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## Philatelic.

Those letters in the corners of the old issues of England's stamps have perhaps often troubled the young philatelist. In the early times of postage stamps it was thought that dishonest persons would attempt to piece portions of old stamps together which had not been cancelled, but that this could be easily found out by the letters in the corners not coming together in legitimate combinations. It is now seen that they have not served their purpose and so are omitted in the late issue.

A curious stamp is that of a recent issue of Madagascar. It is three and one-half inches long and two and one-half inches wide, and only gummed in the corner.

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