



# The Monthly Philatelist.

ERIE, PA., MAY, 1876.

No. 1

## WHAT IS STAMP COLLECTING?

As an amusement for young people and the older ones, postage stamp collecting secures more deserving of popularity and encouragement than any other pastime whatever. Why? Because time or money spent in making a collection is not thrown away but gives something material to show for it, besides a vast fund of *useful* and valuable information. At the same time one is gaining a most beautiful collection of art specimens as a monument of one's perseverance and love of the beautiful; he is constantly *learning* what will be useful in life, and yet the study is so pleasing that one never thinks of it as work, and hence it is the most satisfactory manner possible of studying geography and history. How different is this from the many, many silly amusements which give no lasting benefits. It is impossible to name an amusement that can at all compare with *Philately*. "Philately?"—we think some one exclaims—"What's that?" We will explain.

Stamp Collecting first became popular in England. From thence it came to America, and extended all over the world. It has its devotees in all climes. Soon after its appearance its advocates deeming "stamp collecting" too commonplace a term, took the word *Philately* to represent it. The word is from the Greek *Philo*, meaning lover of, and *telos* meaning tax. Taxes often being represented by stamps a free translation gives us, *lover of stamps*. *Philately*, then, is a very appropriate name for the pastime.

Stamp collecting first became popular about 1860, and its progress since its rise is indeed wonderful. No thing could make such rapid strides into public favor the world over, unless it did possess extraordinary merit. Prince Arthur of England, the Prince of Orange and many others high in rank, in all countries, are ardent philatelists. Our late merchant prince, A. T. Stewart it is said possessed a collection which he bought for \$5,000 in gold of a collector in Paris, when visiting there some time since. We know of one party who is now making a most magnificent collection which he expects to sell to our government when completed, for ten thousand dollars. The P. O. department is anxious to buy a full collection of all countries, for preservation. Many such opportunities offer themselves for disposing of collections if they are but finely and neatly preserved. No collector need fear to lay out money on his collection because it will always bear a market value which increases every year it is kept. A collector, even if he should happen to tire of collecting, had better keep his book and not sell it under any ordinary circumstances, because it is an interesting treasure and curiosity for preservation.

The stamp collector takes great delight in looking over his treasures from day to day. A well ranged and neatly mounted collection presents so much beauty, so much that is curious and instructive that one never tires of admiring its gems of beauty, its strange contrasts, comparisons, etc.

Every encouragement to the advancement of the delightful pastime among young people, or old, helps to

advance that which is a most pleasing, never ending amusement, and which at the same time gives unmeasurable instruction and benefit. Let parents and teachers give their *proteges* every encouragement when they evince an interest in Stamp Collecting.

S. C. G.

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We offer the free use of our columns for the publication of all articles relating to Philately whether in accordance with our own opinions or otherwise.

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**NEWLY INEDITED STAMPS.**

J. B. S. JR. . . . . EDITOR.

Address all communications to John B. Sewell Jr., lock box 428, Buffalo, N. Y.

**SALUTATORY**

Dear Reader:—I have had the honor conferred on me as Editor of this Department, and in taking charge of it, it is with the intention of making it one of the chief attractions of this paper. The Publisher wishes to make this portion of his paper second to none in Amateurdome, and with a little assistance from my readers, I feel justified in saying that

his hopes will be more than realized.

Hoping that all news that appears in this column will be of benefit to my young friends and collectors, I sign myself,

Philately Yours,  
John B. Sewell Jr.

**NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.**

HOLLAND

Another new Post Card has been issued—5 cent blue and white.

VICTORIA

Has added another stamp to its long list of varieties, viz., one penny, green.

SIERRA LEONE

A new ½d. stamp of similar type with the remainder of the set, has just been issued,—color light brown.

MEXICO

Is to have a post-card soon, value 5 c. Color—Brown.

PORTUGAL.

Two new values have been emitted for this country, viz., 150 reis, light blue, and 300 reis, mauve.

AZORES—MADERIA

Above have also been surcharged for the use of these islands.

PERU.

It is said that the old 1 dinero green is now being used again.

SERVIA.

The black adhesive is now perforated.

CANADA.

The color of the 5 ct. International Stamp has, in a few weeks, undergone quite a change. When first issued, it was a dark gray, and now it is a much lighter color, and has a washed appearance. The 10 cent issued last year is now printed in a very light lilac.

JAPAN

has emitted a newspaper stamp, it is oval.

DUTCH INDIES

have a new one, a 2 cent chocolate.

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**EDITORIAL.**

In placing this Journal before the stamp collecting public, we beg to apologise for our intrusion; but, although there are quite a number of Philatelic Journals now published, there is yet room for one more, besides the larger part of the so called Philatelic Journals are published by stamp dealers and are nothing more than a mere advertising medium for their goods; we shall endeavour to make this an interesting Journal with all classes of collectors, and in doing so, we shall use great care in the selection of articles, both our original and copied matter.

This number being our first, has not so much original matter as we desired, but it was gotten out in such haste that it was impossible to have it otherwise, however we trust that the articles in this number, although not all original, will be interesting.

Hoping all will subscribe, we re-

main, Yours Truly,

The Editor.

—O—

Editors who find our "ad" marked will please insert it *once* and we will give them an equivalent.

—O—

We would call your attention to the advertisement of E. F. Gambs, in another column. We can recommend him as a perfectly reliable dealer and as cheap as any.

—O—

Owing to the tardiness in getting this issue of the paper out, the report of newly issued stamps is not very complete nor is it the very latest news—for we received it from the editor of that department nearly two weeks ago—as we intended to have our paper out then, however, we shall attempt to do better next time.

—O—

We send a copy of this issue to many collectors who have not yet sent us their subscription, we hope all who receive a copy, will aid us by subscribing, or advertising, or both. The low rates asked are within the reach of every body, besides the paper a whole year, we give with each copy a rare stamp.

—O—

There are three distinct systems of stamp collecting—the *French*, the *English* and the *American*, the first of these has long been a recognized institution. Its devotees collect varieties of shades, paper, perforation, in fact everything; the second is a little more conservative, going into the close variations—not in entirety.

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No. 2

## The British System of POSTAGE.

BY L. H. SCHNEIDER.

From North to South, from East to West the messages of the poor as well as those of the rich pass inclosed in an envelope with the postage stamps on it, for which Kings and paupers pay the same price, it is sure to reach its destiny.

Many are the blessings that are called down upon those, whose genius and power brought this into the world.

Foremost in the rank of these stands Sir Rowland Hill.

I do not mean to say by this, that Sir Hill was the first man whose genius invented this, for the pamphlet of M. Piron of the French Post Office of 1840 informs us that as far back as 1635 a M. de Velaye obtained a "privilege du roi" to establish a private post. He placed boxes throughout Paris for the receipt of letters inclosed in stamped coverings, which he sold for a sou apiece. But this method never passed beyond the boundaries of Paris. Sir Hill may have had more predecessors like this one; but none were of much use to the world, while Sir Hill in trying to introduce his system of Penny Postage into England laid the foundations of our present system.

During the session of English Parliament in 1839 this subject was frequently alluded to and numerous petitions were presented. The debates that were held on it in both houses of Parliament are so numerous as to fill about 145 pages about twice the size of our monthly.

On the third of June 1830 the Duke

of Richmond presented petitions from a great number of places in favor of a uniform rate of Penny Postage.

He hoped her Majesty's ministers would, if they reduced postage, adopt the plan of Sir Rowland Hill. He also hoped, that there would be nothing in that bill that would prevent an individual from sending a letter with out a penny cover, because that would be exactly against the principle of Sir Hill, which was to induce and encourage letter-writing. He could not abstain from adverting to one of the grossest abuses, that ever existed in the Post-office Department and that was official franking. He saw no reason why the treasury should not purchase the stamps as other persons, and then it would be known, what the amount of money would come to in this way, and thereby the whole of the abuse of official franks would be got rid of. He would also throw out the propriety of allowing persons, who purchased stamps to send their letter by any stage-coach, carrier or steamboat that might choose to take them, because as long as the revenue was secured, parties ought to have their own option as to the mode of conveyance.

This petition was laid on the table.

See Parl Debates XLVII p. 123.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

There is estimated to be about 5024 varieties of Stamps in the world,—

Europe has,	2404
Asia "	275
Africa "	252
America "	1488
Oceania	605

The above includes post cards, wrappers, envelopes, adhesives.

## Newly Inedited Stamps.

J. B. S., JR.

EDITOR

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### BOLIVIA.

The new set of stamps for this republic has at length appeared. The design, as near as I can describe it, as follows:—The stamps are divided in the center by a curvilinear band inscribed *Correos de Bolivia*. The upper half of the stamp bears a small oval shield containing mountains, llama, etc. on a back-ground of arms and topped by a spread eagle. The lower half contains an open book, inscribed *la ley* with value in words below. Numerals of value occupy each corner. The colors and values are: 5c. ultramarine; 10c. orange; 20c. green; 50c. carmine.

### ST. VINCENT.

The shilling stamp is now printed in dark claret, and the sixpenny in dark green; both on heavier paper than before.

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

A new one shilling stamp has lately been issued by this colony, which supersedes the large square pink shilling stamps so long in use.

### The Mexican Stamps.

Once in a While is responsible for the following:—

"I perceive that in all stamp catalogues published in the U. S. the publisher classifies the Maximilian stamps of Mexico (issued 1865) as two different kinds, the one "lithographed" and the other engraved. I can say with sufficient security that that the former is the only one of the two ever issued by the Mexican Government.

I think probable, some dealers in counterfeiting that issue, have made the stamps appear neater and cleaner than the original, and called them engraved. The originals of that issue are very indistinct.

As I have handled all uncancelled Maximilian stamps sent from here during the past five years and as I have had other information in regard to that issue, I deem this worthy of attention, as stamp collectors are being swindled every day by it.

I have also heard from reliable parties here, that the 3 centavos (brown described in all American catalogues was never issued by the Mexican Government; therefore if such stamps exist they must be counterfeits.

Yours Truly,

F. A. S.

### Philately.

Philately increases our knowledge by leading us easily yet steadily to a study of the world's history.

It sharpens the powers of observation, strengthens the judgment, and develops certain principles of taste.

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We are too modest to presume to think even that our new science is recognized as one of the leading, etc.

Let us come down to things more mundane and try to elevate Philately from a "pastime"—if it be one—let the majority of collectors, those who are known as such, decide if they have no higher motive in Philately, than a momentary "pastime."

A. J. P.

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Editorial.

Readers, we come before you  
this time and we hope you will  
be glad to peruse these pages in  
order to find something which is inter-  
esting to you;—Our Journal has  
been very well received by the Amer-  
ican stamp collectors, —better than  
we expected, but we have room for  
many more subscribers yet, again,  
as we said last month, we send a  
large number of copies out to persons  
who are not subscribers, we wish all  
who receive a copy, and are not al-  
ready subscribers would send us their  
subscriptions, if we receive the en-  
couragement which we expect, we  
shall reward you by enlarging soon.

This month the contents are some-  
what of an improvement on our last.  
But we shall not stop here for each  
month we shall try to make an im-

provement on the preceding month.  
The article on British Postage, wil-  
no doubt be found quite interesting.  
The writer is very well informed on  
the subject, as he has in his posses-  
sion all of the Parliamentary debates.

## A Nuisance.

We find that many collectors hesi-  
tate to subscribe to any new stamp  
Journal which may make an appear-  
ance, because they are afraid that it  
is not worth the subscription price  
asked. There are now published  
several of these, so called stamp  
Journals, which really are not worth  
the postage on them, among these is  
one from Philadelphia and two or  
three from Chicago two of these are  
eight page sixteen column magazines.  
The April number of the one from  
Philadelphia contained just *three* col-  
umns of reading matter, by reading  
matter we mean that which is of in-  
terest to collectors, the remaining  
*thirteen* columns contained the price  
lists of sets etc. of stamps for sale by  
the publisher.—The one from Chicago  
contained just *one half* a column of  
reading matter relating to stamps and  
the remaining fifteen and one half  
columns contained a continued story  
(not relating to stamps) and the  
price lists of the publisher. Now as  
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ers, it would be far wiser to subscribe  
to the *Monthly*, even though it is  
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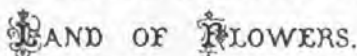
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## The British System of POSTAGE.

BY L. H. SCHNEIDER.

(CONTINUED.)

On the fifth day of July 1839, Francis Baring opened the regular debate. After having shown deficiency in the revenue of £1,000,000. during the past year, he explained his plan of reduction and remarked that before men of common sense, he would make himself ridiculous by proposing to reduce postage to one uniform rate of one penny. To the question what the purport of the resolution was, he gave the answer that it was an expedient to reduce the postage on letters, *changeable on every letter of a weight to be hereafter fixed by law, the parliamentary privilege of franking being abolished and the official franking being placed under strict regulations.*

To consider the subject of postage a committee had been moved for in the previous year. This committee had been together many days; heard the opinions of many persons and at last had proposed a uniform rate of two penny postage.

On this, Mr. Baring gave his opinion as follows: "Now Sir: from the last consideration, which I have been able to give this subject, comparing one proposition with the other, and above all considering the evidence taken before the committee, I find the whole of the evidence, the whole of the authorities conclusively bearing in favor of a penny postage in preference to a two penny postage. And Sir: I am quite sure that in making

an experiment of this nature, it behoves this house to set to work not only fairly and frankly, but largely, in order to come to a satisfactory result, further, I conscientiously believe that the public run more risk of loss in adopting the proposition for a penny postage, than it would if we introduced a two-penny postage." (Parl Deb, xviii p. 1360.)

The many petitions that were presented on the subject from all parts of the country, seemed, as he thought to be manufactured. He spoke of this, as of never having seen so extraordinary a combination of representatives from all classes to one purpose, unswayed by any political motives whatever.

But in his plan there was another point which was to be well considered.

He proposed that should there be a deficiency of the system of penny postage, that deficiency should be made equal by another tax.

He would not ask the members to commit themselves to the question of stamped coverings or pre-payments, but alone to the question of a uniform rate of postage of one penny at and under a weight to be hereafter fixed.

Then after having again spoken favorably of the plan which was to abolish the parliamentary franking privilege he shortened his whole statement into the conclusive resolution which follows:

"That it is an expedient to reduce the postage on letters to one uniform rate of a penny postage according to a certain amount of weight to be determined, that the parliamentary

privilege of franking should be abolished and that official franking should be strictly limited—the house pledging itself to make good any deficiency that may occur in the revenue from such reduction of the postage.”

As we see through Mr. Baring's statement he was a mighty supporter of Sir Rowland Hill's plan. But as great a supporter as Baring was, so great an opposer was the following man, Mr. Goulburn,

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### Newly Issued Stamps.

JAPAN has issued a 5 sen, color: light green.

THE PHILATELIC MONTHLY gives the description of one of the new issue of BRITISH GUIANA, it is as follows: In the centre is a ship with all sails set "*Damus Petimus que Vississim*" encircling it; "British Guiana" at right; "Postage at top; "Two Cents" at bottom; color, orange on white; water marked with crown etc.

SHANGHAI has a new set; viz: 1 can, yellow, 3 can, rose, 6 can, green,\* 9 can, blue, 12 can, brown.

U. S. OF COLUMBIA, has issued a new set. The design of each is different, more about them next month.

SPAIN has issued another entire set viz: 2c. de p. orange yellow, 5c. de p. light brown, 10c. de p. blue, 25c. de p. brown, 40c. de p. dark brown, 50c. de p. green, 1 Peseta dark blue, 4 P. manve, 10 P. vermilion, a set of War Stamps have also been issued.

GUATEMALA has issued a double post card.

NEW ZELAND will soon issue a post-card.

We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of E. F. Gambs on last page; we can recommend Mr. Gambs as a reliable dealer and as cheap as the cheapest.

## Counterfeit Stamps.

Counterfeit stamps began to make their appearance almost as soon as originals found purchasers. The early forgeries, however, were mostly course imitations, and were easily detected; but as the demand for scarce varieties increased, the scoundrels who made a living by swindling little boys, or getting big ones to do it for them, took more care in preparing their dies and printing imitations till at the present time some of the productions almost baffle detection.

The early counterfeiters usually copied old and scarce stamps, and sold them to collectors themselves; but the modern forger counterfeiters all the colonials and better class of cheap stamps as soon as they appear and sell them to unprincipled dealers as *fac similes*, who retail them as genuine.

Hundreds of pages have been written describing these stamps, and we think with, very little effect as the class who purchase of the boys who usually sell these counterfeits do not generally subscribe to or read philatelic papers. There is another class of counterfeits, that is getting more common daily, and we do not think that the attention of the public has yet been called to them; we allude to stamps printed from the dies used to illustrate stamp magazines.

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D. E. Merrill - - - Editor.

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The fashion of stamp collecting came from Europe—its attractiveness pleased us and in a very short time it spread all over the country, it first became popular in about 1860 from that time it has steadily advanced. We remember how only a few years ago we began to make a collection, we got several German, English and French Stamps, and how we cherished them was a caution, in time, our collection increased, we got an album, and more stamps until our collection numbered about 1000 specimens, then we grew tired and weary of the pastime, for it was merely a pastime to us then, and at last sold our entire collection, upon which we had spent so much time, labor and money, for about one fifth of its actual value.

It must be confessed that we Americans are more ardent than constant, we are spasmodic, one day we are wide awake on Philately, the

next day we are about something else. But with all our changeableness, most of us *keep* our collections and are again drawn back to "our old love" and so Philately holds its own "there are no signs of its decadence, it is on the increase."

We find that some of our contemporaries did not or could not appreciate the vast (?) amount of thought consumed in the article entitled "A Nuisance" which appeared in our last. Did the "coat fit" too well?

Next month we shall probably give a history of Postage Stamps.

We are out rather late, but the warm weather was too much for us, we shall attempt to get our next out "on time."

We would call the attention of advertisers to the advantages to be gained by advertising in this journal. It reaches collectors and dealers all over the country including Canada and Mexico, also England, Germany and Australia, every advertiser of Stamps would do well to patronize us. A case of "Satisfaction guaranteed."

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## A PLEA FOR STAMP COLLECTING.

BY TARIA TOPAN.

OF the many manias for collecting with which we are blessed or cursed—have it as you will—stamp collecting is the most subject to ridicule. And why, may I ask? Because the idea of gathering together a parcel of torn and dirty scraps of colored paper is absurd. We never ridicule a person for collecting paintings, engravings, etc. Yet postage stamps have the same care bestowed upon them as the finest engravings. No common engraver is now as of yore called upon to engrave them, but the most skilful labor that the country can command is called into requisition. For instance the British Colonial are engraved mostly by De la Rue & Co., of London, and the United States, Central, and South American stamps by the American Bank Note Company, whose work cannot be excelled, if equaled.

The finest portraits of Queen Victoria that are known to exist, are those upon the Canadian Bill stamps. They are but mere bits of paper, and yet how beautiful they are, when unused. The only authentic view of Sidney, New South Wales, in its earlier days, is upon a postage stamp—poorly and coarsely engraved, but still accurate. Now that the care bestowed upon the engraving of postage stamps has made them

what they should be—works of art, I maintain that every argument that is advanced for the preservation of engravings, paintings, etc., will apply equally as well to postage stamps. But paintings as well as postage stamps are worthless when defaced, and their beauty is destroyed, as well as our object in preserving them. Therefore, if possible, put into your album only unused or very slightly cancelled stamps, and your collection will be fit to grace any parlor table in the land, and become, "A thing of beauty and a joy forever." *S. C. Monthly.*

## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

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stamp.

*Iceland.* A new set has appeared for Iceland of the following values and colors:

5 aur, blue; 6 aur, grey;  
10 " carmine; 16 " brown;  
20 " lilac; 40 " yellow.

*Officials:* 10 aur, blue;  
16 aur, carmine; 20 aur, yellow.

*Luzon.* A new stamp of the value of 2 cents de peseta, and bearing the portrait of Alphonso, has appeared

*France.* The republic will put forth an entirely new set of thirteen shortly, of the following colors and values:

1, 2, 4, 5, 10 centimes, olive;  
15 centimes, violet; 20 centimes,  
red brown; 25c blue; 30c brown;  
40c orange; 75c carmine; 1 franc.

### CONFEDERATE LOCALS.

For some time past there has been a great demand for Confederate Locals. These stamps were issued at different post offices in the south during the early part of the late civil war, by post masters upon their own responsibility, to use until a regular set was prepared. The towns which issued these stamps were Athens, Baton Rouge, Charlestown, Columbia, Fredricksburgh, Greenville, Kingston, Knoxville, Livingston, Marion Lynchburg, Macon, Madison, Memphis, Mobile, Nashville, Uniontown, New Orleans, Petersburg, Pleasantshade, and Rheaton. Many of these are very rare, indeed, they are the rarest in the world, especially the Greenville stamp, only one of which is known to exist, it being valued at about \$50, and the Livingston stamp only two being known to exist, and are valued at about \$35 each.

All of the others except the New Orleans and Memphis, are quite rare and bring very high prices.

The values of these stamps are 2, 3, 5, 10, 15 and 20 cents. They nearly all have the name of the Postmaster or Post Office on them and are unperforated. On account of their rareness they have been quite extensively counterfeited, and so skillfully that only with difficulty can the counterfeits be distinguished from the originals.

### COUNTERFEIT STAMPS.

[concluded.]

But it is a great drawback inas-

much as it distributes a number of accurate dies of different stamps into so many hands that it is impossible to find out who has used them dishonestly.

It requires but little brains for anyone to write to some publisher and order a few electrotypes of engravings "to illustrate a price list with," and then print them in the correct colors, cut off the representation of the perforation, gum and post-mark them, and then sell them as genuine. It would well repay the trouble to compare any doubtful stamp with the illustration of it in any stamp paper, and if is found to be from the same die, or exactly the same as the picture of it, you may be sure it is a counterfeit. *A. J. P.*

### CENTENNIAL STAMPS.

These famous stamps issued by Great Britain, in 1765, for the taxation of the American colonies, and which set the whole country in a blaze of excitement and resentment, are described as follows: In size they measured one and one-half inches in length, and one and one-fifth inches in width. They were printed upon dark blue paper, similar to what is known as tobacco paper, and the device consisted of a double Tudor rose, enclosed by the royal garter, bearing the legend, "*Honi soit qui mal'y pense*," above which was a representation of the royal crown, and below it a statement of the money value of the stamp.

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-ial.

This month we come before our readers in a new dress, and altogether a changed appearance, whether we shall make this form a permanent one or not is not definitely known yet, but one thing, however, is certain, and that is, we shall be on tinted paper hereafter.

*To those who have not already sent us their subscriptions.*

This month we shall commence at the beginning of our long list of addresses, and send one specimen to each collector, and all those who do not subscribe before the next number is issued will not receive that number. Bear this in mind and subscribe so that you can receive the paper regularly. Price 20c per year with a foreign stamp with each no.

Our friend Durbin of the *Philatetical Monthly* very kindly tells us to "Blow your own horn," and then tries to blow it for us.—he

says he couldn't appreciate the product of the article, "a nuisance," which appeared in our columns some time since. We do not wonder that he could not, why should he? We fully appreciated the product by the letters we received relating to it.—Nearly all of those whom it hit had sense to answer it privately and not publicly as he did, he simply implied these words "The coat fits; that means me." Better not have said anything about it, friend. But let us drop the subject as it is neither interesting to us or to our readers.

To all persons subscribing to this paper before Sept. 5th we will give a packet of fifteen Foreign stamps worth 25c, besides the twelve rare ones for the year.

For good copies of no. 1 or 2 of this paper we will give 4 months subscriptions.

We did not receive the Mss. for the article on British Postage in time for publication, therefore the space which should be occupied by that is filled with other matter, which though got together on short notice we trust will be equally interesting.

### Newly Issued Stamps.

The 3c *Sarawak* stamp has been surcharged "2 cents."

*Persia* has a new set now in use, the values are 1 schahi black, 2s blue, 4s vermilion, 8s green. They are not very nicely engraved and could be easily counterfeited.

*Hungary* has a new black 20kr

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*Centennial Stamps.—continued.*  
the legal documents required to be stamped, they were attached to them by means of a narrow strip of tin foil, whose ends were passed through the stamp and parchment and fastened upon the under side by means of another piece of paper, bearing a rude design and the number of the stamp, which is pasted over them.

According to Bancroft, England not only gave up the stamp tax, but defrayed the expenses of the experiment and ordered the stamps returned to the office from which they were issued,

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No. 6

## THE BRITISH SYSTEM OF POSTAGE.

Continued from no. 3.

**H**R Goulburn dissenting entirely from the views of his predecessors, thought there would be a deficiency of £500,000 to £1,000,000, which parliament would be called on, to supply, although on the subject of postage itself, and the system to be adopted he concurred much with his predecessor. He knew it was no trifle of consideration to place at hazard a revenue of £1,500,000; though it was connected with the prospect of ultimately increasing the wealth and prosperity of the country, yet this was a certain revenue free from doubt and yielded the annual sum of 1,000,000.

He felt not surprised at the proposal of a three penny postage, and he assented, that a penny postage would sooner succeed than a two penny postage, and he agreed that if an experiment were made, it must be general.

Mr. Hume, having listened with great interest now rose, giving his view in few words. He said it was certainly a bold act to try, but he thought the 15,000—20,000 letters, that were daily sent by members of parliament would, if

they were in future charged, help to make up the deficiency in the first and second years, but when it would be in fair operation, the deficiency would not be greater, than Sir Rowland Hill had estimated it (3,000,000—5,000,000)

Mr. Wallace, chairman of the committee on postage, who was convicted, that the defalcation in the first year, would be fully paid back in 2 or 3 years, thought England would also have the honor of the invention, and it would be blameworthy, if for the sake of a loss of 500,000, which would be paid back in 2 or 3 years, they would let this chance pass, and besides it would be the greatest boon not only to England but to the whole human race. When Mr. Hill proposed his plan, he knew well it was a matter worthy to be considered, and he knew also, that by inquiry into it, its worth would be proven. The effects of his proposal were that 320 petitions were presented in favor of that measure in 1838, and that in the sessions in which this was debated, an increase of more than five times the sum of the foregoing year, viz.: 1,800 had been presented. That was one proof of the public's interest. Another was that in two months from the time the reports were

printed, they were already out of print. At the end of Mr. Wallace's address, he praised Mr. Hill thinking him entitled to the everlasting and grateful thanks of his country.

Now Mr. Peet, then an opposer, rose, objecting strongly to the financial plans and the proposed pledge of parliament. Nevertheless he was quite cautious in all his expressions and although the highest authorities were for the plan of Mr. Hill, he thought that quite a decision was the condemnation given by the Secretary of the post office, Colonel Malberly, which he gave as follows:

(To be continued.)

*Note:* In the last number, there was a mistake in the first word, printed in italics "changeable" for "chargeable."

### A HISTORY OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Now that stamp-collecting is such a wide-spread recreation, it will be of interest to many to learn that the second postage stamp in the United States was engraved by Thomas Chubbuck, of this city, at Brattleboro Vt., over 27 years ago. Mr. Chubbuck was in Brattleboro from 1845 to 1848, while his invalid wife was undergoing treatment at a water-cure there, and had an office directly over the post-office, by

which he became intimate with F. N. Palmer, the postmaster. At that time, it cost five cents to send a letter, and prepayment was optional. Postmasters' salaries, moreover, were graded, as they are now to some extent, by the amount taken in at the office, and the postmaster at New York, thinking that the people would be more apt to prepay their postage if they could do so by means of stamps, had some struck off at his own expense. One of these reached the Brattleboro postoffice and the plan commended itself to Mr. Palmer's judgment, who determined to increase the revenue of his office if possible, by this means.

Accordingly he employed Mr. Chubbuck to prepare a copper plate for him, containing eight stamps, and had five hundred printed.

They were printed in black ink upon buff paper, and were about the same dimensions as those now in use. The design was very simple, consisting of an octagonal center, differing from the border in the direction of the tinting lines. The center contained the initials of the postmaster, "F. N. P.," in fac-simile of his handwriting, above it was "Brattleboro," below, "five cents." and on the sides "P. O." Before the five hundred stamps were used up

the government began to publish postage stamps, and their destruction was ordered, both of the stamps on land and the dies. Hence has happened the extreme rarity of the stamps, which has led some to doubt their existence.

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The stamp trade is again "on the rise," with the advent of winter and long evenings many of the collections, which were laid aside last spring, are again hunted up, dusted, and examined, and collect

ors are enthusiastic as ever, for "Philately is a science that never grows old." they find that their collections have increased in value largely, they will also find that many of the stamps that were in use last year, are obsolete now, and new ones have appeared in their place. To chronicle these new issues is one of the objects of this paper, we can safely say that it is the cheapest stamp paper in the world. Collectors, you are earnestly requested to subscribe, you will and the paper a valuable aid in collecting.

READER:—

We want *you* to get up a club of subscribers to this paper, we will allow eight cents for every subscriber you obtain at twenty cents per year, and five cents on every one at fifteen cents per year. 25 per cent given on advertisements. To the person sending the largest club of subscribers before November 25th, we will give a prize of 250 rare stamps besides the commission. *Here is a big chance.*

"The monthly Philatelist" published at Eric, Pa. It has nothing to say against the *Triumph Stamp Co.* of that place but from the fact that nearly a column is taken with the advertisement of

this company, it is to be inferred that the publisher is somewhat identified with these swindlers." *Stamp and Coin Journal.*

As Mr. Casey has taken it upon himself to publish the above, we must make an explanation, which is very easily done, in the first place, the advertisement of "nearly a column" in length occupied a trifle more than one half a column; now we would simply say that we have had nothing to do with this company for more than eight months other than to insert their advertisement twice; and the reason we have said nothing against, is because we were entirely unaware of their fraudulent business until about the time that the company collapsed, which was about two months ago, and we have issued but one number (Aug. and sept. combined) since then, and the "copy" for that was sent to the printer prior to our discovery, besides it would be useless to expose the company after it had ceased to exist.

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**A RARE STAMP.**

We give below an accurate engraving of one of the rarest postage stamps ever issued. It has quite a history connected with it, being the direct cause of the removal from office of the Honorable Charles Connell, Postmaster General of New Brunswick, and thinking a relation of the same might prove of interest to our readers, we have gathered hastily from various sources the following:

In the year 1860, the change in the currency of New Brunswick necessitated the issuing of a new series of stamps for that province, and accordingly Mr. Connell contracted with the well known American Bank Note Company of New York City for the preparation of a set.

In due time the stamps arrived and were placed on sale. They were six in number, the values and colors being 1c., brown; 2c., orange; 5c., green; 10c., vermilion; 12½c., blue; and 17c., black. The designs were all different. A



locomotive on the 1c.; the head of Victoria on the 2c. and 10c.; an ocean steamer at sea on the 12½c.;

the head of the Prince of Wales on the 17c.; and Mr. Connell's own portrait on the 5c.

From this brief description, it is clear that the stamps formed a most beautiful and interesting set. Mr. Connell's idea of putting a different design on each stamp was doubtless obtained from the earlier issues of Canada, and that it afterwards became very popular was demonstrated by other governments issuing their stamps upon the same plan, as for instance the last issue of United States, Newfoundland, etc.

When the government authorities learned that Mr. Connell had had his likeness engraved upon the 5c. stamp, their indignation knew no bounds. They considered it a direct insult to the Queen and an abuse of the confidence reposed in him. Taking into consideration the efficiency with which he had performed his official duties during his administration we think his offence (?) might have been overlooked. But no; these hot-headed government officials had political reasons for desiring his removal and they intended to improve this opportunity to attain their ends. They immediately met to decide what

action to take, but they were saved from taking any decided steps, for seeing that trouble was likely to follow, Mr. Connell sent in his resignation.

This ended the matter. A new postmaster was appointed and the sale of the five cent stamp was stopped. Another one of the same denomination and bearing the bust of Queen Victoria, shortly made its appearance.

As the stamp was in use but a few days, only a very few passed through the postoffice, and as these speedily found their way into the albums of collectors, it became exceedingly rare and has remained so ever since. On account of its connection with the ex-postmaster it took his name, and is known by those who are acquainted with its history as the *Connell*.—*Am. Philatelist*.

#### *History of*

### **POSTAGE STAMPS IN THE U. S.**

(concluded from no. 6.)

Mr. Chubbuck had a single sheet of the stamps in his book of samples of his work, for a number of years, but finally sold them, about three years ago, to a New Haven gentleman, who gave him one dollar apiece for them, leaving the engraver chuckling over his bargain. Meeting the gentleman sometime after, Mr. Chubbuck learned that he had sold them for \$10 apiece, "but the man I sold them to" said he, "got \$20 apiece for them" This gentleman wrote an account of the stamps, which was published, with Mr. Chubbuck's knowledge in an English Postal magazine, with a woodcut of the stamps.

In consequence of this publication, Mr. Chubbuck has received numerous letters enquiring about the stamps, and offering generous prices for copies of them, one man being willing to give \$100 for the original plate, if obtainable. The plate, however, has been destroyed, and the stamps are never met with except in the albums of some philatelists who have been fortunate enough to secure a copy of this rare curiosity.—*Springfield Republican*.

### **NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.**

*Switzerland* has a post-card stamp 10c. oval, red on white, no border to the card.

*Heligoland* has a new double post-card, it consists of two 5pfen green cards joined together.

*Caboul* issued a set of stamps some time since, printed in grey lilac, each value is separately engraved consequently there are as many varieties of each value as there are stamps on a sheet. The values are 1shai, 2s., 4s., 8s., and 1 rupee.

*Argentine Confederation* has issued a 5 centavo stamped envelope, oval in shape, "Republica Argentina" above, value on each side and below, head of Rivadavia to left in center, color red.

*Curacoa and Suriname* have post-cards, value 15 cents, Curacoa, buff card board, red-brown stamp. Suriname, buff cardboard, grey stamp.

*Antioquia*, has a new 1 centavo, rect. black on white also 1c. black on green, unglazed.

*Luxemburg*, 5 centimes, yellow, probably will be used also as official.

*Canada* has a new stamped envelope, head of Victoria in oval, value, three cents.

*Salvador* will issue a stamped envelope soon.

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