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Stamp News.

The new \$2 stamp of the 1894 issue will be printed in sapphire blue and the \$5 stamp in grey-green. This issue will make a fine addition to our albums, and every collector should try and get the set unused.

The 5 cent red-brown of the 1894 issue has been found with and without the diagonal lines; the same as exists in the 5 cent Garfield of the 1882-88 issue.

A business house in Chicago recently received three 5 cent due stamps, unused, as a remittance for 15 cents.

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A Useful Table.

Collectors are often puzzled to know how to arrange foreign stamps which have the value in words. The following table of Spanish and Italian will prove helpful:

SPANISH.

Medio,	1-2	Cinco,	5
Un,	1	Seiz,	6
Dos,	2	Ocho,	8
Cuatro,	4	Deiz,	10

ITALIAN.

Un,	1	Venti,	20
Due,	2	Trenta,	30
Tre,	3	Quaranta,	40
Cinque,	5	Sessanta,	60
Dieci,	10	Ottanta,	80
Quindici,	15		

Each one of the above languages are used on the stamps of various countries.

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Philately is slowly but surely getting more followers in this part of the state. A drug store in this city recently got an agency from the Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, and in a week the whole stock was sold out. How is that!

Early Philatelic Literature.

We have before us a copy of "The Stamp Collector's Guide," dated Meriden, Conn., May, 1873, which is quite interesting. Among its articles is one entitled "Something New," which says that they, the publishers, have made up sheets of rare stamps with price marked over each, and will send them on receipt of \$1 and the collector can select the stamps he wants. This was the beginning of the approval sheet business.

"Newly Discovered Novelties," is another article, and under this head the Confederate provisional stamps of Goliad, Texas, is illustrated and described. They consist of a pair of 5c on one of which Goliad is spelled Goilad; and a copy of the 10c. The publishers received them from a lady in Goliad, Texas.

The Stamp Plate Craze.

There is no doubt but that the new fad of decorating plates with postage stamps will have a tendency to make some common stamps a little scarce, especially so the lower values of the Columbian issue. The 1c and 2c are used a great deal on plates because of their beauty, and "The Landing of Columbus" of the 2 cent makes a very pretty centre-piece for a plate. These stamps would otherwise be hoarded up, but when cut up and used on plates they are dead to the pliatelic world.

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Maud—"I hear that Mr. Jenkins has turned to a Philatelist."

Jennie—"Shades of Bosnia, what is that?"

Maud—"I asked Brother Will to-day what it was and he said 'a stamp fiend.' I suppose it is some new game or disease."—Every Month.

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