

# THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC GUIDE.

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No. 1.

## DEATH OF Sir Rowland Hill.

A dispatch announces the death at his residence in Hampstead, of Sir Rowland Hill, K. C. B., D. C. L., F. R. S. Sir Rowland is endeared to the hearts of the English peasantry and the middle classes as a genuine benefactor, while Great Britain owes him a debt of gratitude as the author of the penny postal system, under the operations of which the postal service of the Empire has become not only self-supporting, but an important source of revenue to the Government. He was born in 1795, and was the third son of Thomas W. Hill, a schoolmaster residing near Birmingham. His early years were given up to study and no event of any importance occurred in his life until 1827, when, at the age of 32, he was married to Miss Caroline Pearson, the oldest daughter of the late Joseph Pearson, Esq., of Graisle, near Wolverhampton. For the next eight years he pursued his quiet home life, but in 1835 he left it and engaged in the public service. In that year he was appointed Secretary to the Commissioners for the Colonization of South Australia. In this position he was brought in contact with the poorest classes of English society, especially such as were desirous of bettering their condition by emigration, and he began to realize the defects of the postal system of the monarchy. The postage charged in the England of that day was so high that letter-writing was practically a luxury in which only the wealthy could afford to indulge. The rates of postage had been fixed by the law of 1830, an act passed at a time when only the rich were supposed to be able to write, and the tax upon letters and postages carried in the mails was proportioned to the small amount of such business to be transacted. The object of the law was to charge enough for

the service to prevent it from becoming a burden on the Treasury. Railroads were unknown in those times, and the carrying of the mails was really an expensive branch of the public service, so expensive, that Sir Rowland admitted that the rates were not exorbitant when the act was passed. The postage on a single letter for a distance of over 300 miles was 14d., [28 cents,] from which sum it was diminished according to the distance, to 2d. for seven miles and under. These rates operated as an almost prohibitory tariff on letters through the mail, and all manner of devices were adopted to avoid the payment of this excessive postage. The franking privilege which had been granted to Members of Parliament and officers of the Government was also abused, and the Post Office was a department of the Government which proved a continual drain on the Treasury. Between 1656 and 1837 some 150 different bills regulating the postal service had been passed, but none of them made any material reduction in the rates of postage. Mr Hill had been studying this subject for years, and his conversation with the poorer classes convinced him that by placing postal facilities within the reach of all, the Post Office could be made self-sustaining in Great Britain. In 1837 he published a pamphlet developing his postal system. He reasoned that the education of the masses had placed it within the power of the poor as well as of the rich to write and receive letters; that the poor would correspond freely, if the rates of postage were reduced sufficiently to place them within their means; that the facilities for sending letters over long distances had increased, and that with this increase the price of transportation had diminished. He proposed that all inland postage should be reduced to a uniform rate of 1d for a single half ounce, and that the weight of a letter and not the number of pieces on which it

was written, should form the basis upon which to estimate the postage. He advocated the more frequent dispatch of mails, and that they should be sent by the fastest possible routes, and he argued in favor of the total abolition of the franking privilege. He claimed that if his plans were adopted, such an increase of correspondence in the kingdom would follow that the Post office would become at least self-supporting, and probably a source of revenue to the Government. The force of Mr. Hill's reasoning was such that the House of Commons appointed a committee to investigate the subject. That committee, in the following year [1838], reported that the evidence taken before it proved that injurious effects resulted from the old state of things to the commerce and industry of the country, and to the social habits and moral condition of the people, and recommended that Mr. Hill's plan be adopted. Over 2,000 petitions were presented to Parliament in 1839, praying that the plan might be tried, and early in 1840 the penny postal system went into operation, under the immediate supervision of its originator, who received an appointment in the Treasury department for that purpose.

On the introduction of the new system there was a falling off in the revenue, and its opponents were jubilant, but the deficiency soon disappeared, and then it was time for Mr. Hill and his friends to rejoice. People who could not afford to write to their friends under the old rates began to correspond, and soon the business of the Post Office increased to such an extent that accommodations and the number of offices had to be increased. The number of letters sent through the mails increased from 76,000,000 in 1839, the last full year under the old system, to about 907,000,000 in 1873, besides 72,000,000 postal cards, 126,000,000 book packets, and 125,000,000 newspapers. The gross revenue increased from £2,346,000 to £5,348,040, and the net revenue also shows an increase. Mr. Hill was not allowed to remain long at the head of the system he had introduced. In 1842 a change of Government took place and he was removed from the Treasury.

The Government acknowledged the value of his services, but claimed that they were no longer needed. Mr. Hill retired to private life, but the public which he had so greatly benefited was not so ungrateful as the Government for which he had created a self-sustaining Post Office. He was looked upon as a badly-used man, and in 1846 a public testimonial was awarded him to the value of £13,360. Prior to this however, in 1843, Mr. Hill was engaged in the management of the London and Brighton Railway, of which company he became chairman in 1845. In the following year he was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Post-Master General, a position which he held until 1854, when he was appointed Chief Secretary, in place of Col. Maberly. In 1860, in acknowledgement of his valuable services at the Post Office, he was made a K. C. B., civil division, and four years later, his health having suffered on account of constant and wearying labor, he retired to private life. The Treasury, in a highly complimentary minute, declared that his plans had been entirely successful, and awarded him for life his full salary of £2,000 a year. In the same year he received a Parliamentary grant of £20,000, the first Albert gold medal of the Society of Arts, and the honorary degree of D. C. L. His last public appointment was in 1865, when he was made a member of the Royal Commission on Railways. Since then he has lived quietly in private life, surrounded by hosts of friends, and thoroughly enjoying an honorable old age.

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### New Issues.

ALWAR.—The 1 anna is now used with the color pale brown.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—25c. orange, 50c. green and 1 peso crimson.

AUSTRIA.—A "mandat" card, back of buff,  $\frac{1}{2}$  k. black.

BOLIVAR.—5c., 10c., 20c., 40c., 80c. and 1 peso. Profile of Samuel Bolivar.

BOSNIA.—A 2 kr. red card.

BRAZIL.—50 reis, dull blue; 80 reis

crimson; 200 reis, black; 300 reis, yellow. We saw them in June but our contemporaries have just discovered them.

BRITISH GUIANA.—A 3c. card, rose on buff.

BULGRAVIA.—Has issued the following: 2 centimes, black and orange; 10 centimes, black and emerald green; 25 centimes, black and mauve; 1 franc, black and vermillion.

CANADA.—There are rumors of new stamps, values and colors unknown.

DOMINICA.—A new set of four. We saw the first two, and have seen the others.  $\frac{1}{2}$  real, lilac on white;  $\frac{1}{2}$  real lilac of blue; 1 real, crimson on white; 1 real, crimson of pink.

FRANCE.—25 centimes, yellow.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Our contemporaries have just discovered the new wrapper and two international cards which were mentioned in the June number of the *N. Y. P.*, and which we had then seen. Post cards bear the inscription "Great Britain and Ireland."

GREECE.—100 lep. and 200 lep., black and green, unpaired letter stamps.

HELIGOLAND.—A union card,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pence, green on chamois. Envelope,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pence, carmine on white.

IONIAN ISLANDS.—The water mark has been changed from a large figure 2 to a 1.

LEVANT.—1 kop. black and orange; 2 kop. black and carmine; and 7 kop. rose and dull green.

LUBNAN.—2c. blue-green; 6c. orange; 12c. rose; 16c. blue.

LUXEMBURG.—The 1c., 4c., and  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c are now perforated and surcharged "official."

MAURITIUS.—4 cents, orange-yellow and 25 cents, greenish-bistre. 50 cents, chocolate-brown. Envelope. 2 cents violet-brown and black cards.

MONTE VIDEO.—1 peso, pale blue.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The *Philatelic Monthly* announces a 2c card for international use.

NICARAGUA.—25 centavos, rouletted.

NORWAY.—10 ore, red on white, double card.

PERSIA.—A  $2\frac{1}{2}$  shahi post card.

PERU.—Our contemporaries have just discovered the 1 centavo, orange-yellow which was chronicled in the June number of *N. Y. P.* and which we then had.

PORTUGAL.—The color of the 10 reis stamp has been changed to green.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—20 centimes de peseta, brown lilac on bluish card.

QUEENSLAND.—2d. blue of a different design.

SALVADOR.—In addition to those mentioned in the June number of the *N. Y. P.*, are the following: 1 centavos, green; 10 centavos, black; 20 centavos, violet.

SHANGHAI.—3 cand., surcharge in blue on 16 cents green.

SWEDEN.—New cards: 10 ore, carmine on white; 15 ore, light green on white.

SURINAM.— $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. cards, surcharged  $7\frac{1}{2}$ c. 1 real green; 2 reals, carmine-rose; 5 reals ultramarine.

TASMANIA.—An 8 pence lilac-red.

UNITED STATES.—We are sorry not to have been able to chronicle the "postage due" stamp before, for through the kindness of Mr. J. M. Paine we saw the 1c and 3c on the 18th of last June. The new set consists of the 1, 2, 3, and 5 cent, all reddish-brown "postage due" above, 1 (or other value) cent below; U. S. at sides and large numeral in centre. They were brought into use on the first of July, and printed by the American Bank Note Co. We have also seen the "official sealed" stamp, color brown, "Post Office Department" above, "United States of America" below, head in oval in centre, "officially" on one side of head and "sealed" on other. Shape, large oblong. Printed by National Bank Note Co., New York. Mr. Paine also states that he saw the U. S. Postal Service in black on white, extra official size, in the first part of June.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—New cards,  $\frac{1}{2}$  brown on buff card and 1d blue on white card.

Lovers are warned that it is very dangerous to chew up English postage stamps, as they contain red lead.



### Sir Rowland Hill.

An extremely interesting ceremony was performed on the 9th of June, when a deputation of the Common Council of London, waited upon Sir Rowland Hill at his residence at Hampstead, on the outskirts of the city, to present him with a copy of resolutions conferring on him the honorary freedom of the city in recognition of his services in obtaining penny postage for the kingdom. The casket presented by the Lord Mayor and corporation, containing the resolution is of 18 carat gold and weighs twenty ounces. The front panel has on it the design of the first penny envelope issued by the Post Office. It represents Britannia as sending forth her messengers to all parts of the globe, and under the figure of Britannia is a *fac-simile* in enamel of the penny stamp. On the back is an inscription, at one end of the monogram of Sir Rowland Hill, at the other the family crest and on the lid the arms of the City of London. It is lined with crimson silk velvet in which the whole testimonial can be closed. The presentation occurred at his house because Sir Rowland Hill is 83 years old and feeble. Mr. Scott, the chamberlain of the postal system down to the passing of the Act of 1839, dwelt upon the increase of facilities and business during the last 38 years. The post-offices and receptacles for the deposit of correspondence had increased from 4,500 to over 25,000. The chargeable letters and newspapers despatched in 1839 numbered about 106,000,000; they had increased, including books and sample packets and post cards to the enormous total of nearly 1,478,000,000, or about fourteen fold. Post-office orders for money remitted had risen from 188,000 in 1839 to 18,500,000 in 1878. The postal revenue after a brief decline immediately following the adoption of the penny rate, had advanced steadily nearly half a million of pounds per annum, and was yearly increasing. An eloquent tribute was paid to the patient and courageous endeavors of Sir Rowland Hill in securing this great public benefit, and he was congratulated that his re-

maining days would be consoled by the thought that his name and services can never be forgotten, and that the sunset of his life would be brightened by the reflection that he had been permitted to become one of the greatest benefactors of mankind. In expressing his thanks, the venerable knight said that "a lower rate of postage now carried a letter from Egypt or the furthest parts of Europe to San Francisco that was charged in 1839 on a letter coming from Guildhall (which they had left scarcely an hour ago) to that place, though the latter distance, as the crow flies was scarcely four miles." He said it would hardly be believed now how narrowly the plan had more than once escaped total shipwreck, and that finally, when after a great deal of effort and discussion in committees the plan came to a vote in Parliament, "penny postage was conceded by the Government of the day, it was not so much, he feared, from any real conviction as to its merits, but as a means, he believed, of securing, on a coming division, the votes of certain influential members of Parliament, whose opposition on a question wholly unconnected with the Post-Office has become dangerous to the Government." Postal facilities at the present extremely low rates are to be regarded as one of the triumphs of Christian civilization. Sir Rowland Hill's plan has been adopted by all civilized nations. By the present arrangement of the Postal Union letters are carried to almost any part of the world for five cents a half ounce, postal cards for two cents, newspapers at the rate of two cents for four ounces; books, pamphlets etc., at one cent for every two ounces. So men are brought into fellowship and are becoming more and more members of one family.

Post office employees at Cincinnati were much puzzled lately over a letter which was postmarked "Leesville, Ind.," and addressed to the "Corps Office, Cincinnati." Upon consultation it was decided to send the letter to Coroner Carrick. The Coroner found the letter to be an application from some young country girls to join the "ballet corps" at the ballet theatre. Dr. Carrick replied that as subjects they were decidedly too lively for him.



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It is with sorrow that we announce that the *New York Philatelist* no longer exists, but that sorrow is more than counterbalanced by the pleasure with which we present Vol. 1, No. 1 of the AMERICAN PHILATELIC GUIDE to the Philatelic public. All those whom the N. Y. P. owed anything in the shape of subscriptions, exchanges, etc., etc., will be paid by the A. P. G. In starting the GUIDE we would say that we intned to make it as interesting, if not more so, than the *New York Philatelist* was; in fact as interesting as our space and talent will permit, and also, if the philatelic public will help us in the way of subscriptions, we will enlarge it to sixteen pages soon, as well as increase its circulation greatly. We will try to do what is square with every one. Any one having any new issues that will send them to us will

receive them back by return mail and will receive our thanks through the A. P. G.; or if they will sell them they should state lowest cash price.

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**NORTHUMBERLAND CUNNING.**

A sharp-looking youth walked up quickly to the counter of the post office not a hundred miles from Newcastle, Pa., and, emptying a bag of coppers thereon, asked the clerk, who was attending to other customers, for five shillings worth of penny stamps. "Oh, you be bothered!" was the answer. "That's not a legal tender; it is all copper." What is a legal tender then?" asked the boy. "Why, one penny is a legal tender for a penny stamp." "Oh," exclaimed the boy, "is it? Come on then"—passing the coin from a heap—"a penny stamp, please." The clerk gave him one. "Another please." A second was given him. "Ano—" "Here, stop that," the clerk said; give me the money. It will be the shortest way to get rid of you." After counting

the money he gave the value thereof in stamps to the lad, who was heard to mutter, "Ah thowt ah would tire him out!"

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We offer the following prizes for Philatelic articles; the winning articles, or at least part of each, to appear in the February number.

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### OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

Whom we will criticise impartially.

Wienerillustristen Briefmarken Zeitung—is a large 8 page Journal from Germany.

L'ami des Timbres—is also a large 8 page Journal. Its August number had about 75 stamp illustrations in it.

The Collectors World—generally contains a large list of new issues, al-

though the August number had but little over one-half column. Its revenue department is nearly as large as the rest of the paper. It is on the whole, a nice, spicy Journal.

The Philatelic Gazette—is quite a journal and contains good literature, but should receive no sustenance from the Philatelic public for its editor allowed one of his contributors to use "what, never! etc.," in an article. We also think the editor is a little conceited.

The Philatelic Monthly—is composed mostly of its editors own advertisements but what little is not is very interesting.

The Southern Philatelist is quite a Journal. The article entitled 'A Reply,' in the July number showed sound judgment on the part of the author. If philatelic news was substituted for the Omnibus Club it would improve the Journal.

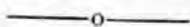
The National Philatelist—should be more careful about what it inserts that it does not fully agree with and which is communicated. It also says that it wishes the opinions of its contemporaries on the article by 'A Dealer' in No. 2. If it wants ours and will say so, we will give it.

The Collector's News is a large 4 page Journal with large articles and small variety of them, but the articles and the paper altogether is of great credit to the editor.

The Collector's Aid contains nothing pertaining to Philately except the new issues, the other subjects we are not competent to criticise.

The Detroit Philatelist—starts off with three cuts in the No. 1. A remarkable thing.

The Amateur Clipper—if it take our advice it will drop amateurdom and be entirely philatelic.



### COLLECTING POSTAGE STAMPS.

To the Editor of the Scientific American:

Last summer I visited several summer resorts in different parts of the country, and found a universal mania prevalent for collecting postage stamps from letters which had passed through

the mails. The reasons given for this were various. At one place I was told that a rich man in Boston had agreed to give a poor boy a situation for life, but as a preliminary test of the boys business capacity and perseverance, he required him to collect enough postage stamps to paper the side of a room.

The next story that I heard was that a wealthy young lady in the South had made a bet that she would collect a million of postage stamps in a certain time, and had called upon all her Northern friends to assist her in doing so.

Again, it was stated that these stamps are used in the making of *papier mache*; but this is such arrogant nonsense that I can hardly suppose anybody would believe it seriously.

The most common story, however, is that the object is a charitable one—that if a certain number of stamps can be collected, some old woman or some crippled boy is to receive a place in an institution, where he or she will be cared for for life. This view is received with implicit belief by many excellent people, who work with great earnestness to carry out the object by inducing their friends to save all their old envelopes.

It ought to be stated for the information of all, that in nine cases out of ten, the real object of collecting these stamps is to cheat the Government, by washing off the Post Office mark by means of a chemical preparation, and then selling the stamps again.

An ostentatious announcement was made a few days ago in one of the city papers, that \$800 had been paid to a lady for charitable purposes who had collected a million of these three cent stamps. An investigation will show that they all go through various channels to certain parties who are engaged in defrauding the revenue. The rascals can well afford to pay \$800 as an advertisement, for a million of three cent stamps when cleaned are worth \$30,000.

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(We give the above (which was sent to us by Mr. W. T. Hiscox) as an illustration of the way other kinds of papers regard stamp collecting. He does not say anything about real stamp collecting. It is absurd



to write about things that you do not understand yourself, thinking to enlighten others; it is only a sample of the way in which some papers are composed; they are liked by the general public, but laughed at by those that are interested in the individual sciences, but even they think that the rest of the paper is sensible. But you take the average general paper and have a number of scientific men (devoted to different sciences) get together and criticise it, and you will find that it is sensible on but one or two subjects with which the editor is conversant, for if he is not so himself he will put a lot of nonsense in his paper and think it is sensible. It is so much like the foreign correspondence that is written by the editor himself—it pretends to be what it is not. The above says that "the real object of collecting these stamps is to cheat the government." Now even if all that were collected should get around to such rascals as he speaks of, the object of collecting would not be to cheat; for the collecting would be done in good faith. The rascals would not do the collecting; they would only do the buying and cleaning of them after collected.

#### A DISCOURAGING FACT.

*From the New York Times.*

No. 40

A great many Philatelic Journals are trying to exterminate counterfeiters of postage stamps, but how can they if the United States Government is going to uphold them in the above way. Can any one give us any information concerning this A. L. Alexandre of Paris. The efforts of the above mentioned Journals are praiseworthy although some are rather hasty in denouncing persons and in that way adding to the Philatelic thieves and counterfeiters.

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## LOCALS.

To give a complete list of the locals of the United States alone, without counting those of foreign countries, would take too much space to be undertaken with our present limited size, but we will try to give an account of a few of those not only of the United States but also of the Confederate States, Russia, Norway and Hamburg.

In the United States we have all kinds of locals. Some are so common that nearly every collector has them and others that are so scarce that they are almost unobtainable at any price. A complete set would, of course, make the owner the envy of every philatelist, but nobody has or is likely to have a complete collection of these interesting stamps; for in our opinion Philately or its followers have not even discovered all varieties of U. S. locals.

Of all U. S. local posts, those of Ford and Hussey have issued the greatest number of stamps. It seems as though they must take a great deal of their time from their other business to devote it to the designs and other varieties of their stamps and as though they did it only to accommodate collectors by having a large variety of them. In the directories for May 1st, 1844 and the name of John T. Boyd as a post-officer, but in May 1st, 1845 the name appears as proprietor of his

City Express Post, and as Mr. Coster states that he has seen a letter bearing the black on yellow Pomeroy stamp and one of Boyd's hand stamps of the date July 25th, 1844, the exact date is somewhere between May 1st and July 25th, 1844. Now leaving that as the date of starting, the Post, which is now conducted by Mr. Wm. Blackham, has been in existence about 35 years. In selecting the shade of paper and the color of ink for his "Mercury" stamp, he had one sheet of each of 20 colors of paper and ink (the writer has a complete set of them). From these 20 varieties, in June, 1878 Mr. Blackham selected or rather conceived the idea of having black ink on Marone faced paper, but as his customers expressed their disapproval of the appearance of that colored paper he changed it, Nov. 1878, to pink. This stamp is the current one for letters, and is now sold for \$1.00 per 100. Mr. Blackham has since selected a stamp for circulars which is sold for \$1.75 per 100, of the same design, but blue ink on light blue paper. He also used stamped envelopes which are to be found on various papers, sizes and shapes. These were nothing more than envelopes with the same "Mercury" design printed in black in the upper right hand corner, and these not looking well, the color of the stamp was changed to pink (current). He also issued a post-card for the use of Gaff, Fleischman & Co., with their advertisement printed on the back. This

we believe is the only post card ever issued by a local post. Although we have seen similar cards sent by private individuals through the mail with one cent stamps on them.

Leaving Boyd's City Despatch to discuss Hussey's Special Message Express we find that this Post issued its first stamp in 1854. It was a plain inscription but the next issue (1856) represented a bank in the center. Neither this nor any of his other stamps were very elaborate 'til after his death. Mr. Robert Easson, the former manager had been installed for some time (Dec., 1877) as proprietor when a stamp appeared representing a messenger running with a letter. This was a great improvement over former ones; the colors were red on white and blue on white. The proof of this stamp, which we have seen, was in black and had under the messenger, "Copyright 1877 by" instead of "Trade Mark," but as it was never used in that form we dare say very few have seen or heard of it. In May 1878 the size was reduced and the inscription changed but with the colors the same. And in 1879 there was a slight change which referred only to the words "Trade Mark" that were brought out more distinctly.

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## New Issues.

**ALWAR.**—The  $\frac{1}{4}$  anna now comes in three shades of blue; dull blue, pale blue and ultramarine.

**ANTIQUA.**— $2\frac{1}{2}$  centavos blue, large eagle in heavy circle, and 5 centavos, green, similar to New Granada 20c liberty.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**—The following envelopes and wrappers are of a recent date. 8 centavos, rose, head of Chiclaría in oval; 16 centavos, green, head of Avellaneda in oval; 24 centavos, blue, head of Vicytes in oval; 1 centavo, carmine, head of Albarez in oval; 4 centavos, brown, head in oval. Post cards recalling the U. S. one with head between fasces; single 4c gray; double 4x4c green on buff; single 6c rose on yellow; double 6x6c black on yellow. Postal Union

cards similar to New Peru. Also 1 and 2 cent. stamps.

**BHORE.**—Two stamps from this Indian state.  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, red, and shape round; 1 anna, red, shape rectangular.

**BOSNIA.**—Large eagle with values in upper corners. 1 kr. gray; 3 kr. green; 5 kr. rose; 10 kr. blue; 15 kr. bistre; 25 kr. violet. Either the *St. Louis Philatelist* made a mistake or there are two varieties of the 1 kr. gray, one with and one without values in figures in upper corners, for those we have have the figures in upper corners and it states in its Nov. number that the 1 kr. is an exception, being without them.

**CANADA.**—Postal Union Card, 2c. green.

**CASHMERE.**—The following are perforated:  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, red;  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, violet; 1 anna, red; 1 anna, violet; 2 annas, red.

**DENMARK.**—5 ore, blue and carmine. Also four cards. 4 ore, Brev. Kort. blue larger frame; 6 ore, for Postal Union, brown on buff; 8 ore, Brev. Kort, carmine; 10 ore, for Postal Union, green on buff.

**GERMANY.**—10x10 ph card, for Postal Union.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—We hear from Mr. H. A. Everett that new stamps are to be issued Jan. 1st, 1880.

**HOLLAND.**— $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. card, manve on buff, of newspaper type.

**HONG KONG.**—Two post cards, value of each, 3 cand., black on yellow and red on white.

**INDIA.**— $\frac{1}{4}$  anna, brown and  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, black. Postal Union Cards.

**JAPAN.**—3 sen. orange and 50 sen. blue stamps. 1 sen. black, 2 sen. gray, 3 sen. green, 5 sen. blue, post cards. The 1 and 5 sen. cards are for use of the Postal Union.

**JOHORE.**—1 anna, black and orange large rectangle.

**PERSIA.**— $2\frac{1}{2}$  shahi, head, Postal Union card.

**Rafpipla.**—1, 2, 3, and 4 paisa, black envelope with round stamps.

**SERVIA.**—The color of the 10c card is now violet.



**SIRMOOR.**—Another Indian stamp of a yellowish-green color.

**UNITED STATES.**—We have seen the 10, 30 and 50 cents of the unpaid letter set and the *Collector's News* mentions a 20 cents. They are issued to prevent the necessity of using whole sheets of the lower values, when large packages are not fully prepaid.

**URUGUAY.**—1 peseto, blue. Envelopes 15c red and 10c blue. Wrapper 1c red. Card 2c black and blue, and 2c black and carmine.

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### OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

*Whom we will criticise impartially.*

The St. Louis Philatelist for Nov. consists of sixteen pages and is very interesting. What a pity that a journal so ably edited should be issued but occasionally. It is a great loss to Philately.

Wienerillustrirten Briefmarken Zeitung is a large, spicy journal. Its articles are good and the way it is gotten up is splendid.

L'ami des Timbres comes duly to hand and is a welcome exchange.

The Union has changed its heading. The new issues are brief and to the point. There are a great many of them.

The Southern Philatelist. We are sorry to say that this journal is no longer in existence. It was always ably conducted. We would like to know if the National Philatelic Exchange that it speaks of in its last number is a success, for if it can be made as they want it, they may count on our support. The managers would oblige us by letting us know about it.

The Collector's News is a welcome exchange, containing a good list of new issues and being altogether interesting.

The National Philatelist comes duly to hand and we do not know whether we feel highly complimented or not as it speaks of the New York Philatelist as back as 1874.

The Philatelic Monthly comes duly to hand as we go to press, and is contently last but not least.

### A DISCOURAGING FACT.

*From the New York Times.*

"It was ascertained by the Post Office Department in April last that a man named A. L. Alexandre, Jr., in Paris, was engaged in the manufacture of counterfeit United States postage stamps. An investigation was ordered and has just been concluded. The report shows that although the person named manufactured fac-similes of United States stamps, he sold them only to persons who are making collections of postage stamps, and that the object was not to defraud the government. The practise, however, was immediately discontinued. It was found in the course of the investigation that a similar business is carried on in England and Germany."

A great many Philatelic Journals are trying to exterminate counterfeiters of postage stamps, but how can they if the United States Government is going to uphold them in the above way. Can any one give us any information concerning this A. L. Alexandre of Paris. The efforts of the above mentioned Journals are praiseworthy although some are rather hasty in denouncing persons and in that way adding to the Philatelic thieves and counterfeiters, for when a person finds that he is obliged to have the credit of being a dishonest dealer or collector he thinks that he can do nothing honestly with any Philatelist on account of the taint on his name; he is then driven (as he thinks although not in reality, for if honest he is certain to be proved so in the end) to dishonesty.

We shall be pleased to hear either side of any case, which we will investigate at our own expense and give the facts of the case to our readers and let them judge for themselves. We want to exterminate dishonesty from the Philatelic ranks, but we do not wish to wrong those that are honest.

By a mistake on the part of the printer last month this article was put in very bad shape and since then the clipping has appeared in the National Philatelist and we therefore give the whole of it over.

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#### NOTES.

If you receive more than one copy of this number, or have no use for this one, you will greatly oblige the publisher by handing it to some stamp collecting friend, and letting him have the benefit of it.

If you receive this Journal and are not a subscriber, you are politely requested to take the hint and become one.

In subscribing please state which number you want your subscription to begin with, if you neglect to do this it will commence with the current one.

We will give twenty-five foreign stamps to every one who sends us the names and addresses of 15 genuine stamp collectors or a like proportion for more.

We would like to receive accounts of any transaction in which any dealer or collector thinks he has been cheated or in which a person has been unjustly accused as they will be investigated at our expense and the facts of the case laid before the Philatelic public through the columns of this Journal. Dealers having accusations to make against any collectors, write us, and collectors having accusations to refute or to make against dealers; write also, as you will be treated impartially, for although we wish to exterminate from the ranks of Philately

all frauds and counterfeiters yet we will not let that prevent us from being just to those unjustly accused.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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L. M. B., Portland—Do you want to be agent this year, if so let me know before I appoint some one else to your place.

L. H. N., Portland—Read answer to L. M. B.

C. W. D., Portland—Please pay up entirely as we have not received returns for the balance.

L. E., Newark, O.—If you want to act as agent, send guarantee.

W. T. H., Brooklyn—How about subscriptions this fall?

M. M., New York—We have not received the information you promised.

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We hope every one will notice the change of heading this number.

All good Philatelic articles will be bought at highest cash prices at this office.

The *Collector's Aid* has suspended with only one number.

We have not heard from the *Collector's World* lately. Where is it?

We have a few files of the *New York Philatelist* complete 7 numbers neatly bound which we will sell for cents each, unbound, 25 cents each. There are but a few left.

We hear from Mr. J. C. Rasmussen that he is about to issue another number of his spicy little journal the *Stamp Collector's Review*.

In a conversation with Mr. John K. Tiffany the other day the editor of this Journal was told by Mr. Tiffany that he had not counted his collection for two years and that he then had 13,000 adhesives alone, but that he supposed the sum total of his collection now was about 18,000 and that his was by no means the finest in the world as many others exceed it.

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OUR REPLY TO  
**"Philatelic Frauds,"**  
 in the N. P.

Mr. W. B. Taylor of the *National Philatelist* wishes us to reply to his article entitled "Philatelic Frauds" which appeared in his Number 2, and as it has now become a personal encounter between "A Dealer" in the *National Philatelist* and "Philomath" in the *Southern Philatelist*, we would not do so were not the S. P. a thing of the past. We do not side entirely with either of them, but when the N. P. inserts an article in which it accuses the S. P. of the discovery dodge and Beifeldism, after said Journal has suspended, we will say that the S. P. was in our opinion an ably conducted Journal and although we do not believe in putting a Directory of Reliable Dealers or a Black List in regularly, yet we know of no unreliable dealer who paid his money and was inserted as reliable; and about the only persons who were put down on the Black List were those who conducted the Minnesota crookedness. We therefore do not accuse the S. P. of dishonesty, but simply say that we disapprove of that plan.

We believe the only true way for putting an end to Philatelic Frauds is for every dealer to require a guarantee or deposit from every one he sends stamps on approval to and not to be satisfied with a reference unless he writes to the party to whom he is referred and receives a satisfactory answer, and for collectors to send no money to any dealer without first asking their fellow collectors if they have had any dealings with the dealer in question, if so and he has dealt squarely with them, it is fair to suppose that he will do the same with you; but if none of your friends have had any dealings with him write him and enclose a guarantee from your father, teacher or some business friend, asking him to send the stamps you want on approval and in that way you will both be on the safe side. This method if endorsed by every honest dealer and collector would (we think) soon exterminate Philatelic thieves: starve them out. Now as to counterfeiters: in nearly every town there is some col-

lector who can most of the time or at least sometime, tell when he sees a counterfeit. To this collector let all the other collectors show what stamps they have that they think are counterfeit, and occasionally their whole collection and ask him which ones he thinks there is any danger of being counterfeit and then send them to some leading Philatelist with return postage and ask him to pick out the counterfeits (which he would be sure to do on account of the experience in that line which it gives him) and at the same time tell him where and how you obtained each stamp. Deal no more with the dealers from whom you obtained those stamps he says are counterfeit, or if you do not wish to go to all this trouble buy some of the numerous books on counterfeits and pick out your own for yourself. Either one of these plans would soon stop counterfeiting if every collector went by it.

Now in the article "Philatelic Frauds" the writer says that dealers sending stamps to every "Tom, Dick and Harry" are the cause of Philatelic thieves; we would like to ask him a question and that question is "If a dealer sent stamps to an honest collector without his supplying a guarantee or deposit would that honest collector steal his stamps?" We think not. He also goes on to say (in a subsequent article) that the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* was the best Philatelic paper that was or ever will be published, and then goes on to run it down saying that they supposed counterfeiters until it interfered with their own business. Now this is not so for if the above Journal did as he says, it would not be the best Philatelic paper as he asserts. One assertion must be incorrect.

We must now correct a statement made by PHILMOTH for he says that "No one, does an honest collector respect more than a dealer who has confidence enough in Philately, to believe every person honest 'til proved the reverse." Not so. An honest collector would think that such a dealer did not know what he was about and that he would not know enough to address the answer correctly and therefore be afraid to trust him.

We think that if the editor of the N. P. takes a little of his own advice and puts something else than discussions of others faults in his paper he will improve it greatly, as what it is now filled with is not interesting to the average collector.

This is not a letter from a correspondent and signed with some fictitious name, but is by the editor of this Journal.

### POSTAL INCONSISTENCIES.

*From the Worcester, (Mass.) Spy.*

It is noted as an amusing fact that the order which has made so much trouble appears in the *Official Postal Guide* for October, addressed by the Postmaster-General to "T. L. James, New-York City." A careful search through the list of Post Offices discloses no office of that name, and it is therefore supposed that the order must have reached Mr. James through the Dead-Letter Office, unless the officers at Washington are allowed a larger discretion in the use of ordinary common sense than is conceded to those in other parts of the country. A worse case even than this has been discovered in this State. The name of the post-office at North Cohasset was changed some time ago to Nantasket, but the old name continued to be used by many correspondents, and until the new order appeared no inconvenience followed. The identity of the place was clear. But some days ago a letter addressed to North Cohasset was diverted from its destination, and was sent to the Dead-letter Office, according to instructions, where it was stamped "no such office" and returned and actually reached the person for whom it was intended in an official envelope, addressed to him at "North Cohasset." It made the journey to Washington and back for no other purpose but to prove that a letter so addressed could not be delivered, and that it bore conclusive evidence on its face that this official assumption is not true.

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## LOCALS.

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10.)

Since our last went to press we have discovered 2 or 3 more varieties of the proofs of Boyd's Mercury Stamps. We made two mistakes in our last number; one as to Mr. Hussey being dead, and the other as to the Gaff, Fleischmann & Co., post card being the only local post card, as Mr. Blackham issued a post card 5 years ago for the use of some bank. A correspondent kindly called our attention to these mistakes.

There was lately a local post at 251 Broadway, New York, by the name of the Douglas City Despatch, which favored the public with two issues, each consisting of a red and a blue stamp of the same design, but these having been described by a great many other Philatelic Journals, we will pass on to the consideration of the Brown's



Despatch, an illustration of the only design of which is annexed. The stamp comes in dark crimson, bright crimson, red, green and yellow. This post is conducted by Mr. Wm.

P. Brown of 145 Nassau St., New York. The charge per letter is 2 cts. and by an arrangement with Hussey post Mr. Brown turns over to that post most of his mail. There is a post

we had almost forgotten to mention. That is the Guy's Despatch of Philadelphia. This post has caused a great deal of trouble and was finally broken up by a Mr. Barrett, the Special Agent of the Post Office Department in Philadelphia. Its stamps are like the first type of the Douglass Despatch.

The United States has a great many other locals, such as Wells, Fargo & Co., Pony Express, etc., etc. The stamps issued by Wells, Fargo & Co., are among the neatest locals ever issued.

The locals of the Confederate States are all of them rare to a certain extent, and many of them have quite a history. They were issued by the various post masters of the post offices of the Confederate States and used in these offices. They are of various designs and have been discovered at various dates. Some of them are very poorly executed while others present a better appearance.

Those of Russia are also very numerous and are very neat and the engraving is well executed as a general thing, especially in comparison to those of other countries, which are some of them as ugly as it is possible to make a stamp.

Norway has a great many local posts and is continually starting more. Their stamps are peculiar and often have a numeral in centre.

Hamburg locals should be avoided as they are counterfeits gotten up for

the use of stamp collectors and they spoil the looks of a book. It is much better to cut the pages allotted to them out entirely than to fill them with such trash.

To end with we will give a summary of our ideas of locals. We think that if locals were collected more than they are by collectors, they would be better satisfied with their collections. Collectors should not be discouraged in collecting locals on account of their rarity, for there are many that are easily obtained. The one great drawback to the collection of locals, is that when a post stops issuing a certain stamp, it often sells the die to some stamp dealer or lithographer, who then has a large number of reprints made on all kinds of paper and in that way disgusts the beginner before he has time to see that if there are reprints, the originals are of none the less importance. Locals are some of them quite handsome (if that word may be applied to stamps) and greatly improve the looks of a collection. But few do collect locals and we suppose that all we may say will be of no importance in persuading them to begin, therefore we will say no more on the subject.

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### New Issues.

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**BRAZIL.**—A number of our contemporaries have just discovered the 200 reis, black which we saw in the first part of last June.

**CHRISTIANSDUND.**—Three more stamps, 2 ore, black on blue; 7 ore, black on purple; 10 ore, black on yellow.

**FRANCE.**—The use of the 3c buff has been discontinued.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Mr. H. A. Everett writes, "The post cards have just undergone a change in the inscription, having now the words 'Great Britain and Ireland (Grande Bretagne et Irlande),' in lieu of the former inscription 'Union Postale Universelle.'"

**MADEIRA.**—The rumor that the surcharge of these stamps was to be discontinued was groundless. No such

thing is to be done as the surcharge is needed to distinguish the mail accounts of Madeira from those of Portugal.

**MEXICO.**—A new envelope of the 25c type, 4c. salmon. Two post cards with place left for 2d stamp. One red on pale blue and the other blue on buff.

**ROUMANIA.**—Mr. Brown has kindly shown us the 10 bani of the current set in dark blue instead of ultramarine, and the 50 bani in bright red instead of rose. The *Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal* says that the 25 bani is also changed from orange to blue.

**TRINIDAD.**—"Halfpenny" surcharge in black on mauve. 3 cards in red-brown on buff.

**UNITED STATES.**—*The Collector's News* corrects itself by saying that there is no 20c 'postage due' stamp, so the set consists of 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 30c, and 50c of the same design.

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### Stamps of Great Britain.

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BY HERBERT AUGUSTUS EVERETT.

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We have for 49 consecutive years had to put up with the use of our present 1d English stamp, or rather with the design of it. There are few people who think that the stamp above mentioned is over pretty in design or properly executed in the engraving. For my part I think that there cannot possibly be a more ugly stamp issued, excepting, of course, the "Inian Monstrosities." Coarsely engraved, badly perforated, gummed with the coarsest possible material, bad paper, and *lastly*, a dull, miserable color, which on the authority of the eminent analyst, Dr. Hassell, "contains red lead in large quantities, derived, doubtless from the red lead employed in the coloring of the stamps," and which the Doctor says may cause disease if not *death* to any person licking any quantity of them. But at last we have cause to be gratified and relieved by the news that on the first

of January next, the present stamps, value  $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, and 2d, will be changed for others of entirely new design. These will be printed on the letter press system, and not steel engraved, as before. The contract has been or will be taken from the old London firm and given to an eminent firm of stationers in London. The change from steel engraving to letterpress has been effected in consequence of the letter being much cheaper, although it is not so proof against forgeries. By reason of their loss the old firm (Messrs. Perkins and Baken, Whitefriars St., Fleet St.) will be compelled to discharge 200 employees

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#### *Winners of Prizes for October*

1st prize—Frank E. Brewer, Gilbertville, N. Y. 313 words.

2nd prize—C. H. Allen, Newburyport, Mass. 310 words.

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### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. W. D.,—Yours received which balances accounts up to date.

E. G. L.,—Your advertisement appears in this number. You sent five cents too much which we sent to your address together with the stamps you sent as we had plenty of them.

A large number of answers are crowded out of this number on account of the large amount of MSS.

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We would like to receive accounts of any transaction in which any dealer or collector thinks he has been cheated or in which a person has been unjustly accused as they will be investigated at our expense and the facts of the case laid before the Philatelic public through the columns of this Journal. Dealers having accusations to make against any collectors, write us, and collectors having accusations to refute or to make against dealers write also, as you will be treated impartially, for although we wish to extirminate from the ranks of Philately all frauds and counterfeiters yet we will not let that prevent us from being just to those unjustly accused.

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The Detroit Philatelist. No. 2 of this journal is a great improvement on No. 1. It is well printed and interesting.

Thanks to Mr. H. A. Everett, for a file of the back numbers of the Philatelists Gazette.

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All good Philatelic articles will be bought at highest cash prices at this office.

Mr. Coster has suspended the Collectors' World on account of not having the time to spare. The former subscribers of the Collectors' World are invited to subscribe for this jour-

nal. Our Journal has a large circulation in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, etc., etc.

We have appointed Wm. P. Brown of 145 Nassau St., New York as agent for receiving subscriptions for this journal.

We have a few files of the *New York Philatelist*, complete, 7 numbers, neatly bound, which we will sell for 50 cents each, unbound, 35 cents each. There are but a few left.

We hear that there are two more Philatelic Journals on the way. The *Mound City Collector* of St. Louis, and the *Amateur and Collector* of St. Paul. These should be very good as they are both Saint.

We are glad to announce that we have appointed Mr. E. B. Sterling to conduct a Revenue Department in this Journal regularly. Mr. Sterling has already shown his ability in this line in the way that he conducted a similar department in the *Collectors World*. Any one having any specimens or information of newly issued U. S. revenues will confer a great favor on the editor of this Journal by sending them to him at P. O. Box 294, Trenton, N. J.

We wish to increase our subscription list to 550 before next month and as an inducement to you, we offer to give every person who sends us 12 new subscriptions and \$3.00 for same before Feb. 1st, 1880, \$1.00 worth of stamps at our list prices besides the Club Rates. Send stamp for specimen copies. We will also send two foreign post cards to each new subscriber received before the above date.

### The Alexandre Case.

In speaking of the Alexandre case mentioned in our last, a correspondent writes, "as to the 'whole particulars' of the Alexandre case I can only say that there are no particulars to speak of. I wrote to a young Bostonian residing in Paris with his parents and with whom I have frequent correspondence and he called at Alexandre's place and reported to me that he told Mr. Alexandre of what had appeared

in a N. Y. paper and that Alexandre was surprised at it but said that the gen'd'armes had made the round of the stamp dealers in Paris and inspected their stamps, having got the idea that some of the foreign governments were being defrauded, but that no seizures were made or any arrest, and that he, Alexandre, does not even make the stamps, but only sells them after buying them from the lithographer in Germany who makes them, and that he only keeps stamps for the stamp collectors on sheets, same as are sold by stationers all over Paris, and in fact, in all European cities. Mr. Alexandre is a respectable stationer.

\* \* \* \* My correspondent speaks French quite well and says that Mr. Alexandre is much interested in getting a copy of the N. Y. Times which tells such a singular story about him. This is all I could learn of the matter. Alexandre's name is in the stamp dealers directory as well as about twenty others equally unknown to fame. \*

We cannot give Mr. Alexandre a copy of the N. Y. Times but if he will send us his address, we will send a copy of our last number, which contains the clipping. It is not the making of counterfeits that we object to, if they did not get into the hands of unprincipled men who sell them without saying whether they are counterfeit or not, and selling them at low prices, believing that they are absolved of the crime because they do not get the prices for them that the genuine bring, and thinking that because boys buy them, and the object of boys collecting is for the pleasure of it, and that the boys have just as much fun out of counterfeits as out of genuine stamps. Not so, for if counterfeits gave boys as much pleasure it would not take the interest in collecting away from them to prove to them that most of their stamps were counterfeits. Another curse that counterfeiting brings on Philately is that often a boy wishes to sell stamps in his school and sends an order to some dealer who sends him counterfeits. But the boy does not know it and therefore tells his friends they are genuine and sells them as such. Now

some one of his friends likely has another friend who has a large collection and who knows a counterfeit when he sees it, and when showing his collection to this friend, his friend points to these stamps and says that they are counterfeit, he then remembers where he obtained these stamps and tells all his friends at school of it. The consequences are that all the boys at that school will have no more to do with the boy who sold them. They call him a cheat and will not believe what he says when he states the facts of the case, consequently it makes the boy unhappy, instead of his obtaining amusement from the stamps he bought, besides spoiling his character and likely enough driving him from that school. His father is then disgusted with him because he will not go to that school, and puts him to work, and the boy that might have made a statesman, or at least a smart business man amounts to nothing, having no education to speak of.

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If you receive more than one copy of this number, or have no use for this one, you will greatly oblige the publisher by handing it to some stamp collecting friend, and letting him have the benefit of it.

If you receive this Journal and are not a subscriber, you are politely requested to take the hint and become one.

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### LIST OF Stamp Journals.

We herewith present a carefully compiled list of the various stamp journals which have appeared in the U. S. and Canada up to the present time. We will be pleased to have our correspondents inform us of any that we have omitted, which we will duly classify in a future issue of this journal. The first stamp journal in America was issued in 1864. The latest that we have seen is dated October, 1879 :—



American Philatelic Guide, New York  
 " Stamp Mercury, Boston.  
 " Stamp Collector's Guide, Middle-  
 dletown, Conn.  
 " Philatelist, Elizabeth, N. J.  
 " Philatelic Circular, Chicago.  
 " Journal of Philately, N. York.  
 " Stamp Circular, New York.  
 " Philatelist, Cleveland, Ohio.

Boys Stamp Gazette, Worcester, Mass.

Curiosity Cabinet, New York.  
 Collector's News, Plainfield, N. J.  
 Curiosity Shop, Chicago.  
 Curiosity Hunter, Rockwood, Ill.  
 Chicago Philatelist, Chicago.  
 Coin & Stamp Review, Allentown, Pa.  
 Collector, Newburg, N. Y.  
 Collector's Own, Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Collector's News, North Adams, Mass.  
 Collector's Aid, Pemberton, S. C.  
 Coin & Stamp Journal, Chicago.  
 " " " Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 " " " Meriden, Conn.  
 Collector's World, New York.  
 Curiosity Seeker, Smithtown Branch,  
 N. Y.  
 Collector, Smyrna, N. Y.  
 Collector's Review, Toledo, Ohio.  
 Cleveland Philatelist, Cleveland, O.  
 Collector's Companion, Northfield, Vt.  
 Collector's Guide, Newport, R. I.  
 Canadian Philatelist, Quebec, Can.

Detroit Philatelist, Detroit, Mich.  
 Deakin's Old Curiosity Shop, Chicago.  
 Decorah Philatelist, Decorah, Iowa.

European Stamp Journal, New York.

J. T. Handford's Quarterly Circular,  
 New York.

Keystone Philatelist, Susquehanna  
 Depot, Pa.

Montreal Philatelist, Montreal, Can.  
 Monthly Stamp Circular, Boston, Mass.  
 Monthly Philatelist, Erie, Pa.  
 Michigan Philatelist, Detroit, Mich.  
 Mason's Coin & Stamp Magazine,  
 Philadelphia, Pa.

New York Philatelist, New York.  
 New England Journal of Philately,  
 Boston, Mass.

National Philatelist, Mt. Pleasant,  
 Ia.

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 MONTHLY NOTES ON  
**U. S. REVENUES.**

BY E. B. STERLING.

We supposed the above title as also  
 our work in reporting revenues ceased  
 with the life of the Collector's World,  
 but in this respect we were mistaken,  
 and are once more on the list as a  
 Philatelic reporter. We trust the ef-  
 fort put forth in the Collector's World  
 to lay before its readers a complete  
 descriptive list of U. S. private die  
 proprietary stamps was not in vain,  
 and those who found the list of  
 sufficient importance to peruse its col-  
 umns were not disappointed in the in-  
 formation therein found, however such  
 a list in spite of our efforts to the con-  
 trary, was not without a few errors  
 omissions, and we herewith correct  
 those we have noticed.

Page 84, Collector's World, Octo-  
 ber; No. 348½ read 2c green, John-  
 ston, Holloway & Co., perforated  
 20x40. Silk thread and waterwork  
 paper (omitted).

Page 84, No. 352½ read 1c green.  
 T. Kensett & Co., perforated 25x21,  
 old paper (omitted).

Page 88, No. 508 read Lawrence &  
 Cohen, 2c blue, old paper and No. 509  
 5c green, do., old and silk thread pa-  
 per. The printer having inserted the  
 S. to the wrong value.

A variety of the V. R. Powell 1c  
 black match wrapper has recently  
 come to light and it differs from type  
 1 in the following respect: The words  
 Telegraph matches are not spaced the  
 same. The man holding the light is  
 worthy of notice, his hand being very  
 much enlarged; the hats of the two  
 men are somewhat altered and the

size of the frames differ very much, type 1 measures 28x57 mm, type 2, 27x54mm.

We welcome with pleasure the appearance of a new stamp, the design being new and novel; we refer to the 2c black medicine stamp of J. E. Hetherington, — wmk. paper, size 52x20 mm. The design consists of a central plate in black on white ground with words U. S. Int. Rev. two cents and Proprietary below, with the figure 2 in the four corners, at right and left sides. A circular frame enclosing at the left "Tropic Fruit Laxative" and at the right, "J. E. Hetherington" and address.

We take great interest in what are termed surcharged proprietaries both private and governmental dies and would feel obliged to any of our readers who have such stamps in their collection to send us a list of them, or better still, the stamps for our inspection, as we have in view a list of such stamps for our readers at some future date.

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## Advice to Stamp Collectors.

A great many Philatelic Journals are trying to exterminate counterfeits from the ranks of Philately by exposing those who sell them; but they can do little in this way. The work of exterminating counterfeits belongs to collectors; dealers can do anything only as purchasers and by advising collectors. To do this work, all our collectors must help, they must each buy a good book on counterfeits, and pick out the stamps that they think are counterfeits, from their collections and the stamps that they are about to buy or have already bought, but not put in their collections yet and send them with return postage and the names of the dealers from which they obtained each to some well-known Philatelist, who will generally send in return a letter stating which are counterfeits. We would advise collectors not to tell their friends of those dealers from which they have obtained the counterfeits until they have requested an explanation from the said dealers especially those from whom they obtained but one or two counterfeits and 50 or more genuine stamps, as dealers do not *all* know counterfeits when they see them and may themselves obtain counterfeits thinking them to be genuine and therefore selling them as such. We would advise collectors to request an explanation

from each and every dealer from whom they obtained any counterfeits and not to be too hasty in judging them.

We imagine that we hear some one say, "Why is it that so many counterfeits are abroad?" In answer to this question we would say that the reason is because beginners do not take sufficient care to prevent counterfeits from gaining admittance to their albums. You will find on examination that counterfeiters and those who sell counterfeits knowingly, do most of their business with beginners, being afraid to have much to do with older collectors on account of the fear of exposure which is almost sure to come. To have this succeed every collector must do his or her part and not say, "One more or less will make no difference." For suppose every collector said this, then who would do the work? If all, or nearly all the collectors in the world join together in this undertaking, they will soon starve the dealers who sell counterfeits knowing them to be such out of the ranks and thereby confer a lasting benefit on Philately.

In selecting stamps for his collection a collector should be *very* careful about counterfeits and also about the condition of the stamps he selects. Torn stamps should, if possible, be avoided, and soiled ones, always, as they not only look dirty themselves, but dirty the album also. All stamps that one may have will not bear wash-



ing, but you will find that the majority of them will.

Collectors should, if they do not wish to be unmercifully swindled, be careful as to whom they deal with. There are a great many Philatelic Frauds but we think that if the plan laid forth in our No. 2 were followed up there would be a great many less.

## New Issues.

**AUSTRIA.**—The Collector's News says, "Neumatic Post Card, 10 kr. blue. Money order  $\frac{1}{2}$  kr.

**AZORES.**—10 reals, blue-green.

**BELGIUM.**—A single international card has, according to the Philatelic Monthly, been issued. 10c carmine on blue.

**BOLIVIA.**—2 centavos, red brown, and 5 centavos, green on buff cards.

**BOSNIA.**—A 2 kr. red brown on fawn post card is in use.

**FINLAND.**—The 23 penni rose has been replaced by a 25 penni rose.

**GUATEMALA.**—Two very pretty stamps have just been issued.  $\frac{1}{4}$  real, brown and green, and 1 real, black and green. The design is a parrot on a pedestal printed in green, in an oval, in the centre, and brown on one and black on the other; surrounding  $\frac{1}{4}$  or 1 in upper corners, "Correos De Guatemala" around upper part of oval and value spelt out below.

**HELIGOLAND.**—1 mark black, green and red and 5 marks, black, green, red and yellow.

**JAPAN.**—2 sen. bronze-green and 3 sen. light green cards.

**MADEIRA.**—10 reals, blue green and 50 reals, blue.

**NORWAY.**—Two reply cards inscribed "Brev-Kort" 6x6 ore, green on grayish blue and 10x10 ore, carmine-rose on grayish-blue. They have Greek borders.

**PARAGUAY.**—The 2 reals blue of the old type is now surcharged with two figure 5's in blue.

**QUEENSLAND.**—4 d orange, same type as current set.

—**ROUMANIA.**—The color of the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  bani has been changed to black. Dou-

ble international card, 10x10 bani, carmine on pink.

**RUSSIA.**—Two new locals; 1 kop. black and yellow. and 2 kop. black and pink. The design is the same "as former issues.

**TRINIDAD.**—A new 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  p. card has been issued.

**UNITED STATES.**—About the middle of December 1879, the long talked of 2c postal card appeared. The color is blue. The design of the stamp is an oval band with "Postal Card" above and "Two Cents" below, and U. S. above. The inscriptions are "Universal Postal Union," [Union Postale Universelle] "United States of America" [Etats Unis d'Amérique], "write only on this side." It is for use in the Postal Union. E. C. Y. in No. 9 of the Philatelic Gazette gives rather a queer description of this card. The editor of the Philatelic Monthly has seen the 30 cents of the 1869 set with its flags inverted.

**UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA.**—The 25 centavos green on white, is now black on rose.

**WURTEMBERG.**—The 2 marks will hereafter be red on buff

**DECCAN.**—A 12 anna, envelope, is in use.

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- " Snoozer, New York.
- " Gem, Chicago.
- " Favorite, New York.
- " Herald & Review, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- " News, Cleveland, Ohio.
- " Guide, Concord, N. H.
- " News, Toronto, Canada.
- " Advertiser, New York.
- Philatelists Companion, Williamsport, Pa.
- Postmans Knock, St. John, N. B.
- Postage Stamp, Philadelphia, Pa.

Stamp, Chicago.  
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 " " Monitor, "  
 " " Review, "  
 " " " Davenport, Ia.  
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 " " Guide, Meriden, Conn.  
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 PRICE CATALOGUES.

Although there have been circulars innumerable issued by the Stamp dealers of America, only eight price catalogues of Postage Stamps have up to the present time, been published.

The first was issued by A. C. Kline of Philadelphia in 1865. The second by G. W. Winterburn of Cincinnati in 1865. The third by Craig & Melvin of St. John, N. E. in 1896. The fourth by F. Trifet of Boston in 1867. The fifth by J. W. Scott of New York in 1868. The sixth by Wm. P. Brown of New York in 1868. The seventh by L. W. Durbin in 1873 and the

eighth by N. F. Seebeck of New York in 1876.

Some of these catalogues, notably that issued by W. P. Brown have been supplied to other dealers by the dozen or hundred with the purchasers name printed on the cover. Brown's catalogue having been so used by Calder, Leach, Andrus, Bruce and others. That of Scott by Mason and Beifeld; that of Craig and Melvin by A. D. Robertson; that of Seebeck by Bechtel and Dickert. But the catalogues of Kline, Winterburn or Trifet have never in any instance been used by any one but their respective publishers.

In Great Britain catalogues have been issued by Stanley, Gibson & Co., Wm. Lincoln, and J. W. Palmer of London, Alfred Smith & Co. of Bath, C. K. Jones of Manchester, Young & Stockall and Thomas Ridpath & Co. of Liverpool and Stafford Smith & Co. of Brighton. These we believe are all the price catalogues which have been issued in the English language.

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**WYTHVILLE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.**


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Meeting Dec. 5, 1879. House called to order by the President, Mr. T. A. Caldwell. Mr. Harry C. Jones was admitted as a corresponding member and Messrs. N. F. Seebeck and John L. Brady as Honorary members.

Letters were read from Messrs. L. W. Durbin, Harry C. Jones, N. F. Seebeck and A. K. Potter.

Mr. Seebeck informs us that the color of the Wurtemberg 2 mark stamp is changed from yellow to vermilion. He also presented us with specimens of the 2 and 5 centavos of Peru with change of color to blue-lilac and ultramarine blue.

Mr. Potter, the Secretary writes that there has been organized a Philatelic society at Springfield, Mass. He also sent a copy of constitution.

Mr. Durbin presented us with three editions of his catalogue.

Thanks were voted to Mr. Rasmusen for back numbers of his paper.

Mr. W. E. Thomas was appointed to deliver an essay at next meeting.

The Executive Com. for 1880 was elected: H. J. Heuser, Ch., W. E. Thomas, T. A. Caldwell. Officers were elected and will be installed Jan 9th, 1880. House adjourned.

H. J. Heuser, Sec.

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The Collector's World.—We received the last number of this journal after our last went to press. We are sorry to say that it prolonged its life but one double number.

The Philatelist's Gazette has large reference and black lists.

The Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal contains 20 pages of philatelic matter, but a large number of them are devoted to advertisements.

Trifets Monthly contains exactly one column of philatelic news.

The Philatelic Monthly is also a welcome exchange.

The Collector's News is said to be devoted to "Postage Stamps, Coins, Autographs, Minerals, &c," but look as hard as we may we cannot find anything not devoted to stamps.

The Stamp Collector's Review does not seem to understand that it gives the W. P. A. a 16 inch advertisement instead of a 3 inch one.

The Stamp Collector is a new paper published by A. Fountain of New York.

The Ohio Philatelist is the name of a paper from Ohio.

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### NOTES.

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We have a few files of the *New York Philatelist*, complete, 7 numbers neatly bound, which we will sell for 50 cents each, unbound, 30 cents each. There are but a few left.

We are sorry to say that the coin department is crowded out of this number. It will appear regularly hereafter. All letters and MSS. for this department should be sent to M. C. Chapman, 219 5th St., New York. We should be pleased to exchange with coin papers.

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We would like to receive accounts of any transaction in which any dealer or collector thinks he has been cheated or in which a person has been unjustly accused as they will be investigated at our expense and the facts of the case laid before the Philatelic public through the columns of this Journal. Dealers having accusations to make against any collectors, write us, and collectors having accusations to refute or to make against dealers write also, as you will be treated impartially, for although we wish to extirminate from the ranks of Philately all frauds and counterfeiters yet we will not let that prevent us from being just to those unjustly accused.

MONTHLY NOTES ON  
**U. S. REVENUES.**

BY E. B. STERLING.

MEDICINE.

West India Manufacturing Co., 4c black. Watermark paper. Same design and size as previous issues.

Home Bitters Co., 2c blue, watermark paper. Same design and size as in previous issues except that in place of 3c and 4c read 2c. (thanks to Mr. Adee for information in regard to it.)

MATCH.

National Match Co., 1c blue, watermark paper, size 21x25minn, design is very neat and stamp presents a very attractive appearance. The centre consists of coat of the coat of arms, State of New York in circle. Above banderole inscribed "National Match Co." at left, and "U. S. Internal Revenue" at right. 'One cent' below, street and no. New York. 4 in the corners. (thanks to Mr. Adee for our first specimen.)

We add to our list of surcharged stamps the following:

MATCH.

Griggs & Scott, 1c black, SILK. Surcharged in red. Inverted D & C May 8, 1874.

MEDICINE.

Mrs. S. A. Allens, 4c black WMK. Surcharged in black S. R. V. D. Mar. 1, 1879.

New York Pharmal Association, 4c black WMK. surcharged in blue, N. Y. P. A. April 1878.

Same, surcharged in red, N. Y. P. A. June, 1878.

Same, surcharged in blue, N. Y. P. A. Oct, 1878.

Radway & Co. 2c black, PINK. Surcharged in black, R. R. R. Jan. 1878.

Same, July, 1878.

An oddity of the Byam Carlton & Co., 1c black match wrapper is in the possession of Mr. Adee. See var. 163 of our list, Collectors World and in place of B. C. & Co., read B. O. & C. C. April 1, 1869.

We add the following wrappers to our list that have made their appearance since the list was compiled. viz :

No. 165—Byam Carlton & Co., 1c black. Buff wrapper, 1879, May 1, June 2, July 1, August 1, September

1, October 1, November 1.

No. 166—Byam Carlton & Co. 1c black, white wrapper. 1879. Mar. 1, Apr 1, May 1, Jun 2, Jul 1, Aug 1, Sep. 1.

On Page 83, Collector's World read G. G Green, 3c black instead of 2c black No's 257, 258 and 259.

In regard to our listing the 1c black yellow wrapper, J. S. Burdsal & Co., watermark paper. We would state that in previous issues of the Robeak wrappers the 1c black on yellow and orange paper were issued direct by the Government to the Proprietors. The 1c black silk thread yellow wrapper is not a Gov. issue, as regards color, the white wrapper being the only paper upon which the stamps were printed of the silk thread issue. This also refers to the 1c white wrapper of J. S. Burdsal & Co. The yellow wrappers on silk thread paper and the yellow wrapper on watermark paper are chemically changed by the proprietors to distinguish the medicine. White for man and yellow for beast.

Our course in catalogueing the 4c red and green S. D. Howe stamps has been severely criticised and the reason for so doing demanded. We wish to state that we have no personal acquaintance with Dr. Petrie, simply a correspondence, (as with hundreds of other stamp collectors) and in adding these stamps to our list we did so simply from the fact that we believed them genuine Government issues, just as much as any other U. S. Government issues that have lately made their appearance in limited quantities and at exorbitant rates, and wishing for the full facts in the case we addressed Dr. Petrie and below will be found his reply.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 24th, 1879

Dear Sir:

\* \* Now about the S. D. Howe stamps red and green Brown and Scott have said all against them they could, excluded them from their lists and have tried to prevent collectors from purchasing them, and discredited them in every way they could and why? Because they were disappointed in securing them themselves although having an equal chance with me to secure them, they could run them down discourage owners

that they could get them at their own price. I out-bid them, and secured them, and paid \$120 cash for the two sheets of 105 pairs. They wanted to arrange with me or so fix matters that they could make 10 per cent on them, and Scott made me an actual offer of this kind. The entire history of the transaction is too long to relate but I can give you a history of the stamps themselves.

S. D. Howe sold his formula etc. to a person by the name of Christodoro and he selected to sell the pills under the name of J. McCullough. As soon as Mr. Christodoro bought the pills he had the plate changed from S. D. Howe to J. McCullough. The last order for stamps that was given to be struck from the old plate, a request was sent to have ONE SHEET in red and ONE SHEET in green as Mr. Christodoro INTENDED to change the color of the Howes stamps to either green or red after he had the name changed on the plate. One sheet (105 stamps) was printed in each of these colors for Mr. C. to select which color he preferred to have his stamps printed in. In future, after seeing the 3 colors—black, red and green he determined to retain the old color, black, and had the plate changed to J. McCullough but not the color of the stamps, some were put on boxes and used and I still have some of the old boxes of stamps with the red and green stamps on. I secured ALL of the boxes and the remainder of the sheet in each color. These are the facts as reported to me by Mr. Christodoro, and I have his certificate to that effect. I secured every copy ever printed and I have sold some 10 or 12 pairs only and have all the balance still. I never sold a pair for less than \$5, except one pair to Mr. Anshutz of Phila., and I believe I sold him a pair for \$3.50. I know every person who has a pair. They are without doubt genuine, original, perforate, gummed and on fibre paper and entitled to a place as much as any stamp ever printed. They were printed for a legitimate purpose with a genuine intention of changing color and were not printed on speculation. Un-

fortunately however they fell into the hands of a person who would not give them away at face value and so incurred the displeasure of a few speculators in the same kind of articles and they conspired to exclude them from all collections so far as they could. \*\*

Yours truly,

J. A. Petrie.

We have submitted this letter as above in the hopes that it will throw some new light in regard to the stamps in question that have been so long in suspense.

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## "BLACK LISTS," "FRAUDS," "RELIABLE DEALERS," &c.

BY FRANK A. JONES.

Having been requested to compete for the "five hundred word prize," I thought I would write upon a subject which is now enjoying considerable attention, namely, so-called "Black Lists," "Frauds," "Reliable Dealers," etc. Now in the first place what right has any person or paper to publish as a fraud a person about whom he knows nothing. Now many will say "Yes, but we *do* know something about them; we have written to them and their references; we have been informed by such and such dealers that they have been defrauded." I will answer them, as well as I can, thus: You have written to them, and either received no answer, or, as is usually the case, your letter is returned. What proof is this that they are *frauds*? You have written to their references, and perhaps your letters to them have met with the same fate; but you must remember that many collectors give as references relatives who if they themselves move, would be likely to move. A dealer has told you he has been defrauded? Are dealers a favorite species, that they are infallible? Can they not be mistaken

as well as the rest of mankind? How many letters are lost in transit?

Now from what I have said, do not think that I mean there are no exceptions. Remember "exceptions prove the rule." Why have the "exceptions" been able to swindle dealers? Because so many so called dealers have two or three thousand stamps, perhaps, and no experience. I claim that no person should publish as a fraud any person concerning whom he has no proof which would stand in law, for if he does he is liable to arrest for blackmailing. Have you ever seen the so called proof, published anywhere, that would stand in law? I have not. Many persons do not even take the trouble to attempt to find out anything about those whom they publish under their "Black Lists."

Why give unreliable people a free advertisement, as you have done when you publish a dealer as a fraud. For most young collectors think they are a little, at least, smarter than most other collectors (and people), so they try these dealers and are perhaps swindled. Thus instead of assisting to break up these unreliable dealers, you help them get their living. Also, by telling these collectors where they can obtain counterfeits, you may lead them to buy counterfeits, although they know they are such, in order to trade them with their comrades.

Most people, or at least most editors of philatelic papers, think that dealers ought to be protected, while the fact of their being dealers ought to be sufficient evidence that they are able to take care of themselves. Now collectors, that is the majority of them now, are young and inexperienced. Without deceit themselves, they do not suspect it in others, and consequently they, and not the dealers, should be protected.

Now in regard to those "Reliable Dealers," any one almost who will pay for it can be inserted as reliable. This is not so much what I dislike as the fact that most, if not all publishers, do not tell the truth when they assert that they publish these names for the purpose of assisting collectors.

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### New Issues.

**CUBA.**—We already have the 5c. green of the 1880 set. The design is changed this year.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—The new set is out we hear from Mr. H. A. Everett. The colors and values are  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., green; 1d., venetian red;  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d., red; 2d., pink rose, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., blue. The 1d., a few of which we have, is but little better than the old one in looks, but is easier to manage.

**NEWFOUNDLAND.**—Is to have new stamps we hear.

**PORTO RICO.**—We already have 25c. p. of the 1880 set. The design is the same as that of Cuba, with the name changed.

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**URUGUAY.**—*The Philatelic Monthly* says that the Philatelic Society of Montevideo has issued, by the authority of the Postmaster General, a private post card. It is elaborately designed and hard to describe.

### THE ADHESIVE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE U. S.

The United States Congress having, on the third of March, 1847, authorized the issue of Postage Stamps, two values were introduced July 1st of that year. The values were respectively five and ten cents. The five cent stamp bears a left three-quarters face view of Franklin enclosed in an oval, U. S. POST OFFICE above, numeral value in the lower corners, FIVE CENTS in a curve around the oval. Color brown. The ten cent stamp bears a right three-quarters face view of Washington in an oval. The general appearance of this stamp is much the same as the other, with the exception of the head and value being changed. Color, black. These stamps were finely engraved by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson, (as is shown by their initials at the bottom of these stamps in fine letters,) and were used until July 1st, 1851, when they were withdrawn and a new set was issued consisting of 1, 3 and 12 cents respectively. The one cent stamp bears the head of Franklin, profile to right, enclosed by an oval, "U. S. Postage" above, "One Cent" below, both in curved labels. Color, blue. The three cent stamp bears a profile to left view of Washington in an oval, "U. S. Postage" above, "Three Cents" below. Color, red. This stamp was issued July 1st. The twelve cent stamp was also issued July 1st, and bears a left three-quarters face of Washington enclosed by an oval, "U. S. Postage" above, "Twelve Cents" below, in a curved line. Color, black. On May 4th, 1855, a ten cent stamp was issued, bearing a left three-quarters face view of Washington in an oval. Numerals of value in Roman figures in the upper corners. "Ten Cents" and thirteen stars above, "Ten Cents" below. Color, green. January 5th, 1856, a five cent stamp was issued, bearing a right three-quarters face view of Jefferson enclosed in an oval. Ground of vertical lines, "U. S. Postage" above, "Five Cents" below. Color,



bio. "The several die varieties of this stamp are the result of an accident to one of the plates, by which one of the ornamental raised pieces at the top of the frame was injured. The damaged part was removed, and the corresponding raised piece at the bottom was taken away to make it uniform. In order to make them all the same, the entire plate was altered, and a close observer will notice the different degrees of neatness with which the alterations were made on different specimens." These stamps appeared unperforated until 1857, at which time they were issued with small perforations. In 1860 the set was completed by the issue of three values, 24, 30 and 90 cents. The 24 cent stamp, issued June 15th, bears a right three-quarters face view of Washington enclosed by a banded oval, "U. S. Postage" above, "Twenty four Cents" below. It was originally intended to issue this stamp in black, but when issued it was changed to lilac. The 30 cent stamp was issued August 12th, and bears the poorest profile of Franklin known to the World of Philately. Head, enclosed by an oval; U. S. arms in the corners, U. S. Postage above, Thirty Cents on the sides. Numeral of value below. Color, orange. The 90 stamp bears a left three-quarters face view of Washington enclosed by a rectangle, U. S. Postage above, in a curve, Ninety Cents below. Color, blue. These stamps were engraved by Toppan, Carpenter & Co. of N. Y., and were used until the Great Rebellion in 1861, at which time it was considered desirable to change the issue of the stamps, and the contract of manufacturing them was given to the National Bank Note Co. of New York City.

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## Only a Stamp.

BY A. RUSSELL.

The weather was rather inclined to be sultry, and tired of reading I took up my stamp album to again go over

the many familiar friends fastened therein with faces turned up for the inspection of the curious. I don't know what spirit moved me but I paused over a faded and cancelled specimen emission from far off Good Hope, a specimen that was ugliness itself to look upon, so mercilessly had the post office officials smeared it with cancelling ink, and which held its position in my album only until a cleaner specimen could replace it.

As my eye took in the beautiful design, the figure of hope on the stamp appeared to step from the stamp and stand before me on the album page, a great black cancelling mark on her otherwise beautiful brow. I gazed at her in astonishment and with every motion of faculty apparently dead, I sat motionless and waited a further development of the miracle.

Presently the little lady raised her arm, and, pointing to the frame she had just quitted, began:

"Yes, I know it is only a postage stamp, but like all other apparently insignificant things in this world, we perform a powerful mission."

I felt myself compelled to bow assent, seeing which she continued:

"Myself, for instance, when I came fresh from the manufacturer's hands with sisters and friends on all sides of me, I was something pretty to look upon," and the maiden blushed at this self-praise, paused a moment and went on: "There were a great many of us counted and laid in piles, then we were put in a dark box and sent on board a ship, I knew it was a ship because for many days afterwards I could hear the water surge around us and the noise of machinery told me plainer than words that it was a steamship. When I next saw the light it was in some terribly warm climate and we were taken out of our dark box and laid carefully in a cool drawer, and as we were all labeled 'Cape of Good Hope,' I surmised that we had arrived at this place, and waited half in fear half in curiosity to see what would finally become of me. One day I was torn rudely from the companionship of my sisters and

friends and passed it to the possession of a rough, heavily bearded sailor, who picked me up gingerly and dropped me inside an envelope along with a letter he had apparently received by the vessel on which I was a passenger. Having nothing else to do I began to read the letter. It appeared to be from my possessor's wife, begging him to come home or send her money, as the little children were suffering for the necessities of life. The letter made me cry. If I am a postage stamp. Well, just as I had finished reading the letter I was with that missive dragged forth and dropped on a table. I looked around and saw an ink bottle, a pen and some writing paper. Then I saw the rough man pick up the pen with his huge fingers, dash it into the ink and begin to write. It was such a kind letter that I began to think a good deal of the man in spite of his ugly beard.

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### WORD HUNT.

The following prizes are offered by us for the largest number of words, selected from QUEENSLAND.

For the largest, 25c worth of stamps at our list prices of the winners selection.

For the second largest, 50 varieties of stamps, including 2 locals.

For the third largest, 25 varieties of stamps, including one local.

Conditions:—Only subscribers can compete, although persons may send the subscription price with their lists. No words except those in the body of the English Dictionary will be accepted. No letter can be used twice in the same word, unless occurring twice in the given word. No Prefixes nor Affixes allowed. All lists must be arranged alphabetically to secure attention and must be sent in before March 15th, 1880.

*Winners of Prizes for December.*

1st prize—Moritz W. Capen, Brattleboro, Vt. 165 words

2nd prize—C. H. Allen, Jr., Newburyport, Mass. 232 words, J. W. Dowling, Jr., New York. 213 words.

### Winners of Prizes for Articles.

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The winner of the 5000 word prize has kindly given us permission to leave his article out of this number on account of the want of space, but a part of it will appear next number.

The winner of the 2000 word prize was Mr. Henry L. Fernald, of Orono, Me. A part of his article appears in this number.

The winner of the 1000 word prize was Mr. Alex. Russell, of Galveston, Texas. A part of his article also appears in this number.

Not having received any 500 word article that was worthy of publication, we, after a great deal of trouble succeeded in persuading Mr. Frank A. Jones to write the one that appears in this number.

Those competitors who neither won a prize or enclosed return postage, can have their articles returned by sending postage.

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Any one sending us 4 subscriptions, will receive this Journal free for one year.

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### NOTES.

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We will give twenty-five foreign stamps to every one who sends us the names and addresses of 15 genuine stamp collectors or a like proportion for more.

If you receive more than one copy of this number, or have no use for this one, you will greatly oblige the publisher by handing it to some stamp collecting friend, and letting him have the benefit of it.

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### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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A. B. S., GRANTVILLE, GA.—Send stamp and we will send the prices that you wish.

W. R., RUTLAND, VT.—We do not know the addresses that you wish, but will try to have them for next number.

C. B. S., MANCHESTER, N. H.—Send postage for return of MSS. if you want it.

J. H. D., NORWICH, CONN.—Send postage for the return of MSS. if you want it.

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A Western editor advertised as follows: "We want some wood chopped on subscription. Those who agreed to pay in that way will please call soon, as we need the work and are too busy in the office to do it ourselves."

"A cheerful spirit gets on quick;  
A growler in the mire will stick."



## COIN NOTES.

We have just seen a specimen of the cent for 1880 (uncirculated.) To us it looks darker colored than any we have seen for some time.

We would like to hear from all coin collectors, both young and old, upon any subject which they may choose to send us, and would be pleased to answer all questions to the best of our ability.

ALBERT BARRE.

[From Numisma.]

Albert Barre, the official engraver of the French mint, born May 6th, 1818, died at Paris, December 29th, 1878. From 1803 to 1843, Tinolier—father and son—held the position. In 1843 the elder Barre succeeded and held the position till 1855, when he was followed by his son, lately deceased.

Albert Barre was the designer of all French coins struck since 1855, beside being employed by Brazil, South America Republic, Switzerland, Belgium and Greece. Specimens of his work are found in the cabinet of every collector throughout the world.

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WYTHEVILLE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,  
JANUARY 9, 1880.

House was called to order by the Vice President, W. E. Thomas. Roll was called, and minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Officers for fourth term were installed:

*Pres.*—W. E. Thomas.

*Vice Pres.*—G. A. Kent.

*Sec.*—H. J. Heuser.

*Treas.*—W. S. Crockett.

Messrs. George Rodenberg and Ed. A. Welch were admitted as corresponding members.

The Secretary read Part I of Mr. W. E. Thomas' essay on "How to arrange a collection of U. S. stamps."

Messrs. Caldwell and Heuser were appointed to arrange the collection of stamps belonging to the society.

Mr. Seebeck presented us with 1 real, 1879, Guatemala, 4 centavos,

envelope of Mexico (uncut); 5c. green, 12½c. lilac of Cuba, 1880.

Mr. Rodenberg presented us with back numbers of the *Ohio Philatelist*.

Mr. Welch offers to publish any of our essays or society articles.

Thanks were voted to the above gentlemen. Treasurer reported.

House adjourned.

H. J. HEUSER, *Sec.*

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MONTHLY NOTES ON  
U. S. REVENUES.

BY E. B. STERLING.

*New Issues—Medicine Stamps.*

R. & G. A. 1c blue, watermark paper, same size and design as previous issues.

Seabury & Johnson, 1c black, watermark paper, size 55 x 18 mm. A fine addition to our list and very appropriate design which consists of an oval centre representing the good Samaritan (see Luke x: 30-37). At left, Seabury & Johnson, New York and London; at right, Benson Capelin Porous Plasters. Right and left ends. One cent U. S. Int. Rev. with 1 in the four corners.

Mette & Kanne, 3c black, size 18 x 18, watermark paper. A very elaborate and tasteful design consisting of a portrait in the centre of one of the proprietors and the following inscription running from left to right across the stamp:

"United States Internal Revenue  
*Mette & Kanne*, Proprietors,  
Gotthard Celebrated Herb Bitters  
At left and right ends, large figures and three cents.

We add another Pink paper stamp to our list, which although late making its appearance is nevertheless a genuine stamp. We refer to the stamp of S. B. Hartman, Successor to B. Michler, 4c black, pink paper, same design and size as the silk thread paper stamp.

Mr. Ades has shown us a curious surcharge of the F. P. Newton, lake, pink paper, Match stamp, reads S. R. V. D. & O. C.

We add the following Surcharged Medicine Stamps to our list. viz :

Mrs. S. A. Allens, 4c black, watermark paper, surcharged in black. S. R. V. D. Sept. 1, 1878.

Radway & Co., 2c black, watermark paper. Surcharged in blue. Radway & Co., R. R. R. Apr., 1879

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NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 15, 1880.

Mr. HARRY C. JONES,

DEAR SIR:—Noticing a letter in your January number, signed J. A. Petrie, in relation to the S. D. Howe stamps in red and green, saying that I tried to obtain them of the proprietors but was disappointed, and that I afterwards wished to make arrangements with the purchaser, Dr. Petrie, to sell them for him at half profit, I would say there is not a word of truth in such statement. I understood the character of the stamps from the first that they were simply obtained in those colors to gull collectors with at a high price. I discouraged collectors from purchasing them for the reason that if I had not done so, Dr. Petrie would have realized enough profit to persuade other firms to have their stamps also printed off in colors for his special benefit, which would have tended to bring the collecting of Proprietary stamps into disrepute.

Respectfully,  
WM. B. BROWN.

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#### OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

Wiener Illustrierten Briefmarken Zeitung is, as usual, one of our most welcome exchanges.

L'ami des Timbres is as usual very profuse with its illustrations.

Allgemeiner Briefmarken Anzeiger, a large eight page journal as well as a valuable exchange.

Philatelic Monthly.—The January number of this journal is more than half full of its publisher's advertisements.

Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal contains a large number of advertisements, but what are not advertisements are quite interesting.

Philatelist's Gazette publishes a letter from I. B. which mentions a 50 reis Portugal *blue* instead of green. Surely the publisher must know that certain acids turn green to blue.

Foreign Stamp Advertiser and Review is on the whole a very good journal, and shows its publisher's good judgment in the selection of a clipping from the Collector's News by the eminent writer, Mr. Frank A. Jones. But one thing we must remind him of is that the Black List is a part of what is called "Beifeldism."

Amateur and Collector has a good first article on the "Objects of Stamp Collecting," and a large number of advertisements but nothing in it relates to Amateur affairs as far as we can see. So much the better.

Collector's News.—As we go to press we receive a letter from George B. De Revere, Jr, saying that he is obliged to discontinue the publication of his journal, and that he would send the January number out in a few days. Too bad that we have to part with so valuable a journal.

The New Jersey Philatelist is the name of a new journal published by the New Jersey Philatelic Society in Jersey City.

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## Only a Stamp.

BY ALEX. RUSSELL.

(Continued from last month.)

He wrote slowly and with great effort, telling his wife how sorry he was for her suffering, and that he was ignorant of the state of affairs; that her two last letters had not reached him, and that he enclosed a draft for money to relieve her present wants, and would soon be with her himself. That his luck in the diamond fields was great, and he was rapidly accumulating a fortune. He stretched the letter out so long that I began to think it never would reach, but it came at last, and the envelope was addressed to Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A., and I was snatched up and rammed into the man's mouth, and just as I was expecting to be swallowed, I was taken out and stuck on the envelope. Something seemed to catch me by the back and hold me down so tightly that I could hardly wink, and I wondered what would happen next. I soon found out. I was pushed through a hole in a wall and fell into a basket, from which I was taken and laid on a table. Pretty soon a great, merciless fellow took me up and with some kind of cruel instrument, he smeared me over with nasty black

ink. I must have fainted after that, for the next thing I remember was being tied in a package along with many of my old friends, impaled, like myself, to a package, and all disfigured with nasty black ink. From various indications we concluded that that we were aboard a ship on another voyage.

After many days we felt the motion of the ship cease, and very soon we were hauled out, and when I next saw the light it was in a large well lighted building, where hundreds of men were rushing around with packets of letters and papers in their hands, many others were sorting them into piles, while others were placing them into such funny little holes. I was quite amused at the sight. Suddenly I was snatched up, rushed across a long room and shoved into one of those queer little holes, where I found letters from all parts of the world with the funniest looking stamps on them you ever saw. But just as I was becoming well acquainted, I was taken out of the box and handed to a small, thin, care-worn little woman, whose clothes and general demeanor told of great poverty. I saw a flush steal into her pale face, as she gazed on me, and her hand trembled so that I feared she would let me drop. She managed to get safely home, however, and such a home! You got to it by

climbing up three flight of very rickety stairs, and when you reached the top the outlook was enough to disgust a dog. Great wide cracks were visible in the door and wall, and when you got inside the room you had an almost unobstructed view of the sky through the roof. The place where a window had been was a great square hole, through which the sun streamed its fiercest rays. I imagined what a terrible time these poor people had to endure in winter.

As the little woman opened the door, a little boy and girl ran to her and looked so wistfully at her that I felt like crying. But postage stamps can't cry, you know.

(To be continued.)

## New Issues.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**—20c blue, head in oval, 20 in corners, "Republica Argentina" in upper part of oval, "viente" between figures, "centavos" below.

**DOMINICA.**—Three new values.  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny, olive; 4 pence, blue;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pence, claret.

**EAST INDIA.**—A "Quarter Anna" post card is out. The color is red brown.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—Mr. H. A. Everett writes: "It is rumored that a new postal adhesive, value 7d, is under consideration. This will probably be used for letters to Australia via Suez. Also one, value 5d., for letters for China, etc. I also hear on good authority, direct from the post office, that the Postmaster-General of Great Britain is so displeased with the new 1d. stamp, that it is to be again changed. No more of the new set have appeared up to now, but expect  $\frac{1}{2}$  green will be the next on board." (It appears by the above that we made a mistake last month concerning the new set.—Ed.)

**JAPAN.**—The color of the 1 sen is now red-brown, and that of the 2 sen, violet. These are great improvements on the former ones, although the design is the same.

**PARAGUAY.**—A new 5 centavos, light brown; "Republica del Paraguay" above, "centavos" at sides, 5c in lowers, "cinco" between figures; the usual lion holding a stick with a hat on it, in oval, in centre. Thanks to Mr. Wm. P. Brown for a look at one.

**PERU.**—The color of the 2c violet has been changed to red-brown and surcharged in blue "Union Postal Universal" so as to form an oval, with "plata" in the centre. The 5c blue is now surcharged in the same way but in red. Were it not for the "plata" in the centre one would be likely to mistake the surcharge for cancellation. Thanks to Mr. William P. Brown for obtaining specimens for us.

**VENEZUELA.**—Mr. M. D. Senior writes: "There are in use a set of stamps denominated 'Escuelas.' They were issued for this purpose: To pay with their value the maintenance of the public schools at said place. They are as follows: Unperforated head of Bolivar to right in oval, 'Escuelas' (schools) above, 'centesimos' below, figure of value in small oval on each side of it. The values are: 1c, yellow (also orange); 5c, yellow (also orange); 10c, dark blue; 30c, pale blue; 50c, ultramarine, and 1 venezolano, carmine (also rose.) All surcharged in the middle

Decreto de 27 de Junio de 1870.

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Smaller size 1c fuerte buff; 5c fuertes deep orange; 1 real, rose, double surcharged. These are used only at Maracaibo." (This set is not a very new issue.—Ed.) The same gentleman writes: "There is a new set now of 1880 as follows, for Pt. Cabello, La Guaira and Caracas: Rect. perforated 11 head to left in oval, 'Venezuela' above, 'cents' below and figures of value in small squares on each side of 'cents.' The values I have got in hand are 5c, pale blue; 10c, red; 25c, yellow; 50c, brown." (The 5c that we have is hardly a pale blue.—Ed.)

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Profitable employment, — getting subs. for the GUIDE.

**POSTS, POSTING, Etc.**

BY FRANK A. JONES

The word "post" is from the Latin *positum*, which means placed, fixed. And in ancient times, especially in the Roman Empire, this was actually its meaning, for these posts were placed or fixed along the Roman roads for the purpose of carrying government despatches. These posts, in the first place, were not associated, in the slightest degree, with the forwarding of messages, either private or public, for as they were in a barbarous country, (not so, to be sure, for those times,) they were military stations and as a consequence had to be maintained to keep the surrounding country under control, and as in all military bodies, whether in a barbarous or civilized country, orders having to be transmitted, messengers were sent with despatches from one station to another. Thus the meaning of the word, as well as the use of the stations or posts, gradually changed.

Just imagine, if you can, what some of our letter-writing friends of the present day would do, if they had lived in ancient Roman times. In the first place, especially if our friend is a lady, she would, probably, not have known how to write a letter; but supposing that he or she, as is most likely the case, did know how, it would take him half a day to write as long a one as is usually written now, notwithstanding he would have had the assistance of almost innumerable slaves; for if he were not wealthy enough to own a large number of slaves, he would never have been able to write, if it may be called writing. Well, having written his letter, he would either have to wait until some friend happened to be going to the place he wanted his letter to go, or else despatch a trusty slave. At all events it would have taken months before it reached its destination, and then months before he received an answer. Thus, you see, none but the wealthy could af-

ford to write letters, and even they could afford to write but few.

Xenophon informs us that Cyrus, king of Persia, established posts, and the Assyrian, as well as the Persian rulers, had posts which were situated a day apart. Charlemagne, who reigned as emperor from 800 to 814, established stations although they were abandoned at his death.

The first letter post was established in the House towns during the early part of the thirteenth century. Next, during the reign of Maximilian, a line of letter posts was established by the princes of Thurn and Taxis, connecting Austria with Lombardy; another was also established by Franz von Thurn and Taxis, from Vienna to Brussels, connecting the most distant parts of the dominion of Charles the Fifth, namely, the greater part of Germany and Italy. The latter one was established in 1516, and connected Venice, Genoa, Leghorn and Naples, with Hamburg, Lubeck, Bremen and Frankfort. This family retained certain rights distinct from the crown and often in rivalry with it until the dissolution of the German Empire in 1806.

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**WYTHEVILLE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION,**  
February 6, 1880.

House was called to order by President W. E. Thomas.

Mr. George McGowan was elected as a corresponding member.

Article IX was adopted by the Society.

Mr. Durbins' 1880 Catalogue was examined and favorably reported on. A copy of the report was ordered to be sent to him.

Thanks were voted to Mr. Geo. B. DeRevere for a file of his paper, and we regret that he is obliged to give up the publication of *The Collector's News*. House adjourned.

H. J. HEUSER, Secretary.

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First prize—W. & T. Moore, Cincinnati, Ohio. 285 words.

Second prize—M. P. Capen, Brattleboro, Vt. 284 words.

Third prize—C. H. Allen, Newburyport, Mass. 240 words.

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## BOOK REVIEW.

Under this heading we will give each month, to the best of our ability, an impartial criticism upon all Philatelic Books, Pamphlets, etc., which are sent to us during the month.

*The Anglo-American Pamphlet For Stamp Collectors.* 12 p. H. A. Everett, Brighton, England. 5 cents per copy, postpaid, at home or abroad. Series 1, No. 1, is before us and presents a splendid appearance. Although we notice one or two omissions, yet it is quite complete, and consists of 12 nicely printed pages and cover, 7 pages of which are devoted to "The Issues of 1879," 6 of these being a plain catalogue of the issues. Mr. Everett deserves great credit for this, his first attempt in this line.

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## OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WHOM WE WILL CRITICISE IMPARTIALLY.

Welt-Post.—This is the name of the successor to the Wiener Illustrierten Briefmarken Zeitung.

Allgemeiner Briefmarken Anzeiger.—This is a large eight page journal and a welcome visitor.

L'ami des Timbres contains a long and good list of new issues.

The Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal for February consists of 28 pages, of which only eight contain anything but advertisements. But those eight are good.

The Philatelic Monthly is a welcome exchange, and contains a good list of new issues.

The Philatelic Review.—Thanks to Mr. H. A. Everett for a copy of this journal.

The New Jersey Philatelist has changed its form so that it is now printed on the same kind of paper, with the same type for heading and in fact the general get up the same as that the Collector's News was.

The Collector is the name of a small 16 page and cover monthly magazine devoted to Philately.

The Anunciator is the name of a new exchange hailing from Bogota, U. S. of Columbia.

The Philatelic News is the name of a new journal from Springfield, Mass. It is published by the Springfield Philatelic Association.

The Mound City Collector is a large four page journal devoted to Philately. We regret to say that it is not to be published regularly.

The Coin Collector's News.—Mr. Munn, of Bury street, Edmunds, England, has commenced issuing a journal by the above name. He issues once every two months. Not being a coin collector we are not competent to criticise it.

The Coin and Stamp Journal of Brooklyn is a large four page journal devoted to coins and stamps.

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### NOTES.

We wish to exchange with all Philatelic and Coin journals.

All good Philatelic articles will be bought at highest cash prices at this office.

We have appointed Wm. P. Brown of 145 Nassau street, New York, as agent for receiving subscriptions for this journal.

If you receive this journal and are not a subscriber, you are politely requested to take the hint and become one.

We have a few files of the *New York Philatelist*, complete, 7 numbers neatly bound, which we will sell for 50 cents each; unbound, 30 cents each. There are but a few left.

In subscribing please state which number you want your subscription to begin with, if you neglect to do this it will commence with the current one. Back Nos. extra.

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If you receive more than one copy of this number, or have no use for this one, you will greatly oblige the publisher by handing it to some stamp collecting friend, and letting him have the benefit of it.

Mr. George S. Griffin writes: "In a letter from Mexico my correspondent told a few of the peculiarities of the Mexican P. O. D. He says: 'The postage on a letter to the U. S. is 5c. But if the same letter was sent 50 miles into the interior it would cost 25c., although if posted 500 miles in the interior for, say England, even via San Francisco, it would cost but 5c., and the same if addressed to the interior from any country in the Postal Union.'"

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## THE ADHESIVE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE U. S.

BY HENRY L. FERNALD.

(Continued from last month.)

Accordingly eight stamps were prepared, and were issued to the public August 14 of that year. The values were one, three, five, ten, twelve, twenty-four, thirty and ninety cents. The one cent stamp bears a profile to right of Franklin, enclosed by an oval ground of engine turned work. Numeral of value in the upper corner, "U. S. Postage" above, "One Cent" at bottom, both inscriptions curved around the oval. Color, blue. The three cent stamp bears a profile to left of Washington, on an engine turned ground. Numeral of value in the upper corners, "U. S. Postage" at top, "Three Cents" below, "U. S." in the lower corners. Color, red. The five cent stamp bears a left three quarters face view of Jefferson enclosed by an oval. Numeral of value in the upper corners, "U. S." in the lower corners, "U. S. Postage" at top, "Five Cents" in a curve at the bottom. Color, chocolate. The ten cent stamp bears a left three quarters face view of Washington in an oval, U. S. Postage and five stars at top, Arabic numerals in the upper corners, four stars on each side, "Ten Cents" below, "U. S." in the lower corners. Color, green. The twelve cent stamp bears a left three quarters face view of Washington enclosed in an oval. Numeral of value in the upper corners, "U. S. Postage" at top, "U. S." in the lower corners, "Twelve Cents" in a curve at the bottom. Color, black. The twenty-four cent stamp bears a right three quarters face view of Washington enclosed in an indistinctly marked octagon. Numeral of value in the upper corners, "U. S." on two five pointed stars in the lower corners, "U. S. Postage" at top, "Twenty-four Cents" at the bottom. Color, lilac. The thirty cent stamp bears a profile to left of Franklin enclosed by a circle. Nu-

meral of value in the upper corners, "U. S." in the lower corners, "U. S. Postage" above in a curve, "Thirty Cents" below, also in a curve. Color, orange. The ninety cent stamp bears a left three quarters face view of Washington enclosed in an oval, "U. S. Postage" at top, numerals of value beneath the inscription, "U. S." in the lower corners, "Ninety Cents" at the sides. Color, blue.

July 1st, 1863, a two cent stamp was issued, bearing a large full face view of Jackson enclosed by an oval. Numeral of value in the upper corners, U. S. Postage above in a curve, U. S. Two Cents in the lower corners. Color, black. In April, 1866, a fifteen cent stamp was issued, bearing a right threequarters face view of Lincoln enclosed by an oval. Numeral of value in the upper corners, U. S. Postage in a curved line at the top, U. S. in the lower corners, Fifteen Cents at the bottom. Color, black. This entire set still passes current. In March, 1869, late current series were prepared by the National Bank Note Co. The values were the same as in the preceding set. The one cent stamp bears a profile to left of Franklin, enclosed by a beaded curve, U. S. Postage above in a curve, numeral of value in the centre at the bottom, One Cent in the lower corners. The two cent stamp has an illustration of the former method of carrying the mails—a horse and rider galloping toward the left—United States Postage at top, Two Cents and numeral of value at bottom. Color, brown. The view on the three cent stamp is that of a locomotive to right, illustrating the present method of carrying the mails, United States Postage above, Three Cents and the numeral of value at the bottom. Color, blue. The six cent stamp bears a right three quarters face of Washington enclosed in a beaded circle, U. S. in the upper corners, Postage in the centre at top, United States on each side in small letters, Six Cents and numeral of value at the bottom. Color, blue. The ten cent stamp bears an eagle holding an olive branch, perched upon



a shield, background of thirteen stars, United States Postage and large numerals of value on the shield, Ten Cents in a scroll at the bottom. Color, light orange. The twelve cent stamp illustrates the method of carrying the ocean mails, a steamship moving to the left; United States Postage above, numeral of value and Twelve Cents below. Color, green.

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MONTHLY NOTES ON

## U. S. REVENUES.

BY E. B. STERLING.

We have little of interest to report this month, from the fact that press of business in other directions has claimed our attention, and stamps have had to take a second part. We hope, however, to make up for this in our next, as we shall commence a complete descriptive list of all known *Royalty and License* stamps, describing the various shoe, collar, codfish, potash, etc., stamps in alphabetical order, which no doubt will prove highly interesting to our readers. It will be the first list of the kind ever printed, and we desire to make it as complete as the specimens in our own and other collections will admit.

We add the following surcharged medicine stamps to our list. 2c black, Dr. C. C. Moore, surcharged in blue, C. M., 1877, 1878, watermark paper. 2c black, New York Pharmaceutical Association, surcharged in red N. P. A., Jan 1878, watermark paper.

The following new issues are reported to us, as below, although we have not yet seen the stamps, except those indicated by a star (\*), and if values and colors are not given cor-

rectly we will correct in our next and will then give a description of each:

\*Alligator Match Co., 1c blue, watermark paper.

Cardinal Match Co., 1c red, watermark paper.

Eagle Card Co., 5c blue, watermark paper.

\*Mishler Herb Co., 4c black, watermark paper.

A friend has shown us a curiosity in the way of a match stamp, which, if genuine, will no doubt prove a great rarity. It reads Jock & Wildner, Peoria, Ill., "Shanghai" Matches; 1c red, on old paper; same design and shape as the John J. Macklin & Co. except in color and size of the engraving, which varies slightly. Can any of our readers give us any information about it?

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THE STAMP DEALERS OF GREAT BRITAIN.—This work consists of over 30 pages and contains the names and full addresses of nearly every British Stamp Dealer, several collectors and numerous advertisements. Price 10 cents post paid.

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" 7	" 100	" "	" "
" 8	" 7 used and unused	" "	post cards

The whole 8 packets sent post free for \$1.20. Catalogue of Novelties, Jewelry, Conjuring tricks and presents for the New Year, post free, one packet.

"The Champion Exchange & Monthly Advertiser" published on the 14th of each month, is a convenient medium for advertisements of every description. Whole page, \$1.20; half page 60c; 1/4 page 30c; 1/8 page 15c. Exchange column—30 words 6c; to purchase—gratis.

Stamp dealers will find the above a medium for their advertisements, as it has extensive circulation and the charges are low. It is sent to each advertiser. No's 1, 2, 3, now 1c each post free.

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## ONLY A STAMP.

BY ALEX. RUSSELL.

(Continued from last month.)

One of the children murmured something about being so hungry, and the little woman stooping down threw her arms around both of the little ones and half crying half laughing, told them she had a letter from papa. Very quiet the little ones became as they watched mama tear open the envelope, and they divined the good news it contained by the color that swept into the little woman's face. I dropt unnoticed on the floor with my face down, but I heard the little woman sob as she read, and finishing the letter with a wild glad cry she drew the two wondering children to her breast and told them they should have all they wanted to eat to-day and bidding them remain quiet she went out, I presume to get the check cashed. In about an hour she returned loaded down with good things and a big grocery boy behind her loaded like a pack-mule. There was joy in

that garret. The children never tired of examining the good things, and the little woman looked actually beautiful under the excitement of the moment. As for me, I was picked up and stuck in a crack in the wall.

One day, while the little woman was quietly sewing some new articles of apparel for the little girl who, with her brother was deep in a picture book, I heard a heavy tread on the rickety stairs. they creaked and groaned so that I thought they would give way. The footsteps stopped at the head of the second flight as if to ask their way, and then boldly mounted the third flight. I wondered who it could be. The little woman appeared uneasy; she had dropped her work, and with both hands pressed hard on her heart, her face pale, and her eyes fixed on the door, she listened to the approaching steps. The children paused and listened. There was a bold knock at the door. The little woman opened it; I heard a glad cry of "George," and a tremulous bass voice exclaim, "Fanny," and the little woman and my old friend the heavy bearded man were

locked in each others arms, and the children were clinging to his pea-jacket and yelling "papa, papa," at the top of their lungs.

If I was a painter I would ask for no better subject than this group of four an hour later, and I would name it "Happiness." Talk of young lovers; I don't believe they could love with half the fervor of this great bearded fellow, one arm around the waist of the little woman, the other acting as a back rest for the two children on his knee. He related the story of his doings in far off south Africa, and how he had brought home enough money to buy them a nice little home in the country, where they would never be unhappy again. Night drew on, the little ones forgot their supper and fell asleep on papa's knee, and the stars came out and gazed through the cracked roof of the old tenement house, wondering how happiness could exist in that squalid locality.

It took but a few days to get ready, and my friends moved away into the country. I was swept into the street, picked up by an urchin who carried me home and put me in a box with a lot of soiled envelopes and stamps where I lay until he had gathered quite a lot, when I was taken to a person who makes a business of buying and selling such as I, and you know the rest.

The little maiden waived her hand at me and retired to her frame. I yawned, rubbed my eyes and awoke from a very pleasant dream.

## NEW ISSUES.

BRITISH GUIANA.—3 cts, red, Postal Union card.

BRITISH INDIA.—1½ anna blue, Postal Union card.

CASHMERE.—4 anna red. and 8 anna red.

CEYLON.—A new 2 cents, brown wrapper, "Ceylon" above, "Two Cents" below, and head of Victoria in circle. We are indebted to Mr. Wm. P. Brown for the above.

EGYPT.—2 oparas, red-brown Postal Union card.

GOLD COAST.—1 penny stamp bistre, also 2 pence stamp, the color of which we do not know; and 1½ penny post card, brown on buff.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new 2½ penny stamp is now out. It is blue and of the same design as its predecessor. We consider the change of color to be an improvement. Thanks to Mr. H. A. Everett for a specimen. The ½-penny is expected very soon.

MADEIRA.—A Postal Union card, 30 reis, green.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The 1, 2 and 3 cent stamps of the new set are much like their predecessors. The colors have not been changed.

NORWAY.—The Christiania local post has issued the following set: 1 ore, black and lilac; 2 ore, black and violet; 4 ore, black and red; 7 ore, black and green; 10 ore black and purple. They all bear the portrait of the proprietor of the post.

PORTUGAL.—We are indebted to Mr. A. Fountain for a look at a 15 reis of an entirely new design. The color is a bluish slate. We wonder if we are to have an entire set like it.

PERU.—In addition to the surcharged stamps mentioned last time there are five others. We are indebted to Mr. Wm. P. Brown for a complete list. All surcharged as described last time: 1 cent, green; 2 cents, red-brown; 5 cents, blue; 10 cents (?); 20 cents (?); 50 cents, green, and 1



sol red. The cause of the surcharge is the change of the standard currency from paper to silver (plata).

ROUMANIA.—We have the five bani of the present set in green, the 10 bani in rose, and the 15 bani in brick-red.

UNITED STATES.—We hear from Mr. Brown that there is a new official postal card to be used by postmasters to notify the publishers when a second class publication remains dead in the post office so that he will send no more copies to that address. It has no stamp but has the penalty clause.

### WORD HUNT.

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### WINNERS OF PRIZES IN FEBRUARY NUMBER.

First Prize—John W. Brown, Brattleboro, Vt., 167 words.

Second Prize—M. P. Capen, Brattleboro, Vt., 147 words.

Third Prize—W & S. Moore, Cincinnati, O., 146 words.

*Editor American Philatelic Guide:*

A certain Bostonian, patron and promoter of certain "rare pinks" and the Bazin seems of late determined to outstrip Dr. Petrie, the original and sole owner of the pink and the green sheet of Pill Stamps (and the boxes) in his great "go-as-you-please" for the title of Philatelic Bonanza Broker, neither aspiring to the title of regular dealers. Now, is it not written concerning the Bazin in the 91st number of the 7th volume of the *American Journal of Philately*, at the 162d page, in the month of October in the year 1873, as followeth:

"Correspondence—The Bazin Proprietary Stamps.

"Philadelphia, June 6th, 1873.

"Messrs. J. W. Scott & Co., N. Y.:

"Gentlemen—In regard to your inquiries I would state that the Private Revenue Stamps bearing my name have never been used on my manufacture. Some years ago (1863) I had steel plates engraved of the denomination of one, two and three cents, but never used them at all more than to have a few stamps struck off for my own satisfaction or for samples.

"I have received inquiries from others on the subject, and take this opportunity of communicating to the world through your valuable journal the true facts of the case.

"Yours, X. BAZIN."

If the above certificate is genuine it is as damaging to the Bazin stock as Dr. Petrie's certificate to Du Ponco, and both will have to be withdrawn from the market.

ONE OF THE BEARS.

*Editor American Philatelic Guide :*

Observing in the March number of an English Philatelic paper a letter concerning the feasibility of a society of dealers, for mutual protection from "frauds." I now beg leave to express my opinion. I should propose that a society be got up composed entirely of reliable dealers; that there should be an initiation fee and dues; that there should be 500 copies of a paper—just half the size of the A. P. G.—printed monthly, (I think I could get this printed for, at most, \$8). In this paper there could be a list of collectors concerning whom inquiry had been made, to which each member must answer by letter within a specified time; as also a brief report concerning those who were in the list last month. This paper to be only for the members, and could perhaps be entered as second class matter. Those advertisements which the secretary could obtain would pay the greater part, if not the whole, expense of publication. Although, no doubt the duties of the secretary would be exceedingly arduous, in order to assist this enterprise, I would volunteer my services for the first year. I would be pleased to see this discussed in the Philatelic papers, and still better pleased to receive letters from dealers. I would be much obliged if you, Mr. Editor, would kindly forward to my address all letters sent in your care to

UNOHOO.

We understand that Mr. H. A. Everett, of 46 Carlton Hill, Brighton, England, our agent for Great Britain, will have an article entitled "Curious Collectors of Stamps," by Mr. J. D. Hamlyn, in his next Anglo-American Pamphlet.

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Posts, Posting, &c., by Mr. Frank A. Jones; Adhesive Postage Stamps of the United States, by Henry L. Fernald; as also Proceedings of the Wytheville Philatelic Association, are inadvertently crowded out this time.

PACKET NO. 1 contains 25 varieties including, Persia, Azores, Natal, Hamburg, Simoor, Chili, Baden, Turkey, Heligoland and Jamaica. Price 25c; set of 8 Baden 5c; 4 Brazil 5c; 6 Hungary 5c; 6 Norway 4c; 8 Saxony 10c; 12 Switzerland 10. 50 Foreign Stamps and price list for 3c stamp. Agents Wanted to sell our sheets at 25 per cent commission. References required. Address CREMER & MILLER, Box 174, Huntingdon, Pa.

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Owing to the large number of our agents we will hereafter be unable to mention any but the hardest workers.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

We wish to exchange with all Philatelic and Coin Journals.

This Journal is sent to you as an inducement for you to subscribe if you have not already done so. But whether you are a subscriber or not please examine our Club Rates. Back numbers extra.

We have a few files of the *New York Philatelist*, complete, seven num-

bers neatly bound, which we will sell for fifty cents each; unbound thirty cents each. There are but a few left.

We will give 25 foreign stamps to every one who sends us the names and addresses of 15 genuine stamp collectors or a like proportion for more.

Those of our subscribers who find a blue cross on this month's wrapper will please understand that their subscriptions have expired, and are cordially invited to renew.

Mr. E. B. Sterling has attempted a thing never before tried, namely, a complete list of Royalty and License Stamps, and we hope it will meet with as much approbation as the most sanguine could expect.

Anyone sending us his own subscription together with that of one friend will receive free, if he sends postage, a rare Douglas City Despatch stamp; or, if he sends two subscriptions besides his own, two rare varieties of the Douglas City Despatch stamps. (See Club Rates).

## MONTHLY NOTES ON U. S. REVENUES.

BY E. B. STERLING.

The new issues of which mention was made in our last number, we now proceed to describe:

### MATCH.

Alligator Match Co., 1c, blue, watermark,, paper size 21x25.

Design is the old die of F. Mansfield & Co., but has undergone a partial change. In place of *Ætna Match Manufactory*, F. Mansfield & Co., St. Louis, read the following, -*Alligator Match Company, Saint Louis.*"

Cardinal Match Co., 1c, red; watermark paper, size 21x25. Design consists of cupid in centre with straight la-

below described "Cardinal," and in curved label the words in small type, "Match Co." at top, in each corner, "1," and in curved label "U. S. Int. Rev.," at left side "one," at right side "cent."

## PLAYING CARDS.

Eagle Card Co., 5c., black, watermark paper, size 25x21. Design corresponding with name, and is the most homely stamp of the new issues, both in design and execution. It consists of Eagle in centre with shield and olive branch; above, label inscribed "Eagle Card Co.," below, shield with large figure "5" in centre and words "five" at left, with "cents" at right; below "U. S. Int. Rev."

## MEDICINE.

Mishler Herb Bitters Co, 4c., black, watermark paper, size 108x18. This is an old friend with slight alterations, the firm of Dr. S. B. Hartman & Co. having been succeeded by the Mishler Herb Bitters Co. as stamp represents.

At left in place of Dr. S. B. Hartman & Co. successor to B. Mishler, read the following, "Mishler Herb Bitters Co., successors to Dr. S. B. Hartman & Co.," at right, in place of Dr. S. B. Hartman & Co., read, "Mishler Herb Bitters Co."

In attempting a descriptive list of License and Royalty Stamps used in the United States we wish it understood that these stamps are not issued by the United States Government, but by corporations and manufacturing firms, who obtain patents from the government and issue stamps to parties who manufacture goods under patents, for such privilege they must

pay a royalty and buy the license stamps to place on their wares so manufactured, (as boots, shoes, collars, hats, &c,) from the parties owning the said patents.

This is the first attempt in print at a list of the various issues and as no accurate information can be had as to what exist, except what can be found in the collections of various collectors, it is with no small task that we commence the work, and trust that our readers will kindly forward us for inspection such specimens as they may have, that are not given in our list under their alphabetical order; as also those mentioned with a query (?). To such we would say due credit will be given, and they will receive the thanks of the compiler.

## Abbreviation of terms :

Rect.	stands for	Rectangular.
Oct.	"	Octangular.
Dia.	"	Diamond.
D.	"	die cut edge of stamp.
R.	"	Rouletted do
P.	"	Perforated do
U.	"	Unperforated do
C.	"	Cut do

Size of stamps given by Durbin's scale of millimetres measuring from frame to frame.

The stamps will be described as follows :

- 1st, Number of stamp.
- 2d. Description of "
- 3d. Value of "
- 4th. Edge of "
- 5th. Color of "
- 6th. Paper on which the stamp is printed.
- 7th. Shape of stamp.
- 8th. Size of stamp.

No.	Description.	Value.	Edg.	Color.	Paper.	Shape.	Size.
1	American Corn Packers association (licensed by	No.	P.	green, white,	Rect.	20x27	
2	American Boot Seam and Stay Co.	? 2	"	"	"	23x11	
3	A.M. Wire Quilted Sole Asso. License						



No.	Description.				Value.	Edg.	Color.	Paper.	Shape.	Size.
	Stamp Patented May 7, 1867, large letters.									
					1½	U.	"	"	"	20x24
4	do	do	do	do	2	U.	blue	"	"	"
5	do	do	do	do	4	U.	red,	"	"	"
6	do	do	do	small letters	2	R.	blue,	"	"	16x20
7	do	do	do	do	4	R.	red	"	"	"
8	Babbitt's Patent Shoe, License Stamp, Patented March 7, 1865.									
9	do	do	do	do	1	U.	blue,	"	"	20x24
10	do	do	do	do	2	U.	"	"	"	"
11	do	do	do	do	3	U.	"	"	"	"
12	do	do	do	do	5	U.	"	"	"	"
13	do	do	do	do	10	U.	"	"	"	"
14	Blake B. & S. Mach. Co., License stamp				15	U.	"	"	"	"
15	Boneless Codfish. Patent Dec. —, 1868?				1	U.	red,	"	"	20x24
16	do	do	do	8, 1868?	7½	U.	green,	"	"	39x23
17	do	do	do	—, 1868?	7½	U.	"	"	"	"
18	do	do	do	8, 1868?	8½	U.	"	"	"	"
19	do	do	do	Sept. 8, 1868	8½	U.	"	"	"	"
	May 25, 1869, 30 lbs.				No.	U.	"	"	"	"
20	do	do	do	35 lbs	No.	U.	"	"	"	"
21	do				? 25	U.	"	"	"	"
22	do				? 50	U.	"	"	"	"
23	Clark Seam & Button-hole Stay Asso. Lic. Stamp, Pat'd. April 4, 1871									
24	do	do	do	do	½	D.	black, lavender,	round,	14	
25	do	do	do	do	1	D.	"	green,	"	"
26	do	do	do	do	2	D.	"	"	"	"
26	Crommelin Match Box, License Stamp, Pat'd. March 26, 1872, & Aug. 31, 1875, T. C.				No.	U.	"	white,	Rect.	18x23
27	Eager's Geo. R. Patent Adjustable Waist License Stamp, Pat'd. June 11, 1872, Lot size 36-33.				No.	U.	"	"	"	38x29
28	do	do	do	Lot size 38-32	No.	U.	"	"	"	"
29	do	do	do	do 40-31	No.	U.	"	"	"	"
30	Estabrook & Wires Clinching Screw, License Stamp, Pat'd. Dec. 29, 1868				No.	U.	"	brown,	"	20x25
31	do	do	do	do	3	P.	red,	buff,	"	U 8
32	Gaff, Fleischmann & Co's Compressed (Yeast none genuine without our signature) Registered Dec. 5, 1876, &c.				No.	R.	black, orange,	sq'are	27x27	
33	do	do	do	do	No.	R.	"	lemon,	"	"
34	Godfrey's American Standard, made on, Patented May 17, 1864, warranted Glazed									
35	do	do	do	do (?)	1	U.	red	white,	rect,	19x24
36	do	do	do	do	2	U.	purple	"	"	20
36	Goodyear & McKay Sew. Mach. Association, Lic. Stamp, (mottled).									
37	do	do	do	do	1	D.	black, lavender,	round	14	
38	do	do	do	do	1½	D.	"	brown,	"	14
39	do	do	do	do	4	D.	"	orange,	"	14
40	do	do	do	do	5	D.	"	lemon,	"	14
41	do	do	do	(wavy lines)	1	C.	"	lavender,	"	19
42	do	do	do	(mottled)	1	C.	"	"	"	19
43	do	do	do	do	1½	C.	"	brown,	"	19
44	do	do	do	do	4	C.	"	orange,	"	19
45	do	do	do	do	5	C.	"	lemon,	"	19

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1 sheet, 17x22, gum paper	10
5 varieties Brunswick, unused	06
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1 sheet gum paper and either above sets	15

Gum paper guaranteed not to injure the stamps. I will replace all stamps injured by this gum paper. All or any of the above post free on receipt of price.

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## POSTS, POSTING, &C.

BY FRANK A. JONES.

(Continued from March No.)

Commencing where we left off some time ago, we will go on with this interesting subject. There can hardly be a more striking proof of the state of civilization, which America had reached in the early part of the sixteenth century, than the fact that the Spaniards found in Peru, in 1527, regular posts from Quito to Cuzco. To be sure, the posts were nothing like the fine postal system of to-day, but for the period in which they existed, they answered every purpose. The "post" man was not overburdened with frivolous matter, or in all probability with any kind of correspondence. Although, to be sure, some of the chief personages of the state, probably sent many messages which were superfluous. "Let us thank our lucky stars" (or anything else) that we do not live in an age when communications of any kind are a rarity, and letters, newspapers, and postal cards, are unheard-of things. And we can also be very thankful that we live in an age in which the glorious science of Philately exists, and is growing and increasing, and adding to its adherents

many persons who will be as hard workers in its behalf, in the future, as philatelists have been in the past. Hoping, kind reader, that you will pardon this digression, for I could not help dwelling a little on the glories of Philately, we will now proceed.

During the reign of Henry the Third of England, there were messengers who wore the royal livery, and carried both public and private letters. Until the reign of Edward the First, the messengers had to provide themselves with horses. In his reign, which commenced in 1272, a series of posts was established where horses could be hired. Edward the Fourth, during the war with Scotland, established a system of relays of horses, which fell into disuse on the return of peace. A foreign post for the conveyance of letters between London and the European continent was established by foreign merchants during the fifteenth century. Camden mentions the office of "Master of the Postes" as existing in 1581. This office was probably only to see to the supply of horses, for what else was there for it to be. There were no mails to be superintended, and although there were improvements that it would have been better to make in their postal arrangements, the people in all probability did not observe them.

Dispute between the Flemings and the Italians, in regard to the right of appointing a postmaster, were referred to the privy-council. This led to the institution of a chief postmaster who had charge of both the English and the foreign posts. Thomas Randolph was the first postmaster. The first proper postal communication for private letters began, in England, one hundred years after the establishment of the foreign post.

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### NEW ISSUES.

ANTIGUA.—A 1½ d card is out; color, red-brown on buff.

AZORES.—A new 15 reis double card.

BAVARIA.—The double card has now a round shield in the arms the same as the single one.

BERMUDA.—A new 2½ d. is out.

EGYPT.—The *Philatelic Monthly* says that the 5 and 10 paras surcharged stamps are now unperforated as well as perforated.

FRENCH COLONIES.—The 25 centimes, yellow, is now unperforated and used in the Colonies.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The color of the 2s. stamp is now red-brown instead of blue.

LUXEMBURG.—The double international card, and the 1 and 30 centimes stamps have been issued perforated.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—200 mills de peso pink.

### ADHESIVE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

BY HENRY L. FERNALD.

(Continued from March No.)

The Fifteen cent stamp bears a view of the Landing of Columbus, surrounded by a frame of scroll work, U. S. POSTAGE above, FIFTEEN CENTS and large numerals of value at the bottom. Picture, blue; frame, brown. The Twenty-four cent stamp has for its illustration, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, surrounded by an embellished frame, U. S. POSTAGE above, TWENTY-FOUR CENTS and numeral of value at the bottom. Color of

picture, purple; of frame, green. In the first few hundred sheets of these stamps, several stamps on each sheet were found to have the picture inverted in the frame. A few specimens passed the Post before this discovery was made, but they are very rare. The thirty-cent stamp bears an eagle mounted on a shield, and holding an olive branch, background of thirteen stars, U. S. flags at the sides, UNITED STATES POSTAGE and large numeral of value on the shield, THIRTY CENTS below. Color of the eagle and shield, carmine; of the flags, blue. The ninety-cent stamp bears a right three-quarters face view of Lincoln, enclosed by an oval. Numeral of value in the upper corners, U. S. POSTAGE in a curve on top, NINETY CENTS in the lower corners. Color of the portrait, black; of the frame, carmine. The one cent is circular, the rest of the set are square. These stamps were very beautiful, but being universally condemned by the press, and public feeling being wholly against them, the set was withdrawn before it had been in use a year, and in April, 1870, a new set was prepared, the values of which were the same as in the last set. The one cent stamp bears a profile to the left of Franklin, enclosed by an oval, U. S. POSTAGE above, in a curve, ONE CENT and numeral of value at the bottom. Color, imperial blue. The portrait on this stamp is from the bust by Rubricht. The two cent stamp bears a profile to left of Andrew Jackson, enclosed by an oval, on a solid background, U. S. POSTAGE above, in a curve, TWO CENTS and numeral of value at the bottom. Color, velvet brown. This likeness is from Powers' bust, and is a good representation. The three cent stamp bears a profile to left of Washington, enclosed by an oval, U. S. POSTAGE in a curve at top, THREE CENTS and numeral of value at bottom. The head on this stamp is from Houdon's celebrated bust, and differs from all other pictures in showing him without teeth, and in most sittings his mouth was padded with cotton. Color, milori-green. The portrait on the six cent stamp is that of Lin



coln, enclosed by an oval, U. S. POSTAGE above, in a curve, SIX CENTS and numeral of value at the bottom. Color cochineal-red. The head on this stamp is from Volk's bust, and is very correct.

(To be continued.)

#### NOTES.

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We have received No. 2 of the *Anglo-American Pamphlets*, containing an article entitled "Curious Collectors of Stamps," by J. D. Hamlyn, from H. A. Everett. The appearance is much better, but we must say that although this article is a splendid one yet we prefer the first one; It is more useful—more the kind of an article for a pamphlet of this kind.

#### ERRATA.

In our last the following mistakes were made: Page 56, in M. Hart, Jr.'s advertisement read "Wash Co., N.Y." instead of "Nash. Co. N.S." and in W. P. Gardner's advertisement read, "or 10 packets (all different) postpaid for 40c." instead of "or in packets, etc."

#### ANNOUNCEMENT.

We intend having the June and July numbers in one grand 16-page number, which we shall send to press about May 25th. Now is the time for dealers to advertise and have the ad-

vantage of a double number for the same price as a single one. Send your advertisements at once as some may be crowded out, and "first come first served."

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3d Prize—W. J. B. Williams, Cambridge, N. Y., 484 words.

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## OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

We have received since our last, Welt Post, L'amie des Timbres, Merkur, Allgemeiner Briefmarken Anzeiger, L'ami du Collectionneur, Foreign Stamp Gazette, Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal, Philatelists Gazette, Philatelic Monthly, New Jersey Philatelist, The Champion Exchange and Monthly Advertiser, The American Journal of Philately, The Philatelic News, The Foreign Stamp Advertiser and Review, Amateur Exchange and Mart, and The Stamp Collector's Review.

## WYTHEVILLE PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

April 2, 1880., House was called to order by President W. E. Thomas.

The "List of the Stamps of the Fiji Islands" was read and discussed.

"Forged Stamps: How to detect them" was presented.

"The Stamps of Cashmere" was appointed for the study at next meeting.

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Owing to the large number of our agents we are unable to mention any but the best.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

We wish to exchange with all Philatelic and Coin Journals.

Mr. R. R. Bogart is about to start a Philatelic Journal named *The Philatelic World*.

Mr. H. A. Everett, the publisher of the *Anglo-American Pamphlet* is going to start a quarterly named *The Philatelic Chronicle*.

Mr. F. P. Cravens is going to start a quarterly named *The Collector's Quarterly*.

## MONTHLY NOTES ON UNITED STATES REVENUES.

BY E. B. STERLING.

The following surcharged stamps have come under our notice since our last, and we add them to our list:

- No. 149. Collector's World (Swift & Courtney, and Beecher Co.) surcharged, in red, Aug. 1, 1877. Pink paper.
- No. 150. do do do date should read 1876 and not 1878
- No. 402. do (Radway & Co.) surcharged in black. Radway & Co. R. R. R., May 1878. Pink paper.
- No. 348. do (Johnston, Holloway & Co.) 1c. black we find cancelled with a heavy black stroke across the stamp used on Catarrhal Cigarettes, and as the stamp is not broken when the package is opened the stamp must have a cancellation mark to prevent re-use.

Mr. Morse has called our attention to the fact that the 1c. black Seabury & Johnson stamp used on goods other than the *Porous* Plasters have the word *Porous* erased with a stroke of ink, making another oddity in cancelled stamps.

- No. 359. Collector's World (G. W. Laird) surcharged in red, G. W. L., Oct. 1873. Cut. Silk thread paper.

We have received the following dates of Byam Carlton & Co.'s Match Wrappers, and add to our list:

- No. 164. Collector's World. 1c. black. Two heads to right buff wrapper. Fe 2, 1875.
- No. 165. do 1c. black. two heads to left buff wrapper, December 1, 1876; January 1, 1880; February 2, 1880.
- No. 166. 1c. black. One head to left white wrapper. Oct. 1, 1879; Nov. 1, 1879; Dec. 1, 1879.

We made mention in the February number, 1879, Collector's World, of Benton's Pine Tree Tar Troches, 1868—Pine Tree in centre—and promised to make further note of the same. We have this curious stamp in our pos-

session. It is a small electrotype plate, 14x19, impressed in black on the regular issues of the Proprietary Stamps, thus :

1st.—1c. red.	Proprietary stamp.	Old Paper.	1863 issue.
2d.—2c. blue.	do	do	do
3d.—1c. green.	do	silk thread paper,	violet shade. 1872 issue.
4th—1c. green.	do	do	pink do do
5th—1c. green.	do	do	green do do
6th—1c. green.	do	do	green do 1875 issue.
7th—1c. green.	do	watermark	green do 1878 issue.

The stamps are found with the die both normal and inverted. A few years ago the 1c. red was considered a great rarity and sold for a good sum, but of late the stamp seems to be in general use judging from the number of specimens to be found on all kinds of paper.

Wm. E. Clarke has added a new stamp to our list, which consists of an engraving showing the power of man in the embrace of death, with a bottle of the Remedy in uplifted hand ready to strike, while with the left he has a vise like grasp at the throat of death, who has dropped the sands of life and scythe, and trying to overcome the man, but, judging from the engraving is not as likely to succeed as well on paper as in reality. At the upper left hand corner read, *Hunt's Remedy*; at left side, *U. S. Int. Rev.*; at right side, *three cents*; at lower right hand corner, figure 3, with *W. E. Clarke Proprietor* in the centre. 3s. blue. Size, 21x25. Watermarked paper.

We make the following additions and corrections to our License and Royalty list :

Nos. 15, 16, 27, the query we erase, as the stamps exist, and read as listed.

We add 18½, Boneless Codfish Patent Sept. 8, 1868; May 25, 1869; 5lbs. no value. U. red, white rect, 39x23.

No. 21, we erase the query and add, Boneless Codfish Patent Dec. 1868, 25lbs. U. green, white, rect. 33-23.

No. 22, we erase the query and add the same as above. 30lbs.

No. 30, Estabrook & Wires Clinching Screw should read, value 3, and

No. 31, do do do should read, value No. 20x25.

We add to No. 34, Godfrey's American Standard, ½ U. blue, white, rect. 19x24, and to 44 Goodyear & McKay, mottled, 7½, D. black, buff, round, 14.

No.	Description.	Value.	Edg.	Color.	Paper.	Shape.	Size.
45	Hall & Ruckel, New York, This enlarged and improved style of Sozodont adopted Sept. 10, 1878.	(gilt)	No. U.	red	white,	rect,	31x18
45½	Hall & Bugbee, Royalty Stamp No. This book is manufactured under license from Hall & Bugbee, sole agents of the patentee. Providence, R.I. Pat. Oct. 17, 1876, re-isd April 23, 1878, "300" reading up in the border at left of stamp.	No.	U.	blue,	white,	"	44x23
46	Hersome Buckle Gaiter, License Stamp Pat. Sept. 19, 1865, Mar. 3, 1868, Dec 33, 1873.	5	D.	black, blue,	diamond	23x17	
47	do do do do	10	D.	"	white,	"	"
48	Hoffman, Jas. H. Patentee, License Patented January 24, 1865, etc., large margin.	No.	U.	orange,	white,	rect,	44x25
49	do do of on 2d line no margin	No.	U.	"	"	"	42x24
50	do do of on 3d line no margin	No.	U.	"	"	"	41x23½



No.	Description.	Value.	Edg.	Color.	Paper.	Shape.	Size.
51	International Workingmen's Association General Council 1872-73 1d. 10c, 3k 1qr, value in corners.	—	U. red,	newspaper,	rect.	22x17	
52	Joyce Pro. Toe Association, Lic. Stamp Pat July 29, 1873.	2	D. red,	white,	star,		15
53	do do do (uncut)	2	C. " "	" "	round,		17
54	McKay Gordon (Stamps sold only by) Boston, Patented Aug. 14, 1860 (value repeated all over the stamp).	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. blue,	"	rect.	24x20	
55	do do do do	1	C. " "	" "	" "	" "	
56	do do do do	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	C. " "	" "	" "	" "	
57	do do do do	2	C. " "	" "	" "	" "	
58	do do do do	3	C. " "	" "	" "	" "	
59	do do do do	10	C. " "	" "	" "	" "	
60	McKay Sew. Mach. Co., License Stamp Patd Aug. 14, 1860.	$\frac{1}{3}$	C. orange,	"	"	20x24	
61	do do do do	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. yellow,	"	"	"	
62	do do do do	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. red,	"	"	"	
63	do do do do	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. bronze,	"	"	"	
64	do do do do	1	C. orange,	"	"	"	
65	do do do do	1	C. red,	"	"	"	
66	do do do do	1	C. lake,	"	"	"	
67	do do do do	2	C. blue,	"	"	"	
68	do do do do	2	C. blue,	blue,	"	"	
69	do do do do	2	C. violet,	white,	"	"	
70	do do do do	3	C. purple,	"	"	"	
71	do do do (no sewing machine in centre.	3	C.	"	"	"	
72	do do do do	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	C. violet,	"	"	"	
73	do do do do	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	C. purple,	"	"	"	
74	do do do do	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	C. green,	"	"	"	
75	do surcharged T. Miles & Son makers, Phila. (in blue ink).	3	C. black	"	"	"	
75 $\frac{1}{2}$	do do do (in black ink)	3	C. " "	"	"	"	
76	do do do do	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	C. green,	"	"	"	
77	do Zeigler & Sutton maker, Phila (in blue ink).	1	C. orange,	"	"	"	
78	do do do (in green ink)	1	C. " "	"	"	"	
79	do do do (in red ink)	1	C. " "	"	"	"	
80	do do do do	2	C. bronze,	"	"	"	
80 $\frac{1}{2}$	do Emerson & Barrett, makers, Boston, (in green ink)	2	U. yellow,	"	"	"	
81	McKay Sew. Mach. Association. Lic. Stamp, Pat. Aug. 14, 1860. (mottled)	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. brown, yellow,	round,		14	
82	do do do do	$\frac{1}{3}$	D. chocolate,	"	"	"	
83	do do do do	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. red brown,	"	"	"	
84	do do do (wavy lines)	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. brown, orange,	"	"	"	
85	do do do do	1	D. blue, pink,	"	"	"	
86	do do do (mottled)	1	D. " "	"	"	"	
87	do do do do	1	D. " "	rose,	"	"	
88	do do do do	2	D. black, lavender,	"	"	"	
89	do do do do	2	D. " "	blue,	"	"	
90	do do do do	2	D. " "	"	"	"	
91	do do do (wavy lines) do do do	2	D. " "	green,	"	"	

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## Adhesive Postage Stamps of the United States.

BY HENRY L. FERNALD.

*(Continued from May No.)*

The ten cent stamp bears a profile to left of Thomas Jefferson enclosed by an oval, U. S. POSTAGE at the top, in a curve; TEN CENTS and numeral of value at the bottom. Color, chocolate. The head on this stamp is from a profile bust, by Powers, and is said to be a good likeness. The twelve cent stamp bears a profile to left of Henry Clay, enclosed by an oval, U. S. POSTAGE at the top. Numeral of value at the bottom, TWELVE CENTS in the lower corners. Color, dark purple. The bust from which this portrait was taken stands at the corner of St. Charles and Canal streets, in New Orleans. The fifteen cent stamp bears a profile to left of Daniel Webster, enclosed in an oval; U. S. POSTAGE in a curve at the top, FIFTEEN CENTS and numeral of value at the bottom. Color, orange. The bust from which this portrait was taken is by Clevenger, and is a good likeness. The twenty-four cent stamp bears a profile to left of Gen. Winfield Scott, enclosed by an oval. Numeral of value in the upper corners, U. S. POSTAGE on thirteen five-pointed stars at the top, TWENTY-FOUR

CENTS in the center below; flags, cannon, and a stand of arms in the lower corners. Color, pure purple. This portrait is a good copy of the statue by Coffee. The thirty cent stamp bears a profile to left of Alexander Hamilton; U. S. POSTAGE above, in a curve, THIRTY CENTS and numeral of value at the bottom. Color, black. This portrait is probably the most correct of any of this series. It is a copy of the bust by Corracchi. The ninety cent stamp bears a profile to left of Commodore Perry, enclosed by an oval; U. S. POSTAGE in a curve above, NINETY CENTS and numeral of value below, stars in the upper, and anchors in the lower corners. Color, carmine. The portrait on this stamp is a good likeness, and is a copy of Wolcott's medallion. In 1871, a seven cent stamp was issued, bearing a profile to left view of Edwin M. Stanton, enclosed by an oval; U. S. POSTAGE in a curve, at the top, SEVEN CENTS and numeral of value at the bottom. Color, vermilion. The portrait on this stamp was taken from life. The Seven, Twelve, and Twenty-four cent stamps were suppressed in 1875, at which time the two cent stamp was changed to vermilion, as the former color (brown) was very nearly the same as that of the ten cent. At the same time that the two cent

stamp was changed, a five cent stamp was issued, bearing a full face view of Zachary Taylor, enclosed by an oval; U. S. POSTAGE in a curve above, FIVE CENTS and numeral of value at the bottom. Color, blue. This stamp finishes the list of United States Adhesive Stamps; the whole number issued being forty-two, of which Washington figures on thirteen, while Franklin figures on seven, and Jackson figures on two; Lincoln and Jefferson figure on three each, while Stanton, Clay, Webster, Scott, Hamilton, Perry, and Taylor figure on one, and seven have no portrait. The stamps of the United States are very finely engraved, the government having received the congratulations of several countries on their beauty.

#### New Issues.

**ARGENTINE.**—A 4 centavos wrapper is in use. The design is "Republica Argentine," above, "quarto centavos," below, "4" at sides; color, blue on buff paper.

**AZORES.**—The 25 reis Portugal of the new design, is now surcharged for Azores.

**BERMUDA.**—2 more new values,  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny, bistre, and 4 pence, orange.

**CEYLON.**—12 cents, rose, registered stamped envelope.

**CURACAO.**—We have received from Mr. M. D. Senior the  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cent deep yellow on buff card, surcharged in black, "7 $\frac{1}{2}$  CENTS."

**GERMAN EMPIRE.**—It appears that the current set is to be altered by changing the word "Pfennige" to "Pfennig." A number of them are already changed.

**GOLD COAST.**—2 pence green.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny wrapper is now on white and without the inscription.

**HONG KONG.**—A new 2 cents lake is out; also 2 provisionals, 5 cents on 18 cents and 10 cents on 12 cents, and 3 post cards, 1 cent blue on white; 3 cents, brown on white; and 4 cents, slate on white.

**MADEIRA.**—The 25 reis Portugal of the new design, is now surcharged for Madeira.

**ROUMELIA.**—The *Philatelist's Gazette* says: "We are informed that a post-card, value 15 paras, has been issued for Eastern Roumelia.

**UNITED STATES.**—Brooklyn, N. Y., has a new local post, by the name of "White's Dispatch." The design is "White's" above "Dispatch," below with a head of something in the centre; it is hard to say what it is meant for, but some say Washington, and if he looked at all like that we would be inclined to disown him as the father of our country. The color of the stamp is green, and it is printed on common manilla envelopes.

#### Posts, Posting, &c.

BY FRANK A. JONES.

(Continued from May No.)

The accession of James the First of England, the Sixth of Scotland, in 1603, led not only to increased intercourse between the English and Scotch capitals, but also to improvements in the horse posts at that time still confined to government dispatches. James made a foreign post for letters going from England, and gave the office of postmaster for foreign parts to "Mathewe de Quester, the elder, and Mathewe de Quester, the younger." Lord Stanhope, then the chief postmaster of England, thought this interfered with him, and, consequently, a dispute and law-plea followed, which was not settled until 1632, seven years after the accession of Charles the First, when Lord Stanhope retired, and the DeQuesters, under royal sanction, assigned their office to William Frizell and Thomas Witherings. In 1635 Witherings was authorized to run a post night and day, between London and Edinburgh "to go thither and back again in six days."

Charles the First established packets between Dublin and Chester, and between Milford Haven and Waterford, for government despatches; there was also established



in 1637 a monopoly of letter carrying, which continues throughout all subsequent regulations of the post office. There was a general post-office in London, with chief offices at Edinburgh, Dublin, New York, and other American places, and one in the Leeward Islands. These were all under an officer appointed under the Great Seal, who installed deputies in the chief offices. The rates were higher than before, being two pence for a single letter, for a distance of eighty miles or less; four pence for a distance of over eighty and not exceeding one hundred and forty miles; six pence for a further distance in England; and eight pence to any part of Scotland: masters of private ships bringing letters from abroad and delivering them to a deputy postmaster received one penny a letter. In this country, at the present time, the post-office pays two cents a piece for ship letters. In 1644, Edmund Prideaux, the postmaster, first made weekly posts throughout the whole of England; and in 1649 an attempt was made by the Common Council of London to set up a rival post-office for inland letters, but it was suppressed by the House of Commons. The system of farming the post-office revenue began in 1650, and lasted, in some of the by-posts, until the end of the last century. An important post-office statute, which was re-enacted by Act 12, Car. II, c. 5, was passed under the Protectorate, in 1656, by which there was a general post-office, one postmaster-general for England, and a sheriff for English, Scotch, Irish and foreign letters. The rate was raised to fourteen pence for a distance of more than three hundred miles, from which it diminished, according to distance, down to two pence for seven miles, and under.

In 1685, a penny post for letters and parcels in London and its suburbs, was established by Robert Gray, and afterwards assigned to William Docwray. The Duke of

York, as the post-office revenue belonged to him, complained to the Court of King's Bench, and it was annexed to the Crown. This began the London district post, which was improved and made a two penny post in 1801; it remained separate till 1854. The first legislative enactment for the Scotch post-office was passed in 1695, before which time the posts were few and irregular. The robbery of a post between the capitals was punishable with death and confiscation.

(To be continued.)

#### An Extraordinary Postal Card.

At the Dusseldorf exhibition, which opens on the ninth of May, a member of the Rhenish and Westphalian Stenographic society will exhibit a German post-card, which is somewhat larger than an English post card, containing Voss' translation of the first three books of Homer's "Odyssey" and part of a very long debate which recently took place in the German Imperial parliament. The number of words in the extract of the "Odyssey" is 11,000, while in the parliamentary debate the number is 22,000. The whole of the 33,000 words have been written in the Gabelsberg system of short-hand, and with the naked eye. The quantity of matter contained in this German short-hand manuscript would be equal to what is contained in about nine pages of the London *Times*.—*Trifel's Monthly*.

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### Postage Stampomania.

*From The Troy Times.*

The postage stamp gathering mania is not confined to the ranks of the youth; it prevails to a considerable extent among the older heads, and, indeed, in many cities it has become quite *la chose a faire*. One lady in Troy several months ago undertook to collect as many postage stamps as she could within a certain period—one year, we believe. Her collection now numbers over 700,000, and is rapidly increasing. The idea, for some unaccountable reason, obtains that the Government will pay a good price for 1,000,000 stamps delivered at the department office, Washington. This is not so; Uncle Sam does not care for them. It may be interesting to those who are starting out with the intention of securing a rare collection to know that the number of different kinds of postage stamps which have been hitherto issued all over the world is estimated in round numbers at 6,000. Among them are to be found the effigies of five emperors, eighteen kings, three queens, one grand duke, six princes, one princess and a great number of presidents, &c. Some of the stamps bear coats of arms and other emblems, as crowns, the papal keys and tiars, anchors, eagles, lions, horses, stars, serpents, railway trains horsemen, messengers, &c. The collection preserved in the museum of the Berlin Post Office included on July 1, 1879, 4,498 specimens of different stamps. Of these 2,462 were from Europe, 441 from Asia, 251 from Africa 1,143 from America, and 201 from Australia.—

### Five Thousand Postage Stamps.

*From the London Telegraph.*

That very numerous but decreasing class of gentle monomaniacs who devote their learned leisure to the collecting of postage stamps may be interested in knowing that there are about 6,000 different descriptions of such things in existence. The museum of the Berlin Post Office contains between 4,000 and 5,000 speci-

mens, of which half are from Europe, and the remainder divided between Asia, Africa, America and Australia. What country carries off the palm for absurdity and grotesqueness of artistic design and inferiority of execution we are not told, but if the collection is faithfully representative the variety of ugliness must be considerable. Some of the stamps, it appears, bear coats of arms and other emblems, impartially borrowed from the heavens above, the earth beneath, and the waters under the earth—stars, eagles, lions, horses, serpents, railway trains, dolphins, and other "fearful wildfowl." There are, however, the effigies of five emperors, eighteen kings, three queens, one grand duke, several inferior titled rulers, and many Presidents. In so many countries and nationalities some really attractive specimens must have been elaborated, but, if so, it is a pity our authorities did not borrow a hint or two from the best; for anything more bald, monotonous, and common place than the British series of postage stamps down to the latest issue cannot well be imagined.

—The above clippings are inserted here to show the absurdity of the way some people think of Philately. The second one we had last month, but did not insert it for want of space, and it has since appeared in the *Foreign Stamp Collector's Journal* as a clipping from *The Daily Telegraph*. The idea that there are only 6,000 different descriptions of stamps is absurd, for Mr. John K. Tiffany has over 18,000 different varieties in his collection. By the way, Mr. H. A. Everett made a mistake about our statements in regard to Mr. Tiffany's collection. We said in No. 2: "In conversation with Mr. John K. Tiffany the other day the editor of this journal was told by Mr. Tiffany that he had not counted his collection for two years, and that he then had 13,000 adhesives alone, but that he supposed the sum total of his collection now was about 18,000, and

that his was by no means the finest in the world as many others exceed it," while he interprets it as adhesives alone instead of "sum total." A number of English journals have followed his example.

### HOW POSTMASTER JAMES KEEPS A RECORD OF HIS REGIME.

*Seven Ponderous Volumes Filled with Favorable and Adverse Criticisms from the New York Dailies.*

Postmaster James has in his possession, in the Post-Office Building, quite a curiosity in the shape of a series of scrap-books, which are filled with newspaper clippings treating all current topics, but especially appertaining to the postal system and its management. This record begins at the time that Mr. James first assumed the management of the Post-Office, and extends to the present day, and has increased in bulk until it now fills seven large volumes. The completeness and fairness of this history cannot be questioned, for all the newspapers in the city have been levied upon for the matter it contains. Even now the diametrically opposite statements, the blending and ever-changing shades of political opinion, the exaggerations of one side and the carpings of the other, the downright misrepresentations and unwholesome truths told by the newspapers are curious and amusing. How they will appear to succeeding generations is a conundrum. But in any event, the Postmaster's scrap-books will ever remain a newspaper history, in which all the editors and reporters of the New York Press will have an opportunity of expression, for the Postmaster's scissors have been quite as rapacious with Democratic papers as with Republican, and they have never hesitated to clip any adverse criticism of their master's course. That course, however, has been so universally popular that clippings of this character are necessarily scarce.

In the arrangement of the matter in these scrap books, there is no evidence of method. The materials of

the author have been and continue to be a pair of scissors, a paste-pot and a newspaper. A hasty glance through the list until something especially attracts his attention, then the former are brought into requisition, and another chapter is added to this novel history. The contents of the first volume deal mostly with Mr. James' appointment and the first two years of his administration, containing many editorial comments, interviews and reports.

The second volume begins with the removal of the Post-Office from the old Dutch Church, on Nassau street to its present quarters, and here the new building shares the public attention with the Postmaster, and indeed for a few months engrosses the lion's share. The immediate period was a paradise to imaginative reporters and dull editors. The most glowing descriptions of the buildings, both old and new, of the working of the office, of the Postmaster himself and his assistants, of the people who come for their letters, or, in fact, anything and everything that could possibly be described, fill pages. The editorials, too, are voluminous, and their brilliancy and wisdom are quite overpowering. It will be an interesting fact for posterity to ponder over, that for almost a whole week the united power of all the newspapers in New York city had to be exerted to banish an enterprising individual who persisted in selling pies in the new \$7,000,000 Post-Office. It is also interesting to note the surprise, the admiration with which the first fast mail train was met. Butter and crackers sent by mail at this time created the greatest astonishment.

Postmaster James also exhibits in this collection a high appreciation of humor, and frequent funny things appear, one of which tells of a man who wanted to send four pounds of inflated rubber balloons through the mails. The variety of subjects treated in this newspaper history and the juxtaposition they have assumed by chance pasting, is curious. A biographical sketch of Col. George S.



Bangs, the author of the "Fast Mail Train," by Postmaster James himself, was placed beside a report of the habits of a deaf mute letter carrier. The demise of Vice-President Henry Wilson was tagged by the dishonest speculation in postage stamps of an insignificant Virginia Postmaster, while a profound editorial on the Postal Service stood side by side with an account of the famous shower of meat in Kentucky.

Don Pedro's visit to the United States, A. T. Stewart's death, the marriage of Postmaster James' daughter to Mr. H. G. Pearson, assistant postmaster, a fierce hail storm in New Jersey, Charles O'Connor's vindication before the New York Bar Association, Bristow's resignation, General Custer's death, rifle contests, boat races, in short, almost everything that has occurred in the past seven years may be found in these scrap-books, jumbled together with the most refreshing indifference to order or fitness, yet aggregating a fund of information so variously and oppositely related that it can never fail to be interesting and useful, both for instruction and amusement.

This is especially the case with regard to politics, of which even the slightest allusion seems not to have been omitted. Other matters are almost as fully treated, even to the delightful story of a dear, good little boy, who always prayed for Postmaster James and Mr. Thomas Murphy. This interesting scrap book history ends with numerous editorial comments upon the refusal of Mr. James to be a candidate for the Postmaster-Generalship.—*Truth*.

#### The Chinese Post-Office.

Each city has a certain number of licensed companies who make a business of receiving and sending letters and small parcels of charges depending upon weight and distance, but always most moderate; and the companies of the several cities being in partnership, or in confidential relation one with the other, a network of communication of a most efficient

character, considering its material, is kept up from one end of China to the other. So much reliance is placed by the public upon the safety and certainty of these conveyance companies that large sums of money in paper, and smaller amounts in cash, are fearlessly consigned to their charge, and instances are rare of the trust being betrayed.

Speed, of course, is less of a consideration than safety, owing to the defective means of communication at present existing.

But the carriers employed by the companies travel at the fastest rate possible under the circumstances, and cover much more ground in the time than was the habit with English postboys previous to the mail-coach days, who never exceeded, even on horseback, their three and a half miles per hour.

Robberies of the bags must at times occur, but the public are at any rate safe from the risk to their letters which our ancestors so frequently incurred through the loitering and drunkenness peculiar to the English post-boy tribe.

The practice of using carrier-pigeons for express intelligence is common throughout China, and is largely resorted to by merchants and traders for business purposes.

The pigeons are usually provided with one or more whistles, often of elaborate make and finish, to protect them from the ravages of hawks, etc. en route.

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#### Club Rates.

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## Stamp Auction.

On May 17th and 18th, Mr. F. Trifet held a stamp auction at Messrs. Bangs & Co's. auction rooms on Broadway, New York. On the first evening the following persons were present, Messrs. Sterling, Brown, Trifet, Scott, Seebeck, Calman, Calder, Mora, White, West, and a few others including our editor. The bidding was quite brisk, and a few brought good prices. Among the better ones were the following: Bergedorf, 3 sch. rose. unused, \$1.40; Great Britain, 1 d. black with V. R. in corners, unused, \$5.25; Switzerland—Geneva, on white, unused, \$1.05; do. Neufchatel \$1.60; Naples,  $\frac{1}{2}$  T. arms, blue, \$10.25; do.  $\frac{1}{2}$  T. cross, blue, \$1.90; Spain, 1850, 6 reals \$1.10; do. 1851, 6 reals \$1.10; do. 1852, 2 reals; unused, \$5.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do. 1852, 6 reals, \$1.50; do. 1853, 2 reals, \$5; do. 1853, 6 reals, \$1.20; do. 1854, 6 reals, unused, \$1.35; do. Madrid, 1 cuarto, unused, \$1.50; do. Madrid, 3 cuartos, unused, \$2.25; Finland, envelope 1845, 10 kop, red, cut square, \$1.10; do. envelope, 1850, 5 kop, cut square, \$1.75; Mauritius, 1850, 1 p. crossed lines, on white, \$3.50; do. 1852, 1 p. oblique lines on blue, unused, \$1.55; do. 1852, 2 p. oblique lines on blue, \$1.80; do. 1853, 2 p. MAURITIUS downward, \$2.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do. 1856, 1 p. Greek border, unused, \$1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do. 1856, 2 p. Greek border, \$2.50; do. 1862, 1 s. green, unused, \$1.10; do. 1872, 9 p. green, unused, \$1.25; Reunion Islands, 15c., unused, \$1.00; do. 30c., unused, \$1.05; Natal, 1 p. pink, embossed, unused, \$1.10; do. 1 p. blue, do. \$1.02; do. 1 p. yellow, do., \$1.05; do. 6 p. green, do., \$1.10; do. 9 p. blue, do., \$2.20; do. 1 s. buff, do., \$.75; do. 1 p. buff, embossed, \$1.00; do. 6 p. green, do., \$1.00; Newfoundland, 1857, 6 p. orange, \$1.90; do. 1857, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  p. vermilion, unused, \$.3.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do. 1857, 1 s. vermilion, unused, \$10.50; Nova Scotia, 1 s., unused, \$5.50; New Brunswick, 1 s., unused, \$5.50; do. 6 p. violet ( $\frac{1}{2}$  1 s. stamp) on original envelope, \$2.50; Canada, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  green, unused, \$1.50; do. 10 p. blue, unused, \$1.20.

On the second evening the following gentlemen among others were present: Messrs. Sterling, Brown, Durbin, Trifet, Calman, Seebeck, Bellinger, Moss, Calder, Mora, White, West, and our editor. The bidding was about as brisk as on the previous evening. Among the better ones were the following: Trinidad, blue on blue, unused, \$1.00; Pacific Steam Navigation Co., 2 reals brown, unused, \$1.25; Buenos Ayres Steamship in pesos, brown, unused, \$1.35; do. Steamship CUATRO, pesos, brown, \$1.67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Corrientes, 1 real, M. C., blue, \$1.67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; British Guiana, 1850, 1 and 4c., unused, \$2.80; do. 1862, 2c.; yellow, type set, provisional, \$2.50; Brazil, large figure, 90 reis, \$1.67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Uruguay, Diligencia, 60c., blue, unused, \$2.67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do. Block letters. 120c., blue, unused, \$3.25; Granada Confederation, 1860, 1 peso, pink, on blue, unused, \$2.75; U. S. of Granada, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., black, unused, \$3.25; do. 5c. buff, \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do. 10c., blue, unused, \$1.25; do. 20c., red, unused, \$1.25; do. 1 p., pink, unused, \$2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; U. S. of Columbia, Sobroporte, 1 peso. pink, unused, \$1.35; Bolivar, 10c., red, unused, \$1.25; do. 1 p., red, unused, \$1.00; Philippine Islands, 1854-5, 10 cuartos, red, \$1.55; do. 1854-5, 10 cuartos, rose, \$2.50; do. 1854-5, 1 real, blue, unused, \$2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do. 1545, 2 r., green, unused, \$2.50; Western Australia, 1854, 2 p., red, \$1.00; Victoria, 5 sh. green on yellow, unused, \$2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do. 5 sh., blue and red, on white, unused, \$1.25; do. Toolate, \$1.25; New South Wales, Sydney, 2 p., vertical lines, \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do. laureated head, 1 p., on blue, unused, \$1.00; do. laureated head, 8 p., yellow, \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The following are uncut foreign envelopes; Baden, 1858, 18 kr., small envelope, unused, \$2.00; Ceylon, 6 p., unused, \$2.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; do. 8 p., unused, \$2.75; do 9 p., unused, \$3.25; do 1s, unused, \$4.00; do. 1s., 9 kr., unused, \$4.50; do. 2s., unused, \$4.25; Germany, 1861, lilac inscription, 6 kr., \$3.00; do. 1861, lilac inscription, 9 kr., \$3.25; Great Britain, Mulready envelope, 2 p. blue, unused, \$4.00; do. Mulready wrapper, 1 p. black, \$2.25; do. Mulready

wrapper, 2 p. blue, unused, \$2.25; do. 2 p. without date, on white, unused, \$1.25; Hanover "Bestellgeld Frei," unused, \$1.00; Mauritius, 6 p. on blue, official, unused, \$2.12½; do. 6 p. on 10 p., unused, \$1.75; do. 1s. on 1s. and 8 p., unused, \$1.12½; New South Wales, Sydney, on white, unused, \$2.50; North German Confederation, 3 kr. on Prussia, 6 kr., unused, \$1.05; do. 2 gr. on Saxony, 2 gr., unused, \$1.50; Poland, ½ kr., red, horns below, unused, \$2.75; Prussia Eagle, 3 pf., unused, \$1.25. The following are uncut U. S. envelopes, 1853, 6c., red on light buff, \$1.37½; 1853, 6c., red on buff, \$1.12½; 1853, 6c., red on dark buff, \$1.00; 1853, 6c., red on dirty white, \$1.62½; 1853, orange red on white, \$2.25; 1853, 6c., light green on light buff, \$1.62½; 1853, 6c., dark green on reddish buff, \$1.00; 1853, 6c., dark green on buff, \$1.10; 1853, 6c., blue green on white, \$1.12½; 1853, 6c., yellow green on white, \$1.05; 1855, 10c., green on buff; wide labels, \$1.25; 1857, 10c., green on buff, narrow labels, \$2.12½; 1860, 4c. on dark buff, \$2.37½; 1860, 4c. on light buff, \$2.37½; 1860, 4c. on pure white, \$2.40; 1860, 4c. on dirty white, \$2.50; 1860, 10c. on buff, \$17.00; 1861, 40c. on salmon, \$1.90; 1863, 2c. POSTAGE on orange, \$2.25; 1863, 2c. POSTAGE on light buff, \$1.05; 1863, 2 c. POSTAGE on dark buff, \$1.12½; 1860, 3 c. envelope stamp on 6 sizes of official and extra official envelopes, \$1.37½ each. There were a number of rare duplicates, philatelic works, &c., which we leave out. There were 751 lots.

When they came to the uncut envelopes, Mr. E. B. Sterling was in his glory, and bought nearly half of those put up for sale. Although a good buyer all through the sales, yet he was a better one for the uncut envelopes. The gross proceeds of the sales could not have been less than \$500, but we have not the time, each stamp, to give the exact amount.

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**Editorial.**

We this month present our readers with a sixteen page number, or rather, double number, and would say that we intend to issue another similar one for August and September, and to send it to press about September 1. All dealers should advertise in it, and all collectors should send their names and addresses, together with those of their friends, for copies of it. We should be pleased to receive any contributions in the way of articles for insertion in it, or for competition for the prizes offered last month. We hope that our subscribers will not object to these double numbers, as they get their full ninety-six pages for their 25 cts. The next double number will finish Vol. I., and with Vol. II., No. 1, Whole No. 13, we will, if you kind readers will support us by sending in your subscriptions and advertisements at once, enlarge to sixteen pages regularly. We have now the oldest Philatelic journal in America, barring the *Philatelic*

*Monthly*, (*Trifet's Monthly* being now hardly Philatelic, for it gives Philately but one column out of fifty-six, and the *Stamp Journal* having been discontinued), and will soon have one over twice as large as our largest American competitor. We will also, if we are supported, greatly enlarge the circulation, which is already very large. The more subscriptions and advertisers we have for our next, the better for them all; so send at once. This is the largest Philatelic journal in America.

We also want agents for this journal, to whom we will give a good commission. Correspondents will be paid well if they take the trouble to write good letters often.

**Word Hunt.**

The following prizes are offered by us for the largest number of words spelt from TRANSVAAL.

For the largest, 25 cents worth of stamps of the winner's selection; or, on receipt of 20 cents, we will send a neatly bound volume of the *New York Philatelist*, complete.

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**WINNERS OF PRIZES IN APRIL NUMBER.**

First Prize—W. & T. Moore, Cincinnati, O., 368 words.

Second Prize—W. M. Beaman, Brattleboro, Vt., 330 words.

Third Prize—John W. Drown, Brattleboro, Vt., 322 words.



### A Curious Stamp.

We herewith give an illustration of the Montreal City Parcel Delivery Co.'s stamp (if it may be called such). The one that we have was kindly sent to us by Mr. Jos. Le Roux, of Montreal. It is printed on dark blue paper, with the spaces filled out as follows: Form G. No. 555. The 5c. scratched out, and signed Sentenne & Co.

Form.....	No.....
<b>CITY PARCEL</b>	
<b>Delivery Company</b>	
PAID <b>5c.</b>	
<b>OFFICE, No. 45 ST. JOHN STREET.</b>	
Bet. N. Dame & St. James Sts.	
<p>In consideration of the low rate these Tickets are sold for their use is limited to <b>THREE MONTHS</b> from date of sale.</p>	
Proprietors.	

We are not in favor of calling this a stamp, but as one or two of our contemporaries have mentioned it, we thought an account of it might be of interest to our readers. We do not claim that this is an exact *fac simile*, but that it gives the general appearance of it. How many colors of paper it is printed on, is more than we know, but blue is certain.

If any of our readers ever have any information concerning anything of this kind, they will greatly oblige us by sending it.

#### Our Contemporaries.

*The Philatelic Monthly, Lami des Timbres, Trifet's Monthly, Merkur, Erdball, El Filotelista, Allgemeiner, Briefmarken Anzieger, Philatelists' Gazette, Foreign Stamp Collectors' Journal, The Collector, New Jersey Philatelist, Philatelic News, and Champion Exchange.*

### Revenue Stamps.

BY WM. P. BROWN.

Why is it that there are so many more collectors of postage than of revenue-stamps? Upon examination of a collection of each it would be difficult to decide, for the revenue stamps are more numerous, have a greater variety of size and shape, and present the most pleasing appearance. We must look to other causes for the predilection for postage stamps. The principal reason is that postage stamps are so generally used by all classes of people, and for an object that has the sympathy of every one, while revenue stamps are used only by a few people, and are not therefore of the same general interest. The uniformity in size of postage stamps is also a point in their favor with collectors. Another reason why they are preferred is that a collection of equal number is far less expensive. One thousand postage stamps, all different, can easily be purchased for twenty dollars, while the same number of revenue stamps would probably cost one hundred dollars. But with all these objections, there are many collectors of revenue stamps, some of whom have got together four or five thousand stamps, which they prize all the more highly because collections of them are so seldom found.

Revenue stamps date back two hundred years or so, but until the last forty years were confined to stamped or embossed paper. Most revenue collectors reject such from their albums and admit only the adhesive stamps. Still there is a good deal of history connected with stamped paper, of which the tea tax stamps of our own country are a striking example. These are now so scarce as to sell at from twenty-five to fifty dollars. Several of our original thirteen States had stamped paper of their own, which bring from twenty-five cents to two dollars. The stamped paper of Great Britain makes a very large collection of itself. They insert a small piece of metal in the centre of the stamp, and their



values run up to £100 or so. The highest value of any stamp is the \$5,000 stamp of this country, which was of four colors and splendid appearance, but none were used, only three proofs being struck off, one of which was sold for seventy dollars.

The oldest adhesive revenue stamps are those of Austria (issued in 1850), Great Britain, Belgium, and France. In our own country adhesive revenues were first used during the war of the rebellion in 1862. Like customs dues, they are a very easy way of obtaining revenue for the government, but are a great hindrance to business.

Probably the United States has the largest number and greatest variety of revenues of any country. First came the document stamps from one cent to two hundred dollars, with the class of documents upon which they were to be used specified upon each stamp. Among these was the rare twenty dollar probate of will, which now sells readily for its original face value when used. This issue was superseded by the set with centre head, in fugitive color, from one cent to five hundred dollars, having the special use omitted, excepting upon the proprietary stamps. The two cent bank check stamp is the only one now required for documents.

The set of private proprietary, match and playing-card stamps is, from their unique designs, very attractive to collectors, and some of them, such as the Rock Island, Swaim's 6c.; Morehead's, Neurodyne, Wilson's, 4c., and others, are so difficult to obtain that they have been sold at from twenty to fifty dollars apiece.

The Kensett stamp for canned fruit, after being used awhile, was found to be unnecessary, such articles not being subject to a revenue tax.

Then we have the vast variety of beer, tobacco, cigar and liquor stamps, some collections of which may be valued at one thousand dollars, some single stamps bringing twenty-five dollars. Some people also make collections of all the varieties of stamped

paper, such as insurance policies and bank check stamps in all their various designs.

Next in prolixity are the stamps of Great Britain. One great advantage in their document stamps over ours has been that they are printed in a color which vanishes upon the application of acid to clean off the cancellation.

The early Great Britain revenues are quite monotonous, but some of the later ones, such as the Matrimonial Cause, Admiralty Court, &c., are quite pretty.

Mexico seems to get out a new set of stamps every year, some of which are very handsomely engraved, being done by the bank note companies here, as are also those of Brazil, Buenos Ayres, Peru, Uruguay, and some other South American states.

Spain, with her colonies, has an immense number of stamps, and issues a new set every year.

India and Italy both have a large variety of stamps, the former displaying the better engraving.

Antigua has a very handsome set, attired in navy blue.

Austria has a large assortment of stamps on buff, pink and blue tinted paper, with ground work of delicate leaf tracery, but the appearance of the stamp, like those of the German States, and the early French, is very commonplace.

Coming near home, some of the Canadian stamps, especially those of the Supreme Court, are quite beautiful; the insurance tax was found to have been illegal, and they have lately redeemed some \$300,000 worth or so of the cancelled stamps.

California presents a large number of stamps, mostly circular, some of which, such as the \$28, \$38 and \$56, are very odd values.

Oregon, Alabama, and Nevada, are also interested with separate stamps.

Take it altogether, a collection may be made up of several thousand different revenue stamps, and it would be easy to spend five or ten thousand dollars in purchasing them.

## MONTHLY NOTES ON U. S. REVENUES.

BY E. B. STERLING.

*New Issues Medicine.*

Seabury & Jonson's 1c., red watermark, paper perforated, same design and size as the 1c. black; words *porous* erased with black stroke.

J. E. Hetherington 3c., black watermark paper, unperforated, same design as the 2c. black, except in value, which reads 3 in place of 2; size 50x17, border to border.

We possess an oddity in No. 163 of our Match Wrapper List, Byam, Carlton & Co., 1c. black, buff wrapper, which reads, B., C. & C., Nov. 1st, 1870.

## LICENSE AND ROYALTY LIST.

No.	Description.	Value.	Edg.	Color.	Paper.	Shape.	Size.
92	Makay Sew. Mach. Asso. Pat. Ap. 2, '61, T S, (mottled)	2	D	black, green,	diamond,		22x15
93	do do T S, (wavy lines)	2	"	"	"	"	"
94	McKay Sew Machine Association Lic., Stamp Pat. Aug. 14, 1860, Comfortable Shoe Assn. Lic. Stamp Patented June 13, 1871 uncut, (mottled)	1	C	blue, yellow,	round,		28
95	do do cut, (mottled)	1	D	"	"	"	"
96	do do uncut, (mottled)	2	C	red, rose,		"	"
97	do do cut, (mottled)	2	D	"	"	"	"
98	McKay Heeling Mach. Co., Lic. Stamp, U. S. Shield in an oval band	$\frac{1}{2}$	C	green, white,	rect,		20x24
99	do Heeling Machine Co.	$\frac{1}{2}$		black, brown,	oval		
100	do do	$\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"	"
101	do do	$1\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"	"
102	do do	$1\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"	"
103	Merino Shoe Co., Boston, Patented Feb. 16, '69, Jan. 11, '70,* July 26, '70, No	C	black, lilac,	oct.,			24x17
104	Merkle Seamless Shoe Co., License Stamp Pat. Feb. 20, 1866 (wavy lines).	1	D	black, green,	star,		14
104 $\frac{1}{2}$	do do do do	1	D	black, lavender,	star,		"
105	do do do do	2	D	black, lilac,	star,		"
105 $\frac{1}{2}$	do do do do (Plain)	2	D	black, blue,	star.		"
106	do do do do (Plain)	3	D	black, green,	star,		"
107	do do do do (uncut)	3	C	"	"	"	"
108	Moseley, W. F., <i>Licensed</i> under my Patent of November 7th, 1871, for improved surface-sized Paper Collars. Persons infringing this Patent are liable to prosecution.	No. C	green, white,	rect.			47x28
109	Novelty Paper Box Company, Phila., Patented June 30th, 1874 (large type).	No. C	black, manilla,	round,			28
110	do do do (small type)	No. C	"	"	"	"	18
111	N. B. Royalty Stamp, Patented Nov-27th, 1877.	No. C	black, white,	banner,			26x25
112	Penna. Salt Mfg. Co., Licensed by the, A. F. Damon, President, 2 doz boxes Potash.	No. C	green, white,	rect.			61x26
113	do do do 1 lb. Potash.	No. C	"	"	"	"	32x26

No.	Description.	Value.	Edg.	Color.	Paper.	Shape.	Size.
114	do A. F. Damon, Prest., 1 lb., 1 lb	No. C	green,	white,	round,		26
115	do T. Sparks, Prest., 4 doz. boxes Concentrated Lye.	No. C	"	"	rect.		60x25
116	do do do 1 lb. Potash	No. C	"	"	"		32x25
117	do do 1 lb Concentrated Lye	No. C	"	"	"		"
118	do T. B. Austin, 2 doz. Potash	No. C	"	"	"		60x25
119	Plumer's Patent Boot, Patd. June 4, 1861, entered according to Act of Congress, &c.	½ C	black,	white,	rect,		25x20
120	do do do do	1 C	red	"	"		"
121	do do do do	2 C	"	"	"		"
121½	Plumer's Patent Boot, Patented June 4, 1861, by J. C. Plumer, M.D.; entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1861, by J. C. Plumer, &c.	2 C	"	"	"		"
122	do do do (on leather)	15					
123	Plumer's Patent Boot, Patd. June 4, 1861; entered according to Act of Congress, &c., (Burt & Terhune).	1 C	"	"	"		"
124	do do do do	2 C	"	"	"		"
125	do do Lindsley, Shaw & Co., 109 Pearl st., Boston.	1 C	"	"	"		"
125½	do do do do	2 C	"	"	"		"
126	Ricker's Patent.	5 C	"	"	"		"
127	Saddle Seam Boot, License Stamp, Pat. Nov. 1, 1870.	No. C	blue,	white,	rect.		16x19
128	do do do do	No. C	rose,	"	"		"
129	Sanseam Boot and Shoe Co. License Stamp, Sanseam Trade Mark, Pat- ented June 26, 1866, Nov. 26, 1872, May 27, 1873 (uncut).	8 C	black,	pink,	round,		21
130	do do do (cut)	8 D	"	"	"		19
131	do <i>Company Lic.</i> Trade Mark Patented June 26, 1866, Nov. 26, 1872.	3 C	black,	pink,	octagonal,		17
132	do do do do	4 C	black,	yellow,	octagonal,		17
133	do do do do	6 C	"	green,	"		"
134	do do do do	8 C	"	lavender,	"		"
135	Seamless Merino Shoes. Trade mark, No Shoe will do half the service, Patented Feb. 16, 1869, Jan. 11, 1870, July 26, 1870.	No C	black,	lilac,	square,		30x30
136	Sheffield & Coburn, License Stamp, Wire quilted sole, Patented May 7, 1867	1 C	green,	white,	rect,		20x25
137	do do do	2 C	red,	"	"		"
138	do do do	3 C	purple,	"	"		"
139	do do do	3 C	blue,	"	"		"
140	do do do	4 C	chocolate,	"	"		"
141	do do do	4 C	brown,	"	"		"
142	Smith's Patent Button Fastener, (wavy lines)	(?)	5 D	black,	green,	round,	14
143	Smith's, Wm., Patent, (?)	2 C	"	white,	square,		19x19
144	The Phillipp Fisher Shoe Co., Regis- tered 16th Oct., 1877; Pat. July 11th, '76, May 1, 1877, 10th Oct., '77.	No perf.	choc.,	white,	"		15x15

**Wytheville Philatelic Association.**

MAY 14, 1880.

On account of the absence of most of the members, the meeting was not held on May 7, but adjourned to the above date.

President W. E. Thomas called the meeting to order. The list of the stamps of Cashmere was read. A letter from Mr. H. C. Jones was read and referred to the Executive Committee. Thanks were voted to Mr. E. B. Sterling and the Springfield Philatelic Association for papers presented. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the second anniversary on July 29. Officers' terms were extended until Sept. 3. Adjourned to meet again the first day of September.

H. J. HEUSER, Sec'y.

**Sir Rowland Hill's Collection.***From the Philadelphia Monthly.*

The late Sir Rowland Hill, the illustrious author of the English penny-postage system, from which our own was originally copied, is said to have had the most complete collection of postage stamps in existence. It is valued at \$5000, but Sir Rowland esteemed it beyond all price. In it are specimens of some of the most valuable stamps known to collectors, and which would readily sell for many times their weight in gold—to wit, proof-sheets of the early black stamps, obliterated with red, until it was shown by a clever man of business that stamps of a pale color, sensitive to acids, and canceled with black, would leave less room for fraud. There are also many specimens of the famous Mulready envelope, which Sir Henry Cole, who greatly assisted Sir Rowland in his efforts to bring about the new order of things in the post-office, incited Mulready to design; which, however, owing to difficulties in cancelling, was soon retired.

Among a miscellaneous collection of articles connected with the subject which were all correctly labelled and kept in drawers of a huge office desk at his villa in Hamstead, was one to which the possessor attached peculiar value, and which is peculiar-

ly interesting to us, being one of the causes of the revolution. It is a die for a stamp of the value of three shillings and six pence, and was intended, according to the commands of the notorious Stamp Act of 1876, to have been struck upon some colonial legal paper, had not the Americans shown such violent opposition to it. It was found in the vault of the old Stamp Office. P.

**Postal Cards.**

When postal cards were first issued, about six years ago, their novelty provoked some fault-finding, and they were made fun of as "stingy," "shabby," "unsafe," etc. But they were cheap, and the people used them,—and the critics very soon followed the example of the people. Now (as an exchange remarks), the postal card has only two enemies, the man who receives duns on it, and the manufacturers of writing paper. The little postal causes a decrease of from twelve million to fifteen million dollars every year in the business of the writing paper trades in this country.

Postal cards are made at Holyoke, and forty men are continually employed at their manufacture. The cardboard is furnished in packages of three thousand each; and every sheet is made into forty postals. Three presses are kept going night and day. A machine slits the sheets into strips of ten cards each, and these, in turn are cut into single cards, and dumped in piles of twenty-five each, when they are packed by girls in pasteboard boxes containing five hundred cards. A government officer is constantly on hand to see that no pilfering of cards is done. The Holyoke manufactory turns out about one million cards a day.

Last year, there were used in this country two hundred and forty-six million, sixty-three thousand and sixty cards. Of the new international card, introduced a few weeks since, there have been two million used already. The government keeps on hand in a fire-proof vault twenty-five million of the postal cards.—

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