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A Monthly Illustrated Circular for Stamp Collectors.

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

UNITED STATES.

The A. J. P. describes the new U. S. envelopes of the Plimpton contract. The contract called for the embossed stamps to be the same as those now in use, but those furnished would ruin the reputation of Spire Bros., S. Allen Taylor or any of the counterfeiters. The head of Jackson on the 2 ct. stamp has hardly any hair: the profile on the 3 ct., bears but little resemblance to Washington and the lettering on this value is so badly done as to be hardly decipherable. The profile on the 1 ct. stamp is also very bad. However, the paper and make of the envelopes is at least as good, if not superior to their predecessors.

From the same paper we learn that the newspaper stamps are not yet ready, although they are to be delivered to all the post offices before the first of January. Those above a dollar in value will be about the same size as the revenue stamps of that value, and will consist of full length figures. They will be engraved by the Continental Bank Note Engraving Co., and their name is a sufficient guarantee for the excellence of the work.

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BARBADOES.

The shilling stamp formerly black, is now printed in orange.

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CANADA.

It is said that Canada has issued a 10 ct. rose stamp.

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DENMARK.

Le Timbre Poste announces that the new issue of Denmark, to be ready on New Year's Day, will consist of the following values:

Postals, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 25, 50 ore.
Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ore.
Postal Cards, 4, 8 ore. Service cards same value.
Envelopes 4, 8 ore. Newsband 4 ore.

Cape of Good Hope.

The supply of 1 penny red stamps seems to have been exhausted, and the deficiency supplied by surcharging the 6 pence with the value 1 penny. It is like the provisional four pence, but the surcharge is in capitals.

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HUNGARY.

The new stamps for this country are out. The design is novel and pleasing and the stamps are printed in delicate colors. The design consists of a letter with the figure of value on it surrounded by a wreath of oak and laurel. As we shall probably have it engraved as soon as specimens reach us which we expect daily, and illustrate our January number with the engraving, we shall now say nothing more about it. The adhesives are:

2 kreutzer, violet, 5 kreutzer, red,
3 " green, 10 " blue.
Newspaper stamp: 1 kr. dull vermillion.
Postal cards: 2 kr. pale brown.
Envelopes: 3 kr. green, 10 kr. blue.

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MALTA.

We have received some of the Malta stamps, present issue, printed in bright orange, which is certainly an improvement.

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NATAL.

Natal has now a 5 shilling stamp, similar in design to the Trinidad like value. It is printed in reddish violet, on paper water-marked C. C. and crown.

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BELGIUM.

The 1 fr. current issue is now mauve like the 8 c.

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ANTIOQUIA.

Three new values have been issued, similar in design to the others. They are:

50 centavos, blue on plain white paper.

2 pesos, black on glazed yellow paper.

5 pesos, black on glazed rose paper.

SPAIN.

Again, Spain has issued two new stamps, one a 10 cts. brown on white paper, which is intended to replace the 10 cts. figure of Justice, which has been counterfeited. The design is a broad rectangle, arms in centre, *Communicaciones* above, *10 Cent's Peseta* below.

Don Carlos has also again issued an ugly looking stamp. It is rectangular; profile of Don Carlos to right in central oval, *Espana Valencia* above, *Correos ½ real*, below; both in curved bandeaux. Its use is however not confined to the province of Valencia, but it is used in all parts occupied by the Carlists. It is printed in red on white and imperforate.

General Hints to Collectors.

BY THE EDITOR.

Under this head we do not intend to follow any order of arrangement, but jot down anything which we may deem of importance to collectors, that may occur to us. These remarks are intended chiefly for beginners, but sometimes they may prove of interest to more advanced collectors.

In the first place when you start a collection get a *new* album, or if you cannot afford to get an album get a cheap blank book, but whatever you get, get it and *keep* it neat and clean. Do not buy an expensive album at first, because if you do, you will be certain to get it soiled before you get a collection worth showing.

Let your stamps be as clean as your album, and never insert a torn or greasy specimen. It is a matter of taste among collectors, whether to collect used or unused specimens. The majority collect both indiscriminately, while some take only one or the other. Whenever you can get an unused set as cheap or cheaper than a used one, take it by all means, as there is no doubt that an unused set of stamps makes a much finer appearance than a used one.

There is a popular belief among beginners—and we are happy to say among beginners only—that all unused stamps are counterfeits. We cannot imagine how such a belief originated, as the majority of counterfeits that we have seen were imitations of used specimens.

Buy your stamps of reliable dealers only, and always suspect sets of rare and almost unattainable stamps, such as Paraguay, Buenos Ayres, first issue Bolivia, etc., when they are offered to you at a ridiculously low price.

Most counterfeits are ordinary wood cuts poorly engraved, printed and perforated, and may be easily detected by even little experienced collectors; but some are so excellently done that even more advanced collectors are sometimes deceived by them. Further on we shall devote a large part of our space and time to counterfeitres and their productions.

When you wish to insert stamps in your album, prepare your mucilage by dissolving some of the best white tears of Gum Arabic, which may be had of any druggist, in a little cold water. This will give you a mucilage that is clear, tasteless, and what is of more importance will not stain your stamps.

We have seen so many fine specimens of stamps spoiled by the use of ordinary mucilage, that we would strongly urge every collector to make his own by the above simple method.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

You can't make a more suitable present to your stamp-collecting friends than one of our Christmas Packets described on the fourth page.

The January number will have a two page supplement which will be sent to *subscribers* free.

For the want of space we are unable to continue the article on Turkish stamps this month. We hope to get some entirely new information about them before the publication of the January number.

Monthly Price List of Stamps

FOR SALE BY

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THE DECEMBER PACKET

of used and unused Foreign Postage Stamps contains 15 varieties, including Straits Settlements 24 cts., Turkey unpaid letter, 20 paras, Spain 1874, (figure of Justice with scales) 2 cts. yellow, Naples 2 grani, blue, Baden, *first issue*, 9 kr., Confederate 5 and 10 cts., Dutch Indies, 50 cts. rose, etc., Price only 15 cts. No December Packets will be sold after January 5th, 1875.

The December Cheap Sets of Stamps.

Mexico, (1874), 5, 10, 25 cts., set of 3 ...18 cts.
*Thurn & Tax is inc. 10 gr. & 30 kr. set of 14 35 "
Italy, (Segnetasse) set of 4.....10 "
New Zealand, (three issues) set of 4.....10cts.
*Spain Amadeo) 2, 10, 20, 40, 50, c., d., p., set of 5.....25 "
*Montenegro set of 3.....20cts.

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Value,	1 ct.	2 cts.	3 cts.	6 cts.	7 cts.	10 cts	12 cts.	15 cts.	24 cts.	30 cts.	90 cts.
Agriculture,			3	3		10					
Executive,											
Interior,	3	2	1	1		20	4	4	5	10	6
Justice,			5	5		10		10			
Navy,	3	3	2	3	15	5		5	10	6	
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10			15	12			
Treasury,	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	3	5	3	5
War,	2		2	2				5	10	5	

Official Envelopes.

Value,	2 cts.	3 cts.	6 cts.	12 cts.	30 cts.
Post Office,	3	2	3		
War,		5	5	10	

" Wrapper, 1 ct., 3 cts.

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Spain, 1874, 2 cts. yellow.....2 cts.
" " 5 cts, purple.....4 "
Sweden, 1 ore, black.....3 "
Figi Islands, 2 cts., blue.....7 "
Sierra Leone, 1 d., red.....6 "
Switzerland, 2 cts., brown.....2 "
Danish Indies, 1 ct., green and violet.....5 "
U. S. Carrier Stamp (eagle) 1 ct. blue.....25 "
Malta, ½ d. buff.....3 "
" ½ d. orange.....5 "
Dutch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen.....3 "
Montenegro 2 soldi.....5 "
" 3 " .....7 "
" 5 " .....10 "
Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p.....5 "
" 20 " .....10 "
" 40 " .....10 "
" 50 " .....15 "
" 1 peseta.....25 "
Japan, ½ sen.....3 "
" 1 " .....6 "
" 2 " .....12 "
" 4 " .....20 "

Used Stamps.

Naples, 5 grani arms.....6 cts.
Switzerland 1 fr. lilac.....5 "
Cuba, Amadeo, 25 c. d. p., lilac.....5 "
Mexico, 1874, 10 cts., black.....8 "
" " 25 cts., blue.....8 "
Hungary, 25 kr., violet.....10 "
Turkey, unpaid letter, 20 paras, 1 pe. each, 3 "
Dutch Indies, 20 cts., blue.....4 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct.....2 "
" " 60 cts.....5 "
Queensland, 3 d. brown.....5 "
Ceylon, 1 d. 1869.....3 "
St. Thomas, 3 ct., used obsolete.....3 "
France, 5 francs rectangular.....12 "
New Zealand, 2 d. vermillion.....3 "
" " 1 d. and 2 d. 1873 each.....3 "
Sweden, 17 ore, lilac.....4 "
Victoria, 2 d. 1874.....3 "
Hawaii, 2 cts.....5 "
Belgium, 8 cts., violet.....5 "
Luxembourg, 25 cts., blue.....5 "
Norway, 8 sk. red, (head).....5 "
Portugal, 25 reis rose, 1870.....3 "

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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

BERMUDAS.

We have a post-marked specimen of the Bermuda 2 d. blue, surcharged *three d.*, in Roman capitals. From this it would appear that the new supply of the 3 d. stamps has not yet arrived at that island.

PERU.

We have received some of the Peruvian Unpaid letter stamps, 5 ct. red. They are about 1½ times the lenght of our current U. S. stamps and very hamdsome. In the upper part is a steam-ship in oval, with *Peru Correos* above and *Deficit o Franqueo* below. The lower part bears a shield with a llma on it. The figure 5 appears below this and also smaller on a star at each side of the shield, which is partly surrounded by a band inscribed *Cinco Centavos*. It is printed in red on white and perforated.

SARAWAK.

The *Stamp Collector's Magazine* announces a series of stamps for this settlement to have been issued Jan. 1st. The design is to be the same as that of the current 3 ct. stamp. The values: two cents, mauve, on lilac tinted paper. Four cents, brown, on yellow paper. Six cents, green, on green tinted paper. Twelve cents, carmine-rose, on rose paper.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

The current 8cts. has appeared surcharged ONE CENT, in Roman capitals.

VENEZUELA.

The 2 cts. green have come to hand, design and surcharge the same as the others of the current series.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

We have received a few of the new German newspaper wrappers. The design is the figure of value 3 pfen. with a very elaborate border, color green. We presume that the adhesives will be of the same design.

HUNGARY.

We are obliged to defer illustrating the Hungarian stamp until next month.

The 1 kr. Journal stamp has no triangular ornaments. The envelopes and postal cards also differ slightly from the perforated adhesives.

A journal tax stamp, entirely different in design from the above mentioned stamps has also been issued.

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As we commence the new year, we cannot help feeling proud of the success of this small journal during the short time of its existence. Not only has the number of subscribers far exceded our most sanguine expectations, but we have received so many flattering letters from our readers, praising the *Circular*, that we have become rather vain of our production. We shall use our best endeavors to improve it with every number published and make it as interesting to our readers as we know how. Contributions from any of our readers will be thankfully received, and if good, will be inserted. We present with this number a supplement, and shall do so hereafter occasionally.

We hope that all who have not yet sent in their subscription to the publisher will do so immediately, because the more subscribers, the better the paper.

May the *Circular* and its readers continue to flourish during the new year is the hearty wish of

THE EDITOR.

A Few Remarks on Turkish Stamps.

(CONTINUED.)

The stamps of the present issue are now perforated well, and with the exception of the 2 pe. red are printed tolerably. The latter is still a miserable impression.

In 1870, embossed envelope stamps were issued printed on the flap of the envelope. The design consists of a crescent on plain ground surrounded by a lettered octagonal band. This band is inscribed with Turkish characters and has a star in a circle in each corner. The values and colors are:

1 pe., yellow and black.	3 pe., orange.
1½ pe., brown.	6 pe., violet.

In 1866 stamps intended for local use in Constantinople were issued by a M. Liaunos with the sanction of the government. This man contracted to work the mail service in Constantinople and suburbs, for a period of 6 years, but did not do so for more than half a year. He issued stamps for letter postage, consisting of a star and crescent in circle surrounded by a square frame, in the upper margin of which was inserted the value in Turkish characters and the lower margin with the same in Latin characters. The left side margin had *Poste Locale*, and the right side the same in Turkish characters.

They were printed in black on colored paper, and perforated.

5 paras, blue.	20 paras, green.

40 paras, rose.

On the newspapers he delivered was struck a large black circular hand stamp with a Turkish inscription in centre, signifying *Seal for the journals of the local post*, over *P. L.* in black letters, all in lettered circle, Turkish above, *Journ en Franchise* below. Blue, rose, white, 3½ paras.

Reprints sold in sheets have *P. L.* in Roman capitals. Mr. Pemberton argues that they are forgeries, because they were hand-struck on the newspapers as posted. They may be forgeries for all we know, but we can't see the logic in Mr. Pemberton's reasoning.

What is a reprint but an impression from the original die made after the stamps have become obsolete, and why is it not as easy to make the impressions on a whole sheet, as on a single newspaper?

On the letters delivered to the foreign Post Offices in Constantinople, M. Liaunos affixed stamps called the "Interior Tax stamps." The design of first of these was: *Taxe Interior*, with value in oblong frame. The first were printed in black on color, values: 10 paras, yellow; 20 paras, rose. Soon after, 1 pe. red; 3 pe. blue were added, both printed in color.

A stamp of the same design but bearing the inscription *Taxe Exterior Et Interior*, value: 10 paras, yellow, on white was the last of the series.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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*Thurn & Tax is inc, 10 gr. & 30 kr. set of 14 35 "
Italy, (Segnetasse) set of 4, ... 10 "
*Spain Amadeo) 2, 10, 20, 40, 50, c., d., p., set of 5, ... 25 "
Spain, 10 & 50 c. d. p., 1873 & 1874, set of 4 10cts.
Austrian, Italy, 1867, 2, 5, 10, 15 soldi set of 4 15 "
*Montenegro set of 3, ... 20 "

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Executive,											
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Justice,			3	3		10	5	8	15	10	
Navy,	2	2	1	2	15	4	3	4	10	10	25
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10			15	12			
Treasury,	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	3	2	5
War,	2	5	2	2				5	10	5	

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War,		3	5	10	

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Spain, 1874, 2 cts. yellow ..... 2 cts.
" " 5 cts, purple ..... 4 "
Sweden, 1 ore, black ..... 3 "
Constantinople (Turkey local) 20 paras gr. 6 "
" " 40 " rose. 10 "
Schleswig, 4 sch. brown ..... 5 "
" Holstein. 2 sch. blue ..... 5 "
Modena, 5, 15 cts. (eagle) each ..... 6 "
Peru, 2 cts. violet, 1874 ..... 10 "
Venezuela, 1 ct., lilac (inscrip. across) ..... 10 "
" 2 ct., green " ..... 20 "
Peru, unpaid letter, 5 cts. red ..... 25 "
Sierra Leone, 1 d., red, ... 6 "
Switzerland, 2 cts., brown ..... 2 "
Danish Indies, 1 ct., green and violet ..... 5 "
U. S. Carrier Stamp (eagle) 1 ct. blue ..... 6 "
Malta, ½ d. buff ..... 3 "
" ½ d. orange, ... 5 "
Dutch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen ..... 3 "
Montenegro 2 soldi ..... 5 "
" 3 " ..... 7 "
Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p. ..... 5 "
" 20 " ..... 10 "
" 40 " ..... 6 "
" 1 peseta ..... 25 "
Japan, ½ sen ..... 3 "
" 1 " ..... 6 "
" 2 " ..... 12 "
" 4 " ..... 20 "

Used Stamps.

Naples, 5 grani arms ..... 6 cts.
Cuba, Amadeo, 25 c. d. p., lilac ..... 5 "
" " 50 c., brown, ... 8 "
Bermuda, 2 d. blue ..... 8 "
Trinidad, 1 d. red ..... 3 "
S. Australia, 2 s ..... 10 "
German Empire, figure in centre 2½ sgr. & 9 kr. each ..... 3 "
Bavaria 1 mark, lilac ..... 15 "
Mexico, 1874, 10 cts., black, ... 8 "
" " 25 cts., blue, ... 8 "
Hungary, 25 kr., violet, ... 10 "
Turkey, unpaid letter, 20 paras, 1 pe. each, 3 "
Dutch Indies, 20 cts., blue, ... 4 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct ..... 2 "
" " 60 cts ..... 5 "
Queensland, 3 d. brown ..... 5 "
Ceylon, 1 d. 1869 ..... 3 "
St. Thomas, 3 ct., used obsolete ..... 3 "
France, 5 francs rectangular ..... 12 "
New Zealand, 2 d. vermillion ..... 3 "
Sweden, 17 ore, lilac ..... 4 "
Victoria, 2 d. 1874 ..... 2 "
Hawaii, 2 cts ..... 5 "
Belgium, 8 cts., violet ..... 5 "
Luxembourg, 25 cts., blue, ... 5 "
Portugal, 25 reis rose, 1870 ..... 3 "
Grenada, 6 d. red ..... 5 "
Spain 50 c. 1873, blue, 1874, orange each.. 3 "

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" 5,	"	"	"		6.00.
" 6,	"	"	"		8.00.
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Supplement TO THE AMERICAN PHILATELICAL CIRCULAR.

Presented gratuitously with No. 4 of the A. P. C.

The United States Stamps.

From the description the A. J. P. had of the new Envelope Stamps, and which we copied in the last number of the *Circular*, we suppose that most of our readers were anxiously looking up specimens of those ugly stamps. But the d—— is not half so black as he is painted.

After the *Circular* had gone to press we looked up the matter ourselves, and found a 2ct. Jackson envelope in our possesion, post-marked Oct. 6th, 1874. So they had actually been in use two months before anybody noticed them. We had to look sharp to distinguish the old 2ct. envelopes from the new. The only material differences we can see is that Mr. Jackon seems to have lost part of his hair, and a slight difference in color.

The change is more marked in the 3ct. stamps. The bust on it bears little resemblance to Washington, and the figures on the sides are much larger.

In the 1ct., the bust is rather poorly executed, and the lettering is not very good.

On the whole the stamps are so well made that we never noticed any difference, although we received them daily in our mails, until our attention was called to them by the article in the A. J. P. As regards the Newspaper stamps, we copy from the "Chicago Tribune" the following :

A "*Tribune*" reporter had yesterday afternoon the pleasure of examining $25,000 worth of the new stamps recently forwarded to the Post-Office here from the Department at Washington. He learned that the denominations to be used were as follows: 2 cents, 3 cents, 4 cents, 6 cents, 8 cents, 9 cents, 10 cents, 12 cents, 18 cents, 24 cents, 36 cents, 48 cents, 60 cents, 84 cents, $1.92, $3, $6, $9, $12, $24, $36, $48, and $60. The 2-cent stamp is a grayish-black engraving, with the figure 2 in each of the upper corners, and the words "Two cents" printed at the base, on each side of which is an American shield. In the centre is the figure of "Lo," the well-known Indian, on whose right is the word "Newspapers," on whose left is the word "Periodicals," and above whose head appears the official words, "U. S. Postage." The 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 cent stamps are the same in every particular, with the exception, of course, of the changed numbers. The 12-cent stamp is in pink, the general design being similar to that of those already mentioned, except that "Lo" is displaced by a figure of "Justice," properly blindfolded and bearing the requisite pair of Fairbanks' scales. Similar to the 12-cent stamps are those bearing the denomination of 18, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 90 cents, and $1.92. The $3 stamp is of a rich orange tint, and is similar in the arrangement of its details, except that it contains, in lieu of either "Lo" or "Liberty," a classic figure of America. The $6 stamp is in blue, and contains a classic figure which can stand for any of the mythological ladies known for a well shaped arm and elegantly arranged though by no means too profuse drapery. The $12 stamp is green of hue, and contains a classic figure which at first glance one might hastily presume was Cleopatra, but which on sober second thought the connoisseur in such matters would have to conclude was somebody else. The $24 stamp is a purple one, bearing a figure of Peace duly supplied with olive-branches and having a star over each shoulder. The $36 stamp is a neutral tint, and contains an elegant female, who is evidently intended to represent Commerce. The $48 stamp is a very hamdsome affair, its color being a sort of rich, deep brown, and its figure nothing less than the Goddess of Liberty caressing with the appropriate tenderness an American eagle. The $60 stamp is purple, and contains the figure of an Indian matron—Mrs. Lo, in fact. From the redundancy of the female form divine in the new stamps, it is apparent that at Washington gallantry cannot yet a while be placed among the lost arts.

General Hints to Collectors.

(CONTINUED.)

Before inserting stamps in your album, remove all paper which may be adhering to their backs. When doing this always remember that you are to remove the paper from the stamp, and not the stamp from the paper. This may best be

done by holding the stamp face upwards over the nozzle of a tea-kettle of boiling water. The steam softens the mucilage between the stamp and the paper adhering to it, and in a few moments the stamp may be easily slid off, immediately becoming quite dry. Another way is to lay the stamp face downwards upon a piece of blotting paper, and wetting the back with water, until the paper comes off. Never wet the face of a stamp, as few stamps can bear it without injury to their color.

Of course the paper can be removed from many stamps without the aid of steam or water, but don't attempt to do it, unless you are sure to succeed.

There are several ways of fastening stamps to the page of an album, and we will describe two which in our opinion are the best. *Hinging* may be done in the following manner. Take a small, narrow strip of paper about the length of the stamp, fold it crosswise in the middle, and then fasten one end of it to the stamp and the other to the page of the album. This will fix the stamp firmly and it may easily be removed by tearing the hinge. Another good way is to take a fine camel's hair pencil, dip this into thin mucilage, and put a *little bit* of it on the back of the stamp, put the stamp in the space intended for it, lay a blotter or a piece of ordinary paper over the stamp and press it down firmly. If inserted in this manner the stamps may also easily be removed if necessary.

Never insert your stamp by covering the entire back with mucilage.

When you have several specimens of one kind of stamp, insert the cleanest and best looking one. If you get a better stamp than the one in your album, remove the old one and insert the better specimen.

Here the advantage of fastening the stamp by either of the above methods will be seen.

Handle your book carefully and not too often. Do not insert your stamps one by one, as you get them, but wait till you have a small quantity and make one job of it. If you have a ruled album, put your stamps exactly in the centre of the spaces provided for them. If your album is blank, group your stamps as artistically as you know how.

We hope that the above remarks will have done our young readers some good, and that their collections will hereafter be models of neatness and elegance.

Some of the obsolete, unused stamps sold by dealers, are reprints, i. e. stamps printed from the original dies, but which are not in active circulation. Many collectors reject these from their collections, but we see no reason for it, at least not for an ordinary collector to do so. If one has a large amount of money and leisure to give to stamp collecting, and particularly the former, let him collect original impressions by all means, but if he has neither let him be content with the reprints. Most originals cannot be told from the reprints, and one must have had specimens in his possession before reprints were made, or accept the guarantee of a responsible person, in order to know them to *be* originals.

Many collectors think that by buying only used specimens they can avoid getting reprints, but this is a mistake, as of course nothing is easier than to cancel an unused reprint and sell it as a used original. There are however many original stamps which are often mistaken for reprints such as the old issues of Spain, cancelled by heavy lines across the stamp. These latter are remainders cancelled by the government and sold to dealers.

There has been a great deal said and written pro and con the Russian locals, but there is no doubt about it now, that they are genuine authentic stamps. The whole of Russia is devided into governments and each of these governments into postal districts. Our readers are aware that Russia is a very large country and the interior sparsely settled so the Imperial Post Office cannot deliver the letters to each of the small interior villages, except at a large expense, hence they have authorized the local governments to organize a postal service independent of the general office, for delivering the letters in their respective districts.

For franking these letters the Russian local stamps are used.

These stamps show an endless variety of design and execution. Many are well engraved and handsomely printed while others are plain and ugly-looking type-set productions. There is also a great variety in the shapes of these stamps. Some of the earlier issues are very rare, while others like the Borodosk, Wissiengousk, etc., are easily obtainable at low price.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Compare my price list of official Stamps with those of other dealers. It can't be beat.

Look at my list of valentines on the 4th page. All orders for valentines must be accompanied by the cash and will be promptly filled.

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A Monthly Illustrated Circular for Stamp Collectors.

VOL. I. CHICAGO, FEB. 20TH. 1875. NO. 5.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

A very handsome set of stamps was issued by this country on Jan. 1st. We illustrate the 3 pf. The 5 pf. is the same, with the exception of the changed numeral. The values from 10 to 50 pf. inclusive are of a still handsomer design, viz: the imperial eagle, embossed within an oval inscribed "*Deutsche Reichs Post.*" The figure of value in an oval in each of the lower corners, with the denomination "*Pfennige*" between. The upper corners are filled by handsome scrolls. The 1 and 2 mark are of the same design as the old 10 and 30 sgr. The values and colors are:

Adhesives.—3 pfennige, green: 5 pfennige, purple; 10 pfennige, rose; 20 pfennige, blue; 25 pfennige, brown; 50 pfennige, gray; 1 mark, blue; 2 mark, violet.

Envelope.—10 pfennige, rose on white.

Post Card.—5 pf., violet, black inscription on buff. Single and reply-paid.

Newsband.—3 pf., green on white.

HELIGOLAND.

Heligoland has issued a new set of stamps, similar to the last, excepting the two lowest values. Values: 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, pfennige.

DENMARK.

A new set of the same design as the last has appeared, the values and colors only are changed as follows:

Adhesives.—3 ore, gray, frame blue; 4 ore, blue, frame gray; 8 ore, red, frame gray; 12 ore, violet, frame gray; 16 ore, brown, frame gray; 25 ore, green, frame gray; 50 ore, violet, frame brown.

Officials.—3 ore, gray; 4 ore, blue; 8 ore, red; 32 ore, green.

Post Cards.—4 ore, blue; 8 ore, red.

Off. Post Cards.—4 ore, blue; 8 ore, red.

Newsband.—4 ore, blue.

Envelopes.—4 ore, blue; 8 ore red.

ITALY.

Official stamps printed in brown with the figure of value in centre, values: 2, 5, 20, 30, c. and 1, 2, 5, 10 lire, have probably been issued before this, but we have not yet seen any. We shall illustrate them as soon as we get them.

CUBA.

A new set of stamps of the same design as the last issued 10 c. brown of Spain, with the exception that "*Comunicaciones*" is replaced by *Ultramar 1875*, were isssued some time ago, values: 12 ½ c. d. p., purple; 25 c. d. p., blue; 50 c. d. p., green; 1 peseta brown.

TASMANIA.

The colors of the 9 and 10½d. stamps have been changed to yellow and lilac respectively, and the entire set is now watermarked CC and crown.

A. J. P.

LUXEMBURG.

On the 18th of November the current 4 c. stamp was issued, printed in bluish-green and imperforate. As it was issued unperforated only because the printers had no perforating machine, it is likely to become scarce.

UNITED STATES.

The 3ct. Official Post Office envelope has undergone some change. The figure in the centre is now larger and the U. S at the sides is in *ovals* instead of in *circles*, as heretofore.

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A few remarks on Turkish Stamps.

(CONTINUED.)

The Danube and Black Sea Railway and Kustendjie Harbour Company use a green stamp, value: 20 paras, design: view of Kustendjie Harbour, star and crescent above, *Local Post* in the upper margin, *20 paras* in the lower, *D. B. S. R.* on one side, *Kustendjie and Czernawoda* on the other.

Mr. Pemberton gives 1867 as the date of issue, but in Mr. Overy Taylor's Philatelic News Letter, we find that Mr. G. H. Hawkinson wrote to the secretary of the Company enquiring about this stamp. He received a reply to the effect that the postage label referred to, is one belonging to that Company, and is used for local letters carried between Tchernawoda and Kustendjie over the line. It has been in use for *ten years or more.*

It would seem from this that it was issued *before* 1867

A firm by the name of T. B. Morton & Co., who conduct the mail service on the Danube & Black Sea have at various times issued stamps which are generally known as Morton's Locals.

Mr. Livada in a letter to *Le Timbre Poste* gives the following list of stamps issued by that firm, and as he writes on the spot and has every means of ascertaining the facts, this is probably correct.

1869, Round stamp without steamer. Blue on red, 20 paras; red on blue, 40 paras.

1869, Same type with steamer. Blue on red, 20 paras; red on blue, 40 paras.

1870, Vessel in oval, perforated. 20 paras, green on white; 1 piastre, vermillion; 2 piastre, blue.

1872, Journal stamp, carmine and black on bluish paper, unperforated. 10 paras (surcharged in red letters.)

1872, Same stamp, black and red on white, perforated. 10 paras.

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3 " " ..... 7 "	9 " " ....22 "
4 " " .....10 "	10 " " ....25 "
6 " " .....15 "	12 " rose,....27 "

24 cts., rose.....50 cts.

2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12 cts., per set of 8, $1.10.

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For want of room we are compelled to crowd out the continuation of "Hints to Collectors." It will be continued next month.

The January packet was a great success. 112 of them were sold in three weeks. In some of the latest sold we were obliged to make slight changes, but they were invariably stamps as good as those advertised. Send in your orders for the February packet early.

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chleswig Holstein, 1¼, 1⅓, 2, 4, 4, 4 sch., set of 6, ... 20cts.
exico, (1874), 5, 10, 25 cts., set of 3 ... 18 "
Thurn & Tax is inc. 10 gr. & 30 kr. set of 14 35 "
aden Landpost, 1, 3, 12 kr., set of 3 .... 20 "
*Spain Amadeo) 2, 10, 20, 40, 50, c., d., p., set of 5, ... 25 "
Spain, 10 & 50 c. d. p., 1873 & 1874, set of 4 10cts.
Austrian, Italy, 1867, 2, 5, 10, 15 soldi set of 4 15 "
*Montenegro set of 3 ..... 20 "

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	1 ct.	2 cts.	3 cts.	6 cts.	7 cts.	10 cts.	12 cts.	15 cts.	24 cts.	30 cts.	90 cts.
alue,											
griculture			3	3		10					
xecutive,											
nterior,	2	2	1	1		15	3	3	5	10	6
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st Office,	3	1	3		
ar,		3	5	10	

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" " 5 cts, purple ..... 4 "
weden, 1 ore, black ..... 3 "
onstantinople (Turkey local) 20 paras gr. 6 "
" " 40 " rose. 10 "
chleswig, 4 sch. brown ..... 5 "
" Holstein, 2 sch. blue ..... 5 "
enezuela, 1 ct., lilac (inscrip. across) .... 10 "
" 2 ct., green " .... 20 "
anish Indies, 1 ct., green and violet .... 5 "
. S. Carrier Stamp (eagle) 1 ct. blue .... 6 "
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utch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen ..... 3 "
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" 3 " ..... 7 "
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" 40 " ..... 6 "
apan, ½ sen ..... 3 "
" 2 " ..... 12 "
ungary, 1 kr., red ..... 3 "
" 3 kr., green ..... 6 "
" Post Card. 2 kr., brown ..... 5 "
ervia, 2 par., black ..... 3 "
ewfoundland, 1 penny, claret ..... 10 "

Used Stamps.

Naples, 5 grani arms ..... 6 cts.
Cuba, Amadeo, 25 c. d. p., lilac ..... 5 "
" " 50 c., brown ..... 8 "
Bermuda, 2 d. blue ..... 8 "
Bermuda, 1 d., rose ..... 3 "
S. Australia, 2 s ..... 10 "
German Empire, figure in centre 2½ sgr. & 9 kr. each ..... 3 "
Bavaria 1 mark, lilac ..... 15 "
Mexico, 1874, 10 cts, black ..... 6 "
" " 25 cts., blue ..... 6 "
Hungary, 25 kr., violet ..... 10 "
Turkey, unpaid letter, 20 paras, 1 pe. each, 3 "
Dutch Indies, 20 cts., blue ..... 4 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct ..... 2 "
Queensland, 3 d. brown ..... 5 "
Ceylon, 1 d. 1869 ..... 3 "
France, 5 francs rectangular ..... 12 "
New Zealand, 2 d. vermillion ..... 3 "
Sweden, 17 ore, lilac ..... 4 "
Victoria, 2 d. 1874 ..... 2 "
Hawaii, 2 cts ..... 5 "
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VOL. I. CHICAGO, MARCH 25TH. 1875. NO. 6.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

Our list of the new German stamps last month was incorrect in two points. There has been no 1 mark issued. The 2 mark is lilac instead of violet, and is employed as a registration stamp.

ITALY.

The official stamps for this country have come to hand. The design is pleasing and is taken from both the '63 & '70 *Segnetasse*. The figures of value are on a white centre as in the latter, while the inscription, "*Franco Bollo Di Stato*" surrounds the oval as in the former. The valueis expressed in decimals, thus: 0.20, 0.30 etc., as in the '63 segnetasse. The corners are filled by graceful scrollwork. Color: marone.

WURTEMBERG.

Last month we omitted to chronicle a new stamp for this country, which has appeared. Value: *20 Pfennig*, color: blue. In the centre is the value, 20, above: *K. Wurtt. Post*, below: *Zwanzig Pfennig*. This stamp supersedes the 7 kr. blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The 1½ penny envelope is now struck in brown instead of rose as heretofore.

SERVIA.

It is rumored that the Servian government are having a new set of stamps engraved in London, which resemble the Belgian in design.

SWITZERLAND.

Two new stamps have been issued for this country a 15c. yellow and a 50c. rose: design the same as the others of the current series.

SPAIN.

Two new war stamps have been issued. 5c. dark green, and 10c. violet.

EAST INDIES.

Stamps have been issued surcharged, ON H. M. S. (On Her Majesty's Service.) We presume that these supersede the *Service* stamps.

UNITED STATES.

The new postal cards will be unlike those now in use. The color will be violet-blue. The border, and all directions as to where and how to write name and address will be dispensed with. A monogram, formed of the letters "U. S." will be printed on the card in black ink. This will be on the upper left hand corner, across which will be the words "Postal Card." The vignette —Liberty, with her luxuriant tresses hanging down her back, and confined by a cap—adorns the lower left hand corner. The new cards will be identical in size with the old ones. They will be ready for delivery about the middle of April.

TURKEY.

The 10 paras has been issued printed in reddish lilac and unperforated for general use, and also surcharged for local use in Constantinople.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The rates of postage for printed matter having been doubled, I am compelled to raise the price of my 56 ct. album to 62 cts. each, *post free*.

Catalogues are now 27 cts., *post free*.

Our engraver having failed to get the cut of the newspaper stamp with which we proposed to illustrate this number ready as agreed we are compelled to leave it out this time. Moral: *Don't put your trust in engravers.*

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A few remarks on Turkish Stamps.

(CONCLUDED)

In "The Stamp Collectors' Hand Book" and in several other catalogues there are quoted a number of other *Morton* stamps printed on various colors of paper, but these were mere fancy impressions and were never in use. M. Sivada states that the round stamps were not applied as seals to the letters as generally supposed, but were printed in advance on ungummed paper and affixed to the letters delivered at the company's office. In 1874, some of the Turkish stamps were issued for local use in Constantinople surcharged "Cheir" in Turkish characters. The stamps so surcharged are the 10 paras lilac and bistre, 1 piastre yellow, 20 paras and 1 piastre red brown. They exist in these varieties; *"Cheir" in oval black surcharge, "Cheir" in oval, red surcharge. "Cheir," in circle, blue surcharge.*

The 10 paras mentioned in our list of novelties this month is also used surchanged "*Cheir*" in blue.

This ends our "Remarks" on Turkish stamps, Instead of a few they have become rather many, but we hope that our labor has not been lost and that they have interested our readers.

General hints to Collectors.

(CONTINUED.)

Mr. Breitfuss who is a Russian and certainly ought to be well posted in regard to the Rusian Locals, writes the following regarding them In the "Philatelist:"

"It may, perhaps, not be known to many of your readers that the Russian postmen receive for every letter they deliver, except for local letters and news-papers, 3 kopecks (1 penny) for their trouble. It is so throughout the whole empire, even in St. Petersburg and Mosco; and if people call themselves, for their letters at the General Post-Office they are equally obliged to pay this tax. In parts of the Russian empire which are very thinly populated, the letter-carriers have sometimrs to traverse more then 20 miles, and are entitled in such cases to ask 3 kop. or more *extra*.

It is partly to have a control over this revenue, and partly to facilitate the circulation of letters between the towns of the same circuit, that the local stamps generally bearing the name of the principal towns have been issued.

The Rusian District stamps are used (1) as chiffre-taxe, to pay for the delivery, of letters coming from all parts of the Empire and abroad; (2) for use between the district towns, and (3) for post-paying letters to the next town, where an ordinary Russian 10 kop. stamp is added for further transmission.

The scarcity of obliterated stamps can be easily explained, as people generally use two envelopes; one bearing Rusian stamps, enclosed in another envelope with local stamp, addressed to the manager of the office in the district town, whence they are delivered to the imperial post."

We for our part should certainly regard this as *proof positive*, of the actual use of the Russian locals, and it ought to prevent further discussion as to their existence.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Having fortunately secured a small supply of the new U.S. Newspaper stamps, I offer them at the following low prices, all are unused.

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The March Cheap Sets of Stamps.

*Schleswig Holstein, set of 12 ..... 50cts.
*Baden Landpost, set of 3 ..... 15 "
*Prussia, (head) 1850, set of 5 ..... 35 "
*Venezuela, 1st issue, set of 3 ..... 35 "
*Argentine Confed., 1862, set of 3 ..... 30cts.
Mexico, (1874), 5, 10, 25 cts., set of 3 ... 18 "
Argentine Rep., '67 to '73,—1, 5, 10, 15 cts set of 4 ..... 25 "

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Executive,											
Interior,		2	1	1		15	3	3	5	10	6
Justice,			3	3		10	5	8			
Navy,	2	2	1	2	15	4	3	4	10	10	25
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10		15					
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Lagos, 1 d. lilac ..... 6 "
Servia, 1 p. arms (brown or rose) each .... 6 "
Hungary, 1 kr., red, ... 3 "
" 3 kr., green, ... 6 "
" Post Card, 2 kr., brown, ... 5 "
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Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p. ..... 5 "
" 20 " ..... 10 "
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Japan, 2 sen., yellow ..... 10 "

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New Zealand, '73 1 & 2 d. each ..... 3 cts.
Portugal, 25 reis '62, ,66 & '70 each ..... 3 "
Egypt, 1st issue, 1 pe. ..... 7 "
Java, 2½ gld. green and red ..... 15 "
Spain, War-tax, 5 cts. black ..... 3 "
Italy official, 20c, red-brown ..... 5 "
Naples, 5 grani arms ..... 6 "
Cuba, (Amadeo,) 50 cts. brown ..... 8 "
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Victoria, 2 d. 1874 ..... 2 "
Hawaii, 2 cts ..... 5 "
Belgium, 8 cts., violet ..... 5 "
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Holland, 1872, 15 & 20 cts., each ..... 3 "
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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

A very handsome set of stamps was issued by this country on Jan. 1st. We illustrate the 3 pf. The 5 pf. is the same, with the exception of the changed numeral. The values from 10 to 50 pf. inclusive are of a still handsomer design, viz: the imperial eagle, embossed within an oval inscribed "*Deutsche Reichs Post.*" The figure of value in an oval in each of the lower corners, with the denonination "*Pfennige*" between. The upper corners are filled by handsome scrolls. The 1 and 2 mark are of the same design as the old 10 and 30 sgr. The values and colors are:

Adhesives.—3 pfennige, green; 5 pfennige, purple; 10 pfennige, rose; 20 pfennige, blue; 25 pfennige, brown; 50 pfennige, gray; 1 mark, blue; 2 mark, violet.

Envelope.—10 pfennige, rose on white.

Post Card.—5 pf., violet, black inscription on buff. Single and reply-paid.

Newsband.—3 pf., green on white.

HELIGOLAND.

Heligoland has issued a new set of stamps, similar to the last, excepting the two lowest values.

Values: 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, pfennige.

DENMARK.

A new set of the same design as the last has appeared, the values and colors only are changed as follows:

Adhesives.—3 ore, gray, frame blue; 4 ore, blue, frame gray; 8 ore, red, frame gray: 12 ore, violet, frame gray: 16 ore, brown, frame gray; 25 ore, green, frame gray: 50 ore, violet, frame brown.

Officials.—3 ore, gray; 4 ore, blue; 8 ore, red; 32 ore, green.

Post Cards.—4 ore, blue; 8 ore, red.

Off. Post Cards.—4 ore, blue; 8 ore, red.

Newsband.—4 ore, blue.

Envelopes.—4 ore, blue; 8 ore red.

ITALY.

Official stamps printed in brown with the figure of value in centre, values: 2, 5, 20, 30, c. and 1, 2, 5, 10 lire, have probably been issued before this, but we have not yet seen any. We shall illustrate them as soon as we get them.

CUBA.

A new set of stamps of the same design as the last issued 10 c. brown of Spain, with the exception that "*Comunicaciones*" is replaced by *Ultramar 1875*, were isssued some time ago, values: 12 ½ c. d. p., purple; 25 c. d. p., blue; 50 c. d. p., green; 1 peseta brown.

TASMANIA.

The colors of the 9 and 10 d. stamps have been changed to yellow and lilac respectively, and the entire set is now watermarked CC and crown.

A. J. P.

LUXEMBURG.

On the 18th of November the current 4 c. stamp was issued, printed in bluish-green and imperforate. As it was issued unperforated only because the printers had no perforating machine, it is likely to become scarce.

UNITED STATES.

The 3ct. Official Post Office envelope has undergone some change. The figure in the centre is now larger and the U. S at the sides is in *ovals* instead of in *circles*, as heretofore.

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The Danube and Black Sea Railway and Kustendjie Harbour Company use a green stamp, value: 20 paras, design: view of Kustendjie Harbour, star and crescent above, *Local Post* in the upper margin, *20 paras* in the lower, *D. B. S. R.* on one side, *Kustendjie and Czernawoda* on the other.

Mr. Pemberton gives 1867 as the date of issue, but in Mr. Overy Taylor's Philatelic News Letter, we find that Mr. G. H. Hawkinson wrote to the secretary of the Company enquiring about this stamp. He received a reply to the effect that the postage label referred to, is one belonging to that Company, and is used for local letters carried between Tchernawoda and Kustendjie over the line. It has been in use for *ten years or more.*

It would seem from this that it was issued *before* 1867.

A firm by the name of T. B. Morton & Co., who conduct the mail service on the Danube & Black Sea have at various times issued stamps which are generally known as Morton's Locals.

Mr. Livada in a letter to *Le Timbre Poste* gives the following list of stamps issued by that firm, and as he writes on the spot and has every means of ascertaining the facts, this is probably correct.

1869, Round stamp without steamer. Blue on red, 20 paras; red on blue, 40 paras.

1869, Same type with steamer. Blue on red, 20 paras; red on blue, 40 paras.

1870, Vessel in oval, perforated. 20 paras, green on white; 1 piastre, vermillion; 2 piastre, blue.

1872, Journal stamp, carmine and black on bluish paper, unperforated. 10 paras (surcharged in red letters.)

1872, Same stamp, black and red on white, perforated. 10 paras.

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For want of room we are compelled to crowd out the continuation of "Hints to Collectors." It will be continued next month.

The January packet was a great success. 112 of them were sold in three weeks. In some of the latest sold we were obliged to make slight changes, but they were invariably stamps as good as those advertised. Send in your orders for the February packet early.

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Spain, 10 & 50 c. d. p., 1873 & 1874, set of 4 10cts.
Austrian, Italy, 1867, 2, 5, 10, 15 soldi set of 4 15 "
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State,		10	10	10							
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Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p. ..... 5 "
" 20 " ..... 10 "
" 40 " ..... 6 "
Japan, ½ sen ..... 3 "
" 2 " ..... 12 "
Hungary, 1 kr., red, ... 3 "
" 3 kr, green, ... 6 "
" Post Card. 2 kr., brown, ... 5 "
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Newfoundland, 1 penny, claret, ... 10 "

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Cuba, Amadeo, 25 c. d. p., lilac ..... 5 "
" " 50 c., brown, ... 8 "
Bermuda, 2 d. blue ..... 8 "
Bermuda, 1 d., rose, ... 3 "
S. Australia, 2 s. ..... 10 "
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A Monthly Illustrated Circular for Stamp Collectors.

VOL. I. CHICAGO, MARCH 25TH. 1875. NO. 6.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

Our list of the new German stamps last month was incorrect in two points. There has been no 1 mark issued. The 2 mark is lilac instead of violet, and is employed as a registration stamp.

ITALY.

The official stamps for this country have come to hand. The design is pleasing and is taken from both the '63 & '70 *Segnetasse*. The figures of value are on a white centre as in the latter, while the inscription, "*Franco Bollo Di Stato*" surrounds the oval as in the former. The valueis expressed in decimals, thus: 0.20, 0.30 etc., as in the '63 segnetasse. The corners are filled by graceful scrollwork. Color: marone.

WURTEMBERG.

Last month we omitted to chronicle a new stamp for this country, which has appeared. Value: *20 pfennig*, color: blue. In the centre is the value, *20*, above: *K. Wurtt. Post*, below: *Zwanzig Pfennig*. This stamp supersedes the 7 kr. blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The 1½ penny envelope is now struck in brown instead of rose as heretofore.

SERVIA.

It is rumored that the Servian government are having a new set of stamps engraved in London, which resemble the Belgian in design.

SWITZERLAND.

Two new stamps have been issued for this country a 15c. yellow and a 50c. rose: design the same as the others of the current series.

SPAIN.

Two new war stamps have been issued. 5c. dark green, and 10c. violet.

EAST INDIES.

Stamps have been issued surcharged, ON H. M. S. (On Her Majesty's Service.) We presume that these supersede the *Service* stamps.

UNITED STATES.

The new postal cards will be unlike those now in use. The color will be violet-blue. The border, and all directions as to where and how to write name and address will be dispensed with. A monogram, formed of the letters "U. S." will be printed on the card in black ink. This will be on the upper left hand corner, across which will be the words "Postal Card." The vignette —Liberty, with her luxuriant tresses hanging down her back, and confined by a cap—adorns the lower left hand corner. The new cards will be identical in size with the old ones. They will be ready for delivery about the middle of April.

TURKEY.

The 10 paras has been issued printed in reddish lilac and unperforated for general use, and also surcharged for local use in Constantinople.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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Our engraver having failed to get the cut of the newspaper stamp with which we proposed to illustrate this number ready as agreed we are compelled to leave it out this time. Moral: *Don't put your trust in engravers.*

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A few remarks on Turkish Stamps.

(CONCLUDED)

In "The Stamp Collectors' Hand Book" and in several other catalogues there are quoted a number of other *Morton* stamps printed on various colors of paper, but these were mere fancy impressions and were never in use. M. Sivada states that the round stamps were not applied as seals to the letters as generally supposed, but were printed in advance on ungummed paper and affixed to the letters delivered at the company's office. In 1874, some of the Turkish stamps were issued for local use in Constantinople surcharged "Cheir" in Turkish characters. The stamps so surcharged are the 10 paras lilac and bistre, 1 piastre yellow, 20 paras and 1 piastre red brown. They exist in these varieties; "*Cheir*" *in oval black surcharge*, "*Cheir*" *in oval, red surcharge.* "*Cheir*," *in ciacle, blue surcharge.*

The 10 paras mentioned in our list of novelties this month is also used surchanged "*Cheir*" in blue.

This ends our "Remarks" on Turkish stamps. Instead of a few they have become rather many, but we hope that our labor has not been lost and that they have interested our readers.

General hints to Collectors.

(CONTINUED.)

Mr. Breitfuss who is a Russian and certainly ought to be well posted in regard to the Rusian Locals, writes the following regarding them In the "Philatelist:"

"It may, perhaps, not be known to many of your readers that the Russian postmen receive for every letter they deliver, except for local letters and news-papers, 3 kopecks (1 penny) for their trouble. It is so throughout the whole empire, even in St. Petersburg and Mosco; and if people call themselves, for their letters at the General Post-Office they are equally obliged to pay this tax. In parts of the Russian empire which are very thinly populated, the letter-carriers have sometimrs to traverse more then 20 miles, and are entitled in such cases to ask 3 kop. or more *extra.*

It is partly to have a control over this revenue, and partly to facilitate the circulation of letters between the towns of the same circuit, that the local stamps generally bearing the name of the principal towns have been issued.

The Rusian District stamps are used (1) as chiffre-taxe, to pay for the delivery, of letters coming from all parts of the Empire and abroad; (2) for use between the district towns, and (3) for post-paying letters to the next town, where an ordinary Russian 10 kop. stamp is added for further transmission.

The scarcity of obliterated stamps can be easily explained, as people generally use two envelopes; one bearing Rusian stamps, enclosed in another envelope with local stamp, addressed to the manager of the office in the district town, whence they are delivered to the imperial post."

We for our part should certainly regard this as *proof positive*, of the actual use of the Russian locals, and it ought to prevent further discussion as to their existence.

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*Baden Landpost, set of 3 ..... 15 "
*Prussia, (head) 1850, set of 5 ..... 35 "
*Venezuela, 1st issue, set of 3 ..... 35 "
*Argentine Confed., 1862, set of 3 ..... 30cts.
Mexico, (1874), 5, 10, 25 cts., set of 3 .... 18 "
Argentine Rep., '67 to '73,—1, 5, 10, 15 cts set of 4 ..... 25 "

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Executive,											
Interior,		2	1	1		15	3	3	5	10	6
Justice,			3	3		10	5	8			
Navy,	2	2	1	2	15	4	3	4	10	10	25
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10		15					
Treasury,	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	3	2	5
War,	2	5	2	2				5	10	5	

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" 3 kr, green, ... 6 "
" Post Card, 2 kr., brown, ... 5 "
Servia, 2 par., black, ... 3 "
Newfoundland, 1 penny, claret, ... 10 "
Constantinople (Turkey local) 20 paras gr. 6 "
" " 40 " rose. 10 "
Venezuela, 1 ct., lilac (inscrip. across) .... 10 "
" 2 ct., green ..... 20 "
Danish Indies, 1 ct., green and violet ..... 5 "
U. S. Carrier Stamp (eagle) 1 ct. blue .... 6 "
Malta, ½ d. buff ..... 3 "
Dutch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen ..... 3 "
Montenegro 2 soldi ..... 5 "
Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p. ..... 5 "
" 20 " ..... 10 "
" 40 " ..... 6 "
Japan, 2 sen., yellow ..... 10 "

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Egypt, 1st issue, 1 pe. ..... 7 "
Java, 2½ gld. green and red ..... 15 "
Spain, War-tax, 5 cts. black ..... 3 "
Italy official, 20c, red-brown ..... 5 "
Naples, 5 grani arms ..... 6 "
Cuba, (Amadeo,) 50 cts. brown ..... 8 "
Bermuda, 1 d., rose, ... 3 "
Bavaria 1 mark, lilac ..... 15 "
Mexico, 1874, 10 cts, black, ... 6 "
" " 25 cts., blue, ... 6 "
Hungary, 25 kr., violet, ... 10 "
Turkey, unpaid letter, 20 paras, 1 pe. each, 3 "
Dutch Indies, 20 cts., blue, ... 4 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct ..... 2 "
Victoria, 2 d. 1874 ..... 2 "
Hawaii, 2 cts ..... 5 "
Belgium, 8 cts., violet ..... 5 "
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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

BOLIVAR.

Bolivar, one of the states of the U. S. of Colombia, has issued a new 5 ct. stamp, which is probably the forerunner of a new series. The upper half is inscribed "Correos Del Estado Soverano De Bolivar." The lower half contains the arms of New Granada, with "E. E. U. U. De Colombia" beneath. Value, "Cinco Centavos," at bottom. Taken as a whole, the design is not bad. It is printed in pale blue, on white, and imperforate.

LAGOS.

Again we have use for one of the blank pages in our Albums. An emission of stamps for the British Settlement of Lagos has taken place. They are rectangular with Queen's profile in circle. *Lagos* above, *Postage* below, value in colored letters on lower margin. The spandrels are filled with a graceful flowing ornament confining the inscriptions. Colour on white paper, watermarked C. C. and crown, and perforated. They are characterized by the degree of sameness that runs through all the British Colonial stamps. The values are:

One penny, lilac.	Fourpence, carmine.
Twopence, blue.	Sixpence, green.

SPAIN.

A third Spanish Carlist stamp has been issued. It bears the profile of Don Carlos to the right, in circle. A scroll inscribed "Espana" above, "Franqueo" below, the value, 1 ct., in each of the lower corners. It is printed on white paper, and imperforate.

HONDURAS.

It is stated that the 2 reales stamp for this Republic is now printed in lilac. (PH.)

AUSTRIA.

We have seen Austrian Postal Cards with Bohemian inscription, with the 5 kr. impressed instead of the 2 kr. These cards have been circulated with the 2 kr. adhesive, stuck over the impressed stamps. They are likely to become scarce.

PERU.

We have just received some of the new Peruvian stamps, but only one value, the 2 centavos. This is a very handsome design and well executed, consisting of the Peruvian arms in a circle, "Correos del Peru" above in a scroll, the value, "Dos" on each side of the circle. "Dos Centavos" below in a straight line. Above this is the figure 2 on each side of the circle. It is also placed in each of the upper corners. The stamp is printed in a brilliant mauve color and bears rectangular embossing on back. They are engraved by the "Continental Bank Note Co.," of New York.

NORWAY.

The new Postal Card has come to hand, value 2 sk., blue. The design is the same as that used for the 2 sk. adhesive. The stamp, lettering and margin are printed in blue, on white card-board.

Post Cards an Eighteenth Century Idea.

It is odd that in a number of "*The Rambler*," Walpole proposes in just precisely our modern system of postal cards, only charging a penny instead of a half-penny.—*Cornhill Magazine.*

NOTICE.

As the cuts for the illustrations are not ready we are unable to illustrate this number. In future, every number will be illustrated by fac-simile cuts of newly issued stamps.

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A Few Remarks on Turkish Stamps.

Finding that comparatively few American collectors have much knowledge of Turkish Stamps, I think that a few remarks would not be out of place.

There is a great difference of opinion among the stamp authorities, as to when the first Turkish stamps were issued. M. Rondot assigns January 1842 as the date. This opinion is also held by Messrs. Berger-Levrault and Maury in their catalogues. Mr. E. L. Pemberton, in his Hand-book, gives March 14th, 1862, but we are inclined to side with M. Moens, who says that they were issued on or about the 1st of January, 1863, by virtue of a firman of the present sultan, dated March 14th, 1862.

The design of this the first issue consists of the signature of the Sultan, (Abdul Aziz) above a lettered crescent, the inscription meaning "The Sublime Ottoman Empire." Below the centre of the crescent is the Turkish numeral, on each side of which is a small inscription, the one to the right being the value in words, while the one to the left is the denomination in money, paras or piastres as the the case may be. Below the lower line of the framing of the stamp is a counterfoil inscribed "Fiscal Control of the Sublime Empire." This inscription extends over three stamps, so in order to have it perfect one must have six stamps, three upper and three lower ones, as the deviding line between the upper and lower rows runs through the inscription.

M. Berger-Levrault considers these stamps to be typographed, while a writer in the "Philatelical Journal" who styles himself "A Parisian Collector" and to whom we are indebted for much of our information regarding them, thinks that they are lithographed, and we must say that after a careful examination of the specimens in our possession, we cannot but agree with him, though we consider ourselves by no means an expert in such matters.

The impressions are in black on tracing paper. The values are: 20 paras, black, on yellow paper. 1 piastre, black, on violet paper. 2 piastres, black, on blue paper. 5 piastres, black, on crimson paper. There are great varieties of shades of all these stamps. At the same time as this, another series was issued similar to it in design and in value, but all the values printed in black on brown tracing paper. In the first series the bands between each alternate two rows of stamps is printed in red, except in the 5 pe., in which it is printed in blue. In the second series this is uniformly printed in blue.

In all the towns in Turkey, where there is a post office, the pre-payment is compulsory with stamps of the first series, which are the only ones furnished to the public.

In those localities where there are no postal agents, the public deliver their letters to the authorities of their place, without pre-paying them. These authorities, who are called caimacans or mudirs, have them conveyed to the nearest post-office. It is to these letters that the second series which are called "Unpaid Letter Stamps" are applied. By these stamps the parties to whom the letters are addressed can see what amount of postage they have to pay, and can satisfy themselves that they are not overcharged by the agents to whom the transportation of letters is entrusted.

In the latter part of 1863 some or perhaps all of the stamps of the first series were printed on ordinary white paper coloured similar to the corresponding values on tracing paper on one side only, except in the case of the 20 paras, which is sometimes coloured yellow on both sides. In the first issue there were only four values, viz:

20 paras, (٣.). 1 piastre, (١). 2 piastres, (٢) 5 piastres (٥). In subsequent issues the 10 paras (١٠) and the 25 piastre, (٢٥) were added. From these signs it will be seen that it is very easy to tell Turkish values, the only signs used being (١=/) (٢=2) (٥=5) and (٠=0).

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Justice,			5								
Navy,	5	3	2	3	10	5		5	10	6	
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10			15	12			
Treasury,	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	3	5	3	5
War,	3		2	2				5	10	5	

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" 5 " .....10 "
Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p..... 5 "
" 20 " .....10 "
" 40 " .....10 "
" 50 " .....15 "
" 1 peseta.....25 "
" 10 pesetas.....$3.00
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Naples, 5 grani arms..... 6 "
Switzerland 1 fr. lilac..... 5 "
Cuba, Amadeo, 25 c. d. p., lilac..... 5 "
Orange States, 6 d..... 6 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct..... 2 "
" " 5 cts..... 3 "
" " 60 cts..... 5 "
Queensland, 3 d. brown..... 5 "
Ceylon, 1 d. 1869..... 3 "
St. Thomas, 3 ct., used obsolete..... 3 "
France, 5 francs rectangular.....12 "
New Zealand, 2 d. vermillion..... 3 "
Portugal, 25 reis, rose, 1870..... 3 "
Finland, 1 mark, orange.....15 "

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VOL. I. CHICAGO, NOV. 1ST. 1874. NO. II.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

ANTIOQUIA.

Antioquia one of the states of the "Granada Confederation" has issued a new stamp. It is somewhat similar in design to the Bolivar stamp described in our last. It is cut in halves by a band inscribed with the value, "Un Centavo." The upper half contains the words, "Correos Del E°. S°. Antioquia." The lower half, the arms of New Granada partly surrounded by a semi-circular band inscribed, "E. E. U. U. De Colombia." The figure of value in each corner. The color is light green.

BAVARIA.

A new Bavarian stamp, value, 1 mark = 35 kr., has been issued. The design resembles that of the current series, but is a little larger. It is printed in violet and unperforated.

A reply-paid postal card has also been issued.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.

India has added another stamp, viz: one rupee, to the current series. The stamp is similar in design and colour to the 6 an. and 8 pies slate-gray.

BERMUDAS.

There are two varieties of the surcharged word *Threepence*, on the shilling stamp; on one it is printed in large upright capitals, and the other in italics. [S. C. M.]

GERMAN EMPIRE.

The 18 kr. stone corresponding to the 5 gr. stamp has just been issued. On the first of January the new stamps with values in reichsmark and pfenninge (the mark is the unit of German money at present) will supersede those now in use.

NORWAY.

Two new Drammens (Norway local) stamps have made their appearance, values 2 and 4 skillings. They are both of the same design, and exceedingly plain looking stamp. The 2 sk. is printed in blue on white and the 4 sk. is blue on glazed yellow paper.

HELSINFORS.

A new try-coloured 10 penni stamp has appeared.

ST. VINCENT.

The one shilling is now of a dirty rose colour. [S. C. M.]

STAMPS FOR NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

Third Asst. Postmaster General Barber, has perfected a system of stamps to apply to the payment of newspaper postage, from one pound to one ton, without using over four stamps. The basis of the system consists in the use of stamps of 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12 cents, which amounts are multiples of the two amd three-cent rates. Above 12 cents the stamps will run in an increasing ratio of 12 until they reach 96 inclusive, which will be the greatest denomination of cent stamps. The next will be the $2 stamp. The others will be $3, $6, $12, $24, $36, and $60. There will not be more than 23 denominations. The tables will be printed for the use of Postmasters. They will give the aggregate postage and denominations of stamps to be employed on every pound, from 1 to 2,000. The tables make over 100 pages of legal cap paper. It is believed that the revenue from the newspaper postage, under the new system, will approximate $1,000,000 a year; this also is at a reduced rate of about one-half the present rate. The design of the new stamps have been received and determined upon.—*Western Postal Record.*

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A PLEA FOR REVENUE STAMPS!

BY SAX. DUOUX.

Under the above title, an article appeared, some years ago, in a leading Philatelic paper, advocating and pleading for the collecting of revenue stamps. I like the title so much, that I want to adopt it as mine, for precisely what I wish to do, is to plead for revenue stamps. Why is it? What right have postage stamps to have the monopoly? Do you speak of beauty, of delicacy of engraving, of richness of color? Be careful, there are revenue stamps that cast far in the shade the most beautiful of postage stamps.

Do you speak of ugliness, of rough, uncouth wood-cuts? we can show them to you.

Do you mention age? Revenue stamps were in use hundreds of years before postage stamps were ever dreamed of. As there are cheap, common, yet interesting stamps to fill up the postage stamp albums, so there are fine revenue stamps, easy to obtain, and fair to look upon. Do you want expensive, rare stamps? We have some so scarce, that not half a dozen collectors have ever beheld them. I have heard the remark made, that there are so many revenue stamps, that a complete collection can not be formed. I ask, in return, are you able to gather a complete collection of postage stamps? Completeness, though an essential aim of stamp collecting, should not be the sole aim. Compare the three or four thousand of revenue stamps, with the millions of coins, tried to be collected, and do not despair. Then what a chance for research, revenue stamps afford. The fields of postage stamps have been so ploughed and harrowed, so dug up and scraped over, that it is difficult to obtain entirely new information about them, but in revenue stamps what a glorious opportunity is offered for study. For those who have not the time or inclination to study deeply in revenue's, there are sets that can be obtained with not rouble but that of paying for them while for those who love a little difficulty in any pursuit, there are many countries of whose stamps we are either entirely ignorant, or at best, have but incomplete knowledge. In short, and to conclude, any objections that may be raised against revenue stamps, rebound with far greater force against postage stamps, and all arguments for postage stamps, apply with much more justice to revenue stamps. Moral and parting advice, *Collect Revenue Stamps.*

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A SOUTHWESTERN man forwarded to Washington, eight mutilated 3 cent postage stamps, and modestly asked the Postmaster General to either send him good ones in return, or "make it right" by giving him an appointment of some kind.

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Read the "Special Notices" on last page.

A few Remarks on Turkish Stamps.

(CONTINUED.)

In the order of issue, the Locals for Constantinople come next to the 1863 stamps, but we will consider all the adhesive for general circulation first.

On January 12th, 1865, stamps of an attractive design were issued. The design consisted of a rayed star above a crescent on solid ground in beaded oval, all within patterned oval, surcharged with Turkish inscription in black. Figure of value in Turkish numerals in each corner. They were printed in colour on white paper, rectangular and perforated. The values were 10 paras (١) green, 20 parars (٢٠) yellow; 1 piastre (١) lilac, 1 pe. green, 2 pe. (٢) blue, 5 pe. (٥) rose, 25 pe. (٢٥) vermilion.

At the same time "Unpaid Letter" stamps of the same design, but printed in brown with black or brown surcharge made their appearance. Values: 20 paras: 1, 2, 5 and 25 piastres.

These were superseded on Oct. 28th, 1868, by stamps of the same design as 1865, but with a somewhat different surcharge and very poorly printed. The impressions are in most cases very smeary and blotchy, and there is no end to the shades of color in them. The majority of them are perforated poorly and show a very ragged edge when separated. However, more recent specimens are perforated better.—*To be continued.*

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The November Cheap Sets of Stamps.

*Mauritius, Britannia, (very rare) set of 3..80cts.
*Thurn & Tax is inc. 10 gr. & 30 kr. set of 14.40 "
Italy, (Segnetasse) set of 4.....10 "
New Zealand, (three issues) set of 4.....10cts.
*Spain Amadeo) 2, 10, 20, 40, 50, c., d., p., set of 5.....25 "
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Agriculture,			3	3		10					
Executive,											
Interior,	3	2	1	1		25	4	4	5	10	6
Justice,			5	5		10		10			
Navy,	5	3	2	3	10	5		5	10	6	
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10			15	12			
Treasury,	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	3	5	3	5
War,	3		2	2				5	10	5	

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Post Office,	3	2	3		
War,		5	5	10	

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" " Navy " 75 "
" " Interior " 50 "

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Dutch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen..... 3 "
Montenegro 2 soldi..... 5 "
" 3 " ..... 7 "
" 5 " .....10 "
Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p..... 5 "
" 20 " .....10 "
" 40 " .....10 "
" 50 " .....15 "
" 1 peseta.....25 "
Japan, ½ sen..... 3 "
" 1 " ..... 6 "
" 2 " .....12 "
" 4 " .....20 "
Maderanerthal, 5cts., blue..... 3 "
Switzerland, 2 cts., brown..... 2 cts.
Danish Indies, 1 ct., green and violet..... 5 "
U. S. Carrier Stamp (eagle) 1 ct. blue....25 "
Malta, ½ d. buff..... 3 "
Servia, 2 p., black..... 3 "

Used Stamps.

Naples, 5 grani arms..... 6 cts.
Switzerland 1 fr. lilac..... 5 "
Cuba, Amadeo, 25 c. d. p., lilac..... 5 "
Orange States, 6 d..... 6 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct..... 2 "
" " 60 cts..... 5 "
Queensland, 3 d. brown..... 5 "
Ceylon, 1 d. 1869..... 3 "
St. Thomas, 3 ct., used obsolete..... 3 "
France, 5 francs rectangular.....12 "
New Zealand, 2 d. vermillion..... 3 "
" " 1 d. 1873..... 3 "
Spain, 12 c. d. p. (Amadeo)..... 6 "
Sweden, 17 ore, lilac..... 4 "
Victoria, 2 d. 1874..... 3 "
Hawaii, 2 cts ..... 5 "
Belgium, 8 cts., violet..... 5 "
Luxembourg, 25 cts., blue..... 5 "
Norway, 8 sk. red, (head)..... 5 "
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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

UNITED STATES.

The A. J. P. describes the new U. S. envelopes of the Plimpton contract. The contract called for the embossed stamps to be the same as those now in use, but those furnished would ruin the reputation of Spire Bros., S. Allen Taylor or any of the counterfeiters. The head of Jackson on the 2 ct. stamp has hardly any hair: the profile on the 3 ct., bears but little resemblance to Washington and the lettering on this value is so badly done as to be hardly decipherable. The profile on the 1 ct. stamp is also very bad. However, the paper and make of the envelopes is at least as good, if not superior to their predecessors.

From the same paper we learn that the newspaper stamps are not yet ready, although they are to be delivered to all the post offices before the first of January. Those above a dollar in value will be about the same size as the revenue stamps of that value, and will consist of full length figures. They will be engraved by the Continental Bank Note Engraving Co., and their name is a sufficient guarantee for the excellence of the work.

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BARBADOES.

The shilling stamp formerly black, is now printed in orange.

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CANADA.

It is said that Canada has issued a 10 ct. rose stamp.

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DENMARK.

Le Timbre Poste announces that the new issue of Denmark, to be ready on New Year's Day, will consist of the following values:

Postals, 3, 4, 8, 12, 16, 25, 50 ore.
Service, 3, 4, 8, 32 ore.
Postal Cards, 4, 8 ore, Service cards same value.
Envelopes 4, 8 ore. Newsband 4 ore.

Cape of Good Hope.

The supply of 1 penny red stamps seems to have been exhausted, and the deficiency supplied by surcharging the 6 pence with the value 1 penny. It is like the provisional four pence, but the surcharge is in capitals.

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HUNGARY.

The new stamps for this country are out. The design is novel and pleasing and the stamps are printed in delicate colors. The design consists of a letter with the figure of value on it surrounded by a wreath of oak and laurel. As we shall probably have it engraved as soon as specimens reach us which we expect daily, and illustrate our January number with the engraving, we shall now say nothing more about it. The adhesives are:

2 kreutzer, violet, 5 kreutzer, red,
3 " green, 10 " blue.
Newspaper stamp: 1 kr. dull vermillion.
Postal cards: 2 kr. pale brown.
Envelopes: 3 kr. green, 10 kr. blue.

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MALTA.

We have received some of the Malta stamps, present issue, printed in bright orange, which is certainly an improvement.

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NATAL.

Natal has now a 5 shilling stamp, similar in design to the Trinidad like value. It is printed in reddish violet, on paper water-marked C. C. and crown.

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BELGIUM.

The 1 fr. current issue is now mauve like the 8 c.

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ANTIOQUIA.

Three new values have been issued, similar in design to the others. They are:

50 centavos, blue on plain white paper.
2 pesos, black on glazed yellow paper.
5 pesos, black on glazed rose paper.

SPAIN.

Again, Spain has issued two new stamps, one a 10 cts. brown on white paper, which is intended to replace the 10 cts. figure of Justice, which has been counterfeited. The design is a broad rectangle, arms in centre, *Communicaciones* above, *10 Cent's Peseta* below.

Don Carlos has also again issued an ugly looking stamp. It is rectangular; profile of Don Carlos to right in central oval, *Espana Valencia* above, *Correos ½ real*, below; both in curved bandeaux. Its use is however not confined to the province of Valencia, but it is used in all parts occupied by the Carlists. It is printed in red on white and imperforate.

General Hints to Collectors.

BY THE EDITOR.

Under this head we do not intend to follow any order of arrangement, but jot down anything which we may deem of importance to collectors, that may occur to us. These remarks are intended chiefly for beginners, but sometimes they may prove of interest to more advanced collectors.

In the first place when you start a collection get a *new* album, or if you cannot afford to get an album get a cheap blank book, but whatever you get, get it and *keep* it neat and clean. Do not buy an expensive album at first, because if you do, you will be certain to get it soiled before you get a collection worth showing.

Let your stamps be as clean as your album, and never insert a torn or greasy specimen. It is a matter of taste among collectors, whether to collect used or unused specimens. The majority collect both indiscriminately, while some take only one or the other. Whenever you can get an unused set as cheap or cheaper than a used one, take it by all means, as there is no doubt that an unused set of stamps makes a much finer appearance than a used one.

There is a popular belief among beginners—and we are happy to say among beginners only—that all unused stamps are counterfeits. We cannot imagine how such a belief originated, as the majority of counterfeits that we have seen were imitations of used specimens.

Buy your stamps of reliable dealers only, and always suspect sets of rare and almost unattainable stamps, such as Paraguay, Buenos Ayres, first issue Bolivia, etc., when they are offered to you at a ridiculously low price.

Most counterfeits are ordinary wood cuts poorly engraved, printed and perforated, and may be easily detected by even little experienced collectors; but some are so excellently done that even more advanced collectors are sometimes deceived by them. Further on we shall devote a large part of our space and time to counterfeitres and their productions.

When you wish to insert stamps in your album, prepare your mucilage by dissolving some of the best white tears of Gum Arabic, which may be had of any druggist, in a little cold water. This will give you a mucilage that is clear, tasteless, and what is of more importance will not stain your stamps.

We have seen so many fine specimens of stamps spoiled by the use of ordinary mucilage, that we would strongly urge every collector to make his own by the above simple method.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

You can't make a more suitable present to your stamp-collecting friends than one of our Christmas Packets described on the fourth page.

The January number will have a two page supplement which will be sent to *subscribers* free.

For the want of space we are unable to continue the article on Turkish stamps this month. We hope to get some entirely new information about them before the publication of the January number.

Monthly Price List of Stamps

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The December Cheap Sets of Stamps.

Mexico, (1874), 5, 10, 25 cts., set of 3 . . . 18 cts.
*Thurn & Tax is inc. 10 gr. & 30 kr. set of 14 35 "
Italy, (Segnetasse) set of 4. . . . . 10 "
New Zealand, (three issues) set of 4. . . . . 10cts.
*Spain Amadeo) 2, 10, 20, 40, 50, c., d., p., set of 5. . . . . 25 "
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Executive,											
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Justice,			5	5		10		10			
Navy,	3	3	2	3	15	5		5	10	6	
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10			15	12			
Treasury,	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	3	5	3	5
War,	2		2	2				5	10	5	

Official Envelopes.

Value,	2 cts.	3 cts.	6 cts.	12 cts.	30 cts.
Post Office,	3	2	3		
War,		5	5	10	

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Unused Stamps.

Spain, 1874, 2 cts. yellow. . . . . 2 cts.
" " 5 cts, purple. . . . . 4 "
Sweden, 1 ore, black. . . . . 3 "
Figi Islands, 2 cts., blue. . . . . 7 "
Sierra Leone, 1 d., red, ... 6 "
Switzerland, 2 cts., brown. . . . . 2 "
Danish Indies, 1 ct., green and violet. . . . . 5 "
U. S. Carrier Stamp (eagle) 1 ct. blue. . . . 25 "
Malta, ½ d. buff. . . . . 3 "
" ½ d. orange, ... 5 "
Dutch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen. . . . . 3 "
Montenegro 2 soldi. . . . . 5 "
" 3 " . . . . . 7 "
" 5 " . . . . . 10 "
Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p. . . . . 5 "
" 20 " . . . . . 10 "
" 40 " . . . . . 10 "
" 50 " . . . . . 15 "
" 1 peseta. . . . . 25 "
Japan, ½ sen. . . . . 3 "
" 1 " . . . . . 6 "
" 2 " . . . . . 12 "
" 4 " . . . . . 20 "

Used Stamps.

Naples, 5 grani arms. . . . . 6 cts.
Switzerland 1 fr. lilac. . . . . 5 "
Cuba, Amadeo, 25 c. d. p., lilac. . . . . 5 "
Mexico, 1874, 10 cts , black,. . . . . 8 "
" " 25 cts., blue, ... 8 "
Hungary, 25 kr., violet,. . . . . 10 "
Turkey, unpaid letter, 20 paras, 1 pe. each, 3 "
Dutch Indies, 20 cts., blue,. . . . . 4 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct. . . . . 2 "
" " 60 cts. . . . . 5 "
Queensland, 3 d. brown. . . . . 5 "
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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

BERMUDAS.

We have a post-marked specimen of the Bermuda 2 d. blue, surcharged *three d.*, in Roman capitals. From this it would appear that the new supply of the 3 d. stamps has not yet arrived at that island.

PERU.

We have received some of the Peruvian Unpaid letter stamps, 5 ct. red. They are about 1½ times the lenght of our current U. S. stamps and very hamdsome. In the upper part is a steam-ship in oval, with *Peru Correos* above and *Deficit o Franqueo* below. The lower part bears a shield with a llama on it. The figure 5 appears below this and also smaller on a star at each side of the shield, which is partly surrounded by a band inscribed *Cinco Centavos*. It is printed in red on white and perforated.

SARAWAK.

The *Stamp Collector's Magazine* announces a *series* of stamps for this settlement to have been issued Jan. 1st. The design is to be the same as that of the current 3 ct. stamp. The values: two cents, mauve, on lilac tinted paper. Four cents, brown, on yellow paper. Six cents, green, on green tinted paper. Twelve cents, carmine-rose, on rose paper.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

The current 8cts. has appeared surcharged ONE CENT, in Roman capitals.

VENEZUELA.

The 2 cts. green have come to hand, design and surcharge the same as the others of the current series.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

We have received a few of the new German newspaper wrappers. The design is the figure of value 3 pfen. with a very elaborate border, color green. We presume that the adhesives will be of the same design.

HUNGARY.

We are obliged to defer illustrating the Hungarian stamp until next month.

The 1 kr. Journal stamp has no triangular ornaments. The envelopes and postal cards also differ slightly from the perforated adhesives.

A journal tax stamp, entirely different in design from the above mentioned stamps has also been issued.

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We hope that all who have not yet sent in their subscription to the publisher will do so immediately, because the more subscribers, the better the paper.

May the *Circular* and its readers continue to flourish during the new year is the hearty wish of

THE EDITOR.

A Few Remarks on Turkish Stamps.

(CONTINUED.)

The stamps of the present issue are now perforated well, and with the exception of the 2 pe. red are printed tolerably. The latter is still a miserable impression.

In 1870, embossed envelope stamps were issued printed on the flap of the envelope. The design consists of a crescent on plain ground surrounded by a lettered octagonal band. This band is inscribed with Turkish characters and has a star in a circle in each corner. The values and colors are:

1 pe., yellow and black.	3 pe., orange.
1½ pe., brown.	6 pe., violet.

In 1866 stamps intended for local use in Constantinople were issued by a M. Liaunos with the sanction of the government. This man contracted to work the mail service in Constantinople and suburbs, for a period of 6 years, but did not do so for more than half a year. He issued stamps for letter postage, consisting of a star and crescent in circle surrounded by a square frame, in the upper margin of which was inserted the value in Turkish characters and the lower margin with the same in Latin characters. The left side margin had *Poste Locale*, and the right side the same in Turkish characters.

They were printed in black on colored paper, and perforated.

5 paras, blue.	20 paras, green.

40 paras, rose.

On the newspapers he delivered was struck a large black circular hand stamp with a Turkish inscription in centre, signifying *Seal for the journals of the local post*, over *P. L.* in black letters, all in lettered circle, Turkish above, *Journ en Franchise* below. Blue, rose, white, 3½ paras.

Reprints sold in sheets have *P. L.* in Roman capitals. Mr. Pemberton argues that they are forgeries, because they were hand-struck on the newspapers as posted. They may be forgeries for all we know, but we can't see the logic in Mr. Pemberton's reasoning.

What is a reprint but an impression from the original die made after the stamps have become obsolete, and why is it not as easy to make the impressions on a whole sheet, as on a single newspaper?

On the letters delivered to the foreign Post Offices in Constantinople, M. Liaunos affixed stamps called the "Interior Tax stamps." The design of first of these was: *Taxe Interior*, with value in oblong frame. The first were printed in black on color, values: 10 paras, yellow; 20 paras, rose. Soon after, 1 pe. red; 3 pe. blue were added, both printed in color.

A stamp of the same design but bearing the inscription *Taxe Exterior Et Interior*, value: 10 paras, yellow, on white was the last of the series.

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The United States Stamps.

From the description the A. J. P. had of the new Envelope Stamps, and which we copied in the last number of the *Circular*, we suppose that most of our readers were anxiously looking up specimens of those ugly stamps. But the d—— is not half so black as he is painted.

After the *Circular* had gone to press we looked up the matter ourselves, and found a 2ct. Jackson envelope in our possesion, post-marked Oct. 6th, 1874. So they had actually been in use two months before anybody noticed them. We had to look sharp to distinguish the old 2ct. envelopes from the new. The only material differences we can see is that Mr. Jackon seems to have lost part of his hair, and a slight difference in color.

The change is more marked in the 3ct. stamps. The bust on it bears little resemblance to Washington, and the figures on the sides are much larger.

In the 1ct., the bust is rather poorly executed, and the lettering is not very good.

On the whole the stamps are so well made that we never noticed any difference, although we received them daily in our mails, until our attention was called to them by the article in the A. J. P. As regards the Newspaper stamps, we copy from the "Chicago Tribune" the following :

A "*Tribune*' reporter had yesterday afternoon the pleasure of examining $25,000 worth of the new stamps recently forwarded to the Post-Office here from the Department at Washington. He learned that the denominations to be used were as follows: 2 cents, 3 cents, 4 cents, 6 cents, 8 cents, 9 cents, 10 cents, 12 cents, 18 cents, 24 cents, 36 cents, 48 cents, 60 cents, 84 cents, $1.92, $3, $6, $9, $12, $24, $36, $48, and $60. The 2-cent stamp is a grayish-black engraving, with the figure 2 in each of the upper corners, and the words "Two cents" printed at the base, on each side of which is an Americrn shield. In the centre is the figure of "Lo," the well-known Indian, on whose right is the word "Newspapers," on whose left is the word "Periodicals," and above whose head appears the official words, "U. S. Postage." The 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 cent stamps are the same in every particular, with the exception, of course, of the changed numbers. The 12-cent stamp is in pink, the general design being similar to that of those already mentioned, except that "Lo" is displaced by a figure of "Justice," properly blindfolded and bearing the requisite pair of Fairbanks' scales. Similar to the 12-cent stamps are those bearing the denomination of 18, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 90 cents, and $1.92. The $3 stamp is of a rich orange tint, and is similar in the arrangement of its details, except that it contains, in lieu of either "Lo" or "Liberty," a classic figure of America. The $6 stamp is in blue, and contains a classic figure which can stand for any of the mythological ladies known for a well shaped arm and elegantly arranged though by no means too profuse drapery. The $12 stamp is green of hue, and contains a classic figure which at first glance one might hastily presume was Cleopatra, but which on sober second thought the connoisseur in such matters would have to conclude was somebody else. The $24 stamp is a purple one, bearing a figure of Peace duly supplied with olive-branches and having a star over each shoulder. The $36 stamp is a neutral tint, and contains an elegant female, who is evidently intended to represent Commerce. The $48 stamp is a very hamdsome affair, its color being a sort of rich, deep brown, and its figure nothing less than the Goddess of Liberty caressing with the appropriate tenderness an American eagle. The $60 stamp is purple, and contains the figure of an Indian matron—Mrs. Lo, in fact. From the redundancy of the female form divine in the new stamps, it is apparent that at Washington gallantry cannot yet a while be placed among the lost arts.

General Hints to Collectors.

(CONTINUED.)

Before inserting stamps in your album, remove all paper which may be adhering to their backs. When doing this always remember that you are to remove the paper from the stamp, and not the stamp from the paper. This may best be

done by holding the stamp face upwards over the nozzle of a tea-kettle of boiling water. The steam softens the mucilage between the stamp and the paper adhering to it, and in a few moments the stamp may be easily slid off, immediately becoming quite dry. Another way is to lay the stamp face downwards upon a piece of blotting paper, and wetting the back with water, until the paper comes off. Never wet the face of a stamp, as few stamps can bear it without injury to their color.

Of course the paper can be removed from many stamps without the aid of steam or water, but don't attempt to do it, unless you are sure to succeed.

There are several ways of fastening stamps to the page of an album, and we will describe two which in our opinion are the best. *Hinging* may be done in the following manner. Take a small, narrow strip of paper about the length of the stamp, fold it crosswise in the middle, and then fasten one end of it to the stamp and the other to the page of the album. This will fix the stamp firmly and it may easily be removed by tearing the hinge. Another good way is to take a fine camel's hair pencil, dip this into thin mucilage, and put a *little bit* of it on the back of the stamp, put the stamp in the space intended for it, lay a blotter or a piece of ordinary paper over the stamp and press it down firmly. If inserted in this manner the stamps may also easily be removed if necessary.

Never insert your stamp by covering the entire back with mucilage.

When you have several specimens of one kind of stamp, insert the cleanest and best looking one. If you get a better stamp than the one in your album, remove the old one and insert the better specimen.

Here the advantage of fastening the stamp by either of the above methods will be seen.

Handle your book carefully and not too often. Do not insert your stamps one by one, as you get them, but wait till you have a small quantity and make one job of it. If you have a ruled album, put your stamps exactly in the centre of the spaces provided for them. If your album is blank, group your stamps as artistically as you know how.

We hope that the above remarks will have done our young readers some good, and that their collections will hereafter be models of neatness and elegance.

Some of the obsolete, unused stamps sold by dealers, are reprints, i. e. stamps printed from the original dies, but which are not in active circulation. Many collectors reject these from their collections, but we see no reason for it, at least not for an ordinary collector to do so. If one has a large amount of money and leisure to give to stamp collecting, and particularly the former, let him collect original impressions by all means, but if he has neither let him be content with the reprints. Most originals cannot be told from the reprints, and one must have had specimens in his possession before reprints were made, or accept the guarantee of a responsible person, in order to know them to *be* originals.

Many collectors think that by buying only used specimens they can avoid getting reprints, but this is a mistake, as of course nothing is easier than to cancel an unused reprint and sell it as a used original. There are however many original stamps which are often mistaken for reprints such as the old issues of Spain, cancelled by heavy lines across the stamp. These latter are remainders cancelled by the government and sold to dealers.

There has been a great deal said and written pro and con the Russian locals, but there is no doubt about it now, that they are genuine authentic stamps. The whole of Russia is devided into governments and each of these governments into postal districts. Our readers are aware that Russia is a very large country and the interior sparsely settled so the Imperial Post Office cannot deliver the letters to each of the small interior villages. except at a large expense, hence they have authorized the local governments to organize a postal service independent of the general office, for delivering the letters in their respective districts.

For franking these letters the Russian local stamps are used.

These stamps show an endless variety of design and execution. Many are well engraved and handsomely printed while others are plain and ugly-looking type-set productions. There is also a great variety in the shapes of these stamps. Some of the earlier issues are very rare, while others like the Borodosk, Wissiengousk, etc., are easily obtainable at low price.

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Justice,			3	3		10	5	8	15	10	
Navy,	2	2	1	2	15	4	3	4	10	10	25
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10			15	12			
Treasury,	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	3	2	5
War,	2	5	2	2				5	10	5	

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War,		3	5	10	

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Venezuela, 1 ct., lilac (inscrip. across) ..... 10 "
" 2 ct., green " ..... 20 "
Peru, unpaid letter, 5 cts. red ..... 25 "
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Dutch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen ..... 3 "
Montenegro 2 soldi ..... 5 "
" 3 " ..... 7 "
Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p. ..... 5 "
" 20 " ..... 10 "
" 40 " ..... 6 "
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" 1 " ..... 6 "
" 2 " ..... 12 "
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S. Australia, 2 s ..... 10 "
German Empire, figure in centre 2½ sgr. & 9 kr. each ..... 3 "
Bavaria 1 mark, lilac ..... 15 "
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NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

A very handsome set of stamps was issued by this country on Jan. 1st. We illustrate the 3 pf. The 5 pf. is the same, with the exception of the changed numeral. The values from 10 to 50 pf. inclusive are of a still handsomer design, viz: the imperial eagle, embossed within an oval inscribed "*Deutsche Reichs Post.*" The figure of value in an oval in each of the lower corners, with the denonination "*Pfennige*" between. The upper corners are filled by handsome scrolls. The 1 and 2 mark are of the same design as the old 10 and 30 sgr. The values and colors are:

Adhesives.—3 pfennige, green; 5 pfennige, purple; 10 pfennige, rose; 20 pfennige, blue; 25 pfennige, brown; 50 pfennige, gray; 1 mark, blue; 2 mark, violet.

Envelope.—10 pfennige, rose on white.

Post Card.—5 pf., violet, black inscription on buff. Single and reply-paid.

Newsband.—3 pf., green on white.

HELIGOLAND.

Heligoland has issued a new set of stamps, similar to the last, excepting the two lowest values. Values: 1, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, pfennige.

DENMARK.

A new set of the same design as the last has appeared, the values and colors only are changed as follows:

Adhesives.—3 ore, gray, frame blue; 4 ore, blue, frame gray; 8 ore, red, frame gray; 12 ore, violet, frame gray; 16 ore, brown, frame gray; 25 ore, green, frame gray; 50 ore, violet, frame brown.

Officials.—3 ore, gray; 4 ore, blue; 8 ore, red; 32 ore, green.

Post Cards.—4 ore, blue; 8 ore, red.

Off. Post Cards.—4 ore, blue; 8 ore, red.

Newsband.—4 ore, blue.

Envelopes.—4 ore, blue; 8 ore red.

ITALY.

Official stamps printed in brown with the figure of value in centre, values: 2, 5, 20, 30, c. and 1, 2, 5, 10 lire, have probably been issued before this, but we have not yet seen any. We shall illustrate them as soon as we get them.

CUBA.

A new set of stamps of the same design as the last issued 10 c. brown of Spain, with the exception that "*Comunicaciones*" is replaced by *Ultramar 1875*, were isssued some time ago, values: 12 ½ c. d. p., purple; 25 c. d. p., blue; 50 c. d. p., green; 1 peseta brown.

TASMANIA.

The colors of the 9 and 10 d. stamps have been changed to yellow and lilac respectively, and the entire set is now watermarked CC and crown.

A. J. P.

LUXEMBURG.

On the 18th of November the current 4 c. stamp was issued, printed in bluish-green and imperforate. As it was issued unperforated only because the printers had no perforating machine, it is likely to become scarce.

UNITED STATES.

The 3ct. Official Post Office envelope has undergone some change. The figure in the centre is now larger and the U. S at the sides is in *ovals* instead of in *circles*, as heretofore.

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A few remarks on Turkish Stamps.

(CONTINUED.)

The Danube and Black Sea Railway and Kustendjie Harbour Company use a green stamp, value: 20 paras, design: view of Kustendjie Harbour, star and crescent above, *Local Post* in the upper margin, *20 paras* in the lower, *D. B. S. R.* on one side, *Kustendjie and Czernawoda* on the other.

Mr. Pemberton gives 1867 as the date of issue, but in Mr. Overy Taylor's Philatelic News Letter, we find that Mr. G. H. Hawkinson wrote to the secretary of the Company enquiring about this stamp. He received a reply to the effect that the postage label referred to, is one belonging to that Company, and is used for local letters carried between Tchernawoda and Kustendjie over the line. It has been in use for *ten years or more*.

It would seem from this that it was issued *before* 1867.

A firm by the name of T. B. Morton & Co., who conduct the mail service on the Danube & Black Sea have at various times issued stamps which are generally known as Morton's Locals.

Mr. Livada in a letter to *Le Timbre Poste* gives the following list of stamps issued by that firm, and as he writes on the spot and has every means of ascertaining the facts, this is probably correct.

1869, Round stamp without steamer. Blue on red, 20 paras; red on blue, 40 paras.

1869, Same type with steamer. Blue on red, 20 paras; red on blue, 40 paras.

1870, Vessel in oval, perforated. 20 paras, green on white; 1 piastre, vermillion; 2 piastre, blue.

1872, Journal stamp, carmine and black on bluish paper, unperforated. 10 paras (surcharged in red letters.)

1872, Same stamp, black and red on white, perforated. 10 paras.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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Having fortunately secured a small supply of the new U. S. newspaper stamps, I offer them at the following low prices, all are unused.

2 cts., gray,	5 cts.	8 cts., gray,	20 cts.
3 " "	7 "	9 " "	22 "
4 " "	10 "	10 " "	25 "
6 " "	15 "	12 " rose,	27 "

24 cts., rose, ... 50 cts.

2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12 cts., per set of 8, $1.10.

These are decidedly the handsomest stamps ever printed. Every collector should have a set.

For want of room we are compelled to crowd out the continuation of "Hints to Collectors." It will be continued next month.

The January packet was a great success. 112 of them were sold in three weeks. In some of the latest sold we were obliged to make slight changes, but they were invariably stamps as good as those advertised. Send in your orders for the February packet early.

Monthly Price List of Stamps

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THE FEBRUARY PACKET

of used and unused Postage Stamps contains 25 varieties, including U. S. Eagle Carrier, Bermuda, New Hungary, Spain Amadeo, 40 cd. p., U. S. War 1 ct., Interior 12, 15, 24 cts., Hawaii 2 ct., Agriculture 3 cts., Naples 2 grani blue, Rome 2 cts. green, etc. Price 25 cts. None will be sold after March 10th.

The February Cheap Sets of Stamps.

*Schleswig Holstein, 1¼, 1⅓, 2, 4, 4, 4 sch., set of 6, ... 20cts.
Mexico, (1874), 5, 10, 25 cts., set of 3 ... 18 "
*Thurn & Tax is inc. 10 gr. & 30 kr. set of 14 35 "
*Baden Landpost, 1, 3, 12 kr., set of 3 .... 20 "
*Spain Amadeo) 2, 10, 20, 40, 50, c., d., p., set of 5, ... 25 "
Spain, 10 & 50 c. d. p., 1873 & 1874, set of 4 10cts.
Austrian, Italy, 1867, 2, 5, 10, 15 soldi set of 4 15 "
*Montenegro set of 3 ..... 20 "

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I would particularly call the attention of my customers to my special, cheap list of Official stamps.

Value,	1 ct.	2 cts.	3 cts.	6 cts.	7 cts.	10 cts.	12 cts.	15 cts.	24 cts.	30 cts.	90 cts.
Agriculture,			3	3		10					
Executive,											
Interior,	2	2	1	1		15	3	3	5	10	6
Justice,			3	3		10	5	8			
Navy,	2	2	1	2	15	4	3	4	10	10	25
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10							
Treasury,	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	3	2	5
War,	2	5	2	2				5	10	5	

Official Envelopes.

Value,	2 cts.	3 cts.	6 cts.	12 cts.	30 cts.
Post Office,	3	1	3		
War,		3	5	10	

" Wrapper, 1 ct., 2 cts.

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Complete Sets of Treasury only 15 cts. Navy, only 75 cts. Interior, only 50 cts.

I also offer

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Spain, 1874, 2 cts, yellow ..... 2 cts.
" " 5 cts, purple ..... 4 "
Sweden, 1 ore, black ..... 3 "
Constantinople (Turkey local) 20 paras gr. 6 "
" " 40 " rose. 10 "
Schleswig, 4 sch. brown ..... 5 "
" Holstein, 2 sch. blue ..... 5 "
Venezuela, 1 ct., lilac (inscrip. across) ..... 10 "
" 2 ct., green " ..... 20 "
Danish Indies, 1 ct., green and violet ..... 5 "
U. S. Carrier Stamp (eagle) 1 ct. blue ..... 6 "
Malta, ½ d. buff ..... 3 "
Dutch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen ..... 3 "
Montenegro 2 soldi ..... 5 "
" 3 " ..... 7 "
Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p. ..... 5 "
" 20 " ..... 10 "
" 40 " ..... 6 "
Japan, ½ sen ..... 3 "
" 2 " ..... 12 "
Hungary, 1 kr., red, ... 3 "
" 3 kr., green, ... 6 "
" Post Card, 2 kr., brown, ... 5 "
Servia, 2 par., black, ... 3 "
Newfoundland, 1 penny, claret, ... 10 "

Used Stamps.

Naples, 5 grani arms ..... 6 cts.
Cuba, Amadeo, 25 c. d. p., lilac ..... 5 "
" " 50 c., brown, ... 8 "
Bermuda, 2 d. blue ..... 8 "
Bermuda, 1 d., rose, ... 3 "
S. Australia, 2 s. ..... 10 "
German Empire, figure in centre 2½ sgr. & 9 kr. each ..... 3 "
Bavaria 1 mark, lilac ..... 15 "
Mexico, 1874, 10 cts, black, ... 6 "
" " 25 cts., blue, ... 6 "
Hungary, 25 kr., violet, ... 10 "
Turkey, unpaid letter, 20 paras, 1 pe. each, 3 "
Dutch Indies, 20 cts., blue, ... 4 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct ..... 2 "
Queensland, 3 d. brown ..... 5 "
Ceylon, 1 d. 1869 ..... 3 "
France, 5 francs rectangular ..... 12 "
New Zealand, 2 d. vermillion ..... 3 "
Sweden, 17 ore, lilac ..... 4 "
Victoria, 2 d. 1874 ..... 2 "
Hawaii, 2 cts ..... 5 "
Belgium, 8 cts., violet ..... 5 "
Luxembourg, 25 cts., blue ..... 5 "
Portugal, 25 reis rose, 1870 ..... 3 "
Spain 50 c. 1873, blue, ... 3 "

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IN ordering stamps, remember that all orders must contain the necessary cash, and sufficient stamps for return postage.

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VOL. I. CHICAGO, MARCH 25TH. 1875. NO. 6.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

Our list of the new German stamps last month was incorrect in two points. There has been no 1 mark issued. The 2 mark is lilac instead of violet,and is employed as a registration stamp.

ITALY.

The official stamps for this country have come to hand. The design is pleasing and is taken from both the '63 & '70 *Segnetasse*. The figures of value are on a white centre as in the latter, while the inscription, "*Franco Bollo Di Stato*" surrounds the oval as in the former. The valueis expressed in decimals, thus: 0.20, 0.30 etc., as in the '63 segnetasse. The corners are filled by graceful scrollwork. Color: marone.

WURTEMBERG.

Last month we omitted to chronicle a new stamp for this country, which has appeared. Value: *20 pfennig*, color: blue. In the centre is the value, *20*, above: *K. Wurtt. Post*, below: *Zwanzig Pfennig*. This stamp supersedes the 7 kr. blue.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The 1½ penny envelope is now struck in brown instead of rose as heretofore.

SERVIA.

It is rumored that the Servian government are having a new set of stamps engraved in London, which resemble the Belgian in design.

SWITZERLAND.

Two new stamps have been issued for this country a 15c. yellow and a 50c. rose; design the same as the others of the current series.

SPAIN.

Two new war stamps have been issued. 5c. dark green, and 10c. violet.

EAST INDIES.

Stamps have been issued surcharged, ON H. M. S. (On Her Majesty's Service.) We presume that these supersede the *Service* stamps.

UNITED STATES.

The new postal cards will be unlike those now in use. The color will be violet-blue. The border, and all directions as to where and how to write name and address will be dispensed with. A monogram, formed of the letters "U. S." will be printed on the card in black ink. This will be on the upper left hand corner, across which will be the words "Postal Card." The vignette —Liberty, with her luxuriant tresses hanging down her back, and confined by a cap—adorns the lower left hand corner. The new cards will be identical in size with the old ones. They will be ready for delivery about the middle of April.

TURKEY.

The 10 paras has been issued printed in reddish lilac and unperforated for general use, and also surcharged for local use in Constantinople.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The rates of postage for printed matter having been doubled, I am compelled to raise the price of my 56 ct. album to 62 cts. each, *post free*.

Our engraver having failed to get the cut of the newspaper stamp with which we proposed to illustrate this number ready as agreed we are compelled to leave it out this time. Moral: *Don't put your trust in engravers.*

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A few remarks on Turkish Stamps.

(CONCLUDED)

In "The Stamp Collectors' Hand Book" and in several other catalogues there are quoted a number of other *Morton* stamps printed on various colors of paper, but these were mere fancy impressions and were never in use. M. Sivada states that the round stamps were not applied as seals to the letters as generally supposed, but were printed in advance on ungummed paper and affixed to the letters delivered at the company's office. In 1874, some of the Turkish stamps were issued for local use in Constantinople surcharged "Cheir" in Turkish characters. The stamps so surcharged are the 10 paras lilac and bistre, 1 piastre yellow, 20 paras and 1 piastre red brown. They exist in these varieties; *"Cheir" in oval black surcharge, "Cheir" in oval, red surcharge. "Cheir," in ciacle, blus surcharge.*

The 10 paras mentioned in our list of novelties this month is also used surchanged "*Cheir*" in blue.

This ends our "Remarks" on Turkish stamps, Instead of a few they have become rather many, but we hope that our labor has not been lost and that they have interested our readers.

General hints to Collectors.

(CONTINUED.)

Mr. Breitfuss who is a Russian and certainly ought to be well posted in regard to the Rusian Locals, writes the following regarding them In the "Philatelist:"

"It may, perhaps, not be known to many of your readers that the Russian postmen receive for every letter they deliver, except for local letters and news-papers, 3 kopecks (1 penny) for their trouble. It is so throughout the whole empire, even in St. Petersburg and Mosco; and if people call themselves, for their letters at the General Post-Office they are equally obliged to pay this tax. In parts of the Russian empire which are very thinly populated, the letter-carriers have sometimrs to traverse more then 20 miles, and are entitled in such cases to ask 3 kop. or more *extra.*

It is partly to have a control over this revenue, and partly to facilitate the circulation of letters between the towns of the same circuit, that the local stamps generally bearing the name of the principal towns have been issued.

The Rusian District stamps are used (1) as chiffre-taxe, to pay for the delivery, of letters coming from all parts of the Empire and abroad; (2) for use between the district towns, and (3) for post-paying letters to the next town, where an ordinary Russian 10 kop. stamp is added for further transmission.

The scarcity of obliterated stamps can be easily explained, as people generally use two envelopes; one bearing Rusian stamps, enclosed in another envelope with local stamp, addressed to the manager of the office in the district town, whence they are delivered to the imperial post."

We for our part should certainly regard this as *proof positive*, of the actual use of the Russian locals, and it ought to prevent further discussion as to their existence.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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2. cts grey,	5 cts.	8 cts. grey,	20 cts.
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4 " "	10 cts.	10 " "	25 cts.
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	24 cts., rose,	50 cts.	

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The March Cheap Sets of Stamps.

chleswig Holstein, set of 12	50cts.	*Argentine Confed., 1862, set of 3	30cts.
aden Landpost, set of 3	15 "	Mexico, (1874), 5, 10, 25 cts., set of 3	18 "
russia, (head) 1850, set of 5	35 "	Argentine Rep., ,67 to '73,—1, 5, 10, 15 cts set of 4	25 "
enezuela, 1st issue, set of 3	35 "		

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nterior,		2	1	1		15	3	3	5	10	6
stice,			3	3		10	5	8			
avy,	2	2	1	2	15	4	3	4	10	10	25
st Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
tate,		10	10	10		15					
reasury,	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	3	2	5
ar,	2	5	2	2				5	10	5	

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" " 5 "	5 "
nmark, '75, 3 ore	3 "
gos, 1 d. lilac	6 "
rvia, 1 p. arms (brown or rose) each	6 "
ungary, 1 kr., red,	3 "
" 3 kr, green,	6 "
" Post Card, 2 kr., brown,	5 "
rvia, 2 par., black,	3 "
wfoundland, 1 penny, claret,	10 "
onstantinople (Turkey local) 20 paras gr.	6 "
" " 40 " rose	10 "
nezuela, 1 ct., lilac (inscrip. across)	10 "
" 2 ct., green "	20 "
nish Indies, 1 ct., green and violet	5 "
S. Carrier Stamp (eagle) 1 ct. blue	6 "
lta, ½ d. buff	3 "
tch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen	3 "
ontenegro 2 soldi	5 "
ain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p	5 "
" 20 "	10 "
" 40 "	6 "
pan, 2 sen., yellow	10 "

Used Stamps.

New Zealand, '73 1 & 2 d. each	3 cts.
Portugal, 25 reis '62, ,66 & '70 each	3 "
Egypt, 1st issue, 1 pe	7 "
Java, 2½ gld, green and red	15 "
Spain, War-tax, 5 cts. black	3 "
Italy official, 20c, red-brown	5 "
Naples, 5 grani arms	6 "
Cuba, (Amadeo,) 50 cts. brown	8 "
Bermuda, 1 d., rose,	3 "
Bavaria 1 mark, lilac	15 "
Mexico, 1874, 10 cts, black,	6 "
" " 25 cts., blue,	6 "
Hungary, 25 kr., violet,	10 "
Turkey, unpaid letter, 20 paras, 1 pe. each,	3 "
Dutch Indies, 20 cts., blue,	4 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct.	2 "
Victoria, 2 d. 1874	2 "
Hawaii, 2 cts	5 "
Belgium, 8 cts., violet	5 "
France, 5 francs rectangular	12 "
Holland, 1872, 15 & 20 cts., each	3 "
" 1869, 1 ct., black	3 "
Orange States, 6 d	6 "

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A Monthly Illustrated Circular for Stamp Collectors.

VOL. I. CHICAGO, OCT. 1ST, 1874. NO. I.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

BOLIVAR.

Bolivar, one of the states of the U. S. of Colombia, has issued a new 5 ct. stamp, which is probably the forerunner of a new series. The upper half is inscribed "Correos Del Estado Soverano De Bolivar." The lower half contains the arms of New Granada, with "E. E. U. U. De Colombia" beneath. Value, "Cinco Centavos," at bottom. Taken as a whole, the design is not bad. It is printed in pale blue, on white, and imperforate.

LAGOS.

Again we have use for one of the blank pages in our Albums. An emission of stamps for the British Settlement of Lagos has taken place. They are rectangular with Queen's profile in circle. *Lagos* above, *Postage* below, value in colored letters on lower margin. The spandrels are filled with a graceful flowing ornament confining the inscriptions. Colour on white paper, watermarked C. C. and crown, and perforated. They are characterized by the degree of sameness that runs through all the British Colonial stamps. The values are:

One penny, lilac.	Fourpence, carmine.
Twopence, blue.	Sixpence, green.

SPAIN.

A third Spanish Carlist stamp has been issued. It bears the profile of Don Carlos to the right, in circle. A scroll inscribed "Espana" above, "Franqueo" below, the value, 1 ct., in each of the lower corners. It is printed on white paper, and imperforate.

HONDURAS.

It is stated that the 2 reales stamp for this Republic is now printed in lilac. (PH.)

AUSTRIA.

We have seen Austrian Postal Cards with Bohemian inscription, with the 5 kr. impressed instead of the 2 kr. These cards have been circulated with the 2 kr. adhesive, stuck over the impressed stamps. They are likely to become scarce.

PERU.

We have just received some of the new Peruvian stamps, but only one value, the 2 centavos. This is a very handsome design and well executed, consisting of the Peruvian arms in a circle, "Correos del Peru" above in a scroll, the value, "Dos" on each side of the circle. "Dos Centavos" below in a straight line. Above this is the figure 2 on each side of the circle. It is also placed in each of the upper corners. The stamp is printed in a brilliant mauve color and bears rectangular embossing on back. They are engraved by the "Continental Bank Note Co.," of New York.

NORWAY.

The new Postal Card has come to hand, value 2 ek., blue. The design is the same as that used for the 2 sk. adhesive. The stamp, lettering and margin are printed in blue, on white card-board.

Post Cards an Eighteenth Century Idea.

It is odd that in a number of "*The Rambler*," Walpole proposes in just precisely our modern system of postal cards, only charging a penny instead of a half-penny.—*Cornhill Magazine.*

NOTICE.

As the cuts for the illustrations are not ready we are unable to illustrate this number. In future, every number will be illustrated by fac-simile cuts of newly issued stamps.

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A Few Remarks on Turkish Stamps.

Finding that comparatively few American collectors have much knowledge of Turkish Stamps, I think that a few remarks would not be out of place.

There is a great difference of opinion among the stamp authorities, as to when the first Turkish stamps were issued. M. Rondot assigns January 1842 as the date. This opinion is also held by Messrs. Berger-Levrault and Maury in their catalogues. Mr. E. L. Pemberton, in his Hand-book, gives March 14th, 1862, but we are inclined to side with M. Moens, who says that they were issued on or about the 1st of January, 1863, by virtue of a firman of the present sultan, dated March 14th, 1862.

The design of this the first issue consists of the signature of the Sultan, (Abdul Aziz) above a lettered crescent, the inscription meaning "The Sublime Ottoman Empire." Below the centre of the crescent is the Turkish numeral, on each side of which is a small inscription, the one to the right being the value in words, while the one to the left is the denomination in money, paras or piastres as the the case may be. Below the lower line of the framing of the stamp is a counterfoil inscribed "Fiscal Control of the Sublime Empire." This inscription extends over three stamps, so in order to have it perfect one must have six stamps, three upper and three lower ones, as the deviding line between the upper and lower rows runs through the inscription.

M. Berger-Levrault considers these stamps to be typographed, while a writer in the "Philatelical Journal" who styles himself "A Parisian Collector" and to whom we are indebted for much of our information regarding them, thinks that they are lithographed, and we must say that after a careful examination of the specimens in our possession, we cannot but agree with him, though we consider ourselves by no means an expert in such matters.

The impressions are in black on tracing paper. The values are: 20 paras, black, on yellow paper. 1 piastre, black, on violet paper. 2 piastres, black, on blue paper. 5 piastres, black, on crimson paper. There are great varieties of shades of all these stamps. At the same time as this, another series was issued similar to it in design and in value, but all the values printed in black on brown tracing paper. In the first series the bands between each alternate two rows of stamps is printed in red, except in the 5 pe., in which it is printed in blue. In the second series this is uniformly printed in blue.

In all the towns in Turkey, where there is a post office, the pre-payment is compulsory with stamps of the first series, which are the only ones furnished to the public.

In those localities where there are no postal agents, the public deliver their letters to the authorities of their place, without pre-paying them. These authorities, who are called caimacans or mudirs, have them conveyed to the nearest post-office. It is to these letters that the second series which are called "Unpaid Letter Stamps" are applied. By these stamps the parties to whom the letters are addressed can see what amount of postage they have to pay, and can satisfy themselves that they are not overcharged by the agents to whom the transportation of letters is entrusted.

In the latter part of 1863 some or perhaps all of the stamps of the first series were printed on ordinary white paper coloured similar to the corresponding values on tracing paper on one side only, except in the case of the 20 paras, which is sometimes coloured yellow on both sides. In the first issue there were only four values, viz:

20 paras, (•.). 1 piastre, (!). 2 piastres, (•) 5 piastres (o). In subsequent issues the 10 paras (!·) and the 25 piastre, (•o) were added. From these signs it will be seen that it is very easy to tell Turkish values, the only signs used being (! = 1) (• = 2) (o = 5) and (• = o).

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Queensland set of 4.....10cts.
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*Spain (Amadeo) 2, 10, 20, 40, 50, c., d., p., set of 5.....25 "
*Montenegro set of 3.....20cts.

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Executive,											
Interior,	3	2	1	1			4	4	15		
Justice,			5								
Navy,	5	3	2	3	10	5		5	10	6	
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10			15	12			
Treasury,	2	1	1	1	3	2	3	3	5	3	5
War,	3		2	2				5	10	5	

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Post Office,	3	2	3		
War,		5	5	10	

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Dutch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen..... 3 "
Montenegro 2 soldi..... 5 "
" 3 " ..... 7 "
" 5 " .....10 "
Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p..... 5 "
" 20 " .....10 "
" 40 " .....10 "
" 50 " .....15 "
" 1 peseta.....25 "
" 10 pesetas.....$3.00
" Liberty, 1870 200 mils.....25 "
" " 2 escudos.....$2.00
Italy, 1855, 5 cts., green.....80 "
U. S. Carrier stamp (eagle), 1 ct., blue....25 "

Used Stamps.

Mauritius 10 d. marone.....10 cts.
Naples, 5 grani arms..... 6 "
Switzerland 1 fr. lilac..... 5 "
Cuba, Amadeo, 25 c. d. p., lilac..... 5 "
Orange States, 6 d..... 6 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct..... 2 "
" " 5 cts..... 3 "
" " 60 cts..... 5 "
Queensland, 3 d. brown..... 5 "
Ceylon, 1 d. 1869..... 3 "
St. Thomas, 3 ct., used obsolete..... 3 "
France, 5 francs rectangular.....12 "
New Zealand, 2 d. vermillion..... 3 "
Portugal, 25 reis, rose, 1870..... 3 "
Finland, 1 mark, orange.....15 "

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American Philatelic Circular.

A Monthly Illustrated Circular for Stamp Collectors.

VOL. I. CHICAGO, JAN. 15TH. 1875. NO. 4.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

BERMUDAS.

We have a post-marked specimen of the Bermuda 2 d. blue, surcharged *three d.*, in Roman capitals. From this it would appear that the new supply of the 3 d. stamps has not yet arrived at that island.

PERU.

We have received some of the Peruvian Unpaid letter stamps, 5 ct. red. They are about 1½ times the lenght of our current U. S. stamps and very hamdsome. In the upper part is a steam-ship in oval, with *Peru Correos* above and *Deficit o Franquev* below. The lower part bears a shield with a llma on it. The figure 5 appears below this and also smaller on a star at each side of the shield, which is partly surrounded by a band inscribed *Cinco Centavos*. It is printed in red on white and perforated.

SARAWAK.

The *Stamp Collector's Magazine* announces a *series* of stamps for this settlement to have been issued Jan. 1st. The design is to be the same as that of the current 3 ct. stamp. The values: two cents, mauve, on lilac tinted paper. Four cents, brown, on yellow paper. Six cents, green, on green tinted paper. Twelve cents, carmine-rose, on rose paper.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

The current 8cts. has appeared surcharged ONE CENT, in Roman capitals.

VENEZUELA.

The 2 cts. green have come to hand, design and surcharge the same as the others of the current series.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

We have received a few of the new German newspaper wrappers. The design is the figure of value 3 pfen. with a very elaborate border, color green. We presume that the adhesives will be of the same design.

HUNGARY.

We are obliged to defer illustrating the Hungarian stamp until next month.

The 1 kr. Journal stamp has no triangular ornaments. The envelopes and postal cards also differ slightly from the perforated adhesives.

A journal tax stamp, entirely different in design from the above mentioned stamps has also been issued.

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We hope that all who have not yet sent in their subscription to the publisher will do so immediately, because the more subscribers, the better the paper.

May the *Circular* and its readers continue to flourish during the new year is the hearty wish of

THE EDITOR.

A Few Remarks on Turkish Stamps.

(CONTINUED.)

The stamps of the present issue are now perforated well, and with the exception of the 2 pe. red are printed tolerably. The latter is still a miserable impression.

In 1870, embossed envelope stamps were issued printed on the flap of the envelope. The design consists of a crescent on plain ground surrounded by a lettered octagonal band. This band is inscribed with Turkish characters and has a star in a circle in each corner. The values and colors are:

1 pe., yellow and black.	3 pe., orange.
1½ pe., brown.	6 pe., violet.

In 1866 stamps intended for local use in Constantinople were issued by a M. Liaunos with the sanction of the government. This man contracted to work the mail service in Constantinople and suburbs, for a period of 6 years, but did not do so for more than half a year. He issued stamps for letter postage, consisting of a star and crescent in circle surrounded by a square frame, in the upper margin of which was inserted the value in Turkish characters and the lower margin with the same in Latin characters. The left side margin had *Poste Locale*, and the right side the same in Turkish characters.

They were printed in black on colored paper, and perforated.

5 paras, blue. | 20 paras, green.

40 paras, rose.

On the newspapers he delivered was struck a large black circular hand stamp with a Turkish inscription in centre, signifying *Seal for the journals of the local post*, over *P. L.* in black letters, all in lettered circle, Turkish above, *Journ en Franchise* below. Blue, rose, white, 3½ paras.

Reprints sold in sheets have *P. L.* in Roman capitals. Mr. Pemberton argues that they are forgeries, because they were hand-struck on the newspapers as posted. They may be forgeries for all we know, but we can't see the logic in Mr. Pemberton's reasoning.

What is a reprint but an impression from the original die made after the stamps have become obsolete, and why is it not as easy to make the impressions on a whole sheet, as on a single newspaper?

On the letters delivered to the foreign Post Offices in Constantinople, M. Liaunos affixed stamps called the "Interior Tax stamps." The design of first of these was: *Taxe Interior*, with value in oblong frame. The first were printed in black on color, values: 10 paras, yellow; 20 paras, rose. Soon after, 1 pe. red; 3 pe. blue were added, both printed in color.

A stamp of the same design but bearing the inscription *Taxe Exterior Et Interior*, value: 10 paras, yellow, on white was the last of the series.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

The publication of the "Stamp Collector's Magazine" has been discontinued. It was the oldest philatelic juornal in the English Language. During its existence of 12 years it has always been in the first rank of that class of literature. Its loss will be deeply felt by its many readers.

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Thurn & Tax is inc. 10 gr. & 30 kr. set of 14. 35 "
Italy, (Segnetasse) set of 4, ... 10 "
*Spain Amadeo) 2, 10, 20, 40, 50, c., d., p., set of 5, ... 25 "
Spain, 10 & 50 c. d. p., 1873 & 1874, set of 4 10cts.
Austrian, Italy, 1867, 2, 5, 10, 15 soldi set of 4 15 "
*Montenegro set of 3, ... 20 "

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Value,	1 ct.	2 cts.	3 cts.	6 cts.	7 cts.	10 cts.	12 cts.	15 cts.	24 cts.	30 cts.	90 cts
Agriculture,			3	3		10					
Executive,											
Interior,	2	2	1	1		15	3	3	5	10	6
Justice,			3	3		10	5	8	15	10	
Navy,	2	2	1	2	15	4	3	4	10	10	25
Post Office,	3	3	1	1			5	5	5	5	10
State,		10	10	10			15	12			
Treasury,	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	3	2	5
War,	2	5	2	2				5	10	5	

Official Envelopes.

Value,	2 cts.	3 cts.	6 cts.	12 cts.	30 cts.
Post Office,	3	1	3		
War,		3	5	10	

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Complete Sets of Treasury only 15 cts. Navy, only 75 cts. Interior, only 50 cts.

I also offer

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Spain, 1874, 2 cts, yellow ..... 2 cts.
" " 5 cts, purple ..... 4 "
Sweden, 1 ore, black ..... 3 "
Constantinople (Turkey local) 20 paras gr. 6 "
" " 40 " rose. 10 "
Schleswig, 4 sch. brown ..... 5 "
" Holstein, 2 sch. blue ..... 5 "
Modena, 5, 15 cts. (eagle) each ..... 6 "
Peru, 2 cts. violet, 1874 ..... 10 "
Venezuela, 1 ct., lilac (inscrip. across) ..... 10 "
" 2 ct., green " ..... 20 "
Peru, unpaid letter, 5 cts. red ..... 25 "
Sierra Leone, 1 d., red, ... 6 "
Switzerland, 2 cts., brown ..... 2 "
Danish Indies, 1 ct., green and violet ..... 5 "
U. S. Carrier Stamp (eagle) 1 ct. blue ..... 6 "
Malta, ½ d. buff ..... 3 "
" ½ d. orange, ... 5 "
Dutch Indies, 1 ct., seagreen ..... 3 "
Montenegro 2 soldi ..... 5 "
" 3 " ..... 7 "
Spain Amadeo, 10 c. d. p. ..... 5 "
" 20 " ..... 10 "
" 40 " ..... 6 "
" 1 peseta ..... 25 "
Japan, ½ sen ..... 3 "
" 1 " ..... 6 "
" 2 " ..... 12 "
" 4 " ..... 20 "

Used Stamps.

Naples, 5 grani arms ..... 6 cts.
Cuba, Amadeo, 25 c. d. p., lilac ..... 5 "
" " 50 c., brown, ... 8 "
Bermuda, 2 d. blue ..... 8 "
Trinidad, 1 d. red ..... 3 "
S. Australia, 2 s. ..... 10 "
German Empire, figure in centre 2½ sgr. & 9 kr. each ..... 3 "
Bavaria 1 mark, lilac ..... 15 "
Mexico, 1874, 10 cts, black, ... 8 "
" " 25 cts., blue, ... 8 "
Hungary, 25 kr., violet, ... 10 "
Turkey, unpaid letter, 20 paras, 1 pe. each, 3 "
Dutch Indies, 20 cts., blue ..... 4 "
Italy, Segnetasse 1 ct ..... 2 "
" " 60 cts ..... 5 "
Queensland, 3 d. brown ..... 5 "
Ceylon, 1 d. 1869 ..... 3 "
St. Thomas, 3 ct., used obsolete ..... 3 "
France, 5 francs rectangular ..... 12 "
New Zealand, 2 d. vermillion ..... 3 "
Sweden, 17 ore, lilac ..... 4 "
Victoria, 2 d. 1874 ..... 2 "
Hawaii, 2 cts ..... 5 "
Belgium, 8 cts., violet ..... 5 "
Luxembourg, 25 cts., blue ..... 5 "
Portugal, 25 reis rose, 1870 ..... 3 "
Grenada, 6 d. red ..... 5 "
Spain 50 c. 1873, blue, 1874, orange each .. 3 "

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"	6,	"	"	"	8.00.
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Supplement
TO THE
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Presented gratuitously with No. 4 of the A. P. C.

The United States Stamps.

From the description the A. J. P. had of the new Envelope Stamps, and which we copied in the last number of the *Circular*, we suppose that most of our readers were anxiously looking up specimens of those ugly stamps. But the d—— is not half so black as he is painted.

After the *Circular* had gone to press we looked up the matter ourselves, and found a 2ct. Jackson envelope in our possesion, post-marked Oct. 6th, 1874. So they had actually been in use two months before anybody noticed them. We had to look sharp to distinguish the old 2ct. envelopes from the new. The only material differences we can see is that Mr. Jackon seems to have lost part of his hair, and a slight difference in color.

The change is more marked in the 3ct. stamps. The bust on it bears little resemblance to Washington, and the figures on the sides are much larger.

In the 1ct., the bust is rather poorly executed, and the lettering is not very good.

On the whole the stamps are so well made that we never noticed any difference, although we received them daily in our mails, until our attention was called to them by the article in the A. J. P. As regards the Newspaper stamps, we copy from the "Chicago Tribune" the following:

A "*Tribune*" reporter had yesterday afternoon the pleasure of examining $25,000 worth of the new stamps recently forwarded to the Post-Office here from the Department at Washington. He learned that the denominations to be used were as follows: 2 cents, 3 cents, 4 cents, 6 cents, 8 cents, 9 cents, 10 cents, 12 cents, 18 cents, 24 cents, 36 cents, 48 cents, 60 cents, 84 cents, $1.92, $3, $6, $9, $12, $24, $36, $48, and $60. The 2-cent stamp is a grayish-black engraving, with the figure 2 in each of the upper corners, and the words "Two cents" printed at the base, on each side of which is an American shield. In the centre is the figure of "Lo," the well-known Indian, on whose right is the word "Newspapers," on whose left is the word "Periodicals," and above whose head appears the official words, "U. S. Postage." The 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 cent stamps are the same in every particular, with the exception, of course, of the changed numbers. The 12-cent stamp is in pink, the general design being similar to that of those already mentioned, except that "Lo" is displaced by a figure of "Justice," properly blindfolded and bearing the requisite pair of Fairbanks' scales. Similar to the 12-cent stamps are those bearing the denomination of 18, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84 and 90 cents, and $1.92. The $3 stamp is of a rich orange tint, and is similar in the arrangement of its details, except that it contains, in lieu of either "Lo" or "Liberty," a classic figure of America. The $6 stamp is in blue, and contains a classic figure which can stand for any of the mythological ladies known for a well shaped arm and elegantly arranged though by no means too profuse drapery. The $12 stamp is green of hue, and contains a classic figure which at first glance one might hastily presume was Cleopatra, but which on sober second thought the connoisseur in such matters would have to conclude was somebody else. The $24 stamp is a purple one, bearing a figure of Peace duly supplied with olive-branches and having a star over each shoulder. The $36 stamp is a neutral tint, and contains an elegant female, who is evidently intended to represent Commerce. The $48 stamp is a very handsome affair, its color being a sort of rich, deep brown, and its figure nothing less than the Goddess of Liberty caressing with the appropriate tenderness an American eagle. The $60 stamp is purple, and contains the figure of an Indian matron—Mrs. Lo, in fact. From the redundancy of the female form divine in the new stamps, it is apparent that at Washington gallantry cannot yet a while be placed among the lost arts.

General Hints to Collectors.

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Before inserting stamps in your album, remove all paper which may be adhering to their backs. When doing this always remember that you are to remove the paper from the stamp, and not the stamp from the paper. This may best be

done by holding the stamp face upwards over the nozzle of a tea-kettle of boiling water. The steam softens the mucilage between the stamp and the paper adhering to it, and in a few moments the stamp may be easily slid off, immediately becoming quite dry. Another way is to lay the stamp face downwards upon a piece of blotting paper, and wetting the back with water, until the paper comes off. Never wet the face of a stamp, as few stamps can bear it without injury to their color.

Of course the paper can be removed from many stamps without the aid of steam or water, but don't attempt to do it, unless you are sure to succeed.

There are several ways of fastening stamps to the page of an album, and we will describe two which in our opinion are the best. *Hinging* may be done in the following manner. Take a small, narrow strip of paper about the length of the stamp, fold it crosswise in the middle, and then fasten one end of it to the stamp and the other to the page of the album. This will fix the stamp firmly and it may easily be removed by tearing the hinge. Another good way is to take a fine camel's hair pencil, dip this into thin mucilage, and put a *little bit* of it on the back of the stamp, put the stamp in the space intended for it, lay a blotter or a piece of ordinary paper over the stamp and press it down firmly. If inserted in this manner the stamps may also easily be removed if necessary.

Never insert your stamp by covering the entire back with mucilage.

When you have several specimens of one kind of stamp, insert the cleanest and best looking one. If you get a better stamp than the one in your album, remove the old one and insert the better specimen.

Here the advantage of fastening the stamp by either of the above methods will be seen.

Handle your book carefully and not too often. Do not insert your stamps one by one, as you get them, but wait till you have a small quantity and make one job of it. If you have a ruled album, put your stamps exactly in the centre of the spaces provided for them. If your album is blank, group your stamps as artistically as you know how.

We hope that the above remarks will have done our young readers some good, and that their collections will hereafter be models of neatness and elegance.

Some of the obsolete, unused stamps sold by dealers, are reprints, i. e. stamps printed from the original dies, but which are not in active circulation. Many collectors reject these from their collections, but we see no reason for it, at least not for an ordinary collector to do so. If one has a large amount of money and leisure to give to stamp collecting, and particularly the former, let him collect original impressions by all means, but if he has neither let him be content with the reprints. Most originals cannot be told from the reprints, and one must have had specimens in his possession before reprints were made, or accept the guarantee of a responsible person, in order to know them to *be* originals.

Many collectors think that by buying only used specimens they can avoid getting reprints, but this is a mistake, as of course nothing is easier than to cancel an unused reprint and sell it as a used original. There are however many original stamps which are often mistaken for reprints such as the old issues of Spain, cancelled by heavy lines across the stamp. These latter are remainders cancelled by the government and sold to dealers.

There has been a great deal said and written pro and con the Russian locals, but there is no doubt about it now, that they are genuine authentic stamps. The whole of Russia is devided into governments and each of these governments into postal districts. Our readers are aware that Russia is a very large country and the interior sparsely settled so the Imperial Post Office cannot deliver the letters to each of the small interior villages, except at a large expense, hence they have authorized the local governments to organize a postal service independent of the general office, for delivering the letters in their respective districts.

For franking these letters the Russian local stamps are used.

These stamps show an endless variety of design and execution. Many are well engraved and handsomely printed while others are plain and ugly-looking type-set productions. There is also a great variety in the shapes of these stamps. Some of the earlier issues are very rare, while others like the Borodosk, Wissiengousk, etc., are easily obtainable at low price.

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