



The American Philatelist.

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No. 1.

STAMP COLLECTING.

Its rise, progress, etc.

AS an amusement for young people, or the older ones, stamp collecting seems more deserving of popularity 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 to 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 for studying geography and history.

How different is this from the 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 de-

votes in all climes.

Soon after its appearance, its advocates deemed "stamp collecting" too commonplace a term, coined the word *Philately* to represent it. The word is from the Greek *Philo*, meaning lover of, and *telos* meaning tax. Taxes being often 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 in 1860, and its progress since its rise is something wonderful. No amusement could make such rapid strides in 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 own merchant prince, A. T. Stewart, is said to possess 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 making a most magnificent collection which he expects to sell to our government when completed, for \$10,000.

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 treasure from day to day. A well arranged and neatly mounted collection presents so much that is curious and instructive that one never tires of admiring its gems of beauty, its strange contrasts and comparisons.

Every encouragement to the advancement of this delightful pastime among young people, or old, helps to advance that which is a most pleasing and 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. and C. Trader.*

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS

HUNGARY.

The new series for this country has appeared. The design consists of figure of value in centre,

crowns above, post-horn below, all surrounded by a wreath, "*Magyar kir posta*" below.

CANADA.

A ten cent rose has been in use for several months. The design is similar to that of the current six-pence.

HELGOLAND.

The change in the coinage of Germany has necessitated a new set being issued for this country.

The values are as follows.

1 pfennige.	10 pfennige.
2 pfennige.	25 pfennige.
6 pfennige.	50 pfennige.

They are all of the same color: red and green.

NATAL.

A 5 shilling violet has recently been issued for this colony.

UNITED STATES.

Our government has recently issued a set of twenty-four stamps to be used by the publishers of newspapers and magazines for the prepayment of postage on their publications. Full particulars of these will be given in our next issue.

GERMANY.

A set of 6 adhesives is now in use. Values and colors are as follows:

3 pfennige,	violet.
5 pfennige,	green.
10 pfennige,	rose.
20 pfennige,	blue.
25 pfennige,	brown.
50 pfennige,	slate.

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Address,

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JANUARY, 1875.

NOTICE.

This journal was announced to appear in magazine form. (8 page and cover) but owing to lack of time we are unable to do as we intended at present.

When we shall enlarge we cannot definitely state, but presume it will be in April next.

EXCHANGES.

We will exchange with any paper published, but the postage on the same must be invariably prepaid by the publisher.

We print an edition of seven hundred copies this month.

OUR NEXT NUMBER.

The next number of this paper will appear promptly on the 25th of February. Everything intended for insertion must reach us by the first of the month.

PRIZE ESSAYS.

Desiring a number of original articles for publication in this paper, we offer this month the following prizes. Open to all.

1. For the best accepted article relating to postage stamps or their collection, we will give a year's subscription to *The American Journal of Philately*.

2. For the best accepted article upon the revenue stamps of any one country, we will give a copy of Pemberton's *Stamp Collector's Hand-book*, an elegant volume, profusely illustrated with over 700 engravings.

All articles must be received before the 10th of February next.

Write plainly on commercial note paper, (half sheets) one side only.

PERSONAL.

The Globe Stamp Co. have removed their place of business from Janesville, Wis. to Burlington, Ia.

We understand that Mr. D. A. K. Andrus, of Rockford, Ill., one of the principal dealers in the U. S., has retired from the stamp business.

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When answering any of the above advertisements please state: "Saw advertisement in *American Philatelist*."



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Vol. 1 CLEVELAND, OHIO, FEBRUARY, 1875. No 2

The Newspaper Stamps.

By Joseph J. Casey, A. M.

N. Y. Dec. 31. 1874.

Sir:

Your letter requesting an article from my pen was mislaid, and only turned a few days ago. I cannot say that I am sorry it had not been noticed sooner, as I am now in a position to give your readers a full description of the new newspaper stamps, about which so much has already been said and written in the newspapers of the day, and of which nothing correct has as yet appeared in any stamp paper. The information published in the *Journal of Philately*, being incorrect in nearly every particular. Having seen the stamps themselves, I am in a position to describe each one, or rather each design. A general description, embodying the main points of this article was written the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* two months ago; but as this paper has died out rather ingloriously, for lack of support, the matter did not appear in its columns.

The newspaper stamps as you

are aware, are twenty-four in number. Just think of it, Philatelists, twenty-four stamps for one set. Twenty-four stamps which any collector can purchase for two hundred and six dollars and sixty-six cents, and all bright and new, as it is doubtful at present, if any canceled specimens can be procured. The regulations as to the use of these stamps are very strict. The stamps are to be put on the stubs of the receipt book, canceled by means of a punch, kept at the local post-office, and at the end of the year, or quarter as the case may be, must be forwarded to the Post Office at Washington as vouchers for the receipts given to the publishers. What will be done with them there, no one can tell at present.

The stamps are of the following values:

- a. 2c., 3c., 4c., 6c., 8c., 9c., 10c.
- b. 12c., 24c., 36c., 48c., 60c., 72c., 84c., 96c.
- c. \$1, 92c., \$3, \$5, \$9, \$12, \$24, \$36, \$48, \$72

The stamps are all of the same size: 2x1 1/2 inches; the general design consists of a small statue as a vignette in the center of the

stamp values in words below, in figures in upper corners; *U. S. Postage* above; *Newspapers* on left edge; *Periodicals* on right.

In stamp *a* all the stamps are printed in the same color, black, and have the same design, identical in every respect, except the expression of value. The design represents an emblematic figure of American liberty to right, evidently the figure of an Indian clothed in long flowing robes.

It is ornamented with a head-dress of eagle plumes and ostrich feathers, and seems to be looking forward to the good time he will have in the collector's album, in the company of Kings and Queens.

In stamp *b*, the design is changed, but remains the same for all the values, and is printed in carmine.

The design represents a full length figure of Justice fronting in long flowing robe and cloak, coat of mail, and girdled sword. The left hand rests on a shield, the right upholds balance. The head wears an ornamented helmet, ornamented with small eagle.

In stamp *c*, the designs and colors are all different. The vignette in the \$1.92 represents *Agriculture*. It is printed in a deep, rich

brown.

The \$3 represents *Liberty*, and is printed in vermillion.

The \$6 represents *History*, and is printed in rich blue.


The \$9 bears the figure of *Minerva*, the color being orange.

The \$12 represents a *Vestal Virgin*, the color being bright green.

The \$24 bears the figure of *Juno*, and is printed in purple.

Commerce is the vignette on the \$36, *Hebe* on the \$48, while the figure of *Minnehaha* decorates the \$60, the colors being respectively claret, light claret and purple.

I haven't thought it necessary to give a minute description of these stamps, as the mere mention of the vignette will give a good idea of what the figures are. The frame-work, letters, and ornamentation differ in each one. The Continental Bank Note Company of this city, to whom the contract for making these stamps was given, has certainly produced a set, unique in every particular, beautiful in appearance, and perfect for richness of color, fineness of execution, and originality of conception.

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FEBRUARY, 1875.

Notice.

We regret exceedingly our late appearance this month. Other matters, however, having occupied our attention to such an extent as to render it impossible to issue it before, we trust our readers will excuse us for once and will take care that it does not occur a second time. Our March number will be issued on the 15th and the April number—which will be enlarged—will appear on

the 30th of April, after which we shall be careful not to get behind again.

To Advertisers.

Advertisers will much oblige by sending in their advertisements immediately; if they are not received by the 14th inst. they cannot be inserted in the March number.

IMPORTANT.

We desire to call the attention of all to the fact that the postage on this paper is prepaid *in full* by us.

PERSONAL.

As will be seen by their advertisement on the fourth page, the Star Stamp Co., of Boston, Mass and Reading, Pa. have opened still another office at Swanton Vermont.

Hereafter each number of this paper will be illustrated.

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Stamps! Stamps!

Free 5 Foreign Stamps, Circulars and Price Lists sent free. Owing to the great increase in our business of late, we are necessitated to open still another Dep't thus removing a too great pressure of work on our Boston office, and proving of mutual benefit to our friends and customers.

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— APRIL FIRST —



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Sandwich Islands, 2c.	1.15	1.25
United States, 9c.	20	1.40
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OHIO.



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VOL. I

CLEVELAND, MARCH, 1875.

No. 3

A Rare Stamp.

We give below an accurate engraving of one of the rarest stamps ever issued. It has quite a history connected with it, being the direct cause of the removal from office of the Hon. Charles Cornell, 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. Cornell contracted with the well known American Bank Note Company of New York City, for the preparation of a set.



In due time the stamps appeared, 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, 17c., black

The designs are 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. Cornell's own portrait on the 5c.

From this brief description, it is clear that the stamps formed a most beautiful and interesting set. Mr. Cornell'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 issues of United States, Newfoundland, etc.

When the government authorities learned that Mr. Cornell had had his likeness engraved on 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 previous 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. Cornell sent in his resignation.

This ended the matter. A new post master 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 but a very limited number were used, 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 has been known, by those who are acquainted with its history, as the "Cornell."

Newly Issued Stamps.

Guatemala.

A new set has been issued for

this country. They are as follows:

Adhesives.

$\frac{1}{4}$ real, green.

$\frac{1}{2}$ real, brown.

1 real, blue.

2 reals, red.

Envelopes.

Same values and colors as the adhesives.

Postal card.

$\frac{1}{4}$ real, green.

Newsband.

$\frac{1}{4}$ real, green.

Of the designs we cannot give a description at present. We shall have engravings made as soon as specimens reach us.

Honduras.

The Western Philatelist for May gives us information of two new stamps for Honduras.

Adhesives.

3 reals.

4 reals. ^{AGRAVADO}

Of the colors [and ~~value~~ we know nothing as yet.

Canada.

Two new stamps will shortly be issued for the Dominion, of the following values:

4 cents.

30 cents.

Sandwich Islands.

Two new stamps have appeared. 2 cents, brown, 12 cents, rose.

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Contrary to the announcements in the Jan. and Feb. numbers of this paper, we shall not enlarge with our April number, but shall continue to appear in our present form. Our terms to subscribers are now ten cents per year, post-free; those who have sent in their subscription at twenty-five cents per year will be entitled to receive two copies instead of one, or we will send the extra one to the address of any person they may name.

—In looking over our first page we notice quite a number of errors which we must charge to "ye devil."

PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS

J. A. Pierce and J. Beifeld & Co. of Chicago, Illinois, and L. W. Durbin, Philadelphia, Pa. publish small folios, of the same size as this paper, devoted to their own interests.

The *Philatelic Herald and Review*, published by H. L. Wood & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, is a large monthly magazine, of sixteen pages and cover. It is well printed.

The Jan. number of the *Stamp Advertiser* presents the neatest appearance of any number we have as yet seen.

The *Collector's Companion* of Northfield, Vermont. Poor typography.

The *Stamp Advocate*, Ontario, Canada, is a six page quarterly published by Wm. Berry. It is printed on tinted paper.

Illustrirtes Briefmarken Journal. Is published by Louis Senf. Leipzig, Germany. It is printed in German and is profusely illustrated.

Keystone Philatelist, Susquehanna Depot, Pa., too many "ad's."

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