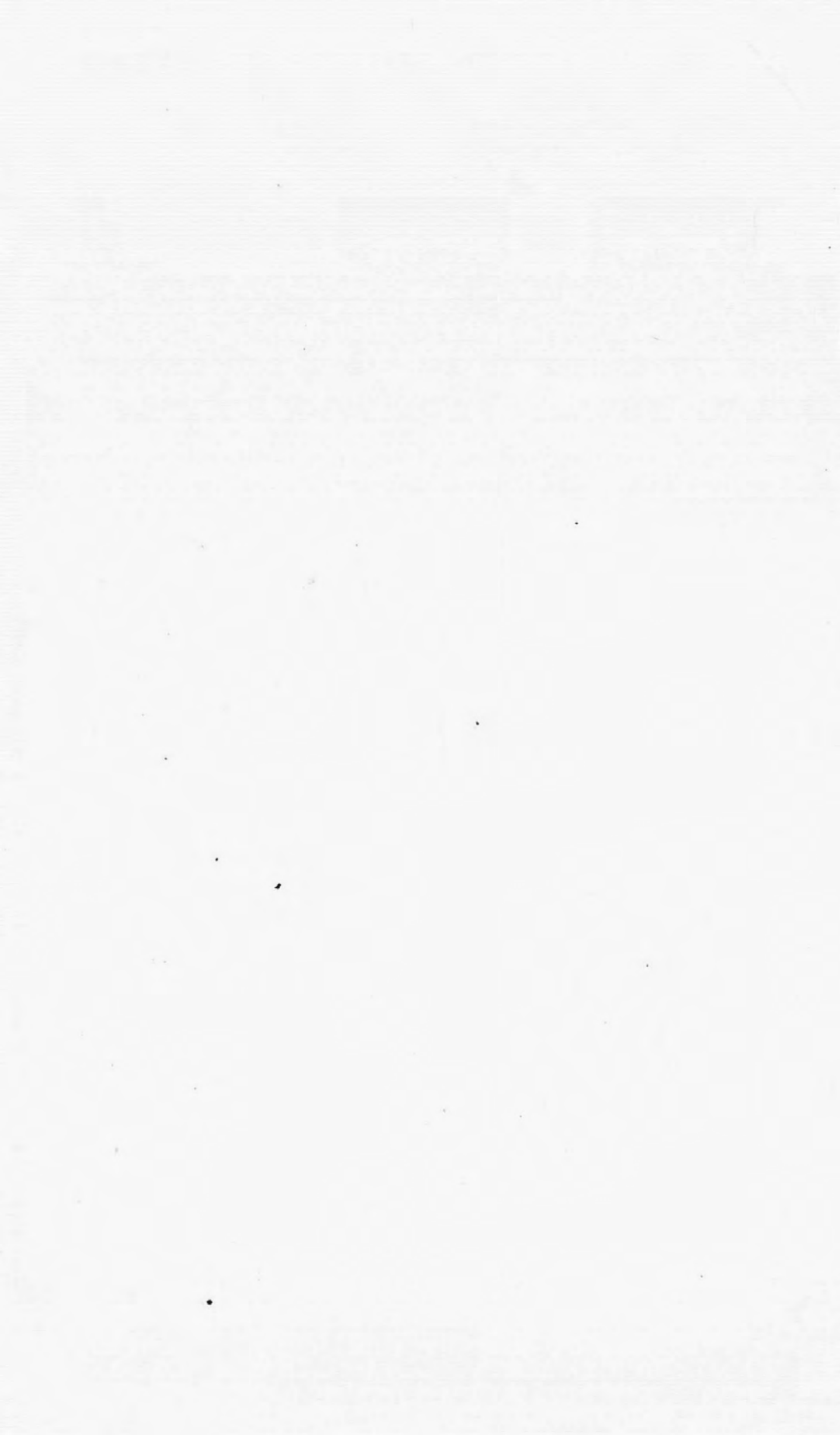


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NO. 1.

TU OUR RÍDURZ.

It iz not widout muc hezitêçun, dat fvn tpon só smól a skél, wí entur æ perils páu ov jurnalizm, but hóp our taitl wil straik a kôrd in æ publik tést hwic wil inçúr sukses. Qi inkríst dizair ov obténiç kŭriositiz and historikal relikz iz íntimétli konekted wid æ progres ov sivilizêçun. It iz bai a kêrful egzaminêçun ov æ acfvmnts and erurz ov æ past dat wí mé hóp tu impráuv in æ fíçur.

Dat hwic distingwiçez æ savej from æ edúketed persun iz æ lev ov árt and saiens. Ov æ formur tu skulpeur and péntiç ár gívn æ presidens, and ov æ latur, nekst tu æ lóz ov our bñiç, our rilêçunz tu fe taur and a súpfrítur Pour; æ studí ov æ pást histori ov our rés iz æ móst yásful and ínstruktív.

In buks wí faind a ful akount ov ær akçunz, invençunz, kustumz and ópinunz, but hou muc iz our interest in æm enhanst bai æ diskuvvri ov sum çnçent relik, hwic koroboréts or eksplénz æ stétmnts ov æ histórian. Widout æ antikwítiz wí pozes, sçe az stacûz, koinz, buks and piketuz, histori wud bí tu us a féblð mainoloji.

Ov òl klasez ov çnçent kŭriositiz, koinz ar íkwal tu eni in interest and valyu. Qé ar a sêf gaid for nírlí 2500 yírz, and bér æ pórtreéts ov nírlí òl æ kíçz, kwínz and taur nóted persunz duríç dat píriod, hwail medalz ar struk in komemorêçun ov evvri ímportant ívent. Qer ár a sertin klas ov kolekturz hú pé fabúlus sumz for æ sêk ov a partikúlar détt ov æ sém koin, or wun hwic reténz its orijinal luster, haviç bin kept out ov surkúlêçun, or for a spesimen ov sum ríjekted patern, ov hwic perhaps ónli háf a duzn wer struk, but æ du not dízerv æ ném ov antikwérianz.

De kolektiç ov póstej stamps iz konsidérð bai meni a fúliç wést ov taim. But hwail æ lé nó klémz tu antikwiti, æé hav merits hwic ár óvurlukt bai æ kajúal obzervur. A lárj própôçun ov æm ár adórnd wid a míniacur pórtreét ov æ réniç soverin, or sum prominent persun, tu prodûs hwic rikwairz æ móst skílful ártists; and nírlí òl taurz hav æ néçunál insignia.

Qer iz tu evvri levur ov saiens, a gratífikêçun in obténiç sum relik ov dístant kláimz. Tu æm a bítt ov stik or stón from Aísland, a síç huk from Patagónia, a pís ov klour from Japan, a féded flour from æi Alps or a botl ov wóter from æ Jordan, mé bí kounted amon ær coisest tréçuriz. In póstej stamps wí hav a mímonto from nírlí evvri néçun, óm béríç a póst márk ov æ toum or vílej hwér æ létur woz pósted.

Aréniç æm íntu an album rikwairz grét skíl tu mék æm luk wel. It iz not ólvéz æ móst ekspensív kolekçunz dat apír æ best. Wí hav sín smól kolekçunz got tç wid só muc tést, òl tórn or badli dífést spesimenz bíç ríjekted, az tu íkrips taurz hwic had kost arí taimz ní amout.

Tu æ yru kolektur ít not ónli ímprúvz ær habits ov ordur and nítnes, but givz æm praktikal lesunz in Jíog-rafi, hwic serv tu fíks in ær maind æ lesunz ov æ skúl-rúm. Rígárded bai meni persunz az kríétiç a tést for æ fain árts, and a stepiç stón tu æ kolleçun ov taur kŭriositiz; ær çildren ár enkurejd in æ pursútt; hwail taurz hú luk tpon substanzal bildiçz, land-ed propertí, or a lárj ínkum, az æi ónli objektz wvrai ov atençun, dískurej æm from ít. Hwic pursú æ waizest kórs wí lív our rídurz tu dísaíd.

OUR ORTHOGRAPHY.

Our readers will perhaps, be somewhat puzzled with the appearance of our first page, the spelling not being in accordance with Webster's Dictionary, but we think upon closer examination, they will be pleased with its simplicity. Our Saxon forefathers, destitute of many of the improvements of the present day, had not the art, which makes our language so difficult to acquire by a foreigner, of using several letters to represent the same sound.

To make our Journal as consistent as possible, we have concluded to give one page to the preservation of this ancient custom. For the long sounds of the vowels we have taken as their custom was, the accented letters; spelling far (fár), fate (féi), fear (fír), four (fór), fool (fúl); and bear (bér), ball (bòl), beauty (búti). They also spelt child (cild), and which (hwilc). They had a separate character for the sound of th, which looked very much like a α ; for the soft sound as in think we use a α ; and spell azure (ajtr), fish (fiç), and wing [wiŋ]. By applying these rules we think the task of reading will be found quite easy. Lest we should be accused of trying an experiment upon our readers, we would state that this system has been used by the American Philological Society for several years.

PROSPECTUS.

Having established a depot for the purpose of trading in Old Coins, Postage stamps and other curiosities, at No. 28 John st., (in connection with Irving's Antiquarian book store), and finding that a large share of our business, especially during the summer months, is from country orders, and having daily calls for price lists; which are so expensive as to require special facilities for printing; we take this method of bringing our stock into public notice.

We shall be happy to purchase or exchange almost everything in our line, such as American and Foreign Coins, Medals, Postage Stamps, Autographs, Continental Money, Revolutionary Papers, Seals, Indian Relics &c. &c.

We shall publish in each No. a price list of the most noteworthy articles in stock, and also of those we wish to obtain; and shall try to keep our readers posted on every event of importance relating to curiosities. Having been in the business more or less for the past ten years, we hope to have gained the confidence and good will of our patrons. Address all letters, Wm. P. Brown, Box 4614 N. Y. City.

CONTINENTAL CURRENCY.

United Colonies	15c. to	\$ 1 50
Vermont, torn		1 00
Massachusetts	\$ 2 00	3 00
Connecticut, fine		1 50
New York	50	1 50
New Jersey	10	50
Pennsylvania	10	50
Maryland	10	75
Delaware	25	1 00
North Carolina	50	2 00
Virginia	1 00	1 50

LIST OF COINS FOR SEPTEMBER.

Wash'n. cent, large eagle 1791, bright	\$7 00
Vermonts Respublica, 1785 fair	2 00
Vermontensium " 1786 very fine	3 50
*Nova Constellatio, 1785 fine	1 00
*Massachusetts cent, 1787 fine	1 00
*Franklin cent, 1787 good	25
New York cent, 1787 very fine	5 00
" " figure to right, fair	1 50
*Vermont cents, good, several varieties	25 to 50
*Connecticut cents, fine " "	10 to 50
*New Jersey " " "	15 to 50
$\frac{1}{2}$ Dime, "Martha Wash'n," 1792 good	8 00
Louisiana cent, without R very fine	5 00
" 1767 with " good	1 50
Auctori Plebis, 1787 fine	6 00
Annapolis shilling, 1723 pierced	3 00
Wash'n $\frac{1}{2}$ d., ship 1793 fine	3 00
Continental Currency, 1776 tin, good	8 00
God preserve London $\frac{1}{2}$ d., fair	2 00
New Jersey cent, 1788 dog type, extra fine	3 00

The above sent by mail on receipt of price. Of those marked with a star, we have probably enough to supply the demand, of the others we have only one which will be sent to the first order received.

We have on hand a good variety of Autograph letters, Continental bills, Ancient and Foreign coins, American cents and half cents, medals, seals, monograms, crests &c., of which we shall publish lists in succeeding numbers.

NEWS ITEMS.

We understand that another Stamp auction is to come off next month.

The next coin sale to be held in this city, we are informed by Mr. Cogan, is the proposed four days sale of a collection from Philadelphia, to commence October 4th. 1870.

Prince Edward I. gives us a new and handsome stamp, just half the value of the 9d.

The Philatelist and Stamp Collector's Magazine for July both contain illustrations of all the 1870 issue of U. S. stamps, but being on wood give but a faint idea of the originals.

We understand from Messrs. J W Scott & Co. publishers of the American Journal of Philately, that after the first of September their journal will be issued weekly. We hope the increasing desire for information on the science of Timbrography will warrant the change.

A letter was shown to us recently, from Mary Washington to her brother George, for which \$200 had been refused, only three of her letters being known to exist. It has since been left on sale with Mr. Burns.

We have just received on consignment from Alfred Smith & Co., of Bath, England, publishers of the Stamp Collector's Magazine, containing the most information of any on the subject; a large assortment of Postage Stamps, which can be seen at our place of business.

We have just seen a new Essay for a 12c. envelope of the U. S., and hear that proofs have been taken for new designs for the adhesives.

PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

All stamps sold by us are warranted genuine. Where more than one stamp is described on the same line, the price is so much for each. All letters of enquiry, or orders under 25c., must contain stamps for reply. Money sent by P. O. Order or Registered letter only, is at our risk.

	new.	used.		new.	used.
Antigua 1d. red & rose	\$ 06	\$ 04	Prussia 1850-57-58-65 1 2 3 silber gr.	02	02
Austria 1850 arms 3 6 9 kreuzer		01	" 1865 3 4 6 pfenninge arms	02	01
" 1858-61 5 10 15		02	" Env. 1 2 3 silb. gr. arms		01
" 1863-67 2 5 10 15		01	Prince Edward I. 1 penny orange	03	
Austrian Italy 1850 15 30 45 centes		02	" 4 4½	15	
" 1863 eagle in oval 5 10 15		03	Queensland 1 2 4 6 pence		03
Baden 1851 3 3 3, 6 6 9 kreuzer		02	" 3d. 1 shilling		08
" 1860-64 arms 1 3 6 9		02	Romagna set of 9	75	
" 1868 1 3 7 & 3 kr. env. 1862		01	Roumania 1862 35 paras blue		10
Bahamas 1 penny red	05		" 1865-66 20 paras 1866 18 bani		10
Barbados ½ 1 penny		02	" 1868 2 1869 5 bani	05	
" 4 6 1 shilling		06	Russia 1 3 10 kopecs		03
Bavaria 1850-62 1 3 6 9 kreuzer		01	Roman States ½ 2 5 8 baj. & 10 c.		02
" 1868 1 3 7		01	" ½ bajocchi 2 3 centesimi	04	02
Belgium 1849 10 20 centimes		03	Sandwich Islands 1866 5 cents blue	15	06
" 1861 10 20 40		02	Sarawak 3 cents yellow	15	
Bermuda 1 penny red	05	05	Saxony 1854 1 2 3 neu-groschen		02
Brazil 1854-66 10 reis	03	02	" 1863 3 pf. ½ 1 2 3 5 n. gr.	10	02
" 1866 20 100 200	05	02	" " Envelopes ½ 1 2 3	03	
British Honduras 1 penny blue	05		Schleswig 1¼ 1¼ ½ schilling	04	02
British Guiana 1 2 12 cents		04	" 1¼ 4	06	
Brunswick 1865 ½ 1 2 3 4-4ths gr.	02	02	Schleswig Holstein 1¼		02
Canada 1868 ½ 1 1 1 2 3 3 6 cents		01	Servia 1869 set of 8	75	
" 12½ 12½ 15		06	South Australia 1860 1 2 6 pence		03
Cape of Good Hope 1858 1 4 pence		05	" 1863 1 sh. 1869 2d.		06
" 1865 1 4 4 1 shilling		04	South African Republic 1 penny red	08	
Costa Rica 2 reals red	25	05	Spain 1850-51-52-53-54 6 cnartos		03
Danish West Indies 3 cents rose	08	03	" 1854-55-57-60-62 4c.		04
Denmark 1851 4 rbs. 1852-57 4 sk.		02	" 1862-64-65-66-67 12c.		08
Egypt 1863-67 5 paras	04		" 1867-70 10 millesimos	05	04
France Republic 10 15 40 c. 1 franc		05	" 1870 1 2 4		02
" 20 25 Presidency 25 c.		02	Spanish West Indies 1868-69-70 10c.	12	03
" Empire 1 1 2 4 5 10 20 40 80		01	" " " 20c.		08
" Colonies 1 10 40		02	" " " 40c.		25
Greece 1 2 5 10 10 20 40 80 lepta		03	Straits Settlements 3-2 2 3 cents	20	
Grenada 1 penny green	06	04	" 32 old issue		35
" 6 red		08	St. Christopher 1 penny red	05	
Honduras 2 reals red	25	15	" 6 green	40	
Heligoland ½ schilling green	04		St. Domingo 1866 1 real green	50	25
Holstein 1¼ schilling 3 varieties		02	" 1867 ½ pink 1 blue	25	15
Holland 1865 5 10 15 cents		02	Sweden 9 17 20 ore		04
" 1867 5 10 20 1½ 1		02	" 4 12 24 30		01
Hong Kong 2 4 6 8 24 30		02	Switzerland 1850 5 10 15 rappen		04
India 8 pils ½ 1 2 4 8 annas		02	" 1862 2 5 10 10 20 25 30 40 50		01
Italy 1855 10 15 20 centesimi		03	" Envelopes 10 rappen rose	04	02
" 1862 1 2 5 10 15 20 40 60		01	Tasmania 1858 1 4 pence		03
Jamaica 1 shilling 1 2 pence		02	Trinidad 6d. 1 shilling		04
Mexico 6 cents & 100 brown on brown		10	Turks Islands 1 penny red	04	04
" 12 25 50 100		06	Tuscany 1 2 4 6 9 crazie		04
Modena 1852 5 10 15 25 40 cent.	10	05	Venezuela 1861 set of 3	60	
Newfoundland 1860 2 pence rose	15		" 1863-66 ½ 1 centavo	06	
" 1866 2 10 cents		05	" La Guaiara ½ pl. rose blue green	15	10
New South Wales 1861 5 8d. 5 sh.		15	" " 2 rls. green yellow rose	15	08
" 6d. 1 sh. 1867 1 2 & 1d. band		03	Victoria 1865 1 2 4 pence		01
" 1867 4 10 pence		10	" 1866-67-68		08
New Zealand 1 2 6d. 1 sh.		04	West Australia 1862 4 pence vermilion	25	
" 4 pence red		25	" 1 1 2 pence		03
Nicaragua 5 cents black	10	10	" 4 6 pence		06
Norway 1859-65-68 4 8 skilling		02	Wurtemberg 1857 1 3 6 9 kreuzer		02
Orange States 1 penny red	08		" 1 3 6 9 1 3 7		02
Parma 1857 5 10 15 centesimi	05	06	" Envelopes 1 3 kr.	03	02
Peru 1858 1 dinero green	10	04	" " 6 9	08	05

LIST OF PACKETS.

A	contains 50 varieties of used stamps	\$ 25
B	" 75 " " " "	50
C	" 100 " " " "	1 00
D	" 200 " " " "	2 00
E	" 400 " " " "	10 00
F	" 25 " English Colonial "	50
G	" 20 " of unused " "	25
H	" 35 " " " "	50
I	" 60 " " " "	1 00
J	" 25 " Eng. Col. unused "	1 00
K	" 60 " of obsolete " "	1 00
L	" 100 " " scarce " "	5 00
M	" 300 mixed European " "	50
N	" 1000 " " " "	1 50
O	" 1000 Timbrophilets	50

NOTICES OF SALES AT AUCTION.

A new feature in the history of stamp-collecting in the United States was an auction sale of postage stamps at Leavitt's, May 28, 1870, comprising the stock of a bankrupt European dealer (!) also a lot of albums &c., the most noticeable of which were as follows: 1 collection of 1800 stamps, \$38; do., 1000, \$23; do., 625, \$11; do., 515, \$8; do., 430, \$11; do., 319, \$9 50; do., 215, \$6; 5c. Sandwich Is., fancy border, \$11; Geneva 5c., \$4; Luzon 1 real green, \$5; U. S. Carrier's orange, \$4 50; 5 & 10c. St. Louis \$9; ½ Peso Peru, \$9; Essays for first postage envelope, \$3. 25, \$3 75, and \$4 50; 3 American Lallier's albums, gilt morocco, \$4, \$3 50, and \$3. The proceeds of the sale amounted to about \$430.

At an auction sale of U. S. coins, pattern pieces and continental bills, held at Leavitt, Strebeigh & co's., June 17 1870, the following prices were realized:

Cents, 1793, \$9 50; do., \$5 25; do., \$5; 1796, uncirculated, \$5 50; 1797, do., \$6; 1796 do., \$7; do., \$5; 1799, \$5 50; 1804, fine, \$7 25; 1809, do., \$5 37; 1810, uncirculated, \$8 25; 1821, do., \$5 12, 1823, do., \$12 25; 1825, do., \$5 25 The whole set brought nearly \$200.

Dollars, 1842, proof, \$5 50; 1855, do., \$11 00; half dol., 1796, \$17; half dime, 1801, fine, \$8.

Continental currency, note for \$20, May 10, 1775, \$2 25; \$20, April 11, 1778, \$2 25; balance from 10c. to \$1 12.

Colonial currency, Mass., from 50c. to \$2; N. H., one note for £2; Nov. 3, 1775, \$3 75; balance 50 c. to \$1 62; Conn., 60 c. to \$1 37; R. I., 30 to 50c., New York, note for £3; Sept. 2 1775, \$2, 75; balance 15 to 75c., New Jersey, 10c. to \$1 12, Penna., 10 to 50c., Del., 15 to 75c., Md., 10 to 15c. Va., 30c. to \$1; N. C. 65c., to \$2 50; S. C. 25c. to \$2 12.

The Pattern pieces were an unusually fine lot, more than 25 of them bringing upwards of \$5, each, and some as high as \$35.

Colonial and others; Wood half-penny, figure facing left, nearly proof, \$8; Immunis Columbia, \$7; medal of C. W. Field, aluminum, \$15; Meade medal, bronze, \$5 25; Washington cents, 2 large eagle at \$5; one small eagle, \$10; Grant Pacific R. R. medal, \$5; Poulson's Philada. almanac, 1793 to 1801, complete, \$8 50.

At an action sale of Greek and Roman silver coins at Bangs Merwin & Co., June 17 1870, the prices were quite low. Among the Greek coins one of Alexander brought 50c.; Aegina, \$2 37; Cyrene, \$3; Neapolis and Thurium, each \$3 12.

The Roman Family coins, which were a very complete collection, averaged 50c. each; none of them selling for over \$1 25.

Of the Imperial, 3 of Julius Caesar brought \$2, 12; \$1 12 and \$1 50; Brutus \$1 75; Otho, Vitellius and Balbinus, each over \$2; others ranging from 25c. to \$2 50.

THE HONDURAS STAMP.

This stamp having been pronounced spurious, we have a few comments to make upon it. We have in our possession 1st., an envelope addressed to a prominent firm in this city with the seal embossed on the flap of RAYMON VALENZUELA, COMAYAGUA HONDURAS. On the face is an oblong hand impression in blue, of MORRIS & Co. AMAPALA, and also a round hand stamp, N. Y. STEAMSHIP 10 JULY 12., and 3 Honduras stamps crossed with the pen. 2nd., Part of another envelope with embossed flap, ANGEL LOPEZ, . . CUCIGALPA. 3rd., A stamp cancelled with the letters YAGUA, one fourth the width of the stamp.

We have several stamps with the steamship cancellation, and have received them on such a variety of envelopes, and coming in such a way that we have no doubts of their genuineness.

We have never seen the green one used.

We have just received a copy of the first No. of the American Antiquarian for August 1870; a quarterly journal devoted to the subject of Autograph letters and continental money, and published at \$1. per annum by Charles De F. Burns, 127 Mercer St. N. Y. It is got up with taste, containing much valuable information, and is a much needed representative of a large class of collectors.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Owing to the limited space in our Journal we cannot admit paid advertisements; but shall from time to time, notice those who deal in curiosities, or who have in their possession anything rare and valuable. All parties publishing periodicals or price lists in our line are requested to send them in exchange.

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KŪRIOSITI KABINET.

VOL. I.

NIU YORK, OKTÓBUR. 1870.

NO. 2

KOLEKTIŪ PÓSTEJ STAMPS.

Hou muc dū yú cárj for a ful kolekçun ov Póstej stamps? iz a kwescun wí ár ofn áskt, but find veri difikult tu ansur, and áóz hū hav traid ai eksperiment ov obténiġ wun, wil olmóst fil inklaind tu envi ae blisful ignorans ov ae propoundur. Tu its vótariġ, laik ae míráġ ov ae dezurt, its encántiġ vijun bekunz and risídz, and áóz ofn aparentli wiġin ríc ov ae pursúur, its aténment kan nevr bí ríalaizd.

But hwail it iz imposibl tu obtén a komplít kolekçun, ívn a moderet number ov kèrfuli silekted and wel arénjd stamps ár a sórs ov grét gratifikéçun tu ae pozesur, and hwen kòrfuli egzamin, kombainiġ az ae dū, ae studi ov Jíografi, Histori, Árt and Politikal Íkonomi, it iz not surpraiziġ aat hwot at furst saít apír but traiflz, çud bí wun ov ae févurit objekts ov pursút wiġ pípl ov kulçur and tést.

But fū ov áóz hū komens, hav eni adikwet aidfa ov hwot konstitúts a gud kolekçun, and it iz jeneroli bai ripíted fályurz aat ae foundéçun for wun iz léd. Meni pípl, supóziġ aat it iz ónli neseseri tu prókúr a fain album, and aat bai ekspendiġ a sertin amount ov muni, ae wil hav a kolekçun ov hwic ae mé justli bí proud, komens kolektiġ wiġ grét zfl, but sún faindiġ aat ai album iz inkomplít, or haz spésez for wurales imposurz, or aat ae hav put in meni tórn or grísi stamps hwic rúin ai apírans ov ól; sel out in hést, and reprizent ae hól afér az a swindl.

Wun ov ae eíf difikultiz wí mft at ai outset iz tu obtén a gud stamp album, for nfrli ól hav spésez for stc rubiç az ae Hamburg lókalz, or uaur uaur wí hav diskraibd, wil hav an ornament wiġ hwic fū wil bí wiliġ tu párt.

óld, só meni nū stamps ár içúđ, and divijunz ov empair méđ, aat ae hármuni ov ai arénjment iz grétli injurd. Hwér ae kolektur dcz not kèr for ae varaiitiz ov kulçur, perforéçun and wóturnárk, bai ai adiçun ov blaġk lívz ae ansur veri wel, olaó ae blaġk spésez olwez prizent an unfiniçt apírans. Fū ov ae best kolekçunz ár in printed albumz; sum ár in skrap buks, uaurz in blaġk albumz, and uaurz stil ár kept in boksez ov envelups. Sum stamp albumz hav spésez printed on hóu saidz ov ae pépur, hwic méks ae kolekçun luk krouded and spoilz it for sél, uaurz ár só bulki az tu bí veri inkonvínent.

Our aidfa ov ae best stail iz tu hav wun méđ ov hik bond pépur, konténiġ from 100 tu 150 lívz about 10 inceġ bai 12, wiġ lait but stif Morokó kuvur wiġout klasp, and méđ tu ópn flat, wiġ or wiġout ekstra gárdz. Ae hediġ çud bí printed in bai a skilful penman, and a hevili rúld çft ov pépur tu plés under ae lívz wil kíp ae stamps in strét lainz. Stc an album wud hóld from 5 tu 10,000 stamps, kost from \$8 tu \$10, and wé ónli about 2 lbs. Bai yúziġ ae timbrofilets ae lívz ár kept smáa, and ae stamps kan bí fzili rimúvd or cénjd for betur wunz.

In mékiġ up a kolekçun, ól tórn or badli difést spesimenz çud bí rijekted; ae perforéçunz or márijin kept entair, and ai envelop stamps kut skwér or kept hól. Astur skimiġ ae stamps yúġ púr strénd gum arabik ónli. Revinú stamps ov ól néçunz, (eksept ourz for likur and tobakó) mé bí inklúded, ólsó genyuin lókalz; sum prifur yúzd, uaurz unyúzd stamps, and ól hū avoid ai erurz wí hav diskraibd, wil hav an ornament wiġ hwic fū wil bí wiliġ tu párt.

A notice of our journal occupies nearly a page of the September no. of the Coin and Stamp Collector's Magazine; an interesting monthly of 16 pages, published at \$1 50 per annum by Mason & Co., 139 North 9th. st., Philadelphia. The editor in criticising our first page, expresses, we presume, the sentiments of most of our readers upon their first trial by saying:

"We hope Brother Brown will let his first effort in the line of mixed and lightning struck English suffice, for we cannot speak, or spell correctly, since reading this conglomeration of crazy alphabetical characters, which look, for all the world, as though they had been 'out on a drunk,' and were endeavoring to form a line of inverted fish books."

The best medicines are often bitter to the taste, and we did not expect that the aforesaid publishers, after four years of incongruous spelling, would adopt our systematic method without resistance. We find, however, on another page, that with stamp collecting, which at first appeared to them a trifling and frivolous pursuit, they are now completely infatuated, and we hope that after duly examining the merits of the kosmic, they will arrive at as happy a conclusion.



We are informed by Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co., of 6 Bath st., Bath, England, publishers of the Stamp Collector's Magazine, a 24 paged monthly, price 4s., that owing to a change in the postal regulations, the postage to the U. S. will in future, be 2s. per year. Since its commencement, this has been the leading periodical on the subject. No. 92 for Sept., has a full account of the expected Angola and Prince Islands stamps, of the values 5 10 20 25 50 and 100 reis; and of the forthcoming ½ penny stamp, wrapper, and post card of Great Britain. We have received from the publishers the fourteenth edition of their price catalogue, and shall be happy to take any orders from it.

The Philatelist, a monthly magazine of 20 pages, published by Stafford Smith & Co., Colonnade, Brighton, England, at 3s. per year, foreign postage extra, has in No. 43 for Sept. a valuable article on the detection of the Swiss forgeries.

We notice that the American Numismatic and Archaeological Journal of New York, has been discontinued, but is resumed under the title of the American Journal of Numismatics, and published quarterly by Jeremiah Colburn, 17 Bromfield st. Boston Mass. at \$2 per year. It contains 24 pages of articles of interest to coin collectors, and the records of the various numismatic societies of the United States.

PRICE LIST OF AMERICAN CENTS.

1793 Liberty cap, Link & wreath	\$1 00 to \$10 00
1794, 1795 thick and thin die	25 2 00
1796 Liberty cap and fillet	50 3 00
1797 1798	10 4 00
1799	5 00 25 00
1800 1 2 3	10 1 00
1804	3 00 10 00
1805 6 7 8	25 1 00
1809 11	50 5 00
1813	25 2 00
1813 14 21 23	10 50
1815 17 18 19 uncirculated	1 00
1820	2 00
1816 to 1870	5 25
1856 nickel	1 50 2 50
1857 copper, large and small date	15 25

AUTOGRAPH LETTERS.

Col. David Humphreys, aid to Wash'n.	Als. \$1 50
Adj. Gen. Jos. Reed, Cont. Army	Ds. 1 00
Chas. Pinckney, signer of Const.	Als. 3 00
" " " "	Ds. 1 00
Robert Morris, signer Dec. of Ind.	Als. 1 50
Gen. Winfield Scott,	3d. per. Als. 1 00
Gen. Alex. Macomb to Pres. Monroe	Als. 2 00
John Hancock, signer, early date	Ds. 3 00
Wm. H. Seward, Sec. of state	Als. 1 00
Richard M Johnson, Vice Pres.	Als. 1 00

The most important item in numismatics is the four days sale of the collection of Wm. Fewsmith of Philadelphia, which is to take place at Clinton Hall Oct. 4th, and is particularly rich in the American series. The dollar of 1804, half dime of 1822, Washington half dollar and George Clinton copper are lacking, but there are enough rarities to bring all the best collectors.

We have received catalogues of the collection of Postage stamps to be sold at auction Oct. 3rd., which will, we presume, to those who prefer unused stamps and collect Essays, be a great treat. To our regular customers, our charges for purchasing at auction sales are 10 per cent. on cost.

September commences the Weekly Journal of Philately, published by J. W. Scott & Co., of 34 Liberty st. N. Y. City, price \$2. It has 12 pages with an engraving in each No; descriptions of new stamps, and some of the best articles from European publications. The monthly edition of 12 pages at \$1. per year, on fine paper, is compiled from this, and has illustrations in the original colors. We understand that the publishers distribute 25,000 copies of some numbers gratis; with this outlay a paper is almost sure to succeed.

The American Stamp Mercury, a monthly Journal of 28 pages, published by F. Trifet & Co. of Boston at \$1 per year, comes for Aug. and Sept. in a double no., it has 19 plates describing new stamps, and a description of the various Private Revenue Stamps; nearly all the remaining articles are taken from other periodicals.

For want of space we give this month a very short list of coins, autographs &c., but will give more next no. also list of newly issued stamps. We are continually purchasing collections of curiosities at our store No. 28 John St. (in connection with Wm. Erving's Antiquarian bookstore.)

PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

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All stamps sold by us are warranted genuine. Where more than one stamp is described on the same line, the price is so much for each. All letters of enquiry, or orders under 25c., must contain stamps for reply. Money sent by P. O. Order or Registered letter only, is at our risk. For those marked with a (*), we will allow $\frac{1}{2}$; and for those marked with a (.), $\frac{1}{2}$ our list prices in exchange, for a limited quantity in good condition.

UNITED STATES.

1845 Local Post Office stamps.	new.	used.
*Brattleboro, 5c. black		
*5c. New York post office, black	\$	\$ 00
'5c. Providence, black		10
'10c. " " "		50
'St. Louis, 5c. black		
" " 10c. "		5 00

Government issues.

*1847 5c. brown		05
*10c. black		25
851 1 3 perforated & unperforated	03	01
*5 brown " "		
'10 green " "		08
'12 black " "		25
*12 black " "		05
Set of 8	1 25	
1861 1 2 3 5 10 12 15		02
'24 30		03
90c. blue		15
1869 1 2 3 6 10 12 15		01
'24 30		10
90		20
1870 1 2 3 6		01
10 12 15		03
'24 30		10
'90		25

Envelope stamps

'1853 3c. red on white and buff	10	02
1857 1c. blue on buff, 2 shades	04	
1861 3c. rose on blue paper, 2 sizes	20	
1861 3c. rose on white and buff	10	05
6c. " " "	25	
10c. green " " "	15	08
12c. two colors on buff	20	12
*20 24 " " "	40	
*40	75	
'2c. U. S. postage	15	08
1864 3c. rose on white and buff	04	01
'6c. " " "	10	03
'3c. brown " " "	06	
'6c. violet " " "	10	04
1865 2c. black on yellow	04	01
'9c. yellow	12	
*12 brown	18	
*18 red	25	
24 blue	35	15
30 green	40	
*40 rose	75	
1870 2c. brown on buff and yellow	03	01
3 green, 3 shades	04	01
6 red 2 "	08	
10 brown	13	

Newspaper wrappers.

1857 1c. blue	10	
*1863 U. S. Postage, 2c. black on buff		
1865 2c. black on buff	04	
1870 2c. " " "	03	

Whole unused envelopes sent by mail for 1c. extra on each of ordinary size, and 2c. for official.

"Confederate States."

'5c. Mobile, blue		5 00
'5c. New Orleans, brown		05 50
1862 5c. green, head of Davis		60 40
'5 blue " "		60 40
*10 blue, " Madison		50
*10 red		2 00
*2c. green, " Jackson	2 50	1 50
'1863 2c. red		15 25
'1c. orange, " Calhoun		40
5 blue, " Davis		02 10
10 " "		02 10
*Ten cents, blue		
'20 green, " Washington	05	25
'Belgium 1869 set of 9 (no 6c.)	1 00	
'Brazil 1866 50 80 reis	15	08
'500 orange	50	10
'Bahamas 4 pence rose		04
'Ceylon $\frac{1}{2}$ penny lilac	04	
Chili 1852 5c. on blue paper		20
'1867 1c. yellow	04	
'2 5 20		08
'Costa Rica $\frac{1}{2}$ real blue	15	12
'France 1859 10c. unpaid letter	05	
'Grenada 6 pence red	40	08
'Holland 1867 15 25 50		04
Italy 1856 1 2 centesimi	08	04
5 10	10	03
15 20 40	12	03
80 3 lire	20	
1870 Official, 1 2c.	02	
Mecklenburg Strelitz $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	04	
Newfoundland 1868 1 cent violet	03	
North German Confed. set of 11	1 25	15
$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ silb. gr. & 1 kr.	03	02
Portugal 1866 5 reis black	03	
10 yellow	06	04
20 straw	10	04
'85 120		04
'100 lilac	20	03
'240 mauve	60	20
Roumania 1869 10 bani blue	08	05
25 50		10
Russia 1870 5 kop. env. rose	12	
'Salvador 1 real red		
'2 green		08
'4 brown		18
Saxony env. 1863 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 2 3 neu gr.	02	
'St. Helena 1 penny red	06	
'2 yellow	12	
'St. Vincent 1 penny red	05	04
Trinidad 1859 1 penny red		02

U. S. LOCALS.

'Wells Fargo & Co. 25c. red and blue	20	50
'\$1 red	20	50
'\$2 red & green	20	
'\$4 black & green	25	
'\$1 circular blue	15	
'Newspaper stamp oblong blue	10	
Hussey's S. M. P. set of 4, 5 10 15 20c.	40	



The above illustration is taken from a silver coin in the possession of a young man in this city, and was handed down by his grandfather as a family relic. A similar coin was described in Dickeson's numismatic manual, and was sold in the Mickley sale for \$32; also the 1000 piece of double the size for \$70. The figures represent 500 millesimos Spanish money, and it was the first pattern for a half dollar of Colonial money.

This coin is the only one known of this variety, and has never before been described; it is in fine condition, size 15½ American scale, with engrailed edge; but owing to a slight flaw has not a good ring. The one from the Mickley collection was size 17, and had "CONFEDERATIO" with a mint mark on the obverse.

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE.

Another sale of Postage stamps, from Mason & Co., of Philadelphia, was held at Leavitt Strebeigh & Co's, on Thursday evening, Sept. 8 1870.

The novelty of a stamp sale being over, and but few scarce stamps to encourage collectors being catalogued, the attendance was small, and the bids were mostly from dealers.

The highest bids were; for 3 Buenos Ayres of the Guncho series, 4 6 & 8 reales, \$15; Mobile 5 c. blue, used, \$2 75; set of 6 French Republic, unused, \$2 25; 5 Corrientes, do., \$2 12; Lallier's album for 1870, \$4 25. A lot of rare proofs and essays of U. S. stamps brought about 50 c. each; one for a \$200 revenue, \$1 50. The proceeds of the sale were about \$175.

THE U. S. LOCAL STAMPS.

We have many calls for complete sets of these stamps, but most of those which now fill the pages of collectors are imitations, and many of the originals having become rare, bring from 25c. to \$10. Having bought and sold these stamps before imitations were thought of, we know of no better authority on those of the Northern states.

About the year 1861, a great demand arising in Europe for them, Messrs. Kline of Philad'a. and Hussey of New York, undertook the supply. From some of the original proprietors they obtained enough to meet their wants, from others, the original plates, but the majority were reproductions in the original colors, which were so neatly done as to be generally accepted by dealers, and are yet sold in packets by the largest firms in Europe. The imitations of Taylor of Boston, not being so well executed, and displaying so many new colors, are generally discarded.

From the original varieties now obtainable, we have selected packet P, which contains no fancy colors and are all from the original plates. Others which we may be able to obtain, we shall catalogue separately on our inside page.

LIST OF AMERICAN REVENUE STAMPS.

CANADA.

1st. issue, all blue.		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 cents		\$ 04
20 30 40 50		06
\$1 \$2 \$3		20 to 40
2nd. issue.		
1 2 3 5 6 9c. red		02
4 7 8 30c. red		06
10 20 30 40 50c. blue		03
\$1 green, with red centre		15
\$1 red, with green "		08
\$2 \$3 in two colors		20 to 40
Present issue, various colors.		
1 2 3 5 6 9 10 20 30c.		03
4 7 8 40 50		05
\$1		12
\$2 \$3		20 to 40

(Those stamped N. B. are used in New Brunswick, those with N. S. in Nova Scotia).

LAW STAMPS.

10c. 30c. 50c. \$1		08
20 40 60 70 80c.		15
90c. \$2 \$3 \$4 \$5		20 to 50

REGISTRATION STAMPS.

5 15 30 cents, red,		25 to 50
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CALIFORNIA.

4c. yellow, 10 15 blue, 20 brown		\$ 03
30 40 red, 50 lilac		05
8 brown, \$1 lilac		08
50c. yellow, 70c. \$2 lilac, \$1 50 green		10
\$3 \$4 \$5 red		15 to 25
\$10 \$20 lilac		40 to \$1

NEVADA.

2 cents yellow, 5 green		\$ 05
10 blue, 50c. \$1 crimson		
50c. lilac		15

BRAZIL.

100 reis, green		15
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Owing to the great demand for unlawful purposes, we do not keep a stock of the ordinary U. S. Revenue stamps.

ADDITIONAL LIST OF PACKETS.

P contains 20 varieties of genuine locals	\$ 50
Q " 25 Monograms, illuminated	25
R " 10 " in blue and gold	50
S " 25 Crests, illuminated	25

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ANTIkwITI OR DIZAIN.

Gi akûmûlêçun ov trêjurz haz olwez bin æ cif objekt ðv pursût wiã rêçunal bfiçz. Æe lébur ov wun fóru ov æ hûman rés, wiã ai advantejez ov modurn invençun, wud bfi sutfiçent tu provaid æ riméndur wiã ðl æ neseceriz ov laif, but æ fansid wònts ov mankaind ár limited ónli bai ær pour ov imajinéçun, and in ær objektz ov dizair ær iz grét divursiti ov tést. Wun mé bfi a filosofur, and spend hiz taim in ekplóriç æ hidn lòz ov néçur, or an astronomur and sure for unnón sfirz; afz wil naturalí luk upon æ pozeçun ov propurti az ov sekunderi importans tu æ diskuvuri ov sum grét síkret hwic wil kari ær néçz tu posteriti. Uaurz in pòetri, histori, fikçun, or uaur árts and saiensez luk for onur and aplòz, but æ majoriti ov pípl, in æ vérius canelz ov pròduktiv lébur, or arú æ mídiùm ov tréd, sík tu obtén pozeçunz hwic wil giv æm influens and pour.

Æer ar a klas ov pursunz hú profes tu bfi filantropists, and tu disrigárd ær ón inturests for æ benefit ov ær felò men, but ais bfiç wun ov æ çúrest wéz tu onur, æe ár. generalí rigárded wiã distrust bai óz ov les pritençun.

Æe hórðiç ov trêjurz mé bfi iaur yúsful or detrimental tu sosaiiti. Æe maizur haz ólwez bin held up tu publik eksikrêçun, but hí injurz ónli himself, æe wurld nfdz veri litl góld, hwail æ spekylulétur in wiahóldiç from æ márket provijunz, fúel, rément ór laud olaó konsidurd az onurabl, ofn kòzez grét distres.

Óz hu emploi ær rísórsez in mékiç kolekçunz ov kûriositiz or wurks ov árt, olaó ær yútiliti mé bfi kwescund wiã æat ov ól uaur temporal pozeçunz, ár jeneralí amuç æe móst hármles ov mankaind, and hwèr ær objekt iz tu

diseminét informéçun, or tu kultivét a rifaind tést in ær asóçiéts, æe wil diraiç a satisfakçun hwic bròd ékurz, stétli mançunz, or ívn a septur kud not giv.

In mékiç a kolekçun hwic wil bfi ov inturest and valyú, muc diskriminéçun iz ríkwaird. Æe rezident ov Fifu avinú, hú ordurd hiz buk kés from æ kabinet mékur fúrst, and æen ðauraid æ buk selur tu fil it wiã hansumli bound buks tu fit æ çelvz, kud hárdli ekspekt it tu kontén muc litureri merit. Ónli óz ariç hwic hav a historikal or saientifik inturest ár wurá prizurviç; sum displé ær foli bai gaauriç yúsles rubiç, suc az antikwéted gárments, or tunz ov granit; æe létest novelti wf hav hurd ov in ais lain, woz æe sél at ókçun in Paris ov a valyúabl kolekçun ov wòrm-iç panz.

For a péntiç or skulpçur tu bfi wurai ov merit, it is az neseceri æat ai subjekt bfi a grét wun, az for ai eksikúçun tu bi æat ov a mástur hand. In purcas-iç ríal estét, óz hú lókétt níç æe sentur ov sum lárj toun or araiçviç vilej ár ólmóst súr tu bfi foreçnet. Æe kollektur ov buks, bai silektiç korekt historiz, baiografiz ov eminent pursunz, rómansiz ov súpriur merit, or praktikal saientifik wurks, wil hav hwot wil not ónli bfi ov profit tu himself, but ov inkrisiç valyú, hwail æe distorted télz hwic flud our laibreriz wil síkç intu obliçun.

In mékiç a kolekçun ov koinz, óz hwic stand az mimentóz ov éçunçt kiçdumz, or komemorét important ívents; and ov modurn koinz, óz hwic márç æe progres ov pourful empairz, çud hav æe prefurens; ov our ón kuntri, æe urli kolónialz ár ov grét inturest, and æe prais ov fain písez wil kontinyú tu advans, hwail medalz got up bai sum ilituret dai síkçur, stór kárds, and rijekted

patpurns, ólaó raizd for a taim, wil sún bí unsót. A straiķiņ prúf ov ais iz æ relativ praisez hwic medals ov fkwal rariti briņ at óķķun ov Woķiņton and Liņķun, compèrd wiā óóz ov Búkanun and Jonsun. In ótografis æ dispariti iz stil mór aparent, and æ móst júdiķus, ár óóz hú obtén karakturistik leturs ov eminent pursunz.

In kolektiņ stamps æ sém rúlz ár aplikabl; furst in inturest ár óóz ov æ strongest néķunz; next æ les ártistik dizainz ov strugliņ provinsez, hwail æ cēnjabl fmiķunz ov peti stéts; æ lókal stamps of praivet furnz, eséz ov sekunderi merit, or prúfs hwic hav nó historikal refurens, and wil bí multiplaid tu mft æ dimand, wil hav but tranķunt popyúlariti.

NOTICES OF SALES AT AUCTION.

At the sale of the Fewsmith collection Oct. 4-5-6 and 7th. 1870, the following prices were realized:

American silver; Dollars, 1794 good \$25; 1851 proof, \$27 50; 1852 do. \$25; 1858 do. \$10; Half dol. 1796 fine \$38 50; 1797 good \$16; Quarter do. 1823 nearly proof \$38; Half dime 1796 do. \$10 50.

Cents; 1793 Liberty cap, very fine and a rare variety \$45; 1795 lettered edge uncirculated \$29; 1796 liberty cap do. \$25; do. fillet head do. \$12; 1799 very fine \$32 50; do. good \$17; 1800 uncirculated, \$28; 1804 very fine, \$21 50; do. fine \$15; 1806 uncirculated \$14; 1824 do. \$12.

Half cents; 1796 poor \$16; 1842 proof \$42 50; 1847 do. \$35; and proofs of 1831-6; 1840-1-3-4-5 6-8 and 1852 brought about \$14, each.

Pattern pieces; 1792 Disme, copper fine \$30; 1792 cent, disme size, good \$41; 1836 Flying eagle dollar, "Gobrecht" in field, proof \$32 50 do. "Gobrecht" on base of Liberty fine \$10 50; 1839 do. proof, \$28; do. Half dol. do. \$27; 1868 set of proofs in aluminum, \$120; 1869 set of proof patterns \$10 50; 1870 do. \$14 75.

Washington pieces; medal, 1799 Commission resigned, silver proof \$12; silver medalet, rev. Penn, \$11 50; cent 1792 poor \$17; Gen. Wash'n cent, rev. "E. Pluribus Unum," \$60.

Medals; Libertas Americana, silver proof, rev. Pallas \$35; do. rev. "Communi Consensu" do. \$26; Fame do. \$18; Grant, bronze, size 66 \$10; Field, aluminum do. \$15; Montreal, view of the city tin \$19.

Colonials &c; Carolina cent 1694 \$23; Granby do. 17 75; Chalmers shilling, fine \$10; 3d. uncirculated, \$28; Immune Columbia cent do. \$25; Immunis do. \$10 50; Excelsior cent \$10 50; New Jersey "E Pluribus" very fine \$12; Kentucky ½ d. 1796 \$21; Feuchtwangers' 3 cent piece, 1837 eagle \$10 50; Black walnut cabinet \$15.

The Pattern pieces sold rather lower than at previous sales, and the store cards higher, the returns were about \$4200.

LIST OF COINS FOR NOVEMBER.

1796 Dime, good impression	\$2 00
1795 ½ " " "	25c. to 50
1797 ½ " fine	4 00
N. Y. cent figure to left	2 00
" " right, good	2 00
Auctori Plebis, good	4 00
Franklin press ½ d. good	2 00
Georgius Triumpho, fine	4 00
Kentucky cent, fine	4 00
Geo. III. rev. Inde et lib. good	3 00
Immunis Columbia, good	6 00
Connecticut cent, Et lib Inde.	50
Success to the U. S. brass	2 50
Wash'n. medal; rev. Com. Res. orig. bronze	3 00
" " " tin, proof	50
Liberty & Security, fine	2 00
Oath of allegiance medal, silver ½ oz.	1 00
Carolina silver medal 1736, fine	5 00
1836 flying eagle dollar, fine	3 00
1836 Pattern cent, bronze	1 00
1854 " " no stars	1 50
1859 " ½ dols. silver, 4 varieties, each	1 25
1863 " " God our trust	1 50
1862 " " copper	7;
1862 " \$10 piece " proof	1 00
Jas. K. Polk bronze medal, Hands clasped	1 00
Jno. Q Adams " "	1 00
Thos. Mc. Kee " "	50
Thos. Wildey " odd fellows	1 00
Wm. Wash'n, Cowpens	75
San Francisco fair medal, silver 2oz.	3 00
1799 cent, very good	20 00

List of Foreign coins in next number.

There was an auction sale of coins &c. held at Bangs, Merwin & Co. 694 and 696 Broadway, on the 19th. of October which consisted principally of duplicates of a Philadelphia dealer. The lots which sold for \$5 and upwards were: Wash'n Cent 1791 large eagle good \$5; 1856 dollar proof \$10; 1858 proof set \$10 50; Eccleston medal \$8; Meade medal, size 50 \$5 50; do. tin rare \$10; Johnson size 48 rare \$5; Grant size 64 \$6; \$20 gold piece of Maximilian \$23 50. Few other lots brought \$1; the total proceeds were a little over \$300.

THE PROVIDENCE LOCALS.

These stamps were issued in 1846 while Mr. W. B. Sayles was postmaster, and originals are now very rare. The genuine ones are printed in sheets of 12; 11 five cent ones, and one ten cent in upper right hand corner, while the imitations are in sheets of fives and tens. As there are several distinct varieties of five cent ones, it is better to preserve the sheets entire.

We purchased last week one of the finest collections of unused stamps in the city for \$265. They were obtained several years ago, before reprints were in vogue, and having been kept in envelopes, have the original gum, also the old varieties of watermark and shades of color; we give a catalogue of them in place of our usual list of cheap stamps. Of many of the sets, such as Austria, Bergedorf, Bremen, Hanover, Lubbeck, Modena, Portugal &c. we can sell reprints much less. There were in the collection a lot of rare U. S. locals, of which we will give engravings in our next number.

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Austria 1861	set of 5	\$1 50	1865 50 c.	2 00
" 1868	" 6	1 50	Norway 1856	set of 4 75
" newspaper stamps	" 8	75	New Zealand	" 4 1 25
Austrian Italy 1858-61-63	" 7	2 00	New South Wales inc. Reg. & 5 sh.	" 11 5 00
Argentine Republic 1862	" 3	1 50	Nicaragua	" 2 20
" " 1864	" 3	1 50	Naples 1857	" 7 4 00
" (Corrientes), green		5 00	Nevis	" 3 1 00
Antigua	" 2	60	O denburg 1852-56-61	" 12 5 00
Bavaria 1849	" 6	1 00	" 1862	" 5 1 00
" 1862	" 6	1 00	Portugal 1853	" 4 5 00
Baden 1860-62	" 11	2 00	" 1855-62	" 6 2 00
Brunswick 1-2-3 on col'd paper	"	70	" 1862-66	" 15 3 00
Brazil 1850	" 10	3 50	Peru 1 dinero double lines	4 00
Belgium 1849	" 2	5 00	" 1 " & 1 peseta single lines	2 00
" 1850	" 4	60	Poland 1860 10 kop.	50
Barbados 1862	" 6	1 50	Parma 1858	set of 3 1 00
Buenos Ayres. head 1 peso blue		1 00	Prince Edward I.	" 7 1 00
Bahamas 1859	" 4	1 25	Queensland	" 5 1 00
Bremen unperf.	" 8	1 50	Russia 1857	" 7 1 50
Bergedorf	" 5	1 00	Roman States 1852	" 11 1 25
Ceylon	" 12	6 00	Spain 1854 4c.	1 00
Cape of Good Hope 1857	" 4	2 00	" 1857	" 4 2 50
Chili 1861	" 4	1 25	" 1860	" 6 2 50
Confed. States "TEN CENTS"		5 00	" 1862	" 6 2 00
" " large size, 2-5-5-10-10		8 60	" 1864	" 6 2 00
France Rep. & Pres. set of 9 (inc. 20 blue)		10 00	" 1855 Official	" 4 1 00
" Empire unperf.	set of 5	1 00	Spanish West Indies 1862 1/4 rl.	1 00
Finland 1850	" 2	50	Switzerland 1854	" 7 2 00
French Colonies 1860	" 4	50	" 1862	" 9 6 00
Germany (North) 1852-60 inc. 5 & 10	" 18	1 50	Saxony 1850	" 4 6 00
" (South) 1859	" 6	1 25	" 1854	" 7 1 50
Greece (1-40-80 Paris imp. no fig.)	" 7	2 50	Sweden 1858	" 6 1 00
Grenada	" 2	50	Schleswig Holstein 1850	" 2 2 00
Hanover 1851	" 6	1 50	Sandwich Isles, 9 varieties	3 00
" 1856	" 5	1 50	South Australia	" 6 2 50
" 1861	" 4	1 50	Sicily	" 7 1 50
" Env. 1857	" 4	1 50	Sierra Leone on blue paper	1 00
Hamburg 1859 unperf.	" 8	1 50	St. Lucia 1859	" 4 2 00
" 1864 perf.	" 7	1 00	St. Vincent	" 2 60
Holland 1852	" 3	50	Straits Settlements, old	" 9 4 00
" 1864	" 3	50	Turkey 1862	" 4 2 00
Hong Kong	" 10	5 00	Trinidad 1859	" 4 1 50
Italy 1856	" 8	75	Tasmania	" 5 1 50
" 1864	" 12	1 50	United States 1851	" 8 1 25
India 1858	" 6	1 25	" 1861	" 10 3 00
Ionian Isles	" 3	75	" 1868	" 10 2 50
Jamaica	" 6	1 25	" Envelopes 1853 to 1851	" 38 15 00
Lubeck 1859	" 5	1 00	Venezuela 1859	" 3 1 00
" 1863	" 9	1 00	" 1861	" 3 60
" Env.	" 5	1 00	Victoria 1858-9-60	" 11 4 00
Luxemburg 1852	" 3	4 00	Wurtemberg 1857	" 5 1 50
" 1859 unperf.	" 9	1 50	West Australia 1855-60	" 10 2 50
Liberia	" 3	1 50	Brazil 1866 unused proofs	" 7 2 50
Livonia	" 2	1 00	Canada 1856	" 6 6 00
Mexico 1856	" 5	8 00	" 1860	" 5 1 50
Mauritius 1859	" 6	3 00	Chili 1867	" 4 1 50
Modena 1859	" 5	3 00	Mexico	" 4 1 50
Moldavia	" 5	3 00	New Brunswick 1860	" 6 1 40
Nova Scotia 1857	" 4	10 00	Nicaragua 1864	" 2 70
" " 1860	" 5	1 25	Nova Scotia 1860	" 6 1 50
New Brunswick 1857	" 3	12 00	Newfoundland 1865	" 7 2 00
" 1860	" 5	1 50	Salvador 1867	" 4 1 50
New Granada 1861 10c.		4 00	United States 1848	" 2 2 00



LIST OF POSTAGE STAMPS ISSUED IN 1870.

Unless otherwise described, the stamps are rectangular and perforated.

ALSACE & LORRAINE. "Postes" above, figure in centre, 1 centime green, 2 brown, 4 grey, 10 bistre, 20 blue.

AÇORES. Same as Portugal, surcharged 240 reis mauve.

BELGIUM. Figure in centre, 1 centime green, 2 blue, 5 amber, 8 lilac, head to left, 10 green, 20 blue, 70 amber, 40 rose, 1 franc violet.

CANADA. Head of Victoria, small size, 1 cent orange, 3 rose.

CEYLON. Head of Victoria, 1 shilling deep mauve.

DECCAN. Oblong, perf. Indian characters. ¼ anna olive green.

DENMARK. Violet centre, brown frame, 48 skilling.

DUTCH INDIES. "Ned. Indie" at top, head to right, 5 cents green, 10 bistre, 20 blue, 50 carmine.

EGYPT. (Pyramids) 10 paras bright mauve.

FRANCE. (Laureated head), 1 centime green, 30 brown disc of lines.

GREAT BRITAIN. Head of Victoria ½ penny lake (small oblong), 3 half pence lake, post card ½ violet on salmon paper, newspaper wrapper ½ green.

ITALY. (Official Stamps), Oblong, perf. red figure in yellow frame, 1 centime, 2-5-30-40-60; brown figure in blue frame, 1 lira, 2 lire.

MAURITIUS. Head of Victoria 1 shilling blue.

MADEIRA. Same as Portugal, 240 reis mauve.

NATAL. All values same as 1860 issue, but surcharged with "Postage" in black letters of various types.

NEW GRANADA. Rect. unperf. eagle and shield in oval, 25 centavos black on blue paper, 50 green on white, 1 peso rose, large size on glazed paper, 10 pesos square.

NORTH GERMAN CONFEDERATION. Official oblong, perf. black figure in stone border, 1½-½-½ 1-2 silber groschen, black figure in slate border, 1-2-3-7 kreuzer.

PARAGUAY. Rect. unperf. lion and liberty cap in oval. 1 real rose.

PERU. Square, unperf. embossed, train of cars above, arms on shield below, "Chorillos Lima and Callao," 5 centavos red.

PORTUGAL. Head to left, 100 reis pale violet, 240 mauve.

PRINCE EDWARD I. Full face of Victoria, 3d. stg. or 4 ½ d. currency, brown.

ROUMANIA. Rect. unperf. Head of Charles I. 3 bani mauve.

RUSSIA. Envelope, circular, 5 kopecs rose.

ST. CHRISTOPHER. Head of Victoria in circle, 1 penny rose, 6d. green.

ST. DOMINGO. Rect. arms, UN real black on bluish paper.

ST VINCENT. Head of Victoria, 4 pence orange.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC. Rect. unperf. 3 pence mauve. Perforated à la roulette, 1 penny, red, 6 mauve, 1 shilling green.

SPAIN. Head of Liberty, "Comunicaciones" above, 1 mila. de Esco. black on brown, 2 brown on brown, 4 bistre, 10 red, 25 mauve, 50 blue, 100 red, 200 brown, 400 green, 1 escudo or 600 mils. lilac, 2 escudos blue, 12 cuartos rose, 19 green.

SPANISH WEST INDIES. Head of Liberty, 5 centesimos blue, 10 green, 20 brown, 40 rose.

TURKEY. Envelopes, embossed, Turkish characters, 1 piastre yellow, 1 ½ brown, 3 orange, 6 violet.

UNITED STATES. 1c, Head of Franklin blue, 2 Jackson brown, 3 Wash'n green, 6 Lincoln carmine, 10 Jefferson brown, 15 Clay purple, 30 Webster orange, 24 Scott purple, 30 Hamilton dark slate, 90 Perry carmine.

Envelopes same heads and colors as adhesives, oval newspaper wrapper, 2 cents brown paper, Envelopes, small size 2c. orange, pale lemon; 3 flesh, lemon, white; 6 lemon, white; 10 lemon, white; official size, 3 flesh, white; 6 flesh, white; 24 white; 30 white.

VICTORIA. Head of Victoria in oval, small size, 2 pence violet; newspaper band, 1 penny green, envelope oval, 2 pence blue.

The auction sale of Postage stamps on the 3d. of October, was a complete success, and shows that the stamp fever is on the increase. The principal bids were: specimen sheet of 20 U. S. Essays \$7; 9 specimens of Canada envelopes \$6; set of 9 unused Newfoundland including 8d scarlet, \$5 25; set first issue Nova Scotia, \$6 62; set first issue Cuba unused, \$8; set P. S. N. Co. \$9; 76 proofs of Canada revenues \$11 50; 17 pieces, or \$4 43 in Fractional currency, \$10; set of 1850 Spain unused \$20; Petersburg local \$8.

The most remarkable lot of all was a set of proofs of the U. S. revenue stamps, face value \$325, from 1c. to \$50, which brought \$125. The total proceeds of the sale were \$650, which will doubtless encourage many similar sales.

Le Timbres Poste, is the title of a monthly journal of eight pages on stamp collecting published at 3 francs per annum, foreign postage, extra, by J. B. Moens, 7 Galerie Bordier, Brussels Belgium. The No. for January 1871 will commence 9th. volume, it contains several plates, and has all the latest news on European stamps. There were two leading magazines published in Paris, one by Mons. Mahé, the other by Mons. Maury, but since the commencement of the war, this is the only French periodical of note.

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AMERIKAN & YUROPAN SKULZ.

Hwot çud bí inklúded in a kolekçun ov stamps, iz æ subjekt ov muc diskuçun, partikyúlarli æ difrent vériéçunz ov kultur, pépur, engréviñ and purforéçun. Wun klás árgúz aat a stamp iz a stamp, and its apírans iz ov nó konsikwens, hweaur tórn, badli difést or uaurwaiz, and aat ai óali difrens konsists in æ denominéçun.

But æ Frenc, húz tést for dres ofn kariz æm tu ekstrímz, wud nevr bí súted wiç aís stail ov kolektiñ, and about ét yírz agó, a selibréted lédi in Paris, bai kípiñ nun but æ coisest spesimenz, and enkutrajíñ æ studí ov varaiitiz, bisaidz suplaiíñ æ best kolekçunz in Frans, woz ébl in about tú yírz tu retair on a foreçun. In Ingland olsó æ best and móst valyúabl kolekçunz ár aóz hwèr varaiitiz hav bin síkúrd and ai envelops kept entair.

But in aís kuntri haz arizn hwot iz kóld æ Amerikan skúl, hwic diskárdz ól varalitiz, eksept ov engréviñ, and méks nó distíñkçun bitwín a pár and gud spesimen, ríprint or orijinal, and æ numbur ov pár kolekçunz, fild with unyúzd sets, hwic ár kontinyúali getiñ eçpur, or wiç durti lukiñ stamps in çakli alburmz, fit ónli tu hav a fú ov æ stamps sévd out, and hwic æ kolekter iz sún glad tu sel for a soñ iz a sútabl monyúment ov aís stail.

In ártiklz ov déli yús, suc az a plou, a wagun, or a brúm, eni displé ov tést asaíd from yútiliti and konvnyuns, suc az a silvur cér, mahogani spóks, or an aivuri típt handl, wud bí absurd and ridikúles, but in wurks ov árt, æ setíñ çud olwez bí aprópriét tu æ tréjtr. A daiamond in its nacural stét iz ov nó búti; it must bi kut in a regúlar form, and set in góld bai a skilful ártist, bifór its brilyunsi iz aparent.

In mékiñ a laibrari ov buks, its valyú

wil dipend grétti rpon havíñ naisli bound kopiz, and ilustréted ediçunz on fain pépur; ov ótografz, æ móst purfekt kopiz çud bí silekted; ov koinz, rístruk písez çud bí avoided, az ær valyú kontinyúali dikrfses; ov orijinal impreçunz aóz hwic hav bin æ list wórn ár æ móst laikli tu advans, and nó mat-ur hwot iz purceest, faur for kúriositi or yútiliti, æ best ívn at gréttur kóst iz jentráli æ eçpest.

Æ márijn ov a péstej stamp iz ov az muc importans az aat ov eni uaur engréviñ, and wí konsidur eni radikal éçnj in æ pépur, suc as purforéçun, wottr márk or kwoliti, az nótwurai as an olturéçun ov ai engréviñ.

Æ difíkulti in kolektiñ iz tu fiks æ lain at hwic tu stop, kolekters mé foló ær ón fansi in aís direkçun, nor çua aóz húz tést lídz æm tu æ studí ov varaiitiz bí kondemd bai aóz hú rijekt æm. Ívn æ striktest klas ov hwot iz kóld ai Amerikan skúl dú not eksklúd márktt éçnjez ov kultur, ívn hwen æ egzist ónli in æ pépur, and sum, hú ridikúli æ kolekçun ov varaiitiz, çó ær inkonsistensi bai diskraibíñ æ purforéted and unpurforéted Frenc, æ blú and hwail pépur Bárbadóç, and suc unstrúttin distíñkçunz as æ tinted Tusكاني, hwail at æ sém taim æ faind fildz for multiplikéçun in æ véritus daiz ov æ St. Lúis, æ 10 sent envelop ov æ Yúnaítet Stéts, or æ lárj and smól leturz in ai anglz ov æ Grét Britun stamps.

Hwail wí wud ték saidz wiç kolekterz ov varaiitiz tu a sertin ekstent, wí wud not foló æm tu suc an ekstrím az tu katalog ól traídiñ erutz ov impreçun, or tu mék mór aat tú kultrz ov æ wun franç Frenc Ripúblik stamp, nor kondem aóz húz fansi difertz from ourz; a dílur çud advokét gud stamps ov orijinal impreçunz and lív veriéçunz tu æ tést ov æ kolekterz.



NOTICES OF THE PRESS.

We regret that our limited columns will not allow us to give a more extended notice of the criticisms of our cotemporaries. The publisher of Mason's Coin and Stamp collector's magazine of Philadelphia, takes us to task for calling the silver piece described in No. 2, as a pattern half dollar of colonial money, instead of the U. S. We acknowledge our error, which was a very natural one, as those of the different states prior to the regular series of U. S. coins are frequently termed Colonials. We suppose it was probably coined by the state of Vermont. A friend suggests that the figures represent 500 mills of federal money. We notice the last No. of the Boys & Girls Magazine has an illustration taken from another coin almost identical.

The first named journal also expresses astonishment that we should find printers to set up our splintered English, and would probably be more surprised to learn that in the office where it is done, new beginners take their first lessons in Kosmic, because it is easier to spell than the ordinary method.

We must apologize however, for a few mistakes in our last No. owing mainly to the introduction of a new hand. One was the proceeds of the Fewsmith sale, which should have read about \$4700; another, our price for the dollar of 1836, which should have been \$8. We have been obliged to return several orders for it. On the first inside line the letter p in praiz accidentally dropped out, and was introduced into patinas.

The Stamp Collector's Magazine of Bath, England, gives us a very handsome notice, but doubts whether we shall be able to compete with the formidable rivals already in the field.

The Weekly Journal of Philately also favors its readers with a translation from our columns, which is quite correct, with the exception of the French é as in aé, which they have mistaken for the sound of e in he, and thus been led into a grammatical blunder.

The Stamp Collector's Record, published occasionally by S. Allan Taylor, of Boston, gives us a few sarcastic lines, which we consider rather an honor than otherwise.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We have had a great many enquiries which we will answer in a few words.

For catalogues of coin or stamp sales apply to the auctioneers, or to the dealers whose names are printed on the catalogue. Unless known as a buyer the applicant will stand but little chance of receiving them regularly. We have no stamp or coin catalogues of our own, separate from our monthly price list.

Before we commenced the publication of this journal it was our custom to send stamps on ap-

proval to reliable parties, but owing to increase of correspondence, we have hardly time to fill out cash orders; as we sometimes run out of particular kinds, especially after the list is out of date, it is well to send an additional order from which to make up the amount.

We are glad to receive in exchange any good curiosities, the value of which may be left to us to determine, or if preferred will make an offer for them, but we do not wish to be troubled with piles of rubbish. One gentleman sent us from the south 18 cents of the dates 1817 and 1818 all very poor, at a cost of 45c. Of course all we could do was to send him 18c. and offer to return them on receipt of postage; another from Canada sent us 100 3 kr. Bavaria, arms, which were not worth returning.

We have received many good collections from the country for which we have made offers which were generally accepted. Valuable collections may be sent by express, and in case we can not agree on the price, will bear any reasonable expense of returning them; small collections, or those of torn or greasy stamps, or of worn out coins we do not wish. It is always best to write a descriptive letter of enquiry first.

We do not appoint any agents, but shall offer a lot of dealers packets as soon as we have time to make them up.

PAPER CURRENCY.

There are a good many collections of these curiosities, especially of the shipplasters both northern and southern, issued during the war, when change was scarce, and a collection of them is quite interesting. We have a pretty good variety of them, which we will either sell or exchange, and shall be glad to purchase any which are salable.

We give a list of Confederate bills on hand, and shall publish lists of other shipplasters from time to time. Any one who can give us a description of all, or nearly all the varieties will confer a great favor.

C. S. A. Bond for \$100. with coupons	\$2 00
\$ 1000. Non taxable certificate, 1865	1 00
\$ 1000 8 per cent. loan, March 1863 8 coupons	50
\$ 1000. engraved by National Bank Note Co.	
500. " " "	
1000. " Keatinge & Ball	
5 00. " " 1864	2 00
100. centre piece, female head	1 00
100. " laborers 1863	1 00
100. " train of cars	50
100. " load of cotton 1861	2 00
50. " head of Davis 1864	30
20. " capitol	20
20. " large figure 20 1861	1 00
20. " ship	1 00
10. " capitol 1862	50
10. " artillery 1864	05
5. " state house	05
2. " large figure 2 1863-64	05
2. " female warriors 1862	50
1. " steamer	25
1. " head of Fitz Hugh Lee '64	15

We understand that another auction sale of Postage stamps from Messrs. J. W. Scott & Co., will be held at Messrs. Leavitt Strebeigh & Co's. December 19th. 1870.

PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

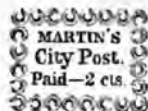
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All stamps sold by us are warranted genuine. Where more than one stamp is described on the same line, the price is so much for each. All letters of enquiry, or orders under 25c., must contain stamps for reply. Money sent by P. O. Order, or Registered letter only, is at our risk. For those marked with a (*), we will pay 1/2%; and allow in trade 1/2% our list prices for good specimens.

	new.	used.		new.	used.
Alsace & Lorraine 1 centime green	\$ 03	\$	*South African Republic 1 penny red	08	
" 2 brown	05		" " 3 pence lilac	20	
" 4 grey	08		" " 6 " blue	40	
" 10 brown	10		" " 1 shilling green	75	
" 20 blue	15	25	*St. Christopher 1 penny red	05	05
Azores 5 reis black	03		" " 6 pence green		15
" 10 yellow	06		tS. Domingo 1867 1 real blue	30	30
" 25 red	12		Straits Settlements 3 half cents blue	08	
*Argentine Confed. 1867 5c. red		06	" " 2-3 cents	12	
Barbados 1/2 penny green	03	01	Switzerland Env. 5 rappen brown	04	
*Bavaria 1850 set of 6	75		" " 10 rose	03	03
*Belgium 1869 " 9	90		Turkey 1870 Env. 1 piastre yellow	15	
*Ceylon 1/2 penny lilac	03	05	*Uruguay 1863 1 cent black	04	
*Chili 1867 1 cent orange	03		" " 5c. blue	15	12
*Egypt 1867 5 paras yellow	03		Victoria 1870 2 pence violet		02
*France Presidency 25c.		03	" " Env. 2 " pink	12	
*Great Britain 1870 3 half pence red	05		Trinidad 1 penny red	05	03
" " 1/2 post card, wrapper & stamp	02				
Grenada 6 pence red	40	03	REPRINTS.		
Hamburg 1 1/2 schilling violet		02	Bergedorf set of 5	25	
*Hanover 1 g. gr. green, 2 varieties		03	Brunswick 1865 " 5	10	
" Envelope 1 gr. rose	06	03	Lubeck 1859 " 5	25	
Holland 1867 set of 6		15	" " 1863 " 7	30	
" " 1869 1-1 1/2-2c.	03		" " Env. " 6	30	
*India, Envelopes set of 3	30		Saxony 1863 " 6	05	
Luxemburg 1-2 centimes	02		Hussey's S. M. Post 5 c. red	03	
Madeira 5 reis black	03		" " 10 green	05	
" 10 " yellow	06		" " 15 gold	08	
" 20 " straw	10		" " 20 black	10	
*Malta 1/2 penny buff	03		" " 25 blue	12	
Mecklenburg 1 sch. red, 4 small ones	04		Union Square 1 cent green	02	
*Mexico 1858 6-10c, brown		08	" " 2 " red	03	
" " 25 pink		03	Pomeroy's 20 for \$1. red	10	
" " 12-50		05	" " black	05	
New Brunswick 5c. green		01	" " blue & brown	05	
" " 12 1/2 blue		08	Boyd's 1 cent blue, 2 red	02	
*Newfoundland 1c. violet	03		" " Envelope 2 red	03	
" " 2 green	05		?Prico's large size 2 cents green	05	
" " 5 black	15		" " small size 2 cents green	5 00	
*New Granada 1863 1c. rose	03		Mc. Intire's 2 cents red	03	
" " 2 1/2 lilac	12		?Brooklyn 1 cent blue, 2 red	02	
New South Wales 1851 6d. 1 sh.		02	?Swarts, Rough and ready red	03	
*N. caragua 2 cents blue	06		" " Chatham square, red		25
North German Official set of 9	75		Hussey's 5 varieties	03	
Norway 1859-66 3 skilling	06		Broadway post office, black	3 00	
Oldenburg 1-30 thaler blue		05	Hale & Co. Boston 20 for \$1, blue		25
Orange States 1 penny brown	05		" " 13 Court st. "	2 00	
" " set of 3	90		Blood's penny post, gilt, small	25	13
Parma 1832 5c. white paper		40	Dupuy & Schenck, penny post		3 00
Portugal 1862 5-10 reis	04		Penny post paid, blue	5 00	
Prussia Env. head 1-2-3		04	U. S. mail 1 cent prepaid, yellow	1 00	
*Prince Edward I. set of 7	1 00		U. S. P. O. despatch, eagle 1 c. blue	05	
Roumania 1862 set of 3	60		Wells Fargo & Co. Paid Ex. black	10 00	
" " 1865 " 3	30		Springside postage 1 cent red	12 00	
" " 1869 15 bani	15		Bronson & Forbes, City Ex. P. g'n	12 00	
Spain 1852 6 reales blue		2 50	Martin's City post 2c. lilac	8 00	
" " 1851 10 " green		75	Snow's despatch blue	8 00	
" " 1899 200 mils green		03			
" " 1870 1-2-4 mils		03			
*Sarawk 3 cents yellow	10				
*Servia 1866 1 para green on rose	03				
" " 1866 1-2 paras	03				

Those marked with a (?) may be reprints.

We have just obtained a fine collection numbering 1703 varieties, of the illustrated envelopes got up during the war, containing pictures of the battle fields, maps, comic designs and interesting mottoes, which we will sell entire for \$25.



THE U. S. LOCAL STAMPS.

Of these stamps, which number nearly a thousand varieties, the history and description is very incomplete. Owing to the numerous imitations, the real stamps have been much neglected and it is with the hope to somewhat elucidate this vexed problem that we commence a series of articles on the subject. We have obtained several varieties every year which have not been heard of before; until recently the European market has swallowed up nearly all the rarities, but lately they are as much prized at home.

In a collection we purchased last month which contained about one hundred unused originals, were the four stamps which we illustrate in this No. and have never seen before:

Springside postage, large rect. 1c. black on pink.
 Bronson & Forbes, city express post, " green.
 Martins city post, small oblong, " lilac.
 Snows despatch, " " " blue.
 There were others in the collection seldom met with, as sets of original Winnans, Metropolitan, Prices, Cheever & Towle, Carriers, Priests, Penny post paid, also a scarce oblong Wells Fargo & Co. paid express, elaborately engraved: To be dropped in New York post office, which we would have illustrated but for the cost, \$12; which is more than the value of the stamp.

The southern provisionals have been pretty well brought out by the enterprising publisher of the American journal of Philately, and their estimated value increased from \$1. or \$2. each, to from \$5. to \$10., while those of the northern states, which present a much larger field, have been comparatively neglected, excepting the St. Louis stamps, which show that their value does not always depend upon the supply, for when they were scarce from \$2. to \$3. was considered a good price for them, but upon obtaining about 140 of them they advanced to from \$5. to \$10; and the altered 20c. we understand is held at \$75.

We hope that our friends will assist us by any information which we call for, and we shall endeavor to enhance the value of many stamps which are now but little valued.

An auction sale of Coins is advertised to be held at the rooms of Jos. Leonard & Co. 59 Bromfield st. Boston, Dec. 8th. at 10 A. M. which is quite rich in the Colonial and other American coins.

We have made arrangements for a splendid collection of Autograph letters and Mess. a good share of which we will probably have ready in time for our next No.

LIST OF COINS FOR DECEMBER.

SILVER.

Marriage medal, German, curious 2¼ oz.		\$6 00
Baptismal medal, " very fine		4 00
" " head of Christ, fine 1¼ oz.		3 77
Nuremberg temple medal, 1¼ oz.		2 00
Greek medal, square, curious		2 00
Maximilian dollar, fine		1 50
" ¼ " "		2 00
" Dime, half dime & cent, each		2 00
Annapolis three pence, fine		15 00
Turkish Crimean medal	1855	2 00
Barcelona 5 pesetas fine	1308	2 00
Brunswick 24 marien groschen	1690	1 50
Frederick six thaler	1736	1 25
Peru medal ½ dol. size	1836	1 25
Gregory XVI, medal	1854	1 00
Christian III Sweden, 1 mark	1517	1 00
Felix and Eliza, Italian 5 francs	1805	1 50
Frankfurt thaler, 3 eagles. 1348 uncirc.		1 50
Eight medals, quarter size, each		75
Japanese coins oblong large size		1 00
East Indian rupees, different, each		90
Roman Denarii, a large variety, of both the Imperial & Family coins, from 25c. to		1 00
James, Charles, Anne & Elizabeth shillings		1 00
Greek coins 5 and 10c. size. from 1 00 to		1 50

COPPER & BRASS.

Large medal of Angeli & Maria Politiana		3 00
Carolus Gustavus, old medal		1 00
Wm. duke of Cumberland "		1 30
Ptolemy, double eagle 2¼ oz.		1 50
" eagle, Egyptian ¼ oz.		1 50
Syracuse, dolphins, ¼ oz.		1 50
Greek copper coins small size 25c. to		50
Roman " 2d. & 3d. brass 10c. to		50
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The coin trade for the last three months has been unusually dull, for what reason it is difficult to say, in our opinion the present is a very favorable time to purchase; good pieces, however, are not as plentiful as they have been, collectors preferring to hold what they have got.

The stamp trade has been remarkably good, not so much however in ordinary stamps, as in the rarer varieties, essays, locals, revenue stamps of all styles and countries, newly issued stamps &c.

Autographs have sold pretty well, and we think an auction sale of a good collection, would realize advanced prices.

Curiosities as a general rule, have been rather quiet, owing probably in some measure to the disturbed state of European affairs.

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OTOGRAF KOLEKTIÏ.

Bai D. M. Kolinz.

A dinji lot ov ôld pépurz; hwot duz it mfn, aat só muc trubl çud bf tékn in aér prezurvéçun, aat garets ár ransakt, boksez and barelz óvurturnð, draiviç æ rats from aér sévurit ritríts, and distraktiç æ komplésemi ov orðurli houskípurz. Haz æ taitl tu ai ôld hómsted bin lost, or haz ai ótur ov æ disturbans fóln èr tu an Ingliç nóblman, and rikwairz sum ôld dokúment tu establiç hiz aidentiti? Alas! for æ opinyunz ov sensibl pípl, æ lukt for praiz is most laikli tu bf a skròl ov "Ôld Hikuri"; "Æ Híró ov Tipikanú", or sum udur persun huz klém tu rimembrans rests ónli in hiz taitl.

But az it rikwairz ôl sorts ov pípl tu mék a world, and afz ôld pépur konoçúrz bfiç about az provident ov aér familiz az vaurz, æé mé séfli bf aloud tu indulj in ais hármles hobl.

Wurules aó æé mé bf, for ôl praktikal purpusez, æ séfest gaid bai hwic tu bikum akwénted wia æ best çjúkétéd pípl ov ôl taims, iz a kolekçun ov manyuskripts; tu æm æ skolar and æ histórian stand indeted for aér nolej ov æ past, and but for æ vandalizm aat distroid ai éçunt kolekçunz ov Róm, Aleksandria and Jirúsalem, it wud bf but az a drím ov yesturde.

In ai Yunaited Stéts, kolekturz hav çus far givn æ pefurens tu leturz and dokyúments rilétiç tu aér ón históri, kolekçuns ov hwic hav until létli bin prinsipali obténd bai surçiç ôld failz ov pépurz, or bai ekscénjiç, but sins æé hav bigun tu hav a márket valyú, nfrli ôl æ avélabl matfriulz hav bin bròt out, and nó sélz at ôkçun haviç okúrd for sum taim, gud leturz ár bikumiç kwait difikult tu get.

Kolekçunz mé bf klasifaid intu sets ov æ sainurz; frémurz; ôld kongres;

kolónial guvurnurz; stét guvurnurz; jenuralz ov ai ôld Frenc and Indian wor, æ Meksikan wor, æ rebelyun, névi ofisurz; prezidents; vais prezidents; æ kabinets etc. Óturz wil nou bf ébl tu çék handz wia fe vaur, póets wil kíp kumpani, æ grét ajitéçunists ov æ dé wil faind æmselvz wel reprizented and kompeld tu kíp kwáiet, (in a pórtfólyó), and só on tu æ end ov æ list.

Tu aóz ov our frendz hû are nou kolektiç or about tu komens, a fû wurdz ov advais, if folóð out, wil in ai end sév æm muc trubl, and çud æé at eni taim wiç tu dispóz ov aér kolekçunz, æé wil hav litl difikulti in dáin só, and veri laikli at an advans on aér kost, for gud spesimens ár kontinyuali gróin mór skèrs and valyuabl.

Prizerv æ leturz entair; ôl mendin eksept bai aóz hu mék it a prófeçun wil bf móst laikli tu dipríçiéç aér valyu; aftur rimáviç æ krisez bai preçur, plés æ spesimenz in rapurz ov gud aik manila pépur, yúziç nó pést, and lébel æm on æ kuvur, tékiç kèr tu mék nó márs, or in eni wé difésiç æm; æen az pórtreçts ár obténd, plés æm in æ rapur bak ov æ letur.

Meni valyuabl leturz hav bin rúind bai péstiç and inç nóts. Wf létli risívd a kolekçun from Ilinoi, hwic wud hav bin wura óvur \$50, but æ flai livz from æ leturz had bin kut óf, æ mársjinz klipt, and æ riméniç póçunz wia pórtreçts fermlí pésted in a blaçk buk saur wia adulteréted gum or kóld wòter pést, hwic had só diskulurd æm, aat æé wer ov skèrsli eni valyú.

Meni pípl ár kept from kolektiç arú ffr ov bfiç impózð on wia imitéçunz, but aér iz but litl dénjur ov Amerikan leturz, eksept ov Woçiçun, Fraçklin, and a fû vaurz. Doutful leturz çud bf sent tu sum wel nón kolektur or dístur wia stamps for riturn póstej.

OUR AUTOGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

We have made arrangements with a well known collector and dealer in Autographs in this city, D. M. COLLINS, No. 33 CLARKSON ST. in whom we place entire confidence, to take charge of this branch of our business, with the privilege of a portion of our columns, to whose address all orders, or letters of enquiry should be sent, and who is ready to buy, sell, or exchange any thing in this line.

The editorial on our first page will introduce him to our readers, and the list on our third, is the commencement of about 6000 lines which would be necessary to describe his collection, which is one of the finest and most comprehensive in the country, and embraces: Generals of the Rev; members of old Congress; signers of Dec. Ind; framers of the Constitution; Albany congress of 1754—1765; U. S. Senators; Prests. of the senate; members of Congress; Generals and officers of the war of 1812; of the army and navy in general; Poets; Authors; Govs. and Lt. Govs; Statesmen; Actors; nearly a complete set of the Presidents and Cabinets; old New York colonial Govs. and Sec'y's., and all the leading men of the day.

Any letter not proving satisfactory, if returned within a month, may be exchanged for others.

NEWLY ISSUED OR INEDITED STAMPS.

Unless otherwise described the stamps are rectangular and perforated.

ANGOLA. 5 reis black, 10 orange, 20 bistre, 25 red, 50 green, 100 violet.

BELGIUM. The Philatelist says the 6c. current type will not appear.

CUNDINIMARCA. This state has issued unperforated stamps similar in design to the current type of the New Granada, 5 centavos blue, 10 red.

DENMARK. 4 skilling figure in centre, slate frame, centre carmine.

FRANCE. (Identical with the Republic stamps but on thinner paper perforated and unperforated 10 centimes bistre, 20 blue, 40 orange, 80 pink.

HOLLAND, 2½ cent. purple.

NEWFOUNDLAND. Similar to current Canadian revenues, 3 cents red, 6 carmine.

NEW GRANADA. The color of the 10 pesos (omitted from Nov. No.) is black on vermilion. Rectangular unperf. 5 centavos (see engraving in Dec. No.) yellow on white; 5 pesos, large size, black on green glazed paper. Registered letter stamp, R in oval inscribed "Registro" 5c. black.

PARAGUAY. Rect. unperf. similar to 1 real. 2 reals deep blue, 3 reals black.

ROUMANIA. Newspaper band. "Diare Periodice" below, 1½ paraie, black on green.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC, 1 penny black.

ST. THOMAS & PRINCE ISLANDS. 5 reis black, 10 yellow, 20 bistre, 25 red, 50 green, 100 violet.

SWITZERLAND. Luxemburg and Wurtemberg are said to have issued Post cards, we have only seen this, 5 centimes red.

VICTORIA. The color of the 2 pence which we gave as blue should be red.

The sale of coins at Boston, was postponed to the 23d. ult. The coins were all sold in less than three hours, many of the bunch lots sold quite cheap. The 1797 half dollar uncirculated, brought \$70. The whole sale realized about \$1300.



NOTICES OF SALES AT AUCTION.

At the auction sale of postage stamps held on the 19th. of Dec., rarities brought good prices, while ordinary stamps sold quite low. The following unused sets sold for 10 cents per set: Bavaria 2d. Issue; Italy 4th. issue, 19 varieties; Parma 3d. & 4th. Romagna, 10 varieties; Mecklenburg Envelopes, 2 sets; Switzerland 1865-7 set of 13, &c. The collection, (especially the envelopes and essays), was on the whole in rather poor condition, but many of the rare adhesives were fine. The attendance was much smaller than at the previous sale, but the bidding was spirited.

Among the most remarkable lots, were used carriers stamp, head of Franklin, blue on pink, \$24; proof do. in orange \$4; Hartford local yellow \$3 62; set of Carriers, eagle \$2 50; N. S. and N. B. shillings used, 3 varieties, each \$4; Newfoundland 6½d. scarlet, unused \$3 50; 1 shilling do. \$5; Guadalajara used, 2 at \$4; New Granada 1863, 50 centavos red, used \$6 75; P. S. N. Co. set of 9 \$2; Uruguay, set of 3 Diligencia, \$12; Brazil; Italics 180, 300 and 600 reis, used, \$10 50; 3 Guacho stamps or essays, each \$ 11; British Guiana 1851, 1 cent red, used \$5 50; Bolivia 1868 set new \$10; English essays 3 at \$2; set of envelopes, face value 30 shillings \$21; Hanover, old envelope \$3 50; Spain set of 1850, new \$11; Mauritius 1855 1 penny red, used \$3; Sandwich Is. 1853 set of proofs in black \$6; Luzon 1854, 5 cuartos red \$4; 1 real blue \$3; Victoria 43 varieties mostly used \$6; 2 vols. of S. C. Magazine \$6 50. The proceeds of the sale were about \$650.

There was a sale of Continental money, Coins, and Curiosities from Philadelphia, at Clinton Hall on the 21st. of Dec., which contained but few rarities. Some Indian stone axes brought from 50c. to \$2. each; petrified amonite weight 10 lbs. \$3 62; 1 Indian pipe of red clay \$3 50. Of the coins a set of 12 pattern nickels of 1858 brought \$11; 12 proof sets of silver from 1859 to 1870 averaged \$4 50 per set.

Of the Paper money, which was mostly poor, the Continental averaged about 20c. 8 notes of Yorktown brought about \$3. each; 1 fine \$20 note sold for \$10 50; notes of N. H. averaged about 30c. of R. I. \$2; of Conn. 75c; of Mass. from 30c. to \$1 75; of N. Y. from 30c. to \$2; of N. J. about 10c. each; 1 6d. note of Jan. 9. 1781 uncirculated. \$3 75; of Penn. about 15c; of Del. 25c; of Md. 15c; of Va. 50c; one for \$1200. \$2 12; of N. C. 75c; of S. C. 40c; of Ga. 75c; Snowden's manual of Washington and National medals 203 pp. new. \$4 25. The total proceeds were \$500.

We are informed by Mr. Edward Cogan, Dealer in Coins, Medals &c. 95 William st, N. Y. City, that his stock will be sold at auction by Bangs, Merwin & Co., Jan. 16th. 1870.

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1795 " fine	1 50
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It has been a query with many what could be our object in introducing this system; some have supposed it was intended as a curiosity merely, but only our full conviction of its utility would have induced us to give it a place in our columns. Should the size of our paper be increased, we shall be happy to discuss its merits, until then we refer critics to 'The American Philological Magazine', a monthly journal of 30 pages published by Brown & Duer, 37 Park Row, N. Y. City.

The Philatelist also informs us that the 10 and 20 centimes are all that have been issued of the new French Republic stamps. We have not only these, which are from the original dies but on thin paper and perforated, but also the 40c. all from Paris by balloon post. The Stamp Collector's magazine is informed that they are used unperforated for country towns. This statement is confirmed by a letter we have seen, received from Bordeaux, which had on it the 80 centimes, evidently from a new die, and unperforated, of the same shade as the last issue of unperforated 80c. Empire. The party who sold us the used perforated stamps, informs us that he had also an 80c. perforated. We have just obtained the 10c. from Calais, unperforated and from a new plate.

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YÛZD OR UNYÛZD STAMPS.

Ær ár meni kolektorz ov postej stampa hû wil not hav in ær kolekçunz eni hwic hav bin yûzd, konsideriñ æ kan-selêçunz a disfigurment tu ær apírans. Tu aóz hû hav unlimited mînz, ais plan iz wel enuf, for æé kan obtén æem in sets from íc kuntri, and hwen prop urli mounted, æé wil mék a veri fain apírans.

Tu aóz hû hav adopted ais meavd, wí wud speçalf rekoment our timbrof-ilets, as æé prizerv æe gum intakt, and if nesesai æé kan bí cénjd tu anuaur album wiçout injuri, hwail aóz hwic ár furmli pésted in kanot bí transfurd wiçout sókiñ, hwic flatnz ðl embost stamps or envelops. Æe gumd slips wí hav sîn yûzd in Yûrup at æe top ov æe stamps, ár íaur tú lús tu hólð æem in plés, or els adhír só furmli az tu rikwair hot wötur tu get æem ðf.

In mékiñ a kolekçun ov unyûzd stamps, unles veri grét kër iz tékn æé wil not apír az wel az yûzd wunz. Òl wí hav sîn had inkomplít sets, hwic aó but litl detriment tu a kanseld kolekçun, çó veri plénli in wun ov unyûzd stamps. Unles æe stamps ár prizervd wiç æe grétest kër wiç ai orijinal gum az æé wer obténd from æe póst ofis, æe ejez ár laiabl tu bikum soild, and æe slaitest fingur márkz giv æe hól a woçt apírans.

Anuaur objekçun iz æe grét ekspens ov a ífali fain kólekçun ov perfekt stamps, numburíñ az æé dú upwardz ov 3000 varaiitiz, hwic wud rikwair at list from \$2000 to \$3000; çat ov Mr. Filbrik, ov Ingland, wí prizüm tu bí wuru about \$5000, hwail in a kanseld kolekçun perfekçun iz not ekspekted, ívn a smól numbur luks wel, and wun ov 3000 stamps kud bí méd up for about \$1000.

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1811 " fair	1 00
1794 Half dime fair	3 00
1795 " fine	1 50
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NOTICES OF THE PRESS.

The Philatelist, a monthly journal published by Stafford Smith & Co., Brighton, England, gives us quite a favorable notice, but thinks our peculiar method of spelling will overbalance its usefulness to philatelists, which suggests to them a happy combination of Artemus Ward and Josh Billings, with a few slices of Mr. Pitman, the great phonetic apostle, put in to make weight. The same journal however gives its readers a page and a half of hieroglyphics which we presume to be full as edifying to its readers. Here is a sample: aaabccdeeeeeeelljllmnnooooorrrrrssttuuv, supposed to be a transposition of the inscription on some stamp.

It has been a query with many what could be our object in introducing this system; some have supposed it was intended as a curiosity merely, but only our full conviction of its utility would have induced us to give it a place in our columns. Should the size of our paper be increased, we shall be happy to discuss its merits, until then we refer critics to "The American Philological Magazine", a monthly journal of 30 pages published by Brown & Duer, 37 Park Row, N. Y. City.

The Philatelist also informs us that the 10 and 20 centimes are all that have been issued of the new French Republic stamps. We have not only these, which are from the original dies but on thin paper and perforated, but also the 40c. all from Paris by balloon post. The Stamp Collector's magazine is informed that they are used unperforated for country towns. This statement is confirmed by a letter we have seen, received from Bordeaux, which had on it the 80 centimes, evidently from a new die, and unperforated, of the same shade as the last issue of unperforated 80c. Empire. The party who sold us the used perforated stamps, informs us that he had also an 80c. perforated. We have just obtained the 10c. from Calais, unperforated and from a new plate.

LIST OF POSTAGE STAMPS FOR JANUARY.

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" 60c. "	30	
Cape of Good Hope, 4d. blue wood block	1 00	
" " 1864, 1-4-4 & 1 shilling	02	
Finland 10-20-40 penni	05	
Great Britain 1 penny black	03	
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India 1854. 4 annas oct.	08	
" Service 1 anna, 6 an. & 8 pies	05	
" 6 annas violet, long	15	
Livonia rose, green centre	06	
Mauritius 1-2-4-6d.-1sh.	05	
N. S. Wales, Sydney view, 1 penny	75	
" 2d. blue, 3d. green	40	
" Laureated 6 pence brown	40	
New Zealand 1-2-6d. 1sh.	10	
Queensland 5 shilling rose	28	
Roumania $1\frac{1}{2}$ purple, Newspaper band	04	
Spain 1870, 10-25-50-200	03	
South African Republic 1 penny black	06	
Straits Settlements 96 cents brown	06	
Turkey 10-20 paras, 1 piastre	05	
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YU'ZD OR UNYU'ZD STAMPS.

Qer ár meni kolektorz ov postej stamps hú wil not hav in aer kolekçunz eni hwic hav bin yúzd, konsideriñ ae kan-seléçunz a disfigurment tu aer apírans. Tu aóz hú hav unlimited mínz, ais plan iz wel enuf, for aé kan obtén aem in sets from íc kuntri, and hwen prop urli mounted, aé wil mék a veri fain apírans.

Tu aóz hú hav adopted ais meand, wí wud speçali rekomead our timbrof-ilets, as aé prizerv ae gum intakt, and if neseari aé kan bí cénjd tu anuaur album wiaout injuri, hwail aóz hwic ár furmli pésted in kanot bí transfurd wiaout sókiñ, hwic flatnz òl embost stamps or envelops. Ae gumd slips wí hav sín yúzd in Yúrup at ae top ov ae stamps, ár íaer tú lús tu hóld aem in plés, or els adhfr só furmli az tu rikwair hot wotur tu get aem òf.

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CURRENT EVENTS.

At the Cogan sale of coins, Jan. 16th. 1870, the coins brought very good prices. The principal sales were as follows: Immunis Columbia 1787 poor \$7 50; 1858 pr of set \$13 75; other proof sets averaged about \$4; silver Holland medals relating to America brought respectively \$18; \$25 and \$26; Martha Washington 1/2 dime very poor \$3; 1862 pattern pieces set of 6 \$7; 1863, 2 cents aluminum \$5; 1868 proof patterns 1-3 and 5 cent pieces in nickel \$5; 1869 do. \$7; full set of silver money of Queen Bess \$22; case of 12 gold plated medalets of celebrated artists and authors \$8; 1797 1/2 eagle, reverse small eagle \$23; 1870 set of 9 standard patterns \$16 25; 1652 pine tree shilling pierced \$3 50. The total proceeds were \$500.

The most important event in the coin trade for some time is the sale of the collection of the late Gov. Packer of Penna., which is to be a five days sale at Bangs Merwin & Co., commencing Feb. 27th. 1871. This is a very valuable collection of coins, especially in the American series, and has, kept Mr. Cogan, who will still continue the coin trade at 95 William st. busily employed for over a month. Those who want catalogues should apply to him at once.

A coin sale from Mason & Co., of Philadelphia mostly of American pieces, will be held at Leavitt Streibigh & Co's., Feb. 16th. & 17th. 1871.

Our customers may apply to us for catalogues.

We give this month a price list of the letters of Presidents and Cabinet officers for sale by Mr. Collins, which we think will meet the wants of many collectors, and will be a useful guide to any who have autograph letters, both for rarity and value. Our next No. will contain Authors, Poets, and remainder of the Cabinets, and succeeding Nos. will comprise the remaining letters of importance in his collection.

We purchased a few days since, a silver coin with the inscription, "Massachusetts & California Co. Five D. 1849"; on the obverse is a shield containing a horseman with lasso, supported by a bear and reindeer, "Alta" in scroll surrounded by 13 stars. This coin is frequently found in alloy, and brings at auction from \$3 to \$5. Any one who knows of another in silver will greatly oblige us with the information.

Mr. Collins wishes us to state that he is prepared to furnish over 1000 different portraits of American celebrities, suitable for illustrating books and manuscripts, a catalogue of which would be too long for publication.

Any one wishing to obtain them should send a list of wants which he will fill out with the price by mail, ranging from 10 cents upwards.

We receive many applications for a Catalogue of postage stamps which we do not publish separate from our monthly list. We have on hand most of those advertised in our back numbers, and probably as good an assortment as there is to be found in the United States. Parties wishing stamps we have not yet advertised, should send list of wants on which we will quote prices of those we can supply.

We have a large stock of Foreign revenue stamps, also of the various private firms of the U. S. To those who collect them we would recommend packet "Q." One of the most interesting of these stamps is that of the Orono Match Co., Orono, Maine, appropriately bearing a pine tree for its central device. Another is that of the Eureka Parlor Match Co., of Wilmington, Delaware, having an arm grasping a lighted torch.

We are obliged to abridge our coin department this month, but the results of the Fewsmith sale will occupy a good share of our next No. We have quite a variety of Curiosities, such as Indian axes, Continental bills, minerals &c. which we will notice in due time.

We are happy to state that notwithstanding the general depression of trade this winter, our subscription list is rapidly increasing. We have now about 200, and at the rate they are coming in shall probably double our list by the end of the year. We learn from new subscribers that they have difficulty in obtaining our address, those who receive our paper finding that most of our stamps can be sold at a profit, are not willing to part with the information. We hope that most of our patrons will not be so selfish, and we promise to reward our friends with lower prices.

We have received some compliments which are very encouraging. One correspondent writes: "Your stamps always give satisfaction, they are such good specimens."

Even our first page we hear from those who have taken a little trouble to read it, is found quite interesting, and as phonetics, or spelling by sound, is now very generally taught in the schools, no study could be more beneficial, besides this, a page contains about one third more reading. We do not pretend to have brought the science to perfection, last month we had the critics down on us for misspelling connoisseur, which is pronounced konosur in English and konosur by the French.

LIST OF COINS FOR FEBRUARY.

Washington cent. 1791 small eagle, fin:	\$15 00
Set of 12 pattern proof cents 1858	15 00
Mass. & Cal. Co. Five D. 1849 in silver	15 00
1799 cent very good	15 00

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NO. 7.

E'NÇENT OR MODURN KOINZ.

Æe valyú ov a kolekçun ov koinz iz jenurali estiméted bai æi amount it wud briñ if ofurd at publik sél, but ðfn a ménia for objeks ov kûriositi egzists wiçout foundéçun, for instans æe túlip ménia of Holand, dâriñ hwic hól estéts wur ekscénjd for a sinçl túlip ov a partikyular kulur, until laik æe félyur ov a sinçl bañk in a taim of jenruul ekspançun, a los ov konfidens bai wun purcasur woz folód bai a jenruul panik, and æóz hû had invested æer propurti wer rúind.

In æis kuntri æe façun iz tu komens wiç a kolekçun ov our mint koinej, inklúdiñ wun ov evuri yír, and eni dét ov hwic fû wur içúð bñiñ skêrs, faindz purcasurz at ten taims æi amount ov a similar koin wiç difurent dét. Nekst tu æis a síriz ov our urli kolónial koinz, our néçunal and politikal medals and paturn písez ár praidz, æen æe koinz ov difurent néçunz, and lást ov ðl æe koinej ov antikwiti.

In Yúrup æe ordur iz entairli rivursd, æóz hwic sery as gaidz tu æe studi ov éñçunt histori ár konsidurd æe móst valyúabl, nekst æe koinej ov æer ón kuntri and ov kotemporéri néçunz. Æe historikal valyú of éñcent koinz iz veri grét, ekstendiñ bak óvur twenti senuuriz, and bëriñ simbólz reprizentiñ ðl æe móst nóted sitiz ov éñçunt Grís, and æe pótréts ov æe rúlorz and çíf pursunz ov Y'gipt, Róm and E'ja. Wí wur risentli gratifaid in rimúviñ æe korójun from an óld koin tu faind æe leturz Æ I A Ñ N, hwic çód it tu bf from æe siti ov Saidun. Meni ov afz koinz not ónli koroborét histori, but giv an undisputéd rekord ov æer ón, ov hwic wí hav nó udur trés.

We give on the opposite column the ordinary method of spelling, the article will be continued in kosm'c in the next No.

ANCIENT OR MODERN COINS.

The value of a collection of coins is generally estimated by the amount it would bring if offered at public sale, but often a mania for objects of curiosity exists without foundation, for instance the tulip mania of Holland during which whole estates were exchanged for a single tulip of a particular color, until like the failure of a single bank in a time of general expansion a loss of confidence by one purchaser was followed by a general panic, and those who had invested their property were ruined.

In this country the fashion is to commence with a collection of our mint coinage including one of every year, and any date of which few were issued being scarce, finds purchasers at ten times the amount of a similar coin with different date. Next to this a series of our early colonial coins, our national and political medals and pattern pieces are prized, then the coins of different nations, and last of all the coin age of antiquity.

In Europe the order is entirely reversed, those which serve as guides to the study of ancient history are considered the most valuable, next the coinage of their own country and of cotemporary nations. The historical value of ancient coins is very great, extending back over twenty centuries and bearing symbols representing all the most noted cities of ancient Greece, and the portraits of the rulers and chief persons of Egypt, Rome and Asia. We were recently gratified in removing the corrosion from an old coin to find the letters Æ I A Ñ N, which showed it to be from the city of Sidon. Many of these coins not only corroborate history, but give an undisputed record of their own, of which we have no other trace.

LIST OF AUTOGRAPH LETTERS.

All letters on this list are warranted genuine, and can be obtained by addressing D. M. Collins 33 Clarkson St. N. Y. City. On account of the insecurity of the mails, he is not responsible except for P. O. Orders or Registered letters. Autograph letters, documents or scarce engravings bought or taken in exchange.

ABBREVIATIONS. Als. Autograph letter signed, Ols. Official letter signed, Ls. Letter signed, Ds., Document signed, Ads. Autograph document signed. Ns. Note signed.

Any letter not proving satisfactory, if returned within a month, may be exchanged for others.

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Geo. M. Stroud	1840 Als.	50

and 500 others.

LIST OF PRIVATE REVENUES.

We give below a list of the various proprietary and other private revenue stamps of the U. S., three or four of these we have not seen, but copy from cotemporary journals, we have nearly all the varieties in stock unused, those who wish to complete their collection may send list of wants to which we will affix prices.

Match stamps are indicated by a *, playing cards by a †, the others are used on various patent preparations.

The shoe stamps used by the McKay Sewing Machine Co. are a private patent only, and not a government revenue.

- * A. B. & S. 1 cent orange.
- * Alexander's, 1 orange.
- * Allen Thos. 1 green.
- Ayer J. C. & Co. long 1 black, star 4 blue.
- Allen Mrs. S. A., Hair restorer, 4 black.
- * Baltimore Excelsior waterproof, 1 blue.
- * Barber & Peckham, 1 blue, 3 black.
- * " Geo. & O. C. 1 blue.
- * " Match Co. 1 blue, 3 black.
- * Bauer & Bendel, 1 blue.
- * Bentz H. & M. 1 blue.
- * Busfield & Poole, 1-3 black, 1 lilac 3 brown.
- * Byam Carleton & Co. small, 1 black.
- * " Wrappers, single head, 1 black on white paper, do. 1 on buff; double head, 1 on white, do. 1 on buff (2 varieties).
- Brown F. Essence of ginger, 2 black.
- Barnes D. S. & Co. head 1-2-4 black, 1-2-4 red.
- " Demas " 1-2-4 black.
- " " & Co. house, 1-2-4 black.
- Brown John I & Son. 1 black, 2 green, 4 brown.
- Bull Dr. Jno. 1 black, 4 blue.
- Brandreth B. 1 black.
- Barry's Tricopherous, 2 green.
- Bennett Pieters & Co. 4-6 black.
- Brown's Vermifuge Comfits, 1 black.
- Blow W. T. (Stevens eye water) 1 green.
- * Bent & Lea, (Eureka) 1 black.
- Burnett Jos. & Co. 4 black.
- * Chicago Match Co. 3 black.
- * Cramer & Kemp, 1 black, 1 blue.
- C. (F. E.) 1 carmine.
- Cheeseman's pills, 4 green.
- Crook's wine of tar, 4 black.
- † Dongherty A. 2 orange, 4 black, 5-10 blue.
- Dalley J. 1 black, 2 green.
- Du Ponceau's pills, 4 black.
- Drake P. H. & Sons 2-4 black.
- Davis Perry & Son. 1 blue, 2 black, 4 brown.
- * Eaton Jas. 1 black.
- * Eichele Aug. 1 black.
- * Eichele P. & Co. 1 blue.
- * Fa r G. & Co. 1 black.
- Fahnestock B. A. 1 red.
- Fowle Seth W. & Son. 4 black.
- * Gates Wm. 1-3-6 black.
- * Gorman Thos. & Bro. 1 black, 1 green.
- * Greenleaf & Co. 1 green, 3 red, 5 orange.
- * Griggs & Scott, 1 black.
- * Henning & Bonhack, 1 blue.
- * Howard B. & H. D. 1 blue, 1 carmine.
- † Hart, Saml. & Co. 5 black.
- Hall Reuben P. & Co. 4 black.
- Holloway's pills & ointment, 1 blue.
- Helmbold's, 2 blue, 3 green, 4-6 black.
- Hall & Ruckel, 1 green, 3 black.
- Hostetter & Smith, 4-6 black.
- Herrick's pills & plasters, 1 vermillion.
- Heaton E. & J. E. Joyce, 6 green.
- Henry Jno. F. 1 black, 2-4 lilac, 2 blue, 4 red.
- Hull C. E. & Co. 1 black.
- Husband T. J. 2 red.
- Hunt L. G. 1 black.
- Ives P. T. 1-8 blue.
- Jayne Dr. D & Son. 1 blue, 2 black, 4 green.
- * Kyle W. S. 1 black.
- Kennedy Dr. 2 green.
- Kelly & Co. 4 black.
- Kensett T. & Co. 1 green.
- Lacour's 1 black.
- Lawrence & Cohen, 2 blue, 3 green.
- † Levy Jno. J. 5 black.
- Lee Chas. 1 blue.
- Littlefield Alvah 1 black.
- Laird's bloom of youth, 3 black.
- * (Head of Franklin) 1 blue.
- Morehead's magnetic plasters 1 black.
- Mishler's herb bitters, 4-6 black.
- Merchant's gargling oil, 1 black, 2 green.
- McLane's Liver pills, 1 black, 1 blue.
- " vermifuge, 1 black.
- McLean Dr. J. H. 1 black.
- McMunn's elix'r of opium, 1 green.
- Mercuro & Scully, 2 black.
- New York Match Co. 1 orange, long 1 green.
- * Orono " 1 blue.
- * Park City " 1 green, 3 orange.
- * Pierce " 1 green.
- * P. M. Co. " 1 black.
- Powell V. R. 1 blue, 1c. vermillion.
- Poland Dr. J. W. white pine compound, 4 black.
- Petridge & Co. Balm of 1000 flowers, 2 red.
- * Richardson, D. W. 1 lake, 1 black, 3 blue, 3 red.
- * Russell E. T. 1 black.
- Roback Dr. C. W. 1c. black on white, do. 1c. on yellow.
- Ransom D. & Co. 2 black, 1 blue.
- Ring's vegetable ambrosia, 4 black.
- Radway & Co. Ready relief, 2 black.
- Rush's medicines, 1 green.
- * Roeber H. & W. 1 blue.
- * Stanton H. 1 black.
- * Star Match Co. 1 black.
- * Swift & Courtney, 1 blue.
- F. Schenck's pills and syrup, 1 green, 6 black.
- Swaim's panacea, 8 orange.
- Sage's catarrh remedy, 2 black.
- Scovill A. L. 1 black, 4 green.
- Soule Dr. E. L. & Co. 1 blue.
- T. (E. R.) 1 green.
- Thompson Jno. L. eye water, 1 black.
- * Underwood Alex. & Co. 1 green.
- U. S. M. Co. 1 black.
- U. S. Proprietary medicine Co. 4-6 black.
- * Wilmington parlor match Co. 1 black.
- * Wise & Co. 1 black.
- Winslow Mrs. soothing syrup, 1-2 black.
- Wright R. G. & A. 1 blue, 2 black, 3 red, 4 green.
- Wright's Indian vegetable pills, 1 green.
- Walker Dr. J. 4 black.
- Wilder Edward, 1 green, 4 carmine.
- * Zisemann Griesheim & Co. 1 green, 3 blue.



NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

Unless otherwise described, the stamps are rectangular and perforated.

ALSACE & LORRAINE. 5 centimes green, 25 brown.

BELGIUM. Post card, 5 centimes black on buff.

DENMARK. Same type as 48 skilling 2 blue, 3 violet, 8 brown, 16 green.

FRANCE. (Complete list of all the new Republics we have seen); unperforate (similar to the engraving 1. last No.) 1 centime, light & dark green, 2 brown, 4 mauve, (similar to the 1848 issue,) 5 green, 10 bistre, 20 blue, 30 dark brown, 40 orange, 80 carmine. Perforate, 10 bistre, 20 blue, 30 brown, 40 orange. Roulette. 20 blue.

HOLLAND. $\frac{1}{2}$ centime brown pink, $2\frac{1}{2}$ violet.

PORTUGAL. Same values and colors as last issue, but differently engraved, 5 reis black, 10 yellow, 25 red.

SPANISH WEST INDIES. Seated figure holding olive branch, Ultramar 1871 at top, 25 c. de peseta blue, 50 green.

SWITZERLAND. Local, "Rigi Coulm," blue oval, red ground and flowers.

TASMANIA. Head of queen to left in beaded oval, "Tasmania" in curve at top, 1 penny rose, 2 green, 4 blue, 10 black.

"Le Timbres-poste" notes a blue adhesive for Levant, having the eagle and vessel on a white ground without the usual network; also the discovery of two envelopes on bluish paper for Finland issued in 1850, 5 kopecs indigo, 10 pink.

"The Philatelist" announces an oblong stamp black on white, "Fiji Islands, postage six pence", similar to the letter press stamps of the Sandwich Islands, also a new post card for the North German Confed. having the violet Hamburg stamp in the upper right hand corner.

EXTRACTS FROM OLD U. S. LETTERS.

"Mr. Henry Glen is ordered to the rifts & Still water to assist Mr. Vanvacty in the Battoe service, and is to be let pass all posts.

JNO. BRADSTREET. D. Q. M. G.

ALBANY MAY 9. 1759."

From Wm. North. A. D. C. to Genl. Steuben.

"In order to induce officers to appear as such in their dress, and to prevent the trouble of continually saluting officers who are running in in and out of the barracks on common occasions, or who are walking about the garrison for their amusement, I have thought it best to order that no officer should be saluted by guards or centinels without he is dressed, and that no officer shall be considered as dressed who has not a cockade and sword on.

If this is not good please to inform me.

Your obedt. servt. W. North."

Fresh list of coins and stamps in next No.

At the auction sale of coins at Clinton Hall Feb. 16 & 17, 1871 the following were the principal bids. Proof sets of silver, 1857 \$12 50; 1858 \$10. Half dollars, 1797, \$13; pattern 1838, rev. spread eagle \$14.

Cents, 1793 link fine \$7 50; 1797 uncirculated \$4 75; 1799 poor \$6 25; 1804 good \$5 50; 1825 uncirculated \$6 50; 1841 proof \$6; Proof half cents 1831 \$11, 1840-41-43-44-45-46-48 each \$10; 1842 \$26; 1847 \$20; Wash'n. Eccleston medal \$10; Field medal, aluminum, \$12; do. bronze \$10; Gen. Naglee medal \$15; Alex. Hamilton 1795, \$11 25; Hispaniola copper \$5. The total proceeds exceeded \$1000.

We give this month an additional list of Auto-graph letters &c. for sale by Mr. Collins, which we would have continued but found that it left us very little room for reading matter. He proposes to issue a priced catalogue giving a connected list of all the principal names, if so it will be duly noticed in our columns; we shall continue to give extracts from interesting documents and letters in his collection.

We received notice last month from a good many of our subscribers, that their paper was not received. They were carefully deposited prepaid in the mail basket and we are not responsible for their non reception. By enclosing stamps missing numbers will be forwarded.

The Massachusetts & California silver coin described in our last No. finds a mate in the collection of J. N. T. Levick Esq. of this city. We therefore reduce the price from \$15. to \$10.

We have purchased lately about 3000 ancient Roman and Greek copper coins, which make a very interesting study. The first and second brass which are mostly worn, we have sorted in boxes at 5 10 and 15 cents apiece, the Greek coins which average the size of a dime but thicker, at 10 and 15 cents each, and the third brass, at 5 and 3 cents, according to quality. We experience a great drawback in the expense of sending coins by mail, the third brass being small, require but little postage. We offer a selection of 20, all different legends, prepaid for \$1 10.

Some people doubt the genuineness of these third brass coins, they look so fresh and are found in such large quantities both in Italy and Great Britain, one of the greatest evidences in their favor is that it is almost impossible to find two from the same die.

In our next No. we will give an account of the Packer sale, which brought \$55 80. Several coin sales are proposed for April the first is at Bangs, April 3d.

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NO. 8.

ENÇUNT OR MODURN KOINZ.

Kontinyúd from Márc N6.

Ov òl klasez ov koiáz, ai urli Grík ár æ móst intrestiq tu æ kolektur. Gí egzibit æ fúrst rúð atemts at koinej, and a grajűal imprűvment until æ taim ov æ T6lemi'z, hwen koinz wur isyűd wiű sűc bűtiful dizainz aat modurn űrt 76z n6 sűpűrioriti. Ai urli-est koinz, or pűsez ov stamp metal, wur isyűd bai sum ov æ Grí7un sitiz about 2600 yűz ag6. On wun said woz æ pik7ur ov an animal or sum migol6jikal emblem, reprizenti7 æ sűl ov æ siti hw7r æ koin woz struk, on ai 7aur said woz a rűd punc műrk, similar in apűrans tu ai ordineri kan-sel77un on a p6st7ej stamp hw7r æ toum iz not givn. Sum ov æ móst prominent emblemz wur: for Aűenz an 6ul, Aűgűna a tortois, Bű67cia a 7űld, koring a wiűd stűd, Kalkis a lair. Kűrűej a hors and pűm trű, Efesus a bű, Metapontum an ír ov hwűt, Mailűtus a laion, F67cia a sűl, Sűrdis hed ov laion and bul f6si7, Tűos a grűfin 7ts.

Koinz wur fúrst struk in g6ld, nekst in silvur, and lűstli in brűs and kopur.

Æ rűd punc műrk yűd on æ rűvurs woz grajűali 77njűd, nekst bai givű ai emblem indented, until æ hed ov æ rűlur or wcn ov a7r dűtiz apűz on wcn said, and ai emblem or lűjend on ai 7aur, hwic haz kontinyűd tu bű æ priv6li7 m6d until æ prezent d6.

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Hwail wű wud f6vor æ kolek7un ov 77un7 koinz, az bűi7 ov gr6t7ur histor-ikal valyű, wű wud not 6vurluk ai advantejes ov modurn koinz, hwic ren-dur us familyur wiű æ gűvernments, muni, n67unal űrmz and mot6z, and giv us æ portr6ts ov móst ov æ rűlurz ov æ prezent d6.

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	new.	used.
	\$	\$
Alsace & Lorraine 2 centimes	03	
" 4 " grey	05	
" 5 " green	08	
" 10 " brown	10	15
" 20 " blue	15	10
" 25 " brown	25	15
Austria 1850-1-2-kreuzer		04
" 1856 Gazette stamps 1-2 kr. sq. 06		04
Austrian Italy 1850 5-10 centes		12
Brazil 1844 10-30-60	30	15
" 90		30
British Honduras 1 penny		06
Bolivia 5 centavos green		25
Bolivar 10 " red		40
Buenos Ayres 1859 1 peso blue		25
" " 1 " red		30
Denmark 1866 7-2 skilling		03
" 1870 3		05
" " 4		08
" " 48		60
Finland 5 penni violet		06
France (Republic) 1870-1 green		02
" 2 centimes brown		03
" 4 grey, 5 green		05
" 10 brown, 1c. dark green		10
" 20 blue		15
" 30 brown		25
" 40 orange		30
" 80 rose		50
Greece, (Paris no fig.) 1-2-5-20-40-80		25
Holland 1867 5-10 cents		08
" 1868 70 1/2-1		02
" " 1 1/2-2-2 1/2		04
H. H. G. 1/2 sch. green & rose		04
" 1 green & rose		08
" set of 4		60
Italy 1857 1-2 centimes		02
Mexico, 1866, 7-25c. engraved	1 00	
Newfound and 1857 1 penny red		06
" 2 lake		15
" 3 green		25
" 1870 3 cents red		08
" 6 pink		15
Natal "Postage," 1d. red 3 varieties		10
New South Wales 1852 2 d. laureated		08
New Granada 1860 large fig. 10c. yellow		30
" " " 10 brown		90
" " " 5 blue	1 00	
" " " 10 brown	1 25	
" " " 20 blue	1 50	
" set of 3 Sobreporte 1866	5 00	
Portugal 1870 5 reis black		02
" 10 yellow		04
" 25 red		10
" 50 green		20
Roumania newspaper band 1 1/2 yellow		05
Sandwich Is. white paper 1c. black		15
" " 2 blue & 2 black		25
" 1871 6c green "Eono keneta"		10
St Helena 1 penny red unperf.		25
" 1 red erf.		08
" 2 yellow		15
" 3 violet		20
St Lucia 1 penny red		15
" 1 black		03
Spain 5 reales 1850-51-52-53-54		50
" 1870 25 mila.		08



We have had many calls lately for packet "O" of our Timbrophilets, price 50 cts, which are an invention of our own we have used almost entirely for over five years, and found superior to any other for mounting stamps, either in collections or in books to see them from. They consist of small slips of paper, the upper half gummed on one side, and the lower half on the other, and should be pasted on the center of the place where the stamp is to go. Stamps fastened in this manner can be easily transferred or examined, or changed for better ones. Those who have time can make their own; none but the purest gum and the finest foreign letter paper should be used. We will send half a packet or 500 for 25cents, or samples on receipt of stamp.

We have just received from Europe a splendid assortment of illuminated Crests, which come in sheets of 12 at 15c. per sheet, or the set of 25 all different, containing 3 sheets of Colleges, 4 of Ships, 1 Bishops, 2 Dukes, 4 Earls, 3 Lords 1 Artillery, 2 Regiments, 1 Traders, 2 Marquises, counts, in all 300 crests for \$3 00.

We have obtained a few used copies of the new Guatemala stamps, legend in oval, "Correos de Guatemala", arms on shield with sun and rays above, value below, 10 centavos blue, 20 rose; also the new stamps of the Sandwich Islands, head of Kammeameha IV, similar in appearance to our three cent stamp, value "Eono Keneta" or 6 cents green.

We have Dr. Gray's Illustrated catalogue of postage stamps, fifth edition, the best guide to collectors ever published, full of engravings bound covers post paid for 75c.

To those croakers who think that the stamp trade is dying out, we would state that the fever in this city never was greater than it is this spring.

LIST OF COINS FOR APRIL.

Geo. III. Indian silver medal 1757	\$5 00
Franklin gift " 1790	2 00
Louis XIV & XVI crowns fine	2 00
Ferdinand VII siege dollar octagon 1868	5 00
Japanese itzuebu silver	1 00
" " (in copper) rare	2 00
" 1/2 " silver	50
" oblong brass coin	25
Washington 1790 Manly medal original fine	5 00
" Wright & Bale's card no rev.	2 00
" North Wales 1/2d.	4 00
1834 half eagle fine	7 00
1856 nickel unciolated	1 50
1793 Liberty cap good	10 00
Rosa Americana 1d. crowned rose fine	10 00
" " 1/2 " "	5 00
" Amerl. farthing good	4 00
Franklin press 1/2 penny fine	1 50

LIST OF COIN CATALOGUES.

We find that a great many coin collectors are anxious to obtain priced catalogues of auction sales as guides to the market value of coins. A well known collector of this city has furnished us with a list of his stock which is probably the largest in the country, with prices at which we can furnish them post paid. Named Catalogues will cost about $\frac{1}{2}$ more.

The following order is observed: 1 No. of days sale, 2 day it commenced, 3 owners name, 4 location, 5 auctioneers name or initials, 6 price of clean catalogues, 7 priced.

1823.						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	June 12,	B H Watkins,	Salem	J N	\$-	\$-
1840.						
1	June 22	Phila. M Thomas				
1	Nov. 10	N Y. A Levy				
1846.						
2	Apr. 22	D B Warden,	N Y.	H Hill	10	
1843.						
1	Mar. 22	Jas. Thompson	N Y.	D & H		
1	May 24	D E Groux,	Boston,	Leonard		
1849.						
1	Mar. 8	Robt. Gilmore,	Balt.	G & Co.		
2	May 15	Judge Furman	N Y.	C & K	10	
1851.						
1	Feb. 20	Lewis Roper	Phila.	Thomas	3.	
1	Apr. 22	D E Groux,	Boston,	Leonard		
1	Oct. 28	N Y. Lyman & Co.				
1852.						
1	Mar. 23	N Y. Lyman & R.				
1	Apr. 23	Philli Hone	"	Ludlow & Co.		
1	Aug. 26	Boston Leonard				
1	Oct. 14	J Doggett Jr.	N Y.	M Butler		
1854.						
1	Oct. 4	N. Y. Bangs Bros.				
1855.						
1	Apr. 24	D E Groux	Boston			
1	May 17	N Y. L. Swift	D & Co.			
6	" 22	Ed. D Ingraham	Phila.	Thomas		
1	June 6	Pet r Flandin	N Y.	Bangs	2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
2	" 12	A C Kline	Phila.	Thomas	5, 6.	
5	Nov. 5	H A Brady	N Y.	& addenda	10.	
1856.						
1	Feb. 15	N Y. Bangs Bro.				
2	Apr. 17	Louis Borg	"	"		
1	Sept. 16	Boston,	Leonard & Co.			
1	Oct. 17	N Y. Bangs Bros.				
1858						
	Mar. 10	N Y. Leeds & Co.				
	Apr. 27	" Herts & Moss				
1	May. 13	C B Norton	"	Leeds & Co.	5.	
1	Oct. 26	F H Norton	"	B M & Co.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3.	
	"	addenda				
	Nov. 1	E Cogan	Phila.	letter biddings	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1859.						
1	Jan. 29	N Y. Bangs	Merwin & Co.			
1	Feb. 8	H Pennington	Phila.	Thomas	5.	
1	" 10	"	"	"		
6	" 28	Henry Bogert	N Y.	B M & Co.	2, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1	Mar. 5	"	"	addenda	2.	
2	May. 4	W L Bramhall	N Y.	B M & Co.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	" 5	"	"	addenda	2.	
	" 14	Phila. Thomas				

2	June 7	J D Fosket	N Y.	B M	2.	
"	"	"	addenda		1.	
3	" 21	J K Curtis,	N Y.	B M	2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	" 21	"	addenda		3.	
1	" 24	Boston Leonard				
1	July 16	N Y. B M				
"	" 27	"				
1	Oct. 23	Phila. W C Tripler				
2	Nov. 2	Henry Whitmore	N Y.	B M	2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	Dec. 8	Phila. Thomas				
1	" 15	N Y. B M			1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2.	
2	Dec. 19	J N T Levick	Phila.	W C Cook	2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	"	"	large paper		3.	
1860.						
1	Jan. 8	postponed 1 yr.	Boston Leonard		2.	
2	" 18	Alfred Hewitt	N Y.	B M	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2.	
2	Feb. 28	Edward Groh	"	"	2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	" 29	addenda			2, 2.	
	Mar. 6	W L Bramhall	N Y.		2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	" 29	C H Morse	Bost.	Draper & Morse	3.	
	Apr. 4	"	"	"		
2	" 25	Ezra Hill	N Y.	B M	2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	" 26	"	addenda		2, 2.	
2	May 21	Ed Cogan	Phila.	W C Cook	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2.	
"	"	"	large paper		3.	
2	" 24	B J Gallagher	N Y.	B M	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1	" 25	Stevenson	"	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	" 30	J K Wiggins,	Boston,	Leonard	2.	
	June 15	Ed. Cogan	Phila.		2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
2	" 27	Boston Leonard			2.	
2	" 28	Jacob Glosser	N Y.	Leeds	3.	
"	" 29	"	addenda		4.	
2	July 11	C H Morse	Boston Leonard		2.	
1	" 12	Jacob Glosser	N Y.	B M	1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	" 31	Boston Leonard				
2	Sept. 12	N Y. B M			1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	" 14	H G Dwenger	"	"	2.	
	Oct. 8	Wm. E Burton,	N Y.	J Sabin	6.	
"	"	"	large paper			
"	"	"	Shaksperiana		3.	
2	" 17	C H Morse	N Y.	B M	1, 2.	
2	" 18	Ed Cogan	Phila.	W C Cook	1.	
"	" 19	"	supplement		2.	
2	" 23	Boston Leonard			2.	
2	" 24	F J Klein	N Y.	B M	1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
2	Nov. 21	Prime & Haines	"	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2.	
1	" 23	J K Curtis	"	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2.	
2	Dec. 13	"	"	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2.	
1	" 15	"	"	"		
2	" 17	C H Morse			2.	
1861.						
2	Jan. 8	Boston Leonard			1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	" 9	A S Robinson	"	"		
2	" 28	"	N Y.	B M & Co.	2.	
1	" 29	"	addenda	"	2.	
1	Feb. 5	W E Lamb	Boston Leonard		1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
2	Mar. 7	Wm King	N Y.	M & Co.	1.	
2	" 21	"	"	"	1	
2	Apr. 16	A S Robinson	Boston Leonard		1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	" 17	"	addenda	"		
2	" 29	Jos. W Wildey	N Y.	B M & Co.	2	
"	" 30	"	addenda No. 1		1.	
"	"	"	mss.	"	2	
2	May 29	A S Robinson	N Y.	B M & Co.	1.	
2	June 3	C Piazza	"	"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
1	July 29	D E Groux	Phila.	J A Freeman	4.	

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NOTICES OF COIN SALES.

At the Packer sale of coins March 3d. 1871 the following comprise the principal bids:

American dollars: 1794 faint \$24; 1851-52 proofs each \$30; Half dollars: 1794 ordinary \$5 1796 rubbed \$15; 1797 do. \$14; Dimes: 1797 13; stars \$7 50; 1797 16 stars \$5; 1800 \$5 50; Half dimes: 1794 very fine \$8 50; 1797 16 stars \$5 25; Proof sets: 1854-55-56 each \$21; 1857 \$15; 1858 \$13 50; 1838 proof dollar \$22; 1839 do. \$23; 1869 set of pattern silver \$15.

English silver: Richard III groat fine \$4; Edward VI. crown fine \$7; Elizabeth do. \$8 50; do. 1/2 crown \$5; Charles I. pound piece, good \$31; do. 1/2 pound piece fair \$7; do. 1/2 pound, variety fine \$15; Siege pieces about \$1 50 each; Commonwealth crown, fine \$13; Cromwell do. \$22; do. 1/2 crown \$9; do. shilling \$7; crowns in fine condition of James II., William & Mary, Anne, George I. II. III. IV. about \$4 each; William IV. proof do. \$33; Victoria, proof set of 1847 \$15; Scotch dollar of queen Mary \$10.

English gold: Edward III. noble \$8 50; IV. do. \$9 50; James I. pound \$7; Charles I. do. \$10 50; Commonwealth do. \$13; Wm. & Mary set of 5 & 2 pounds, guinea & 1/2 do. \$77 50; George II. double guinea \$16.

French silver: Louis XIII. crown \$7; Louis XIV. do. \$4; Louis XV. do. fine \$7 50; Bonaparte as consul, 5 francs \$7; as emperor do. \$1812 \$6; 1813 \$8; 1815 \$7 50; Louis XVIII do. \$7; Louis Napoleon do. \$5 50.

U. S. Gold: Eagles; 1795 very fine \$19 50; 1796 do. small eagle \$22; 1797 large eagle \$18; others about \$12; Half eagles: 1795 \$7 50; 1796 small eagle \$9; 1797 small eagle \$23; large eagle \$14; others about \$7; Quarter eagle: 1796 no stars \$10 50; do. with stars \$9; from 1802 to 1829 averaged \$6; from 1830 to 1834 \$3 50.

The foreign silver coins and medals averaged about double face value, some of them selling for less than value. The gold averaged about 50 per cent premium.

Washington pieces: 1792 cent \$85; bought upon order by Mr. Mason, who said he had a telegram to go as high as \$150; 1797 masonic medal poor, \$33; 1792 Half dollar fair \$40; Declaration medal 1776 \$17; Eccleston do. \$8; Voltaire do. \$17; Colonials &c. N. E. shilling \$21; 6 pence \$40; Pine tree shilling 1650 \$50; those of 1652 from \$3; to \$3; six pence \$5 50; Lord Baltimore shilling \$17 50; six pence \$19; groat \$8 50; Standish Barry three pence poor \$12 50; 1694 Carolina Elephant \$23 50; Annapolis six pence \$16; Rosa Americanas from \$1; to \$5; New Jersey cent of 1787, large nob on plough, uncirculated \$6; medal of Wm. Penn 1681 \$25.

Greek silver: Tetradrachms; fine ones of Alexander averaged \$7; Alexander Ballas \$16; Antiochus III. \$5 50; do. IV. \$15 50; do. \$10, \$7; do. V. \$8; do. VII. \$9; do. VIII. \$10; do. \$6 50; do. XIV. \$13; Arsaces \$5; Agathocles \$7; Demetrius \$10 50; do. \$5; do. \$10; Ptolemy Soter \$13 50; Philæterus \$11; Philip II. \$6; Aegina, early with punch mark \$18; fine ones of Athens averaged \$5; Acanthus \$5 50; Macedonia \$10 50; Rhodes \$10 50; Samos \$11; Side \$10; Tanagra \$11; others from \$4 to \$7; Didra-

chms: Caulonia \$9; Thurim \$10 50; others from \$2; to \$3; Drachms: Argos \$6; others from \$1; to \$3 50; a double stater of electrum or 3-5 gold of Panormus \$11; Greek copper coins brought from 25c. to \$4; 16 old Asamese rupees with translations \$2 each; Roman æs, weight 9 oz. \$10; Julius Cæsar denarius fine \$5 25; Tiberius do. \$4; Roman gold coins averaged \$8; silver denarii averaged 60c.

U. S. Cents: 1793 fine \$18; 1795 uncirculated \$30; 1796 fillet do. \$26; 1797 do. \$12; 1799 worn \$9; 1803 uncirculated \$18; 1804 fine \$21; 1808 very fine \$34; 1809 do. \$25; 1810 do. \$3; 1814 do. \$5; 1821 do. \$11; 1824 do. \$7; 1825 do. \$13; Half cents; 1793 fine \$15; 1795 do. thick die \$20; 1831 proof \$10 75; 1836 proof \$19; 1841 do. \$9 50; 1848 do. \$10 50; 1853 \$7.

The total proceeds were \$5580.

The collection of coins to be sold by Bangs Merwin & Co. Apr. 3d. 4th. & 5th. contains a fine lot of ancient Roman and British coins as well as Foreign silver and medals.

A small lot of dealers refuse stock from Philadelphia will be sold by Bangs Merwin & Co., April 8th., and probably another sale from the same quarter during the month.

We give nearly a complete list of coin catalogues this No., which collectors will find a useful guide, and will occupy about five columns.

We would give a list of newly issued stamps this month, but they are nearly all humbugs, and we wait till next month hoping to have some government issues to mix with them.

A few months ago we understand \$3 000 000. in Confederate bills were sold for about \$80. at auction in South Carolina. We have lately obtained part of them, which we offer all in good condition at the following low rates:

\$ 500. engraved by Keatinge & Ball	1864	\$ 50
100. centre piece laborers	1862	25
100. " train of cars	"	15
100. " female head	1854	15
50. " head of Davis	"	10
20. " capitol	"	10
10. " artillery	"	05
5. " state house	"	05
2. " female warriors	1852	15
2. " large figure 2	1861	20
1. " steamer	1862	15
1. " value in green letters	"	25
1. " head of Fitz Hugh Lee	1864	15
50c. " " Davis	"	10

We shall be glad to buy or exchange for any of which we have not a supply, also for all the fractional currency both Northern and Southern.

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NO. 8.

E'NÇUNT OR MODURN KOINZ.

Kontinyúd from Márc N6.

Ov òl klasez ov koinz, ai urli Grík ár æ móst inturestiq tu æ kolektur. Qé egzibit æ furst rúd atemts at koinej, and a grajñal imprúvment until æ taim ov æ Tólemi'z, hwen koinz wur isyúd wiá suc bātiful dizainz aat modurn árt çóz n6 sūpírioriti. Ai urli-est koinz, or písez ov stamp metal, wur isyúd bai sum ov æ Gríçun sitiz about 2600 yírz agó. On wun said woz æ pikcur ov an animal or sum mízolojikál emblem, reprizentiq æ sfl ov æ siti hwèr æ koin woz struk, on ai uaur said woz a rúd punc márk, simílar in apfrans tu ai ordineri kan-seléçun on a póstej stamp hwèr æ toun iz not givn. Sum ov æ móst prominent emblemz wur: for Aæenz an oul, Afgína a tortois, Bfóçia a çfld, korinã a wiñd stíd, Kalkis a lair. Káræj a hors and párn trf, Efesus a bf, Metapontum an ír ov hwít, Mailftus a laion, Fóçia a sfl, Sárdis hed ov laion and bul fésiq, Tíos a grífn ets.

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Austria 1850-1-2-kreuzer		04
" 1856 Gazette s. amps 1-2 kr. sq.	06	04
Austrian Italy 1850 5-10 centes		12
Brazil 1844 10-30-60	30	15
" 90		20
British Honduras 1 penny	06	
Bolivia 5 centavos green	25	
Bolivar 10 " red	40	
Buenos Ayres 1859 1 peso blue		25
" " 1 " red		30
Denmark 1866-70 2 skilling	03	
" 1870 3	05	
" " 4	08	05
" " 48	60	
Finland 5 penni violet	06	
France (Republic) 1870-1 green	02	
" 2 centimes brown	03	
" 4 grey, 5 green	05	
" 10 brown, 1c. dark green	10	15
" 20 blue	15	10
" 30 brown	25	15
" 40 orange	30	10
" 80 rose	50	25
Greece, (Paris no fig.) 1-2-5-20-40-80		25
Holland 1867 5-10 cents	08	01
" 1869-70 ½-1	02	
" " 1½-2-2½	04	
H. ligoland ½ sch. green & rose	04	
" 1 green & rose	08	
" set of 4	60	
Italy 1857 1-2 centimes	02	
Mexico, 1866, 7-25c. engraved	1 00	
Newfound and 1857 1 penny red	06	
" 2 lake	15	
" 3 green	25	25
" 1870 3 cents red	08	
" 6 pink	15	
Natal "Postage," 1d. red 3 varieties	10	04
New South Wales 1852 2 d. laureated		08
New Granada 1860 large fig. 10c. yellow	90	
" " " 10 brown	90	
" " " small " 5 blue	1 00	
" " " " 10 brown	1 25	
" " " " 20 blue	1 50	
" set of 3 Sobreporte 1866	5 00	
Portugal 1870 5 reis black	02	
" 10 yellow	04	
" 25 red	10	
" 50 green	20	
Roumania newspaper band 1½ yellow	05	
Sandwich Is. white paper 1c. black	15	
" " 2 blue & 2 black	25	
" 1871 6c. green "Eono keneta"		10
St Helena 1 penny red unperf.	25	
" 1 red 1 erf.	08	
" 2 yellow	15	
" 3 violet	20	15
St Lucia 1 penny red	15	
" 1 black	05	
Spain 5 reales 1850-51-52-53-54		50
" 1870 25 mila.	08	



We have had many calls lately for packet "O" of our Timbrophilets, price 50 cts, which are an invention of our own we have used almost entirely for over five years, and found superior to any other for mounting stamps, either in collections or in books to sell from. They consist of small slips of paper, the upper half gummed on one side, and the lower half on the other, and should be pasted on the centre of the place where the stamp is to go. Stamps fastened in this manner can be easily transferred or examined, or changed for better ones. Those who have time can make their own; none but the purest gum and the finest foreign letter paper should be used. We will send half a packet or 500 for 25cents, or samples on receipt of stamp.

We have just received from Europe a splendid assortment of illuminated Crests, which come in sheets of 12 at 15c. per sheet, or the set of 25 all different, containing 3 sheets of Colleges, 4 of Ships, 1 Bishops, 2 Dukes, 4 Earls, 3 Lords 1 Artillery, 2 Regiments, 1 Traders, 2 Marquises, accounts, in all 300 crests for \$3 00.

We have obtained a few used copies of the new Guatemala stamps, legend in oval, "Correos de Guatemala", arms on shield with sun and rays above, value below, 10 centavos blue, 20 rose; also the new stamps of the Sandwich Islands, head of Kammehameha IV, similar in appearance to our three cent stamp, value "Eono Keneta" or 6 cents green.

We have Dr. Gray's Illustrated catalogue of postage stamps, fifth edition, the best guide to collectors ever published, full of engravings board covers post paid for 75c.

To those croakers who think that the stamp trade is dying out, we would state that the fever in this city never was greater than it is this spring.

LIST OF COINS FOR APRIL.

Geo. III. Indian silver medal 1757	\$5 00
Franklin gift " 1790	2 00
Louis XIV & XVI crowns fine	2 00
Ferdinand VII siege dollar octagon 1868	5 00
Japanese itzabue silver	1 00
" " (in copper) rare	2 00
" ¼ " silver	50
" oblong brass coin	25
Washington 1790 Manly medal original fine	5 00
" Wright & Bale's card no rev.	2 00
" North Wales ¼d.	4 00
1894 half eagle fine	7 00
1856 nickel uncirculated	1 50
1793 Liberty cap good	10 00
Rosa Americana 1d. crowned rose fine	10 00
" " ½ "	5 00
" Ameri. farthing good	4 00
Franklin press ¼ penny fine	1 50

NOTICES OF COIN SALES.

At the Packer sale of coins March 3d. 1871 the following comprise the principal bids:

American dollars: 1794 faint \$24; 1851-52 proofs each \$30; Half dollars: 1794 ordinary \$5; 1796 rubbed \$15; 1797 do. \$14; Dimes: 1797 13; stars \$7 50; 1797 16 stars \$5; 1800 \$5 50; Half dimes: 1794 very fine \$3 50; 1797 16 stars \$5 25; Proof sets: 1854-55-56 each \$21; 1857 \$15; 1858 \$13 50; 1838 proof dollar \$24; 1839 do \$23; 1869 set of pattern silver \$15.

English silver: Richard III groat fine \$4; Edward VI. crown fine \$7; Elizabeth do. \$8 50; do. 1/2 crown \$5; Charles I. pound piece, good \$31; do. 1/2 pound piece fair \$7; do. 1/4 pound, variety fine \$15; Siege pieces about \$1 50 each; Commonwealth crown, fine \$13; Cromwell do. \$22; do. 1/2 crown \$9; do. shilling \$7; crowns in fine condition of James II., William & Mary, Anne, George I. II. III. IV. about \$1 each; William IV. proof do. \$33; Victoria, proof set of 1847 \$15; Scotch dollar of queen Mary \$10.

English gold: Edward III. noble \$3 50; IV. do. \$9 50; James I. pound \$7; Charles I. do. \$10 50; Commonwealth do. \$13; Wm. & Mary set of 5 & 2 pounds, guinea & 1/2 do. \$77 50; George II. double guinea \$16.

French silver: Louis XIII. crown \$7; Louis XIV. do. \$4; Louis XV. do. fine \$7 50; Bonaparte as consul, 5 francs \$7; as emperor do. \$18 12 \$6; 1813 \$8; 1815 \$7 50; Louis XVIII. do. \$7; Louis Napoleon do. \$5 50.

U. S. Gold: Eagles; 1795 very fine \$19 50; 1795 do. small eagle \$22; 1797 large eagle \$18; others about \$12; Half eagles: 1795 \$7 50; 1796 small eagle \$9; 1797 small eagle \$23; large eagle \$14; others about \$7; Quarter eagle: 1796 no stars \$10 50; do. with stars \$9; from 1802 to 1829 averaged \$6; from 1830 to 1834 \$3 50.

The foreign silver coins and medals averaged about double face value, some of them selling for less than value. The gold averaged about 50 per cent premium.

Washington pieces: 1793 cent \$35; bought upon order by Mr. Mason, who said he had a telegram to go as high as \$150; 1797 masonic medal poor, \$23; 1792 Half dollar fair \$40; Declaration medal 1776 \$17; Eccleston do. \$8; Voltaire do. \$17; Colonial &c. N. E. shilling \$21; 6 pence \$40; Pine tree shilling 1650 \$50; those of 1652 from \$3; to \$8; six pence \$5 50; Lord Baltimore shilling \$17 50; six pence \$19; great \$8 50; Standish Barry three pence poor \$12 50; 1694 Carolina Elephant \$23 50; Annapolis six pence \$16; Rosa Americana from \$1; to \$5; New Jersey cent of 1787, large nob on plough, uncirculated \$6; medal of Wm. Penn 1681 \$25.

Greek silver: Tetradrachms; fine ones of Alexander averaged \$7; Alexander Ballas \$16; Antiochus III. \$6 50; do. IV. \$15 50; do. \$10, \$7; do. V. \$8; do. VII. \$9; do. VIII. \$10; do. \$6 50; do. XIV. \$13; Arsaces \$5; Agathocles \$7; Demetrius \$10 50; do. \$5; do. \$10; Ptolemy Soter \$13 50; Phileterus \$11; Philip II. \$6; Aegina, early with punch mark \$18; fine ones of Athens averaged \$5; Acanthus \$5 50; Macedonia \$10 50; Rhodes \$10 50; Samos \$11; Side \$10; Tanagra \$11; others from \$4 to \$7; Didra-

chms: Caulonia \$9; Thurim \$10 50; others from \$2; to \$5; Drachms: Argos \$6; others from \$1; to \$3 50; a double stater of electrum or 3-5 gold of Panormus \$11; Greek copper coins brought from 25c. to \$4; 16 old Asamese rupees with translations \$2 each; Roman aes, weight 9 oz. \$10; Julius Caesar denarius fine \$5 25; Tiberius do. \$4; Roman gold coins averaged \$8; silver denarii averaged 60c.

U. S. Cents: 1793 fine \$18; 1795 uncirculated \$30; 1796 fillet do. \$26; 1797 do. \$12; 1799 worn \$9; 1803 uncirculated \$18; 1804 fine \$21; 1808 very fine \$34; 1809 do. \$25; 1810 do. \$5; 1814 do. \$5; 1821 do. \$11; 1824 do. \$7; 1825 do. \$13; Half cents; 1793 fine \$15; 1795 do. thick die \$20; 1831 proof \$10 75; 1836 proof \$19; 1841 do. \$9 50; 1848 do. \$10 50; 1853 \$7.

The total proceeds were \$5380.

The collection of coins to be sold by Bangs Merwin & Co. Apr. 3d. 4th. & 5th. contains a fine lot of ancient Roman and British coins as well as Foreign silver and medals.

A small lot of dealers refuse stock from Philadelphia will be sold by Bangs Merwin & Co., April 8th., and probably another sale of the same quarter during the month.

We give nearly a complete list of coin catalogues this No., which collectors will find a useful guide, and will occupy about five columns.

We would give a list of newly issue stamps this month, but they are nearly all humbugs, and we wait till next month hoping to have some government issues to mix with them.

A few months ago we understand \$3 000 000. in Confederate bills were sold for about \$80. at auction in South Carolina. We have lately obtained part of them, which we offer all in good condition at the following low rates:

\$ 500.	engraved by Keatinge & Ball	1864	\$ 50
100.	centre piece laborers	1862	25
100.	" train of cars	"	15
100.	" female head	1834	15
50.	" head of Davis	"	10
20.	" capitol	"	10
10.	" artillery	"	05
5.	" state house	"	05
2.	" female warriors	1862	15
2.	" large figure 2	1864	20
1.	" steamer	1862	15
1.	" value in green letters	"	25
1.	" head of Fitz Hugh Lee	1864	15
50c.	" " Davis	"	10

We shall be glad to buy or exchange for any of which we have not a supply, also for all the fractional currency both Northern and Southern.

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PRIMITIV STAMP KOLEKTI.N.

It iz nou óvur aurti yírz síns Sur Rouland Hil introdúst æ peni póst sistem intu Ingland, and ai invençun ov prþpéiñ leturz wiá stamps. Furst kém æ printed envelops wiá Britania skaturiq leturz óvur æ world, and in 1840 ai ordineri wun peni stamp ov Grét Britun printed in blak, hwic egzempl woz sun folód bai ól sivilaizd néçunz.

For meni yírz afz representativz ov valyu past bai olmóst unnótist, a fû pursunz óali séviñ ai envelops, or pést-iñ a fû samplz intu óld skrap buks. About twelv yírz agó komenst æ ménia for stamp kolektiñ, hwic interestiñ pursút spred amuñ ól klasez ov pípl wiá astoniqñ rapiditi, óld failz ov leturz wur egzaminð, and ól pursunz haviñ korespondens in foren landz wur bisíjd wiá aplikéçunz for hwot had hiaurtú bin konsidurd wurales.

For nrli a yír nó standard ov valyuéçun woz plést on æm, kolekturnz ekscénjd dúplikets wiá íc uaur, for raritiz giviñ severul, aóz hú had æ lárjest kolekçunz (and in aóz déz tú hundred woz konsidurd a grét number), jenerali got æ best ov a bårgen. Æ póst ofis in ais siti, æ Búlevards ov Paris, and publik plésez ov rizort in uaur sitiz ov Yúrup wur krouded wiá eksaited kolekturnz, íc wiá a skrap buk and a stór ov dúplikets. Evuri freç stamp icyud, or núli diskuvurd varaiiti méð æ pozetur æ híró ov æ dé. Sun qoz hu had les fasililitiz for obténiñ stamps ofurd muni for hwot æ wanted and ai fra ov spekyuléçun bigan, auz ópniñ a wé for stamp dífurz. Aóz hu had konfidens in æ biznez rapidli akúmúléted forcúnz; amuñ æ furst Yúropfanz ov nó wur Yun & Stokól ov Livurpúl; Staford Smia & Smia ov Ban; J. B. Møenz ov Bruselz; Píer

Máhi, A. Møri and Madam Nikolé ov Paris; in ais kuntri Jon Béli ov ais siti, and J. A. Nutur ov Montriól.

In ais siti about elevn yírz agó æ stail woz tu hav æ stamps takt on a bórd, hwic wud hardli sít æ mór fastidius kolekturnz ov æ present æé. Dér woz æen but litl regyulariti ov prais, hardli eni stamp brót óvur 25 sents. Amuñ æ raritiz wur konsidurd æ 90 sent stamp ov 1851; æ 20 sent. Frenc Ripublik; æ 17 Kanada and æ 2 1-2 Nú Granada. Our ón tréd komenst about ten yírz agó bai seliñ stamps from a buk in æ P. O. bildiñ; wí rekolekt purçasiñ wun ov æ latur for our ón kolekçun for .25 and rifúsiñ a kepl mór at æ sém prais. Sendiñ tu foren kuntriz for stamps or ekscénjiñ wiá Yúropían dífurz had not bin aót ov, æ suplai dipendiñ entairli upon klurks in foren impórtiñ houzez.

About 9 yírz agó aóz a grét dimand for our lokal stamps tu send tu Yúrup, sum ov æm seliñ for tú or ari dolarz, az muc az for eni foren stamp, and æ kounterfítiñ biznez komenst. In ais kuntri it woz konfaind tu afz, but in Yúrup ól kainds wur ríprodúst; wí bikém só suspíçus aftur æ furst impórtéçun ov Swis forjuriz az tu rifúz a komplít set ov Spén from 1850 tu 1862 ól unyúzd, inklúdiñ Lúzon and Kúba for twenti dolarz.

For several yírz æ biznez woz Konsidurd a prikérius wun, at wun taim nrli ól kolekçunz wur sóld and dífurz jeneruli turnd ær atençun tu uaur klasez ov tréd, hwaíl nou wí nó ov nó séfur investment. Aftur Mr. Béli and ourselvz apírd æ némz ov Mesrz. Brenun, Bòur, Skot and Sampsun ov ais siti, Klain, Mésun & Durbin ov Filadelfia, Télur & Trífet ov Bostun, and Krég of San Fransiskó.

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALES.

The collection of coins sold by Bangs Apr. 3d. 4th. and 5th. 1870, realized about \$2577. The most noticeable lots were. Coin of Panormus electrum \$6 75; Silver Greek coins: Metapontum incused \$4 50 Alexander \$5; Antiochus I. \$5 50; Macedon \$5 50 Tarentium \$5; Jewish coins: Agrippa \$2 50; Judea \$2 75; do. \$2 50; Herod \$3; Roman gold coins about \$7 50 each. Roman silver averaged 25c., one of Nero and Agrippina \$7; Otho \$2 75, Tiberius \$4; Julius Caesar \$3 75, Marc Antony and Octavius \$3; Roman copper coins: Balbinus \$2; Drusus sr. \$3 50; Pertinax \$4; Papienus \$2 12; Plotina \$3; Poppeia Sabina \$2 12; Tiberius \$2 75; Roman as, large \$2, Augusta and Agrippina \$3 25; Pompey magnus \$3. English silver medals: London Art Union \$4 50; Charles I. \$3 50; Cromwell 7 25; do. \$5; Peninsula \$8; James III. \$4 50.

The early British coins sold quite low, Gold: Henry VI. angel \$5; Edward IV do. \$9; Henry VIII. £ ½ \$9; Angel \$8; Elizabeth £ ½ \$10 50; Chas. I. £ 1 \$7; Tower do. \$11 50; Briats ½ do. \$8; William III. £ 5 \$30 50; Anne £ 2 \$21; George II. £ 5 \$27; do. £ 2 \$11 25; Geo. III. guinea \$6 25; do. ten thalers \$9; do. £ 5 \$30; do. £ 2 \$11 50; Scotch gold: Robert III. St Andrew \$6 50; James I. lion \$4 25; James III. ½ unicorn \$3 50; Mary ryal \$17; ½ do. \$12; lion \$9 50; ½ do. \$8 13; James VI. noble \$13; do. rider \$10; do. \$5; Half sword and scepter piece \$3 25; William III. Darien pistol \$11; James VIII. pattern guinea \$10 50; English silver: Scattis \$3 50. 2 specimens of ring money each \$2, pennies of Edward I. Ethelred, Canute, Edward the Confessor, Harold II. William the Conqueror and Stephen averaged \$2; Edward VI. crown \$7 50; ½ do. \$5; Mary great \$3 28; Newark siege pieces \$2 25 ea; Ormond crown \$3 50; Cromwell do. \$12; ½ do. \$8; James II. crown \$3 50; William IV. crown \$33; Scotch silver. William the lion penny \$3 63; Alex. III. do. \$2 25; Robert Bruce ½ do. \$2 25; Mary penny \$6; testoon 1558 \$4; do. 1562 \$12 50; Francis and Mary testoon \$5 50; Mary and Henry Darneley do. \$7; James VIII. pattern crown \$13.

Miscellaneous coins, Gold: Persian mohur \$8; ½ do. \$4 50; Chinese with square hole \$7 13; Augsburg confession Jubilee medal 1630 \$24; U. S. eagle 1797 very fine \$17; silver: 2 scarce rupees each \$3; Burmese coin \$3; India dollar rude \$3; Mexican dollar 1834 \$5 50.

Canadian coins, Silver: Beaver club medal, 1785 \$33; Bronze: Shakepe Mc Gill medal 1864 \$9; Victoria bridge do. \$3 50; Copper tokens: Leslie and sons two pence \$5 50; Side view of Bank of Montreal penny \$25; do. ½ do. \$8; Bank token "½ penny" of the "Union" series \$11; "Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Success," with ship \$6.

The Collection of Emil Cauffman Esq. of Philada. will be sold by Farge Merwin & Co. May 3d. and 4th. and contains a very good collection of American pieces.

The curiosities, continental money and coins sold by Bangs, Apr. 8th. brought about \$185.



LIST OF NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

- DECCAN. "Post stamp" in curve at top. Persian characters in centre. value below, ½ anna brown on thin toned paper.
- FINLAND. Helsingfors local, upper half red, lower half green, 10 penni.
- FRANCE. "Carte de Correspondance" at top, 2 varieties, also a military stamp for Switzerland. Rectangular adhesive "Cie Generale des commissionaires Facteurs Parisiens, "Timbre" above, "Paquet" below, value in centre 5c. yellow on white, 1 franc carmine on white.
- FIJI ISLANDS. The English magazines give a description of the following. Oblong rect. "Fiji Times Express 1 penny". Black on thin rose tinted paper, rouletted.
- GREAT BRITAIN. The ½d. wrapper is of 3 sizes, with flowers in place of date.
- GUATEMALA. "Correos de Guatemala" at top, arms on shield with sun and rays below, 1 centavo lemon, 5 brown, 10 blue, 20 rose.
- PORTUGAL. New issue, 5 reis green.
- ROUMANIA. Similar to engraving in last No. 5 bani vermilion, 10 yellow, 25 brown. "Diare Periodice" 1½ bani blue on yellow.
- RUSSIA. Local for Longa. Oval embossed shield, inscription in white on blue ground 5 kopeks
- SARAWAK. The Philatelist notes a new stamp color and paper same as before but with the head of the present rajah to the left.
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA. 4d. violet surcharged 3d. in black.
- SPAIN. The 25 mills is of a much deeper mauve. No new issue for 1871 has appeared.
- SANDWICH IS. Portrait of princess, 1 cent violet; portrait of king 6 green, portrait of Kekuanua 18 pink.
- ST. DOMINGO. ½-UN real, salmon, pelure paper.
- TURKEY. A series of stamps of "T. B. Morton & Co." have appeared but of doubtful character.

U. S. Head of Stanton, 7 cents vermilion. Envelopes: small letter size, 1 cent on white and lemon paper; 2 orange on orange; extra large letter size 2 on orange, 3 on lemon & white, note size 3 on white. Official size, 12, 24, 30, on flesh colored paper.

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LIST OF COIN CATALOGUES.

The following order is observed: 1 No. of days sale, 2 day it commenced, 3 owners name, 4 location, 5 auctioneers name or initials, 6 price of clean catalogues, 7 priced.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1862						
2	Feb. 10	Paul E Fleury	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1½	
2	Mar. 19	A H Satterlee	" "	1.	1.	
2	"	25 J K Wiggin	Phila. W C Cook	1.	1½	
"	"	"	" large paper	2.		
1	"	26 A S Robinson	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.	
2	Apr. 17	Geo. B Davis	" "	1.	1½	
2	"	22	" "	2.		
1	"	23	addenda	2.		
2	May 8	A H Satterlee	" "	1.	1½	
1	"	14 A S Robinson	Boston Leonard	1.		
3	"	26 W A Lillendahl	N Y. B M & Co.	1.		
1	July 30	Henry Cook	Boston D F Mc G.	1.	1½	
1	Aug. 7	A H Satterlee	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.	
1	Sept. 22	"	"	1.	1.	
4	Nov. 11	W E Woodward	" "	2.	3.	
"	"	"	large paper	3.		
"	"	28 Young	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.	
1	Dec. 16	A H Satterlee	" "	1.	1.	
1863.						
1	Jan. 18	Washington, Mc Guire				
4	"	19 B Haines	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	2.	
1	"	26 Hill	Washington, Mc Guire			
2	"	29 Bridgens	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.	
1	Feb. 4	"	"	1.	1.	
"	"	addenda	"	1.	1.	
1	Mar. 9	A S Hunter	Wash'n. Wall & Co.	2.		
1	"	9	N Y. B M & Co.			
"	"	18 Cincinnati	Hubbard			
3	"	24 H A Smith	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1½	
1	"	27 Woodward	Providence Sheldon			
2	Apr. 7	Cogan	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.	
"	"	addenda	"			
1	"	10	Phila. Thomas			
4	"	28 Woodward	N Y. B M & Co.	1½	2.	
"	"	"	large paper			
"	"	addenda	"			
1	May 1	A S Robinson	N Y. B M & Co.			
1	"	12	"			
3	June 9	Hon. H A Muhlenberg	"	1.	1½	
"	"	addenda	"	1.	1½	
"	"	A J Harrison	"	1.	1½	
"	"	Betts	"	1.	1.	
1	"	18 J M Jewell	"	1.	1.	
"	"	"	"	1.	1.	
1	"	23	"	2.		
1	"	24	Boston Leonard	2.		
1	Sept. 8	"	N Y. Leeds.	1.		
3	"	15 J P Levitts	" B M & Co.	1½	2.	
2	"	22 Geo. F Seavey	"	1.	1½	
"	"	"	large paper			
1	Oct. 7	Jackson	"	1.	1.	
"	"	addenda	"			
1	Oct. 9	Phila. Thomas & Son				
5	"	20 Woodward	N Y. B M & Co.	2.		
"	"	"	large paper			
2	"	Colburn Col	"			
"	"	"	large paper			
1	"	addenda	"	1.		
1	"	31	" Leeds			
1	Nov. 3	Mary Ann Bacon	Phila. Thomas			
1	"	7	N Y. Leeds			
3	"	10	Phila. Thomas & S n			
1	"	21	N Y. Leeds	1½	2.	
1	"	24 H Cook	Boston Leonard	1½	2.	
"	"	25	N Y. Leeds.			
"	"	"	C Junzhauns Cincinnati	Hubbard		
1	Dec. 5	"	N Y. Leeds			
3	"	15 W A Lillendahl	" B M & Co.	1½	2.	
1	"	23 Woodward	Providence Sheldon	2.		
2	"	24	N Y. Leeds	1.	1.	
1	"	"	"	1.	1.	
2	"	28	" B M & Co.	1.	1½	
"	"	"	large paper			
1864.						
1	Jan. 3	Geo. M Blake	letter bid's Salem	1½		
1	"	5	Boston Leonard	1½		
1	"	6	"	2.		
3	"	12 J W P Neff	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1½	
4	"	13 Thos. Reilly	" A J Bleecker	1.	1½	
1	"	16	addenda	2.		
1	"	20	" J E Cooley	1.		
1	Feb. 24	"	Chicago W A Butters			
1	Mar. 15	Sanitary Fair	Cin. S. G Hubbard	2.		
1	"	17	Phila Thomas & Son			
1	"	30	"			
1	"	"	Woodward Prov. F J Sheldon	1.		
Apr. 4	Sanitary Fair	N Y.		1.		
"	"	19 H Cook	Boston Mc Gilvray	1.	1½	
May 2	John Allan	N Y B M & Co.		6.		
"	"	"	large paper			
"	"	addenda	"	2.		
"	"	12	Boston Leonard	1.		
5	"	17 Mc Coy	col. N Y. Cooley	3.		
"	"	"	large paper			
"	"	addenda 1	"	2.		
"	"	Betts	" 2	2.		
"	"	21 Metropolitan Fair	Cooley			
1	June 3	"	N Y. Leeds			
2	"	21 Geo. F Seavey	" B M & Co.	1.	1½	
2	"	29 Cogan	"	1.		
"	"	addenda	"	1.		
1	July 13	"	Boston G W Beckford	2.		
1	"	27 Geo. Williams	"	2.		
1	Sept. 21	Stevens	Boston Beckford	2.		
Oct. 5	H Cook	"	Mc Gilvray	1.		
"	"	9	Phila Thomas & Son			
5	"	18 Woodward	N Y. Cooley	3.		
"	"	"	large paper			
1	Nov. 16	"	Boston Leonard	1.	1½	
1	"	addenda	"	1.	1½	
1	Dec. 14	"	Beckford	1.	1½	
1	"	supplement	"	1.	1½	
1	"	16-21 Attinelli	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1½	
3	"	19 W C Prime	"	1.	1½	
"	"	addenda	"	1½		
1865.						
1	Jan. 10	E M Thomas	Wash'n. Mc Guire			
1	Mar. 6	Chicago Gilbert & Sampson				
5	"	13 Dr. J R C Chilton	N Y. B M & Co.	1½	3.	
"	"	addenda No 1	"	1.	1½	
"	"	"	" 2	1.	1½	
6	"	20 Woodward	N Y. Cooley	3.		
"	"	"	large paper			
1	"	25 Goetoem Strong	N Y. Cooley	2.		
"	"	24	Phila. Thomas			
Apr. 18	Fowler	Brooklyn. Hegeman		1.		
3	May 29	J N T Levick	N Y. B M & Co.	1½		
"	"	"	large paper			
"	"	supplement	"	1.		
"	"	large paper	"			



The above illustrations represent two stamps now but little known to collectors. The one at the right is one of a series issued by the various fairs got up for the relief of wounded soldiers during the rebellion which comprise the following:

ALBANY. Bazaar P. O. eagle large size, 10c. red, 10 blue; small size, 10 red 10 blue.

BOSTON. National sailors fair, sailor 10c. green.

BROOKLYN. Sanitary fair (10 cents) eagle green.

PHILADELPHIA. Central fair, eagle 10 c. green, 20 blue, 30 black.

SPRINGFIELD. Soldiers fair, soldiers, 10c. lilac.

There are also two varieties of the Young ladies of Brooklyn 5 and 10 cents, and the Stamford soldiers fair 15 cents, also one from Indiana which are doubtful.

The Fair post offices were carried on by a parcel of girls who stuffed envelopes with poetical effusions and other nonsense, which were duly superscribed (behind the scenes) with the address of the applicant and a stamp affixed, the value representing the cost of the letter. The Brooklyn stamps were only in use about a week in Sept. 1864, and were printed in sheets of fifty. After diligent enquiry we have succeeded in obtaining 32 specimens, but the existence of the plate is very doubtful.

The illustration at the left is from a stamp we obtained in an old collection made up by a prominent lawyer of New Haven about eight years ago, which was stolen from him within a year and sold to us. The book containing his address we applied to him for information about the New Haven stamp, which is a rather indistinct impression printed in red, with the signature of the P. M. in purple ink. The collection also contained one of the Brooklyn fair stamps, a genuine Mobile, and about two hundred other old issues.

The owner was quite surprised at our letter as he had not seen the collection for several years and supposed it lay in some old chest, but upon our returning it, presented us with the stamp in question. After diligent enquiry we find that this stamp was issued by Mr. E. A. Mitchell who was postmaster of the city of New Haven from 1844 to 1850. When he took the office the rates of postage were 6, 10, 12½ and 25 cents for single letters according to distance, no prepayment being required. The rates were afterwards reduced to 10 and 5 cents, according to distance, and subsequently to 5 cents uniform for all distances, the weight not exceeding one quarter ounce and prepayment required.

At this period envelopes began to come in use, and as prepayment of postage could only be made at the office during business hours, Mr. Mitchell took the responsibility of issuing en-

velopes stamped as above with his signature on each and selling them at the cost of envelopes and postage as an accommodation; some of the post offices refused to recognize them and reported the facts to the department. As however the stamps could only be used at the New Haven office and were sent as prepaid matter, properly entered on the New Haven post bill, there could be no loss to the government, and the department taking a liberal view of the subject, authorized their continuance. They were intended merely as an accommodation to the citizens, and in the absence of any government stamps they were much appreciated. There is no doubt that the adoption of stamps by our government was much hastened by the issue of these prepaid envelopes, and it can truly be said that they were the first stamps issued by the United States.

Mr. Mitchell is still in possession of the original plate, and has kindly furnished us with re-impressions printed in blue ink on thicker paper, endorsed "copy" but we hardly think another original envelope stamp can be found. If so we will pay the finder a good price for it.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Now in the collection of D. M. Collins No. 33 Clarkson st. N. Y. City.

Cambridge 27th. March 1876.

My Lord

I crave your refferance to my last to you of the 24 instant, since which I am honored with your lordships favor of the 20th; it gives me much pleasure to find that you are making such good preparations for the reception of the enemy, who have this day entirely quitted this harbour; a Brigade under Genl. Sullivan will set off on the morrow to your assistance, I will not be long after with the main body of the army. I observe that Brigadier Genl. Thompson has arrived, he is a gentleman of liberal sentiments who I dare say your lordship will be happy with. I have not the least doubt but you will give him every assistance in your power. I have the honor to be with great regard, my lord

Your lordsh'ps most h. st.

Geo. Washington.

Lord Stirling.

P. S. Genl. Putnam will set out to morrow or next day, if Genl. Schuyler is not with you, he will take the command of the troops.

There was a small sale of coins at Leavitts April 21st. which brought about \$ 150.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

Our city business which has heretofore been conducted at No. 28 John st. will be continued from May 1st. at No. 38 Nassau st. first floor, which we consider a more desirable locality being within a block of the Post Office which is now the business centre of the city. We intend to keep a supply of all kinds of curiosities, and make it a favorite resort for Postage stamp and Coin collectors and Antiquarians generally. Our P. O. address will be the same. Box 4614, N. Y. City.

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NU YORK, JU'N, 1871.

NO. 10.

OUR KUNTRI KOTEMPORERIZ.

Az a jeneral rú! òl lfdiņ jurnalz emanét from lárj biznez senturz hwèr ai inturests ov tréd briņ togeaur nûz from òl kworturz ov æ wurl'd. In our kuntri, Nû York, Boston, Filadelfia, Wocinqton, Çikôgô, and San Fransisko wud sîm tu bî æ móst propur plésez for a jurnal on eni nû subjekt, and in Yûrup, Livurpûl, Lundun, Paris, Vaiena and sîm sentral points, hwail æ smò'ar toumz ár mór sûtabl for lókal nûz, and kan hárdli ekspekt tu kompft wiæ ær mór févurd néburz.

Wí faind houevur aat æ stamp ffrur ékstends yúniversalí and ofn ai eksaitment bréks out in sum skúl or vilej tu só grét an ekstent az tu surpas siti kolekturz for a taim. Enterpraisiņ boiz çó ær talents bai suplaiņ kolekturz at a gud profit hwic iz jenerali invest-ed in a gud kolekçun, and ofn ær spèr taim is yúz'd in advertaiziņ in sum boiz jurnal and içvuiņ a prais list inklúdiņ pakets and rikwairiņ a stok ov stamps ov æ valvu ov from \$10 tu \$100; hwen æ latur iz æ kês ai içvu ov a mungli jurnal iz kontempléted az æ rediest mfnz ov advertaiziņ ær stok, hwic an-surz veri wel for a fû numburz until its novelti iz óvur, aftur hwic it absorbs a lárj amount ov kapital and seldum wiæ korespondiņ riturnz.

Wí hav hurd a grét meni pártiz létli tðkiņ ov startiņ a jurnal. Our ón eks-priens wil perhaps giv æm sum aidfa ov ær rikwairments. We hav our ón taip and fikseurz, and du òl but æ printiņ; æ formur kost us about \$150, and nou ai ekspensez ár about \$25 pur muna. Wiæ a péd list ov 300 sub-skraiburz wí lúz about \$200 pur yfr bisaidz æ trubl ov korektiņ prófs, raitiņ ártiklz ets. Az an advurtaizer it péz us

but in itself æ pépur kan not bi kount-ed a sukses. Our sistem ov prîpéiņ póstej kosts a gud dfl hwic iz jenerali sévd. Sum jurnalists hav taim tu set up ær ón pépur, and in sum késez dá ær ón printiņ hwic ov kórs matfriali ridúsez ai ekspens.

Wí hav nou tú kuntri jurnalz divóted tu stamps and koinz about æ saiz ov our ón, and boæ 25 sents pur yfr. Wun iz æ Stamp kolekturz Gaid stárted last Dfsembur bai ai Amerikan stamp kum-páni ov Meriden Konetikut, konténiņ a mungli list ov stamps and sum veri rfdabl oriĵinal ártiklz; wí dú not egzak-li agrí wiæ ær sentimentr, az wí advókét varafitiz ov kulur ets, for hwic æs giv us æ flaturiņ taitl ov óld fôgi. If wí ár ær ár plenti ov æm amuņ Nû York kolekturz, and wí griņ a winturz trip tu æ sfti wud benefit our rustik frend.

Our uaur kótemporeri iz ai Amerikan koin and stamp Rivú, publiçt bai De Kís'ón stamp asósiéçun ov Alentoun, Pa. Ær furst numbur for Mé iz móstli méd up ov ártiklz and aitemz from uaur pépurz, amuņ æm wí nótiis a transléçun ov our ártikl on E'ncunt or modurn koinz hwic luks veri wel wiæ ai eksepçun ov ær mistékiņ our Grfk inskripiçun for Saidun tu rfd Sodum, hwic woz burnd loņ bifór koinej woz bigun. Æé giv a prais list ov koinz hwic iz raçur an af opnur tu Nû York-urz. Furst kumz æ Fúçtwangur sent ov 1837 for \$8, hwic selz hír at from 10 tu 25 sents; nekst kums a Masacúsets sent fêr for \$6. Ær stamp list ol-áo a çort wun iz çwait moderet.

Wi wiç our frendz a gud sirkúléçun ov ær rispektiv jurnalz, and çal bî glad tu welkum eni uaurz hú mé foló ær egzampl.

LIST OF STAMPS FOR JUNE.

	new.	used.
Arg. Repub. 1867 5 cent. red	\$	\$ 10
Antioquia 10-20 cen avos		10
Bavaria return letter stamp 4 varieties	10	
Canada Envelope 5c. red		15
Ceylon " 2 ponce green	10	
" " set of 10 uncut	5	60
Chili 1867 5-10 centavos		05
Confed. States 1861 Davis 5c green		20
" " " 1c blue		25
" " 1862 Jackson 2 green	1	50
" " Madison 10 red	1	50
" " " 10 blue		35
" " 1863 small size 5 blue	01	05
" " " 1 yellow		40
" " (10 cents) blue	01	05
" " 20 green	03	10
" " 2 red		10
" " (TEN CENTS) blue	4	00
Corrientes 1864 (3 centavos) yellow	1	25
Dutch Indies 1870 50 cent red		08
Egypt 1865 1-2 piastres		15
" " 1867 pyramids 5 paras yellow	03	03
" " " 10 lilac	08	08
" " " 20 green	12	08
" " " 1 piastre red	20	05
" " " 2 blue	40	15
" " " 5 brown	65	30
France Republic 1870 set of 8	1	25
Great Britain 1/2 d. wrapper 2 sorts		02
Guatemala 1 centavo yellow		06
Liberia set of 3		1 00
Luzon 1864 12 1/2 blue		18
" " 25 rose		35
Mecklenburg Sch. 4-4ths, 2-3 sch.		03
Mexico, Maximilian 25c. engraved	1	00
" " Gu dalajara 1-2 reales	4	00
Modena eagle 15 cent yellow		03
New Granada 1871 5 yellow		15
" " 1870 2 1/2 triangular		12
Oldenburg 1836 set of 5		25
Parma 1854 6 centesimi rose		15
Rumania 1866 2-5-10 paras		10
Russia 1869 Envelope 10 brown		10
" " 1870 local for Yver red		20
" " " Longa blue		20
Servia 1869 20 paras blue		10
St. Domingo 1863 1/2-1 real		20
Spanish West Indie 1867 5c. lilac		10
" " 1871 set of 4		1 25
" " 25c. de peseta blue		08
" " 1855 2 reales carmine		35
Uruguay 1864 06 red		18
United States Envelopes cut square		
1861 24c. in two colors		35
1864 6 pink on buff & white		10
" " 3 brown		05
1865 2 black, 3 colors		03
1870 1 blue on white & buff		03
" " 2 brown on buff & orange		03
" " 3 green 3 colors		03
" " 6 red on white & buff		12
" " 12 purple		15
" " 24 "		30
" " 30 black "		40
1871 adhesive 90 cents rose		05



THE CONFEDERATE LOCALS.

These stamps which were used by the Postmasters at the south in 1861 are now among the most eagerly sought and highly prized of any stamps. There are really many more of them than is generally supposed. We have only had descriptions of about 25, while a full list of all the varieties would exceed 100. The following partial list includes a few not generally known;

- ATHENS GA. 5c. purple.
- BATON ROUGE LA. 5 red.
- CHARLESTON S. C. 5 blue on white.
- " ENV. 5 " yellow.
- " " 5 " blue.
- COLUMBIA S. C. 5 blue.
- FREDERICKSBURG VA. 5 blue, 10 red.
- GREENVILLE ALA. 5 blue.
- KNOXVILLE TENN. 5 red.
- " ENV. 5 buff.
- LIVINGSTON ALA. 5 blue.
- MACON GA. 5 green.
- MEMPHIS TENN. 5 red 2 blue.
- " ENV. 5 red on yellow.
- MOBILE ALA. 5 blue, 2 black.
- NASHVILLE TENN. 3 red; 5 red, 5 drab, 10 green.
- NEW ORLEANS, 2 blue, 2 red, 5 brown, 5 brown, on blue, 5 red.
- PETERSBURG VA. 5 red.
- PLEASANT SHADE VA. 5 blue.
- RHEATOWN VA. 5 red.
- R. H. GLASS P. M. 5 blue.

We have also several variations in the types color and paper of the above, of which a few collectors make distinction.

A gentleman who has a fine collection informs us that shortly after the fall of Charleston he obtained from boys whom he induced to hunt them up, over a peck, not of the Confederate stamps which were thought nothing of, but of the locals, which he gave away to friends and officers in the army.

Many of these stamps are now on old letters throughout the South, and it will be worth while for those who have the facility to hunt them up, for many of them sell for \$10 apiece and upwards. We have bought quite a number at from \$5 to \$10 and shall be glad to get more of them as long as the demand continues. They are worth at least a dollar more, when preserved on the original envelopes.

We applied to the Internal Revenue Department for some of the match and proprietary stamps now out of use and were informed that they are authorized by law to issue stamps from private dies only to the owners to be used upon their own proprietary articles.

LIST OF COIN CATALOGUES.

The following order is observed: 1 No. of days sale, 2 day it commences, 3 owners name, 4 location, 5 auctioneers name or initials, 6 price of clear catalogues, 7 priced.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1864.						
1	June 29	Cogan	N Y. B M & Co.	1.		
	" "	"	" large paper			
1865.						
1	Jan. 10	Ed. M Thomas	Wash'n McGuire			
1	Mar. 6		Chicago Gilbert & Sampson			
5	" 13	Dr. Chilton	N Y. B M & Co.	1. 3.		
	" "	"	addenda No. 1.	1.		
	" "	"	" 2.	1.		
	" 20	W E Woodward	N Y. J E Cooley			
	" "	"	" large paper			
	" 24	Gointoem	Strong			
1	" 24		Phila Thomas			
1	Apr. 18		Brooklyn Hegeman	1.		
3	May. 29	J N T Levick	N Y. B M & Co.	1. 2.		
	" "	"	" large paper			
	" "	"	" supplement			
1	" 30	N W Sanitary Fair	Chicago			
1	June 29	E Cogan	N Y. B M & Co.	1. 1.		
	" "	"	" large paper			
1	" "	S H Chadbourne	Prov. Sheldon			
1	July 12		Boston Mc Givray	1.		
5	Oct. 16	Dr. F S Edwards	N Y. B M & Co.	2.		
	" "	"	" addenda 2.			
2	" 24	Mr Dawley	" "	1. 1½		
1	" 26	Dr Abrahams	Boston S Hatch	1. 1½		
	Nov. 13	Benj. Haines	" J E Cooley	1. 1½		
	" "	"	" addenda 1.			
1	Dec. 18		" B M & Co.			
4	" 19	W E Woodward	" E Cooley			
	" "	"	" large paper			
	" "	"	" addenda			
1	" 20	Boston Conant & Sherburne		2. 1½		
1	Dec. 22	A S Robinson	N Y. J E Cooley	1.		
1	" 27		" B M & Co.	1.		
1866.						
2	Feb. 14	Dr. L Turner	Boston. Saml. Hatch	1.		
	" "	"	" addenda	1.		
2	" 19	E J Barra	San Francisco			
4	" 27	W E Woodward	N Y. J E Cooley	2.		
1	Mar. 6		Phila. Thomas			
	" 26		N Y. B M & Co.	1.		
4	Apr. 24	W E Woodward	" Leavitt	2.		
	" "	"	" large paper			
1	May 3	E Cogan	Phila. Birch	1.		
2	" 23		Boston Leonard	1. 1.		
	" 21	addenda	" "	1.		
	" 23	O H Harpel	Cin. S G Hubbard			
1	Oct. 13	Marsh	N Y. Miner & Somerville	1.		
	" 19	J K Story	Boston Saml Hatch	1.		
	Nov. 9	Dr. T G Collins	Cin. S G Hubbard			
	" 13	W H Corner	N Y. B M & Co.			
	" 27		Phila. Thomas & Son			
2	Dec. 6	C Lightbody	N Y. B M & Co.	1. 2.		
	" 10	Jeacks & Paine	N Y. Leavitt	1. 2.		
	" 15		N Y. Miner & Somerville			
	" 8		Boston Leonard	1. 1½		
	" 24		N Y. B M & Co.	1. 1½		
1867.						
1	Jan. 11		N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.	
1	" 15		W Beakin Chicago			
2	Feb. 4		N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.	
1	Mar. 5		W Beakin Chicago			
1	" 7		N Y. B M & Co.			
2	" 18		" "	.50	1.	
1	" 18		Phila. Birch & Son	.50	1.	
1	" 19		" B Scott Jr.	.50	1.	
	" 27		N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.	
3	Apr. 18	W E Woodward	N Y. Leavitt	1. 2.		
	" "	"	" addenda	1. 1.		
3	" "		Cincinnati S G Hubbard			
4	" 24	Zanoni & Bogert	N Y. B M & Co.	1. 2.		
3	June 5	L Breckemin	Phila Davis & H.	1.		
1	" 13		N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.	
1	" 18		" "	.50	1.	
2	" 27		" "	.50	1.	
	Sept. 30		" "	.50	1.	
5	Oct. 23	Woodward	Mickley Col.	3. 6.		
	" 31		" addenda 2.	2½		
	Nov. 12	Louis Borg	" Y. Leeds	1.		
1	Dec. 27		B M & Co.	.50	1.	
	" 30		" "	.50	1.	
1868.						
1	Feb. 13		N Y. B M & Co.	.50		
3	June 3	James Oliver	" "	3.		
1	July 1	John Neppes	Phila. Birch	1.		
1	Nov. 28		N Y. B M & Co.	.50		
2	D.c. 14		" Leavitt & Son	.50	1.	
1869.						
2	Apr. 13	E T Farmer	Phila. Birch	.50	1.	
2	" 28		N Y. Leavitt & S.	.75	1.	
1	May 31		" B M & Co.	.50		
2	June 4		" Leavitt & S.	.50		
2	" 23	M L Mackenzie	N Y. "	1. 2.		
3	Sept. 6	E P. Thra	Phila. Birch	.50	1.	
2	Oct. 13	M W Dickeson	" "	.50	1.	
1	" 15	A S Robinson	N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.	
2	" 18	J C Randall	" "	.50	1.	
2	Nov. 13	J W Hazeltine	" "	.50	1.	
1	Dec. 1		Phila Birch	.50	1.	
2	" 17	J M Wilbur	N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.	
	" 21	Mason & Co.	Phila. Martin	.50	1.	
1870.						
1	Jan. 21	J B Longacre	Phila. Thomas	.50	1.	
1	Apr. 22		N Y. B M & Co.	.50		
3	May 3	L M Bond	" Leavitt & S.	3.		
	" 19	M W Dickeson	Phila. Birch	.50		
3	" 25	J C Newcomb	N Y. Leavitt & S.	3.		
2	June 4		" "	.50	.75	
	" 17		B M & Co.	.50	.75	
	" 17		No. 2 "	.50	.75	
	" 17		Leavitt & S.	.50	.75	
	Oct. 4	Fewsmilh	N Y. Leavitt	3.		
	Oct. 19		" B M & Co.	.50	.75	
	Dec. 21	W Idler	" Leavitt.	.50	.75	
	" 22		Boston Leonard	.50	1.	
1871.						
	Jan. 16		N Y. B M & Co.	.50	.75	
2	Feb. 16		" Leavitt & Co.	.50	.75	
5	" 27	Gov. Packer	" B M & Co.	3.		
	Mar. 29		Phila. Birch			
3	Apr. 3		" "	.50	1.	
1	" 8		" "	.50	.75	
1	" 21		Leavitt & Co.	.25	.50	
2	May 3	Emil Cauffman	B M & Co.	.50	1.	
2	June 1		N Y. B M & Co.	.50		

NOTICES OF AUCTION SALES.

At the sale of coins at Bangs' June 1st & 2d. the following comprise the principal sales:

Silver medals: Adam Eckfeldt \$9; Erie Canal \$5 25; "Libera soror." 1782 peace medal \$60; "Fautissima fœderis j nctœ" 1782 do \$6; Andrew Johnson \$5 25; Tin medal of Jas. Madison \$5; American gold: Eagle 1804 uncirculated \$35; Double eagle 1860 do., rare variety \$23; Mormon \$5. piece \$9; Silver: ½ dime 1795 fine \$7; do. 1757 \$7; Proof sets: 1857 \$14 50; do 1858 \$14 50; Greek tetradrachms averaged \$6; Roman denarii averaged 50c; Oliver Cromwell ½ crown fine \$15.

American colonials &c: Auctori Picbis good \$6 50; Immunis Columbia do. \$7; Excelsior do. \$14; do. not so good \$12; British Settlements Kentucky, silver \$82 50, do. copper \$23; 1792 ½ dime \$10.50; Washington cent 1797 small eagle fine \$10; do. 1792 Gen. of Am. armies \$10; do. born Virginia Feb. 11 1732 \$14; Declaration medal \$12; 1803 Wash'n, medal \$10; 1794 Dollar fair at date \$5 50.

American cents: 1795 uncirculated \$14; 1825 do. \$6.50; 1843 54-55 proofs each \$7; 1817 do. \$4 50; half cents: 1793 \$9; 1795 thick die \$6, 1841 proof \$5; 1847 do. \$16.

At the sale of the collection of coins of Emil Cauffman of Phila. May 3d. and 4th., the following prices were realized:

American Silver: Dollars, 1774 \$32; 1795 fillet head nearly proof \$17; 1846 -47-49-54 proofs each \$15; 1851-52 each \$22; 1855 proof set \$30; 1856 do. \$19; 1857 do. \$15; 1858 do. \$14 25; Half dollars: 1794 fine \$12; 1795 nearly uncirculated \$19; 1797 good \$16; English penny tokens uncirculated brought from 10 to 25 cts. each.

Pattern pieces: 1792 half dime \$44 50; 1836 flying eagle dollar \$10; 1838 do. \$39; 1839 do. \$23; Washington, Liberty and security 1795 in brass \$25; Massachusetts cent 1787 uncirculated \$8 50; 1783 do. very fine \$3; Greek tetradrachms: Alexander \$10; Demetrius Soter \$10; Lysimachus \$7; Ptolemy Soter \$9; Philip II. \$6 50; Roman gold: Trajan \$5; Valentinianus \$7 75; American cents: 1793 liberty cap \$9 50; do. link very fine \$15 50; do. flowing hair \$8 50; 1795 thick die \$5 50; 1797 fine \$6 50; 1799 fair \$9 50; 1804 fine \$13; 1811 very fine \$37; 1825 uncirculated \$9 50; 1856 & 57 proof each \$6 25; Half cents 1795 thick die uncirculated \$29 50; 1797 do. \$9.

The results of this sale show that the interest in American coins is on the increase. The total proceeds were \$ 1791.

We give this month the balance of our list of coin catalogues; as a general rule, half a dozen priced catalogues of the principal sales will be a sufficient guide to the market value of coins for most collectors.

For American coins we would recommend the 5 and 6 days sales of Mr. Woodward, also that of Benj. Haine, and for foreign coins that of Gov. Packer &c. There are however some collectors who prefer to preserve them all in the form of bound volumes, arranged according to date. To those who wish to make such a set our lists will be found invaluable.

LETTER FROM GEN. JED. HUNTINGTON.

Now in the possession of D. M. Collins 87th St. near first ave. N. Y. City.

"PEEKSKILL Oct. 24 1781.

My lord

You will have all the news viva voce, by Mr. Jackson, yet to fulfill my Promise to your lordship and to tell you I have a Pleasure in doing it, I put to paper a few things.

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OUR KUNTRI KO'TEMPORERIZ.

Az a jeneral rúl òl lídij jurnalz emanét from lárj biznez senturz hwèr ai intrests ov tréd briij togeaur núz from òl kworturz ov æe world. In our kuntri, Nû York, Bostun, Filadelfia, Woçiptun, Çikògò, and San Fransisko wud sîn tu bî æe móst propur plésez for a jurnal on eni nû subjekt, and in Yûrup, Livurpúl, Lundun, Paris, Vaiena and uaur sentral points, hwail æe smò'ar tounz ár mór sûtabl for lókal núz, and kan hárdli ekspekt tu kompft wiæ æèr mór févurd néburz.

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Wí hav hurd a grét meni pártiz létli tðkiij ov startij a jurnal. Our ón eks-priens wil perhaps giv æem sum aidfa ov æèr rikwairments. We hav our ón taip and fikscurz, and du òl but æe printij; æe formur kost us about \$150, and nou ai ekspensez ár about \$25 pur muna. Wiæ a péd list ov 300 sub-skraiburz wí lúz about \$200 pur yír bi-saidz æe trubl ov korektiij práfs, raitij ártiklz ets. Az an advurtaizer it péz us

but in itself æe pépur kan not bi kount-ed a sukses. Our sistem ov prípéij póstej kosts a gud dfl hwic iz jenerali sévd. Sum journalists hav taim tu set up æèr ón pépur, and in sum késez dú æèr ón printij hwic ov kórs matfráli ridúsez ai ekspens.

Wí hav nou tú kuntri jurnalz divóted tu stamps and koinz about æe saiz ov our ón, and boæ 25 sents pur yír. Wun iz æe Stamp kolekturz Gaid stárted last Dfsembur bai ai Amerikan stamp kum-pani ov Meriden Konetikut, konténiij a munali list ov stamps and sum veri rfdabl orijinal ártiklz; wí dú not egzak-li agrí wiæ æèr sentimentr, az wí advókét varafitiz ov kulur ets, for hwic æé giv us æe flaturij taitl ov óld fógi. If wí ár æèr ár plenti ov æem amuñ Nû York kolekturz, and wí gink a winturz trip tu æe síti wud benefit our rustik frend.

Our uaur kótemporeri iz ai Amerikan koin and stamp Rivû, publiçt bai Æe Kístón stamp asósiçun ov Alentoun, Pa. Æèr furst numbur for Mé iz móstli méd up ov ártiklz and aitemz from uaur pépurz, amuñ æem wí nótiis a transléçun ov our ártikl on E'ncunt or modurn koinz hwic luks veri wel wiæ ai eksepçun ov æèr mistékiij our Grfk inskripçun for Saidun tu rfd Sodem, hwic woz burnd loij bifór koinej woz bigun. Æé giv a prais list ov koinz hwic iz raaur an af opnur tu Nû York-urz. Furst kumz æe Fúçtwagur sent ov 1837 for \$8, hwic selz hír at from 10 tu 25 sents; nekst kums a Masacú-sets sent fér for \$6. Æèr stamp list ol-áo a çort wun iz qwait moderet.

Wí wiç our frendz a gud sirkúléçun ov æèr rispektiv jurnalz, and çal bî glad tu welkum eni uaurz hú mé foló æèr egzampl.

LIST OF STAMPS FOR JUNE.

	new.	used.
Arg. Repub. 1867 5 cent. red	\$	\$ 10
Antioquia 10 - 20 centavos		50
Bavaria return letter stamp 4 varieties	10	
Canada Envelope 5c. red		15
Ceylon " 2 pence green	10	
" " set of 10 uncut	5 00	
Chili 1867 5-10 centavos		05
Confed. States 1861 Davis 5c green		20
" " 5c blue	30	25
" 1862 Jackson 2 green	1 50	
" " Madison 10 red		1 50
" " 10 blue		35
" 1863 small size 5 blue	01	05
" " 1 yellow	40	
" " (10 cents) blue	01	05
" " 20 green	03	10
" " 2 red	10	
" " (TEN CENTS) blue	4 00	4 00
Corrientes 1864 (3 centavos) yellow	1 25	
Dutch Indies 1870 50 cent red		08
Egypt 1865 1-2 piastres		15
" 1867 pyramids 5 paras yellow	03	03
" " 10 lilac	08	08
" " 20 green	12	08
" " 1 piastro red	20	05
" " 2 blue	40	15
" " 5 brown	65	30
France Republic 1870 set of 8	1 25	
Great Britain 1/4 d. wrapper 2 sorts	02	
Guatemala 1 centavo yellow	06	
Liberia set of 3	1 00	
Luzon 1864 12 1/2 blue		18
" " 25 rose		35
Mecklenburg Sch. 4-4ths, 2-3 sch.	03	
Mexico, Maximilian 25c. engraved	1 00	
" Gu dalajara 1-2 reales	4 00	
Modena eagle 15 cent yellow		03
New Granada 1871 5 yellow	15	
" 1870 2 1/2 triangular	12	
Oldenburg 1866 set of 5	25	
Parma 1854 6 centesimi rose		15
Roumania 1866 2-5-10 paras		10
Russia 1869 Envelope 10 brown		10
" 1870 local for Yver red	20	
" " Longa blue	20	
Servia 1869 20 paras blue		10
St. Domingo 1869 1/2-1 real		20
Spanish West Indies 1867 5c. lilac		10
" 1871 set of 4	1 25	
" " 25c. de peseta blue		08
" 1855 2 reals carmine		35
Uruguay 1864 06 red		18
United States Envelopes cut square		
1861 24c. in two colors		35
1864 6 pink on buff & white		10
" 3 brown "		05
1865 2 black, 3 colors		03
1870 1 blue on white & buff		03
" 2 brown on buff & orange		03
" 3 green 3 colors		03
" 6 red on white & buff		12
" 12 purple		15
" 24 "		30
" 30 black "		40
1871 adhesive 90 cents rose		05



THE CONFEDERATE LOCALS.

These stamps which were used by the Postmasters at the south in 1861 are now among the most eagerly sought and highly prized of any stamps. There are really many more of them than is generally supposed. We have only had descriptions of about 25, while a full list of all the varieties would exceed 100. The following partial list includes a few not generally known;

- ATHENS GA. 5c. purple.
- BATON ROUGE LA. 5 red.
- CHARLESTON S. C. 5 blue on white.
- " Env. 5 " yellow.
- " " 5 " blue.
- COLUMBIA S. C. 5 blue.
- FREDERICKSBURG VA. 5 blue, 10 red.
- GREENVILLE ALA. 5 blue.
- KNOXVILLE TENN. 5 red.
- " Env. 5 buff.
- LIVINGSTON ALA. 5 blue.
- MACON GA. 5 green.
- MEMPHIS TENN. 5 red 2 blue.
- " Env. 5 red on yellow.
- MOBILE ALA. 5 blue, 2 black
- NASHVILLE TENN. 3 red; 5 red, 5 drab, 10 green.
- NEW ORLEANS, 2 blue, 2 red, 5 brown, 5 brown, on blue, 5 red.
- PETERSBURG VA. 5 red.
- PLEASANT SHADE VA. 5 blue.
- RHEATOWN VA. 5 red.
- R. H. GLASS P. M. 5 blue.

We have also several variations in the types color and paper of the above, of which a few collectors make distinction.

A gentleman who has a fine collection informs us that shortly after the fall of Charleston he obtained from boys whom he induced to hunt them up, over a peck, not of the Confederate stamps which were thought nothing of, but of the locals, which he gave away to friends and officers in the army.

Many of these stamps are now on old letters throughout the South, and it will be worth while for those who have the facility to hunt them up, for many of them sell for \$10 apiece and upwards. We have bought quite a number at from \$5 to \$10 and shall be glad to get more of them as long as the demand continues. They are worth at least a dollar more, when preserved on the original envelopes.

We applied to the Internal Revenue Department for some of the match and proprietary stamps now out of use and were informed that they are authorized by law to issue stamps from private dies only to the owners to be used upon their own proprietary articles.

LIST OF COIN CATALOGUES.

The following order is observed: 1 No. of days sale, 2 day it commences, 3 owners name, 4 location, 5 auctioneers name or initials, 6 price of clean catalogues, 7 priced.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1864.						
1	June 29	Cogan	N Y. B M & Co.	1.		
	"	"	" large paper			
1865.						
1	Jan. 10	Ed. M Thomas	Wash'n McGuire			
1	Mar. 6	Chicago	Gilbert & Sampson			
5	" 13	Dr. Chilton	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	3.	
	"	"	addenda No. 1.	1.		
	"	"	" 2.	1.		
	"	"	20 W E Woodward	N Y. J E Cooley		
	"	"	" " "	" large paper		
	"	"	24 Gointoem	Strong		
1	" 24	Phila	Thomas			
1	Apr. 18	Brooklyn	Hegeman	1.		
3	May. 29	J N T	Levick	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	2.
	"	"	"	" large paper		
	"	"	"	" supplement		
1	" 30	N W	Sanitary Fair	Chicago		
1	June 29	E Cogan	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1.	
	"	"	"	" large paper		
1	"	"	S H Chadbourne	Prov. Sheldon		
1	July 12	"	Boston	Mc Gilvray	1.	
5	Oct. 16	Dr. F S	Edwards	N Y. B M & Co.	2.	
	"	"	"	" addenda	2.	
2	" 24	Mr Dawley	"	"	1. 1½	
1	" 26	Dr Abrahams	Boston S Hatch	1.	1½	
	Nov. 13	Benj. Haines	"	J E Cooley	1. 1½	
	"	"	"	" addenda	1.	
1	Dec. 18	"	"	" B M & Co.		
4	" 19	W E	Woodward	"	J E Cooley	
	"	"	"	" large paper		
	"	"	"	" addenda		
1	" 20	Boston	Conant & Sherburne	2.	1½	
1	Dec. 23	A S	Robinson	N Y. J E Cooley	1.	
1	" 27	"	"	" B M & Co.	1.	
1866.						
2	Feb. 14	Dr. L Turner	Boston. Saml. Hatch	1.		
	"	"	"	" addenda	1.	
2	" 19	E J Barra	San Francisco			
4	" 27	W E	Woodward	N Y. J E Cooley	2.	
1	Mar. 6	Phila.	Thomas			
	" 26	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.	1.	
4	Apr. 24	W E	Woodward	"	Leavitt	2.
	"	"	"	" large paper		
1	May 3	E Cogan	Phila. Birch	1.		
2	" 23	Boston	Leonard	1.	1.	
	" 24	addenda	"	"	1.	
	" 26	O H Harpel	Cin. S G Hubbard			
1	Oct. 18	Marsh	N Y. Miner & Somerville	1.		
	" 19	J K Story	Boston Saml Hatch	1.		
	Nov. 9	Dr. T G	Collins	Cin. S G Hubbard		
	" 13	W H	Corner	N Y. B M & Co.		
	" 27	Phila.	Thomas & Son			
2	Dec. 6	C Lightbody	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	2.	
	" 10	Jacks & Paine	N Y. Leavitt	1.	2.	
	" 15	"	"	" N Y. Miner & Somerville		
	" 8	Boston	Leonard	1.	1½	
	" 24	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.	1.	1½
1867.						
1	Jan. 11	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.
1	" 15	W Beakin	Chicago			
2	Feb. 4	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.
1	Mar. 5	W Beakin	Chicago			
1	" 7	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.		
2	" 18	"	"	"	.50	1.
1	" 18	Phila.	Birch & Son	.50	1.	
1	" 19	"	B Scott Jr.	.50	1.	
	" 27	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.
3	Apr. 18	W E	Woodward	N Y. Leavitt	1.	2.
	"	"	"	" addenda	1.	1.
3	"	"	Cincinnati	S G Hubbard		
4	" 24	Zanoni & Bogert	N Y. B M & Co.	1.	2.	
3	June 5	L Breckemin	Phila Davis & H.	1.		
1	" 13	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.
1	" 18	"	"	"	.50	1.
2	" 27	"	"	"	.50	1.
	Sept. 30	"	"	"	.50	1.
5	Oct. 23	Woodward	Mickley Col.	3.	6.	
	" 31	"	"	" addenda	2.	2½
	Nov. 12	Louis	Borg	N Y. Leeds	1.	
1	Dec. 27	"	"	" B M & Co.	.50	1.
	" 30	"	"	"	.50	1.
1868.						
1	Feb. 13	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.	.50	
3	June 3	James	Oliver	"	3.	
1	July 1	John	Neppes	Phila. Birch	1.	
1	Nov. 28	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.	.50	
2	Dec. 14	"	"	" Leavitt & Son	.50	1.
1869.						
2	Apr. 13	E T	Farmer	Phila. Birch	.50	1.
2	" 28	"	"	" N Y. Leavitt & S.	.75	1.
1	May 31	"	"	" B M & Co.	.50	
2	June 4	"	"	" Leavitt & S.	.50	
2	" 23	M L	Macke	izic N Y.	1.	2.
3	Sept. 6	E P. Th	ru	Phila. Birch	.50	1.
2	Oct. 13	M W	Dickeson	"	.50	1.
1	" 15	A S	Robinson	N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.
2	" 18	J C	Randall	"	.50	1.
2	Nov. 16	J W	Hazeltine	"	.50	1.
1	Dec. 1	"	"	" Phila Birch	.50	1.
2	" 17	J M	Wilbur	N Y. B M & Co.	.50	1.
	" 21	Mason & C.	Phila. Martin	.50	1.	
1870.						
1	Jan. 21	J B	Longacre	Phila. Thomas	.50	1.
1	Apr. 23	"	"	" N Y. B M & C.	.50	
3	May 3	L M	Bond	"	Leavitt & S.	3.
	" 19	M W	Dickeson	Phila. Birch	.50	
3	" 25	J C	Newcomb	N Y. Leavitt & S.		
2	June 4	"	"	"	.50	.75
	" 17	B M & Co.	"	"	.50	.75
	" 17	No. 2	"	"	.50	.75
	" 17	"	"	" Leavitt & S.	.50	.75
	Oct. 4	Fewsmith	"	" N Y. Leavitt	3.	
	Oct. 19	"	"	" B M & Co.	.50	.75
	Dec. 21	W Idler	"	" Leavitt.	.50	.75
	" 22	"	"	" Boston Leonard	.50	1.
1871.						
	Jan. 16	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.	.50	.75
2	Feb. 16	"	"	" Leavitt & Co.	.50	.75
5	" 27	Gov. Packer	"	" B M & Co.	3.	
	Mar. 29	"	"	" Phila. Birch		
3	Apr. 3	"	"	"	.50	1.
1	" 8	"	"	"	.50	.75
1	" 21	"	"	" Leavitt & Co.	.25	.50
2	May 3	Emil	Cauffman	B M & Co.	.50	1.
2	June 1	"	"	" N Y. B M & Co.	.50	

NOTICES OF AUCTION SALES.

At the sale of coins at Bangs' June 1st & 2d. the following comprise the principal sales:

Silver medals: Adam Eckfeldt \$9; Erie Canal \$6 25; "Libera soror." 1782 peace medal \$60; "Fautisselma fœdere j nctoe" 1782 do \$6; Andrew Johnson \$5 25; Tin medal of Jas. Madison \$5; American gold: Eagle 1804 uncirculated \$35; Double eagle 1860 do., rare variety \$32; Mormon \$5. piece \$9; Silver: 1/2 dime 1795 fine \$7; do. 1797 \$7; Proof sets: 1857 \$14 50; do 1858 \$14 50; Greek tetradrachms averaged \$6; Roman denarii averaged 50c; Oliver Cromwell 1/2 crown fine \$15.

American colonials &c: Auctori Plebis good \$6 50; Immunis Columbia do. \$7; Excelsior do. \$14; do. not so good \$12; British Settlements Kentucky, silver \$82 50, do. copper \$33; 1792 1/2 dim: \$10.50; Washington cent 1797 small eagle fine \$10; do. 1792 Genl. of Am. armies \$10; do. born Virginia Feb. 11 1732 \$14; Declaration medal \$12; 1808 Wash'n, medal \$10; 1794 Dollar faint date \$5 50.

American cents: 1795 uncirculated \$14; 1825 do. \$6.50; 1843 54-55 proofs each \$7; 1857 do. \$4 50; half cents: 1793 \$9; 1795 thick die \$6, 1841 proof \$5; 1847 do. \$16.

At the sale of the collection of coins of Emil Cauffman of Phila. May 3d. and 4th., the following prices were realized:

American Silver: Dollars, 1774 \$32; 1795 fillet head nearly proof \$17; 1846-47-49-54 proofs each \$15; 1851-52 each \$22; 1855 proof set \$50; 1856 do. \$19; 1857 do. \$15; 1858 do. \$14 25; Half dollars: 1794 fine \$12; 1795 nearly uncirculated \$19; 1797 good \$16; English penny tokens uncirculated brought from 10 to 25 cts. each.

Pattern pieces: 1792 half dime \$44 50; 1836 flying eagle dollar \$10; 1838 do. \$39; 1839 do. \$23; Washington, Liberty and security 1795 in brass \$25; Massachusetts cent 1787 uncirculated \$8 50; 1788 do. very fine \$8; Greek tetradrachms: Alexander \$10; Demetrius Soter \$10; Lysimachus \$7; Ptolemy Soter \$9; Phillip II. \$6 50; Roman gold: Trajan \$5; Valentinianus \$7 75; American cents: 1793 liberty cap \$9 50; do. link very fine \$15 50; do. flowing hair \$8 50; 1795 thick die \$5 50; 1797 fine \$6 50; 1799 fair \$9 50; 1804 fine \$13; 1811 very fine \$30; 1825 uncirculated \$9 50; 1856 & 57 proof each \$6 25; Half cents 1795 thick die uncirculated \$29 50; 1797 do. \$9.

The results of this sale show that the interest in American coins is on the increase. The total proceeds were \$ 1791.

We give this month the balance of our list of coin catalogues; as a general rule half a dozen priced catalogues of the principal sales will be a sufficient guide to the market value of coins for most collectors.

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Hwot wil yú giv for a sent ov 1803 ? iz ai olmóst déli ripfted kwíri ov sum nú klémant for nûmizmatik informéçun. Purhaps hí haz sîn a nûzpépur ártikl stétiñ qat at òkçun sél, an 1803 bròt \$10, or purhaps hí haz sum frend hú haz an 1804 for hwic hí rifúzd \$20, and nóz nó rízun hwai hiz cud not bí fkweli valyubl. Anuaur pursun wil send us a list ov æ déts ov hiz Amerikan koinz rikwestiñ an ofur for æm, and supóziñ qat iz òl qat iz nes-eseri for us tu nó bifór purçasiñ. Or purhaps it iz a kolekçun ov póstej stamps, ov hwic æ pozesor givz us æ numbur it konténz and wonts us tu mék a bid for it.

Sumtainz it iz wiæ æ grétest difi-kulti qat wí kan mék ai enkwairer un-durstand qat æ valyú ov ær proprúti dípendz in grét méjur upon its kon-diçun, and not mírli upon its rariti or numbur, but a móments riflekçun wil konvins ai ejjukéted pursun. In òl ob-jeks ov kûriositi æ móst purfekt spes-imeuz ár æ móst valyubl; if it iz a mineral or çel, its saiz, kultur and çép ár dâli aprçiéted, if an óld or rër buk, qat it çud bí wel prizurvd, wiæ æ lfvz, bairdiñ and ilustréçunz òl entair iz ov grét importans, and hwotever it mé bí, æ coisest òlwez rfalaiz ai haigest prais.

Æ sém râl iz aplikabl boæ tu koinz and stamps. A sent ov 1803 iz veri ízili obténd, and not mór çan wun out ov a duzn iz wura séviñ, hwail wun qat haz bin léd asid and riténz its or-ijinal braitnes, or ívn if it haz bikum bronzd bai taim, but haz lóst nun ov æ fainli engrévd lainz about æ hër, aiz or lfvz, wil redili briñ \$10; ívn a

koin ov muc létur détt, suc az 1830 or 1840 if a fain unsurkúléted pís briñz from \$5 tu \$10. If æ koin iz veri rër however, ívn if not fain it wil sumtainz briñ a gud prais, az a sent ov 1799, a kwín An fárciñ, or a háf daim ov 1802. Hwen rariti and fainnes ár boæ yúvait-ed in æ sém pís æn æ prais iz grétli inkríst, and a sent ov 1793 hwen veri fain and a rër varaiiti sumtainz briñz \$50 or mór.

Qis iz æ rízun qat só meni pípl ár disapointed in æ valyú ov ær koinz. Qé get togeaur a lot ov sents hwic ár in nain késez out ov ten ov komon déts and háf ov æm if óld wunz só muc wórni bai surkúléçun qat æ détt and muc ov æ íkjend iz ílejibl, and haviñ hurd ov sum ekstrordineri praiséz for unsurkúléted koinz. æ supóz ær ón tu bí ov íkwel valyú. At prezent ær iz a grét réj for fain sents, sum pípl hav kolekçunz hwic hav kost æm óvur \$1000, hwail an ordineri set from 1793 tu 1871 kan bí obténd for \$25. In òl çaur koinz tú æ ár bikumin mór pártikyular çan formurli, hwail for komon písez ær iz but litl sél, fain wunz ar rapidli advansiñ.

In póstej stamps ólsó òl æ best kolekturz ár veri partikyúlar about æ stamps æ obtén, espeçuli in æ siti hwèr æ hav betur fasilítiz for çúziñ gud spesimeuz: ær ár veri fú hú kolekt ónli unyúzd stamps, but ær ár meni hú wud raaur pé debl, çan tu hav a stamp qat iz badli soild, or æ májrin injurd. Æ kanseléçun iz not az sum supóz, eni prótekçun agenst kounturfits, but sévz æ kolektur æ vekséçun ov sfiñ rí-prints ov old íçyúzd hwic ár hárdli dis-tingwiçabl, ofurd at a tenz æ prais hí haz péd for orijinalz.

LIST OF WESTERN LOCALS.

Alta express (view) black on 3c. env. of 1853.
 Bacon and Hardy, scroll—.
 Bamber J & Co. Contra Costa ex, paid, oval, blue on—1861.
 Bamber & Co's pd. ex. Scroll with fancy ends, black on 3, 12, 24 '61
 " " Scroll curled on 3 white, buff, 40, 65.
 " W. B. Hardy's office 3 white, buff. '64.
 " " official 6, 12, 24, 61.
 Buchanan & Co. Cannon city ex. br. red on—64.
 Ballou & Co's Cariboo ex. pd. oblong black on—.
 Brit. Col. and Victoria ex. Co. paid from Victoria to Lytton or Lilloet, round, black on—
 " "pd. from Vict. to Tale or Douglass black on white—.
 Bedford & Co's ex. to Cal. 2 Astor house, large 10 in centre, black on—.
 Central Overland Cal. and Pike's Peak ex. Co. San Francisco, red on ordinary env.
 Dodge & Co. Panama—.
 Dougherty & Martins Half Moon Bay and Pescadero ex. blue on 3, 61.
 Downie Villa and Howland, Flat ex—.
 English & Wells, Moore's Flat and Eureka ex. oblong black on 3, 64.
 Everts Wilson and Co. obl. black. on—.
 Everts Davis and Co. black on—.
 Freeman & Co's ex. over our Cal. and Coast routes, scroll, red on 3, 53.
 Fox's Chester P. Half Moon Bay and S. F. ex—.
 Gregory and English's, Moore's Flat and Eureka ex. paid, connecting with Wells & Co. at Nevada City, brown and black on 3, 64.
 Greathouse and Slicer on 10, 53.
 Greenhood and Newbauer, Northern ex. obl. black on buff 3, 61; 3, 64.
 Grant & Taggart's Weaverville and Shasta ex. black on 3 buff 64.
 Harrier's D. W. ex. black on—, purple on—, red on—, 64.
 Henderson & Co's. coast ex, oval, blue on—.
 Holiday, Overland mail and ex. blk on 3 buff (4.
 Holland, Morley & Co's ex. scroll, black on 3. 61
 Holland and Wheeler's ex. scroll, red on—.
 Hopkinson's ex. obl. red on—.
 Hunt & Hart's Warren ex. 50c. black on 3, 64.
 Kennedy & Co's Half Moon Bay and Pescadero ex. obl. blue on 3 white buff—64.
 Kennedy Long & Co's Half Moon Bay and Pescadero ex. black on— 4.
 Kenson's Owens river ex. obl. red on—.
 Kersey's J. D. ex. black on—.
 Lamping & Co's pd. obl. black on 3 lemon 64. black on 6 rose on buff 64, black on 12, 61.
 Langton's paid Pioneer ex. Fancy transverse oval, black on 3, 53, blue on—, red on—.
 Fancy obl. black on white, 3, 64.
 La Porte ex. Co. paid obl. black on 3 lemon 64, black on 6 buff 64.
 Lotta Mountain ex. paid, obl. 2 varieties of blue on 3, 64, black on—.
 Lockwood, C. M. & Co's Canyon city ex. black on 3, 64.
 Langton's Nevada mail and ex. Co. paid black on 3 buff 64.
 Mead & Clarke's ex, over our Clear Creek route black on —, 64.

Nevada city & Meadow lake ex. black on—64.
 Nicols and Co's. ex. black on 3 white 53.
 Norman's G. H. ex. obl. black on—64.
 Oroville & Susanville ex. paid oval blue on—64, blue on 3— W. F. & Co.
 Organ and Tibbetts Excelsior ex.—.
 Overland ex. via Los Angeles, red on—, 53.
 Pacific ex, horseman black on—.
 Pacific stage & ex. Co. paid, obl. black on 3, 61, blue on 3, 61, red on —.
 Pacific Union ex. Co. paid scroll, rose and red on white and buff 3, 6, 64, rose on 12, 65.
 Pattison's ex. obl. black on—.
 Pauly's P. O. ex. obl. black on—.
 Pauly and Northman's ex—.
 Public letter box, 5 Kearney st. obl. blue on—64.
 Public P. O. horseman—.
 Private P. O. obl. 15 and 25c. blue on—64.
 Robinson & Co's San Francisco ex. scroll, blue—.
 San Francisco letter ex. horseman, blue—.
 Salmon River & Nez Perce's ex. Paid 75 cents. obl. black on—.
 Swift & Co's ex. black on 10 white, buff 53.
 Thomas & Skaden's ex. Susanville & Reno, connecting with Wells Fargo & Co. on 3 buff, white, official 6, 1871.
 Tibbett & Co's Excelsior ex. obl. blk. on white 64.
 Tinnin & Owen's Weaverville & Shasta ex. obl. black on—, 3 white, 64.
 Truman & Chapman's ex. obl. black on 3, 61.
 Truman & Co's ex. office in S. F. oblong blue, black on—, 64.
 " paid, black on 3,—64.
 " Merchants exchange building, Battery St. opposite P. O. black on 3, 64.
 " S. F. and S. I. R. ex, black on 3, 64.
 Tracy & Co. Oregon ex. paid, streamer, black on 3 white 61.
 Wand & Davis ex. oval, blue on—, 64.
 Wells & Herring's Moore's Flat & Eureka ex. connecting with Wells Fargo on 3 lemon 71.
 " paid through, angel blue on 3 white, 64.
 Wheeler's ex. scroll, blk. on 3 white, yellow 64.
 Whiting & Co's Feather river ex. brown on—64.
 " black on 3 buff, white 64.
 " handstruck, oval, black on 3. 64.
 Wheeler, Rutherford & Co's paid ex. scroll, black on 3 white 61.
 Wells Butterfield & Co—.
 Wood & Co's ex. black on 3—64.
 Zack's snow shoe ex. obl. black on—.

WELLS FARGO & CO'S. PAID ENVELOPES.

Cal. and Coast routes, black on all envelopes from 1853 to present date.
 Boise mines 50 c. in red on 3 white 61.
 China and Japan Ex.—
 Victoria and Brit Col. yellow env.
 " Vancouvers I. white env.
 Mexican Coast & Cal. ex. 25c. in black on 3 white, lemon, buff 64.
 For Mexican ports paid 25 c. in red on—.
 Paid 25 c. black on—, 61.
 Mexican and Coast routes, 25 black on 3, 64.
 Cal. and Coast routes are also printed at the end of various U. S. envelopes, with different advertisements at the top.
 Cal. and Atlantic ex. red on 10 buff 53, 10 white 61; black on env. from 1861 to 65.

½ oz. paid St. Joseph to Placerville, per Pony ex. on end of 10 white 61.

Paid via Omaha N. T. in red scroll on 3 white 53. Paid 2½c. for the interior of Lower California only, plain env. brown, buff.

39 and 40 Court square Boston—
25c. ½ oz. Pony Express rose on 3c. 1861.



LIST OF PRIVATE REVENUES.

Since our last list quite a number of new revenue stamps have turned up and there are others till which we have not seen; to any one showing us a stamp unknown to us we will give 25 cts. In our previous list we stated that three or four in our catalogue we had not seen but copied them from cotemporary journals. We are inclined to believe that the following do not exist:

- Jos. Burnett & Co. 6c. black.
- Demas Barnes (house) 1c red.
- The E. Heaton & J. L. Joyce stamp is only a private patent.
- In place of D. Ransom & Co. 1 black, it should be 2 black, and Zisemann Griesheim & Co should be 1 green, 1 blue.
- * American Match Co. Eagle. 1 black, 1 green. ✓
Head 1c black, 3c. black.
- ✓ Brown Dr. C. F. Am., Liniment. 1c. blue.
- * Barber Geo. & O. C. 3c. black.
- * Brown & Durling 1c. black, 1c. green. ✓
Collins Bros. 1c. black. ✓
- * Curtis W. D. 1c. green. ✓
- Davis Perry & Son 2c. brown.
- * Doolittle W. E. 1c. blue. ✓
- Goodall Charles 5c. black.
- Harter Dr. & Co. 1 black.
- Herrick's Dr. pills, Co. 1 black. ✓
- Hazeltine E. T. 4c. black. ✓
- Husband T. J. 2c. mauve. ✓
- Lippman's great German Bitters. 4c. blue. ✓
- Littlefield Alvah, 4c. green. ✓
- * Natl. Union Match Co. (wrapper) 1 black. ✓
- * Powell V. R. long 1 black. ✓
- Zeiler & Co. mortar 2c. blue. *green*

We notice the first No. for July of a new Magazine entitled "The old curiosity shop," in appearance similar to the Atlantic Monthly has been started by Harlow E. Woodward son of W. E. Woodward the well known Coin dealer and Antiquarian 258 Dudley st. Boston Mass, at \$1. per year, postage paid.

It contains 44 pages of reading matter much of which will be found interesting to Antiquarians, among other articles is one on "Ancient Games," from the pen of W. H. Strobbridge, our authority on Ancient coins.

NEWLY ISSUED & UNDESCRIBED STAMPS.

ANTIOQUIA. Similar to 1 peso 1869 but larger letters, 1 peso rose. The 2½-5-10 and 20 centavos are now printed on thicker paper.

ALSACE & LORRAINE. We learn that a new issue are in preparation, bearing the Prussian eagles.

AUSTRIA. We have just obtained a 5 kr. pink postmarked Pesth like the 1858 issue evidently of a new set.

AZORES. The 5 and 10 reis new type are on.

BRAZIL. Head of king, 300 reis.

DENMARK. Official stamps similar to engraving in last No. 2 skillings blue 4 red 16 green.

FIJI IS. The complete set of express stamps are 1 penny, 3, 6 pence and 1 shilling black on rose.

FRANCE. The 15 c. chiffre tax is now said to be lithographed.

LIVONIA. The "Packenmarke" stamp is now printed a yellow green. The stamp with a griffin is now superseded by one with "Briefmarke" at top, "Wendenschen kreises" at bottom, green centre, surrounded by white band, outside red.

MAURITIUS. Some sheets of the 9 pence were found at the P. O. printed in green.

PHILIPPINE IS. Same as 1870 Cuba, but without date. Perforated 5c. de Esco. blue, 10 green, 20 brown, 40 pink, unperforate, 10 green.

PORTUGAL. 100 reis violet.

RUSSIA. Local for Boriánsk, 10 kopeks, black, and green, Local for Yver, value in centre 2 k. red and blue, circular.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. We have not noted the 4d. surcharged 3d. in blue, and understand that the colors are again changed.

TASMANIA. Issue of 1871 3 pence red brown, 6 shillings violet.

There are a large number of Post Cards we have not noticed among among which are:

BAVARIA. Large size, black on buff. Adhesive stamp to go in upper right hand corner.

CANADA 1 cent blue on buff.

DENMARK. "Brev Kort" at top. Stamp similar to 1870 issue printed in upper corner. 2 skillings blue, 4 red.

"Tjeneste brev kort," Official stamp blue, engraving in June No., 2 skillings blue, 4 red, 16 green.

FRANCE. Quite a number of army post cards are said to exist of which we have no connected list.

HOLLAND. "Brief kaart" at top, stamp similar to the present arms series, 2½ centimes violet. We have also seen a similar card without stamp.

HUNGARY. "Levelezeki lap, Correspondenz karte." 2 kr. yellow on buff. Post card 5 kr. red on green.

NORTH GERMAN. "Norddeutsches post brief." large size, 1 groschen stamp in corner, buff.

WURTEMBERG. "Konigl Wurtembergisches postgebiet," stamp like envelope stamp in corner, 1 kr. green, 3 blue.

We can sell the 90 cent stamp carmine present issue to dealers at \$2 per 100.

LIST OF COINS FOR JULY.

We purchased last month a fine lot of coins for \$700 containing 16000 Foreign coins and medals including curious old German, Spanish, French, Dutch and other European coins, many of them with dates prior to 1600, from which we can supply to dealers by Express:

1000 well mixed Foreign, all good for \$30.
1000 " second quality \$15.

The balance of the lot including some of our previous stock comprises:

SILVER COINS.

HOLLAND PEACE MEDALS OF 1782 ALL SIZE 28.	
"Libera Soror" Indian holding shield with 13 stars, Britannia standing, very fine	\$60 00
"Faustissimo foedere junctæ, Fame on clouds holding shield with 13 stars, very fine	30 00
Indian with shield inscribed "De verkenig de staaten van Noord America" fine	10 00
Cromwell set, Crown, ½ do. & shilling fine,	40 00
" shilling good (duplicate)	5 00
Elizabeth crown, t. ½ &c. 14 pieces fine	25 00
" shilling good	1 00
" 6d. 3d. 2d. 1d and ½d. all good ea.	40
Commonwealth ½ crown, 3 l. sh., 2d. 1d ½d. all good	10 00
Geo. III. Northumberland shilling uncirc.	2 50
Wm. & May crown, ½ do, 4d. 3d. 2d. 5 pieces good	6 00
Mary great fine	2 00
Philip Z Maria great good	2 00
Anne ½ crown fine	1 50
Ceylon dollar "	2 00
Ferdinand VII. 1808 dollar octaonl	4 00
Maximilian ½ dollar good	1 00
" Dime and half dime	40
TETRADRACHMS: Alexander fine size 20	8 00
" smaller fine	5 00
" " good	3 00
Mes enia, a rabbit, rev. horse	5 00
Phillip, good	5 00
- Side Helmeted head, rev. angel good	4 00
Didrachm, Fig. on dolphins rev. horseman	2 00
Drachms: Alexander good	1 50
Phillip, good	1 05
API BAPZAN,	1 50
F. re part of bull, rev. inverted square	2 50
Rhodes, rev. a rose good	1 50
Pine tree shilling, very fine large size	10 00
" " " small "	10 00
" good both sizes	5 00
Geo. III. India peace medal. 1767	5 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Brass coin of NEW YORK IN AMERICA, rare	25 00
Excelsior cent very good	25 00
Rhode Island medal brass 1779 good	3 00
42 varieties of Admiral Vernon medals (Canadian) selected	35 00
12 varieties duplicates of the above	8 00
Single copies 1739 to 1741	5 00
A collection of 150 copper medals from 1500 to 1700 with Latin legends and curious devices the size of cents but thinner, all fine	\$25 00

We have two beautiful specimens of the \$200. U. S. revenue stamp, one is on thick paper black on green which we will sell for \$10, the other is gummed and perforate, brown and black for \$10.

LETTER OF MAJ. GEN. LORD STIRLING.

From the collection of D. M. Collins 87th. Street near 1st ave. N. Y. City.

BASKINGRIDGE Dec. 5, 1779.

SIR

It is not within the line of my department in the Army to regulate the Hospitals of it nor the situation of them, the Director General of the Hospitals regulates these matters, yet to show you and the whole Congregation how satisfactory it would be to me that your place of divine worship be preserved for that purpose only, I do most readily consent that any houses of mine (except this place) may be made use of as hospitals for the Army particularly those you mention. I am your most humble servant

STIRLING.

EDWARD LEWIS Esq.

We find that several parties are making collections of the Western envelopes with local stamps on them for which they are paying from 5 cents to \$1 apiece in anticipation we suppose that in time they will be able to get a complete set; we give a list of all the varieties we know of compiled for us by C. H. Coster of this city, numbering over 200, but we are satisfied that there are nearly twice as many. We shall be glad to purchase of our California subscribers half a dozen of each variety on whole envelopes which is the only way they should be saved. Those of Wells Fargo & Co. on current issues of U. S. envelopes can be obtained at their office in this city.

Many applications are made to us for a good stamp album at a moderate expense. Scott's \$5 album answers pretty well, except that it soon falls to pieces, and the \$10, and \$50, albums are too cumbersome. We think most small collectors who do not get a blank book made to order, will be better suited with Kline's illustrated album 5th. edition. This is a square album of about 300 pages with a descriptive catalogue on one side and numbered spaces on the other, neatly bound in muslin. It does not contain spaces for all the new issues, which is always the case after an album is a few months old, but there are plenty of blank leaves to make up the deficiency. We have secured a stock of these albums which we can furnish at \$1.50 each. A discount to dealers by the dozen.

We have seen what purports to be postage stamps of Japan, they are on thin rice paper, square, elaborately engraved frame of dragons &c. with Japanese characters of value in centre brick red, dull green. There is another value we have not seen.

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F E R W E L.

Bai móst ov our rfdurz thi abur taitl wil bí rigárded wiá surpraiz, haviq lukt upon ais lítl jurnal az an establíqet afér, reprizentiq az it duz a lárj and waidli ekstended tréd, hwic oláo ov traifliq ártiklz, amounts in ai agrigét tu lárj sumz. But wiá us it woz not for eni dízair ov Fém, nor áe plézur hwic mé bí díraivd from okyú-paiiq ai editórial cèr sat wí undurtuk its publikéqun, but wí antisipéted an ínkríst number ov kustomurz, from ai oportúnfti it gév us ov advurtaiziq our stok. In ais wí hav not bin disapointéd, but faínd qat it okyupaiz só muc ov our taim, qat wí ár not ébl tu giv our kustomurz justis.

Wí hav givn about íkwal aténqun in our kolumz tu stamps and koinz; our siti tréd iz about áe sém in íe, but our kúntri tréd hwic iz nfrli az grét haz bín olmóst entáirli in stamps, óiq in a veri grét mejur tu áe hevi póstej.

Az a nûmizmatic publikéqun it haz not právd a sukses, and wí hav konkluded qat a gúd sta da d stamp katalog wiá rivaizd ediqunz evuri fû monz wil briq us ful az muc tréd, and okyupai fár les taim.

Sins wí komenst our publikéqun, several oqurz hav bin started in áe Yunáited Stéts ov áe sém saiz, but wiá ónli párqul sukses. Áe Stamp Kolekturz Magazín, ov Báa, Íngland, haz olwez tékn áe líd in Filatelik informéqun, and from áer súpriur advantej ov lókaliti it iz doutful hwéur eni in ais kúntri wil evur bí ébl tu kompft wiá áem.

Wí gink qat in áe koin dípartment áer ár tú publikéqunz veri muc nfded, and nó ov nó betur plés áan ais siti tu

obtén áe rekvizit matfrialz. Wun is a gud praktikal koin jurnal hwic wil kfp up wiá áe taimz and giv lists, deskripqunz and valyuz ov ól klasez ov koinz, wiá ilustréqunz ov raritiz bóa Amerikan, Foren and E'ngunt, wiá transléqunz ov óos but lítl understud stc as Cainíz, I'st Indian, Arabik ets. Áis qud bí stárted bai sum wun hú is not a díur, wiá its kolumz ópn for advurtizments at a moderet rét, and wí qud bí glad tu furniq ártiklz, and eni informéqun hwic wud bí ov yus tu áe publik. Ái údur iz a gud katalog ov ól modurn koinz, Góld, Silver and kopur, móz espequli áe latur, wiá áer márkét valyuz, similar tu our present stamp katalog. Áis maít bí íqyud bai a díur and if nó wun wil undérték it, wí gink veri laikli at sum fúur taim wí qal dú só ourselvz. If áe number ónli ov táps wur givn, wí gink wun ov about 300 péjez wud kontén ól qat wud bí rikwaírd, and if íqúd bai a kompitent pursun, wud wí dout not, mft wiá redi sél.

In áe stamp dípartment áer ár sum wonts hwic our katalog ov Government póstej stamps wil not suplaí, amrq hwic ár lists konténiq áe márkét valyuz ov ól kaínds ov Revenû stamps, inklúdiq our ón Própraieteri, Maq and Kárd stamps, olsó ov ól kaíndz ov Despuc stamps, bóa ov our ón I'sturn lókalz, and ov áe Westurn envelop stamps. Wí hav givn in our kolumz a kondenst list ov áe tú latur, but wiá ónli a jeneral aidfa ov áer valyuz, hwic flukcuéts grétlí, and iz understud bai veri fû.

Wí intend if our katalog právz áe sukses wí antisipét, tu mft áíz wonts, and hóp in ais wé tu prizerv áe gud wil ov our subskraiburz.

OUR NEW CATALOGUE.

As we inform our readers on the first page, we have concluded to give up our Journal, and do our publishing hereafter in the shape of Priced Catalogues, for we find that it interferes too much with the time we should devote to supplying our many and increasing orders for stamps from our country correspondents, and we think we can give the same information in a more condensed and satisfactory way.

We have just issued the Second Edition of our DESCRIPTIVE PRICE CATALOGUE OF GOVERNMENT POSTAGE STAMPS, giving a full description, with values of all stamps to the present date, and the prices we pay for them, being the most complete ever published in America, and combining the advantages of the best European price lists with the descriptions of Dr. Gray.

We will send it post paid to any address for FIFTEEN CENTS. A few of our subscribers who have bought heavily of us will receive a copy gratis, we hope to hear from all the rest, and believe they will consider the price well invested. As we have no longer any mouthpiece for our movements, new editions will be duly advertised in the Youth's Companion, Frank Leslie's Boys' and Girls' Weekly, and the Stamp Collector's Magazine. We again offer our popular packet "M," 300 mixed stamps for 50 cents, but as we have not all our stamps sorted yet, this packet will not be ready before the first of October. We have purposely delayed this No. of our Journal so as to have both ready at once.

We give this month a list of the U. S. Local or Despatch stamps, describing over 220 distinct varieties, and omitting all bogus manufactures, and colors which are not authentic, compiled for us by C. H. Coster, of this city, and it is, we believe, the most complete list ever given.

Some of these stamps are very rare, and we have sold them as high as \$12. A few of them are plenty, having been reprinted from the original plates, and they have been more extensively imitated than postage stamps, which has deterred many from collecting them, for this reason they are generally valued more when preserved on the whole envelopes. As stated on our first page we intend soon to publish a list of them with their market values, as well as of the Western Envelope stamps, described in our last No.

There will be a sale of coins from Mason & Co., of Philadelphia, at Geo. A. Leavitt & Co's., Sept 5th. and 6th. 1871, containing two Washington cents of 1792, one very fine; a Lord Baltimore 3 pence, and a miscellaneous assortment of other coins, including Greek and Roman.

A great excitement has been raised among collectors of fine cents by the late discovery in Pawtucket, R. I. of a collection of several hundred cents ranging from 1800 to later dates, all uncirculated. These had been saved at the time of their issue, and in a note book which came with them, it was stated that the collector had rejected all the 1799's, because he could not find a bright one. The lot contained many of 1801-2-3-5-6 and 7, but only one of 1804.

LIST OF U. S. DESPATCH STAMPS.

Those marked with a star were probably issued for the government carriers, the others by private companies.

- Am. Letter Mail Co. eagle, large square, black.
- " blue; eagle, obl. black, 2 shades.
- Am. ex. Co. postage paid, 2 c. black on green.
- Adams & Co. ex. head, black.
- Brady & Co. locker, 1 brown on yellow.
- " Chicago penny post, oval, 1 lilac.
- Broadway P. O. locomotive, obl. black, gold on black.
- Brooklyn city ex. post. 1 blue, 2 red, 2 shades of each, 2 blue.
- Browne's city post, figure, 1 black, 2 black.
- Bouton's rough and ready despatch post, leaves in corners, black, dots in corners, black.
- Bouton's Manhattan ex. obl. oval, 2 black on flesh.
- Blood's penny post, small obl. bronze on black, gilt on lavender.
- " same with ground of pink dashes.
- " paid despatch small obl. bronze on black.
- " one cent " " "
- " post office " " "
- " despatch for the P. O. " black.
- " man stepping over houses, black.
- " D. O. & Co's " black.
- " " city despatch post on bag, black.
- " Kochersperger & Co. Phila. head, oval, blk.
- " " head to right, black.
- " Despatch env. For Phila. delivery prepaid, circular, red on buff.
- " do office 28 & 30 South 6th. st.
- " do. paid, dove, black, black on green.
- " D. O. & Co. For the post office, city despatch post, 2 types, round, black.
- Brown & McGill's U. S. P. O. despatch, eagle, obl. blue.
- Browne's Easton despatch, head of Wash'n 2 black.
- Bronson & Forbes city ex. post. engine, black on green.
- Brainard & Co. 50 for \$1. black, blue.
- Boyd's city ex. post, eagle in centre.
- Large size, 2 c. black on green.
- Small size, many different types: 2 black on green. do. on red.
- 2 red, 2 gilt on white, blue, green, crimson.
- 1 black on lavender, 1 cts., do. 1 blk. on blue
- Envelopes on various colors and kinds of paper: Large size: oval, 2c. pink, red, blue.
- Small size, fine letters red, larger letters red.
- Cornwell's Madis n square P. O. head, red on bluish paper,
- Chicago penny post, beehive, orange.
- Carter's G. paid despatch, small, black.
- Cheever & Towle, 7 State st. City letter delivery, letters, 2 blue.
- City despatch, one cent delivery. Figure of Justice holding scales, black.
- *City despatch post. head of Wash'n, value below, 2 c. black on green, 3 on white, 4 on green; C. C. at sides, 2 on vermilion, white, green.
- Carriers one cent despatch, red, blue.
- *City express post, figure in centre, 1 blue, blk 2 blue, black.

- Clark & Co. locker, 1 red brown on yellow.
- C & W Bridge despatch, obl. bronze on green.
- Cumming's city post, sealed letter, 2 black on pink, 2 on yellow, 2 on green.
- Carnes city letter ex. bear, pink.
- " Carnes erased, pink.
- Crosby's penny post, figure, 2 red.
- De Ming's penny post, Frankford obl. black.
- Dupuy & Schenck, penny post, beehive, black on brown paper.
- East River P. O. steamer, black on green.
- Floyd's penny post, head, blue, red green, br'n.
- Gordon's city ex. letter carrier, black on green.
- Graffin's Baltimore despatch, monument, 1 blk.
- Hale & Co. Boston, letters, blue, red.
- " 13 Court square " blue, red.
- Hussey's, Bank & Insurance letter, city post.
- " 82 Broadway, black, red.
- " " (handstamp) black.
- Same, 50 Wm. st. black, pink.
- Same, basement 2 types, red brown.
- Same, handstamped, black.
- Bank & Insurance notice delivery office, 82 B'way, house, blue.
- Same, 50 Wm. st. blue.
- One cent or stamp each delivery, 11 A. M. black, red.
- Bank & Insurance special message post, 50 Wm. st. 1 cent delivery, black, brown, red, mauve, green, blue, yellow.
- Same dated 1863, blue, or. green, lemon, red.
- Same 2 cent delivery dated from 1863 to 1871, blue, brown 1863 only.
- Special Message post, large, Mercury on horse back, 5 black on red, 10 gold on green, 15 gilt on black, 20 black on white, 25 gilt on blue.
- Humboldt's express, Nevada, Langton & Co. stage, 25c. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. brown.
- Hoy's, letter ex. to Rochester, black on red.
- Honours', city post, 2 black on lavender.
- " " paid 2 black on lavender.
- International letter ex. 2 black on flesh.
- Jenkins, Camden despatch, head, black.
- Jefferson market P. O. by C. Schmidt & Co. eagle, black on red, blue.
- Johnson's box, to the P. O. in shield, black.
- Kidder's city ex. post, man on horse, 2 black on blue.
- Kingman's city ex. post paid, 2 black on green.
- Letter ex. free, Commerce seated, black on green, pink, white, and brownish paper.
- Same soldier, with flag, black on pink.
- Messenkope's Union Sq. P. O. lamp in centre, black on green.
- McIntire's city express post, Mercury with wand in centre, 2, pink on white.
- Metropolitan errand carrier's express Co., shield 1, 5, 10, 20, red brown.
- Mail (Man stepping across river,) black on yellow.
- Metropolitan P. O. W. H. Laws Propr. hexagonal red, blue, shield shaped red, blue.
- Martin's city post, paid, 2 obl. black on lilac.
- Overton & Co. Dove in centre, black on green paper.
- Pip's daily mail one cent, black on yellow, do. on flesh paper.
- Priest's pd, despatch, obl. blk. on yellow & red.
- Prince J. H. letter despatch, steamboat, black.
- Post office despatch, obl. oct. 1 red on blue, blue on blue.
- Penny post paid, obl. blue on blue.
- Penny post obl. blue, diamond bor. 1.
- Price's City ex. post, bust, 2 black on red, do. on green.
- Head of Price, large, black on green.
- Pomeroy & Co. letter ex. 20 for \$1, female, orange, blue, black, black on yellow.
- Same, \$1 erased, black on yellow.
- Express for parcels, locomotive, large, black on red, do. on white.
- Robison and Co. 1 cent blue.
- Rodman's penny post obl. red on white.
- Russell's 8th. Ave. P. O. head, red on pink, brown on brown, green on green, vermilion on white.
- Swart's rough and ready city despatch post, head, blue on white, black on green, red on white vermilion on white.
- Swart's Chatham sq. P. O. Wash'n. 2 varieties 1 red, 1 black.
- Swart's for U. S. mail, 2 types, square, 1 blue.
- Snow's despatch, small obl. black on blue.
- Steinmeyer's city post, small obl. 2 black on grey, 2 pink, 2 yellow.
- Teese & Co. penny post, Phila. blue on blue.
- Union Square P. O. shield, 1 black on green, 2 black on pink.
- *U. S. Mail, prepaid circular, 1 black on yellow, orange, pink.
- *U. S. P. O. paid, obl. 1 gilt on black, blue on do. different design blue on white.
- do. L. P. 1 red.
- *United States city despatch post, same as "City despatch post," 2 shades, 3 on green.
- Westervelt's post, Chester, N. Y. obl. black on flesh, lavender.
- West town, small obl. 2 type, gilt.
- Washington city despatch, man on horseback, 1 violet; different design, 1 blue on white.
- " different design, blue on white.
- Walton & Co's city ex. post, oval in rect. 2 pink.
- Wyman, W. 6 Court st. cars, 20 for \$1, black.
- Winan's city post, flying bottle, 2 white, 5 yellow, 10 green, 20 vermilion.
- Wells Fargo & Co. Pony ex. horseman, 10 c. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. brown, 25c. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. blue, red, \$1 red, \$2 red, green, \$4 green, black.
- Shield, circular, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. \$1 blue.
- Newspaper stamp, large oblong, blue.
- Same, to be dropped in N. Y. P. O. black.
- Despatch for the P. O. black on pale blue.

Since our last article on the Confederate Locals stamps, we have bought a good many, and obtained some which have never been described. There were over a hundred of them authorized. We are informed by the former postmaster at Marion Va. that he issued stamps on plain white paper of the values 5-10-15 and 20 cents, of which we have had two. They are very rude, type set border, value in large figures, "CHECK, PAID" above, "P. OFFICE; MARION, VA." at sides. We hear that there is an envelope stamp of Knoxville.

SETS OF UNUSED STAMPS.

Many of these are either reprints or surplus stock we are not as yet able to ascertain which.

Those marked with a star (*), are partial sets.

Country/Region	Set of	Price
Antioquia	4	\$3 50
* Alsace	4	10
"	7	35
Bergedorf	5	25
Bremen	6	30
Brunswick	5	6
* Confederate States	5	20
* France, Republic, 1870	4	10
* " "	6	25
" "	9	1 50
Hamburg	10	40
Heligoland	4	40
* Holstein	4	15
Luzon old issue	4	2 00
* Mecklenburg	3	12
Newfoundland old issue	9	2 00
Prussia, 1861, oval	6	25
" 1867, oct.	5	30
Russia 1864	3	25
Roumania 1862	3	50
" 1865	3	30
Saxony 1863	6	5
* Schleswig	6	20
* Schleswig Holstein	5	20
* Spain 1870	6	20
" official 1854	4	30
" " 1855	4	20

Since our last issue the chief event in the coin world, has been the arrival in New York of the justly celebrated collection of Dr. Charles Clay of Manchester, England.

This gentleman has long been well known, not only at home but in this country as a diligent and enthusiastic collector of coins, medals and tokens relating to America. No single collection either here or in England combines so many attractions as this. There are many coins among the early colonials strictly unique and a much larger number almost so, both on account of their rarity and preservation.

The "N. E." coins in silver, and one in tin of the denomination of one penny wholly unknown to our collections; the "Pine tree" money in all its varieties; the Lord Baltimore pieces with an original impression from the shilling dies in Copper; "Rosa Americana" pennies half pennies and farthings just as they fell from the dies in 1721-2 and 3, with a beautiful proof penny of ten years later date made by order of Geo. II. but never issued are among the rarities in this collection which justify our encomiums.

The set of early American cents is among the finest known, for instance, ten varieties of 1793 including the liberty cap, perfectly uncirculated, the series of Washington's is equally complete. The collection is to be sold at an early day by Geo. A. Leavitt & Co. Astor Place, New York.

This is necessarily our last list of stamps or coins except in catalogue form; any one ordering to the amount of \$1 from the above list before October 1., will receive a catalogue gratis. Those who wish to preserve our Journal, and have missing numbers can be supplied before Oct. 1, at 5 cents each, where it has been lost by mail for 2 cents, and the whole volume for 50 cts.

SETS OF USED STAMPS.

Those marked with a star (*) are broken sets.

Country/Region	Set of	Price
Austria 1850	5	12
" 1861	5	12
" 1863	5	10
" 1867	6	10
* Baden, colored paper	5	15
Barbados	5	15
Bavaria 1862	6	10
Belgium 1861	4	8
" 1865	8	15
Canada 1863-70	10	15
Cape of Good Hope 1863	5	18
* Chili 1867	4	15
* Finland	7	25
* France 1870	5	20
* Great Britain	15	25
Greece	7	20
Grenada	2	12
Hamburg (reprints)	10	20
Holland 1867	6	15
Italy 1863	12	20
Jamaica	6	18
Mexico 1868	5	25
New Zealand	5	20
* Prussia	20	40
* Queensland	5	15
* Russia	4	10
* Spain 1870	6	15
* South Australia	4	12
* Spanish West Indies	6	20
Straits Settlements 1868	8	35
St. Christopher	2	12
* Switzerland 1864	6	15
" " 1865-67	13	25
* " " "	10	15
Trinidad	4	15
* Victoria	8	15
* West Australia	5	15
* Wurtemberg	20	30



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We obtained lately a curious old silver coin, about the size of a half dollar, which came with a lot of old English and South American pieces. On one side was a rude head, with the legend "CARLOS III. HISPAN. REX;" on the other, a full blown rose, "JUAN ESTEVANDEPENNA, FLORIDA, 1760." A similar coin was described by Dickeson from the Mickley collection. It is now in the possession of Wm. Elliott Woodward Esq. of Roxbury, Mass.

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F E' R W E L.

Bai móst ov our rfdurz thi abuv taitl wil bf rigárded wiá surpraiz, haviñ lukt upon ais lftl jurnal az an establiçt afér, reprizentiñ az it duz a lárj and waidli ekstended tréd, hwic oláo ov traifliñ ártiklz, amounts in ai agrigét tu lárj sumz. But wiá us it woz not for eni dizair ov Fém, nor æ plézur hwic mé bf diraivd from okyú-paiñ ai editórial cèr sat wí undurtuk its publikéçun, but wí antisipéted an inkrist numbur of kustomurz, from ai oportúnfti it gév us ov advurtaiziñ our stok. In ais wí hav not bin disapoint-ed, but faind çat it okyupaiz só muc ov our taim, çat wí ár not ébl tu 'giv our kustomurz justis.

Wí hav givn about fkwal aténçun in our kolumz tu stamps and koinz; our siti tréd iz about æ sém in fc, but our kuntri tréd hwic iz nírli az grét haz bín olmóst entáirli in stamps, óiñ in a veri grét mejur tu æ hevi póstej.

Az a nãmizmatic publikéçun it haz not právd a sukses, and wí hav konklud-ed çat a gúd sta: da d stamp katalog wiá rivaizd ediçunz evuri fû monas wil briñ us ful az muc tréd, and okyupai fár les taim.

Sins wí komenst our publikéçun, several oçurz hav bin started in æ Yunaited Stéts ov æ sém saiz, but wiá ónli párçul sukses. Æ Stamp Kolekturz Magazin, ov Bór, Ingland, haz olwez tékn æ lfd in Filatelik informé-çun, and from çèr súpriur advantej ov lókaliti it iz doutful hweaur eni in ais kuntri wil evur bf ébl tu kompft wiá æm.

Wí sink çat in æ koin dipartment çèr ár tú publikéçunz veri muc nfded, and nó ov nó betur plés çan ais siti tu

obtén æ rekwizit matfrialz. Wun is a gud praktikal koin jurnal hwic wil kíp up wiá æ taimz and giv lists, deskripçunz and valyuz ov òl klasez ov koinz, wiá ilustréçunz ov raritiz bóã Amerikan, Foren and E'nçunt, wiá transléçunz ov çós but litl understud suc as Cainfz, I'st Indian, Arabik ets. Çis çud bf stárted bai sum wun hú is not a dflur, wiá its kolumz ópn for advurtizments at a moderet rét, and wí çud bf glad tu furniç ártiklz, and eni informéçun hwic wud bf ov yus tu æ publik. Çi uaur iz a gud katalog ov òl modurn koinz, Góld, Sil-vur and kopur, mór espeçuli æ latur, wiá çèr márket valyuz, similar tu our present stamp katalog. Çis mait bf içyud bai a dilur and if nó wun wil underték it, wí sink veri laikli at sum fúçur taim wí çal dú só ourselvz.

urn taimz, kan not bf suplaid. Çèr siñk wun ov about 300 péjez wud kon-tén òl çat wud bf rikwaird, and if içúd bai a kompitent pursun, wud wí dout not, mft wiá redi sél.

In æ stamp depártement ær ár sum wonts hwic our katalog ov Government póstej stamps wil not suplaf, amuñ hwic ár lists konténiñ æ márket valyu ov òl kainsd ov Revenû stamps, inklú-diñ our ón Própraieteri, Maç and Kárd stamps, olsó ov òl kainsdz ov Despac stamps, bóã ov our ón I'sturn lókalz, and ov æ Westurn envelop stamps. Wí hav givn in our kolumz a kondenst list ov æ tú latur, but wiá ónli a jen-eral aidfa ov çér valyu, hwic flukçuéts grétli, and iz understud bai veri fû.

Wí intend if our katalog právz æ sukses wí antisipét, tu mft aíz wonts, and hóp in ais wé tu prizerv æ gud wil ov our subskraiburz.

OUR NEW CATALOGUE.

As we inform our readers on the first page, we have concluded to give up our Journal, and do our publishing hereafter in the shape of Priced Catalogues, for we find that it interferes too much with the time we should devote to supplying our many and increasing orders for stamps from our country correspondents, and we think we can give the same information in a more condensed and satisfactory way.

We have just issued the Second Edition of our DESCRIPTIVE PRICE CATALOGUE OF GOVERNMENT POSTAGE STAMPS, giving a full description, with values of all stamps to the present date, and the prices we pay for them, being the most complete ever published in America, and combining the advantages of the best European price lists with the descriptions of Dr. Gray.

We will send it post paid to any address for FIFTEEN CENTS. A few of our subscribers who have bought heavily of us will receive a copy gratis, we hope to hear from all the rest, and believe they will consider the price well invested. As we have no longer any mouthpiece for our movements, new editions will be duly advertised in the Youth's Companion, Frank Leslie's Boys' and Girls' Weekly, and the Stamp Collector's Magazine. We again offer our popular packet "M," 300 mixed stamps for 50 cents, but as we have not all our stamps sorted yet, this packet will not be ready before the first of October. We have purposely delayed this No. of our Journal so as to have both ready at once.

We give this month a list of the U. S. Local or Despatch stamps, describing over 200 distinct varieties and omitting all bogus manufactures, and colors which are not authentic, compiled for us by C. H. Coster, of this city, and it is, we believe, the most complete list ever given.

Some of these stamps are very rare, and we have sold them as high as \$12. A few of them are plenty, having been reprinted from the original plates, and they have been more extensively imitated than postage stamps, which has deterred many from collecting them, for this reason they are generally valued more when preserved on the whole envelopes. As stated on our first page we intend soon to publish a list of them with their market values, as well as of the Western Envelope stamps, described in our last No.

There will be a sale of coins from Mason & Co., of Philadelphia, at Geo. A. Leavitt & Co's., Sept. 5th. and 6th. 1871, containing two Washington cents of 1792, one very fine; a Lord Baltimore 3 pence, and a miscellaneous assortment of other coins, including Greek and Roman.

A great excitement has been raised among collectors of fine cents by the late discovery in Pawtucket, R. I. of a collection of several hundred cents ranging from 1800 to later dates, all uncirculated. These had been saved at the time of their issue, and in a note book which came with them, it was stated that the collector had rejected all the 1799's, because he could not find a bright one. The lot contained many of 1801-2-3-5-6 and 7, but only one of 1804.

LIST OF U. S. DESPATCH STAMPS.

Those marked with a star were probably issued for the government carriers, the others by private companies.

- Am. Letter Mail Co. eagle, large square, black.
- " blue; eagle, obl. black, 2 shades.
- Am. ex. Co. postage paid, 2 c. black on green.
- Adams & Co. ex. head, black.
- Brady & Co. locker, 1 brown on yellow.
- " Chicago penny post, oval, 1 lilac.
- Broadway P. O. locomotive, obl. black, gold on black.
- Brooklyn city ex. post. 1 blue, 2 red, 2 shades of each, 2 blue.
- Browne's city post, figure, 1 black, 2 black.
- Bouton's rough and ready despatch post, leaves in corners, black, dots in corners, black.
- Bouton's Manhattan ex. obl. oval, 2 black on flesh.
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- " same with ground of pink dashes.
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- " despatch for the P. O. " black.
- " man stepping over houses, black.
- " D. O. & Co's " black.
- " " city despatch post on bag, black.
- " Kochersperger & Co. Phila. head, oval, blk.
- " " head to right, black.
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- Browne's Easton despatch, head of Wash'n 2 black.
- Bronson & Forbes city ex. post. engine, black on green.
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- 2 red, 2 gilt on white, blue, green, crimson.
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- *City express post, figure in centre, 1 blue, blk 2 blue, black.

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 West town, small obl. 2 type, gilt.
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 " different design, blue on white.
 Walton & Co's city ex. post, oval in rect. 2 pink.
 Wyman, W. 6 Court s. ea s. 20 for \$1. black.
 Winan's city post, flying bottle, 2 white, 5 yellow, 10 green, 20 vermilion.
 Wells Fargo & Co. Pony ex. horseman, 10 c. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. brown, 25c. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. blue, red, \$1 red, \$2 red, green, \$4 green, black.
 Shield, circular, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. \$1. blue.
 Newspaper stamp, large oblong, blue.
 Same, to be dropped in N. Y. P. O. black.
 Despatch for the P. O. black on pale blue.

Since our last article on the Confederate Locals stamps, we have bought a good many, and obtained some which have never been described. There were over a hundred of them authorized. We are informed by the former postmaster at Marion Va. that he issued stamps on plain white paper of the values 5-10-15 and 20 cents, of which we have had two. They are very rude, type set border, value in large figures, "CHECK, PAID" above, "P. OFFICE; MARION, VA." at sides. We hear that there is an envelope stamp of Knoxville.

SETS OF UNUSED STAMPS.

Many of these are either reprints or surplus stock we are not as yet able to ascertain which.

Those marked with a star (*), are partial sets.

Antioquia.....	Set of 4	\$3 50
* Alsace.....	" 4	10
"	" 7	35
Bergedorf.....	" 5	25
Bremen.....	" 6	30
Brunswick.....	" 5	6
* Confederate States.....	" 5	20
* France, Republic, 1870.....	" 4	10
* "	" 6	25
"	" 9	1 50
Hamburg.....	" 10	40
Heligoland.....	" 4	40
* Holstein.....	" 4	15
Luzon old issue.....	" 4	2 00
* Mecklenburg.....	" 3	12
Newfoundland old issue.....	" 9	2 00
Prussia, 1861, oval.....	" 6	25
" 1867, oct.....	" 5	30
Russia 1864.....	" 3	25
Roumania 1862.....	" 3	50
" 1865.....	" 3	30
Saxony 1863.....	" 6	5
* Schleswig.....	" 6	20
* Schleswig Holstein.....	" 5	20
* Spain 1870.....	" 6	20
" official 1854.....	" 4	30
" " 1855.....	" 4	20

Since our last issue the chief event in the coin world, has been the arrival in New York of the justly celebrated collection of Dr. Charles Clay of Manchester, England.

This gentleman has long been well known, not only at home but in this country as a diligent and enthusiastic collector of coins, medals and tokens relating to America. No single collection either here or in England combines so many attractions as this. There are many coins among the early colonials strictly unique and a much larger number almost so, both on account of their rarity and preservation.

The "N. E." coins in silver, and one in tin of the denomination of one penny wholly unknown to our collections; the "Pine tree" money in all its varieties; the Lord Baltimore pieces with an original impression from the shilling dies in Copper; "Rosa Americana" pennies half pennies and farthings just as they fell from the dies in 1721-2 and 3, with a beautiful proof penny of ten years later date made by order of Geo. II. but never issued are among the rarities in this collection which justify our encomiums.

The set of early American cents is among the finest known, for instance, ten varieties of 1793 including the liberty cap, perfectly uncirculated, the series of Washington's is equally complete. The collection is to be sold at an early day by Geo. A. Leavitt & Co. Astor Place, New York.

This is necessarily our last list of stamps or coins except in catalogue form; any one ordering to the amount of \$1 from the above list before October 1, will receive a catalogue gratis. Those who wish to preserve our Journal, and have missing numbers can be supplied before Oct. 1, at 5 cents each, where it has been lost by mail for 2 cents, and the whole volume for 50 c.

SETS OF USED STAMPS.

Those marked with a star (*) are broken sets.

Austria 1850.....	Set of 5	12
" 1861.....	" 5	12
" 1863.....	" 5	10
" 1867.....	" 6	13
* Baden, colored paper.....	" 5	15
Barbados.....	" 5	15
Bavaria 1862.....	" 6	10
Belgium 1861.....	" 4	8
" 1865.....	" 8	15
Canada 1863-70.....	" 10	15
Cape of Good Hope 1863.....	" 5	18
* Chili 1867.....	" 4	15
* Finland.....	" 7	25
* France 1870.....	" 5	20
* Great Britain.....	" 15	25
Greece.....	" 7	20
Grenada.....	" 2	12
Hamburg (reprints).....	" 10	20
Holland 1867.....	" 6	15
Italy 1863.....	" 12	20
Jamaica.....	" 6	18
Mexico 1868.....	" 5	25
New Zealand.....	" 5	20
* Prussia.....	" 20	40
* Queensland.....	" 5	15
* Russia.....	" 4	10
* Spain 1870.....	" 6	15
* South Australia.....	" 4	12
* Spanish West Indies.....	" 6	20
Straits Settlements 1868.....	" 8	35
St. Christopher.....	" 2	12
* Switzerland 1854.....	" 6	15
" 1862-67.....	" 13	25
* "	" 10	15
Trinidad.....	" 4	15
* Victoria.....	" 8	15
* West Australia.....	" 5	15
* Wurtemberg.....	" 20	30



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We obtained lately a curious old silver coin, about the size of a half dollar, which came with a lot of old English and South American pieces. On one side was a rude head, with the legend "CARLOS III. HISPAN. REX;" on the other, a full blown rose, "JUAN ESTEVANDEPENNA, FLORIDA, 1760." A similar coin was described by Dickeson from the Mickley collection. It is now in the possession of Wm. Elliott Woodward Esq. of Roxbury, Mass.

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