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Sweden, 6 ore with posthorn,	. \$.25
7 varieties of Greece, (Olympian Games,40
New Brunswick, unused, 1, 2, 5, 10, and 17c,45

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About Perforations.

A few years ago collectors of stamps were advised to trim the perforations from all stamps which they put into their collections, in order that the edge might have a more smooth and attractive appearance. Fortunately, there were some who did not follow that advice, but it was the prevailing custom.

For the past two or three years, the standard catalogues of the world have listed stamps with all the different sizes of perforation which can be found. Here are two extremes, certainly; which is the wiser? or should we confine ourselves to the happy medium and take care of the perforations of our stamps, while refraining from counting them?

It would be hard, probably, to find any one now who would uphold what was formerly known as the English style of collecting, as distinguished from the French style. The English collectors in the early days insisted that nothing but the impression of the stamp was to be considered, and perforations and watermarks and varieties of paper were not worth thinking about. The

French collectors, on the other hand, upheld the idea which is now universally prevalent, that the study of stamps included the study of every process connected with their manufacture.

We have said that this idea is universally prevalent; but we can hardly uphold that statement. There are those still who disregard the subsidiary questions as to method of production, style of paper, size of perforation and watermark. There is more or less of a reaction in favor of the old idea. It is thought that the complications of the French style of collecting discourage beginners and so will result in the dying out of philately.

Variations of perforation show one of two things. They may show that the government issuing the stamps had a perforating machine which perforated one way at one time and another way at another time. Variations of this sort may well be left to the specialist in the countries which have machines of this sort.

On the other hand, varieties of perforation may show clearly which one of two or more machines was used in perforating the stamps. This is true of St. Vincent, in perforating the early issues of which country three perforating machines were used. Two of these were irregular in their action, but the fullest list of these stamps which has ever been published notes the variations only which come from the different

machines, and not the minor variations which come from the freaks of a single machine.

So far as this method can be applied, and there is no reason why it may not be applied to most of the countries of the world, it seems to be the true one. In other words, a good rule to follow in this matter, as in all others pertaining to stamp collecting, is to collect those variations which result from purpose, and leave accidental variations alone, unless you want to collect them !

Notes.

We shall commence in our next what the author calls "A Comprehensive List of Postage Stamps." He says, "When a collector pays \$60 for a stamp, when the same design, color, and denomination can be bought for \$2, that the collector is a *crank*."

"And because a 6d Antigua has no watermark, you pay \$7.50 when the same design, color, and value, watermarked, can be bought for \$1.25.

With a blank album and his list, stamp collecting will be a pleasure.

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Judging from the current issue of some of the Philatelic papers, more interest is felt in the election of officers in the Philatelic societies than in stamps.

The new farthing stamp sounds small, but it is a beauty, and its face is the same as the half-cent stamps of Canada and New Foundland.

The "New Collector" may be willing to accept the dictum of the dealers as to what he shall collect, but it is more likely that he will not be willing to accept only the cheap and easily obtained specimens, and leave all the desirable stamps for his shrewder neighbor.

The dealers have for years fostered the collection of every variety of shade and watermark, not to mention minute and hair-splitting differences, and now they find that like a boomerang it comes back to plague them. Judging from the commotion in certain quarters, the sharp end has touched a tender spot.

It is suggested that one reason for the great outcry against "Seebecks" is that they cannot be cornered.

Stamp collecting is increasing from year to year, but it is undoubtedly true that collectors use more discrimination in the purchase of stamps and will not touch even fine specimens, in many cases, unless allowed a discount.

A veteran dealer speaks of the good old days when collectors did not carry a microscope with which to examine stamps to see if a fly had walked over its face and scratched the design." This only serves to show that the golden days of stamp dealing have gone by. Condition and price must both be right now.

Some enterprising dealer will yet make a good thing in catering to the demand for cheaply priced stamps that are yet very hard to find.

Technical Words Used in Stamp Collecting.

Albino, a stamp without color and which is only an impression of the plate upon the paper.

Batonne, in England is called "foreign" note paper. It has parallel lines in its substance further apart than in laid paper and which serve as a guide in writing. It may be also laid or wove.

Bogus stamps, those of which there are no originals, and which were made to defraud collectors.

Cancelled, Obliterated so as to be useless for postage.

*Continental*s, the common stamps of Europe.

Counterfeits, imitations of genuine stamps.

Dextrine, an isomeric condition of starch. Dextrine, when pure, is solid, translucent and uncrystallizable. It is a superior substitute for gum arabic as an adhesive layer, to stamps and the edges of envelopes. See U. S. stamps.

Error. A stamp on which some mistake is made either in the engraving, the color, the perforation or the printing of a surcharge.

Embossed. Stamps having the design in relief which are printed from a sunken die. See stamps of Portugal and U. S. envelopes.

Essay. A design for a stamp, which is submitted for approval or rejection, to the postal authorities, a corporation or individual, as the case may be, and which shows the stamp as it would appear when printed.

Fac-similes. Imitations of stamps, they only differ from counterfeits in that they are made and sold as copies of rare stamps.

Forgeries. See counterfeits.

Government counterfeits. Stamps which are obsolete and the plates destroyed, and which are reissued by a government, from new plates, in imitation of the original issue. See U. S. 1847 issue, called reprints.

Government Reprints. Stamps reprinted by a government from the *original* plates after the issue is obsolete. See U. S. 1851 issue, reprinted for the Centennial.

Grill. A number of minute indentations on the back of stamps, made by a steel die divided into very fine points. Grilling or embossing was invented to break the texture of the paper so that the paper would absorb the ink in the cancellation of the stamp to prevent the stamp from being used again.

Gum. The adhesive layer on the back of stamps. There are three kinds in general use—gum arabic or gum acacia, gum senegal and dextrine. Gum arabic is too well known to need any description. It appears white or colorless on the stamp; gum senegal differs only from the former in its color, which is a dark brown. The

word *gum* also has reference to the shape of the gum on the flaps of envelopes.

Imperforated. Where no provision is made to assist in the separation of stamps and they are separated by cutting. The U. S. 1847 issue.

Knife. The term knife when applied to an envelope, band, letter sheet or post card has reference to its cut or shape.

Laid paper has parallel lines close together in its substance.

Local. The stamp for the prepayment of mail matter, which is not of government origin, used by a private corporation or individual in limited districts.

Obsolete. Stamps out of use and not receivable for postage, whether having been succeeded or not by a new issue.

Oddity. A stamp printed in the wrong color, an inverted design, a mistake of perforation or peculiarities out of the way from original design.

Pelure paper. A very thin and tough variety of wove.

Perforated. Having a series of holes between stamps to assist in the separation.

Perforation. The series of small holes between the stamps.

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stamps one's means allow. If the packet be a thousand varieties or more, an album goes with it.

With album and a few hundred stamps, the collection is fairly begun. For a time, whatever money can be spent, can be put into sets, but we collectors will fight shy of Alsace and Lorraine, Bergedorf, Heligoland and other sets of worthless reprints. If one is uncertain as to the character of any set he sees advertised, he can almost always find some well-posted friend to advise him.

The time is sure to come, sooner or later, when stamps must be bought one by one. When that time comes, the first effort of the collector should be to get at least one stamp from every country in the world, and next to get one or more countries complete. This step will make it necessary to spend more money for one stamp than has been spent before. But when a collector has learned not to be afraid to spend a considerable portion of what he can afford at a time for one or two stamps, he has taken a long step in advance. His collection may seem to grow slowly in value, but it will grow.

The 6 ore Sweden with post horn, went up like a rocket, and came down like the stick. Not so long ago, at least one dealer in the city was asking \$3 each for good copies. Now they are freely offered at 25c each. Has some one's corner "busted?"

Why I Collect Stamps.

AMY L. SWIFT.

Thinking perhaps that my remarks, being feminine, will have a distinctive flavor all their own, ye editor sends me the above title, and requests that beneath it I will trot out for public inspection my reasons for being a stamp collector. The subject is one I have never explored even for my own satisfaction, so at first thought it seemed as if said reasons would be many, beginning with the one "Because all my class-mates did," but on looking back more carefully along my philatelic career I can find but one real reason, and this runs through all the eleven years, connecting them without a break. It can be given in five words, because I love my stamps. And this love? It is unexplainable, undefinable even to the owner, who yet finds it all-satisfying. It has nothing to do with the love of gain which animates the speculator, causing him—it is generally a *him*—to hold tightly to specimens collectors gaze at with longing eyes, because they will probably "go higher next catalogue," it is a pure delight in and over the stamps themselves as one by one they are added to the collection. Happy the philatelist who can give as his reason for collecting the answer that I do, "I collect just because I love the stamps."

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The "fashionable stamps" to collect next season are said to be stamps of Argentine, Brazil and Uruguay. Speculators are now buying up nice copies of the old issues.

THE POSTAGE STAMP has received many compliments from collectors whose opinions are backed by their money. The little paper has also had several flattering notices from Philatelic contemporaries.

An unused copy of the New Brunswick Connell stamp, in fine condition, with original gum, sold at auction in London, July 8, at £21. At the same sale a Connell proof brought 18s.

If Mr. Seebeck carries out his agreement with the S. S. S. S., what will prevent a gradual appreciation in previous Seebeck issues.

A new collector may be willing to devote his attention to packet stamps and "one of a kind," but if he is good for anything he will soon throw aside his swaddling clothes, and collect stamps not "specimens," cheap albums and cheaper catalogues won't cure all the evils now afflicting philately.

Combination may be a good thing, but usually the consumer suffers from the effects of the "combine." "Competition is the life of trade," and wherever trusts have been formed, the public has suffered. This may be true of the album trust, too.

The Observer notices that those who are talking the loudest now about encouraging the boy trade, were not so long ago among those who had no use for the boys or their small savings. Why this change? Is there more milk in a fresh cocoanut?


A great boom in plate-number collecting is predicted for the coming season.

The article, Building a Collection is reprinted from our advertising circular of March, at the request of several subscribers.

Technical Words Used in Stamp Collecting.

- * *Perforation guage.* A guage to ascertain the number of perforation. The perforation of a stamp is determined by the number of holes counted within the length of two centimetres, thus, if there be just fourteen holes within the length the measure named the stamp is said to be "perforated 14."

Philatelic. Of or relating to philately.

Philatelist. A collector of postage stamps and revenue stamps  objects of curiosity or interest. *ae*

Philately. The scientific name for the collecting of stamps, the study and arrangement of them.

Pen perforation. Stamps perforated with holes *pricked* in the paper as with a pin or needle.

Plates. A series of reproductions from the same die, on plates of metal, thus making it practicable to print a large number in a single sheet.

Proof. The first impressions of a *selected design* showing the stamp as it will appear when issued, and may be in different colors. Proofs are generally taken on India paper or thin cardboard.

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A Comprehensive List of Postage Stamps.

UNITED STATES.

Series of 1847 (obsolete.)

5c, Light brown, 10c, Black.

Series of 1851 (obsolete.)

1c, Indigo blue,	12c, Black,
3c, Brick red,	24c, Dark lilac,
5c, Brown,	30c, Orange,
10c, Dark green,	90c, Indigo blue.

Aug., 1861 to Feb., 1869.

1c, Blue,	10c, Green,
2c, Black,	12c, Black,
3c, Rose,	15c, Black,
5c, Buff,	24c, Lilac,
5c, Brown,	30c, Orange,
	90c, Light blue.

Series of 1869.

1c, Roman ocher,	15c, Light brown and
2c, Light brown,	Prussian blue,
3c, Ultra'rine blue	24c, Milori green and
6c, Ultra'rine blue	Purple lake,
10c, Orange,	30c, Carmine & blue
12c, Milori green,	90c, Carmine & blk.

Issue of 1870.

1c, Blue,	12c, Purple (neutral)
2c, Brown,	15c, Orange,

3c, Green,	24c, Purple (pure),
6c, Red,	30c, Black,
10c, Chocolate,	90c, Carmine.

7c, Vermilion, Mar. 6, 1871,
5c, Dark blue, June 21, 1875,
2c, Vermilion, " " "
5c, Chocolate brown, Apr. 10, 1882,
2c, Metallic red, Oct. 1, 1883,
4c, Green, " " "
1c, Light blue, June 11, 1887,
2c, Green, Sept. 10, 1887,
3c, Vermilion, Sept. 23, 1887,
30c, Brown, Jan. 3, 1888,
5c, Dark blue, Feb. 18, 1888,
90c, Purple, Feb. 28, 1888,
4c, Carmine, Nov. 21, 1888.

Series of 1890.

1c, Ultra'rine blue,	6c, Light maroon,
2c, Carmine,	8c, Lilac,
3c, Purple,	10c, Milori green,
4c, Velvet brown,	15c, Deep blue,
5c, Light brown,	30c, Black.
	90c, Orange.

Series of 1893.

1c, Antwerp blue,	15c, Dark green,
2c, Purple Maroon,	30c, Sienna brown
3c, Med'm sh. gr'n,	50c, Carbon blue,
4c, Ultra'rine blue,	\$1.00, Rose Salmon.
5c, Chocolate br'n,	2.00, Toned mineral Red,
6c, Royal purple,	3.00, Lt. yel'w gr'n
8c, Magenta red,	4.00, Carmine,
10c, Vandyke brown	5.00, Black,

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				PRICE.	PRICE.
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	1855	10ct	.	.50	.37
	1868	1 "	.	1.25	.90
	1869	15 "	.	1.75	1.40
	1872	24 "	.	2.00	1.50
	1888	30 "	.	.50	.37
	Col.	15 "	.	.30	.22
	"	50 "	.	1.00	.80
	Interior	24ct.	.	.60	.45
	Executive	3 "	.	6.00	5.00
	Post Office	24 "	.	1.00	.75
	Navy	2 "	.	.65	.50
	State	10 "	.	2.00	1.50
Austria	1867	50 kr.	.	.35	.25
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Barbadoes	1852	4d	.	2.50	1.90
Bavaria	1849-58	18 kr.	.	1.25	.95
	1862	12 "	.	.50	.37
		18 "	.	.75	.60
Belgium	1851	10 c.	.	.50	.37
		20 "	.	.35	.25
Brazil	1844	60 r.	.	.50	.37
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2c. Canada Registered Vermilion25	.08
3c. Navy20	.12
6c. "50	.25
3c. Justice60	.30
12c. Post Office50	.27
90c. Treasury	1.00	.60
1c. Claret due unused 8 . . . . .	.40	.24
3c. " " " 5 . . . . .	.75	.30
3c. " " used block of 12 . . . . .	.36	.15
1c. 1869 unused	1.00	.60
30c. 1869 used	3.50	1.90
10c. " " . . . . .	.90	.55
12c. " " . . . . .	.75	.50
6c. " " . . . . .	.75	.50
12c. 1872 . . . . .	.75	.40
15c. " . . . . .	.20	.10
30c. " . . . . .	.25	.15
90c. Carmine75	.50
30c. Puce Brown50	.30
90c. Purple	1.25	.70
90c. 189085	.40

A. N. LUDWIG,

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of stamps waxed great that there were certain people who found much pleasure in the gathering together of these bits of paper, and giving each its place in great books made for that purpose. And these people, though often derided and called foolish, persevered until their number was as the sands of the sea.

After a time certain wise men said among themselves: "Look at these stamp collectors. Lo, their number has become great, even as the sands of the sea. They have much money with which to buy stamps, and many shekels of silver, yea of fine gold, are to be made in selling them. Go to; why should not these shekels be ours? Let us buy and sell that we may get great gain." And they did so and waxed rich and powerful, until the stamp collectors were as their slaves and bond servants. When the wise men said buy, all the collectors bought, and likewise when they said, now is the time to sell, it came to pass that many of the collectors sold, but not all. Moreover it came to pass that no man dared to buy or sell except at the bidding of the wise men, except only a few who perchance wished to be looked upon as themselves wise. The orders to buy or sell and the prices thereof were given to the people each year in the book of the law, called in the sacred tongue "The Standard Catalogue," which, being interpreted, means a standard to discount from.

But it came to pass that these collectors after many years gathered together so many of these stamps that there was an end of buying. Moreover as there were no new converts to take up the mantle as it fell from the shoulders of the elders, the stamps of little value became common, even like the leaves of the trees, and as little treasured. But the wise men kept them, for they said some "sucker," which, being interpreted, meaneth— young collector, will want them. But even the suckers passed by on the other side and said, "Let the wise men keep these treasures, even the stamps of Zechmeyer, and the Continentals." For the wise men had been too busy buying and selling minor "varieties" and "snaps" to encourage the young collectors. Also it came to pass that when a collector wished to collect what should please him, even "Seebecks" and "speculative" stamps, behold the wise men and the old collectors would laugh him to scorn, and would say, "Go to; we have no use for thee." Then was the young collector more discouraged, for when he looked at the book of the law and saw that it waxed greater and greater, and that prices were as the high mountains, even those that pierce the clouds, they said, "We will collect no more. We will even sell what we have, even though we find that what were of great value to buy are now of no value to sell."

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The Observer notices that several items from the THE POSTAGE STAMP have been copied by contemporaries, with proper credit, and words of cordial approval. This is very pleasant, of course, but the object of the writer is not to win praises, however flattering, except as a medium of help to collectors.

The feeling that "the boy trade" must be encouraged and cultivated is one of the most hopeful signs of the times. There has been altogether too much sneering at small collectors.

What though a few inflated prices drop to a normal figure, or some corner (in \$2 Columbians, for instance) is broken? Philately rests upon a more solid basis, and cannot be affected by such minor considerations.

When a speculator is bitten, who suffers? Not the advanced collector, unless he has unwisely tacked on to the speculative boom from motives not a credit to his Philatelic instinct. Let them come. Every speculative boom "busted" will eventually work good to Philately.

United States revenues are opening up a wide field for the specialist, and many collectors are going in for imperforate, part perforate and perforate, on old or silk paper, in pairs, blocks and strips. Unused revenues are also to be had, and the ultra fashionable are looking for them.

Do newspaper stamps of 1875 and 1895 pay postage, and are they to be collected? The act approved June 24, 1874, sec. 6, page 233, 18th Stat., prescribed the weighing in bulk of newspapers and periodicals presented by publishers and news agents for mailing, and the payment of postage in advance by an "adhesive stamp," to be devised by the Postmaster-General, the stamp to be affixed to the matter, "to the sack containing the same or upon a memorandum of such mailing, or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General may from time to time provide by regulation." He decided to attach the stamp to a memorandum.

Serpentine perforation. The edges of the stamps are wavy when separated, but the undulations on one stamp fit into those on the next one.

Serrated perforation. (*Perce en scie.*) The edges of the stamps when separated resemble the teeth of a saw, and is sometimes called saw-tooth perforation.

Silk thread. Fine red or blue silk thread is mixed with the paper while in pulp. See Switzerland 1854 issue.

Specimen. A word surcharged on stamps by the government and the stamps are then sold, for face value or less, to collectors.

Susse. A term used when referring to certain French stamps of 1853-62, perforated, unofficially, by the Susse Brothers, of Paris, in 1861. The perforations are large, numbering but seven to two centimetres.

Surcharge. A new value, the name of a state or province, the word postage, specimen, etc., or a design printed on the face of a stamp.

Taille douce. Or line engraving, all the marks which are to appear in color on the paper are cut into the plate. The parts intended to be blank are higher than those to be printed. The place is inked, and then wiped clean, and in printing, the action of the press forces the paper into the lines, which take up the ink out of them, and the ink may be found sometimes in evident relief on the paper.

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1sh., Grenada.....	.35
1sh., Leeward.....	.35
1sh., Gambia.....	.35
1sh., Lagos.....	.35
2sh. 6d., Lagos.....	.85
5sh., Lagos.....	1.00
10c., New Brunswick.....	.18
12 1-2c., New Brunswick.....	.50
17c, " ".....	.13
6d., Tasmania, 1864, catalogued at \$1.50....	.30
18c., Hawaii Provisional, 1893.....	.30
50c., " ".....	.65
\$1.00, " ".....	1.30
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“ 1868, 12c., unused.....	3.00	2.25
“ 1872, 7c.....	.75	.60
“ Revenue, 5c. Proprietary.....	1.25	.90
Canada, 1876, 5c.....	.60	.50
Cape of Good Hope, 1853, 1d.....	.60	.50
Ceylon, 1885, 5c. over 96c.....	1.25	.90
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Lot

- 8, U. S., 1857, 1c. . . . 10 specimens, used.
- 9, “ 1861, 1c. . . . 10 “ “
- 10, “ 1869, 2c. . . . 5 “ “
- 11, “ 1875, 5c. . . . 10 “ “
- 12, “ 1882, 6c. . . . 5 “ “
- 13, “ Revenue, 50c., 2d issue, 100 specimens.
- 14, 10,000 ordinary Foreign Stamps.
- 15, 25,000 common U. S. Stamps, 25 varieties.
- 16, a boy's collection of 400 varieties of stamps, in a new 1894 album.

HERBERT E. MOREY,

31 Exchange St., - Boston, Mass.

Do You Know a Bargain When You See It?

	Cat. Price.	Our Price.
50c. Columbian.....	\$1.00	.50
30c. ".....	.60	.25
3c. ".....	.06	.02
\$24 Newspaper, split proof, perforated.....		1.00
\$1, 1894, used.....	1.25	.90
U. S. 1895, 2c., unsevered pair, triangles 2 and 3.....		.12
50c., 3 stamps, Plate No. 75.....		1.75
2c., New Brunswick, 50.....	4.00	1.30
5c., " " 50.....	2.50	.75
3c., New Foundland, brown, 25.....	1.00	.30
8d., " " lake.....	3.00	1.75
6½d., " " ".....	2.50	1.50
1sh., " " ".....	1.50	.90
15 1-2d., Tasmania, unused.....	.45	.20
30c., 1890, unused.....	.60	.35
6c., 1890, 5 unused stamps, imprint and plate No. 23.....		.42
8c., 1890, 5 unused stamps, imprint and plate numbers, 266, 267, and 268, each number.....		.55
3d., New Foundland, unused.....	1.50	1.00
1d. on 1sh., Dominion, unused.....	.50	.30
5c., New Foundland, 1876.....	.60	.30

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A. N. LUDWIG,

29 Dean St., - - - Roxbury, Mass.

SECOND AUCTION SALE.

Bids received on or before Oct. 1, 1896. Sold by lot to Highest Bidder. All used unless otherwise specified.

LOT.	DESCRIPTION.	No. IN LOT
1	U. S. 1847, 5c fair condition,	1
2	1855, 10c green, slightly damaged,	1
3	1869, 10c fair condition,	1
4	1869, 12c fair copy,	1
5	Columbian, 30c used,	1
6	War Dept., unused set, 9 varieties,	9
7	Officially sealed, type set, unused,	20
8	5c Columbian Exposition Reg. Stamp, unused,	25
9	Interior Dept., 2c, 3c, 6c unused,	3
10	Columbian, 15c used,	1
11	Special Delivery, 3 var. used,	3
12	2c Columbian Envelopes, cut square,	25
13	1869, 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 12c slightly dam.,	5
14	\$1 Conveyance, 1st issue, perf.,	1
15	U. S. Revenue, many varieties,	100
16	1890, 2c carmine, left cap,	10
17	1890, 2c carmine, both caps,	10
18	1888, 90c purple,	1
19	Hussey's Post, 2c blue, 1871, fair,	1
20	70c green, For. Ex., part perf., good,	1
21	Ceylon, 4c lilac rose, C. A. fine unused pair,	2
22	Same, fine unused block of 4,	4
23	Set Greece, Olympic Games, unused,	6
24	Newfoundland, used set,	6

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COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.,

ARLINGTON, MASS.



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Boston,
J. H. Lyons & Co.,
Box 16, Station T.

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... OF ...

BARGAINS.

10 Varieties U. S. Revenues perforated, catalogued over \$1.00, price,	50c
20 Varieties U. S. Revenues perforated, catalogued over \$2.00, price,	\$1.00
10 Varieties U. S. Departments, catalogued over \$2.00, price,	\$1.00
25 Varieties U. S. General Issues, Depart- ments, Revenues, etc., cata- logued over \$5.00, price,	\$2.00
200 Varieties Foreign,	40c
500 Varieties Foreign,	\$2.00
1000 Varieties Foreign,	\$8.50

H. F. DUNKHORST,

1005 7TH STREET, N. W.,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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No. 4

Care in Collecting.

The stamp collector who is careless with his collection loses half the fun and more than half of the value of whatever stamps he may accumulate. Care displayed in the selection of specimens, in their arrangement, and in showing them, has sold many a collection which would otherwise have been refused, and has won many a friend to philately who might otherwise have been indifferent to the hobby.

Taking the matter up first on the purely commercial side, an illustration from the writer's own experience may well point the moral. One day, during visits to the offices of various dealers, a small lot of stamps was brought in and offered for three dollars. They had been pasted down in a printed album, and torn roughly out. There were three high-priced stamps in the lot, neither of which was in prime condition, but neither of them was so badly damaged as to look out of place in a good collection. The

The Postage Stamp.

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Will Nova Scotia stamps of the cent varieties drop in the new catalogue to selling prices on the street ?

Some one has evidently been badly stuck on Nova Scotians by the late find. The Observer hears of one collector who bought all of a certain denomination he could find while on a trip abroad, and now wishes he had not.

Have small speculators in Columbian stamps lost their courage ? It would seem so, from the number of letters now being received by dealers offering them for sale.

Boston will lose its grip on the auction business unless better offerings are made than has been the case with the two public auctions held thus far this season.

The advance sheets of the new catalogue show a handsome advance in unused United Stamps, especially scarce varieties.

Cuban stamps are very popular, says an exchange. Perhaps they are, but they are also very cheap, and if the new catalogue does not make a sweeping reduction in prices, the Observer is at fault, or the cataloguers are boomers.

One dealer has just offered 65,000 unused Cuban remainders at auction. Unlimited possibilities are suggested in this direction.

One important change that should be made by the Universal Postal Union at its coming Congress is to make postage stamps available as merchandise.

It is reported that \$2 Columbians have been selling in New York at 25 per cent. discount from face in sheets. Oh! that boom!

By the way isn't this annual catalogue business a nuisance. The annual flurry of speculation attending its issue, and the picking up of particular stamps by dealers and others who have the advance sheets before them, can only be harmful to the stamp trade.

Technical Words Used in Stamp Collecting.

Type. Refers to the design or general make-up of a stamp, the term being often used in comparing one issue with another, as being the same or a different "type."

Type set. Stamps "set up" and printed with ordinary printers' type. See early issues of Hawaii and British Guiana.

Unperforated. Is best applied to stamps which have been perforated and subsequently been trimmed down to smooth edges.

Watermark. A design wrought into the pulp of the paper, during the process of manufacture. Adopted to prevent counterfeiting.

Watermarked paper. Contains devices produced by means of raised wires in the form desired on the dandy-roll, which revolves on the paper while in a pulpy state.

Wood Block. A design of a stamp engraved in reverse on box-wood, and the printed impression is made from the engraving. See Cape Good Hope, 1861 issue.

Wove paper. Shows an even texture, and may be watermarked, or unwatermarked, and may vary in thickness from tissue-paper to card-board. It is usually employed for books and newspapers, if unwatermarked, it is termed *plain wove*.

A BARGAIN

FOR SOMEONE!

A mixed lot of U. S. and Foreign Stamps in good condition, catalogue value over \$4.00,

Price Postpaid, . . . \$1.12.

A. N. LUDWIG,

29 Dean Street, Roxbury, Mass.

The principal thing in adding to your collection is, do you buy the stamps at a right price? I sell stamps at the right price and will be pleased to quote prices on your want list.

U. S. Entire Envelope, 10c brown or white catalogue 50. Price 18 cents.

Nova Scotia	8 1-2c., unused,	O. G.,	\$2.00
"	"	1c.,	" .25
"	"	5c., used	.22

A. N. LUDWIG,

29 DEAN ST., ROXBURY, MASS.

Morey's Page!

Watch This Page. New Lists Every Month.

	Cat. Price.	Our Price.
U. S. 1855-60, 24c., partly trimmed.....	\$4.50	\$2.00
“ “ 30c., “ “	6.50	3.00
“ 1869, 24c., a few per. gone.....	7.50	3.50
“ 1861, 2½c., unused.....	3.00	1.40
“ Revenue, 2c., prop., orange.	2.00	1.50
Canada, 1876, unused, 5c.....	2.00	1.50
Costa Rica, 1863, used, 1 peso.....	2.50	1.75
Cuba, 1856, used, 2 reals.....	1.00	.70
Denmark, 1863, 16s., used.....	5.00	3.00

MAIL AUCTION SALE.

*Goods at your own price. Send in bids before
Nov. 10.*

U. S. ENTIRE ENVELOPES.

Lot 17.....	2	1853 3c., buff, die 1, used
“ 18.....	5	“ “ “ 5, “
“ 19.....	2	1857 3c., “ “
“ 20.....	5	1861 3c., “ “
“ 21.....	5	1863 3c., “ “
“ 22.....	3	1874 1c., orange, unused
“ 23.....	3	1883 4c., amber, “
“ 24.....	2	1874 2c., brown wrappers, “
“ 25.....	10,000	common Continentals
“ 26.....	25,000	“ U. S.
“ 27.....	100	2d issue, 50c. revenues

HERBERT E. MOREY,

31 Exchange St., - Boston, Mass.

GOOD STAMPS TO BUY.

All Unused, Mint State.

U. S. 1895, 2c., unsevered pair, triangles two and three.....	\$0.12
50c., 3 stamps, Plate No. 75.....	1.75
6c., 1890, 5 unused stamps, imprint and plate No. 23.....	.42
5sh., Malta.....	1.60
5sh., Cape of Good Hope.....	1.60
2 pesetas, Gibraltar.....	.52
4 1-2d., Great Britain.....	.12
1sh., Grenada.....	.35
1sh., Leeward.....	.35
1sh., Gambia.....	.35
1sh., Lagos.....	.35
2sh. 6d., Lagos.....	.85
5sh., Lagos.....	1.60
10c., New Brunswick.....	.18
12 1-2c., New Brunswick.....	.50
17c., " ".....	.13
6d., Tasmania, 1864, catalogued at \$1.50..	.30
18c., Hawaii Provisional, 1893.....	.30
50c., " " ".....	.65
\$1.00, " " ".....	1.30
10 n. g., Saxony.....	3.50
Special Delivery, 1st issue.....	.18
6 varieties of Greece Olympian Games... ..	.20
Lagos, 2, 2 1-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 1-2, 10d., 1sh., 2sh. 6d., 10 varieties, catalogue \$3.40.	2.20
Trinidad, 1896, 1sh.....	.35

Will sell one stamp or more, but all orders must contain return postage.

A. N. LUDWIG,

29 Dean Street, Roxbury, Mass.

THIRD AUCTION SALE.

Bids received on or before Oct. 27, 1896. Sold by lot to Highest Bidder. All used, unless otherwise specified.

Lot.	Description.	No. in lot.
1.	U. S. War Dept., 30c., unused pair.....	2
2.	2c. carmine, pair from plate 170, both types O....	1
3.	Registered seal, green.....	1
4.	Interior Dept., 30c., perf. all cut off.....	2
5.	Locals, reprints.....	55
6.	Barbadoes, 1896, 1 farthing, unused.....	10
7.	Brunswick, 1-2gr., on green, cat. \$1.....	1
8.	Chile, 50c., violet, cat. 35c.....	1
9.	France, 1877, 15c., blue.....	200
10.	Great Britain, Levant, 40 paras.....	10
11.	Hawaii, 1882, 2c., rose.....	5
12.	Jamaica, 1s., C.A., unused.....	1
13.	Japan, 1883-92, 1 yen, carmine.....	1
14.	Macau, 5r. on 80r., cat. 30c.....	1
15.	Malta, 1885, 1-2d., 1d., 2 1-2d.....	3
16.	Natal, 1s., green, C.C.....	1
17.	New Zealand, mixed lot.....	100
18.	Nova Scotia, 3d., blue, good copy.....	1
19.	New South Wales, 4d., wm., single line figure, cat. \$1.50.....	1
20.	Parma, 6c. and 80c., probably counterfeits.....	2
21.	Seychelles, 13c., unused.....	1
22.	South Australia, 3d. green, wm., dbl. line figure, unused, off centre, otherwise good, cat. \$1.85..	1
23.	Sweden 3 and 6 ore posthorn.....	2
24.	Salvador, 1894, Columbian set, unused.....	3
25.	Switzerland, 1881, unused.....	100
26.	Tasmania, 6d., wm., dbl. line figure, unused.....	1
27.	Turk's Island, 4d., C.A., unused, cat. \$1.50.....	1
28.	British Colonies, 1-2d., unused, 6 var.....	6
29.	Venezuela, 1883, 25c., Correos, unused.....	10
30.	Venezuela, 1883, 5c., Escuelas, unused.....	10
31.	Venezuela, 1883, 25c., Escuelas, unused.....	10
32.	Lot foreign Revenues.....	25
33.	64 stamps in book, cat. \$3.71, all good.....	64
34.	5000 "Perfect" Stamp Hinges.	

Consignment of Stamps requested for auction sales. Terms on application. Approval sheets and packets. Correspondence solicited.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO., - Arlington, Mass.

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Boston,
J. H. Lyons & Co.,
Box 16, Station T.

Bartlett and King. The Gibbons Co. thereupon opened negotiations with the purchasers, and secured the sole right of sale in Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. They issued a circular or price list to dealers offering the stamps in lots, and stated that arrangements had been made with Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of New York for the sale in America, and no lots would be sold at a less price than stated in the circulars. They also give notice that from Jan. 1st, 1897, the price will be advanced.

Now comes the part that should have been made clear to collectors.

GIBBONS CO. STATES :

“In September we wrote to Messrs Bartlett and King, and suggested that the number of stamps of each value should be published ; and under date of Oct. 1st, we have the following reply: “We do not feel called on to take the dealers into our confidence, and give them details of the number of stamps we purchased ; and so far as the collectors are concerned, we think they will scarcely find any grave cause for complaint, when we cheapen the set to them, as we do, and give them that queen of handsome stamps, the 8 1-2 cents, at a quarter the price it has been selling at in the past year, and at the same time we guarantee never to lower the price.”

Gibbons says: "Personally we think it would have been better to quote the actual numbers sold; but, as the price is guaranteed by responsible persons, the number is not important."

This is the funny part of it.

A guarantee from whom.

In June a Boston collector called on Mr. King and bought some of the 8 1-2 at \$6 each. In Sept. the publishers were offered by Emily King of Halifax the same for \$5 each. The Premier says the stamps were sold on or before June 4th. We leave our readers to judge as to the guarantee being worth much.

SPECIAL PRICES, ...

Good for 30 Days.

UNUSED MINT STATE.

5 sh. Trinidad, 1896,	\$1.65
Sierra Leone, 1884-92, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4d, 1sh, 7 varieties, worth \$3.00,	\$1.25
Malta, $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 1sh, 6 varieties,	\$.60
Grenada, 1d to 1sh, 6 varieties,	\$.90
Lagos, 1891, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, 10d, 1sh, 2sh 6d, 10 varieties,	\$2.25

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29 Dean Street, Roxbury, Mass.

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After keeping the 1889 type set officially sealed stamp in the Catalogue so long, isn't it rather severe to drop all the officially sealed from the new catalogue? Less than a year ago the cataloguers thought \$5 none too high for a "post obitum." Now it is not worth cataloguing.

Another old friend, the Canada officially sealed, priced in the last catalogue at \$2.50, used or unused, is also dropped. If the cataloguers have ever sold these stamps at catalogue prices, what can they say to their customers now.

By the way, why isn't a "post obitum" or Canada officially sealed as good as Roman States reprints? To be sure these are not

now catalogued, but they are sold and guaranteed genuine. Genuine what?

The find of Nova Scotia stamps has given a great impetus to the stamp business. Those collectors who paid \$8 to \$12 for the 8½ c. green, that can now be bought for \$1.65 or a little more, are hunting for some other stamp to invest in with a like result.

We have now had a set of reprints from Newfoundland, a find of forgotten stamps (or worse) from Nova Scotia. What's to prevent reprints from several other British colonies? A reprint of the shilling violet Nova Scotia, would be a godsend to impecunious collectors.

Getting rich by marking up the value of your stamps is like trying to lift yourself over the fence by your boot straps.

If prices go much higher, only millionaires can afford to dabble in Philately. Perhaps the cataloguers think to even up matters by lowering the prices on some stamps, and dropping others from the catalogue.

Speculation is rampant, but gentle Philately still has her devotees who worship at her shrine "in spirit and in truth."

Some dealers' idea of encouraging the boy trade is evidently to work off Zechmeyer's Continentals, and Seebeck's on them at 100 per cent. profit.

Examine your revenues for thick paper or some "smart" dealer will have your "rare" stamps, and you will have experience.

Sierra Leone has a new series of stamps under way. Four values have now been issued: 1d, 2d, 2 1-2d and 1s. Boston speculators are hunting for the 2d and 1s. stamps of the last issues.

Six months after the Barbados current set was issued, an order was sent to England, and a new lot of the obsolete issue forwarded to the postmaster at Barbados. The lot included 1200 copies of the 5s. ochre, and was sold to speculators. The original issue of the 5s. ochre was only 2400. The whole amount said to have been printed (3600) is not large, but if the supply increased 50 per cent. six months after the issue was declared obsolete, what is to prevent the operation being repeated.

When a collector recently received an invoice of stamps containing some rare sur-

charges on which the overprint was not yet dry, his faith in surcharges received a severe shock, especially as none of the stamps have been surcharged for over four years.

If we were advertising for the boy trade we should suggest the collection of unused stamps of the current issues. What would pay better than money invested in British Colonies for instance? We should be satisfied with something less than 100 per cent. profit too.

When a stamp is catalogued at 25c. unused, a nice little profit awaits the sharper who will surcharge them and make them worth \$10 or \$15. Of course bogus surcharges are never known! Oh, no!

We wonder if the Hon. W. S. Fielding former Premier of Nova Scotia, would make a sworn statement giving the year in which the recent find of Nova Scotia stamps were printed.

120,000 of the Barbadoes 4d brown were surcharged 1-2d in 1892. Only 14,640 Barbadoes 6d, olive were issued. Which is the most valuable the 6d, or a \$1 Columbian?

Morey's Page!

Watch This Page. New Lists Every Month.

	Cat. Price.	Our Price.
Dominican Rep., 1866, 1-2r yellow..	\$3.50	\$1.75
1r green.....	3.50	1.75
1-2r pink.....	2.00	1.00
1885, 1fr on 20c.....	1.00	.50
Dominica 1879, 1-2d bistre	1.50	1.10
Ecuador, 1883, 10c on 50.....	1.50	1.00
France, 1849, 1fr.....	1.00	.75
1860, 1fr.....	4.50	3.00
1860, 1fr a vertical pair	9.00	6.00

MAIL AUCTION SALE.

Goods at your own price. Send in bids before Dec. 10.

Lot 28, U. S. 1851, 3c	100 pes.
29, 1856, 3c.....	100 "
30, do. with outer lines	5 "
31, 1861, 1c.....	10 "
32, 1862, 2c	10 "
33, 1868, 3c	25 "
34, 1869, 3c.....	100 "
35, 1870, 3c.....	10 "
36, 1872, 6c	5 "
37, 10,000 common Foreign Stamps.	

HERBERT E. MOREY,
31 Exchange St., - Boston, Mass.

SNAPS.....

Without ginger are tasteless, but if you taste ours you will taste again:—

	56th Cat.	Our Price.
War Dept. 9 varieties unused	\$2.37	1.22
Canada Officially sealed, used	2.50	.50
Navy Dept. 3c. used,	.20	.13
Treasury Department, 30c. used	.35	.22
“ “ 15c. used	.30	.18
“ “ 2c. used fine copy	.12	.10
Tasmania, 1864, 6d unused	1.50	.75
Natal, 1895, ¼d on 6d. unused	.40	.28
Treasury Dept. set card board proofs		.90
Jamaica 1s. unused, CC.	.75	.50
5000 Perfect stamp hinges		.40

Want lists solicited. List of packets for stamp. Approval sheets at 25 to 50 per cent. discount. Consignments of stamps requested for frequent auction sales. Terms on application.

COLUMBIAN STAMP CO.

Arlington, Mass.

FIRST AUCTION SALE..... OF STAMPS WITHOUT RESERVE.

Bids received on or before Jan. 27, 1897.

Sold by lot to the highest bidder.

Lot	Catalogue Value
1. U. S. War Dept. 24c, 30c, mint state.	\$ 1.25
2. " " " " 90c, mint state.....	1.50
3. " " 1869, 1c, used.....	.50
4. " " " 3c used, 25 copies.....	.50
5. " " " 6c used.....	.75
6. " " " 10c ".....	.90
7. " " " 12c ".....	.75
8. " " " 30c ".....	3.50
9. " " 1872, 12c ".....	.75
10. " " " 24c ".....	2.00
11. " " " 30c ".....	.25
12. " " " 90c ".....	.75
13. " " 1888, 30c ".....	.50
14. " " 1893, 1c " 500 copies.....	5.00
15. " " 1893, 2c " 1000 copies.....	10 00
16. " " 1893, 3c " 10 copies.....	.60
17. " " " 4c " 10 copies.....	.30
18. " " " 5c " " ".....	.40
19. " " " 6c " " ".....	1.00
20. " " " 8c " 5 ".....	.40
21. " " " 10c " 10 ".....	.50
22. " " " 15c " 3 ".....	.90
23. " " " 30c " 3 ".....	1.80
24. " " " 50c " 2 ".....	2.00
25. Sweden, 6 ore, with posthorn, 6 copies.	
26. Jamaica, 6d, block of 4, mint state...	1.00
27. Seychelles, 12c on 16c, block of 4, mint state.....	.60
28. Tasmania, 8d, 1864, block of four, mint state.....	6.00
29. Natal, 1/4d on 1d, block of 10, mint state.....	.60

A. N. LUDWIG,

29 Dean St., Roxbury, Mass.

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No. 6

Unused Stamps of the British Colonies.

Collectors and speculators will find the following an interesting study:

	Cat. value.	1888.	1892.	1897.
ANTIGUA.				
1862, 6d.,		\$.30	\$1.50	\$5.00
1882, 2 1-2d.,		.10	.50	4.00
1882, 4d.,		.15	.60	8 50
BARBADOES.				
1882, 6d.,		.25	.25	2.00
1882, 1sh.,			2.25	12.00
BRITISH HONDURAS.				
1865, 1d.,		.05	.75	1.00
" 6d.,		.30	2.50	8.00
" 1sh.,		.50	3.00	15.00
1885, 6d.,		.25	1.50	16.50
1887, 1sh.,			2.00	22.50
DOMINICA.				
1874, 1d.,		.05	.12	1.50
" 6d.,		.25	.75	10.00
" 1sh.,		.50	1.25	12.50
1879, 1-2d.,		.03	.10	1.75
" 2 1-2d.,		.10	.75	4.00
" 4d.,		.15	.75	4.00
1888, 6d.,			1.25	5.00
1890, 1sh.,			3 00	35.00

On Feb. 16th, 1888, at an auction sale of stamps held in New York city, and which was attended by many of the leading collectors of the day, a first issue, 6c., proprietary, unused, O. G., sold for \$10.75.

The current stamps of the English Colonies which you buy now, and which give you pleasure to collect, five years hence will no doubt be worth double their present value.

Each must decide the question of a general or special collection for himself, according to his own taste and feeling.—*Crawford.*

Strange as it may seem, fashion turns the scale of value by making it the "proper caper" to collect certain stamps at stated periods. The rush on the market depletes it, and in proportion to its depletion values run up. Collectors are afraid that if they do not purchase they will "get left," and pay the higher value without murmur. They might wait and buy for less—but who can tell.—*Mitchell.*

The pleasures of Philately are twofold, those of acquisition and those of possession.—*Burnett.*

Special Sale...

I offer the following stamps:

U. S. 2c claret due, 5 copies, unused.....	\$.15
New Brunswick 5c unused, 10 copies.....	.13
Bermuda 1sh green, mint state.....	.40
Hawaii 6 var. used and O, catalogue 85c..	.40
" 18c, 1893, mint state.....	.25
Gambia 7 var. mint state.....	.53
Falkland Islands $\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$, 4d, 1sh, mint state	.48
Lagos, 1886, 6d, Natal, 1884, 6d, Saranak, 1891, 25c, catalogue value \$2.00, mint state.....	1.10
Bahamas 1d, 4d, 6d, mint state.....	.30
1869, 1c used, U. S.....	.30
1869, 2c " " ..	.06
6c Inland Exchange.....	.07
9 varieties War Department, mint state....	.80
1 lot of used and unused foreign and U. S. stamps on sheets, New Foundland, New Brunswick, Malta, U. S., 1869, etc., cat- alogue value over \$6.00.....	1.50
A miscellaneous lot of stamps that catalogue from 1 to 10c, catalogue value of lot about \$4.00.....	.60
I bought a large lot of stamps from a re- tired stamp dealer; the stamps are on sheets, 25 to sheet; will sell 50 stamps, no two alike, average catalogue value will be \$1.25 for 50 stamps, my price..	.30

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