

OUR AMERICAN YOUTH,

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

We shall devote this space to stamps, giving the new issues and discoveries of each country that have appeared lately or are about to appear. Correspondence pertaining to this department will be thankfully received and paid for.

NEW ISSUES.

Angola—A 20 reis red and 25 reis magenta are reported by the Ph. W.; also the same for Cape Verde and Mozambique.

Argentine Republic—The 25 and 90c. are surcharged official and others are expected to soon appear.

Azores—The 20 reis stamp is to be changed to red.

Bhopal—There are several new issues of the rectangular type. First, horizontal line in spandrels, four errors on sheet all reading H. H. A. NAWAB. 1-4 anna green on wove paper, perf. 7. Second, solid corners containing the letter B. L. C. I. 1-4 anna green and 1-2 anna black, on laid paper, perf. 8.

Brazil—The 50 reis letter card is now brown on outside, with white inside. The stamp and inscriptions have been slightly changed.

Norway—The 12 ore is now brown instead of green and the 25 of the new type has been seen.

Peru—Surcharges are quite numerous. The 3c. 4c. and 5c. single and 2c. 3c. 4c. 5c. and 6c. double cards have been surcharged.

Portugal—10 reis green, 2 reis black and 20 reis red are reported; also a 500 reis black and 1000 reis have been

issued same as 1870, designs. St. Thomas and P. R. I. 10 reis green, 20 red, 25 magenta and 40 reis yellow are reported.

Turkey—The Stamp World gives the following new issues: 10 p. green, 20 p. carmine and pink, 1 p. dark and light blue, 5 p. brown and brown, 25 p. black and gray. The entire set is printed on wove paper and perforated.

Uruguay—A new set of stamps has been prepared by the American Bank Note Co., says the Ph. W. The set is as follows: 1c. green, 2c. red, 7c. brown, 10c. bistre, 20 violet, 25 purple.

The postmaster general has discontinued the practice of supplying specimen stamps to collectors.

Messrs. Stanley, Gibbons & Co., owing to a fire, lost a large stock of their publications.

A Brattleboro stamp was found by a rag-picker the other day, who took it to a Mr. Collins and sold it to him for \$300. Mr. Collins is one of the leading dealers in New York city, and has won the Philatelic blue ribbon by securing the rarest stamp on the American catalogue.

The Granite State Philatelist has enlarged, in fact, all the Philatelic papers have except the American Boys, which has a paper double the size of last number.

JONIAN ISLANDS AND THEIR STAMPS.

BY PHRANQUE.

The Ionian Islands consist of a group of about forty islands, situated south-west of Greece. They contain an area of about 100 square miles, with a population of over 218,800, who are mostly of Greek descent.

These islands belonged to the Roman empire until 1081, when the

duke of Calabria took possession of them. About the 15th century they came into the possession of the Venetians, who in 1797 ceded them to France. They were seized in 1800 by Russia and Turkey; in 1807 they were retaken by France, from whom they were captured in 1809 by Great Britain. In 1815 they were formed into a republic, under the protection of Britain. A demand was made for annexation to Greece, and in 1849 war broke out in Cephalonia. In 1864 they were annexed to Greece, but have since formed a province of the Hellenic kingdom. In 1867 they were visited by a series of earthquakes, destroying much life and two chief towns. Standard coin, "oboli;" value one cent.

THE STAMPS.

Stamps were issued in 1859: they consisted of three values; 1 oboli, yellow; 20 o. blue; 40 o. red. Description: Crowned head in oval in center, surrounded by belt, name of country overhead in belt, fancy background to fill out square. The values are not mentioned on stamp. They were all probably printed from same die in different colors.

These stamps were superseded in 1864 by the stamps of Greece.

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L. N. Gage is going out of the stamp business and will soon start a skating rink.

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There are 200 Egypt official stamps, so says Scott's catalogue, which they will furnish for 10c. each. Can any one give us any information about them.

Is there a man in the town named Afternoon, inquired an Irish postmaster, as he held up a letter directed "P. M."

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BY PHRANQUE.

Sir Rowland Hill was born at Kidderminster, a manufacturing borough on the Stone river, in Worcester county, England, on the third day of December, 1795.

In his 38th year he joined an association to establish the colony of South Australia. He became secretary to the royal commissioners, who at first managed the affairs of the colony.

The high rate of postage had for some time attracted his attention, and in 1837 he published a circular recommending uniform low rates of postage throughout England. In 1840 it was adopted and the rate of four pence per letter was charged. This was shortly changed to the present penny rates. These letters were to be fully prepaid; if not, double postage was levied. These stamps presented a very different appearance than do the present ones. They were printed across the top at the sides of the envelope. In the center Victoria is represented as sitting with arms outspread, with lion and shield at her feet, sending winged messages to all parts of the world. On either side are representatives of the different nations. At right side are In-

dians and Americans with reindeer and sledge in background. At left are Chinese, Arabs, etc. In lower right hand corner are three people eagerly reading. In left, man reading to woman. There are two values of these stamps; one penny, black, and two penny, blue. The values are not mentioned on stamp.

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Afghanistan.—The Ph. R. mentions a new 1 abasi, deep orange and 1 rupee pink.

Austria.—The newspaper bands have come out with a stamp of a new type impressed thereon.

Brazil.—Another type of the 100 reis lilac has been issued, and of the same there is also a 200 reis red-brown.

Bulgaria.—Three surcharged stamps have been issued, 3 black on 10 statenka, 5 red on 30 statenka, 15 red on 25 statenka.

Falkland Island.—A postal card value 1 1-2 pence, brown or buff, is said to be in use.

Fernando Po.—Specimens of the 2c. de pesso stamps have been seen surcharged.

Habitador, Para, Correos—50c. Pta.

Hong Kong.—A 50c blue revenue stamp have done duty as postage stamps.

Mexico.—A new 5 centavo card has appeared.

Nevis.—The 1d. is now rose.

Persia.—Provisional stamps have been made by cutting stamps in half and surcharging as follows: 5 shahs on half of 10s, 5s on half of 50s, 10 shahs on half of 1 franc.

Ramjour.—Specimens of a new 1-4 anna stamp brown and smaller. The rest of the set have lately been seen.

Sierra Leon.—The color of the 1-2d stamp has surcharged to green.

Transvaal—Der Ph. reports a 2d violet.

Santander.—This state being one of those forming the U. S. of Columbia is said to have issued two postage stamps viz: 5 centavos red and 10 centavos lilac.

Virgin Islands.—Specimens of the 2 1-2 penny stamps have come to hand printed in blue.

Candinamarca.—We have received specimens of a new 5 centavos, blue.

Gold Coast.—The colors of the 1-2 and 1 penny stamps have been changed to green and rose respectively.

Grenada.—An 8 penny stamp is announced as an addition to the current set. The color is bistre.

Trinidad.—A registered letter envelope; 2 pence, blue, is said to be in use.

Turkey.—A new 20 para card has been issued, carmine on buff.

Guinea.—A new type has made its appearance. In an oval frame is a bust of the King of Portugal. "Guine Portugueza" above; value below. The series will be as follows:

5 reis, black;	10 reis, green;
20 " red;	25 " violet;
40 " yellow;	50 " blue;
100 " lilac;	200 " orange;
300 " brown.	

Argentine Republic.—Another batch of provisional stamps have come to hand, as follows:

- "1884" 1-2 red on 15c. of 1867.
- "1884" 1-2 black on 15c. of 1867.
- "1c. 1884" red on 15c. of 1867.
- "Cuatro Centavos 1884," on 5c., of 1867.

We have also a new 1-2 centavo stamp of the same design as that of 1882, but better engraved and of a lighter brown.

Tolima.—An entire new set of stamps has been prepared, of which the following are before us: 5 centavos, brown; 10 centavos, blue; 1 peso, red; 2 pesos, violet.

Our thanks are due to L. W. Durbin for part of the new issues in this number.

NOTES.

There are two distinct dies of the latest engraved 10 cent confederate stamp and collectors by examining their specimens will find the difference in the shape of the neck and the arrangement of the hair in the portrait.

Cancelled specimens of all the issues of Heligoland are scarce, in fact we have never seen one catalogued.

The first stamp dealers and collectors in the U. S. arose in 1861. The first hand-book appeared in 1863; the first philatelic paper in 1869 and the first album in 1869 or '70.

Prior to 1847 the mail was carried on horseback, and it took three days to send a letter from New York to Boston.

The blue numbers on the backs of the 1875 issue of Spain denotes where they were taken from the sheet, the stamps being numbered consecutively.

Scott's 45 edition stamp catalogue is out, and can be had of the publisher of the YOUTH for 25 cents. Hubbard's Coin catalogue is now ready and can be supplied at 10 cents each.

The United States department (specimen) are worth 50 per ct more than they were three months ago; this is caused by the government destroying all of the old issues.

The stamp business is booming in some places since the 1st of September; all have had an unusual large number of orders for stamps. Every collector that we have the name of receives one sample copy of OUR AMERICAN YOUTH. Advertisers, bear this in mind.

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THE CARRIER STAMPS.

BY T. COKE.

It is surprising that after all the years the various philatelic papers have been writing about stamps, there is still an entire class left quite unnoticed. We refer to the carrier stamp of our own country; these, to the best of our knowledge, have had very little, if any notice taken of them. These stamps (two in number) were introduced during the year 1851 and were issued to prepay the charge for the delivery of letters from the post office to the residence of any individual. The first emission took place September 29, 1851, being limited to only 300,000. The following is a description of the stamp: Profile of Franklin, to left in oval, solid ground, reticulated frame, Carriers, above, Stamp, below. Value, one cent; color blue on pink paper, printed on unperforated sheets. It will be observed that this stamp has no mark or indication of its value on face. It has been reprinted by the postoffice department on the original paper and it is very difficult to distinguish between originals and reprints; but as originals are so very scarce, the question is not likely to arise. Specimens are found printed in brown and there is some foundation for the belief that this was the color originally used, but the general accepted opinion is that the brown impressions are essays and that blue only was used. On account of its resemblance to the three cent stamp then in use, it was suppressed immediately and on November 17 of the same year another variety made its appearance. The design is as follows: American eagle rising for

flight from the bough of a tree in shaded transverse oval, foliage in corners. "U. S. P. O. Despatch," above; "Prepaid, one cent," below; color blue. These were principally used in Cincinnati and Philadelphia and none were issued after January 27, 1852. This stamp has been reprinted, also, by the postoffice department, but with perforations, which readily distinguishes it. Unperforated reprints are also common; in fact most of the specimens of this stamp offered for sale are of this class. There is still another stamp, classed by some among the above. It is commonly known as the "Post rider" or Government City Despatch stamp. The records of the postoffice department, however, do not contain any reference to it. It is supposed to have been issued by one of the numerous "city despatch" companies located in New York. We will then, on good authority, disguard it from the Carriers. We are inclined to think a large number of beginners look upon these stamps as locals, instead of government issues. The reason for this is hard to imagine, unless it is the marked resemblance they bear to U. S. locals. The very short time these stamps remained in use seems to indicate that the system was a failure.

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Notes.

The "Stamp World" comes promptly to hand the first of each month filled with its usual good reading matter. It is one of the best if not the best paper of the kind published in this country.

The U. S. Department stamps are becoming rarer every day. A collector may consider himself in luck if he possesses a set.

New Issues.

AZORES.—The 10 reis Portugal lately described, has been surcharged for Azores.

BELGIUM.—We have received 1 centime stamp printed in a new color—pearl gray.

CEYLON.—The color of the 2 cents has been changed to green, and that of the 24 cents to brown-violet.

GAMBIA.—A double 1 1-2 penny card has been issued.

GOLD COAST.—The 2 pence stamp has appeared in gray.

JOHORE.—2 cents, rose, Straits Settlements stamps are in use in Johore. The name is surcharged in two ways: "Johor" and "Johore," the first probably being an error.

MONTERRAT.—The 1 1-2 penny card has appeared in double form.

NEVIS.—There appears to be a systematic effort to get the stamps of the various English Colonies to correspond in colors, that of the 2 1-2 pence to be blue and of the 4 pence gray. Nevis is the last to make the change.

PARAGUAY.—A new set of three values has been issued. The arms appear in the centre, with the name, "Republica del Paraguay" around, and "Union Postal Universal" in small letters below. The values are 1 centavo, green; 2 centavos, red; 5 centavos, blue.

PORTO RICO.—Two more of the current set have had their colors modified, the 20 c. to green and 80 c. to red.

ROUMANIA.—Specimens of the current 5 bani stamp have been received of a dark-green color.

SIERRA LEONE.—The 2 d. is now blue gray and the 4 d. brown.

TRINIDAD.—A couple of newspaper wrappers are said to have been issued, viz: 1-2 d., green, and 1 d., carmine.

TURKEY.—The color of the 10 para stamp is now light green.

MONACO.—According to an arrangement between France and Monaco, a series of stamps will shortly be issued, bearing the effigy of his Serene Highness.

GREECE.—It is stated that new stamps are being prepared in Belgium. They will be perforated, and contain the effigy of Mercury, of a new and more beautiful design than the current stamps.

EASTERN ROUMELIA.—"Le T. P." states that the stamps will shortly have their colors changed as follows: 5 paras, violet; 10 paras, green; 20 paras rose; 1 piastre, blue; 5 piastres, brown. The 10 and 20 paras, exist joined together and printed in rose and black.

Siam and Its Stamps.

It is only recently that the Kingdom of Siam has issued a series of postage stamps of its own; and now that the collector has the privilege of adding these beautiful specimens to his album, naturally he would desire—if a true Philatelist—to know something about them and their issuing country. In complying with a request made by the editor of *OUR AMERICAN YOUTH*, I pen the below brief description.

Siam, called by the natives Muang Thai, is the chief state of Indo China, and although containing but about 6,000,000 inhabitants, is of large extent, covering an area of more than 300,000 square miles. If you will look at your atlas, you will see mountains covering the northern and eastern districts of this country. These, which form natural barriers from other countries, are branches of the great system of the Himalaya. Though the northern dependencies are mountainous, the kingdom proper is a vast plain which only becomes hilly on its northern frontier. There are numerous rivers throughout the country, the largest being the Nile of Siam, call by foreigners "Meinam," but the Siamese, strange to say, call the rivers by the same name, and distinguish the river by adding "Meinam" to the name of the chief town on its banks. "Vegetation is luxurious, fruitful and beautiful beyond description." Rice, sugar and cotton are the staple products. In the abundance, variety and excellence of fruits and vegetables Siam is said to be unsurpassed. In the forests are found a great variety of woods, too numerous to mention here. The animal kingdom is no less varied and interesting. The most celebrated is the white elephant, which by the way, is not really white, but of a light mahogany color. This animal is held in the highest esteem by all, the cause of which is that he is "supposed to be the incarnation of some future Buddha and will therefore bring blessings on the country which possess so great a treasure." Siam, unlike other nations, is ruled by two kings, one of which is the actual reigning sovereign and the other the nominal head of the army. The annals of the Siamese begin about five centuries B. C., but nothing authentic is known of the history of the country until 1350. The national emblem is a white elephant on crimson ground and the royal seal, medal and money bear the same device. Indeed, so devoted are the Siamese to the white elephant, we think it rather strange they did not have it appear on the newly issued stamps. However they show much more taste by having the portrait in profile of the reigning sovereign in military uniform, figure on the series, which we shall now attempt to describe.

The stamps of Siam are five in number, and consist of the following values and colors: 1 solot, blue; 1 atl, carmine; 1 siao, vermilion; 1 sik, yellow; 1 salung, orange. The first three values are equivalent to 1-2 ct, 1 ct. and 2 cts. in U.S. currency, and are of the same type, the design consisting of a portrait of King Chulalon-Korn in an upright oval in rectangular frame, while the remaining two are of different types, the values being equivalent to 4 and 16 cts. respectively. The design of the 1 sik is described as follows: the king's head in an upright oval, in frame bounded by ornamentations; below in scroll is value. The design on the 1 salung presents the king's head in a rectangular oval-arched frame; above value in Siamese. These stamps were engraved and printed in Paris and they are a set the collector may well be proud of, for we seldom see a more beautiful or finely executed series in any album. They were printed on plain white paper in perforated sheets. T. COKE.

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BY PHRANQUE.

CHAPTER I.

PROVISIONAL ISSUES.

Some few years before the United States, as a government, postmasters, of a few of the largest cities, issued, at their own expense, these stamps. They were recognized by the Government, who perhaps, was not unwilling to have some one else try the experiment for them.

The first of these stamps were issued in 1842 by the New York P. O. Value; 3c. buff. Description:—Full faced portrait of Washington in center in oval, "UNITED STATES CITY DESPATCH POST," from left of portrait, in band, to right. "Three cents" below. Ornaments in each corner to fill out rectangle. This stamp is unperforated. Its color was changed to blue in 1843. They were printed on both thick and thin paper.

Another stamp was issued by this P. O., in 1847. Value, 5c. black. Description:—Portrait of Washington to left in oval with lined background; "Post Office" above in white letters on solid ground, "New" in left upper corners "York" in right, "Five Cents" below, ornamented corners, etc., to fill out design. This stamp was printed on bluish-gray paper, and was engraved by Rawdon, Wright and Hatch, of New York.

The St. Louis P. O., issued stamps in November of this year. Values, 5, 10, and 20 cents, black. Description:—Arms of Mission in center, "Saint Louis" above in centre, large numerals of value above in centre, "Post Office" below. There are three varieties of the five and ten cent stamps and two of the twenty cent. They are unperforated. They were engraved by J. W. Kershaw for the post-master, Mr. J. Wyman, at St. Louis.

The first stamped envelope used in this country was issued this year by the New Haven P. O. Value:—5 cents, red., (large octagon.) Description:—Large "5" in center, "New Haven Ct."

in curve above, "Post Office" above this in straight line, "Paid" below in large type, "E. A. Mitchel, P. M." below. The impression was hand-stamped upon the purchaser's envelopes and to prevent forgery each stamp was signed by the post master. They were printed on white envelopes, and possibly on a few buff. The die of this stamp was made by E. P. Gorham of New Haven. There were only about 2000 sold. Baltimore followed suit by issuing a 5c. black stamp in 1846. Description:—Fac-simile autograph signature of James M. Buchanan above, "5 cents" below, the whole is enclosed in frame of single line. It was printed on bluish paper. Its shape is oblong and is unperforated. Providence, R. I., also issued stamps this year. Values; 5c. and 10c. black. Description:—"Prov. R. I." in center; "Post Office" above, value below in curved lines, all enclosed in oval on dark ground, ornaments in corners to fill out stamp. They are oblong, unperforated, and were printed in sheets of twelve; eleven of the five cent, one of the ten cent. The engraving is very poor and they have been counterfeited. Brattleboro also issued a stamp in this year. Value; 5c. buff. Description:—Autographic initials of the post-master, Dr. F. N. Palmer, in center in octagon frame; "Brattleboro, Vt.," above "5 cents" below, "P." and "O." at sides, all on dark lined background. The whole is enclosed in an oblong frame. They were engraved by a Thomas Chubb.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

STAMP NOTES.

This space will be devoted to stamps, giving the new issues and discoveries of each country that have appeared lately or are about to appear. Correspondence pertaining to this department will be thankfully received. Articles on stamps wanted for publication. All communications and questions should be addressed to stamp editor of Our American Youth.

Considering the well known recognized fact that on an average nine out of every ten Philatelic Magazines published, are done so at a dead loss to their would-be publishers, it may seem still more surprising that after this fact has been repeated from all sides, time after time, there should still be found persons fool-hardy enough to start new papers, with the evident idea of making them a success, but, alas! after issuing two or three numbers they soon find that all their hopes are shattered; and, evidently thinking that discretion is the better part of valour, they allow their papers to cease. Now it is not these would-be publishers that we pity, for, to tell the truth, we despise them, but the unfortunate persons who are led to subscribe for, say a year, because in the majority of cases they never get the balance of their subscriptions returned. There is but one remedy; do not support any new venture until it has existed a fair time, and proved itself sound beyond all doubt or cavil.—Collector's Journal.

We clip the above article from an English publication, published last March. The editor is entirely wrong in saying that Collectors should not support a new paper. If Our American Youth had not met with the success it did from the start, it might have been the same in our case, but as the public gave us the support needed when we first began the publication, we still flourish. Now most likely the publisher of the Stamp Collector's Journal (for that was the paper we copied it from) thought that there was so many new English Stamp papers being published that they (the new publishers) would get part of his custom. If a new paper starts out, and is liked by the Collector in whose hands it falls, and he thinks that it will soon collapse, keeps his quarter or fifty cents and goes without the paper. In most cases all stamp Journals are transferred to another publisher, if they are running behindhand, in this case the subscriber generally gets his money's worth. It is our opinion that there is plenty of room for more Philatelic papers. We are not afraid that they will get our trade and will do all in our power to help them. Our American Youth has got the largest circulation of any paper of the kind in America, and collectors need not be afraid to subscribe. The Youth circulates among 2500 Collectors who have patronized Mr. Batchelder, and will be found to pay Philatelic advertisers better than any other similar publication.

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F. D. Mills complete stock of stamps etc. was burned on December 24th which will cause a delay of one or two months in the appearance of the Stamp World. The New England Philatelist, Stamp Collectors Journal and Philatello Gazette, and many other Stamp papers have been received for which the publishers will please accept our thanks.

In order to make this department as interesting as possible, we would like short notes from both dealers and collectors for publication.

We will answer any questions about Stamps and do all in our power to help Philatelists in their collection.

Collectors should look out for Hayti 1p red and the new Labuan stamps as there are many counterfeits in circulation.

We shall insert the list of new issues in the February number, for want of space they were left out this month.

CURACAO.

Curacao is an island of the Dutch West Indies in the Caribbean Sea, lying 46 miles north from the coast of Venezuela. Its length from north-west to south-east is 36 miles, and breadth 8 miles; the area is 212 square miles. The population in 1876 amounted to nearly 25,000, of whom about 20,000 are Roman Catholics, 2,000 Protestants and the remainder Jews. It has a hilly surface with rugged coasts and is exceedingly barren. The climate is hot and dry though tempered by sea breezes. Fresh water is scarce and is obtained either from rain or deep wells. Severe droughts frequently occur; the soil is so poor that provisions are imported and some of the products once cultivated, as indigo, cotton and cocoa, are now entirely neglected. Sugar, tobacco, maize cochineal, cattle, horses, sheep and goats are raised; the tamarind, banana, cocoa palm, orange and various kinds of kitchen vegetables grow well and from the lime is made the celebrated "Curacao" liquor. Excellent fish are taken off the coast. The chief product of the island is salt. The principal harbor is that of Santa Anna, on the south-west coast, one side of the narrow entrance to which is defended by Fort Amsterdam, while on the other stands Williamstad of Curacao, the capital of the island and of a government which includes this and the

neighboring islands of Buen Ayre, Aruba, and Little Curacao.

Curacao was settled by the Spaniards in the 16th century, taken by the Dutch in the 17th, captured by the British in 1798, restored to Holland at the peace of Amiens, again seized by England in 1806 and finally given up to the Dutch in 1814.

In 1873 Curacao issued a set of adhesive stamps, viz.: 2 1-2 cent, bright green; 3 cent, gray; 5 cent, rose; 10 cent, blue; 25 cent, light brown; 50 cent, violet. The design was as follows:—In the middle was a circle, inside of which was the head of King William III of Holland above the circle was "Curacao" and below the circle was the value. In 1878 the 2 1-2 gulden appeared, the color being violet and brown.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.



BY T. COOKE.

The illustration which accompanies this article will give the reader an idea of the postage stamps at present in use in one of the British possessions, off the coast of South America, namely, the Falkland Islands. It represents the uniform type of the whole series, which was introduced in 1878-81. The head on the stamp represents the Queen. The series consists of the following values and colors: 1 penny, claret; 1 pence, gray; 6 pence, green; 1 shilling, brown.

The Falkland Islands are a group in the South Atlantic, consisting of about 200 islands, lying 300 miles East from the entrance to the strait of Magellan, in lat. 51 to 53 degrees S., and in long. 57 to 62 degrees W. The area is about 6,000 square miles, and the population in 1881 was about 1,336. All the islands but two are very small. East Falkland is about 90 miles long, 40 miles broad, and 3,000 square miles in area; West Falkland, separated from the former by a channel from 2 1/2 to 18 miles wide, called Falkland sound, is 80 miles in length and 25 miles in average breadth, the area being about 2,000 square miles. The coasts are very irregular, in some places rocky and precipitous, in others low. Bays and inlets are numerous, and East and West Falkland are nearly divided by several deep indentations. There are few rivers, but many fresh water ponds and brooks. The surface of the islands is broken by ridges of bleak hills, the highest of which are in East Falkland, though the average elevation of West Falkland is greater than that of the former. The whole aspect

of the group is dreary and uninviting. The commonest geological formation is quartz, which in some places it seen covering the bottom of the valleys, broken into sharp fragments and disposed in level sheets or streams like rivers of stone. Sandstone and slate also occur. The soil of such portions as have been explored is mostly sandy clay, covered thinly with vegetable mould. The valleys of the stream are exceedingly rich. The climate is like that of England, but more uniform. Severe and destructive snow storms are occasionally experienced. There are trees on the islands. The most important production is grass, which grows to a great length and possesses remarkable nutritious properties.

The common garden vegetables of England thrive; barley and oats are cultivated, but wheat is raised with difficulty. There is little commerce, the exports consisting of hides, tallow, salted beef, seal skins, and fish oil; and the imports of timber, lime, bricks, flour, sugar, coffee, and British manufactured goods. A British colony, called Stanley, has been established at the head of Port William Inlet, on the North-east coast of East Falkland. It has an excellent harbor and is the only settlement in the whole group.

The main object of the British Government in keeping up the establishment here is to afford ships a place to call for water and fresh provisions.

The Islands were discovered by John Davis, Aug. 14, 1592, and were visited by Strong in 1690, who called the sound mentioned above Falkland, and the islands afterward took the same name. The French planted a colony on Berkeley sound, East Falkland, in 1764 and the English established themselves at Port Egmont, West Falkland 2 years later. The French in 1767 ceded their settlement to the Spaniards, who drove away the English in 1770. They afterward restored Port Egmont to the British, and some time later the Islands were abandoned by both parties. Buenos Ayres took possession of East Falkland in 1820 and founded a colony there in 1823, but subsequently gave it up to the British.

SAN MARINO AND ITS STAMPS.



BY L. W. DURBIN.

The oldest and yet smallest republic in the world is situated in the very centre of Italy, where the mountain (Mount Titan) juts out from

the range promontory on the plain. It was founded in the time of the Roman Emperors Diocletian and Maximin, by one Marinus, a Christian flying from prosecution. He hid himself in the fastnesses of the mountain and was gradually joined by fellow unfortunates. Subsequently the mountain was given to Marinus by a noble Roman lady who owned it. The San Marinans clung to their rock, fortified it and made it impregnable. In 1200, Count Montefeltre gave the republic a farm which enlarged its borders considerably. In the fifteenth century the San Marinans made a treaty with the surrounding states and their independence was completely recognized. The executive power on Mount Titan is vested in two Captain Regents, who are elected every six months from the Grand Council, which consists of twelve members. In the centuries which have passed since Marinus settled upon Mount Titan, new kings and crowns have appeared on Italian soil and all about the crags of San Marino. But all along, and to-day, the little republic has stood alone and independent. Postage stamps were introduced in 1877. Prior to that time Italian stamps had been employed and these, when postmarked "San Marino" are quite worthy of a place in the collection. They are rarely met with however. The designs of the San Marino stamps are attractive, as will be seen by the illustration annexed, and the colors are bright and contrast well with each other. The set is as follows:

2 centesimi, green; 10 centesimi, blue; 20 centesimi, red; 30 centesimi, brown; 40 centesimi, violet. Used specimens are rather scarce, the 20 centesimi being more common. Postal cards were introduced the present year. They are of the value of 15 centesimi. In the matter of a double card, the largest republic in the world might take a lesson from the smallest, but it is hardly likely that it will for a long time at least.

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1847 Unperforated; post office above		—	—	—	15	—	—	100	—	—	—	—	—
1851 Unperforated (U. S. POSTAGE above);	08	—	01	25	—	—	25	75	—	800	—	—	—
1857 Perforated (no initials in corners)	05	—	01	40	—	—	08	20	—	50	65	150	—
1861 U. S. and figs. in corners; plain or grided	02	02	01	10	—	—	05	12	20	25	35	125	—
1869 Square stamps, all grided	08	03	01	—	25	—	20	18	20	100	100	225	—
1870 (Same size as those now in use) grided	25	20	15	—	25	25	100	100	150	150	175	275	—
1870 (profile to left. (5c issued 1875)) plain	01	02	01	—	01	01	12	01	05	01	20	01	08
1882-3 Used now. (4c '83 and 2c '75, 1c each)	01	01	—	—	01	02	—	01	—	—	—	—	—
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	25	20	03	—	10	—	50	50	75	75	75	—	—
EXECUTIVE	50	50	50	—	100	—	100	—	—	—	—	—	—
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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT	08	08	01	—	05	—	25	05	06	15	05	15	—
DEPARTMENT OF STATE	25	20	20	—	20	25	20	50	35	65	40	125	—
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BRAZIL.—Since 1881 we have already been favored with four varieties of the 100 reis stamp, and now, to made confusion more confounding, we have a fifth type. It is printed in lilac the third of its color, and perhaps the ugliest of the lot. The portrait of the Emperor is in the usual circle, three-quarter face turning to the left.

100 reis, lilac.

PORTUGAL.—Stamps of the new design as given above are coming out one after the other, as the old stock is depleted. The latest addition being the 10 reis engraved above.

10 reis, green.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—Not content with their late achievements in the line of adhesives, have added a set of envelopes to their postal conveniences. The design is of home manufacture, and consists of a view of the city and harbor of Honolulu, with value above and name below, large numerals at sides.

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SANTANDER.—Another State of the Columbian Union, has issued stamps. The Columbian arms form the device, with a large oval carrying the value in lower left corner. It is perhaps the most effective arrangement of the legend and arms of any that has been produced so far.

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The engraving is very poor and they have been counterfeited. Brattleboro also issued a stamp in this year; 5c buff. Description: Auto-graphic initials of the postmaster; Dr. F. N. Palmer in center in octagon frame; "BRATTLEBORO, VT.," above; 5 CENTS below; "P." and "O." at sides, all on dark-lined background. The whole is enclosed in an oblong frame. They were engraved by a Thomas Chubback and printed in sheets of ten varieties. This stamp is very rare, not over 5,000 being printed. Recently one sold at auction for \$175, and the only used specimen known, was found by a ragpicker and sold on the original envelope to a New York stamp dealer for \$300.

CARRIER STAMPS.

The following stamp was probably

issued by the P. O. department at Baltimore, Md., value, 1c; rose, which soon after was changed to black. Description: Mounted letter carrier holding streamer bearing inscription, "ONE CENT;" horse galloping to right; "GOVERNMENT" on white label above; "CITY DISPATCH" below on lined background. This stamp is a small oblong rectangle and is unperforated. There is also a stamp of this description having inscription on streamer misspelled "ONE SENT." Counterfeits are very numerous.

A stamp was issued September 29, 1851, for use in any city. Description: Profile of Franklin to left in oval in center; "CARRIERS" above; "STAMP" below in straight lines; rosettes in each corner above lines, also small star enclosed in brackets in each corner on lines. It seems singular that no indication of value appears on this stamp. It has been reprinted by the Government. On account of its resemblance to the three cent stamp then in use it was suppressed immediately. Three hundred thousand of these stamps were issued. Color, blue on pink, unperforated.

Another stamp was issued November 17, 1851. Description: Eagle rising for flight from bough of tree in center in transverse oval; "U. S. P. O. DISPATCH" above in oval band, which extends around center oval; "PREPAID, ONE CENT," below; foliage in corners; color, blue. It is an unperforated, oblong (small), stamp. It was used principally in Cincinnati and Philadelphia. It was suppressed January 27, 1852, and it has been reprinted by the Government.

These stamps were used to prepay the charge for delivery between the postoffice and any residence. The short time they were used seems to indicate that the system was a failure.

CHAPTER II.

GENERAL ISSUES, 1847.

The United States Government first issued stamps in 1847, or seven years after Great Britain first made the experiment.

This issue was composed of only two values, 5c, brown, and 10c, black. The 5 cent contained portrait (three-fourth face) of Franklin to left in oval on shaded ground; "POST OFFICE" above in curve, "U." in left, "S." in right upper corners, "FIVE CENTS" below in curve, numeral in lower corners.

The 10 cent is of a very similar design, having the portrait of Washington to right in center, "X" in lower corners. A half of the 10 cent stamp was used as a five cent. This issue was suppressed about the middle of 1851 on account of the reduction in the rate of postage. These stamps are unperforated.

1851 to 1860 ISSUE.

The 1 cent stamp of this new set was issued in 1851. Description: Profile of Franklin to right in oval; "U. S. POSTAGE" above, "ONE CENT" below, in curves, ornamental designs in corners; color, blue.

The 3 cent stamp was issued in July, 1851. Description: Profile of Washington to left in oval; "U. S. POSTAGE" above, "THREE CENTS" below,

in straight lines; rosettes in each corner; ornamental designs to fill out rectangle; color, red.

The 5 cent stamp was issued January 5, 1856. Description: Portrait of Thomas Jefferson to right in oval; "U. S. POSTAGE" above, "FIVE CENTS" below, in nearly straight lines, band around edge of netted lines; color, brown. There are several varieties of this stamp owing to the plate being injured and making of a new die.

The 10 cent stamp was issued May 4, 1855. Description: Portrait of Washington to left in oval; "U. S. POSTAGE" above, "TEN CENTS" below in curved lines; "X" in upper corners. There are thirteen stars in arch overhead. Color, green.

The 12 cent stamp was issued July 1, 1851. Description: Portrait of Washington to left in oval; "U. S. POSTAGE" above, "TWELVE CENTS" below in curved lines; rosettes in corners; a band of netted work extended between them; color, black.

The 24 cent stamp was issued June 15, 1860. Description: Portrait of Washington to right in oval; "U. S. POSTAGE" above, "TWENTY-FOUR CENTS" below in band which extends around oval; design of netted lines to fill out stamp; color, lilac. In April, 1856, this stamp was submitted in black and accepted by the department, but it was never issued by the Government except in lilac. A few specimens (in black), were issued and are now in the hands of collectors, but they are exceedingly rare.

The 30 cent stamp was issued August 12, 1860. Description: Profile of

Franklin to left in oval; "POSTAGE" above in curve, "U. S." above this, "THIRTY" to left, "CENTS" to right of oval, "30" below; shield in each corner; color, orange.

The 90 cent stamp was issued August 13, 1860. Description: Portrait of Washington in regimental uniform to left in arched square; "U. S. POSTAGE" above in curve, "NINETY CENTS" below in straight line; color, blue.

The 1, 3, 5, 10 and 12 cent stamps were issued unperforated until 1857. There are several color varieties of the 1, 3 and 5 cent stamps.

This issue was suppressed in April, 1861, at the breaking out of the civil war.

1861 ISSUE.

The next issue was an entire new set in 1861, consisting of the same number and of same values as last.

The 1 cent stamp contains profile of Franklin to right; "U. S. POSTAGE" above, "ONE CENT" below enclosed in oval; "1" in upper corners, "U" in left, "S" in right lower corners; color, blue.

The 3 cent contains profile of Washington in center on lined ground; "POSTAGE" in curve above head; "U. S." above this; "THREE" below head in curve, "CENTS" below all, "3" in upper; "U." and "S." in lower corners color, red.

The 5 cent stamp contains portrait of Jefferson to left in oval; "U. S. POSTAGE" above, "FIVE CENTS" below in curved lines; "5" in upper, "U." and "S." in lower corners, all on lined background; color, brown.

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For the best article on Philately, we will give an International album. For the next best an Imperial, and the next an American. The best time to form a collection is in the summer, although most collectors discard their stamps until fall and winter. As there is a large number of our readers who will be interested in birds eggs, &c., we shall try to obtain an Oologist, to conduct such a department in the next number.

The Philatelic Journal of America gives the following information in regard to a society organized here:

"The St. Louis Philatelic Society held an election of officers March 26th, with the following result: Chas. Haviland Mekeel, president; Everett M. Hackett, vice-president; S. Elliott Curtis, secretary; Lane MacMillian, treasurer. The society is in a flourishing condition."

We should be pleased to make the acquaintance of the members of this society. This article is the only notice that we have had of a St. Louis society.

Mr. J. H. Raymond and the editor of the P. J. of A. are having quite a fight with the printer's ink. They both go to show that each other are frauds, with as much emphasis as can be used with the printer's ink. The Empire State Philatelist says it is none of their funeral, and they like to see the fun. The same can be said by almost all Philatelists.

Our advice would be for both parties to stop, shake hands, and bring the war to a close.

We have heard it rumored that a new stamp paper of 32 pages is to be started by a stock company in St. Louis, on or about the 1st of September. The subscription price to be 50 or 75 cents per annum.

EDITOR OF OUR AMERICAN YOUTH:—In reply to Frank Peets' inquiry, asking about imprints and specimen Department stamps, I can say that both are as genuine as the originals, but the latter are always preferable. The above mentioned stamps were printed from the original plates for the benefit of collectors and dealers, and I think were sold at face value. They were surcharged "Specimen," which made them look bad, and were very seldom taken by advanced philatelists for their collections. But the Government has stopped issuing them, and even specimen stamps are becoming rare, especially the Executive set, which a year ago was catalogued at 35 cents, but at present cannot be obtained from any dealer in the United States. G. W. R.

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AZORES.—The new 20 reis, carmine, has the small surcharge; also the 30 reis card.

BARBADOS.—The 3d, violet, of the new type has appeared.

COREA.—The Korean Government have issued five new values; the designs are all similar to the above. Values 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 M.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—Have just issued a new set, as follows: 1 cent, green; 2 cent, carmine; 5 cent, blue; 10 cent, orange; 20 cent, brown. Our illustration shows the design.

JAMAICA.—The 1d. stamp has changed color as well as the ½d. and 2d. It is now carmine.

PARAGUAY.—We illustrate the design above. The values are 1c, green; 5c, vermillion; and 10c, blue.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—We have seen the 1d, rose, cut diagonally and surcharged "Half penny."

SURINAM.—The stamps mentioned some time ago by our contemporaries have at last been issued. They are as follows: 1c, lilac; 2c, yellow; 12½c, blue.

UNITED STATES.—A new stamp, value 10 cents, is to be issued July 1st, to be used for city delivery only, we understand.

VICTORIA.—We illustrate the new design, which is the same on all, each bearing the inscription, Stamp Duty. ½d. green; 1d. red;

2d. violet; 3d. bistre; 4d. carmine; 6d. blue; 8d. carmine.

With this number we could only illustrate a few of the above new issues. Hereafter we shall try and illustrate every stamp *chronicled*.

THE ST. LOUIS AND CINCINNATI LOCALS.



ST. LOUIS.

In the latter part of November, 1882, a company organized in St. Louis, Mo., for the purpose of conveying letters and packages in the business or central part of the city, under the title of the St. Louis City Delivery.

At first the scheme was regarded as a humbug by the merchants. But the business of the company increased so rapidly, that at the time of their dissolution, (three weeks later) they enjoyed the general patronage of the people in the vicinity, and were making money fast. As their business caused a large decrease in the city receipts, the government stepped in, in the form of a United States Marshal, and denounced the business as an infringement on the U. S. privilege—or rather monopoly—of carrying mails on a postal route. The streets of a city being considered as such, and ordered a discontinuance of the same, which order was of necessity promptly complied with. Many merchants were left from 25 cents to \$5.00 or more out at the discontinuance of the local post, as the members of the firm hastily left St. Louis, leaving no trace behind—and the many merchants who had purchased the stamps, were so much out at that time. But as only a limited supply was left in the hands of the company, which were all bought by a St. Louis dealer, the merchants are now realizing upon them, as many have disposed of their stamps at prices paid, and we have met some that thought us fools if we offered them 50 cents a

100 for them—not seeing what good they were to us.

We give a good representation of the St. Louis local, the design of which is very simple.

There was 25,000 printed for this company, 20,000 of which, we are given to understand, were sold to the company's patrons.

The color is pink, some of which are much darker than others. They are all printed on white paper in sheets of 25. To those collectors who have not purchased these stamps, we should advise them to do so immediately, as the supply is limited, and there is no doubt that in a short time they will be very scarce, and eagerly looked for by collectors. We will here mention that no reprints have ever been issued, all the specimens on the market being genuine, which, we are sorry to say, can not be said of all our locals.

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THE LITTLE STAMP-COLLECTOR.

BY MARY L. B. BRANCH.

Three months ago he did not know
His lessons in geography;
Though he could spell and read quite well,
And cipher too, he could not tell
The least thing in topography.

But what a change! How passing strange!
This stamp-collecting passion
Has roused his zeal, for woe or weal,
And lists of names he now can reel
Off, in amazing fashion.

I hear him speak of Mozambique,
Heligoland, Bavaria,
Cashmere, Japan, Tibet, Soudan,
Sumatra, Spain, Waldeck, Kokan,
Khaloon, Siam, Bulgaria,—

Schleswig-Holstein (oh! boy of mine,
Genius without a teacher!),
Wales, Panama, Scinde, Bolivar,
Jelalabad and Kandahar,
Cabul, Deccan, Helvetia.

And now he longs for more Hong-Kongs,
A Rampour, a Mauritius,
Greece, Bornes, Fernando Po.—
And how much else no one can know;
But be, kind fates, propitious!
—*St. Nicholas.*

SOMETHING ABOUT THE HAMBURG POSTAGE STAMPS.

BY T. COKE.

The postage stamps of Hamburg, though they cannot lay claim to any remarkable delicacy of execution, are distinguished by a pleasing quaintness of design, and when grouped together their varied colors show off to great advantage, rendering the page to which they are attached one of the most striking of those devoted to European countries. Another thing, which, from a beginner's point of view, is very much in their favor, is that there are, properly speaking, no rarities among them. A beginner, commencing his collection to-day, may, with a very

small outlay of patience and cash, obtain the whole series, and no great exertions are needed to obtain an acquaintance with their particularities. The first emission took place on the 1st of January, 1859, and consisted of the following values and colors: $\frac{1}{2}$ shilling, black; 1 shilling, brown; 2 shillings, red; 3 shillings, blue; 4 shillings, green; 7 shillings, orange; 9 shillings, yellow. The design is described as follows: Large numeral over arms (a castle with two turrets flanking a central and cross-crowned dome.) "Hamburg" above; "Postmarke" below on scrolls; value at sides.

The exceeding similarity between the stamps might lead one to suppose that all the values were produced from one original die; the numerals being cut over the arms, such, however, is not the case. On comparing any two values together, slight variations will become perceptible. Attention may be specially directed to the stars over the towers; they are of all shapes and sizes. As all these stamps were engraved on metal, the time employed in producing them must have been considerable. Possibly the expense of the initial series had something to do with the decision to employ lithography for the production of two new values which appeared in April, 1864. They were the $1\frac{1}{4}$ shil., lilac and $2\frac{1}{2}$ shil., green. The latter differs from the former in having the name, "Hamburg" in a horizontal instead of an arched scroll, and also in having a maltese cross in each corner. In every other respect, it will be seen, the design of both is the same. Of the $1\frac{1}{4}$ shil. numerous color-varieties exist, which are, in fact, the natural results of the choice of a color so extremely susceptible to change as lilac. A slight alteration in the proportions of the various ingredients used in its composition may frequently produce marked differences in tint. It is worthy of note that no two successive editions of a lilac, mauve or violet stamp are of precisely the same

shade, and the chances are that the second shows great divergence from the first. Such being the case, no great attention can be claimed for the variations, which are unintentionally, yet unavoidably, produced. Suffice it to say, that the stamp was first issued in lilac, and that it exists in violet, in grey and in green. All the foregoing stamps are watermarked with a curved line, easily perceptible when they are held to the light. The $2\frac{1}{2}$ shil. it is said, exists unwatermarked. I have, however, never met with this variety. In October, 1864, the $\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 9 shillings were issued perforated. No change in color then occurred, but most of the values were printed in rather lighter shades. In 1865 the color of the 7 shil. was altered to mauve, and the 3 shil. blue appeared. At about the same time the 6 $1\frac{1}{4}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ shil. were perforated. The latter was issued in two tolerably distinct shades—dark green and yellow green. Since the suppression of the Hamburg office, unperforated copies of the 7 shil. mauve have appeared, and though no postmarked specimens have been met with, the authenticity of this variety is generally admitted. In 1866, together with the omission of a series of envelopes, two new stamps, embossed like those on the envelopes, were issued. They were the $1\frac{1}{4}$ shil. purple, and a new value, the $1\frac{1}{2}$ shil. rose; both very effective impressions. The former is briefly described thus: Embossed large numerals over arms in octagonal frame; inscribed "Hambourg" above; "postmarke" below; value at sides; lined corners. The latter is of the same design minus the outer rectangle and corner ornaments. In fact the type of the $1\frac{1}{2}$ shil. is precisely that of the envelope stamps and perforations alone give it the appearance of a rectangle. In the spring of 1867, the $2\frac{1}{2}$ shil. green, issued in 1864, was rather unaccountably superseded by a stamp of the first type of the same value. The second $2\frac{1}{2}$ shil. is but a poor relation of the earlier values of the same type; it is watermarked, however, like them perforated and has two distinct shades—yellow-green and blue-green, of which the former has now become relatively rare. Had there been an embossed $2\frac{1}{2}$ shil. envelope, no doubt

the die would have been used when in 1867 a new adhesive of that value was called for; but to have cut one specially to meet a temporary demand, would have been inexpedient, and hence, so we may argue, the recourse to the 1859 design. Notwithstanding this reversion to the original type, however, it is permissible to suppose that had the Hamburg post-office continued in existence, a complete series of embossed adhesives would have been issued.

NOTES FOR BEGINNERS.

BY WILL DICKENS.

The study of Philately is, or should be divided into three distinct parts: Adhesive stamps, Envelopes and Newsbands, and Post cards, while the first part may be sub-divided into three,—Postage and Telegraph, Local and Fiscal stamps. Beginners, however, usually give their attention to two branches, United States and Foreign, collecting everything in the shape of Foreign stamps, and very often leaving the U. S. to take care of themselves.

In first starting a collection of stamps, if the collector cannot afford an album, I would recommend him to procure a large blank book, which will answer the purpose very well until the collection numbers four or five hundred varieties. I think the Imperial, American or International albums are the best for beginners. They are so simple that anyone who can read need make no mistake in arranging the stamps, and with the aid of a good stamp catalogue, they are doubly secure against blunders, and even a small collection, in a neat, clean album, looks well, if the pages are adorned with the flags, coats of arms and photographs of the rulers of the world, which improve the looks of the album wonderfully. Beginners, however, I am sorry to say, very often take an old copy book, diary, or any old book, sticking them on with mucilage or paste, which not only wrinkles the pages, and will even spoil the stamps themselves if left for any length of time, but they cannot be removed without more or less injury, very often completely spoiling

them. Many valuable collections have been completely spoiled by being stuck on with mucilage, which contains more or less acid, and in time discolors them, and then they are worthless. The better way, in my opinion, is to procure gummed paper, which can be procured of any stamp dealer, which should be cut in strips 1x1-3 inch in size, folded in the middle, and one side stuck to the stamp and the other to the album, making a hinge so that the stamp can be lifted to examine the water-mark, and when a better specimen is obtained, the old one can be removed to make place for the other, without injury to the stamp or album. When the book has been closed for a while, the stamps thus inserted will lay down as tightly as those stuck by mucilage or paste. The next thing on the programme is to fill your album, or, in other words, obtain as many stamps as your pocket book will allow, taking great care, however, not to let a counterfeit into your collection, as it mars the beauty of the genuine stamps which surround it, and is a disgrace to the collector, as it shows carelessness or ignorance on his part. Look at your stamps before you put them in your album, and if you are not sure they are genuine keep them out of your collection until you find out, and never patronize a man who has once sold you a counterfeit. Buy only of reliable dealers who have a reputation to lose, and you will be safe. To be sure, some dealers sell cheaper than others, but when a man offers you stamps for one-third or one-fourth of their value, you can make up your mind that they are frauds.

I think that the very best way to obtain a collection is to buy some good, non-duplicate packet, and then by becoming agent for some dealer, you will have a chance to take what stamps you do not have from the sheets he sends you, and if you have a mind to work, you can make enough to pay for them by selling the rest, thus really obtaining your own stamps for your trouble. I would advise all collectors to have a priced catalogue, as then they can be posted as to the relative value of any stamp of which they may be the fortunate possessor, and to deter-

mine the worth of any offered for sale. Mr. Durbin's catalogue is the one that I should recommend to collectors.

Another efficient auxiliary to stamp collectors is a good stamp journal, which will keep one acquainted with all fraudulent transactions, the new issues as they appear, and all the news concerning the Philatelic World.

Another idea which I like, and which I hope will sooner or later be adopted by all stamp papers, is the publishing of exchange notices for their subscribers. This enables collectors to exchange their duplicates, for which they have no use, with others, resulting advantageously to to both parties.

The publishers of **OUR AMERICAN YOUTH** will insert exchanges free to all subscribers.

In the above I have simply given a few hints to beginners, which I hope will be of some benefit to them, and I hope to see more "Notes" in the future, written by a more experienced and better writer than myself.

A LETTER FROM MR. BATCHELDER.

It is with sincere sorrow that I announce my career as an editor and publisher over. My large and increasing business takes up all my time, and I cannot publish the paper and do justice to the stamp business at the same time. I have transferred my subscription books, etc., to Messrs. Fuelscher & Co., who will publish it hereafter. The new firm are perfectly reliable and trustworthy. I trust that you will all help them in publishing this paper.

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WE have received the book, "How to Deal in Foreign Stamps," as advertised by the American Philatelic Co. of 825 Montgomery street, St. Louis, Mo. It tells all about Dealers and Dealing, How to Obtain Stock, Sheets for Inspection, Packets, Import and Export, How to Exchange, and many other useful things. No dealer or collector can well be without it. The price is 10 cents per copy.

THE PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

In undertaking to publish this paper, we do so knowing that a good Philatelic magazine is needed at a popular price. There is not a magazine published for 25 cents that gives as much reading for so little money. We are positive that every Philatelist who receives this number will subscribe. The low price alone is a great inducement, besides our grand premiums, which alone are worth almost the subscription price. In time we shall

greatly improve this paper and can, without doubt, claim it to be the peer of any similar paper published. Philatelists join in with us and help us to make it a much better paper; a subscription from every collector will improve it very much, and you will save three times the amount, as we shall at all times publish all fraudulent dealers, which may be the means of saving you much more than 25 cents.

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sending you another sample copy of the September or October number.

There was no July or August number issued, as it would be impossible to get it out in time.

WE NOTICE THAT

St. Louis has no Philatelic Society.

The leading(?) Philatelic publishers are boys about sixteen.

Everet M. Hackett is the only Philatelic publisher that has a mustache.

C. H. Meckel has just been married.

The latest surcharge is Scott's Catalogue

L. D. & J. A. Ferguson are trying an American scheme to sell their goods.

All of the stamp papers have covers.

The Pacific Coast Stamp Co. are financially embarrassed.

E. S. L. M. McLeod has not issued the first number of the Queen City Philatelist.

The *Toronto Philatelist Journal* has changed hands.

The *Hermes* will be turned into a literary magazine.

Edwin England has issued a new trade circular.

C. H. Nunn's new book, "The Stamp Dealers of Great Britain" contains a very large list of dealers.

The stamp business will be much larger this year than any other since '80.

Our next number will contain more reading matter.

Foreign dealers will only give 12 cents per 1000 for American stamps, and that American dealers prefer to keep them than to sell at that price.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* claims that Messrs. Stanly Gibbons & Co., G. B. Colman, and Wm. V. D. Wettern are advertising counterfeit stamps.

None of the St. Louis dealers know who owns the plates for the St. Louis and Cincinnati Locals.

Our next number will have a circulation of 5000 copies.

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We shall start a correspondence column in the next number.

NOTES FOR COLLECTORS.

Mr. T. Coke Watkins, one of the best Philatelic writers of America, and publisher of the *Empire State Philatelist*, which take the lead as a stamp paper in the Central States, contributes only to *OUR AMERICAN YOUTH*, outside of his own publication.

The Pacific Coast Stamp Co. would like to be heard from if they are in the land of the living.

The dull season is over.

A letter just received from Ashburton, New Zealand, informs us that the name of this British Colony will soon be changed to Hesperia, if the report be true, we may look for a new set of stamps shortly.—*Cal. Philatelist*.

Chas. Fuelscher & Co's new coin catalogue has just been issued. It is the best list that we have had the pleasure of examining; containing the prices paid for all old coins worth over face value, besides much useful information not usually found in coin catalogues. The price is only 10 cents. We should advise all of our readers to obtain it. There is hundreds of thousands of dollars of old coins in the United States that are passing at face value. If this list is in your hands, it may be the means of bringing you in many dollars.

Some time ago the daily papers contained the statement that Joseph N. Harkins, a New York rag picker, found a letter on which was a genuine used Brattleboro stamp. He thought that it might be worth something, and took it to a city stamp dealer, Henry Collin, who bought it for \$300.

Brother Gambs has sent us the Grass Valley (Cal.) *Daily Union*, of March 29, which has the following:

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The *Philatelic Journal of America*, for May, makes a fine appearance. It contains an engraving of Everett M. Hackett, Mr. L. W. Durbin and Sir Rowland Hill. If the Month and other non-philatelic matter were left out, it would improve the magazine very much. Our best wishes go with Messrs. Hackett and Mackeel.

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CHRONICLE.

Angola.—The 20 reis and 25 reis are red and violet.

Azores.—The 2 reis is now surcharged "Acores" in small letters.

Br. Guiana.—The "Ph R." mentions the 1 and 4 cent stamps surcharged "official" diagonally.

Cape Verde.—The 20 and 25 reis are red and violet.

Costa Rica.—The 1 centavo is now surcharged "official" in black.

Corea.—The Corean Government have issued five new values; the designs are all similar to the above. Values 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 M.



Dominican Republic.—Have just issued a new set, as follows: 1 cent, green; 2 cents, carmine; 5 cent, blue; 10 cent, orange; 20 cent, brown. Our illustration shows the design.



India.—There are two new values for India postage, $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, blue; 4 annas, green. Our illustration gives the design.

Labuan.—We have the 16 cent surcharged "2 cents" in black.

Macao.—The 20 and 25 reis are red and violet, and the "Ph. R." notes the 40 reis blue, surcharged 10 reis in black and

the 80 reis gray surcharged 20 reis in black.

Monaco.—We have eight new issues: 1c, olive; 2c, violet; 5c, blue; 10c, brown on yellow; 15c, carmine; 25c, light green; 40c, blue on rose; 75c, black on rose; 1 franc, black on yellow; 5 franc, carmine on green.

Mozambique.—The 20 and 25 reis are now red and violet.

Mexico.—The colors of the present set are to be changed as follows: 1c. pale green; 2c. carmine; 3c. ochre; 4c. red; 5c. cobalt blue; 6c. brown, (noted last month); 10c. orange; 12c. sepia brown; 25c. blue.

Persia.—An entire new set has been issued in this country; specimens having just reached us from Teheran our illustration leaves only the values and colors to be noted. 1 shahi, green; 2 shahi, rose; 5 shahi, purple; two high values similar in design to the 5 francs have also been issued. 10 shahi, brown; 1 kran, gray.



Paraguay.—We illustrate the design above. The values are 1c, green; 2c, vermillion; and 10c, blue.

Portugal.—Stamps of the new design as given above are coming out one after the other, as the old stock is depleted. The latest addition being the 10 reis engraved above.

10 reis, green.



Santander.—Another State of the Columbia Union, has issued stamps. The Columbia arms form the device, with a large oval carrying the value in lower left corner. It is perhaps the most effective arrangement of the legend and arms of any that has been produced so far.

The values and colors are: 1 centavo, blue; 5 centavos, red; 10 centavos, purple.—We illustrate it above.

Sweden—Our illustration gives the design of the new adhesive for general use. Official stamp is of the old design. 10 ore, carmine; 10 ore, blue; official 10 ore, carmine.



Sirmoor.—Our illustration gives the design of this curious addition to our albums, the portrait of an Indian prince being quite a novelty on its pages.

3 pies, brown.

St. Domingo.—The 15c. envelope comes on amber paper and the 20c. on blue.

St. Thome.—The 20 and 25 reis are now red and violet.

Tonga.—Mr. Kilt announces that stamps are about to be prepared at the Colonial Government Printing office in Wellington, N. Z. for the Island Kingdom of Tonga. This is not far from Fiji.

Western Australia.—We are pleased to announce the appearance of the half penny stamp; it is of the same design as the postal card.



Uruguay.—Our illustrations give the designs of the types lately issued in this

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The Envelope Stamps of Hamburg.

BY T. COKE.

The first emission of envelopes for the city of Hamburg, took place April 5th, 1866, having been prepared at the Berlin printing office. The design adopted was originally engraved for impression on two post-office order forms issued on the first of January of the same year. The values of the latter were, respectively, 3 shillings; blue, and 4 shillings, green; the colors are the same as those afterwards chosen for the envelopes of the same denominations, and perhaps, in strictness, these money-order stamps are collectable, inasmuch as they represented not only the cost of the order, but also the postage. However, let us examine the envelope stamps of which they were the prototypes.

The series consists of the following values and colors:

$\frac{1}{2}$ shilling.....	Black.
$1\frac{1}{4}$ "	Violet.
$1\frac{1}{2}$ "	Crimson.
2 "	Orange.
3 "	Blue.
4 "	Green.
7 "	Lilac.

They form a well-looking set; the design is clearly cut, and the color brilliant. Above the stamp is the ordinary diagonal inscription EIN HALBER (this differs according to new value), SHILLING, or (*shillinge*) POST COUVERT in black ink. SHILLING be it observed, is the singular, and SHILLINGE the plural. Now it happens that throughout the whole of the series the impressed stamp uniformly bears the word SHILLING in the singular, whatever may be the value, while the diagonal inscriptions on the envelopes of the 3, 4 and 7 shilling are in the plural. The 2 shilling envelope, however, presents the anomaly of having the SHILLING in the singular throughout

the inscription. Hence, it would seem, either that the envelopes of 2 shillings in their entirety, and the higher values, in as far as concerns the embossed stamps, are examples of grammatical errors, or that there is a looseness about the rule requiring the additional final *x* to the word which renders compliance with it immaterial.

There are no varieties in this series, other than those formed by the colors, and they are simply accidental. Of differences in the tinting of the white paper, on which the impressions were struck it is unnecessary to dwell, but the issues of some of the values on water-marked paper must not be passed over in silence, for they may be almost taken to form a new series, or at least a new edition. Their emission occurred in February, 1867. The values constituting the water-marked edition were struck in Hamburg, and issued in the following colors :

$\frac{1}{2}$ shilling,.....	black.
2 " "	orange, various shades.
3 " " "	blue.
4 " " "	green.

The design of the water-mark, which was of unusual dimensions, is the same as the stamp without the numeral. The envelopes which bear it are further distinguished by the fact that in the diagonal inscriptions the word SHILLING is always in the singular notwithstanding that the value may be in the plural.

It only remains to add that the 3 shilling although prepared for use, was really never issued, and at the end of the year in which the water-marked envelopes made their appearance, the Hamburg service and its stamps were suppressed.

It will be remembered that the intermediate values between the $\frac{1}{2}$ shilling and the 2 shilling, do not figure in the water-marked edition. The reason, as far as concerns the $1\frac{1}{4}$ shilling, is that that value had been suppressed, and in consequence of its short currency, the unwater-marked $1\frac{1}{4}$ shilling envelope has become rare. This has led to its being reprinted. The easiest way to distinguish the reprint from the original, is to examine the words *POST COUVERT* in the diagonal inscription; in original copies, these words are united by a line; in reprints by a dot.

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The Agassiz Journal published by W. E. Skinner and the Philatelic Journal published by C. H. Mekeel, editor are doing a little free advertising for each other. Mr. Mekeel denounces Skinner as a fraud and Mr. Skinner calls Mr. Mekeel a fraud.—Well, well, who is right or who is wrong, or are they both right or both wrong?

Mr. Mekeel claims that Skinner owes him \$3.33 and refuses to pay him for it. Skinner claims Mekeel is a blackmailer but does not prove that he has neglected his orders, but takes his statements from other papers. Well, keep it up.—It is lots of fun for us to read each others editorials on the subject. Makes life for the Philatelic world no doubt. But how can you use such valuable space.—Half of the Agassiz Journal was about Mekeel.—Do your subscribers care anything about that class of matter, two-thirds of whom never heard of Mekeel?

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We are a little late this month, as our last number was mailed so late that it was impossible to go to press earlier. The delay of last month was caused by the Post-office refusing OUR AMERICAN YOUTH at second-class rates. The August number was all printed and ready to mail Sept. 1st, and would have been mailed to all our subscribers if the Post-office had not interfered. This obstacle is now over, and our subscribers may expect OUR AMERICAN YOUTH hereafter the second week of each month.

We were greatly surprised at the large number of new subscribers that we received from the last number. We are very thankful, and shall strive to make a much larger and better paper if the support continues for the next four months.

We have made a department devoted to the dealers, giving their addresses which

will be of material advantage to our collecting friends. We shall also insert the names and addresses of all our subscribers, providing they desire us to do so. Subscribers must please mention when subscribing, if they wish their name to appear. If no mention is made, the names will be left out.

Our readers will find that correspondence with each other may be of mutual advantage to them.

Encouraged by the large number of new subscribers, we will give prizes to the person sending us the best article about Philately. There are many subjects which can be written about. Let our young friends try to write an article about stamps.

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For the best article, a \$2.50 International Album.

For the second best article, a \$1.50 International Album.

For the third best article, an Imperial Album.

For the fourth best article, 200 different stamps.

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We do not intend to crowd our pages with advertising matter, as we believe in giving our readers their money's worth, and shall at all times try to keep them posted about Philatelic matters. In fact, we shall try to make it the peer of all Philateli's magazines. There are papers published at \$1.00 a year, with 5,000 circulation. We could issue a much better magazine, or certainly one equal to the best dollar magazine with the same number of subscribers.

Our circulation is 2,000 copies, which is double that of any similar paper. Our advertising rates are very low, considering the large circulation. A few first-class advertisements will be taken from responsible parties. Our terms are strictly cash in advance.

Our premiums offered to all new subscribers, are worth reading. In this number, we publish the history of the envelope stamps of Hamburg. The last number contained the history of the postage stamps of Hamburg. We have one hundred copies left for sale, at 5cts. each. We shall have some highly interesting articles in the next number. We shall also have an interesting article about Frauds, and about the way they conduct their business. A list of Philatelic frauds will be inserted in the next number, which alone may save you many times the subscription price.

We shall improve the next number in various ways.

Do Us a Favor.

If you are not now a stamp collector, kindly hand the paper to one of your friends who is interested in stamps. If you receive two numbers, you will oblige by handing one to one of your collecting friends.

Mr. M. D. Batchelder, the well-known and successful stamp dealer, and former publisher of OUR AMERICAN YOUTH, has been in Vermont the past two months, visiting his friends. He has now returned and informs us that business is nearly 50 per cent. better than it has been for the last five years. In the short time that Mr. B. has been with us, he has made many friends, which his pleasing and cheerful ways are sure to win for him in every place that he visits.

Our subscribers will notice that we have made several changes in this number. We will herewith give the reason.

There is a young man in Chicago by the name of J. H. Raymond, who publishes a sheet called *The Collector Companion*. This young man is the originator of all the accusations against C. H. Mekeel; perhaps you have heard of him. Well, he seems to think that the design of his paper is entirely new, originating in his own great brain, so he quotes the following in his editorial column:

"St. Louis has always been noted for stealing ideas from Chicago, and recent instances, in Philatelic affairs, of this faculty of the drowsy hamlet, are not lack-

ing. "Our American Youth" has come out in a new dress, copied entirely from the COMPANION."

Now, any one after examining OUR AMERICAN YOUTH will say that it had a much better heading than the C. C. We gave the matter to the printers, requesting them to set it up the best way possible. If they imitated the "Collector Companion, it is not our fault. We never noticed its similarity until Mr. Raymond politely called our attention to the fact. We beg a thousand pardons for disturbing you so much as to make it worth while to have written an editorial on the subject.

As it is, we consider that St. Louis is ahead of Chicago in Philatelic affairs. We do not claim to have the best paper of the kind. The "Collector Companion" may be better. We will not pass our opinion on it; our subscribers can do that. We certainly consider OUR AMERICAN YOUTH fully up to the standard, and we mean to keep it there until the end.

The late issues of the "New England Philatelist," "Keystone Philatelist Journal," and the "Empire State Philatelist," have not been received at our sanctum.

Mr. Wm. V. D. Wettern seems indignant that we should have copied an article from the "Philatelic Journal of America," which claimed that he and several others were advertising counterfeit stamps in their list. The said stamps being the 1862 5-cent, 10-cent, and 15-cent Argentine Republic. We give the following from the "Philatelic Journal of America":

"The set of three stamps, 1862 issue, of the Argentine Republic offered in the wholesale lists of Stanley, Gibbons & Co., G. B. Calman, W. v. d. Wettern, and other dealers, are nothing more or less than counterfeits, or at least that may be applied to the 10-cent and 15-cent stamps.

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"So, while they may call the 5-cent a *re* print the 10-cent and 15-cent must be called counterfeits."

Mr. Wettern wishes us to correct the statement, he guaranteeing them as genuine. He also says if we do not correct

the statement, we will lose a large number of our advertisers. We do not want any thing but legitimate advertising to enter our columns.

Messrs. Bogert and Durbin have given us information that the above are not genuine. Mr. Wettern, we do do not blame you in the least for selling the above stamps as we have all been deceived by them. It is no discredit to you whatever. We will acknowledge that there is a difference in an old set which was bought in 1870, from the one now on the market. Perhaps the stamps are genuine which you have. *But if they are imported from England, they certainly are not.* Any reply to the above, that you or others wish to make, we will insert if not too long.

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Of this number we send a few collectors more than one copy, which we respectfully ask them to hand to some collecting friend. We shall only send you one sample copy; if you do not subscribe now, this number will be the last that you will receive. We shall not expect to get your subscription later by sending you another sample copy.

Philatelic Societies.

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APPROVAL SHEET FRAUDS.

The following is a list of collectors who obtain stamps, and do not pay for the same. I hope dealers will be careful in their dealings with the following parties:

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Anton Devorah, Geneva, Neb.

The above persons, (in all nearly fifty enough to start a small dealer in business if he should receive all the stamps sent to the above parties), are what are commonly classed as Sheet thieves, who obtain sheets on approval, and never returning. Mr. Batchelder informs us that he has a list of nearly twenty-five more agents who have failed to return sheets, whose names will be inserted in the leading philatelic papers if returns are not made. Mr. B. has written to the above parties from three to six times, but in all cases has failed to receive satisfactory results.—[EDITOR.]

Allan's Chicago Local started out as a rarity and was boomed up as such by a Chicago firm, but now they can be had for almost nothing, and it seems as if nobody wishes to purchase any.—"Stamp World."

We shall certainly have the magazine well illustrated for November.

We are indebted to the "Philatelic World" for some of the above new issues.

We shall have from six to ten illustrations of issues in every issue, which will be a great feature for both the young and advanced collector. The next number will certainly contain six new illustrations as we have the orders in the engraver's hands. How many more new stamps may appear before the next number is hard to say.

A PLEA FOR REVENUES.

The interest taken in stamps is divided into two distinctive classes, one in the collection of postage stamps, the other in revenues. The former has at the present date by far the largest number of followers, but the majority is not so great that it overwhelms its brother, as it is no unusual thing to see both postage and revenues collected by the same individual, showing the harmony and brotherly feeling existing between them. This practice, however, should not be undertaken by too young a collector, for in many instances the revenues may become confounded with those representing postage, as for example the Canada Bill Stamps, which are often believed, by beginners, to belong to post-

age, and are seen in many albums which provide only for the latter; so also the French revenues often mislead novices, owing to the fine engraving that generally distinguish them.

However, the collecting of both is at the option of the Philatelist himself, not to be governed by any other opinion except his own. If you say you collect stamps, it certainly means that you collect revenues, as they are stamps in every sense of the word, but how seldom do we mean it. They may not appear as beautiful as postage stamps, but their value is often greater. A revenue may be used on a certain article which in a short time ceases to be used, the stamp is still genuine but perfectly extinct, its value of course is whatever the owner chooses to place on it.

At the present date revenue collecting is so little indulged in that there are comparatively few dealers and as few collectors in proportion. This fact has always been a puzzle to me, which remains unsolved. Are they not stamps? Are they not valuable? Are they not in many instances very finely engraved? What is the prejudice that hinders the growth of the mania? These questions can not be definitely answered, but the chances are that it can be lead to the first of the two classes. Should the study of Philately diminish, I firmly believe revenue collectings would be taken up, somewhat as postage stamps are now. Journals would spring up devoting themselves to revenues; catalogues would chronicle the standard prices; albums would always have space provided for them, and the schoolboy, instead of spending money and time on postage stamps, would search the house for matches, toilet articles, medicines, etc., and be as enthusiastic as the average boy is now on postage. The next generation would see revenue collection monopolizing the attention, and the present state of things might be fairly reversed.

I do not say this will be the case, far from it. It is only possible, should the public once awaken to the injustice done revenues, that the incidents given above would become realities instead of dim futurities. It would take years to pull up the tremendous roots of the Philatelic tree, which has stood since 1840, firm as

"the Colossus at Rhodes," withstanding all tempests and daily multiplying its branches, till now it has interlaced itself throughout the whole world, as yet showing no signs of decay, but flourishing in its youth.

Let it be understood that my plea for revenues is not meant in opposition to postage stamps, it is only my poor endeavor to point out the unfair handicap postage has over its really equal adversary, revenue.—W. A. K. in *Stamp World*.

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And hope that her good influence,
Still steadily will grow ;
She always keeps me busy,
As busy as can be,
For she is always my delight,
My dear Philately.

I think of her when I'm awake,
I dream of her when sleeping,
And in the mirror of my brain,
Her face I'm ever keeping ;
The portals of my heart are locked,
She only has the key.
My dear old chum and comrade,
My friend—Philately.

Your image haunts me when at work,
And also when at leisure,
You're much to me of hope and joy,
Of happiness and pleasure ;
I think of you continuously,
And trust that you may be
A constant joy to every one,
My blest Philately.

And now to close the subject
(But not that it's a bore,
For I'm never tired of praising
The science I adore.)
I'll say to you with all my heart,
In the words of "Nancy Lee."
The best of all the friends I know,
Is kind Philately.

—C. E. Swope in C. C.

How Collectors Become Dealers.

Philately exercises a very business like taste among its followers, so much so, that the majority of the youth of America are all business men, so to speak. It is peculiar and amusing to see how soon this power, as it may be called, is imparted from Philately or magnet, to the youth or student.

I have often made it my business to watch a collector of fourteen years old, and see this power gradually passing, for it is not done in an electric style, but slowly and surely. Give the boy a book and a hundred stamps, and he will begin collecting as naturally as the chicken raised by means of the incubator, will pick up grains of corn a few minutes after it has been born. There is nothing forced or unnatural about it, he takes to it at once without so much as waiting to be versed in the ins and outs. No duck takes to the water more naturally than does this school-boy attach himself to a stamp album, 100 stamps, a trading book and a pot of gum-arabic. Give him these and you will see a happy youth, perfectly content to let his arithmetic go, not troubling himself to read even those high literary productions known as "Dime Novels," giving the history of the brilliant "Dick—the Indian Killer or the Terror of the Western Plains."

He will go out to school and commence the business of trading. Presently he finds he has reached the high standard of being the owner of 100 stamps. To a young stamp collector, this moment in the life of his collection corresponds to the moments a boy reaches his majority. He gradually gets the common stamps held by his school-mates and begins to feel a sense of power and importance stealing over him, that is delightful.

One day showing his duplicates, or swappers as they are called in Boston, he finds another would be Philatelist, craving a certain stamp, while he has none our potentate has already. Presently our lad is struck with a bright idea ; he offers to sell it to him. This transaction having been accomplished, I may well say the turning point has come. He goes home with that five or ten cents, feeling that he has begun life in earnest—he is making his own money. On the morrow he takes more duplicates, and begins a petty trade, still unconscious of his future. He does not yet feel he is a dealer, but presently this brilliant idea strikes him, and buying a 5c. packet he sells them singly. With this he invests in a 25c.

one, and repeats the performance a few times. Now, with this capital he buys a few dollars worth of stamps wholesale, and gives orders to have paper printed. Ah! how beautiful it looks to see his name coupled with an imaginary "Co." He has at last reached the sublime point—he is a stamp-dealer.

Now, I will ask how many boys are there who do this very thing? Thousands, and the consequence is we have thousands of dealers, each controlling a select trade. This is good for them and teaches them much. But, I am sorry to say it affects the real trade in the same manner as if ten small stores, all doing the same business, should settle on one block, each would affect the others business to a considerable degree. However, true as this may be, I for one, advocate that the large dealers be generous, and sacrifice some little trade to the great cause of Philately, for there is probably nothing so good for a young boy, as to get an inkling of business habits by means of Philately, and nothing that can lay claim to being a stronger point in the many advantages Philately gives, than this business taste young collectors acquire during the period of their infatuation with it.—*W. A. K. in Stamp World.*

Don Carlos and His Stamps.

By "TOPAZ."

The stamps of the Carlist insurrection are of great interest to all collectors who ever think of the history and romance connected with postage stamps. They should be to the Spanish philatelist as the stamps of the late Confederate States are to us, a memorial of a great national struggle. Like Jeff. Davis, Carlos was the head of a rebellion suppressed only after much bloodshed, but he is yet, and will be throughout his life, a constant source of apprehension to the Spanish government. But, in speaking of Don Carlos and his pretensions, we must go back to the original Don Carlos from whom the present pretender inherits his claims.

Ferdinand VII, king of Spain, had a daughter, Isabella, and a brother, Carlos. There was a law that no female could succeed to the throne, but Ferdinand caused this statute to be abolished in order to transmit the government to Isabella. In 1833 Ferdinand died, and his daughter Isabella was proclaimed queen, but

Carlos and his followers revolted, claiming that the king had no right to alter the law of succession. The Carlists were defeated, and Don Carlos fled the country. His son and grandson, each bearing the same name, have unsuccessfully tried to gain possession of the kingdom. The present Don Carlos first asserted his rights in 1860, and was well received in the northern provinces where the main strength of the Carlist party had always been. In 1873 the insurrection became general, and Carlos held the greater part of the country against the republican government. In the last days of 1874 the republic was suspended by the new kingdom under Alfonso, who waged vigorous war against the pretender and, after about two more years of fighting, the rebellion was put down, and the disappointed Don took up his residence in France whence he was, not long ago, expelled by decree of the government.

I hope no collector will think the foregoing tedious or unnecessary. I have mentioned these facts concerning Don Carlos and his unfortunate attempt to secure the Spanish crown in order that philatelists may feel a new interest in the handsome stamps of this government which, though his period of authority was brief, bade fair for a time to be successful.

In 1873, when the army of the Carlists first became victorious, their first postage stamp was issued. It bore the head of Carlos, and was of the value of one real; color, blue. It was coarsely gotten up and poorly engraved. Two varieties of this stamp may be noticed—one with a tilde or accent over the N in ESPAÑA, and one without. The former is somewhat the commoner of the two. This one-real stamp was used only in Biscay and Navarre, two of the northernmost tier of provinces. The year following its emission, it was replaced by another of much better execution and finer appearance. The color of the second one was lilac; value of course same as preceding. This is the only perforated stamp issued by the Carlists, and, like the blue one-real, was used only in the two provinces named. The head of the Don looks toward the right on the lilac stamp, while on its predecessor the face is turned to the left.

One design was in use in Valencia, the region on the eastern coast of Spain, south of Catalonia. This has the head of Carlos as before; inscription above, "España Valencia." The value was one-half real and the stamp-

were printed in three colors, rose, vermilion and claret. Varieties of engraving are known. These are smaller than the other stamps of the Carlists.

Two months before the emission of the first one-half real Valencia, in 1874, one stamp was issued for use in the four provinces of Catalonia. It bore, above, the motto "Dios, Patria, Rey."—God, Country, King. The color was rose, and the value was expressed as 16 maravedis, 34 of which are equal to one real.

During the year 1875, stamps of two denominations were put into circulation in the Basque provinces which include Biscay and Navarre, where the stamp first mentioned was used. These last two bore the Carlist motto as did the Catalanian. Their values were 50 centesimos (equal to 5 reals), green, and 1 real, brown.

The eight stamps of Don Carlos make altogether a very handsome showing in the album and are well worthy the attention of all philatelists who have not yet obtained them. Several have been reprinted, and so can be bought at a low figure. The one-half real of 1873, has been reprinted in fancy colors, and specimens in black are often seen, but they are utterly worthless, as the originals were struck *only in blue*.

There is one more stamp which I have not mentioned, because I think it should be placed in the doubtful list. It is a 3 cuartos blue envelope. The claim is made that this was used in the town of Canta Vieja, and that it is very rare. There is no doubt as to its rarity, but the stamp is regarded with suspicion by many. If any of my readers ever get a specimen, I hope they will give it a place in their philatelic museums which all advanced collectors keep.—*Keystone Philatelic Gazette*.

Another young man has gone wrong. Wm. C. Glenn, of Rochelle, Ill., was arrested Oct. 20, by the postal authorities. Mr. Glenn was assistant postmaster at Rochelle, with good prospects, but he choose to do wrong, and now is in the hands of the law. Mr. Glenn's method was to give as a reference the First National bank of Rochelle, and when inquiries were made, he would take the bank's mail, answer the inquiry, and give himself a good reference. As he had all the handling of the mail, this was an easy matter to do.

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We shall insert the names of all new subscribers in this department, providing they desire us to do so in sending in their subscriptions. Always say, "Insert my name in Collector's Directory." If no mention is made, we shall not insert your name. Our readers will find that correspondence with each other will be of mutual advantage.

We herewith give partial list of new subscribers:

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 M. Freeman, 403 Washington Av., Boston.
 Fred M. DeWitt, 2 Helen st. San Francisco, Cal.
 O. Schenck, 294 S. Park st. Columbus, O.
 W. B. Curtis, 614 W. 10th st. Brooklyn, N. Y.
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 O. J. Stillwell, Alma, Mich.
 Edw. M. Smith, 3028 Vernon av. Chicago.
 W. S. Longnecker, 557 Ellicott st., Buffalo, N. Y.
 R. C. Beatty, Box 214, Morristown, N. J.
 Tom Creigh, 2327 Capital av., Omaha, Neb.
 Nelson Thurman, 127 Union st. Jersey City, N. J.
 Wm. Killam, Oswosso, Mich.
 J. A. Emery, Riverdale, N. Y. City.
 E. A. Vander Veer, 28 Eagle st. Albany, N. Y.

Mr. Will M. Clemens has removed to Jamestown, N. Y. He formerly published the *Old Curiosity Shop*, which consolidated with Mr. Batchelder's paper, *The American Boys*, which was soon changed into a 12 page—48 columns—magazine, which then changed the name to OUR AMERICAN YOUTH, Mr. Batchelder selling it to us in August.

We had the pleasure of being swindled by Mr. Glenn, the sheets never being received by him. The old story.

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—The next number will be issued January 15th, and all advertisements and exchange notices should reach us by January 8th.

—OUR AMERICAN YOUTH is now entered at second-class rates, and we can promise our subscribers to appear prompt on the 15th of each month.

—This number will hardly show the improvement that we have made in OUR AMERICAN YOUTH. We have enlarged four pages, and shall try to enlarge the next number, making it a sixteen page magazine, with cover.

—The Department refused OUR AMERICAN YOUTH for the second time, and the October number was not mailed until November 25th. We could not issue a November number on time, so we decided to combine this into the November and December numbers. Our subscribers will all receive one more number at the end of their subscription.

—Our guaranteed circulation is 2,000 copies, and is steadily increasing.

—Mr. D. Batchelder conducts a Philatelic department in the *Genius of Youth*.

—We have engaged some of the leading Philatelic writers to give us articles of interest for the next number.

—We are pleased to note the rapid improvement in our contemporary, *The Philatelic Tribune*. The print, though rather poor, is good considering that it is all done by the editor and publisher.

—We regret to learn that the *New England Philatelist* will no longer be published, caused by the sudden death of Dr. Chas. P. Henry, Saturday evening, Nov. 7th. Dr. Henry, although a novice in Philatelic affairs, will be sadly missed by the fraternity.

—We are pleased to note the marked improvement in the *Collectors' Companion*. Mr. Raymond has issued twelve numbers with regularity, the only Philatelic paper ever published in the U. S. that has appeared regularly on the first of every month for twelve successive months.

—Our friends will notice that we have started a Dealers' Directory in this number. This will be a regular feature, and will be of advantage to collectors, as only reliable dealers' names will be inserted. We do not deal in stamps, but will accept them in payment for subscriptions or advertisements from Foreign Dealers.

—Mann & Kendig of Altona are very particular who advertise in their paper. For instance, a certain young man in N. Y. advertises counterfeit copies of Good Hope stamps in their paper. The P. J. A. brought them to account for the advertisement, and they pretend to know nothing about it until too late to take out. We quote the following from the October number:

"Jos. Turner, P. O. Box 1393, New York city, who advertised counterfeit triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps in this paper some time since, and to whom we returned the money for another ad., now turns up in the *Collectors' Companion* with a choice lot of locals for the young and verdant collector."

Now Mr. Turner no doubt sold the counterfeit stamps not knowing them to be such. Certainly if he has turned over a new leaf it is not right to treat him thus. But hold out a helping hand to the young man.

L. M. Hamlin is improving the *Capital City Philatelist*.

An advertiser writes us he received ninety-eight replies from an inch advertisement in our paper. Pretty good for an inch.

—Advertisers will please bear in mind that we buy names (in letters) from U. S. dealers, which have been received within the last four months, thus making OUR AMERICAN YOUTH a superior medium to advertisers.

The *Empire State Philatelist* has come out with a new cover, and is without doubt the best gotten up magazine of the kind in America, with, of course, the exception of OUR AMERICAN YOUTH. Every publisher's paper is the best, you know.

The *Stamp Collectors' Journal* of England, has just completed its seventh volume, and now enters the eighth. The *S. C. J.* is the leading philatelic paper in England. The numismatic portion will on January 1, be published in monthly parts, entitled *The Numismatic Magazine*.

The Bay State Stamp Co. sent us some questions which are quite to the point.

"Is Chas. Mekeel a beat and counterfeiter? Is W. Skinner, of Lynn, one?"

Both parties are reliable. Only revenge is the cause of each other's accusations. How can Edw. England, offer to sell Cape of Good Hope assorted for \$1.00 per dozen, and Mulready for \$1.50 each, as his advertisement in the *Philatelic Magazine*? No doubt, the Bay State Stamp Co. wish to go into the wholesale stamp business. As we are not acquainted with Mr. England's trade secrets, we are unable to answer you. Certainly they are genuine as Mr. England is very reliable. We cannot publish other names, unless you send us stamps to inquire about them. We are entirely unacquainted with the parties.

—The special delivery system is an excellent thing, but it has some defects. Now, the first letter mailed in New York, contained only a 10 cent stamp. The clerk, who noticed this, put on a 2 cent stamp (not wishing the first letter to be returned to writer), which assured its immediate delivery. The St. Louis Post Office and various other cities, where the system is in use, are troubled the same way. If an extra 2 cent stamp is not put on in connection with the 10 cents, it will be returned to writer, and thereby cause much trouble.

The department will no doubt make a new 12 cent stamp, which will prepay the postage in full. If this is done, collectors may soon expect the 10 cent stamps to become very hard to obtain.

—We take up the leading Philatelist papers and in nearly every one we find something about fraudulent surcharges, reprints, or facsimiles sold as genuine. Verily, verily, what can these collectors think after reading such articles. For instance, the St. Pierre et Miquelon stamps surcharged S.M. P., on French colonies are called fraudulent surcharges. The Samoa, reprints. If you are going to sell counterfeits or reprints, sell them as such, but this underhanded way of selling stamps, counterfeits for genuine, should be put a stop to. Now there is a certain New England gentleman who has more honor than any ten common Philatelists—he sells his stamps for what they are. While some of these large English and French dealers palm off stuff at \$10 00 a 100 that costs them 10 cents a 1000. As we do not deal extensively in stamps, we may be a little strong, but we do admire honesty in the stamp business.

Many advanced collectors discard the idea of inserting the portraits of rulers, flags and arms of all nations in their albums, and the same can be said of the United States and Hamburg locals. Now, we consider it very foolish on their part, as the above things add greatly to a collection. The collection is often left on the center parlor table, and examined by friends who never collected. The locals show how the business was conducted before stamps came into use, besides teaching many useful things. The coats of arms tell and learn the collector much, being a great ornament to the collection. What boy is there, if he lives in such city as New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and other cities that have connection with the world in shipping interest, but can tell from what country the ship hails from, that rests in the harbor. The portraits of rulers are invaluable and very interesting to any outside party. In fact, more so than the locals, arms or flags. The collector learns more about the country by the portraits, as it has a tendency to make them look up the history of the king, queen or presidents's reign, whichever it may be. In the above articles, no collection is complete unless they have them in their album.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

In this Department we shall insert questions and answers pertaining to Philately. The questions will be inserted in one number and the answers in the next.

The Publishers do not hold themselves responsible for questions and answers in this column, although we shall strive to have nothing objectionable inserted.

The following is the reply we received in regard to the Argentine 1862, which proves Mr. Wettern as a strictly honest man who intends doing right, but has been imposed upon by the English sharks, who are at all times ready to devour the legitimate business.—
[EDITOR OUR AMERICAN YOUTH]

"I have examined the Argentines very carefully, and now claim them myself to be counterfeits although Stanley Gibbons claimed them to be originals; and on the strength of it they were bought. All parties having purchased any from me can send them back and have them exchanged, as I do not wish to handle any bogus stamps knowingly.
"Truly yours, "W. V. D. WETTERN."

C. G.—Mr. Skinner is perfectly reliable. to the best of our knowledge.

Who are or is the Carson Stamp Co.? Are they reliable? I have seen articles in several papers, in which they have been published as frauds. C. A. P.

The Carson Stamp Co. are perfectly reliable. Mr. C. H. Mekeel is the manager. The last *P. J. of A.* will give you a full history of the business.

D. A. V.—The Pacific Coast Stamp Co. are frauds. Mr. Davis J. King is the proprietor. He is owing many English publishers. Mr. C. H. Nunn is the heaviest loser, besides several wholesale dealers, and nearly every philatelic paper in America.

F. C. W.—The post-office refused OUR AMERICAN YOUTH for October, the assistant P. M. informing us that the department had refused all stamp papers. So we only mailed 2,000 copies of the 5,000 issued. We have had severe trials, you see. But we are here to stay, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

E. J. P.—Your false accusations against Mr. Palmer will not be published. Mr. P. is a square sort of a young man. We have never before received complaints against him. We know his address, and it is no sign because he uses a box that he is fraud.

A. P.—There are several small philatelic societies here. But little has reached our ears about their meetings.

A. M. C.—Yes, Mr. Batchelder formerly published OUR AMERICAN YOUTH as a paper for the youth. He was unable to continue it as the support was very small. Mr. B. is strictly reliable, and discontinued the paper in an honorable manner. You say you are sorry you did not subscribe then. Well, there was no doubt several thousands in the same fix, who expected sample copies each month. By the way Mr. C., it is not too late to subscribe now.

Mr. Emory, former publisher of the *N.E. Philatelist*, has sold his interest to Dr. Chas. P. Henry—W. K. Jewett, editor. The sudden death of Dr. Henry will cause a suspension for the present in the magazine.

Stamp Dealers' Directory.

We would respectfully call your attention to the few words we have to say. We shall insert without charge the names of every Dealer in the United States who will send us his price list, business card, or something to show us that he is connected with the Stamp Business. We shall do this, asking no compensation whatever; but with the promise if you sell out, or otherwise go out of business, that you will at once notify us, so as to give due notice to our readers. Many publishers would wait pay for this, or expect advertising. We do not expect any more advertising, but would appreciate it very much if it were given us. Only reliable dealers' names inserted. Trusting that this Dealers' Directory will be of mutual advantage to you all, we beg to remain yours, very obedient,
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Durbin, L. W. Philadelphia, Pa.
Scott & Co. 721 Broadway, N. Y. City.

We cannot insert any names unless price lists or business cards are received—price list preferred. THIS IS POSITIVE.

Mr. W. F. Bishop has again appeared in Philatelic circles. Mr. Bishop, it will be remembered, left the philatelic business about three years ago. Mr. Bishop now publishes the *Philatelic Magazine*.

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Cabul.....	2	5	Sandwich Islands.....	17	20
Dominica.....	3	5	Rampour.....	4	8
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Fiji Isles.....	6	10	Shanghai.....	9	10
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Hamburg.....	12	12	Sarawak.....	2	5
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Postage Stamps of Guatemala.

I have been requested to tell what I know of the above subject, for the benefit of the readers of this paper and I must confess that the subject is an inspiring one to the philatelist, for the stamps of Guatemala are surely surpassed by none for beauty of design and excellency of execution.

Although Guatemala has been for many years the most powerful of the Central American states, its sister republics had long enjoyed the benefits of postage stamps, before the first issue appeared from the country under consideration. It was as late as 1871 that the first issue of four values made its appearance. The rising sun above, and a wreath below a shield, with the whole enclosed in a double-lined oval with "Correos de Guatemala" above and the value in words below, constituted the design; a one centavo, buff, five centavos, brown, ten centavos, blue, and twenty centavos, carmine, made their appearance at this time and continued to prepay the postage of the loyal Guatemalans until two years later, when they were supplemented by two more varieties of a different though somewhat similar design. These consisted of a scroll in the center of a shield surrounded by wreaths and other emblems, while the shield was surrounded by an oval frame similar to that of the first issue. At this time a four reales, lilac, and one peso, orange, made their appearance.

These stamps, however, seemed to prove unsatisfactory, for two years later an entirely new emission was put in use. The laureated head of "Liberty" to left, appeared upon these stamps, and the frame surrounding it was slightly different on each stamp, though not enough so to require description. The emission consisted of a one-fourth real, black, one-half real, green, one real, blue, and two reales, carmine. Barrios, who at the time of this issue was ruling the country with a rod of iron, probably considered the head of

Liberty on these stamps as a personification of himself. What the people thought would be more difficult to say.

In 1878, the most beautiful set of stamps ever issued by this country, and I have nearly said by any other, was put in circulation. The design was an Indian head in oval with the words "Correos de Guatemala" on an arched scroll above with the value in words below, and numerals of value on scrolls in each of the lower corners. Tropical birds and fruits ornament the upper corners, while wreaths are at each side. A one-half real, green, two reales, carmine, four reales, lilac, and one peso, orange, composed the emission.

In 1879, two new varieties made their appearance. The design is the same as that of the current issue which is probably familiar to all. A one-fourth real, brown and green, and one real, black and green, were all that appeared at this time.

In 1881, four surcharges were put in circulation. The one-fourth real of 1879 was surcharged "1 centavo" in two lines; the numeral "1" being above the word "centavo," and the remaining surcharges were printed in the same manner. The one-half real of 1878 was surcharged "5 centavos," the one real of 1879 was converted into a "10 centavos" stamp, and two reales of 1878 were made to do duty as a "20 centavos." These continued in use but a short time, and are correspondingly rare.

In 1882, the present set made its appearance, and, as before remarked, its design is probably familiar to all. It consists of five values, as follows: One centavo, black and green, two centavos, brown and green, ten centavos, gray and green, and twenty centavos, orange and green. The bird upon these is called a quezal, and one of the national emblems of Guatemala. A large proportion of the inhabitants consist of Indians, which probably accounts for the design of the 1878

issue. In addition to the adhesives described above, envelope stamps appeared in 1876. The stamp consists of the laureated profile of "Liberty" to left on an oval disc, with "Guatemala" above and the value in words below, and numerals of value enclosed in ovals at the sides. The values and colors corresponded to the 1875 issues of adhesives, and are as follows: one-half real, green, one real, blue, and two reals red. A newspaper wrapper of the same design, black on manilla paper, and of the value of one fourth real made its appearance at the same time.

Had Barrios succeeded in his attempt to unite the Central American republics, a new issue of stamps would probably have been among the results. As it was, Guatemala lost much prestige by his ill-timed attempt to subjugate friendly nations.

Siam.

This kingdom has now issued a series of postage stamps of its own, which, from the values, we should conclude are not only for internal use, but will probably ere long be made available for external use.

The kingdom of Siam, though containing only about 6,000,000 of inhabitants, is of large extent, covering an area of more than 300,000 square miles, divided into several provinces, and ruled over by two kings, one of which is the actual reigning sovereign, having about a dozen names, but ordinarily called King Chulalon Korn; the other king is the nominal head of the army. It is the portrait in profile of the actual reigning sovereign in military uniform, which figures on the series of six adhesive stamps, and a post card, which we shall now attempt to describe.

Of the six stamps only five appear to have been seen by any of our contemporaries, and, as we ourselves have not seen the sixth, we are unable to do more than chronicle its existence.

The three smaller values, equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$ d, $\frac{1}{3}$ d, and 1d in English money, are all of the same type. The design consists of the king's head in an upright oval within a rectangular frame about the same size as the ordinary stamps of the United States, 25 by 20 mm. In the four span-

drels are small circles enclosing the numeral 1 in Siamese characters. The smallest value, printed in blue, is SOLOT, the second, printed in carmine, is ATT, and the third, printed in vermillion, is SIAO.

The next value, equivalent to two-pence English, is of a different type. The king's head in an upright oval is not within a frame bounded by an external regular line, but ornamentations are added to give it a rectangular form, which measures 23 by 18 mm. The value, 1 SIK, is in a scroll below the oval. It is printed in bright yellow. Of the fourth, 1 FUANG, we are unable to give any description.

The fifth, of the value of 1 SALUNG, equivalent to eight pence English, presents the head of the king in a rectangular over-arched frame, above which is the value in Siamese. The stamp is of larger dimensions, measuring 28 by 22 mm. All these measurements are those of the impression, not including the perforated margin. The impression of this last stamp is in orange-yellow. The whole are well executed, and are printed on plain white paper. They are all perforated 15.

1 solot,	blue.
1 att,	carmine.
1 siao,	vermillion.
1 sik,	yellow.
1 fuang.	
1 salung,	orange-yellow.

The post card, which measures 122 by 75 mm., bears a stamp of 1 att in the right upper corner. To the left of the stamp is an inscription in Siamese in two lines, and a word which looks like to commencing a third line—probably POST CARD—are arms. The impression is in brown-red on yellow thin card.—*Smith's Circ.*

←—Nearly every stamp paper now has a descriptive article on different stamps. For instance, the P. J. of A. has an article on the Postage Stamps of Peru. It is well written, but not one collector in a hundred ever reads it. In the same number we see an advertisement of the Carson Stamp Company, desiring consignments from foreign countries. The German notice is full of errors, and an educated German would never notice it without making fun of it. We should advise the Carson Stamp Company to look up their German before publishing such a notice.

The Twelve Pence Canada.

The Queen's provinces at the north of us can boast of the rarest and most interesting stamps known to philatelists. New Foundland has its rarest shilling; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have rare shillings of unique designs—New Brunswick also being the home of the remarkable Connell stamp. But Canada has its twelve pence, and of this I propose to speak in particular. A striking peculiarity of this stamp is the manner in which the value is expressed. Twelve pence instead of one shilling. I have never learned the cause for the innovation, and can only surmise that its designer was not acquainted with English money. They were made by Rairdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, of New York, and 51,000 of them printed on thin laid paper, and unperforated, were sent to the Canadian P. O. Department in 1851. Only 820 of them, however, were issued to postmasters. The Canadians were slow to appreciate the convenience of postage stamps, even the Postmaster-general having doubts of their utility. But few of either value were used the first year. The twelve pence was intended to pay postage to England, but the rate being soon changed to 10 pence it was withdrawn. But very few of the 820 were used. The public not knowing that such stamp existed, what became of the 51,000 received by the government, I am not sure, but presume they were destroyed, as none of them have ever escaped.

The peculiar history of the Connell stamp has furnished a theme for many writers, and has often been called the rarest postage stamp. But as far as degrees of rarity can be determined, the twelve pence Canada, as a regular issued postage stamp, is as rare as the Connell or any other stamp ever issued. To be sure there is more conclusive evidence of their actual issue to the public than in the case of the Connell, but genuine cancelled specimens are as rare of one as the other. The Connell, along with the "horseman" series of Buenos Ayres, are often considered as essays, while still open to question. But the twelve pence Canada as a postage stamp is unchallenged, as a rarity is unsurpassed.—E. B. HANES.

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The various managers of the *Stamp World*, *Collector's Companion* and *Empire State Philatelist* have raised advertising rates to 40 cents an inch, and like proportions. The three have a combined circulation of 3,000 copies, while *OUR AMERICAN YOUTH* has a combined circulation of from 2,000 to 3,000 every month, and the advertising rates are 50 cents an inch.

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This number does not contain as many articles as we intended it should, as we unexpectedly received five pages of advertising more than last month. It being too late to enlarge another four pages we are for that reason, short of reading matter. We intend to give our subscribers about twelve to sixteen pages of reading matter. We send out one copy to all those who did not subscribe last month to show them that we have made some improvement, and to get 25 cents for one year's subscription. Now, don't put it off any longer, but subscribe just as soon as you get this number.

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Mr. Batchelder has moved his place of business to 120 Pine street, which is right in the center of the business portion of the city. This will greatly facilitate his business interest, as mails are delivered four times a day, thus enabling him to fill his orders with dispatch.

What They Say.

I received nearly 100 circulars from having my name in your collectors' directory.

FRANK CAMPBELL.

Many thanks for last two numbers of your paper. It is the most interesting philatelic paper that we have the pleasure of reading.

J. M. BEERS.

We are pleased to see one stamp paper that is not afraid of telling the truth.

CHAS. A. PEET.

The above are samples of letters received from subscribers.

Talks with Correspondents.

In this Department we shall insert questions and answers pertaining to Philately. The questions will be inserted in one number and the answers in the next.

The Publishers do not hold themselves responsible for questions and answers in this column, although we shall strive to have nothing objectionable inserted.

—Dealers in foreign countries are invited to correspond with us. Consignments of stamps solicited.

We shall not answer any questions in regard to marriage, love, courtship, etiquette or anything that does not pertain to philately.

1. Why is "canceled" printed on some of the unused Mauritius stamps?

FRANK CHASE.

2. Can any of the readers of OUR AMERICAN YOUTH give me any information about the Alsace and Lorraine stamps (reversed net-work)? It was only until lately that any mention of them was made. Why is it that they were not catalogued in the older catalogues? They were made in 1870 and were not put on sale until 1885.

BENJ. S. C. PRESTON.

3. I have a stamp—triangular—color green. On the left is cap nest; on the right, "1872-74;" on the bottom, "Saint Joseph Land." Can any one tell me what it is?

C. A. B.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

N. THURMAN, Jersey City.—Your article is well written, but of no interest to the average collector.

O. J. STILLWELL.—The word "Philately" can be found in the supplement of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. It is given as follows:

Philately, *n.*, Gr. philos, dear, and atele-ria, exemption from tax—A collection of postage stamps of various issues.

J. D. T.—It is perfectly safe to send an order to David Cohn.

A. G. ANDERSON.—Thanks for information. The proprietor is a nice gentleman, and perfectly honest.

You seem to think that we depend on

our advertisers to publish the paper. We do not, and a paltry five dollars goes nowhere in publishing it. We shall at all times expose frauds. The publisher of this paper has reached the age when he is allowed to vote, and thinks he knows how to run it without outside help, although your advice is thankfully received—or what we shall get from such advertisers is no object—and we do not, and never will, depend on advertisers to publish this paper.

GEO. CROLL, West Canada.—A two-cent postal card will go to England. They are for sale at all offices.

1. CHARLES REMERS, Rock Island, Ill.—We cannot take foreign stamps from American dealers or collectors in payment for subscription or advertisement.

2. We never heard of party named.

3. To the best of our knowledge he is reliable. Write again.

Your article was promptly put into the waste basket. Yes, we shall show the rascals up, but do not need your help at present.

Collector's Directory.

We shall insert the names of all new subscribers in this department, providing they desire us to do so in sending in their subscriptions. Always say, "Insert my name in Collectors Directory." If no mention is made, we shall not insert your name. Our readers will find that correspondence with each other will be of mutual advantage.

We herewith give partial list of new subscribers:

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 D. & W. Mix, 345 Fifth Av., Louisville, Ky.
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 Frank Campbell, North Branch, Mich.
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 O. J. Stillwell, Alma, Mich.
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 Nelson Thurman, 127 Union st. Jersey City, N. J.
 Wm. Killiam, Osawatomie, Mich.
 J. A. Emery, Riverdale, N. Y. City.
 E. A. Vander Veer, 28 Eagle st. Albany, N. Y.

Stamp Dealers' Directory.

We would respectfully call your attention to the few words we have to say. We shall insert without charge the names of every Dealer in the United States who will send us his price list, business card, or something to show us that he is connected with the Stamp Business. We shall do this, asking no compensation whatever; but with the promise if you sell out, or otherwise go out of business, that you will at once notify us, so as to give due notice to our readers. Many publishers would want pay for this, or expect advertising. We do not expect any more advertising, but would appreciate it very much if it were given us. Only reliable dealers' names inserted. Trusting that this Dealers' Directory will be of mutual advantage to you all, we beg to remain yours, very obedient,

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Stamp Dealers' Directory.

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 Durbin, L. W. Philadelphia, Pa.
 Scott & Co. 721 Broadway, N. Y. City.
 Brown, Wm. P. 25 Ann St., New York.
 Phtman Bros. Lewiston, Me.
 Turner, J. Box 1868, New York.
 Rothfuchs, C. F. Box 221, Washington.
 Jay, James C. LeHart, Iowa.
 Eagle Stamp Co. 174 E. 123th St., New York.
 Hawks, H. F. Atlantic, Iowa.

We cannot insert any names unless price lists or business cards are received—price list preferred. THIS IS POSITIVE.

Notice.

We could not insert a list of new subscribers received this month, as our space is limited, and the list being so large would occupy two or three pages. We will enlarge the next number and the addresses of all subscribers received will be inserted free of charge.

To what country does a counterfeit stamp belong? Baden.

What is the reason that collectors do not buy the old round cashmere stamps? It is a matter of cash mere(ly).

What stamps resemble boats? Those which sail on (Ceylon).

What stamps resemble a man who works on a boat? Deccan(d).

What stamp have two names? The Dutch E. Indies with a Sur(i)name.

What stamps best illustrate the use for which they were made? T(h)urn and Taxus.

To what land shall I go in punishment of the above breaks? Hell-I-go-land.

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Turkey, 5, 10, 20d; 1, 2, 5, 25d.....	1 50
Uruguay, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50c; 1d.....	1 00
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C. A. BROBET,
Cleveland, O.

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J. C. JAY, La Hoyt, Ia.

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Angola.....	3 15	Sandwich Islands.....	9 30	Hamburg Envelopes*..	7 15
Austria.....	25 30	Spain.....	20 25	Honduras, 1st issue*..	2 18
Bahamas.....	3 10	".....	50 60	Heligoland*.....	20 45
Barbadoes.....	7 10	Servia.....	7 12	".....	15 30
Brazil.....	10 12	Sweden.....	11 7	" wrapper*.....	3 15
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" Law.....	10 25	" " Envelope.....	20 10	" " " '74.....	6 75
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