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Newly Issued and Inedited Stamps.

AUSTRIA—*Collectors' World* says war stamps are already in use by the army operating against Turkey.

BRAZIL—1878. We have received the 10 reis vermillion, 20 r. violet, 100 r. green and 360 r. dark brown. The M. C. says the 300 r. which was announced in 1874, has at last made its appearance The colors are green and orange. It is perforated.

BELGIUM We have never seen the 50 c. slate colored announced yet, although we received it six months ago.

BAVARIA—The T. P. says there were 3,000 cards of 5 p. used, with the numeral 5 in upper corners instead of posthorns

BREMEN—The editor of the T. P. has seen the 5 grote with *marken* instead of *marke* in inscription at top.

CANADA—Very few note the fact that the 5 c. envelope of 1860 was issued both on brown and white.

CASHMERE—The three stamps lately issued are now in new colors, viz: ½ a. lilac, 1 a. red, 2 a. violet—*M. C.*

DENMARK—Nearly the entire set has undergone a change in hue; the 4 ore is now almost ultramarine, 12 ore brownish-violet, 16 ore pale brown, and 50 ore slate.

FRANCE—The 25 centimes black on red, 3 centimes yellow, and 35 centimes lilac on yellow are among the late issues.

FALKLAND ISLANDS—The *M. C.* illustrates the design of the stamps lately issued by this colony. The values are 1 penny crimson and 6. p. green, both on plain white paper and perforated.

GERMAN EMPIRE—On October 1st a 10 p. card was issued for international use.—*M. C.*

HUNGARY. We have seen a 5 kreuzer stamp, 40 by 23 m. m. dated 1877 printed in two colors, a pale rose tint ground and black lettering, large profile of Francis Joseph, laureated in oval occupies two-thirds of the upper part of the stamp; underneath the head is the value in fancy worked oblong, date below this, in curve around margin. "*Kais koen Oest. Stempel-mark K. K. Oesters Stempel-marke*" at sides, "*Stempel-marke*" at top and bottom. Perforated, No water mark.

ITALY—The P. M. announces a new Post Card, somewhat similar to the 10 centisimi card, lacking the frame with arms, as found on the official card, in place of the shield. Value 10 centisimi, brown on buff.

JAPAN—A new wrapper has been issued.

JHIND—Two envelopes are announced by the M. C. 5 annas yellow, 5 a. blue-green, they are black on color.

MEXICO—A new issue in the fine handiwork of the American Bank Note Company, comes to hand. They were issued in November or December, and bearing the date 1878. A profile of Juarez in upright oval occupies the centre of the stamp, around which, between two single lines are the words: "*Republica Mexicana Renta del Timbre.*" At the top of the stamp in obverted curve, value in full, with the numeral of value in corner. Lower part of the stamp, in a scroll are the words: "*Documentos y Libros,*" with date below. At the bottom of the stamp is a mortice for surcharge of issuing office. Values and colors as follows:

5	centavos	brown
10	"	vermillion
25	"	green
50	"	dark brown

and 100 centavos, all perforated and water-marked with certain curved lines, out of which we can make nothing. Size 37 by 31 m. m. The figures of value in the upper left hand corner of the 25 centavos stamp are turned backward. This error will undoubtedly be rectified and this stamp will become extremely rare.

NICARAGUA—The 2 c. is now roulette.—*M. C.*

NORWAY—From the *P. M.* we learn that the following new values have been added: 35 ore, blue-green, 60 ore dark blue, 1 krona, green, 1½ k. blue, and 2 k. rose and brown. The last three values bear the head of King Oscar II.

PERSIA—2 s. blue on blue, and 7 k. yellow.

SWITZERLAND—The following is the complete list of the unpaid-letter stamp recently issued: 1, 5, 10, 20 50, 100, and 500 centimes, all blue on white and perforated.

TOBAGO—This stamp proves to be one of the numerous Patroni humbugs.

TURKEY—*The French Society of Timbrology* notices the 1869 1 p. printed on both sides, obverse specimen had not the black surcharge. Specimen seen was obliterated

VICTORIA—The *P. M.* mentions a 1 p. envelope of the same design as the current 2 p. one: 1 p green on blue.

WURTEMBURG—On October 1, says the *M. C.*, a 10 p. was to have been issued.

We would thank our correspondents and friends for any news relative to this column, and if specimens of new issues are sent they will be returned by first mail with many thanks.

Why do they Change?

BY ROUSSEAU.

Why nations change the design of their postage stamps so often is a question to which every Collector has given more or less thought. The causes are manifold, and while the subject does not bear directly on the Philatelic art, yet, it is sufficiently connected with that art, to bespeak for it at least a consideration. First, among the causes of change in design is the deaths of rulers under whose *regime* the stamp is put forth, this, as a matter of course, causes a change of design, more especially so if the stamp bears such rulers effigy. So, whenever we hear of the death or removal of a hereditary ruler, we may almost certainly expect a new set of postage stamps. There are some countries whose frequent change of design, apparently without reason, bring down on them the odium of all ambitious young collectors. Notably among these are Spain with its annual issue, collectors are kept quite busy gathering the issues of this country which appears to mock them in their endeavors to keep pace with her protean changes, while we will not attempt to give reason for these erratic evolutions, it will naturally suggest itself to a thinking mind that either Spain is securing herself against forgers and counterfeiters, or that having initiated this periodical change, she feels duty bound to continue. Then again, perhaps this country believes in encouraging art as displayed in postage stamps, (although her infantile issues is argument against the supposition), and, that all designers in this line may receive government aid the design of her stamps are frequently changed.

Another cause for change of stamp designs, is a change in the form of government, of familiar nations. France, best illustrates this cause. The postage stamps of this country are living monuments of her passage through the ordeal of three changes of government, landing finally on the high ground of Republicanism and celebrating the event by an issue of stamps that for beauty of design and finish take a leading position in the Philatelic world. Switzerland and Spain also belong in this list.

Antiqueness of design, and desire to keep pace with their more modern neighbors, is another cause of change. Gradually we see the remote countries of Asia and South America abandoning their emblematic, and labelly adhesives for the modern artistic beauties of the more civilized nations, and before many years we predict that the colored paper labels of the South American States, the hyeroglifics of Cashmere and Cabul, the hideous dragon that defaces the Chinese stamps will give way to neat designs after the model of the United States, Great Britain or France Some of these countries have already taken the new departure, and the designs produced are of a high order of beauty. Honduras, Argentine Republic, Brazil, Hawaii, Persia, Peru, Norway, Sweden and several others show beautiful designs of postage stamps, where a few years ago were used labels almost rude in their design, and of very inferior finish.

Among the other causes leading to changes of designs, are changes in the currency, of the country, additions of new values, new postal treaties and local demands not to mention the whims and ambitions of postal superintendants and directors, which being personal, we cannot attempt to analyze. Let us be satisfied that all these changes so far, with but few unimportant exceptions, have been for the better, and lead us to suppose that the postage stamp of the future will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

THE GOLOID DOLLAR.—Specimens of the goloid metric dollar have been exhibited in Washington. This dollar contains 75 centigrammes of pure gold and 12 grammes, 75 milligrammes of pure silver, and 1 gramme 425 milligrammes of pure copper. It weighs 14½ grammes, which is a little less than 220 grains. In size, it is slightly larger in diameter but not so thick as the silver half dollar and is incapable of being split. It is the exact equivalent of the present gold and silver dollar in intrinsic value; that is to say, $2 of this metric gold dollar would be the exact equivalent in its intrinsic value of $1 in gold, and $1 in silver of our present coin. The reverse of the metric dollar is ornamented by the words "United States of America, 100 cents,' within the outer circumference and a chain of thirty eight stars to represent the states of the union, within which are inscribed the words "goloid metric 1 G, 16, 1 S, 1 9 C, grammes. 14.25" arranged in tabular form. On the obverse are thirteen stars to represent the original thirteen states, the words "E Pluribus Unum" and a finely cut figure-head of Liberty, and the figures 1878.

The following is the official announcement of the reduction of Government envelops:

REDUCTION IN GOVERNMENT ENVELOPS.—The post-office department, on January 1, reduced the price of stamped envelops an average of 20 per cent. throughout the entire list, and the result is seen in the largely increased requisitions now being made. Those on Saturday footed up 4,486,600 envelops, valued at $97,555, or more than double those on any single day in the history of the department. the entire requisitions for the day for stamps, stamped envelops and postal cards amounting to $517,589, included in which were 4,765,500 postal cards.

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Salutatory.

Philately, above all its kindred arts, recognizes the utility of the press as both an assistant and director in the furtherance of collecting and classifying stamps as well as a guard again at the depredations of forgers counterfeiters and other like enemies to our beloved pastime, which like other fine arts is peculiarly beset with these unprincipled scoundrels. In issuing our small sheet in this peculiar field, we supply a growing demand for a journal of its kind, in this part of the country, and while we do not propose to accomplish anything in the miracle line, we expect to keep our readers fully informed on all events relating to our art, past, present and future.

Collectors of, and dealers in coins, will also find in our columns such news and views calculated to assist them in their researches, and we extend a most cordial invitation to all numismatists to use our columns for anything of interest to those interested in this pursuit.

THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIST, will be abreast with the times in all its departments, our endeavor will be to furnish a reliable record of current events in Philately. We would call particular attention to our Directory of reliable dealers, who will always give your moneys worth. We will not insert in this department the names of any person or persons, who have not to the extent of our knowledge and research, been fair and honest in all dealings. A small charge for insertion in this department will be made.

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NOTICE.

It is our intention to publish monthly a list of reliable dealers, to assist collectors to choose honest men for their dealings. Our charge for the insertion of the address of reliable dealers is 25 cents each insertion. Dealers will do well to try our columns.

If any of our correspondents or patrons have any charge against anyone for dishonest dealings, upon notification such charges will be investigated at our expense, and unless a satisfactory explanation is given the name of these parties will appear in our paper under the heading of *Black List*.

As our publication is not conducted in the interest of any one party we would call particular attention to it as an advertising medium for stamp dealers and others.

AN APOLOGY.

An apology is due our patrons for the non appearance of cuts of stamps, but we hope to be able to supply them in the future. ED.

Editorial Points.

L. W. Durbin, announces the issue of a volume on the stamped envelopes of the United States, illustrated with cuts of the various designs, which will no doubt be not only a great help to new collectors, but a guide to older collectors, W. E. V. Horner, M. D., is its author.

F. Trifet, the Boston dealer, announces a new catalogue for 1879, which will contain all stamps issued to December, 1878. Durbin makes a similar announcement, and we may expect to see something exhaustive in the catalogue line.

Messrs. Scott & Co's., auction sale of stamps, on November 21st, realized the neat sum of $460 35. *The Collector's World* says these sales are becoming quite popular.

Wytheville, Va., has an organized and working Philatelic society, which after the manner of the Paris organization, has taken to consider the dark points in the art, and are throwing no inconsiderable light on some doubtful questions. The officers are T. A. Caldwell, President; J. T. Stewart Vice-President, H. J. Heuser, Sec'y, J. Berford, Assistant Secretary, J. A. Heuser, Treasurer and Librarian.

PROVISIONALS.

By F. C.

So much has already been said concerning the "whys and wherefores" of the issuing of provisional stamps that we deem it proper to pass over all this and notice a few which many catalogues neglect.

The first provisional issue of the Argentine Republic was presented to the public in 1867, and consisted of the type of the general issue (which is watermarked A R) on thin paper, and without any watermark whatever. The complete list of this provisional issue is as follows:

Unperforated—5 centavos, rose, 10 centavos, green and 15 centavos blue. *Perforated*—5 centavos rose. The 5 centavos unperforated was reissued in September 1872, but the impression was very poor and the color a dingy lake.

In 1860 the province of Modena issued a set of provisionals bearing the Cross of Savoy in crowned shield with branches in rect. on white ground. The frame bears the following: "*Franco Bollo Provincie Modonesi.*" The values and colors are, 5 centisimi green, 15 c chocolate, 40 c rose and 80 c buff. These stamps were current only a short period of time.

There are counterfeits of the 80 c in the market, but they can generally be distinguished by their being badly blurred in the printing. In 1877 the Orange Free States presented us with a provisional issue by surchargeing in black the 6 pence rose with a figure 4, in several varieties of type. In 1850 Parma, before it surrendered its right of issuing stamps, presented Philately with a provisional set of the same design as the newspaper stamps of 1857. They bear the following values and colors: 5 centisimi green, 10 c brown, 30 c blue, 40 c red and 80 c ochre. The word *centisimi* is found spelled in various ways, thought to be due to bad printing. This set remained in use until this state became a part of Sardinia in 1860.

The year 1872 brought us the first provisional issue of Roumania, which bears the design of the 1871 issue They were very poorly printed and had but one month's currency. They are all unperforated. The set contains the following values: 20 bani pale ultramarine and 50 b blue with red centre.

Candahar, Cabul, Clural, Sueat, Kunar, Punjaub, Yark, Cashgar, Sodak, Lahore, Khyber, Hazarpire, and Kuram, are a specimen of the euphoneous names brought prominently into notice by the Anglo-Afghan war.

Three hotel waiters of Trieste have been sent to prison for posting placards advocating the annexation of the city to Italy.

Cardinal Nini, the secretary of state to Leo XIII., is a great smoker. In his study is a pipe rack, well filled with old pipes, for the most part of the cheapest kind. He smokes the ordinary coarse tobacco, and does not disdain the inferior kind used by the soldier.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—The P. M. illustrates the design of the 1 centavo newspaper wrapper lately issued. 1 c. carmine.

BRAZIL—In addition to the newly issued stamps noticed in our last, *The St. Louis Philatelist* announces a 300 r light green, 700 r dark brown and 1000 r slate, all roulette.

CUBA—The 10 c green, of 1877 is coming forward.—*Collectors' World.* The 5, 10, 12½ c and 1 p of 1878, unperforated, are in use. Thanks to Mr. Gambs for a sight of the 1879 12½ c. carmine, same design as last issue. The same gentleman has had the 1879 50 c., lilac.

CASHMERE—An ½ anna blue, of the new type is in use.—*P. M.*

EGYPT—A new issue was announced for the first of January, to contain all the values of the last set, with the probable addition of 16 piastres. The *Timbre Poste* illustrates the design of a 60 paras stamp which was about to be issued, but the entire supply was destroyed by an incendiary. The following is a brief description: The numeral of value is on a globe in centre, all enclosed in a band with inscription in white viz: "*Unione Postale Egitto.*" At top is "*Sesanta Para.*" The bottom bears native inscription; value in letters.

FRANCE—*Le Timbre Poste* says, a set of stamped envelopes and newspaper bands are in preparation. A new departure for France. The *Collectors' World* says the 10 c lilac post card has three lines for address. The *St. L. P.* mentions a 35 c. green, type of present issue.

FALKLAND ISLANDS—A 1 shilling brown has been added to the recently issued set.

GREAT BRITAIN—We have the 1 shilling adhesive of 1873 in blue-green.

ITALY—The T. P. says the post card noticed in our last was to be succeeded by another one on January 1st.

JAPAN—The 5 rins slate, comes to hand printed on very thick white paper. The punctures in perforation do not go through the paper.

LUXEMBURG—Two varieties of the 5 c. card are noticed by Mr. Moens. The difference is in the letter S in "*Post Karte*," it being longer on one than the other.

MEXICO—A new set for this year have just appeared. Portrait of President Diaz occupies centre of stamp, in engine turned oval, over which, "*Republica Mexicana*," in curve; figures of value occupy both upper corners, "*Documentos y Libros*," on sides in ruled enclosure; beneath the oval "*Renta del Timbre*." date 1879, at each side near bottom, value in full close to bottom frame, under which mortice for surcharge of issuing office. values and colors as follows:

1	centavo	Brown
3	"	Blue
5	"	Orange-Brown
10	"	Dark Green
25	"	Dark Blue
50	"	Bright Green
1	peso	Vermillion
5	"	Lilac

We have also received the 25 centavos envelope, same design and color as 1874 issue, but watermarked "*Admon. Gral de Correos*," in fancy curve over Mexican Arms, underneath which "*Mexico.*". This watermark is very conspicuous, occupies front of the envelope, which bears imprint of GOUTHIER, DREYFUS & CIE., Paris.

NOWANNUGGER—We have the stamp issued by this country in gray-lilac and mauve. The latter is so poorly printed that the lettering cannot be read.

PERSIA—*The Collectors' World* announces another stamp of the 1876 type. 1 kran yellow, on white wove paper.

PORTO RICO—The P. M. has seen a 5 c bistre, dated 1878. The Editor of *The Collectors' World* has the 5 c, 10 c, 15 c and 25 c of 1877, and the 1 p of 1878, unperforated.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—The same has received the following: 0,0625 de peso lilac, 50 lilac, 200 pale rose, imperforate, and 25 mils green, 100 light carmine and 200 bistre, perforate. It is thought that the imperforated ones also come in a perforated form.

QUEENSLAND—The T. P. illustrates a 2 p, shown in Paris by Messrs Waterlow & Sons, engravers, of London.

SAMOA—The following values have been added lately: 1 shilling golden-yellow, 2 shillings brown and 5 shillings green.

SPAIN—A Don Carlos *(Valencia)* stamp, with 4-2, instead of 1-2 was shown at the October meeting of the *French Society of Timbrology*, by M. de Bosredon.

TOLIMA—A 5 pesos yellow-brown on white is announced.

TURKEY—Mr Coster notices the 10 paras, imperforate, of 1874, with *cheir* surcharged in blue in a dotted circle.

URAGUAY—We have received single and double post cards from this South American Republic. The single card is blue and black on white, and of the value of 2 centavos. The double card is simply two single ones, with the words, "*Contestacion Paga*," added, and perforated, black and carmine.—*P. M.*

VICTORIA—The ½ p stamp is now on rose-tinted paper.

Old American Coins.

Something Touching Old Pieces that Have Been Stowed Away While Greenbacks Ruled and that May Now Come into the Market as Rare Old American Coins.

With the Resumption of specie payments numismatic people look for the production of many old coins of the coinage of the United States that have been held by their owners against the time greenbacks and government scrip would cease to be of any value. That period has now passed out of the range of probability, although, so far as old coins are concerned, the expected result is here. Numismatists generally, think there is an immense amount of old coins in stockings or hidden in chimneys in this country—more, indeed, than the average man has any idea of—many of which will be put on sale. All of them say that the interest in old coins is growing every day, and although it is not likely that the market for rare pieces will be glutted as a natural result of silver, gold and paper money meeting each other on equal terms, at the same time it is thought that not a few coins will be put on sale, and the buyers will be on the alert. Such is the opinion of S. K. Harzfeld, chairman of the committee of numismatics of the Numismatic and Antiquarian society of Baltimore, of which the venerable Eli K Price is president and whose list of prominent active members includes the names of Wm. P. Chandler, Wm. S. Vaux, Henry M. Phillips, Jr., Dr. Brinton and John R. Baker. Mr. Harzfeld's collection is, perhaps, as large and interesting as any in the city, and he hates a misstatement of facts about old coins as he does a counterfeit papal medal. "For," as he says, "a correct record of coins, wherever it may be printed, is the only safeguard for numismatics, and I am afraid the press of this country is inclined to go a little wild. It was printed recently in this city that a coin 5000 years old is in the possession of an old farmer. Such statements make the judicious grieve, although they may be good news in a journalistic sense."

SOMETHING ABOUT VERY OLD COINS.

As nearly as numismatics can calculate it, silver and gold were in common use as circulating media—money—in the earliest time, or certainly about 2000 years before the Christian era. The Bible mentions it and the scripture paintings of Egypt show it clearly. But this money passed by weight. The use of actual "coins" passing by tale (counting), the weight and purity of each piece being guaranteed by the issuing state, city, etc., by means of a public seal or stamp of a sacred character, was a later invention, probably about 900 or 800 B. C. The Lydians, Persians and Ionians are entitled, to the credit of this important invention. They coined the first gold money—staters and darics; but the first silver was coined in the island of Ægina. The early history of coinage is exceedingly interesting and instructive. Nations disappeared, their works of art have been lost, the old records destroyed, but the coins after centuries are brought to light again and tell us in unmistakable language of nations gone long ago. But the coins give not only a record of history; they are of equal use to further the study of geography, archæology, and they show the rise and decline of arts of the various nations and countries. The coinage of the United States shows a remarkable want of art, or even good taste. The coins have no historical interest, but nevertheless they are highly appreciated by American collectors. And as in certain years certain denominations were only coined in very limited number, the supply is not sufficient to meet the demand, and such pieces bring high prices, especially in beautiful preservation. The early coins of the colonies—New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, etc.—are abundant, and poor specimens (with exception of rare varieties) may be had at ten cents. The Franklin cent of 1787 and similar pieces are quite common. So are specimens of the old colonial and continental paper money, which sell as low as 10 cents.

THE VALUE OF RARE UNITED STATES COINS.

Of the United States dollars, the dollar of 1794 is worth $50; of 1804, $7 50; 1836, $5; 1838, $20; 1839, $20; 1851, $40, 1852, $40; 1854, $5; 1855, $5; 1858, $50. All other dates bring only $1 25 to $3. Half dollars of 1795 and 1797 are very rare, and worth $25 to $75, according to condition. The 1794, 1815, 1836, milled edge and 1852 half dollars, are much in demand and if fine, bring $5 and more. Of quarters the 1796 and 1804 are highly valued in fine preservation. The 1823 is very rare and worth $50. The dimes of 1800 and 1804 realize easily $5, and the half dime of 1802 is considered a bargain at $100. Copper cents of 1793 may be had as low as 25 cents, but in sharp, uncirculated condition bring $50 and more. Mr. Harzfeld has just now a specimen as fine as the day it was struck, which is valued at $100. Cents of 1794, 1795, 1796 and 1797 are common, but those of 1799 are worth $50 and more, if fine.

A fine cent of 1804 is equally rare, and the issues of 1809, 1811 and 1823 are not rare but very desirable in fine and sharp condition. Of half cents the 1796 is worth $25 to $50, while the other regular issues are very common. The small nickel cent of 1856, with the flying eagle, is worth, fine, $1 50. There are as a matter of course, counterfeits of the rare pieces in existence, and it is a strange fact that they were, with very few exceptions, not issued by any unscrupulous coin dealer, but fraudulently restruck of the genuine dies by former employes of the Philadelphia mint. The dollars of 1801, 1803 and 1804, 1850, and 1851, the quarter dollars of 1823 and 1827, and valuable pattern coins, to the amount, it is said, of $20,000, have in this way been issued, cheating at the same time the United States government and credulous coin collectors. Professional numismatists know these restrikes well, just as they can tell a genuine antique Greek or Roman coin from a modern forged one. And sensible collectors will purchase only from reliable dealers. Besides, at Philadelphia, New York and Boston there are numismatic societies, whose valuable information is secured to the members. "Is there any established standard for the value of old pieces?" Mr. Harzfeld was asked. "Well, numismatists, knowing pretty well the history of the coinage of all countries, and the supply, as in all mercantile circles, regulating the price, a standard is reached such as obtains in any other business. You know, however, that in this business, when we talk of values intrinsic or numismatic, we bear in mind that

> The intrinsic value of a thing
> Is just as much as it will buy.

—*(Baltimore Gazette.)*

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Editorial Notes.

The Levick sale of Revenues, Essays, Proofs, Postage Stamps. &c., we learn from a New York correspondent was well attended and rarities sold for good prices. The sale realized something over five hundred dollars.

E. B. Sterling, the well known dealer in United States stamps, is furnishing the *Collectors' World* with some very interesting papers on U. S. Revenues.

Messrs. Casey and Durbin are having quite a war over the sizes and completeness of their respective collections of U. S. Envelopes. From present indications it would seem that some one is going to be called a hard name, but as the former resides in New York, and the latter in the City of Brotherly Love, no fear of bloodshed need be apprehended.

The Wytheville Va., Philatelic Society has elected an executive committee composed of the following gentlemen: H. J. Heuser Chairman, J. D. Stuart, T. A. Caldwell.

The Stamped Envelopes of the United States, has reached us. It is a volume deserving of more than passing notice, and shows that its author W. E. V. Horner, M. A., has given the subject his deepest attention before trusting it in print. The author divides the envelopes into eight issues, and after giving in tabulated form the various values, colors, dies, sizes, &c., appends an admirable treatise on the same at the foot of each table. The volume is profuse in illustrations and a chart of shapes accompanies the book, making the task of collecting these stamps an easy pastime, where hitherto it has been almost a labor. L. W. Durbin is its publisher.

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MORAL—Subscribe to the SOUTHERN PHILATELIST.

Items of Interest.

The Chicago Postoffice was destroyed by fire on the afternoon of January 4th. All letter mail was saved, a portion of newspapers were consumed. This makes the third time since 1871 that the Chicago postoffice has been destroyed by fire.

Jno. Back, postmaster at Frenchburg, Ky., was arrested on the 14th ult., charged with rifling valuable letters. It is alledged that he has broken open upwards of eighty letters in the last three months.

PANAMA—The revolution has ended in Panama by the peaceful retirement of Correoso from the Presidency of the state. He had become personally unpopular and many of his former friends and supporters deserted him.

Lima went into mourning for eight days for Don Manuel Pardo, late President of Peru.

The Queen of the Belgians has decided on presenting to the Belgian ladies who attended as a deputation at the celebration of the silver wedding a suitable souvenir of the occasion. This will consist of a silver medallion bearing an excellent likeness of her Majesty on the obverse, the reverse bearing the inscription: "Offert par la Reine, souvenir du 22 Aout, 1878," surrounded by a garland of roses.

The King of Holland was married to Princess Emma of Waldeck-Pyrmont, on the evening of January 7th.

King Louis of Portugal, is not only an excellent Monarch, but he has gained distinction as a litterateur. An intense admirer of Shakespeare, and regretting that the works of the great poet were not accessable to his subjects, he set about translating his plays in Portugues. A handsome edition of "Hamlet" was published some time since, and now His Majesty's publishers announce that the editions will soon appear of "Othello" and "The Merchant of Venice."

Underwood's Counterfeit Detector for December, gives a table of 562 different kinds of counterfeit money, coming under its observation. Every State in the Union is represented in the list, and so great have been the numbers of counterfeits on some banks, that in some cases the issue has been entirely called in.

Provisionals.

F. C.

The 1873-5 issue of Bermuda, is decidedly provisional. So we note them in a few lines. First, we notice the 1 penny. red, 2 pence, blue and 1 shilling, green, of the general issue, surcharged THREE PENCE in italic capitals. Next, the same surcharged THREE PENCE in Roman capitals. Later we see ONE PENNY in Roman capitals, surcharged on the 2 pence, blue, 3 pence buff, and 1 shilling, green. In 1856, a provisional issue was made for British Guiana. The type consisted of a ship with the motto of British Guiana in an oblong frame, name and value are in full. All of this issue are of the value, 4 cents, and are impressed in black, on magenta, faced paper, deep blue faced paper and indigo paper colored through. The complete set of Italian official stamps are surcharged 2 C in blue. The 2 in lower left, and C in lower right hand corner.

1877 brought us a provisional from Persia, formed by cutting the 10 shahi stamp in two diagonally, and surcharging each half with the figure 5.

As the provisional issues of the Sandwich Islands, are quite numerous, we think a few words upon them would be acceptable. The first issue came in use in July, 1859. The type was a large numeral of value enclosed in lettered frame. HAWAIIAN POSTAGE on the left side and UKA LETA on the right. Values: 1 cent, pale blue and 2 c., black, both on *greenish-blue paper*. There are ten types of each. The second issue appeared in January, 1863. Design same as the first issue. *On blue-gray paper*. 1 c., black and 2 c., blue. Ten types of each: The third, in 1864, same as first two issues, *plain white wove paper*. 1 c.; black, and 2 c., black, white paper. In 1865 there were issued on *laid white paper*. The fourth provisional issue made its appearance in May, 1865, similar to foregoing: UKA LETA at top. HAWAIIAN POSTAGE, at each side 5 c., blue, *on blue paper*. Ten types

Similar; INTERISLAND on the left side. 1 c., dark blue, *on white paper*.

The fifth provisional issue came forth in 1867. Same as last, 5 c., blue *on blue paper*. Ten types.

In the article on "Provisionals" in our last, in speaking of the first provisional issue of Argentine Republic, by an oversight the words "of 1864" were omitted after "*type of general issue*."

In values of provisionals of Parma, "50 c. *blue*" should have been "20 c. *blue*."

Beginners in the art will do well to bear in mind that provisional issues are not put forth by the commissary department. Don't be led astray by the sound of the word.

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Newly Issued and Inedited Stamps.

We would thank our correspondents and friends for any news relative to this column, and if specimens of new issues are sent they will be returned by first mail, with many thanks.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—Two new postal cards are announced by the *Collector's World*, very similar in design to the present issue of the United States: The head of liberty being replaced by that of some one of Argentine's men of note. R. A. takes the place of U. S. and *Tarjeta Postale*, that of *Postal Card*. Values are 4c. Slate and 4x4c. green. The latter bearing explanatory inscriptions.

BAVARIA—The color of the stamp on the 5x5 pf. card is changed to mauve.

BELGIUM—*Le Timbre Poste* says: The inscription on the Belgian card is to be changed.

BOLIVIA—From the *Union* we learn that a 5 cent blue was emitted in the last of November.

CUBA—*The Collector's World* adds to the list of imperforated stamps published in our last:

1876, type.....50 c. and 1 p.
1877, " .....12½c and 50c.
1878, " .....25c.

In addition to the 12½ and 50c. spoken of in our last, we have received the 25c. ultramarine. The *P. M.* mentions a 1 peseta, brown.

CYPRESS—*Le Timbre Poste* says: The following stamps have been issued for this Island:—10 para, rose; 20 p. yellow and 50 p. blue.

DECAN—We understand that the following values have been surcharged in native characters for *service*. Large oblong stamps—red surcharge skeleton type—2 annas black. Present issue—½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, annas black surcharged, and 1 anna red surcharged.

FIJI ISLANDS—All the values 1, 4 and 6 pence, now come on *laid* paper.—*Collector's World*.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The same paper notices that the rectangular frame for the Registered envelope stamps is now omited.

INDIA—The surcharge on officials now reads on H. M. S. The following have so far been changed, ½ anna blue; 1 a, brown: 2 a, pale yellow and 8 a carmine.

Smith & Co's Circular notices the preparation of 9 pies, envelopes for soldiers and seamen, 1½ annas post-cards for International use, and ½ annas post-card for Internal use.

ITALY—The card mentioned in our January number is now on white.

MEXICO—The *P. M.* illustrates the design of a new set of *Porte de Mar* stamps. Only the following values have come to notice. 2 centavos, brown, 5 c., yellow; 10 c., red; 25 c., blue; 50 c. green and 100 c. violet They measure about one inch by ¾ of an inch.

NIZAM—The *T. P.* mentions for this Decan state an envelope of a very curious design. It is an obverse oval. POST STAMP at top. The centre bears native characters. ¼ anna, red.

ORANGE FREE STATES—A 5 shilling, green has been emitted. *P. M.*

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS To the list of imperforate stamps recently issued, the T. P. adds, 2 c. de p blue, 10 c. d p. blue, 12 c. de p. lilac, 25 c. de p. green and 25 m. black

PORTO RICO—The Brussels journal adds to the list of imperforate stamps in our last, a 1 peseta, blue of the 1876 type. We have received, of the 1879 issue: 5 c. de p. lake; 10 c. de p. brown, and 15 c. de p. black.

ROUMANIA—We have seen a 30 bani, brick red, of the same type of the present set. The *Collector's World* notices a 50 bani rose on *laid* paper.

SPAIN—The *Union* says that counterfeits of the 2 reals of 1851, and 1852 issues, have been extensively sold as reprints to European dealers.

SORUTH—From the *Union* we learn that in January, a new series of postage stamps were issued. 4 centimeters square SORUTH POSTAGE at top, native inscriptions in centre.

TRANSVAAL—The *P. M.* illustrates the design of the newly issued stamps for this colony. It is very similar to that of the Falkland Island stamps. 1 penny brown and 4 pence green.

UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA.—The color of the 10 c. has been changed to brown-violet.—*Collector's World*.

UNITED STATES—The postoffice department has ordered a new postage stamp to be used on letters not prepaid. Heretofore a letter being posted and wanting a stamp has been held in the office at which it was mailed. The postmaster at this office then writes to the individual addressed, saying that such a letter has been held in that office for him, the postage not having been prepaid. The new stamp which has just been ordered under the new regulation is put on the letter not prepaid and sent to the postmaster at the postoffice of its destination, who is charged with the amount due, and to collect the same from the person addressed on the delivery of the letter. A new stamp has also been ordered to be put on the letter after it passes into the hands of the carrier, who then becomes responsible for the collection of the postage. This new stamp is intended as a check upon the carrier, who is thereby prevented from pocketing his collections. The new system acts somewhat similar to the bell-punch of the street car conductors.—*Boston Herald*.

The British Postoffice.

The report of the postmaster general for the financial year which ended March 31, 1876, has been issued. The number of postoffices established in the year was 316, raising the total number of offices in the United Kingdom to 13,763. The total number of letters, postcards, books, packets, newspapers, etc., which passed through the post during the year was 1,477,828,200, being an increase of 4. 7 per cent. on the number in 1876. In England and Wales the letters amounted in number to 882,968,700. In Ireland to 74,248,200, and in Scotland to 99,515,300. The total number of postcards for the United Kingdom—102,237,300—shows an increase of 10 per cent. Book packets, newspapers and circulars show a total for the United Kingdom of 317,858,600, or an increase of 6. 4 per cent. The number of newspapers alone is estimated at 128,558,000. The number of letters, etc., forwarded to and received from European countries and Egypt was 24,917,900 and 20,257,900 respectively. The total number of letters sent to the returned letter offices, was 1,873,624, an increase of 161,615. The proportion out of the whole number transmitted was as 1 to 217. It was found possible to return to the writers, or to reissue to corrected addresses. About nine-tenths of the whole number received. Nearly 23,509 letters were posted without addresses, 757 of these were found to contain £214 12s. 5d. in cash and bank notes, and £9033 1 s. 11d. in checks, etc.; 52 856 postage stamps were found loose in the postoffices, having been insecurely affixed by the senders; 12,525 miscellaneous articles reached the returned letter offices without covers or addresses, the average total weight of mails received daily at the chief office St. Martin's-le-Grand, is 23 tons, and of mails dispatched 43 tons. On heavy mail days, those weights may be taken at 25 tons and 53 tons respectively. On the occasion of the wreck of the European, off Ushant, one of the registered letter bags from Cape Town, on being opened in London, proved to contain several large packets of diamonds, the addresses on which had been destroyed by the action of the water, and about seven pounds weight of loose diamonds which had evidently escaped from covers wholly or partially mutilated, and found in pulp at the bottom of the bag. Every endeavor was used to discover the rightful owners of those packets which were nearly intact, and they were all, with very little delay, duly delivered. After very great trouble the whole of the persons for whom the loose diamonds were intended were, it is believed, ascertained. The diamonds were valued by an experienced broker and sold, the amount realized—namely, £19,000—being sufficient to satisfy the several claimants to such an extent that not a single complaint was heard.—*London Times.*

U. S. REVENUES.

By R. M. Weston, Rochester, N. Y.

We present our readers with the following new stamps:

MEDICINE

J. S. Burdsal & Co., black on white wrapper. Barham Pile Cure, 1 c. green on white paper

MATCH

Bagley & Dunham, 1 c. green on white paper. Gardener, Bur & Co., 1 c. Black on pink paper.

Our friend Sterling, of the *Collector's World*, has made a slight mistake in regard to the last mentioned, for Gardener, Bur & Co., *did* issue a stamp. It is the usual size of match stamps; the design is a locomotive centred in circle, facing to the left, "Gardener & Co., Matches," figure one in the top corners, "Chicago, Ill., U. S. Internal Rev." below "One Cent." at bottom, and to finish the description, it is printed in black, on pink paper, making one of our prettiest match stamps. This stamp was issued during January 1878, the factory was destroyed by fire Feb 6 1878, making it one of our rarest pink stamps. Only about 6 are known, and two or three of these changed hands at no less than $5 each.

The coinage of the United States for the year 1878, was 22,751,389 pieces, worth in aggregate $25,226,278 50. There were double eagles, 543,648; eagles, 738,000; half eagles, 131,740; three dollars, 82,324; quarter eagles, 286,260; dollars, gold, 3 020; silver, 10 509,550; trade, 900, half dollars, 1,378,400, quarter dollars, 2,260,800; twenty cent pieces, 600, dimes, 1,678, five cent pieces, 2,350, three cent pieces, 2,350, cents, 5 799,850.

BLACK LIST.

If any of our correspondents or patrons have any charge against anyone for dishonest dealings, upon notification such charges will be investigated at our expense, and unless a satisfactory explanation is given the names of these parties will appear in our paper under this heading.

Jas. French, San Antonio Texas; Silas F. Pond, Mendota, Minn.; John C. Thorne, Mendota, Minn; James S. Burt, St Paul, Minn; Geo. H. Frankfort, Minneapolis, Minn.

Jas. French, San Antonio Texas. This enterprising character obtained a sheet of stamps from Mr. Russell, of this city, and although several inquiries concerning them were sent him, and postage sent for their return French declined to even notice the letters. The charges against the other four are made by Messrs. Gilmore & Hart, of Cleveland Ohio. All of the parties were written to and the letters to Messrs. Pond, Thorn and Burt were returned undelivered.

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Editorial Notes.

Thyme is money—greenbacks we suppose.

The age attained by all numismatists—coin-age.

The Boys of Worcester has reached us. The stamp department is conducted by Mr. C. B. Raub, of New London, Conn.

Whenever you see a meek eyed youth spending most of his time around the Postoffice, picking up the envelopes lying around the floor, you may jump at the conclusion that he is the possessor of one of Scott's International Albums.

We are indebted to the Secretary of the Wytheville Philatelic Association for a copy of their Bulletin. From it we learn that the Association's library contains fifteen volumes, additions being made to it as rapidly as convenient. This would seem to indicate that Philately is not without its own literature.

The Postoffice received a fresh coat of paint a few days since. The first male that came along and leaned up against one of the pillars, had his black overcoat beautifully surcharged drab on black. Although this process tends to reduce the number of overcoats in circulation, the surcharge greatly reduces their value and compels them thereafter to be used only provisionally.

"Can such things be," quoted our office boy, as he read the startling announcement, in staring capitals, "25 cents a thousand paid for used U. S. stamps, address so-and-so, such-a-place," and he took his feet from off the desk, grasped a pencil and figured out that it would cost him just 30 cents in postage and trouble to get 25. "I guess I won't bite to-day," he soliloquised as his feet resumed their elevated position, and went to counting the number of alphabets in the average German word.

Death of E. L. Pemberton.

It is with feelings of sadness that we announce the demise of this worthy and esteemed Philatelic author. His writings are standing monuments of his knowledge and research, and have ever met with a hearty welcome. It has been but a few months since we received the last tributary to his fame, the second edition of *The Stamp Collector's Hand Book*, and now we are called upon to chronicle his death.

How sad to think of one just in the prime of his literary career, being so suddenly called from the stage of life's drama. The announcement of his death will be a shock felt all over the stamp collecting world.

For years has he held his own so well, against the attacks of jealous writers that his name has been almost a sure guarantee of the correctness of the article to which it was attached. We fear the English philatelists will suffer from this loss. His fame will ever be esteemed by the philatelists of the New World, as well as of all parts of the globe. Surely philately has sustained an irrepairable loss in his death.

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R. M. W.—We accept your offer with pleasure.

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F. S.—The Western Union Telegraph Co's stamp for 1879, is blue.

J. H. C.—Cannot say, have heard nothing to his discredit.

Geo. M.—Would be glad to hear from you on the subject.

MAX.—The Brazilian millri is equal to about 50 cents, American money.

LELIA.—(1) Mr. Vinson is looking up the matter, will answer you fully by mail. (2) The concern is perfectly good. (3) See our advertising column.

Messrs. Scott & Co., have suspended the publication of the *American Journal of Philately*, after eleven years of success.

Mr. Gambs, of St. Louis, writes: "Several days ago I received a letter from New Castle, Penn., when a 3 c. 1851 stamp passed in safety as postage."

We return thanks to the Editor of the *Collector's World*, for back numbers of that valuable journal. Also, to E. F. Gambs, of St. Louis, for similar favors.

THE NEW YORK PHILATELIST.—We are pleased to announce the receipt of a file of this neat little paper. It is published by H. C. Jones, P. O. Box, 1317, New York city.

Buried Treasure Brought to Light.

There is considerable excitement among the residents of Rossville over the good fortune of Christopher Meister, a German market-gardener, living on the Lake farm on Lake Island, near the Sound shore. On Christmas Day Meister and his son, while digging a pit to bury turnips, in a sandy spot near the shore, struck a large stone three feet below the surface. Upon removing the stone they discovered an old-fashioned iron pot, of about a peck's capacity, filled with what appeared to be large copper coins. They at once removed the pot to the house, and after cleaning a few coins, which were black with age, found them to be Spanish silver dollars, some of them bearing date 1743. The farm occupied by Mr. Meister was owned and occupied by the Lake family before and during the Revolutionary War. It seems probable that the treasure found by Mr. Meister was hidden where found by some of the Lake family during one of the raids made by tories on the island. About five years ago a number of gold and silver coins were dug up in the garden of ex-sheriff Negnant at Rossville, and still later a box full of Spanish dubloons was found on the farm of Mr. Jrospean, near the old Methodist Episcopal Church at Rosaville. Mr. Meister is highly elated over his good fortune, and intends to make further explorations, believing that there is more buried treasure in the vicinity.

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ANTIOQUIA—Two new designs for the 2½ and 5c. denominations. The former has a condor and the latter head of Liberty in circle. The colors are blue and green respectively. *M. C.*

BAVARIA—The 5 pf. is now violet and the 50 pf. brown. The *M. C.* says: there has been a slight change in the typography of the Nuremberg return letter stamp.

BHOPAUL—½ anna, green, similar to the rectangular ½ red.

BOLIVIA—Mr. Calman informs us that he has received specimens of the 10 centavos, orange, of the type prepared in 1877, but not then issued. *P. M.*

BRITISH GUIANA—The *C. W.* gives the list of re-surcharged stamps as follows:

1860 issue, 1c, black, with a line over the word *official*.

1876 issue, 1c. grey, line as above.

" " 2c. orange, " " "

" " 6c. brown with two lines crossed on the word *official*.

1876 issue, 6c brown, lines as above.

1863 issue, 6c. blue, " " "

It would seem that some speculator is at work.

CHINA—A third value, 1 candarin, green.

CUBA—A 1 peseta, brown has appeared.

CASHMERE—½ anna blue, has been added to the new set. *C. W.*

CANADA—Mr. J. A. Pierce, of Chicago sends us a stamp which he received on a returned letter from Halifax N. S. It is an oblong stamp, perforated, 24½ "Postoffice Canada" above, "Dead Letter Office," below, and "Officially Sealed" through, engine turned, oval. All enclosed in engine turned frame—color brown.

DENMARK—A large oblong stamp, brown and blue, on white has been in use since September, for dead letters that have been opened. *M. C.*

EGYPT—From Mr. Raub we have received specimens of the 2½ surcharged with large black figures 5. and 10 in centre. *Paras* at left hand, native characters at right hand.

FRENCH COLONIES—The 1, 2, 3, 5 and 15, unperforated and 4c. brown on blue rouletted, are in use in the colonies.

FALKLAND ISLANDS—1 shilling bistre is added to the set.

GERMAN EMPIRE—Mr. Moens has seen an undivided pair of large eagle, 1 g. unperforated.

GUATEMALA—The 1 r. envelope now comes in dark blue on laid amber paper. *M. C.*

LUXEMBURG—20c. local impression is in rose violet and perforated 13, so says the above mentioned.

MADEIRA—The 50 reis has surcharge reversed. *W. I. B. Z.*

NATAL—A 3 pence, 1862, not perforated, plain paper, blue. *T. P.*

NORWAY—We have received the 1879 set of Throndjems, same design as 1878, but smaller. A 4 ore, black on rose, 4 ore blue and 7 ore, solferino have been issued for the city of Christiania.

ORANGE FREE STATES—The *M. C.* announces a 5 shilling, green.

PERAK—Strait Settlement stamps surcharged, P 2c. brown *C. W.*

PANAMA—The 10c. is cut diagonally, and each half used as a 5c. stamp. *M. C.*

PERSIA—Mr. Stahl once more to the front with another new batch.

1 kran, carmine on yellow.
5 " gold, on white.
1 toman bronze, on blue.
5 kran lilac.

Provisionals are to be made, we learn, of the value of 1 and 4 kran by surcharging the 1 and 2 k. of the head type.

PERU—The 5c. envelope comes to hand on amber, a 1c. orange is said to be in use. *M. C.*

PORTO RICO—Mr. Durbin has a 5 bistre of the 1878 type. In addition to those presented in our last, there is as follows: 25c. blue, 50c. green, 1 p. grey.

PHILIPPINES—The *P. M.* notices a 20c. de peso brown and 100 mils de peso, light green. The *C. W.* adds, 25c. de p. black, surcharged; *Habilitado* 12c. *de peseto* in blue.

ROUMANIA—The 10 bani is now ultramarine, so says Mr. Trifet.

TRANSVAAL—The one penny spoken of in our last has come to hand. Smith's Circular gives the following additional values. 2p red mauve, 6 p. greenish white, 1 shilling, green and 2s blue.

WENDEN—The *M. C.* says the 2 k. stamp has been slightly altered.

WURTEMBURG—An error in the spelling on the 10 p. card WURTEMBEEG.

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VOL. I. GALVESTON, TEXAS, APRIL 1879. No. 4

Newly Issued and Inedited Stamps.

We would thank our correspondents and friends for any news relative to this column, and if specimens of new issues are sent they will be returned by first mail, with many thanks.

ANTIOQUIA—Two new designs for the 2½ and 5c. denominations. The former has a condor and the latter head of Liberty in circle. The colors are blue and green respectively. *M. C.*

BAVARIA—The 5 pf. is now violet and the 50 pf. brown. The *M. C.* says: there has been a slight change in the typography of the Nuremberg return letter stamp.

BHOPAUL—½ anna, green, similar to the rectangular ½ red.

BOLIVIA—Mr. Calman informs us that he has received specimens of the 10 centavos, orange, of the type prepared in 1877, but not then issued. *P. M.*

BRITISH GUIANA—The *O. W.* gives the list of re-surcharged stamps as follows:

1860 issue, 1c, black, with a line over the word *official*.

1876 issue, 1c, grey, line as above.

" " 2c. orange, " " "

" " 6c. brown with two lines crossed on the word *official*.

1876 issue, 6c brown, lines as above.

1863 issue, 6c. blue, " " "

It would seem that some speculator is at work.

CHINA—A third value, 1 candarin, green.

CUBA—A 1 peseta, brown has appeared.

CASHMERE—½ anna blue, has been added to the new set. *C. W.*

CANADA—Mr. J. A. Pierce, of Chicago sends us a stamp which he received on a returned letter from Halifax N. S. It is an oblong stamp, perforated, 24½ "Postoffice Canada" above, "Dead Letter Office," below, and "Officially Sealed" through, engine turned, oval. All enclosed in engine turned frame—color brown.

DENMARK—A large oblong stamp, brown and blue, on white has been in use since September, for dead letters that have been opened. *M. C.*

EGYPT—From Mr. Raub we have received specimens of the 2½ surcharged with large black figures 5, and 10 in centre. *Paras* at left hand, native characters at right hand.

FRENCH COLONIES—The 1, 2, 3, 5 and 15, unperforated and 4c. brown on blue rouletted, are in use in the colonies.

FALKLAND ISLANDS—1 shilling bistre is added to the set.

GERMAN EMPIRE—Mr. Moens has seen an undivided pair of large eagle, 1 g. unperforated.

GUATEMALA—The 1 r. envelope now comes in dark blue on laid amber paper. *M. C.*

LUXEMBURG—20c. local impression is in rose violet and perforated 13, so says the above mentioned.

MADEIRA—The 50 reis has surcharge reversed. *W. I. B. Z.*

NATAL—A 3 pence, 1862, not perforated, plain paper, blue. *T. P.*

NORWAY—We have received the 1879 set of Throndjems, same design as 1878, but smaller. A 4 ore, black on rose, 4 ore blue and 7 ore, solferino have been issued for the city of Christiania.

ORANGE FREE STATES—The *M.C.* announces a 5 shilling, green.

PERAK—Strait Settlement stamps surcharged, P 2c. brown *C. W.*

PANAMA—The 10c. is cut diagonally, and each half used as a 5c. stamp. *M. C.*

PERSIA—Mr. Stahl once more to the front with another new batch.

1 kran, carmine on yellow.
5 " gold, on white.
1 toman bronze, on blue.
5 kran lilac.

Provisionals are to be made, we learn, of the value of 1 and 4 Kran by surcharging the 1 and 2 k. of the head type.

PERU—The 5c. envelope comes to hand on amber, a 1c. orange is said to be in use. *M. C.*

PORTO RICO—Mr. Durbin has a 5 bistre of the 1878 type. In addition to those presented in our last, there is as follows: 25c. blue, 50c. green, 1 p. grey.

PHILIPPINES—The *P. M.* notices a 20c. de peso brown and 100 mils de peso, light green. The *C. W.* adds, 25c. de p. black, surcharged: *Habiltado* 12c. *de peseto* in blue.

ROUMANIA—The 10 bani is now ultramarine, so says Mr. Trifet.

TRANSVAAL—The one penny spoken of in our last has come to hand. Smith's Circular gives the following additional values. 2p red mauve, 6 p. greenish white, 1 shilling, green and 2s blue.

WENDEN—The *M. C.* says the 2 k. stamp has been slightly altered.

WURTEMBURG—An error in the spelling on the 10 p. card WURTEMBREG.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Philatelists, Numismatists and Collectors generally, wishing to communicate anything of interest to the collecting world, are cordially invited to do so through these columns. Letters should be short and to the point.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 1st, 1879.

Editor Southern Philatelist:

Dear Sir—I have perused with much pleasure, and profit, the articles in your esteemed little journal, and notice with gratification that your contributors are alive to the philatelic world, and hesitate not in taking hold of the subjects throwing on them what light they can for the benefit of their fellow-collector's. Old stamps has been resuscitated and given a history, new stamps have been chronicled and classed and many other details of our art have recivede the earnest attention and consideration of collectors, but the most important question, viz: "how to reduce the price of stamps," has been entirely ignored. As a matter of course the price of rare obsoletes cannot be reduced, we could hardly expect dealers to relinquish their large profits on these stamps after the trouble they have undergone in securing them, but I think it is in our power to reduce, or rather to cause to be reduced, the price of current stamps, whose face value is far beyond the reach of the most sanguine amateur. I refer particularly to the United States newspaper stamps of the 1875 issue. I believe it is universally acceded that these stamps are an essential necessity in every complete collection, yet, when the young collector, or the old collector either, has purchased his way through the set up to the $3 value, and stops to take a look ahead, it is anything but encouraging to see the $36, $48 and $60 values looming up, an impenetrable barrier between him and a complete collection. We have reached this stage and know the feeling.

What remedy have we? That's the question. I have waited long and watched intently for some one to suggest a remedy, but none has greeted my longing vision, and now in sheer desperation, but with the indomitable faith of a true collector, I suggest the following with the hope that even if it is not adopted, it will at least set the ball in motion towards this most desirable end.

I propose that a petition to the legislature of the United States be drawn up in some city, in which a large number of collectors and dealers reside, or let some philatelic society undertake the task. Have every collector, dealer or person anyway connected with our art, affix his or her signature to the petition, thence let the document be sent to some other city or town for signatures, until the whole country is canvassed. It will be an easy matter to have the petition introduced in Congress any representative will undertake it and I venture to say that it will meet with very little opposition.

The petition would show how the stamps should be canceled in some manner, so that while it prevented their use for postage, the design of the stamp would not be so obliterated as to mar its beauty and usefulness for collections.

Collectors in Europe might adopt a similar method for reducing the prices or their respective high value stamps. The result of such a consummation need not be dwelt upon.

Very respectfully.

STAMP CRAZY.

Wytheville, Va., Philatelic Society.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., March 7th, 1879.

House was called to order at 3:30, P. M., Pres't T. A. Caldwell in the Chair.

Mr. W. P Trent was elected as a corresponding member. Letters were read from Messrs. E. F. Gambs and N. P. Trent.

H. J. Heuser read an essay, "The Stamps of Holland." The proceedings were ordered to be sent to the SOUTHERN PHILATELIST for publication. A chromo of Gen. Washington was presented by Misses. Ellie Stewart and Maggie Heuser.

The "Lynchburg News," "Wytheville Enterprise," "Richmond Whig" and "The State," were received, containing articles on the Confederate Stamps.

We also received "Sterling's Catalogue of the U. S. Stamps" (No. 21), from Mr. E. B. Sterling. 4 numbers of the "N. Y. Philatelist," from Mr. H. C. Jones. 3 numbers of the SOUTHERN PHILATELIST, from Mr. F. P. Cravens and Chas. Diena's Price List, No. 3.

The study of the stamps of the "French Colonies" was postponed until next meeting. G. A. Kent was appointed to write an essay for next meeting. House adjourned.

H. J. HEUSER, Sec'ty.

THE FIRST METRIC DOUBLE EAGLE—The first specimen of the metric gold double eagle, on the goloid principle, of the full value of $20, coined at the Philadelphia United States mint, was received at the treasury department yesterday. It is a beautiful coin, of the size of the old double eagle, having a very rich hue. The design of the obverse side is a head of Liberty, surmounted by thirteen stars, between which is the metric inscription: "30 gr., 1 5 s., 3.5 c., 35 grains," below which is mounted by the words, "United States of America," and a circlet of thirteen stars emblazoned. Within the circlet is the latin inscription, "*Deo est gloria*" In a scroll held by the eagle the words, "*E Pluribus Unum*," meaning, when translated, "The United States of America—to God is the glory—of many one." Beneath this is the words, "twenty dollars." The coin has been handed over to Hon. A. H. Stephens, chairman of the committee on coinage. It is patented by Dr. William Wheeler Hubbell, and is the companion coin of the goloid dollar.—*Washington Republic*.

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Editorial Notes.

Chili is not in the frigid zone.

Mr Albert Comstock, has been appointed Secretary *pro tem* of the National Philatelic Society.

The Omnibus Club next month.

Now that the bill reducing the tax on tobacco from 24 to 16 cents is a law, we may expect a new issue of tobacco reveneus to meet the reduction.

Thanks to the editor of the Allgemeiner Briefmarken-Anzeiger, for Nos. 176, 177 and 178 of his journal.

Owing to illness, Mr. Ovary Taylor, the well-known philatelic writer, has retired from the field of philatelic authorship,

The rumor that stamps from the United States would be prohibited from entering the United Kingdom for fear of the "pleuro-pneumonia" is untrue, and was doubtless started by an English dealer who has a large stock on hand.

Omnibus Club next month.

Our enthusiastic office urchin in a highly dramatic key, exclaims: "let me collect the postage stamps of nations, I care not who writes the ballads."

Mr. R. M. Weston, writes: "I received a registered letter a short time ago with a ten cent, 1851 issue on it for registration."

It is rumored in Yorka Hama that the Imperial Government will establish postoffices at treaty ports before the close of the present year.

Omnibus Club next month.

For the past three months we have sent our paper to other publications of the kind with a view to exchange. All papers desiring to exchange with us will please let us know before the publication of our next issue, as we shall then discontinue sending our paper to those from whom we have received no similar favor.

Omnibus Club next month.

BLACK LIST.

If any of our correspondents or patrons have any charge against anyone for dishonest dealings, upon notification such charges will be investigated at our expense, and unless a satisfactory explanation is given the names of these parties will appear in our paper under this heading

Robert K. Ashton, Minneapolis, Minn.; Cyrus B. Curtis, Minneapolis, Minn.

Our letter to Mr. Frankfort, of this column last month, was returned undelivered, also one to Robt. K. Ashton, after being forwarded to Kent, Ind. Mr. Raub says that he has done business with Geo. H. Frankfort, under the names of Cyrus B. Curtis and Robert K. Ashton, and considers him a genuine fraud. Jas. S. Burt noticed in our last, "borrowed" $5 62 cts. worth of stamps from Mr. J. A. Pierce, of Chicago. All of Burt's letters are forwarded to Indianapolis, Ind.

Dealers, collectors and others interested would do well to note our exposures under this head, and to assist us in our endeavors to purge Philately of dishonorable and dishonest persons.

Our General Delivery.

HARRY—No, Mr. Cravens is simply the Managing Editor. The Company is composed of a number of Collectors in this city.

S. C—See this number for your letter, would be pleased to hear from you often.

(2)—Do not know the party, our advertising column will furnish desired information.

G. C.—Many thanks, it is a beautiful specimen.

CLARENCE Think we can do as you desire, although it will cost you quite a sum.

J. G.—Watch for our next number.

The annual circuler of the director of the mint, giving the value in United States money of the coins of the different countries of the world, shows that the dollar is the monetary unit of eight countries. The silver dollar of Mexico is worth one hundred and one and a half cents in our money. It will be seen from the above that the bullion value of the Mexican dollar is 1½ per cent above the United States legal tender dollar. The metalic value of the United States dollar is 84 to 84½ cents, and the Mexican dollar has therefore a metalic value of 85½ to 86 cents in gold.

Referring to our Black List, it would appear that Minneapolis and St Paul, Minn., should be avoided by dealers sending out stamps on approval. One of our complainants mentions that a dodge of one of the swindlers in the former place, is to use envelopes having the stamp of the Minnesota Legislature in one corner, doubtless an attempt to create the impression that they belong to that august body.

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Brazil, 1879 10	3
" " 20 "	6
" 1866 10 "	4
Ceylon, 2 cents,	3
Cape Verd, 5 r	5
" " 10 r	8
Curacoa, 2½ c	5
" 3 c	6
Chili, 2 c.	5
Cuba, 1878, 5 c	5
" " 10 c	8
Dominica, 1 d	5
Dutch Indies, 1 c	3
Denmark, 2 c	4
Danish West Indies 1 c	3
Egypt, 5 paras	3
" 10 "	5
" official	3
France, 1 c green	2
" 2 c	3
" 3 c yellow	4
French Colonies, eagle 10 c	10
Griqualand, ½ d	4
Grenada, 1 d	5
Hawaii, 1 c violet	4
" 5 c blue	15
Italy, (provisional) 2 c	2
Iceland, 5 aur	5
Japan, 5 rins	5
" news band	4
Madeira, 5 r	5
Maderanathal 5	5
Montserrat, 1 d	5
Nownannugger, slate	4
Norway, 1 ore	3
Portugal, 5 r	5
Persia, 1 s, black	8
" 2 s, (head)	6
Surinaame 2½ c	5
" 3 c	8
Spain, Don Carlos, 1 r, brown	10
" " " 50 c, green	15
Shanghai 1877 20 cash	5
San Marino, 2c	4
Sweden, 3 ore	3
" Losen, 1 ore	2
" " 3 ore	3
Swiss Wrapper, 2	3
U. S. Columbia, 1 c, pink	4
SETS UNUSED.	
Danube Steam Nav. Co. 4	20
German Empire, 16	40
" " 26, including env. wrapper & cards	60
Hamburg, envelopes 7	25
Mexico, 1879, 7	$2 25
Norway, Throndjems, 1879, 3	15
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Newly Issued and Inedited Stamps.

We would thank our correspondents and friends for any news relative to this column, and if specimens of new issues are sent they will be returned by first mail, with many thanks.

BHOPAUL—The stamp mentioned in our last should have ½ anna green instead of ½ a.

BOLIVIA—The *P. M.* has received specimens of the 20c. green, issue of 1877.

BRAZIL—We have the 500 r. of 1866 in both orange and yellow.

BAVARIA—The single card is now violet instead of green.

CHILI—We have the 1c. in orange and in yellow.

CURACOA—The *P. M.* says a 2½ florin stamp, violet and bistre has been issued.

DENMARK—The size of the 4 o. blue, card has been reduced and the inscription now reads BREVKORT.

FIJI—*Le T. P.* says that the letters "V. R." are now engraved on the plate.

FRANCE—We have received the 5 franc violet, of the 1877 set. We have the 25 c. blue on blue-faced paper, and the 5 c. green on green-faced paper.

GREAT BRITAIN—Thanks to Mr. E. H. Smith, of St. Louis, for the first specimen of the new ½ penny wrapper, same as the ½ d. green, which it supersedes. Half penny, red-brown. Mr. Robbins, sends us two new cards which went into use on April 1st, one penny and three half pence, both in brown on buff.

GUADALUPE—The *M. C.* announces the use of an unstamped card. Black on yellowish grey card.

HUNGARY—The water mark on the Hungarian cards now reads, M. K POSTA in one perpendicular line, says the *P. M.*

HONDURAS—*Le T. P* mentions two heretofore unknown varieties of the surcharged stamps. *Por un real* black, on 2 r. green, *Medio real*, blue on 2 r. green.

HOLLAND—The double 2½c. card is in use. *P. M.*

ITALY—10c. blue, 20c. yellow, "Estero" *C. W.*

LIVONIA—A large lot of the blue stamps of 1861 are being put into the market.

NORTH GERMAN CONFEDERATION—The *T. P.* mentions four surcharged envelopes unknown heretofore: 2 g. on two sizes of the Mecklenburg-Strelitz, 2 sgr. and 1 one g. on the 1, 2 and 3 k. small size, Prussian.

PORTUGAL—The *W. I. B. Z.* announces two envelopes.

25 reis blue,
50 reis red.

PERU—The *C W* says: a new *unpaid* letter stamp has been ordered, *steamship* will be omitted. National arms will replace the Llama. Value, 1c. color not yet decided upon, but will be some light tint.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—Still other values:

25 mills de peso, green
250 mills de peso, bistre—*P. M.*

SURINAM—The *P. M.* announces a 2½ florin, orange and green.

SWITZERLAND The 6c card now has the inscription: "Postkarte, carte postale—cartolina postale."

SERVIA—The word "answer," on the double card has been reduced in length.

URUGUAY—The *P. M.* illustrates the new 1c. wrapper, 1 centavos, red, and announces the following stamped envelopes:

5 centavos, red.
10 " blue.
20 " carmine.

UNITED STATES—The fawn paper envelopes, (2c) are at last in use.

We have a 3c. of the 1861, issue which has the rectangular embossing covering the entire stamp.

Wytheville Philatelic Association.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., April 4th, 1879.

House was called to order, Mr. T. A. Caldwell in the chair. Messrs E. B. Sterling, and W. S. Danforth were elected as corresponding members. G. A. Kent read an essay. "The stamps of Honduras." Letters were received from Messrs E. B. Sterling, J. W. Crawford and F. P. Cravens.

The latter sent us the following stamps for observation. The "Documentos y Libros" stamps of Mexico:

1878. 5 centavos, brown.
1879. 1 centavo, brown.
" 3 " blue,
" 5 " orange,
" 10 " green,
" 1 peso, vermillion.

These were sold in answer to a call for postage stamps, and were surcharged "Matamoras," and our opinion is that they should be classed as "Provisionals." Messrs. Scott & Co., presented us with Vol. XII. of the "American Journal of Philately," and 4 of the French Bulletins. R. R. Gibboney was appointed to read at next meeting. The list of stamps of the French Colonies was completed and we adjourned.

H. J. HEUSER,
Secretary.

The Omnibus Club.

NOTE—The organization bearing the above name, has been in existence for twenty-three years. Its local membership numbers 37, with corresponding members in every section of the globe. Hitherto, the association has kept its annals only for the private edification of its own members, but at a late meeting of the Club, a resolution was adopted that the SOUTHERN PHILATELIST be elected official organ of the Club, with request that the said journal publish monthly the doings of the Club, that the public may share in the benefits derived from its deliberations. The Club is composed of seventeen stamp collectors, seven coin collectors, with several collectors of autographs, minerals, &c., it being a necessary qualification for membership that the applicant be a collector or student in some of these lesser sciences—ED. SO. PHIL.

MEETING, May 1st, 1879.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Boreusum. The roll-call showed twenty-eight members present. The president remarked that the Club would resume consideration of the question of why babies cry? upon which Corporal Redhair moved that the subject be laid in the cradle, which was the signal for hoots and jeers from the married members. After some discussion the question was postponed, and Mr. McScott's article on the Revenue Stamps of Alaska, was read. Mr. McScott in his article undertakes to prove that three distinct issues of the 1834 issue were used by the natives to tax the import of telephones and sawbucks; to substantiate his argument he displayed two specimens perforated bias and cancelled fourlornicated *fleur de lis, ensemble;* The third specimen was in the possession of a friend in Hindoostan and was unperforated. At the conclusion of the reading a large number of Philatelists gathered around Mr. McScott to congratulate him on his valuable specimens, and to obtain a view of the same. Mr. McScott remarked that this was only a drop in the ocean, and that his collection of rarities contained such stamps as Confederate States, 20c, green unused, France, 25 centimes blue, 1876, slightly cancelled, and U. S. match and medicine stamps on eighty-three kinds of paper, of which they would learn more anon. Mr. Schmidt moved a suspension of the rules to consider the application for membership of Horace B. Yammer, of Pelican Island, adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to draw on the gentleman for the initiation fee $83.

Mr. Grosjean moved that a committee be appointed to invite Gen. Grant to visit this city on his way East from San Francisco, adopted, and Messrs. Cartwheel Topliffe and Zantippe, were named as the committee.

A resolution was introduced by Col. Smallboy, that in the sense of this Club it was wrong to pay fares on any transportion route when passes could be procured. During the discussion that followed, the meeting adjourned and the question laid over.

BLACK LIST.

If any of our correspondents or patrons have any charge against anyone for dishonest dealings, upon notification such charges will be investigated at our expense, and unless a satisfactory explanation is given the names of these parties will appear in our paper under this heading

Mr. W. P. Brown has kindly shown us a portion of his correspondence with the "dead beats" of Minnesota, who, though 'thorough-breds,' were unable to swindle him.

One of the letters was from Robt. K. Ashton to Mr. Brown, asking him to send him a few stamps which he needed badly. Then followed a list of three pages and wound up by saying the total amount would be about $15 00, and that he would settle within two months. He gave the name of Cyrus B. Curtiss as a reference. Cyrus B. Curtiss, in answer to a letter of inquiry from Mr. Brown, said that he was the uncle of the young man, who had a good paying position in a wholesale shoe store. He further stated that he would be responsible for the amount named, if not paid within two months. This letter was written in a rather boyish hand, so Mr. Brown was not "taken in" by it. Mr. B. then wrote to a friend of his at Minneapolis, Minn., asking him if he knew either of the parties. The reply was to the effect that, neither the latest city directory, nor a careful research revealed the whereabouts of either of the parties. It is our opinion that all the swindling which is being carried on in Minnesota is conducted by one or two parties. Mr. J. P. Biedenstein, of St. Louis writes: "I see in your Black List some names for which I have the following claims: Silas F. Pond, Mendota, Minn. total amount $10 82. James S. Burt St. Paul, Minn. $4 81. John E. Thorne, Mendota, Minn., $4 05. We repeat our advice—beware of St. Paul, Mendota, and Minneapolis, Minn.

Our General Delivery.

W. P. B.—Your P. C. received. Thanks, we were not certain.

L. J.—They are "Provisionals." See proceedings of the Wytheville Philatelic Association.

ED. M.—Thanks for well wishes for our paper.

HENRY—No, Mr. Vinson now has no connection with our paper.

MISS B. S.—He has none convenient.

A leading politician thinks Grant has no chance of being nominated for the third term, since many of his *Maine* supporters have deserted him.

Samson must have been a *Mussul-man*.

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Editorial Notes.

The cause of delay in the issue of this number of our paper, may be attributed to the frequent interruptions of the Singapore and Batavia Cable.

It is stated on good authority, that the Santa Maria, the vessel on which Columbus came to this country, was the first ship that ever carried an European *male* accross the Atlantic.

"During M. deDosredou's speech at a recent meeting of the French Society of Timbrol'ogy," says a correspondent, "*Alwar* held in profound surprise."

Our office urchin thinks that postage stamps are a bad moral example for children, because it is always necessary to *lick* them before they will stick to anything.

A young lady in the interior of New York has written to Postmaster-General Key for a chance to utilize some of the letters that go to the dead-letter office. She wrote: "Mr. Postmaster: How much would the trouble be for picking out, packing and sending about fifty or more of the best of the many letters you get? I don't want anything but good sensible letters. Of course I expect to pay the postage. Please let me know by return mail and oblige.'

There was a discussion in our office a few days since as to whether dumb animals could converse. One of the party remarked that cattle, although the mutest of all creation, could, by collecting in large numbers make themselves *herd*. Another of the party remarked that every hunter of any experience whatever, had heard of *deer-s-talking*. Everybody looked very grave, until our urchin remarked that he had seen a *stamp act*. This broke up the discussion.

U. S. PROPRIETARIES.

BY W. M. WESTON, BOSTON, MASS.

NEW PINKS.

Fred'k Brown's Jamaica Ginger, 2 c. black—a very scarce pink. J. C. Ayer & Co., 1 c. obl., black—another scarcity. I have & Schenck's Mandrake Pills, 1 c, green, *perforated*—this is a stamp that is rumored to be perforated by a private machine. J. H. Schenck & Son told me, (while in Philadelphia,) personally, that they used them, but discontinued them on account of the extra charge for perforating. J. F. Henry, 2 c, blue, I understand has appeared. I have no proof though.

NEW WATERMARKS.

H. R. Stevens has issued a 1 c. and 2 c. stamp. They both are a very peculiar shade of brown, being the only stamp issued of this shade. They rank among our handsomest stamps. R. V. Pierce has changed the die in his 1 c. and 2 c. stamps. They now read. "World's Dispensary Medical Ass'n." The design remains the same.

There are a few others rumored to exist, but we have seen no proof. Every stamp we chronicle this month we *know* to exist, except the 2 c. Henry.

In our number three "Gardener, Bur & Co." should have read Gardener, Beer & Co.

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" " 1879 " " 3, unused	15
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Stamp must be sent for return. Send 3c stamp for specimen copy of THE NATIONAL PHILATELIST and an unused Honduras. 1c, 1879 stamp. W. B. TAYLOR, Box 27. Mt Pleasant Iowa.

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VOL. I. GALVESTON, TEXAS, JUNE 1879. No. 6

Newly Issued and Inedited Stamps.

We would thank our correspondents and friends for any news relative to this column: and if specimens of new issues are sent they will be returned by first mail, with many thanks.

AZORES AND MADEIRA—Envelopes have been duly surcharged for use in these countries.

BOLIVAR—The *P. M.* is the first to illustrate the new design for the 5c. Arms in circle surrounded by the words:

"*Correos del Eo So De Bolivar*" "*Cinco Centavos*" in arch at top and bottom. Figure 5 in four corners, color unchanged.

BOLIVIA—The following values of the long delayed set announced in 1877 have appeared.

5 centavos, blue;
10 " orange;
20 " green.

CASHMERE—A new series for 1879 has been issued,

½ annas, color unknown;
¼ " red;
1 " mauve;
2 annas purple.

CUBA—Mr. Trifet has, of the 1879 type, a 10c. buff. "The unperforated stamps spoken of in the *Timbre Poste*, are of the issues of 1877 and 1878, and never have been officially issued, but came apparently direct from the State printing office in Madrid before they were ordered out or perforated. This same explanation covers all unperforated Spanish Collonial stamps (Philippine Islands, 1876, 1877 and 1878.) They were imported across the Rhine. The above mentioned paper asserts that the Spanish officials are to blame for this, yet we doubt it." H. B. Z.

DECCAN—The *Timbre Post* describes two more envelopes, 1 a. dark brown-gray, 4½ a. green-gray.

DENMARK—A 5 ore, blue and carmine has been issued. Thanks to Mr. Jno. Meyer for the first specimen. Two new cards have appeared. 6 a. brown and 10 a. green, both on buff.

EGYPT—We have received specimens of the new issue. Values and colors are as given below, 5 paras, brown; 10 paras, lilac; 20 paras, ultramarine; 1 piastre, pink; 2 piastres, yellow; 5 piastres, green. The design is the same, with varying borders. Watermark—star over a crescent.

FIJI—A 3 p. yellow-green, surcharged TWO PENCE in black, has been issued with v. R. engraved on it instead of c. R.—*S. C.*

GERMAN EMPIRE—From the *H. B. Z.* we learn that the National Post Money Order without stamped impression, went into use on April 1st. Inscriptions in black on vermillion card board, in both German and French.

MEXICO—A new set has appeared and the provisionals are out of use. The *P. M.* gives the values and colors as, 1 centavo, brown; 2 centavos, violet; 5 centavos, orange; 10 centavos, blue; 25 centavos, carmine; 50 centavos, green.

MAURITIUS—A new set! Only the following have appeared yet, 4c. orange; 25c. bistre. Envelope 50c. brown and a postal card, value 4 cents.

NATAL—The 1p. surcharged *postage*, in carmine. *S. C.* Thanks to Messrs. Straus & Hyman, for a new specimen, 6 p. carmine, surcharged, "*postage*" "*one penny*" in black.

PERSIA—Mr. Trifet has a 1 kran, brown, of the head series.

PERU—Messrs. Straus & Hyman will accept our thanks for a specimen of a new 1c. which has been issued. "CORREOS DEL PERU." "UN CENTAVO" in curve around oval enclosing sun. Figure 1 in four corners. 1 centavo, orange. This is *not* the new *unpaid* letter stamps. The 2c. is now dark purple.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—100 milesimos de peso, green, has been issued.

RUSSIA—The 8 kopeck has given place to a 7 kopeck, color and design remain the same. Mr. Meyer sends first specimens. The *P. M.* mentions a postal card which is in use. 3 kop., black on buff.

SWITZERLAND—The 5c. card is now black on buff. *S. C.*

SALVADOR—The *P. M.* has received three new stamps. 1 real, green; 2 reales, carmine: 5 reales, blue.

SPAIN—A new set has made its appearance. Head to left. "CORREOS Y TELEGS" at top, values and colors as follows:

2 c. de p., black; 5 c. de p., green: 10 c. de p. carmine; 20 c., de p., brown; 25 c. de p., blue; 40 c. de p., brown; 50 c. de p., orange; 1 peseta, carmine; 4 pesetas, gray; 10 pesetas, bistre.

TOLIMA—The *P. M.* announces the appearance of two new stamps. 5 centavos, claret; 10 centavos, blue.

TRANSVAAL—Four new values have been added, 3 p., mauve, 6 p. olive; 1 s. green; 2 s. blue.

UNITED STATES—The *S. C.* has seen a 3c. amber ordinary letter, watermarked with monogram and stars. And the Postal service on *white*, official, with

stamp in *black*. Our unpaid letter stamps are out. Large figure of value, in engine turned oval. "*Postage Due*" above, value in full below. "*U*" on the left hand and "*S*" on the right, in small shields. Values 1, 2, 3 and 5, all of the same color—red-brown. The engraving is very finely executed.

At the postal card factory, Holyoke, Mass., designs are being made for a new two cent international card, a double-sized two cent card for domestic use. The former will be issued about July 1st, and the latter next fall.—*Fairfield Recorder.*

UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA—The 25 centavos is now in green on white, instead of black on blue.

WURTEMBURG—From the *H. B. Z.* We learn that a 40 pfennig, violet on bright-red has been issued for the Money Order department.

The Omnibus Club.

MEETING, JUNE 1st, 1879.

After the roll-call the president remarked that this was the regular meeting for the election of officers, and that as the meeting would have many things to pass upon he hoped that members had come prepared, as no electioneering would be allowed. Mr. Patrick Donovan moved that the present officers be re-elected by acclamation, which was done amid great enthusiasm. Mr. Boreusum thanked the club for the honor, stated that he was having prepared a beautiful chromo of his collection of May-poles, and would, present each member with a copy when finished. [applause.]

The Secretary read a communication from the Exodus Committee of the Kansas Millionaires, asking the opinion of the Club on the stamp-ede of the Southern negroes. Refered to Committee on Trans-Atlantic Navies.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Manuel Donatus, Oshkosh, Ivan Brownski, St. Petersburg and Dr. Emory Paper, Schnectedy, all of whom were admitted as members. The application of Don Josef Allcante, lays over for investigation.

Mr. Yewtree, the orator of the day, delivered a splendid speech on the pre-historic Pinafores, after which Mr. Smallboy read an original poem entitled "Beautiful Spring," during the delivery of which several of the members stepped out, but returned in time to listen to Mr. Verdant Feller's paper on the postage stamps of Staten Island, of which he claims there were eight issues, as follows: 1643, 1 sheckel dark red, 1664, 1 sheckel red, 1665, 1 sheckel light-red, 1666, 1 sheckel rose-red, 1667, 1 sheckel pale-red, 1668, 1 sheckel redish-red, 1669, 1 sheckel red, with a tinge of carmine, 1670, 1 sheckel carmine-red, besides several tints which he has left to the Paris Congress to classify.

Mr. Hamm exhibited a stamp of the 1850, British Guiana type, but labeled and dated "Macedonia, 6 Pence, B. C. 794. Mr. Hamm remarked that he was quite confident that it was a genuine adhesive, for an English dealer had assured him of the fact, besides charging him fifty dollars for the specimen. Mr. Hamm was congratulated on his accession, yet there were several who doubted the existence of such a stamp, but they were quickly cried down by the younger and more ambitious collectors.

The Secretary read a catalogue which he had received, offering for sale to the Club a collection of curiosities, among which were the following historical and rare articles: The iron hammer, used by Noah in nailing up his Ark. The Esterbrook Falcon pen used by Solon in writing the laws of Athens. Ancient Egyptian shoe (leather,) taken from a sepulcher in Egypt. A fine large whale's tooth, ditto, a goat's, latter mounted with gold. A South Sea Island helmet hat, in excellent order. A copy of the "Michigan Philatelist" just dug out.

Mr. Enders stated he would read a paper on United States locals at the next meeting, after which the Club adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Philatelists, Numismatists and Collectors generally, wishing to communicate anything of interest to the Collecting world, are cordially invited to do so through these columns. Letters should be short and to the point.

WORCESTER, MASS.

Editor of Philatelist:

SIR—I perused the article by "*Stamp Crazy*" with much interest, and am with him, heart and soul, in his enterprise. The section about co-operation, suggests the following:

While the local societies do much to promote the interests of Philately, yet the very fact of their being *local*, leaves much undone.

Why can we not form an association, national in its character, for the purpose of promoting correspondence amongst the collectors of the States. By this, Philatelists would be much benefited, as much information concerning rare stamps would be diffused, and frauds could be easily shown up. I hope collectors will consider this proposition favorably, and I would be pleased to correspond with any concerning this subject.

Now, returning to "*Stamp Crazy's*" letter. If every philatical journal will mention, and Philatelists will take up with a will, this project, I see no reason why we may not have a petition ready by next November. Let one Philatelist in each State be appointed to whom the names from the different towns and cities of that State be sent. Then let *these* agree on *one* to whom all the names can be sent. This person can submit the petition to a Representative, and by next January, we may all possess a set of U. S. newspaper stamps and be happy.

Yours, Philatically,
EDWD A. WELCH.

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Never tease a Chinaman.

May an assistant editor be called a *sub-scriber*?

May a prize-fighter be called a *flo-rist*?

A contemporary asks "what do they *weigh* down upon the Swanee river? They weigh *down* of course.

Many a man leaves his debtors and comes to Texas, hoping that when he arrives here he will be shot-free.

Galveston and several other Texas cities are to have letter carriers after the first of July.—'Rah!

A man who was chased by a robber says that he was purse-sued.

If cog means a deception, ours is truly a cog-nation.

A Texas preacher recently united sixteen couples in one week. He has since been dubbed the *ban-ner* clergyman.

On the corn and grain productions of Texas, a *ceres* of articles have been ably written.

In answer to the numerous inquiries of "who deals in revenues, &c., we would simply refer our inquirers to the advertisement of Mr. W. M. Weston, on the last page.

A mistake was made in Mr. Handshaw's advertisement last month. The address should have been Smithtown Branch, *N. Y.*, instead of *N. J.*

Another horrible affair! At a recent meeting of a *call* legislature, in a parlor at Dallas, Texas, leaving the lawyer upon the sofa, a certain young lady occupied the *chair*. The young legislator introduced a bill petitioning the worthy occupant of the chair to become one-half of himself. But the clear headed presiding officer returned the bill with her veto. The young man calmly arose, and deliberately putting his hand in his breast pocket, drew forth a—handherchief and wept.

Our Paper.

For six months has our paper heralded the issue of postage and revenue stamps and borne news of interest to all its readers. As an exposer of swindlers, it is far in advance of all publications of its kind. We are glad to see that other papers have already adopted our plan of receiving complaints from those who have been imposed upon, making investigations and exposing parties not furnishing satisfactory explanations, instead of exposing only those upon whom the publisher has a claim. With this number we complete the fulfilment of our promise to send the SOUTHERN PHILATELIST free for three months; and now we would solicit the hearty co-operation of the Philatelic public, in making our journal what it is destined to be; the leading Philatelic paper in the land. Our object is to put forth upon the collecting world a journal, through whose columns the various issues of the day may be discussed; to issue a paper which every one can feel he has a right to use to the interest of the public and the advancement of our art. With the aid, which a just portion of the favors of the stamp-collecting and dealing element of our country would afford, we would be able to enlarge the SOUTHERN PHILATELIST; illustrate our lists with cuts of stamps and furnish Philately monthly, with notes of general importance from all of the principal cities in which it flourishes. The circulation of the SOUTHERN PHILATELIST is being daily increased, and bids fair to outstrip that of all other papers in the field. What say you collectors and dealers, to giving your hearty support to a paper for the people? This is the only publication in which you can claim *an organ for the expression of the public sentiment.*

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BLACK LIST.

If any of our correspondents or patrons have any charge against anyone for dishonest dealings, upon notification such charges will be investigated at our expense, and unless a satisfactory explanation is given the names of these parties will appear in our paper under this heading

Willie Sternbrenner, Constableville, N. Y.

C. N. Wilson, Raleigh, N. C. Robt. Graves, Manomin, Minn. The latter sends the names of E. J. Graves and H. J. Cahill as references. Mr Raub, the complainant, is informed by the P. M. at the above named place, that all of the mail for each of the three is called for by a party named Sanford. Mr. Handshaw prefers the charge against the first named and Messrs. Straus & Hyman, against the second. Wilson gives as references, the names of several high State officials, who know about as much about him as Cetewayo does.

Wytheville Philatelic Association.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., May 3d, 1879.

House was called to order, Mr. T. A. Caldwell in the Chair, W. S. Crockett was elected as an active member. Several extracts were read by the President.

Letters were read from Messrs. E. B. Sterling and J. K. Tiffany. Mr. W. P. Trent presented us with 10 copies of the "Michigan Philatelist."

The study of the stamps of "New South Wales" was appointed for next meeting, and W. S. Crockett as reader. Specimens of the new Egyptian stamps were shown by the Sec. House adjourned

H J. HEUSER. Sec.

Directory of Reliable Dealers.

In offering this list to our readers it is our intention to assist collectors and others to choose responsible parties for their dealings. We will not, in any case, insert in this Directory the names of any parties who have not heretofore, to the full extent of our knowledge, been unquestionably honest. For terms for insertion in this Directory, address the Publishers.

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BRITISH GUIANA—A new card has been issued, value 1½c.

BAVARIA—We have received specimens of the 5 pf. in *yellow-green* and the 20 pf. in *ultramarine*.

BELGIUM—The *P. M.* announces a new double card, 10c., carmine on buff.

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200 r. black;
300 r. bistre, of the new design, have appeared.

BULGARIA—*Le T. P.* announces 4 stamps for this country. Dragon in center, 5 centimes, black and yellow; 10c. (?); 25c. (?); 1 franc black and red.

CANADA—Mr. MacGregor, of St. Catharines, sends us the first specimen of the new International card. Similar to last 2c. Green on buff 2c.; for use only to countries in the Postal Union.

CUBA—5c. black.—*C. W.*

DANISH WEST INDIES—Mr. Coster announces the issue of a 3c. International card; 3c. rose.

DECCAN—An envelope ½ a. brown, has been added to the recently issued set.

DUTCH INDIES—The *T. P.* says a 7½c. card and a 20c. envelope have appeared.

EGYPT—May 1 marked the appearance of a post card; 20 paras brown on buff.

FINLAND—From the *H. B. Z.* we glean the information that an International card with inscription in four languages, has been issued; 10 penni orange on buff.

GREECE—The 2 and 3 drachma stamps have values expressed in leptas; 100 and 200 lepta respectively; so says Mr. Durbin.

HELIGOLAND—1 and 5 mark stamps are in use.

HUNGARY—The watermark on the post card now reads; *M. K. Posta.*

ITALY—King Humbert's phiz adorns two new cards: 10c. brown on white, and a double card; 15c, brown on rose.

JAPAN—Mr. Durbin announces 3 and 50 sen stamps and a 2 sen card.

JAMAICA—1½ p. card.

LABUAN—The *P. M.* illustrates one of a set for this English possession. Design similar to that of Hong Kong: 2 cents green; 6 cents orange; 12 cents rose; 16 cents blue. We willingly give them space in our album.

LUXEMBURG—The 5c. card is larger, with a slight change in the inscription. Mr. Durbin has received a single and double card for international use.

MEXICO—The *H. B. Z.* has received a specimen 10c. light blue, which may be an envelope stamp or an unperforated adhesive. The margin is very broad.

Two post cards are announced by the *P. M.* Rose on green and blue on buff.

NORWAY—A double 10c. card.

PORTO RICO—10c. de p. brown of 1878.—*T. P.*

PORTUGAL, AZORES, AND MADEIRA—The 50 reis has been changed to blue. A double 15 reis card has been issued, says Mr. Durbin.

RAJPEEPLA—A set of circular stamps have been emitted for this Indian State: 1, 2, 3, 5 paisa, black.

ROUMANIA—Mr. Moens says colors of stamps are to be changed as follows:

1½ bani, green; 3 b. clear olive; 5 b. sea green; 10 b. carmine; 15 b. brick-red; 25 b. blue; 50 b. bistre.

RUSSIA—New stamps are to be issued by the Russian Steam Navigation Company of the values of 1, 2, 5, and 7 kopecks. Pending their preparation, the 10 kopecks of the last emission have been surcharged with the numeral 7.—*P. M.*

SALVADOR—10 centavos, black.

STRAIT SETTLEMENTS—Eight cents, surcharged "*Five Cents;*" 32 cents, "*Seven Cents.*"

SWITZERLAND—A double 10c. card is out.

TASMANIA—Eight penny lilac, of the current type. *P. M.*

UNITED STATES—The unpaid letter stamps described in our last went into use on July 1. Some specimens had been used prematurely. Messrs. Welch & Co. sent us a stamp of very similar design to the one described for Canada in our No. 4: "*Postoffice Department*" above, "*United States of America*" below, and "*Officially Sealed*" through engine turned oval.

We have seen the "Service" envelope in bronze-brown on amber.

VICTORIA—From the *H. B. Z.* we learn that a new envelope has been emitted. Value, 1 penny; blue paper. Value above, name below. Head of Queen Victoria in center.

The Omnibus Club.

MEETING, JULY 1st, 1879.

Meeting called to order by the President. The roll-call showed a quorum present. Messrs. Wm. M. Evarts, of New York, and Gen. Ignatieff, of St. Petersburg, were admitted as corresponding members after payment of the usual initiation, and their names ordered entered on the "three months free" list of the *Southern Philatelist*. Mr. Enders next read his promised paper on United States Locals, which displayed a knowledge of the subject far beyond the researches of the most prominent antiquarian in the club. We submit a few of Mr. Enders' most startling assertions:

"Most collectors," said he, "erroneously suppose that United States Locals first came into use in the year 1843 or 1844, but I have several stamps in my collection of locals issued as early as 1776, and as I have several duplicates, I will supply collectors at moderate prices."

Mr. Enders displayed several specimens of these rarities, and was receiving the congratulations of the collectors present when Mr. McScott pointed to the imprint, "American Bank Note Company, New York," and asked how that came to be on a stamp as old as he claimed these specimens to be. Mr. Enders appeared to be taken aback for a moment, but "truth, crushed to earth, will rise again," and he explained that the stamps he exhibited were only fac-similes of the originals, which he kept constantly under lock and key for fear he should be robbed of them.

The explanation was perfectly satisfactory, and Col Whitebush moved Mr. Enders be decorated with the order of the "Exaggerated Lyre," but the motion being out of order Mr. Enders proceeded to explain, that the stamps derived their name of "Local" from Loca, the founder of the system—a fact with which very few of the collectors present were acquainted.

"Furthermore," continued Mr. Enders, "these stamps were never intended to be used in mending torn greenbacks, or, as a substitute for court-plaster; and any one so using them was diverting them from their proper intent."

Another curious fact in regard to United States Locals was touched upon by Mr. Enders; viz: "That as we get farther and farther away from the initial date of these stamps the more plentiful we find them to be; every month or so some philatelic journal comes across a new specimen, and I venture to say that before many years these stamps will become so plentiful and so cheap that collectors will be able to purchase a basketfull for the price he now expends in the purchase of a three cent green (used), of this country's issue." (Cheers, and yells of Hear! Hear!!)

When the applause had subsided Mr. Coloil moved that a committee be appointed to consider the question of making a color chart, for the guidance of collectors in arranging their specimens by colors. He stated that he had found great difficulty in deciding of what color his blue stamps were, as classifiers called them everything from pale-blue to dark-indigo, including such colors as light-blue, sky-blue, ethereal-blue, watery-blue, blue, bluish-blue, medium-blue, ultramarine, dark-blue, light indigo-blue, brown-blue, etc, etc. The suggestion was worried through the type-writer and submitted to the committee on blue-glass.

Mr. Donovan moved that ten thousand dollars be appropriated to purchase International albums for the Zulus. As a civilizing agent these albums were notedly superior to Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup, or canned codfish-balls. Referred to committee on prudential ethics. Meeting adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Philatelists, Numismatists and Collectors generally, wishing to communicate anything of interest to the Collecting world, are cordially invited to do so through these columns. Letters should be short and to the point.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 29, 1879.

Editor Southern Philatelist:

Perused with delight the sensible letter from Charleston, in your April issue. If you will admit the expression, I think *Stamp Crazy* is a "brick," and I hope his letter will wake up some of those *mummied*, so-called philatelic societies to do something besides pass upon the color and date of certain stamps. R. G. S.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, June 18, 1879.

Editor Philatelist:

Would it not be a good idea for some philatelic society to address the Postmaster General in regard to obtaining the high values of United States stamps before circulating petitions for signatures of collectors to be submitted to Congress? If no other good came of it, we might be furnished an idea of how to go to work to secure this, to be wished for, consummation.

Yours, ALBERT G. F.

Gamb's Stamp Dealers' Directory.

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Editorial Notes.

Mr. C. H. Coster, the former philatelic editor of the *Collector's World*, has assumed entire control of that journal.

Mr. Hall, the well known collector of Houston, Texas, spent the glorious Fourth in our city, and honored us with a visit.

Almost any woman would be willing to vote if the men would count-()er-vote.

What is the most attractive feature of King Humbert, of Italy? His phas-is.

A very unloyal Englishman now says he has seen the Queen-'s-ware.

A New York lady calls her husband, who is a very enthusiastic financier, a money-maniac.

Teacher to pupil in grammar class—Now, Johnny what part of speech is "an"?

Johnny—Ann is a proper noun.

A daily paper says: "Hayes and the Senate are at loggerheads." We had been laboring under the impression that they were at Washington.

We understand that we are to have a new acquisition in the ranks of philatelic journalism: "*The Detroit Philatelist*; W. M. Hewitt, editor and proprietor. Long may it flourish!

Mr. Trifet announces that in July he will publish an eight page, 32 column paper devoted to literature, science, arts, philately, etc. We wish him success in his new departure.

A Reply.

A very bold article appeared in No. 2 of the *National Philatelist*, over the signature of "A Dealer." In this article the correspondent speaks of the collectors, wishing cheap stamps, as if they should be made to serve out a term in the house of correction for daring to want stamps, cheap. He would hold these collectors responsible for all of the counterfeits afloat on the broad philatelic ocean. He says that "they give birth to irresponsible dealers," who are forced to "such queer methods of doing business." So queer!! He makes reference to a dealer in Louisville, Ky., who sends stamps to every "Tom, Dick, and Harry whose name appears in some list as a collector. He says these dealers are the cause of philatelic thieves, and informs the public that "this evil can not be cured until collectors refuse to have any dealings with them."

Now let us examine and criticise his position, for every true position will bear criticism. Is it not natural for a person to desire to get things as cheap as possible? If there is a demand for cheap stamps there is surely a sufficient variety of them. We think that the next idea advanced, that collectors are responsible for all counterfeits, is true in one sense. If there were no collectors there would certainly be no dealers, and without dealers there would be no counterfeits. If this is the ground from which he contends, his position certainly is a safe one.

The records of Philately, we think will sustain us in the position that, the first counterfeiters were unprincipled men who entered the business with the intention of issuing counterfeits, and swindling collectors. Did the firms of Charles Corvini & Co.; G. Patroni; G. Perkins & Co.; Cosmopolitan Stamp Agency; Philadelphia Stamp Agency; Camden Stamp Agency, or Stanmore, Lex & Co. ever gain prominence and notoriety as men of honesty before they flooded the market with frauds and counterfeits? No. Did they not, from the very first, sell vile imitations to collectors? Were they not afterwards proven to be one party? Was not that party Giovani Patroni? Did he ever use his real name in any of these transactions? Does this not prove that the determination of frauding all whom he might, was formed before his nefarious business was begun? Does not his name stand now as a monument of dishonesty? The shoe fits the other foot. Has not this one man, with his philatelic poison, driven hundreds of collectors from our ranks? Has not his conduct prejudiced thousands against our art? And *one* man!! This business is carried on by parties who are not willing to accept the motto: "Honesty is the best policy," and climb up the ladder of philatelic reputation, spoke by spoke, 'till there centers upon them the eyes of three hundred thousand collectors, who look up to them and say: "These are honest men;" but by those who would mount upon the balloon of concealed trickery, to stand a moment in mid-air, and, as the quills of honest men are hurled at them from the distant heights, fall down, down, down—to shame and disgrace, to be shunned by all honest men. The charge is unjust unwarranted and untrue.

The correspondent accuses a Louisville dealer, who sends his stamps to whom he pleases—every dealer's right—of, by so doing, adding to the, already too numerous, lists of philatelic thieves. Not so. No one, does an honest collector respect, more than a dealer who has confidence enough in Philately to believe every person honest 'till proved the reverse. He may send stamps to parties who prove untrustworthy, yet he is not to blame for their dishonesty. The elements were in them and are only brought out at his expense, rather than that of some one else. He is the loser. Dealers should be thankful for this rather than, as in the case of the correspondent, cautioning collectors against him. Judge, friends.—*Philomath*

Wytheville Philatelic Association.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., June 16, 1879.

House was called to order. Mr. T. A. Caldwell in the chair. The President stated that the reason we did not meet on the 6th was, that a quorum was not present.

W. E. Thomas read several articles from various sources, which were very interesting. Two volumes of the "Coin and Stamp Journal," and Vol. III of the "Stamp Journal" were presented.

A design for a badge was adopted and the Executive Committee was ordered to report the details at next meeting.

Mr J. W. Crawford was expelled from our Society for not paying his dues.

The list of stamps of "New South Wales" was not finished, and was carried over to next meeting.

Officers were elected and will be installed at the July meeting.

J. D. Stuart was appointed to read at next meeting. G. A. Kent was appointed as Chairman to Special Committees for this term. The Vice-President reported, and we adjourned H. J. HEUSER, Sec.

BLACK LIST.

If any of our correspondents or patrons have any charge against anyone for dishonest dealings, upon notification such charges will be investigated at our expense, and, unless a satisfactory explanation is given, the names of these parties will appear in our paper under this heading.

We are more than pleased to announce that we are able to send forth this issue of our paper without enlarging our list of frauds, yet we are not spared the unpleasantness of adding testimony to that already adduced against those whose names have appeared before under this heading.

Mr. F. H. Pinkham, of Newmarket, N. H., informs us that he too, has been a victim of "misplaced confidence." Silas F. Pond has increased his collection of stamps at Mr. Pinkham's expense to the "tune" of $2 91; Jas. S. Burt, $7 17. Both parties furnished references. A friend of Mr. Pinkham writes him that there is no such party as Jas. S. Burt in St. Paul.

Our St. Paul correspondent says: "During the summer of last year I received a call from a person who gave his name as James Burt, from Indiana, saying he was here to spend the summer. He said he had heard I was a collector and as he was a collector himself thought perhaps we could exchange duplicates. He called on me frequently through the summer and fall months, and I traded stamps with him several times. I am of the opinion that all the Minnesota crookedness was carried on by one person, and that person was Jas. Burt, of Indiana, or the person claiming to be him."

As Mendota is about 5, Minneapolis 9, and Manomin 16 miles from St. Paul, it would be quite reasonable to suppose that this whole swindling scheme was conducted by one party. The time of Burt's visit, summer and fall, agrees exactly with the time in which these frauds occurred. All letters for Burt are forwarded to Indianapolis, Ind., those for the rest, to other parts of the same State.

The assets of the Minnesota Stamp-grabbing Association include, from Geo. H. Frankfort, 60 cents; Jas. S. Burt, $13 43; John C. Thorne, $14 22; Silas F. Pond, $16 73; making a total of $44 98, "with several counties to hear from."

Directory of Reliable Dealers.

In offering this list to our readers it is our intention to assist collectors and others to choose responsible parties for their dealings. We will not, in any case, insert in this Directory the names of any parties who have not heretofore, to the full extent of our knowledge, been unquestionably honest. For terms for insertion in this Directory, address the Publishers.

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Newly Issued and Inedited Stamps.

We would thank our correspondents and friends for any news relative to this column, and if specimens of new issues are sent, they will be returned by first mail with many thanks.

ALWAR—The ½ anna is now found in three shades: dull blue pale blue and ultramarine.

AZORES AND MADEIRA—The 25r. and 50r. envelopes of Portugal have been surcharged for these colonies.

AUSTRA—"Mandat" card; black on buff. ½ kreuzer.

BRITISH GUIANA—Mr. Seebeck informs us of the existence of a post card for use only in the Postal Union. 3 cents rose on buff of a very neat design.

BULGARIA—50c. black on blue.

BELGIUM—Set of four railway stamps was issued May 1st, 10 centimes red-brown, 20c. blue, 50c. carmine, 80c. yellow.—*C. N.*

BOSINIA AND HERZEGOVINIA—A series of stamps, bearing the Austrin eagle, has been issued; values and colors: 1 kreuzer, gray; 3 k. green; 5 k. rose; 10 k. blue; 15 k. bistre; 25 k. violet.

CANADA—Small size 12½c. and 15c. stamps are in preparation.

CORCA—Philatelic rumor says a stamp has been issued for this country.

CURACOA—The 10c. cards are surcharged 7½c. in black, the original value being crossed out in black. There are several varieties of surcharge. The example of British Guiana is having a bad effect on her neighbor island.

DECCAN—*L'Ami des Timbres* says: the 1866, oblong stamp is found in black-brown and, unperforated, in yellow-green, 1871, ½ a. unperforated and, 2 a. in green.

DENMARK—100 ore orange and gray.

DUTCH INDIES—2c. yellow.

FINLAND—Post cards for international use, 10 penni orange on buff, was issued April 1st.

HELIGOLAND—Messrs. W. K. & Co., mention the fact that the 10 pf. env. has been surcharged 20 pf., and the 5 pf. cards, 10 pf.

IONIAN ISLANDS—The blue stamps, watermarked with figure 1 instead of 2 has been seen.

MEXICO—Post card for use in the postal Union of the value of 2c. has been issued, color lilac. Adhesive, 85c. mauve has been issued. We have specimens of the 2c. mauve, divided perpendicularly and each half used for 1 cent.

JAPAN—Mr. N. F. Seebeck has our thanks for specimens of the 3 and 50s. stamps mentioned in our No. 7.

3 sen orange-yellow
50s. rose.

of the same design as the other values. Post cards 2 sen, sage-green; 3 sen, apple-green—same design.

SALVADOR—The stamps mentioned in our No. 6 have come to hand. The values are in *centavos* not *reales*. We have the 1c. in light and in dark green, 20c. violet.

SAN DOMINGO—We have received specimens of a new issue just out.

½ real violet on white.
1 real rose on white.
½ real violet on blue.
1 real rose on salmon.

TOBAGO—Mr. Durbin says: a series of stamps has been issued for this West India isle. Four values.

1 penny, rose; 3 penny blue.
6 penny, orange; 1 shilling, green.

TRANSVAAL—3 penny on green paper, surcharged "V. R. Transvaal."

Wytheville Philatelic Association.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., July 8, 1879.

House was called to order. Mr. W. E. Thomas in the Chair. Mr. G. A. Kent was appointed Vice President, *pro tem.*

Reading was dispensed with, and the Executive Committee reported that they had decided to adopt the following badge, the shape of the Centennial envelope stamp, reduced, with monogram, "W. P. A." and 1878 below.

The following were installed as officers for third term: T. A. Caldwell, President; W. E. Thomas, Vice President; H. J. Heuser, Secretary; J. D. Stuart, Treasurer. Mr. R. Buford, Treasurer, reported, and through the kindness of our honorary member, Mr. J. H. Matney, the full set of "unpaid letter stamps," unused, were exhibited, the Secretary also exhibited used specimens, also some of the higher values of the stamps of U. S. of Columbia. House adjourned, with an order for special meeting on July 29, to celebrate our first anniversary

H. J. HEUSER, Sect'y.

MEETING AUGUST 1, 1879.

House was called to order, Mr. W. E. Thomas in the Chair. Letters were read from the National Philatelic Society, and Mr. E. A. Duvernois.

The Secretary was instructed to procure a complete file of the *Michigan Philatelist*. The study of the stamps of New South Wales was resumed. Mr. J. P. Biedenstein sent specimens of the 1879 issue, Salvador for inspection; several new issues of various countries were exhibited. House adjourned.

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Finis.

For nine months the SOUTHERN PHILATELIST has announced news and borne messages to all its readers; but the business of the publishers has become so heavy, that they are compelled to discontinue the publication of it. Our subscribers will be furnished with the *Collector's News* until their subscriptions to our paper expire. We feel confident in saying that they will be none the loosers by this change as Mr. DeRevere is known as a philatelist of prominence, and well able to conduct successfully and well the new enterprise lately undertaken.

The National Philatelic Exchange

We have long seen the need of a philatelic exchange, in which we could all be united. We have societies and associations in different parts of our country, but they are all *local*. The letter of Mr. Welch, published in our No. 6, strengthened our convictions of the efficacy of a national exchange. Mr. Welch says: "Why can we not form an association, national in character, for the purpose of promoting correspondence amongst the collectors of the States. By this, philatelists would be much benefited, as much information concerning rare stamps would be diffused, and frauds could be easily shown up." We are at last happy to state that we are to have such an exchange. The following is a brief synopsis of its principle points and advantages.

Only responsible collectors and dealers will be admitted. Any person joining this exchange, is a permanent member unless he or she proves himself or herself untrustworthy. In which case such person will be expelled and every member of the exchange notified of the expulsion. A guide will be published giving the name and address of every member stating whether collector, dealer or publisher, and giving notes and statistics of philatelic importance. This book will be published and furnished at cost to members of the exchange. Cost of such guide will be, including postage, about 10 or 15 cents. These guides will be published yearly, and between the issue of these, every subscriber will receive notification of the admission of any new members and of the expulsions, if any. If practicable, the managers will publish a quarterly to be sent free to members of the exchange. Such quarterly shall be for the discussion of subjects of interest to philately, and for the expression of the opinions of any of the members of the exchange. Any plans or suggestions for the interest and advancement of our art, shall be published, and free discussion allowed thereon. In addition, the managers will use their best endeavors to learn the philatelic standing of any and every collector and dealer, and will furnish information regarding same upon application from any member.

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N. B—The exchange will be open immediately for business.

Wytheville Philatelic Society.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., Sept. 9, 1879.

House was called to order by President T. A. Caldwell.

Mr. Thomas read an article on the "stamps of Cashmere," and Mr. Caldwell read "the Life of Ferdinand II of Naples."

The following letters were received.

I. From Messrs. Cravens & Russell, announcing that they would discontinue the publication of the SOUTHERN PHILATELIST.

II. From Mr. N. F. Seebeck, stating that there were issued for Japan, 2 sen. olive-green. International card; a 3 sen. green, same inscription as the 2 sen., also, a 3 sen. orange and 50 sen. rose.

A card was voted to the proprietors of the SOUTHERN

PHILATELIST, thanking them for their kindness, in sending us their paper, and for their notices and well wishes, and the regret we feel for the loss of their valuable paper.

Mr. Seebeck presented through the Secretary, a 2 sen. International card and a 3 sen. orange, adhesive, of the new issue of Japan—thanks were returned.

The Catalogue of the Stamps of Spain and her Colonies, was presented by H. J. Heuser.

House adjourned.

H. J. HEUSER, Sect'y.

Death of Sir Rowland Hill, K. C. B. D. C. L.

Sir Rowland Hill, the inventor of our cheap postal system, was the third son of Mr. T. W. Hill, a schoolmaster of Kidderminster, England. He was born December 3, 1795, and died at Hampstead, August 27th, and was interred in Westminster Abbey, September 5th. He entered *public service* in 1835, when he was appointed Secretary to the Commissioners for the Colonization for South Australia. In 1837 he published a pamphtet in which he presented his plan for the prepayment of letters, by stamps, according to their weight. The House of Commons referred his plan to a committee to report upon the subject. More than *two thousand* petitions were presented to the Parliment in 1839, urging its adoption, and early in 1840 it was carried into effect, with Sir Rowland as Superintendent. In 1842 he was removed from office as was alleged, his services, which were duly appreciated by the government were no longer necessary. In 1846, he received from the public as a token of appreciation, the sum of £13,600. In the same year he was appointed Secretary to the Postmaster General, and in 1854, Chief Secretary.

In 1860 he was made Knight Commander of Bath, civil service division, and thus gained the title of *Sir*. Four years later, he retired from the Secretaryship, his health failing him. The Treasury awarded him, upon retiring, with a life pension of £2,000 per annum. He also, received a parliamentary grant of £20,000. The first Albert gold medal of the Society of Arts was presented to him, with the honory degree from Oxford, of D. C. L. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society, and of the Royal Antiquarian Society.

A few months since, the freedom of the City of London, was presented him. The head of our beloved science, of Philately is no more, yet, his memory will ever be kept fresh, by the millions of followers of our art.

Dead Beats.

Dealers and collectors beware of Frank H. Best & Co., of Toronto, Canada. They are swindlers and dead beats. We have been robbed by them, and hope by publishing them, to help others to steer clear of danger.

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" 1878, 8 c.		4
Azores, 2½ r.	2	
" 5 r	3	
" 10 r	5	
" 15 r	6	
Bhopaul, obsolete ½ a. red	12	
Bavaria, 1870, 3 k.	3	
Chili. 1855, 5 c.		4
" " 10 c.		5
" 1867 20 c		8
" 1877 1 c.	3	
Cuba, 1878 5 c.	4	
" " 10 c	8	
" 1879 5 c.	4	
Costa Rica, ½ real, blue		8
Lubeck, 1859, ½, 4 sh., each	5	
" " 2 sh	6	
" 1863 2 sh	5	
Mexico, 1879. 1 c.		2
" " 2 c		4
" " 5 c		4
" " 10 c		4
Persia, Lion, 1 s., black	5	
" Head, 2 s.	6	4
Peru, 1879, 1 c., orange	4	
Salvador, 1879, 1 c.	6	
" " 2 c.	8	
Spain, 1878, 2 c. d. p.	3	
" Don Carlos, 50 c. green	15	
" " " 1 r., brown	10	
Suez Canal 20 c.	5	
Sweden, 1855, 4 s.		5
Venezuela. 1874, 1 c.	5	

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A five soldi card has appeared for Austrian Italy.

Mr. W. G. Carpe has removed to Los Angelos, Cal.

A two-franc stamp will shortly appear for Belgium.

We think Luxemburg can not decide upon official stamps.

The one cent delivery has been abandoned in Cincinnati.

The two-cent postal act will probably go into effect July next.

There is too much boy work in the stamp business in America.

Mr. A. Mill states that the Philatelists Gazette has gone under.

The five shillings Orange States have been surcharged one-half penny.

Every subscriber to this paper will get a set (10) of Luxemburg stamps.

Alterations have been made in the one and ten cent stamps of the United States.

The American Bank Note Company have some postal cards in preparation for Chili.

Mr. C. H. Garrett, of Kalamazoo, Mich., has issued a very neat catalogue which he states is ready for mailing.

Messrs. Scott & Co. sold at auction on the 12th ult., Mr. H. B. Sergrave's collection of United States Department stamps.

The Postage Stamps of Canada.

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