

G. L. S., Charleston.—The 12 pence, Canada, was in use but a short time, and is very scarce.

P. V. E., Grand Rapids.—We want all kinds of Match and private Proprietary Medicine stamps, and will allow the very best exchange. Specimens must be in perfect condition.

A. N. A., Clinton.—Your stamps are all genuine.

MAUD S., Buffalo.—We intend illustrating our column so far as space will allow. Your stamp is a scarce Bolivian, worth about \$5.

W. S. R., Chateaugay.—The 10 c. black, 1847, is worth thirty cents, the set 1851, \$1, and the rest average about two cents each. If clean they are worth their face value.

T. N. W., Montrose.—Thanks for your good wishes. A very interesting paper in the interest of coin and stamp collectors, is published by W. E. Winner, Kansas City, Mo.

MAUD A., Holbrook.—*L'Ami des Timbres* is published by M. Ch. Ronssin, 31 Passage du Havre, Paris. It will cost you three francs.

COLLECTOR, Buffalo.—Antioquia, Rellivar, Tolima, Cundinamarca and Canca, are independent States of Colombia. Your 500 centavos, Bolivia, nine stars, is genuine, and extremely scarce. The issue of 1871 has eleven stars.

A. N. A., St. Paul.—All the United States adhesive stamps have been reprinted, and are for sale at the Post-Office Department in Washington. The stamps are sold only in sets at face value. The reprinted issues of 1861-9, are valid for the pre-payment of postage.

LE RAY, Brooklyn.—You can order the "Hand Book" of Stanley, Gibbons & Co., 8 Gower street, London, England. The price is two shillings and nine pence. The stamp you describe was issued by the Confederation for use in Hamburg. We are out of catalogues at present, but shall have them in a few weeks.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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NOTES FOR COLLECTORS.

BELGIUM.

The first set of Belgian stamps was issued July 1st, 1849, consisting of two values: 10 c., brown; 20 c., blue, both showing a three-quarter face bust of Leopold I. Both stamps are watermarked with two "L's" interlaced. On the 18th of October, 1849, a new type of the value of 40 c. appeared, and on the 10th of August, 1850, new 10 c. and 20 c. stamps were issued, forming, with the 40 c., a new series: 10 c., sepia; 20 c., blue; 40 c., rose. In 1861 a fresh edition, on unwatermarked paper, was worked off as follows: 1 c., green; 10 c., sepia; 20 c., blue; 40 c., rose. The 1 c. was issued for journals and printed matter. Perforation was adopted on the 11th of April, 1863. In 1855 an entirely new set was issued, namely: 10 c., gray; 20 c., blue; 30 c., brown; 40 c., rose; 1 franc, lilac. The newspaper stamps accompanying this series, consisted of three values: 1 c., gray; 2 c., blue; 5 c., brown. The current set was based on the 1st of January, 1870, as follows: 10 c., green; 20 c., blue; 30 c., amber; 40 c., rose; 1 franc, violet. Newspaper stamps, 1 c., green; 2 c., blue; 5 c., amber; 8 c., violet. The 10 c. green envelope was issued in the early part of 1873, and the unpaid letter stamps—10 c., green; 20 c., blue, were issued in September, 1870. The 25 c. and 50 c. international stamps were issued in 1875. There are several varieties of post-cards.

REFERENCE LIST FOR BEGINNERS.

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THE AZORES. Issue of 1868.—5 reis, black; 10 r., yellow; 20 r., bistre; 25 r., rose; 50 r., green; 80 r., orange; 100 r., lilac; 120 r., blue. Issue of 1871.—5 r., black; 10 r., yellow; 25 r., rose; 50 r., green. Issue of 1872.—20 r., bistre; 80 r., orange; 100 r., lilac; 240 r., lilac (1873).

Issue of 1875.—15 r., chocolate. The stamps used in the Azores are simply the current Portuguese issues, with the word "Açores" stamped across them.

BAHAMAS. Issue of 1869; head of Victoria.—1 penny, red. Issue of 1861.—4 d., rose. Issue of 1862.—6 d., lilac. Issue of 1863.—1 shilling, green. There are numerous varieties of color, the collection of which must be left to individual fancy.

BARBADOS. Issue of 1862, value not indicated.—Green, blue, red. Issue of 1862-74, value indicated.—half penny, green; 1 d., blue; 3 d., mauve; 6 d., red; 6 d., rose; 6 d., orange; 1 shilling, dark slate; 6 s., rose. Issue of 1875.—4 d., vermilion; 1 shilling, violet. There are many well-marked shades of color, but they do not by any means constitute different sets.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

[Under this heading we shall endeavor to do our best in answering all queries relating to stamp-collecting. Correspondents sending specimens for inspection and return, are requested to enclose a stamp-directed envelope.]

C. C. F., Mobile.—Your Venezuelas are genuine.

G. P. S., Salem.—The Stamp Department was commenced in No. 124.

T. C. H., Hartford.—Sold only in sets. Apply to Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C. Stamped envelopes cannot be obtained.

ALBERT DEGEN, Baltimore.—You will find it very much to your personal advantage to write us immediately. We expect an early reply, in default of which we shall consult Messrs. A. V. & Co.

A. L. R., Troy.—The stamps of Montevideo are engraved by Messrs. Nissen & Parker, London, England. There are seven Montenegros in the set, viz.: 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15 and 25 sold.

E. M. C., Cincinnati.—The address of H. Schneider is "4 Alta Gröniger Strasse, Hamburg, Germany." We do not care to start a "black list," it has been the death-warrant of many papers.

FANNY F., Vassar.—Your stamps are all genuine. There is no incorporated stamp company in the United States. All respectable dealers trade under their own names. Beware of high sounding titles.

HENRY REX, Toledo.—The stamp cuts used in this paper are not for sale. The small Canada 5 c. was issued March 1.

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1876.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

All communications for this department must be addressed to J. M. CHUTE, care STATION A, BOSTON, MASS.

RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

BAVARIA.—On New Year's Day a long set of stamps came out, bearing the Bavarian arms instead of the king's portrait, as noted in No. 130. It was our intention to have corrected this error, and to have given an earlier notice of the stamps actually issued, but the printer's copy was mislaid in the mails. The values are as follows: 3 pf., yellow-green; 5 pf., green; 10 pf., carmine; 20 pf., blue; 25 pf., bistre; 50 pf., red. There are also timbre-taxe stamps—3, 5 and 10 pf.—printed in gray, with red surcharge "VOM EMEFFANG ZAHLEBAR." The 1 mark has a companion—2 marks, orange. There are also post-cards, wrapper, and envelope of similar design. We are not alone in making the mistake regarding the issue with the king's head, as all of the European papers have been similarly misled.

SPAIN.—A new set bearing Alfonso's head, is being prepared in London.

ST. VINCENT.—The 6 pence now appears in very dark green, and the 1 shilling in dark claret.

JAPAN.—We shall probably have a complete new set soon, in consequence of an American company undertaking the control of the Japanese postal system.

FINLAND.—An orange 5 penny of the new type, is announced.

HOLLAND.—The new International envelope is in active service—value, 12 1/2 cents, color a pale gray.

MEXICO.—In addition to the large *Porte de Mar* stamps are a 2, 60 and 75 centavos.

THE UNITED STATES STAMPS.—We are constantly in receipt of communications from correspondents asking for information regarding the reprinted United States issues, and for their benefit we give the following items. "The Department is prepared to furnish, upon application, at face value, specimens of adhesive postage-stamps. The stamps will be sold by sets, and application must not be made for less than one full set of any issue, except the State Department official stamps and the newspaper and periodical stamps of the issue of 1874. Applications should be addressed to the "Third Assistant Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C." Specimens of stamped envelopes will not be furnished in any case.

SCARCE CONFEDERATE PROVISIONALS.—The Greenville stamps are among the scarcest issued in the Confederacy. There are two values—5 c., blue and



red; 10 c., red and blue, both printed on heavy glazed paper. The Livingston stamp is of equal rarity with the Greenville. It is a fine lithograph, and impressed in blue on white paper. Only a very few specimens are known to be in existence, and it is doubtful if there is any variation in the type, as the stamp is evidently the work of a thorough artist. Greenville and Livingston are both in the State of Alabama, and we would advise our readers in those towns to hunt up all the old letters written during 1861-2. They may be rewarded with specimens of the stamps in question.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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A. P. L., New York.—We have noticed the Mexican stamps in their proper place.

T. A. K., Reading.—The 3 kopeck Russian, showing the groundwork of the 5 kopeck, is an error of printing.

J. H. F., Carson City.—The English three half penny came out as an essay in 1858; but was not employed for postage until 1870. Your 8 annas Indian, on yellowish paper, is of the 1858 issue.

A. C. W., St. Louis.—Your stamps are all genuine. You can get the South Australian stamps of J. M. Chute & Co., stamp dealers, Boston.

MUNRO'S

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

AZORES.—Two new values have been issued—150 and 200 reis—replacing the 120 and 240 reis.

ANTIOQUIA.—The 1 penny is now printed in very bright vermilion.



ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET CO.—We give an engraving of the stamp issued by this company. The color is rose on white.

MEXICO.—There are differences in the dies of the large *Porte de Mar* stamps. We lately examined specimens which came direct from Vera Cruz, and noticed some slight variation.

THE PROVISIONAL 5 C. STAMPS OF CHILI.—In Chili, in every town large enough to have a regular post-office, there are also a number of agencies where stamps may be bought in quantity. From these the post-office supplies itself. Sometimes it happens that all the agencies within the radius of a mile or so have not a single 5 c. stamp on hand. Under these circumstances the only way to get out of the difficulty is by cutting a 10 c. stamp into two triangles, and valuing them at 5 c. each. These cut specimens are worthy of being collected.

THE NORWAY LOCALS.—These stamps are said to owe their existence to the fact that the Norwegian post-office does not undertake the house-to-house delivery of letters—that work being performed by private agents, by whom the stamps are issued.

REFERENCE LIST FOR BEGINNERS.

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BERMUDA.—Issue of 1865: 1 penny, rose; 2 d., blue; 3 d., buff; 6 d., blue; 1 shilling, green. Issue of 1874: one shilling, green; one shilling, green.—1 penny, 3 pence.

BOLIVIA.—Issue of 1867: eagle in oval.—5 c., green; 10 c., brown; 50 c., yellow; 100 c., blue. The last three values are extremely scarce. Issue of 1868: arms; nine stars.—5 c., green; 10 c., red; 50 c., blue; 100 c., orange; 500 c., black. Issue of 1871: eleven stars.—5 c., green; 10 c., red; 50 c., blue; 100 c., yellow; 500 c., black. The stamps with figure of Justice are revenues.

BRAZIL.—A list of Brazilian stamps was given in No. 129.

BREMEN.—Issue of 1855, key in center.—3 crote, blue; 5 c., rose; 7 g., yellow; 5 schiller groschen, green. Issue of 1861: similar design.—2 g., orange; 10 g., black. Envelopes: oval hand stamp.—1 g., on white paper; 1 g., on blue paper.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.—Issue of 1863: head of queen.—2 1/2 pence, pink. Issue of 1863: V surmounted by crown.—3 pence, blue; 5 cents, rose; 10 c., blue. These two last values have the queen's head, and were issued exclusively for Vancouver's Island. Issue of 1868: type of the 3 pence; value surcharged.—2 c., brown; 5 c., orange-red; 10 c., pink; 25 c., yellow; 50 c., violet; \$1, green.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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E. R. K., Keokuk.—The Rotterdam dealers are Van Berckel, Gillhuys & Co. and A. Blokzeijl.

F. McL., New York.—You can dispose of your stamps at any dealer's. The Irish revenue is worth about fifteen cents.

P. A. D., Cincinnati.—You must be more careful; the stamp is surely mentioned in the list.

W. E. W., Kansas City.—We have never received the specimen *Coin and Stamp Journal*, as you have promised.

LOTIE M., St. Louis.—The stamp seen in collections as an emission of the Falkland Islands, is merely a postmark. It has no value.

M. C. T., Lynn.—Your Cashmuss are bogus. The Greek stamp with King George's head, is an essay.

W. M. S.—You can purchase stamps of all kinds of J. M. Chute & Co., stamp dealers, Boston, Mass. Send for a price-list.

ALICE C., Chicago.—There are no Paraguay stamps. The so-called Paraguay stamps were manufactured in Buenos Ayres, by a stamp funder, in collusion with the Argentine officials, by whom the Paraguayan post-office is managed. The Paraguayan Consul-General in New York, entirely repudiates them.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

BAVARIA.—On New Year's Day came out a long set of stamps for this kingdom, bearing the Bavarian arms instead of the king's portrait, as reported in all the principal stamp publications. The values are as follows: 3 pf., yellow-green; 5 pf., bluish-green; 10 pf., carmine; 20 pf., blue; 25 pf., bistre; 50 pf., red; 2 marks, orange. Retain letter-stamps—3, 5 and 10 pf.—printed in gray, with red surcharge "VOM EMPFANG ZAHLEN" in red. There are also post-cards, envelopes, and newband of similar type, which closely resembles that of the last issue.

PERSIA.—The Persian Government having re-modeled the postal service, 1 s stamps may now become common, like other issues. The values as reported are: 1 schahi, lilac; 2 s., green; 4 s., blue; 16 s., blue; 32 s., pink.

ST. VINCENT.—The 6 pence is now printed dark green, and the 1 shilling, dark claret, both watermarked with a star.

HOLLAND.—The new International envelope for this kingdom is in active service. The value is 12 1/2 c., pale gray, on white paper.

FINLAND.—An orange 5 penny, and ultramarine 20 p., are announced, both of the new type.

MEXICO.—In addition to the values of the large *Porte de Mar* stamps are a 2, 60 and 75 centavos. The 5 c. envelope supposed to have been issued January 1 last year, has not yet made its appearance, and its existence is doubted.

NOTES FOR COLLECTORS.

BERGSDORF.

The first pair of Bergsdorf stamps saw the light in November, 1861. They were the half schilling, black on violet paper, and the 3 schilling, black on rose. These two stamps, and especially the latter, have attained a high degree of rarity. We may here mention the one simple and unvarying test of genuineness, and that is—identity in every detail of engraving with the common stamps of the same values, viz., one-half sch., indigo, and 3 sch., purple on rose. The rare and the common are one and all from the same dies; therefore color is the only distinguished point. The second series was issued only eleven days after the appearance of the first. As they are now obsolete, it may be well to mention that they are as follows: one-half sch., black on violet; 1 sch., black on white; 1 1/2 sch., black on yellow; 3 sch., purple on rose; 4 sch., black on brown. All five stamps were lithographed, and remained in circulation until 1867, when the Bergsdorf post-office business was made over to the German Confederation. The 1 1/2 sch. bears on the left the word *schillinge*, with an *e*, and it appears that some stamps were issued showing this variety, but the error was discovered, and the ungrammatical *e* was effaced.

RARE CONFEDERATE PROVISIONALS.—The Mobile stamps, a copy of which is here represented, were among the earliest of the provisionals known to collectors. They were issued in 1861, consisting of two values—2 c., black on white; 5 c., blue on white. They are both extremely scarce, particularly the 2 c. The Madison stamp was issued as early as January, 1861, and is very scarce. It is composed of type set frame,



with the value—3 cents—in the center, printed in bronze on blue wove foolscap paper. Madison is the county town of Madison County, Florida. The Athens stamp, here illustrated, is but very little known. It

was probably issued in 1861, the color being a dull-looking purple. Athens is the county town of Clarke County, Georgia.

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REFERENCE LIST FOR BEGINNERS.

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BRITISH HONDURAS.—Issue of 1866: queen's head.—1 penny, blue; 6 d., rose; 1 shilling, green. Issue of 1872, same design.—3 d., chocolate.

BRITISH GUIANA.—Issue of 1850: circular hand stamp with name and value.—4 c., black on yellow; 8 c., black on green; 12 c., black on blue. This issue is extremely scarce. Issue of 1851: ship to right in shield; inscription: "Damus patimisque vicissem."—1 c., black on magenta; 4 c., black on blue. Same design, inscription rectified: "Petimusque."—4 c., black on blue. Issue of 1853: ship to left in oval, dated in corners.—1 c., red; 4 c., blue. Issue of 1860: dated in corners.—1 c., red; 1 c., brown; 1 c., rose; 1 c., black; 2 c., orange; 4 c., blue; VIII c., rose; XII c., lilac; XXIV c., green. The 1 c., red, brown and rose are very scarce. Issue of 1863: similar to last, but larger.—VI c., blue; XXIV c., green; XLVIII c., rose.

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.—Issue of 1850: type printed with value in center.—4 c., yellow; 8 c., green; 12 c., blue. Issue of 1862: square type set; center blank.—1 c., black on pink; 2 c., black on yellow; 4 c., black on blue. There are varieties of each.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.—Surcharged.—1 c., black; 2 c., orange. Issue of 1876.—This issue is being now prepared in London, and will be similar to the 1860 issue.

BRUNSWICK.—The stamps of Brunswick will be treated of in a separate article.

BUENOS AYRES.—Issue of 1851: steamship.—1 peso, brown; 1 p., blue; 2 p., blue; 3 p., green; 5 p., orange; 4 reales, brown. The 3 and 5 p. are very scarce. Issue of 1860: head of Liberty.—1 peso, blue; 1 p., rose; 2 p., blue; 2 p., red; 4 reales, green.

CONFEDERATE STATES.—Issue of 1861: large size.—2 c., green; 5 c., green; 10 c., blue. Issue of 1862: same type.—5 c., blue; 10 c., rose. Issue of 1863: small size.—1 c., buff; 2 c., red; 5 c., blue; 10 c., blue; "TEN CENTS," blue. Issue of 1863.—20 c., green. There are several varieties of the 10 c. blue issue of 1862.



CORRIENTES.—Issue of 1866: coarsely executed.—1 real, M. C. indigo. Issue of 1860-8: no value expressed; same type.—blue, rose, yellow and green.

COSTA RICA.—Issue of 1863: one-half real, blue; 2 r., scarlet; 4 r., green; 1 peso, orange.

PRIZE.—To the collector sending us the best pen and ink design for a United States post-card, before May 25, will be given a packet of fifty stamps. Cards must be of government size, and the designs in all cases original. Packets and sets of stamps are supplied by J. M. Chute & Co., stamp dealers, care of Station A, Boston, Mass. Price-list sent free to any full address.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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H. T. S., Halifax.—C. Van Rinsum, of Amsterdam, is now defunct.

W. B. P., Troy.—The change of color in the U. S. 2c. was noted some time ago. The Reunions are very scarce. The two perforated Bremens are fiscal.

D. D. R., Athol.—We cannot make out your queries. Try and write plainer.

J. W. W., New Orleans.—"SAGGIO" on the Italian stamps, is equivalent to our word specimen. The Venezuela is a forgery.

E. F. S., Cincinnati.—The small 5 c. Canada was noticed some time ago. The first Norway stamps came out in 1864. All your stamps are genuine.

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 13, 1876.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

DUTCH INDIES.—A new value for these colonies is now in use: 2 cents, chocolate.

TURKEY.—A new set will soon be issued for this country. The type will be the same as before, but the black inscription will be more complicated. Arabic numerals and Roman letters are printed in the center as a surcharge: "P.K.E." standing for "P.L.A.S.T.E." for its plural. The new set will be as follows: one quarter p., mauve; one-half p., pale green; 1-14 p., pale pink; 2 p., brown; 5 p., blue.

VICTORIA.—A new penny stamp has just appeared, bearing a bust of the queen. The color is pea-green.

SINTRA LEONE.—A new value must be chronicled for this colony, of similar type with the majority of the current set. Light brown, one-half penny.

RARE CONFEDERATE PROVISIONALS.—The Macdon stamp is better known to collectors than most of the Confederate provisionals. It is printed from printers' type: "FIVE CENTS" in the center, "POST OFFICE" above, and "MACDON, GA." below. The Petersburg stamp is quite scarce, but few having been used. It is printed in dull red on white paper. The annexed copy will give a good idea of its design.

8. GRAY.—Issue of 1870; value in center. —2 s., blue and gray; 3 s., lilac and gray; 4 s., red and gray; 5 s., brown and gray; 6 s., green and gray; 7 s., mauve and brown. **Issue of 1874; value in ore.**—3 c., gray and blue; 4 c., blue and gray; 5 c., rose and gray; 6 c., purple and gray; 7 c., brown and gray; 8 c., gray and carmine; 9 c., green and gray; 10 c., violet and brown. **ENVELOPES.**—Issue of 1865; figure and letter. —2 s., blue; 4 s., red. **Issue of 1866; without the letter.**—2 s., blue; 4 s., red; 4 large figure, red. **Issue of 1874—4 ore, blue; 8 ore, red.** **SERVICE ON OFFICIAL STAMPS.**—Issue of 1871; arms. —2 s., blue; 4 s., red; 16 s., green. **Issue of 1874—3 c., lilac; 4 c., blue; 5 c., red; 32 c., green.** **POST-CARDS.**—Arms in left hand corner; **Issue of 1871—2 s., blue; 4 s., red.** **Issue of 1874—75; value in ore.**—4 p., blue; 6 c., brown; 8 c., red; 10 c., green. **OFFICIAL CARDS.**—Issue of 1871-74; without arms. —2 s., blue; 4 s., red; 4 c., blue; 8 c., red. **WRAPPERS.**—2 s., blue; 4 c., blue.



DOMINICA.—Issue of 1874—1 d., lavender; 6 d., green; 1 s., rose. (See annexed copy.)

DUTCH INDIES.—Issue of 1864—10 c., crimson. **Issue of 1869; head of King.**—5 c., green; 10 c., brown; 20 c., blue; 50 c., carmine. **Issue of 1874—5 c., same head.**—1 c., gray; 2 c., lilac; 2 1-2 c., yellow; 15 c., bistre; 25 c., violet; 2 guld 50 c., purple and green. **UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.**—5 c., yellow on white; 10 c., green on yellow; 20 c., green on blue. **POST-CARDS.**—5 c., single, mauve on buff; double, mauve on buff. **DUTCH GUIANA—CURACOA.**—Issue of 1872—2 1-2 c., green; 3 c., buff; 5 c., red; 10 c., blue; 25 c., orange; 50 c., violet. **SURINAM.**—Issue of 1872—2 1-2 c., scarlet; 3 c., green; 5 c., violet; 10 c., buff; 25 c., blue; 50 c., orange.

LIST OF U. S. REVENUE STAMPS.

[Numerous correspondents have desired us to give a list of the U. S. revenues, including match and private medicine stamps. The following list is compiled for their benefit.]

Issue of 1863.—Agreement, 5 c., red. Bank Check, 2 c., blue; 2 c., orange. Bill of Lading, 10 c., blue. Bond, 25 c., red. Certificate, 2 c., blue; 2 c., orange; 5 c., red; 10 c., blue; 25 c., red. Charter Party, \$3, green \$5, red; \$10, green. Contract, 10 c., blue. Conveyance, 50 c., blue; \$1, red; \$2, red; \$5, red; \$10, green; \$20, orange. Entry of Goods, 25 c., red; 50 c., blue; \$1, red. Express, 1 c., red; 2 c., blue; 2 c., orange; 5 c., red. Foreign Exchange, 3 c., green; 5 c., red; 10 c., blue; 15 c., brown; 20 c., red; 30 c., lilac; 50 c., blue; 70 c., green; \$1, red; \$1.30, orange; \$1.60, green; \$1.90, lilac. Inland Exchange, 4 c., lilac; 5 c., red; 6 c., orange; 10 c., blue; 15 c., brown; 20 c., red; 30 c., lilac; 40 c., brown; 60 c., orange; \$1, red. Insurance, 25 c., red. Lease, 50 c., blue; \$1, red. Life Insurance, 25 c., red; 50 c., blue; \$1, red. Manifests, \$1, red; \$3, green; \$5, red. Mortgage, 50 c., blue; \$1, red; \$2, red; \$5, red; \$10, green; \$15, blue; \$25, red. Original Process, 50 c., blue. Passage Ticket, 50 c., blue; \$1, red. Playing Cards, 1 c., red; 2 c., blue; 2 c., orange; 3 c., green; 4 c., lilac; 5 c., red. Power of Attorney, 10 c., blue; 25 c., red; \$1, red. Probate of Will, 50 c., blue; \$1, red; \$2, red; \$5, red; \$10, green; \$20, orange. Protest, 25 c., red. Surety Bond, 50 c., blue. Telegraph, 1 c., red; 3 c., green. U. S. Internal Revenue, 2 c., orange; \$50, green; \$200, red and green. Warehouse Receipt, 25 c., red. (To be continued.)

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S. F. P., Albany.—The party in Baltimore is not responsible. We sent him some scarce envelopes some time ago, and have never heard from him. We intend, however, to keep an "eye" on him through our friends in that city.

J. M. H., Salem.—The first Sardinian set appeared in 1851, as follows: 5 c., black; 20 c., blue; 40 c., red. They bear an embossed head in a colored oval. The 1855 set has the head in white oval.

J. S., Chicago.—Your remarks concerning the cheapness of the obsolete Bremen, Brunswick, Saxon, Lubek, etc. stamps, has been answered before. The stock in the offices of those places was purchased wholesale as waste paper, and consequently, can be sold at a profit considerably under facial value.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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SCARCE CONFEDERATE PROVISIONALS.—The Baton Rouge stamp has long been known to collectors, but genuine specimens are almost unobtainable. The groundwork of the stamp is printed in green, and the

border and lettering in carmine. It is a type-set affair, with the inscription: "P. O. BATON ROUGE, LA." above, a large 5 in the center, and "J. M. CHUTE" below. The New Orleans stamps are well known, and were amongst the earliest of the Confederate provisionals noticed by collectors. There are two values only: 2 c., red; 2 c., blue; 5 c., red; 5 c., brown or slate. We give an engraving of one of the values. The stamps were lithographed on sheets of forty, and were used exclusively in the New Orleans post-office. A large number of the Confederate provisionals being practically unobtainable, collectors would do well to fill the spaces allotted to them with exact fac-similes, which are for sale by J. M. Chute & Co., Boston, at fifteen cents per packet. These packets are sold only as fac-similes, and collectors will govern themselves accordingly.

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ECUADOR.—Issue of 1865-66; arms. —1-2 real, blue; 1 r., yellow; 1 r., green; 4 r., rose. The 2 r. and 8 r. stamps were prepared in 1867, but were never issued by the government. **Issue of 1872; various designs.** —1-2 r., blue; 1 r., orange; 1 peso, red.

EGYPT.—Issue of 1866; Arabic inscriptions. —5 paras, green; 10 p., brown; 20 p., blue; 1 piastre, lilac; 2 p., orange; 5 p., rose; 10 p., slate. **Issue of 1867; sphynx in center.** —5 p., yellow; 10 p., mauve; 20 p., green; 1 p., red; 2 p., blue; 5 p., brown. **Issue of 1872-75; sphynx at side.** —5 p., brown; 10 p., lilac; 20 p., blue; 1 p., red; 2 p., yellow; 2 1-2 p., purple; 5 p., green. There are numerous shades of color in all the Egyptian stamps, and varieties of the 5 p. are found with the center reversed. The large circular stamps—called official—are not strictly postage-stamps, being used as seals by the principal post-offices.

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A. R. B., Bangor.—All the remaining Prince Edward Island stamps have been sold to some dealer, and they will probably soon be for sale at extremely low prices.

F. N. F., San Francisco.—We have no hesitation in recommending you to obtain a copy of Dr. Gray's catalogue, which is one of the most complete in existence.

F. J. H., Seneca Falls.—The *Amateur Record* is at hand. It is one of the finest amateur papers we have ever seen, and well worth the price asked for it.

T. N. D., Scranton.—The 3 c. stamp of Saranac, first issue, is now obsolete. The 3d. South Australia, with red inscription, was issued in 1871. Your Serbian stamps are genuine. There are two distinct dies of the 13 c. head, Sandwich Islands.

A. T. B., St. Paul.—The square stamp with figure 3 in the center and "SACHSEN" above, is the 1850 issue of Saxony.

HARRY, Charleston.—Some of the Russian locals are genuine, notably those of Livonia and the Levant, but we should not care to indorse all of them.

B. B. S., Salem.—The stamps of Sicily were issued in 1858, and are as follows: 1-2, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 grano.

G. H. C., Beaver Dam.—The 1865 issue of Sweden has the crown in center; the 1872 issue has the value in the center. The Don Carlos stamps are now obsolete.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—A new value, same type of the current penny, has just been issued. It is printed in black on white paper, and watermarked "CC" and crown.

SHANGHAI.—An entire new set has been issued, as follows: 1 candaren, yellow; 3 c., pink; 6 c., green; 5 c., blue; 12 c., brown. The type is precisely similar to that of the latest issue.

DUTCH INDIES.—A stamp inscribed, "NEDERL. INDIE MATTHEW P. 8." has recently appeared, value, 1 gulden; color, blue.

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DENMARK.—Issue of 1851; arms. —2 tiarbank skilling, blue; 4 r. s., brown. **Issue of 1854; arms in center.** —2 s., blue; 4 s., on wavy ground, brown; 4 s., on dotted ground, brown; 8 s., on wavy and dotted ground, green; 16 s., lilac. **Issue of 1864; value in corners.** —2 s., blue; 3 s., lilac; 4 s., red; 8 s., brown; 16

BOLIVIA.—The beautiful new set is now in active service.

GRAT BRITAIN.—The 4 penny has followed suit with the shilling and other values; the letters at the angles being now in color on white blocks instead of the contrary.

INDIA.—Two new values will soon be issued. They will be of large size and have the queen's profile. Pale brown, 6 annas; chocolate-brown, 12 annas.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—We have received specimens of the new 1 shilling stamp: color, light bluish green.

FINLAND.—We have also received the new Finland envelopes: 20 kop, ultramarine; 32 kop, carmine. The type is similar to that of the current adhesive set.

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FRANCE.—Issue of 1849: head of Liberty.—10 c., bistre; 15 c., green; 20 c., black; 25 c., blue; 40 c., red; 1 franc, orange; 1 franc, rose. Issue of 1852: presidency, head of Napoleon.—10 c., bistre; 25 c., blue. Issue of 1853: empire.—1 c., green; 5 c., green; 10 c., buff; 20 c., blue; 25 c., orange; 80 c., rose; 1 franc, deep rose. Issue of 1863-67: laureated head.—1 c., green; 2 c., mauve; 4 c., mauve; 10 c., buff; 20 c., blue; 30 c., brown; 40 c., orange; 80 c., rose; 5 francs, lilac. Issue of 1870: head of Liberty: rough lithograph; unperforated.—1 c., green; 2 c., brown; 4 c., gray; 5 c., green; 10 c., bistre; 20 c., blue; 30 c., brown; 40 c., red; 80 c., rose. Issue of 1871: the same engraved and perforated.—1 c., green; 2 c., brown; 4 c., gray; 5 c., green; 10 c., bistre; 10 c., brown on rose; 15 c., bistre; 20 c., blue; 25 c., blue; 30 c., brown; 40 c., red; 80 c., carmine.

JOURNAL STAMPS.—1867: large size.—2 c., rose, blue, lilac.



UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.—1859-71: same as annexed copy.—10 c., 15 c., 25 c., black; 40 c., blue; 60 c., buff.

POST-CARDS.—1873: type set.—10 c., buff on rose; 10 c., buff; 15 c., bistre; 15 c., cinnamon, on white or buff cards. There are many varieties of the French cards.

FRENCH COLONIES.—Issue of 1860: eagle.—1 c., green; 5 c., green; 10 c., bistre; 20 c., blue; 40 c., red; 80 c., rose. Issue of 1872: type of France; 1853, unperforated.—5 c., green. Type of France; 1863, unperforated.—1 c., green; 30 c., brown; 80 c., rose. Issue of 1873: type of France; 1870-71, unperforated.—1 c., green; 5 c., green; 10 c., bistre; 15 c., bistre; 20 c., blue; 40 c., red; 80 c., carmine. Algeria uses the regular French issue.

FERNANDO PO.—Head of Isabella.—20 centimos, brown. The authenticity of this stamp is very doubtful.

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L. J. W., Pittsburg.—Whisky stamps are collected by some collectors. They are very scarce, as they cannot be obtained in good condition.

C. E. W., Chelsea.—We do simply a mail business. There are many catalogues to select from. Wm. P. B. had no successor that we are aware of.

E. S., St. Clairsville.—We buy stamps, but you must give us the number and kind of each.

C. R. W., Washington.—We send you our price-list.

L. A. T., Santa Clara.—There are two values of Italian official cards—10 c., red, and 15 c., green.

J. H. S., Rochester.—"Fentonia" is the assumed name of an English lady collector. M. Moens is not a responsible party. There are plenty of responsible American dealers of whom you can buy.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.—The so-called stamps are simply post-marks, and of no value whatever.

FILIPPI ISLANDS.—Issue of 1870: type set: value in center.—1 penny, 3 d., 6 d., 1 k., all in black on rose paper. Issue of 1871: crown in center.—1 d., blue; 3 d., green; 6 d., rose. Issue of 1872: same design surcharged.—2 cents, blue; 6 c., green; 12 c., rose. Issue of 1875: same as 1871, surcharged V. R.—1 d., blue; 3 d., green; 6 d., rose.

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POSTAGE STAMPS.—Packet No. 1 contains 50 Varieties, including New Zealand, Roumania, Queensland, India, Jamaica, etc., 25 c. Postage extra. Treasury, per set, 6 c., all warranted genuine. 141-11. H. KESSEL, Box 3,852, New York.

FOREIGN STAMPS, 50 Varieties, including Shanghai, Iceland, St. Domingo, Cashmere, etc., 25 c., and Green Stamp Address. D. HYMAN & CO., 246 Garden street, Cleveland, O. 141-11.

MUNRO'S

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GAMBIA.—Issue of 1869—4 pence, brown; 6 pence, blue.

GERMANY (NORTH).—Issue of 1852: colored paper.—1-4 silb. groschen, brown; 1-3 s. g., flesh; 1-2 s. g., green; 1 s. g., blue; 2 s. g., rose; 3 s. g., yellow. Issue of 1860: white paper.—1-4 s. g., red; 1-2 s. g., green; 1 s. g., blue; 2 s. g., rose; 3 s. g., russet; 5 s. g., lilac; 10 s. g., vermilion. Issue of 1862-64: white paper.—1-4 s. g., black; 1-3 s. g., green; 1-2 s. g., orange; 1 s. g., rose; 2 s. g., blue; 3 s. g., stone. ENVELOPES.—Issue of 1862-66: figure in oval.—1-4 s. g., black; 1-2 s. g., orange; 1 s. g., rose; 2 s. g., blue; 3 s. g., brown.



2 k., yellow; 3 k., rose; 6 k., blue; 9 k., stone. All of the above are known as the "THURN UND TAXIS" stamps.

GERMANY (SOUTH).—Issue of 1850: colored paper.—1 kreuzer, green; 3 k., light blue; 3 k., dark blue (same as annexed copy); 6 k., rose; 9 k., yellow. Issue of 1860: white paper.—1 k., green; 3 k., blue; 6 k., rose; 9 k., yellow; 15 k., lilac; 30 k., vermilion. Issue of 1862: white paper.—3 k., rose; 6 k., blue; 9 k., stone. ENVELOPES.—Issue of 1862-65: figure of value.—1 k., green; 3 k., blue; 9 k., stone. All of the above are known as the "THURN UND TAXIS" stamps.

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I. J., Chicago.—The large newspaper stamps are for sale at the Post-Office Department, Washington. They are sold only in sets, at face value.

T. R. B., Brooklyn.—The Turkish post card bears a Turkish description above, and "ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES OTTOMANES—CARTE-CORRESPONDANCE" below, and a compartment to hold the adhesive stamp.

C. H. P., Dayton.—The U. S. 3 c. envelope, blue paper, is really in use. The New South Wales stamps are engraved by De la Rue & Co., of London.

T. N. W., Seneca Falls.—The French colonial stamps are used in Martinique, French Guiana, Bourbon, Coclén China, Pondicherry, Marie Galante, Les Salutes, Desiderada, St. Martin, and all other French colonies except Algeria, which uses the regular French issue.

A. F. B., Charleston.—Your yellow Grenadas are revenues. Genuine New Caledonia stamps are very scarce.

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NORTH GERMAN CONFEDERATION (NORDDEUTSCHER POSTBEZIRK).—Issue of 1868: figure of value, 1-4 groschen, lilac; 1-3 g., green; 1-2 g., orange; 1 g., rose; 2 g., blue; 5 g., stone. 1 kreuzer, green; 2 k., orange; 3 k., rose; 7 k., blue; 18 k., stone. ENVELOPES.—1 g., rose; 3 k., rose. NEWSPAPER WRAPPERS.—1-2 g., green; 1 k., green. OFFICIAL STAMPS: all printed in black and stone; figure of value.—1-4, 1-3, 1-2, 1, and 2 groschen; 1, 2, 3, and 1 kreuzer. REGISTRATION STAMPS.—10 gro., gray; 30 gro., blue.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—Issue of 1872-74: arms.—1-4 gro., mauve; 1-3 g., green; 1-2 g., orange; 1 g., rose; 2 g., blue; 2-12 g., brown; 2-12 g., surcharged over arms, brown; 5 g., bistre; 1 kreuzer, green; 2 k., orange; 3 k., rose; 7 k., blue; 9 k., brown; 9 k., surcharged over arms, brown; 18 k., bistre. The first issued stamps of this series had a small shield on the eagle's breast, subsequently they were issued with a much larger shield. Issue of 1875: value to pennier.—3 gro., green; 5 g., violet; 10 g., rose; 20 g., blue; 25 g., brown; 50 g., slate. ENVELOPES.—1 gro., rose; 1 k., rose; 1 pf., rose. There are various sizes and colors of envelopes. NEWS BANDS.—1-3 gro., green; 1 k., blue; 3 pf., green. POST CARDS.—1-2 gro., brown; 2 gro., brown; 5 pf., lilac; 10 pf., lilac. REGISTERED STAMPS.—10 gro., gray; 30 gro., blue; 2 mark, lilac.

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L. M. K., Cleveland.—Your Centennial card is very well done. We have some specimens which resemble fine steel engravings.

T. N. W., Sandusky.—The stamp cuts used in this column are the property of J. M. CHUTE, and are not for sale.

B. C. C., Flushing.—Advertisements will cost you ten cents per line. Write to Mr. G. Munro, 84 Beekman street, New York. The Azores stamps are merely the current Portuguese surcharged with the word "ACORES."

R. P., Newark.—Your card is quite well drawn; but we imagine you can do better.

F. H. D., Worcester.—We take all kinds of stamps in exchange. Please give us the kind and number of each. The Ecuador are worth ten cents each. Do not deal in coins.

Munro's Girls and Boys of America

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1876.

VOL. VI NO. 144

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

All communications for this department must be addressed to J. M. CHUTE, care STATION A, BOSTON, MASS.

RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

SINCLAIR LEONE.—The 3 d. now appears in bright yellow.

HELIGOLAND.—Two new values are out. The type represents a shield, with crown at the top in green, red, and white; 3 pf., green; 20 pf., carmine.

FILIPPI ISLANDS.—We understand that an entire new set is in preparation for these islands.

MAURITIUS.—This island is to have a new set in consequence of a change in the monetary system, the unit of which will be the rupee of India.

SPAIN.—An entire new set for this country is announced.

VICTORIA.—The new 1 d., green, is printed on white paper, watermarked with a crown surmounted with a "V."

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GOLD COAST.—Issue of 1875 (same as annexed copy).—1 d., blue; 4 d., magenta; 6 d., orange.

GREECE.—Issue of 1860: with-out figure at back.—1 lepton, brown; 2 l., buff; 5 l., green; 20 l., blue; 40 l., violet; 80 l., rose. Issue of 1861: with figure at back.—5 l., green; 10 l., orange; 20 l., blue; 40 l., violet; 80 l., rose. Shades of color vary greatly.

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.—1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60, 70, 80, and 90 lepta, 1 and 2 drachma, all printed in green and black.

GRENADA.—Issue of 1869-75.—1 d., green; 6 d., lake; 6 d., red; 1 s., purple.

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M. N. T., Brady's Mill.—You can get the Japan, Swiss, and Bolivian stamps of J. M. Chute & Co., Stamp Dealers, Boston, Mass. Your New Granada 1 peso is genuine. The Hamburg stamps are now obsolete.

T. N. W., Troy.—A new set of Spanish stamps was to have been issued April 1st. S. Allan Taylor is located at 29 Nassau street, New York City.

A. P. P. Macon.—The 10 kop. Poland envelope is very scarce. Romagna is in Italy.
D. R. K. Hartford.—Portugal has had five series of stamps, the issue of 1853-55-62-66-70. Your trial card is very finely executed, and superior to all others yet received.
G. W. C. Lynn.—Thanks for the United States envelope on blue paper. The first Mexican issue appeared in 1856, the "Eagle" series not appearing until 1864.
S. A. F. Chicago.—The large \$2, \$3, and \$10. Hong Kong stamps are revenues. The Honduras stamps are printed in black, on pink and green paper. Heligoland belongs to England, but uses both the English and German monetary values on its stamps.
C. N. B. Frankfurt.—We would advise you to advertise in MUNRO'S GIRLS AND BOYS OF AMERICA. It has a very large circulation, and is sold from Maine to California.
E. J. C. Newark.—Your stamps are all genuine. Have sent you the list by mail. You will find Mr. Taylor at No. 11 Ann street, New York City.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1876.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GREECE.—This country has just issued two new stamps—30 l., brown, and 60 l., green. The type is that of the previous issue, and is beautifully executed. A post card will soon be issued, bearing the head of Mercury in a circle, with the inscriptions in both Greek and French. Bright blue, on white card, 15 lepta.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The post card lately issued has already a companion, or successor, very similar, but of smaller size. The new corner is printed pink, on white card.

GUATEMALA.—This republic is to have nine official sets of stamps, five values each. The form of these will be the long rectangle employed for some of the Peruvian issues. The national arms will be the general design, except in the instance of the Post-office Department set, which will bear the portrait of the President, Don J. Rufino Barrios.

SERRA LEONE.—The 3 d. stamp is now coming over, printed in a rich gold-yellow.

FIJI ISLANDS.—The 3 d. value does duty for two pence. A new type being announced, this emission is merely provisional.

SWITZERLAND.—The postal authorities of this republic, in order to prevent the envelopes from being opened, allow the public to have the die of a postage stamp impressed upon the flap of the envelope, on condition of not taking less than a thousand at once.

CANADA.—The 10 c. is now printed of a much brighter hue than originally.

CANAL.—Two new stamps are announced—8 shahis, violet; 1 rouble, violet. They bear the date 1876, and are smaller than the rest of the set.

LUXEMBURG.—Three new cards are in circulation—5 c., lilac; 10 c., lilac; 12 1/2 c., blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The head of Victoria has been removed from the 2 1/2 d., and replaced by a map of the world, surmounted with a cross.

MAURITIUS.—The 9 d. violet, now appears surcharged half-penny in black.

THE POST-OFFICE AND THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.—The center of attraction for stamp collectors at the Centennial will be the Government building. There will be located in it a complete post-office, and machines for making the Centennial envelopes (which are now in use) and post cards. The envelope machine will cut, fold, stamp, and gum the envelopes, and put them up in packages of twenty-five, ready for sale. The Post-office Department will also make a display of stamps and stamped envelopes. The collection is complete, and comprises all sizes, types, and shapes of envelopes, besides adhesive stamps of the general issues, and official and newspaper stamps.—*The Philatelic Monthly*

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A. F. N. Lansing.—The stamp you mention is noticed in this number. The "Boy's Own" was discontinued some time ago.

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NEW GRANADA.—Issue of 1859; octagonal; arms on shield. 5 c., lilac; 10 c., yellow; 20 c., blue. Issue of 1860; octagonal; arms on white shield. 2 1/2 c., green; 5 c., blue; 10 c., red; 10 c., green; 10 c., yellow; 20 c., blue; 1 peso, carmine. Issue of 1861; large; arms in oval. 2 1/2 c., black; 5 c., yellow; 10 c., blue; 20 c., red; 1 peso, rose. Issue of 1863; octagonal; foliage on white ground. 5 c., orange; 10 c., blue; 20 c., red; 20 c., green; 50 c., green. Issue of 1864; octagonal; foliage on colored ground. 5 c., orange; 10 c., blue; 20 c., red; 50 c., green; 1 peso, violet. Issue of 1865; arms in white oval. 1 c., rose; 5 c., orange; 10 c., lilac; 20 c., blue; 50 c., green; 1 peso, rose. Issue of 1867; various designs. 5 c., yellow; 10 c., lilac; 20 c., blue; 50 c., green; 1 peso, red; 5 p., green; 10 p., red. Issue of 1868; various designs. 5 c., yellow; 10 c., mauve; 20 c., blue; 25 c., black on blue; 50 c., green; 1 peso, red; 5 p., green; 10 p., red. The 5 and 10 pesos are very large. Issue of 1871-75; various designs. 1 c., green; 1 c., rose; 2 c., brown; 5 c., yellow; 10 c., mauve. STAMPS FOR ADDITIONAL POSTAGE.—Issue of 1865; black impression on colored paper. 25 c., blue; 50 c., yellow; 1 peso, rose. UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.—Issue of 1865-70. 2 1/2 c., lilac; 2 1/2 c., violet. REGISTRATION STAMPS.—Issue of 1865-70; large A or R in center. 5 c., black; very large oblong; several colors. 25 c., 50 c. Type set on green or yellow paper. 50 c., black. There are several varieties of these registration stamps.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Issue of 1840-47; letters in lower corners only. 1 d., black; 1 d., red; 2 d. (without white lines), blue; 2 d. (with white lines), blue; 6 d., violet; 10 d., brown; 1 s., green. Issue of 1857-58; without letters in corners. 4 d., rose; 6 d., lilac; 1 s., green. Issue of 1862-65; small letters in angles. 3 d., pink; 4 d., red; 6 d., lilac; 9 d., straw; 1 s., green. Issue of 1865-75; with large letters in angles. 1 1/2 d., rose; 1 d., red; 1 1/2 d., red; 2 d., blue; 2 1/2 d., pink; 3 d., pink; 4 d., orange; 6 d., lilac; 6 d., purple; 6 d., brown; 6 d., buff; 6 d., gray; 6 d. (figures at sides), gray; 9 d., straw; 10 d., brown; 1 s., green; 2 s., blue; 5 s., rose. ENVELOPES.—1 d. (Mitre), black; 2 d., blue; 1 d. (oval without date), pink; 1 1/2 d. (with date), pink, brown; 2 d. (without date), blue; 2 d. (with date), blue; 3 d., rose; 4 d., red; 6 d., violet; 1 s., green. The English envelopes are printed to order on any tint of paper which the purchaser may require. NEWS WRAPPERS.—Issue of 1870. 1-2 d. (no date), green; 1-2 d. (with date) green. POST CARDS.—1-2 d., lilac; 1-2 d., rose; 1-2 d., brown; 1-1/4 d., brown. It may be well for our readers to remember that England issued the first postage stamps, when they were adopted to be successively used by all civilized countries.

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F. M. M., Brooklyn.—In 1835 there were 1,035 penny posts in England and 225 in Scotland. A recent publication informs us that "an Englishman writes an average of twenty-five letters per annum; a Swiss, eighteen; an American, fifteen; a German, nine; an Austrian and Spaniard, four; a Frenchman, three, and a Russian, one." You can procure the *Post-Office Gazette* by writing to Judd & Detweiler, Washington, D. C.

C. C. M., Baltimore.—The Moldavia stamps were issued in 1854, those for use in both Moldavia and Wallachia not being issued until 1862. Both provinces are now united under the name of Roumania.

E. D. W., New Haven.—The letters "v. r." on the Fiji stamps stand for *Victoria Regina*. The letters "C. R." are the initials of the former king, Cocoban. The islands now belong to England.

L. H. T., St. Louis.—The figure on the low value U. S. newspaper stamps is not an Indian warrior, but the statue of America, drawn from the original on the dome of the Capitol at Washington. The large 6 kop. Russian Levant, was issued in 1864.

W. A. C., Yonkers.—The Montenegro set was issued in 1873, comprising seven values, viz. 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15 and 25 soldi. The entire set can be purchased for \$1.

A. E. E., Reading.—The large stamps described: "PROVINCIA DE CARACAS, PASAPORTE," are Venezuela passport stamps. The "Nonantola" stamp is a revenue from the Duchy of Modena. The U. S. private revenues are engraved by various firms. The Continental Bank Note Co. engraves the largest number.

W. T. C., Carr, Cal.—Your coin is one of the issues of Louis XVI., and worth \$2 if in good order. All coin queries must be sent to George Munro, 84 Beekman street, New York City.

W. C. N., Lansingburgh.—The 8 doubles coin comes from the island of Guernsey. See reply to W. T. C. above. The stock of Prince Edward Island stamps have not been bought by any one. They are sold at a discount in sets of fifty only.

O. W. M., St. Paul.—The portrait on the new 10 c. Antioquia is that of the eminent Dr. Pedro Justo Berrio, who was born May 28, 1827.

P. B. E., Charleston.—The U. S. Postal Agencies at Japanese ports have been discontinued. A U. S. Postal Agency is established at Shanghai, and registered letters can be forwarded to that place only. Mexican letters forwarded by steamer will cost you 10 c., if forwarded by land, only 3 c.

I. S. A., Chicago.—Three sets of stamps only were issued for Sardinia, 1851, 1853 and 1855. The issues of 1856, 1864 and 1869 were used in both Sardinia and Italy. The Liberias are manufactured in London, there are two varieties of each value. The checker query must be referred to its proper department.

MUNRO'S Girls and Boys of America.

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1876.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

BRITISH GUIANA.—One of the new issue has appeared: 2 c., orange on white. It is smaller than those superceded; rectangular, ship in center, with name and value in outer frame. It is the only one yet in use, because the others will not come into service before the exhaustion of the existing stock.

SPAIN.—The new stamps for this country are of elegant design and execution. The values are: 5 c. de peseta, brown; 10 c., blue; 20 c., dark green; 25 c., brown; 40 c., dark brown; 50 c., green; 1 peseta, deep blue; 4 p., mauve; all with full-faced portrait of King Alfonso. The war-tax stamps are: 5 c., green; 10 c., blue; 25 c., gray; 1 peseta, lilac, with portrait to left, in oval frame.

UNITED STATES.—A German magazine is our authority for an entire new issue of adhesive stamps, the values to be 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 24 and 30 c. We give the statement for what it is worth.

NEW ZEALAND.—This colony is to have post-cards, which are being prepared in London.

MAURITIUS.—The 9 penny lilac is now coming over surcharged "HALF PENNY," in two lines.

VICTORIA.—Two new values are reported, 4 d., pink, and 6 d., lilac. Queen's head to left, in oval; "VICTORIA" at top; value at bottom, in colored letters.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—The large oval, embossed, return letter stamps, are now used by all the principal post-offices in the empire. Each office has its own special stamp.

DENMARK.—Three of this kingdom's adhesives have been altered in hue: the 12 ore is now brown-violet; the 16 o. is pale brown, and the 50 o. is slate colored.

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GUATEMALA.—Issue of 1870; ship. 5 c., brown; green; red; blue. Issue of 1871; arms. 1 c., buff; 5 c., brown; 10 c., blue; 20 c., red. Issue of 1873; arms. 1 reales, mauve; 1 peso, yellow. Issue of 1875; head of Liberty. 1-4 real, black; 1-2 r., green; 1 r., blue; 2 r., red. ENVELOPES.—1-2 r., green; 1 r., blue; 2 r., rose. NEWS WRAPPERS.—1-4 r., black. POST-CARD.—1-4 r., black.

HAMBURG.—Issue of 1859.—1-2 s., black; 1, brown; 2, red; 3, blue; 4, green; 7, orange; 9, yellow. Issue of 1864.—1 1/4 sch., lilac. Issue of 1865; perforated.—1-2, black; 1, brown; 2, red; 2 1/2, green; 3, blue; 4, green; 7, mauve; 9, yellow. Colored ground.—2 1/2 s., green; 2 1/2 s., light green. Issue of 1866.—1 1/4 s., mauve; 1 1/2 s., rose. Issue of 1868; blank oval.—1-2 s., brown. ENVELOPES.—1-2, 1 1/4, 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4 and 7 s., same as adhesives of like value, embossed.

HAMBURG LOCALS.—Set of 125; various kinds, colors, etc.

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T. M. C., Albany.—We take all kinds, Department, Revenue, Private, Match and Medicine stamps, etc., in exchange.

E. E. I., Keene.—The Centennial envelope can be purchased at any principal post-office. An advertisement in this paper will bring you large returns.

O. W. P., Frankfurt.—Your stamps are all genuine. The first U. S. stamps appeared in 1847, the second issue in 1851.

Amateur Advertisements.

Price of Advertising in MUNRO'S GIRLS AND BOYS OF AMERICA, Ten Cents per line.

Foreign Stamps Cheap.

Good Continentals, 10c. per 100. Send stamp for cheapest Price List in the country. Post-cards, Albums, and novelties in great variety.

All Stamps Warranted Genuine.

Foreign Correspondence solicited.
CHAS. H. DUNNING, Brownville, Maine.

MUNRO'S Girls and Boys of America.

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1876.

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HANOVER.—Issue of 1850-51; plain colored paper.—1 g. gr., blue; 1 g. gr., green; 1-30 thaler, crimson; 1-15 l., blue; 1-10 l., orange.

Issue of 1855; colored network.—Values same as 1850, excepting 1 g. gr., blue.

Issue of 1854; crown and value in oval.—3 p. (network), rose; 3 p. (without network), rose; 3 p., green.

Issue of 1859; head of king.—1 g., rose; 2 blue; 3 yellow; 10, green.

Issue of 1865; head of king.—1 g., rose; 2 blue; 3 brown; 1-2 g. (with bugle-horn), black.

ENVELOPES.—Issue of 1857; value at bottom.—1 g. g., green; 1 s. g., rose; 2 blue; 3 yellow.

Issue of 1859-62; value at sides.—1 s. g., rose; 2 blue; 3 brown; 3 yellow.

LOCAL ENVELOPES.—1-2 g. (bugle-horn), blue on yellow; 1-2 g. (bugle-horn), green; 1-2 g. (horse), green. All the stamps of Hanover are now obsolete.

HELIGOLAND.—Issue of 1867.—1-4, 1-2, 3-4, 1, 1-1-2, 2 and 6 sch., rose and green. **ERKOR.**—1-4 sch. (colors reversed), green and rose.

Issue of 1876.—1, 2, 5, 10, 25 and 50 pfennige, red and green.

Issue of 1876; arms.—3 p. and 20 p., red and green.

ENVELOPE.—10 pf., rose on white. **POST-CARDS.**—Unstamped, black on buff; 5 pf., green on buff.

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T. T. S., Chester.—There are four varieties of the Rayon stamps: 5 rap. (Rayon I.), blue; 10 rap. (Rayon II.), yellow; 15 rap. (Rayon III.), rose, and 15 cents (Rayon IV.), rose. The genuine 15 cents are extremely scarce.

A. W. C., Brooklyn.—Sweden has had five distinct series of stamps, viz: Issues of 1855, 1858 and 1872, with the unpaid letter series of 1874, and the officials of 1874.

C. C. O., Taunton.—We have more queries than we can answer from week to week. We reply to all our friends as rapidly as possible. Card in the P. O. for you.

W. H. W., Albany.—The Zurich stamps appeared in 1843, and the Geneva in 1845.

P. F. C., Troy; C. H. W., Chicago; T. H. A., Plainfield; R. J. C., Washington, and C. W. I., Philadelphia. will please accept our thanks for information received and specimens forwarded.

G. P. H., Galveston.—The 3 lire, yellow, Tuscany, is extremely scarce; your copy, if genuine, is worth \$10. We take Confederate stamps in exchange.

MUNRO'S Girls and Boys of America.

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, AUG. 5, 1876.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENT EMISSIONS.

AUSTRIA.—This country has just issued a new post-card, similar to the last, printed in brown upon buff card.

FRANCE.—It is reported that France will soon issue a new set of thirteen values, viz: 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 75 centimes, and 1 and 5 francs. The 80 c. stamp will be suppressed.

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HOLLAND.—Issue of 1852; value at bottom.—5 c., blue; 10 c., red; 15 c., orange. **Issue of 1864; value at top.**—5 c., blue; 10 c., red; 15 c., orange. **Issue of 1863; head in circle.**—5 c., blue; 10 c., rose; 15 c., brown; 20 c., green; 25 c., purple; 50 c., gold. **Issue of 1872-75; arms in upper corner.**—5 c., blue; 10 c., rose; 12-1-2 c., gray; 15 c., buff; 20 c., green; 25 c., purple; 50 c., drab. 2 gold. 50 c., rose and blue. **NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**—Issue of 1869-71; arms in circle.—1-2 c., brown; 1 c., black; 1 c., green; 1-1-2 c., rose; 2 c., yellow; 2-1-2 c., mauve. **ENVELOPES.**—Issue of 1875.—5 c., blue; 12-1-2 c., gray. **UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.**—5 c., brown; 10 c., blue. **POST-CARDS.**—1-2 c., lilac; 1-2 c., gray; 2-1-2 c., lilac; 5 c. (for reply), lilac; 5 c. (international), blue; 10 c. (for reply), blue.

HONG KONG.—Issue of 1862-63.—2 s., brown; 4 c., slate; 6 c., lilac; 8 c., lemon; 8 c., orange; 12 c., blue; 18 c., lilac; 24 c., green; 30 c., vermilion; 30 c., mauve; 48 c., rose; 96 c., slate. The large 2 s. and 10-dollar stamps are revenues.

HONDURAS.—Issue of 1865; black on color.—2 ris., green; 2 ris., rose.

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F. M. A., Chicago.—In sending packages of stamps or other printed matter, never enclose any writing whatever, as they will be examined and detained;—they are also liable to a fine of \$50.

JERRY ST. C., Fayetteville.—The design on the Nevada stamp is a fac-simile of the great seal of the

Colony, and is symbolical of the healing virtues of the Island mineral springs.

A. C. W., Troy.—Your clipping, "Her Majesty's Indian Mail," is very interesting. The distance from Southampton to Port Said is 3,650 miles; from Port Said to Suez, 85 miles.

MARY S., Toledo.—The famous Mulready envelope was issued in 1840. The Louisiana lottery stamps are classed as revenues. We send stamps by mail, as ordered.

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HUNGARY.—Issue of 1850; lithographed.—2 k., yellow; 3 k., green; 5 k., rose; 10 k., blue; 15 k., bistre; 25 k., lilac.

Issue of 1871; engraved.—2 k., orange; 3 k., green; 5 k., rose; 10 k., blue; 15 k., brown; 25 k., mauve.

Issue of 1874; arms.—2 k., lilac; 3 k., green; 5 k., rose; 10 k., blue. **STAMPED ENVELOPES.**—1871.—Same design, values, etc., of the adhesive. 1874.—Arms.—5 k., garnet; 10 k., blue. **NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**—1871-74.—1 k., red; 1 k., buff; 2 k., rose. **WRAPPER.**—2 k., orange. **POST-CARDS.**—2 k., yellow; 2 k., brown. **JOURNAL TAX STAMPS.**—1 k., blue; 2 k., brown.

ICELAND.—Issue of 1873.—2 s., blue; 3 s., gray; 4 s., rose; 8 s., brown; 16 s., yellow. **OFFICIAL STAMPS.**—4 s., green; 8 s., lilac.

INDIA.—Issue of 1854.—1-2 a., red (scarce); 1 s., blue; 2 a., green; 4 a., blue and red. **Issue of 1864; head in oval.**—1-2 a., blue; 1 a., brown; 2 a., 1 s., yellow; 4 a., black; 8 a., rose. **Issue of 1865; same design.**—2 a., orange; 4 a., green; 8 a., rose. **Issue of 1867.—4 a., green; 6 a., 8 pica, lilac; 6 a. (large), lilac. Issue of 1868-74.—8 a., rose; 1 rupee, slate. Issue of 1869; surcharged "SEWICE."—1-2 blue; 1 s., 2 s., yellow; 4 s., green; 8 s., rose. **NEWSPAPER STAMP.**—8 pica, lilac. **STAMPED ENVELOPES.**—1-2 a., blue; 1 a., brown.**

IONIAN ISLANDS.—Issue of 1855; inscribed "ΙΩΝΟΝ ΚΡΑΤΟΣ."—1-2 d., yellow; 1 d., blue; 2 d., lilac. The value is not expressed upon the stamps.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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E. M. T., Cleveland.—Your stamps are marked as requested.

T. N. H., New Haven.—You will find all the information you desire in the *Coin and Stamp Journal*, published by W. E. Winner, Kansas City, Mo.

Miss E. M., Greenfield.—*L'ami des Timbres* will cost you seventy-five cents per year. We have all the space allotted to us. Your stamps are turned by mail.

C. F. C., Great Bend.—There are nine varieties of the Wells' Fargo Stamps, viz: 10 c., brown; 25 c., blue; 25 c., rose; \$1, red; \$2, green; \$2, red; \$4, black; \$4, green; \$1, 1-2 oz., blue. In addition to these adhesives there are many varieties of newspaper or frank stamps.

T. D. W., South Bend.—You must refer all coin queries to George Munro, the publisher. The first Tuscan stamps appeared in 1850. The rarest Tuscan is the 3 lire, yellow, a good copy being worth \$10. See list of Hungarian stamps.

E. J., Brooklyn.—The Cabot stamps are very rough-looking, but they are undoubtedly genuine. The Cashmere stamps rub because they are printed in water-colors.

G. M. S., New York.—Romagna and Roumania are two distinct States, the stamps of the former appearing in 1859, and the latter in 1865. The finest collection of postals in the United States is owned by John K. Tiffany, Esq., of St. Louis. It is contained in twelve large quarto volumes.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, AUG. 19, 1876.

VOL. VI NO. 151

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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REFERENCE LIST FOR BEGINNERS.

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ITALY.—Issue of 1851; head in colored oval.—5 c., black; 20 c., blue; 40 c., red.

Issue of 1853; plain colored paper, embossed.—5 c., green; 20 c., blue; 40 c., red.

Issue of 1855; head in white oval.—5 c., green; 20 c., blue; 40 c., red. These three issues were used only in

Sardinia.—Issue of 1856; embossed head.—5 c., green; 10 c., blue; 15 c., blue; 20 c., blue; 40 c., red; 80 c., yellow; 3 lira, bronze. **Issue of 1863; head in shaded oval.**—15 c., blue. **Issue of 1864; head in oval.**—5 c., green; 10 c., orange; 15 c., blue; 30 c., brown; 40 c., rose; 60 c., lilac; 2 lira, scarlet.—1866; head in rectangle.—15 c., blue. **UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.**—1863.—10 c., yellow; 10 c., orange.—1869; value in shaded oval.—1 c., brown.—1869; value in white oval.—1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 40, 50 and 60 c., buff and magenta; 1 and 2 lira, blue and brown. **OFFICIAL STAMPS.**—1874.—2, 5, 20 and 30 c., \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10, red. **NEWSPAPER STAMPS.**—1 c., black; 2 c., black; 2 c., yellow.—1863; value in rect.—1 c., green; 2 c., brown. **FOREIGN POST OFFICES.**—5 c., green; 10 c., orange; 20 c., blue; 30 c., brown; 40 c., rose; 60 c., lilac; 2 lira, red; 1 c., green; 2 c., brown. **POST-CARDS.**—1874.—10 c., brown on buff; 15 c., brown on rose.

JAMAICA.—Issue of 1860-75.—1-2 d., mauve; 1 d., blue; 2 d., rose; 3 d., green; 4 d., orange; 6 d., lilac; 1 s., brown; 2 s., brown; 5 s., lilac.

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Th. H., Philadelphia.—J. M. Chute & Co. do not deal in coins. All coin queries must be sent to Mr. George Munro, 41 Beekman street, New York.

E. L. L., Newark.—U. S. Locals were issued before stamp-collecting was ever thought of, and were used to prepay letters from one town to another, the same as our stamps of to-day. No collection is complete without them.

G. M. A., New York City.—J. M. Chute & Co., Eggleston Square, Boston, can supply you with the following complete sets, viz: Alsace, set of 7, 25 cts.; Bergedorf, 5, 15 cts.; Hamburg, 10, 25 cts.; Lubeck, 5, 15 cts.; M. Stulitz, 5, 20 cts.; Prussia, 16, 35 cts.; Naples, 8, 25 cts.; Italy, 15, 20 cts., etc., all unused and in fine condition.

H. S. C., Chicago.—The Victoria Stamps, with half-length portrait of Queen, were issued in 1852. The rarest W. Australian stamp is the 2 d., chocolate, of 1855.

M. C. A., Brooklyn.—Antioquia, Bolivar, Cundinamarca, Tolima and Magdalena are independent States of New Granada or Colombia.

Munro's Girls and Boys of America

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, AUG. 26, 1876.

VOL. VI NO. 152

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

NEW GRANADA.—It is probable that an entire new issue has just been emitted, we having received two new values—5 c., lilac; 10 c., brown. The 10 c. has the head of Liberty in a circle, with the motto "LIBERTAD."

ICELAND.—Has a complete new issue, with the value exposed in aur, viz: 5 s., blue; 6 s., gray; 10 a., red; 16 a., brown; 20 a., violet; 40 a., green. The official stamps have the figure of value on a shield, surrounded by a crown.—10 a., blue; 16 a., rose; 20 a., green.

FRANCE.—The new French postage-stamps are now in circulation. They represent Commerce with the caduceus, and Peace with the olive-branch, joining hands over a terrestrial globe, upon which is placed a number indicating the value of the stamp.

GREECE.—The 5, 10 and 20 lepta stamps are now being printed on white paper, in lieu of tinted, as heretofore.

PORTUGAL.—A new journal stamp is in circulation—2-1-2 reis, olive green. The same value is also used in Madeira and the Azores.

PRIZE.

To the collector sending us the best design for a two-cent post-card, before September 12, will be sent 300 varieties of genuine foreign stamps. No. 1 packet contains 100 varieties, including Alsace, Austria, Baden, Bavaria, Belgium, Bergedorf, Canada, C. O. Hope, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Greece, Heligoland, Hanover, India, Jamaica, Japan, Lubeck, Prussia, Rome, Spain, Turkey, etc., etc. The other packets are entirely different from No. 1. Single packets, at fifty cents each, for sale by J. M. CHUTE & Co., Eggleston Square, Boston. Let each one of our friends try for the prize.

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W. H. W., Willbridge.—Your stamps inscribed "ZUID AFRIKAANSCH REPUBLIEK" is a revenue from the Transvaal or South Africa Republic. The last edition of Moen's Album appeared in 1874.

Mrs. S. B., Hoboken.—The finest catalogue published is that of Dr. Gray, of the British Museum. It is finely illustrated, and can be purchased in this country of the Globe Book Co., Middletown, Conn., at \$1.50.

E. M. C., Rochester.—The U. S. Locals should be collected the same as other locals. They were issued long before stamp-collecting was thought of, and were certainly used on letters, packets, etc.

F. O. A., Brooklyn.—The complete New Brunswick set would be worth about \$10. The N. S. Wales, with view of Sydney, was issued in 1850, and are scarce.

CHARLES T., Scranton.—The stamps of Cashmere, Cabul and the Punjab are undoubtedly authentic, although they have, to us, an outlandish appearance.

EVA, Elvira, O.—We would advise you to get a neat blank-book for your stamps, which can be bought at

any book-store. Albums, as a rule, do not give space for new issues. J. M. Chute & Co., Eggleston Square, Boston, sell fifty varieties for twenty-five cents and return stamp.

100 Finely Assorted Foreign Stamps, reduced price list, and Specimen Copy of *The Stamp Journal*, sent for 15 cts. M. WENDELL, Box 252, Chicago, 152-24.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, SEPT. 2, 1876.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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REFERENCE LIST FOR BEGINNERS.

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JAPAN.—Issue of 1871: unperforated.—12 tempo., brown; 1 blue; 2 red; 5 green. Issue of 1872: same, perforated. Issue of 1873: wreath, etc.—12 sen., brown; 1 blue; 2 red; 3 yellow; 4 rose; 6 brown; 10 green; 20 lilac; 30 gray-brown. Issue of 1875: similar to 1873. 12 s., gray; 1 brown; 4 green; 6 orange; 12 rose; 15 lilac; 20 carmine; 30 mauve; 45 red. ENVELOPES.—1 sen., blue; 2 yellow; 4 rose; 6 brown. POST-CARDS.—12 sen., red; 12 orange; 1 blue. There are many unimportant varieties of Japanese stamps.

LAGOS.—Issue of 1874-75.—1 d., lilac; 2 d., blue; 3 d., brown; 4 d., rose; 6 d., green; 1 s., orange.

LA GUAYRA.—Issue of 1864.—12 c., white; 1 rose; 2 green; 3 yellow; 4 blue; 12 real, rose; 12 r., blue; 2 r., green; 2 a., orange. Issue of 1869: J. A. J. and Z.—12 real, green; 2 r., rose.

LIBERIA.—Issue of 1860.—6 c., pink; 12 c., blue; 1 c., green.

RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

AUSTRIA.—This country will soon issue an entire new set, with the Emperor's head replaced by the double-headed eagle. The colors of the 2 and 15 l will be changed.

NORWAY.—Is also to have a new set, with the value in ORE, as follows: 1 brown; 3 orange; 5 blue; 10 red; 12 green; 20 red; 25 lilac; 50 brown.

HUNGARY.—A new value has appeared—20 k., black.

SERBIA.—The 10 para stamp now appears in reddish brown.

JAPAN.—This country has issued a new set, with the inscription "IMPERIAL JAPANESE POST" in both English and Japanese.

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R. E. B., Chicago.—The U. S. 2 c. stamp, with head of Jackson, appeared in 1863. The conveyance revenue in 1863; the 3 c. red in 1861. They are all common. We know of no dealer in your city.

S. R. D., Clinton.—The U. S. has issued the largest number of stamps. The Confederate post-office commenced its service, officially, on the 1st of June, 1861.

E. C. C., Green Bush.—The first U. S. Postmaster General was Samuel Osgood, of Mass., 1789. Revenue collecting antedates postage-stamp collecting many years. Your Buenos Ayres ship is a poor imitation.

D. D. P., Elizabeth.—Your Ecuador stamps are all genuine. Thanks for the drawing.

H. W., Brooklyn.—Many thanks for your communication, of which we have availed ourselves. The laureated N. S. Wales stamps were issued in 1851.

N. P. B., New York.—Bolívar is one of the States of Colombia, and issued stamps in 1863. The first issue of Bolivia appeared in 1867. The finest collection in Europe is owned by a wealthy gentleman of London. It is contained in several large volumes.

T. N. E., Flushing.—The Amoy stamps are humbugs. No such stamps were ever issued.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 1876.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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T. W. J., Youngtown.—We would advise you to use a neat blank book until your collection increases sufficiently to transfer.

M. N. C., Brooklyn.—The stamp impressed on the Dutch circular is one of those invariably found on the newspapers of the Netherlands. The word "POST"

on the Austrian Mercuries would imply that they did serve as postals.

R. R. C., Trenton.—The Provisional Parmas are easily recognizable when false, on account of the straight lines at the angles of the frame, which are slightly but sensibly curved inward in the genuine.

W. G. W., Philadelphia.—Your specimen is merely a very discolored 40 c. French empire. The new French stamps are now in active service. The thick-lined Spanish are original remainders.

J. W. S., Frankford.—The variety of Serbia, with "PARE" for "PARA," is well known, but rare. The surcharged Naisals; re-decidedly varieties to be collected. The portrait on the Chilean stamps is that of "COCOL".

E. A. G., S. Adoga.—The Suez Canal being located in Egypt, its stamps should lie under that heading. No Egyptian circular stamps are not strictly postals, but are officially employed by the authorities as seals.

P. R. A., Toledo.—The 4556 twelve-pence, Canadian, was certainly in use for a short time, but is very scarce. We have a fine postmarked variety.

T. F. C., Halifax.—It is late in the day to question the authenticity of the Portuguese India stamps. They have long since been recognized by collectors.

EMMA, Toledo.—The Brazilian stamps, with standing figures, were issued in 1844. "Postage Stamps and Their Origin" was written by J. M. Chute, and appeared in "Harper's Magazine," Oct., 1871. The "It B. S." on the Danish signify Kingsbank Skilling.

T. N. W., Dover Plains.—We have not used illustrations, simply because the paper has been crowded with other matter. The 1 c. buff, Confederate, was never in actual use. The Lagos are not new issues, as they appeared in 1874.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, SEPT. 16, 1876.

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LUXEMBURG.—Issue of 1859.—12 sch., violet; 1 yellow; 2 brown; 2 1/2 rose; 4 green. Issue of 1863: oval—12 sch., green; 1 orange; 1 1/4 brown; 1 1/2 rect.; 2 rose; 2 1/2 blue; 4 brown. ENVELOPES.—Issue of 1863: oval—12 green; 1 orange; 1 1/2 mauve; 2 rose; 2 1/2 blue; 4 brown.

LUXEMBURG.—Issue of 1862: head of Duke.—10 c., black; 1 a. q., rose; 1 s. q., red. Issue of 1863: arms.—1 c., buff; 2 c., black; 4 c., yellow; 10 c., blue; 12 1/2 c., rose; 25 c., mauve; 30 c., violet; 37 1/2 c., green; 40 c., red. Issue of 1866: arms.—1 c., brown; 10 lilac; 25 blue; 37 1/2 brown. Issue of 1867-71.—1 c., orange; 4 green; 20 brown; 25 brown; 1 lilac, brown. OFFICIAL.—Issue of 1870.—1 c., buff; 2 black; 4 green; 10 lilac; 12 1/2 rose; 20 chocolate; 25 blue; 30 mauve; 40 orange; 50 brown. POST-CARDS.—5 c., lilac; 6 c., nuaute; 10 c. (for reply), lilac; 12 c. (for reply), magenta.

MALTA.—12 d., buff; 12 d., orange; 12 d., saffron yellow.

NOTE.—We shall send illustrated stamp-lists, free, to any collector sending us his name and full address.

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QUIN, Louisville.—Confederate stamps are worth as follows: 2 c., green, 5 c., green, fifteen cents; 10 c. (large), blue and rose, twenty cents; 2 c., red, two cents; TEN CENTS, blue, twenty-five cents; the others are quite common. Please send us your full name.

C. H. C., Pittsburgh.—The 1856 New Zealand 1 d. is worth five cents; the 1 s., ten cents. Send us your full name and address.

T. H. S., Jersey City.—The stamps of New Caledonia were lithographed at Port de France in 1858. The first Canadian stamps were issued in 1851.

CUSTER, New York.—The penny stamps of England appeared with letters at each angle in June, 1864.

MARY F., Rochester.—Registration stamps are used in the U. S., Canada, Prussia, Colombia, N. S. Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

W. F. N., Chicago.—The Rigi Kaltbad stamp is a Swiss local, made for sale to collectors.

NEMO, Charlestown.—Droutheim, Bergens, Drammens and Bygdøkonter are towns in Norway. The stamps of Gambia are in use.

F. STERET, New Orleans.—Nous possédons deux timbres fiscaux du Lombardo-Vénétie de 30 centimes oblitérés par le timbre-postal, deux de Milan, l'autre de Vicence. La Société Française de Timbrologie a été fondée à Paris en décembre, 1874.

M. L. N., Lachine.—The Stamp Department commenced in No. 124. You can order the back numbers through any news agent.

STAMPS. 100 Choice Varieties, 50 cts. 25 Varieties, 10 cts. STAMP ALBUM, that will hold 1000 stamps, for 12 cts. Circulars free, or, with eight stamps, 3 cts. GEO. H. RICHMOND, Northfield, Vermont.

Munro's Girls and Boys of America

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 1876.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

NEW GRANADA.—The values of the newly issued set are as follows: 5 c., violet; 10 c., brown; 20 c., blue; 50 c., green; 1 peso, red; 5 p., green; 10 p., rose. REGISTERED STAMPS.—5 c., black, two varieties.

SPAIN.—The 44 c. de p. now appears in pale yellow-green.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The value of the new series now in circulation are 2 c., orange; 12 c., lilac; 24 c., green; 96 c., bistre.

ITALY.—We understand that the official stamps will be suppressed on the 1st of January.

CURACOA.—A postal card for this colony has been issued. We understand that Surinam has also a new card.

CANADA.—A correspondent informs us that International cards are soon to be issued.

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W. T., San Francisco.—Many thanks for the *Collectors' Friend*. Publishers of amateur papers would oblige us by sending copies of their publications. We will refer to them whenever occasion requires.

C. A. G., Brooklyn.—The error you refer to has already been mentioned. In 1870 we received a sheet of Mexican 100 c., brown, containing a solitary specimen of the 25 c.

S. B. C., Trenton.—Both parties you name are in error as to the value of the quattrina. 100 quattrina were worth about 1 f. 40 c. The value of the Tuscan lira was 81 centimes (about 17 c.), and it contained 60 quattrina; therefore five are worth 7 centimes.

E. F. C., Swanton.—The stamp you describe is a Bremen revenue. We make use of your information concerning the new card.

H. H. C., Jersey City.—The new French stamps are to be withheld until the old stock becomes exhausted. The 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10 c. stamps are printed in emerald green; 15 c., gray; 20 c., brown; 25 c., blue; 30 c., bistre; 40 c., red; 75 c., carmine; 1 franc, bronze-green; 5 f., lilac.

H. C. S., Rochester.—The 1838 French Republic stamps were not perforated. The 1870 Parisian are, but those issued at Bordeaux in 1870 are not.

MABEL S., Bridgewater.—The U. S. 3 c. stamped letter sheets were issued in August, 1861. They are now very scarce.

T. N. W., Philadelphia.—Your St. Helena, Montero, St. Lucia, Liberia and Costa Rica stamps are forgeries. We have not time nor space to indulge in personalities.

L. P. W., Cambridge.—Scrap-books of all kinds can be purchased of J. J. Gould, 16 Bromfield street, Boston.

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100 FINELY MIXED STAMPS, only 10 cts.: 15 Austria, 5 Turkey, 5 Jamaica, 8 Norway, at 10 cts. each set; 4 Hawaii, 15 cts.; 4 Japan, 15 cts.; 6 Newfoundland, 25 cts. Postage extra. Circulars free.

Munro's Girls and Boys of America

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, SEPT. 30, 1876.

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—Issue of 1854-55: head in beaded oval.—5 centavos, orange; 10 c., carmine; 1 real, blue; 2 r., green.

Issue of 1855: head in dotted circle.—5 c., red.

Issue of 1859: similar to last.—5 c., red; 10 c., pink.

Issue of 1863: head of Queen.—5 c., red; 10 c., carmine; 1 real, violet; 2 r., blue; 1 real pinto, blue-green; 1 real plata, bright green.

Issue of 1865: 3 1/4 cents, black on yellow; 6 2/8 c., green on flesh; 12 4/8 c., blue on yellow; 25 c., scarlet on flesh.

Issue of 1870: head of Liberty.—5 c., blue; 10 c., green; 20 c., bistre; 40 c., rose.

Issue of 1872: head of Am-deus.—12 c., rose; 16 c., blue; 62 c., lilac; 1 piseta, 25 c., buff.

Issue of 1873.—25 c., lilac; 62 c., rose; 1 piseta, blue on pink.

Issue of 1874: figure of Liberty.—12 c., lilac; 62 c., rose; 1 piseta, brown.

Issue of 1875.—25 c., brown on green. There are many minor varieties of Luzon stamps, shades of color, etc.

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L. P. MCKAY, New South Wales.—We thank you for the interest taken in our paper. Mailed you a letter September 5.

DOM PEDRO, Syracuse.—We thought that idea about the issue of "Too late" stamps would have exploded before this, for we have long known the surcharging to be simply a post-mark.

C. L. C. Albany.—La Guaira and Puerto Cabello are the two seaports of Venezuela, through one or other of which all letters to or from the interior must pass.

T. N. W., New York.—"El Averiguador" is published under the direction of E. de Maritegui, Atocha, 143 Principal, Madrid, Spain. John L. Graham, P. M., issued his stamp in June, 1843.

"BOYS HERALD," St. John.—Card received; will not forget you.

E. D. W., Toledo.—The 1-2 peso, Peruvian, was issued in 1860, and is extremely scarce. The 5 s., Queensland, is worth thirty cents used.

R. P. C., Charleston.—The current stamps of the Sandwich Islands are the 1 c., violet; 2 c., brown; 5 c., blue; 6 c., green; 12 c., black; 18 c., red. Catalogue by mail.

C. H. E., New London.—The complete list of all space and Lorraine stamps will cost you thirty cents. Send to J. M. CHUTE & Co., Egleston Square, Boston, for illustrated list of postage stamps, etc.

Miss S., Exeter.—We have written to the party, as requested. F. M. Dewey's card appeared in No. 154 of this paper.

Boy Srv, Cincinnati.—There is nothing gained by sending to Europe for stamps; you can buy quite as cheaply at home. The first Norway stamps appeared in 1855.

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MAURITIUS.—Issue of 1855-56: inscribed "Postage paid. Mauritius."—1 d., red; 2 d., blue. Similar; shading in crossed vertical lines.—1 d., orange; 2 d., blue. Similar; shading in vertical lines.—2 d., blue.

Issue of 1856: Britannia; value not indicated.—Scarlet; amaranth; green; blue.

Issue of 1858: Queen to left; badly engraved; Greek frame.—1 d., orange; red; 2 d., blue; slate.

Issue of 1860: Britannia; value indicated.—6 d., blue; slate; 1 s., scarlet.

Issue of 1861-63: Queen to left.—1 d., brown; 2 d., blue; 3 d., scarlet; 4 d., pink; 6 d., green; 12 d., blue; 1 s., buff; green; ochre-yellow; 5 s., mauve.

Issue of 1862: Britannia, similar to 1856.—6 d., lavender; 1 s., blue; green.

Issue of 1869: profile of Queen.—6 d., dark green; 1 s., blue; yellow; 10 d., brown.

ENVELOPES.—6 d., mauve; 10 d., claret; 9 d., maroon; 1 s., yellow; 1 s. 5 d., blue.

MADEIRA.—Issue of 1868: stamps of Portugal surcharged.—5 r., black; 10 r., yellow; 20 r., straw; 25 r., pink; 50 r., green; 80 r., orange; 100 r., blue; 120 r., blue; 240 r., violet.

Issue of 1871-76: similar to 1868; figure in straight line.—5 r., black; 10 r., yellow; 15 r., brown; 20 r., straw; 25 r., pink; 50 r., green; 80 r., orange; 100 r., blue; 120 r., blue; 150 r., blue; 240 r., violet; 300 r., blue.

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F. M. H., Troy.—The card of U. N. C. appears in 7th No. 154, published by St. F. Moore, Danville, N. C. Should state what is, or false impressions, made from the year 1865.

A. P. C., Fishkill.—Our efforts are published by H. Edward Chambers, New Orleans, La. See his card in No. 152 of MUNRO'S GIRLS AND BOYS OF AMERICA. The circular 12 s. U. S. postage is a fiction. Your collection is a very good one, as far as it goes, and is well worth the sum you paid for it. See coin.

W. S. C., Brooklyn.—The French Republic 20 c., scarlet on blue paper, is an essay of some rarity. The Boy's card is genuine.

G. H. A., St. Paul.—The 2 and 30 c. St. Louis stamps are undoubtedly spurious. The 100, 200 and 500 reis of Brazil, with italic figures, are equally rare. The Deccan is a clumsy forgery.

E. E. B., Camden.—The green 3 d. Tasmanian, St. George and Dragon type, is not a total. Your specimen of the old square 3 pence penny is bogus.

C. C. H., Memphis.—The two-penny Swan is merely a discolored specimen, of which most vermilion stamps afford examples. The portrait on the 20 c. U. S. is that of Hamilton, copied from Corraet's bust.

Boy Srv, Chicago.—We will notice all amateur papers which contain any articles or advertisements relating to stamps. Send us a copy. We cannot give the exact circulation of MUNRO'S GIRLS AND BOYS

OF AMERICA, BUT IT numbers many thousands. An advertisement inserted in its columns will bring you large returns.

EVA, Baltimore.—The Moresnet stamp is entirely bogus, and was gotten up by M. Moens, a Belgian dealer; they are known as *poissons d'aéril*. You are right in the real name of the party in question. We have never heard anything to his discredit.

F. H., Philadelphia.—The penny Mulready's were issued both as covers and envelopes, i. e., in single sheets of paper, and diamond-shaped for folding into what we call envelopes.

CUSTER, Baltimore.—Without seeing your collection, it is impossible for us to state its worth. Consult some dealer.

H. B. B., Dover.—Have replied by mail.

C. S. W., Springfield.—Your two Liberians are genuine, although the pink one is post-marked "MONROVIA." The head on the 2 c. Confederate is that of Andrew Jackson.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CUSTER.—The 1874 Danish West Indies have the figure of value in a circle, surmounted by a crown, with the inscription "DANSK-VESTINDISKE OER." "Nouvelle-Galles du Sud" is the French for New South Wales.

M. WENDELL.—The Stamp received; a very neat paper.

F. N. S., Syracuse.—The penny stamps of New Brunswick were issued in 1856. The design is similar to the first issue of Nova Scotia; but the lower disc in the New Brunswick stamp is occupied by a rose with the stem pointing upwards, while in the Nova Scotians the same disc is occupied by the Mayflower, with the stem downwards. Both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick designs were engraved by L. Stanford, Charing Cross, London.

PERALTO.—The "lake" Newfoundland stamps were issued Jan. 1, 1863; the change in color from vermilion to lake was not authorized by the Government, but as done by the caprice of the printer, so we are informed by the Postmaster-General of Newfoundland.

A. F. W., Philadelphia.—The large U. S. newspaper stamps were issued October 1, 1865, and withdrawn February 1, 1869; they were used only in Chicago and Milwaukee. Your Salvador and St. Helena stamps are genuine.

PHILATELIST.—None of the U. S. envelopes have been reprinted; the paper for the U. S. envelopes has always been made upon dandies lettered in a peculiar way; the reason why the letters appear in different positions upon the envelopes is, because, to economize paper, the knife is turned different ways. The manufacturers are bound to have the water-mark appear upon each envelope, but are not bound as to position.

C. H. A., Brooklyn.—Have sent you the packet by mail. All French stamps are prepared at the Hotel des Monnaies, in Paris. The sheets on which these stamps are printed are subjected to four successive operations, the result being sure proof against forgery by the transferring process.

GEORGE GLIDDEN.—Thanks for your very kind letter. The circle of stamp collectors is widening, not diminishing, and it is satisfactory to know that the pursuit now finds its followers, not only amongst the youthful portion of the community, but amongst maturer minds—clergymen, doctors, lawyers, merchants, and others. Witness the great extent of Philately in every corner of the globe, every mail bringing from east, west, north, and south letters relating exclusively to stamp collecting.

G. R., Baltimore.—By Her Majesty's proclamation, issued in the spring of 1867, the provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, were to form a grand confederation or dominion, which took effect July 1, 1867. The first Dominion stamps were issued April 1, 1868.

"PHIL DALTON."—We have not space to waste in personalities. It is an easy matter to say that a dealer sells counterfeits, but it is another to know positively that they are such. More than one dealer has had its reputation injured by the careless remarks of parties who know nothing about stamps. The stamps you call bogus are entirely genuine.

E. M. C., Norfolk.—Order the back numbers of any news agent.

GRACE R.—Your St. Lucia's, St. Vincent, and Mexican stamps are counterfeits.

"NEMO."—Letter in Post-office for you.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

SARAWAK.—The current three-cent stamp is now coming over surcharged two cents in black.

CASHMERE.—Two emerald green impressions of this country have lately turned up, of the second die of the round type. Their values are 1-2 anna and 4 annas.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The complete set of the new emission consists of the 1 c., black; 2 c., orange; 6 c., blue; 8 c., pink; 12 c., violet; 24 c., green; 48 c., pink; 96 c., olive.

TURKEY.—A new adhesive has been in circulation since April last. The value is one piastre, yellow.

JAPAN.—The latest emission of this empire is a new value, five sen, pale green.

GREENLAND.—We wish to warn collectors against fables purporting to represent this country. The values are 2 skilling, red, and 8 skilling, blue.

HOLLAND.—The five-cent post card now bears a light brown frame instead of lilac. The rest of the coloring remains as before.

PERIA.—All doubt respecting this emission is forever at rest. The colors are black, blue, green, and red.

LUXEMBURG.—A new value adhesive for this duchy has just been issued, 5 c., yellow.

VICTORIA.—This colony has just issued a new post-card, lilac impression on pale yellow card; 1 penny.

SPAIN.—This country issued a new value on the 10th August; 2 cent de peseta, pale bistre.

CAROL.—This country has a new series of stamps; 1 anna, 2 a., 4 a., 8 a., and 1 rupee, all printed in gray-black. The Indian characters are much plainer than those in the previous issues.

CURACOA AND SURIJAM.—The value of the new cards are, for Curacao, 15 c., red brown; Surinam, 15 c., pearl gray.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

STAMP PURCHASER, New York.—To have a fine collection it is not necessary to have every stamp issued. There are about 4,000 varieties of stamps, of every nature. All postage stamps have a fixed market value.

E. C. P., St. Louis.—We know of only one amateur paper in New Orleans that takes stamp advertisements—Our Effort—published by H. Edward Chambers.

EDWARD SAWYER.—The yellow Grenada stamps, surcharged in green, are used as revenues.

J. C. A., Philadelphia.—The Corlova, or Cordoba, stamps are pure humbugs. The island of Montserrat has no postal stamps.

MISS E. F. H., Troy.—We would advise you to purchase the Centennial envelopes as soon as possible, as they will become obsolete after the 10th November. No more of the red stamps are to be printed.

KING COLE.—Your stamps are quite genuine, and returned by mail as desired.

M. E. E., Philadelphia.—Angola has four series of revenue stamps, ranging in value from 10 to 2,000 reis. Nos. 3, 7, 13, 21, and 27 are bogus; the rest genuine.

HENRY F. CALLENDAR.—Antigua has a complete series of revenue stamps; 1 d., 2, 3, 4, and 6 d.; 1 s., 2, 3, 4, and 5 s.

I. P. A., Chicago.—The very rarest stamps are the first issue of British Guiana, the 1-2 peso of Peru; 3 lire, Tuscany; Bolivia, 500 c.; Buenos Ayres, 3 and 5 pesos; Canada, 12 d.; India, 1-2 anna, red; Sandwich Islands, 13 c., first issue, etc.

E. M. C., Frankfurt.—Thanks for your kind letter.

N. T. B., Toledo.—Your stamps are genuine.

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Amateur Publications.

The Collectors' Chronicle, Boston, Mass., is an amateur monthly devoted to stamp news and the interests of all amateurs, edited and published by W. W. Robinson.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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PERALTO, Baltimore.—The envelopes of Hanover were suppressed on its annexation to Prussia in 1866, and those of the Thurn and Taxis Post-office on the 30th of June, 1867. The specimens forwarded are returned as desired; all genuine.

E. C. E., Charleston.—The genuine 1854 y 55 Luzon 10 curatos stamp has forty-three and one-half pearls, round and regular; crown of head left white; color, intense red. The Austrian is one of a set of essays offered for adoption some years since. They are very large size, and, in our opinion, greatly surpass those now in use.

G. A. N., Philadelphia.—This correspondent desires to protest against collecting revenue and telegraph stamps, on the plea of extra expense. On such a topic we have remarked elsewhere in this paper that collectors may be well left, in this land of liberty, to collect what pleases themselves, not what suits the purses or fancies of others.

COLLECTOR, Philadelphia.—Your oblong stamp is one of the Danubian Steam Navigation Co's impressions, worth ten cents.

JIM CROW, Brooklyn.—Le Journal des Debats is published in Paris; it is not a stamp publication. Stamps for registered letters, notably those of Victoria and New South Wales, have never been denied place in philatelic albums.

G. B., Augusta.—The stamps you call bogus are genuine; they are really revenues, but have been frequently found on letters, placed there by mistake.

MISS M. MC., Toledo.—The Azores have had five distinct issues of revenue stamps, ranging in value from ten to nine thousand reis. The United States locals were issued in 1845-50, and were used upon letters and packets like the postage-stamps of to-day; some varieties are extremely scarce, and bring high prices.

F. G., Princeton.—The word RESETO condemns the Peruvians; the lack of the ninth star, the New Granada; coarseness of engraving, the Nicaragua, St. Lucia, Brazil, etc. The stamps of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland were engraved in New York City. The native Peruvian stamps are printed on continuous strips of paper, by means of the Lecocq machine, which thus require horizontal perforation only.

L. L. B., Mohile.—King Frederick Augustus graces the earlier emissions of Saxony; King John, that of 1855. The Sicilian stamps bear the portrait of King Frederick II. Jacques Cartier is represented on the 17 c. Canadian.

A. M. C., Chicago.—A clean copy of the 500 c. black Bolivians worth \$10; the one-half peso of Peru, \$20.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

AUSTRIA.—New cards have been issued for Poland and Bohemia; the card for Poland has the motto "KARTA KORESPONDENCYNA," the Bohemian, "KORRESPONDENCI LISTEK," with the inscription "KORRESPONDENZ-KARTE," 2 k., red-brown upon buff.

BELGIUM.—The 5 c. card, lilac upon buff, now appears with the inscription in both French and German.

GREAT BRITAIN.—A new value has been issued—8 pence, orange—to represent the postage on letters from England to India.

INDIA.—We have received specimens of the new 8 annas, bistre; portrait of the Empress of India, watermarked with an elephant.

JAPAN.—Five or six weeks ago we mentioned a new set having been issued by this country, and specimens are now before us: 1 sen, black; 2 sen, bistre; 5 rin, gray. They have a very pleasing appearance, and are beautifully engraved.

TURKEY.—A new value has been issued for local use—10 paras, lilac.

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INQUIRER.—The Stamp Department commenced in No. 124; back numbers can be obtained of the publisher.

E. R. T., St. Louis.—Your stamps are genuine; there is no place in Boston where bogus stamps are manufactured. The story is absurd, and had its origin in an English paper.

MISS E. G., Hartford.—The green Honduras is genuine.

L. A. F., Cincinnati.—Never condemn a party until you have satisfied yourself, personally; what some one else says will not do. We have never heard anything to the discredit of the party in question.

A. C. C., Brooklyn.—The one shilling Nova Scotia is very scarce, and worth \$4. Your large brown stamp is a Spanish 17c.

COLLECTOR, Lansing.—As a rule, it is not a good plan to buy of so-called stamp companies, which are in reality managed by one person. There is nothing dishonorable in selling stamps, and if parties advertise under assumed names, look out for counterfeits.

T. L., MISS M. F., C. C. B. and NEMO.—Have answered by mail.

CONSTANT READER.—Your double Geneva stamp is a forgery. The portrait on the 1 c. Newfoundland is that of the Prince of Wales as a boy, in Highland dress.

W. S., Springfield.—The Suez Canal stamps were in use a few months only; they are not scarce. The English officials are so numerous that they have never hitherto been more than cursorily noticed; possibly some day they may be properly classed and described.

G. A., St. Louis.—The first Austrian post-card was issued Oct. 1, 1869. The card for Bohemia is inscribed "KORRESPONDENCI LISTEK" for the Illyrian provinces, "KARTA DA KORRESPONDENZIJA" for Galicia, "KARTA KORRESPONDENCYNA" for the Rutenian lands, "KARTA KORRESPONDENTZYNAYU" for Servia, "LISTNICA." There are varieties of each.

MISS M., Trenton.—The Hong Kong set comprises the 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, 30, 48 and 96 cent; the large \$2, \$4 and \$10 stamps are revenues. The lithographed Hongkong appeared in 1870; the engraved in 1871.

E. R. T., C. C. A., Ralph E., M. T. S., B. G. and E. C. A.—Thanks for your kind favors: have replied by letter.

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MODENA.—Issue of 1872; eagle in center.—5 c., green; 10 c., rose; 15 c., violet; 15 c., yellow; 25 c., orange; 40 c., blue; 1 lra., white. NEWSPAPER STAMPS.—9 c. B. G., violet; 10 c., black.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.—Issue of 1859; cross, with crown and collar, between laurel branches.—5 c., green; 15 c., chocolate; 20 c., lilac; 40 c., rose; 80 c., orange.

MONTENEGRO.—Issue of 1873; bust of prince to right.—2 s., yellow; 3 s., green; 5 s., red; 7 s., purple; 10 s., blue; 15 s., stone; 25 s., chocolate.

MONTVIDEO.—Issue of 1856; diligencia.—60 c., blue; 80 c., green; 1 real, red. Issue of 1857; Roman letters.—60 c., lilac; 60 c., brown; 80 c., orange; 100 c., rose; 120 c., blue; 180 c., green; 240 c., red. Issue of 1859; block letters.—120 c., blue; 180 c., green; 240 c., red. Issue of 1864; Rep. Oriental. 66 c., lake; 68 c., green; 10 c., brown; 12 c., blue. Issue of 1866; the same as 1864 surcharged.—5 c., blue; 10 c., green; 15 c., yellow; 20 c., rose. Issue of 1866; large figure.—1 c., black; 5 c., blue; 10 c., green; 15 c., orange; 20 c., pink. ENVELOPE STAMPS.—5 c., blue; 10 c., green. POST-CARDS.—5 c. and 10 c., buff, olive, gray, etc.

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COLLECTOR, Richmond.—Your stamps are forgeries. The new telegraph stamps of Peru are inscribed, "Telegrafos Nacionales;" values, 5 c., purple; 20 c., green; 50 c., brown.

CONSTANT READER.—The plates from which the Confederate stamps were printed perished in the conflagration of Columbia during the late war.

PHILATELIST.—The portrait in all the Mexican stamps is that of the Curate Hidalgo. Please read the following from official documents in our possession: "Art. 2. La administracion general de correos, abraza a los que representan el busto del primer heroe de la independencia, E. S. D. Miguel Hidalgo," etc.

E. M. M., Brooklyn.—The first issue of Natal is embossed on colored paper, there being nothing to distinguish it from its surr. wrappings, except its being in relief.

MRS. S. W. F., Cambridge.—The exact inscription on the Velvety envelopes (1853) was, "Porte paye le jour du mois de L'an 1853." Catalogue sent to Master F.

H. C. B., Frankford.—Your red Cashmere stamp is genuine. The *Philatelic Monthly* is published by L. W. Durbin, 105 S. Fifth st., Philadelphia, at twenty-five cents per year. Pinkham's *Stamp Collectors' Monthly* is discontinued.

L. C. F., Baltimore.—All your stamps are genuine. We firmly believe the St. Louis 20 c. stamp to be spurious, and are sustained in our belief by no less a person than Mr. Tiffany, of St. Louis.

C. B., Brooklyn.—The stamps you call bogus are genuine. The Canada registered 5 c., blue, is a chemical changelin. Justin N. Lallier, the author of "Lallier's Album," died September, 1873.

COLLECTOR, Troy.—The Cordoba stamps were first noticed by W. K. Freeman, in the *Philatelic Journal*, Nov. 15, 1872. They certainly were never used as postage stamps.

FRANK ROCKWOOD.—We presume the Canadian International post-card will be soon issued; we saw an account of it some time since in a Canadian journal.

MISS G. R. H.—The pink Carrier's stamp was issued Sept. 29, 1851; the blue, Nov. 17, 1851. Your red Peruvian is genuine; the St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Nicaragua, bogus.

PHIL. DALTON.—The stamp you describe is probably a fac-simile of the Paraguayan essay. Impressions from the original block appeared in the Buenos Ayres *Standard* some years ago.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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REFERENCE LIST FOR BEGINNERS.

[Under this heading we shall give, from week to week, in alphabetical order, a complete list of all the stamps issued in the world. Collectors would do well to preserve each number, as this list will be found very handy for reference.]

M. SCHWERN.—Issue of 1856-66; arms.—14 sch., red; 14 sch., dotted ground, red; 2 sch., lilac; 3 sch., yellow; 5 sch., blue; 5 sch., brown. ENVELOPE STAMPS.—Issue of 1858-64; large oval; arms.—1 sch., red; 1 1/2 sch., green; 2 sch., lilac; 3 sch., yellow; 5 sch., blue; 5 sch., brown.

M. STREITZ.—Issue of 1864.—14 sch., orange; 13 sch., green; 1 sch., violet; 1 sch., gray; 2 s., blue; 3 s., blue; 3 s., brown. ENVELOPE STAMPS.—Issue of 1864.—1 s., rose; 2 s., blue; 3 s., brown.

MEXICO.—Issue of 1856; white paper; head of Hidalgo.—12 real, blue; 1 r., yellow; 2 r., green; 4 r., red; 8 r., brown. Issue of 1861; colored paper.—12 r., brown; 1 r., green; 2 r., pink; 4 r., yellow; 8 r., brown. Issue of 1863; colored ink on colored paper.—4 r., red on yellow; 8 r., green on brown. Issue of 1864; finely engraved.—1 r., red; 2 r., blue; 4 r., brown; 1 peso, black. Issue of 1864; eagle.—3 c., brown; 1 1/2 r., lilac; 1 r., blue; 2 r., yellow; 4 r., green; 8 r., pink. Issue of 1868; head of Maximilian.—7 c., brown; 13 c., blue; 25 c., orange; 50 c., green. There are two distinct sets of this issue, lithographed and engraved. Issue of 1868; similar to 1866.—1 1/2 r., black on gray; 1 1/2 r., green on gray; 1 r., blue; 2 r., black on lilac; 4 r., red on white; 4 r., rose on pink; 8 r., black on brown; 8 r., green on brown. Issue of 1868; colored paper.—6 c., brown; 12 c., green; 25 c., blue on pink; 50 c., yellow; 50 c., blue on pink; 100 c., brown on brown; 100 c., black on brown. Issue of 1872; back of stamps colored.—6 c., green; 12 c., blue; 25 c., red; 50 c., yellow; 100 c., lilac. Issue of 1874; finely engraved.—5 c., brown; 10 c., black; 25 c., blue; 50 c., green; 100 c., crimson. Issue of 1875; Correo porte de mar.—10, 12, 20, 25, 50, 85 and 100 c., black. ENVELOPE STAMPS.—10 c., green; 25 c., blue.

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S. T. AMP.—Your query was overlooked. The stamp was used for Austrian newspapers.

S. C. C., St. Louis.—The late Postmaster Graham, of New York, issued his official stamp in 1842.

A. MYERS.—This correspondent gives us the description of a 3 c. stamped envelope in process of manufacture for the Dominion of Canada. 2 c., oval, with head of Victoria in center; color not yet decided on. It will be issued about New Year's Day.

CHARLES C. IRVING.—The Basile stamp has a dove carrying a letter, embossed; 2 1/2 rappen, blue and red. The Bayon stamps were issued in 1850-52. There are no special stamps used in Siberia.

G. G. A., Baltimore.—Your New Granada stamps, with arms on shaded shield, appeared in 1859; the issue of 1860 has the arms on a white shield.

B. E. H., Philadelphia.—We cannot tell you just when stamped paper was first used. It seems to have been used by the Chinese as early as A. D. 850, and was undoubtedly in use at a much earlier period. The Postmaster General of Turkey is M. Murad Effendi. Stamps marked and returned.

S. A. B., Charleston.—The first Canadian stamps were issued June 1, 1851, and were engraved by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, of New York. The 12 penny stamp of this issue is extremely scarce, only eight hundred and twenty copies of it being issued to postmasters. The second Canadian issue appeared July 1, 1859, catalogues and manuals notwithstanding.

MISS F., Syracuse.—Your revenue and telegraph stamps are genuine. The only Newfoundland stamps were engraved in London, and issued Jan. 1, 1857.

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CHARLES CLAY.—We cannot give a list of American dealers; it would be subject to parties advertising in this paper. Stamps returned, as requested. The card of John K. Tiffany, Esq., appears in *The Monthly Chronicle*, published by Henry Laobker, 157 Sheffield Ave., Chicago.

A. M. S.—The portraits on postage-stamps are as follows: The bust on the one-cent stamp represents Franklin; two, Jackson; three, Washington; five, Taylor; six, Lincoln; seven, Stanton; ten, Jefferson; eleven, Clay; fifteen, Webster; twenty, Scott; thirty, Hamilton; ninety, P. Taylor. The one-cent, twelve and twenty-four-cent stamps are not now issued, but many of them are in circulation.

JACK.—Your large eleven-cent impression, bearing the British arms, and inscribed "Colonial Secretary, Mauritius," is not a postage-stamp. This class of impressions are simply official seals, showing the office from which the letter emanates. Your Bolivian 50 c., blue, is worth \$1.

T. N. W., Chicago.—Genuine copies of the New Caledonian stamp are scarce. It was issued in 1858, and suppressed in 1861. We have no right to say anything against the party you mention; it is not our purpose to "run" other dealers. The Riga Kaitbad stamp was made for sale to collectors.

E. C. A., New Haven.—The English word "stamp" is rendered *Timbre* in French, *Stempel* in German, *Bollo* in Italian, and *Sello* or *Estampa* in Spanish. Your cashmere stamp rubs because it is printed in water colors; a good proof of its genuine character.

L. B. T., San Francisco.—The 100 reis, Donna Maria, of Portugal, is worth seventy-five cents. Punjab is a semi-independent province of India; stamps issued in 1874.

Miss R., Syracuse.—Your query is a trifle out of our usual line, but we are pleased to answer it. The first ocean steamer was the "Savannah," which sailed from Savannah, Ga., May 25, 1819, and reached London June 21. The Canada 10 pence stamp is worth \$1.

FOREIGN STAMPS.—3 Argentine, 5 Brazil, 5 Sicily, 3 Honduras, 7 Bergeidof, 10 Old Spain, at 10 cts per set. 11 Treasury, 3 Egypt, 5 Bavaria, 6 cts. each set. 5 Russia, 3 West Indies, 5 cts. each set. Set Interior, 15 cts. 80 all different and good, rare stamps, 25 cts. All warranted. Address M. ROBINSON, No. 8 Coates Alley, Camden, N. J.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CANADA.—A valued Canadian correspondent gives us the following description of a 3 c. stamped envelope, to be issued about Christmas time: oval, with head of Queen to left; "Canada Postage" above, and value below; color, green. He mentions the rumor of issue of other values.

VICTORIA.—The current blue-penny is now surcharged "EIGHT PENCE" in Roman capitals, over the original value, and 8 d. on either side of the Queen's profile.

PORTUGAL.—Post-cards, stamped envelopes and money orders will probably be forthcoming at the New Year.

TURKS ISLAND.—The 8 d., gray, now appears with the star watermark, like the penny value.

TASMANIA.—Has a new stamp, 4 d., buff, watermarked "TAS."

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PHILATELIST.—The English stamp known as the V. R. is exactly like the black penny, letters excepted. Your stamps, except the 280 Brazilian, are genuine.

J. W. W., Lynn.—The Guadalupe stamps were really used in Mexico provisionally. We have a letter from the Postmaster-General of Mexico, dated Aug. 29, 1876, wherein he mentions the remainders having been destroyed by fire.

R. G. S., Jr., Chicago.—The large green 5 c. Confederate is worth fifteen cents; small blue 5 c., one cent.

GEORGE F. SYLVESTER.—The scarce match stamps are *Etina Match Co.*, 1 c., green, catalogued at 60; *Akron Match Co.*, 1 c., blue, \$3; *Alexander's* 1 c., blue, \$3; *American Match Co.*, 1 c., green, \$15; *Barber & Peckham*, 3 c., black, \$4; *Reafield & Poole*, 3

c., brown, \$10; *Brown & Darling*, 1 c., black, \$10; *W. E. Doolittle*, 1 c., blue, \$10; and others which we have not space to mention.

C. C. L., Philadelphia.—The 4 d. Mauritius, green (Britannia), is worth \$3.50. Your Mexican, St. Lucia and Trinidad are genuine. Malta has only one stamp; when higher values are needed, English stamps are used.

COLLECTOR, Baltimore.—There are several varieties of Centennial envelopes; the green and red both appear watermarked "U. S. C., 1876." The 2-1/2 r., Portugal, is used for journals. We noticed the contemplated new Austrian issue several weeks ago.

W. F. S., Chicago.—The design of the Brunswick local envelope is of the most primitive nature—simply a circle, with the letters "S. P." The New York post-office stamp was engraved by Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, and is in the possession of the American Bank Note Co. The unused 10 pesos, of Colombia, is worth \$15.

H. C. LONGSTREET.—There are several varieties of the first Danish envelopes. Of the 1 sk., without 8, three trifling varieties exist, broad figure, thick figure and thin figure. Both values appear with and without the 8.

P. C. H., Scranton.—Your stamps, excepting the New Granada, are genuine. The 100 c., "Justice," is a Bolivian revenue. The 1 c., red, British Guiana, will cost you \$1.25; 48 c., red, ten cents.

P. N. Munroe.—We understand that a treaty is in progress, by which the Republics of Guatemala, Salvador and Nicaragua are to be consolidated in one government, in which case we may look for an entire new issue of stamps. Patroni was really convicted, but the whole case was so ridiculous that the government attorney did not press for sentence, and he is still at large.

MISS DU P.—The Ionian Islands formerly belonged to England, but were ceded to Greece some time ago. *Blood's Philadelphia Despatch* was started in 1843.

E. L. WINDHAM.—Do not burn your stamps. If you insist upon it, however, we suggest that a little benzine, judiciously sprinkled among the leaves of your book, will facilitate matters. Burn your counterfeits, but save the genuine copies, and in future fight shy of great bargains.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

FIJI ISLANDS.—The Fiji Times Express stamps have re-appeared; 1 penny, 3 pence, 6 pence, and 1 shilling, black on rose.

TURKEY.—From *Le Timbre Poste* we learn of a new issue: 10 p., black and lilac; 20 p., violet and green; 50 p., blue and yellow; 2 piastres, black and yellow; 5 p., red and blue; 25 p., claret and red.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Two new values of the current type have appeared: 5 c., pearl gray; frame, green and yellow; 10 c., brown; frame, blue.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—A new 5-cent blue stamp will be issued by the end of November.

HELGOLAND.—A double or reply card was issued some time since; 10 pf., green on chamois.

VICTORIA.—We have a copy of the new provisional 8 d., surcharged in black.

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HENRY ST. CLAIR.—The Cordoba stamps are not postal.

T. S. R., St. Louis.—The first stamp you mention is the 5 piastres, Egyptian; the second, the 5 paras, blue, of the Constantinople local post; your third stamp we do not recognize by your description. The Pomeroy local was issued in 1849.

B. F. C., Philadelphia.—The stars on the Salvador stamps represent the eleven departments of the State, viz.: San Salvador, La Libertad, Sonsonate, Santa Anna, Cascatlan, Usulutlan, San Vicente, San Miguel, La Paz, La Union, and Chalatenango.

E. M. G., Hartford.—The 5 c. Argentine, with head of Rivalavia, was issued in 1864.

T. N. A., Frankfurt.—The stamp inscribed "GRO" is Spanish; the smaller, a Prussian revenue. Your St. Helena, New Granada, and St. Lucia are bogus; the others are genuine.

JOHN B. FOWLE.—There is a rose-red and a vermilion sixpenny Barbados, as well as a rose-red and brick red fourpenny.

DUDLEY.—The Swiss label you describe is a Zurich bill stamp.

E. T. B., Brooklyn.—The 1 a., blue, and 4 a., red, circular Cashmere, are worth \$5 each. The 1851 Brunswick are almost unobtainable in an unused state. The rarest Cape Good Hope are the wood-block 1 d., blue, and 4 d., red.

E. A. B., Baltimore.—The Stamp is published by M. Wendell, Chicago. It is a neat paper, and has a large circulation. The 4 d., Gambia, is worth twenty cents; 15 c., green, France, fifteen cents.

Miss L. P., Springfield.—The 8 a., blue and red, India, is a genuine stamp, but is rarely catalogued by dealers. A genuine copy of the Basle stamp will cost you sixty-five cents; Winterthur, 2-1/2 r., \$1.25.

J. S. R., Rock Island.—Thanks for your kind information. You will notice the new issue described in this number.

J. V. F., Cincinnati.—Stamped receipts, etc., were used in Holland as early as 1624; in Spain, 1627; in Saxony, 1682; in Hanover, 1709; in England, 1692.

The blue Centennial envelope is a chemical change.

WM. S. HALE.—The bust on the 1868 Sarawak is that of Sir James Brooke, K. C. B., who became Rajah of Sarawak in 1841, and died June 11, 1868. That on the 1870 stamp represents Charles Johnson Brooke, who succeeded his uncle in the Rajahship, August, 1868.

C. Y. B., Brooklyn.—The Mexican *porte de mer* stamps represent the Mexican interior postage on foreign letters, which can only be prepaid to sea ports. Your St. Vincent and Ecuador stamps are genuine; Peruvian, bogus.

JACK FLETCHER.—The new 5 c., blue, Newfoundland, was noticed some time ago. The 8 d., lake, Newfoundland, had no currency in that island; it is a reprint.

E. B. W., St. Louis.—Your stamps are all genuine. Unused copies of the 1851 Sardinian will cost you \$1.25 each; Luzon, 1 r., blue, 1854-5, \$6; *Impuesto de Guerra* means war-tax.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

JAPAN.—This country has issued a new value, 4-en, blue-green, similar in type to those recently noticed.

PRUSSIA.—The value and colors of the now well-authenticated issues are: 1 shah, black, carmine; 2 sh., blue; 4 sh., vermilion; and 8 sh., green. They are poorly executed on white paper.

DECCAN.—The *Belgian Magazine* figures and describes an interesting resuscitation for this country. It is a large-sized, broad oblong; impressed in black, on a white ground, showing characters in white similar to those on the early issued oblong 1 anna. The value of the new issue is probably the same.

QUEENSLAND.—The 1 s., violet, now bears the same watermark as the rest of the current set, viz., Q and crown.

GUATEMALA.—Official Department stamps are now used in this republic. There are five, or more sets; values and colors alike: 1/2 real, black; 1 r., green; 2 rls., blue; 4 rls., red; 1 peso, lilac.

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OLD VETERAN.—St. Christopher is one of the British West India Islands. The Cashmere stamps have simply a Kohistan and Persian inscription, with Indian numerals in center; Persian stamps have a lion holding a sword. Java (Dutch India), Fiji Islands, Philippine Islands, New Caledonia, New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, Sandwich Islands, Sarawak, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and West Australia are the countries of Oceania issuing stamps.

MISS S. B., Augusta.—The stamps used in Punjab are: 1/2 anna, blue; 1 a., pink; 2 a., yellow; 4 a., green; 8 a., purple. Set will cost you three dollars. The 1 scudo, Roman was issued in 1853; worth sixty cents.

COLLECTOR, Toledo.—The genuine Bermuda stamps are water-marked with crown and "C. C." the forged have no water-mark. The letters "C. C." on the Fiji stamps should stand for *Cacoon Rex* (king).

T. N. W., S. B. C., ALICE G., and PHILATELIST.—Have answered by mail.

M. H., Syracuse.—Besides the presence of the laureled water-mark, the earlier 4 pfennig green Prussian has a plain back ground, that of 1858, in addition to the re-touching of the plate, has a ground of crossed lines.

R. T. S., Philadelphia.—You cannot sell used U. S. stamps in England to any advantage. Dealers offer only five cents per hundred in exchange.

PHILATELIST, New Haven.—The Turn-Taxla 3 kreuzer, green, is extremely scarce, only one sheet being struck off by mistake in that color.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Five foreign stamps will be sent free to every correspondent sending his or her full name and address. Remember we require full address.

J. J. R., New Orleans.—Your Mauritius, Trinidad, and Brazilian stamps are poor attempts at imitation of the genuine. Accept our thanks for your kind letter of Nov. 13.

C. & CO., A. D. S., COLLECTOR, B. C. M., and C. F.—Have answered by letter.

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FREE!—Set Holic and rare Japan stamps, with full price list. Send stamp for postage. L. PERKINS, 919 South Fourth street, Camden, N. J.

STAMPS—25 varieties, rare foreign stamps, including Peru, Chili, triangular, Cape of Good Hope, Queensland, Uruguay, etc., 25 cents. Agents wanted. LOUIS J. WILK, B. x 5347, New York City.

No collector of postage stamps should be without a KEESLER'S PRICE LIST. It is the only one in the market. Send five to any address. W. KESSELER, Box 148, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Stamped envelopes are now used in this republic. The impression is on white paper, showing the bust of Rivadavia to left, within oval frame; 5 c., red.

GREECE.—The 40 lepta row appears in rose-violet, on white paper. The new 30 l. is now on a more yellowish paper than at first.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The list of new stamps given in No. 160 is incomplete. There is a 4 c., blue, to be added; and the color of the 6 c. is brown, not blue.

COLOMBIA.—*L'Ami des Timbres* quotes a variety of the current 5 c., as follows: "Above, on either side of 'COLOMBOS,' is a small cross instead of points; the head is on a plain ground; figure of value on white ground; circle not shaded."

FRENCH COLONIES.—From the same source, we learn that the 2 c. of the French Republic is in use for the colonies in an imperforate state.

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COLLECTOR, Liberia.—The green Serbia and yellow Bolivia are forgeries. The round Egyptians appear to be really seals for post-bags; "Poste vice-reali" means "vice-royal" postage. English stamps are used in many foreign ports, hence your post-mark of Malta.

E. F. H., Chicago.—This correspondent writes for a list of unmailable articles, which are as follows: "Packages containing liquids, poisons, glass, explosive chemicals, live animals, sharp-pointed instruments, sugar, flour, or any other matter liable to decay or destroy the contents of the mail," etc.

PHILATEL ST. P. Ankford.—The values of the Turkish stamps, 10 and 20 paras, 1, 2, 5, and 25 piastres, are in Turkish character, not Persian. The numerals are formed as follows: No. 1, by a slanting dash; 2, by two dashes at right angles, thus: < 5, by the letter o; 10, a dot added to the dash, thus: .; and the dot added to the figure 2 makes 20, < 25 is made by adding the figure 5 to the 2, thus: <. The Turkish alphabet consists of thirty-three letters, represented by seventeen different characters. Twenty-eight are Arab, four Persian, and only one letter is purely Turkish. The Turks read and write from right to left.

J. S., Belleville.—We have to acknowledge your Canadians with one of the most singular post-marks we ever remember seeing.

MAUD E., Alexandria.—Your Buenos Ayres ship is a poor imitation. We have no hesitation in recommending you to obtain a copy of the new edition of Dr. Gray's catalogue, which is the most complete published. E. A. Craig, of St. John's, died in San Francisco some years ago.

PHILATELLET.—The Swedish official stamps are the 3 ore, brown; 5, green; 6, violet; 12, blue; 20, red; 24, orange; 30, brown; 50, rose; and 1 krona, blue and brown.

W. S., Pittsburgh.—United States postage stamps are sold only at their face value. The Government allows a commission on sales of revenue stamps, but not on postage.

T. N. PARKSONS.—In the twelfth century the Mecklenburg territory was made a dependency by Henry the Lion. In 1349 the Emperor Charles raised it to a duked m. In 1501, after several divisions and reunions, the State was divided into the dukedoms of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. In 1815 the Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin was made a Grand Duke. Each of the Dukes has his own stamps, needing no description, as the name of the State always appears.

100 Finely Ass. Foreign Stamps, Range price list, and Specimen Copy of *The Stamp Journal*, sent for 15 cts. M. WENDELL, Box 262, Chicago, Ill. 158-131.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CANADA.—A substitute for the postal card is being considered by the Dominion Post-office Department. It is a stamped sheet, note-paper size, with gummed edge, to serve as both paper and envelope, and will cost two cents.

ANTIOQUIA.—The 1 centavo is now printed, black on white.

INDIA.—A new value is in active use, 9 pies, 1/2 fac. The design is similar to those already in use.

BHOPAL.—This East Indian province is said to have issued a stamp, value 1-4 anna, black, brick-red. We may soon expect to hear that stamps are issued for such countries as Herat, Beloochistan, or Nigritia.

SALVADOR.—A new series of stamped envelopes are being prepared for this republic.

HONG KONG.—Specimens of the 30 c., mauve, are coming over, surcharged 28 cents.

SAN DOMINGO.—The 1 real stamps, violet and green, are now out diagonally in half, to serve for one half that value.

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R. R. R., St. Louis.—Russian money consists of the gold Imperial, with ten silver roubles, each of which is divided into 100 copper cents, or kopeks. Your coin, 1/10 "S. MARIA MATER DEI PATRONA HUNG," etc., is a Maria Theresia thaler of Hungary. The name "Bohemia" is derived from the old Celtic tribe *Belli*.

B. S. A., Brooklyn.—The 5, 15, 25, and 30 c. were the earliest of the new French set. The 1 franc came out in the middle of September, and the 4 c. in November. There is a large stock of the 5 franc stamps on hand. The 5 s., Queensland, will cost you thirty-five cents; registered stamp, fifteen cents. The issues of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and British Columbia are obsolete.

F. C. F., Albany.—The habit of inserting lists of "responsible dealers" in amateur papers is an injustice to their advertising patrons. Many names of trustworthy dealers must necessarily be omitted, and collectors are apt to infer that those slighted are not responsible. If you must have a list, act honestly by your patrons, and insert their names only.

E. H. K., St. Louis.—Your specimen is merely a very discolored 40 c. French empire. The oblong stamp is one of the Danubian Steam Navigation Company's impressions. It was originally issued in a lilac color, but is now green. The Jordan Islands were ceded to Greece in 1863.

THOMAS N. CHAMBERS.—The 6 pence, Gold Coast, will cost you twenty-five cents; black letter 120 c., Montevideo, 54; set of Montevideo, \$1.25. There are three sets of Egyptian stamps.

FOREIGN STAMPS.—75 varieties, all genuine, including Turkey, New Zealand, Spain, Finland, Egypt, Hong Kong, Portugal, and Victoria, for 25 cents and stamp; 5 Turkey, 4 Egypt, 5 Roumania, 5 Finland, and 4 Oldenburg, for 10 cents per set. Agents wanted. Send stamp for terms. Address D. HYMAN & Co., 216 Garden street, Cleveland, O.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

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NEWFOUNDLAND.—The color of the 5 c., black has been changed to blue. We were officially informed that a new 5 c. die was being prepared, but the information proves to be incorrect.

GERMANY.—The 10 pfennig envelope has been noticed without the final letter "e."

BRAZIL.—Some of the values now appear with the embossed pattern on the back similar to that of the 1869 United States' issue.

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A. M., Canada.—Many thanks for your kindness in sending us copies of the new Dominion postal tariff.

T. N. W., St. Louis.—The Sardinian issue of 1854-5 has the king's profile on a white oval, and all the rest of the stamp is in color, inscriptions included. It was in Austria, on the 1st of October, 1869, that the first card appeared, and on the following 1st of November Hungary enjoyed the same advantage. Germany adopted them on the 1st of July, 1870.

ROY ROON, Rochester.—Your stamps are genuine, excepting the 1 c. San Domingo, and 6 c. Mexican. The American Match Co., Rock Island 3 c. green, is catalogued at \$10. We have such scarce varieties as 32na Match Co., 1 c. green; Brown & Deiling 1 c. black; and W. E. Doolittle 1 c. blue.

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CHARLES CLAY.—We cannot give a list of American dealers; it would be unjust to parties advertising in this paper. Stamps returned, as requested. The card of John K. Tiffany, Esq., appears in *The Monthly Chronicle*, published by Henry Luebker, 157 Sheffield Ave., Chicago.

A. M. S.—The portraits on postage-stamps are as follows: The bust on the one cent stamp represents Franklin; two, Jackson; three, Washington; five, Taylor; six, Lincoln; seven, Stanton; ten, Jefferson; twelve, Clay; fifteen, Webster; twenty-four, Scott; thirty, Hamilton; ninety, Perry. The even, twelve and twenty-four cent stamps are not now issued, but many of them are in circulation.

JACK.—Your large circular impression, bearing the British arms, and inscribed "Colonial Secretary, Mauritius," is not a postage-stamp. This class of impressions are simply official seals, showing the office from which the letter emanates. Your Bolivian 50 c., blue, is worth \$1.

T. N. W., Chicago.—Genuine copies of the New Caledonian stamp are scarce. It was issued in 1858, and suppressed in 1861. We have no right to say anything against the party you mention; it is not our purpose to "run" other dealers. The Riga Kalbad stamp was made for sale to collectors.

E. C. A., New Haven.—The English word "stamp" is rendered *timbre* in French, *Stempel* in German, *Bollo* in Italian, and *Sello* or *Estampa* in Spanish. Your cashmere stamp rubs because it is printed in water colors; a good proof of its genuine character.

L. B. T., San Francisco.—The 100 reis, Donna Maria, of Portugal, is worth seventy-five cents. Punjab is a semi-independent province of India; stamps issued in 1874.

Miss B., Syracuse.—Your query is a trifle out of our usual line, but we are pleased to answer it. The first ocean steamer was the "Savannah," which sailed from Savannah, Ga., May 26, 1819, and reached London June 21. The Canada 10 pence stamp is worth \$1.

FOREIGN STAMPS.—3 Argentine, 5 Brazil, 5 Sicily, 3 Honduras, 7 Borgefort, 10 Old Spain, at 10 cts per set. 1 Treasury, 3 Egypt, 5 Bavaria, 5 cts. each set. 5 Russia, 3 West Indies, 5 cts. each set. Set Interior, 15 cts. 50 all different and good, rare stamps, 25 cts. All warranted. Address M. ROBINSON, No. 8 Cones Alley, Camden, N. J.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

All communications for this department must be addressed to J. M. CHUTE, KOLESTON SQUARE, BOSTON, MASS.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CANADA.—A valued Canadian correspondent gives us the following description of a 3 c. stamped envelope, to be issued about Christmas time: oval, with head of Queen to left; "Canada Postage" above, and value below; color, green. He mentions the rumor of issue of other values.

VICTORIA.—The current nine-penny is now surcharged "EIGHT PENCE" in Roman capitals, over the original value, and 8 d. on either side of the Queen's profile.

PORTUGAL.—Post-cards, stamped envelopes and money orders will probably be forthcoming at the New Year.

TURKS ISLAND.—The 8 d., gray, now appears with the star watermark, like the penny value.

TASMANIA.—Has a new stamp, 4 d., buff, watermarked "TAS."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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PHILATELIST.—The English stamp known as the V. R. is exactly like the black penny, letters excepted. Your stamps, except the 280 Brazilian, are genuine.

J. W. W., Lynn.—The Guadalupe stamps were really used in Mexico provisionally. We have a letter from the Postmaster-General of Mexico, dated Aug. 29, 1870, wherein he mentions the remainders having been destroyed by fire.

R. G. S., Jr., Chicago.—The large green 5 c. Confederate is worth fifteen cents; small blue 5 c., one cent.

GEORGE F. SYLVESTER.—The scarce match stamps are *Match Co.*, 1 c., green, catalogued at 80; *Match Co.*, 1 c., blue, 3; *Alexander's* 1 c., blue, 3; *American Match Co.*, 1 c., green, 15; *Barber & Peckham*, 2 c., black, 24; *Rossfield & Poole*, 3

c., brown, \$10; Brown & Darling, 1 c., black, \$10; W. E. Doolittle, 1 c., blue, \$10; and others which we have not space to mention.

C. C. L., Philadelphia.—The 4 d. Mauritius, green (Britannia), is worth \$3.50. Your Mexican, St. Lucia and Trinidad are genuine. Malta has only one stamp; when higher values are needed, English stamps are used.

COLLECTOR, Baltimore.—There are several varieties of Centennial envelopes; the green and red both appear watermarked. "U. S. C., 1876." The 2 1/2 r., Portugal, is used for journals. We noticed the contemplated new Austrian issue several weeks ago.

W. F. S., Chicago.—The design of the Brunswick local envelope is of the most primitive nature—simply a circle, with the letters "S. P." The New York post-office stamp was engraved by Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, and is in the possession of the American Bank Note Co. The unused 10 pesos, of Colombia, is worth \$15.

H. C. LONGSTREET.—There are several varieties of the first Danish envelopes. Of the 4 sk., without 8, three trifling varieties exist, broad figure, thick figure and thin figure. Both values appear with and without the S.

P. C. H., Scranton.—Your stamps, excepting the New Granada, are genuine. The 100 c., "Justice," is a Bolivian revenue. The 1 c., red, British Guiana, will cost you \$1.25; 48 c., red, ten cents.

P. N. Munroe.—We understand that a treaty is in progress, by which the Republics of Guatemala, Salvador and Nicaragua are to be consolidated in one government, in which case we may look for an entire new issue of stamps. Patrol was really convicted, but the whole case was so ridiculous that the government attorney did not press for sentence, and he is still at large.

Miss DU P.—The Ionian Islands formerly belonged to England, but were ceded to Greece some time ago. *Blood's Philadelphia Despatch* was started in 1843.

E. L. WINDHAM.—Do not burn your stamps. If you insist upon it, however, we suggest that a little benzine, judiciously sprinkled among the leaves of your book, will facilitate matters. Burn your counterfeits, but save the genuine copies, and in future fight shy of great bargains.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, DEC. 9, 1876.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

Fiji Islands.—The Fiji Times Express stamps have re-appeared; 1 penny, 3 pence, 6 pence, and 1 shilling, black on rose.

TURKEY.—From *Le Timbre Poste* we learn of a new issue: 10 p., black and lilac; 20 p., violet and green; 50 p., blue and yellow; 2 plasters, black and yellow; 5 p., red and blue; 25 p., claret and red.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Two new values of the current type have appeared: 5 c., pearl gray; frame, green and yellow; 10 c., brown; frame, blue.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—A new 5 cent blue stamp will be issued by the end of November.

HOLLIGOLAND.—A double or reply card was issued some time since; 10 pf., green on chamois.

VICTORIA.—We have a copy of the new provisional 8 d., surcharged in black.

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HENRY ST. CLAIR.—The Cordoba stamps are not postal.

T. S. R., St. Louis.—The first stamp you mention is the 5 plasters, Egyptian; the second, the 5 paras, blue, of the Constantinople local post; your third stamp we do not recognize by your description. The Pomeroy local was issued in 1849.

B. F. C., Philadelphia.—The stars on the Salvador stamps represent the eleven departments of the State, viz.: San Salvador, La Libertad, Sonsonate, Santa Anna, Cascatlan, Usulutlan, San Vicente, San Miguel, La Paz, La Union, and Chalatenango.

E. M. G., Hartford.—The 5 c. Argentine, with head of Rivadavia, was issued in 1864.

T. N. A., Frankfurt.—The stamp inscribed "GIRO" is Spanish; the smaller, a Prussian revenue. Your St. Helena, New Granada, and St. Lucia are bogus; the others are genuine.

JOHN B. FOWLE.—There is a rose-red and a vermillion sixpenny Barbados, as well as a rose-red and brick red fourpenny.

DUDLEY.—The Swiss label you describe is a Zurich bill stamp.

E. T. B., Brooklyn.—The 1 a., blue, and 4 a., red, circular Cashmere, are worth \$5 each. The 1851 Brunswick are almost unobtainable in an unused state. The rarest Cape Good Hope are the wood-block 1 d., blue, and 4 d., red.

E. A. B., Baltimore.—The Stamp is published by M. Wendell, Chicago. It is a neat paper, and has a large circulation. The 4 d., Gambia, is worth twenty cents; 15 c., green, France, fifteen cents.

Miss L. P., Springfield.—The 8 a., blue and red, India, is a genuine stamp, but is rarely catalogued by dealers. A genuine copy of the Basle stamp will cost you sixty-five cents; Winterthur, 2 1/2 r., \$1.25.

J. S. R., Rock Island.—Thanks for your kind information. You will notice the new issue described in this number.

J. V. F., Cincinnati.—Stamped receipts, etc., were used in Holland as early as 1624; in Spain, 1627; in Saxony, 1632; in Haver, 1709; in England, 1693.

The blue Centennial envelope is a chemical change-lin.

WM. S. HALE.—The bust on the 1868 Sarawak is that of Sir James Brooke, K. C. B., who became Rajah of Sarawak in 1841, and died June 11, 1868. That on the 1870 stamp represents Charles Johnson Brooke, who succeeded his uncle in the Rajahship, August, 1868.

C. Y. B., Brooklyn.—The Mexican *porte de mer* stamps represent the Mexican interior postage on foreign letters which can only be prepaid to sea ports. Your St. Vincent and Ecuador stamps are genuine; Peruvian, bogus.

JACK FLETCHER.—The new 5 c., blue, Newfoundland, was noticed some time ago. The 8 d., lake Newfoundland, had no currency in that island; it is a reprint.

E. B. W., St. Louis.—Your stamps are all genuine. Unissued copies of the 1851 Sardinian will cost you \$1.25 each; Luzon, 1 r., blue, 1854-5, \$63. *Jalisco de Guerra* means war-tax.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

JAPAN.—This country has issued a new value, 4 sen, blue-green, similar in type to those recently noticed.

PERIA.—The value and colors of the now well-authenticated issues are: 1 shahi, black, carmine; 2 sh., blue; 4 sh., vermilion; and 8 sh., green. They are poorly executed on white paper.

DECCAN.—The *Belgian Magazine* figures and describes an interesting resuscitation for this country. It is a large-sized, broad oblong; impressed in black, on a white ground, showing characters in white similar to those on the early issued oblong 1 anna. The value of the new counter is probably the same.

QUEENSLAND.—The 1 s., violet, now bears the same water-mark as the rest of the current set, viz., Q and crown.

GUATEMALA.—Official Department stamps are now used in this republic. There are five, or more sets; values and colors alike: 1/2 real, black; 1 rl., green; 2 rls., blue; 4 rls., red; 1 peso, lilac.

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OLD VETERAN.—St. Christopher is one of the British West India Islands. The Cashmere stamps have simply a Kohistani and Persian inscription, with Indian numerals in center; Persian stamps have a lion holding a sword. Java (Dutch India), Fiji Islands, Philippine Islands, New Caledonia, New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, Sandwich Islands, Sarawak, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, and West Australia are the countries of Oceania issuing stamps.

Miss S. B., Augusta.—The stamps used in Punjab are: 1/2 anna, blue; 1 a., pink; 2 a., yellow; 4 a., green; 8 a., purple. Set will cost you three dollars. The 1 scudo, Roman was issued in 1833; worth sixty cents.

COLLECTOR, Toledo.—The genuine Bermuda stamps are water-marked with crown and "C. C." the forged have no water-mark. The letters "C. R." on the Fiji stamps should stand for *Cacombar Rex* (king).

T. N. W., S. B. C., ALICE G., and PHILATELIST.—Have answered by mail.

M. H., Syracuse.—Besides the presence of the laurel water-mark, the earlier 4 pfennige green Prussian has a plain background, that of 1858, in addition to the re-touching of the plate, has a ground of crossed lines.

R. T. S., Philadelphia.—You cannot sell used U. S. stamps in England to any advantage. Dealers offer only five cents per hundred in exchange.

PHILATELIST, New Haven.—The Thurn-Taxis 4 kreuzer, green, is extremely scarce, only one sheet being struck off by mistake in that color.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Five foreign stamps will be sent free to every correspondent sending his or her full name and address. Remember we require full address.

J. J. R., New Orleans.—Your Mauritius, Trinidad, and Brazilian stamps are poor attempts at imitation of the genuine. Accept our thanks for your kind letter of Nov. 13.

C. & Co., A. D. S., COLLECTOR, B. C. M., and C. F.—Have answered by letter.

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FREE!—Set Hollie and rare Japan stamps, with full price list. Send stamp for postage. L. PERKINS, 919 South Fourth street, Camden, N. J.

STAMPS.—23 varieties, rare foreign stamps, including Persia, China, triangular, Cape of Good Hope, Queensland, Uruguay, etc., 25 cents. Agents wanted. LOUIS J. WELB, B x 6347, New York City.

No. 169 of Postage Stamps should be sent to J. M. CHUTE, KOLESTON SQUARE, BOSTON, MASS. Sent free to any address, in the United States. Box 148, Brooklyn, N. Y.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Stamped envelopes are now used in this republic. The impression is on white paper, showing the bust of Rivadavia to left, within oval frame; 5 c., red.

GREECE.—The 40 lepta now appears in rose-violet, on white paper. The new 30 l. is now on a more yellowish paper than at first.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The list of new stamps given in No. 160 is incomplete. There is a 4 c., blue, to be added; and the color of the 6 c. is brown, not blue.

COLOMBIA.—*L'Ami des Timbres* quotes a variety of the current 5 c., as follows: "Above, on either side of 'COLOMBOS,' is a small cross instead of points; the head is on a plain ground; figure of valise on white ground; circle not shaded."

FRENCH COLONIES.—From the same source, we learn that the 2 c. of the French Republic is in use for the colonies in an imperforate state.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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COLLECTOR, Iberia.—The green Serbia and yellow Bolivia are forgeries. The round Egyptians appear to be really seals for post-bags; "Poste vice-regal" means "vice-regal" postage. English stamps are used in many foreign ports, hence your post-mark of Malta.

E. F. H., Chicago.—This correspondent writes for a list of unmarketable articles, which are as follows: "Packages containing liquids, poisons, glass, explosive chemicals, live animals, sharp-pointed instruments, sugar, flour, or any other matter liable to decay or destroy the contents of the mail," etc.

PHILATEL, St. Paul.—The values of the Turkish stamps, 10 and 20 paras, 1, 2, 5, and 25 piastres, are in Turkish character, not Persian. The numerals are formed as follows: No. 1, by a slanting dash; 2, by two dashes at right angles, thus: < 5, by the letter a; 10, a dot added to the dash; thus: |.; and the dot added to the figure 2 makes 20, < 25 is made by adding the figure 5 to the 2, thus: <. The Turkish alphabet consists of thirty-three letters, represented by seventeen different characters. Twenty-eight are Arabic, four Persian, and only one letter is purely Turkish. The Turks read and write from right to left.

J. S., Belleville.—We have to acknowledge your Canadian with one of the most singular post-marks we ever remember seeing.

MAUD F., Alexandria.—Your Buenos Ayres ship is a poor imitation. We have no hesitation in recommending you to obtain a copy of the new edition of Dr. Gray's catalogue, which is the most complete published. E. A. Craig, of St. John's, died in San Francisco some years ago.

PHILATEL, St. Paul.—The Swedish official stamps are the 3 ore, brown; 5 green; 6, violet; 12, blue; 20, red; 24, orange; 30, brown; 50, rose; and 1 krona, blue and brown.

W. S., Pittsburgh.—United States postage stamps are sold only at their face value. The Government allows a commission on sales of revenue stamps, but not on postage.

T. N. PARSONS.—In the twelfth century the Mecklenburg territory was made a dependency by Henry the Lion. In 1349 the Emperor Charles raised it to a dukedom. In 1701, after several divisions and reunions, the State was divided into the dukedoms of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. In 1815 the Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin was made a Grand Duke. Each of the Dukes has its own stamps, needing no description, as the name of the State always appears.

100 Finely Assort. Foreign Stamps, Space price list, and Specimen Copy of *The Stamp Journal*, sent for 15 cts. M. WENDELL, Box 222, Chicago, Ill. 158-131.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CANADA.—A substitute for the postal card is being considered by the Dominion P. O. office Department. It is a stamped sheet, note-paper size, with gummed edge, to serve as both paper and envelope, and will cost two cents.

ANTIOQUIA.—The 1 centavo is now printed, black on white.

INDIA.—A new value is in active use, 9 pies, 1/2 lac. The design is similar to those already in use.

BHOPAL.—This East Indian province is said to have issued a stamp, value 1-4 anna, black, brick-red. We may soon expect to hear that stamps are issued for such countries as Herat, Beloochistan, or Nigritia.

SALVADOR.—A new series of stamped envelopes are being prepared for this republic.

HONG KONG.—Specimens of the 30 c., mauve, are coming over, surcharged 28 cents.

SAN DOMINGO.—The 1 real stamps, violet and green, are now cut diagonally in half, to serve for one half that value.

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B. R. R., St. Louis.—Russian money consists of the gold Imperial, with ten silver roubles, each of which is divided into 100 copper cents, or kopecks. Your coin, with "S. MARIA MATER DEI PATRONA HUNG," etc., is a Maria Theresa thaler of Hungary. The name "Bohemia" is derived from the old Celtic tribe *Belli*.

B. S. A., Brooklyn.—The 5, 15, 25, and 30 c. were the earliest of the new French set. The 1 franc came out in the middle of September, and the 4 c. in November. There is a large stock of the 5 franc stamps on hand. The 5 s., Queensland, will cost you thirty-five cents registered stamp, fifteen cents. The issues of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and British Columbia are obsolete.

E. C. F., Albany.—The habit of inserting lists of "responsible dealers" in amateur papers is an injustice to their advertising patrons. Many names of trustworthy dealers must necessarily be omitted, and collectors are apt to infer that those omitted are not responsible. If you must have a list, act honestly by your patrons, and insert their names only.

E. H. K., St. Louis.—Your specimen is merely a very discolored 40 c. French empire. The oblong stamp is one of the Danubian Steam Navigation Company's impressions. It was originally issued in a lilac color, but is now green. The Ionian Islands were ceded to Greece in 1833.

THOMAS N. CHAMBERS.—The 6 pence, Gold Coast, will cost you twenty-five cents; black letter 120 c., Montevideo, 34; set of Montevideo, \$1.25. There are three sets of Egyptian stamps.

FOREIGN STAMPS.—75 varieties, all genuine, including Turkey, New Zealand, Spain, Finland, Egypt, Hong Kong, Portugal, and Victoria, for 25 cents and stamp; 5 Turkey, 4 Egypt, 5 Roumania, 5 Finland, and 4 Oldenburg, for 10 cents per set. Agents wanted. Send stamp for terms. Address D. HYMAN & Co., 246 Garden street, Cleveland, O.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

PERU.—The *Leopold Magazine* announces a new type for this country. The portrait of the Shah appears in a circle, below which are the lion and sword, the symbols of Persia. The values are: 1 shahi, black on lilac; 3 s., black on green; 5 s., black on rose; 10 s., black on blue.

NATAL.—The yellow 1 penny revenue is coming over, surcharged "POSTAGE," in black capital letters.

PHILIPPINES.—The 1 real, blue, of the 1854 type now appears with the black surcharge, "REPUBLICA FILIPINA NACION."

MECKLENBURG.—A provisional issue has appeared for the 1/2 shahi, being the 1 penny and 4 pence of Antiochia, surcharged "MECKLENBURG," in black letters.

INDIA.—Another new value has appeared—12 annas, red brown.

JAPAN.—A new postal card is before us—2 times orange on white paper.

PAUL.—A new 10 centavo stamp has just been issued similar to the 5 c., violet.

HONG KONG.—The 30 cent stamps are now issued of a new design—purple.

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G. S. A., St. Paul.—The surcharged Natal is decidedly valuable to be collected. If you wish your collection valued you should send it to some responsible dealer. The vague mention of the number of specimens is certainly gives not the slightest idea of its worth.

M. THOMPSON, Rochester.—"Wink" signifies water mark. The Continental envelopes are not now issued to the public. Copies will be valid for postage if presented a year hence.

ALMA, Baltimore.—The first stamp auction in Europe occurred on March 18, 1871, at the well-known auction rooms of Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, 15 Wellington street, Strand, London. The *Postage Journal* is published by H. B. Standen & Co., San Francisco, Cal.

JOHN M. BAKER.—The Confederate stamps comprise the following values and colors: Large 5 c., green; large 2 c., blue; large 1 c., green; 10 c., blue; 5 c., red; 2 c., blue; 1 c., blue; 1 c., orange; 1 c., red; 1 c., blue; 1 c., blue, small size.

NEWARK, Philadelphia.—The Nevada revenue stamps have value from four cents to fifty-five dollars, and perhaps higher. The U. S. revenue 5 c., head Franklin, is a scarce stamp, and worth \$2.00.

RED DICK, Louisville.—The portrait of the Chilean stamps is that of Columbus, seldom being the Spanish or the name. The St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and Barbados stamps are in active use, and can hardly be called obsolete.

H. S. R., Brooklyn.—We know nothing concerning the character and standing of the party you mention. It is not our business to interfere with the arrangements of private parties. The stamps you send marked "bogus," are, in reality, genuine.

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N. D. G., Vallejo.—Your large label, with mountain in center, flanked by plants (cabbages), is a Japanese tobacco used for manufacturing tobacco. The scarce Bergdorf's are the 1/2 shahi, violet, and 5 s., pale red.

COLLECTOR.—The small halfpenny, Victoria, was issued on the 26th February, 1874, and, except the earliest Bolivians, some of the U. S. locals, and the separated quantities of Brunswick, Mecklenburg, and Spain, is the smallest of known stamps—certainly the smallest perforated issue in existence.

A. C. T., Trenton.—Best thanks for clippings. Your stamps are all genuine.

BATH.—The blue revenue appeared in 1875. Taxes is a British colony on the west coast of Africa, Griqualand West in South Africa. Thanks for revenues, etc.

J. H. C., St. Louis.—Your Venezuelas came out in 1874, and are noted in the supplement to Meek's catalogue. It is not necessary for a collector to collect varieties, any more than to make a collection at all. The alternative must be left to individual means or taste.

M. WENDELL.—We have received nothing from you for some time. Send us copies of *The Stamp*, as promised.

E. R. T., Baltimore.—Chemical action is solely responsible for the bluish-green tint which is found on the Barbadoes Britannia, no value, the Cayman 5 c., the Chili 5 c., the Cape 1 d., Great Britain 1 d., Mauritius Britannia red, Trinidad red, etc.

T. N. W., Brooklyn.—Although not agreeing with, we thank you for your suggestions.

100 rare Foreign Stamps, including Roumania, Virgin Isles, Sicily, New Caledonia duplicate, New Granada, Bolivia, Brunswick rare, Rome, both issues, for 30 cents, post-paid. Address A. SWEDEN, 57, Withoutheby avenue, Brooklyn.

STAMPS.—A collection of 400 Stamps and 40 Postal Cards for sale, cheap. D. D. RIGGS, Author.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1877.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CANADA.—On and after the 1st of January, 1877, an arrangement will come into effect, providing for the transmission of post-cards between Canada and Great Britain, and a two-cent card is in course of preparation to be used for that purpose.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The color of the 5 c., black has been changed to blue. We were officially informed that a new 5 c. die was being prepared, but the information proves to be incorrect.

GERMANY.—The 10 pfennig envelope has been noticed without the final letter "e."

BRAZIL.—Some of the values now appear with the embossed pattern on the back similar to that of the 1869 United States' issue.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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F. A., Brooklyn.—We thank you for your kind suggestion regarding the notice of dealers. There are scores of dealers equally as honest and trustworthy as those mentioned.

A. M., Canada.—Many thanks for your kindness in sending us copies of the new Dominion postal tariff.

T. N. W., St. Louis.—The Sardinian issue of 1854-5 has the king's profile on a white oval, and all the rest of the stamp is in color, inscriptions included. It was in Austria, on the 1st of October, 1869, that the first card appeared, and on the following 1st of November Hungary enjoyed the same advantage. Germany adopted them on the 1st of July, 1870.

BOY ROON, Rochester.—Your stamps are genuine, excepting the 1 c. San Domingo, and 5 c. Mexican. The American Match Co., Rock Island, 3 c. green, is catalogued at \$10. We have such scarce varieties as Etna Match Co. 1 c. green; Brown & Dwelling 1 c. black; and W. E. Doolittle 1 c. blue.

REVENUE, New Orleans.—The 6 c. Proprietary revenue, first issue, is worth \$1.50; 50 c. Probate of Will, \$1.50; 20 Probate of Will, \$1.00. The second issue is printed in blue with portrait of Washington in black.

A. C. H., Louisville.—Have nothing to do with revenue stamps, unless clearly satisfied, by reference to some competent authority, that what you offer is genuine. Originals are so very scarce that they are almost unobtainable.

E. L. B., Philadelphia.—The 2 c. and 20 c. St. Louis stamps are undoubtedly spurious, and are the result of a fraudulent speculation. We could not guarantee the correctness of a list of the Virginia locals issued during the rebellion.

G. N. H., Baltimore.—The number of stamps in a collection forms no guide to its real worth, which depends on the genuineness, rarity, and condition of the specimens. The U. S. post-cards are manufactured by the Morgan Envelope Co., Springfield, Mass.

E. M. C., Trenton.—There are five Nicaragua stamps, viz: 1 c. brown, 2 c. blue, 5 c. black, 10 c. red, and 25 c. green. The stamps with figures 0.02, 0.05 are Italian officials; there are eight values: 2, 5, 20, and 50 c. and 1, 2, 5, and 10 lire. The 37 1/2 c. brown Luxemburg belongs to the issue of 1865.

Miss E. R. Wilmington.—Your stamps are Russian locals, used for Boroditz, Charkoff, Perm, and Thraspol, respectively. Helvetia is the ancient name of Switzerland.

JACKSON, Philadelphia.—Thanks for your kind information regarding the Centennial envelopes. The Mercury is now out of print.

BEN C., New York.—Stamp albums may be purchased at D. Appleton & Co.'s, 519 Broadway, New York; cost \$1 to \$10.

THE COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, only 25 cts. per year; 100 foreign stamps, 10 cts.; 300, 25 cts. Also the following boys' amateur books: Motor Guide, 6 cts.; Midnight Attack, 6 cts.; Cherry Chase, 6 cts.; WILL CLEMENS, Box 341, Akron, Ohio.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

MAURITIUS.—The 10 penny of this island is now surcharged "HALF PENNY." A few series, with the value in cents, will soon be issued; the designs, colors, and values proposed at present are: 2 c., deep red, type of the current tenpence; 4 c., brick red; 8 c., blue; 12 c., vermilion; 16 c., pink; 25 c., maroon; 37 c., —; 50 c., green; 2 rupees, 25 c., mauve. All these, except the first, are of the type of the current penny. In addition to these adhesives, application has been made for envelopes to the value of 5 c., 25 c., and 50 c.—*Philatelist*.

HOLLAND.—The forthcoming issue of four new stamps for this country is announced: 1/2, 1, 2, and 2 1/2 cents.

TASMANIA.—The color of the 4 d., blue, type of 1871, has been changed to yellow.

SWITZERLAND.—The words "CARTE-CORRESPONDANCE" on the current official card are now replaced by "CARTE-CORRESPONDANCE OFFICIELLE" in larger type.

JOHORE.—The *Illustrated Briefmarken Journal* describes an envelope purporting to emanate from the above-mentioned East Indian Government. The stamp is a transverse oval embossed in white; bears a star and crescent on central escutcheon, topped by imperially crowned vizor. Native characters above: "MAHARAJAH OF JOHORE" below.—*Philatelist*.

NORWAY.—A new local for Drammen is figured in *L'ami des Timbres*. It is a small square, bearing value with frame, inscribed "DRAMMEN BY POST," 2 skillings, blue.

CANAL.—The recently described gray stamps are now printed in milky blue.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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H. V. P., New London.—Kline, of Philadelphia, and S. Allan Taylor, of New York, are the oldest stamp-dealers in America. Mr. Taylor commenced the stamp business in Montreal as early as 1861, and removed from thence to Boston in 1865. He removed to New York City a year or two ago. Mr. Tiflet

commenced his stamp business in the fall of 1867, if we recollect aright. Mr. Beechell commenced business in the spring of 1873. Mr. Haselme has been in the coin business for some years; but only within a year or two has he kept stamps. Mr. Pierce is a dealer in base-ball material, cut-knives, etc., and has sold stamps for a comparatively short time only. Our experience in stamp matters dates back to 1859, and we can recollect just when, where, and how, a large number of dealers started in the stamp trade.

E. M. C., Salem, O.—The 5 s. Jamaica was noticed in January, 1876. The female figure represented on the 2 c. U. S. newspaper stamp, is a copy of the statue of Freedom on the dome of the Capitol in Washington; on the 12 c. to 96 c. inclusive, vignette of Astraea; \$1.97, Vignette of Ceres; \$3, Goddess of Victory; \$12, Vesuvius; \$18, Hebe; \$50, Vignette of Indian maiden. Your 8 annas, India, on yellowish paper, is of the 1855 issue.

T. N. W., Philadelphia.—The stamp placed in collection as an emission of the Falkland Islands is merely a postmark.

G. F. G., St. Louis.—The Wurtemberg envelope impressions are very frequently found faulty from careless manipulation. The Kustendle stamps are found in several colors. The St. Vincent 1 s., unused, is worth about fifty cents.

R. R. S., Newark.—Your 5 c. Knoxville appears quite genuine, and is well worth what it cost. The only publications we know treating of fiscals are those of Moens, of Brussels; Roussin and Mahe, of Paris.

H. B. A., Brooklyn.—A postmaster cannot lawfully tear the wrapper of any printed matter, or matter passing at less than letter rates, in order to ascertain the contents. After a letter has passed from the mailing office, the delivery of it cannot be delayed or prevented by the alleged writer.

Miss F. A., N. T. PHILATELIST, and ALPHA.—Have replied to your queries by mail.

Miss F. C., Charlotte.—The supplement to the *Imperial Album*, such as you require, will cost you about \$3. The 6 rls. 5 pf. is catalogued at \$2.50; 6 rls. 18 pf. 2; Saxony, 3 pf., 1850, fifty cents; Portugal, 100 reis, 1853, seventy-five cents.

150 assorted Decalcomanies, 10 cents; 450 for 25 cents; 25 embossed Pictures, 10 cents; 100 for 25 cents; 25 Gum Chronos, 10 cents; 100 for 25 cents; 25 Foreign Stamps, 10 cents; 15 U. S. Officials, 10 cents. Price lists free. W. J. PIERCE, 57 West Seventh street, Oswego, N. Y.

STAMPS.—100 Foreign, Natal, Chili, etc., 25 cents. E. L. WARKER, 635 W. Washington st., Chicago.

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L. H. B., Worcester.—The letters, "P. S. N. C.," in the corners of your stamp stand for "Pacific Steam Navigation Company." The 1 s., green, Antigua, appeared in 1863. Your Wells, Fargo & Co.'s local is genuine.

ROVING BOY.—It would not be lawful for you to make an engraving of the U. S. newspaper stamp. Steel engravings are costly, and we would advise you to have nothing to do with making the stamp you mention. Your Newfoundland stamp was fully described some time ago.

JAMES BRADY.—Algeria uses the stamps of France. Corrientes is one of the States of the Argentine Republic; issued stamps in 1856. Your large stamp is a Norway revenue.

A. H. B., St. Louis.—Your stamp with bull's head, star, and post-horn, is one of the 1854 Moldavian stamps. The portrait on the 1851, Saxony, is that of the former king, Frederick Augustus. Lausanne, Neuchâtel, Winterthur, and Zurich are towns in Switzerland.

E. L. L., Philadelphia.—The new 2 c. green Canada card is similar in design to the 1 c. It bears the inscription, "CANADA POST CARD TO UNITED KINGDOM," etc. The circular ornament in the upper part of the Japanese stamps is intended to represent the chrysanthemum, which is the Japanese imperial emblem.

T. N. G., Baltimore.—The watermark, "C. C.," is an abbreviation for Crown Colonies. The small letters seen on the English stamps denote what may be termed the separate editions thereof. The black 12 centimos, head of Amadeus, is an essay never employed for postage.

J. S. B., Newark.—The 3 kopeck, Russian, showing the groundwork of the 5 kop., is an error of printing.

FOREIGN STAMPS, 100 varieties, including Turkey, Spain, Norway, Sweden, etc., 25 cents; 50 U. S. Officials, including Executive, State, Agriculture, etc., 25 cents. Postage extra; circulars free. W. W. PHAIR, Box 27, Brooklyn, N. Y.

POSTAGE STAMPS.—Packet No. 1 contains 50 varieties, including Roumania, India, Turkey, Cape of Good Hope, New Zealand, etc., price 25 cts., postage extra. All warranted genuine. Price lists free. H. KESSEL, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GERMANY.—We have received a postal card, black impression on buff, without any indication of value.

HOLLAND.—A correspondent sends for inspection the four low value stamps: 1/2 c., rose; 1 c., green; 2 c., yellow; 2 1/2 c., violet. The groundwork of the stamps is filled in with minute figures, similar to the low value Russian, and the design is both neat and effective. The 1 1/2 c. stamp is suppressed.

REUNION.—This French colony possesses a special post card. The framework is composed of small undulating lines; in the center is the inscription: "ILE DE LA REUNION—CARTE POSTALE," etc. A space is reserved in the right angle for a 5 c. stamp, color, black, on thick white card.

PERU.—The color of the new 10 c. is bright green.

CANADA.—A new card was issued on New Year's day, 2 c., pale green, on light buff card-board.

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AMATEUR, Troy.—The paper you mention is published for the support of a few personal friends of the editor. It works off an edition of a few hundred copies only, and is not a first-class advertising medium.

T. N. W., Lancaster.—The 20 reis, Portuguese Indies, has long since outlived the slight discredit cast upon it at first. Your Turkish stamps are all genuine. The U. S. 5 c. envelope is issued on amber, cream, blue, and white paper.

Miss E. L., Baltimore.—Your Ionian stamps are genuine. The green five centimes, French, with small figures of value, belongs to the 1870 set; that with large numerals to the present issue. The thick-lined Spanish are original remainders, not reprints.

E. E. C., Philadelphia.—The black English two penny stamp is a myth which was long credited. Your stamp was once blue, but has been changed to black with the aid of acids.

A. L. B., Newark.—Thanks for your information, of which we have availed ourselves. The new Canada envelope has not yet appeared.

W. P. R., Brooklyn.—The New Granada small figure, 50 c., of the 1865 series, are believed to have been issued after the larger figured variety.

ALPHA, New Orleans.—Some collectors place the French and other colonial stamps near the parent State. If you do not care to follow this example, they must be put among the West Indian issues, serving, as they do, for Martinique, Guadeloupe, Marie Gabante, and other possessions of France near those islands. The original Prussian 3 pf. envelope is very difficult to obtain, as it was in use but a very short time.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

VICTORIA.—On the 4th of October last, a new shilling stamp was issued for this colony. The stamp is printed in dark color, on a fancy rectangular form, upon tinted paper. Dark on pale blue; 1 shilling. A new 8 d. is also announced, and the provisional one, as well as the normal 9 d., will be discontinued.

SWEDEN.—The *Belgian Magazine* notes a change of mauve, instead of lilac, in the 10 ore card of this country; also, a dull brown 6 ore in lieu of the original lilac or violet.

NEW ZEALAND.—We understand that post cards are in preparation for this colony; value, 1 penny; color not yet announced.

WURTEMBERG.—The new reply-card was issued on the 10th of November. The impression is lilac, on buff; type similar to the one on bluish paper.

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B. R. STEPHENS.—The complete set of Brazilian stamps will cost you about \$16; Nicaragua, \$1.50; Ionian Islands, seventy-five cents. It is quite impossible to give you the value of your collection with-

out seeing it, as its worth depends upon the scarcity and condition of the specimens therein. Consult some dealer's catalogue.

A. G. H., New York.—See reply to B. R. Stephens. Consult some stamp dealer in your city.

M. F. W., New York.—The stamp with "Comunicaciones" comes from Spain; with "Ultramar," Cuba.

F. L. CONWAY.—The Montserrat stamps are "ermed by surcharging the Antigua postals with "Montserrat" in upright black capitals, the word Antigua being barred out. A clean copy of the 1874, 10 pesos, Spain, can be purchased for \$2.50. Your stamps with the word "Estero" are Italian, used for foreign post-offices.

E. A. H., Philadelphia.—The Stamp Department was commenced in No. 124; back numbers can be had of the publisher. The E. T. Russell stamp will cost you forty cents; Rock Island, 3 c., green, \$10; Geo. and O. C. Barber, \$1.50; Aug. Eichele, 1 c., black, seventy-five cents.

MISS HELENA M.—Full specimen sets of U. S. adhesive stamps may be purchased at face value by addressing the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C. Obsolete U. S. stamped envelopes cannot be purchased at the Post-Office Department.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

UNITED STATES.—The Post-Office Department has under consideration a complete revision of our adhesive stamps and post cards. Efforts are making to procure a stamp which will be absolutely safe from cleaning or counterfeiting. If no new plan is adopted, then the present stamps will be changed in design, in order that the cancelling mark may be more effective.

CUBA.—A new stamp, probably the first of an entire set, has appeared. The type is similar to the first Alfonso stamps; "CUBA, 1877," at top; value, 25 cents, "PESETAS" below.

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W. H. B., Savannah.—There are many very valuable collections in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and elsewhere in the United States. Probably the finest collection is owned by a wealthy lawyer of St. Louis. It contains 10,000 specimens, and is beautifully arranged in several volumes. Probably the finest collection of revenue stamps (U. S.) is owned by H. B. Roberts, Jr., of Boston.

F. C. F., Chicago.—The *Boys' Herald* is published by Bowes & Perley, St. Johns, N. B. The advertising rates are one cent a line of seven words. Your St. Helena, St. Lucia, and Mexican are genuine.

PHILATELIST.—All the stamps you send are counterfeits. The desired information will be found in this number. The Chilean law announcing the prepayment of letters by means of postage stamps, bears the date of October, 1852; the stamps themselves making their appearance at the same time. The plates were engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London.

A. A. G., Philadelphia.—The rarest New Zealand stamp is the 2 d., on *pelure* paper, perforated. A fine copy is worth \$2. The Naples, 1-2 torinese, cro s, is extremely scarce, and worth \$7.

H. V. S., Hartford.—A full set of Natal reprints may be purchased for \$5. Your stamps are all genuine, and the party you name is in every way trustworthy.

E. R. T., Miss M. F., G. L. W., and HARRY S.—Have answered by mail, with orders.

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C. F. G., Havana.—The large New York Post-office stamp was issued in 1846. It was engraved by Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, of New York. They have been reprinted in a variety of colors.

T. N. W., Baltimore.—Your Baton Rouge stamp is not genuine. The inscription "TE BETALKN" signifies "to pay carriage." There is no collection containing 45,000 stamps.

W. P. R., Belleville.—Thanks for the proof copy of the new Canada envelope. Edward A. Craig, of St. John, died in San Francisco, Sept. 1, 1870.

E. C. E., Philadelphia.—John H. Reagan was Postmaster-General of the Confederate States. We do not know the party you mention, but presume he is trustworthy. Mr. Haseltine is entirely above suspicion. A fine copy of the \$200 revenue, green and red, can be purchased for \$20; \$50, blue and black, \$5.

MISS LUCY S., New Bedford.—The 1851 issue of British Guiana is catalogued as follows: Large rectangle: ship sailing to right in shield; inscribed "DAMUS PATIMUSQUE VICISSIM" at bottom, value at top, "BRITISH GUIANA" at sides; black impression on colored paper. Magenta, 1 cent; blue, 4 cents.

A. A. H., Baltimore.—You can probably obtain the Centennial envelopes by writing to J. M. Edmunds, Postmaster, Washington, D. C.

FRANK SWEET.—There are many stamps that are almost unobtainable. The very scarce varieties are the 1 franc, vermilion, French; 3 lire, Tuscan; 1-2 anna, red, India; 1 anna, Koorshedjah; 1 d., blue, and 4 c., red, C. of G. Hope; 15 c. and 30 c., Reunion Isle; 12 d., black, Canada; 1 s., vermilion, Newfoundland; 1850 issue of B. Guiana; 1-2 peso, Peru, and many others.

E. L. T., New York.—You cannot obtain the obsolete envelopes at the Post-office Department in Washington. The Mexican 6 c. is spurious; the rest are genuine.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—A new 5 c. stamp has appeared—arms in oval, blue on white.

ECUADOR.—*L'Ami des Indes* chronicle a stamp for this country, which is said to be used on letters conveyed by steamer. It is oval shaped, steamer in center, surrounded with the inscription, "CORREOS DE LA CHIMBA—ECUADOR."

BRAZIL.—The 200 reis, black, has appeared, pierced in lines.

NORWAY.—This country is to have a new envelope of 5 ore.

ITALY.—A new variety for amateurs, the unpaid stamp of 10 lire, with the figure upside down.

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W. V. M., Tarrytown.—Regarding the charge made in the *Western Philatelist*, we can only say that the editor thereof has been misinformed, and are confident that he will make an ample apology when he fully understands the facts in the case.

HENRY G. TUTTLE.—Your Bermuda, Mexican, Brazil, and St. Lucia are counterfeits. In the genuine 15 sen., Japan, the two left-hand roses do not touch the outer line of the circle; both roses touch the line in the counterfeits. The 1866 issue of Canadian revenue comprises the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 c., red; 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 c., blue.

BOY ROVER.—There have been five issues of Cabot stamps, viz.: 1872, 1 shah, black; 2 s., violet; and 4 s., black; 1873, 1, 4, 8, and 16 s., black; 1874, 2 s., violet; and 4 s., pale brown; 1875, 1 s., violet; 2 s., black; 4 s., violet; 8 s., violet; and 1 rupee, violet; 1876, 1 anna, 2 a., 4 s., 8 s., and 1 rupee, gray blue. The first issues are difficult to obtain.

T. N. F., Cincinnati.—Your large stamp, with inscription, "BRAUNSCHWEIGER STAMPEL," is a Brunswick revenue, worth five cents.

C. C. A., St. Louis.—There is no part of a stamp dealer's business more incorrectly estimated by collectors than his profits, which are often extremely small. You can commence the business, if you choose, for about \$200. If you do not thoroughly understand collecting, we advise you to wait until you do.

L. M. B., New York.—The word "COLOX" on the Chilean stamps stands for Columbus; "ULTRAMAR" on the Cuban signifies "Beyond the sea." You need not hesitate to place the Nicaragua stamps in your album.

V. B. CARRER.—You will find it impossible to purchase the plate of the Providence local. It is preserved in the State Treasury, in Providence, R. I.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CAPE GOOD HOPE.—The current green shilling is now surcharged "ONE PENNY."

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The large yellow eight-penny has again been issued, in consequence of the adoption of the eight-penny rate for letters via Brindisi.

NEW ZEALAND.—The new post-card is at hand; one penny, violet-brown on buff.

NORWAY.—The new set is as follows: 1 ore, drab; 3, brown; 5, blue; 10, carmine; 12, green; 20, red; brown; 25, mauve; and 50 ore, red.

PUNJAB.—The stamps of this country are now printed on thick bluish-laid paper.

SWEDEN.—A new stamp for this kingdom, same type as the current set, has appeared; 4 ore, drab.

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T. C. L., Frankfurt.—We have already seen the stamp paper you allude to, and have to thank you for your kind wishes. Time will make straight the crooked lines.

HARRY BOND.—Your stamps, inscribed "KUNSTSTEGRAAF NEDERLAND," are the new Holland telegraph stamps. There are fourteen varieties of the Quebec law stamps, viz.: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90 cents, red; and 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollars, blue. Your triangular capes are genuine.

G. A. O., Baltimore.—The brown Prince Edward Island 4-1-2 d. was engraved by the British American Bank Note Co. A 6 penny stamp for this colony was prepared by the same company, but never issued. The 12 pence Canada was issued in 1851, not in 1857.

MISS B. S., Vassar.—The dealer you mention is perfectly reliable. Your stamps are returned, marked as directed.

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JAMES MACOUN.—You can purchase sets only at the Department in Washington. The letters on the English stamps are employed as a safeguard against counterfeiting, and each specimen, strictly speaking, constitutes a variety. Amateurs who collect varieties of perforation, tint, and smell of gum, etc., ignore these English varieties. The 17 c. Canadian is worth twenty-five cents.

H. B. R., Dayton.—The large Shanghai stamps were issued in 1866, comprising five values, viz.: 1 candareen, blue; 2 c., black; 4 c., pale yellow; 8 c., green; 16 c., red. There are two varieties of the 1851 3 c. stamp—with and without the button on shoulder. The dealer you mention is reliable.

F. S. A., Cincinnati.—The Baton Rouge stamp takes rank amongst the rarest known stamps, and you will find it difficult to obtain a copy. The 5 c. Memphis is comparatively common.

HENRY E. COOK.—The 8 pence, lake, Newfoundland, is a reprint, and was never officially issued in that color. We will allow you \$1 each for the stamps you mention. Address H. B. Roberts, Jr., Boston, Mass.

MRS E. C., Selma.—The stamp you send is extremely scarce. The small oval 3, 6 and 10 c. U. S. envelopes were issued in 1857.

STAMP COLLECTOR.—The authenticity of the 5 and 10 c. St. Louis stamps has been proved to the satisfaction of every intelligent collector. E. A. Craig, formerly of St. John, N. B., died in San Francisco, Sept. 1, 1870.

T. N. W., H. B. R., W. P. R., and others.—Thanks for your kind wishes, regarding which we have addressed you by mail.

G. L. B., Brooklyn.—The 2 d., 1855, W. Australia, is quoted at \$1; 1 d., black, 1861, fifteen cents. There are only two varieties of Honduras stamps, green and rose.

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FOREIGN Postage Stamps and Albums. Cheap. Post stamps in the market. Send for our new lists. 100 Foreign Stamps for 10 cts. 15 British Colonials for 10 cts. J. C. DAVIS & CO., Pelham Station, N.Y.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1877.

MUNRO'S GIRLS AND BOYS OF AMERICA is pub-

REVENUE, New Orleans.—The 6 c. Proprietary revenue, first issue, is worth \$1.50; 50 c. Probate of Will, \$1.50; \$20 Probate of Will, \$10. The second issue is printed in blue with portrait of Washington in black.

A. C. H., Louisville.—Have nothing to do with revenue stamps, unless clearly satisfied, by reference to some competent authority, that what you offer is genuine. Originals are so very scarce that they are almost unattainable.

E. L. B., Philadelphia.—The 2 c. and 20 c. St. Louis stamps are undoubtedly spurious, and are the result of a fraudulent speculation. We could not guarantee the correctness of a list of the Virginia locals issued during the rebellion.

G. N. H., Baltimore.—The number of stamps in a collection forms no guide to its real worth, which depends on the genuineness, rarity, and condition of the specimens. The U. S. post-cards are manufactured by the Morgan Envelope Co., Springfield, Mass.

E. M. C., Trenton.—There are five Nicaragua stamps, viz.: 1 c. brown, 2 c. blue, 5 c. black, 10 c. red, and 25 c. green. The stamps with figures 0.02, 0.05 are Italian officials; there are eight values: 2, 5, 20, and 30 c. and 1, 2, 5, and 10 lire. The 37 1-2 brown Luxemburg belongs to the issue of 1866.

Miss E. R. Wilmington.—Your stamps are Russian locals, used for Boronitz, Charkoff, Perm, and Thraspol, respectively. Helvetia is the ancient name of Switzerland.

JACKSON, Philadelphia.—Thanks for your kind information regarding the Centennial envelopes. The Mercury is now out of print.

HEN C., New York.—Stamp albums may be purchased at D. Appleton & Co.'s, 519 Broadway, New York; cost \$1 to \$10.

THE COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, only 25 cts. per year; 100 foreign stamps, 10 cts.; 300, 25 cts. Also the following boys' amateur books: *Amateur Guide*, 6 cts.; *Midnight Attack*, 6 cts.; *Chevy Chase*, 6 cts. WILL CLEMENS, Box 341, Akron, Ohio.

GENUINE Original Postage Stamps.

100 varieties, all different, 25 c.; 100, well mixed, 50 c.; 50 varieties, including many very scarce, 25 c.; 30 varieties scarce Spanish and Portugal, 25 c.; 50 varieties revenue stamps, 20 c.; 15 varieties Australian, etc., 10 c.

Stamp for return must accompany each order. Eight page illustrated list and five Spanish stamps for 1 c. stamp. Address

J. M. CHUTE & CO.,
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H. V. P., New London.—Kline, of Philadelphia, and S. Allan Taylor, of New York, are the oldest stamp-dealers in America. Mr. Taylor commenced the stamp business in Montreal as early as 1860, and removed from thence to Boston in 1865. He removed to New York City a year or two ago. Mr. Tipton

commenced his stamp business in the fall of 1867, if we recollect aright. Mr. Bechtel commenced business in the spring of 1876. Mr. Haseltine has been in the coin business for some years; but only within a year or two has he kept stamps. Mr. Pierce is a dealer in base-ball material, cutlery, etc., and has sold stamps for a comparatively short time only. Our experience in stamp matters dates back to 1859, and we can recollect just when, where, and how, a large number of dealers started in the stamp trade.

E. M. C., Salem, O.—The 5 s. Jamaica was noticed in January, 1876. The female figure represented on the 2 c. U. S. newspaper stamp, is a copy of the statue of Freedom on the dome of the Capitol in Washington; on the 12 c. to 96 c. inclusive, vignette of Astraea; \$1.97, Vignette of Ceres; \$3, Goddess of Victory; \$12, Vesuvius; \$18, Hebe; \$60, Vignette of Indian maiden. Your 8 annas, Indian, on yellowish paper, is of the 1858 issue.

T. N. W., Philadelphia.—The stamp placed in collection as an emission of the Falkland Islands is merely a postmark.

G. F. G., St. Louis.—The Wurttemberg envelope impressions are very frequently found faulty from careless manipulation. The Kustende stamps are found in several colors. The St. Vincent 1 s., unused, is worth about fifty cents.

R. R. S., Newark.—Your 5 c. Knoxville appears quite genuine, and is well worth what it cost. The only publications we know treating of fiscals are those of Moens, of Brussels; Roussin and Mahe, of Paris.

H. B. A., Brooklyn.—A postmaster cannot lawfully tear the wrapper of any printed matter, or matter passing at less than letter rates, in order to ascertain the contents. After a letter has passed from the mailing office, the delivery of it cannot be delayed or prevented by the alleged writer.

Miss T. A., N. T., Philatelist, and ALPHA.—Have replied to your queries by mail.

Miss F. C., Charlotte.—The supplement to the *Imperial Album*, such as you require, will cost you about \$3. The 6 ris, Spain, is catalogued at \$2.50; 6 ris, 1864, 82; Saxony, 3 pf, 1850, fifty cents; Portugal, 100 reis, 1853, seventy-five cents.

150 assorted Decalcomanies, 10 cents; 450 for 25 cents; 25 embossed Pictures, 10 cents; 100 for 25 cents; 25 Gum Chlorides, 10 cents; 100 for 25 cents; 25 Foreign stamps, 10 cents; 15 U. S. Officials, 10 cents. Price lists free. W. J. PIERCE, 57 West Seventh street, Oswego, N. Y.

STAMPS.—100 Foreign, Natal, Chili, etc., 25 cents. E. L. WARNER, 135 W. Washington st., Chicago.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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L. H. B., Worcester.—The letters, "P. S. N. C.," in the corners of your stamp stand for "Pacific Steam Navigation Company." The 1 s., green, Antigua, appeared in 1863. Your Wells, Fargo & Co.'s local is genuine.

ROVING BOY.—It would not be lawful for you to make an engraving of the U. S. newspaper stamp. Steel engravings are costly, and we would advise you to have nothing to do with making the stamp you mention. Your Newfoundland stamp was fully described some time ago.

JAMES BRADY.—Algeria uses the stamps of France. Corrientes is one of the States of the Argentine Republic; issued stamps in 1856. Your large stamp is a Norway revenue.

A. H. B., St. Louis.—Your stamp with bull's head, star, and post-horn, is one of the 1854 Moldavian stamps. The portrait on the 1851, Saxony, is that of the former king, Frederick Augustus. Lausanne, Neuchâtel, Winterthur, and Zurich are towns in Switzerland.

E. L. L., Philadelphia.—The new 2 c. green Canada card is similar in design to the 1 c. It bears the inscription, "CANADA POST CARD TO UNITED KINGDOM," etc. The circular ornament in the upper part of the Japanese stamps is intended to represent the chrysanthemum, which is the Japanese imperial emblem.

T. N. G., Baltimore.—The watermark, "C. C.," is an abbreviation for Crown Colonies. The small letters seen on the English stamps denote what may be termed the separate editions thereof. The black 12 centimos, head of Amadeus, is an essay never employed for postage.

J. S. B., Newark.—The 3 kopeck, Russian, showing the groundwork of the 5 kop., is an error of printing.

FOREIGN STAMPS, 100 varieties, including Turkey, Spain, Norway, Sweden, etc., 25 cents; 30 U. S. Officials, including Executive, State, Agriculture, etc., 25 cents. Postage extra; circulars free. W. W. PHAIR, Box 27, Brooklyn, N. Y.

POSTAGE STAMPS.—Packet No. 1 contains 60 varieties, including Roumania, India, Turkey, Cape of Good Hope, New Zealand, etc., price 25 cts., postage extra. All warranted genuine. Price lists free. H. KERSEET, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 1877.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

All communications for this department must be addressed to J. M. CHUTE, EGLESTON SQUARE, BOSTON, MASS.

RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GERMANY.—We have received a postal card, black impression, on buff, without any indication of value.

HOLLAND.—A correspondent sends for inspection the four low value stamps: 1-2 c., rose; 1 c., green; 2 c., yellow; 2 1-2 c., violet. The groundwork of the stamps is filled in with minute figures, similar to the low value Russian, and the design is both neat and effective. The 1 1-2 c. stamp is suppressed.

REUNION.—This French colony possesses a special post card. The framework is composed of small undulating lines; in the center is the inscription: "ILE DE LA REUNION—CARTE POSTALE," etc. A space is reserved in the right angle for a 5 c. stamp, color, black, on thick white card.

PERU.—The color of the new 10 c. is bright green. CANADA.—A new card was issued on New Year's day, 2 c., pale green, on light buff card-board.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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AMATEUR, Troy.—The paper you mention is published for the support of a few personal friends of the editor. It works off an edition of a few hundred copies only, and is not a first-class advertising medium.

T. N. W., Lancaster.—The 20 reis, Portuguese India, has long since outlived the slight discredit cast upon it at first. Your Turkish stamps are all genuine. The U. S. 5 c. envelope is issued on amber, cream, blue, and white paper.

Miss E. L., Baltimore.—Your Ionian stamps are genuine. The green five centimes, French, with small figures of value, belongs to the 1870 set; that with large numerals to the present issue. The thick-lined Spanish are original remainders, not reprints.

E. E. C., Philadelphia.—The black English two penny stamp is a myth which was long credited. Your stamp was once blue, but has been changed to black with the aid of acids.

A. L. B., Newark.—Thanks for your information, of which we have availed ourselves. The new Canada envelope has not yet appeared.

W. P. R., Brooklyn.—The New Granada small figure, 50 c., of the 1865 series, are believed to have been issued after the larger figured variety.

ALPHA, New Orleans.—Some collectors place the French and other colonial stamps near the parent State. If you do not care to follow this example, they must be put among the West Indian issues, serving, as they do, for Martinique, Guadeloupe, Marie Gabarie, and other possessions of France near those islands. The original Prussian 3 pf. envelope is very difficult to obtain, as it was in use but a very short time.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, FEB. 17, 1877.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

All communications for this department must be addressed to J. M. CHUTE, EGLESTON SQUARE, BOSTON, MASS.

RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

VICTORIA.—On the 4th of October last, a new shilling stamp was issued for this colony. The stamp is printed in dark color, on a fancy rectangular form, upon tinted paper. Dark on pale blue; 1 shilling. A new 8 d. is so announced, and the provisional one, as well as the normal 9 d., will be discontinued.

SWEDEN.—The *Belgian Magazine* notes a change of mauve, instead of lilac, in the 10 ore card of this country also, a dull brown 6 ore in lieu of the original lilac or violet.

NEW ZEALAND.—We understand that post cards are in preparation for this colony; value, 1 penny; color not yet announced.

WURTEMBERG.—The new reply card was issued on the 10th of November. The impression is lilac, on buff; type similar to the one on bluish paper.

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B. R. STEPHENS.—The complete set of Brazilian stamps will cost you about \$16; Nicaragua, \$1.50; Ionian Islands, seventy-five cents. It is quite impossible to give you the value of your collection with-

out seeing it, as its worth depends upon the scarcity and condition of the specimens therein. Consult some dealer's catalogue.

A. G. H., New York.—See reply to B. R. Stephens. Consult some stamp dealer in your city.

M. F. W., New York.—The stamp with "Comunicaciones" comes from Spain; with "Ultramar," Cuba.

F. L. CONWAY.—The Montserrat stamps are formed by surcharging the Antigua postals with "Montserrat" in upright block capitals, the word Antigua being barred out. A clean copy of the 1874, 10 peseta, Spain, can be purchased for \$2.50. Your stamps with the word "Estero" are Italian, used for foreign post-offices.

E. A. H., Philadelphia.—The Stamp Department was commenced in No. 124; back numbers can be had of the publisher. The E. T. Russell stamp will cost you forty cents; Rock Island, 8 c., green, \$10; Geo. and O. C. Barber, \$1.50; Aug. Eichele, 1 c., black, seventy-five cents.

MISS HELENA M.—Full specimen sets of U. S. adhesive stamps may be purchased at face value by addressing the Third Ass't Postmaster General, Washington, D. C. Obsolete U. S. stamped envelopes cannot be purchased at the Post-Office Department.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

UNITED STATES.—The Post-Office Department has under consideration a complete revision of our adhesive stamps and post-cards. Efforts are making to procure a stamp which will be absolutely safe from cleaning or counterfeiting. If the new plan is adopted, then the present stamps will be changed in design, in order that the cancelling mark may be more effective.

CUBA.—A new stamp, probably the first of an entire set, has appeared. The type is similar to the first Alphonso stamps: "CUBA, 1877," at top; value, 25 cents, "D. PESETAS" below.

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W. H. B., Savannah.—There are many very valuable collections in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and elsewhere in the United States. Probably the finest collection is owned by a wealthy lawyer of St. Louis. It contains 10,103 specimens, and is beautifully arranged in several volumes. Probably the finest collection of revenue stamps (U. S.) is owned by H. B. Roberts, Jr., of Boston.

F. C. F., Chicago.—The *Boys' Herald* is published by Bowes & Perley, St. John, N. H. The advertising rates are one cent a line of seven words. Your St. Helena, St. Lucia, and Mexican are genuine.

PHILATELIST.—All the stamps you send are counterfeits. The desired information will be found in this number. The Chilean law announcing the prepayment of letters by means of postage stamps, bears the date of October, 1852, the stamps themselves making their appearance at the same time. The plates were engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London.

A. A. G., Philadelphia.—The rarest New Zealand stamp is the 2 d., on picture paper, perforated. A fine copy is worth \$2. The Napier, 12 tornese, cro s., is extremely scarce, and worth \$7.

H. V. S., Hartford.—A full set of Natal reprints may be purchased for \$5. Your stamps are all genuine, and the party you name is in every way trustworthy.

E. R. T., Miss M. E., G. L. W., and HARRY S.—Have answered by mail, with orders.

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C. F. G., Havana.—The large New York Post-office stamp was issued in 1846. It was engraved by Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, of New York. They have been reprinted in a variety of colors.

T. N. W., Baltimore.—Your Baton Rouge stamp is not genuine. The inscription "TE BATALEUX" signifies "to pay carriage." There is no collection containing 45,000 stamps.

W. P. R., Belleville.—Thanks for the proof copy of the new Canada envelope. Edward A. Craig, of St. John, died in San Francisco, Sept. 1, 1870.

E. C. E., Philadelphia.—John H. Reagan was Postmaster-General of the Confederate States. We do not know the party you mention, but presume he is trustworthy. Mr. Haseltine is entirely above suspicion. A fine copy of the \$200 revenue, green and red, can be purchased for \$30; \$50, blue and black, \$5.

MISS LUCY S., New Bedford.—The 1851 issue of British Guiana is catalogued as follows: Large rectangle; ship sailing to right in shield; inscribed "DAMUS PATIMUSQUE VICISSIM" at bottom, value at top, "BRITISH GUIANA" at sides; black impression on colored paper. Magenta, 1 cent; blue, 4 cents.

A. A. H., Baltimore.—You can probably obtain the Centennial envelopes by writing to J. M. Edmunds, Postmaster, Washington, D. C.

FRANK SWEET.—There are many stamps that are almost unobtainable. The very scarce varieties are the 1 franc, vermillion, French; 3 lire, Tuscany; 1-2 anna, red, India; 1 anna, Koorahedjah; 1 d., blue, and 4 d., red, C. of G. Hop; 15 c. and 30 c., Reunion Isle; 12 d., black, Canada; 1 s., vermillion, Newfoundland; 1850 issue of B. Guiana; 1-2 peso, Peru, and many others.

E. L. T., New York.—You cannot obtain the obsolete envelopes at the Post-office Department in Washington. The Mexican 6 c. is spurious; the rest are genuine.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1877.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—A new 5 c. stamp has appeared—arms in oval, blue on white.

BOLIVIA.—*L'Ami des Timbres* chronicles a stamp for this country, which is said to be used on letters conveyed by steamer. It is oval shaped, steamer in center, surrounded with the inscription, "CORREOS DE LA CHIMBA-BOLIVIA."

BRAZIL.—The 200 reis, black, has appeared, pierced in lines.

NORWAY.—This country is to have a new envelope of 5 ore.

ITALY.—A new variety for an athena, the unpaid stamp of 10 lire, with the figure upside down.

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W. V. M., Tarrytown.—Regarding the charge made in the *Western Philatelist*, we can only say that the editor thereof has been misinformed, and are confident that he will make an ample apology when he fully understands the facts in the case.

HENRY G. TUTTLE.—Your Bermuda, Mexican, Brazil, and St. Lucia are counterfeits. In the genuine 15 sen, Japan, the two left-hand roses do not touch the outer line of the circle; both roses touch the line in the counterfeits. The 1866 issue of Canadian revenue comprises the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 c., red; 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 c., blue.

BOY ROVER.—There have been five issues of Cabot stamps, viz.: 1872, 1 shahi, black; 2 s., violet; and 4 s., black; 1873, 1, 4, 8, and 16 s., black; 1874, 2 s., violet; and 4 s., pale brown; 1875, 1 s., violet; 2 s., black; 4 s., violet; 8 s., violet; and 1 rupee, violet; 1876, 1 anna, 2 a., 4 a., 8 a., and 1 rupee, gray blue. The first issues are difficult to obtain.

T. N. F., Cincinnati.—Your large stamp, with inscription, "BRAUNSCHWEIGER SMPEL," is a Brunswick revenue, worth five cents.

C. C. A., St. Louis.—There is no part of a stamp dealer's business more incorrectly estimated by collectors than his profits, which are often extremely small. You can commence the business, if you choose, for about \$300. If you do not thoroughly understand collecting, we advise you to wait until you do.

L. M. B., New York.—The word "COLON" on the Chilean stamps stands for Columbus; "ULTRAMAR" on the Cuban signifies "Beyond the sea." You need not hesitate to place the Nicaragua stamps in your album.

V. B. CARNES.—You will find it impossible to purchase the plate of the Providence local. It is preserved in the State Treasury, in Providence, R. I.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1877.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CAPE GOOD HOPE.—The current green shilling is now surcharged "ONE PENNY."

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The large yellow eight-penny has again been issued, in consequence of the adoption of the eight-penny rate for letters via Brindisi.

NEW ZEALAND.—The new post-card is at hand; one penny, violet-brown on buff.

NORWAY.—The new set is as follows: 1 ore, drab; 3, brown; 5, blue; 10, carmine; 12, green; 20, red-brown; 25, mauve; and 50 ore, red.

PUNJAB.—The stamps of this country are now printed on thick bluish-laid paper.

SWEDEN.—A new stamp for this kingdom, same type as the current set, has appeared; 4 ore, drab.

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T. C. L., Frankfurt.—We have already seen the stamp paper you allude to, and have to thank you for your kind wishes. Time will make straight the crooked lines.

HARRY BOND.—Your stamps, inscribed "KUNSTELGRAAF NEDERLAND," are the new Holland telegraph stamps. There are fourteen varieties of the Quebec law stamps, viz.: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90 cents, red; and 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollars, blue. Your triangular capes are genuine.

G. A. O., Baltimore.—The brown Prince Edward Island 4-1/2 d. was engraved by the British American Bank Note Co. A 6 penny stamp for this colony was prepared by the same company, but never issued. The 12 pence Canada was issued in 1851, not in 1857.

MISS B. S., Vassar.—The dealer you mention is perfectly reliable. Your stamps are returned, marked as directed.

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JAMES MACCOUN.—You can purchase sets only at the Department in Washington. The letters on the English stamps are employed as a safeguard against counterfeiting, and each specimen, strictly speaking, constitutes a variety. Amateurs who collect varieties of perforation, tints, and smell of gum, etc., ignore these English varieties. The 17 c. Canadian is worth twenty-five cents.

H. B. R., Dayton.—The large Shanghai stamps were issued in 1866, comprising five values, viz.: 1 candareen, blue; 2 c., black; 4 c., pale yellow; 8 c., green; 16 c., red. There are two varieties of the 1851 2 c. stamp—with and without the button on shoulder. The dealer you mention is reliable.

F. S. A., Cincinnati.—The Baton Rouge stamp takes rank amongst the rarest known stamps, and you will find it difficult to obtain a copy. The 5 c. Memphis is comparatively common.

HENRY E. COOK.—The 8 pence, lake, Newfoundland, is a reprint, and was never officially issued in that color. We will allow you \$1 each for the stamps you mention. Address H. B. Roberts, Jr., Boston, Mass.

MISS E. C. SELMA.—The stamp you send is extremely scarce. The small oval 3 c. and 10 c. U. S. envelopes were issued in 1857.

STAMP COLLECTOR.—The authenticity of the 5 and 10 c. St. Louis stamps has been proved to the satisfaction of every intelligent collector. E. A. Craig, formerly of St. John, N. B., died in San Francisco, Sept. 1, 1870.

T. N. W., H. B. R., W. P. B., and others.—Thanks for your kind wishes, regarding which we have addressed you by mail.

G. L. B., Brooklyn.—The 2 d., 1855, W. Australia, is quoted at \$1; 1 d., black, 1861, fifteen cents. There are only two varieties of Honduras stamps, green and rose.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1877.

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FOREIGN Postage Stamps and Albums. Cheap—best stamps in the market. Send for our new lists. 100 Foreign Stamps for 10 cts. 15 British Colonials for 10 cts. J. C. DAVIS & CO., Pelham Station, N.Y.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1877.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

CUBA.—The new set is as follows: 12 1/2 c., violet; 25 c., green; 50 c., black; 1 p., lilac.

PORTO RICO.—This island has a set similar to the Cuban—12 1/2 c., green; 25 c., brown; 50 c., brown; 1 p., lilac.

UNITED STATES.—A new 1 c. postal card is being engraved, and it is more than probable that a 2 c. card will also be issued.

GUERRE.—The 10 lep. is now printed orange on brown, and the 20 lep. ultramarine on blue.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Two new stamps have appeared for this country—2 c., green; and 26 c., lake.

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L. H. C., Albany.—The first Cuban telegraph stamps appeared in 1868. The 1874 issue of the Danish West Indies comprises the following values, viz: 1, 3, 4, 7 and 14 cents. The 4 c., blue, was issued in 1873.

SHADOW MYSTERY.—There are two types of the 1858 Argentine Confederation stamps, large and small figures. Your Badens, with lined background, belong to the 1861 issue.

H. H., Louisville.—This correspondent, in consequence of seeing the name of a dealer from whom he had purchased stamps published in a Black List, has burnt up all his stamps, and sends us an abusive letter regarding the seller thereof, which he asks us to publish. We advise H. H. not to be hasty, and if any other collector is desirous of burning his stamps without due inquiry, we would suggest that a little turpentine judiciously sprinkled among them would greatly facilitate matters.

MISS S., New Bedford.—Your stamp inscribed "K. K. ZEITUNGS POST STAMPEL" is an Austrian newspaper stamp, issue of 1850. A copy of the TEN CENTS Confederate will cost you \$1.50. Complete sets of the U. S. Stamps will cost you as follows: Issue of 1847, fifteen cts.; 1851, \$1.77; 1861, \$1.92; 1869, \$1.93; 1870, \$2.07; 1865, newspaper, forty cts.; 1874, ditto, \$204.06; Executive, twenty-two cts.; State, \$39; Treasury, War and Navy, each \$2; Post-office, Interior and Justice, each \$1.93; Agriculture, \$1.03.

FLYING SCUD, Baltimore.—Your stamp inscribed "GRADUATE STAMPEL" with Mercury seated, is a Zwisch (Swiss) revenue. "LA LEY" on the Bolivian stamps signifies "the law."

GEORGE.—See reply to Miss S., New Bedford. There are some five hundred varieties of U. S. stamps.

S. B. A., Baltimore.—The dealer you mention is perfectly trustworthy. The Mercury is now out of print.

B. F., T. N. W., Miss G. O., and M. S.—Have answered by mail.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1877.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

All communications for this department must be addressed to J. M. CHUTE, STATION A., BOSTON, MASS.

RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

URUGUAY.—Two new stamps are out for this country—20 c., brown; 50 c., black.

MEXICO.—An entire new set will soon be issued. The color of the Porte de Mar stamps has been changed, and a 50 c. is chronicled, printed in carmine.

CANADA.—The new envelopes will be ready in a few days. The values and colors are: 1 c., blue; 3 c., red.

FRANCE.—The people of this country are dissatisfied with the colors of the stamps lately issued, in consequence of which an entire change in color is ordered. They will appear in the following colors, as fast as the present stock is exhausted: 1 c., black or blue; 2 c., brown or buff; 4 c., chestnut or gray; 5 c., green or green; 10 c., black on violet; 15 c., yellow on jaquill; 20 c., blue on blue; 25 c., black on lake; 30 c., lake on lake; 35 c., violet on orange; 40 c., lake on buff; 75 c., carmine on rose; 1 franc, bronze on straw; 5 francs, lilac on lilac.

CAPE GOOD HOPE.—The 1 s., green, is now surcharged "ONE PENNY."

BELGIUM.—Newspaper wrappers are announced, values 1 and 5 centimes.

UNITED STATES.—We understand that an entire new set of adhesives will be issued June 1st, and that the color of the 3 c. will be red.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The current 5 c., 10 c., 15 c. and 25 c. are to be surcharged 8 c., 16 c., 24 c. and 25 c., respectively, until the stock is exhausted, when they will be replaced with new designs.

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E. G. H., Brooklyn.—The St. Louis Philatelist is published by E. F. Gambs, St. Louis, Mo.; the Philatelic Monthly by L. W. Durbin, Philadelphia.

COLLECTOR.—We note what you say regarding the party in Chicago; please send us the entire correspondence. If you consult the Chicago Directory you will find that his name is not mentioned therein. Stamps are returned, marked as desired.

N. C. C., St. Louis.—A copy of the 1 s. Newfoundland will cost you \$2; Moen's Album, with movable sheets, \$10.

T. F. B., Baltimore.—Your stamps are all genuine.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1877.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

URUGUAY.—In addition to the 20 and 50 c. stamps, lately noticed, we have to chronicle a new value, 5 c., green.

GERMANY.—The 1 3/4 gro., green, and 1 gro., red, are in circulation, printed upon paper with black net-work ground, similar to the Alsace-Lorraine.

ALWAR.—A new addition to our albums! This Asiatic state has issued a postal stamp. Color, blue; value, 24 pris.

CAPE VERDE.—Still another new addition! This Portuguese colony has an entire set, as follows: 5 reis, black; 10 r., orange; 20 r., lake; 25 r., carmine; 40 r., blue; 50 r., green, and 100 r., lilac. The stamps are similar to those of Angola.

PERIA.—A new value is announced—4 kran, orange.

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J. N. P., New London.—The 3 c. Canada envelope was first noticed in this paper some four months ago. The Ceylon Foreign Bill stamps are as follows: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9 pence; red; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 shillings, red. The dealers you refer to are perfectly trustworthy.

STAMP COLLECTOR.—The set of Brazil (head) will cost you \$1.25; Greece, fifteen cents; Gold Coast, twenty cents; Cabul (1876), seventy-five cents; Bolivia (9 stars), 5 and 10 c., thirty-five cents. Your carmine is a Nevada revenue stamp.

F. M. C., Dayton.—Your unperforated French stamps were issued for use in the following French colonies, viz: Martinique, Guadeloupe, Reunion, Guiana, St. Pierre and Miquelon, Senegal, Goree, Gabon, Margotte, Nossi-Bé, St. Maria de Madagascar, Pondicherry, Cochinchina, New Caledonia, Polynesia and dependencies. Algeria uses the current French issue. Your St. Lucia, Trinidad and Salvador stamps are perfectly genuine.

FLYING SCUD.—The stamp issuing countries of Asia are: East India, Ceylon, Bhopal, Bhopal, Decan, East India, Hong Kong, Java (Dutch Indies), Japan, Jolore, Koor's edjar, Persia, Punjab, Portuguese India, Siam, Shanghai and Straits Settlements. Your Moldavia, Argentine and Bremen stamps are poor imitations.

L. H. W., Philadelphia.—The Papal stamps may be known by the crossed keys, Maria, &c. The Polish 14 1/2 kopeks, red; envelope is extremely scarce, having been used in Warsaw only. All Polish stamps were superseded by Russian in 1862.

W. S. K., New Orleans.—We do not care to say anything about the party you mention at present, although he has shown himself anything but a gentleman. You will hear from us regarding this matter in due time.

MICHAEL CAMILL.—Postage-stamp collections are formed of both postmarked and unpostmarked stamps. See "Coin Answers" regarding coin queries.

T. A. H., St. Louis.—The low-value Jamaica is for home use only. There is no reply-card yet issued for England. The Luzon 1 r. plate, green, is worth fifty cents.

J. K. T., St. Louis.—The two volumes Austrian Postal Laws have been sent you per book-post.

Miss E. M., S. G. F., Sampist, and E. C. C.—Have replied by mail.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 1877.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

All communications for this department must be addressed to J. M. CHUTE, STATION A., BOSTON, MASS.

RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

KAPURTHALA.—This Indian State has issued a postal stamp, watched in design and execution. The stamp is printed on India paper; 2 annas, rose.

URUGUAY.—The new set consists of the following values: 1 c., brown; 5 c., green; 10 c., ud. brown; 20 c., ochre; 50 c., black, and 1 peso, blue.

UNITED STATES.—A new seal has been issued by the P. O. Department to close the tents (the wear or tear) of dead foreign letters, previous to their return to the countries from which they are received. The seal is about two inches long and one inch wide, formed of vertical lines, enclosing a ground-work of very minute letters—"POST OFFICE"—repeated many times. A full-faced portrait of Liberty appears in the center of the stamp; color, brown. The new postal-cards are printed on a double-tinted paper, the face of a greenish hue, the back the usual color.

FINLAND.—The 1 mark, violet, is now in active use.

ANGOLA.—We have before us a 40 reis, blue.

MEXICO.—The 10, 12 and 50 c. "porte de mer" stamps are now struck in pale carmine.

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GEORGE PARKER.—A copy of the Bolivia, 1868, 100 c., will cost you \$2; Brazil, 1843, 90 reis, \$1.50; Bremen, 5 s. q., green, fifteen cents; Canada 3 pence, ten cents; France (presidency) 10 c., thirty cents. Your stamps are all genuine.

MISS L. V., New Bedford.—The Greek unpaid stamps comprise the following values: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60, 70, 80 and 90 lepton; 1 and 2 drachmas, green and black. Your large blue stamp is a Prussian revenue.

FRIEND, Chicago.—Thanks for your long letter regarding No. 2. The party is denounced as a black-maller by one of the most prominent collectors in America, but we are unwilling, at present, to give publicity to any of the curious facts you mention. Have fully replied by mail.

G. V. A., Baltimore.—The Philatelic Quarterly is published by Stafford, Smith & Co., Brighton, Eng. Your Cabul stamps are poor imitations.

FLYING SCUD.—The 1858 issue Western Australia comprises the following values: 1 d., black; 2 d., black on red; 4 d., blue (octagonal); 6 d., bronze; 1 s., brown (oval). Your St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Honduras stamps are genuine.

A. W. W., Brooklyn.—The Panjab stamps are catalogued as follows: 1-2 anna, blue, eight cents; 1, rose, ten cents; 2, yellow, twenty cents; 4, green, forty cents; 8, slate, seventy-five cents. You will find the illustrations you mention in Oppen's Catalogue, fourteenth edition.

STAMPEST.—The dealer you mention is perfectly trustworthy. \$5.00 represents the highest denomination of U. S. revenue; used copies are quoted at \$40. The P. H. Drake & Co., 2 c., black, is extremely scarce, and catalogued at \$10.

H. B. EISENHART.—Your stamps are all genuine except the Persia, black, and Mexican 7 c. The U. S. issues are those of 1849, 1851-60, 1861-66, 1869, 1870-75. They have all been reprinted and can be purchased at face.

MISS E. A., Stillwater.—The Philatelic Quarterly is published by Stafford, Smith & Co., Brighton, England, at two shillings, six pence per year.

PHILATELIST.—The 1867 issue of Mexico is extremely scarce, and the specimens range in value from 50 c. to \$1.50. The Provisional Modena were suppressed May 18, 1860.

H. T. SARGENT.—This paper is not published to give publicity to black lists and imaginary wrongs of private individuals, your request, therefore, cannot be complied with. A celebrated Western philatelist writes us that, "just now the most popular way of bidding for the patronage of those who do collect, seems to be to denounce every one else."

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1877.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—We have copies of the 5 c., red, surcharged with a large figure 1 in black.

ANGOLA.—Three new values have been issued for Angola, Cape Verde, St. Thomas and Prince Island, viz: 40 r., blue; 200 r., orange, and 300, blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The two pence half-penny envelope is now in use.

GREECE.—The 10 lepta, orange, now appears without any figure on the back.

EQUADOR.—An entire new set is said to be in preparation for this country.

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W. H. P., Philadelphia.—John K. Tiffany's collection numbers nearly 11,000 varieties; 5,000 adhesives, 2,000 uncut envelopes, 600 postal cards, 600 proofs and essays, 1,200 locals, 250 telegraph stamps and 1,200 revenues, besides some 500 cut envelopes which are removed as fast as their places can be supplied with uncut copies. Mr. Tiffany has also the finest philatelic library in the world, embracing nearly 400 bound volumes, besides a large number of publications, stamp catalogues, etc., not quite complete, and which are bound up as fast as all the numbers are obtained.

E. F. G., St. Louis.—You can obtain the desired information by addressing "J. C. R., Davenport, Iowa." S. Allen Taylor is located at 11 Ann street, New York City.

COLLECTOR, Hoboken.—We do not know the party you mention, and therefore have no reason to think him dishonest. Your large stamp, with "STEMPEL MAERKE, 5 ORE," is a Danish fiscal, worth five cents.

S. H. A., Baltimore.—The Danish Service stamps are as follows: 2 sk., blue; 4 sk., carmine; 16 sk., green; 3 ore, lilac; 4 ore, blue; 8 ore, carmine; 32 ore, green. Your large, blue stamp, with double-headed eagle in circle, is issued by the Russian government for the Levant Service.

HENRY POPE.—The New York Journal of Philately is published by J. W. Scott & Co., 146 Fulton street, New York; L. Ami des Timbres, by Ch. Roussin, Paris, France.

E. C. F., Brooklyn.—You can purchase autographs, engravings, etc., of Wm. P. Brown, 145 Nassau street, New York. The Bent & Lea stamp is quoted at thirty cents; L. G. Hunt, fifty cents; E. T. Russell, forty cents.

GENUINE Foreign Stamps, 100 well assorted, for 10 cents, post-free. 25 stamps and four-page price-list for 2 green stamps. Address, J. STRAUS & CO., 122 Orange street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1877.

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W. S. K., New Orleans.—The Louisiana revenues are not quoted in the catalogue named. The California State revenues are as follows: 4 c., yellow; 10 c., blue; 15 c., blue; 20 c., brown; 30 c., red; 40 c., rose; 50 c., lilac; 60 c., brown; 70 c., yellow; 70 c., orange; 1 d., lilac; 1 d., yellow; 1 1/2 d., green; 2 d., lilac; 3 d., blue; 3 d., rose; 4 d., green; 4 d., rose; 5 d., lilac; 10 d., brown; 10 d., violet; 19 d., brown. The Nevada revenues range from 2 c. to \$5. There are fourteen Nova Scotia revenues, viz.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 cents.

T. N. W., Baltimore.—The two first volumes of the Mercury may be purchased of the publisher, F. Trifet, Boston. Your large 10 florin stamp is an Hungarian revenue, worth thirty-five cents.

C. F. B., Detroit.—The U. S. 1853 envelope (uncut) may be purchased at the following prices, viz.: 3 c., red, twenty-five cents; 6 c., red, seventy-five cents; 6 c., green, sixty cents; 10 c., green, sixty cents; 1860 envelope (small), 3 c., twenty-five cents; 6 c., red, one dollar and fifty cents; 1 c., blue, five cents; 4 c., blue and red, one dollar and fifty cents; 1861 envelopes, 3 c., ten cents; 6 c., twenty-five cents; 10 c., fifteen cents; 12 c., twenty-five cents; 20 c., seventy-five cents; 40 c., one dollar. Used copies of the 1861 10 c., 12 c., 20 c., 24 c. and 40 c. are almost unobtainable.

Miss L. S., New Bedford.—The party you mention is entirely trustworthy. It is impossible to tell exactly what your stamps are without some description. They are probably Spanish fiscals.

C. E. SMITH.—It is impossible to tell you who started the first collection in this country. We can recollect collections as far back as 1857, and it is quite probable that but very few were collected previous to that date. So far as we know the Stamp Collectors' Record was the first stamp publication issued in America.

P. G. B., Portland.—The early New South Wales stamps are scarce, the 1849 issue (view of Sydney), selling from sixty cents to one dollar each, used. The 8 d., laureated, is quoted at two dollars.

C. T., Savannah.—Your 2 c., green, Confederates, are worth about fifty cents each.

STAMPS!—\$10 worth free!—10 varieties. Circulars and full particulars for 3 one-cent stamps, or list free. E. J. THOMPSON & CO., Northfield, Vt.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 26, 1877.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

NORWAY.—In addition to the new set of adhesive stamps, we have to chronicle a new postal card—10 ore, blue.

MOZAMBIQUE.—A set of stamps is announced for this Portuguese colony, similar in design to the Angola, etc. 5 reis, black; 10, yellow; 20, lilac; 25, carmine; 40, blue; 50, green; 100, violet; 200, orange; 300, brown.

CANADA.—There are two varieties of the 1 c. postal card. In one the imprint at the bottom reads, "British American Bank Note Co., Montreal & Ottawa." The latest issue has the word Ottawa left out.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Specimens of the 4 d. have appeared, of a sea-green color.

SWEDEN.—The 12 ore envelope is now printed in bright ultramarine, and the 20 ore, adhesive, in orange.

VICTORIA.—The old 1 d., green (laureled head), is now struck off in chamols and surcharged 8 d., in brown.

ST. VINCENT.—The 6 d. stamp is now printed in a very pale yellow-green.

East India.—The 1 1/2 anna is coming over surcharged "Service, one anna," in red.

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L. H. W., Philadelphia.—The following is a correct list of the C. G. Hope revenues: 8 d. (crown embossed), blue; issue of 1865, head in circle, 1 d., 6 d., 1, 2, 1 1/2, 3, 4, 4 1/2, 5, 9, 10 and 15 shillings, and 1 1/2 pound, lilac; 1870, 2 d., 8 d., lilac; 1875, 2 a., blue. A specimen of the British Guiana 10 c., "Summary Jurisdiction," will cost you twenty-five cents.

H. P., New Orleans.—Your small stamp with letter bag in circle, is a Russian local, issued for Charkoff; large stamp, 2 1/2 gr., is a revenue of Schwarzboung-Sonderhausen; worth twenty cents.

S. P. B., Detroit.—If you have the consciousness of having done right in the matter, you need have no fear of your name being published; it will not injure you in the least, as every fair-minded person will form his or her conclusions in the case. If your correspondent is digging a pit for you, he will surely fall therein. The set of eight Shanghai, large, first issue, will cost you \$1.96.

E. C. A., Greenville.—A copy of the 6 ris, 1850, Spanish, will cost you \$2.50; set of Ionian Islands, seventy-five cents; Victoria, 1856, 1 d., green, thirty cents. The Michigan Philatelist is published by the Union Stamp Co., Detroit, Mich.

Miss L. C. C., Brooklyn.—Your oval stamp, with "Droit de passage," is a Turkish revenue; the inscriptions are in French and Arabic. The blue, 2 c., Newfoundland is a chemical changelin; also the New Brunswick, 5 c., blue. The official color is green.

W. H. E., Chester; E. T. M., Louisville; G. C., Connelville; M. C. A., Hamilton.—Have replied by mail.

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FAIRMONT BOY.—There are many varieties of Blood's Penny Post stamps, genuine copies of which are worth from fifty cents to five dollars each. The note has no intrinsic value. Stamps returned as desired.

S. G., Detroit.—We can refer you to Messrs. J. W. Scott & Co., New York City; Wm. P. Brown, 145 Nassau street, New York City; J. M. Chute & Co., Station A., Boston. The Star Stamp Co. is located in Swanton, Vt. The company has no office or P. O. Box in Boston.

PHILADELPHIA.—There are twelve varieties of the 1865 North German Confederation revenues, viz.: 1 d. greenish, 1 1/2 d., 3 c., 4 1/2 c., 6 c., 7 1/2 c., 9 c., 12 c., 15 c., 30 c., 45 c. and 60 c., lilac. Your stamp, with the word "Anuncios," are Spanish fiscals, 1111 1872.

Miss T. O., Philadelphia.—The letters C. D. on your South Australian, stand for "Convicts Department." P. W., "Commissioner of Public Works." There are numerous varieties of these stamps. The circular 12 c. U. S. postage is a fiction; 2 c., orange, U. S., a proof on India paper. The officials appear to be Italian.

E. S., Trenton.—Your stamp with Indian characters is a specimen of the current Decade. The 2 d., West Australia, is merely a discolored specimen, of which most vermilion stamps afford examples. Thanks for calling our attention to an interesting philatelic fact that had escaped our observation.

P. C. BURGESS.—The low price of the stamps in question may arise from their having bought up a quantity of postally useless remainders. In like manner the obsolete issues of Lubek, Brunswick, etc., may now be bought considerably under facial value.

B. H. F., Baltimore.—Send to J. M. Chute & Co., Station A., Boston, for list of packets, sets, etc. A packet of fifty varieties, including stamps from Porto Rico, Costa Rica, Mauritius, Van Diemens Land, Dominica, South Australia, Queensland, etc., will cost you twenty-five cents and return stamp.

W. B. H., Mobile.—The stamps are safely to hand. They are all genuine except the large Shanghai.

G. M. R., Havana.—Your blue 3 c. U. S. is a chemical changelin. See reply to P. C. BURGESS.

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NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1877.

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RECENTLY ISSUED STAMPS.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The five cent, red, is now surcharged with a large figure two, and the ten cent with figure eight. These surcharged stamps are to be used until the present stock is exhausted, when an entire new issue will be emitted.

UNITED STATES.—The department stamps are practically abolished, the new official envelopes to replace them having been approved by the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. In the corner opposite the embossed stamp is printed "official business," with the name of the department using the envelope, and on the lower edge is printed a penalty of \$300 as fixed by law for using this envelope on other than official business.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—The last edition of these stamps has the figures of value much smaller than usual, and the colors are paler.

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E. G. S., Brooklyn.—The English shilling, octagonal, is stamped on telegraph forms now in use. Thanks for clippings.

BEN MUELDER, JR.—Holte is in Denmark, Belap in Switzerland. We cannot answer your query respecting L. P., as we have had no dealings with him.

M. C. A., Hamilton.—A reply from you is fully expected.

E. M. B., Baltimore.—We note what you say regarding our name in the U. P., and in answer to your queries respecting Joseph Beifeld, we are bound to say (laying all personal feelings aside) that he sells only genuine stamps. You need but address him in order to get the wholesale list. The New Granada 50 c., 1863, is catalogued at one dollar and fifty cents.

T. T. B., Minneapolis.—We can supply you with all the Spanish. The Livingstone local was described so long ago as 1870.

CLEWLINE, Brooklyn.—The States of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, Hesse, Anhalt and Nassau have never issued stamps. The Prussian or German stamps are used.

E. A. H., New Orleans.—Cundinamarca, Tolima, Bolivar and Antioquia are sovereign states of Colombia. Neuchâtel is in Switzerland; Sarawak in Borneo. The 5 c. orange octagonal New Granada belongs to the 1866 issue.

PERCY BURGESS.—The dealer you refer to is perfectly trustworthy. Your stamp with TE BATAVEN (to pay) is a Dutch chiffo-tax label.

STAMP ALBUM, 48 pages, containing apartments for 1700 stamps, printed on fine, heavy paper, 15 cents, post-free. The game of Name Telling, price 5 cents, sent free. A. FRITZ, 26 Allen street, New York.

COLLECTORS, attention!—Pay 25 cents for 50 genuine stamps, instead of getting 200 counterfeit trash. 50 varieties, including Spain, Victoria, Hamburg, Finland, New Zealand, Serrin, Brazil, Turkey (new paper), Greece (unpaid) and Egypt for 25 cents and stamp. Address J. STRAUS & CO., 122 Orange street, Cleveland, Ohio.

THE END.

