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## DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

Under this and the following headings will be noted all Events of Interest to Stamp Collectors. Notice must reach the Editor not later than Thursday.

**Monday.**—The September Packet of the Railway Stamp Exchange leaves. Members please note.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Oct. 10th & 11th.—Auction Sale by Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.

Oct. 12th & 13th.—Auction Sale by Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at St. Martin's Town Hall.

## BRITISH MUSEUM.

STAMPS NOW ON VIEW:—

Austria, 1867 and later issues.  
Switzerland, down to the Unpaid Letter issues.

## New Issues and Discoveries.

The Editor will be much obliged for early news of New Issues, or intended New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors. Full acknowledgment given. If possible specimens should be sent in order that illustrations may be prepared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles a strip of three 1d. brown "Draft," the centre stamp inverted. Enquiries by Mr. A. B. Creeke show that one stamp was inverted on a plate registered 11.10.53, but apparently the error was corrected nine days later, probably before regular printing commenced.

**CANADA.**—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich have shown us the 5cents. with numeral of value in lower corners.—5 cents deep blue.

The 3c. rose has been surcharged and sold as 2 cents. According to *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, 6,000,000 of the four leaves type, and 3,000,000 of the current type have been surcharged, the latter being issued first (July 28th).

**CUBA.**—We are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., for a sight of the new stamps for this island, which form a very interesting set.

Postage. 1 centavo, green.  
2c. carmine.  
3c. violet.  
5c. blue.  
10c. brown.

Special Delivery, 10c. orange.

We hope to illustrate the above next week.

**GRENADA.**—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., inform us that the ½d. lilac and green chronicled some time ago was not issued until August 18th.

**HAWAII.**—We have received from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., specimens of the 1c., 2c. and 5c. in the Postal Union colours.

1c. green.  
2c. red.  
5c. blue.

**HOLLAND.**—From the same firm we have received specimens of the new issue, with modern portrait of the Queen. The values and colours are as follows:—

Figure of value in centre. 12½c. blue  
15c. pale-brown  
20c. yellow-green  
22½c. green and brown  
25c. blue and rose  
50c. brown and grey-green

Head of Queen.

3c. orange  
5c. rose  
7½c. brown  
10c. grey-lilac

Same, Larger Type.

1g. dark blue-green  
2½g. dull lilac  
5g. dull rose

For illustrations see our issue of next week. New stamps are to be issued for Suriname and other Dutch Colonies on January 1st.

**INDIA.**—The 3 pies carmine, has been overprinted for use in Gwalior.

**LUXEMBURG.**—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. state that the current set has been perforated diagonally with the word "official."

**MALTA.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* chronicles the current ½d. and 1d. stamps overprinted Malta, and has been told that the 4d. and 1s. are also so issued.

**NORWAY.**—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., send us the 2 öre orange-brown, perf. 13½, with "Norge" in Roman Capitals. The 12 and 60 öre are the only two remaining values in which the alteration has not been made.

**NICARAGUA.**—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* learns from the *Philatelic Monthly and World* that the Republic of Nicaragua has entered into a contract with a certain Dr. Maximo Asenjo, for the supply of new issues on the Seebeck system for the next ten years. Dr. Asenjo is to receive 50,000 cancelled sets free of charge, and in return is to supply each year the following, to the total number of 3,400,000:—

Postage Stamps, set of 13, 1c. to 5p.  
Official, set of 10, 1c. to 5p.  
Postage Due, set of 7, 1c. to 50c.  
Telegraphs, set of 8, 10c. to 3p.  
Post Cards, 2c., 4c., 6c. and 12c.  
Envelopes, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50c.  
Newsbands, 2c., 4c.

In addition each year 1000 stamps will be issued to commemorate some historical event, and will be current for one day only.

This means fifty new stamps every year! And the worst of it is Honduras and Salvador generally follow the example of Nicaragua. The following table is interesting:—

Period.	By Nicaragua.	By Honduras.	By Salvador.
Before 1890	17	20	26
From 1890 to 1898	187	93	246
Proposed (1899-1909)	500	?	?

The above table does not take into account minor varieties of perforation, etc. Collectors would do well to ignore all 'Seebeck' or 'Asenjo' issues (i.e., all issues since 1889) for these three republics. Such contracts would not be entered into were they not profitable.

**ROUMANIA.**—We have received the 5, 10 and 25 bani in Postal Union colours (Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.), also the 15 bani.

5 bani, green.  
10 " rose.  
15 " black.  
25 " blue.

## British Occupation of the Transvaal.

Some fine unused blocks of the 1879 issue of stamps are now on hand, and are offered at the following prices. Subject to remaining unsold, blocks of 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, or 24 can be supplied.

1d. red-brown .. 5d. each (cat. 6d.)  
3d. lilac-rose .. 7d. " ( " 9d.)  
4d. sage-green .. 2/3 " ( " 3/-)  
6d. grey-black .. 1/3 " ( " 1/9)

Also some fine used copies of 2/- blue, perfs. slightly cut (cat 8/6), price 5/-, 3/6, or 2/6.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor invites correspondence on the following or any other subjects of interest to Stamp Collectors.

- 1.—Which British Colony has issued the most interesting stamps?
- 2.—Should Stamp Collectors collect Postal Stationery (entire), or only the Stamps impressed on same (cut out)?
- 3.—Are Surcharged Stamps distinct Stamps, or only varieties of others? Should a general collector admit them to his Album?

Correspondence to be addressed to the Editor, to reach him Tuesday for publication the same week.

## COMPETITIONS.

We shall be glad to receive suggestions from readers.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**J.G.**—The 1d. black V.R. was never actually issued, although two or three copies are known on letters posted in 1840.

**E.C.**—For Catalogue of Envelope Stamps, etc., see the *Standard Catalogue of British Stamps*, pp. 56 et seqq.

## LATE NEWS.

Some good prices were realised at Puttick and Simpson's sale on Tuesday evening.

Cape of Good Hope, 1d. blue error, cut close at bottom, slightly creased, heavy cancellation, brought £33. The 4d. red error, cut close, slightly repaired, realised £20.

Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. orange, pair, medium early state of plate, very fine colour, lightly cancelled, on piece of original, £31 10s. Two fine copies of the same stamp (singles) brought £16, and a single with small margins, £7. A 2d. blue, medium state, fine, realised £14 15s.

British Columbia, 5c. imperf., £16 16s.  
The day's sale realised £700.

## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The Editor desires to thank the large number of Collectors who have written wishing success to the new stamp paper, and to assure them that every effort will be made to make it worthy of their support. Collectors would greatly assist by mentioning "E.W.S.N." when replying to advertisements, and by showing spare copies to their friends. Those Collectors desiring to start with No. 1 should send in their subscriptions without delay, as back numbers will only be obtainable at enhanced prices.

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NI	50 lilac and green, 1884 issue, mostly poor copies	3	6
NL	Mixed lot of 220 various old ½d. and 1d. stamps	4	6
NO	Hospital Fund Stamps, 1 1/- and 2 2/6	5	0
NR	194 1d. red, 1880, in 'mint' blocks	35	0
NS	Block of 120 1d. red, 1880, 'mint'	22	6
NV	Mixed lot of ½d. and 1d. stamps on pieces of originals	17	6
NW	1400 mixed Railway Stamps	55	0
ON	2 blocks of 6 2d., plate 9, fine	1	9
OS	Mixed lot of 140, fine	12	6
PI	105 Railway Letters, cheap	22	6
PK	106 2d. blue, various, all on letters	15	0
PL	400 various stamps, all on letters	42	6
PM	Fine collection 200 old letters, mounted for framing	50	0
PN	Complete reconstructed sheet 2/6 lilac	27	6
PT	Reconstructed sheet 2/6 lilac, 103 ex 112	25	0
PU	Ditto, 82 ex 112 (30 missing)	20	0
PV	113 mixed 2/6 lilac, cheap	25	0
PW	89 different letters, 5/- rose	30	0
PY	36 5/- rose, various letters	10	0
QD	25 6d. grey, I.R. Official	10	0
QJ	58 1d. envelope stamps, unused, square	2	6
QL	25 Univ. P. 'Telegr. Co.	12	6
QR	100 5d. slate, 1880	12	6
QS	70 ½d. green, I.R. Official	8	9
RA	500 2d. blue, imperf., on letter sheets, a bargain for	38	6
RB	1000 1d. red plates, on pieces of originals, unexamined	5	0
RC	4000 ditto	17	6
RD	500 ½d., 1880, slate and green, mixed, on pieces of letters	2	6
RE	2000 1d. stars, perf., on pieces	5	0
RF	2000 1d. red, imperf., on pieces	7	6
The above lots (RA-RF) are sold exactly as received by me, entirely unexamined.			
RH	Fine parcel 1d. stamps of 1840 to 1843, on entire letters, all early shades, several strips, including 4 blacks on one letter	20	0
RI	18 fine 1d. black	5	6
RJ	20 1d. rose, L.C. 16, cat, 2/- each	18	6
RK	12 each 2d. blue, S.C. 16 and 14	15	0
RL	Strip four 2d. L.C. 16 and 3 singles	15	0
RM	20 each 1d. S.C. 14 and 16, dies 1 and 2	8	6
RN	20 fine 2d. blue	1	0
RO	Fine parcel 400 old English (250, values over 2d.)	30	0
<b>FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.</b>			
AA	60 common	0	6
AB	11 N. S. W. 1d. and 2d. diadem, not fine	1	6
AC	50 old fiscals, Porto Rico, etc.,	1	6
AD	91 old foreign	1	0
AE	Cape Triangular, 10 4d. blue	12	0
AF	100 mixed Hayti, 4 kinds	6	6

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## EDITORIAL.

IN introducing *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News*, a few words as to the aims and policy of the Journal will not be out of place. The publication of a weekly stamp paper in this country has for some time been foreshadowed. A few years since a fortnightly magazine made its appearance, and some two years ago we commenced the publication of a Weekly Circular for Collectors. It is perhaps surprising that Europe has not sooner followed the example of the United States, but a weekly stamp paper is heavily handicapped in this country by high postal rates. As we believe the publication of such a journal will be of benefit not only to our readers but to philately in general, we ask and hope to receive the generous support of all stamp collectors. It will be our aim to interest every class of collector—the specialist who carefully studies his stamps and restricts his attention mainly to the stamps of a single country or group of countries, the general collector who prefers to confine himself to the principal varieties of each stamp issued throughout the world, and last but not least, the beginner, whose energies are mainly devoted to getting as many different stamps as possible, without particular regard to order or issue, and in whose eyes a "Chinese" or "Djibouti" is generally worth ten of equal value from France or Germany. Of these three collectors, the consensus of opinion has plainly ruled that the former should be the patron of unused, and the latter two, of used specimens. In this opinion we concur, but at the same time our advice to collectors will always be: collect what most interests you and in the manner which gives you most pleasure, regardless of the prejudices and fads of others.

Some collectors will never touch a used stamp that has not passed through the post, others will not look at a stamp with even the minutest of defects. To a specialist collector who will in all probability invest a considerable sum of money in his collection, and who will take note of the minutest differences, it is perhaps almost essential to accept only the finest possible copies, but to the general collector and especially to the beginner, it is not so important.

Many beginners do not know a fine copy when they see it, or perhaps we should say, their standard of perfection is not so high as that of the specialist. A fine lightly cancelled copy with a slight tear is almost certain to be taken by a tyro for a "fine" copy. In fact, we do not believe in the very general prejudice against damaged stamps. Too much fastidiousness only makes collecting irksome, and tends to discourage the beginner. Of course, to a specialist, as we have said, "mint" or "superb condition" is a *sine qua non*. Again, to a collector of stamps we cannot see what it matters whether a specimen has passed the post or been fiscally used, or even overprinted

for revenue purposes. The stamp has not run away.

This leads the way to the question of surcharges generally. A penny stamp surcharged ½d. merely indicates that the penny stamp has been sold for another value than that originally intended, but it still remains a penny stamp. Similarly, a United States surcharged Cuba remains a United States stamp, the overprint merely indicating that it is part of a supply issued in Cuba. There is little to choose between an English stamp postmarked, say, Oil Rivers and another with "Oil Rivers" surcharged in printer's type. Both are interesting to the *Specialist* as illustrative of the postal history of the Oil Rivers Protectorate before the issue of special stamps, and their rights to a place in a collection, if any, are equal.

Perhaps this theory may be too novel to find favour at once with collectors, but it will be necessary before long to take some steps to curtail the number of collectable varieties or the general collector will find it impossible to exist.

## Notes of the Week.

NOTICE.—All communications for the Editor should be addressed to H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E., to arrive not later than Thursday morning for notice in the issue for the same week.

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CORRESPONDENCE, English, French, German & Spanish.

*Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, of St. Louis, U.S.A., will publish a special number at Christmas time, descriptive of philately and the stamp trade in Great Britain. The editor, Mr. J. A. Mekeel, was over in London recently

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A representative of the *Newcastle Mail* writes: A recent failure in the business has raised the question whether stamp dealing is "on the down grade." Interviewing a prominent stamp dealer on the subject he assured me in the most emphatic terms that such was by no means the case. The stamp dealing hobby, he said, is spreading and hundreds of prominent people have taken it up. The season just closed by the holidays was the busiest ever known. With regard to rare and valuable stamps, the demand is greater than the supply.

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Frankfurt-on-Main is to have a philatelic Exhibition next July.

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Specialists in British stamps are warned against early 1d. and 2d. stamps with brilliant green Maltese Cross postmarks, which there is every reason to believe are many years younger than the stamps on which they are found. The source appears to be Edinburgh. The stamps will be found to be more or less carefully cleaned used specimens, one specimen of 1d. black shown to us having a distinct red Maltese Cross under that in green. It may be remembered that Edinburgh was also the source of the ½d. red, plate No. 12 on one side and 13 on the other, a fraud exposed in 1893.

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Collectors are also warned against British stamps with forged perforation. All stamps printed on spray paper and lettered D or H in the lower right-hand corner should have a plain margin *within* the perforation on the right-hand side and those lettered E or I should have a similar margin on the left-hand side. All stamps printed on garter paper and lettered F or G in the same corners should have a margin on the right or left-hand respectively (except in the case of a few 4d., pl. 17, and 8d. orange, printed in 1880). As is well known, specimens are often found with this margin cut off, and it is the practice of certain firms on the Continent to perforate the cut edge. It seems also that this is now being done in England as a collector recently sent us a 2s. brown so perforated and stated that he had had it done himself! The lettering at once proved that the margin had been cut off and the edge re-perforated.

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The Thrum Collection of Hawaiian stamps has been purchased by Mr. Charles Bishop for the Museum founded by him at Honolulu. As this is one of the finest collections of these stamps ever formed, the number of old Hawaiians likely to come on the market has been considerably diminished. A fine series of these stamps including some 75 copies of the numerals, was recently purchased by Mr. Sellschopp, of San Francisco, together with a general collection for £1,000.

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## Wanted.

I am open at all times to purchase British Stamps, whether Postage, Railway or Fiscal. Offers made per return.

### MINT UNUSED RARITIES SPECIALLY WANTED.

Correspondence—English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, or Dutch. Every letter answered at once. Opinion given on any British Stamp *Free of Charge*.

## H. L'ESTRANGE EWEN,

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Please mention this paper when replying to advertisements.

A Reference List of United States Revenue stamps is being compiled by a committee of the Boston (U.S.A.) Philatelic Society.

Mr. F. Breiffuss, of St. Petersburg has purchased the Notthafft Collection for between £10,000 and £15,000. Amongst other rarities may be mentioned:—

- British Guiana, Circular (1850), 4c. on pelure; 4c. on primrose with blue signature; 4c. on orange; 8c. on green; 1856, 4c. on blue surface paper; 4c. on crimson, unused.
Canada, 12d. on laid paper, used.
Cape of Good Hope, both the errors, used.
Tasmania, 1d. blue, unused pair.

The Russian and Finland stamps are naturally practically complete.

We regret to hear of the deaths of two well-known Stamp Dealers, Mr. Seebeck of New York, and Mr. Zechmeyer of Nuremberg. The latter was famous for "Common Continentals," and the former for the "Seebeck" Issues of the Central American Republics.

The Belgian Government have recently offered a large number of used Belgian stamps, including amongst others 3,900 1 fr., and 49,350 2 fr. (old type), and 15,650 1fr., and 31,050 2fr. (new type, with or without Sunday labels).

WANTED.—Job Lots and Mixed Parcels

Of STAMPS from any of the following Countries:—

- Argentine Republic, Austria, Baden, Bahamas, Barbados, Bavaria, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Bosnia, Brazil, Brit. C., E. & S. Africa, Brit. Guiana, Brit. Honduras, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape, Ceylon, Chili, China, Colombia, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark & Colonies, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Falkland Islands, Fernando Poo, Fiji Islands, Finland, France & Colonies, Gambia, Germany & Colonies, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Hawaii, Hayti, Holland and Colonies, Hongkong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Italy, Japan, Jamaica, Lagos, Leeward Isles, Liberia, Luxemburg, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Natal, Newfoundland, N. S. Wales, N. Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger Coast, North Borneo, Norway, Orange Free State, Paraguay, Persia Peru, Philippine Is., Porto Rico, Portugal and Colonies, Prussia, Queensland, Roman States, Roumania, Russia, St. Helena, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Samoa, San Marino, Sarawak, Saxony, Servia, Seychelles, Shanghai, Siam, Sierra Leone, South Australia, Spain, Straits Settlements, Sweden, Switzerland, Tasmania, Thurn & Taxis, Tonga, Transvaal, Trinidad, Tunis, Turkey, Turks Islands, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Victoria, Virgin Isles, Western Australia, Wurtemberg, Zanzibar.

CONDITIONS.

- 1. No stamps of value less than 2/6 per 1000 are wanted.
2. Lots must be sent on 14 days approval.
3. Each lot must contain the stamps of only one of the above countries or groups.
4. Price must be more than 1/- and less than 20/- per lot, but any number of lots may be sent at a time.
5. No notice will be taken of lots if price is not quoted. No offers can be made under any circumstances.
6. I pay return postage on lots not accepted, but am a good buyer if lots are cheap.
7. Damaged copies, minor varieties, etc., not wanted at any price.

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Review of the Philatelic Press.

(Exchange Desired—2 or 3 copies of each issue with every Philatelic Journal).

London Philatelist (August):

The Stamps of Tuscany upon wove paper: are they Proofs or Reprints? Dr. Emilio Diena is of opinion that the so-called reprints on white wove paper are really printers' proofs, and that no reprints were ever made. It is true that the 2 soldi, 60 crazie and 3 lire printed in 1866 were partial reprints from the original die, but the separate dies used for adding the different values could not be found and had to be re-engraved.

Lombardy: Issue 1850 and 1862. Dr. Diena describes dangerous forgeries of the 15c. red, 1850, Type II.; the 45c., Type I., and 10 soldi, Eagle Type.

Egyptian Stamps. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons have received a letter from the Egyptian postal administration offering the following obliterated Egyptian stamps taken off correspondence and parcels despatch notes (which are periodically destroyed):

Table listing stamp values: 5 milliemmes .. 35,000; 1 piastre .. 120,000; 2 piastres (1879) .. 2,300; (1893) .. 38,000; 5 piastres .. 95,000; 10 piastres .. 10,000

Other interesting notes follow on the arrangement of a general collection by "generalist," who is anxious for the publication of a printed album providing spaces for every possible variety that even an advanced specialist would require. Even if such were published, it is doubtful whether it would be appreciated by more than a mere handful of collectors. Nine out of ten specialists prefer a free hand.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal (August):

This number contains a full report of the proceedings in connection with a petition for the winding up of the firm of Harry Hilckes & Co., Limited. The full history of the Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post, and its stamps is given. Other contents are:

- Native Indian Stamps (continued).—Bhopal. Notes and News, by the Publishers. Correspondence.—Central versus County Philatelic Societies.

Stamps (August).

The August number gives a continuation of the articles on British Colonial Postcards (Canada) and the stamps of Western Australia, the authors being respectively Messrs. W. T. Wilson and Grant R. Francis. Some exceptionally interesting hints on "The proper use of Stamp Hinges"—"Home-made Hinges"—"What shall I do with my common stamps?"—"Stamps not be washed," are given.

Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal (Sept. 16).

- Telegraph Stamps in Belgium (continued). The usual features are also continued.

Anales de la Sociedad Filatélica de Chile.

- The provisional stamps of Coama, Porto Rico. Peruvian Stamps (continued). Forgeries of Chilian unpaid letter stamps.

Also received:

- The Australian Philatelist (July). Le Philatelist Français (August). Rivista del Francobollo (May-June).

Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.\*

THE following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued. As regards pricing, an innovation has been made which it is hoped will be found useful to Collectors having duplicates.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, whether postally or fiscally used or even overprinted in any way; the third column, the prices at which the publishers can accept good specimens in any condition (used, unused, etc.), in exchange for any other stamps as priced in the first and second columns. For instance, twelve 1d. Antigua can be accepted in exchange for one 6d. green, or one 6d. green for a 4d. red-brown. Cash transactions at about 25 per cent. discount.

ANTIGUA, Leeward Islands, West Indies. Area, 108 sq. miles; population in 1891, 36,119; chief town, S. John's.

1858. From May, 1858, to May, 1860, British stamps were issued for the prepayment of sea postage, and may be recognized by the number of the postmark, Aoz or A18.

I. Engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co.



Type P. B. & Co. Type De La Rue.

Table with columns: No., 1d. rose, verm. (1863), 6d. green (1862), unused, used, exch. Values: 0/4, 0/4, 0/2; 5/0, 2/0, 1/0

Varieties: (a) Printed by Perkins, Bacon and Co.

Table listing varieties: 1862 No wmk., rough perf. 14 to 16 .. 6d.; compound perf., 6d.; 1863 Wmk. Star, r. perf. 14 to 16, .. 1d., 6d.

On Nov. 23rd, 1871, the plates were handed to the Crown Agents, subsequent printings from them being made by De La Rue & Co.

(b) Printed by De La Rue & Co.

Table listing varieties: 1873 Wmk. Crown CC., perf. 12 1/2 .. 1d., 6d.; 1882 Wmk. Crown CA., perf. 12 .. 1d.; .. .. 14 .. 1d., 6d.

\* This catalogue has been compiled mainly in the hope of benefiting those collectors who wish, whilst devoting their best efforts to specialism, to still keep slightly in touch with the stamps of our whole Colonial Empire. If the varieties described in the Notes to each issue be ignored, a very interesting general collection may be formed without taxing to the utmost the energy and purse of the collector, thus leaving him free to specialise the most interesting countries or issues. The Notes given will serve to indicate broadly the possibilities of each colony, and for further information, the reader is referred to the London Philatelic Society's Works, Stanley Gibbons' Catalogues, etc.

The above stamps were printed in sheets of 120, 10 rows of 12, and remained in use till 1890. Both values were overprinted for use in Montserrat. In 1879, the postal rates were reduced to 4d. to the United Kingdom and 2 1/2d. to the neighbouring islands.

II. Engraved by De La Rue & Co.

Table listing varieties: 3d. green (1882), 2 1/2d. red-brown (1879), 2 1/2d. blue (1886), 4d. blue (1879), 4d. red-brown (1886), 1s. lilac. Values: 0/2 0/2 0/1, 7/6 2/0 1/0, 0/8 0/6 0/3, 12/6 2/0 1/0, 1/3 1/0 0/6, 20/0 24/0 15/0

Varieties: (all printed by De La Rue & Co.)

Table listing varieties: 1879 Wmk. Crown, CA., perf. 14 .. 2 1/2d., 4d.; 1882 Wmk. Crown, CA., perf. 14 all

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Perkins, Bacon & Co's Types.

Table listing varieties: 1d. rose, red (1859), 4d. pink (1861), 6d. violet (1861). Values: 1/6 0/6 0/3, 7/6 1/0 0/6, 5/0 0/6 0/3

Varieties: (a) Printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co.

Table listing varieties: 1851 No wmk., imperf. .. 1d.; 1861 .. rough perf., 14 to 16, all.

The above were printed in sheets of 60 stamps, 6 rows of 10, on January 28th, 1862, the plates were handed to the Crown Agents.

(b) Printed by De La Rue & Co.

Table listing varieties: 1862 No wmk., perf. 11 1/2 to 12, all; perf. 13, all; 1862 Wmk. Crown CC., perf. 12 1/2, all; 1875 .. 14 .. 1d., 4d.; 1882 Wmk. Crown, CA., perf. 12 .. 1d., 4d.; 1882 .. 14 .. 1d., 4d.

But very few stamps printed by De La Rue are perforated 11 1/2 or 13, but another well-known instance is the 1862 issue of Ceylon. In May, 1883, the 6d. was surcharged and sold as 4d.

II. Engraved by De La Rue & Co.



De La Rue Types.

Table listing varieties: 4 1d. rose (1884), 5 2 1/2d. blue (1888), 6 4d. yellow (1884), 7 6d. lilac (1890), 8 1s. green (1863), 9 5s. olive (1884), 10 1/1 red-brown (1884). Values: C\* 0/0 1/2, 0/1, 0/3 0/1 1/2, 0/6 0/3, 0/4 0/2, 1/6 0/9, 3/- 1/6

The above are found only wmk. Crown CA., perf. 14, except the 1s., which also occurs wmk. Crown CC., perf. 12 1/2 and 14. It will be seen that De La Rue & Co., used the old plates for the 1d., 4d., and 6d. stamps right up to 1884. The 1s. stamps were required owing to the increase in the letter rate to England from 6d. to 1s., made in 1863, after which year the sale of the 6d. value was so small that probably no more were printed.

\* C = still current.

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The "rare" varieties of the 10c. and 15c. Jubilee British Guiana, with double and inverted surcharges, recently offered to stamp dealers by an official in the Post Office at Georgetown, have been ordered to be destroyed. It will be remembered that the errors were "discovered" by an official who took advantage of his position to make a corner in them.

Warning.

JUST as we go to press a Collector writes:— A party in Southampton has recently disappeared, taking with him large consignments and collections of stamps received from various collectors on approval, to the extent of £500 or £600. I have, myself, the misfortune to be victimized to the extent of £99. The following are some of the stamps stolen:—

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Review of the Philatelic Press.

(Exchange Desired—2 or 3 copies of each issue with every Philatelic Journal).

London Philatelist (September):

- Contents:—The Pictorial Post Card. The Stamps of Japan from 1876 (L. W. Fulcher). The 5p. black of Roumania (1858). Review of the "Stamps of the British Isles." Correspondence—The Generalist Collector—Great Barrie Island Pigeon Post.

Mr. Fulcher gives an exceedingly exhaustive reference list of Japanese stamps, issues from 1876, arranged according to perforations, of which there appear to be no less than eighteen varieties, gauging from 8 to 13¼. Altogether over 200 varieties of these recent issues are catalogued. Floreat the Specialist!

Stamps (September).

- Contents:—Sweden for the Novice. The Study of Local Stamps. How to dispose of Common Stamps. Post Cards and Letter Cards of the British Empire (cont.) Revenue Stamps of Japan (L. W. Fulcher). Revenue Stamps (A. Preston Pearce). The Stamps of Western Australia (G. R. Francis).

The September number of Stamps is more than ordinarily good, in fact we have no hesitation in saying that on its present form it is one of the very best philatelic magazines ever published. The publisher is Mr. F. L. Heygate, of Rushden.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal (September):

- Contents:—The First Stamps of Hayti. Native Indian Stamps (cont.—Bhopal). Notes and News. The "Unappropriated Dies." Barbados 2d. dull slate (1854). Notes r. F. Gregory.

Filatelic Facts & Fallacies (August).

Contents: Notes on the History of the General Post Office of the Hawaiian Islands. Philippine Stamps surcharged "Resellado."

Philatelic Monthly & World (August).

An interesting table is contributed by Mr. Henry C. Davis, as to the relative scarcity of the various plate numbers of the 1d. red English stamps of 1864. Mr. Davis examined 47,243 stamps and found most specimens of the following:—

Table with 6 columns: Pl. No., Stamps found, Pl. No., Stamps found, Pl. No., Stamps found. Lists plate numbers and their corresponding number of stamps found.

Of eight other plates, over 500 were found, 16 had between 400 and 500 representatives; 43 between 200 and 400; the same number (43) between 100 and 200; and 18 with less than 100. The table is not entirely reliable, as it is obvious that two-thirds, if not three-quarters, of the specimens sorted must have been taken from letters sent previous to 1877, consequently plate numbers issued after 1877 do not stand a fair chance. The numbers generally considered the rarest were represented as follows:

Table with 6 columns: Pl. No., Stamps found, Pl. No., Stamps found, Pl. No., Stamps found. Lists rare plate numbers and their corresponding number of stamps found.

With the exceptions noted above, no plate than No. 169 had less than 130 representatives.

A DELIGHTFUL addition to modern books of adventure is very tamely entitled "The Stamp King." It is translated from the French of De Beauregard and De Gorse, by Miss Edith Philips, published by Stanley Gibbons (Limited). Incidentally, there is a marvellous revelation of the inner affairs and methods of the stamp collecting world; but the main interest of the book, to our mind, is its remarkable story, and it can and will be read with pleasure by many who care nothing whatever about the philatelic mania, though we have of course freely to admit it has been written in that interest.

**THE STORY.**

To follow the plot throughout in a brief notice would be, of course, impossible. In brief, the Philatelic Club of New York (for which one of the qualifications is that you must be twenty times a millionaire) has for one of its members William Keniss, who has the only absolutely complete collection of postage stamps in the world, down to the very latest—one of two issued by the Maharajah of Brahmabootra. An extraordinarily daring young millionairess, Miss Betty Scott, who has under taken and has accomplished the wonderful task of making the only other complete collection in the world within a year—she arrives on the stroke of the clock, as in the "Journey Round the World"—is elected a member of the club, but her triumph is dashed when a telegram is received showing that her friend and rival, Keniss, has secured the Brahmabootra stamp. The only other one in existence is in possession of the Maharajah himself, and to secure this prize of untold value she sets off silently on the very night of her arrival after her journey round the world. Keniss learns of her departure, and follows himself, to secure the stamp or prevent her from getting it. This is only the peg of the story.

**THE JOURNEY.**

Then commences a series of adventures which are as fascinating as they are astonishing, but all well within the magic realm of fiction. The rivals start for Paris. Betty catches the Touraine for Havre, Keniss just misses it; the vessel has a breakdown in a storm, and there is a fine and vivid description of life on a liner. Betty arrives at Havre a week late, Keniss, who has caught the next boat via Liverpool, is waiting for her. Meanwhile there has been a revolution in Brahmabootra, and the Maharajah has been brought to London, and is kept in semi-State in a mansion in Park-lane. Keniss has seen him only to learn that the stamp has been purchased from him by M. Moulineau, the famous dealer of Paris. The rivals start together for Paris. Moulineau has sold the stamp to Prince Albrandi, of Naples, but he confides this only to Keniss. Betty employs a detective agency to have the latter shadowed, and the situation now becomes exciting, for Keniss's valet (who is a collector of "forgeries") and Betty's maid enter into the spirit of the duel.

**A BIT OF SARDON.**

John the valet, has a clever forgery made of the real stamp from photographs; this is blown from his fingers through an open window (a dash of Sardon in this!) and there is a hunt for it all through Paris. This chapter alone would make a little drama. It is eventually picked up by a boy and taken to the stamp house in a corner of the Champs-Élysées. We learn incidentally that the original one saw the light in 1860, in the garden of the Tuileries at the foot of the statue of Diana. It is here actually purchased by Keniss, who, discovering it to be a forgery, gives it back to his valet (the inventor of it), who gives it to his fiancée. Betty's maid, who gives it to Betty, the unbeaten collector, who, believing she has the coveted original, starts back immediately for New York. Keniss conveys to her at Havre, the information that she has a forgery—just as the vessel clears the pier—and here is the big sensation of the story.

**A SENSATIONAL INCIDENT.**

She tries to stop the ship—to buy a boat. The captain is inexorable. She telegraphs by semaphore to the shore for a tug-boat from Cherbourg, which comes out to intercept the liner. But the captain won't stop. The courageous and indomitable Betty throws herself into the sea, is picked up by the tug, and is back in Paris within 24 hours, and soon afterwards on her way to Naples in the same train with Keniss.

It would be spoiling a very good thing to tell the rest of the story of the adventures of these two, who eventually join interests in the recovery of the stamp as well as in other worldly affairs; and we shall be much mistaken if this book, in popular form, does not meet with phenomenal favour.

We should add that the book is handsomely printed and bound, and that there are eighty exceptionally fine illustrations by E. Vuillermier.

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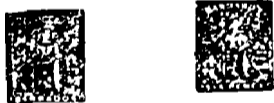
## Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.

THE following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued. As regards pricing, an innovation has been made which it is hoped will be found useful to Collectors having duplicates.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, whether postally or fiscally used or even overprinted in any way; the third column, the prices at which the publishers can accept good specimens in any condition (used, unused, etc.), in exchange for any other stamps as priced in the first and second columns. For instance, twelve rd. Antigua can be accepted in exchange for one 6d. green, or one 6d. green for a 4d. red-brown. Cash transactions at about 25 per cent. discount.

**BARBADOS, West Indies. Area. 166 miles; population in 1891, 182,306; chief town. Bridgetown.**

**I.—Engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co.**



Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s Types.

**First Issue.**

- 1. (½d.) green (1852) .. 4.0 0/9 0.4
- 2. (1d.) blue (1852) .. 1.9 0/4 0.2
- 3. (4d.) red, rose (1852) .. 10/0 6/0 3/0
- 4. 6d. rose, orange-red (1859) .. 30/0 2/6 1/3
- 5. 1s. black (1859) .. 7.6 1/0 0/6

Varities: (all printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co.)  
 1852 No wmk., imperf. blue, (½d.) (1d.) (1d.)  
 1856 " " " (1d.) (1d.) 6d., 1s.  
 1860 " pin perf. 14 (½d.) (1d.)  
 " " " " 12½ (½d.)  
 1861 " perf. 14 to 16, all.  
 " " " 12 to 13 (1d.)  
 1870 Wmk. Star (large or small), perf. 14 to 16, all.  
 compound perf. 14d. (4d.)

The 6d. is found in a great variety of shades from rose, red, vermilion to orange-red, so distinct as to practically represent different colours, yet it is difficult to know just where to draw the line. The 4d. also shows variations in shade. The 1d. blue was halved and used as ½d.

The first supplies of 1d. and 4d. stamps were sent out to the Colony on Dec. 30th, 1851, but were lost at sea. A second supply followed on Jan. 15th, 1852, the first halfpenny stamps leaving a month later. The first supply of 6d. and 1s. stamps left on Oct. 14th, 1858, and were required owing to the prepayment of packet letters being made compulsory after Dec. 31st, 1858. Previous to this date, letters to Europe were paid

\* This catalogue has been compiled mainly in the hope of benefiting those collectors who wish, whilst devoting their best efforts to specialism, to still keep slightly in touch with the stamps of our whole Colonial Empire. If the varieties described in the Notes to each issue be ignored, a very interesting general collection may be formed without taxing to the utmost the energy and purse of the collector, thus leaving him free to specialise the most interesting countries or issues. The Notes given will serve to indicate broadly the possibilities of each colony, and for further information, the reader is referred to the London Philatelic Society's Works, Stanley Gibbons' Catalogues, etc.

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	(½d.)	(1d.)	(4d.)	(6d.)	(1s.)
No wmk., imperf. ..	380	950	60	82	55
" Pin perf. ..	100	260	—	—	—
" Perf. ..	508	1735	107	246	192
Wmk. Star, Perf. ..	193	882	56	144	149
" Comp. Perf. ..	33	—	22	—	—

The (½d.) (1d.) and (4d.) were printed in sheets of 120 from the same plate, without value expressed; and the 6d. and 1s. in sheets of 110, 11 rows of 10.



**Second Issue.**

- 6. ½d. green (1874) .. 0/6 0/3 0/1½
- 7. 1d. blue (1874) .. 4.6 0/3 0/1
- 8. 3d. lilac (two colours), (1873) .. 10/0 5/0 2/6
- 9. 4d. red (1875) .. 15/0 1/6 0/9
- 10. 6d. yellow (1875) .. 6/0 1/0 0/6
- 11. 1s. violet (1875) .. 7/6 2/0 1/0
- 12. 5s. rose (1873) .. 95/0 40/0 30/0

Varities: (a) Printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co. (Perforated by De La Rue?).

- 1873 Wmk. Star, perf. 14, 4d., 1d., 3d.
- 1873 " " perf. 15½ by 15, 5s.

The 3d. was printed in brown-lilac by the above firm, and in violet by De La Rue.

All plates were delivered up to the Crown Agents on Nov. 17th, 1874, after which stamps were printed by De La Rue & Co.

- 1875 Wmk. Crown CC., perf. 12½, 4d., 1d., 6d., 1s.
- " " " " 14, all except 5s.

The 1s. and 5s. may be met with bisected, the latter surcharged '1d.' The approximate numbers issued were (in thousands):\*

- Wmk. Star, 4d., 6d.; 1d., 330; 3d., 20; 5s., 10.
- Wmk. Crown CC., perf. 12½, 4d., 125; 4d., 36; 6d., 26; 1s., 55.
- " " " " 14, 4d., 492; 1d., 2,307; 3d., 21; 4d., 143; 6d., 169; 1s., 137.



**II.—Engraved by De La Rue & Co.**

**Third Issue.**

- 13. ½d. green (1882) .. 0/2 0/0½ —
- 14. 1d. rose (1882) .. 0/2 0/0½ —
- 15. 2½d. blue (1882) .. 0.6 0.1 —
- 16. 3d. violet (1885) .. 1.0 1/6 0/6
- 17. 4d. grey (1882) .. 17/6 0/9 0/4
- 18. 4d. brown (1885) .. 0.9 0.4 0/2
- 19. 6d. olive-brown (1887) .. 3.6 3/6 1/0
- 20. 1s. red-brown (1887) .. 2.6 2.6 1/3
- 21. 5s. ochre (1887) .. 20/0 30.0 15/0

The above are only found Wmk. Crown, C.A., perf. 14. In 1892, the 4d. was surcharged and sold as ½d. Of the 5s. ochre, only 2400 (5 sheets) were issued.

(Next week, Barbados (cont.), Bermuda and British Bechuanaland).

\* These figures are given on the authority of Stanley Gibbons' Handbook on Barbados.

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### DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

Under this and the following headings will be noted all Events of Interest to Stamp Collectors. Notice must reach the Editor not later than Thursday.

TUESDAY.—Hadlow's 153rd Sale, Anderton's Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Oct. 24th, 25th.—Auction Sale by Pattick & Simpson, 47, Leicester Square, W.C., 5.30 p.m.  
Oct. 26th.—Smoking Concert Central Philatelic Club, 3, Cursitor Street, 8 p.m.  
Oct. 25th, 27th.—Auction by Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at St. Martin's Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### BRITISH MUSEUM.

STAMPS NOW ON VIEW:—  
Austria, 1847 and later issues.  
Switzerland, down to the Unpaid Letter issues.

## New Issues and Discoveries.

The Editor will be much obliged for early news of New Issues, or intended New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors. Full acknowledgment given. If possible specimens should be sent in order that illustrations may be prepared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—The *Globe* states:—Philatelists and the general public will be interested in the announcement that next New Year's Day will see a change in the colour of the English penny postage stamp. From that date it will no longer appear in its present tint, but will return to the red of its predecessor, the old penny postage stamp. There will be no alteration in the design.

The latest issue of Letter Stamps by the L.B. & S.C. Ry. is similar to the last but one—pale green—but the stamps are arranged in sheets of 12, four rows of three instead of three of four. We have also just received a specimen of the new Newspaper Stamp (3d. blue, No. 85). At the top is the Company's name in white on blue ground, in the centre a white shield with 3d. in the centre, with "At Owner's Risk" in a band round the lower edges of the shield; at the bottom "Newspaper Stamp" and the control number. (Other values are issued, but we have not yet seen them.)

**HOLLAND.**—Illustrations of the new Dutch series are appended.



**CUBA.**—We illustrate the new series described in our issue of September 30th.



**PORTO RICO.**—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., state that they have received information that "when the present stock of United States stamps overprinted 'Porto Rico' is exhausted, no more will be overprinted, but ordinary United States stamps will be used in their place." We would draw the attention of readers to the fact that, stamp collectors having been given an opportunity of contributing to the United States Treasury, and revenue likely to accrue from this source having been gathered in, it is now discovered that ordinary United States stamps will do very well, from which we infer that the former varieties were made solely for collectors. At any rate there could have been no strict postal need for the overprint.



**ZANZIBAR.**—Above is an illustration of the new issue.

## Correspondence.

The Editor invites correspondence on subjects of interest to Stamp Collectors.

- 1.—Which British Colony has issued the most interesting stamps?
- 2.—Should Stamp Collectors collect Postal Stationery (entire), or only the Stamps impressed on same (cut out)?
- 3.—Are Surcharged Stamps distinct Stamps, or only varieties of others? Should a general collector admit them to his Album?

Correspondence to be addressed to the Editor, to reach him Tuesday for publication the same week.

### POSTMARKS.

To the Editor E.W.S.N.

London, Oct. 3rd, 1899.

DEAR SIR,—Could you in your paper ask readers to give any new numbers they may have of Irish postmarks later than 560. Also ask on what principles, if any, numbers are changed and towns moved from one number to another? Ask, for instance, moved from 826 to 089, now uses 826! Why are recent numbers not used, such as K96 (the last on the list) and why do not others of the K series use their numbers?—Yours truly,  
F.W.L.

### MOUNTING STAMPS.

To the Editor E.W.S.N.

DEAR SIR,—It has occurred to me that in E.W.S.N. you might answer queries put to you by ignorant mortals like myself, who have no opportunity of getting to a Philatelic Exhibition. I take a keen interest in stamps,—in my own quiet

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## NEXT WEEK.

Philatelic Sketches—Interesting Stamps  
to Specialize—Why Specialize all stamps  
of a country for the sake of one or two  
interesting series?

- No. 1 The 1d. black of Great Britain.
- No. 2 The 4d. Cape, Triangular.
- No. 3 The 1d. blue, Trinidad.

The first of the above series of Articles will appear next week.

way—but am often at a loss about many little philatelic matters—such as for instance:—

- 1.—What is the best way to construct a sheet of stamps? I mean which is the best way to stick on the stamps, after they have been collected together. Should one use a large sheet of gummed paper or merely use the stamp mounts?
- 2.—Which is the best way to mount or insert in an album, unused stamps, so as to keep them in mint condition?

You have no idea of the ignorance amongst so called Philatelists in the Northern Regions!

Yours faithfully,

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## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**W.S.W.**—The 11½ perforations of Railway Letter Fee stamps vary greatly, especially Waterlow's. Specimens may be found gauging 11, 11½, 11¾, 11½, 12 (the latter generally of later date than the former), but the average is 11½. Several of the gauges may be found on the same sheet or even stamp. All Metropolitans are very rare unused.

**G.V.**—Stamps with margin attached, showing plate number, are considerably more valuable than ordinary specimens. The value of yours depends on which stamps they are.

## COMPETITIONS.

The prize recently offered for the best list of Railway Companies issuing parcel or other stamps, has been awarded to Mr. G. W. J. Potter, Bedford Road, S. Woodford, who is requested to send in his list of wants, to the extent mentioned in our original offer.

Suggestions from readers as to novel and interesting competitions will be welcome.

## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The Editor desires to thank the large number of Collectors who have written wishing success to the new stamp paper, and to assure them that every effort will be made to make it worthy of their support. In order that future numbers may be fully illustrated, over 1000 blocks for illustrations are being made, and many new features are under consideration. Collectors would greatly assist by mentioning "E.W.S.N." when replying to advertisements, and by showing spare copies to their friends. Those Collectors desiring to start with No. 1 should send in their subscriptions without delay, as back numbers will only be obtainable at enhanced prices.

Mr. P. C. BISHOP writes:—"I must compliment you on the very neat appearance of "E.W.S.N."

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NO	Hospital Fund Stamps, 1 1/- and 2 2/6	5	0
NR	194 1d. red, 1880, in 'mint' blocks	35	0
NS	Block of 120 1d. red, 1880, 'mint'	22	6
NV	Mixed lot of ½d. and 1d. stamps on pieces of originals	17	6
NW	1400 mixed Railway Stamps	55	0
ON	2 blocks of 6 2d., plate 9, fine	1	9
OS	Mixed lot of 140, fine	12	6
PI	105 Railway Letters, cheap	22	6
PK	106 2d. blue, various, all on letters	15	0
PL	400 various stamps, all on letters	42	6
PM	Fine collection 200 old letters, mounted for framing	50	0
PN	Complete reconstructed sheet 2/6 lilac	27	6
PT	Reconstructed sheet 2/6 lilac, 103 ex 112	25	0
PU	Ditto, 82 ex 112 (30 missing)	20	0
PV	113 mixed 2/6 lilac, cheap	25	0
PW	59 different letters, 5/- rose	30	0
PY	36 5/- rose, various letters	10	0
QD	25 6d. grey, I.R. Official	10	0
QJ	58 1d. envelope stamps, unused, square	2	6
QL	25 Univ. P. Telegr. Co.	12	6
QR	100 5d. slate, 1880	12	6
QS	70 ½d. green, I.R. Official	8	9
RA	500 2d. blue, imperf., on letter sheets, a bargain for	38	6
RB	1000 1d. red plates, on pieces of originals, unexamined	5	0
RD	500 ½d., 1880, slate and green, mixed, on pieces of letters	2	6
RE	2000 1d. stars, perf., on pieces	5	0
RF	2000 1d. red, imperf., on pieces	7	6
The above lots (RA-RF) are sold exactly as received by me, entirely unexamined.			
RH	Fine parcel 1d. stamps of 1840 to 1843, on entire letters, all early shades, several strips, including 4 blacks on one letter	20	0
RI	18 fine 1d. black	5	6
RJ	20 1d. rose, L.C. 16, cat. 2/- each	18	6
RK	12 each 2d. blue, S.C. 16 and 14	15	0
RL	Strip four 2d. L.C. 16 and 3 singles	15	0
RM	20 each 1d. S.C. 14 and 16, dies 1 and 2	8	6
RN	20 fine 2d. blue	1	0

#### FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.

AA	60 common	0	6
AB	11 N. S. W. 1d. and 2d. diadem, not fine	1	6
AC	50 old fiscals, Porto Rico, etc.	1	6
AD	91 old foreign	1	0
AE	Cape Triangular, 10 4d. blue	12	0
AF	100 mixed Hayti, 4 kinds	6	6
AG	21 Bavaria, 1kr., 1849-62	3	6

The following lots are *very much* under catalogue—

AH	5 British Columbia	11	0
AI	23 good old Peru	10	6
AJ	20 Colombia, various	15	0
AK	18 French Colonies	12	0
AL	36 Uruguay, various, old	25	0
AM	32 Argentine Republic	25	0
AN	34 good old Mexico	32	6
AO	20 fine <i>used</i> Nova Scotia	30	0
AP	17 Prince-Edward Isles	30	0
AQ	37 old Brazil	32	6
AR	34 New Brunswick, mostly used	37	6
AS	50 good old Newfoundland	60	0
AT	67 Canada, including 5 pence	120	0
AC'	159 United States, including rarities, a grand collection	160	0
AV	Old Approval Book of Russians	15	0
AW	Old Approval Book of Europeans	75	0
AX	Book, over 60 pence Ceylons	140	0

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" 1d. red brown, CC., unused, O.G.	15/-
Grenada, 1d. on 4d. yellow, small star, mint..	5/-
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3. " 2d. blue " "
4. " various plate numbers.
5. " 2½d. stamps.
6. " 3d. stamps.
7. " surcharged.
8. Transvaal (Medium).
9. Orange Free State (Medium).
10. Denmark and Colonies.
11. Norway.
12. Sweden.
13. Greece.
14. Russia.
15. Finland.
16. Spain.
17. Cuba, Porto Rico, etc.
18. Turkey.
19. Cape Triangulars.
20. Argentine Republic.
21. Bolivia.
22. Central America.
23. Hayti.
24. Chili.

### EDITORIAL.

AS the primary object of *Ewen's Weekly Stamp News* is to provide collectors with all the philatelic news of the moment, it is essential that the paper should be printed each week in the shortest possible time. Several subscribers have suggested that the paper should be reduced in size, as being easier to bind, but we would like to point out in reply, that in such case not only would a cover be wanted, but the paper would require to be bound, thus not only adding greatly to the cost of production, but necessitating going to press two or three days earlier. It is our desire to meet the wishes of readers in every possible way, but at present it is not practicable to reduce the size. Our aim is to provide collectors with an up-to-date newspaper rather than a magazine.

## Notes of the Week.

NOTICE.—All communications for the Editor should be addressed to H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E., to arrive not later than Thursday morning for notice in the issue for the same week.

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CORRESPONDENCE, English, French, German & Spanish.

The following notice—amusing on account of the evident ignorance of the reviewer—appeared in *Madame*. "The Stamp King" is the English "title of a romance of Messrs. Gorse and Beauregard, published in Paris a couple of years ago. It is devoted to the stamp craze, and is studded with the technicalities of the philatelists. To one still sane on the subject of stamps it is a weak work, containing much that is improbable. To the genuine philatelist no doubt 'The Stamp King' will appeal, for reasons that are hidden from the literary critic. The book is beautifully printed and illustrated, and is published in London by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons."

One of the Gems of the Tapling Collection now to be seen at the British Museum is an unused strip of five Zurich, 4 rappen, different types, purchased by Mr. Tapling for about £20!

The Cape of Good Hope error, 4d. red, realised £34 at Messrs. Venton, Bull and Cooper's recent sale. Tuscany, 3 lire yellow, sold for £43 10s., and a deeper shade of the same stamp brought £35.

The Leeds Philatelic Society opened its tenth session a few days ago, when Mr. T. K. Skipwith's unique collection of Uganda was shown.

The *Railway Magazine* for October contains an article on Railway Letter Stamps, by Mr. G. W. J. Potter. It is to be hoped that it may induce some Railway Official of importance to look into the question of the sale of unused stamps, to which there can be no real objection.

## Review of the Philatelic Press.

*The Stamp Collectors' Guardian* (No. 1, October)

Contents:—The Abuse of Philately.  
"The Trade" in Congress.  
Protect the Poor Stamp Dealer!  
An Amalgamation of interests.  
The "Strike" in the Strand.  
The Hilckes' Holocaust.  
Peculiar Philatelic Personalities, No. 1, "Theodor."  
The Great "Unused" Questions.  
The French 20c. blue of 1849.  
Exchanging Bricks for Stamps.  
Fakes, an Ex-faker's reminiscences.

As may be seen from the above list of contents, the latest addition to the ranks of philatelic magazines promises well, and the older journals will have to look to their laurels. As the Editor states in his opening address, the *Stamp Collectors' Guardian* "aims at being, hopes to be, means to be, the Stamp Collectors' Guardian," and it has certainly commenced its work well. Perhaps the most striking article is that dealing with unused stamps, from which we quote the prefatorial remarks:—

"During, say, the past decade, the philatelic public has repeatedly been discovered in the act of rubbing its eyes in sheer amazement, and asking itself the apparently unanswerable question: 'Where do these vast quantities of rare unused stamps come from?'"

"That is the great unused question—the question that the *Stamp Collectors' Guardian* has set itself to answer.

"Philatelists whose memories are of any respectable length will not need to be reminded of the sensation—not universally a sensation of joy—occasioned by the, let us say, 'leakage' of stamps of the Perkins Bacon printings, such as the star, perforated, 9d., 1s. 9d., and 2s. Ceylons, the early Barbados and Trinidad imperfs, etc. And thereby hangs the singular tale that the perforated 1s. 9d. Ceylon was never really known until this leakage took place!

"At that time the mysterious outflow of stamps of the Perkins Bacon printing found a counterpart in the Somerset House affair. It is beyond all question that large quantities of stamps have found their way from what has been called 'the Government's stock book' to the open market. Who was at fault? How was such a thing possible? We shall seek to shed a flood of light on this and other matters in the course of the remarks that follow.

"We have instanced two cases of the secret traffic in unused stamps, but both instances pale their ineffectual fires before something that has occurred quite recently. The facts before us at the moment of writing are incomplete in one or two minor points. In next month's *GUARDIAN* we hope to tell a plain, unvarnished tale of one of the most rascally coups on record. Attempts will doubtless be made to restrain us, but the truth shall out!

"We are in the business to help collectors, to help 'the trade.' We shall tell all we know. Silence will help nobody, save those who are waxing sleek and prosperous on their ill-gotten gains. Courageous speech will check the evil for good and all."

The "S.C.G." is modelled somewhat after the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* (publication of which has been suspended for the past few months) being similar in shape and size. The type is clear and get-up excellent,—as is invariably the case with any publication for the printing of which Messrs. Parly & Son, of Bournemouth, are responsible.

The next and all future numbers are promised for the first of each month.

*The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* (Sept.):

Contents:—Notes on English Stamps (W. S. Webb).  
Postal Issues of the Confederate States.  
Canada's Rarest Stamp.  
Philatelic Records.

Figures are given showing the number printed and issued of the Canadian 12d. black. It appears that 820 were issued in the year ending April 5th, 1852, and 100, 325 and 265 respectively in the three following years, when the sale ceased. Thus, of the 51,000 prepared, only 1510 were issued. What became of the others is unknown, but they were probably burnt.

*The Philatelic Almanac* (Smyth & Co). We have received a copy of the "Philatelic Almanac" for 1859 (published last season). This is a very handy little publication, and although the number in our hands comprises a mass of interesting information in its 50 pages, yet Messrs. Smyth & Co., intend the 1900 edition to be a great improvement on it. As the price is only 4d. it should be in the hands of every collector. Some interesting advice is given as to "How to collect stamps," "How to buy stamps," "How to sell stamps," "How to exchange stamps," and "How to clean and arrange stamps."

## Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.\*

THE following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued. As regards pricing, an innovation has been made which it is hoped will be found useful to Collectors having duplicates.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, whether postally or fiscally used or even overprinted in any way; the third column, the prices at which the publishers can accept good specimens in any condition (used, unused, etc.), in exchange for any other stamps as priced in the first and second columns. For instance, twelve 1d. Antigua can be accepted in exchange for one 6d. green, or one 6d. green for a 4d. red-brown. Cash transactions at from 10 to 25 per cent. discount.



### BARBADOS. Fourth Issue (1892).

	unused	used	exch.
22. ½d. grey and rose ..	C.	0/1	—
23. ½d. green ..	C.	0/1	—
24. 1d. rose ..	C.	0/1	—
25. 2d. slate and orange (1899)	C.	0/2	—
26. 2½d. blue ..	C.	0/1	—
27. 5d. olive-brown ..	C.	0/6	0/3
28. 6d. violet and rose ..	C.	0/9	0/4
29. 8d. orange and blue ..	C.	1/0	0/6
30. 10d. green and rose ..	C.	1/3	0/7
31. 2s. 6d. black and orange	C.	3/6	1/9



### Commemorative Issue (1897.)

Jubilee and Commemorative stamps are best arranged in a collection by themselves, apart from the regular postage stamps, the issue of which they do not as a rule interrupt. They have accordingly been included in an appendix at the end of this catalogue.

For Envelope stamps, etc., see appendix, also.

**BERMUDA, West Indies.** About 100 small islands, of which the largest is 20 square miles; population in 1891, 15,013; revenue in 1893, £34,893. Chief town, Hamilton. The postal rate to England was raised from 6d. to 1s. in 1863, but reduced again about ten years later. In April, 1879, it was 4d. In 1873, the single letter rate to British North America was reduced to 3d.



### First Issue (1865). Surface Printed by De La Rue & Co.

1. ½d. brown (March 25, 1880)	0/3	0/3	0/1
2. 1d. rose (Sept. 13, 1865) ..	C.†	0/2	—
3. 2d. blue (March 14, 1866) ..	1/0	0/6	0/3
4. 2½d. blue (Nov. 10, 1884) ..	C.	0/0½	—
5. 3d. buff (March 10, 1873) ..	7/6	2/6	1/6
6. 4d. red (March 25, 1880) ..	C.	0/3	0/1
7. 6d. violet (Sept. 13, 1865) ..	C.	0/6	0/3
8. 1s. green (Sept. 13, 1865) ..	2/6	2/0	1/0

Varieties:—  
1865 Crown CC., perf. 14, all.  
" Crown CC., perf. 14 x 12½, 3d., 1s.  
1884 Crown CA., perf. 14, 1d., 2d., 2½d.

During 1874 1d. and 1s. stamps were surcharged and sold as 3d., and in the following year, 2d., 3d., and 1s. stamps as 1d.

### Second Issue (1869.) Colours changed.

9. ½d. green (Oct. 1892) ..	C.	0/0½	—
10. 2d. violet-brown (June 1893)	C.	0/3	—
11. 3d. grey (Jan. 1886) ..	C.	0/6	0/3
12. 1s. yellow-brown (June 1893)	C.	1/0	0/6

The above are wmk. Crown CA. and perf. 14.

**BRITISH BECHUANALAND.** This Colony or Protectorate is situated North of Cape Colony, between German S.W. Africa on the West and the South African Republic and Orange Free State on the East. The stamps issued have mostly been of a

\* This catalogue has been compiled mainly in the hope of benefiting those collectors who wish, whilst devoting their best efforts to specialism, to still keep slightly in touch with the stamps of our whole Colonial Empire. If the varieties described in the Notes to each issue be ignored, a very interesting general collection may be formed without taxing to the utmost the energy and purse of the collector, thus leaving him free to specialise the most interesting countries or issues. The Notes given will serve to indicate broadly the possibilities of each colony, and for further information, the reader is referred to the London Philatelic Society's Works, Stanley Gibbons' Catalogues, etc.

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makeshift order. Since 1886, the following stamps have been overprinted "British Bechuanaland," "British Bechuanaland Protectorate" or "Bechuanaland Protectorate."

Cape of Good Hope, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s.  
Great Britain, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d.  
British "Unappropriated Dies" 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s., 2s., 2s. 6d., 5s., 10s., £1, £5.

Although these stamps form an interesting series for the specialist, they need not be considered necessary in a general collection.

The "unappropriated dies" are of various values, with a plain label below, on which they can be overprinted for any use desired. They may be found with the following amongst other overprints:—Bankruptcy Court, Consular Service, Military Telegraphs, Army Telegraphs—and it was originally suggested that the "Government Parcels" stamps should be of this type (proofs of the 3d. and 6d. with "Government Parcels" in manuscript are known.)

As this catalogue is intended to be of use in forming a general collection, the stamps of this protectorate will not be further described.

**BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA** (see after British Guiana).

**BRITISH GUIANA.** British Colony on the N. Coast of South America. Area, 100,000 square miles; population in 1891, 278,328; revenue in 1892-93, £573,463; chief town, Georgetown (Demerara).

FOR LOCAL POSTAGE.



### First Issue (1850-51).

Printed at the Demerara and Essequibo Gazette Office.

1. 2c. rose (March 1, 1851) ..	—	£300	—
2. 4c. orange (July 1, 1850) ..	—	£40	—
3. 8c. green (July 1, 1850) ..	—	£30	—
4. 12c. blue (July 1, 1850) ..	—	£8	—

The rates varied according to the distance the letter was carried. The 2c. was for the Demerara Local Post, which was abandoned very shortly after being established.



### Second Issue (1852, Jan. 1st). Lithographed by Waterlow & Sons.

5. 1c. black on magenta ..	—	£5	—
6. 4c. " blue ..	—	£7	—



### Third Issue (1853.) Date in corners. Lithographed by Waterlow & Sons.

7. 1c. red ..	..	..	£5	50/0	—
8. 4c. blue ..	..	..	£6	15/0	—



### Fourth Issue (1856.)

Printed at the Official Gazette Office.

9. 1c. black on magenta ..	..	..	—	—	—
10. 4c. " " ..	..	..	—	£20	—
11. 4c. " " ..	..	..	—	£80	—

The 1c. of this issue is the rarest known stamp.



### Fifth Issue (1862.) Printed locally.

12. 1c. black on rose ..	..	70 0	£10	—
13. 2c. " yellow ..	..	£20	£5	—
14. 4c. " blue ..	..	£20	£15	—

These stamps were initialled in the centre before issue. Varieties of type occur in all the above 14 stamps.

### FOR FOREIGN POSTAGE.

For two years prior to May 1st, 1860, when British Guiana (in common with most of the West Indian Colonies) took over the control of its Post Office from the Home Government, British stamps were issued for the prepayment of packet postage (6d. per ½oz. until April, 1863, when it was increased to 1s. per ½oz.) As appears from *The Gazette* of May 12th, 1858, "Postage stamps of the respective values of 6d., 4d. and 1d. were received from England by the steamer that arrived on the 9th inst." Later, supplies of the 1/- stamp were also sent. British stamps used here may be recognised by their postmark numbers, A03 Demerara (Georgetown) and A04 Berbice (New Amsterdam).

### FOR GENERAL POSTAGE.



### I.—Lithographed by Waterlow & Sons.

First General Issue (1860, May 1st.)  
Date in corners.

15. 1c. rose ..	..	..	£6	30/0	20/0
16. 1c. brown (Oct. ? 1861) ..	..	..	£6	30/0	20/0
17. 1c. black (1862) ..	..	..	0/9	0/9	0/5
18. 2c. orange ..	..	..	1/0	0/6	0/3
19. 4c. blue ..	..	..	4/0	1/0	0/6
20. 8c. rose ..	..	..	5/0	2/6	1/6
21. 12c. lilac ..	..	..	15/0	2/0	1/0
22. 24c. green ..	..	..	20/0	7/6	4/6



### Larger type, dated 1863, in corners.

23. 6d. blue (August, 1863) ..	..	..	8/6	4/6	3/6
24. 24c. green ..	..	..	17/6	1/6	1/0
25. 48c. red ..	..	..	20/0	3/6	2/0

### Varieties:

1860 Thick paper, perf. 12, 1c. (No. 15, 16), 2c., 4c., 8c., 12c., 24c. (No. 22).  
Thin paper, perf. 12, 1c. (Nos. 16, 17), 2c., 4c., 8c., 12c., 24c. (both).  
1863 Perf. 12½ to 13, 1c. (No. 17), 2c., 4c., 6c., 8c., 12c., 24c. (both), 48c.  
1867 Perf. 10, 1c. (No. 17), 2c., 4c., 6c., 8c., 12c., 24c. (No. 24), 48c.  
1875 Perf. 15, 1c. (No. 17), 2c., 4c., 6c., 8c., 12c., 24c. (No. 24).

There are two slightly different types of the 1c., 2c., 8c., and 12c. In 1875, the 1c., 2c., 8c., 12c., 24c. were surcharged Official. In 1878, the 6c. and 48c. were surcharged and sold as 1c.



### II.—Engraved and Printed by De La Rue & Co.

Second General Issue, 1876 (July 1st).

26. 1c. grey ..	..	..	0/2	0/2	—
27. 2c. orange ..	..	..	0/3	0/2	—
28. 4c. blue ..	..	..	1/6	0/4	0/2
29. 6c. brown ..	..	..	0/9	0/6	0/3
30. 8c. rose ..	..	..	2/0	0/3	0/1
31. 12c. lilac ..	..	..	5/6	0/6	0/3
32. 24c. green ..	..	..	3/0	1/0	0/9
33. 48c. red-brown ..	..	..	5/0	4/0	2/0
34. 96c. bistre ..	..	..	90/0	1/6	0/9

### Varieties:

1876 Wmk. Crown CC. perf. 14, all.  
" perf. 12½, 4c.  
1882 Wmk. Crown CA. perf. 14, 1c., 2c., 4c., 6c., 8c.

The 6c. and 96c. were surcharged in 1878-79 and sold as 1c. or 2c. In 1878-81, all except the 96c. were surcharged "official," several being further overprinted with other values, etc.



Provisional Issue, 1882 (Jan. 7th.) Type set and printed by Baldwin & Co., Georgetown. Dated 1882.

35. 1c. black on rose ..	..	..	4/0	4/0	—
36. 2c. " yellow ..	..	..	4/0	3/0	—

Several types of each exist. Most specimens are perforated with the word "specimen."

(To be continued next week, British Guiana, British Central Africa and British Columbia.)



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## DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

Under this and the following headings will be noted all Events of Interest to Stamp Collectors. Notice must reach the Editor not later than Thursday.

Tue-day and Wednesday.—Auction Sale by Puttick & Simpson, 47, Leicester Square, W.C., 5.30 p.m.  
Thursday.—Smoking Concert Central Philatelic Club, 3, Cursitor Street, 8 p.m.  
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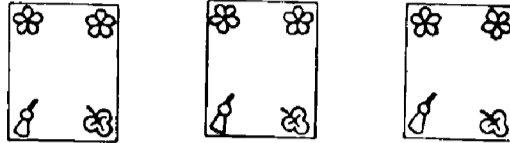
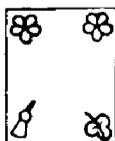
## New Issues and Discoveries.

The Editor will be much obliged for early news of New Issues, or intended New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors. Full acknowledgment given. If possible specimens should be sent in order that illustrations may be prepared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Mr. O. Marsh writes us that he has seen die 39 of the 1/2d. vermilion envelope stamp (postmarked Cork, Oct. 7th), and also dies 43, 44, 45 and 46 of the 6d. violet. These latter dies are used almost entirely for stamping telegram forms. The other envelope dies in use are 1d. and 1 1/2d. S.H., 2d. 8, 2 1/2d. 2, 3d. 7, 4d. 1, 10d. 7, and 1s. 14, apparently no change having been made in the last five years.

Mr. V. Gregory notifies us of an interesting discovery, namely a 9d. wmk. Emblems of 1865 (lettered TA), the watermark of which consists of three roses and a shamrock. The third rose is inverted and takes the place of the thistle in the lower left hand corner (looking at the printed side). We have examined the stamp and find the watermark unusually clear. It will be noticed from the lettering of the stamp that this flower was in the extreme corner of the sheet, and doubtless the "bit" used to produce the thistle had got damaged.

The wire bits used to produce the "Emblems" or "Four Flowers" watermark were in fact very liable to get damaged round the edges of each pane, and until 1864 the 'bits' were renewed in the same position as those which had been removed (as in the above illustration). After 1864, however, the 'roses' were inserted in an inverted position with one cusp instead of two, uppermost (this is really the correct heraldic position). Such varieties occur almost entirely along the top row of each pane, the stamps of which are lettered A, F, K or P in the lower left-hand corner. Three variations of this later state of the watermark naturally occur, as in the illustrations.



The stamps in which these varieties are known to occur are those lettered FA, SD, TL, and all in the four rows mentioned. Mr. Gregory has now discovered a still more interesting variety, which, as we have seen, is normal in the upper corners, but offers the first variation observed in the lower flowers. Before concluding this note, we should like to say that varieties of the watermark merely due to the printing from the plates having been a little off centre can have no philatelic value. Such frequently occur in which a stamp parts with a portion of its own watermark and receives in return a share intended for its neighbour, or in which the whole watermark is inverted.

Mr. Gregory's specimen is evenly centred and the watermark line which surrounds each pane is just observable on the left and lower edges.

**BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPY.**—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., inform us that the 1/2d. is now printed in green.

**CANADA.**—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., have shown us the 2c. in its new colors, rose-pink.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—Mr. P. Landsberg informs us that the colours of the 1/2d., 1d., 2 1/2d., and 4d. stamps have been changed.

## SPECIAL OFFER OF NEW ISSUES.

I have received a small supply of the following new issues:—

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I shall be glad to hear from envelope-stamp collectors in want of 6d. violet, dies 41 to 46, who would be willing to take a share in the purchase of books of telegram forms (20 forms in each 10/6 book) at a nominal premium on face value, say 7d. per form. I can offer 1/2d. die 34, unused or used, 1d. each (postage extra) or would exchange for dies 26 to 39.

## Correspondence.

### POSTMARKS.

To the Editor E.W.S.N.

DEAR SIR,—Can anyone say what number of new lines obliteration marks used in London are known? I have the following:

Dated Sept., 1898. Wavy lines with 1 in their centre.  
Dated May, 1899. Straight lines with V.R. and Crown and 1.  
Ditto, 2, 3, 4 and 5.  
Dated July, 1899. Straight lines with no Crown but Plain Numerals, 4, 5 or 6.  
Dated Oct., 1899. Wavy lines with no Crown or numbers.

Any information of others known would be of interest to some of your readers.—Yours truly,  
R.B.S.

## Late News.

PHILATELIC RECORD AND STAMP NEWS, LTD.  
—Registered on October 10th, by R. J. Witty, 10, Old Jewry Chambers, E.C., with a capital of £1,000, in £1 shares. Objects: To acquire the "Philatelic Record and Stamp News," published by Bull and Company, at 11, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.; and to carry on the business of philatelists, printers, booksellers, stationers, etc. The directors (to number not less than three nor more than five) are: W. A. Slade, H. J. Pratt and E. J. Nankwell. Qualification, 25 shares. Remuneration, £25 per annum for W. A. Slade; nothing for other directors. (From *The Bullionist*).

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A few blocks still left (except 3d. and 2s.)

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7. " surcharged.
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14. Russia.
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**O**WING to the very large number of Commissions received from the Continent and America, the Catalogues are issued, when possible, one month or more before the date of sale. Owners wishing to include Stamps should therefore forward them as early as possible.

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PW	89 different letters, 5/- rose	30	0
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QD	25 6d. grey, I.R. Official	10	0
QJ	58 1d. envelope stamps, unused, square	2	6
QL	25 Univ. P. Telegr. Co.	12	6
QR	100 5d. slate, 1880	12	6
QS	70 3/4d. green, I.R. Official	8	9
RA	500 2d. blue, imperf., on letter sheets, a bargain for	38	6
RB	1000 1d. red plates, on pieces of originals, unexamined	5	0
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AA	60 common	0	6
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AE	Cape Triangular, 10 4d. blue	12	0
AI	23 good old Peru	10	6
AJ	20 Colombia, various	15	0
AK	18 French Colonies	12	0
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**W**ILL "E.W.S.N." prove a success? This question has been addressed to us from various quarters, and we are glad to be able to answer it in the affirmative. The new paper has met with a royal reception everywhere, for which we tender our best thanks. Now-a-days one must be up to date and collectors are evidently well aware of this in so liberally extending their support to a paper that will give them stamp news a fortnight or three weeks on an average before the monthly magazines.

Subscribers may expect very considerable improvements before long, and perhaps even, we may be tempted to make the four pages eight, at any rate during the season. If readers will do their best to make the Journal known to their stamp collecting friends, they can rely that we shall not let their efforts remain unacknowledged.

## Notes of the Week.

**NOTICE.**—All communications for the Editor should be addressed to H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E., to arrive not later than Thursday morning for notice in the issue for the same week.

**CORRESPONDENCE,** English, French, German & Spanish.

Mr. L. P. Howson of 1112 Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester has started a "Society for the Prevention of Stamp Swindling," and writes as follows:—

"I think you will agree that there is a decided need for such a society, as I believe most advertisers, at some time or other, have been the victims of the systematic stamp thief.

"As stated in accompanying circular, members are requested to send me particulars of any fraud or attempted fraud they have experienced or heard of during the month. When possible the swindlers' letters should be sent to me. At the end of each month I shall collect all the information to hand, and publish same in the Monthly Circular, a copy of which will be sent to each member.

"By the co-operation of its members, I have no doubt the society will be a great success, and hope we may be instrumental in saving many pounds' worth of stamps from these philatelic sharks."

The first circular will be issued on November 1st. For further particulars we refer our readers to Mr. Howson who will be pleased to send copy of rules.

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The envelopes in which this week's "E.W.S.N." are despatched, are stamped with the 1/4d. envelope die 34. It will be noticed that the impression shows two white dots under the ornament on the right, and another between the A and G of "postage." It is curious that earlier impressions from this die show dots before the A and near the top of the ornament. At first it occurred to us there might be two dies of this number, but Judge Philbrick, to whom we referred the matter, writes in explanation that they have a means of refilling a spot which prints badly, so if they do this there are "states" of the die. This is rather a serious matter for collectors as these spots (due to wear) are often the only means

of identifying the dies. Fortunately this method of refilling does not appear to have been used before 1885, so that reliance may still be placed on this means of identifying earlier dies.

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The following prices were realized on Sept. 28th, at Messrs. Ventom Bull & Cooper's 131st. sale:—

Spain, 1st issue, 2 reales, red,	£25 10s.
Geneva, double stamp,	£17 10s.
Tuscany, 2 soldi, brick-red, unused,	£22.
" same, strip of 5, used,	£27.
" 3 lire, yellow, used,	£43 10s.
Ceylon, 4d. rose, imperf., used,	£14 10s.

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Miss L. Haynes has started a Stamp Exchange Club for Ladies only.

## Philatelic Sketches.

INTERESTING STAMPS TO SPECIALIZE.

**I**T is the tendency amongst collectors of the present day to attempt too much. The truth of this can be easily proved. If the reader will search his memory for impressions gained whilst inspecting his friends' collections, he will find that they are all much of a sameness. Here and there a striking exception will stand out, but on the whole there is little or no originality. One collection for instance may contain some fine British Guianas, another an exceptionally good series of Australians, but probably in no case could it have been possible for the owner to point to a page in his album, as exhibiting the finest display of its kind in the world. Of course, at every Exhibition, one sees magnificent displays of certain countries, but it is not in the power of many to collect on such a scale. Yet there is no reason why any collector, however small his annual stamp allowance, should not make a collection that would not only command the admiration of his friends, but should stand out amongst all others as the best extant. It will have to be on restricted lines, and may take some time to get together, but the difficulty in forming it will greatly add, later on, to the pleasure of possession.

Nine out of ten collectors who give up stamp collecting do so not because it has tired them, but because their method has. The object of the present article is to suggest to collectors one that we believe has not been followed in the past, at any rate by many. It is acknowledged that general collecting is the backbone of stamp collecting, but a general collection on present-day lines is rapidly becoming an impossibility. Our suggestion is this: Form a general collection on the strictest lines possible, that is to say, ignoring watermarks, perforations, surcharges and overprints of every description, minor differences of printing and every variety whatever its nature. This will cut the number of stamps down to an enormous extent and will eliminate to a very great extent the speculative element. The collection must of course be formed purely of government postage stamps proper, no locals nor stamps of local nature such as Afghanistan (districts), Antioquia, Corrientes, etc. When this skeleton collection is well advanced (and the cost will not be so great as might be supposed, as errors of colour, etc., being varieties only, will find no place in it, unless there is proof they were generally issued), you will find that certain stamps interest you more than others, and from time to time your fancy may turn in fresh directions. Specialize these as they have never been specialized before, that is the whole secret. Even a collector with small resources could without doubt in the course of a year or two obtain a finer collection of such a stamp as the 4d. blue Cape Triangular, than anyone else. And by 'specialize,' we mean the word in its more modern sense. Collect all the varieties more generally accepted and then study the history of the stamp, the postmarks that are found on it, reprints and forgeries of it known to exist, in fact learn everything that can be learnt. Such a collection would be easily saleable and would realise at any time a far higher price than the average collection of the present day, filled up for the most part with modern issues, more or less surcharged, of such countries as Abyssinia, French Colonies, Central American Republics, Labuan, etc. Such a specialist collection should not cover more than a single stamp, or at most, a series of the same date (such as Great Britain, 1840, 1d. and 2d., our octagonal issue, etc.) or you will fall into the error of attempting too much.

We do not wish to advocate the purchase of a dealer's stock and the simple filling of pages therewith. Specimens must be carefully chosen, and each must possess a distinct reason for its inclusion. The first page will be devoted to the finest copies obtainable of the earliest printings (and how to distinguish these will be one of your first objects), if possible in pairs and blocks or even an entire sheet. The following pages will exhibit later and worn impressions, specimens imperf., perf. or rouletted, watermarked or un-

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watermarked, unused and used, specimens printed from steel, stone or wood, specimens which have been used or overprinted for revenue or other purposes, and so on. The last pages will be devoted to examples of reprints, essays, forgeries, postmarks, reconstructed sheets, etc. Specimens on entire letters will show the period of use, including specimens if possible used on the first day of issue. Throughout, the collection will be interspersed with notes giving the full history, and in time will earn for its owner the reputation of an authority on that particular stamp or issue. At the same time the completion of your general collection will provide relaxation from the study entailed by advanced specialism, and if you take up more than one stamp, will serve as the frame-work which binds the several collections into one united whole.

No. 1. The 1d. black of Great Britain.

In commencing this series of "Interesting Stamps to Specialize," it is only right that the premier place should be given to the 1d. black of Great Britain, the first adhesive postage stamp known to have been issued.

Into the history of the 1d. black before April, 1840, we do not here intend to go, suffice it to say that the first plate (No. 1) was completed on the 14th of this month, and doubtless the light of that day saw the first impression taken therefrom. The adhesive stamps of 1840 were all printed from line-engraved plates by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Petch, who had been approached on the subject by the Treasury in December, 1839, and with whom a contract was concluded in March, 1840, on the basis of 7½d. per thousand stamps.

**Plates.** The *imprimatur* sheet from plate 1, was printed on April 15th, 1840, and registered on the 27th, and re-registered the following day, after being hardened. There can be no doubt however that the plate was put to press before being officially authorized for use. The plates from which impressions were made in black were as follows (the dates are given on the authority of the London Philatelic Society's work\*).

Plate No.	Date approved.	Date put to press.	Date destroyed.	No. of sheets printed in black.
1	27. 4.40	15.4.40	11.12.41	32,500
2	27. 4.40	22.4.40	19.11.41	30,000
3	9. 5.40	..	— 10.40	36,500
4	18. 5.40	..	9. 1.41	30,000
5	1. 6.40	..	12.11.41	30,000
6	17. 6.40	..	9. 1.41	30,000
7	6. 7.40	..	9. 1.41	20,000
8	31. 7.40	..	8. 9.41	35,000
9	6.11.40	..	7.10.43	35,000
10	2.12.40	..	21. 2.43	10,000
11	21. 1.41	..	15. 1.42	10,000

At present it is not known how to distinguish the various plates, but if one were to take a number of stamps lettered, for instance, AA, it might be possible to pick out eleven impressions in which the positions of the letters in the corner squares were different, and eventually, by the aid of the registration sheets at Somerset House, to identify them. The plate number was struck on the margin at each corner of the sheet, but corner blocks of this stamp are of almost priceless rarity. At the London and Manchester Exhibitions, Mr. H. J. White showed blocks of several of the plates in this state, including the rare Nos. 7 and 11, the latter from the Earl of Kingston's collection, but probably no other collection so nearly complete has ever been got together. Although impressions are known to have been struck off before being registered, it is probable none were so issued, and it is therefore reasonable to suppose that all specimens used before May 10th, 1840, are either from plate 1 or 2; those used during May, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and all used before November, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8. The first work of a specialist in "1d. blacks" should be to ascertain the practicability of distinguishing the various plates. Certain errors of lettering, D over I, double H, etc., occur on the plates, and these would assist in the work of identification.



In addition to fine single copies, clear and worn, the collector must look for pairs, strips and blocks, which are of great scarcity for this value, most heavy letters having been franked with the 2d. stamp. (Foreign letters of this period were invariably paid in money).

**Numbers Issued.** The number issued of each plate is given above, but according to period the figures are as follows:—

To the 14th July, 1840 .. ..	90,871 sheets
From July 15th to Oct. 10th ..	97,130 "
.. Oct. 11th to Jan. 5th, 1841	76,840 "
.. Jan. 6th .. .. ..	35,159 "
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>300,000 sheets</b>

(To be continued.)

\* A few copies of this work, "A History of the Adhesive Stamps of the British Isles," can still be supplied, 24/6 post free, 25/- abroad.

Review of the Philatelic Press.

The Philatelists' Supplement to The Bazaar (October 11th).

Contents:—The Education Value of Stamp Collecting, by Charles Horner, Associate of the College of Preceptors.

Gum.  
Board of Trade Official Stamp.  
United States Periodical Stamps.  
Stolen Stamps. New Issues.

And other notes. There is nothing that calls for special attention, this number being more or less a *résumé* of philatelic happenings during the summer, during which period the supplement is not published.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain (October 11th).

Contents:—Editorial Notes.  
Prospectus of the International Philatelic Exhibition, to be held at Paris, 1900. 252.  
Great Britain Line-Engraved Stamps, by S. C. Skipton (a criticism of certain statements made in the London Society's Work).  
Notes on the Manchester Exhibition.

At the Paris Exhibition (August 25th, to September 10th) medals are to be offered for the following:—

- Class I. Stamps of France (3 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze).
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- Class VIII. Revenue Stamps (1 gold and others).

And other classes for publications, etc.

Mr. Skipton raises one or two interesting points concerning early British 1d. and 2d. stamps, but a reference to these must be left till next week. By the way, the ownership of the "P.J.G.B." is about to change hands, Mr. W. Brown having sold it to Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Pemberton, who are shortly to open in High Holborn. Mr. Brown will still publish the *Advertiser*.

Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.\*

THE following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, postally used; the third column those for specimens in any condition, either fiscally used, penmarked, or printed upon in any way. This last column has been substituted for that giving exchange quotations and will it is believed, prove of greater interest to readers. Offers for collectors' duplicates can be made at any time by the publisher.

BRITISH GUIANA (continued).

Third General Issue, 1889. Bi-coloured Issue, "Postage and Revenue." (New type).

	unused	used	exch.
37. 1c. purple and grey .. ..	0/4	0/3	—
38. 1c. green (1891) .. ..	0/1	0/1	—
39. 2c. purple and orange (Sept., '89)	0/2	0/1	—
40. 4c. .. and orange .. ..	0/4	0/3	—
41. 5c. blue (Dec., 1890) .. ..	0/4	0/1	—
42. 6c. purple-brown .. ..	0/6	0/6	—
43. 8c. .. rose (Sept., 1889) .. ..	2/0	1/6	—
44. 8c. .. green (Dec., 1890) .. ..	0/6	0/3	—
45. 12c. .. violet .. ..	1/0	1/0	0/6
46. 24c. .. green .. ..	2/0	1/6	0/8

\* This catalogue has been compiled mainly in the hope of benefiting those collectors who wish, whilst devoting their best efforts to specialism, to still keep slightly in touch with the stamps of our whole Colonial Empire. If the varieties described in the Notes to each issue be ignored, a very interesting general collection may be formed without taxing to the utmost the energy and purse of the collector, thus leaving him free to specialise the most interesting countries or issues. The Notes given will serve to indicate broadly the possibilities of each colony, and for further information, the reader is referred to the London Philatelic Society's Works, Stanley Gibbons' Catalogues, etc.

47. 48c. .. red .. ..	3/6	3/0	1/6
48. 72c. .. red-brown (Sept., '99)	6/0	6/0	1/9
49. 96c. .. carmine .. ..	7/6	7/6	2/0

During 1888-89 Revenue Stamps of the postage type of 1876 but printed in purple or green and overprinted "Inland Revenue," values 1c. to \$5, were permitted to prepay postage. The stamps were all surcharged 1c., 2c. or 4c.



Jubilee Pictorial Issue, dated 1897. Various pictorial types, of which the 1c. and 2c. are illustrated (see Appendix).

BRITISH HONDURAS, CENTRAL AMERICA.

Area, 7562 square miles; population in 1891, 31,471; revenue in 1892, about £66,000; chief town, Belize.

1858. From May, 1858, to May, 1860, British stamps were issued here for the prepayment of packet postage, and may be recognised by the postmark number A06.



First Issue, 1865. Printed by De La Rue & Co.

1. 1d. blue (1865) .. ..	2/6	4/0	—
2. 1d. rose (Oct., 1884) .. ..	0/6	0/6	0/2
3. 1d. green (1892) .. ..	—	—	0/1
4. 3d. red-brown (March, 1872) .. ..	6/6	12/0	0/3
5. 3d. blue (1891) .. ..	—	—	1/0
6. 4d. violet (July, 1879) .. ..	4/0	1/3	0/9
7. 6d. rose (1865) .. ..	25/0	15/0	—
8. 6d. yellow (May, 1885) .. ..	80/0	90/0	2/0
9. 1/- green (1865) .. ..	25/0	10/0	—
10. 1/- grey (Jan., 1887) .. ..	80/0	60/0	3/0

Varieties:  
1865 No wmk., perf. 14. 1d., 6d., 1/- (first colours).  
1872 Wmk. Crown CC., perf. 12½. 1d., 3d., 6d., 1/5, do.  
1882 Wmk. Crown C.A., perf. 14. 1d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1/5, do. (No. 8), 1s. (No. 10).

In January, 1888, a charge was made in the Colony to American currency, and the stock of stamps was surcharged with value in cents. From May, 1888, all supplies of stamps sent out by De La Rue were similarly surcharged, the 1d. green and 3d. blue (1c. and 6c.) occurring in that condition only.

The following surcharges were made:

1d. rose, 2c.; 1d. green, 1c.; 3d. red-brown, 3c.; 5 on 3c.; 3d. blue, 6c.; 15 on 6c.; 4d. violet, 10c.; 6 on 10c.; 6d. rose, 2c.; 6d. yellow, 20c.; 1/- grey, 50c.; 2 on 50c. Different types of the surcharges exist.



1891. New type. Value in cents.

11. 1c. green .. ..	C.	0/1	—
12. 2c. rose .. ..	C.	0/2	—
13. 3c. brown .. ..	C.	0/3	—
14. 5c. blue (1895) .. ..	C.	0/4	—
15. 6c. .. ..	0/6	—	—
16. 10c. mauve and green (1895) .. ..	C.	—	—
17. 12c. .. ..	1/6	—	—
18. 24c. yellow and blue .. ..	2/6	—	—
19. 25c. red-brown and green (1898) .. ..	C.	—	—

BRITISH LEVANT. British Post Offices at Constantinople, Stamboul, Smyrna, Beyrout, etc.

British stamps are used here, but since 1885 certain values have been overprinted with values in Turkish currency. The various post offices order their stamps from London in the same way as English post offices, and any stamps, cards, etc., current in England are supplied on receipt of the necessary requisition form. The usual values sent out are the ½d., 1d., 2½d., 5d., 10d., 1/-, 2/6, all of which except the ½d., 1d., and 1/- are overprinted, but as stated, any others would be supplied if demanded. None of these varieties are essential to a general collection although interesting to specialists. Unsurcharged specimens may be recognised by the postmarks.



Stamps were first issued as follows:

- August, 1857. Constantinople.
- 1884? Stamboul (Postmark Letter S).
- 1872, Smyrna (Postmark No. F87).
- March, 1873. Beyrout (No. G06).

(Next week—British Central, East and South Africa).

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## DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

Under this and the following headings will be noted all Events of Interest to Stamp Collectors. Notice must reach the Editor not later than Thursday.

Monday and Tuesday.—Auction Sale by Theodor Buhl, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, 5.30 p.m.  
Wednesday.—Railway Stamp Exchange November packet leaves, members please note.

## BRITISH MUSEUM.

STAMPS NOW ON VIEW:—  
Austria, 1867 and later issues.  
Switzerland, down to the Unpaid Letter issues.

## New Issues and Discoveries.

The Editor will be much obliged for early news of New Issues, or intended New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors. Full acknowledgment given. If possible specimens should be sent in order that illustrations may be prepared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—It seems that the reason why the colours of British ½d. and 1d. stamps have not been sooner altered to conform to the Postal Union colours is that a suitable red ink could not be found. Lilac and green are the only two doubly fugitive colours of which satisfactory inks can be employed. If it was only a question of postage stamps, there would be no difficulty, but our stamps are also used for revenue purposes, and it is necessary to have a stamp that offers insuperable difficulties to the removal of pencil and ordinary ink marks as well as post office cancellations. Lilac has been the colour of our receipt stamp for over 40 years, and either lilac or green has been used either wholly or in part for almost all recent stamps, either postage or fiscal, issued both in Great Britain and the Colonies. In 1883 it was intended to print our stamps in lilac and surcharge with figures of value in red, but only the 3d. and 6d. were issued. In 1884 all the more commonly used stamps (except ½d.) were printed wholly in lilac or green, and our current stamps from 1d. to 2/6 are partly in one or other of these colours, or else printed in lilac on coloured papers. *Apropos* the new stamps, we extract the following from the Parliamentary Report in *The Times* of last Tuesday. It seems we are not to have a 1d. red stamp after all.

### "NEW POSTAL STAMPS.

"In reply to Mr. Henniker Heaton (Canterbury), "Mr. Hanbury (Preston) said,—It is intended to alter the colour of the ½d. stamp from red to green, but the present design will not be altered. It is also intended to issue a new 1s. stamp, but the colour and design have not yet been decided upon. The department had not been able to overcome the difficulties in the way of arranging for the issue of an Imperial or an international postage stamp."

**SARAWAK.**—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have shown us specimens of the 3c., 8c. and 12c. surcharged.

3c. brown on yellow, surch. "2 CENTS." in black.  
8c. blue on blue, surch. "4 CENTS." in red.  
12c. rose on rose, surch. "2 CENTS." in black.

The former is postmarked "Sarawak, Sept. 21st, 1899, and the latter appears to bear a date in August.

## Correspondence.

### POSTMARKS.

To the Editor E.W.S.N.:

DEAR SIR,—In your issue for October 21st, I notice a request for information as to the number of lines obliteration marks used in London.

For the benefit of your correspondent, "R.B.S.," and any of your readers interested in postmarks, I may state that I know the following types to exist:—

No. 1.—Dated March, 1887. Six straight lines, 2½ins. long, a short break occurring in the centre of the third and fourth lines.

No. 2.—Dated May to Aug., 1899. Similar, with lines 5ins. long, a figure being placed in the central space. Numbers known: 1, 4, 5 and 6.

No. 3.—Dated Aug., 1893. Seven straight lines, 2½ins. long. The three central lines are broken near their right hand ends and in the space thus provided is the figure 1.

No. 4.—Dated May to Aug., 1899. Four straight lines, 2½ins. long. Between the second and third lines and in the centre is a figure. Numbers known: 2 and 3.

No. 5.—Dated Jan., 1898. Seven straight lines, 2½ins. long. The three middle lines have a break in the centre and in this space are "V.R." and a crown.

No. 6.—Dated April to Sept., 1899. Similar, with a figure between the sixth and seventh lines, immediately below the crown. There are four interesting varieties of this mark, viz. :—

(a.) Has "LONDON" and "1899" in large figures and letters. Numbers known: 1 and 5.

(b.) "LONDON" in large letters and "1899" in small figures. Numbers known: 2, 3 and 6.

(c.) "LONDON" in small letters and "1899" in large figures. Numbers known: 4.

(d.) "LONDON" and "1899" in small letters and figures. Numbers known: 6.

No. 7.—Dated Aug. and Sept., 1899. Seven wavy lines, 2½ins. long.

I have not seen the type with wavy lines and figure in centre mentioned by your correspondent. In type 2 the figure 4 is smaller than the others. In my opinion types 2 and 4 belong to one series as they were used at the same time, and taking both together one gets a run of numbers from 1 to 6. The letters in types 5 and 6 differs considerably. In type 5 the letters are large and in Roman capitals, i.e., "V.R.," while in type 6 the letters are smaller and in sanserif capitals.

I may mention incidentally that (d.) is the most uncommon of the varieties of type 6.

Yours truly,

50 Broad Street, Stamford. "DUPLIX."

[We have also received letters on the subject from "W.D.B." and "E.H.S."—Ed.]

**WILL "E.W.S.N." prove a success?** This question has been addressed to us from various quarters, and we are glad to be able to answer it in the affirmative. The new paper has met with a royal reception everywhere, for which we tender our best thanks. Now-a-days one must be up to date and collectors are evidently well aware of this in so liberally extending their support to a paper that will give them stamp news a fortnight or three weeks on an average before the monthly magazines.

Subscribers may expect very considerable improvements before long, and perhaps even, we may be tempted to make the four pages eight, at any rate during the season. If readers will do their best to make the Journal known to their stamp-collecting friends, they can rely that we shall not let their efforts remain unacknowledged.

## THE

## Boers have Annexed Cape Colony

(BY PROCLAMATION),

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11. " fine block of four ..	10	0
12. " triangular block of four ..	8	6
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14. 1d. rose-red, block of six, superb ..	25	0
15. 6d. violet, block of six, superb ..	37	6
18. " block of four ..	22	0
19. " very fine (cat. 5/-) ..	4	6
20. 6d. grey, fine (cat. 12/-) ..	5	0
21. 1s. green, fine (cat. 16/6) ..	10	0
22. 1s. emerald-green (cat. 25/-) ..	17	6
23. 1s. green, unused pair ..	130	0
24. Woodblock, 1d. red (cat. 100/-) ..	60	0
25. " 4d. blue (cat. 40/-) ..	30	0
26. 4d. blue, on entire letter ..	3	6
27. 1s. green and 6d. violet, on letter ..	20	0
28. Six fine copies of 4d. blue ..	5	9

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22. 25%.	" General.	
23. 50%.	" Common.	
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26. 25%.	" Surcharged.	
27. 25%.	Hayti, General (except current).	
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29. 25%.	Chili, General.	
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31. 25%.	" fine.	
32. 25%.	" 4d. blue (shades).	
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36. "	" 3d. rose. "	
37. "	" 4d. orange. "	
38. "	" 6d. violet. "	
39. "	" 2½d. blue. "	
40. 25%.	Argentine Republic.	
41. 25%.	Bolivia, General.	
42. 25%.	Cuba, General.	
43. 25%.	Cuba, Recent.	
44. 60%.	Central America. Seebecks.	
45. 25%.	Cuba (American Occupation).	
46. 25%.	Soudan.	
47. Nett.	Cape Triangulars (strips and blocks).	
48. 50%.	Great Britain, 1d. red plates, unused.	

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PV	113 mixed 2/6 lilac, cheap	25	0
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PY	36 5/- rose, various letters	10	0
QD	25 6d. grey, I.R. Official	10	0
QJ	58 1d. envelope stamps, unused, square	2	6
QL	25 Univ. P. Electr. Co.	12	6
QR	100 5d. slate, 1880	12	6
QS	70 1/2d. green, I.R. Official	8	9
RA	500 2d. blue, imperf., on letter sheets, a bargain for	38	6
RB	1000 1d. red plates, on pieces of originals, unexamined	5	0
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RL	19 6d. violet and 82 3d. rose	8	0
RQ	126 3d. rose	10	0
RR	577 2 1/2d. rose, cheap	28	6
RS	179 4d. orange, fine	10	0
RT	300 3d. rose	22	6
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AE	Cape Triangular, 10 4d. blue	12	0
AI	23 good old Peru	10	6
AJ	20 Colombia, various	15	0
AK	18 French Colonies	12	0
AL	36 Uruguay, various, old	25	0
AM	32 Argentine Republic	25	0
AN	34 good old Mexico	32	6
AO	20 fine used Nova Scotia	30	0
BA	Big lot of Japan, cheap for	15	0
BB	Splendid parcel of 2500 West Africans, many obsolete, mostly Gold Coast, Gambia, Lazos, Liberia, etc., still on pieces of originals as received from business houses, only	230	0
BC	Fine lot of about 50 4d. Cape Triangulars, some damaged, but a bargain at	35	0
BD	Nice lot of Cape Triangulars on entire letters, including 1/- green	38	6
BE	Very fine lot of 750 South Americans, over 250 different. Would make fine approval sheets	38	6

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## What to Collect.

A CORRESPONDENT WRITES US AS FOLLOWS:—

"I SHOULD like your advice on a matter. I intend spending a sovereign just now on used stamps to improve my collection a bit and what I would like to know is whether you would advise me to buy from approval sheets or books or invest in a twenty shilling or a guinea packet. There are crowds of common ones that I have not got such as Gibbons' catalogue at 1d. and which I know can be bought at 1/2d. easily. Do you make up packets and if so how many different would you give for a guinea, not including envelope or wrapper stamps, and do you recommend selecting from sheets."

As this is a difficulty in which other readers may find themselves, we take the opportunity of replying to our correspondent in the columns of "E.W.S.N."

Although it may be cheaper to buy in packets, many undesirable stamps are obtained, and for a collector situated as above, a collection must be formed within very strict lines. If the collector really desires to get together a representative collection of stamps, he must make up his mind to resist the temptations offered by the brightly-coloured pictorial and jubilee rubbish issued of recent years. He could not do better than follow the lines suggested last week, and ignore surcharges, watermarks, and minor varieties of every description. Should he elect to collect on these simplified lines, it would be advisable to purchase the required stamps either in sets or from sheets where the cheaper stamps are supplied at a good discount off catalogue prices, and where the capital available is small, forming the collection continent by continent, or even country by country. Eventually, when the collection becomes fairly representative, one may commence to specialise a group here and there, whichever interest most. Inexpensive groups are the issues of the Orange Free State, Chili, Hayti, Costa Rica (1st issue), Norway, etc. Many of these stamps bear very interesting postmarks. We should be glad to hear from readers as to what experience has shown them to be the most advisable method.

## Notes of the Week.

NOTICE.—All communications for the Editor should be addressed to H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E., to arrive not later than Thursday morning for notice in the issue for the same week.

CORRESPONDENCE, English, French, German & Spanish.

In a recent number we referred to a Southampton dealer who disappeared, taking with him some hundreds of pounds worth of stamps belonging to others. We are asked to state that the dealer in question is not Mr. Seymour, nor Mr. S. H. Toole (Secretary Hants Stamp Exchange Society), in both of whom readers may place their confidence. The party who absconded lived at Nichols Town, Southampton.

A good deal has been written on the question of Catalogue prices lately, but our explanation

of the large discounts continually being advertised does not appear to have been yet given by any writer on the subject. The fact is that the whole trouble is due to specialism, and not to a "slump." Take for instance the Cape 4d. blue triangular. Gibbons quote as follows:—

4d. blue, Perkins Bacon's print .. 1/6.  
4d. dark-blue, De la Rue's print .. 7/6.

No doubt the latter is five times as rare as the former, but the demand for a 4d. blue is five times as great as the demand for a particular shade. It consequently follows that whilst it is difficult to get any 4d. blue under the minimum price of 1/6, large discounts can be obtained on the premises quoted for specialist varieties. Standard varieties quoted at more than 1s. are seldom obtainable more than 20 per cent. under catalogue prices. Premiums due to scarce watermarks may be subject to 50 per cent. or more, whilst the premiums quoted for rare perforations are sometimes unobtainable. Errors of surcharges, etc., are often quoted in catalogues at heavy premiums, based entirely on supply and without regard to demand. A forced sale would show that a short supply may sometimes be rendered ineffective by an equally small demand. A stamp of which 50 copies exist and for which there are 100 demands is far more valuable than another of which perhaps 20 exist and which there are only five or ten buyers. So far as the majority of specialist varieties are concerned, dealers should be contented with selling two or three copies instead of one, without charging extra. Of course, these remarks do not apply to any great extent to the stamps of a popular country, where specialist varieties are in large demand.

## Philatelic Sketches.

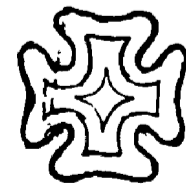
INTERESTING STAMPS TO SPECIALIZE.

No. 1. *The 1d. black of Great Britain.*

(continued from last week.)

**Printings.** The last regular printing in black was made on December 18th, 1840, those made under warrants dated January 4th, 9th and 18th, 1841, being in red. But for some reason or other the issue of the 1d. red was delayed, and the supply of black running short, a further printing of 20,000 sheets in black appears to have taken place at the end of January, 1841, no doubt from plates 10 and 11. The first sheet struck from plate 11 for registration purposes was in red, and although such no longer exists in the official Archives, three entire sheets are held by collectors. This second black series was issued at once, and in anticipation of its being rapidly exhausted, the supply in red above referred to was despatched to post offices on February 10th, to be issued as soon as the other ran out. The authors of the London Society's work\* state however that a copy is known used on January 31st, perhaps from one of the surplus registration sheets taken from plate 11. As regards colour, variations exist, ranging from deep black to an almost pale grey, although fine examples of the latter are rare.

**Postmarks.** After selecting finest used and unused specimens in singles, pairs and blocks, examples of early and worn plates (amongst other signs the distinctness of the eyeball will be found to vary almost as much as between dies I. and II. of the 1d. red), impressions in deep black, black and grey, and after studying the different positions of the corner letters, and the errors made in inserting them, the specialist should turn his attention to the postmarks of the period, in this case represented by that known as the Maltese Cross. The 1d. black may be found with later obliterations, but these are merely freaks owing to overlooked specimens in the hands of the public turning up, and we will not further allude to them than by referring the reader to any catalogue of British postmarks employed from 1841 to the present day. The 1d. black may be found obliterated with the Maltese Cross in red, black and blue (numberless shades of red caused by fading, sulphureting or oxidation), the two former of which were alone authorized. The black ink was introduced in London by an order dated Aug. 25th, 1840,



but instructions to make the change were only despatched to provincial offices on February 14th, 1841, four days after the authorised issue of the 1d. red stamp. It follows that most of the 1d. black with black postmarks came from letters posted in London, although it is true that many provincial offices and especially offices in Scotland and Ireland, did not exhaust their stocks until March or April, 1841. Specimens were occasion-

\* A few copies of this work, "A History of the Adhesive Stamps of the British Isles," can still be supplied, 24/6 post fr.e. 25/- abroad.

Please mention this paper when replying to advertisements.

ally accidentally cancelled with the circular date-mark, or with local post cancellations (rectangular in shape or simply a name). Collectors should beware of specimens obliterated with green and other coloured inks than those mentioned above; such are not genuine.



**RECONSTRUCTING SHEETS.** The sheets consisted of 240 stamps, arranged in 20 rows of 12, lettered AA to AL, BA to BL, and so on down to TA to TL. The collection of complete sets of these letters is an interesting pastime, but a more useful purpose would be served if collectors would endeavour to identify their stamps with various plates by means of this lettering.

**REPRINTS.** A so called reprint was made in 1864, but as it was taken from a plate constructed from Die II, it is optional whether the specialist includes it.

**THE V.R.** Strictly speaking this is a variety of the 1d. black, intended to be issued for official use. It is similar to the 1d. black except that the letters V.R., replace the stars in the upper corners. One plate was constructed, No. A, but not more than four or five sheets were printed and rumour has it that one of these is still in existence and valued by its owner at £2000.

Probably the highest price ever realised for a V.R. was the bid of £68 made at an auction three years ago by a well-known collector for a block of four from the corner of a sheet, bearing the plate letter A. At the same time an ordinary block of four brought £53. Although the V.R. was never officially issued, one or two specimens are known that have franked letters. Several sheets of the V.R. were used at the trials of obliterating inks in 1840-41, and such specimens occasionally turn up, generally smudged or rubbed owing to the attempts made to clear them.

(To be continued.)

**Review of the Philatelic Press.**

*The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* (Oct.):

As promised last week, we refer further to Mr. Skipton's criticism of certain statements anent Early British Line Engraved Stamps made in the work recently published by the London Philatelic Society.

We agree with Mr. Skipton in thinking the above work inaccurate as regards the paper on which impressions were made from the twopenny plates 4 and 5.

Plate 4 was approved 6.12.49.  
" 5 " " 8. 6.55.

It is known that plate 5 was put to press on the following day, 9.6.55, and there is no reason to doubt that plate 4 was taken from press at the same time, although not destroyed till a year later. Large crown paper was not introduced until July, 1855, and it is certain that no impression on it from plate 4 has ever been found.

As regards the next matter, however, we venture to challenge Mr. Skipton's accuracy. He claims to have found a specimen of 2d. blue, plate 8, watermarked with a "Large Crown of 1862." and as this plate ceased to be printed from in March 1861, it follows that "Crown of 1862," is a misnomer, and should be "Crown of 1860 or 1861." Unfortunately we have not had an opportunity of inspecting Mr. Skipton's specimen, but we are confident that a more careful examination will prove it to be only a specimen of the Crown of 1885 with indistinct *fleurs-de-lis*. For a year after plate 9 came into use, all impressions from it were made on the old paper, and it is as unlikely that more than a year's stock of paper would be kept on hand, as that the old paper should continue to be made after the new had been introduced. The date of the introduction of the new paper will, we feel sure, turn out to be towards the end of 1862.



*The Philatelic Record.*—The numbers for July, August, September and October have just reached us, but as most of the articles and notes are merely reprinted from other magazines and have already been reviewed in these columns, it will not be necessary to give a list of contents. A new and much improved series will commence in January.

**THE STAMPS OF GUAM.**

*The Philatelic Record* has the following pertinent remarks on the stamps of "Guam."

"We are curious to hear more of the nature and the necessity of this issue for 'Guam.' Spain with all her fondness for many issues of postage stamps, might be forgiven much by reason of her poverty, but even Spain never dreamt of making a special issue of stamps for 'Guam.'"

"It is hoped that later information will afford us some explanation of the why and wherefore of an

"issue that seems so utterly uncalled for. It is not an edifying spectacle to see the great Republic of the West planting unnecessary issues of postage stamps on stray islands, for the natural question will arise, 'Where will it all end?' The new territory is so prolific of islands of the Guam kind that the possibilities are almost unlimited to a department that so readily makes a special issue of postage stamps 'for a country fair.'"

**Cuttings from the General Press.**

The following ridiculous notice appeared in the *Pall Mall Gazette* last week, in the course of a review of "The Stamp King." We thought the anti-stamp-collecting fanatic had ceased to exist, but there is evidently one "perfect specimen" left, "unused" to "surcharge" his opinions with reason. May he soon be "heavily obliterated"! As the notice in question will probably amuse our readers, we reproduce it:—

"The particular folly called philately is the crack 'craze of the nineteenth century. From a harmless schoolboy's hobby it has been diligently raised by the ingenuity of an army of dealers preying upon the susceptibilities of a more than usually gullible section of the thirty odd million of these islands (and of the other millions abroad) to the level of a science, so called, and fortunes are now squandered on bits of paper that have no more value than the arbitrary prices which collocations of dealers choose to put upon them. A remarkably large number of well-to-do people have been lured into the maze: in their pursuit of this amiable foible they have been pitted one against the other by artful speculators in rare stamps, and, the game once started, the prices of their wretched bits of paper go up like the market rates of rotten Australian mines. Philately, so called, is a mere speculator's gamble, as it is practised nowadays; it has no claim on the intelligence, either literary, scientific, historical, or sociological; it is an arbitrary selection of coloured pieces of paper. Half the 'advanced' stamp collectors have a merely commercial object, hoping that some wealthy booby will kindly relieve them of their collection, at a discount off the catalogue rates, when they have made 'it big enough; the other half are mostly dealers.'"

**EUROPEAN REPRINTS.**

At a recent meeting of the Manchester Philatelic Society, the president, Mr. W. Dorning Beckton, read a paper on "The Whys and Wherefores of European Reprints":—

"In these days of advanced specialist collections, aiming at a standard not dreamt of ten years ago, it is not to be wondered at, he said, that renewed interest has been aroused concerning reprints. Reprinting began in early times; for instance, the first issue of Portugal was reprinted in 1864, Austria in 1865, Belgium in 1866, Baden in 1867, and so on. There was plenty of stamp collecting, but little philately in those days. Even reprints as such were looked upon as things to be shunned; a little better than forgeries, but not much. In later years reprints were more vehemently tabooed than ever. Neither the advanced 'generalist' nor the budding specialist would tolerate a specimen in his collection. Now the advanced specialist looks at reprints in a different light. He says a collection is not complete without them, and he will soon say without the different printings of the reprints. It thus behoves us to study the varying conditions under which reprints were made, so as to be able to separate the wheat from the chaff, for there is a great deal of the latter. To be strictly reprints the impression must consist of those of obsolete stamps printed from the same die, plate, block, or stone as that used to produce the originals. When impressions are printed directly from the originally engraved die, or from a new plate or stone from that die they are usually included under the same term. Although the philatelist to-day includes the reprint in his collection he does so in its proper garb, not as a substitute for the original, which it can never be, but as a representative of a class of stamps which his hobby has called into being."—*Manchester City News.*

**Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.\***

The following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, postally used; the third column those for specimens in any condition, either fiscally used, penmarked, or printed upon in any way. This last column has been substituted for that giving exchange quotations and will it is believed,

\* This catalogue has been compiled mainly in the hope of benefiting those collectors who wish, whilst devoting their best efforts to specialism, to still keep slightly in touch with the stamps of our whole Colonial Empire. If the varieties described in the Notes to each issue be ignored, a very interesting general collection may be formed without taxing to the utmost the energy and purse of the collector, thus leaving him free to specialise the most interesting countries or issues. The Notes given will serve to indicate broadly the possibilities of each colony, and for further information, the reader is referred to the London Philatelic Society's Works, Stanley Gibbons' Catalogues, etc.

prove of greater interest to readers. Offers for collectors' duplicates can be made at any time by the publisher.

**BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.** Situated north of British South Africa and south of the Congo Free State.

From 1891 to 1895 stamps of the British South Africa Company, overprinted "B.C.A.", were used (see British South Africa).



First Issue, 1885. Central design in black on coloured background.

	unused	used	exch.
1. 1d. black .. ..	0/3	0/4	—
2. 2d. green .. ..	0/6	0/6	—
3. 4d. buff .. ..	1/0	1/0	—
4. 6d. blue .. ..	1/6	1/3	—
5. 1/- rose .. ..	2/6	2/6	—
6. 2/6 mauve .. ..	6/6	4/0	—
7. 3/- yellow .. ..	7/6	4/0	1/9
8. 5/- olive .. ..	12/6	12/6	—
9. £1 orange .. ..	50/0	25/0	—
10. £10 red .. ..	£20	—	—
11. £25 blue-green .. ..	£45	—	—

Varieties:  
1895 No wmk., all.  
1897 Crown CA., perf. 14, 1d. to 1/-  
" Crown CC., 2/6 to £25.

The values 2/6 and higher are larger than the others. The higher values are almost entirely used for fiscal purposes.



Second Issue, 1897. Central design in black on white background. Colours changed.

12. 1d. blue .. ..	0/2	0/2	—
13. 2d. yellow .. ..	0/4	0/4	—
14. 4d. rose .. ..	0/8	0/6	—
15. 6d. green .. ..	0/10	0/8	—
16. 1/- lilac .. ..	1/9	1/6	—
17. 2/6 blue .. ..	4/0	3/0	—
18. 3/- green .. ..	5/0	4/0	—
19. 4/- rose .. ..	6/0	5/0	—
20. £1 lilac .. ..	28/0	20/0	—
21. £10 yellow .. ..	£14	£6	—

The values 1d. to 1/- are wmk. Crown CA., and the others (of larger type) Crown CC. In 1898, the 3/- was surcharged and sold as 1d., and at the same time provisionals were made from a fiscal die of One Penny, the impressions being overprinted "Internal postage."

**BRITISH EAST AFRICA.** British Protectorate on the East Coast of Africa, South East of Lower Egypt. Previous to 1895 administered by the British East Africa Company. Currency, 16 annas = 1 rupee, 1/6.

During 1890, British stamps of 1d., 2d. and 5d. were overprinted and issued pending the preparation of a special series. These are of considerable value.



First Issue, 1890-95. Inscribed "British East Africa Company."

1. 1/2a. brown .. ..	0/3	1/0	—
2. 1a. green .. ..	0/4	1/0	—
3. 2a. red .. ..	0/6	1/0	—
4. 2 1/2a. black on yellow .. ..	2/0	2/0	—
5. 3a. brown on red .. ..	0/4	1/6	—
6. 4a. brown .. ..	0/5	1/6	—
7. 4 1/2a. violet .. ..	0/6	2/6	—
8. 5a. black on grey (1895) .. ..	0/6	2/6	—
9. 7 1/2a. .. (1895) .. ..	0/9	3/0	—
10. 8a. blue .. ..	0/9	3/0	—
11. 1r. rose .. ..	1/3	2/6	—
12. 2r. red .. ..	2/6	—	—
13. 3r. violet .. ..	3/6	—	—
14. 4r. blue .. ..	4/0	—	—
15. 5r. green .. ..	4/6	—	—

Errors of colour of the 8a. and 1r. exist, printed in grey (value 17/6). The set is on unwatermarked wove paper, perf. 14, although most of the varieties are also known imperforate. Reminders of these stamps were sold to dealers. The 2, 3, 4 and 8a. and 1r. occur surcharged. In 1895, the above series of fifteen stamps were overprinted "British East Africa," and issued, the 4 1/2 annas occurring with a further surcharge of 2 1/2. In 1896 Indian stamps were made use of, and a set of sixteen values, from 1/2a. to 5r., issued with the same overprint, "British East Africa." Zanzibar stamps, of values 1/2a. to 7 1/2a., were also issued with a similar overprint. These make-shift issues are nearly all of considerable rarity (except the Indian stamps), and a complete set would cost over £50. They need not, however, be considered essential to a general collection.

(Next week—British South Africa and British Columbia).

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## DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

Tuesday.—Meeting of Leeds Philatelic Society, at Patent Library, Leeds.  
Tuesday and Wednesday.—Auction Sale by Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C., 5 p.m.  
Tuesday.—Meeting of Herts Philatelic Society.  
Thursday and Friday.—Auction Sale by Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at St. Martin's Town Hall, 5.30 p.m.

## BRITISH MUSEUM.

STAMPS NOW ON VIEW:—  
Austria, 1867 and later issues.  
Switzerland, down to the Unpaid Letter issues.

## New Issues and Discoveries.

The Editor will be much obliged for early news of New Issues, or intended New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors. Full acknowledgment given. If possible specimens should be sent in order that illustrations may be prepared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—The *London Philatelist* states that nothing is definitely settled yet but that the ½d. will probably be dark green and the 1d. in a very bright venetian red. This is at variance with what we published last week.

**Railway Letter Stamps.**—The G. S. & W. Railway has had a new issue. The Metropolitan stamps have now reached over 6500, and the present issue will shortly be obsolete. Our specimen No. 6080 is quite a different shade to Nos. 6480 and 6047 (the latter obtained at Aylesbury).

**BELGIUM.**—The 10c. Sunday stamp has changed its colour to rose.

**CHILI.**—A 30c. rose of the ordinary type has been issued.

**FALKLAND ISLANDS.**—The *Australian Philatelist* announces the issue of an envelope with a penny stamp impressed in rose.

**LABUAN AND NORTH BORNEO.**—Various stamps have been surcharged 4c., but we do not chronicle them in detail as the stamps are hardly worth attention. Labuan is apparently responsible for nine varieties and North Borneo six. The latter colony ordered nine, but the entire quantity of three varieties were stolen en route, and never issued at all. That there was no genuine *raison d'être* for the issue is clear from the fact that the issue was sold out in two hours, and probably if the truth were known, 99 per cent. were bespoken by local stamp collectors and postal employées. The collector who has sufficient strength of mind to set at variance present-day notions and reject all surcharged stamps as varieties, is well rewarded in being able to collect without including such varieties as the above.

**NEW ZEALAND.**—Almost all of our Colonies get the plates for printing their stamps in England, and these are generally retained by

the engravers who print off further supplies as required. But in the case of our Australian Colonies this is not practicable, owing to distance, and the plates are consequently sent out together with the first supply. It is not surprising therefore that we should now have to chronicle an alteration in the present pictorial series for New Zealand. The supply from London having been exhausted, fresh supplies of the 2½d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 2/- and 5/- values have been printed at Wellington, on unwatermarked paper, perf. 11. Watermarked paper will be substituted at an early date. The



plates of the ½d., 1d., 2d. and 4d. have been altered and it is said that the colours and designs of the 1d. and 4d. will shortly be transposed. The ½d. is to be in green. A specialist collection of this issue made at present-day low prices, and including dated specimens showing the period of use of each variety, would be very interesting and would probably prove an excellent investment for a small sum.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.**—The 4c. is now in rose and the 5c. brown violet. The *London Philatelist* states under heading Pahang and Perak.—“Federation notwithstanding, a new 4c. has been issued for each of these States—4c. lilac and rose, tiger's head type.”

**S AIN.**—New colours, 5c. blue-green, 10c. red.

**SWITZERLAND.**—New colour, 25c. blue.

**TASMANIA.**—The *Philatelic Record* states that the following is an approximate list of values, colours and designs of the proposed new issue of Tasmanian stamps:—

½d. green, Lake Marion, Du Cane Rouge.  
1d. red, Mountain Lake, Huon Road.  
2d. lilac, Cataract Gorge, Launceston.  
2½d. dark blue, St. Columba Falls.  
3d. claret, Lake St. Clair.  
4d. orange, Russell Falls.  
5c. light blue, Mount Gould.  
6d. violet lake Dilston Falls.  
Also, Higher Values.

A number of illustrated post and letter cards are also to appear, the latter with 2d. stamp in lilac. The cards are to be limited, in size 5½ × 3½ inches, and will bear the following views:—Hobart, Launceston, Great Lake, River Derwent (New Norfolk), St. Mary's Pass, and Mount Ida (Lake St. Clair). The new issue is to be ready in a few month's time. The following letter throws some light upon the status of the new stamps.

6th, March 1899.

“Sir—In reply to your letter of the 3rd, instant, I am instructed by the Right Honourable the Premier, to inform you that the designs for the new issue of postage stamps have already been chosen. Whilst they are scarcely intended to be permanent, they will last until there is a reason for a change in the same.—I have, etc.,

Signed, GEO. STEWARD,

Secretary to the Premier.”

Which, being interpreted, means that another new issue will supersede it as soon as an excuse can be found. The *raison d'être* of the present issue seems however to lie more in advertising the colony than fleecing stamp collectors.

The following are a few countries whose ½d., 1d. and 2½d. stamps are not yet of the Postal Union Colours:—

Brazil, 50, 100 and 300 reis.  
British Guiana, 2c. purple and orange.  
Chili, the 1, 2 and 5 centavos are green, rose and blue, but 1c. is now only worth ½d.  
Colombian Republic.  
Congo, 5c., 10c. and 25c.  
Cora, Costa Rica, Ecuador.  
Danish West Indies.  
Fiji, ½d. grey, 1d. lilac, 2½d. brown.  
France and Colonies, 10c., 25c.  
Guatemala.  
Hawaii, 1c., 2c., 5c.

Hayti, 1c., 2c., 5c.  
India, 1 anna.  
Jamaica, 1d. lilac.  
Liberia, 1c., 2c., 5c.  
Mauritius, 2c., 4c., 18c.  
Monaco, 5c., 10c., 25c.  
New Zealand, ½d. black.  
Nicaragua, Orange Free State.  
Persia.  
St. Lucia, 1d. lilac.  
Sarawak, Siam.  
Spain, 5c., 10c.  
Tasmania, ½d., 2½d.  
Uruguay, Venezuela.

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Jamaica is seriously considering the idea of having a new pictorial series like New Zealand.

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The *London Philatelist* states that the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Brazil is to be celebrated with philatelic honours next year.

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The same paper describes the Russian Crete labels recently “issued” as being “absolutely speculative, entirely unnecessary, and totally valueless.”

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From 1st June next, ordinary Russian stamps are alone to be used in Finland.

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The *Sun* states that the new German stamps to be issued on January 1st will include values of 30, 40, and 90 pfennig. The *Philatelic Record* supplements this list with labels of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 marks, after the style of the American Columbus issue.

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It is rumoured that Conservative Chili may soon go into the stamp picture business.

## Correspondence.

Further correspondence on the subject of postmarks is held over till next week.

## New System of Approval Selections

A fine series of approval selections arranged according to countries is now being prepared. Instead of large books, stamps are being mounted on neatly arranged sheets, the postage on which will not be half so much as on the heavy books used by most dealers of the present day. All stamps are priced at or below catalogue prices, and liberal discounts allowed. Sheets are sent on approval on condition they are returned within seven days (otherwise no discount can be allowed.) The following are now ready:—(In ordering it is only necessary to give the numbers).

New Sheets ready this Week.

21.	25%	Transvaal, British Occupation.
22.	..	.. General.
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24.	25%	.. Surcharged.
25.	..	Orange Free State, General.
26.	..	.. Surcharged.
27.	..	Hayti, General (except current).
28.	..	.. Common.
29.	..	Chili, General.
30.	..	Cape Triangulars, best.
31.	..	.. fine.
32.	..	.. 4d. blue (shades).
33.	50%	Great Britain, 1d. red, perf. varieties.
34.	..	.. 2d. blue
47.	Nett.	Cape Triangulars (strips and blocks).
48.	50%	Great Britain, 1d. red plates, unused.
49.	25%	Denmark.
50.	..	Norway.
51.	..	Sweden.
52.	..	Early Victorias (common).
53.	..	Old Australians (common).
54.	..	Danish Colonies and Iceland.
55.	66%	Danish Locals and others.
56.	50%	British, 2½d. to 1s. plate numbers.
57.	75%	British, ½d., 1d., and 2d. plates.
58.	25%	British, 6d. violet, very fine shades.

NOTICE—The above stamps are priced at or under Stanley Gibbons' 1899 catalogue prices, in some cases from 25% to 50% under in addition to the discount. Every week a fresh series of approval sheets will be advertised, and applications to see same will be executed in the order in which they are received. In the majority of cases no notice has been taken of watermarks, perforations, shades etc., when pricing.

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"Entire" is a comprehensive term embracing all postal stationery—envelopes, post cards, reply cards, letter cards and wrappers—preserved in an entire state. A stamp cut from an entire is either a "cut square," or a "cut round," according to the degree of folly practised by the individual philatelist.

We object to the word "folly." In the first place, it is open to any one to collect as he pleases, and although his method may differ from that of other collectors, it is not necessarily on that account foolish. It is certainly not wise to cut out the stamp from an envelope *where such is more valuable in the entire state*, but our own experience goes to show that that is seldom the case, and there is undoubtedly a readier market for cut squares. This question of envelope collecting resolves itself simply into this, "Is a collector of stamps to collect envelopes or envelope stamps?" If the latter, there cannot be the slightest doubt that the stamps should be cut out, and cut square, because the white margin greatly improves their appearance.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. state in the preface to their catalogue:—

Postcards, Envelopes and Wrappers have also been omitted. Entire, as such, are interesting to the specialist in them, but "cut square" an Envelope Stamp or a Postcard ranks with an adhesive from which the perforations have been trimmed off.

"Cut square" an envelope stamp ranks with an adhesive which has been *soaked off its envelope*. One is gummed on and must be soaked off, the other is embossed and must be cut off. Trimming the perforate or imperforate margin of an adhesive stamp may be compared to cutting an envelope stamp round, as it spoils the appearance in both cases. The notice in Whitfield King's catalogue is very misleading, but the prejudice against the views expressed above are, we know, very strong in certain quarters. The simple truth of the matter is, however, as we stated, collectors of stationery should collect entire envelopes; collectors of stamps need only the stamps embossed thereon. So soon as collectors learn to distinguish between the two, so soon will envelope stamps come into equal favour with adhesives. Certain series of envelope stamps, especially those of Great Britain and Ceylon, comprise some of the most handsome stamps ever issued, and it is only this mistaken notion that stamp collectors must take the envelope or wrapper (sometimes nearly a square foot of waste paper) along with the stamp, which has led to their unpopularity in the past.

*London Philatelist.*

Contents:—Condition (a paper read by Mr. M. P. Castle before the Philatelic Society, London).

Notes—Reviews—New Issues.  
Correspondence—The Market.

Mr. C. F. Dendy Marshall writes on the subject of certain dates of issue given in the work on British stamps recently published by the London Society. With regard to the date when the colour of the 1d. stamp was changed from red or brown-red to rose, he points out that the carmine shade was preceded for a short time by a pale pink, and gives the following dates of postmarked specimens in his possession.

- Pale pink, Leeds, April 9, 1857.
- " Liverpool, May 2, 1857.
- " Various, May and July.
- " Leicester, August 8, 1857.
- Deep carmine, Roscrea, September 22, 1857.
- " Various, later dates.

In our Catalogue, No. 6, we gave the date of the change to rose as April 18, 1857, so that the earliest of the above is nine days in advance of the previous record. Can any reader go one better? In the work referred to, the date is given as January 7th, 1858, which is clearly an oversight on the part of the authors as most of the specimens with "earliest dates" now in our private collection, including that for the above 1d. rose, were collected during 1893-95 and submitted at the time to Mr. Hastings E. Wright. Mr. Dendy Marshall is not so fortunate in his second discovery, a 1d. red, wmk. large crown, used May 18th, 1855. He acknowledges that the "postmark leaves something to be desired in the way of clearness" and it is probably 1856. Large crown paper was certainly not introduced before July, 1855 (all imprimatur sheets taken off during May and June are on small crown paper, which was evidently still in use.) Some years ago we examined large numbers of stamps used during 1855 and discovered a specimen of the 1d. red on large crown paper (perf. 14), on the entire letter postmarked "FD. July 31, 1855" and "Wakefield, Aug. 1, 1855 A" (the former being a London (G.P.O.) cancellation). This discovery was submitted to Mr. Hastings E. Wright and the envelope, which is still in our possession, is inscribed in Mr. Wright's handwriting "see Westoby, page 5, L.C. 14." This envelope is no doubt the authority for the authors' statement that the 1d. on large crown paper was first issued on July 31st, 1855, and to our knowledge no earlier specimen has yet been discovered. The 2d. blue

on large crown paper is known a few days earlier, our earliest being dated "Birmingham, July 28th, 1855." The London Society's work gives the date for this value as July 21st, which date was also given in our No. 6 Catalogue (on what authority we cannot at the moment recollect) but we believe it is a few days too early. The present records and their holders are therefore as follows:—

- 1d., large crown paper, any shade or variety, July 31st, 1855 (H. L. Ewen).
- Same, pale rose shade, April 9th, 1857 (C. F. Dendy Marshall).
- Same, deep carmine, September 22nd, 1857 (C. F. Dendy Marshall).
- 2d., large crown paper, any shade or variety, July 28th, 1855 (H. L. Ewen).

We shall be glad to hear from any reader possessing earlier specimens, but all claims for the record must be accompanied by the stamps for our inspection and examination.

**Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.\***

THE following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, postally used; the third column those for specimens in any condition, either fiscally used, penmarked, or printed upon in any way. This last column has been substituted for that giving exchange quotations and will it is believed, prove of greater interest to readers. Offers for collectors' duplicates can be made at any time by the publisher.

**BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—continued.**



Second Issue, 1896. Inscribed "British East Africa Protectorate."

	unused	used	exch.
16. 1/2a. green .. ..	0/2	0/2	—
17. 1a. rose .. ..	0/2	0/3	—
18. 2a. brown .. ..	0/4	0/4	—
19. 2 1/2a. blue .. ..	0/4	0/6	—
20. 3a. grey .. ..	0/6	0/9	—
21. 4a. green .. ..	0/8	0/8	—
22. 4 1/2a. orange .. ..	0/5	1/0	—
23. 5a. bistre .. ..	0/10	1/0	—
24. 7 1/2a. violet .. ..	1/0	1/6	—
25. 8a. olive-grey .. ..	1/0	1/6	—
26. 1r. blue .. ..	3/0	4/0	—
27. 2r. red .. ..	5/0	—	—
28. 3r. violet .. ..	7/0	—	—
29. 4r. red .. ..	10/0	—	—
30. 5r. brown .. ..	13/6	—	—
Same design, but larger (1898).			
31. 1r. blue .. ..	2/0	—	—
32. 2r. buff .. ..	4/0	—	—
33. 3r. violet .. ..	6/0	—	—
34. 4r. rose .. ..	8/0	—	—
35. 5r. black-brown .. ..	10/6	—	—
36. 10r. buff .. ..	18/0	—	—
37. 20r. green .. ..	36/0	—	—
38. 50r. lilac .. ..	80/0	—	—

The large stamps are wmk. Crown CC., the others. Crown CA.

**BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY** (Rhodesia.) Situated North of Cape Colony and British Bechuanaland.



First Issue, 1891.

1. 1/2d. blue and red .. ..	0/2	0/3	—
2. 1d. black .. ..	0/4	0/4	—
3. 2d. green and red .. ..	0/4	—	—
4. 3d. grey and green .. ..	0/10	—	—
5. 4d. brown and black .. ..	1/0	0/9	—
6. 6d. blue .. ..	2/0	0/9	—
7. 8d. rose and blue .. ..	1/6	—	—
8. 1s. brown .. ..	3/0	—	—
9. 2s. red .. ..	4/0	3/6	—
10. 2s. 6d. lilac .. ..	10/0	—	—
11. 3s. brown and green .. ..	5/0	—	—
12. 4s. grey and red .. ..	12/0	7/6	—
13. 5s. orange .. ..	15/0	15/0	—
14. 10s. green .. ..	30/0	—	3/0
15. £1 blue .. ..	50/0	—	5/0
16. £2 rose .. ..	50/0	—	7/6

\* This catalogue has been compiled mainly in the hope of benefiting those collectors who wish, whilst devoting their best efforts to specialism, to still keep slightly in touch with the stamps of our whole Colonial Empire. If the varieties described in the Notes to each issue be ignored, a very interesting general collection may be formed without taxing to the utmost the energy and purse of the collector, thus leaving him free to specialise the most interesting countries or issues. The Notes given will serve to indicate broadly the possibilities of each colony, and for further information, the reader is referred to the London Philatelic Society's Works, Stanley Gibbons' Catalogues, etc.

	unused	used	exch.
17. £5 green .. ..	£6	—	10/0
18. £10 brown .. ..	£12	—	25/0

The 2d. and 4d. values occur perf. 12 1/2 and 14, the others perf. 14 only. The paper is either unwatermarked or with the initials "W.C.S. & Co." and trade mark.

In March, 1891, the 6d. and 1s. values were issued surcharged. During the Matabele Rebellion of 1895-96, the 3d., 4d., and 5s. were surcharged and issued at Buluwayo as 1d. and 3d.



Second Issue, 1895. Figures of value in each corner.

19. 1/2d. slate and violet .. ..	0/2	0/2	—
20. 1d. red and green .. ..	0/3	0/2	—
21. 2d. brown and violet .. ..	0/4	—	—
22. 3d. red and blue .. ..	0/6	—	—
23. 4d. blue and violet .. ..	0/8	—	—
24. 6d. lilac and rose .. ..	1/0	—	—
25. 8d. olive and violet .. ..	1/3	—	—
26. 1s. green and blue .. ..	1/9	—	—
27. 2s. blue and green .. ..	2/9	—	—
28. 2s. 6d. brown and violet .. ..	3/3	—	—
29. 3s. green and lilac on blue .. ..	4/0	—	—
30. 4s. red and blue on green .. ..	5/0	—	—
31. 5/- brown and green .. ..	6/6	—	—
32. 10/- slate and red .. ..	12/0	—	—
33. £1 black and brown on green .. ..	24/0	—	—

There are two printings of some of the above stamps, the first by Perkins, Bacon & Co., the second by Waterlow & Sons.



Third Issue, 1899. Figures of value in upper corners only.

33. 1/2d. green .. ..	0/1	—	—
34. 1d. rose .. ..	0/2	—	—
35. 6d. lilac .. ..	0/8	—	—
36. 1/- bistre .. ..	1/3	—	—

Others values of this set to be issued are 2d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 4d., 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-

During the Matabele Rebellion of 1895-96, Cape of Good Hope Stamps of the values of 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d. and 1/- overprinted "British South Africa Company" were issued.

**BRITISH NORTH BORNEO**, see under North Borneo.

**BRITISH CONSULAR MAIL**, see under Madagascar.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND.** Made Crown Colonies in 1858 and 1849 respectively; United in 1866; Entered the Dominion of Canada, July 20th, 1871. Population, 109,078. Area, about 341,000 square miles.



First Issue, 1861. Printed by De La Rue & Co. Inscribed "British Columbia and Vancouver Island."

1. 2 1/2d. pink .. .. 16/0 15/0 —  
This stamp was sold as 3d. after June 20, 1864, and may be found imperf. or perf. 14 (no wmk.) The imperforate variety is not known used.



Second Issue, 1865. Owing to currency being changed in Vancouver Island to cents and dollars, separate issues became necessary.

1865 (July) "Vancouver Island" (Type as above.)

2. 5c. rose .. ..	15/0	15/0	—
3. 10c. blue .. ..	12/6	10/0	—

1865 (Nov. 1) "British Columbia" (Type illustrated below.)

4. 3d. blue .. ..	2/0	4/0	—
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Varieties :- Wmk. Crown, CC., imperf., 5c., 10c.  
" " " perf. 14, 5c., 10c., 3d.



Third Issue. In 1867 a similar change in currency was made in British Columbia, and a uniform series for the whole colony was again brought into use. The plate for the British Columbian 3d. stamp was made use of, the new values being surcharged at the foot of each stamp.

5. (2c.) brown and black .. ..	3/0	4/6	—
6. (5c.) red and black .. ..	17/6	12/6	—
7. (10c.) lake and blue .. ..	80/0	80/0	—
8. (25c.) yellow and violet .. ..	6/0	6/0	—
9. (50c.) violet and red .. ..	25/0	30/0	—
10. (1 dol.) green and green .. ..	80/0	90/0	—

The 3d. plate was made use of and the value is therefore only indicated by a surcharge. The set is found Wmk. Crown CC., perf. 14 or 12 1/2, except the 2c., perf. 12 1/2. Printed in sheets of 240, 4 panes of 60, each 6 rows of 10.

1871. Since this date, Canadian stamps have been issued.

(Next week—Canada.)

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5	2d. blue ..	7	1 3	2 8
6	2 1/2d. rose ..	18	6 0	11 11
7	2 1/2d. blue ..	7	1 0	2 0
8	3d. rose ..	20	7 6	15 1
9	4d. orange ..	10	1 9	2 8
10	6d. violet ..	8	2 9	5 11
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37	" 50 " " ..	30 0	30 0
38	" 100 " varieties ..	60 0	60 0

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**BRITISH HONDURAS.**—The *American Journal of Philately* states that the 5c., 25c., and 50c. stamps have been surcharged "Revenue." At first sight it would appear that these are revenue and not postage stamps, but the fact is that the stamps received this surcharge in order to make them available for revenue purposes without their losing in any way their previous postal character. But surely the stamps could be made available for both fiscal and postal use without the necessity of surcharging?

Adhesives, surcharged "Revenue" in black.  
5c. blue.  
25c. red-brown and green.  
50c. on 1s. grey.

British Honduras is likely to have a new issue before long, inscribed "Postage and Revenue."

**CUBA.**—Cuba has also issued a set of envelopes, somewhat similar in design to those of the United States, inscribed "Cuba" at top and value below; oval in shape.

1c. yellow-green.  
2c. rose.  
5c. dark-blue.

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**GERMANY.**—Mr. Frank sends me particulars of the new issue now in preparation. The values are to be 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 80 pfennig and 1, 2, 3 and 5 mark. We append a more detailed description of the lower values.

3, 5, 10, 20 pf., colours as at present, white paper; design, bust of Germania.  
25pf., printed in black on yellow, with orange frame.  
30pf., black on chamois, frame orange.  
40pf., black on white, frame carmine.  
50pf., black on chamois, frame violet.  
80pf., black on rose, frame carmine.  
Design of values 25 to 80pf.; Germania in centre, "Reichspost" at top and value below.

The higher values are to be of pictorial designs similar to the U.S. Columbus issue.

**QUEENSLAND.**—We do not appear to have yet chronicled the 1s. violet with figures of value in lower corners.

**PERSIA.**—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich, have shown us a new set of stamps for this country. There are sixteen values, all of the same design as the 1898 issue, and perf. 12½.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16 shahi, similar colours to 1898 issue, but printed on bluish tinted paper.

1k. carmine.  
2k. dark green.  
3k. lilac.  
4k. orange-red.  
5k. brown.  
10k. dark blue.  
50k. light brown.

The latter are on white paper. The *raison d'être* of these changes appears to be obscure. Altogether Persia has produced 81 new stamps in the last 9 years, which number seems more than ample for Persia's legitimate postal needs.

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### POSTMARKS.

To the Editor of Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.

DEAR SIR,—I see some replies, re the trial postmarks and send you a specimen of one with 6 lines only, dated Oct. 27th, 1899, 7.45 p.m., and lines 2½ to 2¾in. long, with No. 6 in centre.

Yours truly, W. A. B.

[This appears to be either Mr. Poole's No. 1 with figure in centre or his No. 2 with lines 2½ instead of 3 inches.—ED.]

DEAR SIR,—I send you herewith a list of the new machine cancellations in my collection.

1. Mr. Poole's No. 5 "V.R." in Roman or Sans-serif capitals, dated Oct. 6th, to 22nd., 1897.
2. Waving Flag, inscribed "England," dated March 21st, 1898.
3. Mr. Poole's No. 2, used, August, 1898.
4. Mr. Poole's No. 6, with figures 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, various dates, August, 1898, to October, 1899.
5. Same, cancellation stamped twice, once with number 4, and the second time with figure 5, Sept. 20th, 1899.
6. Wavy lines, without V.R. or number.
7. Wavy lines, with figure 1 in centre.

Yours faithfully,

J. G. HAWLEY.

[From the various letters we have published, it seems that there are three principal types of these interesting machine cancellations, viz., straight lines with or without V.R., Crown and number, wavy lines, and flag, the latter being by far the rarest.—ED.]

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SP	500 2½d. lilac, 1884, fine	17	6
SQ	1150 3d. rose, 1867	95	0
SR	950 3d. rose, 1873 (scarce)	95	0
SS	50 4d. orange, fair	2	6
ST	300 6d. violet, fine	27	0
SV	700 3d. rose, pl. 4 to 10	56	0
SW	500 3d. rose, pl. 11 to 16, few 17	45	0
SX	Collection Railway Parcel Stamps	60	0
SY	Very fine lot 3000 Railway Newspaper Stamps, good variety, a bargain for	57	6
SZ	197 mixed, old, 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d.	15	0
TA	90 3d. rose and 6d. violet	7	6
TB	20 2d. blue, imperf.	1	6
TC	71 ½d. red plate Nos.	1	6
TD	103 Old English 2½d., 3d., etc., in pairs and strips	10	6
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## Notes of the Week.

NOTICE.—All communications for the Editor should be addressed to H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E., to arrive not later than Thursday morning for notice in the issue for the same week.

CORRESPONDENCE. English, French, German & Spanish.

Mr. Nankivell has promised to read a paper on the stamps of the British Occupation of the Transvaal (1876-82) accompanied by a display of his collection, at the next meeting of the Herts Philatelic Society (December 5th, to be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.)

The *Monthly Journal*, speaking of the coming withdrawal from use of special stamps in Finland states that "the stamps have hitherto been Finnish, now they will be finished!"

In looking over a large parcel of British stamps which had been sent us recently just as cut from an old correspondence of 1868-86, we found the 3d. rose plate numbers to be in the following quantities. We offer twenty fine copies to the first reader who sends us on a postcard the correct reason why there were so few plate 17, 18, 19, and 20.

3d. plate numbers:—

5	103	14	155
6	360	15	173
7	147	16	106
8	192	17	24
9	187	18	12
10	114	19	1
11	147	20	2
12	237		

With reference to the note last week on the introduction of carmine ink for British 1d. stamps in 1857, Mr. P. P. Wood sends me a copy of the 1d. deep carmine, cancelled "Galway, July 20, 1857," which antedates Mr. Marshall's record by over two months. There is no doubt whatever about either the date or the colour. Mr. Wood also sends two specimens in a rather bright-red shade, with only the slightest tinge of carmine, dated Leeds, March 20th and 23rd, 1857. This shade seems to be distinct from the "pale pink" which probably immediately followed it. I have also received a specimen of this latter from Mr. J. W. Stooke, dated March 28th, 1857. The table of records now stands as follows:—

1d. Large Crown, perf. 14.

First shade, brown-red, July 31, 1855 (H. L. Ewen).  
Second, orange-red, 1857?  
Third, bright-red, white paper, March 20, 1857 (P. P. Wood).  
Fourth, pale pink, April 9, 1857 (C. F. Dendy Marshall).  
Fifth, deep carmine, July 20, 1857 (P. P. Wood).

A collector writes us: "Please send any sheets, excepting however such countries as are found in S. and C. America, the stamps of which I consider are not worth collecting." Why? Apparently all are to suffer on account of the errors of a few. We have no hesitation in saying that the stamps of S. and C. America, if the rubbishy Seebeck and surcharged varieties

are cleared away, form one of the most interesting series. Here is South America's record of standard issues:

	Before 1870	1870-1889	After 1889
Argentine Rep...	23	31	16
Bolivia ..	12	11	15
Brazil ..	31	27	21
Chili ..	9	13	3
Colombia ..	50	40	22
Ecuador ..	4	13	25
Paraguay ..	—	21	13
Peru ..	10	21	14
Uruguay ..	21	29	50
Venezuela ..	19	42	13

We eliminate the local or semi-local issues for Buenos Aires, Corrientes, Antioquia, Tolima, Panama, Cundinamarca, and *ho: genus omne*, also all varieties of surcharges, perforations, commemorative issues, etc. Amongst the residuum will be found many very interesting issues, the country more conservative philatelically than early Brazils and first Peruvians for example. What Chili? Turning to Central America, what stamps more interesting than the earliest Nicaragua (*rara avis* amongst collectors of 1862!)? Sweep away the Seebeck rubbish, the Commemorative surcharges, and South America will regain its lost position amongst collectors.

*Meeke's Weekly* contains an amusing little skit entitled "The Little Willies" (reproduced in the *Monthly Journal*), from which we take the following extracts. Seven men were hired by a New York dealer to write letters to prominent people, and in order to "get even" on account of a reduction in their wages, gave away the nature of their employment. Here are two samples of the letters they wrote!

(To a French Statesman):

ESTEEMED SIR,—My popper says you are the greatest living diplomat and that you are the backbone of the French Republic.

I am a little boy named Jimmy and I shall be nine years o'd come next June. My popper is collecting postage stamps and I am going to give him a lot as a surprise. He always says what a great man you are and thought you might help me out with a few French stamps if you would send them to me. He always tells me what a splendid intellect you have and that one day you will be President of France. Hoping you will send them, etc.

This letter can generally be relied upon for a full set of French stamps, some of which may be very rare.

Here is a note which will interest the Emperor William, and be sure of drawing out an ample response to anyone who needs German samples:

"Honored King—When are you going to lick France and Russia? Though I am only 4 years old, I have heard that you are the most wonderful Kaiser that ever happened and that you know more about everything there is than everyone else put together. Please send me a few dozen of your most valuable German stamps. I want only those that have your picture on. If they have not been used I shall be able to see your face better, because there will not be a lot of ink dabbed over the cheek and eyes. I would enclose you a picture of me also to show that I am a genuine little American boy, but I have none now. Send all the stamps you can," etc.

It is understood that if some of the men who have received "Little Willie" letters that set them searching through waste-baskets for stamps saw the real writers, some new swear words would have to be invented to express their feelings.

Here is a novel excuse for surcharging. *Le Courrier de Timbres-Poste*, in chronicling the surcharging of 50,000 5c. stamps for Guatemala, adds that the reason is the Republic is so hard up, it cannot obtain a fresh supply from New York!

The Postal Revenue of the Cook Islands from 1892 (the date of the first issue of stamps) to the present time has been £1171 17s. 11d., or under £200 per annum. This information the *Australian Philatelist* takes as showing the non-speculative nature of the stamps, as even if £500 has been contributed by collectors, such an amount would barely pay the engraving and printing bill. *Qui s'excuse s'accuse!* It is clear that if the legitimate postal revenue only amounted to £100 per annum, stamps could not be needed for any other purpose than sale to collectors. It is unlikely in the least the Post Office would pay two or three years entire revenue merely for the pleasure of issuing stamps. Still, we must not be too hard on the Cook Islands, as their little speculation has evidently failed.

Since writing the note above on the subject of early dates of our 1d. red stamps of 1857, further letters on the subject have come to hand. Mr. Wood sends me another specimen of the third shade mentioned, dated March 16th, 1857, and Mr. Harrison two copies in "deep carmine" used on August 31st, 1857. The latter shade seems to have been generally issued only at the end of August. Can any readers show specimens used between July 20th and August 31st?

**Review of the Philatelic Press.**

*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* (Oct.):

Contents: Secret Marks, Confederate States, New Issues.  
New South Wales, List of obsolete dies, plates, etc., destroyed, with notes by A. F. Basset Hull.  
International Philatelic Exhibition, Paris, 1900.  
New Zealand, Die Varieties of the 1882 series, (A. F. Basset Hull.)  
The "Little Willies."—*Mekcel's Weekly*.

The list of New South Wales Dies destroyed is a very comprehensive one and embraces practically all that are obsolete and still in existence. The destruction took place a year ago (Nov. '98), and comprises, amongst others, the following:—

*Sydney View*, 2d. plate. It is alleged that this plate was found by a collector in an old rag-shop in Sydney, who generously returned it to the Government printer. The other two copper plates of the 1d. and 3l. have never been traced.

*Laureated Series*, 2d. plate. This plate had already been partially destroyed. The 1d. and 3d. steel plates were ground down in 1856. The 6d. and 8d. copper plates are supposed to have been stolen, as a number of reprints were put on the market in 1889. Whether they are still in existence is unknown. No reprints of either the Views or the Laureated Series have been made officially.

*Registered Stamp*, 2 plates. (These have been reprinted several times.)

*Diadem and Square Series* (Perkins, Bacon & Co.) The plates destroyed were all of steel.

- 1d. (120 impressions).
- 2d. two plates (do.)
- 6d. two plates (100 impressions).
- 8d. and 1s. one plate each (do.)

The 3d., 5d., 5s. plates are still in use. Reprints of the 1d., 2d. and 8d. were made in 1871.

*De La Rue Series*.—Various nickel plates and electros (including those for stamping envelopes and postcards), values 1d. to 4d. Also the more recent ½d. and 2½d. (1891), the 1d. and 2d. Centennial Issue, and the 5s. (Map of Australia).

The dies still in existence and available include the ½d. Queen's head; 1d. Arms; 2d. and 2½d. Queen's Head; 3d. Diadem (1856); 5d. Square (1855); 4d., 6d., 8d. and 1s. Centennial; 7½d. and 12½d. surcharges; 6d. and 1s. 1872-76 (used for the 7½d. and 12½d.); 9d. and 10d. Queen's Head; 5s., 10s., and £1 Stamp Duty postage surcharge; 5s. Circular (1861); 20s. Centennial, and six cards and envelope dies.

Mr. Basset Hull also contributes some interesting notes on the die varieties of the 1d., 2d., 6d. and 8d. of New Zealand (1882). In the retouched dies, the shading of the 1d. is deepened and the rose blurred; in the 2d. the lines are also deepened; the 6d. as retouched is much clearer and the throat is curved; and in the 8d. the shading under the chin is blurred. Stamps from the renewed plates are generally perf. 10 and 10 x 11.

*The Stamp Collectors' Guardian* (Nov. 1st.)

Contents:—The World of Philately.  
P.P.P. No. 1 "Theodor"; No. 2 "Tommy."  
The Great Unused Question.  
Beware!  
Varieties of Belgium Stamps.  
The Hilckes Holocaust.  
Other People's Opinions  
Fakes.

The "Great Unused Question" is continued.

"Where do they come from?" "Are there any more to follow?" Grave Revelations of Official Dealing. The British Colonial Stamps that come under this heading are any stamps printed for the various British Colonies that have not been sent out from England to those Colonies, but have remained at the various printing offices or at the Government store-rooms for stamps. Included also are the sample sheets sent out from the printers to the various Government Offices and stamps stolen by employes from printing offices. These make up the "Great Unused Question."

Such are the opening remarks, but we have to wait till next month for the definite denunciation of certain stamps.

Many instances will no doubt occur to our readers, the perforated 1/9 Ceylon, for instance. None of these were ever sent out to Ceylon and the small stock remained for many years in the hands of the printers. They are now said to be in the hands of a syndicate and it is dealing of this description which the "S.C.G." proposes to expose. We hope ourselves to give some interesting information on this same subject in an early number.

*Other Articles of Interest in the Philatelic Press.*

Japanese Forgeries (Leon Brummer in *Das Postwertzeichen*, October.)  
Cuban Overprinted Stamps of Puerto Principe (Theodor Haas, in *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal*, November 4th.)  
Post Offices of Corea (*La Revue Philatelique Française*, Oct. 31st.)

*The Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, 1900.\**  
(New York, The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Ltd.)

We have just received a copy of the 59th (1900) edition of above, which is an exceptionally well-compiled work of some 700 pages. The following table outlines the general arrangement:

Hints for Collectors, Paper, Watermarks, Separation, Impression (including description of various methods of Printing), Speculative Issues, Bi-colored Stamps, Surcharges, Gum, Entires, etc.

Technical Terms, English, French, German.  
Coin Table.  
Table of Watermarks.  
Turkish and Japanese Numerals.

In the body of the catalogue a new arrangement has been adopted. Minor varieties such as unimportant perforations, shades, etc., are described in smaller type, only the principal varieties being numbered. The envelope and postcard stamps immediately follow the adhesives under the same title. This arrangement makes the catalogue undoubtedly better for every-day reference than any published in this country and we strongly recommend its purchase; it is a good investment as a time saver alone. That the catalogue is very liberally illustrated will be understood when we state that the 12 pages devoted to British stamps alone contain 119 illustrations. With regard to the prices of foreign and colonial stamps we cannot here speak, but no striking alterations are noticeable in those of Great Britain. The 1/- plate numbers are perhaps the cheapest, plate 8 being quoted 15 cents only. The lists of United States stamps are naturally exceptionally complete, and comprise adhesives, official stamps, semi-official locals, special delivery and newspaper stamps, envelopes, wrappers, telegraph stamps, local and revenues.

\* This catalogue is obtainable in England of Mr. W. T. Wilson of Birmingham, whose advertisement will be found on page 4.

**Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.**

THE following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, postally used; the third column those for specimens in any condition, either fiscally used, penmarked, or printed upon in any way. This last column has been substituted for that giving exchange quotations and will it is believed, prove of greater interest to readers. Offers for collectors' duplicates can be made at any time by the publisher.

**CANADA.** Area, 3,488,542 square miles; population, 4,832,679; revenue in 1892, \$36,921,872; expenditure, \$36,765,894; capital Ottawa.

On May 27th 1867, the colony of Canada and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were formed into one Dominion; British Columbia joined July 20th 1871, and Prince Edward Island, July 1st. 1873.



*First Issue, 1851. Printed by Rawdon, Hatch, Wright and Edson, of New York.*

	unused	used	exch.
1. 4d. rose (July 18, 1857) ..	25/0	12/6	—
2. 3d. vermilion (April, 1851) ..	15/0	1/6	—
3. 6d. violet-black (April, 1851) ..	£10	20/0	—
4. 7½d. green (June 2, 1857) ..	£15	60/0	—
5. 10d. blue (April 1, 1855) ..	£10	30/0	—
6. 1/- black (April, 1851) ..	£60	£80	—

Varieties:—  
1851 Imperf., laid paper, 3d., 6d., 1s.  
1852 .. thick or thin wove 3d., 3d., 6d., 7½d., 10d.  
.. ribbed paper, 3d., 3d.  
1857 .. Perf. 12, wove paper, 1½d., 3d., 6d.  
.. ribbed paper, 3d.  
Perçé en scie, 3d.



*Second Issue, 1859 (July 1st.) Printed by the American Bank Note Company. Types similar to the previous issue (except the 2c. as above) but currency changed to cents.*

	unused	used	exch.
7. 1c. rose ..	1/6	0/3	—
8. 2c. rose (Aug. 1, 1864) ..	6/0	3/0	—
9. 5c. vermilion ..	1/6	0/3	—
10. 10c. brown ..	15/0	2/0	—
11. 12½c. green ..	10/0	1/6	—
12. 17c. blue ..	12/6	3/0	—

Varieties:—  
Wove paper, perf. 12, all.  
Ribbed paper, perf. 12, 1c., 5c.



*Third Issue, 1868. Printed by the British American Bank Note Company. Large types.*

13. ½c. black ..	0/8	0/8	—
14. 1c. red-brown ..	2/6	1/6	0/9
15. 1c. orange ..	7/6	1/6	—
16. 2c. green ..	2/6	0/6	—
17. 3c. red ..	2/0	0/3	—
18. 5c. slate-green (Oct. 1, 1875) ..	7/6	1/9	—
19. 6c. brown ..	4/6	0/6	—
20. 12½c. blue ..	5/0	0/6	—
21. 15c. lilac-grey ..	1/6	0/3	—

Varieties:—  
Wove paper, perf. 12, all.  
Laid paper, perf. 12, 1c., 3c., 15c.



*Fourth Issue, 1870-77. Small types. The 8c. has head to left, the other values, head to right.*

22. ½c. black (July 1882) ..	0/1	0/1	—
23. 1c. orange (1870) ..	0/1	0/0½	—
24. 2c. green (1870) ..	0/2	0/0½	—
25. 3c. vermilion (1870) ..	0/3	0/0½	—
26. 5c. orange-green (March 1876) ..	0/4	0/2	—
27. 6c. brown (Jan. 1872) ..	1/0	0/2	—
28. 8c. slate-blue (1892) ..	0/6	0/1	—
29. 10c. lilac-rose (end of 1874) ..	2/6	0/4	—



*New Values, 1893-95.*

30. 20c. vermilion ..	1/6	0/8	—
31. 50c. blue ..	3/6	1/3	—



*Jubilee Issue, 1897.* See under "Commemorative Issues" in the Appendix. This issue was never intended to be other than a commemorative issue for sale to collectors or anyone else interested in preserving souvenirs. In order to augment the revenue, stamps of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 dollars were issued, although such values have never been required in Canada, either before or since, and the ½ cent was unobtainable except by purchasers of sets. This set is not in the least degree essential to the completion of a collection of postage stamps. The cost of a used or unused set of these stamps is nearly as much as that of a used set of the first issue (the 12d. excepted) and there cannot be the slightest doubt as to which is the most desirable acquisition.



*Fifth ("Maple Leaf") Issue, 1897-98. Leaves in four corners.*

32. ½c. black ..	0/1	0/1	—
33. 1c. green ..	0/1	0/1	—
34. 2c. violet ..	0/2	0/1	—
35. 3c. rose ..	0/3	0/1	—
36. 5c. blue ..	0/5	0/1	—
37. 6c. brown ..	0/6	0/3	—
38. 8c. yellow ..	0/8	0/2	—
39. 10c. magenta ..	0/10	0/3	—

NOTE.—The 3c. was surcharged in 1899 and sold as 2c., to the extent of 6,000,000.

*Sixth Issue, 1898-99. Same type, but figures of value in lower corners.*

40. ½c. black ..	0/1	0/1	—
41. 1c. green ..	0/1	0/1	—
42. 2c. violet ..	0/2	0/1	—
43. 2c. rose (1899) ..	0/2	0/1	—
44. 3c. rose ..	0/3	0/1	—
45. 5c. blue (1899) ..	0/5	0/1	—
46. 6c. brown ..	0/6	0/3	—
47. 8c. orange ..	0/7	0/2	—
48. 10c. magenta ..	0/9	0/3	—

NOTE.—The 3c. was surcharged in 1899, and sold as 2c. There are two types of the overprint. Three millions were issued. The ½c. black is in sheets of 100, 10 rows of 10, and probably the other values also. (Cost of the set of 9, unused 2/3.)

*Imperial Penny Postage Stamp.* This is one of the most interesting of Commemorative stamps. See Appendix.



For "Registered Letter," "Special Delivery" and Envelope stamps, see Appendix also.

(Next week—Cape of Good Hope.)

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17	6d. 1872, 3 colours ..	3 2 6	3 3
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29	1883, 3d. and 6d., surcharged ..	4 0	6 6
30	1884, 1/2d. to 1/-, complete ..	21 0	35 9
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Tuesday and Wednesday.—Auction Sale by Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C., 5.30 p.m.

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## New Issues and Discoveries.

The Editor will be much obliged for early news of New Issues, or intended New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors. Full acknowledgment given. If possible specimens should be sent in order that illustrations may be prepared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Mr. H. Clark writes us as follows:—"There appears to be a new official envelope used by the Inland Revenue Department. An official informed me but I have not yet obtained a specimen. He describes it as a large envelope bearing the pink embossed 1d. die and 'On Her Majesty's Service' along the top without 'I.R.' or other surcharge on the stamp itself. I have not seen this chronicled yet; I fancy it is quite recent."

**COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.**—Antioquia has issued a set in celebration of the Centenary of Cordoba, consisting of postage stamps, 1/4, 1, 2, 5, and 10c.; 2½c. Retardo, and 2½ and 10c. registered. Boyaca, another Colombian province, has issued a 5c. green.

**INDIA.**—We find we have not yet chronicled the 2a. 6p. envelope surcharged "One Anna." We have a specimen cancelled September 16th.

**SAMOA.**—*Philatelic Facts & Fallacies* for October contains the following notice of a new issue:—

"By the last Australian steamer we have received from our correspondent at Apia, Samoa, a few sets of a new provisional issue. We know nothing of the conditions which called for this issue, but will be able no doubt to give full particulars in our next number. The set consists of the current issue with "Provisional Govt." in condensed capitals, known to American printers as Gothic Condensed. The surcharge is in red or blue, as may be necessary by the color of the stamp, and the values are 1/4, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 pence, 1sh. and 2sh. and 6 pence, eight in all."  
The Samoan game!

**CAROLINE ISLANDS.**—The *Philatelic Monthly and World* announces the intention to surcharge the German stamps, for use here, with the words "Carolinien Inseln."

**LABUAN.**—Thus the *American Journal of Philately*:—"The appearance of a sheet of 50c. red-brown without the surcharge "Labuan" was recently announced. It now appears that a sheet of the \$1 blue has also escaped the

surcharge. It is said that these unsurcharged sheets have never been nearer Labuan than London.

A new value has been issued (we are informed by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.), 4c. rose.

**NEW ZEALAND.**—The Colonial prints of the 2½d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 2/- and 5/- stamps (chronicled a fortnight ago) were issued on June 8th. The altered plates of 1/4d., 1d., 2d. and 4d. have arrived in Wellington. It is said that the new bi-coloured 4d. (similar in all respects to the 1d. with which it has changed design and colour) was actually issued, but withdrawn immediately owing to confusion. The 4d. (old type) and 9d. local prints are printed but not issued, and the former should become very scarce.

**PERSIA.**—The new Persian stamps chronicled last week are stated to have been issued at Teheran on September 8th.

**SPAIN.**—The *A.J. of P.* chronicles the current 2c. in black and 20c. in orange.

**SWITZERLAND.**—We do not appear to have chronicled the 50c. in green.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.**—Despite the fact that the Native States (Johor, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak and Selangor) have



been federated, they continue to issue special stamps. We have already chronicled the 4c. lilac-rose, Tiger's Head, for Pahang and Perak. Johore followed suit on September 17th. Negri Sembilan has contented itself with surcharging the 5c. "Four Cents" but we fear a 4c. of the above type will eventually follow.

## Correspondence.

### POSTMARKS.

Under this heading last week two unfortunate errors crept in. The second letter was sent by Mr. J. Bramah; in transcribing it for the printers, we assigned its authorship to Mr. J. G. Hawley in error. In the body of the letter reference was made to a letter by Mr. Poole. The reference should, of course, have been to that of "Duplex." I should also have acknowledged receipt of a letter on the subject from Mr. H. Brown.

### COLOUR-NAMES OF STAMPS.

To the Editor Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.

DEAR SIR.—As an example of the necessity at present existing for some recognized standard by which the leading catalogue makers should name their colours I subjoin, from the latest lists of Scott and Gibbons, the issues of the Philippines, with the names given them, for the year 1894. It is a curious commentary upon the chaos now ruling.

Gibbons.	Scott.
1c. aniline rose.	1c. carmine.
2c. lilac.	2c. dark brown.
6c. brick red.	6c. vermilion.
8c. brown lake.	8c. lilac brown.
12½c. orange.	12½c. flesh.
15c. aniline rose.	15c. rose.
20c. purple.	20c. violet.

Gibbons is nearest the mark, but the stamp described as orange is really lemon colour!

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## Transvaal Stamps at Auction.

Sale held by Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at St. Martin's Town Hall, October 26th and 27th.

*I. First Republic.* s. d.  
1d. red. Natal print (S.G. 25). strip of six on letter, with 4 4d. blue Capes, 3 being defective ... 60 0  
The other lots were mostly of 2 or more specimens.

*II. British Occupation, "V.R. Transvaal."*  
3d. mauve, imperf., red surcharge ... 48 0  
" surcharge at back of stamp ... 140 0  
" 6d. blue, very fine ... 40 0  
1d. red, entire pane of 40, wide roulette... 110 0

*III. Same, "V.R. Transvaal."*  
1d. red on blue, fine roulette, error Transvaal, very fine ... £29  
3d. lilac on buff, imperf., surcharge inverted ... 70 0  
3d. lilac on green, imperf., with surcharge omitted ... 310 0

*IV. Same, but italic "V.R."*  
3d. lilac on green, surcharge inverted and misplaced ... 140 0

*V. Same, Queen's Head.*  
1/4d. vermilion, unused block of 10 ... 30 0  
1d. red-brown, entire sheet of 60 ... 20 0  
3d. lilac-rose " " ... 35 0  
4d. sage " " ... 63 0  
6d. black " " ... 46 0  
1/4d. vermilion, used block of six ... 36 0  
" Halve Penny " on 6d., entire sheet of 60 £16

Other rare stamps sold were:—

France, 1f. dull carmine, unused, horizontal tête-bêche pair ... £22 10/-  
Reunion, 15c. and 30c. ... £79  
Cape Woodblock, 1d. red, very fine ... 84 0  
" " 4d. deep blue, very fine 135 0  
Lagos, 1/- orange, CC 14, unused ... 140 0  
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2	4d.	blue	.. 1 3	22	1d.	rose	.. 0 0½	17	2d.	yellow	.. 0 1
3	6d.	violet	.. 4 6	23	2½d.	green	.. 0 2	18	2½d.	violet	.. 0 3
4	1s.	green	.. 10 0	24	2½d.	blue	.. 0 1	19	3d.	violet	.. 0 2
Second Issue, with outer line.				Second Issue, Queen's Head.				Fifth Issue, Pole.			
5	1d.	rose	.. 0 9	1	1d.	red	.. 3 6	27	½d.	grey	.. 0 3
6	4d.	blue	.. 0 4	2	1d.	black	.. 0 4	28	1d.	rose	.. 0 1½
7	6d.	violet	.. 0 0½	3	3d.	violet	.. 3 6	29	2d.	yellow	.. 0 2
8	1s.	green	.. 0 2	4	3d.	red	.. 0 4	30	6d.	blue	.. 0 5
Third Issue, no outer frame.				Third Issue, Value in Corners.				Fifth Issue, Pole.			
9	½d.	black	.. 0 0½	5	6d.	blue	.. 3 6	31	1s.	green	.. 5 6
10	½d.	green	.. 0 1	6	1s.	green	.. 1 0	32	½d.	grey	.. 0 1
11	1d.	rose	.. 0 0½	7	½d.	red (unused)	.. 3 9	33	1d.	rose	.. 0 0½
12	2d.	ochre	.. 0 0½	8	1d.	red-brown	.. 0 9	34	2d.	yellow	.. 0 1
13	2d.	brown	.. 0 1	9	3d.	rose	.. 1 0	35	3d.	violet	.. 0 4
14	3d.	rose	.. 0 1	10	4d.	sage	.. 2 6	36	6d.	blue	.. 0 4
15	4d.	blue	.. 0 1	11	6d.	black	.. 1 0	(and others).			
16	4d.	sage	.. 0 1	12	1s.	green	.. 10 0				
17	1s.	green	.. 0 6	13	2s.	blue	.. 5 0				
18	1s.	yellow	.. 0 3								
19	5s.	orange	.. 1 0								
20	5s.	orange-brown	.. 1 6								

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QS 70 ½d. green, I.R. Official .. .. .	8	9
RD 500 ½d., 1880, slate and green, mixed, on pieces of letters .. .. .	2	6
RS 179 4d. orange, fine .. .. .	10	0
RT 300 3d. rose .. .. .	22	6
RN 50 mixed, 2½d., 3d., etc. .. .. .	3	6
RZ 24 6d. grey, various plates .. .. .	2	0
SA 64 3d. rose and 6d. violet .. .. .	4	6
SB 38 1d., wmk. S.C., perf. 16 (cat. 19/-) ..	3	2
SC 30 1d., S.C. 14, dies 1 and 2 (cat. 40/-) ..	6	0
SD 100 1d., perf. 14, S. & L.C. (cat. 40/-) ..	8	6
SE 100 1d., S.C. 16, dies 1 & 2 (cat. 45/-) ..	9	6
SF 20 1d., L.C. 16 (cat. 40/-) .. .. .	18	6
SG 100 2d. blue, imperf. .. .. .	7	6
SH 80 ½d. red, 1870 .. .. .	3	0
SI 900 1d. red plates, unexamined .. .. .	5	0
SJ 200 1d. 1880, in original packet .. .. .	1	0
SK 100 2d. plates .. .. .	3	9
SL 200 2½d. rose, wmk. Anchor (rare) .. .. .	30	0
SM 1400 2½d. rose, Orb, fine lot .. .. .	75	0
SN 500 2½d. blue, Orb, fine lot .. .. .	30	0
SO 1500 2½d. blue, Crown, fine .. .. .	35	0
SP 500 2½d. lilac, 1884, fine .. .. .	17	6
SQ 1150 3d. rose, 1867 .. .. .	95	0
SR 950 3d. rose, 1873 (scarce) .. .. .	95	0
SS 50 4d. orange, fair .. .. .	2	6
ST 300 6d. violet, fine .. .. .	27	0
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**Notes of the Week.**

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Mr. J. G. Payne informs me that B.S.A. 8d. rose and blue, first issue, was still on sale at Umtali, Rhodesia, recently, and sends me a block of six dated July 21st, 1899. Now-a-days, when it is the practice to issue stamps in full sets, whether there is any legitimate postal need for many of the values or not, it would not be surprising to find that many of the less used values of these mushroom issues were still on sale. We don't say that this 8d. B.S.A. falls within this category, but many issues of the Chartered Companies do.



A correspondent sends me an obliteration of the London District initial type (not quite like the illustration as it has no outer line, and the bars are much thicker) with the initials and V.2. Can any reader explain what this signifies? What do the initials BG and T signify? They are also met with on (presumably London) cancellations.

The same correspondent has also sent me a 3d. rose, plate 7, lettered at top CS and at bottom SO. The variety is curious, but is not due to an error on the plate. The O is almost perfect and as, we should think, probably due to a speck of dust on the paper.

What is the status of stamps such as those issued in Antioquia? The Colombian Republic is divided into nine provinces, Antioquia, Bolivar, Cundinamarca, Panama, Santander, Tolima, Boyaca, Cauca and Magdalena. The first six of these are well-known as stamp-issuing, and Boyaca has just joined their ranks. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. write us on the subject:— "The Antioquia and other Colombians are used in exactly the same manner as Indian Native States. They pay postage to any part of Colombia, from one State to another, but not to places outside of Colombia. The Panama stamps are available for International postage."

Should not these stamps be classed as locals, or semi-locals? The fact that the stamps do or do not pay international postage does not affect the matter, as previous to about 1877, if we are not mistaken, no South American stamps were good for more than local postage (letters for Great Britain were taken to the Consulate Post-Offices at all the chief ports and franked with British stamps which may consequently be found with postmarks such as Rio de Janeiro, Callao (Port of Lima), Guayaquil (Port of Quito), Valparaiso, etc.). If these stamps are really of semi-local nature, their inclusion in an ordinary collection is optional. With them we must class the stamps of Afghanistan, which are printed in different colours for the 5 provinces, Cabul, Djellabad and Peshawar, Candahar and Herat, Chulum and Mazrshareef, and Lallpur. Curiously, in this case, it is only the colour which is local.

An interesting and novel collection would be one of complete unused sets of all our Colonial stamps. As soon as a set became obsolete it could be replaced by the new set and the cost of the new set would probably be more than defrayed by the sale of the old. Such a collection might be even made to produce a small income instead of costing one, and would undoubtedly be of great interest to one's non-stamp-collecting friends. Such a series of sets, too, would form a good foundation for a collection of Colonial stamps. To quote a simile: you have first to build your house, then furnish it. In the same way, you should build up your collection on a strong foundation and not be in too great a haste to add minor varieties of watermarks, perforations, surcharges, etc., until you are fairly complete in the "standard" issues. If you wish to know which are the standard varieties of each colony, follow the catalogue appearing on page 3 each week. Always remember that if you want to become a successful stamp collector, you must build up your collection on a sound foundation. Failure to recognize and understand this is the chief cause why some collectors get discouraged. As we have said once before, it is not stamp collecting that tires them, but their method.

I am told by a correspondent that the higher values of British stamps are now being issued to Postmasters in panes and sheets. Hitherto these have generally been divided up before distribution.

Mr. P. P. Wood sends me a 1d. deep carmine used at Hull on July 9th, 1857, and a 1d. orange-brown used March 19th, 1857. The other records mentioned last week still stand. We invite records for the early plate numbers of 1d. red, Plates 71 to 95 were registered before July, 1864, 96 and 97 in October, 1864, and 98 during 1865. Nos. 99 to 107 followed in 1866, but none were registered during 1867. Probably specimens from most of these plates were issued soon after approval.

Elsewhere we refer in detail to the various series of stamps now in use in our colonies. No other country of the world could point to such a list. What more interesting or handsome? The following for example. (The illustrations do not do them justice, but readers now have an opportunity of obtaining the stamps themselves at very little cost).



**Labuan and North Borneo.**

A correspondent writes us as follows:— "You have not 'slated' the 4c. provisional Borneo and Labuan half enough. They were printed in London expressly for speculative purposes. It is said that 1000 sets were sent out for 'use' but of course were all sold in a few days to local collectors and speculators. But by far the largest number were kept back in London, and are being put on the market by a London dealer. The number so kept back cannot be less than 20,000 sets, and may be 50,000. There never was a more unnecessary issue, as it may well be presumed that there was an ample stock of 1, 2 and 3c. stamps which could have been used in combination until the new 4c. stamp was engraved. Moreover as this large quantity was no doubt specially printed for surcharging, one value would have been enough." The dealer in question is said to have paid an amount running well into four figures, and as the dollar is about 2/-, the set of 12 varieties would cost 1/- (if purchased at face value, as they presumably would be). As 20,000 sets would cost just £1,000, there must have been more than that number. We are not aware who is the dealer referred to, but should this come under his notice, we should be glad to hear what he has to say on the matter. One dealer was recently offering the set of 12 for ten shillings, and another asks 90/- per dozen sets, which seems to show that someone is by no means modest in his idea of a fair profit.

**Review of the Philatelic Press.**

*Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, (Nov. 10th.)

Contents:—Philately Month by Month. Forgeries—Cuba 1870; Roumania, 1869; Schleswig-Holstein, 1850; Spain, 1853. English Minor Varieties (Line-engraved Series.) Notes on the Paris and Manchester Exhibitions. Review of Reviews.

Writing of the differences in the shapes of the corner letters in the early 1d. stamps (die 1) Mr. Skipton says:—

“At the Manchester Exhibition I had a look at Mr. White's series of stamps from the imprimatur sheets. The stamps shown in his collection are either from the top or bottom row of the sheets and the letters A or T and usually F or G do not show the differences very well. As far as I could judge Plates 1 to 78, 81, 83 and 85 had the letters A from the same punch. It was a well shaped letter medium size and the triangle was clear. Plates 80, 82, 84, 86 and on had the A small not of a good shape and the triangle was more or less filled up with colour. The whole letter seemed to be too narrow from side to side. Plate 132 was the first with the large A. There is no mistaking this series of large letters. This is confirmed by the London Society's Book and it is stated that plate 133 has all the vertical 'G's of the old small type and the horizontal 'G's (except the right G in G.G.) of the new larger type. The London Society's work notes that the stamp lettered BA on plate (32) of die i. has the 'B' with the lower part very much larger than the upper and is quite different to all the other B's on the plate. On plate 123 the 'E' of the stamp lettered EA is faulty. On examining a number of the perforated stamps of die i., I have only found one variety of lettering.”

There are three main types of lettering, the small, the large and the thin, (found respectively on plates 4, 5 and 6 of the 2d. blue). From the above extract it appears that the small type of lettering may be further subdivided. No one as yet has separated the entire alphabets as found on the 1d. red stamps.

*The American Journal of Philately* (Oct. 1st.)

Contents: A Catalogue for Advanced Collectors (Venezuela, continued.) The Postage Stamps of the United States (by John N. Luff)—Newspaper and Periodical Stamps. Belgian Postage Stamps and Entires.

The list of Venezuelan stamps is very exhaustive, no fewer than 530 varieties being described. (Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue describes 210, and Whitfield King's 110; about 73 are necessary to a general collection).

*Philatelist's Supplement to the Bazaar* (Nov. 8th.)

Contents: Arrangement of Stamps in Album. Forged Hungarians. Board of Trade Stamps. and other notes of interest.

*The Metropolitan Philatelist* (Nov. 4th.)

Contents: Washington Notes. An Avalanche of Guam Stamps.

This latter article is very instructive and we think it worth while to reproduce it. This multiplication of varieties for stamp collectors is really getting a very serious matter.

*Captain Leary on the War Path.*

November 2nd, 1899.

Captain Leary, Governor of the Isle of Guam, has realized what a tremendous demand there is for the stamps of his domain and evidently intends to make up for his lost opportunity in not securing enough stamps in the first order to fill the wants of collectors. It is with great regret that we have to announce the fact that this diminutive possession has been permitted to go into the stamp speculating business on a somewhat extensive scale. It is no credit to the department to permit such a state of affairs. Instead of taking a vigorous stand and refusing to supply such unnecessary issues, it unhesitatingly sanctions and fills every order sent in, stating that they are not able to judge the necessities of our distant possessions, but leave all matters entirely in the hands of the appointed postal directors. Here is a nice conglomeration of new issues, including special deliveries and dollar stamps, which very fact shows, plainly, that the securing of revenue from stamp collectors is the only excuse for this issue.

I have spent considerable time this morning at the Department as well as at the Bureau, to see whether anything could be done to modify this order, but found that it was too late. It was approved and an order was sent to the Bureau to fill the requisition in toto. Every effort will be made to have the surcharge the same as the first issue.

The following is a list of supplies ordered:—

1c., ..	15,000	8c., ..	5,000
2c., ..	75,000	10c., ..	10,000
3c., ..	5,000	15c., ..	5,000
4c., ..	5,000	50c., ..	4,000
5c., ..	15,000	\$1 ..	3,000
6c., ..	5,000	Spec'l Del. 10c.,	5,000

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**Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.**

THE following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, postally used; the third column those for specimens in any condition, either fiscally used, penmarked, or printed upon in any way. This last column has been substituted for that giving exchange quotations and will it is believed, prove of greater interest to readers. Offers for collectors' duplicates can be made at any time by the publisher.

**CAPE COLONY** (Cape of Good Hope.) Area, 245,600 square miles; population in 1891, 1,527,224; revenue in 1892, £5,570,867; chief town, Cape Town. Stamps were first allowed to pay postage on Foreign correspondence in February, 1858.



**I. Designed by Perkins, Bacon & Co.**

*First Issue, 1853. Triangular.*

1. 1d. red (Sept. 1, 1853)	..	7/6	2/6	2/6
2. 4d. blue (Sept. 1, 1853)	..	5 0	1 3	—
3. 6d. lilac (Feb. 18, 1858)	..	20/0	4/6	3/6
4. 1s. green (Feb. 18, 1858)	..	60/0	10/0	—

Varieties:—(a) Printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co.

- 1853. Wmk. Anchor, blue paper, 1d. 4d.
- 1855. Same, white paper, all.
- Same, unofficially rouletted, all.

(b) Printed by De La Rue & Co.

- 1863-64. Wmk. Anchor, all.
- Wmk. Crown CC., 1d. (Never issued?)

The two printings may be easily distinguished by the colours, the following being the principal shades:

PERKINS.	DE LA RUE.
1d. brick-red, rose-red	carmine, brown-red
4d. blue, pale blue	dark blue, violet-blue
6d. lilac, slate	bright violet
1s. yellow green, dark green	emerald green

The numbers printed and despatched to the Colony were as follows:

PERKINS.	DE LA RUE.
1d. 5,850,000 (26 dates)	1,222,030 (2 dates)
4d. 7,000,000 (2) .. )	1,263,840 (3) .. )
6d. 2,250,000 (3) .. )	92,020 (1) .. )
1s. 380,000 (2) .. )	37,020 (1) .. )

With regard to the bluing of the paper, it is not known when this ceased. All the catalogues before us, including the London Society's Work on South Africa, agree in putting the date as 1855, but do not mention any authority for the statement. In other Colonies the bluing continued until the spring of 1857 (as also in this Country), and as the varieties with blued paper are by no means rare, as will be seen from the following figures, it looks as if a longer period should be assigned to their use.

Quantities Despatched.	1d.	4d.	(bluish)
May 1853 to Aug. 1855	970,000	710,000	(blued?)
Sept. 1855 to Nov. 1856	1,000,000	1,650,000	(blued?)
June 1857 to May, 1861	3,880,000	4,620,000	(white)

If any reader has specimens on entire letters used between 1855 and 1857, they would settle the question once for all. The dates on which the supplies were sent out are as follows:—

PERKINS.	DE LA RUE.
1d. 0.5.53 to 8.5.61	2.12.63 to 13.4.64
4d. 0.5.53 to 8.5.61	17.4.63 to 13.4.64
6d. 16.12.57 to 1.4.62	31.1.63
1s. 16.12.57 to 1.4.62	31.1.63

The triangular stamps were each printed in sheets of 240, in 15 rows of eight pairs each. The rouletted varieties are of little importance, as the rouletting was quite unofficial. The variety with wmk. Crown CC sideways is not known used and it is doubtful if any were ever sent out to the Colony.

**II. Engraved by S. Solomon & Co., Cape Town.**

*Temporary Issue, 1861. "Woodblocks."*

5. 1d. red .. .. .	..	..	..	60/0	—
6. 4d. blue .. .. .	..	..	..	35/0	—

The above were printed in sheets of 64, in four rows of eight pairs, from wooden blocks to which had been cemented impressions taken from steel dies by the stereotype process. Two of these impressions were interchanged, hence the errors, 1d. blue and 4d. red. The numbers printed were as follows:—

1d. 24,660, of which 386 errors (4d. red)
4d. 12,840, of which 201 errors (1d. blue)

The 1d. were printed on 10.4.61 and the 4d. on 12.4.61. These stamps were reprinted in March, 1883, but the errors, as also one damaged stereotype of the

This catalogue has been compiled mainly in the hope of benefiting those collectors who wish, whilst devoting their best efforts to specialism, to still keep slightly in touch with the stamps of our whole Colonial Empire. If the varieties described in the Notes to each Issue be ignored, a very interesting general collection may be formed without taxing to the utmost the energy and purse of the collector, thus leaving him free to specialise the most interesting countries or issues. The Notes given will serve to indicate broadly the possibilities of each colony, and for further information, the reader is referred to the London Philatelic Society's Works, Stanley Gibbons' Catalogues, etc.

One Penny, were first removed from the plate. The numbers reprinted were, of the 1d., 195 sheets of 62 and of the 4d., 195 sheets of 63. These reprints were despatched to various Postal Administrations, but a certain number have found their way into the hands of collectors. Their colour is darker and brighter than that of the originals.



**III. Engraved by De La Rue & Co.**

*Second Issue (with outer line) 1864.*

7. 1d. rose (July 20th, 1864)	..	4/0	0/9	0/2
8. 4d. blue (End of 1865?)	..	10/0	0/4	—
9. 6d. violet (July 20th, 1865)	..	C	0/1	—
10. 1s. green (Jan. 1864)	..	10/0	0 2	—

Varieties:—

- 1864. Crown CC, perf. 14, all.
- 1882. Crown CA, perf. 14, 6d.
- 1884. Cabled Anchor, perf. 14, 6d. 1s.

During 1868 the 4d. stamps ran short and a supply of the old 4d. triangular which had remained on hand, was issued. A number of 6d. violet were then surcharged and sold as 4d. Both these varieties are of equal interest to the specialist, although of course the former can only be distinguished when on a piece of original showing postmark. In Sept. 1874 the 6d. was surcharged and sold as 1d. and in January, 1877, the 1s. received a similar surcharge.

*Third Issue (outer frame removed), 1871.*

11. 3d. black (July 1882)	..	0/2	0/0½	—
12. 3d. green (April, 1896)	..	0/1	0/1	—
13. 1d. rose (March, 1872)	..	0/3	0/0½	—
14. 2d. brown (Sept., 1882)	..	C	0/0½	—
15. 3d. rose (July, 1880)	..	1/-	0/1	—
16. 3d. violet (1891; July, 1898)	..	C	0/1	—
17. 4d. blue (Jan. 1877)	..	1/0	0/1	—
18. 4d. green (July 1898)	..	C	0 1	—
19. 1s. green (Jan. 1894)	..	5/0	0/6	—
20. 1s. yellow (May 1896)	..	C	0/3	—
21. 5s. orange (Aug. 22, 1871)	..	20/0	1 0	—
22. 5s. orange-brown (May? 1896)	..	C	1 6	—

*Printed in new colour for surcharging.*

23. 4d. lilac-rose (3d.)	..	1/6	0 9	—
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Varieties:—

- 1871. Crown CC, perf. 14, 3d., 1d., 3d., 4d., 5s. (first colours)
- 1882. Crown CA, .. .. . 3d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 5s. ..
- 1884. Cabled Anchor, perf. 14, all except 3d. rose.

At various times certain of the above stamps have been surcharged. On November 1st, 1879 the inland letter rate was reduced from 4d. to 3d. per half ounce, and a supply of 3d. stamps ordered from England. As the construction of a plate would take some little time a number of sheets were ordered to be printed from the 4d. plate in the colour chosen for the 3d. (lilac-rose) and surcharged "Threepence" in black, and these were sent out to the Colony as a provisional supply, arriving in February, 1880. Pending the arrival of these the colonial authorities surcharged a number of the 4d. blue "Three Pence." Errors exist, "The.ec" and "Pencb." In July, 1880, the permanent 3d. stamps were received from England, but on account of the similarity of their colour with that of the 1d., they were in the following month surcharged "3" (two types). In January, 1881 (presumably the next supply ordered from England) the colour was slightly changed from "lilac-rose" to "claret." On July 1st, 1882, the inland letter rate was further reduced to 2d., and the newspaper rate from 1d. to 4d. A temporary supply of 4d. was created by surcharging the 3d. claret (both CC and CA) but as two 1d. stamps could be used for the letter rate, it was not found necessary to create a provisional 2d. the permanent supply of which arrived from England in September, 1882. It is not known when the first supply of 4d. black were sent out, and several catalogues give the date as 1876, or March, 1876. On account of its rarity with CC watermark, and as the first supply with CA watermark only reached the Colony in September (?) 1882, we are inclined to think that when the first order for 4d. stamps reached De La Rue a small number of sheets were printed off on CC paper and sent out at once (the value was urgently required as we have seen), the remainder of the order being executed on CA paper and sent by next steamer. This theory is confirmed by the fact that the 4d. with CC watermark is rarer used than the provisional 4d. on 3d. which could only have been in use six or eight weeks. Dealers would naturally order the stamp as soon as it was issued and that would account for the comparatively large number of unused specimens met with. Both Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue and the London Society's Work on South Africa give the date as 1876, but we think this must be an error. In March 1893, the 2d. was surcharged and sold as 1d. On January 1st, 1891, the single letter rate to Great Britain and Colonies was reduced to 24d. and pending the preparation of 24d. stamps, a supply of 3d. stamps were ordered to be printed in red-violet (magenta) and surcharged 24d. Later, the 3d. stamp was issued in this colour.



*Fourth Issue, 1892. New values and types.*

23. 4d. green, (1898)	..	C	0/1	—
24. 1d. rose (Oct. 1893)	..	C	0/0½	—
25. 24d. green (June, 1892)	..	1 6	0/2	—
26. 24d. blue (May 1896)	..	C	0 1	—

For much of the above information on the stamps of Cape Colony, we are indebted to the Work "South Africa" (Part I.) published by the London Philatelic Society.

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**SCOTT'S** Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue (59th) new edition for 1900, ready October 15th. Many new improvements and additions. Its chief difference from the 1898 edition, will be in the arrangement of shades and minor varieties, which will now be classed as sub-varieties, and no longer dignified with separate catalogue numbers. Latest market prices. Correct quotations for Cuba, Porto Rico, and all American Colonies. Price 2/4 post free (abroad 1d. extra). Wholesale terms on application.—W. T. WILSON, 192, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

**REDUCED RATES:** Good Stamps about half catalogue price, used-unused; send list of wants. I offer: Grenada, 2½d. claret, broad Star, in mint condition, 120/-; Trinidad, 1/- indigo, pin perf., 30/-; Barbadoes, 1d. blue, small Star, unused, 20/-; Queensland, truncated Star, perf. 12, 6d. green, 10/-; Malta, ½d. buff, unused, no wmk., 6/-.—Y. YARI, 24, Brunswick Square, London, W.C. [86]

**WANTED!** Postally used New Zealand, 1898; Falklands, British Central, East and South Africa, Cyprus, Tasmania (current), Niger Coast, Uganda. All values. Good copies only. Quote lowest price for cash. Large or small quantities.—J. M. WATKINS, 53, St. Martin's Lane, London, W.C. [74]

**EXCHANGE** desired with collectors in better-class stamps, perfect specimens only. Basis, Stanley Gibbons. Reference, Editor, "E.W.S.N."—E. THOMAS, Professor, KK. Artill.—Cadet School, Habsburgerhof, Vienna III., Austria.

**Post Card News.**

First number published last Saturday, sent to all applying for a Copy.

**Walter T. WILSON,** 164, Cardigan Road, Leeds.

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Used and Unused. Send list of Wants. [90]

**Y. YARI, 24, Brunswick Square, S.W.**

**NEARLY ALL COLLECTORS** have missed a chance to buy choice stamps at low prices. You now have a chance to buy at prices as low if not lower than any offer which you may have had. My assortment of U.S. envelopes is one of the largest to be found in this or any other country. In order to reduce the number of the ones advertised below and to induce you to buy I have made these

**SPECIAL REDUCTIONS**

IN...

**U.S. Stamped Envelopes**

Unused, Cut Square with Large Margins.

No.	SCOTT'S.	58th Catalogue. Price.	My Price.
1323	1857 3c. red on buff	.. \$0.60	.. \$0.25
1328	1857 1c. blue on buff	.. ..	.. 1.00 .40
1342	1863 2c. black on buff	.. ..	.. 1.50 .60
1351	1864 6c. pink on white	.. ..	.. 1.00 .40
1353	1864 6c. pink on buff	.. ..	.. .60 .30
1361	1864 40c. rose on buff	.. ..	.. 2.50 1.00
1364	1864 3c. brown on buff	.. ..	.. 1.00 .40
1368	1870 3c. green on white	.. ..	.. .15 .07
1379	1870 3c. green on amber	.. ..	.. .15 .07
1389	1870 3c. green on cream	.. ..	.. .30 .12
1396	1870 1c. blue on orange	.. ..	.. .75 .20
1397	1870 2c. brown on orange	.. ..	.. .40 .10
1407	1874 3c. green on white	.. ..	.. .10 .04
1411	1874 10c. brown on white	.. ..	.. .40 .15
1415	1874 30c. black on white	.. ..	.. 2.00 .75
1416	1874 90c. carmine on white	.. ..	.. 2.50 1.10
1420	1874 5c. blue on white	.. ..	.. .50 .15
1421	1876 3c. red on white	.. ..	.. .60 .30
1426	1876 5c. brown on white	.. ..	.. .20 .08
1436	1874 3c. green on amber	.. ..	.. .10 .04
1440	1874 10c. brown on amber	.. ..	.. .50 .15
1448	1874 5c. blue on amber	.. ..	.. .35 .12
1451	1880 5c. brown on amber	.. ..	.. .25 .08
1455	1874 5c. green on cream	.. ..	.. .25 .10
1462	1879 1c. blue on cream	.. ..	.. .10 .05
1463	1880 2c. vermilion on cream	.. ..	.. 2.50 .35
1468	1874 1c. blue on orange	.. ..	.. .10 .03
1470	1874 3c. green on blue	.. ..	.. .15 .07
1471	1874 5c. blue on blue	.. ..	.. .75 .35
1473	1880 1c. blue on blue	.. ..	.. .40 .17
1474	1880 2c. vermilion on blue	.. ..	.. 1.50 .60
1478	1879 1c. blue on fawn	.. ..	.. .75 .25
1480	1875 3c. green on fawn	.. ..	.. .15 .07
1488	1883 2c. red on fawn	.. ..	.. .50 .15
1489	1883 2c. red on blue	.. ..	.. .40 .15
1490	1883 2c. red on white	.. ..	.. .10 .05
1491	1883 2c. red on amber	.. ..	.. .15 .07
1492	1883 2c. red on fawn	.. ..	.. .25 .10
1493	1883 2c. red on blue	.. ..	.. .40 .15
1494	1883 4c. green on white	.. ..	.. .30 .08
1495	1883 4c. green on white	.. ..	.. .20 .08
1496	1883 4c. green on amber	.. ..	.. .30 .08
1504	1884 2c. red on white	.. ..	.. .30 .15
1504	1884 2c. red on fawn	.. ..	.. 1.00 .25
1505	1884 2c. red on blue	.. ..	.. 1.00 .40
1508	1884 2c. brown on fawn	.. ..	.. 1.50 .50
1509	1884 2c. brown on blue	.. ..	.. 1.50 .35
1513	1884 2c. brown on amber	.. ..	.. 2.00 .50
1515	1884 2c. brown on fawn	.. ..	.. 5.00 .75
1524	1880 2c. brown on oriental buff	.. ..	.. .20 .10
1526	1880 10c. brown on oriental buff	.. ..	.. .50 .20
1527	1880 30c. black on oriental buff	.. ..	.. 5.00 2.25
1530	1880 10c. brown on blue	.. ..	.. .50 .20
1531	1887 4c. carmine on oriental buff	.. ..	.. .25 .10
1534	1887 5c. blue on oriental buff	.. ..	.. .25 .10
1539	1887 4c. carmine on blue	.. ..	.. .25 .10
1570	1887 5c. blue on blue	.. ..	.. .25 .10
1576	1887 4c. carmine on manila	.. ..	.. .25 .10
1582	1887 4c. carmine on amber manila	.. ..	.. .25 .10
1585	1893 1c. deep blue	.. ..	.. .03 .02
1586	1893 2c. violet	.. ..	.. .04 .03
1587	1893 3c. chocolate	.. ..	.. .10 .06
1588	1893 5c. slate brown	.. ..	.. 15.00 15.00
1589	1893 10c. slate brown	.. ..	.. .20 .11
1590	1895 1c. dark blue	.. ..	.. .15 .07
1700	1861 1c. blue on buff	.. ..	.. 1.50 .70
1706	1864 2c. black on straw	.. ..	.. 1.00 .30
1707	1864 2c. black on manila	.. ..	.. .50 .25
1719	1874 2c. vermilion on manila	.. ..	.. .10 .05
1722	1883 2c. red on manila	.. ..	.. .20 .07
1723	1883 2c. brown on manila	.. ..	.. .25 .10
1724	1884 2c. brown on manila	.. ..	.. .50 .25
1728	1884 2c. brown on manila	.. ..	.. 5.00 .75
1801	1873 Post Office, 3c. on lemon	.. ..	.. .10 .05
1804	1874 Post Office, 3c. on lemon	.. ..	.. .10 .05
1805	1874 Post Office, 6c. on lemon	.. ..	.. .25 .07
1806	1878 Post office, 2c. on white	.. ..	.. 1.00 .50
1810	Postal Service, black on white	.. ..	.. .10 .05
1811	Postal Service, black on amber	.. ..	.. .50 .20
1812	Postal Service, blue on amber	.. ..	.. .30 .25
1813	Postal Service, blue on blue	.. ..	.. .20 .05
None.	Postal Service, black on cream	.. ..	.. 2.00
1834	1873 War 3c. dark red	.. ..	.. 5.00 1.50
1843	1875 War 12c. on white	.. ..	.. 1.25 .60

Numbers at left refer to Scott's Standard Catalogue, 1898 to 1900 editions.

TERMS: Cash with order; Postage extra on orders under 50 cents; Unused stamps not accepted in payment. Please remit by Bills or P.O. Money Order. The above prices are in Dollars and Cents, 100 cents equals \$1.00. Foreign Bills are accepted at following rate of exchange: 1 Shilling—24 cents; 1 Mark—23 cents; 1 Frank—19 cents.

**C. F. ROTHFUCHS,**  
 3118, Washington St., Boston, Mass., U.S.A.



# THE STAMP MARKET.

## Supplement to Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.

No. 94.

LONDON, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1899.

### NEW ISSUES.

I can offer the following New Issues at exceptionally low rates, (unused):—

Canada, 2c. rose, 1½d. each.	
Argentine Republic, ¼c. brown, ¾d. each.	
" " 1c. green, 1½d. "	
Dominican Republic, (Commemorative, large size), 1, 2, 5, 10c., 1/6 per set of 4.	
Alwur, ½a., perforated, ¾d.	
United States, overprinted "Philippines," 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c., 10c., 1/6 per set of 5.	
Antioquia, 1899, set of 8, unused ...	3/3
Japan, 1899, set of 13, unused ...	10/6

### RECENT ISSUES.

Spain, 10c. used ...	½d.
Straits Settlements, 4c. on 5c. rose, used ...	2d.
United States, envelope, 2c. rose, cut square ...	1d.
Switzerland, 25c. blue, used ...	1d.
India, envelope stamp, 1 on 2½anna.	2d.
Austrian Levant, 8 paras on 2kr.	½d.

### WANTED,

#### EARLY SUPPLIES OF NEW ISSUES.

Readers abroad, when sending remittances, would confer a favour by making use of any stamps that may have been newly issued.

## Our Christmas Number

WILL APPEAR ON

**SATURDAY, DEC. 16th next.**

Meantime, owing to the approach of the holidays, and to the increased activity in the stamp trade, we shall continue to publish this Supplement (November 25th, December 2nd, and December 9th).

"E.W.S.N." is published regularly every Saturday. All Advertisements should reach us by Tuesday morning, if possible, but not later than Thursday in any case.

Special Quotations to Advertisers for these numbers.

In all probability, after the New Year, our supply of back numbers will be so depleted, that we cannot supply except at a premium. Intending subscribers desiring to start with No. 1 should send in their subscriptions without delay.

### SPECIAL OFFERS THIS WEEK.

ALL VERY FINE.		s.	d.
Zululand, on Gt. Britain, ¾d. red, used	..	0	4
" ditto 1d. lilac "	..	0	4
" ditto 2d. green "	..	1	0
" ditto 5/- carmine, mint	£2	2	0
" on Natal, ¾d. green "	..	0	6
" ditto 1d. lilac "	..	0	5
Uganda, 1897, the rare type set issue, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 annas, the five unused	..	10	6
Gambia, CC., 1/- green, used, extra fine	£1	17	6
" 1/- violet, mint	..	1	9
Ceylon, "On Service" 1895-96, 2c., 3c., 5c., 15c., 25c. and 50c., fine set of 6, used	2	0	0
Gibraltar, 1st issue, ¾d. green, used	..	1	0
" " 1d. carmine, used	..	0	8
" " 2d. brown-lake, used	..	7	6
" " 2½d. blue	..	1	3
" " 4d. brown-orange, used	..	11	6
" " 6d. deep-lilac, used	..	15	0
" " 1/- bistre, unused	£2	15	0

Approval Selections of any country sent on Approval. Office Hours 10 till 6. Saturday 10 till 1.30.

**Messrs. KIRKPATRICK & PEMBERTON**  
202, High Holborn, (Near British Museum,) London.

### Special Offers in Cape of Good Hope Stamps.

Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s Print.		Catalogue price.	Nett price.
1d. rose-red, unused, no gum	..	7 6	4 6
" " rather heavy oblit.	..	3 6	1 9
1d. brick-red on blue, fine..	..	4 0	3 0
4d. blue, very fine	..	1 6	1 6
" fine copy	..	1 6	1 3
" fair .. 8d. to 1/-	..	—	—
" pairs .. 3/- to 5/-	..	—	—
" fine pair on letter	..	—	5 0
" on letter with 1/- green	..	—	12 6
6d. lilac, fine	..	6 0	4 0
" fine margin	..	—	6 0
1/- yellow-green, fine	..	16 6	10 0

De La Rue & Co.'s Print.		Catalogue price.	Nett price.
4d. dark blue, fine	..	7 6	2 6
" " worn, fine margins	..	—	5 0
4d. very deep blue, very fine	..	—	4 0
4d. dark blue, pair on letter	..	—	5 6

H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, NORWOOD, S.E.

### Postage Stamps

WITH FISCAL CANCELLATIONS.

WE cannot understand why many collectors prefer a specimen with a more or less heavy postmark to another with a light penstroke costing perhaps one-fifth or one-tenth that of the postally used copy. CUSTOM PRESUMABLY, but we believe that with the nineteenth century this old prejudice will die. At present, fiscally cancelled specimens can be obtained very cheaply, and we hope all readers will carefully look over the following offers before deciding this all-important question. We give in the first column Stanley Gibbons' quotations for unused or postally used copies (whichever are cheapest) and in the second column, our own prices for clean fiscally used specimens.

	Cat. Price.	Sale Price.
Bahamas (Type 1).		
1d. red, CC., perf. 12½	.. 5/0	0/8
" " CC., perf. 14	.. 2/0	0/8
" " CA., perf. 14	.. 12/6	2/0
Queensland (Type 1).		
1s. violet, Q and Crown	.. 2/6	1/0
2s. pale blue	.. 15/0	2 3
2s. deep blue	.. 15/0	2 3
2s. blue, strip 3	.. 45/0	7/6
" " block 4	.. 60/0	9/0
2s. 6d. red, pair, O.C., each	.. 30 0	3/9
5s. pale rose, O.C., at side	.. 20/0	5/0
5s. rose, slight damage	.. 20/0	6/6
20s. rose, very fine	.. 40/0	5/0
Queensland (Type of 1882).		
5s. rose, deep rose	.. 2/6	1/0
10s. brown (also pair)	.. 15/0	3/0
£1 green (also strip of 3)	.. 17/6	3/6
Dominica.		
6d. green, CC., 12½, damaged	.. 25/0	2/6
Natal, C.A. 14.		
2d. green	.. 0/1	0/0½
3d. grey	.. 0/3	0/0½
6d. violet	.. 0/2	0/0½
1s. orange and red	.. 0/3	0/1
6d. violet (old type)	.. 0/6	0/2

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### Some Cheap Stamps.

		Catalogue Price.		My Price.	
		s.	d.	s.	d.
1	India, 2 rupees, current	0	9	0	7
2	" 3 " "	1	0	0	10
3	" 2, 3 and 5 rupees, set	3	6	2	11
4	Nevis, 1d. rose, rare cancellation, Crown and "Paid at Nevis"	—	—	2	0
5	Canada, 2c. rose, new issue	—	—	0	1½
6	" " Map, 2c. black, red and blue	—	—	0	2
7	Tasmania, 2½d. on 9d. blue	0	9	0	7
8	Western Australia, 1/- current	0	9	0	6
9	China, 3c. mauve, 1886,	0	3	0	2
10	Bermuda, ¾d. brown, v.f.	0	3	0	2
11	Poland, on entire letter	7	6	3	9
12	G.B., 1½d. lilac-rose, 's'	—	—	10	0
13	G.B., 10d. octag., cut square	8	6	5	9
14	G.B., 10/- blue, first shade	—	—	2	0
15*	Transvaal, 6d. 1879, block of 6	10	6	7	6
16	B.S. Africa, ¾d. blk. and violet	0	1	0	1
17	" 1d. red and green	0	3	0	2
18	" 2d. brown and mauve	0	4	0	3
19	" 4d. blue and mauve	0	8	0	4
20	Haiti, 20c. red-brown, imperf	8	6	3	9
21	Java, 1892, 50c. carmine	0	2	0	1
22	" 2g. 50c. brown and blue	2	0	1	3
23	Siam, 12 atts, 1889	0	5	0	2
24	*Italy, Parcel Post Stamp surcharged "Valevole" set of 6	1	0	0	5
25*	Argentine, entire sheet of 100 ¼c. green, control at top	—	—	1	6
26	Cape, ¾d. black, Crown C.A.	0	3	0	1
27	G.B., 2d. no lines, pair, red pmk.	—	—	4	0
28	" 1s. octag., fine	3	0	2	0
29	" 9d. 1862, fine	5	0	4	0
30	" 9d. green, 1883, fine	3	6	3	0
31	" £1 Cross, very fine	30	0	28	6
32	" 1s. salmon, wmk. spray	6	0	3	9

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**New System of Approval Selections**

A fine series of approval selections arranged according to countries is now being prepared. Instead of large books, stamps are being mounted on neatly arranged sheets, the postage on which will not be half so much as on the heavy books used by most dealers of the present day. All stamps are priced at or below catalogue prices, and liberal discounts allowed. Sheets are sent on approval on condition they are returned within seven days (otherwise no discount can be allowed.) The following are now ready:—(In ordering it is only necessary to give the numbers).

*New Sheets ready this Week.*

- 21. 25% Transvaal, British Occupation.
- 22. " " General.
- 23. 50% " " Common.
- 24. 25% " " Surcharged.
- 25. " Orange Free State, General.
- 26. " " Surcharged.
- 27. " Hayti, General (except current).
- 28. " " Common.
- 29. " Chili, General.
- 30. " Cape Triangulars, best.
- 31. " " fine.
- 32. " " 4d. blue (shades).
- 33. 50% Great Britain, 1d. red, perf. varieties.
- 34. " " 2d. blue "
- 47. Nett. Cape Triangulars (strips and blocks).
- 48. 50% Great Britain, 1d. red plates, unused.
- 49. 25% Denmark.
- 50. " Norway.
- 51. " Sweden.
- 52. " Early Victorias (common).
- 53. " Old Australians (common).
- 54. " Danish Colonies and Iceland.
- 55. 66% Danish Locals and others.
- 56. 50% British, 2½d. to 1s. plate numbers.
- 57. 75% British, ½d., 1d., and 2d. plates.
- 58. 25% British, 6d. violet, very fine shades.
- 59. Nett. Queensland, type I., 1d. to 20s., mostly penmarked.
- 60. 25% South African Republics, common.
- 61. " Cape Triangulars, damaged, cheap.
- 62. " Transvaal, common.
- 63. " Norway, common.
- 64. " Denmark.
- 65. " Sweden.
- 66. " Cape, 4d. Triangulars, cheap.
- 67. Nett. Ceylon Pence, fine, used and unused.

*Small Books.*

- 68. 25% Germany, N.G. Confed., and Thurn and Taxis.
- 69. " Serbia, Bulgaria, Montenegro and Bosnia.
- 70. " Spain, collection of 250, priced.
- 71. " Greece, used and unused.
- 72. " Denmark, Iceland, Sweden and Norway.
- 73. " Argentine Republic.
- 74. " Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, Jamaica and Leeward Islands.
- 75. " Bolivia, Nicaragua, Salvador, Costa Rica and Guatemala.
- 76. " Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico.
- 77. " Russia, Poland and Finland.
- 78. 10% British Colonies (General).

*Approval Sheets.*

- 79. 50% Great Britain, 3d. plate numbers, very fine copies.
- 80. " " 2½d. plate Nos., very fine.
- 82. Nett. Current Transvaal, unused, etc.
- 83. 25% Cape, various later issues.
- 84. Nett. Bahamas, 1d. line engraved, chiefly fiscally used copies.
- 85. 50% Gt. Britain, University Private Telegraph Co., various coloured Control Nos.
- 86. 25% Gt. Britain, Control Letters, including the rare 1d. A and N. over O (if unsold).
- 87. 50% Gt. Britain Commoner Control Letters.
- 88. 25% Persia (Commoner).
- 89. " Turkey.
- 90. Nett. Various recent issues.

*Sheets of Railway Letter Stamps.*

- 91. 50% Old printings, North Eastern.
- 92. 25% " " South Eastern.
- 93. " " Midland.
- 94. " Various entire sheets.
- 95. " Scottish Railway Companies.
- 96. " Welsh "
- 97. " Irish "
- 98. " Old printings, Metropolitan.
- 99. " South Eastern and Chatham and Dover.
- 100. 50% Parcel and Newspaper Stamps.

Sheets of any Country or Colony can be made up according to clients Special Wants.

NOTICE.—The above stamps are priced at or under Stanley Gibbons' 1899 catalogue prices, in some cases from 25% to 50% under in addition to the discount. Every week a fresh series of approval sheets will be advertised, and applications to see same will be executed in the order in which they are received. In the majority of cases no notice has been taken of watermarks, perforations, shades etc., when pricing.

H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, NORWOOD, S.E.

# Unused British Colonials in Sets.

Probably most Collectors have experienced at one time or other a desire to possess in mint unused condition the handsome sets of stamps issued by our Colonies throughout the World, perhaps only to be deterred from purchasing by the large premium on face value demanded by dealers. We have given considerable thought to the above question and have at length matured a practical scheme, which, whilst allowing us a moderate rate of interest on capital employed, will nevertheless enable us to bring unused sets of current Colonial stamps within the reach of every Collector at a very slight cost above face-value.

This scheme is part of our policy in regard to this paper, which Collectors may always rely upon to give them the best opportunities of forming their collections in not only the most interesting but also the most profitable manner. There cannot be the slightest doubt that these splendid sets of our Colonial stamps form one of the best foundations for a collection. Afterwards, starting with the issues immediately preceding, the stamps of each Colony can be gradually filled in until the earliest issue is reached and the collection completed. As an investment, a purchase of these sets is sound; as a speculation, chances of profit are unbounded and those of loss practically nil, as, if preserved in good condition, the sets are always worth at least face value, beyond which but little will have been paid for them.

In supplying these stamps we make three Conditions:—

- (1). The benefits of this offer are for readers of "E.W.S.N." and we can only accept orders from Subscribers.
- (2). Every order must be accompanied by cash and postage (cheques, bank-notes, postal orders or money orders only). No approval.
- (3). Under no circumstances will responsibility be accepted for stamps lost or damaged in transit, but every care will be taken to pack stamps securely so as to avoid damage.

In return we bind ourselves on behalf of readers by three conditions also:—

- (1). We send out only the finest possible copies, good colour, full gum, well centred. If inadvertently a defective copy be included, it will be promptly exchanged on application, but every care is exercised in making up sets.
- (2). Every order, small or large, will receive equal attention, and should be written on a separate sheet of paper apart from any other matters, together with name and full address. Owing to our time being fully occupied on other days with general business and the editing and publication of "E.W.S.N." sets ordered will be despatched on Fridays only, and orders must reach us on or before Wednesday preceding if despatch same week is desired.
- (3). As we shall keep an ample stock of sets on hand, Collectors may rely on their orders being executed in full without other delay than mentioned above. By special arrangement pairs, blocks and sheets of many British Colonials can be supplied.

## These Sets would form an Excellent Christmas Present for a Collector.

### COMPARATIVE TABLE

showing the face values of the Stamps now current and the prices at which, under the above conditions, we offer mint unused sets (values up to 1/-; for higher values see later.) Secondly, the face value of the similar set in use 10 years ago (1889) and its present value; and thirdly, the face value of the set in use 20 years ago (1879) and its approximate value now (in cases where it has been found difficult to determine which of two or more varieties were actually current in 1879, the cheaper of the two is taken, so that our figures are, if anything, under, of course, some few stamps are still current and these we reckon at face value. Judging from the average life of our Colonial issues, very few of the following sets will be still current ten years hence, and a new generation of Collectors may have to pay as much as we are now doing for the issues of 10 years ago.

No. of set	Particulars of Set now current (1899).	1899.		1889.		1879.	
		Face Value.	Our Price.	Value Then.	Value Now.	Value Then.	Value Now.
<b>GROUP I.—WEST INDIES, Etc. (The 14 sets for 44/-).</b>							
1	Bahamas, 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/1½	2 5½	2 1½	3 1½	1/11	50/6
2	Barbados, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 10d. . . . .	2 11½	3 5½	7/5	31 2	2/2½	41/6
3	Bermuda, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/7	2 11½	2/7	4/11½	2/0	16/0
4	Brit. Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 24c. . . . .	2 7	2 11½	2 4½	6 6	2/4½	36/7
5	Brit. Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24, 25c. . . . .	3 6½	4/2	3/6½	7/5	2/2	99/0
6	Falkland Is., ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1s. . . . .	3 1	3/7½	1/11	24/3	1/11	53/0
7	Grenada, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 8d., 1s. . . . .	2/9	3/2½	2/10	4/0	1 7	72/6
8	Jamaica, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2 7	2/11½	2/4½	8 4½	2/4½	48/7
9	Leeward Is., ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1s. . . . .	2/9	3 2½	11/5½	24/7	9 0½	909/9
10	St. Lucia, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2 5	2/10	2 5	40/8	1 11	79/6
11	St. Vincent, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/10	3/4	2 2	34 9	1/11	309/0
12	Trinidad, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2 7	2/11½	2 2	5 9	1/11½	61/3
13	Turk's Is., ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/7	2/11½	2/2	10/10	1/7	48/6
14	Virgin Is., ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1s. . . . .	2 9	3 2½	2 2	27 0	1/11	195/0
<b>GROUP II.—EUROPE. (The 4 sets for 13/6).</b>							
15	Gibraltar, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2 4	2/8	6/8	20/0	—	—
16	" (Morocco Ag.), 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p. . . . .	3/0	3/6	—	—	—	—
17	Cyprus, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12p. . . . .	4/0	4/8	3 2	23/2	2/2	72/7
18	Malta, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 4½d., 5d., 1s. . . . .	2 7½	3/0	1 10	1 10	½d.	1/6
<b>GROUP III.—NORTH AMERICA. (The 4 sets for 9/6).</b>							
19	Canada, ½c., 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c., 6c., 8c., 10c. . . . .	1 5½	1/8½	1/9½	4/10	1/9½	10/1
20	" 15, 20, 50c., set of 3 . . . . .	3 6½	4/1½	—	—	—	—
21	Newfoundland, ½c., 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c. . . . .	6d.	7d.	—	—	—	—
22	" (previous issue), ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24c. . . . .	2 8	3/3	1/1½	3/3	3/1	35/9

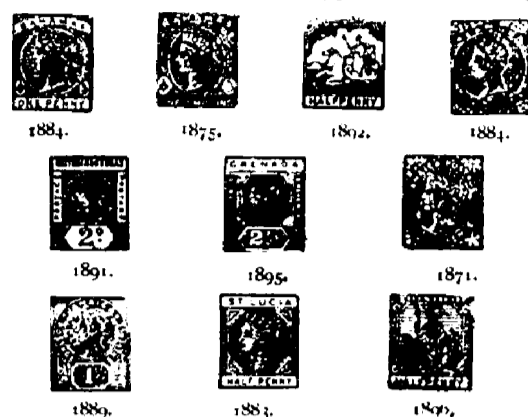
*Particulars of Set now current (1899).*

No.	Particulars of Set now current (1899).	1899.		1889.		1879.	
		Face Value.	Our Price.	Value Then.	Value Now.	Value Then.	Value Now.
<b>GROUP IV.—AFRICA.</b> (The 16 sets for 44/-).							
23	Bechuanaland, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d. (not yet received)	..	—	2/4½	16/4	—	—
24	Br. Central Africa, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1s.	..	2/1	2/5½	—	—	—
25	Br. East Africa, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8a.	..	3/3	3/9½	—	—	—
26	Br. South Africa, ½d., 1d., 2d., 6d., 1s.	..	1/9½	2/1½	—	—	—
27	Cape, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s.	..	2/7	2/11½	2/4½	27/7	2/2½ 21/10
28	Gambia, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s.	..	2/7	2/11½	2/7	6/2	10d. 57/0
29	Gold Coast, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1s.	..	2/1	2/5½	2/4½	4/11½	1/1½ 61/3
30	Lagos, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d.	..	2/0	2/4	2/4	9/0½	2/4 336/0
31	.. 7½d., 10d., 1s.	..	2/5½	2/10½	—	—	—
32	Mauritius, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 18, 25c., 50c.	..	1/6	1/9	2/1	10/0	4/2 63/9
33	Natal (not yet received)	..	—	—	2/4½	2/4½	2/2 33/6
34	Niger Coast, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 1s.	..	2/5	2/10	—	—	—
35	St. Helena, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 10d.	..	1/10½	2/2	2/7	2/7	2/4 81/6
36	Seychelles, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 36, 100c.	..	3/0	3/6	—	—	—
37	Sierra Leone, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	..	3/1½	3/8	2/8½	13/2	2/6 64/6
38	Sudan, 1, 2, 3, 5m.	..	—	—	—	—	—
39	.. 1, 2, 5, 10p.	..	—	—	—	—	—
40	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8a.	..	3/3	3/9½	—	—	—
<b>GROUP V.—ASIA, Etc.</b> (The 4 sets for 15/3).							
41	Ceylon, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 25, 28, 30, 75c.	..	2/9	3/2½	1/8	5/1	1/8 51/7
42	Hong Kong, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 30, 50c.	..	2/8	3/1½	5/2½	35/6	1/9 36/3
43	India (not yet received)	..	—	—	3/1½	4/7½	3/5 32/10
44	Sarawak, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 25, 32, 50c.	..	3/5	3/11½	1/6	4/10	1/- 4/3
45	Straits Settlements, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 24, 25, 30, 32, 50c.	..	4/3	4/11½	4/4	17/5	3/8 51/-
46	North Borneo (not yet received)	..	—	—	2/1	17/2	—
<b>GROUP VI.—AUSTRALIA.</b>							
47	Fiji Island, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	..	2/9	3/2½	2/1	7/-	1/1 11/3
48	New South Wales	..	—	—	2/9	5/4	4/9 37/8
49	New Zealand	..	—	—	3/8	5/5	2/1 28/6
50	Queensland	..	—	—	2/1	16/-	2/1 30/-
51	South Australia	Not yet received.	—	—	3/1½	12/7	3/1 22/11
52	Tasmania	..	—	—	3/11½	43/10	3/11 55/10
53	Victoria	..	—	—	3/7½	4/1½	2/4½ 27/6
54	Western Australia	..	—	—	2/9	2/9	2/4 47/9
<b>GROUP VII.—GREAT BRITAIN.</b>							
55	½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 4½d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 10d., 1/-	..	5/1	5/3	3/10½	3/10½	3/4½ 45/-
56	2 6, 5/-, 10/-, £1, £5	..	137/6	139/9	137/6	237/6	37/- 1500/-
57	Levant (not yet received)	..	—	—	—	—	—
58	Groups, I. to VI. (44 sets)	..	112/0½	129/-	—	—	—

**WHICH DO YOU CONSIDER THE MOST INTERESTING SET OF STAMPS NOW CURRENT IN OUR COLONIES ?**

OF the various West Indian series perhaps those for British Honduras, Turk's Island and Virgin Islands are the most striking as regards colour, especially the former. Turk's Island is one of the very few Colonies which still retain Stamps of the Perkins Bacon type, 1d., 6d. and 1s. stamps of the De La Rue type not having yet superseded them.

*Some Current West Indian Types, and their age.*



*High Values.*



All the sets of our European Possessions offer an interesting contrast of colours, Malta especially.

As regards our British North American Colonies, Canada and Newfoundland issue sets equally interesting, but the designs of the latter do not appear to be as well got up as they might be, nor are they particularly well printed.



The majority of issues for our African Colonies and Protectorates are well got up. It is however, a matter of regret that the old Perkins, Bacon types for Gambia and St. Helena have been abandoned. Perhaps the new issue for these Colonies and Seychelles offer the most pleasing contrast as regards colours. De La Rue's usual designs are chiefly employed.



The Asiatic Colonies are very prolific and have a decided preference for long sets. Straits Settlements alone issuing 14 values of 1/- and under. The Indian set is perhaps the most handsome.



Last but not least we come to the Australian Colonies. New Zealand at the present moment without doubt owns the prettiest and most interesting sets, and her stamps have the advantage of being finely engraved and beautifully printed. Some of the old Perkins, Bacon types are still in use in New South Wales and South Australia.



**SUPPLEMENTARY OFFER.—HIGH VALUES.**

Showing (a) present cost of current issues; (b) present worth of the stamps of the same values in use in 1889; and (c) present value of those in use in 1879. In the following table "C" denotes that the 1879 or 1889 issues are still current.

No. of set	Particulars	Face Value.	Present Cost.	Value of 1889 issue.	Value of 1879 issue.
61	Bahamas, 5/- and £1 (not received)	..	—	—	C
62	Barbados, 2/6 black and orange	..	—	—	—
63	B.C. Africa, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, set of 3	..	9/6	11/1	—
64	.. £1, £10 (not yet received)	..	—	—	—
65	B.E. Africa, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 rupees, set of 5	..	—	—	—
66	Brit. Guiana, 48, 72, 96c., set of 3	..	9/0	10/6	C 98/0
67	B.S. Africa, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 10/-, set of 6	..	26/6	30/11	—
68	Canada, 2c. map, set of three shades	..	3d.	3½d.	—
69	Cape of Good Hope, 5/-	..	5/0	5/10	15/0 35/0
70	Ceylon, 1-12, 1-50, 2-25 rupees, set of 3	..	6/9	7/10½	126 0
71	Cyprus, 18, 45 piastres, set of 2	..	7/0	8/2	—
72	Falkland Is., 2 6	..	2/6	2/11	—
73	Fiji Islands, 5/- black and rose	..	5/0	5/10	—
74	Gold Coast, 2/-, 5/- and 10/-, set of 3	..	17/0	19/10	—
75	.. 20/- lilac and black on red	..	20/0	23/0	140/0
76	Jamaica, 2/- and 5/-, set of 2	..	7/0	8/2	13/6 13 6
77	Lagos, 2/6, 5/- and 10/-, set of 3	..	17/6	20/5	£26
78	Leeward Isles, 5/- green and blue	..	5/0	5/10	—
79	Malta, 2/6, 5/- and 10/-, set of 3	..	17/6	20/5	—
80	Mauritius, 2.50c. on 5/-, and 2.50, either	..	3/5	3/11½	7/6 6/0
81	Niger Coast, 2/6 and 10/-, set of 2	..	12/6	14/7	—
82	St. Helena, 5/- orange	..	5/0	5/10	C C
83	St. Lucia, 5/- and 10/-, set of 2	..	15/0	17/6	—
84	St. Vincent, 5/- (either issue, 1883 or 1899)	..	5/0	5/10	£15
85	Sarawak, 1 dollar	..	2/0	2 4	—
86	Sierra Leone, 2/-, 5/- and 20/-, set of 3	..	27/0	31/6	—
87	Straits Settlements, 5 dollars	..	10/0	11/8	—
88	Trinidad, 5/-, 10/- and 20/-, set of 3	..	35/0	40/10	—
89	Virgin Isles, 5/- indigo	..	5 0	5 10	—
90	Zanzibar, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 rupees, set of 5	..	20 6	23/11	—

THE ABOVE LIST  
WILL BE ENLARGED NEXT WEEK  
WHEN OTHER REMARKABLE OFFERS  
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*New Sheets ready this Week.*

- 21. 25% Transvaal. British Occupation.
- 22. " " General.
- 23. 50% " Common.
- 24. 25% " Surcharged.
- 25. " Orange Free State, General.
- 26. " " Surcharged.
- 27. " Hayti, General (except current).
- 28. " " Common.
- 29. " Chili, General.
- 30. " Cape Triangulars, best.
- 31. " " fine.
- 32. " " 4d. blue (shades).
- 33. 50% Great Britain, 1d. red, perf. varieties.
- 34. " " 2d. blue " "
- 47. Nett. Cape Triangulars (strips and blocks).
- 48. 50% Great Britain, 1d. red plates, unused.
- 49. 25% Denmark.
- 50. " Norway.
- 51. " Sweden.
- 52. " Early Victorias (common).
- 53. " Old Australians (common).
- 54. " Danish Colonies and Iceland.
- 55. 66% Danish Locals and others.
- 56. 50% British, 2½d. to 1s. plate numbers.
- 57. 75% British, ½d., 1d., and 2d. plates.
- 58. 25% British, 6d. violet, very fine shades.
- 59. Nett. Queensland, type I., 1d. to 2s., mostly penmarked.
- 60. 25% South African Republics, common.
- 61. " Cape Triangulars, damaged, cheap.
- 62. " Transvaal, common.
- 63. " Norway, common.
- 64. " Denmark.
- 65. " Sweden.
- 66. " Cape, 4d. Triangulars, cheap.
- 67. Nett. Ceylon Pence, fine, used and unused.

*Small Books.*

- 68. 25% Germany, N.G. Confed., and Thurn and Taxis.
- 69. " Serbia, Bulgaria, Montenegro and Bosnia.
- 70. " Spain, collection of 250, priced.
- 71. " Greece, used and unused.
- 72. " Denmark, Iceland, Sweden and Norway.
- 73. " Argentine Republic.
- 74. " Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, Jamaica and Leeward Islands.
- 75. " Bolivia, Nicaragua, Salvador, Costa Rica and Guatemala.
- 76. " Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico.
- 77. " Russia, Poland and Finland.
- 78. 10% British Colonies (General).

*Approval Sheets.*

- 79. 50% Great Britain, 3d. plate numbers, very fine copies.
- 80. " " 2½d. plate Nos., very fine.
- 82. Nett. Current Transvaal, unused, etc.
- 83. 25% Cape, various later issues.
- 84. Nett. Bahamas, 1d. line engraved, chiefly fiscally used copies.
- 85. 50% Gt. Britain, University Private Telegraph Co., various coloured Control Nos.
- 86. 25% Gt. Britain, Control Letters, including the rare 1d. A and N. over O (if unsold).
- 87. 50% Gt. Britain Commoner Control Letters.
- 88. 25% Persia (Commoner).
- 89. " Turkey.
- 90. Nett. Various recent issues.

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- 91. 50% Old printings, North Eastern.
- 92. 25% " South Eastern.
- 93. " " Midland.
- 94. " Various entire sheets.
- 95. " Scottish Railway Companies.
- 96. " Welsh " "
- 97. " Irish " "
- 98. " Old printings, Metropolitan.
- 99. " South Eastern and Chatham and Dover.
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# Unused British Colonials in Sets.

Probably most Collectors have experienced at one time or other a desire to possess in mint unused condition the handsome sets of stamps issued by our Colonies throughout the World, perhaps only to be deterred from purchasing by the large premium on face value demanded by dealers. We have given considerable thought to the above question and have at length matured a practical scheme, which, whilst allowing us a moderate rate of interest on capital employed, will nevertheless enable us to bring unused sets of current Colonial stamps within the reach of every Collector at a very slight cost above face-value.

This scheme is part of our policy in regard to this paper, which Collectors may always rely upon to give them the best opportunities of forming their collections in not only the most interesting but also the most profitable manner. There cannot be the slightest doubt that these splendid sets of our Colonial stamps form one of the best foundations for a collection. Afterwards, starting with the issues immediately preceding, the stamps of each Colony can be gradually filled in until the earliest issue is reached and the collection completed. As an investment, a purchase of these sets is sound; as a speculation, chances of profit are unbounded and those of loss practically nil, as, if preserved in good condition, the sets are always worth at least face value, beyond which but little will have been paid for them.

In supplying these stamps we make three Conditions:—

- (1). The benefits of this offer are for readers of "E.W.S.N." and we can only accept orders from Subscribers.
- (2). Every order must be accompanied by cash and postage (cheques, bank-notes, postal orders or money orders only). No approval.
- (3). Under no circumstances will responsibility be accepted for stamps lost or damaged in transit, but every care will be taken to pack stamps securely so as to avoid damage.

In return we bind ourselves on behalf of readers by three conditions also:—

- (1). We send out only the finest possible copies, good colour, full gum, well centred. If inadvertently a defective copy be included, it will be promptly exchanged on application, but every care is exercised in making up sets.
- (2). Every order, small or large, will receive equal attention, and should be written on a separate sheet of paper apart from any other matters, together with name and full address. Owing to our time being fully occupied on other days with general business and the editing and publication of "E.W.S.N." sets ordered will be despatched on Fridays only, and orders must reach us on or before Wednesday preceding if despatch same week is desired.
- (3). As we shall keep an ample stock of sets on hand, Collectors may rely on their orders being executed in full without other delay than mentioned above. By special arrangement pairs, blocks and sheets of many British Colonials can be supplied.

## These Sets would form an Excellent Christmas Present for a Collector.

### COMPARATIVE TABLE

showing the face values of the Stamps now current and the prices at which, under the above conditions, we offer mint unused sets (values up to 1/-; for higher values see later.) Secondly, the face value of the similar set in use 10 years ago (1889) and its present value; and thirdly, the face value of the set in use 20 years ago (1879) and its approximate value now (in cases where it has been found difficult to determine which of two or more varieties were actually current in 1879, the cheaper of the two is taken, so that our figures are, if anything, under, of course, some few stamps are still current and these we reckon at face value. Judging from the average life of our Colonial issues, very few of the following sets will be still current ten years hence, and a new generation of Collectors may have to pay as much as we are now doing for the issues of 10 years ago.

No. of set	Particulars of Set now current (1899).		1889.		1888.		1879.	
	Face Value.	Our Price.	Value Then.	Value Now.	Value Then.	Value Now.		
<b>GROUP I.—WEST INDIES, Etc. (The 14 sets for 44/-).</b>								
1	Bahamas, 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2/1½	2 5½	2 1½	3 1½	1/11	50/6
2	Barbados, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 10d. . . . .	.. .. .	2 11½	3 5½	7/5	31 2	2/2½	41/6
3	Bermuda, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2/7	2 11½	2/7	4/11½	2/0	16/0
4	Brit. Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 24c. . . . .	.. .. .	2 7	2/11½	2 4½	6 6	2/4½	36/7
5	Brit. Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24, 25c. . . . .	.. .. .	3 6½	4/2	3/6½	7/5	2 2	99/0
6	Falkland Is., ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	3 1	3/7½	1 11	24/3	1/11	53/0
7	Grenada, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 8d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2/9	3/2½	2/10	4/0	1 7	72/6
8	Jamaica, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2 7	2/11½	2 4½	8 4½	2/4½	48 7
9	Leeward Is., ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2/9	3 2½	11 5½	240/7	9 0½	909/9
10	St. Lucia, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2/5	2/10	2 5	40 8	1 11	79/6
11	St. Vincent, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2 10	3/4	2 2	34 9	1/11	309/0
12	Trinidad, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2 7	2/11½	2 2	5 9	1/11½	61/3
13	Turk's Is., ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2/7	2/11½	2 2	10/10	1/7	48/6
14	Virgin Is., ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2 9	3 2½	2 2	27/0	1/11	195/0
<b>GROUP II.—EUROPE. (The 4 sets for 13/6).</b>								
15	Gibraltar, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2 4	2/8	6/8	20/0	—	—
16	" (Morocco Ag.), 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p. . . . .	.. .. .	3 0	3/6	—	—	—	—
17	Cyprus, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12p. . . . .	.. .. .	4/0	4/8	3 2	23/2	2 2	72/7
18	Malta, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 4½d., 5d., 1s. . . . .	.. .. .	2 7½	3 0	1 10	1 10	½d.	1/6
<b>GROUP III.—NORTH AMERICA. (The 4 sets for 9 6).</b>								
19	Canada, ½c., 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c., 6c., 8c., 10c. . . . .	.. .. .	1 5½	1/8½	1/9½	4/10	1/9½	10/1
20	" 15, 20, 50c., set of 3 . . . . .	.. .. .	3/6½	4/1½	—	—	—	—
21	Newfoundland, ½c., 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c. . . . .	.. .. .	6d.	7d.	—	—	—	—
22	" (previous issue), ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24c. . . . .	.. .. .	2/8	3/3	1/1½	3/3	3/1	35/9

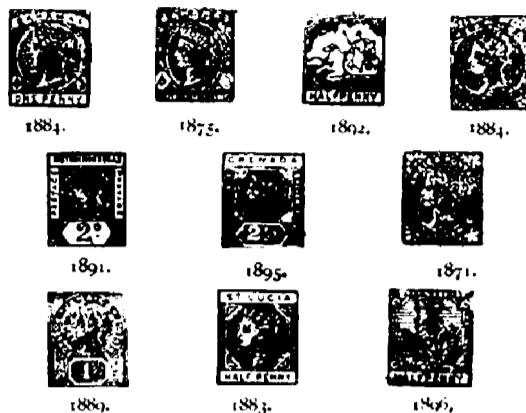
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No. of set	Particulars of Set now current (1899).	1899.		1889.		1879.	
		Face Value.	Our Price.	Value Then.	Value Now.	Value Then.	Value Now.
<b>GROUP IV.—AFRICA.</b> (The 16 sets for 44/-).							
23	Bechuanaland, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d. (not yet received)	..	—	2/4½	16/4	—	—
24	Br. Central Africa, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1s.	..	2/1	2/5½	—	—	—
25	Br. East Africa, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8a.	..	3/3	3/9½	—	—	—
26	Br. South Africa, ½d., 1d., 2d., 6d., 1s.	..	1/9½	2/1½	—	—	—
27	Cape, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s.	..	2/7	2/11½	2/4½	27/7	2/2½ 21/10
28	Gambia, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s.	..	2/7	2/11½	2/7	6/2	10d. 57/0
29	Gold Coast, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1s.	..	2/1	2/5½	2/4½	4/11½	1/1½ 61/3
30	Lagos, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d.	..	2/0	2/4	2/4	9/0½	2/4 336/0
31	.. 7½d., 10d., 1s.	..	2/5½	2/10½	—	—	—
32	Mauritius, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 18, 25c., 50c.	..	1/6	1/9	2/1	10/0	4/2 63/9
33	Natal (not yet received)	..	—	—	2/4½	2/4½	2/2 33/6
34	Niger Coast, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 1s.	..	2/5	2/10	—	—	—
35	St. Helena, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 10d.	..	1/10½	2/2	2/7	2/7	2/4 81/6
36	Seychelles, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 36, 100c.	..	3/0	3/6	—	—	—
37	Sierra Leone, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	..	3/1½	3/8	2/8½	13/2	2/6 64/6
38	Sudan, 1, 2, 3, 5m. .. .. .	..	3d.	3½d.	—	—	—
39	.. 1, 2, 5, 10p. .. .. .	..	3/9	4/4½	—	—	—
40	Zanzibar, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8a.	..	3/3	3/9½	—	—	—
<b>GROUP V.—ASIA, Etc.</b> (The 4 sets for 15/3).							
41	Ceylon, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 25, 28, 30, 75c.	..	2/9	3/2½	1/8	5/1	1/8 51/7
42	Hong Kong, 2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 30, 50c.	..	2/8	3/1½	5/2½	35/6	1/9 36/3
43	India (not yet received)	..	—	—	3/1½	4/7½	3/5 32/10
44	Sarawak, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 25, 32, 50c.	..	3/5	3/11½	1/6	4/10	1/- 4/3
45	Straits Settlements, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 24, 25, 30, 32, 50c.	..	4/3	4/11½	4/4	17/5	3/8 51/-
46	North Borneo (not yet received)	..	—	—	2/1	17/2	—
<b>GROUP VI.—AUSTRALIA.</b>							
47	Fiji Island, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1/-	..	2/9	3/2½	2/1	7/-	1/1 11/3
48	New South Wales	..	—	—	2/9	5/4	4/9 37/8
49	New Zealand	..	—	—	3/8	5/5	2/1 28/6
50	Queensland	..	—	—	2/1	16/-	2/1 30/-
51	South Australia	Not yet received.	—	—	3/1½	12/7	3/1 22/11
52	Tasmania	..	—	—	3/11½	43/10	3/11 55/10
53	Victoria	..	—	—	3/7½	4/1½	2/4½ 27/6
54	Western Australia	..	—	—	2/9	2/9	2/4 47/9
<b>GROUP VII.—GREAT BRITAIN.</b>							
55	½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 4½d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 10d., 1/-	..	5/1	5/3	3/10½	3/10½	3/4½ 45/-
56	2 6, 5/-, 10/-, £1, £5	..	137/6	139/9	137/6	237/6	37/- 1500/-
57	Levant (not yet received)	..	—	—	—	—	—
58	Groups, I. to VI. (44 sets)	..	112/0½	129/-	—	—	—

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The majority of issues for our African Colonies and Protectorates are well got up. It is however, a matter of regret that the old Perkins Bacon types for Gambia and St. Helena have been abandoned. Perhaps the new issue for these Colonies and Seychelles offer the most pleasing contrast as regards colours. De La Rue's usual designs are chiefly employed.



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No. of set	Particulars	Face Value.	Present Cost.	Value of 1889 issue.	Value of 1879 issue.
61	Bahamas, 5/- and £1 (not received)	..	..	..	..
62	Barbados, 2/6 black and orange	..	..	..	..
63	B.C. Africa, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, set of 3	..	9/6	11/1	—
64	.. £1, £10 (not yet received)	..	..	..	..
65	B.E. Africa, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 rupees, set of 5	..	..	..	..
66	Brit. Guiana, 48, 72, 96c., set of 3	..	9/0	10/6	C 98/0
67	B.S. Africa, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 10/-, set of 6	..	26/6	30/11	—
68	Canada, 2c. map, set of three shades	..	3d.	3½d.	—
69	Cape of Good Hope, 5/-	..	5/0	5/10	15/0 35/0
70	Ceylon, 1-12, 1-50, 2-25 rupees, set of 3	..	6/9	7/10½	126 0
71	Cyprus, 18, 45 piastres, set of 2	..	7/0	8/2	—
72	Falkland Is., 2 6	..	2/6	2/11	—
73	Fiji Islands, 5/- black and rose	..	5/0	5/10	—
74	Gold Coast, 2/-, 5/- and 10/-, set of 3	..	17/0	19/10	—
75	.. 20/- lilac and black on red	..	20/0	23/0	140/0
76	Jamaica, 2/- and 5/-, set of 2	..	7/0	8/2	13/6 13 6
77	Lagos, 2/6, 5/- and 10/-, set of 3	..	17/6	20/5	£26
78	Leeward Isles, 5/- green and blue	..	5/0	5/10	—
79	Malta, 2/6, 5/- and 10/-, set of 3	..	17 6	20/5	—
80	Mauritius, 2.50c. on 5/-, and 2.50, either	..	3/5	3/11½	7/6 6/0
81	Niger Coast, 2/6 and 10/-, set of 2	..	12/6	14/7	—
82	St. Helena, 5/- orange	..	5/0	5/10	C C
83	St. Lucia, 5/- and 10/-, set of 2	..	15/0	17 6	—
84	St. Vincent, 5/- (either issue, 1883 or 1899)	..	5/0	5/10	£15
85	Sarawak, 1 dollar	..	2/0	2 4	—
86	Sierra Leone, 2/-, 5/- and 20/-, set of 3	..	27/0	31/6	—
87	Straits Settlements, 5 dollars	..	10/0	11/8	—
88	Trinidad, 5/-, 10/- and 20/-, set of 3	..	35/0	40/10	—
89	Virgin Isles, 5/- indigo	..	5 0	5 10	—
90	Zanzibar, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 rupees, set of 5	..	20 6	23/11	—

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2d. yellow	0	2	0
2d. maize	0	2	0
4d. rose	0	2	3
5d. purple brown	1	5	0
5d. yellow green	0	3	0
6d. chocolate brown	0	1	6
8d. reddish brown	0	5	6
9d. brown	0	3	6
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" " " " 20 " "	6	6

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- 5c. lilac, now bright blue.

All wmk. crown CA., perf. 14. The 3c. and 6c. are now in the Postal Union colours, but if the 15c. is changed to blue, the colour of the 5c. will require changing again. The 5c. blue should be a good speculation.

**MAURITIUS.**—The surcharged 15c. on 36c. having been absorbed by collectors, the postal authorities have kindly provided two new 15c. stamps. Thus the *Philatelic Journal of India*:

"Mauritius is at it too. Two 15c. stamps together is not bad. One is of the "Arms" type, green with value in orange. The other is the threatened "Labourdonnais" stamp. It is an ultramarine atrocity of large size with a portrait of an amused old gentleman in a big white wig. A 6 cents green with value in rose-red has also appeared. The two little stamps are watermarked CA., and the big monstrosity CC. All are perf. 14."

**HAWAII.**—The same paper chronicles the 5c. blue, with the word "cents" added at the foot of the statue, between the two figures "5."

**SARAWAK.**—Following the 4c. surcharges for Labuan, North Borneo and Straits Settlements, come others of 2c. and 4c. for Sarawak. We expect the other petty states and protectorates in the East will be squeaking "Me too" before long.

- 2c. in black on 12c. red on rose (1871 issue.)
- 2c. in black on 3c. brown on yellow (1871 issue.)
- 4c. in red on 8c. blue on blue (1871 issue.)

Puzzle: Find out how many of the stamps chronicled in these columns each week are really required for legitimate purposes?

**BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.**—The new 2d. brown promised a year ago has now been issued. This Company is certainly to be commended for using up old stock before issuing new. From the paragraph above it would appear that Sarawak still has a stock of the 1871 issue.

**FRANCE.**—Mr. E. S. Auscher sends us the 5c. envelope in the new yellow-green shade. Also the 5c. for Réunion and Indo-China in this shade.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**—The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* chronicles a complete new series.

1/2c. bistre.	24c. violet.
1c. green.	30c. rose.
2c. indigo.	50c. Prussian blue.
5c. rose.	1p. black and blue.
10c. dark-green.	5p. " orange.
12c. sky-blue.	10p. " green.
16c. orange.	20p. " carmine.
20c. brown-red.	

The 1/2c. and 1c. we have already chronicled. The stamps are all "watermarked with the sun" (so our contemporary puts it) and perforated 11½.

## NEW ISSUES.

I can offer the following New Issues at exceptionally low rates, (unused):—

- Canada, 2c. rose, 1½d. each.
- Argentine Republic, 1/2c. brown, 3/4d. each.
- " " 1c. green, 1½d. "
- Dominican Republic, (Commemorative, large size), 1, 2, 5, 10c., 1/6 per set of 4.
- Alvur, 1/4a., perforated, 3/4d.
- United States, overprinted "Philippines," 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c., 10c., 1/6 per set of 5.

- Antioquia, 1899, set of 8, unused ... 3/3
- Japan, 1899, set of 13, unused ... 10/6

## RECENT ISSUES.

- Spain, 10c. used ... 1/2d.
- Straits Settlements, 4c. on 5c. rose, used ... 2d.
- United States, envelope, 2c. rose, cut square ... 1d.
- Switzerland, 25c. blue, used ... 1d.
- India, envelope stamp, 1 on 2½anna. 2d.
- Austrian Levant, 8 paras on 2kr. 1/2d.

## WANTED, EARLY SUPPLIES OF NEW ISSUES.

Readers abroad, when sending remittances, would confer a favour by making use of any stamps that may have been newly issued.

H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the new 1d. envelope for the Inland Revenue Dept. referred to in current "E.W.S.N." I may state that I have specimens of 1d. embossed envelopes issued to the Board of Agriculture, bearing O.H.M.S. at top, and also "Swine Fever" slanting across the upper left; they have the embossed crest of the Board of Agriculture on flap at back. Those I have were used in the Midlands in June or July 1895.

Yours truly, W. S. WEBB.

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## Our Programme for 1900.

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Has encouraged us to aim at still further improving it; we are anxious to make it the Collectors' paper, and with a view to this end will from time to time introduce new features. Commencing with the New Year we shall set apart a column for interesting items of news received from our readers. We cordially invite all stamp collectors to contribute to our "Postcard Column." Collectors often hear of bits of philatelic news that would greatly interest fellow-collectors, but it is too much trouble to sit down and write a letter. Consequently we ask readers to jot down on a postcard any such interesting item that they may come across, and we will devote a column each week to them. (Name and address of sender will be published unless requested not). Anything you think may interest other readers will be welcome. We hope

EVERY READER

will try and send us at least one postcard occasionally. Address:—

The Editor,

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News,

Norwood, London, S.E.

## Reprints and Forgeries of Transvaal Stamps.

As the stamps of the South African Republic are so much in demand just now, collectors may be glad to know how to distinguish reprints and forgeries of the earlier issue, which are by no means uncommon. We take as our authority the admirable work on Reprints compiled by Mr. E. D. Bacon.\*

The first issues of the Transvaal were printed by Mr. Adolph Otto, of Gustrow, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who retained a duplicate die of the threepence value, from which he made a duplicate plate and printed stamps which he sold to dealers and collectors. Mr. Bacon states that it is impossible to distinguish the early printings of these stamps from those Mr. Otto printed and forwarded to the South African Republic, but they differ from the locally-printed stamps of this value in the paper and gum, in being of a brighter colour. They are found with as well as without obliterations, and also in several fancy colours—ultramarine, dull rose, ochre, etc. The so-called reprints of the first 1d., 6d. and 1s. values are forgeries, as they differ in design from the issued stamps. The eye of the eagle on the originals is in a white circle, whereas on the forgeries it is in an irregularly-shaped white space, and the lower part of the flagstaff to right is formed of two distinct lines in place of only one line as on the originals.

The genuine 3d. mauve (without overprint) are found imperf. or with fine or wide roulette. The reprints are imperf. or rouletted 15, 15½.

The 3d. black on rose and 3d. red on white paper have also been reprinted by Mr. Otto. The reprint of the former has the paper too bright. The colour of that of the original stamp is lilac-rose, while that of the reprint is bright rose, and the impression of the reprints is brownish-black instead of grey-black to deep black. The colour of the reprint of the 3d. red is dull deep orange-red.

The 6d. ultramarine of type II. (Issue 1875) has also been reprinted, and such are found with and without postmarks. It is impossible to tell them from the early printings of originals. The reprints are rouletted 15, 15½. The two types of the originals may be distinguished by comparing the eagle's heads.

\*Reprints of Postal Adhesive Stamps, by E. D. Bacon, with 426 illustrations. Price, 4/3, post free.

# Our Christmas Number

WILL APPEAR ON

**SATURDAY, DEC. 16th next.**

Meantime, owing to the approach of the holidays, and to the increased activity in the stamp trade, we shall continue to publish this Supplement.

"E.W.S.N." is published regularly every Saturday. All Advertisements should reach us by Tuesday morning, if possible, but not later than Thursday in any case.

Special Quotations to Advertisers in the Supplement.

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PT Reconstructed sheet 2/6 lilac, 103 ex 112	25	0
PU Ditto, 82 ex 112 (30 missing) .. ..	20	0
PV 113 mixed 2/6 lilac, cheap .. ..	25	0
QD 25 6d. grey, I.R. Official .. ..	10	0
QJ 58 1d. envelope stamps, unused, square..	2	6
QL 25 Univ. P. Electr. Co. .. ..	12	6
QR 100 5d. slate, 1880 .. ..	12	6
QS 70 1/2d. green, I.R. Official .. ..	8	9
RD 500 1/2d., 1880, slate and green, mixed, on pieces of letters .. ..	2	6
RS 179 4d. orange, fine .. ..	10	0
RT 300 3d. rose .. ..	22	6
RX 50 mixed, 2 1/2d., 3d., etc. .. ..	3	6
RZ 24 6d. grey, various plates .. ..	2	0
SA 64 3d. rose and 6d. violet .. ..	4	6
SB 38 1d., wmk. S.C., perf. 16 (cat. 19/-)	3	2
SF 20 1d., L.C. 16 (cat. 40/-) .. ..	18	6
SG 100 2d. blue, imperf. .. ..	7	6
SH 80 1/2d. red, 1870 .. ..	3	0
SI 900 1d. red plates, unexamined .. ..	5	0
SJ 200 1d. 1880, in original packet .. ..	1	0
SK 100 2d. plates .. ..	3	9
SL 200 2 1/2d. rose, wmk. Anchor (rare) .. ..	30	0
SN 500 2 1/2d. blue, Orb, fine lot .. ..	30	0
SO 1500 2 1/2d. blue, Crown, fine .. ..	35	0
SP 500 2 1/2d. lilac, 1884, fine .. ..	17	6
SQ 1150 3d. rose, 1867 .. ..	95	0
SR 950 3d. rose, 1873 (scarce) .. ..	95	0
ST 300 6d. violet, fine .. ..	27	0
SV 700 3d. rose, pl. 4 to 10 .. ..	56	0
SW 500 3d. rose, pl. 11 to 16, few 17 .. ..	45	0
SX Collection Railway Parcel Stamps .. ..	60	0
SY Very fine lot 3000 Railway Newspaper Stamps, good variety, a bargain for .. ..	57	6
TA 90 3d. rose and 6d. violet .. ..	7	6
TB 20 2d. blue, imperf. .. ..	1	6
TC 71 1/2d. red plate Nos. .. ..	1	6
TD 103 Old English 2 1/2d., 3d., etc., in pairs and strips .. ..	10	6
TE 80 similar, including pair of 2 1/2d. rose, pl. 17 .. ..	20	0
TF 100 picked lightly cancelled copies of 2 1/2d. blue, Crown .. ..	8	6
TG Large approval book of English with foreign postmarks, priced to over £50, a bargain for .. ..	360	0
TH Large and interesting parcel of railway letter stamps, to the number of about 400, many unused .. ..	130	0
TI 1200 2 1/2d. rose, orb .. ..	50	0
TJ 298 6d. violet .. ..	25	0
TK 90 5d. and 6d., heavily cancelled .. ..	3	6

### FOREIGN AND COLONIAL.

AA 60 common .. ..	0	6
AB 11 N. S. W. 1d. and 2d. diadem, not fine	1	6
AC 50 old fiscals, Porto Rico, etc., .. ..	1	6
AD 91 old foreign .. ..	1	0
BD Cape Colony, 45 each, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., wmk. C.A. .. ..	3	0
BE " 386 1/2d., 1d., 2d., wmk. Anchor .. ..	3	9
BF " 100 1/2d., 100 1d., 85 2d., C.A. .. ..	5	9
BG " 50 1/2d. grey, 40 2d. brown, 23 6d. violet and 26 others .. ..	2	0
BH Orange F.S., 145 1/2d., 1d. and 2d., and 40 Transvaal .. ..	2	3
BI " 121 1d. violet-brown .. ..	0	9

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## Notes of the Week.

NOTICE.—All communications for the Editor should be addressed to H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E., to arrive not later than Thursday morning for notice in the issue for the same week. CORRESPONDENCE, English, French, German & Spanish.

The Philatelists of St. Petersburg, led by Mr. Breitfuss, are contemplating an exhibition in 1901. May success attend them!

Straws show which way the wind is blowing. The *Philatelic Journal of India* describes the current issue of one of our Colonies as "that awful New Zealand picture gallery." Personally we consider this set of stamps one of the most handsome of modern issues, but the thing is undoubtedly being overdone, when a reputable government issues a picture set for stamp collectors and another more serviceable for business use. We are unaware if this is the case in New Zealand—we hope not—but it has been done in such countries as the United States, Canada, Barbados, etc. No wonder picture-card collecting is gaining ground so rapidly!

Earliest dates. We have received some stamps bearing interesting early dates from Mr. H. W. Harrison. First, with regard to the 2 1/2d. blue plate numbers. The records until to-day were as follows:—

Plate 17 .. ..	5.2.80
" 18 .. ..	8.3.80 (London)
" 19 .. ..	4.5.80 (London)
" 20 .. ..	12.11.80 (Liverpool)
" 21 .. ..	1.4.81 (Liverpool)
" 22 .. ..	11.7.81 (Liverpool)
" 23 .. ..	6.7.81 (Manchester)

The latter six are in our possession. It is somewhat curious, by the way, that the date for plate 23 should be earlier than that for plate 22. Mr. Harrison now submits:—

2 1/2d. blue, plate 18, London, E.C.,	2.3.80
" plate 21, .. ..	28.3.81

We have also been shown 1/2d. red, plate 14, used at Stourport, June 1st, 1877, which antedates by no less than five months, the earliest date hitherto recorded. As regards 1d. red plate numbers, the same collector kindly sends us four dated specimens, which will form the nucleus of a record-table.

1d. red, plate 72, London,	19.7.64
" " 73, Paisley,	19.7.64
" " 76, London,	6.7.64
" " 88, Swaffham,	22.8.64

We are also indebted to Mr. Harrison for a 1d. orange-red, postmarked Wolverhampton, Feb. 27th, 1857. For the following dates we have to thank Mr. P. R. Devis.

1d. red, plate 93, London, E.C.,	15.6.64
" " 91, Aug. 11, 1864.	

Mr. Devis also sends us Army Official stamps dated Lincoln, March 18, 1886 ('98' inverted); Dublin, June 21, 1893; Queenstown, Jan. 4, 1893; and Athlone, Jan. 17, 1893. These errors are worth putting on record, as three such mistakes are surely more than a coincidence. We were informed some time since by a Postmaster that the old type, denoting the year just passed was not retained at the office, but was returned to head quarters in exchange for the new, thus avoiding all possibility of mistakes except such

as might be made by inverting the type. If this is the case in Ireland, the above errors must be due to some blunder at head quarters, by which the obsolete 93 type was served out instead of that for 1898. The 3's are not broken 8's.

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Latest from Guam. The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that Capt. Leary is not, after all, so much to blame for that terrible set of surcharged stamps which were mentioned in last week's issue. In his letter to the Department he simply asked for a full line of stamps from \$1 down, owing to the enormous demand from stamp collectors. He did not specify that he wanted special delivery stamps, but the Department considered it to be included in the order.

The quantity of each denomination to be sent was left to the authorities here.

The surcharging of this order was commenced at the Bureau on Monday, Nov. 6th, and the shipment will be made in a few days.

Collectors will probably not look upon this set with favor, but many will want them, as no collection of U. S. Colonials will ever be complete without them.

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Guam stamps may be found with Manila postmark. Guam, by the way, is the Southernmost of the Ladrone Islands, situated rather more than a thousand miles east of the Philippine Isles, and in all probability used to use the stamps of the latter, that is, if stamps were required at all.

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From the *Metropolitan Philatelist* we also learn that the Error on the Cuban 10c. delivery stamp has been corrected, and now reads "inmediata." The supply of the error sent out numbered 100,000 and is not likely to become exhausted for some time to come, as there is little sale for these stamps except to stamp dealers. On the subject of these special delivery stamps, our contemporary adds as follows:—

If the use of special delivery stamps such as those of Cuba and Guam was confined to letters to be delivered within the bounds of the islands there could be absolutely no excuse for their existence, but it must be borne in mind that a letter bearing one of these stamps and addressed to the mother country will be delivered at its destination by special messenger. The Guam stamp will undoubtedly find a legitimate use in this way only.

We can imagine the great necessity for the special delivery, 2 or 3 hours ahead of the general distribution by postmen, of a letter from, say, Guam to San Francisco, a journey that might take anything from 1 to 2 months. Besides which, there are only 2 or 3 mails each month.

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We think it worth while also to reprint here from the *Metropolitan Philatelist* the editorial comment on these U. S. Colonial Issues. If anyone, it is the American collector who is biased in favour of these 'stamps,' and such remarks coming from the editor of one of the leading American journals, should have special weight:

"The news from Washington in last week's issue by our able correspondent, J. M. Bartels, that the Island of Guam is to be supplied with a full set of stamps including one for special delivery, is almost inconceivable, and would not receive a moment's consideration if it had emanated from any other source. Guam is a small island containing 200 square miles and probably 100 white inhabitants. There cannot possibly be any postal service in the islands, and the only use for stamps is for forwarding letters to the United States or the Philippines. Newspapers there are none so that a five and ten cents stamp would be ample for all postal requirements. The other values that are to be sent out are superfluous, but the special delivery is simply ridiculous and well calculated to make the postal authorities of the United States the laughing-stock of intelligent people the world over and should be suppressed at all hazard. The poverty of Spain and Portugal has been the excuse for the large number of colonial issues of these countries, but no such excuse will answer for the United States of America. Leaving us the choice between ignorance or avarice, both equally galling to American stamp collectors. What could the postal authorities be thinking about? A series of twelve stamps for the miserable little Island of Guam, while they consider five values sufficient to supply the wants of the magnificent Island of Cuba. We trust every collector will immediately write to the President, Postmaster-General, and Cabinet, the Senators and the members of Congress of their district to stop such a disgrace before it is made known to the intelligent portion of the inhabitants of the world by means of stamp albums and catalogues."

The best way to treat these stamps is to make a note in one's album that "during such and such a period United States Stamps were issued, with or without surcharge, and are more or less speculative in character." A single specimen, say the 1c. overprinted "Cuba" can be added, as illustration, to the remark. Far better invest your money in stamps that have earned their claim to a place in the album. By all means collect these speculative stamps if they interest you and you are prepared to consider their purchase price spent, but before buying, be sure that is the case, as our experience goes to prove that collectors very soon lose interest in this class of stamp, and but little of their original cost can be recovered.



**Review of the Philatelic Press.**

*The Philatelic Journal of India* (October).

Contents:—The Philatelic Society of India. The Manchester Exhibits. Philatelic Amenities (J. Godinho). Poonch and Kashmir (*The Monthly Journal*). Reprints (*The London Philatelist*). Notes on the Stamps of Austria (E. W. Wetherell). Notes and Extracts.

This excellent magazine is under the able editorship of Mr. C. Stewart-Wilson, Postmaster-General of the Punjab (and published by Messrs. Thacker, Spink and Co., 5 & 6, Government Place, Calcutta). The number before us contains a large amount of interesting information.

Mr. Wetherell, in concluding his series of articles on the stamps of Austria and Austrian-Italy, wishes to draw the attention of collectors to the obliterations marks found thereon, which he thus classifies:—

- (a) Austrian postmarks on Austrian stamps.
- (b) Austrian Italy postmarks on Austrian Italy stamps.
- (c) Austrian postmarks on Austrian Italy stamps.
- (d) Austrian Italy postmarks on Austrian stamps.
- (e) Modern postmarks (*i.e.* after 1867) on old issues, which may be either forged postmarks or real postmarks on remainders used unlawfully to pay postage after they were obsolete, or on remainders placed on envelopes together with the current stamps and thus obliterated.
- (f) Bogus postmarks on remainders or reprints.
- (g) Genuine postmarks on forged stamps.
- (h) Genuine postal obliterations on fiscal stamps.
- (i) Forged postmarks on fiscals.
- (k) Genuine postmarks on fiscal stamps obtained by placing certain fiscals (not available for postage) by the side of the proper postage stamps.
- (l) Postmarks of Levant offices on unsurcharged Austrian stamps.
- (m) Obliterations from genuine dies which have fallen into wrong hands and have been used to deface reprints or even forgeries.

The first issue of the newspaper stamp may be found with the greatest variety of the above: a, d, c, f, g, e, m, being found.

The early type of genuine postmarks (those in use before 1867) consist of:—

- (a) Two, three or four concentric circles with either the name of the town inscribed within the innermost circle, or with a capital letter V.
- (b) The name on one, two or three horizontal lines in upright or italic letters.
- (c) Name, &c., in a large octagonal frame.
- (d) Frame, &c., in a framed half-circle.
- (e) Cog-wheel (only on first issue).
- (f) Name surrounded by many horizontal strokes (Austrian Italy).
- (g) Name, &c., on large transverse oval (usually in red, on third issue).
- (h) Name, &c., between horizontal lines (single or double).
- (i) Name, &c., in transverse rectangular frame.
- (k) Name, &c., inscribed between two concentric circles (plain or ornamented).
- (l) Name in plain circle.

Mr. Wetherell goes on to say that several of the above are very rare, such as the cog-wheel, which he has only found on the 5 cents yellow first issued Austrian Italy. It is much larger and of a different type from the Bavarian first issue cog-wheel postmark. Most of the above are in black, but the first issue may be frequently found with both blue or red cancellations.

The second issue is the only one in which red cancellations are at all common, but with blue cancellations they are very rare.

From 1867 the common type is the name inscribed within a single plain or dotted circle, and it is usually struck in black. Blue is, however, fairly common, but red is, he believes, unknown, and purple is rare.

In the present issue there are some peculiar cancellations, *e.g.*, name within a pattern of thick long horizontal strokes.

Red postmarks are common on the unpaid letter stamps, and blue upon the newspaper and journal stamps.

**Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.\***

THE following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, postally used; the third column those for specimens in any condition, either fiscally used, penmarked, or printed upon in any way. This last column has been substituted for that giving exchange quotations and will it is believed, prove of greater interest to readers. Offers for collectors' duplicates can be made at any time by the publisher.

**CEYLON.**—Area, 25,000 square miles; population in 1891, 3,007,789; revenue in 1892, Rr. 18,509,187; expenditure, Rs. 17,762,466; chief town, Colombo.



*First Issue, 1857-59. Line-engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co.*

	First type.	unused	used	exch.
1.	1d. blue (May, 1857) ..	3/0	0/4	—
2.	2d. green ..	10/0	1/3	—
3.	2d. yellow (1867) ..	12/6	2/6	—
4.	5d. brown (June, 1857) ..	24/0	3/6	—
5.	5d. green (1867) ..	12/6	4/0	—
6.	6d. brown (July, 1858) ..	6/0	1/6	—
7.	10d. red (June, 1857) ..	10/0	3/0	—
8.	1/- violet ..	10/0	1/9	—
Second type.				
9.	4d. rose (Feb., 1859) ..	7/6	2/6	—
10.	8d. brown ..	15/0	5/0	—
11.	9d. brown (March, 1859) ..	10/0	3/6	—
12.	1/9 green ..	100/0	60/0	—
13.	2/- blue ..	12/6	2/9	—

Varieties:—(a) *Printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co.*  
 1857 Wmk. Star, imperf., blued paper, 1d., 6d.  
 .. .. white paper, all except ad. yellow and 5d. green.  
 1861 Wmk. Star, perf. 14 to 16½, all except ad. yellow and 5d. green.  
 Perforated by De La Rue & Co.  
 1863 Wmk. Star, perf. 12½, 10d.

On January 28th, 1862, the plates were handed to the Crown Agents, and except for a small number in March, 1862, no stamps were printed after that date by Perkins, Bacon & Co.

Varieties:—(b) *Printed by De La Rue & Co. (from same plates).*  
 1862 No wmk., perf. 11½, 1d.  
 .. perf. 13, 1d.; 5d. brown, 6d., 9d., 1s.  
 1863 Wmk. Crown CC., perf. 12½, 1d., 2d. (both), 4d., 5d. (both), 6d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 1s., 2s.

Full information is obtainable with regard to the numbers of the stamps printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co., this firm having been good enough to look through their old books for the necessary particulars. These were published some years ago in the London Society's work on India and Ceylon, from which we extract the following notes. Three columns are given, the first showing the numbers of each value which had been sent out to the Colony when the contract was transferred; the second showing the surplus which remained in the hands of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. (all of which was handed over to the Crown Agents, except that of the 1/9 value); and the third the proportion of this surplus stock which was eventually sent out to the Colony. The arrangement between the Crown Agents and the printers was that the latter should be paid for the surplus stock only if it was sold, and as the latter were only paid for a portion of it, the remainder was, presumably, not issued. What became of the remaining part (unpaid for) seems to be unknown.

	Numbers issued 1857-62.	Surplus July, 1862.	Surplus eventually issued.
1d. blue ..	4,460,060	—	—
2d. green ..	620,800	7,200	—
4d. rose ..	17,000	11,040	3,500
5d. brown ..	104,400	67,680	38,400
6d. ..	192,560	1,920	1,920
8d. ..	11,000	1,200	960
9d. ..	43,400	9,600	9,600
10d. red ..	15,500	83,520	44,640
1s. violet ..	77,500	110,400	67,200
1s. 9d. green ..	5,000	(1,200)	—
2s. blue ..	10,040	4,800	4,080

De La Rue's Unwatermarked issue was sent out to the colony on July 26th, 1862. Further supplies (on CC. paper) were only printed by them when the old Perkins Bacon stock became exhausted. It is worthy of note, that of this old surplus stock the 10d. value was delivered up imperforate (afterwards perforated by De La Rue), and the 1s. 9d. value retained by the printers.

\* This catalogue has been compiled mainly in the hope of benefiting those collectors who wish, whilst devoting their best efforts to specialism, to still keep slightly in touch with the stamps of our whole Colonial Empire. If the varieties described in the Notes to each issue be ignored, a very interesting general collection may be formed without taxing to the utmost the energy and purse of the collector, thus leaving him free to specialise the most interesting countries or issues. The Notes given will serve to indicate broadly the possibilities of each colony, and for further information, the reader is referred to the London Philatelic Society's Works, Stanley Gibbons' Catalogues, etc.

It is believed that the 1s. 9d. perforated Ceylon now on the market are part of these latter, which had presumably remained undestroyed.

The dates on which the first and last lots of Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s stamps were sent out are as follows:—

	PERKINS, BACON & Co. First date.	DE LA RUE & Co. Last date.	First date.
1d. blue ..	16.3.57	17.4.62	26. 7.62
2d. green ..	16.3.57	16.1.62	26. 8.64
4d. rose ..	8.1.59	18.6.64	10.12.64
5d. brown ..	1.5.57	1.9.65	26. 7.62
6d. ..	14.5.58	24.1.63	26. 7.62
8d. ..	8.1.59	2.1.64	11. 4.64
9d. ..	7.2.59	24.1.63	26. 7.62
10d. red ..	1.5.57	1.6.66	8. 6.66
1s. violet ..	1.5.57	1.9.66	26. 7.62
1s. 9d. green ..	7.2.59	—	—
2s. blue ..	7.2.59	2.1.64	11. 4.64

No supplies of 4d. and 8d. were sent out between July, 1861, and January, 1864, and none of 10d. between May, 1860 and September, 1863. The 2d., 6d., 8d., 1s. and 2s. may be found overprinted "Service" but were never so issued.

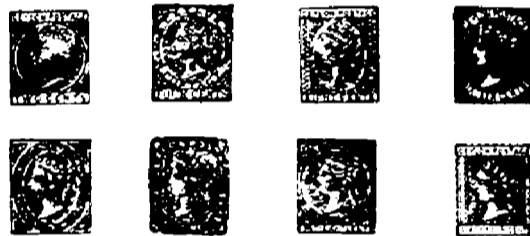


*Second Issue. Engraved by De La Rue & Co. (Surface Printed.)*

	unused	used	exch.
14.	½d. lilac (May, 1857) ..	3/6	3/6
15.	1d. blue (1868) ..	0/9	0/6
16.	3d. rose (1867) ..	7/6	4/6

Varieties:—  
 1857. No wmk., imperf., ½d. (bluish or white paper).  
 1862. No wmk., perf. 12½, ½d.  
 1863. Wmk. Crown CC., perf. 12½, ½d., 3d.  
 .. .. perf. 14, 1d., 3d.

On January, 1, 1872, the currency was changed to cents and rupees, and all the pence issues became obsolete. The 1d. and 3d. are found overprinted 'service.'



*Third Issue. Surface printed by De La Rue & Co.*

17.	2c. brown ..	0/3	0/3
18.	2c. green (Oct., 1884) ..	C	0/1
19.	4c. grey ..	0/4	0/1
20.	4c. lilac-rose (Oct., 1884) ..	2/0	0/3
21.	4c. rose ..	1/0	2/6
22.	8c. yellow ..	0/4	0/4
23.	16c. lilac ..	4/6	0/3
24.	24c. green ..	2/6	0/4
25.	32c. slate blue (Aug. 22nd, 1877) ..	17/6	1/0
26.	36c. blue ..	12/0	2/0
27.	48c. rose ..	8/0	1/6
28.	64c. red-brown (Aug. 22nd, 1877) ..	25/0	3/6
29.	96c. drab ..	15/0	1/6

Printed in different colours for purpose of surcharging.

30.	8c. lilac ..	—	0/1
31.	16c. orange ..	—	0/9
32.	24c. lilac ..	£15	0/9
33.	36c. olive-green ..	—	2/6

Varieties:—  
 1872 Crown CC., perf. 14, all (first colours)  
 .. .. 14 x 12½, 2, 4, 8, 32, 64c. (first colours)  
 .. .. 12½, ac., 4c. (first colours)  
 1882 Crown CA., .. 14, all except Nos. 24, 26, 27, 28.

In 1882 the 24c. green and 64c. were surcharged and sold as 16c. and 20c. respectively. In 1885, owing to depreciation in the value of the rupee and alteration in the postal rates, a set of stamps of new values became necessary, and the old stocks were variously surcharged. The following surcharges occur:—

4c. rose, 5c.; 8c. yellow, 5c.; 8c. lilac, 5c.; 16c. lilac, 5c., 10c., 15c.; 16c. yellow, 15c.; 24c. green, 5c., 10c., 20c.; 24c. purple, 5c., 10c.; 32c. slate, 5c., 20c., 25c., 28c.; 36c. blue, 5c., 10c., 30c.; 36c. olive, 30c.; 48c. rose, 5c., 28c.; 64c. red-brown, 5c., 10c.; 96c. drab, 5c., 56c.

The new values, it will be seen, were 5c., 10c., 15c., 20c., 15c., 30c., and 28c. and 56c. In 1888 the 4c. rose was surcharged 2c. and 3c.

(Next week, Ceylon, continued.)

**Are You Interested in POSTMARKS?**

With the New Year we shall commence an interesting series of Articles on the **Postmarks of the World.**

**A STAMP WORTH KEEPING**  
 Is the 1s. brown (current Issue)  
**ORANGE FREE STATE.**  
 DO YOU POSSESS IT?  
 It is not priced "used" by Stanley Gibbons.



# THE STAMP MARKET.

## Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.

SUPPLEMENT TO

No. 95.

LONDON, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1899.

### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR STAMP COLLECTORS

What are you thinking of giving your friends? Here are some suggestions.

#### I.—FOR A BEGINNER.

A splendid collection of 1000 different English, Foreign and Colonial Stamps (only 28 English but all varieties a patriotic stamp collector should possess), arranged and mounted neatly on sheets in alphabetical order from Anjouan to Zambesia. Price 21/- (only about a farthing per stamp).

#### II.—FOR A SPECIALIST.

Album for British Stamps, compiled and arranged by H. L'Ewen (New edition, rearranged). Spaces for all Adhesive Postage Stamps of Great Britain (including plate numbers; 20 printed pages interleaved with 10 blank); 2 pages for Control Letters (likely to increase in interest now old colours are becoming obsolete); pages for minor varieties; 7 pages containing 140 spaces for all the principal railway letter stamps (which no English specialist, worthy the name, will neglect); and as many pages again as we have mentioned, for the method of arranging which the reader is referred to the album itself. Prices: post free, popular edition, 5/-; édition de luxe, 7/6.

#### III.—FOR ALL COLLECTORS.

Probably nothing would give more pleasure to a collector than some of the attractive sets of unused Colonial Stamps.

#### IV.—FOR EVERY PATRIOTIC COLLECTOR.

An illustrated Catalogue of the Stamps and Postmarks of the United Kingdom (Latest Edition, No. 6). Over 200 pages and 200 illustrations. Blue paper cover. 2/6 post free.

H. L'EWEN, 32, PALACE SQUARE, NORWOOD, S.E.

Do not fail to look carefully through this Supplement.

LAST WEEK WE RECEIVED A VERY LARGE

Number of Orders for the Splendid Series of Sets of **Current Colonial Stamps**, and every application was promptly executed in full on Friday. Several collectors sent *cheques for the entire series of sets*. This week we repeat the original offer with the addition of several other interesting sets. Remember that all stamps are in magnificent condition.

We intend to make a Special Feature of **New Issues** at **Low Rates**.

LOOK OUT FOR DEVELOPMENTS AT AN EARLY DATE.

H. L'ESTRANGE EWEN, 32, Palace Square, .

NORWOOD, S.E.

### SPECIAL OFFERS IN SOUTH AFRICANS.

#### Cape of Good Hope Stamps.

Triangular Issue.

Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s Print.

	Catalogue price.	Nett price.
	s. d.	s. d.
1d. rose-red, unused, no gum ..	7 6	4 6
"   "   rather heavy oblit. ..	3 6	1 9
1d. brick-red on blue, fine..	4 0	3 0
4d. blue, very fine ..	1 6	1 6
"   "   fine copy ..	1 6	1 3
"   "   fair ..	8d. to 1/-	
"   "   pairs ..	3/- to 5/-	
"   "   fine pair on letter ..	—	5 0
"   "   on letter with 1/- green ..	—	12 6
6d. lilac, fine ..	6 0	4 0
"   "   fine margin ..	—	6 0
1/- yellow-green, fine ..	16 6	10 0

De La Rue & Co.'s Print.

4d. dark blue, fine ..	7 6	2 6
"   "   worn, fine margins ..	—	5 0
1d. very deep blue, very fine ..	—	4 0
4d. dark blue, pair on letter ..	—	5 6

Rectangular Issue (used)

	Wmk. CC.	Wmk. CA.	Wmk. Anchor.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1d. black..	0 8	0 1	0 0½
1d. rose ..	0 2	0 1	0 0½
2d. brown ..	—	0 1	0 0½
3d. rose ..	0 3	0 3	—
4d. blue ..	0 2	—	0 1
6d. violet ..	—	—	0 1
1s. green (no frame) ..	—	—	0 6
1d. on 2d. brown ..	—	—	0 2
2½d. green ..	—	—	0 2
1d. current (set of 2 shades) ..	—	—	0 1½
Fiscals (set of 3) ..	—	—	0 2

#### ORANGE FREE STATE.

	Per 1.	Per 12.	Per 100.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1d. pale brown ..	0 1	0 9	—
1d. yellow ..	0 1	—	—
1d. brown ..	0 1½	0 3	1 9
1d. violet..	0 0½	0 4	2 3
2d. violet..	0 0½	0 4	—

N.B.—The postmarks found on these stamps are specially interesting at the present time, although unfortunately are seldom very clearly impressed.

H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, NORWOOD, S.E.

### Postage Stamps

WITH FISCAL CANCELLATIONS.

WE cannot understand why many collectors prefer a specimen with a more or less heavy postmark to another with a light penstroke costing perhaps one-fifth or one-tenth that of the postally used copy. CUSTOM PRESUMABLY, but we believe that with the nineteenth century this old prejudice will die. At present, fiscally cancelled specimens can be obtained very cheaply, and we hope all readers will carefully look over the following offers before deciding this all-important question. We give in the first column Stanley Gibbons' quotations for unused or postally used copies (whichever are cheapest) and in the second column, our own prices for clean fiscally used specimens.

#### Bahamas (Type 1).

	Cat. Price.	Sale Price.
1d. red, CC., perf. 12½ ..	5/0	0/8
"   "   CC., perf. 14 ..	2/0	0/8
"   "   CA., perf. 14 ..	12/6	2/0

#### Queensland (Type 1).

1s. violet, Q and Crown ..	2/6	1/0
2s. pale blue ..	15/0	2/3
2s. deep blue ..	15/0	2/3
2s. blue, strip 3 ..	45/0	7/6
"   "   block 4 ..	60/0	9/0
2s. 6d. red, pair, O.C., each ..	30/0	3/9
5s. pale rose, O.C., at side ..	20/0	5/0
5s. rose, slight damage ..	20/0	6/6
20s. rose, very fine ..	40/0	5/0

#### Queensland (Type of 1882).

5s. rose, deep rose ..	2/6	1/0
10s. brown (also pair) ..	15/0	3/0
£1 green (also strip of 3) ..	17/6	3/6

#### Dominica.

6d. green, CC., 12½, damaged ..	25/0	2/6
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#### Natal, C.A. 14.

2d. green ..	0/1	0/0½
3d. grey ..	0/3	0/0½
6d. violet ..	0/2	0/0½
1s. orange and red ..	0/3	0/1
6d. violet (old type) ..	0/6	0/2

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### Some Cheap Stamps.

(Of those marked † no duplicates are on hand. Unused specimens are indicated by an asterisk.)

	Catalogue Price.	My Price.
	s. d.	s. d.
1 India, 2 rupees, current ..	0 9	0 7
2 " 3 " " ..	1 0	0 10
3 " 2, 3 and 5 rupees, set ..	3 6	2 11
4 † Nevis, 1d. rose, rare cancellation, Crown and "Paid at Nevis" ..	—	2 0
5 *Canada, 2c. rose, new issue ..	—	0 1½
6 * " Map, 2c. black, red and blue ..	—	0 2
7 *Tasmania, 2½d. on 9d. blue ..	0 9	0 7
8 Western Australia, 1/- current ..	0 9	0 6
9 China, 3c. mauve, 1886, ..	0 3	0 2
10 Bermuda, ½d. brown, v.f. ..	0 3	0 2
11 Poland, on entire letter ..	7 6	3 9
12 G.B., 1½d. lilac-rose, 's' ..	—	10 0
13 G.B., 10d. octag., cut square ..	8 6	5 9
14 G.B., 10/- blue, first shade ..	—	2 0
15 † Transvaal, 6d. 1879, block of 6 ..	10 6	7 6
16 B.S. Africa, ½d. blk. and violet ..	0 1	0 1
17 " 1d. red and green ..	0 3	0 2
18 " 2d. brown and mauve ..	0 4	0 3
19 " 4d. blue and mauve ..	0 8	0 4
20 † Hayti, 20c. red-brown, imperf ..	8 6	3 9
21 Java, 1892, 50c. carmine ..	0 2	0 1
22 " 2g. 50c. brown and blue ..	2 0	1 3
23 Siam, 12 atts, 1889 ..	0 5	0 2
24 *Italy, Parcel Post Stamp surcharged "Valevole" set of 6 ..	1 0	0 5
25 † Argentine, entire sheet of 100 ¼c. green, control at top ..	—	1 6
26 Cape, ½d. black, Crown C.A. ..	0 3	0 1
27 G.B., 2d. no lines, pair, red pmk. ..	—	4 0
28 " 1s. octag., fine ..	3 0	2 0
29 " 9d. 1862, fine ..	5 0	4 0
30 " 9d. green, 1883, fine ..	3 6	3 0
31 " £1 Cross, very fine ..	30 0	28 6
32 " 1s. salmon, wmk. spray ..	6 0	3 9

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### New System of Approval Selections

A fine series of approval selections arranged according to countries is now being prepared. Instead of large books, stamps are being mounted on neatly arranged sheets, the postage on which will not be half so much as on the heavy books used by most dealers of the present day. All stamps are priced at or below catalogue prices, and liberal discounts allowed. Sheets are sent on approval on condition they are returned within seven days (otherwise no discount can be allowed.) The following are now ready:—(In ordering it is only necessary to give the numbers).

- 21. 25%. Transvaal, British Occupation.
- 22. " " General.
- 23. 50%. " " Common.
- 24. 25%. " " Surcharged.
- 25. " Orange Free State, General.
- 26. " " Surcharged.
- 27. " Hayti, General (except current).
- 28. " " Common.
- 29. " Chili, General.
- 30. " Cape Triangulars, best.
- 31. " " fine.
- 32. " " 4d. blue (shades).
- 33. 50%. Great Britain, 1d. red, perf. varieties.
- 34. " " 2d. blue
- 47. Nett. Cape Triangulars (strips and blocks).
- 48. 50%. Great Britain, 1d. red plates, unused.
- 49. 25%. Denmark.
- 50. " Norway.
- 51. " Sweden.
- 52. " Early Victorias (common).
- 53. " Old Australians (common).
- 54. " Danish Colonies and Iceland.
- 55. 66%. Danish Locals and others.
- 56. 50%. British, 2½d. to 1s. plate numbers.
- 57. 75%. British, ½d., 1d., and 2d. plates.
- 58. 25%. British, 6d. violet, very fine shades.
- 59. Nett. Queensland, type I., 1d. to 20s., mostly penmarked.
- 60. 25%. South African Republics, common.
- 61. " Cape Triangulars, damaged, cheap.
- 62. " Transvaal, common.
- 63. " Norway, common.
- 64. " Denmark.
- 65. " Sweden.
- 66. " Cape, 4d. Triangulars, cheap.
- 67. Nett. Ceylon Pence, fine, used and unused.

*Small Books.*

- 68. 25%. Germany, N.G. Confed., and Thurn and Taxis.
- 69. " Servia, Bulgaria, Montenegro and Bosnia.
- 70. " Spain, collection of 250, priced.
- 71. " Greece, used and unused.
- 72. " Denmark, Iceland, Sweden and Norway.
- 73. " Argentine Republic.
- 74. " Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, Jamaica and Leeward Islands.
- 75. " Bolivia, Nicaragua, Salvador, Costa Rica and Guatemala.
- 76. " Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico.
- 77. " Russia, Poland and Finland.
- 78. 10%. British Colonies (General).

*Approval Sheets.*

- 79. 50%. Great Britain, 3d. plate numbers, very fine copies.
- 80. " " 2½d. plate Nos., very fine.
- 82. Nett. Current Transvaal, unused, etc.
- 83. 25%. Cape, various later issues.
- 84. Nett. Bahamas, 1d. line-engraved, chiefly fiscally used copies.
- 85. 50%. Gt. Britain, University Private Telegraph Co., various coloured Control Nos.
- 86. 25%. Gt. Britain, Control Letters, including the rare 1d. A and N. over O (if unsold).
- 87. 50%. Gt. Britain Commoner Control Letters.
- 88. 25%. Persia (Commoner).
- 89. " Turkey.
- 90. Nett. Various recent issues.

*Sheets of Railway Letter Stamps.*

- 91. 50%. Old printings, North Eastern.
- 92. 25%. " " South Eastern.
- 93. " " Midland.
- 94. " Various entire sheets.
- 95. " Scottish Railway Companies.
- 96. " Welsh
- 97. " Irish
- 98. " Old printings, Metropolitan.
- 99. " South Eastern and Chatham and Dover.
- 100. 50%. Parcel and Newspaper Stamps.

Sheets of any Country or Colony can be made up according to clients Special Wants.

NOTICE.—The above stamps are priced at or under Stanley Gibbons' 1899 catalogue prices, in some cases from 25% to 50% under in addition to the discount. Every week a fresh series of approval sheets will be advertised, and applications to see same will be executed in the order in which they are received. In the majority of cases no notice has been taken of watermarks, perforations, shades etc., when pricing.

M. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, NORWOOD, S.E.

# Unused British Colonials in Sets.

Probably most Collectors have experienced at one time or other a desire to possess in mint unused condition the handsome sets of stamps issued by our Colonies throughout the World, perhaps only to be deterred from purchasing by the large premium on face value demanded by dealers. We have given considerable thought to the above question and have at length matured a practical scheme, which, whilst allowing us a moderate rate of interest on capital employed, will nevertheless enable us to bring unused sets of current Colonial stamps within the reach of every Collector at a very slight cost above face-value.

This scheme is part of our policy in regard to this paper, which Collectors may always rely upon to give them the best opportunities of forming their collections in not only the most interesting but also the most profitable manner. There cannot be the slightest doubt that these splendid sets of our Colonial stamps form one of the best foundations for a collection. Afterwards, starting with the issues immediately preceding, the stamps of each Colony can be gradually filled in until the earliest issue is reached and the collection completed. As an investment, a purchase of these sets is sound; as a speculation, chances of profit are unbounded and those of loss practically nil, as, if preserved in good condition, the sets are always worth at least face value, beyond which but little will have been paid for them.

In supplying these stamps we make three Conditions:—

- (1). The benefits of this offer are for readers of "E.W.S.N." and we can only accept orders from Subscribers.
- (2). Every order must be accompanied by cash and postage (cheques, bank-notes, postal orders or money orders only). No approval.
- (3). Under no circumstances will responsibility be accepted for stamps lost or damaged in transit, but every care will be taken to pack stamps securely so as to avoid damage.

In return we bind ourselves on behalf of readers by three conditions also:—

- (1). We send out only the finest possible copies, good colour, full gum, well centred. If inadvertently a defective copy be included, it will be promptly exchanged on application, but every care is exercised in making up sets.
- (2). Every order, small or large, will receive equal attention, and should be written on a separate sheet of paper apart from any other matters, together with name and full address. Owing to our time being fully occupied on other days with general business and the editing and publication of "E.W.S.N." sets ordered will be despatched on Fridays only, and orders must reach us on or before Wednesday preceding if despatch same week is desired.
- (3). As we shall keep an ample stock of sets on hand, Collectors may rely on their orders being executed in full without other delay than mentioned above. By special arrangement pairs, blocks and sheets of many British Colonials can be supplied.

## These Sets would form an Excellent Christmas Present for a Collector.

### COMPARATIVE TABLE

showing the face values of the Stamps now current and the prices at which, under the above conditions, we offer mint unused sets (values up to 1/-; for higher values see later.) Secondly, the face value of the similar set in use 10 years ago (1889) and its present value; and thirdly, the face value of the set in use 20 years ago (1879) and its approximate value now (in cases where it has been found difficult to determine which of two or more varieties were actually current in 1879, the cheaper of the two is taken, so that our figures are, if anything, under, of course, some few stamps are still current and these we reckon at face value. Judging from the average life of our Colonial issues, very few of the following sets will be still current ten years hence, and a new generation of Collectors may have to pay as much as we are now doing for the issues of 10 years ago.

No of set	Particulars of Set now current (1899)		1889.		1879.	
	Face Value.	Our Price.	Value Then.	Value Now.	Value Then.	Value Now.
<b>GROUP I.—WEST INDIES, Etc. (The 14 sets for 44/-).</b>						
1	Bahamas, 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/1½	2/5½	2/1½	3/1½	1/11 50/6
2	Barbados, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 10d. . . . .	2/11½	3/5½	7/5	31/2	2/2½ 41/6
3	Bermuda, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/7	2/11½	2/7	4/11½	2/0 16/0
4	Brit. Guiana, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12, 24c. . . . .	2/7	2/11½	2/4½	6/6	2/4½ 36/7
5	Brit. Honduras, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24, 25c. . . . .	3/6½	4/2	3/6½	7/5	2/2 90/0
6	Falkland Is., ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1s. . . . .	3/1	3/7½	1/11	24/3	1/11 53/0
7	Grenada, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 8d., 1s. . . . .	2/9	3/2½	2/10	4/0	1/7 72/6
8	Jamaica, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/7	2/11½	2/4½	8/4½	2/4½ 48/7
9	Leeward Is., ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1s. . . . .	2/9	3/2½	11/5½	24/0/7	9/0½ 909/9
10	St. Lucia, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/5	2/10	2/5	40/8	1/11 79/6
11	St. Vincent, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/10	3/4	2/2	34/9	1/11 309/0
12	Trinidad, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/7	2/11½	2/2	5/9	1/11½ 61/3
13	Turk's Is., ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/7	2/11½	2/2	10/10	1/7 48/6
14	Virgin Is., ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d., 1s. . . . .	2/9	3/2½	2/2	27/0	1/11 195/0
<b>GROUP II.—EUROPE. (The 4 sets for 13/6).</b>						
15	Gibraltar, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1s. . . . .	2/4	2/8	6/8	20/0	— —
16	" (Morocco Ag.), 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1, 2p. . . . .	3/0	3/6	—	—	— —
17	Cyprus, ½, ¾, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12p. . . . .	4/0	4/8	3/2	23/2	2/2 72/7
18	Malta, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 4½d., 5d., 1s. . . . .	2/7½	3/0	1/10	1/10	½d. 1/6
<b>GROUP III.—NORTH AMERICA. (The 4 sets for 9/6).</b>						
19	Canada, ¼c., 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c., 6c., 8c., 10c. . . . .	1/5½	1/8½	1/9½	4/10	1/9½ 10/1
20	" 15, 20, 50c., set of 3 . . . . .	3/6½	4/1½	—	—	— —
21	Newfoundland, ¼c., 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c. . . . .	6d.	7d.	—	—	— —
22	" (previous issue), ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 24c. . . . .	2/8	3/3	1/1½	3/3	3/1 35/9

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## DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

Tuesday and Wednesday.—Auction Sale by Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C., 5.30 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday.—Auction Sale by Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at St. Martin's Town Hall, W.C., 5.30 p.m.

## BRITISH MUSEUM.

STAMPS NOW ON VIEW:—  
Austria, 1867 and later issues.  
Switzerland, down to the Unpaid Letter issues.

## New Issues.

The Editor will be much obliged for early news of New Issues, or intended New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors. Full acknowledgment given. If possible specimens should be sent in order that illustrations may be prepared.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—A new issue of Railway Letter Stamps is about to be made by the Manchester, South Junction and Altrincham Railway, differing, however, in no important particular from previous issues. The most striking alteration is in the control numbers (running from 3001 to 4000), the figures of which are 5½mm. high instead of 4½mm. as heretofore.

2d. dark grey-green (somewhat similar to the previous issue but one, but darker); perf. 12; still with outer guide lines; stamps further apart, the sheet before us (numbered 3001 to 3025) measuring 6½in. vert. x 6in. horiz., whilst our sheet of the last issue (Nos. 2001 to 2025) measures only 6½in. x 5½in. (approximately).

It is interesting to note that the old transfers which were used in preparing the lithographic stone for printing the 2nd and 3rd, and we believe also the 1st numbered printing are no longer in use (the first issues of the M.S.J. & A., 1891-93, were unnumbered and are shrouded in mystery). We do not recognise on the new sheet any of our old friends, the type with the broken Y, that with the small M, etc. The title of the Company is now neatly and regularly inscribed on each stamp. M.S.J. & A. stations are situated at Altrincham, Timperley, Brooklands, Sale, Stretford, Old Trafford, Knot Mill and Oxford Road, Manchester.

We have also received a specimen of the 12th Issue of the Metropolitan Railway, (Nos. 6601 to 7200), the same in every way as the majority of the 11th Issue. We say majority as the 2nd, 3rd and 4th sheets appear to belong to a different printing.

First sheet, 6001 to 6060, dark rose.  
2nd to 4th sheets, 6061 to 6240, pale pink, surfaced paper.  
5th to 10th sheets, 6241 to 6601 (and also the new issue), dark rose again.

It seems to us that the only safe way to collect Metropolitan Railway Letter stamps is to get one specimen off each sheet of 60 (which lasts perhaps two weeks). Within the last week or two we have received the following on letters:—

(\*denotes that the official who has charge of the cancelling Department has no sympathy with stamp collecting)

6007, 6036, 6049, 6060, source unknown.  
6019, Great Missenden.  
6059, dark rose, Aylesbury (town).  
6065, pale rose, Amersham.  
6071, 6080, pale pink, source unknown.  
\*6088, pale pink, Kilburn (quite spoilt).  
6125, pale rose, Wendover.  
6197, pale pink, o.c., Rickmansworth.  
\*6278, dark rose, Northwood.  
6307, .. Stoke Mandeville.  
6348, .. Harrow.  
6361, .. Waddesdon Manor.  
6486, .. Source unknown.  
6500, .. Chesham.  
6603, New issue, Chorley Wood.

From Willesden Green came No. 5317, perf. 10, so that the 9th issue is not yet exhausted all along the line. We describe these two new issues at some length, as several readers have expressed disappointment that we have referred so little of late to these very interesting stamps. This is not our fault; no one is a more enthusiastic collector of them than the Editor of this paper; but it means the expenditure of considerable time and trouble to get on the track of new issues and fresh information, and we have had little spare time of late to devote to them. Since writing the above, we have received stamps Nos. 5164, 5833 and 4894 from Wembley Park, Quainton Road and West Hampstead stations respectively.

The London & North-Western Railway has also had a new printing of letter stamps, numbered 130,001 to 135,000, but we have not yet seen a specimen.

Late (Thursday). Following have come to hand:—  
5196, Swiss Cottage (not fine, letter torn in half).  
5731, Pinner.  
5749, Finchley Road.

**GUAM.**—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that the second supply of Guam stamps was shipped to the island on Nov. 10th. Fortunately the same setting of type has been employed, except for the indispensable (?) special delivery stamp, which is surcharged diagonally in larger letters. This and the \$1 stamp have been overprinted in red, the others being in black.

**NEW ZEALAND.**—The *Montreal Philatelist* confirms the statement we made last week respecting the issue for a few days of the new 4d. stamp, type and colour of the 1d. It is on unwatermarked wove paper, perf. 11, similar to the other Colonial prints.

**MEXICO.**—The *Philatelic Record* states that on November 1st a new issue was made in this Country, comprising 10 adhesive stamps, 4 letter cards, 6 postal cards, 3 stamped envelopes and 2 wrappers. The colours of the adhesives were to be as follows:—

1c. emerald.	3c. light brown.
2c. red.	5c. Prussian blue.
10c. orange on lilac ground.	
15c. crimson on pearl grey ground.	
20c. Prussian blue on red ground.	
50c. black with pale violet frame.	
1p. .. ultramarine ..	
5p. .. carmine frame.	

All will have the National Coat of Arms introduced into the design, and the latter three are to be pictorial.

## Forthcoming Changes.

The ¼d. green Queensland may shortly be issued with larger figure of value, states the *P.F.G.B.* Look out also for the 5d. with figures in all four corners.

The 1 franc Belgium, being at present somewhat similar in colour to the new 10c. carmine, may in future appear in green.

The Boyaca 5c. green, recently chronicled, has been suppressed, as the Columbian Government objected to its bearing a portrait of the Governor of Boyaca.

The Indian 1a. 6p. has been withdrawn, as the changes in the postal tariff have rendered it useless. There are still some 500,000 in stock.

## Our

# Programme for 1900.

## NEW FEATURES.

### I. Descriptive Catalogue of the World's Postmarks. Part I, British Colonies.

Readers possessing British Colonial stamps with curious postmarks, would confer a favour by sending same to the Editor for inspection. They will be returned without delay and every care will be taken of them.

### II. Our Postcard Column.

If you should hear of anything likely to interest other readers, please jot down particulars (with your name and address) on a postcard and send to the Editor. We are ready to devote a column each week to interesting notes sent in by readers. If you reside abroad, we shall be glad to hear how philately is faring in your particular corner of the globe.

### III. Philatelic Mysteries.

There are many things not yet known about certain stamps. We shall invite you to try your hand at solving these puzzles. For instance, were the blue and red Trinidad stamps, 1st issue (1851-1858) both sold at a penny, and if so why were two supplies regularly printed in different colours? No one has been able to find out yet.

Communications to The EDITOR,

H. L'ESTRANGE EWEN,

32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E.

## Correspondence.

To the Editor Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.

DEAR SIR,—Your weekly stamp paper of Oct. 7 came this morning.

We are looking forward here to South African stamps getting scarce soon, because it is now certain that there will be no more of the present stamps used in two months or at least in a very short time. We are rather curious to know whether one set of stamps will be recognized throughout South Africa or whether each state will have its own stamps. I think the latter is most likely unless penny postage is introduced into Rhodesia. As soon as the war is over I am going to keep my stamp eye well open, because there is sure to be a lot of surcharging done. I don't think the Government will allow the stock of Transvaal and Free State stamps to be wasted, I expect they will be surcharged "V.R." or something of that kind.

Things here are now looking very serious and Martial Law is expected to be enforced at any early date. Wishing your paper every success, I remain,

Yours faithfully, C. B. MOWBRAY.

Port Elizabeth, Nov. 3rd, 1899.

[Another correspondent, whose sympathies are evidently with the Boers, recently told us to look out for Natal and Cape Stamps, overprinted "P.K.—V.Z.A.R.," so collectors must keep their weather eye open! It would be interesting to know whether the Boers have yet commandeered any stamps for this purpose at the towns they have visited! But doubtless the stocks of stamps would be equally as well defended as the telegraph instruments (*vide* Daily Paper).

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QR	100 5d. slate, 1880 .. .. .	12	6
QS	70 3d. green, I.R. Official .. .. .	8	9
RD	500 3d., 1880, slate and green, mixed, on pieces of letters .. .. .	2	6
RT	300 3d. rose .. .. .	22	6
RX	50 mixed, 2 1/2d., 3d., etc. .. .. .	3	6
RZ	24 6d. grey, various plates .. .. .	2	0
SA	64 3d. rose and 6d. violet .. .. .	4	6
SB	38 1d., wmk. S.C., perf. 16 (cat. 19/-) .. .. .	3	2
SF	20 1d., L.C. 16 (cat. 40/-) .. .. .	18	6
SH	80 3d. red, 1870 .. .. .	3	0
SI	900 1d. red plates, unexamined .. .. .	5	0
SJ	200 1d. 1880, in original packet .. .. .	1	0
SK	100 2d. plates .. .. .	3	9
SL	200 2 1/2d. rose, wmk. Anchor (rare) .. .. .	30	0
SN	500 2 1/2d. blue, Orb. fine lot .. .. .	30	0
SO	1500 2 1/2d. blue, Crown, fine .. .. .	35	0
SP	500 2 1/2d. lilac, 1884, fine .. .. .	17	6
SQ	1150 3d. rose, 1867 .. .. .	95	0
SR	950 3d. rose, 1873 (scarce) .. .. .	95	0
ST	300 6d. violet, fine .. .. .	27	0
SV	700 3d. rose, pl. 4 to 10 .. .. .	56	0
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BE	386 3d., 1d., 2d., wmk. Anchor .. .. .	3	9
BF	100 3d., 100 1d., 85 2d., C.A. .. .. .	5	9
BG	50 3d. grey, 40 2d. brown, 23 6d. violet and 26 others .. .. .	2	0

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## Notes of the Week.

NOTICE.—All communications for the Editor should be addressed to H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E., to arrive not later than Thursday morning for notice in the issue for the same week. CORRESPONDENCE, English, French, German & Spanish.

Mr. G. Vermeeren thinks that it would be interesting to make up a general list of the earliest dates of use of all kinds of adhesive British stamps. For instance, every week, he suggests, a different list could be given, from the 1/2d. to the £1. What do other readers say?

By the way, one of our foreign Correspondents has fallen into an error with respect to the meaning of the words "Taken from press." A plate is put to press or taken from press, but the sheets of stamps printed are taken from the plate. It consequently follows that the dates of taking from press for the various plates are no guides as to when impressions from those plates were first issued. "Taken from press" refers to the plate and not to the stamps.

Stamp Auctions are looking up! At Messrs. Plumridge's last sale no fewer than 58 dealers and collectors were present. This attendance may not be a record, but it is very good.

Most of the plates from which British Colonial stamps have now and in the past been printed, were engraved by one or other of the two well known firms, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., and Messrs. De La Rue & Co. The plates made by the former are line-engraved, whilst those of the latter are adapted for surface-printing. The latter method, being cheaper, has triumphed over the former, and Messrs. De La Rue now print the stamps for nearly all our Colonies. Messrs. Perkins Bacon & Co., have the satisfaction, however, of knowing that their stamps are undoubtedly the most handsome. Latterly a third firm, Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, have entered the field, and are making a specialty of pictorial stamps.

Stamps printed by De La Rue & Co., may be almost invariably distinguished by the watermark, "Crown CC" and "Crown CA" paper being, we believe, solely used by this firm. The Crown CC paper is still in use for the large size high values of our Colonies, but since early in 1882, Crown CA paper only has been employed in printing the stamps of smaller size. The fact that stamps watermarked "Crown CA" were not issued until 1884 or 1886 (for instance) in a particular Colony, may be taken as evidence that that Colony had no fresh supplies of stamp printed between 1882 and those dates. The stamps of this firm are generally perf. 12 1/2 or 14. On the other hand the paper most favored by Messrs. Perkins Bacon & Co., was watermarked with a star, and their perforations were very irregular gauging anywhere from 11 1/2 to 16 1/2.

De La Rue's perf. 12 1/2 dates from 1863 and their first perf. 14 machine from 1850. Perf. 12 1/2 was superseded generally in 1876. Perf. 12 reigned about 1882 to 1884.

De La Rue's CC paper for ordinary-sized stamps held sway from 1863 to 1882. This firm used unwatermarked paper from 1860 to 1865.

Our correspondent "Duplex," who recently contributed a letter to the discussion in our columns as to the varieties of the new machine cancellations employed at the G.P.O., London, has decided to publish a special descriptive catalogue of London postmarks. We have been privileged to see a rough copy of the manuscript, and can recommend the work to all collectors interested in postmarks.

No further claims for the ownership of "early date" records have come to hand this week. We look to readers to assist in compiling these tables and cordially invite them to send in any early dates they may have found on 1d. red plate numbers. Notes should be accompanied by the stamps for inspection, and addressed to the editor, "E.W.S.N.," Norwood, S.E.

A few weeks ago several numbers of this paper were despatched in envelopes bearing an embossed 1/2d. envelope stamp, die 34. This and next week, similar envelopes will be used, but the die number will be 36.

Mr. Moens, who has probably been in the stamp trade longer than any other dealer, is about to retire on a well earned and a well deserved fortune. M. Moens started business in 1852, and commenced to stock unused stamps two or three years later. It is greatly due to his foresight that many of the superb specialist collections of the present day are possible.

The *London Philatelist* states that our 1d. foreign postcard is now printed in carmine.

Mr. R. W. Gosset, of Auckland, N.Z., writes as follows to the *Montreal Philatelist*:—"The new issue 3d. brown, N.Z. [Pictorial Issue?] has been out of stock for some time at the Auckland post office, the 3d. light yellow old issue having been sold instead. A few days ago I bought a 3d. deep orange, and the clerk informed me that they only had the orange ones in stock, having sold completely out of the light yellow ones. I presume the postal authorities are selling out the old stock before the new ones are placed for sale again to the public."

The one large and six small stars on the stamps of the Cook Islands represent Karotonga (the chief island,) Mangaia, Aitutaki, Atiu, Mitiaro, Mauke and Manual. The three first of these six small islands each possess a Postmaster and Postman of its own, who are paid 30/- and 80/- per annum respectively, whilst the chief Postmaster, Karotonga, receives £15. The Head on the Cook Island's stamps is that of Makea, the principal chief or Ariki, but the islands are under the supervision of the New Zealand Government.

The *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* states that the Postal Authorities of New South Wales are contemplating the issues of new values of 11d., 2/- and 2/6. Why?

## Review of the Philatelic Press.

*The Philatelic Record and Stamp News.* (Dec.)

Contents:—The Stamps of Persia (by C. Forbes, continued).

New Issues.

Philately in the Mags—Mexico's proposed new issue—Condition—Those Guam Stamps—and other Notes.

Philatelic Gossip.

Fiscal Notes.

In more ways than one the "P.R. & S.N." lives up to its name, as this is the fifth monthly number published within eight weeks, surely a philatelic record! It is, however, a very good number. Commencing with January 1900, we are promised a new series, which looks as if it is going to do big things. It will certainly be a novelty to get one's philatelic journal from the local newsagent. But here is what the editor has to say on the subject in the number before us:—

"With our next number we shall commence a new series of the *Philatelic Record*. The size will not be altered; it will be printed from new type throughout, and there will be many other improvements that cannot fail to lend additional value to the new *Record*. There will be a coloured cover and new paper capable of printing the finest process illustrations. We shall indulge in a good humoured cartoon now and again. Excellent first-class articles have been arranged for, and we are in treaty for others, of which more will be heard in good time.

"The *Philatelic Record* is now owned and capitalised by Philatelists. It has no dealers' interests—amateur or otherwise—to conserve. Its policy will be directed towards the maintenance of friendly relations all round, believing that much more can be accomplished by the friendly and strong co-operation of those who



# THE STAMP MARKET.

SUPPLEMENT TO

## Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.

No. 96 (Old Series).

LONDON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1899.

No. 10 (New Series).

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New Brunswick, 3d. rose and half 3d. unsevered, very fine ..	0	15
Nova Scotia, 6d. yellow green, fine copy ..	£1	0
" 6d. deep green ..	£1	0
Jamaica, 5/- CC., mint ..	7	6
Trinidad, 5/- CC., 14, mint ..	7	6
Grenada, 1d. on 4d. Gibbons, No. 36 mint ..	4	6
St. Helena, 2d. yellow, " 13 unused..	7	6

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Finland, 20p. orange, imperf. ..	5	0
Telegraphs, £1, fine, used, only ..	8	6
" 10s. grey, used, fine ..	3	9
*Falkland Is., 6d. green, unused ..	3	0
*Nevis, 4d. blue, " Revenue" ..	5	0
" 6d. green, do., penmarked ..	4	0
" 1s. violet, do. ..	1	9
St. Vincent, 1s. slate-grey ..	22	6
" 1s. rose ..	18	6
*Tobago, 1s. red-brown ..	10	6
Sydney View, 2d. blue, not very fine ..	10	0
New Zealand, 4d. pink ..	4	6
" 5s. grey, 1878 ..	5	0
" 2d. current ..	0	1
" 4d. current ..	0	3
" 6d. current ..	0	4
Tasmania, 4d. 1852, square, poor ..	2	6
" 4d. blue 1870, penmarked ..	15	0
Western Australia, 4d. red ..	15	0
Cape Triangular, 1/- green, very fine ..	15	0

Do not fail to look carefully through  
this Supplement.

LAST WEEK WE AGAIN RECEIVED A VERY LARGE Number of Orders for the Splendid Series of Sets of **Current Colonial Stamps**, and every application was promptly executed in full on Friday. Several collectors again sent *cheques for the entire series of sets*. This week we repeat the original offer with the addition of several other interesting sets. Remember that all stamps are in magnificent condition.

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4d. blue, very fine ..	1 6	1 6
" fine copy ..	1 6	1 3
" fair ..	8d. to 1/-	
" pairs ..	3/- to 5/-	
" fine pair on letter ..	—	5 0
" on letter with 1/- green ..	—	12 6
6d. lilac, fine ..	6 0	4 0
" fine margin ..	—	6 0
1/- yellow-green, fine ..	16 6	10 0

De La Rue & Co.'s Print.

4d. dark blue, fine ..	7 6	2 6
" worn, fine margins ..	—	5 0
4d. very deep blue, very fine ..	—	4 0
4d. dark blue, pair on letter ..	—	5 6

Rectangular Issue (used)

	Wmk. CC.	Wmk. CA.	Wmk. Anchor.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
½d. black.. ..	0 8	0 1	0 0½
1d. rose .. ..	0 2	0 1	0 0½
2d. brown .. ..	—	0 1	0 0½
3d. rose .. ..	0 3	0 3	—
4d. blue .. ..	0 2	—	0 1
6d. violet .. ..	—	—	0 1
1s. green (no frame) ..	—	—	0 6
1d. on 2d. brown .. ..	—	—	0 2
2½d. green .. ..	—	—	0 2
1d. current (set of 2 shades) ..	—	—	0 1½
Fiscals (set of 3) .. ..	—	—	0 2

#### ORANGE FREE STATE.

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	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
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½d. yellow .. ..	0 1	—	—
1d. brown .. ..	0 1½	0 3	1 9
1d. violet.. ..	0 0½	0 4	2 3
2d. violet.. ..	0 0½	0 4	—

N.B.—The postmarks found on these stamps are specially interesting at the present time, although unfortunately are seldom very clearly impressed.

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### Postage Stamps

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**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Captain Connolly informs us that he has seen some new parcel stamps issued by the London & North-Western Railway Company, which he describes as "very ugly and printed in water-colours."

*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* states that there are two types of the "40 paras" surcharge on 2½d. envelopes issued in the Levant. The height of the figures and letters of the surcharge is not quite 8mm. in the earlier and about 8½mm. in the later.

The 1d. cards, printed in carmine, chronicled last week, are similar in shape to the new ½d. cards.

**CEYLON.**—The *Philatelic Journal of India* states that the new high value stamps, 1r. 50c. and 2r. 25c. have now been issued, colours rose and dull blue respectively.

**GRENADA.**—The same journal states that ½d. and 2d. of the new type have now been issued.

½d. lilac and green.  
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**COLOMBIA.**—*Le Timbre-Poste* chronicles a new 50c. stamp, blue on lilac, perf. 13½. We take following description of a new issue for Antioquia from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*.

"ANTIOQUIA.—The 102nd birthday of General Cordova, born in 1797, is being celebrated in this province in the usual manner. We give below a long list of adhesives of various kinds; all are lithographed and perf. 11½. The numbers given opposite each item are those which, according to *Le Timbre-Poste*, have been printed: this is therefore a temporary issue only, and the double set of 1896 continues in use at the same time. *O fortunati nimium, O fortunate people of Antioquia, si sua bona morint, it you know what to do with three sets of stamps at a time.*"

¾c. deep blue ..	30,000	10c. vermilion ..	80,000
1c. dull blue ..	30,000	20c. deep violet	20,000
2c. deep brown	25,000	50c. olive ..	10,000
3c. vermilion ..	25,000	1p. greenish grey	4,000
4c. brown ..	20,000	2p. bronze-green	2,000
5c. green ..	140,000	2½c. registration	20,000

The stamps bear the date 1899.

## Correspondence.

### ARRANGEMENT OF A COLLECTION.

To the Editor, E.W.S.N.

DEAR SIR.—I have adopted the following method of collecting and arranging my stamps, and believe that a description may prove of interest to your readers.

For many years I collected in an Imperial Album, seventh edition, but used to get very discouraged at the large number of empty spaces, some of which I knew I should never get filled, considering that the stamps are worth hundreds of pounds, and others I thought were very unlikely to receive occupants, indeed of several countries I had not a single specimen; then in Vol. I. there were forty-nine pages for Russian Locals, and these were entirely empty. The supplements, although necessary, were a nuisance, as it meant having six books each containing some stamps of the same country perhaps. When the new edition, the eighth, came out, I thought it would be better for collecting, so I got Vol. I., which was for Britain and her Colonies. Again I was confronted with empty spaces, especially in the Indian States—perforation and watermark varieties, &c.—so this did not come up to my ideal. Instead, therefore, of getting Vol. II., I got some small books, about the size of a copybook, leather bound and gilt edged, with every here and there pages cut out, so as not to bulge when the stamps are in. Each leaf is ruled on both sides with five faint horizontal lines. There are fifty leaves in each book.

I then, with the aid of S.G.'s catalogue, commenced with the first of these books, and I put the stamps on one side only, leaving spaces for those I'm likely to get, and if after these are all filled I get rarities or other varieties, there is plenty of room for them on the opposite page. Then, also, you can arrange strips or blocks if you have them, which you can't do in a properly spaced album. You can also, if you desire it, place used and unused copies of the same stamp side by side, or any way you fancy, this lends variety to the book. At the end of each country I leave a blank page for future issues, &c.

In my first book I placed my favourite European Countries, these being Austria, Bavaria, Belgium, Denmark, France, German Empire, Holland, Italy, Norway, Russia, Sweden and Switzerland. In my second my favourite Asiatic and African Countries: China, Java, Japan, Persia, Siam, Egypt, O.F.S. and Transvaal. My third book is for America. My fourth for the other European countries, such as Bosnia, Bulgaria, &c. I have omitted altogether such countries as Afghanistan, Cashmere, &c., also all the speculative stamps of the small American Republics, as I don't think they are worth collecting. I now get approval selections of each country one by one, and get the blanks filled in as far as possible.

This arrangement has quite satisfied me, and leaves out the spaces which you have no hope of filling; in fact, although at the present time I have my British and Colonial in a New Imperial, Vol. I., I am seriously thinking of changing them over into the smaller books.

There is no printing on the pages whatever, for what collector needs his stamps labelling? If he wants perfs., wmk., &c., marked, he can do so with a lead pencil underneath the stamp, and so avoid marking a visible part of the page. I enclose you my first book to let you see my method. For a person with a very large and complete collection, an Imperial Album will do splendidly, but for the average collector I think the small book arrangement will be more satisfactory, at least I have found it so.

Yours truly,—JAS. COLTMAN.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Dec. 4th.

[As this subject—Best Method of Arranging a Collection—is one that must of necessity interest every collector, we invite further discussion. Mr. Colman has submitted for our inspection one volume of his collection, and although the method adopted by him is considerably opposed to that advocated by us, the result is interesting; at the same time a beginner who arranged his collection on the above plan might experience some difficulty at first in finding his way about.—Ed.]

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 Revenue Stamps (A. Preston Pearce).  
 Postcards of the British Empire (Walter T. Wilson).  
 "Stamps" Junior. (By The Veteran).  
 Locals to Collect and Avoid.  
 Revenue Stamps of Japan (continued).  
 Stamps of Western Australia (continued).

Mr. Heygate provides his readers as usual with a large number of interesting articles. The "Veteran" is again to the fore with excellent advice for beginners, and takes as his theme the old controversy, "Used" v. "Unused", which he answers in favour of the former, except where unused specimens are cheaper. By this means is the young collector protected against the post-mark faker and other fraudulent individuals. The veteran also takes the opportunity of replying to our criticism of his remarks on "the folly of philatelists" who collect the cut-out stamps instead of envelopes and postcards. Before replying it is perhaps fairer to "Veteran" to quote his defence in full. Here is his side of the question.

**"ENTIRE" OR "CUT SQUARE"**

HOW SHOULD A BEGINNER VIEW THIS OLD, OLD CONTROVERSY?

"I have been taken to task in the *Weekly Stamp News* for my reference to 'the folly of philatelists,' who collect the cut-out stamps for envelopes and postcards. Well I suppose I am as fully entitled to my opinion as the Editor of the *Weekly Stamp News* is to his, and I still think it folly to cut 'entires' instead of preserving them in their natural state. To my way of thinking there is little difference between the cutting an impressed stamp from an envelope, and clipping the perforated margins from an ordinary adhesive. It is simply a difference of degree, in fact. To denude, say, one of the stamps of the last issue of Brunswick of its margin, converting it into an oval, is to rob that stamp absolutely of every shred of philatelic value. And does not the same hold good of an envelope stamp from which the envelope itself is cut away? In the case of an 'entire,' whether it be an envelope, a card or a wrapper, the 'stamp' is not merely the small design printed in the top right-hand corner. No; the 'stamp' as philatelists regard it, is the whole envelope, card, or wrapper, as originally issued to the public by the postal authorities. I will give you a practical illustration of the stupidity of the cut-square system, and also of the immense loss of rare envelopes and cards occasioned by the trimming propensities of the philatelists of Lallier's day. Take many of the rare old envelopes of the German States; take the postcards, old and otherwise, of more countries than I could possibly mention here. The phenomenal thing about these is that the variations between issue and issue are not invariably shown by the 'stamp' proper, but appear in a great many cases in other parts of the 'entire,' at front or at back. The 'tress' of many envelopes tells us more than the stamp, and in postcards, how often do important variations occur in the design as a whole, or in the inscriptions!

"A thing that is worth doing at all is worth doing well; and therefore I say to all young philatelists: either restrict yourself to adhesives or collect envelopes, post cards, &c., in the only rational way—viz., as "entires."  
 "I know all the stock arguments against 'entires' in the controversy that is almost as old as the stamp collecting hobby. I know that an album capable of holding these must be a cumbersome volume, and that the proper arrangement of uncut envelopes and cards is a matter of great difficulty. But the subject is one that is now being tackled in a practical spirit by Mr. Walter Wilson (in STAMPS) by Mr. Warhurst, and others, and I do not share the view expressed in some quarters that the collecting of postal stationery is rapidly dwindling to the vanishing point."

The "Veteran" makes out a good case, but all the same we are not convinced by his arguments. The root of the whole question seems to lie in the definition of the word 'stamp.' Our dictionary informs us that a stamp is "an official mark, or a small piece of paper bearing an official mark, set or stuck upon things liable to duty or toll." "Veteran" states, on the contrary, that the philatelic definition includes as well the whole envelope, card or wrapper and presumably, if we pursue the same line of reasoning, any paper to which the stamp may be attached or impressed. We are to believe that nothing less than the *tout ensemble* of a postcard—card, inscription and stamp proper—constitutes a stamp. Are we also to look upon a postcard without indication of value (to which adhesive stamps would be attached before sale by the post office), as a 'stamp'? Where is the difference? Going still further, we come to the conclusion that were a blank postcard sold by the post office, it would still be a 'stamp.' Similarly, if a telegram form

embossed with a 6d. duty is a '6d. stamp,' is an ordinary form a 'stamp without value expressed.' We think a little consideration will cause 'Veteran' to acknowledge that his position is untenable. No, we prefer the old definition that a 'stamp' is that portion of the envelope denoting the value or duty.

The second question is this. Is a stamp collector a collector of stamps, or a collector of "postage articles" (for want of a better name we thus describe both classes, stamps & stationery)? It is possible to collect from two points of view. In the first case, the collector concerns himself with the stamp alone; in the second, with the various documents issued by the post-office, not necessarily only those with stamps impressed, and as a general rule where stamps are impressed regardless of minor differences in such stamps. A collector of the second-class will include in his collection, not only postcards with stamps impressed on them, but also unstamped postcards such as the first issue of Barbados. The collector of telegram forms will collect them unstamped as well as stamped; the collector of registration envelopes would be equally ready to collect them unstamped, were such issued by the post-office. The stationery collector will pay a great deal of attention to the interesting varieties in the inscriptions, and to the methods of cutting out the flaps of envelopes, &c., and so on. But how much attention does such a collector pay to the die numbers and other varieties found on the stamps themselves, also the different types on our postcard stamps, etc. None, or very little, for the simple reason that this is the duty of the stamp collector.

We therefore arrive at this decision. The collector of stationery is he who studies the differences in the sizes, inscriptions and so on of the envelopes, postcards, etc., issued by the post office, whether stamped or not. On the other hand it is his co-philatelist the stamp collector's duty to study the stamps gummed, impressed or embossed thereon to denote postage. It is not within our province to advise individual collectors what they shall collect or not; we merely wish to distinguish clearly between the duties of a collector of stamps and those of a collector of stationery. You can best decide for yourself how far you will carry out those duties, according as you collect for pleasure or profit, or with a desire to attain completeness.

A third point is raised by "Veteran" He says: "I know all the stock arguments against entires." "I know that an album capable of holding these must be a cumbersome volume." This is a good example of the way in which the defence are wont to elude the main point. The collection of 'entires' may be both tiresome and cumbersome, but we are not here to decide for collectors what they shall collect or whether such and such a method is uninteresting. If you are interested in stationery, collect it by all means, but do not delude yourself with the idea that you are a stamp collector on that account, although you may perhaps rightfully claim the more general name of philatelist.

A fourth point brought forward by "Veteran" exposes perhaps the weakest point in his armour. Because one cannot tell from a cut-square stamp whether the flap of the envelope from which it was cut had an ornament or was gummed or not, then the system of collecting cut-squares is stupid. But what on earth does the stamp collector want to know that for? Doubtless very interesting to the collector of stationery—and to him, as is obvious, the entire state of his pieces is a *sine qua non*—it nevertheless fails to excite the slightest curiosity in the stamp collector. To quote from our personal experience—and we possess an almost complete collection of stamps cut from stationery, showing all die-numbers, etc.—we do not care twopence whether a particular specimen was cut from an envelope, wrapper, telegram form or any other document; we are only concerned in obtaining an impression from a post-office die denoting duty, and provided the impression is on sufficiently large a piece of paper to set forth clearly the colour and design, we are fully satisfied.

Lastly, with regard to the question of folly in cutting out the stamps from stationery, it is only necessary to ask two questions. Are you a collector of stationery or a collector of stamps? If the former, you *must* preserve the piece entire; if the latter, it will not add to your pleasure if you have to stow away in your album a mass of uninteresting paper. You only want the stamp; therefore cut it out. The second question to be answered is this. Is the envelope more interesting and valuable to a collector of stationery than it is cut-square to yourself, a stamp collector? In many instances, no doubt, the answer is yes, but in by far the majority, No.

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**GREAT BRITAIN.**—There is one important alteration in the new 1d. postcards that we omitted to mention last week. At the foot of the reply half is this inscription:

"This half is only available for transmission to the United Kingdom."

Are we or are we not to read this with an emphasis on the "to"? If so, the sense is quite altered. Do the authorities mean that the Reply Card may not be used from abroad to foreign countries (which we should have thought was sufficiently obvious), or is the notice to be taken literally, which would preclude the use of the reply half from the United Kingdom? Hitherto we have been in the habit of buying only reply cards and dividing them when singles were wanted, a proceeding to which we see no objection. Perhaps the notice may be altered so as to be a little less ambiguous. Collectors desirous of securing the present variety should do so at once. By the way, the colour is not a variety of shade, but quite distinct. Formerly it ranged from vermilion to a very pale orange-red (worn impressions?), but is now lilac-rose approaching carmine.

**FRANCE.**—Mr. E. D. Frank writes us as follows: "France is going to issue new stamps next year on the occasion of the Exhibition. The set will consist of values, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 centimes. The design will represent the figure of the Republic sitting, holding in the hand a tablet with the inscription, 'Droits de l'homme.' A shield, surrounded by laurels, will bear the indication of the value of the stamp."

We wonder if the judges of M. Dreyfus had anything to do with choosing the inscription?

**GERMANY.**—Mr. E. D. Frank also informs us that "Centenary Cards" are to be issued here on Jan. 1st. They are to be like the post-cards in use hitherto, but with a laurel wreath round the impression of the stamp.

**HOLLAND.**—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* chronicles a number of new issues for Dutch Colonies, specimen copies of which have been

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**BRITISH HONDURAS.**—The *M. Ph.* also chronicles new stamps of high value for this colony.

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\$1 green and red.  
\$2 green and blue.  
\$5 green and black.

**CEYLON.**—The same paper mentions that a 15c. blue has been sent to the Post-Office collection at Washington, but mention is omitted of the 5c. blue. It will be remembered that we stated a fortnight ago that a 15c. blue (15c.—2½d.) might be expected.

**LABUAN & NORTH BORNEO.**—The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that the following also have been contributed to the collection referred to. We were previously informed that there were only six or nine varieties for each territory of the 4c. surcharge.

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## Editorial Notes.

A Merry Christmas to all our readers!

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This being our Christmas number, we are providing a little less serious philately and a little more light reading matter. We also hope you will be amused by our "Christmas Number" heading. (Personally we never saw a more peculiar expression on the face of a robin).

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With this number we reach the mature age of 12. Although it seems only yesterday that No. 1—with all the confidence of youth—made its bow to the philatelic public, yet our paper has already presented readers with as many numbers as the average philatelic journal issues in a year.

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In publishing a weekly stamp paper we expected both difficulties and disappointments and experience has shown that we did not underrate them. On the other hand, we have been encouraged by the great interest evinced in all quarters in the success of our venture. For the first seven weeks we were content with 4 pages. Encouraged by the regular support extended to us, we increased "E.W.S.N." with No. 8, to 8 pages, and we now have pleasure in announcing that the co-operation of our readers in recommending the paper to their friends having considerably increased the circle of our subscribers, we are in a position to promise 8 pages regularly in future throughout the season, (which now-a-days covers the greater part of the year). This development has become possible almost entirely through the kind assistance of readers in making the paper known to those of their friends interested in stamps.

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It has probably occurred to few readers what a large amount of work is necessary to produce even a single number of "E.W.S.N." but if you will calculate the time it would take to copy out a single number, a fair idea can be formed. This must be our excuse for any slight errors that have crept in (last week we re-chronicled the ½d. Grenada, which had been mentioned in our No. 1).

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We have already stated that the paper is now obtainable through railway bookstalls and newsagents generally. This is, we think, an entirely new feature of philatelic journalism, and is the result of negotiations commenced by us as early as last June. Already we have had many letters from readers anxious to test our new departure, which we are confident will prove a great improvement on delivery by post, especially in London. Besides, when a number miscarries

you have someone to talk to; it is obviously waste of breath to blame the postman!

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With regard to new features in the future, we have already indicated a few; as for the others, they will be announced in good time.

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We have taken up a good deal of space this week in writing of our paper and ourselves, but we know readers will be charitably disposed towards their Editor at Christmas time.

## Notes of the Week.

NOTICE.—All communications for the Editor should be addressed to H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E., to arrive not later than Thursday morning for notice in the issue for the same week.

CORRESPONDENCE, English, French, German & Spanish.

One of the most notable features of this season will surely be the number of new philatelic journals which have made their appearance. Since No. 1 of "E.W.S.N." appeared on the last day of September, there have successively entered the arena of journalistic competition the *Stamp Collectors' Guardian* (H. A. McMillan), and the *Collector Dealer* (C. S. Quinton), and we have also been promised new series of the *Philatelic Record* and the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. Mr. Walter Morley, the well-known champion of fiscals and fiscal-collecting now comes forward with the announcement that he will publish at an early date a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of collectors of fiscal and telegraph stamps, under the title of *Morley's Philatelic Journal*. We also hear that yet another new journal will see the light of day shortly, under the able guidance of Mr. P. C. Bishop, one of the former Editors of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, and his brother, Mr. Sydney Bishop. Philately must be gaining ground wonderfully, if sufficient support is forthcoming to maintain all these ventures.

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Will there be a philatelic section at the Glasgow Exhibition of 1901? What do our readers across the border say?

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It was recently suggested to the United States Post Office that they should overprint their stamps with the names of the chief towns. Thus New York would use stamps surcharged "New York" and so on. It is strange to read that the suggestion was even seriously entertained for a short time.

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The *Metropolitan Philatelist* states that the New England Stamp Co. have purchased the celebrated Thorne Collection for \$50,000.

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At the first meeting of the Palmerston North Philatelic Society, the names of 15 members were handed in. New Zealand also has another flourishing society at Wanganui.

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Orange Free State stamps overprinted with the Arms of the state are used upon postcards, states the *M. J.* The values so found are ½d., 1d., 2d. and 3d.

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Thus the *Metropolitan Philatelist* under date Nov. 18th:—As the charter of the Niger Coast Company has been revoked, I expect there will soon be a new issue of stamps. The West African Territory, according to Sir M. Hicks-Beach, will be divided into these sections, *i.e.*, 1, Lagos; 2, Niger Coast and South Nigeria; 3, North Nigeria; the whole territory being ruled from the Colonial office.

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Mr. C. Nissen, of Holborn, recently had a fine block of 8 British 5/- rose, plate 4, wmk. Anchor, on white paper, brought into his shop. The owner modestly asked face value! The catalogue value is £120!!

Pairs of the 10c. Dominican Republic ("Spain guarding the remains of Columbus") may be found tête-bêche.

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Just as we go to press, we have received a prospectus of the Junior London Philatelic Society, which has been established to represent, bring together, generally encourage young stamp collectors all over the world. We have received further particulars from the President, Mr. F. J. Melville, but must hold them over till next week.

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We have received several letters on the subject of "Early Date Records," one of which we publish. A further instalment of dates will appear next week.



## Philatelic Amenities.

By J. GODINHO.

A FEW years ago a Bombay dealer in stamps, who had shocked a good number of his customers by the sale of forgeries to his confiding patrons, disposed of the bulk of his stock by an ingenious method. The character of N—— was tainted with several vices. He loved strong and costly wines, was fond of gambling, and generally of things which he should have left alone. All his earnings—and at one time they were considerable—he spent in the indulgence of his ruling passions.

In time he came to be regarded as a notorious forger, and gradually lost all his customers.

He had invested a very small fraction of his gains in accumulating a large store of the commonest stamps of British India. He appears to have amassed them with hardly any hope of ever getting a demand for them. To judge from the occasional remarks made by him he purchased them because they were very cheap, as no dealer in Bombay or elsewhere desired them. Their purchase also helped to keep alive in the minds of the local hawkers his reputation as a ready buyer of all sorts of fiscal, postal, and telegraph labels. He thus went on accumulating an immense number of all shades of colour and of all values at little cost, all bundled in hundreds. The local dealers who were driving a brisk trade watched his movements, some with pity, others with wonder. They could not understand or explain his infatuation for this rubbish. Was N——, a person who lived in an atmosphere of continual excitement and who mightily retired at uncertain hours, afflicted with *stampomania*?

His *confreeres* in the business were moved with compassion for him. One or two even ventured to remonstrate with him and point out the error of his ways. But N—— held on to his purpose with the greater obstinacy.

He rather increased his demand for this rubbish. His show cases were covered with mounds of half anna, one anna, two annas, and other values of current issues.

About this time one of the capitals of Europe was about to hold an Exhibition. This international show was to be mainly devoted to works of art. Competitors from every part of the globe were invited. The nation under whose auspices the exhibition was, in a few months, to be held, had instructed her Consuls and Agents to grant every facility to exhibitors. One of these, distinguished for his zeal in promoting the cause of his country's enterprise, frequented the bazaars of Bombay, conferred with the artizans, and explained to them the advantages accruing from such exhibitions. Native artizans, artificers and artists were in a state of excitement. There was a general desire to participate in the exhibition. In his turn N—— was seized with the prevailing enthusiasm, and, one day, whilst ruminating on this subject, an idea suggested itself to his mind. Being a man of energy, he lost no time in thoroughly working it out. On the plea of sickness he discontinued attending his shop, taking care to send there as a substitute a dependent of his, who knew less of philately than a Hottentot, but who had received his instructions. His next step was to engage a foreigner of imposing appearance, who was bribed to visit in a carriage and pair the stamp shops in Church Gate Street, the "Strand" of Bombay, for philatelic purposes. This confederate entered the shops and astounded the dealers by his demand for quantities of common stamps of all shades and colours. They all knew where they could procure the desired commodity, but, fortunately for them, not only was N—— sick, but his shop, being in another part of the city, was not visited by this illustrious foreigner, who urgently required all these labels for purposes of the Exhibition. He promised to call the next day, offering Rs. 250 for every 100,000 mixed stamps.

But N——'s plot was not yet mature. He put the last touch to it by getting an article inserted on the day following in the leading *Gujrati* daily. Among other matters relating to the exhibition, it stated "that a foreigner has arrived in Bombay and is negotiating for the purchase of over two millions of common stamps. Our local dealers do not appear to be prepared to meet such a heavy order. A body of artists have been engaged in the capital of —— to prepare life-size portraits of the monarchs of Europe, represent familiar scenes, make screens and other nicknacks by means of stamps. We understand that this gentleman will proceed to Calcutta in a day or two."

Most of the dealers in Bombay are Parsees. The appearance of the above article in their organ, combined with the previous demand for common stamps, put them in a state of ferment, the more so as a big profit could easily be netted. N—— was still ill and evidently ignorant of this demand. The desire to make money is universal, and this passion is most strongly seen where there is a possibility of earning it with

the least trouble. Not only dealers, but some collectors were also anxious to profit by this opportunity. Among these was a wealthy Jew, who that morning had expressly been to N——'s shop to see how matters were there, and had learnt with great joy from N——'s substitute that no one had for some days passed called for stamps. He rushed to Church Gate Street and discovered the dealer discussing the very question that was agitating his brain.

"Look here," said he, "N—— is sick; he knows nothing of this demand. He alone has got the required stock. Calculating at the rate of 4 annas per hundred stamps, the cost of three million stamps will be a little over seven thousand rupees. I am going to his house and offer him rupees four thousand. Will you take a share in the purchase?"

They all signified their wish to take a part in the transactions, subscribed their respective shares and drew up the conditions for the division of the spoil. The Jew hastened to N——'s house, and the dealers repaired to their respective shops, having mutually agreed as to the part each one had to play on the arrival of the stranger. Their only apprehension was that the foreigner might come before the bargain was concluded with N——.

But their anxieties on this score were soon set at rest. At half-past eleven the Jew came, his face radiant with smiles. He had paid the four thousand rupees and brought a letter ordering N——'s substitute to hand over to the bearer three million stamps of every description. The stock was quickly secured. The speculators now awaited the arrival of the foreigner to reap their cent. per cent. profit. But no foreigner came, nor did the carriage and pair turn up that evening. They patiently looked for the morrow. But the morrow's sun rose and set, and no foreigner appeared. Towards dusk they started homewards, rather depressed in mind. At the junction of Church Gate Street with the main road they beheld an equipage—the identical carriage and pair—conveying N—— up the road to the Apollo Pier, presumably for an evening constitutional.—(From *The Philatelic Journal of India*).

## CATALOGUES for 1900.

MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS, Ltd., announce in the December Number of their *Monthly Journal* that in future they will publish Parts I. and II. of their well-known Catalogue *annually*, and Parts III. (Locals) and IV. (Entires) at intervals of three or four years, as may be required. Part I. of the 1900 Edition, Great Britain and Colonies,

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### Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.\*

THE following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, postally used; the third column those for specimens in any condition, either fiscally used, penmarked, or printed upon in any way. This last column has been substituted for that giving exchange quotations and will it is believed, prove of greater interest to readers. Offers for collectors' duplicates can be made at any time by the publisher.

**GOLD COAST, WEST AFRICA.** Area, 39,050 square miles; capital, Accra.



First Issue, 187-89. Printed by De La Rue & Co.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Color, Unused Price, Used Price. Includes items like 1d. yellow, 1d. green, 1d. blue, etc.

Varieties: 1875 Crown CC, perf. 12 1/2, 1d. blue, 4d., 6d. 1879 " " 14, 1/2d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d. (first colours). 1884 Crown CA., perf. 14, all except 2d. green.

In 1887 the 6d. was surcharged and sold as 1d.



Second Issue, 1894-98. Bi-coloured.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Color, Unused Price, Used Price. Includes items like 1/2d. lilac and green, 1d. red, 2 1/2d. blue, etc.

The above are wmk. Crown CA., perf. 14.

**GRENADA, West Indies.** Area, 133 square miles; population in 1893, 56,413; revenue in 1893, £50,209.

1858. British stamps were issued here from May, 1858 to May, 1860, and may be recognised by the post-mark number. A15.



First Issue, 1861. Engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Color, Unused Price, Used Price. Includes items like 1d. green, 6d. rose, 1/2d. violet and black, etc.

Varieties: 1861 No wmk., perf. 14 to 16, 1d., 6d. 1864 Wmk. Star, perf. 14 to 16, 1d., 6d. 1875 Wmk. Star, perf. 14, 1/2d., 1d., 2 1/2d., 4d., 1/-

\* This catalogue has been compiled mainly in the hope of benefiting those collectors who wish, whilst devoting their best efforts to specialism, to still keep slightly in touch with the stamps of our whole Colonial Empire. If the varieties described in the Notes to each issue be ignored, a very interesting general collection may be formed without taxing to the utmost the energy and purse of the collector, thus leaving him free to specialise the most interesting countries or issues. The Notes given will serve to indicate broadly the possibilities of each colony, and for further information, the reader is referred to the London Philatelic Society's Works, Stanley Gibbons' Catalogues, etc.

Many minor varieties occur in the overprint. The sheets consisted of 120 stamps, 10 rows of 12.



Second Issue, 1883. Designed by De La Rue & Co. Inscribed at top "Postage."

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Color, Unused Price, Used Price. Includes items like 7d. green, 8d. rose, 9d. blue, etc.

The above stamps are all wmk. Crown CA., perf. 14, and are printed in sheets of 60, ten rows of 6, each two rows tête à tête. The 8d. value was surcharged in 1890-92 and sold as 1d. or 2 1/2d., and this value and the 6d. were overprinted for use as unpaid letter stamps. Between January, 1883 to December, 1890, various fiscal stamps (orange and green) have been surcharged and used as postage stamps.



Third Issue, 1895-96. Bi-coloured Series. Value in figures.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Color, Unused Price, Used Price. Includes items like 1/2d. lilac and green, 1d. rose, 2d. brown, etc.

The above are wmk. CA., perf. 14. The set, 1d., 2 1/2d., 3d., 6d., 8d., 1s., can be supplied, price 3/2 nett.



Commemorative Issue (2 1/2d. blue), see Appendix. Unpaid Letter Stamps, see Appendix.

**GRIQUALAND (Griqualand West).**—A division of Cape Colony; area, 17,000 square miles; population, 48,000; chief town, Kimberley. The stamps of Cape Colony are issued here. From 1877 till a few years later the stamps were overprinted "G." (in various types), or "G.W." (very rare).

**HELIGOLAND** (ceded to Germany in 1890). Area, 140 acres; population, about 2000.



First Issue, 1867-71.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Color, Unused Price, Used Price. Includes items like 1/4s. rose and green, 1/2s., 1s., 1 1/2s., 2s., 6s.

Varieties: 1867. Rouletted, 1/2, 1, 2, 6s. 1869. Perf. 14, 1/2, 1/2, 1/2, 1, 1 1/2, 2s. An error of the 1/2s. occurs in green and rose instead of rose and green.



Second Issue, 1875-79. Currency changed to pfeunige and marks.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Color, Unused Price, Used Price. Includes items like 1pf. rose and green, 2pf., 3pf., 5pf., 10pf., 20pf., 25pf., 50pf., 1m., 5m.

The above are all perf. 14 1/2. Used specimens of the 1 and 5m., perf. 11 1/2, are stated in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue to exist. Very many private reprints and forgeries of all Heligoland stamps have

been made. Since 1890, German stamps have been used in Heligoland.

For Envelopes, see appendix.

**HONG KONG.**—Area, 32 square miles; population in 1893, 238,724; revenue in 1893, \$2,078,135; chief town, Victoria.



First issue, 1862-99. Engraved by De La Rue & Co.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Color, Unused Price, Used Price. Includes items like 2c. brown, 2c. rose, 3c. slate-green, etc.

Printed in different colours and surcharged.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Color, Unused Price, Used Price. Includes items like 20c. 48c. violet, 21c. 96c. brown-on-red, etc.

Varieties: 1862. No wmk., perf. 14, 2c., 8c., 12c., 18c., 24c., 48c., 96c. (first colours). 1863. Crown CC., perf. 14, all except Nos. 8, 9, 16, 20, 21. perf. 11 1/2, 4c. 1882. Crown CA., perf. 14, 2c. (rose), 4c., 5c., 10c. (all), 30c. green, 90c., 1d. both.

In 1876 the 30c. mauve was surcharged and sold as 28c. and in 1877 the 18c. lilac as 16c. In 1880, stamps of 8c., 12c., 16c., 18c., and 24c. were surcharged and sold as 5c. and 10c. In 1885 new values of 20c., 50c. and \$1 were made by surcharging respectively the 30c., 48c. and 96c., the latter two being printed in fresh colours, and this provisional issue has not yet (1899) been replaced. In 1891 the 2c. rose received a "Jubilee" overprint, and a few 10c. green (CA) and 30c. mauve (CC) were surcharged 7c. and 14c. respectively. In 1898 a number of 30c. green were surcharged and sold as 10c.

The values now in use are 2c., 4c., 5c., 10c., 12c., 30c., 20c., 50c. and \$1 (the later three surcharged on 30c., 48c. and 96c.), face value 4/8. and can be supplied unused, price 5/5 1/2, or without the \$1 value, 3/1 1/2.

**IONIAN ISLANDS** (now ceded to Greece). The chief island is Cephalonia.



First Issue, 1859. Line Engraved. No value expressed.

Table with 4 columns: Denomination, Color, Unused Price, Used Price. Includes items like 1/2d. orange, 1d. blue, 2d. rose.

These stamps were only used for local postage, for a very short period. Greek stamps are now used here.

(NEXT WEEK INDIA.)

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**Review of the Philatelic Press.**

*London Philatelist* (November).

Contents:—The Work of the London Philatelic Society's Meetings.  
The Late Mr. W. A. S. Westoby (with Portrait).  
The Tapling Collection (E. D. Bacon).  
The late Emperor Maximilian and the Stamps Issued under his Government (R. Frenzel).  
Paris International Philatelic Exhibition (1900).  
A Superb Exhibition of Confederate Locals.

Mr. E. D. Bacon thus describes the method to be adopted for the permanent Exhibition of the Tapling Collection at the British Museum:—

"The system it is proposed to adopt consists of employing a number of cabinets with shallow drawers. Each of these drawers will be covered with plate-glass, and will only pull out sufficiently to allow of the Examination of the sheets of stamps it contains. In fact, the cabinets will be built upon precisely the same lines as those which are now in use at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, for the display of butterflies and moths, except that the drawers will be shallower. These cabinets, when finished, will be placed in the King's Library, and anyone entering that part of the Museum will be allowed to inspect whatever portion of the collection he chooses; and this he will himself be able to do by simply pulling out and snutting the drawers containing the stamps of the countries he desires to see. I doubt whether it would be possible to devise a more perfect plan than this for preserving a collection of stamps, inasmuch as it provides ample protection in every way for the specimens, including that of danger from exposure to the light; and it also affords economy of space. Collectors will at the same time be able to inspect any of the stamps with perfect facility, and without the least delay. It will necessarily be some months before the cabinets are ready to receive the sheets of stamps, but I trust no undue delay will now take place in completing the proposed scheme."

*The Stamp Collectors' Guardian* (December 1st).

Contents:—The World of Philately.  
The Great Unused Question.  
Fakes. Transvaal Reprints.

This month the "Great Unused Question" develops into an attack on a well-known Oxford collector, who is accused of dealing largely in "unused stamps, Government remainders, printer's proofs and sample sheets." The true facts of the case appear to be as follows:—The collector in question obtained a certain quantity of very fine early unused colonials, and preferred to dispose of the stamps privately at or about catalogue prices, instead of taking dealers into his confidence and allowing them to share the profit, apparently, from the remarks of the "S.C.G.'s" editor, a very heinous sin. Where very large remainders come on to the market it is doubtless the duty of the owner to inform collectors of the quantities before attempting to dispose of them, but in the case under discussion we do not see the necessity. This collector was lucky enough to obtain possession, amongst other things, of an entire unused sheet of 240 of each of the triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps (De La Rue print).

Whether they had ever been issued in the Colony or not is surely of no importance. There can be little doubt but they were printed at the same time as the supplies which were sent out to the Colony, and they were exactly like them. Why try and make a distinction? It is given to very few collectors or dealers to obtain magnificent sheets of this description, and one is almost naturally envious of such a stroke of luck. But that is no reason for attacking the favoured recipient. Fortunately the sheets fell into good hands, and with a few exceptions the splendid pairs and blocks cut from them have, we were informed a short time since by the owner, been nearly absorbed, without any danger to catalogue prices.

*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* (Nov. 30th).

Contents: Philatelic Losses.  
New Issues and Discoveries.  
Native States, Bhor, Bikanir (Major Evans).  
The G.P.O. of the Hawaiian Islands (*Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*).  
The Wei-hai-Wei-Chifu Courier Post.  
The Tapling Collection—Austria (Gordon Smith).  
Notes and News (C. J. Phillips).

The Editor continues his exhaustive list of the stamps of the Indian Native States, *terra incognita* to most European collectors and we fear also a *terror* to many of them. Who has not hesitated when he came to the arrangement of his Indian Native States? Fortunately, Major Evans has now set himself to clear away many of the difficulties surrounding these stamps, but we would advise every intending collector to first study the characters of the various Indian languages. We have a lively recollection of once struggling with a Sanskrit grammar and can assure the reader that this field offers a wide scope for his energy and enthusiasm.

Some interesting information concerning the "Wei-hai-Wei—Chifu Courier Post" stamps is contributed by an army officer who was on the spot at the time. Letters for the former town used to be left at Chifu (Chefoo?) till a British ship could call and take them on, often necessitating a delay of 8 or 10 days. The distance overland being only 58 miles, a courier post service was established, and on Dec. 8th, 1898, an "impromptu" issue of stamps was made by "stamping Messrs. Cornabe & Co.'s "dollar chop" on some red dark room paper belonging to one of the officers," the values being written on the stamps afterwards. They were made as required, altogether some 800 or 850 2c., and 300 5c. On Jan. 9th a supply of 4,000 2c., and 4,000 5c. stamps were received from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, of Shanghai, and these were issued until the Chinese Government took over the post at the end of March, 1899. The Remainders—about 1,000 2nd Issue 5c. stamps—were sold to a gentleman in Shanghai.

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7 † Tasmania, 2½d. on 9d. blue	0 9	0 7
8 Western Australia, 1/- current	0 9	0 6
9 China, 3c. mauve, 1886, ...	0 3	0 2
10 Bermuda, ¼d. brown, v.f. ...	0 3	0 2
13 G.B., 10d. octag., cut square	8 6	5 9
14 G.B., 10/- blue, first shade ...	—	2 0
15 † Transvaal, 6d. 1879, block of 6	10 6	7 6
16 B.S. Africa, ¼d. blk. and violet	0 1	0 1
17 " 1d. red and green ...	0 3	0 2
18 " 2d. brown and mauve	0 4	0 3
19 " 4d. blue and mauve	0 8	0 4
20 † Hayti, 20c. red-brown, imperf	8 6	3 9
21 Java, 1892, 50c. carmine ...	0 2	0 1
22 " 2g. 50c. brown and blue	2 0	1 3
23 Siam, 12 atts, 1889 ...	0 5	0 2
24 † Italy, Parcel Post Stamp surcharged "Valevole" set of 6	1 0	0 5
26 Cape, ¼d. black, Crown C.A.	0 3	0 1
27 G.B., 2d. no lines, pair, red pink.	—	4 0
28 " 1s. octag., fine ...	3 0	2 0
29 " 9d. 1862, fine ...	5 0	4 0
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69 Cape, 5/- orange-brown ...	5/0	5/10
70 Ceylon 1r. 12c. ...	1/6½	1/9½
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72 " 2r. 25c. " ...	3/2	3/8
73 " 2r. 50c. " ...	3/6	4/1
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76 " 5/- ...	5/0	5/10
77 " 10/0 ...	10/0	11/8
78 " 20/0 ...	20/0	23/4
79 Hong Kong, 1 dollar	2/0	2/4
80 Jamaica, 2/- ...	2/0	2/4
81 " 5/- ...	5/0	5/10
82 Leeward Islands, 5/- ...	5/0	5/10
83 Malta, 2/6 ...	2/6	2/11
84 " 5/- ...	5/0	5/10
85 " 10/- ...	10/0	11/8
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89 Straits, 5 dollars	10/0	11/8
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92 Trinidad, 5/- ...	5/0	5/10
93 " 10/- ...	10/0	11/8
94 " 20/- ...	20/0	23/4
95 Virgin Islands, 5/- indigo	5/0	5/10
96 Zanzibar, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 rupees	20/6	23/11
97 Grenada, Jubilee ...	0/2½	0/3
98 Newfoundland Jubilee, 1c. to 60c. set of 14 ...	9/0	10/6
99 St. Vincent, 2½d. and 5d. surcharged ...	0/7½	0/9
100 Sudan, 2m., 4m., 1p. and 2p. unpaid ...	0/9	0/10½

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## The Story of a Stamp.

N.B.—This story being founded on fact, assumed names have been given to the actors in it.

I AM known to the stamp-collecting world as a "One Penny Blue."

Since the day when I left the parent sheet, I have never set eyes on one of those to whom I was then most closely united. It is not likely I ever shall do so: as from surmises, which I have gathered from enthusiasts, when admiring me, it seems probable that I am almost the sole survivor of my race, the other members of my family having been consigned to the flames at a very tender age.

Even should this sad fate have befallen my relatives, I can but envy them their lot: for, though as I hope, I am shortly to find permanent security and shelter with one of our foremost philatelic societies, still a lasting shadow has been cast over my life by my most unwilling association with deeds of violence and deceit, the climax of which was reached when I became the silent witness to a cruel murder; my only recompense being, that through my agency the criminal was brought to justice.

Gerald Smith, the victim, was for long years, my possessor and had become so by a chain of strange and sad circumstances, to explain which I must go back to the year of my issue, 1840, when his father, John Smith, purchased me for the modest sum of 1d.

He, John, was then 22 years old and endowed by nature with every gift save that of "the almighty dollar." This lack (in his youth only for later he became possessed of much wealth) brought him the one great sorrow of his life, the marks of which he carried to his grave 40 years later.

John in 1840, was a clerk in the office of one of London's most famous city princes. One ever to be remembered day he was commissioned by his employer with an errand, the object of which was to enquire into the usage prior to the purchase of some of the "new-fangled" postage stamps which had been for the first time issued by the government.

It was then that I entered into John's possession. He was leaving the P.O., when the clerk, a friend of his, showed him some 1d. blue stamps which were similar, except in colour, to those he had bought. "I'm not sure that we shall issue more of these," he said. "Perhaps you'd like to invest in one? who knows? in future years they may come to be regarded as curiosities."

John willingly assenting, I was cut from my sheet and transferred to his pocket book. On returning from the completion of this small matter of business, my owner's attention was arrested by the sound of loud shouts and galloping hoofs. A runaway horse, minus driver and plus cart, was careering wildly down the road. By his prompt action, which stood him all his life in such good stead, John had just time to dash into the street and seizing by the arm a young girl who stood in the very centre of the thoroughfare as if paralysed with fear, drag her to a position of safety on the opposite pavement.

The poor child, for indeed she was little more, clung to John, sobbing violently from the re-action of her peril, as a lame old man, evidently a family retainer, hobbled up wringing his hands and calling down the blessings of Heaven upon his loved "Miss Dorothy's Saviour." Between them they soothed the frightened girl and John seeing a crowd begin to assemble, drew her arm through his and prevailed on her to continue her way. She was going to spend a few days with her father's aunt of whom she was very fond, and who lived close by.

As she was speaking they arrived at the threshold of her Aunt's dwelling, and there John left her, promising to call next morning to enquire after her health.

Now here was a true case of mutual "love at first sight." During the few hours that elapsed before their next meeting, each young heart was entirely engrossed by the other. But their love was destined, after a few days of blissful ignorance, to bring misery to both in its train.

Dorothy Robin was also an only child. Her parents were wealthy parvenus. The father, of a naturally kindly disposition, was so entirely dominated by his shrewish wife, as to have no longer a will of his own.

Mrs. Robin had for years firmly made up her mind that their beautiful and wealthy daughter should attain, by means of matrimony, to her pinnacle of earthly splendour—the Peerage.

So, when on her return home, Dorothy told of her perilous adventure, the hero of which was hoping to call on her parents that afternoon, her blushes as she spoke aroused the suspicion of her mother, which was only increased, when, a few hours later she observed the evident signs of

innocent love existing between the two young people. At once determining to nip this tender feeling in the bud, she laid a plan of campaign "for Dorothy's safety," which she insisted on being carried out in every detail, working herself up into such a state of rage over what she called Mr. Robin's "culpable negligence," that when next morning dawned, she was attacked by a violent bilious headache, and unable to leave her bed.

John, by her orders, was summoned to Mr. Robin's study, there to receive a cheque for his services (which he absolutely declined to keep) and to be informed that Dorothy was going immediately to relatives in the country, and would be absent some months.

Poor John, at this blow to his hopes, burst out with a declaration of his love, and the sheer impossibility of his continuing to live for months without a sight of his idol. The father listened to his pleadings for some time in stony silence; but, at last touched, by his evident distress, granted him permission to see his daughter once more to take farewell of her, on condition that he plainly understood that they would never meet again. This statement proved, alas! but too true, though Mr. Robin had little idea how veritable a prophet he would be proved to be. Mrs. Robin would never have sanctioned this meeting, but she being *hors de combat*, Dorothy was sent for to the library, where the father left her and John alone together, saying he would return in a quarter-of-an-hour.

A most pathetic scene ensued, in which both bound themselves to mutual love and faith till death, and as the 15 minutes were nearing to a close, John produced me from his waistcoat pocket, where I had lain since the day of purchase, and gave me as a keepsake to Dolly, explaining to her my use, and begging her to employ my services should she ever need his help while absent. "A letter, with this emblem of Government on it, is bound to be safely delivered if addressed to me, and should there be no word enclosed but that of your whereabouts, I will be with you, my darling, in less time than you would deem possible." Scarcely had he spoken these words, which Dolly never forgot, than Mr. R. returned, and, frightened by the pallor of the weeping girl, told John in softened tones that it would be better for Dorothy that he should go at once, with which request the young man, desirous of sparing her further suffering, immediately complied.

My connection with him ended here, and was never renewed, for John and Dolly met again no more.

She made a tiny silk bag for me and hung me round her neck.

That very afternoon her mother feeling better sent for her and told her to make all preparations for an early start next morning. "Only nurse will accompany us, and I will tell you after we have started where we are going."

Their destination revealed itself after the second change of horses. Mrs. Robin's only sister who lived in a little village in the centre of Yorkshire, had invited them to stay with her at any time. The reason for the mother now availing herself of this invitation was that Lord Noddy—a nobleman of most unenviable fame, but of unimpeachable birth—was residing at his chief seat in the immediate neighbourhood. This elderly roué had made the acquaintance of Mrs. Robin and her lovely daughter at the house of a wealthy banker, to whom Lord Noddy owed many a good gold piece. Struck with a vivid and outspoken admiration for the graceful timid girl, who had so evident a shrinking from a fear of him, so unlike those of her sex with whom he commonly associated, Lord Noddy lost no time in making friends with the "vulgar old cat, her mother," as he disrespectfully termed his would-be mother-in-law when her back was turned, and begged her for an opportunity to renew the acquaintance—this she was now going to grant him.

Between the importunities of her mother and aunt, added to those of her distasteful suitor, the poor girl was driven almost distracted; and when her mother publicly announced her engagement to Lord Noddy, she resolved to write to John and make use of me as he had said.

Luckily, her aunt had what was considered a large correspondence in those days, receiving sometimes as many as two letters in the course of the week.

For days after Dolly had taken her resolution, she roamed about the park, seeking for an opportunity to confide her precious letter to the postman's care.

She was, alas! so often foiled in her attempts, either by the appearance at the critical moment, of her mother, or, what was worse, of Lord Noddy, who would at once surround her with unwelcome attentions, that at last she confided her plan to her old nurse, and with many tears and entreaties prevailed on her to help her in this difficulty. But the mother outwitted them both, by bribing the housemaid Mary to watch

daily for the postman, and recover any letter given him in secret, for which device she would receive £10.

This the girl accomplished; hiding behind a tree, she observed nurse watching in the drive for the return of the postman from the house, and having put into his hands a small white object return hurriedly to the back door. Biding her time Mary waited till the official was safely outside the Park gates, when she ran wildly after him, crying, "Miss Dolly wants her letter back, she says she won't send it after all." Now the postman being a guileless youth and withal much taken with Mary's rustic charms, fancying he was rendering an obligation through her to Miss Dolly, returned the letter with a grin, remarking—"Young ladies to be sure do change their minds and surely I don't grumble at it, seeing as how its given me a chance to please you, Mary."

The maid smiled brightly and ran back in triumph, to receive her reward; without giving another thought to the poor girl, whose only hope now, unknown to her, had perished.

From day to day Dolly waited on, suffering all the miseries of hope deferred and confined almost entirely to her room, the only place where she was secure from the hated presence of Lord Noddy.

At last she took to her bed and her mother who "had had no patience with her sulks", became alarmed and sent for the nearest surgeon. He took a most serious view of the case and the father being apprised of his daughter's danger, came as fast as post-horses would bring him, only to find his loved child breathed no more, John's name being the last upon her lips.

Bitter was now the grief of both parents and vain their regrets that they had not permitted Dolly to follow the dictates of her heart. Mr. Robin on his return home acquainted John by letter with the sad news, begging him not to come near them, as the sight of him would bring with it memories too sad to be borne. Mrs. Robin fell into a state of melancholia; she could not make up her mind to destroy the last words penned by her child, but at the same time she was in terror lest anyone should discover her mean and cruel action. It was not till 1880, on her death-bed, that she confessed all to her husband and begged that he would have John's letter delivered to him or to his next of kin, without fail.

Mr. Robin feeling, that at his advanced age no time was to be lost, gave the letter into the hands of his trusted man Caleb, with instructions to deliver it with the utmost speed.

Caleb returned from the accomplishment of his mission in time to inform the fast-failing old man, that on enquiry he had found, that by a most curious coincidence Mr. Smith had paid the debt of nature on the very day on which Mrs. Robin had died. After thirty years of vainly-sought-for forgetfulness, he had married a young orphan cousin, left entirely dependent on him and whose short married life had been devoted to his happiness; she died three years after their union, and he did not long survive her.

They left behind them an only son Gerald, to whom Caleb had entrusted the letter.

Now this Gerald, then a boy of ten, was already an enthusiastic stamp collector, and although not much interested in the contents of the letter, comprising merely an address in the North of England, signed "Your own Dolly," he fully appreciated me, for my various excellencies, and mainly for the fact that I was printed in a different colour to those mentioned in the catalogues. I became the admiration and envy of all who indulged in the fascinating study of philately, and my proud owner gained the soubriquet of "Penny Blue Gerald." In 1893, Gerald became the sole inheritor of his father's vast fortunes, and from this time till his murder, four years later, he spent much of his time in France, where he had many vested interests. At this age, he was the image of his father, beloved by all who knew him, and universal distress and horror reigned among his friends on the discovery of his shocking death.

Had I only the gift of speech, I could have then told all; but I had been removed by force from my loved master's stamp collection, and wrapped in a piece of grease-proof paper, placed in a tiny cardboard envelope, and securely sewn in the lining of the murderer's coat, between the stiffening and the padding.

An autopsy of my poor Gerald's corpse proved that he had died of poison, the traces of which were found in one of two cups of coffee standing on a table close beside his body. The fact of two cups having been used, gave rise to a suspicion of foul play, but one such small thread of circumstantial evidence will make no rope to punish crime, and he *might*, of course, have used both cups himself. Yet it was impossible to believe that he had committed suicide; therefore an open verdict was returned.

Gerald's rooms were in a well-known hotel, on the lowest floor of which were a set of reception salons.

The evening of his death, a ball was being given in these salons by friends of his, at which he



## Correspondence.

## "ENTIRE" OR "CUT SQUARE."

To the Editor of E.W.S.N.

DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me, as a very humble philatelist, to say a few words on the vexed question you have been discussing in your columns whether envelopes should be collected "entire" or "cut square." To a certain extent I agree with the opinion of your opponent, "Veteran." To me there is, as a rule, very much of interest in the envelope besides the stamp, which is altogether lost if the stamp be cut out. Even in the case of adhesives—though, personally, I do not care about the collection of adhesive stamps on the original envelopes—it cannot be denied that much of interest as to the date of issue, or the identification of some particular plate number, may be lost by the stamp having been soaked off its envelope; in fact a valuable stamp may in this way have been rendered practically valueless, as would be an Archer Perforation if once removed from the envelope, which can alone prove it to be genuine. I do not, however, suppose that even "Veteran" would advocate the collection of adhesives only on "entires," nor be ready to criticise the "folly of Philatelists" who prefer, as a rule, a collection of adhesives without their original envelopes. To my mind it is neither correct to say that envelopes should invariably be collected "entire," nor to say that to cut the stamps square is an enormity unworthy of a philatelist.

To argue with "Veteran" that a stamp, as Philatelists regard it, is the whole envelope, wrapper, or postcard is merely to beg the question. Some postcards, as for instance, the early French, were issued without any "stamp" at all impressed upon them. It was necessary to affix an ordinary adhesive stamp on a certain square marked for the purpose of receiving it, and it would be no more true to say that this postcard without a stamp is in itself a "stamp" than to say that ordinary unstamped telegram forms are "stamps," and that a collection of British stamps would be incomplete without them. No, a postage stamp is that which, whether impressed, or embossed or gummed on the card or envelope denotes the amount of the postage prepaid, but whatever we may consider to be the true definition of a "stamp," it should I think be one object of the stamp collector to make his collection illustrate everything that may be of interest in connection with the history of the stamps which he collects, and certainly in the case of postcards and wrappers this can only be done by collecting them "entire."

Again the official envelopes of most Foreign Countries, as for instance those of the various German States with their coloured inscriptions, or the earlier envelopes of India, with their quaint coloured scale, or those of the various Indian States, with their distinctive arms beneath the stamps, contain so much of interest, that to cut out the stamp is to ruin the envelope, and make it in many cases impossible to identify the issue, and these therefore should I think most certainly be collected "entire."

It is however when we come to consider the collection of British Stamps—and you Mr. Editor have, I believe, in your remarks on this subject had only British envelopes in view—that the question arises not merely whether some envelope stamps may not be legitimately "cut square," but whether it is not to fill up a collection with a quantity of unnecessary and worthless paper to do otherwise.

In the case of British envelopes there is a broad distinction between those officially issued, and those stamped to order. The former were issued in various sizes, some with scale, others without, and a collection of British envelope stamps would I think be incomplete without specimens of the different varieties of envelopes on which these stamps have been officially issued. On the other hand envelopes "stamped to order" may be of any size, within the postal regulations, and on any paper. The collection of the various dies used for the purpose of stamping them is

most interesting, but in this case the shape and size of the envelope, the character of the paper, etc., are of no interest whatever, it is the stamp and the stamp alone which is worthy the attention of the Philatelist, and these therefore should I think undoubtedly be "Cut Square."

Again, with regard to official envelopes, while the size and shape of the envelope, the seal and the flap are all of interest and should be all illustrated in a complete collection, a subject of still greater interest to the stamp collector is the study and identification of the various dies which have been used for the purpose of embossing the stamps upon them. An absolutely complete collection would I suppose exhibit every variety of envelope on which each die has been impressed. To me, however, such a collection would be a weariness. It would not only be cumbersome and unwieldy, especially as envelope stamps being embossed and having also the die number embossed upon them can only, if placed in an album, be preserved from damage by friction and pressure by the use of sunk mounts, but it would also lose much in interest by making it difficult if not impossible for the various die numbers to be brought together for examination and comparison. While, therefore, a collection of British envelope stamps would be incomplete and lose much of interest, if it did not contain specimens of "entire" envelopes of every shape and variety issued in each series, a collection of these stamps showing the die numbers is made not only less unwieldy, but also far more interesting and instructive if the stamps of the various die numbers can be arranged together, and this can only conveniently be done if the envelopes themselves are discarded, and the stamps arranged neatly "cut square." Such at least is the opinion of one who has paid some attention to the difficult but interesting subject of British envelopes.

Yours truly,

A.O.

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## EARLY DATE RECORDS.

To the Editor of E.W.S.N.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your table of early date records, I think the subject is likely to be generally interesting, as it must always be more satisfactory to know that a stamp is actually in existence used at such and such a date than merely the bare notice that it was supposed to have been issued to the public at a certain time. For myself it has decided me in starting a page or two of dated specimens in my collection and I have no doubt the carrying out of the idea in the "E.W.S.N." will suggest the same to other collectors. Anything that adds to the interest of our hobby is an advantage as it leads to a more attentive study of our postal issues. At the same time I think that if you extend the record list it should be done gradually so that as many collectors as possible may have the opportunity of improving the records as the object should be to make as perfect a list as possible. The chief difficulty is that collectors have not been in the habit of preserving fully dated postmarks in conjunction with the stamps and many early dates must necessarily be missed in consequence.

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## JANUARY.

THE following countries first issued stamps:  
France, 1849; New South Wales, 1850;  
Brunswick, 1852; Hamburg, Lubeck, 1859;  
Gibraltar, 1886; Prince Edward Island,  
1861.

- Jan. 1, 1852. N.S.W., laureated issue.  
" 1872. Ceylon, cents issue.  
" 1878. Registration Envelopes issued.  
" 1880. 1d. Venetian red, Great Britain.  
Jan. 7, 1882. British Guiana Provisionals.  
Jan. 13, 1863. Turkey, first issued stamps.  
Jan. 15, 1862. British, 9d., small letters.  
" 1880. Ceylon, 2 rupees, 50c. issued.  
Jan. 16, 1862. British, 4d., small letters. Stamps  
"perf. 14" first issued (as far  
as is known).  
Jan. 28, 1854. Perforation of stamps commenced.  
" 1862. Plates for Printing Bahamas, St.  
Lucia and Trinidad stamps  
delivered up by Messrs. Perkins,  
Bacon & Co. for transference to  
Messrs. De La Rue & Co.  
Jan. 31, 1841. Earliest known date of use of  
a "penny red" British stamp.  
" 1863. Cape, 1/- emerald, triangular,  
sent out from London.

## FEBRUARY.

- Feb. 1, 1876. Special series of Telegraph  
stamps issued in Great Britain.  
" 1891. Railway Letter Fee Stamps first  
issued.  
Feb. 7, 1859. Ceylon, 1/9 green, despatched  
from London.  
Feb. 10, 1841. Official date of issue of first 1d.  
red British stamps. First issue  
also of 1d. pink envelopes (re-  
placing the Mulready envelopes)  
Feb. 12, 1856. Finland, first issued.  
Feb. 15, 1870. Current 10d. British first issued.  
Feb. 18, 1858. Cape Triangular, 6d. and 1/- first  
issued.  
Feb. 20, 1854. Earliest known date of use of a  
perforated stamp (excepting  
Archer's).  
Feb. 25, 1882. St. Vincent, plates transferred  
from Messrs. Perkins, Bacon  
& Co.  
Feb. 28, 1855. Great Britain, 1d. s.c. II. 14,  
first issued (the first of the re-  
engraved die).  
Feb. 29, 1872. Earliest known date of 2d. plate  
14.

## MARCH.

- March 1, 1851. British Guiana, 2c. first issue,  
catalogued £300, issued.  
March 1862. N.S.W. (De La Rue types) first  
issued.  
March 1, 1854. Grt. Britain, 6d. octagonal  
issued.  
" 1, 1865. Grt. Britain, 3d. rose, large  
white letters, first issued.  
" 1, 1876. Grt. Britain, 4d. red, coloured  
corner letters, first issued.  
March 6, 1855. Grt. Britain, s.c. II. 16, issued.  
March 8, 1889. Current 1d. and 1d. Jamaica  
issued, also first Tasmanian,  
1/4d.  
March 10, 1873. Bermuda, first 3d. issued.  
March 14, 1866. Bermuda, first 2d. issued.  
March 16, 1857. First Ceylon stamps despatched  
from London.

## MARCH. continued.

- March 25, 1871. Tasmania, first 3d. & 5/- issued.  
Also first, Bermuda, 1/4d. and 1d.  
March 31, 1874. Grt. Britain, 6d. grey, coloured  
corner letters, first issued  
(plate 13).

## APRIL.

- The following Countries first issued stamps:—  
1851, Denmark; 1854, India; 1851, Canada.  
Apr. 1, 1865. Great Britain, 6d. lilac, large  
white letters, first issued; 1872,  
6d. brown, and 1884, the lilac  
and green series 1/4d. to 1s. and  
high values, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and  
£1 first issued.  
" 1870. St. Christopher, first issued stamps.  
Apr. 2, 1883. First Tasmanian envelopes issued  
Apr. 4, 1867. Turks Islands first issued stamps.  
Apr. 10, 1855. Bremen first issued stamps; 1861,  
Cape 1d. woodblocks printed.  
Apr. 11, 1851. First Trinidad stamps issued (for  
local use only); 1863, First per-  
forated stamps issued in Bel-  
gium.  
Apr. 12, 1861. Cape 4d woodblocks printed.  
Apr. 15, 1840. First adhesive stamps printed  
(namely: the 1d. black Great  
Britain.)  
" 1867. Heligoland first issued stamps.  
Apr. 17, 1852. Barbadoes first issued stamps.  
Apr. 27, 1840. First plate of 1d. black registered,  
had been printed from 12 days  
previously.  
Apr. 30, 1852. N.S.W. 6d. laureated issued.

## MAY.

- The following countries first issued stamps:—  
1851, Baden; 1857, Ceylon; 1861, St.  
Vincent; 1871, Hungary; 1879, Bulgaria.  
May 1, 1840. First adhesive stamps issued (Gt.  
Britain).  
" 1860. Most West Indian Colonies took  
over the control of their post  
offices from the Home Govern-  
ment, thus opening up the way  
for the issue of special sets.  
" 1862. Great Britain, 3d. adhesives,  
first issued; 1882, £5 postage  
stamps, first issued; 1886, India,  
1/4s. 6p., issued.  
May 4, 1874. Dominica, first issued stamps.  
May 6, 1840. Adhesive stamps, first allowed to  
be used in payment of postage.  
May 9, 1853. First stamps for Africa (Cape  
triangulars) despatched from  
London.  
" 1859. Trinidad, 4d., 6d and 1/-, first  
issued; 1860, India, 8 pies,  
issued.  
May 11, 1863. Nova Scotia, 2c. issued.  
May 13, 1881. 1d. rose. envelope stamps, un-  
dated dies, returned to use.  
May 14, 1861. Gt. Britain, earliest known date  
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France, 1849; New South Wales, 1850;  
Brunswick, 1852; Hamburg, Lubeck, 1859;  
Gibraltar, 1886; Prince Edward Island,  
1861.

Jan. 1, 1852. N.S.W., laureated issue.  
" 1872. Ceylon, cents issue.  
" 1878. Registration Envelopes issued.  
" 1880. 1d. Venetian red, Great Britain.  
Jan. 7, 1882. British Guiana Provisionals.  
Jan. 13, 1863. Turkey, first issued stamps.  
Jan. 15, 1862. British, gd., small letters.  
" 1880. Ceylon, 2 rupees, 50c. issued.  
Jan. 16, 1862. British, 4d., small letters. Stamps  
"perf. 14" first issued (as far  
as is known).  
Jan. 28, 1854. Perforation of stamps commenced.  
" 1862. Plates for Printing Bahamas, St.  
Lucia and Trinidad stamps  
delivered up by Messrs. Perkins,  
Bacon & Co. for transference to  
Messrs. De La Rue & Co.  
Jan. 31, 1841. Earliest known date of use of  
a "penny red" British stamp.  
" 1863. Cape, 1/- emerald, triangular,  
sent out from London.

## FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1, 1876. Special series of Telegraph  
stamps issued in Great Britain.  
" 1891. Railway Letter Fee Stamps first  
issued.  
Feb. 7, 1859. Ceylon, 1/9 green, despatched  
from London.  
Feb. 10, 1841. Official date of issue of first 1d.  
red British stamps. First issue  
also of 1d. pink envelopes (re-  
placing the Mulready envelopes)  
Feb. 12, 1856. Finland, first issued.  
Feb. 15, 1870. Current 10d. British first issued.  
Feb. 18, 1858. Cape Triangular, 6d. and 1/- first  
issued.  
Feb. 20, 1854. Earliest known date of use of a  
perforated stamp (excepting  
Archer's).  
Feb. 25, 1882. St. Vincent, plates transferred  
from Messrs. Perkins, Bacon  
& Co.  
Feb. 28, 1855. Great Britain, 1d. s.c. II. 14,  
first issued (the first of the re-  
engraved die).  
Feb. 29, 1872. Earliest known date of 2d. plate  
14.

## MARCH.

March 1, 1851. British Guiana, 2c. first issue,  
catalogued £300, issued.  
March 1862. N.S.W. (De La Rue types) first  
issued.  
March 1, 1854. Grt. Britain, 6d. octagonal  
issued.  
" 1, 1865. Grt. Britain, 3d. rose, large  
white letters, first issued.  
" 1, 1876. Grt. Britain, 4d. red, coloured  
corner letters, first issued.  
March 6, 1855. Grt. Britain, s.c. II. 16, issued.  
March 8, 1889. Current 1d. and 1d. Jamaica  
issued, also first Tasmanian,  
4d.  
March 10, 1873. Bermuda, first 3d. issued.  
March 14, 1866. Bermuda, first 2d. issued.  
March 16, 1857. First Ceylon stamps despatched  
from London.

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## MARCH. continued.

March 25, 1871. Tasmania, first 3d. & 5/- issued.  
Also first, Bermuda, 4d. and 4d.  
March 31, 1874. Grt. Britain, 6d. grey, coloured  
corner letters, first issued  
(plate 13).

## APRIL.

The following Countries first issued stamps:—  
1851, Denmark; 1854, India; 1851, Canada.  
Apr. 1, 1865. Great Britain, 6d. lilac, large  
white letters, first issued; 1872,  
6d. brown, and 1884, the lilac  
and green series 4d. to 1s. and  
high values, 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and  
£1 first issued.  
" 1870. St. Christopher, first issued stamps.  
Apr. 2, 1883. First Tasmanian envelopes issued  
Apr. 4, 1867. Turks Islands first issued stamps.  
Apr. 10, 1855. Bremen first issued stamps; 1861,  
Cape 1d. woodblocks printed.  
Apr. 11, 1851. First Trinidad stamps issued (for  
local use only); 1863, First per-  
forated stamps issued in Bel-  
gium.  
Apr. 12, 1861. Cape 4d woodblocks printed.  
Apr. 15, 1840. First adhesive stamps printed  
(namely: the 1d. black Great  
Britain.)  
" 1867. Heligoland first issued stamps.  
Apr. 17, 1852. Barbadoes first issued stamps.  
Apr. 27, 1840. First plate of 1d. black registered,  
had been printed from 12 days  
previously.  
Apr. 30, 1852. N.S.W. 6d. laureated issued.

## MAY.

The following countries first issued stamps:—  
1851, Baden; 1857, Ceylon; 1861, St.  
Vincent; 1871, Hungary; 1879, Bulgaria.  
May 1, 1840. First adhesive stamps issued (Gt.  
Britain).  
" 1860. Most West Indian Colonies took  
over the control of their post  
offices from the Home Govern-  
ment, thus opening up the way  
for the issue of special sets.  
" 1862. Great Britain, 3d. adhesives,  
first issued; 1882, £5 postage  
stamps, first issued; 1886, India,  
4s. 6p., issued.  
May 4, 1874. Dominica, first issued stamps.  
May 6, 1840. Adhesive stamps first allowed to  
be used in payment of postage.  
May 9, 1853. First stamps for Africa (Cape  
triangulars) despatched from  
London.  
" 1859. Trinidad, 4d., 6d and 1/-, first  
issued; 1860, India, 8 pies,  
issued.  
May 11, 1863. Nova Scotia, 2c. issued.  
May 13, 1881. 1d. rose, envelope stamps, un-  
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The Editor will be much obliged for early news of New Issues, or intended New Issues, or of Discoveries of interest to Stamp Collectors. Full acknowledgment given. If possible specimens should be sent in order that illustrations may be prepared.

ERRATA.—In last week's note of the New Issues for Dutch Colonies, line 8, for "20c. carmine and blue" read "20c. green; 25c. carmine and blue."

CEYLON.—The *P. J. of India* is informed by Mr. G. Alston that the new 6 cents has already appeared in two varieties. Plate No. 1 is light-rose and has no "jubilee line" round the sheet, whilst No. 2 is a rich rose colour and has the "jubilee line." A 6c. letter-card was to be introduced on November 1st.

Letter-card, 1d. bright green, design similar to that hitherto used for the 5c. envelope.

The following were also to appear

Postcard, 6c. "geranium lake."  
Reply card, same.

This new stationery is being manufactured by the Ceylon Government Printing Office.

NEW ZEALAND.—The new bi-coloured 4d. was issued on August 29th, according to a correspondent of the *P. J. of India*.

SAMOA.—We mentioned in our issue of November 18th, that the current stamps had been overprinted "Provisional Govt." Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., now send us further particulars:—

¾d. green, overprint red.	
1d. red .. ..	blue.
2d. yellow .. ..	red.
4d. blue .. ..	red.
5d. red .. ..	blue.
6d. marone .. ..	blue.
1/- rose .. ..	blue.
2/6 mauve .. ..	red.

These stamps will shortly be superseded by German ones overprinted.

COLOMBIA.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. also send us two provisionals for this Republic;

5c.  
10c.

together with the following information:—

The 5c. and 10c. stamps were issued at Cartagena last month.

Our correspondent at that place says, 'that owing to the revolution which broke out on October 20th, communication with the capital was cut off, so that supplies of stamps could not be got to Cartagena, hence these provisionals were made, 500 each of 5c. and 10c; the smudgy surcharge is meant for three stars, and is a sort of official seal or guarantee.

The stamps being locally printed, this surcharge is put on at the time of sale at the post office, as a sort of safeguard in case of any unauthorized leakage, no stamps being available without the surcharge. We can guarantee these authentic, as the letter in which they came to us was prepaid with two of the same stamps; we only received twenty of each."

We have been asked to give publicity to the following Circular, which request we have much pleasure in acceding to:

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PHILATELISTS' WAR RELIEF FUND

December, 1899.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

A Committee has been formed under the auspices of the London Philatelic Society, acting in conjunction with other Philatelic Societies and many of the leading collectors and dealers, for the purpose of inaugurating a special subscription from philatelists for the War Relief Fund.

Collectors generally throughout the United Kingdom are invited to contribute gifts of stamps (in collections or otherwise) or other articles connected with Philately, which will be sold by public auction and the proceeds divided between one of the Mansion House Funds and the *Daily Telegraph* Fund.

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All gifts of stamps should be sent, if possible, before the 25th January, 1900, to the undersigned, c/o Philatelic Society, Effingham House, Arundel Street, Strand.

It is proposed to append to the Catalogue a list of the names of all the contributors.

The Committee hope that this scheme will receive the support of collectors and dealers all over the Kingdom, and will result in the addition of a substantial sum to the War Funds.

Yours faithfully,

WALTER BULL, | Joint  
HERBERT R. OLDFIELD, | Hon. Secs.

## Cutting from the General Press.

It is an interesting fact that the special 2½d. stamp which was issued to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the island of Grenada by Columbus, was designed by Lady Frances Moloney, the wife of the present Governor. The sales of this issue, which amounted to over £500, had the effect of producing a slight falling off in the sale of the ordinary stamp of that value. Without doubt, a considerable portion of the £528 which was obtained for the special issue was drawn from the pockets of collectors. —(*The Daily Graphic*.)

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## for 1900.

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## Editorial Notes.

Elsewhere we refer to the reasons for giving our subscribers four pages only this week. Owing to the enormous number of letters and parcels sent through the post at Christmastide, I suppose we can hardly blame the Post Office in being a day or so late, but as stated, the delay has prevented us from giving the usual eight pages. It was a question of waiting till Wednesday or making a modest appearance at the usual time.

The following extract is interesting and shows clearly the advantages American publishers have over those in this country and explains why weekly stamp papers, which have flourished for several years in the United States have not sooner made their appearance on this side of the Atlantic.

"At present the inland or domestic rates of postage in the United States are divided into four classes. First class mail matter includes letters or anything closed against inspection, and is charged two cents or one penny an ounce; second-class mail matter, which embraces newspapers, periodicals and other printed matter issued at fixed intervals, but at least four times a year, is delivered free to subscribers within the county where it is published, and outside at the rate of one cent or a halfpenny a pound; third-class mail matter comprises printed books, pamphlets, etc., and pays one cent or a halfpenny every two ounces, and fourth-class matter including everything not appertaining to the other three classes, and sent in such a manner that it can be readily inspected, is charged at the rate of one cent or a halfpenny an ounce, except seeds and plants, which pay only one cent or a halfpenny every two ounces.

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From to-day till December 30th, letters for the Editor should be addressed "H. L. Ewen, Swanage, Dorset."

## Notes of the Week.

NOTICE.—All communications for the Editor should be addressed to H. L. EWEN, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E., to arrive not later than Thursday morning for notice in the issue for the same week. CORRESPONDENCE, English, French, German & Spanish.

Mr. F. Broad recently shewed us a letter sheet, blue paper, horizontal silk threads, stamped in pale rose from the 1d. die 67, and measuring 9½in. H x 7¼in. V. According to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, the official letter-sheets measured 9 x 7¼in.

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The same correspondent also sent for our inspection a 1d. black with distinct mauve cancellation, that had every appearance of being genuine.

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In quoting the corner letters of a stamp, it is well to remember that it is the almost universal practice with collectors reconstructing sheets to give those of the lower corners. We say "almost," as every now and then we meet with collectors who prefer to go by the top corners, which is not only confusing, but does not admit of uniformity, as many stamps, such as the 1d. blacks, only have letters in the lower corners.

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Judging by the number of orders received, there can be but few subscribers to "E.W.S.N." who have not yet sent in their orders for the fine set of unused Colonial Stamps we are now offering. The demands made on our resources having been so unexpectedly large, we have been cleared out entirely of high values of B.C. Africa, Fiji Islands, Lagos, Niger Coast, St. Lucia, and Sierra Leone, but fresh supplies have been ordered. It is noticeable that four of the six are

Africans, and for the lower priced sets. More than half the orders received last week were for Africans. In an early number we will publish a return showing which sets have been most sought after. Remember that money devoted to the purchase of these sets is not *spent* but *invested*.

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Mr. G. Alston writes to the *P. J. of I.* that the Ceylon 25 cents and Rs. 1.12, overprinted "On Service," are now obsolete, the other values so issued are the 2, 3, 5, 15 and 30 cents.

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A correspondent of the same paper understands that British New Guinea is to have stamps of its own, instead of using those of Queensland as at present.

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Canadian Dealers say that this season is the best they have experienced in the stamp line for many years. Especially is this true among the young collectors.

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The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* has been resuscitated, and will be published in future by Mr. P. C. Bishop, one of the former editors.

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We recently received a series of Indian stamps overprinted "Postal Service," viz.: ½a. green, 9 pies rose, surcharged "One Anna," 1a. violet, 2a. blue, 4a. olive, 8a. mauve, 1r. green and rose. A correspondent informs us that these are used in accounting for the duty on parcels collected in India by the Post Office. They are affixed to the parcel receipts, which are then forwarded to the head office at Calcutta and eventually destroyed (or supposed to be).

The stamps should not reach the general public, either used or unused, but of course they do! From this it would appear they belong to a fiscal rather than a postage collection, although it is a little difficult to see what difference there is between a stamp used in payment, say, of a registration or insurance fee on a parcel and those employed to pay Customs Duty on it.

## Review of the Philatelic Press.

*The Philatelic Journal of India* (November). Contents:—Mysore Fiscals (E. W. Wetherell). Philatelic Amenities—The Satsuma vase (by J. Godinho). The Philatelic Society of India.

*The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* (December 10th). Philately Month by Month.

Early English Postal Service—The Coins of the Postmasters (by H. Heywood). Commemorative Stamps Issued. New Mexican Stamps. Stamps of Holland (from *Le Timbre-poste*). English Minor Varieties (by S. C. Skipton). Guatemala Provisionals, 1897-99.

*The Philatelists' Supplement to the Bazaar* (December 13th).

Notes on Swiss Stamps (by F. B. Troup). English 1d. Plate Numbers. Errors. Board of Trade Officials.

*The Junior Stamp Collector* (December). Biographical Notes to the Argentine Stamps of 1889-91 (by W. Kühn).

*The Metropolitan Philatelist* (Nov. 25th and Dec. 2nd).

*Meeke's Weekly Stamp News* (Dec. 7th).

*The Weekly Philatelic Era* (Dec. 2nd). Those Guam Stamps. Old New York Post Offices.

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In describing compound perforations, a correspondent of the *P. J. G. B.* suggests that the initials of the words "vertical" and "horizontal" should be added. Thus "14 H x 13 V" signifies "perf. 14 at top and bottom and 13 at sides." In the case of a very irregular perforation, one might add the initials T (top), B (bottom), L (left side), or R (right side); e.g., "Perf. 14, T + 13 B x 13 V." There is no doubt then as to what is meant, provided one is aware beforehand that the signs represent perforation and not an algebraic problem.

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**GREAT BRITAIN.**—The *Monthly Journal* describes a new variety of the 40 paras envelope for the Levant:—

"We have received a copy, used at Constantinople, on November 21st, 1899, of the 2½d. envelope, with the surcharge, "40 PARAS" in quite a different type from that commonly known, the figure "4" is open at the top, and the whole overprint is a smaller and thinner type. Whether this is a local surcharge applied to ordinary 2½d. envelopes, or whether it is a bogus curiosity, we cannot say."



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—The 2½d. value has now been issued, printed in blue.

**BELGIUM.**—The current 10c. stamp will not have the colour changed to rose, as a new design for this value is in preparation.—(The *Monthly Journal*).

**FRANCE.**—The current French stamps have been overprinted "Alexandria" and "Port Said," for use in the French post offices established there.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—We hear that the 4½d. stamp has been withdrawn from issue. The new colours are to appear on Monday. Collectors should keep specimens dated the first day of issue, as these are always interesting.

**GOLD COAST.**—The 2½d. blue and red has been reissued here; we presume until a fresh supply of the new type has been received. The new type 1/- has not been issued at all, although catalogued over a year ago.

## Cutting from the General Press.

The new Paris Exhibition stamp has been ordered from M. Eugène Mouchon. The design represents the Republic seated, holding in her hand a tablet on which is written, "Droits de l'homme." The value of the stamp is surrounded by laurel wreaths, and underneath are the words, "Republique Française." This design will be used for the stamps of ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five and thirty centimes. The design for the stamps of forty centimes and one and two francs will be drawn by M. Luc Olivier-Merson.—(The *Daily Graphic*).

## STAMP COLLECTORS TO CONTRIBUTE.

A scheme has been inaugurated under the auspices of the Philatelic Society, London, for the purpose of raising money from stamp collectors resident in the United Kingdom for the Transvaal War Funds. Collectors are invited to forward gifts of stamps and other articles connected with philately, which will be offered for disposal by public auction. The sale, which will take place early in February next, will be conducted by a well-known firm of London auctioneers free of all expense, so that the entire proceeds will be available for the sufferers. All gifts of stamps should be sent to Messrs. Bull and Oldfield (care of the Philatelic Society), Effingham House, Arundel Street, Strand.—(The *Morning Post*.)

## Review of the Philatelic Press.

The Coins of the Postmasters. Thus Mr. N. Heywood in the *P.F.G.B.* :

"Whilst the franking of letters by the use of adhesive stamps in our Islands date from 1840 the earlier methods of transit were mostly negotiated by a cash payment on delivery.

The first inland post was established by Charles I. who in his proclamation of 1635 refers to the uncertainty of communication between England and Scotland (which took 6 days).

The rates were:—80 miles, 2d.; 140 miles, 4d.; greater distances in England, 6d.; to Scotland 8d.

At the close of the civil war the dearth of small change made commercial transactions difficult, and to meet the requirements of the times Corporations, Traders, and others issued their own coins called "Tokens."

Their issue between 1649 and 1672 probably reached 20,000 varieties and the Post Masters and Post Mistresses in England and Ireland contributed their quota.

The issue continued for about a quarter of a century and the tokens of the Post Masters and Post Mistresses were superseded by a sufficient supply of copper money from the Royal Mint."

A list of the issuing post offices is given.

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The *Bazaar Supplement* contains an interesting article on Swiss stamps, all the numerous silk-thread varieties being carefully tabulated. It is not generally known that the colours of the threads were changed each year. The issues of 1854 have a yellow green thread, those of 1855 a dark green thread, whilst in 1856 it is either yellow, red, blue or black, according to the value of the stamp, and so on.

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*Board of Trade Officials.* We quote the following from the same paper:—

"Mr. Wootton, of Thirsk, writes, giving a list of several of these stamps, among them being the current 3d., which has not hitherto been noted by any of the correspondents who have communicated with us on the subject. So far, then, the list of stamps perforated with a crown over B.T. is:

- ½d. slate.
- ½d. lilac (perf. sideways).
- ½d. vermilion.
- 1d. lilac.
- 2½d. purple on blue.
- 3d. brown on yellow.
- 4d. green and brown.
- 5d. lilac and blue.
- 6d. purple on red.
- 1s. green.

Thus, as regards the current issue, we have not yet heard of the 2d., 4½d., 9d., and 10d.

As to the stamps perforated with the shield of the City of London, Mr. M. Z. Kuttner writes to us that the said shield merely denotes that the stamp was used, or intended to be used, on business connected with the Corporation. Mr. Kuttner says that he has seen quantities of these stamps, as described in our Supplement, used by the City of London School.

Readers will understand that, though we have spoken of these stamps in the same article which treats of the Board of Trade labels, the status of the two is very different; for the B.T. stamps are undoubtedly Government Officials, just as much as the I.R., O.W., &c., while nothing of the sort can be claimed for the stamps with City arms.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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AT HOME AND ABROAD.



## Catalogue of British Colonial Stamps.\*

THE following Catalogue of British Colonials is compiled on entirely new lines. In the first place, a distinct line is drawn between stamps and varieties; secondly, surcharged stamps are treated as varieties; thirdly, the stamps are classified according to their engravers; and lastly, some attempt has been made to show how long stamps remain in use, and not only when they were issued.

The first column gives prices for unused specimens; the second column, those of used specimens, postally used; the third column those for specimens in any condition, either fiscally used, penmarked, or printed upon in any way. This last column has been substituted for that giving exchange quotations and will it is believed, prove of greater interest to readers. Offers for collectors' duplicates can be made at any time by the publisher.

**LABUAN (N.W. Borneo).** Area, 30½ square miles; population in 1891, 5,853; revenue in 1891, 840,287.



First issue (Colonial), 1879-92.

1. 2c. green (1879)	..	..	1/6	5/0	—
2. 2c. rose (1886)	..	..	0/3	0/2	—
3. 6c. orange (1879)	..	..	12/0	10/0	—
4. 6c. green (1892)	..	..	1/0	0/4	—
5. 8c. rose (1882)	..	..	3/0	3/6	2/6
6. 8c. mauve (1886)	..	..	1/0	0/4	—
7. 10c. brown (1880)	..	..	1/9	0/4	—
8. 12c. rose (1879)	..	..	35/0	30/0	5/0
9. 12c. blue (1892)	..	..	2/6	0/6	—
10. 16c. blue (1879)	..	..	8/6	10/0	4/6
11. 16c. grey (1886)	..	..	3/0	0/6	—
12. 40c. amber (1883)	..	..	6/0	0/8	—

Varieties:—

1879 Wmk. CA. over a Crown (not the usual "Crown CA." watermark), sideways, 2, 6, 12, 16c. (first colours).  
1880 Crown CC., perf. 14, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16c. (first colours).  
1883 Crown CA., perf. 14, all except 6c. orange and 12c. rose.  
1892 Engraved, no wmk., perf. 14 and 1893, same, lithographed, 2, 6, 8, 12, 16, 40c. (second colours). The 10c. brown was also lithographed.

In 1880 the 12c. rose was surcharged and sold as 8c., and the 16c. blue as 6c. In 1883 the 16c. blue was surcharged \$1, and in 1885, the 2c. green, as was also the 8c. rose. In 1891-93 the 8c. mauve, 16c. grey and 40c. were surcharged and sold as 6c., and the latter also as 2c. Since 1893, the stamps of the British North Borneo Company, overprinted "Labuan" have been in use here.

### NOTICE.

WILL COLLECTORS KINDLY NOTE THAT THE PRICES GIVEN IN THIS CATALOGUE ARE NOT THOSE AT WHICH I SELL?

They are intended to represent the average prices in the various Standard Catalogues. I do not attempt to keep every variety always in stock, but only purchase on favorable occasions. My sale prices are based on what I pay, and allowing a fair rate of profit on capital employed, will be found to be as low as those of any other dealer. If I secure a parcel of stamps, catalogued, 1/-, for 4d., I am prepared to sell at 5d. or 6d., so long as the parcel lasts (although at any given moment in the course of the year I might not be able to supply at less than 1/-)

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## Philatelic Amenities.

By J. GODINHO.

(From the Philatelic Journal of India.)

We must leave it to metaphysicians to explain the tendency of man to collect. Every age exhibits this tendency in varying forms, and in our days the craze for collecting "Old China" at vast expense has been very prominent.

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Some time ago an auction sale was advertised in Bombay. The property was that of an old family of merchants carrying on business with Ceylon. The property, as usual, was placed on view, and numbers of people turned up to inspect the articles.

N——— too was attracted to the spot. He had gone there without any definite purpose, except to while away his time and to gratify his curiosity. He was, however, greatly struck by the behaviour of two Chinamen, who were carefully examining a vase about 18 inches in height. Their examination was most minute. They took it into the verandah, held it towards the light, critically studied the painting on it, and had evidently come to one conclusion, for they looked at the case with evident wonder. As they were returning to the room, a sharp click made them pause. The Chinaman who held the vase had unwittingly pressed its neck——it had yielded. The neck was adjustable and could be screwed in and out, when screwed down, it effectually closed the bowl and seemed to be of one piece with the rest of the vase. The Chinaman opened it and pulled out a roll from its interior, but finding it to consist only of two covers containing some documents, he replaced the roll, closed the vase, and carefully deposited it in its place. But N———'s eye had noticed stamps on the envelopes as the roll was unwound. From the distant he could not distinguish the stamps, but the roll was evidently old, and that was enough. Barely had the Chinaman left the premises when N——— opened the vase and pulled out the roll. The stamps on the two covers took him by surprise. One cover had a superb copy of the 8d. brown, while the other bore an even finer pair of the 4d. rose, Ceylon. Both were imperforate, for the covers were postmarked 1858. Trembling with excitement and alarmed, lest someone else might discover the treasure, he quickly consigned the roll to the vase, and the vase to its place. He visited the room frequently to make sure that no one else had discovered

his secret. His troubled soul even then was not quite at rest, for, although no philatelist visited the place, it was with some mortification that he observed a few Chinamen and Japs eagerly admiring the identical vase.

At last the day of the Auction arrived. The doors were scarcely thrown open when a throng of people rushed in. N——— was one of them. His first care was to dart a glance in the direction of the vase. It was there, just as he had placed it the evening before.

The "Satsuma" vase was lot No. 158. It was hardly held up by the auctioneer for display, when a Chinaman offered Rs. 30, another raised the offer to Rs. 50, and a Jap increased it to Rs. 100. Then commenced a furious competition among the Celestials and the original bid had risen to Rs. 250. N——— was stupified. He could not understand what these Chinese idiots were bidding for. He had not yet opened his mouth. These Confucians had apparently gone stark mad. They seriously interfered with his calculations. The vase was about to be knocked down for Rs. 250, when he entered the lists. The appearance of a rival at this stage exasperated the Chinamen. The biddings rose to Rs. 350. N——— was determined not to let the stamps escape his hands and the lot was at last decided in his favor for Rs. 400. He paid down the amount, and at once left the premises with the precious vase. Arrived on the stone landing outside, with trembling hands, he opened out the vase, and looked down into its cavity. It was empty!

A fit of giddiness came over him, and the vase, slipping from his hands smashed with a crashing, crackling sound into a thousand fragments. The sound with its almost metallic resonance reached the ears of the Chinaman who rushed out to behold the cherished "Satsuma" resolved into countless fragments on the stone pavements.

After the Auction there was naturally some talk about the "Satsuma" vase. The senior member of the firm of Auctioneers could have thrown some light on the incident, if he had made public a little note which he handed to his assistant who was conducting the sale, it ran thus:—

8th January, 1899,

M——— & Co.,

Auctioneers.

GENTLEMEN,

My wife tells me that she left two documents in old covers in the "Satsuma" vase (Lot No. 158). These refer to her properties in Ceylon, please secure the documents as they are.

Yours, &c.,

M—S—.

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203.	60 " B.C.A. on B.S.A. ...	2/9	3/1
204.	60 " B.S.A., 1895 issue ...	3/0½	3/8
205.	200 " B.S.A., re-engraved ...	2/0½	2/7
206.	100 " Canada, 4 leaves ...	1/5½	1/9
207.	120 " Gibraltar, peseta issue ...	3/0	3/6
208.	20 " Gold Coast, old ...	2/7	3/4
209.	20 " Brit. Guiana, surch. ...	6/9½	7/9
210.	120 " B.S.A., 4d. pale blue, 1895 ...	0/4	0/5
211.	St. Vincent, line-engraved ...	2/10	3/4
212.	" 2½d. and 5d., surch. ...	0/7½	0/9
213.	" 5/- rose ...	5/0	5/10
214.	Grenada Jubilee... ...	0/2½	0/3
215.	Newfoundland Jubilee, 1c. to 60c., set of 14... ...	9/0	10/6
216.	Canada, 2c. map, 3 shades ...	0/3	0/3½
217.	Mauritius, 2.50c. on 5/- ...	3/5	3/11½
218.	St. Helena, 5/- orange ...	5/0	5/10
219.	" ½d. to 1/-, old ...	2/7	3/0

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301	Bahamas, 5s. sage-green ...	5/0	—
302	" £1 venetian-red ...	20/0	—
303	Barbados, 2/6 black & orange ...	2/6	2/11
304	B.C. Africa, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, £1, £10 ...	229/6	—
309	B.E. Africa, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 rupees ...	20/6	—
314	" 10, 20, 50 rupees ...	108/4	—
317	Brit. Guiana, 48c., 72c., 96c. ...	9/0	10/6
320	Brit. Honduras, 50c. grey on 1/- ...	2/0	—
321	B.S. Africa, 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, ...	7/6	8/9
324	" 4/-, 5/0 ...	9/0	10/6

		Face Value.	Nett Price.
326	" 10/- ...	10/0	11/8
327	" 20/- ...	20/0	23/0
328	Cape, 5/- brown-orange ...	5/0	5/10
329	Ceylon, 1.12c. rose ...	1/6½	1/9½
330	" 1.50c. surcharged ...	2/1	2/5
331	" 2.25c. ...	3/2	3/8
332	" 2.50c. brown on red... ...	3/6	4/1
333	Cyprus, 18pi., slate and brown ...	2/0	2/4
334	" 45pi., lilac and blue... ...	5/0	5/10
335	Falkland Islands, 2/6 blue ...	2/6	—
336	" 5/- brown-red ...	5/0	—
337	Fiji Islands, 5/- black and rose ...	5/0	—
338	Gold Coast, 2/- green and rose ...	2/0	2/4
339	" 5/- lilac and blue ...	5/0	5/10
340	" 10/- lilac and red ...	10/0	11/8
341	" 20/- ...	20/0	23/0
342	Hong Kong, \$1 on 96c. black ...	2/0	2/4
343	India, 2, 3, 5 rupees ...	13/9	—
346	Jamaica, 2/- brown-red ...	2/0	2/4
347	" 5/- violet ...	5/0	5/10
348	Lagos, 2/6 green and rose ...	2/6	—
349	" 5/- " blue ...	5/0	—
350	" 10/- " brown... ...	10/0	—
351	Leeward Islands, 5/- green and blue ...	5/0	5/10
352	Malta, 2/6 ...	2/6	2/11
353	" 5/- rose ...	5/0	5/10
354	" 10/- ...	10/0	11/8
356	Mauritius, 2.50c. violet-brown ...	3/5	3/11
357	New South Wales, 5/- (Coin) ...	5/0	—
358	" 20/- blue... ...	20/0	—
359	New Zealand, 2/- blue green... ...	2/0	—
360	" 5/- red ...	5/0	—
361	Niger Coast, 2/6 olive ...	2/6	2/11½
362	" 10/- violet ...	10/0	—
363	Queensland, 2/- red-brown ...	2/0	—
364	St. Lucia, 5/- lilac and orange ...	5/0	—
365	" 10/- " black ...	10/0	—
366	St. Vincent, 5/- ...	5/0	5/10
367	Sarawak, 1 dollar... ...	2/0	2/4
368	Sierra Leone, 2/- green and blue ...	2/0	—
369	" 5/- green and rose ...	5/0	—
370	" 20/- lilac on red ...	20/0	—
371	South Australia, 2/- rose ...	2/0	—
372	" 2/6 lilac ...	2/6	—
373	" 5/- rose ...	5/0	—
374	Straits, \$5 ...	10/0	11/8
375	Tasmania, 2/6 brown and blue ...	2/6	—
376	" 5/- violet and red ...	5/0	—
377	" 10/- " brown ...	10/0	—
378	" £1 green & yellow ...	20/0	—
379	Trinidad, 5/- green and brown ...	5/0	—
380	" 10/- " blue... ...	10/0	—
381	" 20/- " rose... ...	20/0	—
382	Victoria, 1/6 orange ...	1/6	—
383	" 2/- green ...	2/0	—
384	Virgin Islands, 5/- indigo ...	5/0	5/10
385	Zanzibar, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5r. ...	20/6	23/11

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" "	1882	10	0
" "	1883	75	0
Barbados, 4d. grey	1885	25	0
" 6d. brown	1892	3	6
" 5/- ochre	1892?	22	6
B.C.A., 4d.	1898	2	3
" 1/- rose	1898	3	0
Cape, 1/- green	1893	17	6
" 1/- green	1896	5	0
" 5/- orange	1896	20	6
N.S.W., 5/- violet	1897	17	6
Niger Coast, 2d. green	1894	5	0
" 2d. lake	1898	1	6
" 1s. black	1894	10	0
South Australia, 1d. green	1893	1	6
" 2d. orange	1893	2	0
" 4d. grey	1893	12	6
" 6d. blue	1893	6	0
" 2½d. lilac	1894	2	6

The above are a few instances picked at random; a careful examination would reveal almost numberless instances. On the other hand there are scarcely any examples to be found of obsolete varieties standing at a premium of less than cent. per cent. We are able to offer in another column a few sets of old issues at a fraction over face-value, but can only do so as long as our small remaining stock holds out.

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# Birthdays of well-known Stamps

AND OTHER INTERESTING DATES.

## JUNE.

- June 1, 1850. Austria and 1861, Grenada, first issues of stamps.  
 " 1881. Fiscal stamps first allowed to be used postally in this country.  
 June 2, 1857. Canada, 7½d. issued.  
 June 8, 1867. Emperor of Austria crowned at Budapest as King of Hungary, causing separate issues of stamps for latter country. First surface-printed stamps issued in Austria.  
 June 10, 1859. Bahamas, first issue.  
 June 17, 1872. British ¼d. envelope die first brought into use (for stamping postcards).  
 June 19, 1878. Falkland Islands first issued stamps.  
 June 22, 1867. Earliest known date of use of an English stamp with spray watermark (6d. lilac).  
 June 23, 1897. Inland parcel post rates reduced. Govt. Parcels, 1d. lilac, issued.

## JULY.

- July 1. Following countries first issued stamps:—1849, Belgium; 1850, British Guiana, Victoria; 1881, Cyprus, first issue of Colonial type.  
 July 1, 1859. First cents issue of Canada.  
 " 1876. First De La Rue types for British Guiana.  
 " 1867. Great Britain, 10d. (Spray), 2/- and 5/- issued; 1875, 2½d. issued; 1883, 2/6 issued.  
 " 1875. Universal Postal Union. Letter rate to most countries reduced to 2½d., causing the creation of many new stamps and a large falling off in the sales of 3d., 4d., and 6d. stamps.  
 July 2, 1890. Jubilee envelope issued at South Kensington Museum.  
 July 6, 1883. St. Lucia first issued stamps of De La Rue type.  
 July 12, 1867. Great Britain, 3d. rose, large white letters, wmk. spray, first issued. 1873, same stamp, but coloured letters, first issued. 1881, 1d. lilac, 14 dots first issued, the first "Postage and Revenue" stamp.  
 July 15, 1851. First 2d. Victorian stamp issued.  
 July 18, 1857. Canadian ¼d. issued.  
 July 19, 1871. British Columbia ceased to issue distinctive stamps.  
 July 20, 1864. Cape 1d. and 6d. triangular stamps superseded by those of De La Rue type.  
 July 21, 1855. Earliest known date of use of an English stamp, with large crown watermark.  
 July 23, 1869. Earliest known date of use of Great Britain, 2d., plate 13.  
 July 25, 1865. Great Britain, 4d., large white corner letters, issued.  
 July 26, 1862. Ceylon, unwatermarked issue, despatched from London.  
 July 27, 1878. Cyprus taken possession of by the English.  
 July 30, 1876. Earliest known date of use of 2d. blue, plate 15.  
 July 31, 1855. First British ¼d. stamp issued.

## AUGUST.

- Antigua first issued stamps (1862). British stamps first sold at British Post Offices abroad, 1857 (with the exception of the Crimean Army Post Offices, 1855).  
 Aug. 1, 1851. N.S.W. 2d. laureated issued  
 " 1879. Tobago first issued stamps (fiscals).  
 Aug. 8, 1859. New Zealand's first 6d. issued.  
 " 1876. Tasmania, 4d. yellow, De La Rue type.  
 Aug. 22, 1871. Cape 5/- and Ceylon 32c. and 64c. first issued.  
 Aug. 25, 1840. Colour of obliterating ink changed from red to black in London.  
 Aug. 27, 1875. Jamaica 2/- and 5/- issued.  
 Aug. 28, 1882. Barbados first issued stamps of De La Rue type.

## SEPTEMBER.

- Montserrat first issued stamps, 1876.  
 Sept. 1, 1851. Nova Scotia first issued stamps.  
 " 1853. Cape of Good Hope, 1st issue.  
 " 1862. Great Britain, 6d. small letters issued; 1876, 8d. orange issued.

- Sept. 6, 1851. New Brunswick, first issue; 1870, "Alsace" stamps issued.  
 Sept. 10, 1863. Jamaica, 3d. issued.  
 Sept. 13, 1847. Great Britain, 6d. octagonal issued; 1865, Bermuda, first issue.  
 Sept. 15, 1892. Current 4½d. issued.  
 Sept. 16, 1855. Tasmanian 1d. and 2d., Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s type, issued.  
 Sept. 25, 1878. British 10/- and £1 values first issued.  
 Sept. 29, 1859. British, 2d., plate 8, issued.

## OCTOBER.

- Oct. 1, 1870. Halfpenny stamps and postcards first issued in Great Britain; 1862, 1/- small corner letters issued; 1880, 2/- red-brown issued.  
 Oct. 1, 1854. India ¼ and 1 annas first issued.  
 " 1860. Nova Scotia, 'cents' issue.  
 Oct. 2, 1871. Tasmania, 9d. value issued.  
 Oct. 6, 1854. India, 2a. issued.  
 Oct. 13, 1861. Greece first issued stamps.  
 Oct. 21, 1856. British 6d. surface printed stamps first issued.  
 Oct. 28, 1878. Tasmanian, 8d. value issued.  
 Oct. 29, 1872. Jamaica, ¼d. value issued.  
 Oct. 31, 1890. Leeward Isles, general issue.

## NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 1, 1853. Tasmania, first issue; 1860, Queensland, first issue; 1870, Tasmanian first De La Rue issue; 1869, first stamped envelopes issued in Victoria.  
 Nov. 1, 1849. Bavaria, first issue; 1861, Bergedorf, first issue.  
 " 1854. India, 4 anna, first issue.  
 " 1856. British 1/-, first surface printed issue.  
 Nov. 6, 1848. British 10d. octagonal issued.  
 Nov. 8, 1880. British 2d. rose, De La Rue type, superseded the old 2d. blue.  
 Nov. 10, 1884. Bermuda, first 2½d. stamp issued.  
 Nov. 14, 1876. Dies for printing Virgin Isles stamps transferred from printers.  
 Nov. 17, 1874. Barbados plate transferred from Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.  
 Nov. 19, 1884. St. Lucia, 1d. black and 4d., 6d., and 1/- values issued.  
 Nov. 23, 1860. Jamaica, first issue.  
 " 1871. Plates for printing stamps of Antigua transferred from Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.  
 Nov. 29, 1856. Indian envelope stamps issued.

## DECEMBER.

- Virgin Islands first issued stamps (1866). In this month (1855), envelopes and paper could first be stamped at Somerset House.  
 Dec. 1, 1850. Hanover, first issue.  
 Dec. 7, 1852. N.S.W. 3d. laureated issued.  
 " 1855. Earliest known dated copies of 6d. and 1s. envelope stamps.  
 Dec. 8, 1855. Earliest known dated copy of 4d. envelope stamp.  
 Dec. 10, 1859. Stamps first issued in Queensland (those of N.S.W.)  
 Dec. 12, 1881. Current 1d. lilac British stamps issued (16 dots).  
 Dec. 16, 1861. Bahamas first issued 4d. and 6d.  
 Dec. 18, 1860. St. Lucia, first issue.  
 Dec. 20, 1880. Tobago, first issue of postage stamps.  
 Dec. 22, 1868. Earliest known date of use of British 2d. blue, plate 12.  
 Dec. 25, 1898. Colonial Penny Postage.

## New System of Approval Selections

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| 22. | "     | General.  |
| 27. | "     | Hayti, General (except current).                    |
| 29. | "     | Chili, General.                                     |
| 30. | "     | Cape Triangulars, best.                             |
| 31. | "     | fine.   |
| 33. | 50%.  | Great Britain, 1d. red, perf. varieties.            |
| 34. | "     | 2d. blue "  |
| 48. | 50%.  | Great Britain, 1d. red plates, unused.              |
| 49. | 25%.  | Denmark.  |
| 50. | "     | Norway.   |
| 51. | "     | Sweden.   |
| 52. | "     | Early Victorias (common).                           |
| 53. | "     | Old Australians (common).                           |
| 54. | "     | Danish Colonies and Iceland.                        |
| 55. | 66%.  | Danish Locals and others.                           |
| 56. | 50%.  | British, 2½d. to 1s. plate numbers.                 |
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| 58. | 25%.  | British, 6d. violet, very fine shades.              |
| 59. | Nett. | Queensland, type I., 1d. to 20s., mostly penmarked. |
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| 70. | "    | Spain, collection of 250, priced.                       |
| 71. | "    | Greece, used and unused.                                |
| 72. | "    | Denmark, Iceland, Sweden and Norway.                    |
| 73. | "    | Argentine Republic.                                     |
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| 75. | "    | Bolivia, Nicaragua, Salvador, Costa Rica and Guatemala. |
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