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WE BOW,

In this number, our first appearance, to our friends of the philatelic *culte* all over the world, and declare the intent of our publication.

Our object is to bring together in friendly intercourse those who "never or hardly ever" can interchange ideas across the great space, and yet who have often much to say, not to one but to many who are engaged in a congenial pursuit.

Not alone is this the object of our publication.

Commerce, which for its civilising purposes has thrown webs of telegraphic wires around the globe, made iron highways across continents and through Alpine barriers, threaded the high seas with mail steamers and organized by the common-sense action of several countries a Postal Union, is guided in all this by one main purpose the *rapprochement* of peoples and the intimacy of communication which makes friendship and profit the peaceable result of a conquest of natural difficulties.

The principles which govern this Postal Union are as clear as a mathematical statement; the result of their free working must inevitably be a uniform postal rate all

over the world, a cheapening of postal and telegraphic intercourse and a facilitation of trade relations which will make more profit by removing the friction that now checks much of mercantile exchange.

Elsewhere will be found at length our views on the great future value for Commerce of this Postal Union, now a mere child of the hopes of statesman-like postal authorities, but destined to produce in the future great and useful changes and to inherit the honor of making peaceful revolutions of the greatest magnitude.

To assist the movement of the Postal Union in its great civilising and peaceful work we devote all the suggestion and discussion, all the criticism that our correspondents can give us in aid of our own effort, certain that the postal authorities will weigh carefully any arguments, no matter how obscure a source this journal may be.

And for this reason we ask all our readers to give us their views, their complaints and their commendations of any working of postal systems which may come under their notice.

TO POSTMASTERS.

THE Editor will thank Postmasters for all information they will kindly send, respecting new issues of stamps, cards, and envelopes, or on the subject of changes in important mail routes; and in fact for any news respecting new postal arrangements. Our object is to utilise the large circulation of the COURIER, which goes over the whole world, to make public such changes.

AUX MAITRES DE POSTE.

LE REDACTEUR sera bien aise de remercier les maitres de poste que lui feront la bonte de donner de temps a autre les informations les plus recentes sur les nouvelles emissions de timbres, cartes ou enveloppes, et aussi au sujet de tous changements de routes-malles; enfin sur toutes les nouvelles a propos des reglemens postaux. Notre but est de transmettre a tous les quartiers du monde les informations importantes, lequel nous permet la grande circulation du COURIER, couvrant le monde entier.

VERIFYING RECEIPT OF REGISTERED LETTERS.

AN excellent improvement in the transmission of registered letters through some offices under the Postal

Les personnes qui auront recu plus d'un exemplaire de ce numero sont priees de les transmettre aux philatelistes de leur connaissance.

Union is likely to be extended through all the countries that enjoy its advantages.

A registered letter was formerly, and in many countries is still, acquitted by the receiver at the office of the address, and unless a complaint is made through the channel of a number of officials of both or of more countries there is no assurance of its having reached its destination. The improvement consists in obliging the *addressee* to sign a card acknowledging receipt as well as signing the old form of office receipt. The card is intended for the information of the sending office, to which it is transmitted by return mail and thus verification is perfect as regards the receipt of all registered letters from or to countries which adopt this system. As far as we have learned these are among the countries so profiting: Brazil, Porto Rico, Venezuela, Turkey, United States.

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

THE use of these is already extensive in the postal world. United States, Peru, Montevideo, and other countries, have adopted them, and the advantage of employing them is evident. To-day a letter is either sent to the Dead Letter Office to be opened and returned to the sender (a slow coach course still prevailing in Canada) or it is surcharged by a pencil mark on the face at the office of delivery. Either course is bad, the course of Canada certainly the worst, for the delay of an important communication sent in good faith may cause immeasurable loss, not alone of fortune but of family peace and comfort.

On the other hand the surcharge made in pencil may be employed by a fraudulent letter-carrier as a means of imposition, trifling it may be, but none the less annoying.

The great trouble and the small one would be obviated by the use of these unpaid letter stamps; system is the life of a postal department and this is a part of that life.

ALL THE BRITISH EMPIRE SHOULD BE IN THE POSTAL UNION.

A Kingdom with appanages all over the globe is perhaps a novel and yet is a geographical view of the British Empire. A British subject, that is, a dweller under the crown in either kingdom or appanage, is one who can claim his rights of protection from the sovereign's representative anywhere on the globe, and does so effectually. Why then, if the common-sense of the great kingdom and of its great colonies has advised the acceptance of the advantages of a Postal Union—why should petty isolated colonies neglect to profit by a measure that enhances the commercial value of their connection? We hope soon to learn that the system of the postal union follows the drum-beat of Britain all over the world.

TOO LATE STAMPS.

JOHN THOMAS writes a letter and by his neglect or that of his subordinates it reaches the office after the parcel

for the destination is made up and closed. At present the letter, if mailed in Canada, lies over until the next mail, although five minutes or twenty minutes pass before the mail really leaves. Now, John Thomas and his correspondent would, either of them, gladly pay a fine for the neglect which made them late if thereby they could secure prompt transmission; and here comes in the use of Too Late Stamps which the sender can purchase and stick to his letter, thus insuring a despatch which may be important to him in many pounds or dollars.

The use of these stamps has been adopted in several British Colonies and foreign countries.

REPLY CARDS.

THE postal card is already a great convenience to our mercantile community, and any extension of its facilities would be eagerly accepted. The title of this paragraph is given to a style of card in use in Germany, France, Holland, Italy, Spain and its Colonies, Brazil, and even in San Domingo. The style of the card is thus: A double length postal card, perforated in the middle and folded in two, the upper card is inscribed on its face with the address and on its back with Mr. John Smith's address, the lower card printed with the word *reponse* (reply) is torn off by the receiver and inscribed on its face with Mr. John Smith's address, and on its back with an assurance that his order will receive immediate attention. Prompt business men will avail themselves of this and thank goodness for a postal department that fosters trade by dispatch.

STAMP-COLLECTING

is instructive to big as well as little people. It teaches history, or rather, it insists upon the study of history. Take the changes in stamps produced, in the last twenty years, by changes of nationality or by the assemblage of States hitherto individual and separate. We have the German Empire created; the Italian Kingdom completed; the Roumanian, Servian, Roumelian, Montenegian States assuming the powers of autonomy; we have the rise and fall of the Confederate States; we have the creation of a new and solid confederation of the British North American Colonies, covering half a continent with its sovereignty, and of course its postal system. Here is enough of historical change to make alone a wonderful change in the kaleidoscope of nations and countries. Stamp-collecting obliges a study of facts like these; and *en revanche* this study makes collecting not a trivial amusement, but a scientific occupation.

RETURNED LETTERS.

OVER 5,300,000 letters were dealt with in the British Returned Letter Office last year, 475,000 of which it was found impossible to deliver or return. About half a million of post cards, four millions of book-packets, and 400,000 newspapers found their way to the same office. More than 27,000 letters, an increase of 3,000 over last year, were posted without any address, 5,000 furnished no clue to the name of the sender and 1,340 contained articles of value to the amount of nearly £5,000.



ADDRESSING LETTERS.

A MANNER of addressing letters has gradually obtained practice in many instances with manifest advantage. Thus:

<p>EUROPE.</p> <p>England,</p> <p>London, E. C.,</p> <p>25 Pall Mall,</p> <p>Horace Smith, Esq.</p>

Observe that the eye of the official need not search the face of the address when he is making up the deliveries for a foreign mail, or even a mail outside his post office; he sees at a glance the place or the country of destination, and the mail-bag gets its due without delay. Some time will elapse before everyone does this little, yet wise, thing, but it *must* grow into a general custom.

"If not called for in ten days, return to....."

THIS side-note, printed on many envelopes of business concerns, has proved useful in the United States, and should be adopted here, with the assurance (not yet made) that the Canadian post office would attend to it. A letter lying for months before being sent to the Dead Letter Office may contain an inquiry to which the sender waits anxiously a reply; and a little concession to a flexibility of system in our post office would remedy an evil that is not the less felt because those who suffer do not know how to complain. Give the facility, and you would find this side-note on every letter that carried with it a purpose of the sender, and that is the object of the post office.

THE UNITED STATES OCEAN MAILS.

In a reply to a toast given at the reception of President Garfield at Long Branch, N. J., the Postmaster-General made a prediction. He said:

The future of civil service reform is now assured. The postal service of the United States is the best in the world. Just think of its marvelous growth. A hundred years ago it took two or three days to send a letter from New York to Philadelphia; to-day only six days separate the Golden Gate from Sandy Hook. Not more than three years will roll around before American mails will be carried in American ships.

A NEW WAY OF SENDING MONEY BY MAIL.

In this issue we note the fact that Germany has instituted a system of Money Order Cards, and the following article from an exchange will show that the idea is bearing fruit in the United States Postal Department:

The Postmaster-General of the United States has, it is said, devised a plan for sending small sums of money

through the mails at a cheap rate. The device consists of a card having three columns, dollars, tens and cents and the amount to be drawn is designated by punching out figures. Two denominations will be issued, one for all sums within \$2.50, and the other for all sums within \$5. The orders will be payable to bearer, and the post office will not be responsible for their safe delivery any more than for fractional currency, for which they are a substitute. The orders will be finely printed on bank-note paper. The postmaster will sell the \$2 card for two or three cents premium, and the \$5 card for four or five cents premium, and will himself punch out the amount paid and the buyer will simply inclose the card in his letter, and the receiver can get it cashed at any office. The postmaster will enter the amount of the order on a stub, which will be the only check the department will need, as the name of the sender and payee are not entered. In order to prevent the use of the postal orders as currency they are to be redeemable only for three months from the date of issue.

We invite all Correspondents to send us, ON APPEARANCE, provisional issues or new issues, to the amount of One Dollar or Five Francs in lowest values, for which we will remit promptly on receipt.

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POST OFFICE EXTENSION.

The Post Office in any country should be able to beat any competitor out of the field, because its ramifications extend everywhere, and it possesses a staff which no company, public or private, can hope to demand. For all that, however, we read in a London newspaper that it is cheaper to send a parcel of books long distances by train than it is by mail, with this advantage, too, that the railway parcel may contain letters, whereas the mail parcel must be "printed matter only." Now, here is where we may follow the example. The *Echo* says:

The Great Eastern Company has added an express parcel service for the London district, by which it undertakes to deliver packages of eight pounds within three miles of Charing-cross for 4d., and one penny extra for every additional eight pounds, or fraction thereof. To commercial men and traders generally there is another advantage afforded by the railway company—they "sign" for all parcels, and the sender has consequently a proof that he actually sent a parcel to a given address on a certain date, an obvious advantage which the Post Office has apparently forgotten. Other companies will probably follow the lead of the Great Eastern, and if the Post Office does not quickly reform, it may find that much of the parcel trade has been monopolised by railways.

MONTEVIDEO.—Our correspondent advises us that there have been forgeries issued of Montevideo postage stamps to the extent of 10,000 or 20,000 of the 4 reals brown, 3 pesos green, 4 pesos red, and 5 pesos orange. Collectors should look out for these.

POSTAL CARDS.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES CONCERNING THE POPULAR PASTE-BOARD MESSAGERS—THEIR ORIGIN AND GROWTH MORE CARDS USED IN THE UNITED STATES THAN IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

The success of the postal card system has surpassed the most sanguine expectations of its friends. When the cards first appeared, many persons thought they would not come into general use, and that as soon as the novelty of the innovation should have worn off, all sober-minded people would discontinue their use, and return to the sealed envelope. But such was not the case, for the little cards rapidly grew into public favor. Railway travellers found them especially convenient for sending home hasty messages, and before the year closed nearly every person who started on a journey put a package of postal cards in his valise, and they soon became extensively used by business men, bankers, merchants and lawyers, for transmitting announcements, reports, special notices, advertisements, and any information to their customers and the public at large. The remarkable growth and importance of the postal card service is shown by the records of the Post Office Department in Washington. The first official action looking to their adoption by the United States Government which is on record is contained in the report of ex-Postmaster General Creswell for the year 1870, in which he called the attention of Congress to the matter. After referring to the introduction of the postal card in North Germany and Great Britain, and to its special adaptability for circulars and short communications, he proceeds:

"The advantages claimed by their use consist in increased celerity and ease of business and social intercommunication by dispensing with much of the ordinary epistolary form and appliances, and by having always on hand ready for use at any moment, in the street, on a journey, or in places where pen, ink, paper and envelopes are not accessible or readily attainable—for the essentials of a letter. For many messages where the telegram is now used, such as orders, invitations, inquiries, or other requirements of business or social life, these cards would be welcomed by the public as a simple, impressive and convenient means of intercourse. They would create a new postal business, augment the number of correspondents, and greatly multiply the occasions and opportunities for writing. The want has long been felt of some such prompt and easy mode of communication by mail, adapted to the convenience and habits of business men, as well as that large class of persons who have not the time nor the inclination to write formal letters and therefore seldom make use of the mails. Believing that the employment of these cards would be beneficial to the public and result in a large increase of correspondence, I respectfully recommend that authority be given by law for their introduction into our postal service at the rate of one-cent each, including the cost of the card, as a first step toward a general reduction of our domestic letter postage."

By act of Congress the Postmaster General was authorized and directed to issue for sale postal cards with a one cent stamp impressed on the corners. The delivery of the cards on the requisitions of postmasters was begun

on the date fixed—May 1, 1873—and as predicted they were favorably received by the public and seem to have supplied a public want. The issues from this time were:—

May 1 to June 30.....	11,094,000
July 1 to September 30	33,208,000
October 1 to December 31.....	16,283,500
January 1 to March 31.....	19,414,700
April 1 to 30 inclusive.....	10,945,500
Total in the first year.....	110,945,700

INTERESTING FIGURES.

The number of one cent cards issued in the United States during each year since their adoption is as follows:—

For the year ending June 30, 1873 (two months only)....	31,094,000
For the year ending June 30, 1874	91,070,000
For the year ending June 30, 1875.....	107,616,000
For the year ending June 30, 1876.....	150,000,000
For the year ending June 30, 1877.....	170,000,000
For the year ending June 30, 1878.....	200,630,000
For the year ending June 30, 1879.....	221,790,000
For the year ending June 30, 1880.....	269,754,000
For the year ending June 30, 1881.....	308,996,000

The postal cards issued by governments during the year 1879, as reported to the Universal Postal Convention held at Paris, were as follows:—

Countries.	No. of Cards.
England	102,315,553
United States	221,797,000
Canada	15,503,900
Germany	116,974,215
Austria	31,566,000
Hungary	11,784,724
Belgium	14,061,840
Denmark	137,109
Egypt	18,000
Spain	62,182
France	26,307,922
Italy	17,588,828
Japan	15,411,082
Luxembourg	242,098
Norway	144,885
The Netherlands	12,401,501
Persia (1878)	1,000
Portugal (1878)	205
Portugal (1879)	352
Roumania	628,141
Russia	3,465,942
Sweden	750,111
Switzerland	5,964,683
Hong Kong	80
Cochin China	15
Guadeloupe	3,225
Reunion	3,864
Surinam	3

THE BENEFIT OF THE POSTAL UNION.

When Sir Rowland Hill abolished the mileage system of the English Post Office and made it possible to send a letter for one penny from Land's End in Cornwall to John o' Groat's house at the end of Scotland, he may have thought that his idea would extend widely, but he certainly cannot have supposed that in half a century the leading nations of the world would be carrying it to the extreme of giving correspondence, in the form of a postal card, a penny-fare passage around the globe; 24,902 miles is the equatorial circumference of this theatre of postal effort and the zig-zag routes of our steamships must considerably exceed that distance; yet a postal card mailed from Berna in Switzerland by our correspondent O. B. has been made to move from west to east under this Union's regulations the whole enormous distance for ten centimes or one penny!

Cheapening the transmission of messages on business

or on social affairs is proved by experience to facilitate the increase of their number, and the day is not far distant when the Postal Union will decide on the transmission of sealed letters all over the world for the smallest coin generally used.

Some will recollect the antique rate across the Atlantic that burthened a letter with 2 shillings sterling; most will be personally aware of the 12½ cent rate; it is not unreasonable then to suppose that the present 5 cent price of transmission will be changed for a penny rate.

PIERCING vs. PUNCHING STAMPS,

Strange as it may seem, there are some people who take the trouble to *clean* postage stamps for a second use; an industry for a dishonest purpose that might be (favorably?) compared to that of the knaves who sweat sovereigns in London. The postal department of that extensive state called the Sandwich Islands is we believe the first that has taken steps to check the development of this industry; the cancelling of stamps is done there, not by an ink impression that can be easily effaced, but by a series of small punctures which cannot be cancelled or removed and which yet do no damage to the contents of the letter.

ANNUAL ISSUES.

Another method of checking but to a less degree, the use of *used* stamps is that of Spain and its colonies; the color, design and shape are changed annually. The stamps of 1880 are no longer current in 1881 but are exchangeable at the office for new stamps within a fixed period of time. If all the countries of the world were to adopt the Spanish system the stamp-album makers would have to produce albums bigger than an ordinary family bible.

There is an advantage however to a postal department in the fact that the stamp issue of each year enables a balance of accounts to be clearly made.

Stamp-collectors will understand also how readily any particular year of this style of series can become valuable by scarcity.

NEWSBANDS AND STAMPED ENVELOPES.

These articles were intended to facilitate the increase of correspondence and newspaper postages, but we doubt if the impulse has been as great as it would have been had the work been thoroughly done. The price of the newsband should be solely the stamped figure; the convenience to the post office and the saving of time to its officials would be far in excess of the minute cost of paper. A wrapper once used cannot be used again, its writings and stampings are practically ineffaceable, but a stamp can be cleaned and re-used.

If a post card is sold for one cent, card stock and all, why cannot a wrapper be also sold as cheap? A stamped

envelope is now sold at the postage *plus* the envelope price; why not sell the whole thing for the fixed figure of the stamp? The wholesale cost of ordinary envelopes is too trifling to make an important item in the aggregate cost against a year's postal revenue when stimulated by the facility of buying stamped envelopes at stamp price.

MONEY ORDER CARDS.

Germany appears to be thus far alone in the adoption of Money Order Cards, a description of which we give below without special comment.

Both sides of the card are printed as shown below and a line cuts off a coupon which serves as a certificate that the holder is the person addressed; this coupon can be sent by mail or be used as a transferable deposit if the sender makes himself the addressee. This is the form translated, and we put in italics the names of places and persons:

[FRONT OF CARD.]	
<p>COUPON.</p> <p>The sender will cut this off, and the addressee will have to present it in order to receive the amount.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Stamp.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BAVARIA.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POST ORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For the sum of 00 Marks, 00 Ffenig.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">00 M., 00 Pfg.</p> <p>To <i>Johann Schmidt,</i> <i>Ludwigslust,</i> <i>Bavaria.</i> Date Stamp.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Munich.</i> [Residence of sender.]</p> <hr/> <p>00 Marks 00 pfg</p> <p style="text-align: right;">00 M., 00 Pfg. No. 000 <i>Heinrich Fisch,</i> Clerk <i>Munich, Bavaria, Sept. 12, 1881.</i></p>

[BACK.]	
RECEIPT OF THE ADDRESSEE.	
<p>I, <i>Johann Schmidt,</i> hereby certify that I have received the full amount of 00 M., 00 Pfg. from the Post Office. <i>Ludwigslust, 15th Sept., 1881.</i></p>	
<p>Arrival date.</p> <p>Register No.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Johann Schmidt.</i> P. O. Stamp.</p>

REGULATIONS.

- 1 These cards can be purchased at post offices for stamp price.
- 2 Coupon can be sent in any manner to this address.
- 3 Addressee must apply within seven days for payment.
- 4 The post office is not responsible for loss of card or coupon.

REGISTERED ENVELOPES.

A number of countries in the postal union have adopted the system of registered envelopes, and the provisions printed on the face of the envelope will go far to guard against frauds and carelessness.

The blue crossed lines remind us of the old days of our grandmothers, when a silk ribbon tied a parcel of writing, and was fastened at the knot with sealing-wax. They have, however, a different purpose, and are meant to locate, for careless people, the place for each of the recording or addressing marks that belong to the message.

This registered envelope goes rightly in the direction indicated in an article elsewhere in these columns, for it includes all charges in the stamp; when the stamp is bought, the envelope on which it is impressed is paid for.

The Danish envelope, belonging to St. Thomas, has some features which we will describe in our next issue, if the rapid growth of postal intercourse has not then preceded us in news.

NEW ISSUES

of Adhesives, Post Cards and Envelopes.

ANTIGUA, 1880. New type.

2 1/2 c. rect. brown
4c. " blue
Post Cards.

2 1/2 c. brown

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Adhesives.

All three provisionals of 1877, have been seen with surcharged numeral reversed. We have received the 8 cent. plum, perforated.

ANGOLA, 1880.

10 Reis. rect. green
25 " grey
50 " blue

BAHAMAS, 1880. New type.

2 1/2 d. rect. brown
Post Card.

1 1/2 d. rose
Envelope, 1881.

4d. oval mauve

BERMUDA,

Post Cards, 1880.

1/2 d. brown on blue
1 1/2 " brown and rose on buff

Stamps, 1880.

1/2 d. rect. brown
4d. " orange

BRAZIL.

Post Cards, 1880.

20 Reis. rose
50 " blue
80 " orange
100 " [Reply] blue

BRITISH HONDURAS

Post Card, 1880.

1 1/2 d. brown on buff

BRITISH GUIANA.

Post Card, 1880.

3 Cents. carmine on buff

BULGARIA.

Post Card, 1880.

10 Centimes. rose on buff

CANADA, 1880.

15 Cents rect. slate-blue

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, 1880.

3d. rect. [not surcharged.] rose

CHILI.

Government officials have authorized the temporary use of the obsolete 5c. and the 5c. fiscal, the supply of that value having been exhausted.

The colors of the lower values are to be changed, viz. 1c. green, 2c. rose, 5c. blue. The Chilians have contracted a habit of taking after the Peruvians until it seems to have reached even the post office department.

COSTA RICA, 1881. Perov.

2 Cents [red surchd. on 1/2 Real] blue

CUBA, 1881. Post Cards.

2 c de peso rose
4 c de peso, reply card

DOMINICA, 1880.

1/2 d. olive
2 1/2 d. brown
4d. blue

Post Cards.

1 1/2 d. brown

EGYPT, 1881.

10 Paras. lake

ESCUELAS.

Post Cards, 1881.

10 Cents, Blue Border yellow
10 " Black Border "
10 " Rose Border "

FRENCH COLONIES, 1881. New type

5 Centimes. green
10 " black on purple
20 " red-brown on green
25 " straw

Post Cards, 1881. New type.

10 Centimes. black on purple
20 " red-brown on green

GOLD COAST.

post card, 1880.

1 1/2 d. brown

GREAT BRITAIN.

1d. Postage and Revenue Stamp mauve
5s. [Telegs] rose
1d. oval Newsband pink

MONTEVIDEO.

We have received from our correspondent new 5 centavos envelopes, green. The cut square, figure 5 large in centre. Issued on 1st July—3rd series.

MONTERRAT, 1880. New type.

2 1/2 d. brown
post card.

1 1/2 d. brown

NEVIS, 1880. New type.

1d. mauve
2 1/2 d. brown
4d. blue
post card.

1 1/2 d. brown

NEWFOUNDLAND, 1881. New type.

2 Cents. green
5 " blue

PORTO RICO, 1881.

1/2, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 Milla de peso, and 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 20 C de peso.

ROUMELIA

Our friend A. G., Constantinople, has sent us new issues of Post Cards: 10 paras, green; 20 paras, rose; reply, 20 x 20 paras, rose. The cards are buff, with chain border, rose color, green letters; four lines of instructions; adhesive on right corner; on left corner, ornamental square, inscribed in Roumanian and French—Postal telegraph service.

ROUMANIA, 1880. New type.

10 Bani. rose-red
15 " brown
25 " blue

We have several specimens of the 3 bani of old color cut diagonally and used for 1 1/2 bani.

We have secured several specimens of a new Roumanian unpaid letter stamp, large, brown, marked on sides Posta Roumania, and on top Taxa de Plate, at foot, Bani; in a white oval centre the figures of value, 2, 5, 30, three kinds which will be the advance guard of an entire set.

SERVIA, 1881. New type.

5 Para rect. green
10 " rose
28 " orange

ST. DOMINGO, 1881.

We learn that St. Domingo uses two new separate sets, one on interlaced ground and the other on plain ground. We have also received a new postal union card, 3 centavos, red on dark blue.

ST. VINCENT, 1880.

1d. rect. sage-green
1d. provisional. red and green

TRINIDAD, 1880.

1/2 d. mauve and black
1 1/2 d post card. fawn

Register Envelope.

Value not indicated. green

TURKEY.

Post cards, 1881. New type.

20 Paras. rose on white
20 Paras. rose on buff

We have received from our friend A. G., in Constantinople, the first specimens of 1881, design same as previous, 5 paras, black and yellow Post cards, buff, black with ornamental border, with adhesive, 20 paras, pink in right hand corner. Reply post cards, same style, 20 x 20 paras. We have two kinds of provisional post cards, same style as above, except that adhesive is surcharged in blue or in black, with the Turkish word "cheir" in a dotted circle. Single 20 paras; reply 20x20 p.

The new local cards, single and reply, are white, black print, Turkish characters at top and bottom, inscribed "Postes Imperiales Ottomanes" in text type. On left corner, blue octagonal stamp with Turkish characters and the word Local; on right corner, adhesive 1869, 20 paras green, surcharged same as left. Single are 20 paras; reply, 20 x 20 paras.

We have two stamps of 1 piastre; one of them is printed "1 piastre," the other is printed "1 piastreS."

TURKS ISLANDS.

Provisionals.

1/2 d. surchd large on 1d. red
1/2 d. surchd small on 1d. red
1/2 d. surchd on 6d. black
1/2 d. surchd on 1s mauve
2 1/2 d. provisional
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Register Envelope, value not indicated. blue
[impression on white envelope

U. S. AMERICA.

Post Official card, 1881.

Value not indicated. black and white

VENEZUELA—ESCUELA, 1881.

[Have been found perforated used for postage.]

5 Centesimo, perf. yellow
10 " "
25 " "
50 " "

Post cards—Venezuela.

5 Cent. Black Border blue
10 " " rose
10 " Rose Border rose

VIRGIN ISLANDS. Post Card.

1 1/2 p. brown
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In this connection the London, G. B., *Insurance Agent* of September *ultimo* says:—"If Mr. Fawcett decides to carry out an insurance scheme which he has had under consideration for sometime, increased facilities will be given for the transmission of money through the post. Under the new scheme the public will be enabled to send money between places in the United Kingdom with absolute immunity from loss, and with practically as little trouble to themselves as is now involved in the making up and posting of a registered letter."

Of course the carrying out of the proposed plan would necessitate the receiving and official counting or otherwise verifying the money or other valuable contents of the letter or package which is to be insured, but the postage or premium which would be charged would bear a per centum relation to their value. This would probably involve some extra clerical labor, but the most ordinary ingenuity will devise appropriate blank forms to be used, and which might, indeed, be so printed on the envelope as would reduce the labor to a minimum. The gain to the public in convenience and security would

far outweigh any such consideration, besides effecting, it is probable, a positive saving to the Department in the expense "tracing" valuable letters and, at any rate, much increasing its efficiency and public confidence in it.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION RATE.

COLLECTORS of postage stamps may think at first that an annual subscription of \$1 for a quarterly journal, complete in each number, is excessive. On consideration, however they will perceive that the extra cost to them for the necessary supplements, issued by the publishers of Metropolitan journals incidentally dealing with other subject would far exceed the price of a promptly-issued periodical devoted solely to disseminating information concerning their own specialty.

COLLECTING LETTERS.

WE think that the prevailing method of collecting letters from the street boxes, can be greatly improved by the adoption of a very simple device.

The objection to the present method of having collectors go to the boxes, open them and remove them by hand is that letters may be, and often are, wet when taken out during a storm. There is also a risk that the collector may drop some, may leave some in the box or that the wind may blow one or more away.

The remedy that we propose is to have duplicate light canvas bags made for each box. Each bag will be furnished with handles for carrying it, a slit with a dropping slide corresponding to the slit in the box, and an automatic attachment holding the two slits together. The bags will be locked by the officials in the Post-Office, before they are taken out by the collectors. They will be of such a size as just to well fit the respective boxes. The collector in going his rounds will open the box, remove the bag that is therein and substitute an empty one. Thus the collector will not directly handle any letters, and there will be the additional advantage, that there will be a check on the collector that will prove whether or not he has visited every box in his district.

We will make one other suggestion in this connection, and that is that, on receiving the empty bags at the Post-Office, each collector be furnished with a card for each box that he has to visit, which card will bear some inscription such as the following:—"This box will be emptied at — o'clock of letters for the mail for — closing at the G. P. O., at — o'clock." The cards will be put into a slide provided in the front of the box, protected by a pane of thick glass so as to resist any chance of its being accidentally or maliciously broken. Of course at each visit the collector removes one card and replaces it by another. The advantage of this device is that a person going to deposit a letter in any box to catch a certain mail, will know if the box has been recently emptied, so that his letter will have to be taken to the G. P. O., or whether it will be in time if then dropped into the box.

NEW ISSUES
of Adhesives Post Cards and Envelopes.

Argentine Republic.—8 centavos envelope—color changed to rose.

Barbadoes.—On entering the Postal Union Barbadoes had a provisional card. This has now been withdrawn and a card of a new design, value 1½ cts., has been issued, of which we are in receipt of specimens.

Brazil.—Our correspondent at Campinas has sent us specimens of a new stamp of the Brazilian Empire. It is probably the first of a new series. It is a nearly square stamp, of a neutral-green tinge and we should judge from its appearance that it was lithographed in Brazil. The centre is occupied by a bust of Dom Pedro in a circle. Over the top is the word "Brazil" in a scroll or ribbon. At the foot is the word "Reis" and on each of the lower corners the figures "100" are placed diagonally from the corner. The stamp is otherwise gracefully ornamented with scroll work. It is very neatly designed and creditably executed.

British Guiana.—A registered envelope, 4 cents, stamp circular, red. Also provisional 1 cent and 2 cent stamps have appeared.

Bulgaria.—3 statinka, carmine and drab is issued also a 30 statinka stamp.

Bolivar.—New 5 and 10 pesos stamps are in circulation.

Bosnia.—The word "Dopisnica" is no longer borne on the 2 kr. post card.

Costa Rica.—A portion of the provisional stamps, half real, sur-charged 2 cts. in red have the figures of the sur-charge printed in reverse. This is the result of an oversight and will make these very rare and valuable. The attention of dealers is directed to this fact.

A new series is announced as follows:... 1ct., 5ct., 10ct., 25ct., 50ct., \$1., \$2., and \$3.

Cashmere.—A 2 annas, blue, has issued.

Chili.—Fiscal stamps have been employed in paying postage as follows:—1 centavos, red; 2 centavos, brown; 5 centavos, blue; 20 centavos, orange.

A series of a new type has appeared. The colors of the several values are changed. The design of the stamp is similar to the last series but the word "centavo," instead of crossing the figure of value, is arranged in the arc of a circle below it.

Cape of Good Hope.—A 3d stamp, rose, has superseded the various provisional stamps that were sur-charged with that value.

Cuba.—Following the Spanish rule of annually changing the stamps a new series for 1882 has appeared. Dealers will do well to bear this in mind: also that the series now current do not bear the imprint of the year.

Cyprus.—Provisional:—Half-penny, in large capitals and the same in full faced, small capitals, both red. Also 30 paras sur-charged to 1d. The regular stamps for this Colony superseded the provisional stamp have been issued. They are of the following values:—½, 1, 2, 4 and 6 piastres. Also a registered envelope, 2 piastres, blue. Also a newspaper band, 1 piastre, brown. Post cards ½, 1 and 1½ piastres.

Ecuador. We note a series of a new design of the following values:—

1 centavo.....	brown
2 ".....	lake
5 ".....	blue
10 ".....	orange
20 ".....	slate
50 ".....	green

Egypt.—The current 20 paras appears sur-charged with the word "Caire" in red below the obliteration.

Finland.—A 10 pennia, brown, with design and perforation similar to others of the current series, has been issued. Also a local for Tommerfors, 12 penuia, oval, bronze and blue.

France.—Unpaid-letter stamps; 30 centimes black. The 60 centimes has been changed from blue to black.

French Colonies.—A new design has been adopted. It is the figure of the Goddess of Liberty half recumbent on a dias draped in the national flag the staff of which is on her left arm. The left hand holds a bunch of laurel. Her right arm rests on an anchor which is partially behind the dias and has a cornucopia twined about the stock. At her feet are bales of merchandise. She looks toward a ship which is under full sail in the back ground. The values of the several stamps are printed in figures on the dias. At the upper right hand corner are the words "Colonies Postes" and at the foot of the stamp "Republique Francaise." The stamps of the values of 5, 10, 20 and 25 centimes are already in use. Those to complete the set will be issued by the 1st of March and will be of the values of 1, 2, 4, 30, 35, 40, 75, and 100 centimes. Post cards have also been issued with adhesive of the same design as the new stamps in the proper corner. They are of white card board printed with black ink and a figured border. Values 10 and 20 centimes.

Germany.—10 pf. Postal Union Card, Carmine on buff. Thicker and larger type than usual. 5 pf. post card, lilac.

Great Britain.—The penny embossed envelopes are now stamped with dies, not bearing the date, as formerly was the case.

Greece.—Owing to numerous forgeries that have been largely circulated the 20 lepta adhesive has been withdrawn.

Grenada.—The following provisionals have been issued:—½d purple. 2½d, lake. 4d, blue. Also, post-cards 1d blue and 1½d brown.

Guinea.—5 reis, black; 10 reis, yellow; 20 reis, bistre; 40 reis, blue.

Guatemala.—Provisional issues; the sur-charging consists of the figures of value with the word "centavo" beneath it in horizontal lines. They are as follows:—1 centavo on ¼ real, green and brown, 5 do on ½, d, green. 10 do on 1 do, green and black 20 do on 2 do, red.

The 5 reals and 1 peso stamp are withdrawn. **Granada Confederation.**—A series of the following values have been issued since coming into the Postal Union:—1ct, 2ct, 5ct, 10ct, 20, 25ct. A post-card of 5c, brown, has also appeared, and a registration envelope. The latter is an ordinarily-shaped envelope of blue wove paper, linen, lined with ruled space in the upper right hand corner for the adhesive. It has the usual inscriptions and rules for address.

Hayti.—The new series is as follows:—1ct., vermilion; 2ct, mauve; 3ct, bistre; 5ct,

green; 7ct, blue; 10ct, orange; and 20ct, redish-brown. The design is very neat. The centre contains the head of Liberty encircled by a band bearing the words "Poste. Republique D'Haiti. Poste." Flags are draped to the right and left of the top of the circular band and at the bottom is a square bearing the figure of value and on either side of the of the figure the word "cent." The ground is not white being tinted with the color of the respective stamps.

A postal-card has also been issued bearing on the right hand upper corner a 3ct adhesive. The lettering is in rose. The words "Carte Postal" are across the top of the card. Then follows the usual inscription and three lines for address.

Holland.—A series of unpaid-letter stamps of the following values are now current:—1 1½, 2½, 15, 20, and 25cts., all, blue; 1 gulden, blue and red.

Post cards... 2½ct, lilac on pink, and 5ct, blue. Also 5ct, reply-paid cards, lilac on pink,

Hungary.—Post-card—2 Kr (arms on left) brown; 5 kr, red. Reply Post-cards—4 kr, brown; 10 kr, red.

India.—Envelope stamp—4 annas and 6 pies oval, yellow.

Italy.—"Estero," new type—5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50, centicimi and 2 lire.

Jamaica.—The usual registration envelope, two sizes, have appeared.

Levant.—Provisional, thin sur-charge—7 kopecs on 10 kop., red and green.

Liberia.—An entire new set similar in design to the last has issued. Values:—1, 2, 6, 12, & 24cent. Also a neatly executed post-card, printed in red, ground buff; value 3 cents. The stamp is printed on the right hand upper corner. The design of the stamp is a landscape with the rising sun, occupying the centre. Across the top is the word "Postage," on the bottom "Three Cents," on the left side "Republique" and on the right "Liberia."

Labuan.—1880 Provisional stamps—6ct, on 16ct, dark blue; 8ct, on 12ct, carmine.

Livonia.—2kop., brown-red and green.

Mauritius.—Envelope—8ct, blue.

Portuguese Indies.—The following provisionals sur-charged black with a large "T," which stands for Tanga, have been issued:—

1 T on 40 reis.....	blue
1 T " 50 ".....	blue
1 T " 200 ".....	orange
2 T " 50 ".....	green
2 T " 100 ".....	lilac
2 T " 200 ".....	orange
4 T " 10 ".....	green
4 T " 50 ".....	orange
4 T " 200 ".....	orange
6 T " 25 ".....	lilac
8 T " 20 ".....	olive-brown
8 T " 200 ".....	orange
8 T " 300 ".....	brown
8 T " 100 ".....	violet

Another provisional series, sur-charges all black, is as follows:—

4½ reis on 20 reis.....	olive-brown
1½ " on 20 ".....	olive-brown
1½ " on 5 ".....	black
6 " on 20 ".....	olive-brown
6 " on 25 ".....	lilac
6 " on 25 ".....	rose-lilac
6 " on 50 ".....	green

Provisional sur-charger on stamps of the type of 1876 are:—

5 reis (red sur-charge) on 10 reis..... black
5 " (black " " " 15 " rose
1½ " (black " " " 50 " red

Ditto, type of 1878:—

5 reis (black sur-charge) on 20 reis..... red
10 " (black " " " 20 " red
5 " (red " " " 10 " black

Montevideo.—Has a series of official stamps of the values of 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 50 centesimos and 1 peso.

Norway.—A local stamp for the Tronso by post, 2 ore, brown, was issued Jan. 1st.

Nova Scotia.—See editorial on halved stamps of this Province.

New South Wales.—The following stamps sur-charged "O. S." in red are in use:—5d, green; 9d, red; 10d, lilac. Also, sur-charged "O. S." in black—5 shilling (circular) violet.

Orange Free State.—Provisional—1d on 5s, green and black.

Paraguay.—Provisionals—Our attentive Correspondent at Montevideo furnishes us the following information:—

1 centavo (sur-charged in a large black figure) on a 10 centavos.

2 centavos (sur-charged) on 10 centavos.

The above sur-charges also appear on 5 centavos.

The emission of 1879 is sur-charged in black as follows:—

5 centavos on 5 reals, orange
10 centavos on 10 reals, brown-violet

The new type, is similar to the first issue except that the values are in the new currency—centavos instead of reals. They are:—1ct., blue; 2ct, red; 4ct. brown.

Persia.—A series of official stamps (for use of the army, civil departments, etc.) is out. The values are:—1, 2, 5, and 10 shali.

A new adhesive for general use is also issued values:—5, 10 and 25 centimes, colors violet, carmine and green respectively. The two series are distinguished by the former having a lion and the latter a sun in the center. The first stamps of the new issue were lithographed and were only used till others printed from copper plates could be prepared. The latter are easily distinguished by a broad border. The lithographic stamps, as they were but a short time in use, are rare and invite the attention of collectors.

Peru.—This country, having by the fortunes of war, lost, at least temporarily, its autonomy, and being practically under the control of Chili, a change has occurred in the postage stamps that are current. When Peru entered the Postal Union her stamps were sur-charged "Union Postale Universale, Peru-Plata." Since the Chilian occupation the word "Lima" takes the place of Peru in the sur-charge. Collectors should also specially note the following sur-charges, specimens of which have reached us from our correspondent:—The 5 and 20 centavos are sur-charged with the Chilian arms over the face of those of Peru. The 5 in red and the 20 in blue. The 5 and 10 centavo unpaid-letter stamps are sur-charged in black in the same way as above mentioned for ordinary postage stamps.

Port Rico.—Like Spain and all her other colonies Port Rico has changed her stamps with the year. Those for the current year are precisely like those in 1881 except that the year is not imprinted upon them.

Queensland.—Provisional—The following fiscal stamps are used for postal purposes:—

1d (stamp duty)	mauve
6d "	dull red
1s "	green
2s 6d "	red
5s "	orange
2s "	blue

Roumania.—Our correspondent has sent us a specimen of the 3 bani, olive-green, cut in two diagonally and used as a 1½ bani. Collectors should cut enough of the wrapper to show the entire post office obliteration as an attestation of genuineness.

Russia.—Provisional—

7 kop on 10 kops..... red and brown
7 " " 20 " red and blue

St. Lucia.—Provisional—The following have appeared:—"Halfpenny" sur-charged in black on green; "2½d" in black on red. Also a post-card of a new type, value 1½d, brown, red on buff ground.

St Vincent.—Provisional—The current 6d is perforated down the centre and each half sur-charged ½d in red

Strait Settlement.—The 2 cent, brown, is sur-charged in black with the names of the different settlements, viz:—Selangor, Sungi Ujong and Perak. These are only provisional

stamps to be used till the receipt of the regular new issue. They will therefore become valuable in time.

Sandwich Islands.—This kingdom has entered the Postal Union and the new issue is looked for with interest.

Servia.—A series of a new type has been introduced as follow:—Stamps—5, 10, 20, 25, and 50ct, and 1 dinar. Post-cards—5 and 10 paras.

Reply Post-cards—10 and 20 paras.

Siam.—It will be seen by an article in another column that this kingdom is making arrangements to establish a postal service of its own and specimens of its stamps may be ere long, expected. Stamp collectors and dealers will look for its appearance with interest and curiosity.

Tobago.—A new series of the following values:—½d purple, 1d chestnut, 4d, green, and 6d ochre. Also a 1½d post-card.

Turkey.—Different sets have been adopted for the following services:—at present they are sur-charged on the adhesives—International, interior only, contraband and Mount Athos Transaval Republic.—It is announced that a new series will shortly be issued.

Turks Island.—The stamps now in use are as follows:—1d vermilion, 4d blue, 6d olive, and 2s green.

United States.—On the 5ct stamps the bust of General Garfield will replace that of General Taylor. The design is vignette, three quarter face surrounded by a light and elegant beaded oval. The likeness is strikingly life-like.

Venezuela.—(Escuelas) —The following value have appeared:—5, 10, 25, 50ct, all yellow and orange. 1 and 2 bolivares, blue.

Victoria.—To complete the new series the following new value have been added:—1d black, 2d brown, 4d carmine. 2s blue on green and 5s blue and red.

Uruguay.—A 7 centavos, blue stamp, a 2 centesimos blue post-card and a 2x2 centesimos reply post-cards have been issued. The stamp bears the portrait of President Joaquin Suarez, and the cards the national arms.

Wurtemberg.—A 5 mark, blue is current.

TO PHILATELISTS.

WE desire to point out to our philatelic friends that we are offering them a paper devoted solely to the subject in which they take pleasure. In turn we expect them to show their appreciation of our efforts by giving us a generous support. To maintain the PHILATELIC COURIER in the excellence to which we aim involves much time and labor and an extensive correspondence. The best encouragement that they can give us is by subscribing to it, getting their friends to subscribe and by writing for our paper. Any suggestion that is calculated to increase the efficiency and to extend the usefulness of the Post-Office will be welcomed and carefully considered.

SUBSCRIBERS will receive back numbers of the PHILATELIC COURIER on application.

CANCELLING STAMPS.—The Postmaster at the island of St. Helena writes us on the subject of cancelling stamps as follows:—"Years ago I adopted a plan in this office of cancelling stamps by the use of corks which I have found to be more serviceable than anything previously used here. With my penknife I can cut any design I please and change it when I like. The cork, also, never gets clogged with ink. Since reading your paper I have, in order to prevent stamps from being cleaned and used again, in to the cork a number of pins so that, while the stamps are obliterated the ink on the cork, they will also be perforated in such a way by the pins as to prevent their being used again except as specimens."

LETTERS addressed to French soldiers engaged in Tunis, are forwarded free of postage.

COUNTERFEIT STAMPS

In our last issue we alluded to the fact that information had reached us from a correspondent that counterfeit stamps of Montevideo had been issued. This having been noticed by members of the Philatelic Society of Uragnay the Secretary of that Society has favored us with a letter bearing date of November 12, 1881, in which, after alluding to our caution to collectors as above, he says:—

"I must tell you that this falsification is made in the Argentine Republic and the (forged) stamps belong to that country instead of to Montevideo and they correspond to the issues of 1858-9. This falsification was discovered by the Directive Commission of the Uragnayan Philatelic Society as you will perceive by the following from its minutes which I have been directed to send you with a request that you will publish the same."

EXTRACT.

From the record of the regular session of the Uragnayan Philatelic Society held at Montevideo on the 4th day of June, 1880.

COUNTERFEIT STAMPS OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

BUENOS AYRES, TYPE 1858-9 (BOOTS).

Cuato Ps. (brown).

1. Paper is quite different and newer than that of the genuine.
2. The sea is ill-colored and blurred or indistinct while in the genuine the waves can be clearly seen.
3. The lettering of the value (*cuato*) is very badly executed.
4. The letter "F," the abbreviation of the word *fuerte*, looks as if it was meant for a "E."
5. What should be a little "s" after the "F" already mentioned is shown, on examination with a lens, to be merely a dense spot.

Tres Ps. (green).

1. The same observations regarding the paper and the sea as in the preceding.
2. The letter "e" in the word *Tres* is very badly made.

NOTE.—This stamp is better made than are the other counterfeits examined.

Cuato Ps. (red).

1. The same observations regarding the paper and the sea as in the preceding.
2. The "o" of the value (*Cuato*) is of the same size as the rest of the letters except the "a," which is made

considerably larger. In the genuine the "o" is only half and the "a" the same size as the other three letters. These defects are very glaring and easily noticeable.

3. The letter "P," the abbreviation of the word *pesos*, touches the border of the oval in which this value is placed, which, in the genuine, it does not.

4. There is also in existence another counterfeit of this value (*cuato pesos*) which has the same defects as those noted above in the false *cuato fuertes*.

Cinco Ps. (orange).

1. The same observations regarding the paper and the sea as in the preceding.
2. The initial "C" is much larger than the other letters, whereas it should be the same size.
3. The final letters, "c" and "o," of the word *Cinco* are smaller, thicker than the other letters and are exact circles, whereas in the genuine they are of the same size and thickness and are ovals.

NOTE.—The plate of the *cinco pesos* transformed from *IN. pesos* exists on the notes of the Provincial Bank (in Buenos Ayres) and as the same letters, *I. N.*, are found the stamp under consideration and because the same defects pointed out in respect to the initial "c" and the "co" on the stamp are also found in the bank notes of that value we suppose that the new manufacturers have taken the plate of the notes to work the stamps from."

We are under deep obligations to the U. P. S. and to its Secretary for the very full information thus kindly afforded and point to this report as an example to others who have analogous facts in their possession.

MANY large firms in the principal cities of the United States use immense quantities of postage and revenue stamps in their business every year. They often purchase for convenience hundreds of dollars worth at a time. It has been discovered that they are often defrauded by their clerks appropriating the stamps and selling them to other parties. The U. S. Department has now under consideration a proposition that they stamp or cut before delivery on the stamps the initials of purchasers of large quantities—say \$500 and over at a time. It is a good suggestion, and should be adopted. It will prevent the misappropriation by making the second purchase of such stamps extremely hazardous.

World's

HALIFAX

As proprietor of the Halifax Edition of the *World's Black List for Philatelists*, I request from all my correspondents, for publication, any information of dishonorable conduct on the part of stamp dealers



Black List.

EDITION.

and stamp-collectors that may come to their knowledge. This list will reach all reliable dealers in the two hemispheres for their protection from fraud.

N. B.—As this will be published quarterly in the *Philatelic Courier*, I will be thankful to receive the latest and promptest information.

H. HECHLER, Editor,

184 ARGYLE STREET, HALIFAX, N. S.

Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Land Grant of 25,000,000 acres from the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

See the Company's advertisement which will be transmitted with next issue of the PHILATELIC COURIER.

The Company offers lands in the Fertile Belt of Manitoba and the North-West Territory, for sale, on certain conditions as to cultivation, at the price of \$2.50 (10s. stg.) per acre, one-sixth payable in cash, and the balance in five annual instalments, with interest at six per cent., a rebate of fifty per cent., for actual cultivation being made as hereinafter described.

The ordinary conditions of sale are:

1. That all improvements placed upon land purchased shall remain thereon until final payment for the land has been made.

2. That all taxes, and assessments lawfully imposed upon the land or improvements shall be paid by the purchaser.

3. The Company reserves from selection at the above price all mineral, coal, or wood-lands, stone, slate, and marble quarries, lands with water power thereon, and tracts for town sites and railway purposes; and, as regards lands having some standing wood, but not hereby excluded from selection, the purchaser will only be permitted to cut a sufficient quantity for fuel, fencing, and for the erection of buildings on his land until he shall have received the final conveyance thereof.

4. The mineral and coal lands and quarries, and the lands controlling water power, will be disposed of on very liberal terms to persons giving satisfactory evidence of their intention to utilise them.

5. The purchaser will be required, within four years from the date of the contract for the purchase of the land, to bring under cultivation, and sow and reap, a crop on one-half of the said land, except when otherwise expressly agreed and declared in the contract by reason of any special obstacle to such cultivation. Dairy farming, or mixed grain and dairy farming, to an extent to be agreed upon, will be accepted as the equivalent of cultivation, entitling the settler to the rebate.

6. A credit of \$1.25 (5s. stg.) per acre will be allowed for all land so cultivated during four years.

7. A reservation of 100 ft. in width for right of way, or other railroad purposes, will be made in all cases.

8. If the purchaser of a section, or part of a section, being a *bona fide* settler resident upon the land purchased, or upon an adjoining section, fails to carry out in their entirety the conditions of his contract with respect to cultivation and cropping, within the specified time, the Company reserve the right, in their own option, to diminish the quantity to be conveyed to him, under his contract, to such extent that he shall not be entitled to demand a conveyance of more than double the quantity cultivated and cropped, the quantity which he may so demand not to exceed one-half of the quantity mentioned in his contract, and, if not exceeding 160 acres, to be taken in the quarter section, in which the greater part of such cultivation and cropping has been done; or, if in excess of 160 acres, then such excess to be taken from an adjoining quarter section; and as to the portion of the land contracted for, which the Company shall decide not to convey to such purchaser, his claim to the same shall be forfeited, and such portion shall not be conveyed to him by the Company; and thereupon the price shall be adjusted as if the contract of sale had originally been made for the portion actually conveyed to the purchaser.

The object of the foregoing clause is to prevent the Company's land from falling into the hands of speculators to the disadvantage of the actual settler; but, as respects *bona fide* settlers, the purpose and aim of the Company is to afford them every possible consideration and facility.

9. Special contracts will be made for tracts exceeding one section, for settlement purposes or for cattle raising.

10. Liberal rates for settlers and their effects will be granted by the company over its railway.

11. The land grant bonds of the Company will be received at 10 per cent. premium on their par, value with accrued interest, in payment for lands, thus further reducing the price of the land to the purchaser.

For further information, apply at the office of the Company, Bartholemew Place, London, England; to John H. McTavish, Land Commissioner, Winnipeg, Manitoba, or to the Secretary of the Company, at Montreal, Canada.

GEORGE STEPHEN, *President.*

CHARLES DRINKWATER, *Secretary.*

Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Montreal, Canada.

The effigy of Queen Victoria adorned September 1st ult., by actual count according to the new Imperial Album, 906 stamps as follows: 741 adhesives, 83 envelopes and wrappers, and 82 postal cards. The number has since been increased somewhat by new issues.

The 1869 and 1875 issues of Russian envelopes are easily distinguished, the inscription on the former having 19 and that on the latter 15 letters.

Sandwich Islands joined Postal Union Jan. 1st. New stamps may be expected, corresponding to altered rates.

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A UNIVERSAL PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Philatelists are now becoming tolerably well acquainted and are enabled to inter-communicate their thoughts and ideas to a certain extent through the several papers that are published in the interests of their science.

It has, however, been brought to our notice by certain leading philatelists that the advancement of philately would be much assured by the formation of a Universal Association, with which all Philatelic Societies throughout the world shall be affiliated. We presume that we have been approached on the subject because the PHILATELIC COURIER has a larger circulation in different parts of the world than any other similar paper published. We thoroughly approve of the suggestion and gladly give it publicity. The formation of such an association would, in our opinion, be of very great benefit. Bringing the various societies into close correspondence they would be enabled to act simultaneously everywhere. Proposed improvements in the postal systems of various countries would be fully discussed and, if decided to be advisable and beneficial, the several branches everywhere could at the same time bring the matter to the notice of their respective Post-Masters General. Acting thus together the Association would have a very considerable

influence and would be capable of accomplishing much good.

Such an association would be very beneficial also to philatelists generally. It will go a great way towards putting a stop to forgeries and to various other impostures that are from time to time practiced or attempted.

Again in the event of a World's Fair being held in any country such an association would take official charge of the philatelic department and make it a prominent feature of the exhibition. What was so successfully done at Vienna last Fall could be carried out on even a much larger scale and be made a regular part of all great exhibitions. Indeed the Association could easily arrange to have annual meetings or congresses first in one and then in another of the great capitals of the world which would be attended by delegates from the different branch societies. At these meetings exhibitions of everything connected with philately and kindred sciences might be held and valuable prizes offered for the best collections shown, the best essays written on certain subjects connected with philately, etc. In this way a more general interest would be awakened in the subject and this would be of large benefit to the rising generation and to students of contemporary history.

Again Philatelists travelling from home would everywhere find friends belonging to societies affiliated with the Universal Association and would not, therefore, feel like strangers when away from the places of their residence. Anyone who has ever travelled will appreciate the advantage that this will be and this alone must largely tend to popularize philately and to increase the numbers of those interested in that and in kindred matters.

RULES OF THE U. P. ASSOCIATION.

Of course a set of rules and by-laws must be prepared and all members should be supplied with copies thereof and with certificates of membership. It would be well to make it a condition of membership that a candidate shall belong to a local branch where he lives, if such a branch exists, which branch shall recommend him to the Universal Society. It would also be advisable to make the certificates of membership good for the year only in which they are issued and renewable from year to year. Printing the rules and certificates will of course involve some labor and expence but this could be easily met by charging an admission fee of say, one dollar and a further annual fee of, say, fifty cents to each member. The rules might be altered from time to time if deemed necessary or advisable by the annual congress of philatelists which we have above suggested.

The receiver of more than one copy of this number will please give copies to stamp-collectors in his vicinity.

SUBSCRIBERS

To the PHILATELIC COURIER may receive back numbers except No 1, on application. We will pay 25 cents for any copies of No 1 that our subscribers will return to this office, our supply being exhausted.

SEND POSTAGE.—As our circulation is now so large that it entails a heavy expense in postage, friends abroad ordering extra or specimen numbers will please enclose with their orders a three-cent stamp to pay return postage.

POSTAL PROGRESS.

The history of the postal service is a record of continuous reform. There has been no retrogression. Extreme radical changes—excepting that bold move the Penny Post in England—have not, at any time, impelled its progress, but it has moved steadily along with the advancement of science and even apace with the wonderful educational strides which mark the present era.

Step by step the provisions of the Post have been brought within the reach of the people, so that to-day its facilities can be, and are, as conveniently availed of by the laboring classes as by the wealthiest in the land.

Not alone in the gradual reductions in postage rates has the postal reform been distinguished. The universality of the system of the treatment and conveyance of the mails is one of the marked features of recent postal improvements. The wide world over no one people enjoy greater advantages in this respect than another. The suggestions of the advanced and most practical thinkers on postal matters, adopted by the Postal Union, are simultaneously utilized by all constitutional governments, and hence the postal machinery, not of one country but of the civilized world in unison, now moves with the regularity of clock work.

Is it necessary to jot down the reforms that have been accomplished during the last half of the present century? It is not certainly called for because postal exactions affect the people so directly that every concession that has been made is, so to speak, as familiar as household words.

It may not be amiss, however, to refer to one or two changes for the better that have recently been made as indicating the character of the reforms that are now taking shape. The extension of the classes of mail matter is one of these. A few years ago nothing but letters and newspapers could be forwarded through the post, even within the borders of our own country. Now, a postal card that, originally, had a very circumscribed limit, can be sent to the most distant countries, and samples for trade purposes, and a book post that covers a long list of miscellaneous articles, can be carried everywhere at a rate of postage so trifling that it may be truly said to be next to nothing.

And yet, the limit of postal facilities has not been nearly reached. The spirit of the present day is not satisfied with the progress that has characterized the last decades—splendid as that record is. There are undoubtedly great achievements in store in the post office. Only within the last few days the Canadian government, alive to the desires of the people, has intimated its intention to abolish the tax on newspapers from the office of publication, so that the newspaper which has become so

indispensable in the homes of our people will, henceforth, be conveyed there free of post.

In all probability in a very short time the Parcel Post rate will be considerably reduced and, while now confined to the Dominion, will then be extended to all parts of this continent, to the United Kingdom, and perhaps to other European countries. England is already moving in this matter of the Parcel Post. What a boon will this be! Other improvements—local and general—must follow in rapid succession, for the great Postal Service is bound to adapt itself to the unmistakable genius of the age.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

The *Stamp Dealers' Gazette* of Bury St. Edmunds, England, remarks:—"The numbers of new philatelic papers pressed upon us at this season are legion. Collectors should each support two of the oldest and best." We would remind our contemporary that the *oldest* is not necessarily, or even ordinarily, the *best*.

The *Stamp World*, Cincinnati, for March is at hand. It claims to have doubled its circulation with that number. It is a good paper and we rejoice in its success.

The May number of the St. Louis *Philatelist* has been received. This journal is in its tenth year and contains much valuable and interesting information in each issue.

The first number of a new stamp paper—the "*Moniteur des Timbrophiles*" published in Belgium, has been received. It is well gotten up on clear, white paper, 8 pages somewhat smaller than the PHILATELIC COURIER, and contains a large amount of valuable information. We wish it full success.

The March number of the "*Dresdener Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal*" is at hand. It is a good paper and has a deservedly large circulation among German-speaking philatelists.

The 1st and 2nd numbers of "*O Brazil Philatelico*", published at San Paolo, have been received, they are very creditable in appearance and in contents and will, doubtless, command a good circulation and achieve success. The first number favored us with a flattering notice which we shall try to continue to deserve.

The "*New Jersey Philatelist*" for March was pleased to refer to us most kindly, and to encourage us in our notion of making this paper a monthly. We are deeply obliged to it for its kind wishes, and would gladly make the change if the support received from our Philatelic friends would warrant us in doing so. We do not as yet see our way clear but our ambition is to become a monthly. Our contemporary is one of the best and most valued of our exchanges. We therefore regret that the April number has not as yet reached us. We never receive a number without learning something valuable from it.

TO OUR EXCHANGES.

We shall be much obliged to publishers of other Philatelic journals if they will send us copies of their papers regularly and promptly in exchange for ours. Any notices with which they may be disposed to kindly favor us will be appreciated, acknowledged and, as occasion may offer, reciprocated.

GERMAN REPLY CARDS.

The new bill by which it is proposed to introduce the German system of "reply" post-cards defines a reply post-card as "a post-card of such a character that the person receiving the same through the post may without further payment again transmit the same or a part thereof through the post." The necessity for this Act has arisen from the circumstance that the Post Office authorities are at present limited to one halfpenny as the highest rate for an inland post-card. The bill accordingly provides that "nothing in the Post Office Acts shall be deemed to prevent the issue of a reply post-card, or the fixing of a rate of postage for a reply post-card, not exceeding double the rate charged for an ordinary post-card."

BRISTOL PARCEL POST.

The leading railway companies of the kingdom have just completed a series of returns containing full and valuable information as to the parcel traffic for a period of four days. The returns give the number of parcels carried under the following weights, namely, 7lb., 14lb., 21lb., and 56lb. The return also gives details of the number of insured parcels, containing jewellery and valuable fabrics, together with the method of their conveyance in sealed hampers from one town to another, and the proportion of parcels for rural districts. These returns will furnish important data as to the plan to be provided for by the Post Office authorities in the carrying out of the parcel post scheme. It is anticipated that as soon as the parcel post is well established, the limit will be extended from 7lb. to 14lb. weight.

TO POSTMASTERS.

THE Editor will thank Postmasters for all information they will kindly send, respecting new issues of stamps, cards, and envelopes, or on the subject of changes in important mail routes; and in fact for any news respecting new postal arrangements. Our object is to utilize the large circulation of the COURIER, which goes over the whole world, to make public such changes.

AUX MAITRES DE POSTE.

LE REDACTEUR sera bien aise de remercier les maitres de poste que lui feront la bonte de donner de temps a autre les informations les plus recentes sur les nouvelles emissions de timbres, cartes ou enveloppes, et aussi au sujet de tous changements de routes-malles; enfin sur toutes les nouvelles a propos des reglemens postaux. Notre but est de transmettre a tous les quartiers du monde les informations importantes, lequel nous permet la grande circulation du COURIER, couvrant le monde entier.

NON-ADHERANTS.

The countries and colonies having organized postal services which have not yet adhered to the Postal Union are Bolivia in South America, Costa Rica in Central America, New Zealand and the British colonies in Australia. With these exceptions the territory of the Universal Postal Union may now be said to embrace the civilized world. It includes an area of over 50,000,000 square miles, with a population of about 800,000,000.

COLLECTING LETTERS.

In this matter, concerning which we made a few remarks in our last issue, Canada is far behind other countries as the following from our esteemed correspondent at St. Petersburg, Russia, will illustrate:—"I was much astonished that collecting letters in locked canvass bags and exchanges in letter-boxes is only proposed in Canada. It was always the manner of collecting letters from letter boxes in St. Petersburg and in other places in Russia."

U. S. POSTAL STATISTICS.

The annual report of the Postmaster General of the United States, recently submitted to both houses of Congress, at Washington, D. C., is replete with useful information. We quote some of this as follows:—

The entire revenue of the Post Office Department from July 1st, 1836 to June 30th, 1881 was \$574,838,738.33 and the amount granted from the Treasury to the Department in the same period aggregated \$122,609,817.14—making the total receipts \$697,448,555.47. The total expenditures in the same period aggregated the sum of \$591,276,559.39. The contrast presented and the vast increase of the business in the past forty-five years is shown by the fact that in 1836-7 the income of the Department was \$4,945,686.21 and the expenditure was \$3,288,319.03, while in the year 1880-1 the income was \$40,083,319.43 and expenditure \$39,592,566.22. The surplus for the whole period has therefore apparently been \$106,171,996.08. But deducting the amount of the Treasury grants during the time under consideration, we find the deficit arising from the postal service to have been \$6,437,821.06. In 1880-1 the actual revenue was \$36,785,397.97 which gives a deficit independent of the Treasury grant—\$3,297,921.46—of \$1,807,168.25.

A GALLANT PRINCE.

Prince Alexander of Bulgaria is one of the most gallant of rulers. Not long ago a Parisian who has a mania for collecting postage stamps, and who owns a marvellous album, tried and tried in vain to get a complete series of Bulgarian stamps. She made all kinds of offers, sent out commissions, etc., and at last, impatient of all delay, determined to make a bold attempt to get what she wanted or perish in the attempt. She wrote a letter to Prince Alexander of Bulgaria, explaining matters to him and asking him to come to her assistance. Presently came a graceful letter written in the prince's own hand and enclosing a complete collection of his country's stamps.

POSTAL FACILITIES ON THE AMERICAN RAILROADS.—The Post Office Department has under consideration the propriety of adopting some means to enable travellers on railroads to mail postal cards and letters. It is suggested that this can be done by placing plain lettered mail boxes in each passenger car, and that postal clerks, or messengers on the train or at the principal stations along the road, make the collections, thereby placing the whole thing in responsible hands and under the control of the department.—*New Jersey Philatelist.*

ADMISSIONS TO THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION.

The United States of Colombia, having ceded in 1849 to the Panama Railroad Company for a term of 99 years the exclusive right to transport mails across the isthmus of Panama, at certain rates fixed by that company, the government of that country no longer possesses complete sovereignty in postal matters so far as isthmus transportations are concerned. Consequently the United States of Colombia has been admitted to the Union with the reservation that special rates of transit of mails across the isthmus are to be applied in lieu of the Union territorial transit charges fixed by article 4 of the Convention of Paris.

Table showing the countries and colonies which have acceded to the Postal Union since the date of the Postmaster-General's report for 1880, and the dates upon which the said countries and colonies entered, or will enter, the union.

Grenada.....	February 1, 1881
St. Lucia.....	February 1, 1881
Tobago.....	February 1, 1881
Turk's Islands.....	February 1, 1881
Chili, Republic of.....	April 1, 1881
Hayti, Republic of.....	July 1, 1881
Paraguay, Republic of.....	July 1, 1881
Colombia, United States of.....	July 1, 1881
Guatemala, Republic of.....	August 1, 1881
Barbadoes.....	September 1, 1881
St. Vincent.....	September 1, 1881
Hawaiian Islands.....	January 1, 1882
Nicaragua, Republic of.....	May 1, 1882

ILLUMINATED LETTER-BOXES.

It has been suggested, and we highly approve the idea, that the holes or slits in the street letter-boxes be surrounded with a line of luminous paint. This paint costs little more than ordinary paint. It will be a great convenience at night to all—especially strangers—who wish to deposit their letters in the boxes. No matter how dark or how stormy the night, the slit into which the letters are to be put will be as clearly distinguished as at noon of a pleasant day. Exposure to storms will not injure its luminous powers more than is ordinary paint injured. This is a cheap reform that the Post Office authorities would do well to consider.

WEIGHT OF U. S. POSTAL MATTER.

In the year ending June 30th, 1881 there were sent from the United States to foreign countries through the mails the following weights of matter:—

	Letters lbs.	Papers, etc. lbs.
To Europe	285,765,536	1,104,217,706
To other countries and colonies in the Postal Union	23,540,352	175,216,140
To countries not in the Postal Union	868,330	not given
Totals	309,175,218	1,279,433,846

U. S. MONEY ORDERS.

The following table will give an idea of the extent and importance of the Money Order business transacted by the Post Offices in the United States in the year ending June 30th, 1881:—

Country.	Number of Orders Issued.	Amount of Orders Issued.	Fees.	Number of Orders paid.	Amount of Orders paid.	Amount of Orders re-paid.
Domestic.....	7,663,232	\$105,075,769.35	\$966,732.75	7,627,710	\$104,210,871.65	\$830,137.72
Canadian.....	40,008	827,756.92	14,031.65	38,378	611,163.69	3,826.94
British.....	145,244	2,008,989.65	58,225.10	21,169	360,736.71	4,662.91
German.....	84,201	1,395,725.83	24,994.60	28,007	825,021.07	6,330.41
Swiss.....	7,521	145,749.94	4,106.00	3,650	109,371.31	485.56
Italian.....	9,385	239,673.95	54,497.00	528	13,548.15	1,031.99
French.....	4,649	73,030.09	1,333.30	1,076	38,380.22	817.14
Total.....	7,953,330	\$109,759,695.73	\$1,073,889.20	7,761,088	\$106,178,092.80	\$847,312.67

THE REDUCTION OF LETTER POSTAGE.

from three to two cents will be possible within three years. I believe this reduction could be accomplished without the proportionate diminution of receipts which followed the adoption of three-cent postage in 1851. The people have shown their appreciation of cheap postage. The introduction of the postal card, instead of diminishing the receipts, has on the whole largely increased them. Two cent postage would, I believe, after one or two years' trial produce the same result. It is my deliberate judgment that two-cent postage is feasible in the near future. I would favor it even if the rates of postage on third and fourth class matter had to be increased. The great mass of the people are interested in cheap letter postage. The proportion of those benefited by the unremunerative rates on third and fourth class matter is comparatively small. Moreover the people who are benefited could afford to pay more liberally for the advantages extended to them. The bulk and weight of third and fourth class matter adds so largely to the cost of transporting the mails that all the profit realized from letter postage is thereby absorbed. If these classes of matter contributed proportionately, two-cent postage would at once be assured. It the government is to be a common carrier, ought it to be compelled to lose money thereby? Ought the many who are interested in cheap letter postage be taxed for the benefit of the few who are concerned for low rates on third and fourth class matter?

NEW ISSUES of Adhesives Post Cards and Envelopes.

Argentine Republic.—Our correspondent informs us that the 5 centavos stamps of the type of 1867 has been revived but it is not used at its original face value. It is perforated horizontally across the middle. Each half is used for ½ centavo. The numeral ½ is so surcharged in the centre that the perforation divides it and near the lower edge appears the surcharge "Provisorio." A 12 centavo stamp is also announced as soon to appear. Also a news-band of ½c., a post-card of 2c and reply card of 2x2 centavos.

Azores.—The current Portuguese stamps of 25 reis, bistre-brown, is now used in the Azores surcharged with the name of the Colony.

Austria.—Postal cards and reply-cards, brown on buff, for 2 kr and 2x2 kr with Roumanian inscription are now current.

Barbadoes.—A ½d post-card for domestic use only, red-brown, has been issued.

Belgium.—A new card for domestic use, 5c violet, is issued. A new style of cards and reply-cards for each official department are in use.

Bhopa, India.—A new type of ½ anna, black is in circulation.

Brazil.—The new type now in use in the empire is as follows:—

50 reis.....blue
100 "bronze-green
200 "red

Also a very neatly-executed post card for domestic use only, 20 reis, brown and white. A Postal Union card 80 reis orange on white will shortly appear.

Bulgarian.—A new series—values in stotinkas—is now current.

Cabul.—The current series is of a new style. The stamps are circular and of the value of 5 and 10 annas and 1 rupee violet.

Canada.—A new 1 cent post-card will shortly issue. It will be a little larger than those hitherto in use and without marginal border. Design otherwise similar to those now in use. A news band of a new style has issued, on pale yellow paper. The stamp is similar in design to the last issue and in a brighter blue than that was, but is more coarsely executed, being apparently a wood engraving. Philatelists will bear in mind that the late news-band was furnished in two shades of paper. A new issue of stamps is in contemplation but details are not as yet divulged. Our readers will have the first information.

Cape of Good Hope.—Our attentive correspondent at Capetown has sent us specimens of the new 1d wrapper now in use there. The stamp is oval, color brown, and is very plain in design.

Cape Verde Islands.—The colors of the current series are 10 reis, green, 40 reis, yellow; 50 reis, blue.

Dominican Republic.—The following envelopes have been issued and are now in use. 5c, blue; 10c, carmine; 15c, yellow; 20c, bistre-brown; 30c, magenta; 40c, brown; 45c violet; 60c, emerald. Also 2c, orange and 3c, black, newspaper wrappers.

Dutch India.—A set of unpaid-letter stamps of the same type as those in use in

Holland have been issued. They are of the values of 2½, 5, 20, 40 and 75cents.

Ecuador.—The stamps now current are of a new design. Their values are in centavos instead of in reals heretofore.

Egypt.—The color of the 10 paras stamp has been changed from its recent blue to the original gray.

France.—The new 30x300 reply card, rose on buff, is in circulation.

Great Britain.—A reply card is promised shortly.

Honduras.—A stamp of a new kind bearing the inscription "Postal Union," 2 centavos, orange, has been issued.

Hong Kong.—One dollar "Stamp Duty" now used for postage.

India.—A stamp of a new design—value one anna and 6 pices—has been issued. Also a 3 annas, orange.

Italy.—The new postal-union cards are out. The card is of the same design as the last but it is of emerald-green and the impression is brown. Halves 10 centesimi and 10x10c.

Jamaica. 1½d and 3d revenue stamps are used for postage.

Macao.—A new series will shortly be issued.

New Caladonia.—A surcharge of 25c on 35c is in circulation.

Norway.—The following reply cards have been issued:

5x6 ore.....blue on buff
10x10 "(Postal Union)....rose on white
Also a single card 5 ore blue on buff.

Paraguay.—The following new postal cards are in use:—2 centavos, lilac, and three centavos, blue, and replies 4x4 brown.

Persia.—A neatly-executed stamp of the new type black and chamois with orange border—50 centimes, is in use.

Peru.—The entire new series—1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 centavos and 1 sole—make a fine appearance. They are all, however, surcharged with the Chilean coat of arms. The 5 and 50 cents and the 1 sole have in addition the surcharge enclosed in a horse-shoe-shaped impression the words "Union Postal Universal" and under that "Peru" across the stamp. The entire set of envelopes—2, 5, 10, 20, and 50—bear, besides the Peruvian stamp and at its left the Chilean coat of arms, impression in vermilion, and beneath it the legend "Caja Fiscal de Lima." Also on the lower left hand corner a circle enclosing the words "Lima" in the upper and "Principal" in the lower half. The date is stamped across the centre of the circle. The impression is in black.

Philippine Islands.—A stamp of the new value of 12 4-8 centde peso has appeared. The following new provisionals have also appeared:—2c yellow surcharge on 200 m deep green; 1 v black on 10 cuartos brown; 22 carmine on 2 reals blue. The color of the current 2 4-8 c de pesos is to be changed to blue.

Portuguese India.—The new series was issued in January and are, as far as we are informed, as follows:—1½ reis, black, 4½ do, brown, 6 do green, 1 tanga, rose, 2 do, blue, 4 do, lilac, 8 do, orange. The latest provisionals are 1 tanga, black surcharge on the 100 reis lilac and 2 tanga black surcharge on 300 reis brown.

Portugal.—A stamp, 25 reis red-brown, of a new type for postal and telegraph service has been issued.

Queensland.—High and low value of Fiscal Stamps are now used for postage.

Russia.—Samps of the following new values are now in use:—1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 15, 35 and 70 kopecs. The new envelopes are of the values of 7 kopecs and are stamped in blue. It is announced that after January 1st proximo stamps of a large size for telegraph and postal service will be introduced. The values will be 3½ and 7 roubles. Also envelopes of 40k., postal cards 3k., and bands for printed matter, 1k., orange and 2k green.

Servia.—A new series of unpaid-letter stamps has issued.

South Australia.—The 1 penny (green) stamp is surcharged with the words "Half Penny" and a line is drawn through the original denomination "one penny."

Straits Settlement.—On the 15th, of January the new 5 and 10 cent stamps were issued.

Switzerland.—The long-promised new series of stamps for this country have been issued and make a very creditable appearance. They are of two types. The first are of the values of 2, 3, 5, 10, 12 and 15 centimes. They bear the word "Helvetia" forming the arc of a circle and the Geneva cross in the upper and the denomination in the lower half. The others are of the values of 20, 25, 40 and 50 centimes and 1 franc. The centre is an oval occupied by a figure of Helvetia bearing in her right hand a lance and supporting with her left a shield on which is emblazoned the Geneva cross. Over her head is the word "Helvetia" and the encircling oval is occupied by 22 stars. The denomination of the stamp is noted below the feet of the Goddess.

Uruguay.—It is announced that stamps conforming to the Postal Union rates will be shortly issued. Their values will be 5, 10 and 20 centavos.

Venezuela.—"Escuelas."—A new 5 bolivares, blue, is in use.

Wurtemberg.—A new stamp, value 1 mark has been added to the series of service stamps.

We invite all Correspondents to send us
ON APPEARANCE, provisional issues or new
issues to the amount of One Dollar or Five
Francs in lowest values, for which we will
remit promptly on receipt.

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FREE NEWSPAPERS.

The House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads of the U. S. agree to report unfavorably on the bill providing that newspapers and periodicals be sent post free to members of the life-saving service, favorably on the bill to fix the compensation of postmasters of the fourth class, and favorably on the bill providing the rate of postage on second-class mail matter at letter-carrier offices be 2 cents per pound.

PUBLISHERS OF PHILATELIC ALBUMS.

Long experience and much consideration of the matter has led us to the conclusion that publishers of philatelic albums, especially the larger and more valuable and costly ones do not take the proper method to meet the natural desires of their customers. A collector of stamps who has paid a considerable sum for an album that is at the time complete and who has expended a large amount of money in buying stamps to fill it—to say nothing of the patience, skill and labor involved—often discovers that the list of the stamps of his album was not as complete as he thought it was, and he always finds that there have been new emissions in different countries and that old styles have been retired and become obsolete. Under these circumstances he applies to the album publishers and is advised to buy a newer, revised edition in volumes. The most enthusiastic collector feels that this is not what he desires. He does not wish to throw away the book on which he has expended so much pleasant labor. Then the work of removing the stamps that have been pasted into one book, from the old in to the new album, that will itself soon be obsolete, is not certain to be a complete success and will not recommend itself to any sensible person. In fact there can be no doubt that this difficulty is one important reason why many persons who have begun the study of the Philatelic Art and the gathering of collections have given it up in disgust. Thus not only publishers of albums but dealers in stamps lose customers who might have been retained or attracted if a proper regard to their convenience was shown.

It is very well to endeavor to induce a new customer to purchase the newest and fullest edition of an album but, after that, publishers should put themselves in a position to supply their customers from time to time with supplement^s to the albums that they have already sold them. We are convinced that they will, in the long run, find this course more profitable than that they now follow.

In publishing albums as in every other business there is so much competition that those who most truly consult the tastes and desires of their patrons will reap the amplest reward. We commend this idea to the consideration of Publishers of Philatelic Albums.

FREE POSTAL DELIVERY.—Letters, papers, etc., are delivered to their addresses in 109 cities in the United States.

USE OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

A correspondent of the *Public Ledger*, Philadelphia, attributes the first use and issue of Postage stamps to John Lorimer Graham, postmaster in New York in 1842. These stamps were, he says, about the size of the stamp now in use, bore the head of Washington and were of the value of three cents. The postmasters of St. Louis, Baltimore, Alexandria, Va., New Haven, Providence, R. I., and Brattleboro, Vt., followed about in the order named in 1845 and 1846. According, however, to the recollection of an old employe of the New York post-office, stamps were brought into use first by Postmaster Morris in 1847 or 1848. He issued stamps of his own at five and ten cents apiece, those being the then current rates of postage; but the postmasters throughout the

country refused to recognize them. In 1851 an act of Congress was passed which led to the introduction of the rates and stamps now in use.

BRASS-LOCK REGISTRY EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

The "brass-lock registry exchange system," established two years since and explained in my report of last year, has proven completely successful, and is rapidly being put in operation on all important lines of star service in the country. It corresponds to the through-pouch system on the railroads, to which it is an adjunct, and is governed by somewhat similar regulations. Not only does it greatly add to the security of registered matter, but it greatly facilitates its transmission and saves much labor in re-handling. Prior to the establishment of the system registered matter was rebilled and recorded at each intermediate post-office on the line in order to fasten the responsibility in case of loss. It not unfrequently happened that the registered mail was so large that it could not be handled in time for the first outgoing mail, and was permitted to lie over to be sent on a subsequent day. On one important star route a post-office inspector reported constant detentions of registered matter, varying from ten to fifteen days, when the scheduled time for the trip was only fifteen hours. The delay in rehandling registered matter at intermediate offices was frequently pleaded by contractors in extenuation of failure to make schedule time, and as a reason for the remittance of fines imposed for such failure.

EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS.

One effect of the adoption by the express companies of the money order system of transmitting small sums will inevitably be to greatly diminish the revenue hitherto derived by the government from the corresponding branch of its postal service. Money may now be sent by express order more cheaply than by any facility offered by the postal service, while the security to the sender is equally absolute, and the promptitude in transmission certainly no less. Add to this the fact that express agents are as a rule more accessible than postmasters or their clerks—the formers' tenure of place depending more directly on their ability and disposition to please the public—and you have a combination of influences tending to divert this class of business from the government to the express companies that cannot fail to make themselves felt. It is plain to see that the revenue the government has been reaping from this source, and which has gone a considerable way towards making the postal service self-sustaining, will show a sudden and serious falling off from the causes mentioned, but we suppose that all Uncle Sam can do is to grin and bear it.—*Prarie Farmer*.

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Special attention is invited to my assortment of Provincial stamps, viz., Newfoundland, P. E. Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

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184 Argyle Street,
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EXCHANGE OF MONEY ORDERS WITH CANADA.

The number of Canadian international money orders issued in the United States was 40,008, amounting to \$827,756.92, of which amount \$3,826.94 were repaid to the remitters; and the number paid in the United States was 38,375, amounting to \$611,163.69. The fees received for the orders issued in the United States amounted to \$14,958.65. A comparison of this business with that of the preceding year exhibits an increase of \$316,140.34, or nearly 62 per cent., in the issues; of \$188,434.02, or nearly 45 per cent., in the payments, and of \$2,485.45, or nearly 21½ per cent., in fees.

DEAD LETTERS.

By careful reckoning based upon an actual count made in every post office in the United States during the first week in December, 1880, it has been ascertained that the whole number of letters mailed in this country in the last fiscal year was 1,046,107,348. The number reaching the Dead-Letter Office during the same period was 3,323,621 or one in every 315. The total number of letters, and of packages that were of sufficient value to be recorded and filed, received during the year ended June 30, 1881, was 3,674,205, an increase of 351,623 over the number received during the preceeding year. For convenience of treatment they were classified as follows: Unclaimed domestic letters, 2,791,050; held for postage, 279,244; misdirected, 242,556 (not including 31,184 foreign letters with imperfect or erroneous addresses); without any superscription whatever, (the majority of them bearing stamps to pay postage,) 9,479; letters addressed to foreign countries, and containing articles (coin, jewelry, &c.) which are forbidden to be sent in the international mails, 1292; letters of foreign origin, 284,127 (of which 31,184 were sent to the Dead-Letter Office on account of erroneous or imperfect addresses); foreign parcels (unopened), 13,866; and domestic packages, 52,591.

Of the letters and packages opened, 13,617 were found to contain money amounting to \$40,587.80; 22,012 containing drafts, money orders, checks, notes, &c., the aggregate face value of which was \$1,899,062.51; 37,978 contained receipts, paid notes, and canceled obligations of all sorts; 33,731 contained photographs; 61,556 contained small remittances of postage-stamps; and in 75,213 there were found valuable articles of third and fourth class matter in endless variety. The amount of money separated from dead letters for which no claimant could be found was \$6,584.40, which was deposited in the Treasury. The amount of postage collected upon short-paid matter forwarded to destination, and upon unclaimed packages of third and fourth class matter returned to owners, was \$3,109.34. The records of the department show that 8,338,918 registered letters and packages were mailed in this country during the year. Of this number only 2,614 reached the Dead-Letter Office; and of these 2,131 were finally delivered to the owners, the balance being placed on file awaiting identification by the parties interested.

NEW REGISTERED LOCK.

A long-felt want has at last been supplied in securing a suitable lock for through pouches. This lock is under contract and will be put in use about the first of January next. It is fitted with a combination of numbers, the order of which is changed by turning the key. The pouch will be billed at the dispatch office under a given number corresponding with the lock, and receipted for under this number from point to point until it reaches the office of destination. Improper interference will be readily detected by a disagreement between the number on the lock and that on the bill, and the responsibility readily located. It frequently happens that through pouches are compelled to lie over in transit at intermediate through-pouch offices; and in case of such temporary detention it becomes necessary, with the use of the present ordinary lock, to require the postmaster to open the pouch, check off, certify, and record its contents. This imposes a vast deal of clerical labor which will be saved by the use of the new lock, avoiding as it does the necessity of opening pouches between terminal offices. In the mode of construction the new lock is much superior in all respects to the old one.

THROUGH-POUCH EXCHANGES WITH CANADA.

In June last, after some preliminary negotiations, formal arrangements were entered into with the Post-Office Department of Canada for direct exchanges of through registered pouches between Buffalo, N. Y., and the principal post offices in the province of Ontario. The arrangement is now in successful operation, and negotiations are very nearly concluded for through exchanges with the eastern portion of the Dominion of Canada.

A NEW USE FOR STAMPS.

A German paper says that bales of used stamps are now sent to China where there is an active demand for them for a novel use. The Celestials paste them on strips of linen which are used in the same way that we use room paper, and bring a high price. The demand is growing, as this new "room paper" is fashionable, especially among the higher and wealthier classes of society. A room papered with old postage stamps is regarded as extremely "light-toned"—in fact aesthetic.

TRANSVAAL STAMPS.

Our attentive correspondent in Natal, South Africa writes as follows:—"I notice by Philatelic publications in the United States that the Dutch Government (in the Transvaal) has issued a set of stamps since the place was handed back to it—the values, colors and sizes being given. Now as I made special enquiry about this the other day when writing to enquire after the ½d stamps, I am in a position to deny this statement, the Postmaster having written and told me that they have no new stamps yet, but are still using the British government stamps bearing the Queen's head. * * * I fancy the person or persons who have been so quick to supply the Philatelic world in general with this information have got out of their reckoning and have got hold of the old Dutch fiscals which answer the given description in a very accurate manner—hence I believe the mistake."

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GEORGE STEPHEN, *President.*

CHARLES DRINKWATER, *Secretary.*

Canada Pacific Railway Co., Montreal, Canada.

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Egypt.....	5	12
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Haytien Republic.....	3	12
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“ “ Surcharged 2c.....	8	18
Jamaica.....	4	7
Liberia.....	3	12
Luxemburg—Official.....	4	12
Montevideo.....	4	12
Natal.....	5	15
Newfoundland—1881.....	4	15
Orange Free State.....	2	8
*Persia—1882—Service.....	4	35
Peru.....	5	15
*Porto Rico—1882.....	6	15
“ —1880 to 1882.....	6	15
*Prussia—1850.....	5	25
Roumania.....	8	12
*Servia.....	7	15
Spain—War Tax.....	4	7
St. Thomas.....	4	14
Transvaal—head.....	4	15
Tasmania.....	3	6
Turkey.....	6	12
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Etant propriétaire de l'Edition Halifax de la *Liste Noire du Monde pour les Philatelistes*, je prie que tous mes correspondants me transmettent pour publication toute information sur aucune conduite deshonorale de la part de commercans ou de collecteurs.

Cette liste sera lue par tous les commercans fiables dans les deux mondes et les protegera de la fraude.

N. B.-Puisque cette liste sera publiee tous les trois mois sur ce journal, mes remerciemens seront dus a mes amis qui m'enverront les informations promptes et recentes.

H. HECHLER, Redacteur,

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Complaints must contain the full name and address of complainant, and also of persons complained of, whose names will only be noted by initials in first notice.

J. P. —, Constantinople, will please attend at once to the remittance sent to him by us some time since.

We withhold reference to other delinquents in this issue, but if they do not remit as they should before our next we shall be compelled to "name" them and caution others against them.

A. F. St—, dealer in Persian stamps, informs us that a number of persons have ordered stamps from him and have neglected to forward the money to him for them. The initials of the delinquents are as follows:—

In Germany.—J. G., Hamburg; E. L., do; F. de H., Colmar; A. O., Uhlenhurst; J. B., Berlin; A. B., Freiburg in Badeu.

In the United States.—N. F. S., New York.

In France.—A. B., Paris; C. R., do.

In England.—J. H. B., Birmingham; J. H. H., London.

Roumania.—J. P., Jassy.

Les reclames doivent contenir nom et domicile de la personne inculpee; le nom cette personne ne sera indique que par les lettres initiale sur le premier avis dans ce journal.

WORLD'S BLACK LIST.

HALIFAX EDITION.

As proprietor of the Halifax Edition of the *World's Black List for Philatelists*, I request from all my correspondents, for publication, any information of dishonorable conduct on the part of stamp dealers and stamp collectors that may come to their knowledge. This list will reach all reliable dealers in the two hemispheres for their protection from fraud.

N. B.-As this will be published quarterly in the *Philatelic Courier*, I will be thankful to receive the latest and promptest information.

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THE WORLD'S POSTAL SERVICE.

The following statements showing the developments of postal arrangements in various civilized nations were obtained at the French Post Office Department from the statistics of 1880 of the postal service in countries belonging to the Universal Postal Union. The number of letters and postal cards despatched and received in domestic and international services *per capita* of population in the various countries was as follows:—Great Britain 37, United States 22, Switzerland 22, Netherlands 17, Belgium 19, Germany 15, France 14. Estimating the population of the whole globe at 1,400,000,000 individuals, the number of letters and postal cards per individual averages three and a half. In the larger countries the number of newspapers despatched by them ranged as follows:—United States 18,379,000, Great Britain 16,698,000, France 15,894,000, Germany 8,760,000 Italy 5,031,000 Belgium 4,001,000, Spain 3,118,000, Netherlands, 1,252,000. In a comparison between the length of railway lines, high roads and water routes used in 1880 for the conveyance of mails in

various countries, it is shown that the U. S. occupies the first place, the length of such routes in the United States being 550,000 kilometres, France 227,000 kilometres, Russia 171,000 Germany 101,000. No information relative to Great Britain or British India is furnished on this point. Another item given is the number of kilometres traversed by travelling post offices or railway mails in 1880. In this respect the United States ranks first, 154,000,000 kilometres of railway mail transportation; Germany 102,799,000, France 66,151,000, Austria 29,168,000, Russia 23,204,000, Hungary 12,505,000, Spain 5,943,000, Sweden 5,659,000 Switzerland 4,773,000, kilometres. Regarding Great Britain and British India there are no statements. In mail transportations effected by means of post routes, the United States again ranks first with 121,713,000 kilometres, Germany 62,745,000, France 48,869,000, Russia 33,416,000, Austria 31,744,000. No particulars are given in reference to Great Britain and British India. Under the heading of annual mail transportation by ships in 1880, the United States is first, 9,070,000 kilometres having been traversed by ship mails, France 5,240,000, Sweden 3,513,000, Argentine 3,453,000, Russia 2,856,000, Hong Kong 2,600,000, Austria 1,835,000, Italy 1,711,000, Belgium 1,671,000, Norway 1,665,000, Japan 1,249,000, Hungary 1,067,000, Germany 1,010,000 kilometres. Great Britain and British India not given. According to the statistics of 1880 Germany obtained the largest gross revenue, viz.: 190,229,000 francs, United States 176,454,000 francs, Great Britain 168,336,000 francs, France 112,687,000, Russia 59,694,000, Austria 41,500,000, Italy 28,189,000, British India 22,324,000, Spain 18,723,000, Switzerland 17,590,000, Hungary 15,890,000, Belgium 11,599,000, Netherlands 8,829,000, Sweden 7,133,000, Japan 644,000, Denmark 551,000 francs. The largest net revenue was obtained by Great Britain, viz.: 64,944,000 francs.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Our correspondence in all parts of the world is rapidly growing, and is becoming very expensive in the matter of postage. We are therefore compelled to request all who write to us desiring a reply, to enclose in their letters, stamps to pay the return postage. In future, we shall not notice letters from anyone who does not do this. Subscribers and others may obtain back numbers of the PHILATELIC COURIER at any time, on application, accompanied by the money for the same. Subscriptions may commence from any number.

Les personnes qui auront recu plus d'un exemplaire de ce numero sont pries de les transmettre aux philatelistes de leur connaissance.

The receiver of more than one copy of this number will please give copies to stamp-collectors in his vicinity.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVISIONALS.

(By Henry Hechler.)

Having observed in several philatelic exchanges references to supposed provisional surcharged stamps of Nova Scotia, I have made particular investigation into the matter. I have questioned officers that were connected with the Post Office at the time that said surcharged provisionals are alleged to have been used.

After a very careful and minute examination I am in position to state positively, that none such ever existed. The only provisionals that were ever used in this Province were made by halving and quartering stamps of larger denominations, in the manner alluded to in No. II of this journal, therefore, any pretended surcharged Nova Scotia stamps must be forgeries.

In the matter of the halves and quarters above alluded to, connoisseurs will not recognise any as genuine unless they have sufficient of the envelope or wrapper attached to show the entire Post Office obliteration.

I hope that my philatelic friends will make special note of this.

Halifax, November 1882.

INSUFFICIENTLY PAID LETTERS.

The old rule that letters that are unpaid or not sufficiently prepaid by postage stamps shall be sent to the Dead Letter office is rapidly becoming obsolete. It is recognised that these deviations from the "letter of the law" are generally due to ignorance or inadvertance and that in many cases serious injury is inflicted on innocent persons by non-delivery of letters at their proper destination.

Most nations that are in the "Universal Postal Union" have, therefore, adopted the plan of tendering such letters to those to whom they are addressed, and exacting what may be due from the receiver. The original, though crude, plan was to mark with pen or pencil the amount due upon such letters on the envelope enclosing them. The postal authorities in some countries have, however, recently adopted the system of affixing unpaid stamps to letters of this class which show the exact amount due on them, and have issued special stamps for that use. This is, evidently, the more scientific plan, and we are surprised that it has not been adopted by Canada before now. The Dominion having abolished the use of bill-stamps and having a large supply of the same remaining on hand unused, could utilize the same by ordering them to be put on unpaid or insufficiently prepaid letters. They may be easily surcharged with the amount due, and the words in large letters "Due Stamps." In this way Canada will accomplish two good ends. It will occupy the same advanced position that other countries do in postal matters and it will make useful a lot of stamps that are now "dead stock" upon its hands.

We seriously commend the consideration of this matter to the proper authorities because we deem it important.

The excess of postal receipts over expenditures in the State of Maine, U. S. A., for the past year, is \$84,084.

THE GERMAN FIELD POST OF 1870-1.

An interesting return has recently been made of the work done by the German Land Field Post in connection with the Army during the late Franco-Prussian war; i.e., from the middle of July 1870 when the troops were first moved, to the end of March 1871, when the war was virtually closed.

The service was an arduous one, as may be imagined owing to the army being a very large one and constantly in motion, and letters, etc., had to be conveyed over wretched roads, running all sorts of dangers and encountering many difficulties, besides the dangers from the enemy. It was of inestimable benefit and comfort not only to the soldiers in the field but to those who remained at home and suffered from the most intense anxiety and suspense after each daily battle, until they heard from or of their absent ones. Field post cards were first used in that war and were thoroughly appreciated by thousands of men who could not have taken the time from their fierce duties to write a formal letter, but could scribble off a hasty card to assure their loved and loving ones at home that all was well with them.

From this return we extract the following statistics, which, we believe will be read with interest.

(1.) NORTH GERMAN FIELD POST.

89,659,000 letters and post cards.
2,354,310 newspapers.
42,024,460 thalers of service money.
16,842,460 do of private do.
125,916 service packages.
1,853,686 private do

(2.) BAVARIAN FIELD POST.

32,400,000 letters, post-cards and newspapers,
72,000 registered and money letters.
90,000 packages.

(3.) WURTEMBERG FIELD POST.

(From the out-march to the home return.)

6,890,000 letters, post-cards and newspapers.
454,233 { packages and money to the
value of 4,834,983 florins that
were forwarded.

(4.) BADEN FIELD POST.

1,470,500, { letters, post-cards and registered
letters.
114,400 newspapers.
1,908,100 fl. of service money.
1,023,110 fl. private money.
63,067 packages.

The German field post also carried the letters, money, etc., sent by friends in France to prisoners of war detained in Germany. The amount of money thus conveyed and paid over to prisoners exceeded five (5,000,000)

millions of francs. The field telegraph service was also connected with this department, and during the war erected and operated 407 stations and 11,830 kilometers of wire line. This in addition to the German State lines comprising 118 stations and 12,500 kilometers of wire line. Both were in steady employment all the time.

Though the organization of the telegraph department of the Post Office is comparatively young, it has abundantly proved its immense usefulness for military as well as for political purposes and its constant growth and extension in all directions shows how important it is to the general public.

MONEY ORDERS CHEAPENED.

The new Postmaster-General, the Hon. JOHN CARLING, has inaugurated his re-entrance into official life by a display of administrative action in a direction into which his predecessors hesitated to move. The high rates charged for money orders between the Dominion and the exterior world have always been regarded as excessive, this form of taxation, too, falling almost wholly upon the least wealthy classes of the community. MR. CARLING has just abated this grievance by reducing the rates to as low a point as it was at all possible they could be allowed to descend, and the new money-order tariff goes into force to-morrow. The rate of exchange is also reduced from \$48.90 to \$48 for the £10 sterling. The rate will be the same as on orders for the United States, and is lower than any of the rates which have been suggested. A new pattern of "order" also comes into use, superseding three others, and adapted for drawing on any country with which Canada has now, or may hereafter have, a rate of exchange. Orders from all countries will be issued in "dollars and cents" only, and the conversion into foreign money will be effected at the chief office through which the outgoing relative advices pass. In like manner the English post-office will convert orders on Canada into dollars and cents before leaving England, so that Canadian postmasters will be entirely relieved of the trouble of converting into and issuing orders in a foreign money, a duty which has been the cause of many errors whereby the public suffered. The following will illustrate the advantage which will result from this change in rates. At present to send home \$10 costs 20c., and the payer in England receives £2 0s 11d. After Saturday to send the same amount will cost only 10c., and the payer will get £2 1s. 1d., a total saving of 14c. out of 20c. or say two-thirds off. Printed notices containing full information and tables, together with examples, have been prepared, and will be at once placed in prominent places in the various post offices throughout the country. The utility of this action of MR. CARLING'S will only be equalled by its popularity, and in it we see fresh proof that the new Postmaster-General is a worthy colleague in an Administration which is celebrated above all for the practical character of its measures.—*Shareholder, Montreal June 30th.*

The sale of stamps at the Philadelphia Post-office in October amounted to \$137,200. This is \$14,700 greater than the sales of October, 1881.

POST-OFFICE ANNUITIES AND LIFE INSURANCE.

A scheme has been proposed to the English Government to blend the present system of Post-office annuities and life insurance with that of the Postal Savings Bank. By this means an insurer will also practically open a Savings Bank account, inasmuch as the premiums are to be paid in as deposits, and a bank-book handed to the insurer. The advantages of this system are that by using the machinery of the Savings Bank Department, the insurer can pay his premiums in small periodical amounts to suit his own convenience, going even so low as a penny, if use is made of the postage stamp slips for saving purposes; the payments can be made at any one of the nearly 7,000 Savings Banks now established, instead of being restricted, as at present, to 2,000; there will be no special book, and no obligation to pay a particular sum on a particular day. For those who are already depositors in the Savings Bank, desiring to insure or purchase an annuity, it would merely be requisite to give authority to the Postmaster-General to transfer annually a certain portion of the amount credited to the account for payment of the premium, or, in the same manner, the dividends accruing half-yearly on Government stock purchased through Post-office, might be applied, if desired, to the purchase of a life pension, or payment of a life policy, or indeed both. MR. CARDIN, in explaining his scheme to the Parliamentary committee, showed that if a man at the age of thirty, deposited a sum of £100 with the request that half the interest thereon (£2 10s.) should be applied to the purchase of an annuity, and the other half to the purchase of a policy, the amount of the annuity would be £8 16s. 6d., and the life policy over £50. If the £100 were invested in stock, there would, of course, be £3 available for such purposes. As an instance of the benefit to be derived from the amalgamation of the present Post-office life insurance system with that of the Savings Bank, it may be stated that a man of thirty years of age may insure for £20 at death by saving at the rate of about 2½d. a week, by using the stamp cards. Following this up, should the committee decide upon reducing the present lower limit of £20 to £5, it will be possible to insure for this amount at death by saving 1d. per week. A feature not to be lost sight of is that by the amalgamation, the insurers derive the benefit, from the amount of the premium being transferred only once a year, of having to pay less than if the payments were made monthly. So far, the English public seems to be little attracted by any legislation in this direction.—*English Exchange.*

An estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the United States Post-office Department for the next fiscal year, ending June 30, 1883, just prepared at that department, places the receipts at \$50,670,456.27, and the expenses at \$46,741,111.25.—a surplus of \$2,929,345.02.

The *Washington Star* says that the experiment of mounting letter carriers on bicycles in that city for the delivery and collection of mail matter, seems to be a success. Out west it is already coming into use for newspaper delivery. A Cincinnati daily is served regularly to subscribers in the town of Greenville, O., by carriers mounted on bicycles.

TURKS' ISLAND STAMPS AND PROVISIONALS.

(By Henry Hechler.)

In the year 1866, Turks' Island issued its first postage stamps,—a set of three. They bore the following design, and were nicely engraved:—Head of Queen, crowned, face in profile, turned to the left, value in words beneath in arc, "Turks' Island" in similar arc above head, printed on somewhat coarse, stout paper, with a star above, and two parallel horizontal water lines below. The values and colors were:

1 Penny.....Bright Red.
6 Pence.....Black.
1 Shilling.....Blue.

In 1870, the color of the 1d stamp was changed to lake, and the 1s. was changed to prune.

Ten years later, (1880) a new set was issued. These were printed on thinner and smoother paper than their predecessors, and this gave them a much neater appearance. They also bore a crown as a water mark. The colors were as follows:

1 Penny.....Bright Vermillion.
6 Pence.....Olive Brown.
1 Shilling.....Green.

When Turks' Island, in 1881, entered the Postal Union, she had to adopt new values. In the beginning of that year, consequently, she issued the following provisionals:

(1.) The first issue (1866) were surcharged as follows:—

The 1d, bright red with $\frac{1}{2}$ in black figures in two distinct different types, one being much broader faced than the other.

The 6d of the same issue was surcharged with $\frac{1}{2}$ exactly the same as before described with the two styles of type.

The shilling of the same issue was also surcharged with $\frac{1}{2}$ in the same way, in both types. Of the issue of 1870 the 1s, prune, was surcharged in like manner in the two different types as above described.

We have thus eight varieties of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. surcharges.

The 1d, 6d, and 1s. of the first issue were surcharged with $2\frac{1}{2}$ in figures in two distinctly different types, making four combinations. One being a broad block 2, accompanied by $\frac{1}{2}$ in slim type. The next was the same block 2, with a $\frac{1}{2}$ of the same font as itself. The third was a slim scroll 2 accompanied by $\frac{1}{2}$ of the font used in the first variety named: this was surcharged on the 6d. only. The fourth had 2 like that used in the second kind.

The 1s. prune of 1870 was surcharged in the same way as the first described variety of No. 2.

It would appear that the types of the figure 2, and of the $\frac{1}{2}$ were separate, and that those charged with the duty of stamping the surcharges used either of the fonts indifferently, thus making, at least, eight different varieties of this surcharge, all of which existed and are genuine.

(3.) The 1d. of the first issue (1866) surcharged with figure "4" in two styles of type differing just as did the inferior surcharges, one being a broad, compact figure, while the other was more slender and extended. An error here occurred in that the figure appears inverted on some of the stamps in both the surcharges.

The same figure in the different fonts was also surcharged on the 6d and 1s. of the first issue, and on the 1s. of the 1870 emission. The same errors noted above have occurred in all these. This makes 16 varieties of the "4" surcharged—that is, counting the four different values and and the two errors.

In the present year, 1882, the above provisionals were superceded by the regular British Colonial stamps. The design is as follows:—Diademed head of queen, facing to the left on linear octagonal disk, with ornamental angles, inscription and value in straight letters above and below. Water mark "C. A." surmounted by a crown. Color on white as follows:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.....Green.
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ d.....Brown.
4 d.....Blue.

A Postal Union Card was also issued. The inscription is in four lines, with the Royal Arms in the centre, and reads as follows:—"Union Postale Universelle, Turk's Island (Iles de Turc). The address only to be written on this side." The color is buff. In the right hand upper corner is the adhesive—value $1\frac{1}{2}$ d,—same type as the current stamps, color of inscription and adhesive both brown.

A full set of the different Turk's Island stamps, therefore, comprises the following kinds:—

Issue of 1866.....	3
" 1870.....	2
" 1880.....	3
Provisionals of 1881 of $\frac{1}{2}$ d... 8	
" " $2\frac{1}{2}$ d... 10	
" " 4d... 16 (including errors.)	
Issue of 1882.....	3
Post Card ".....	1
Total.....	46

NOTICE.

We are always ready to open an exchange correspondence with any part of the world, subject to the following rules: Both parties to be perfectly free to accept or reject the whole or any part of any consignment. Torn or soiled stamps are never accepted or sent out. Replies to be promptly made. Returns of consignments are to be made at once. Parties desiring us to select stamps to send to them in exchange, will receive the benefit of our best judgment.

Rarities are a specialty with us and are always accepted, unless the prices are extravagant. Parties sending such will be wise to quote the lowest prices that they will be accepted.

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TO OUR EXCHANGES.

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NEW ISSUES
of Adhesives, Post Cards, and Envelopes.

Antigua.—A ½ penny stamp for this English colony has been issued, ½ penny, green.

Antioquia.—The new adhesives have been emitted, and there appear two types of the 10 c. The first contains head of liberty to left in circle, with the inscription, "Correos—de Antioquia—Estados U. U. de Colombia—Diez Centavos"; the second being similar to the 2½ c of 1875, save for the value and minor details; the 20 c. also contains head of Liberty, and is similar to the 20c. of U. S. Colombia, 1876 issue.

- 10 centavos (head), lilac.
- 10 " (arms), violet.
- 20 " (head) red-brown.

Argentine Republic.—The 5 centavos, vermilion, of the 1867 issue, which a few months ago was issued as a provisional ½ centavo, by surcharging the same with "½" and beneath that "(Provisorio)" and perforated through centre, now exists without the perforation.

New stamps have superceded the provisionals. They are as follows:—½ centavo, brown; 1 centavo, carmine, and 12 centavos, pale blue. A 12 centavo envelope has also issued. The design is similar to that of the Wurttemberg envelopes.

Also the 6 c. post card is now doing provisional service, as it has been surcharged with "Servicio Urbano Dios Centavos—Provisorio" in three lines over stamp. 2 centavos on 6 c. carmine on white. Also a reply card.

Atchin.—A stamp of an original design has issued. The value is 1 real. The centre is occupied by a cimetar. A crescent and star are in each of the two upper corners. The figure 1 is in each lower corner. Between the crescent is the word "Atjeh," and between the 1s the word "Real." The ground work of the stamp is chequered.

Austria.—An entire new set of adhesives are announced as in preparation.

Azores.—The new stamps are 25 reis, brown 50 reis, blue. A reply post-card (20 reis, brown) is also in use.

Bhopal.—Among the new issues of this settlement is a ½ anna stamp, black.

Barbadoes.—The following is the new series of adhesives, stamped envelopes, registration envelopes, newsbands and postal cards:

Adhesives.

- ½ penny, green.
- 1 " carmine.
- 2½ pence, ultramarine.
- 3 " mauve.
- 4 " greenish-grey.
- 6 " brown.
- 1 shilling orange-red.
- 5 " yellow-ochre.

Envelope. 1 penny—pink.

Registration Envelope.

4 pence, grey.

Newsbands.

- ½ penny, brown on buff.
- 1 " carmine on buff.

Post Cards.

- ½ penny brown on buff.
- 1 " carmine on buff.
- 1½ " purple on buff.

The design is similar to the 4 pence of Jamaica, containing head of Queen in circle "Barbadoes" above and value below. The 1 penny envelope stamps will be printed on three sizes of envelopes. The Postal Union card of the value 1½ pence will not be changed to purple until the old ones are exhausted.

Bavaria.—The following unpaid letter stamps have made their appearance:

- 10 pfennig, light-green.
- 20 " "
- 30 " "
- 40 " "
- 50 " "
- 1 mark, light-red.
- 2 marks "
- 3 " "
- 4 " "
- 5 " "
- 10 " "
- 20 " "

The stamps are of a large size being, with perforated margin about 1 by 1½ inches. They bear the value in figures in each corner. The centre of the stamp contains in an elliptic the legend "Gebuhreu marke" in the upper, and the value in letters in the lower half. Inside of this elliptic is the word "Bayren" at the top, a crown in the centre, and the value beneath.

Bolivar.—Four new values, of the new design, have been issued.

- 80 centavos, green.
- 1 peso, orange.
- 5 pesos, color
- 10 " unknown

Bosnia.—A stamped envelope, design same as adhesive, has been put in circulation,—5 kreuzer, red.

British Guiana.—The following provisionals are in use in this colony.

- 1 c. on 48 c. carmine.
- 1 c. on 95 c. bistre.
- 1 c. on 12 c. purple (official).
- 1 c. on 48 c. carmine, "
- 2 c. on 12 c. purple, "
- 2 c. on 24 c. green, "
- 2 c. on 96 c. bistre.
- 1 c. (three masted ship), rose.
- 2 c. (" ") yellow.
- 1 c. (two masted ship), rose.
- 2 c. (" "), yellow.

The special attention of our philatelic friends is directed to the fact that the 1 and 2 cent surcharges on the 96c. stamps are in two distinctly different types, one being larger and broader than the other.

Brazil.—The 100 reis adhesive of the new design has been re-engraved. The difference is especially noticeable in the head, which is smaller and better engraved than the first. The color has also been slightly changed, 100 reis sage-green.

Also, a new 80 reis post card, has been emitted. The design is the stamp of the new issue in centre, above "Union Postale Universelle," to left "Bilhete," to right "Postale," below "Neste Lado," followed by the three lines for address. there is no frame around the card, the reverse is plain and measures 125 x 88 mm. 80 reis, orange on buff.

Belgium.—The newspaper stamps of 1869 issue are 5 centimes, brick-red.

Canada.—A new half-cent stamp has been issued. The design is similar to the old half-cent, but is a great deal smaller in size.

The 1 cent newspaper wrapper has appeared on two colors of paper, yellow and white,—impression blue.

The long-looked-for reply post-card has been approved by the government, and is being manufactured in Montreal. It will be issued for use about the first of January next. These cards will be a great assistance in business correspondence, and will be cordially welcomed by practical men. The PHILATELIC COURIER was the first periodical in Canada to recommend to the postal authorities the adoption of this improvement, having suggested it in our first number, and persistently urged it ever since.

Cape of Good Hope.—The 3 d. rose, adhesive, is surcharged with "3 d." instead of "3" only, as before 3 d. rose and black, variety. Our attentive South African correspondent has kindly sent us the new provisional, ½ d. on 3 d. black.

A 1d, oval post-card, with the same value as the newsbands, has appeared.

Cuba.—The color of the 2 cent de peso post card is not rare, as at first reported, but is printed in green. We must also add a 10 cent de peso, blue. 2 cent de peso, green.

Cyprus.—The ½ piastre, green is now surcharged with "½" on each side of the head, this being done to prevent fraud, as that value when soaked in acid changes to a light blue, and thus some have passed as 2 piastres stamps. As soon as the present stock is exhausted, this stamp will be issued of a different design. We have also received a specimen of the new 30 paras, design same as rest of the issue ½ piastre, sur. black on green. 30 paras, lilac-rose.

Denmark.—A new wrapper for this country has appeared. The value is 5 ore, and the design is as follows: Arms in centre of an oval band, containing "Denmark" above, "Postfrim 5 ore" at bottom. To right and left in large circular disks "5" ornamented sprandels with small circles also containing the figure of value. A post card, value 10 ore, is also to appear with the same stamp.

Newspaper Wrapper.

5 ore, green on white.

Post Card.

10 ore, rose.

Fernando Po.—Five new values have made their appearance. The design is the same as the last issue, but the money values are now in "cent de peso." The colors are yet unknown, but the following are the values: 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20.

Finland.—The new 10 pennia, of the same design as the current issue is in use. 10 pennia, dark-brown.

France.—A new series of the "Chiffre tax" stamps are announced containing the same values as the current postage stamps.

The color of all is black, and the values in large figures, and the inscription "centimes a persevoir" in a scroll half diagonally across the middle. The values are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 75, centimes and 1 franc.

Greece.—The following values have changed color, and are now:

- 20 lepta, carmine.
- 30 " blue.

Great Britain.—The five pound stamp of this country has lately been issued. The design is a profile of Her Majesty to left in a circle disk of lined background; above "Postage," below "Five Pounds," to right and left "£5." In the corners are colored squares containing the usual letters. The size is double that of either the 5 sh., 10 sh. or 1 pound stamps, and is watermarked two anchors. Color of stamps orange. A change has taken place in the Registered envelope stamps, which now come to hand have small rosettes in place of the dates. 2 pence, blue, variety.

Guatemala.—We desire to remind philatelists that Guatemala has issued provisionals. Any mentioned in the following list may be regarded as legitimate issues:—

- 1 cent on ½ real.
- 2 " " ¼ "
- 5 " " ½ "
- 10 " " 1 "
- 10 " " 1½ "
- 10 " " 2 "
- 20 " " 2 "
- 20 " " 4 "

A few typographical errors occur in some of

the surcharges of the lower values. We have instituted enquiries into this matter, and will give our readers full details when they reach us,—probably in our next issue.

The above provisionals have been superseded by a new set of five, of the respective values of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 centavos.

Honduras.—This country has issued the following cards. The design of the stamps on same represent very near the current adhesives. 2 centavos, carmine on orange, 3 centavos, blue, on white, 2x2 centavos carmine, on orange, 3x3 centavos, blue on white.

Hong Kong.—Several stamps of this and other English colonies now bear the watermark, Crown and C. A. in place of Crown and C. C. A \$1 fiscal stamp is now used for postal purposes.

Italy.—At last the 2 lire of the current issue has made its appearance. Orange.

Iceland.—Since July 1st the colors of the following values have been changed to: 5 aur, green, 20 aur, blue, 40 aur, lilac.

Japan.—A newspaper band, $\frac{1}{4}$ sem. red, is now in use.

Labuan.—A new permanent stamp, of the value of 8 cents, red, has been issued.

Liberia.—Two new adhesives have issued 8 cents, blue, 16, cents, rose.

Also two sizes of registration envelopes with an oval stamp in blue on the flap, with the legend in white letters: "Liberia" above, "Ten Cents" below, and "Registration" across the centre.

Luxemburg.—An entire new set is announced. The design is similar to those of the French Republic; they make a very neat appearance.

Madeira.—The 25 reis of the new Portuguese, comes to hand surcharged for this colony. Brown.

Mexico.—A new set of post cards of this country was issued, but owing to the adoption of new regulations, became immediately obsolete. But few were circulated. The new prices are 3 cents for post-cards to the U. S. and 5 cents to Europe. Single letters to the U. S. 6 c. instead of 5 c., and 12 cents to any other part instead of 10 cents. Registered letters 18 cents instead of 15 cents.—This will of course necessitate some new values, and we are informed that an entire new set of adhesives are in preparation. The design resembles the U. S. Due stamps very much, with exception that they have the figures of value in each corner, and that the inscription in the oval bands reads "Correos Mexico" above and value below. 2 (dios) centavos, green, 3 (tres) centavos, carmine, 6 (seis) centavos, blue. The series of Service stamps are as follows:—

5 centavos,	yellow.
10 "	pale-brown.
25 "	blue.
50 "	green.
85 "	black.
100 "	pale-green.

The current series of post-cards are as follows:—

2 centavos,	brown, blue, etc.
3 "	carmine, etc.
5 "	color unknown.

Mauritius.—An envelope stamp, 8 cents circular has issued.

Nevis.—A 4 d. stamp, blue, is current.

New Zealand.—The following is a list of the new series, containing the words "Postage and Revenue." 1d. rose (similar to the 6d. 1873), 2d. mauve (similar to the 6d. 1873), 3d. yellow, 4d. green (similar to the 2d. 1873), 6d. brown (similar to the 4d. 1873), 8d. red, 1sh. india-red (similar to 3d. 1873). A new post-card, value 1 d. color of adhesive red, has appeared.

Norway.—A reply post-card, 10 ore, green on buff, is now in use.

Orange Free State.—A new provisional—half-penny on five shillings—is current.

Paraguay.—The following provisional reply post-cards have been adopted:—4 c. on 8 c., black and brown, and 6 c. on 12 c. black and green.

Persia.—The inscription of the values on the current stamps is altered from French to Persian currency being 1, 2, 5, 10 shahi, and higher values are as follows:—

1 kran,	blue and black.
5 do	carmine and black.
10 do	yellow and black.

Philippine Islands.—The 10 c. buff with arms in the centre now comes to hand surcharged with "Habilitado" in curve above, "Pa correos" in centre, and "De un real" in curve below. Buff and black. The following stamps have appeared:—2 4-8 c. de p., ultra marine; 6 4-8 do. blue, and 20 do. pale-brown. The 2 real, blue and red, fiscal stamps are used for postage as is also the the 25c. de p. telegraph stamps, blue.

Portugal.—A new value, 50 reis, of the new design. Blue has issued.

Queensland.—The new issue of this colony consists of the following values: 1 shilling, violet, 2 shillings, blue, 10 shillings, brown, 20 shillings rose.

We have received a specimen of the provisional half-penny, surcharged on the penny stamp, in which the "P" is capitalised.

St. Christopher.—A half-penny stamp has been added to the set. Green.

Sandwich Islands.—The following is a list of the new issue. The one cent, blue, was changed to green on account of its similarity to the 5 cents. 1 cent, blue, 1 cent, green, 2 cent, rose, 5 cent, light blue, 10 cent, black, 15 cent, brown.

The post-cards of this kingdom, just issued, are admirably designed and neatly executed. They are among the prettiest that we have ever had the pleasure to see. Their values and colors are 1 cent, red, 2 cents, black, and 3 cents, green.

San Marino.—Has issued two post cards. The design is similar to the current Italian cards except that the arms of San Marino replace those of Italy, and the stamp is very much larger. It consists of head of liberty, on which are three turrets, surrounded by branches; this is enclosed in a large shaded oval, with an ornamental frame. 10 centesimo, blue, 15 centesimo, blue. (Reply.)

St. Lucia.—The 1 d. postage, black and red, is used as a fiscal stamp.

Saint Vincent.—Three new adhesives have been issued. $\frac{1}{4}$ penny, orange, 1 penny, drab, $\frac{1}{4}$ pence, blue.

Selangore.—The 2 cents Strait Settlement stamps have been surcharged with a star and crescent and the letter "S" some in red and others in black for this colony.

South Australia.—A new half-penny stamp, green, has issued. It is similar to the stamp of equal value of the Colony of Victoria. Also, the two-penny stamp is surcharged "3."

Spain.—The fiscal stamp, 10 centimos, flesh-colored, is used for postage purposes.

Transvaal.—We are under obligations to our attentive correspondent in South Africa, in that he has promptly favored us with early specimens of the Transvaal provisionals. They consist of the lately current four-penny stamp, surcharged "Een penny." As the stock of half-penny stamps is exhausted, philatelists may soon expect provisionals of that value to issue.

Trinidad.—This colony now rejoices in the following provisionals:

6 d. green, surcharged in red with pen and ink "1 d." and old value crossed out by the same method. Also the carmine stamp which

represents 1 penny, although no value is expressed, is now surcharged with its value, "One Penny," in large and heavy capitals, in black above the name "Trinidad." 1 d. pen-marked red ink, on 6 d. green, 1 black on red.

Turk's Island.—We bespeak the special attention of our readers to the article on the stamps of this colony in another column, written by the Editor.

United States of North America.—A new 5 cent envelope, bearing the head of the late President Garfield, is announced. It is also stated that a two dollars adhesive will shortly issue, but no description of it is as yet made public.

United States of Columbia.—The present issue, consisting of the values 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 centavos, with the arms in centre, now come to hand perforated.

Uruguay.—The one centavo stamp has been replaced by another design—1 centavo, green, 2 centavo red.

Venezuela.—The following is a translation of a portion of a decree passed at Caracas on the 15th of last April: 1st—The "Escuela" stamps destined for correspondence of the Interior, and other purposes set forth by the laws now in force, and the postage stamps destined for use on foreign correspondence, will be of the types described in this present decree. 2nd—Both types will be rectangular in form, measuring 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ centimeters in length and two centimeters in breadth, and will bear in the centre, the bust of the Liberator, (Bolivar), turned to the right in Escuelas, and to the left in the postage stamps. In the upper part of the former will be the word "Escuela," and in that of the latter the inscription, "Correos de Venezuela." In lower part of each type will be the respective values. 3rd—The values and colors of the Escuelas will be as follows: 5 centimos, green, 10 centimos, grey, 25 centimos, yellow, 50 centimos, blue, 1 bolivar, rose-red, 3 bolivar, violet, 10 bolivar bistre, 20 bolivar purplish-red, 25 bolivar black. The values and colors of the postage stamps will be as follows: 5 centimos, blue, 10 centimos bistre, 25 centimos, grey, 50 centimos, green, 1 bolivar, violet.

Victoria, Aus.—This colony has issued two stamped envelopes. Values 1 c. and 2 d. Paper blue. The 1 d. has also appeared on white paper. A post-card has also issued. It bears the Royal Arms, small, 1 d. mauve.

Virgin Islands.—This colony expects soon to issue a new half-penny stamp.

Wurttemberg.—A new post-card, pfenning, violet and buff, has been issued.

The British postal authorities have made arrangements with the railroads for a parcels post. For parcels not exceeding one pound, 3d.; not exceeding three pounds, 6d.; not exceeding five pounds, 9d.; not exceeding seven pounds, 1s.—the railway companies to have 55 per cent. of the money taken for parcel stamps, and the remaining 45 per cent. to go to the Government.

We invite all Correspondents to send us, ON APPEARANCE, provisional issues or new issues to the amount of One Dollar (or Five Francs) in lowest values, for which we will remit promptly on receipt.

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REPLY POST-CARDS.

In our first issue, now more than a year ago, we urged the propriety of Canada adopting the plan of furnishing reply-cards to its people. We then showed the advantage that such a course would be to business men throughout the Dominion, and that by thus stimulating inter-communication and trade, benefit, not too indirectly, the government. We observe that Great Britain has adopted the plan and finds it to work well—in fact to be all that we claimed for it. Now we may reasonably look to see the Dominion as well as all other British Colonies throughout the world follow in the footsteps of the mother country in this matter. No colony can afford to be dilatory in adopting approved improvements, especially in postal matters.

[Since the above was in type Canada has adopted the reply post-card, as will be seen in the appropriate place, under the heading of "New Issues."]

PARCEL POST.

Nearly every nation has extended the sphere of the usefulness of the Post Office Department, by authorising it to carry parcels as well as letters. This is a step in the right direction and is a great boon, especially to many thousands who are not connected by express with places at a distance from their residences.

We, however, can see in the inevitable future that this system must be very much extended till it shall fully accomplish its mission of serving the public needs.

In Germany already the P. O. Department insures articles intrusted to it, and if goods are sent by a seller, through the Post Office to a purchaser, the department advances the whole or part of the value of the goods to the sender and collects the bill from the receiver. This system should, and before long will be, adopted everywhere. It should also be made international, so that articles not too bulky or weighty may be sent by post from one country to another, even if the system is not extended to the details cited in the case of Germany. The public would not fail to appreciate the boon that would thus be conferred upon it.

Of course the duties on dutiable goods can be collected in the same way as they now are. The adoption of such a system will benefit trade by increasing it enormously, will benefit the department by largely increasing its income and will materially benefit all the governments that go into it by increasing their revenues from the duties on small wares coming in.

The Post Office is necessarily, and by nature, a progressive institution and one that must constantly expand its duties and its powers to accommodate the public.

The many collectors of postage stamps may follow in the steps of a Benedictine monk, who has solved the problem of their usefulness, and with them has papered the wall of a room in the monastery in a most ingenious and effective manner. In three months he collected 800,000 stamps, sorted them according to their colors, and then arranged them in a variety of animal and other designs, such as flowers, mottoes and inscriptions.—*Ex.*

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TO OUR CONTEMPORARIES.—As the present number completes Volume I. of THE PHILATELIC COURIER, we hereby ask the publishers of philatelic periodicals throughout the world to kindly send us a complete file of their respective publications, in order that we may have them bound and keep them at the office of this paper, to be consulted at pleasure by our numerous visitors interested in philately. We will send all who comply with this request vol. i. complete in exchange.

U. S. POST-OFFICE

A statement is published of the issues to postmasters of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, and postal cards, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1882. The total number issued was 1,740,572,038 pieces of an aggregate value of \$40,977,953.42. This is an increase over the issue for the preceding fiscal year of 236,259,496 pieces, or 15.7 per cent., equal in value to \$6,352,517.51. There were 46,222 post-offices in the United States on June 30 1882. This is an increase of 1,710 over June 30, 1881.

TO POSTMASTERS.

The Editor will thank Postmasters for all information they will kindly send, respecting new issues of stamps, cards, and envelopes, or on the subject of changes in important mail routes; and in fact for any news respecting new postal arrangements. Our object is to utilize the large circulation of the COURIER, which goes over the whole world, to make public such changes.

AUX MAITRES DE POSTE.

LE REDACTEUR sera bien aise de remercier les maitres de poste que lui feront la bonte de donner de temps a autre les informations les plus recentes sur les nouvelles emissions de timbres, cartes ou enveloppes, et aussi au sujet de tous changements de routes-malles; enfin ser toutes les nouvelles a propos des reglemens postaux. Notre but est de transmettre a tous les quartiers du monde les informations importantes, lequel nous permet la grande circulation du COURIER, couvrant le monde entier.

POST-OFFICE ETIQUETTE.

It is amusing sometimes to witness the little divergences from custom that occasionally take place in some of our rural post-offices. Unbiased human nature seems to ooze out with perfect freedom. It would seem that rules might be adopted whereby the conduct of those who have business with the post-office department might be more consonant with conventionality; therefore the following suggestions may not be out of place.

Townsmen should hesitate before renting a post-office box; because, in so doing, the postmaster would not find sufficient employment to keep him busy, and therefore reduce his salary to a mere sinecure; and moreover, it would deprive the townsman of the privilege of inquiring two or three times each day, "Is there anything for *me*?" Townspeople should not deprive themselves of such privilege, as it opens the way for further inquiries that give pleasure to the post-master to answer, especially if he is busily engaged.

In superscribing letters, be sure and make the superscription as obscure as possible, so that experts will have to determine to whom letters are addressed when they arrive at their place of destination. There are illustrious precedents for such a course; such as Lord Byron, Rufus Choate, Horace Greely, and many of less note. Contrive to introduce a few capitals, misplaced, into the names; the curves will enhance the general appearance of the superscription, and put experts on their mettle a little more.

Carry letters to post just at the time the mail is being closed, unsealed, and beg ten minutes to add some important matter in postscript and then purchase just *one* stamp, not but one at a time, and offer a five dollar bill in payment for the same. If more than one stamp is purchased at a time they might depreciate on the purchaser's hand, which would be a dead loss, and moreover, buying one stamp a time makes a show of business in the office and keeps the post-master from reading postal cards. When finally, the letters are delivered to the post-master, don't forget to ask "Will they go?" and never rest *satisfied* till the mail disappears in the mail bag. When letters are received or other mail matter with the postmarks obliterated, be sure and inquire of

the post-master where they were mailed; he, of course, can tell at a glance, as his powers of vision are more penetrating than ordinary mortals.

The post-office is an excellent place to meet acquaintances, and exchange local gossip; therefore put in an appearance early and invite a cur dog or two to a promenade, especially if they are pugnacious in disposition. It is needless to remind ladies that the presence of *poodles* will add much to the occasion, when the curs indulge in a free fight, for while the curs sustain the general *score* of music, the poodles will render a thrilling *obligato*.

Parents whose mail matter amounts to one or more lottery circulars and as many more patent medicine advertisements per quarter, if they have five or six idle boys, two or more of them should be present on the arrival of every mail. They will greatly relieve the monotony incident to the assorting of mail by teasing yelping curs, or indulging in other noisy mischievous propensities, with their comrades.

Jealous young ladies, who have an aversion to the prying eyes of post-office officials, should also be in season. Etiquette demands that they should range themselves directly near and in front of the post-office boxes, so as to shut them entirely from view. It would add somewhat to the obscurity by spreading a parasol or Japanese sun-shade. They can find plenty of amusement by peeping into the different boxes and commenting on their discoveries. When the delivery is opened they (through gallantry) should be the first to receive their mail, which should be opened and read on the spot, unless they are requested to move one side by the office officials or are jostled away by ungallant boors—the old men. Finally, stand in the doorway, preventing ingress and exit till the day's gossip is exhausted in rehearsal. If, through mistake, a letter, is dropped without being properly stamped, berate the unaccommodating spirit of the post-office official for not stamping and forwarding it. If the act of licking mucilage on stamps is disagreeable, the post-master would be delighted to relieve one of the process. There are many other ways in which a sense of propriety can be exhibited; but the foregoing suggestions are sufficient for the first lessons in post office etiquette.

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[Continued from page 30.]

Our attentive correspondent in Central America has sent us specimens of the new Nicaraguan series which is just out. The design is as follows:—The value in figures on each of the corners in Greek square ornamented, and the word "centavos" across the bottom. In the centre an ellipse, the lower quarter of which is occupied by the legend "Republic de Nicaragua." Around the upper part of the ellipse are the words "Union Postal Universal." Inside of these an equiangular triangle containing five mountains from the centre of which rises a pole surmounted by the cap of Liberty. Between the ellipse and the two upper sides of the triangle are the words "In ayo, 1882." The new stamps are about one-half larger than the last issue. Central America deserves the credit of having perhaps the best designed and engraved postal stamps in the world. The new series comprises the following:—

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OUR EXCHANGES.

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J. P. —, Constantinople, will please attend at once to the remittance sent to him by us some time since.

We withhold reference to other delinquents in this issue, but if they do not remit as they should before our next issue, we shall be compelled to "name" them, and caution others against them.

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On the 3rd of September the United States Postal Department will issue a sort of fractional currency, not unlike the "shin-plasters" of war times, which will be in the shape of Postal Notes. These notes promise to be a great convenience. They are to be used in the transmission of small sums of money through the mails, but it is possible that, especially in large cities, they may pass into general circulation as a part of the currency. The notes are printed in books of 500 forms each, with the address of the post-office from which they are to be issued printed on each note. The pages of the books are perforated, so that when the notes are torn out stubs remain to show the amounts for which they were issued. A note can be filled out by a postmaster for any amount not exceeding \$5, at a cost to the sender of three cents for each note. The notes are made payable to "the bearer," and they can be used as fractional currency in any place to which they are sent. It is not probable that this idea, quite a new experiment in the United States, can prove other than a great public convenience. In such event we may look for its early introduction into Canada, where it would unquestionably be a great boon.

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do. 50 cts., profile head of dowager Queen Emma.

Reply card, 2 x 2c.; stamped envelope, 2c.; stamped envelope, 5c. The latter three will bear a view of the City of Honolulu as taken from the sea in the upper right-hand corner.

Our friend further writes:—"The colors for these various issues are not yet fully decided upon. Will write you when they are."

From other sources we ascertain that the new issues have been designed and will be executed in New York which is a guarantee that they will artistically and mechanically rival any others in use anywhere. New York designers, artists and printers to-day stand at the head of their professions and Hawaii has, we think, acted wisely in entrusting this work to their hands. She is sure to get something of which she will have reason to be proud.

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TO POSTMASTERS.

THE Editor will thank Postmasters for all information they will kindly send, respecting new issues of stamps, cards, and envelopes, or on the subject of changes in important mail routes; and in fact for any news respecting new postal arrangements. Our object is to utilize the large circulation of the COURIER, which goes over the whole world, to make public all changes.

AUX MAITRES DE POSTE.

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Another defect is that whereas the agreement to mutually accept money orders exists between Canada and all the European nations—except the Danubian Principalities, Turkey, and perhaps a few other inferior states—the postal authorities in this country refuse to grant the sender the option as to what place within the agreement he shall make his order payable, in the event of his desiring to send money to some place outside of said agreement, and insist that the order shall be payable only at London. Thus, if one desires to remit to Turkey, Servia, Bulgaria, etc., he is not allowed to make his order payable in any of the Eastern or continental capitals with whom his correspondent may have connections, but he is forced to draw upon London. This

is manifestly unfair to the public, as it must inconvenience the receiver as well as the sender. It is evident that the place on which the order should be drawn is that nearest to the receiver, as it does not affect the administration of the postal department, while the probabilities are largely in favor of its being more convenient to the party in whose favor the order is drawn. Again, it is far easier for purposes of identification, that the paying and receiving offices in such cases be situated in as near proximity as possible. It is probable that the smaller states to which we have alluded, have postal arrangements with their neighbors, in which Canada does not share, and that, while they will not directly accept our money orders drawn upon themselves, they are in a position to utilize and pay those drawn upon adjacent countries. This being the case, the local postal officer can more easily and in less time communicate with and be identified by the postmaster at the capital of a country near him, by whom the order may be made payable, than is possible in the case of his being obliged to send to London to get it cashed.

It will be readily seen that this is simply a question of accommodating the public, without in any way burthening the postal department, and we trust that the Hon. Postmaster-General will at once give the matter serious consideration, and issue the necessary orders that the inconvenience complained of be speedily ended.

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NOVA SCOTIA STAMPS AND ITS PROVISIONALS.

(BY HENRY HECHLER.)

Since writing the article on the above subject that appeared in No. 4 of Vol. I of this journal we have made the fullest efforts by correspondence, and all other available means to obtain precise information and to reach the bottom facts in the matter. The following is the result:—

Previous to the confederation of the British North American Provinces the various local post offices throughout Nova Scotia, received their supply of stamps from the G. P. O. in Halifax. In 1861 a post master in one of these local offices, having run out of their current issue of stamps, and having on hand a small quantity of the obsolete issue of 1850 conceived and carried out the idea of surcharging the latter so as to make them available for current use. Thus he surcharged the 3d stamps with "5 cents" (the then regular rate) the figure just on the crown and the word below it. Some of these surcharges were in black and others in red ink. The 6d was similarly surcharged also, but the specimens that we have seen are only of those in black, though we are assured that red ink was also employed.

As these provisionals were only issued from one office and for a very short time they are, naturally, among rarest stamps known to the philatelic fraternity. With much difficulty, almost in fact by accident, I secured a few specimens. They were in the possession of an old gentleman who, though not a philatelist, was struck at the time by their oddity and preserved them.

Learning of my enquiries he offered them to me, being evidently impressed with the idea that he had something of great value to dispose of. Most of them were, however, so badly mutilated as to be almost worthless.

At our first interview I made him so liberal an offer that his estimate of their value rose immensely, and it required considerable negotiations before we could reach a mutually satisfactory basis on which the stamps in question changed hands.

During twenty-four years experience in the science of philately I have inspected many catalogues. I find them all to be in error with regard to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick stamps, in that that they give 1857 as the first date of issue, whereas I have in my possession several entire letters bearing stamps, the postal obliterations on which prove them to have been in use long before that year. For instance, one shows that it was forwarded from Miramichi, N. B., Sept. 20th, 1851, and was received in Halifax two days later. The postal marks on this letter are peculiarly plain. I have several others of 1852, '53, '54, etc. This establishes beyond question the fact that stamps were in use in these provinces at least six, (and I incline to think seven) years prior to the date credited by dealers' catalogues.

In order to thoroughly post my readers as to Nova Scotia stamps I here submit the following chronological and descriptive catalogue of all regular and provisional stamps that have ever been used in this peninsula. This, taken with the article published in a previous number, referred to above, will give our readers complete and correct information on the subject.

In 1850 the first Act authorising the issuance of postage stamps in Nova Scotia was passed by the Provincial Legislature. This Act was in pursuance of a permissive Act of the Imperial Parliament previously passed, and the stamps thus ordered were to comply in their denominations with the currency of the time.

The issue of this year composed a set of four all printed on blue tinted paper and diamond-shaped. The set consisted of a 1d stamp, printed in red-brown color, which bore a bust portrait of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and a 3d, printed in blue, a 6d in green and a 1s in violet. The latter three each bore a crown in the centre in an octagonal space and having on the outer sides respectively the inscriptions "Nova Scotia," "Postage," and the value in words. In each corner also is the value in figures. Just inside this outer band at each corner is a star partially surrounded by a semi-eclipse, each bearing a national emblem, a rose, a thistle, a shamrock and a mayflower, representing the three divisions of the United Kingdom and Nova Scotia. This design was retained till 1860.

In 1858, however, the 3d and 6d stamps were produced on white paper instead of blue as before.

During the ten years that these stamps were in use—between 1850 and 1860—the mail service was dependant on coaches, sailing vessels and other slow and uncertain means of conveyance. In consequence some country offices, that were not largely supplied with stamps from the head office at the capital, were driven at times to adopt the device of halving and even quartering them to meet the demands of persons corresponding by mail. The following cuttings of stamps are known to have been thus used:—

The 1s has been three-quartered, halved and quartered to take the place respectively of 9d, 6d and 3d. The 6d has been halved diagonally to supply the lack of 3d stamps. This makes a direct variety of four provisionals. Of course the variations could be much extended by taking each of the different portions of a so divided stamp as a separate stamp, but this is not necessary as one instance of each is quite sufficient to be shown in a collection. However it is worthy of any collector's notice that the genuineness of more of these provisionals cannot be guaranteed unless enough of the wrapper is retained to show the entire post office obliteration.

In 1860, Nova Scotia having adopted a decimal currency, it became necessary to order a new series to comply therewith. Accordingly in that year stamps of six different values were issued. The first three bore the Queen's head in profile. The latter half of the series had her bust in full-face and wearing a diadem. These stamps were in shape an oblong-rectangle. At the top was the inscription "Nova Scotia" and at the bottom the value. The respective values and colors of this series were, 1c., black, 2c., mauve, 5c. blue (of this there were two varieties; one was on white paper and the other on blue-tinted), 8½c., green, 10c., vermilion and 12½c. black.

We have seen halvings of the 10c stamps of this series made both diagonally and perpendicularly. This makes a possible total of this series of eleven. Added to other provisionals mentioned the entire list of Nova Scotia stamps comprises twenty-nine all told.

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THE first postal law of the United States went into effect in 1792. The rate on a single letter was six cents within 30 miles, increasing proportionately until it was 25 cents for 450 miles and over. In 1810 the rates were lowered slightly by charging eight cents for 40 miles and so on up to 25 cents for 500 miles. In 1816 the rates were six cents for less than 30 miles, ten cents for 80 miles, 12½ cents for 150 miles, 18½ cents for 400 miles and 25 cents for a longer distance. This law remained in force 30 years. In 1845 the rates were greatly simplified, a letter under 300 miles being five cents, and over 300 ten cents. In 1847 stamps were introduced, and the rates fixed according to weight instead of distance. Cheap postage in the United States really dates from 1851 when the rate was made three cents within 3000 miles on prepaid letters.

MONEY ORDER DEFECTS.

Our money order system works well, and is a great accommodation on the whole, to the public. Still, like all human devices, there are little defects that crop up occasionally arising chiefly from differences in currency in different places.

For instance, a person desiring to remit per money order hence to Newfoundland will be assured that his correspondent will receive a certain amount. But the Newfoundland postal authorities will deduct the difference in the currency, and will only pay the remitee an amount reduced by 1 per cent. to equalize the value of the coins of the two colonies. If this principle is carried out in money transmissions to all places, or even to any considerable number of localities outside of Canada, no one can be sure that he sends what he thinks that he does. It would be wise, therefore, on the part of the Department to provide its money order clerks with full and accurate tables, showing exactly what any given amount paid into an office in the Dominion will realize in each foreign country to which money orders can be sent.

Another defect is that whereas the agreement to mutually accept money orders exists between Canada and all the European nations—except the Danubian Principalities, Turkey, and perhaps a few other inferior states—the postal authorities in this country refuse to grant the sender the option as to what place within the agreement he shall make his order payable, in the event of his desiring to send money to some place outside of said agreement, and insist that the order shall be payable only at London. Thus, if one desires to remit to Turkey, Servia, Bulgaria, etc., he is not allowed to make his order payable in any of the Eastern or continental capitals with whom his correspondent may have connections, but he is forced to draw upon London. This

is manifestly unfair to the public, as it must inconvenience the receiver as well as the sender. It is evident that the place on which the order should be drawn is that nearest to the receiver, as it does not affect the administration of the postal department, while the probabilities are largely in favor of its being more convenient to the party in whose favor the order is drawn. Again, it is far easier for purposes of identification, that the paying and receiving offices in such cases be situated in as near proximity as possible. It is probable that the smaller states to which we have alluded, have postal arrangements with their neighbors, in which Canada does not share, and that, while they will not directly accept our money orders drawn upon themselves, they are in a position to utilize and pay those drawn upon adjacent countries. This being the case, the local postal officer can more easily and in less time communicate with and be identified by the postmaster at the capital of a country near him, by whom the order may be made payable, than is possible in the case of his being obliged to send to London to get it cashed.

It will be readily seen that this is simply a question of accommodating the public, without in any way burthening the postal department, and we trust that the Hon. Postmaster-General will at once give the matter serious consideration, and issue the necessary orders that the inconvenience complained of be speedily ended.

OUR EXCHANGES.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries:—"Moniteur Des Timbrophiles," "The Stamp World," "El Bogotano," "The New Jersey Philatelist," "The Stamp News," "Welt-Post," "Collectors Bureau," "Giuardel Colleccionista," "Philatelistische Berichte," "Weekly Gazette and Newspaper Reporter," "Erdball Merkur," "Globus," "Lakeside Philatelist," "Old Curiosity Shop," "Granite State Philatelist," "General-Anzeiger Philatelic," "Collectors' Library Table," "Junior Record," "National Philatelist," "Union Exchange List," "Western Herald," "Monthly Echo," "Empire City Philatelist," "Philatelic News," "Universal Penman," "Our Own Fireside," "Diario de Centro-America," "N. S. W. Philatelist," "Canadian Mining Review," "La Patria," "Monthly Utopian," "Our Home," "Monthly Reporter," "Philatelic Headlight," "Shareholder," "Short-Hand Writer," "Natal Mercury," "Curiosity Collector," "New Era," "Feuille Official," "New York Sun" and Philatelic Advertiser."

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NOVA SCOTIA STAMPS AND ITS PROVISIONALS.

(BY HENRY HECHLER.)

Since writing the article on the above subject that appeared in No. 4 of Vol. I of this journal we have made the fullest efforts by correspondence, and all other available means to obtain precise information and to reach the bottom facts in the matter. The following is the result:—

Previous to the confederation of the British North American Provinces the various local post offices throughout Nova Scotia, received their supply of stamps from the G. P. O. in Halifax. In 1861 a post master in one of these local offices, having run out of their current issue of stamps, and having on hand a small quantity of the obsolete issue of 1850 conceived and carried out the idea of surcharging the latter so as to make them available for current use. Thus he surcharged the 3d stamps with "5 cents" (the then regular rate) the figure just on the crown and the word below it. Some of these surcharges were in black and others in red ink. The 6d was similarly surcharged also, but the specimens that we have seen are only of those in black, though we are assured that red ink was also employed.

As these provisionals were only issued from one office and for a very short time they are, naturally, among rarest stamps known to the philatelic fraternity. With much difficulty, almost in fact by accident, I secured a few specimens. They were in the possession of an old gentleman who, though not a philatelist, was struck at the time by their oddity and preserved them.

Learning of my enquiries he offered them to me, being evidently impressed with the idea that he had something of great value to dispose of. Most of them were, however, so badly mutilated as to be almost worthless.

At our first interview I made him so liberal an offer that his estimate of their value rose immensely, and it required considerable negotiations before we could reach a mutually satisfactory basis on which the stamps in question changed hands.

During twenty-four years experience in the science of philately I have inspected many catalogues. I find them all to be in error with regard to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick stamps, in that that they give 1857 as the first date of issue, whereas I have in my possession several entire letters bearing stamps, the postal obliterations on which prove them to have been in use long before that year. For instance, one shows that it was forwarded from Miramichi, N. B., Sept. 20th, 1851, and was received in Halifax two days later. The postal marks on this letter are peculiarly plain. I have several others of 1852, '53, '54, etc. This establishes beyond question the fact that stamps were in use in these provinces at least six, (and I incline to think seven) years prior to the date credited by dealers' catalogues.

In order to thoroughly post my readers as to Nova Scotia stamps I here submit the following chronological and descriptive catalogue of all regular and provisional stamps that have ever been used in this peninsula. This, taken with the article published in a previous number, referred to above, will give our readers complete and correct information on the subject.

In 1850 the first Act authorising the issuance of postage stamps in Nova Scotia was passed by the Provincial Legislature. This Act was in pursuance of a permissive Act of the Imperial Parliament previously passed, and the stamps thus ordered were to comply in their denominations with the currency of the time.

The issue of this year composed a set of four all printed on blue tinted paper and diamond-shaped. The set consisted of a 1d stamp, printed in red-brown color, which bore a bust portrait of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and a 3d, printed in blue, a 6d in green and a 1s in violet. The latter three each bore a crown in the centre in an octagonal space and having on the outer sides respectively the inscriptions "Nova Scotia," "Postage," and the value in words. In each corner also is the value in figures. Just inside this outer band at each corner is a star partially surrounded by a semi-eclipse, each bearing a national emblem, a rose, a thistle, a shamrock and a mayflower, representing the three divisions of the United Kingdom and Nova Scotia. This design was retained till 1860.

In 1858, however, the 3d and 6d stamps were produced on white paper instead of blue as before.

During the ten years that these stamps were in use—between 1850 and 1860—the mail service was dependant on coaches, sailing vessels and other slow and uncertain means of conveyance. In consequence some country offices, that were not largely supplied with stamps from the head office at the capital, were driven at times to adopt the device of halving and even quartering them to meet the demands of persons corresponding by mail. The following cuttings of stamps are known to have been thus used:—

The 1s has been three-quartered, halved and quartered to take the place respectively of 9d, 6d and 3d. The 6d has been halved diagonally to supply the lack of 3d stamps. This makes a direct variety of four provisionals. Of course the variations could be much extended by taking each of the different portions of a so divided stamp as a separate stamp, but this is not necessary as one instance of each is quite sufficient to be shown in a collection. However it is worthy of any collector's notice that the genuineness of more of these provisionals cannot be guaranteed unless enough of the wrapper is retained to show the entire post office obliteration.

In 1860, Nova Scotia having adopted a decimal currency, it became necessary to order a new series to comply therewith. Accordingly in that year stamps of six different values were issued. The first three bore the Queen's head in profile. The latter half of the series had her bust in full-face and wearing a diadem. These stamps were in shape an oblong-rectangle. At the top was the inscription "Nova Scotia" and at the bottom the value. The respective values and colors of this series were, 1c., black, 2c., mauve, 5c. blue (of this there were two varieties; one was on white paper and the other on blue-tinted), 8½c., green, 10c. vermilion and 12½c. black.

We have seen halvings of the 10c stamps of this series made both diagonally and perpendicularly. This makes a possible total of this series of eleven. Added to other provisionals mentioned the entire list of Nova Scotia stamps comprises twenty-nine all told.

In this connection it is proper to remark that shortly after the Act of Confederation was passed, (in 1867,) and a new series of Canada stamps had been issued for the use of the whole Dominion, an offer was made to the Provincial authorities by a certain party to buy the entire lot of unused stamps then on hand for \$1,600 and that this offer was refused. It appears that the powers of the day thought that Nova Scotia had made such a good bargain that she could better afford to burn than to sell her obsolete stamps. If these stamps had been kept till the present day they would be eagerly bought by foreign dealers at their face values at least, and thus would have been a valuable adjunct to the revenues of the province, and proportionally have lessened local burdens. We do not know of a similar want of foresight on the part of officials anywhere.

U. S. MONEY ORDERS.—The official report on the money order business transacted by the Postoffice Department of the United States during 1882 shows a total of \$63,101,847.54, or about 12 per cent. larger than in 1881. The number of money orders issued was 67,170, valued at \$1,401,858.27; paid and repaid, 902,928, valued at \$8,566,796.61; postmasters' deposits, 20,324, valued at \$24,176,372.21; drafts to postmasters, 23,617, valued at \$11,024,269.33; bills of exchange, \$4,765,973.86; Postmaster General's checks, \$1,838,775.15; deposit to Postmaster General's credit, \$1,988,713.09; money orders received and certified to Europe, 467,424, valued at \$8,236,469.06.

POSTOFFICE SAVINGS BANK.—The balance to the credit of depositors in the Canadian post office savings bank at the end of the year 1882 was \$2,998,368 in advance of the sum to the credit of depositors at the end of 1881. The balance on hand on the 31st December last was \$10,840,642.

PERSIAN ENVELOPES.—The government of the Shah has shown for several years a disposition to adopt in postal matters the methods of Western civilization and has met with an agreeable amount of success in introducing them to its people. The postal envelope was introduced some time since but the public have, so far, proved themselves unequal to the task of comprehending its intended mission. They have evidently regarded the corner bearing the stamp as the only valuable part of the envelope as they have clipped that portion out and pasted it upon the wrappers that contain their correspondence. A valued correspondent in that country has, in illustration, sent us specimens of letters bearing three or four of the adhesives that had been cut from envelopes and affixed to letters as above described.

He further remarks that the government, making due allowance for the ignorance of its people in this respect, has allowed these to pass unchallenged. As this state of things cannot long continue wrappers bearing adhesives cut from envelopes must in time become valuable if a sufficient portion of the wrapper is preserved to show the entire postal obliteration.

Collectors will, therefore, do well to preserve any such that may come into their hands, *i.e.* if they are preserved as noted above. They should be classed in catalogues and collections as adhesives.

A THREE CENT STAMP WORTH \$100.—In 1846, while awaiting supplies from the department at Washington, the postmasters of certain cities were authorized to issue stamps temporarily. Among others issuing was the Postmaster of Brattleboro, Vt. Eight hundred stamps were printed, and of these one-half were burned. Collectors have been in search of some of these stamps, and it was considered a hopeless matter to procure one of them. One collector, however, who was shrewder than the rest, instituted a search for the engraver, whom he found residing in Springfield, and he had still remaining seven of the precious squares, which he disposed of to the collector for seventy-five cents each, besides furnishing indubitable proof of the genuineness of the issue, the very existence of which was doubted. The fact of the purchase leaked out and a dealer offered \$1 apiece for six of the seven. This was refused by the original purchaser, who demanded five times that sum, and before the money reached him, although it was sent with promptitude, he had an offer of \$10 apiece. Being an honest man, he struck to his first offer, and parted with six for \$30. The most precious of the lot, which bore the engraver's name, he retained possession of, and this is the one he has now sold for \$100.—[Boston Traveller.

THE ORIGIN OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

The idea of an adhesive stamp affixed to a letter, as indicative of the payment of postage, is much older than has been generally supposed. It is known that the first suggestion of such an arrangement in modern times came from Rowland Hill, the father of the cheap postal system in England, about the year 1839 or 1840. It was several years, however, before his suggestion was carried into effect. History, however, tells us that the ancient German cities of Thurn and Taxis had such a system, which for some inexplicable reason, fell into disuse or failed to become general among nations. The modern postage stamp was much used in England about the year 1842 or 1841. In 1845 E. A. Mitchell, the then Postmaster of New Haven, taking advantage of the English idea made use of a postage stamp of his own, which he continued to use until 1847, when the Government of the United States issued the first American postage stamps. They were in two denominations.

STAMPED ENVELOPES.—A cheaper class of stamped envelopes, called "Commercial Envelopes," are now sold to the public at the following prices:—1d envelope 1½d.; 2, 2½d.; 3, 3½d.; 4, 4½d.; 5, 5½d.; 10, 10½d.; 20, 1s. 9d.; 240, 21s. The existing B and D sizes will cease to be issued by the Controller of Stamps, Inland Revenue, when the present stocks are exhausted.—[English paper.

THE heaviest requisition ever drawn for postage stamps was forwarded from the New York Post Office the other day, the number of stamps called for being 21,220,000, representing \$453,000.

THE receipts of the United States Post Office Department for the quarter ending September last year were \$10,545,000; expenditures, \$10,188,000. During the same quarter of the preceding year there was an excess of expenditure amounting to \$196,000.

NEW ISSUES Of Adhesives, Post Cards, and Envelopes.

Angola has added a new value—40 reis yellow, to its set.

Azores.—The several values of the issue of 1871-80 have been surcharged in small type, with the name of the colony, as have also the envelopes. This was a temporary device. The new type of Portugal has been similarly surcharged, and has superseded the above.

Bavaria.—The new post-cards of this country—5 pf, violet on chamois, and a reply 5x5 pf, violet on olive, have been adopted. The stamp in the upper right-hand corner is of a new design, a large figure 5 occupying the center on a checkered background, surrounded with ornamental scroll-work.

Belgium.—The new "letter card" has been adopted here. It is about the size and shape of a reply card. The interior edges are gummed, and just within the gumming the card is perforated around. The card is creased or folded in the middle. The idea is that a person may write on the inner side of the letter-card, and then seal it. An inscription across the left end of the face of the folded card instructs the recipient to tear off the edges outside of the perforation. This done, the letter may be opened without in any degree injuring the letter. The inside surface on which the letter is to be written is white; the exterior is rose. It has the current 10 centime adhesive in blue on the upper right-hand corner, and the inscription in French, "Carte-Lettre Pour L'Etranger," and below it words to the same effect in Dutch.

Bolivar.—A new set has issued. The general design of the various denominations is much alike, but each varies in minor details from the other. The values are as follows:—

5 Centavos.....	Ultra-marine.
10 "	Lilac.
20 "	Carmine.
40 "	Brown.
80 "	Green.
1 Peso.....	Orange.

Bosnia and Herzegovina have run short of the ordinary postals in certain values, have authorized the use of the 1 and 4 novicos fiscals (both rose) in lieu of postage stamps.

Ceylon.—Two new provisional cards have been introduced. They are 8 and 12 cents both surcharged on the current 2-cent card, mauve.

Chili.—Two new cards have issued. They are larger than the ordinary postal cards. On the upper right-hand corner is a shield resembling that of the adhesive, and surrounded by a wreath of laurel. The usual instructions and inscriptions occupy the upper part of the cards. The values and colors are 2 centavos, red on grey, and reply 2x2 in the same colors.

Costa Rica.—The following provisionals have been used:—1 centavo on half real, blue and red; 5 do. rect. on half real, blue; 10 do. on 2 reals, black and red; 20 do. on 4 reales, black and green. A new set has superseded the above, viz: 1c., green, 2c., carmine, 5c., puce, 10c., orange, and 40c., blue. These stamps are handsomely designed, and bear a portrait of the President of this State, encircled by the inscription, "Union Postal Universal Costa Rica." The value in large figures occupies each of the three corners, while the date, "Anno 1883" occupies the upper right. The word "Centavos" forms a straight line across the foot of the stamp.

Curaçao.—The 15c. brown post-card has been surcharged 7½c. in black. We have also seen the 12½c. orange surcharged with 7½ in reverse.

Cyprus.—The surcharge, 30 paras, has been in some instances put on a 1 piastre stamp twice.

Ecuador.—The 1 real orange has been surcharged 4 centavos in black.

Granada Confederation.—Of the issue of 1881, the 2 centavo, vermilion, and the 5 do., blue, have been perforated, as have also the same values of those used for the interior. The current 10 centavo, mauve, has been surcharged 2½ in black.

Great Britain.—The registration envelope, 2d. circular, ultra-marine, appears without date. A 1½d. newspaper band has made its appearance. The stamp affixed is pointed, oval in form, color, brown on buff.

Greece.—The values 20 (lake), 40 (purple), and 80 lepta (carmine) appear without figures on back. The following errors are noted:—the 5 lepta, greenish yellow, appears with "55" on its back; the 10 do., orange, with "1;" also others with "0," others again with "00," and some with "01."

Grenada.—We have seen the provisional half-penny, wherein the "P" in the word "Postage" was omitted, making it read "ostage." In the 1s. stamp also the "g" in the denomination has been omitted in some cases, and an italic "s" substituted. A fiscal stamp has been surcharged in black, color orange and green, and employed to take the place of the 1d. rect. in the postal service.

Haiti.—The current 2, 3, 5, and 7 cent stamps have been perforated.

Honduras.—The 2 reals, green, and do., rose, have been surcharged with the name of the old capital, "Comayaqua," in a rectangle. The 2 reals, green, have also been surcharged with large script type in the City of Comayaqua with "Medio Real," bright vermilion, in a large rectangle. Also, "Un Real" in black, same style.

Iceland.—Three new values, 5 ore, green, 20 blue, and 40 mauve, of the old type have been issued.

India.—The 1 rupee stamp has been issued with a design altered somewhat from but still resembling the last.

Jamaica.—The 1d. fiscal, carmine, has been used for postage.

Labuan.—A new value, 40 cents, amber, has been added to the set. Same design as the others.

Luxemburg.—The entire set, from 1 centime to 5 francs has been surcharged with the letters, "P. S." (public service) in small capitals. Four new postal cards have also issued bearing the current adhesive on the upper right-hand corner. Their values and colors are:—5c., lilac, 10c., bistre, 5x5 and 10x10 (reply cards) the same as above.

Mauritius.—The current 17-cent stamp has been surcharged 16.

Mexico.—Four new envelopes are added to the set. The design is the same as that of the preceding ones. They are:—5 centavos, plum; an additional 5 in the upper right-hand corner furnishes a 10 centavos.

Montevideo.—The current 7 cent stamp has been surcharged "Official."

Nevis.—The 1d. revenue, lilac, has been used as postage.

New South Wales.—A new reply post-card, 2d., rose, has appeared.

Orange Free State.—The four-pence stamp has been issued with a surcharge of 3d. in four distinct varieties as to type. A new 3d. adhesive is announced.

Peru.—The unpaid letter stamps have been surcharged in red, "Lima Correos" in a circle, and used for prepaid letters. The values are: 1 centavo, red and bistre; 5, red and vermilion; 10, red and orange; and 20, red and blue. The ordinary current issue has been surcharged,

"Arequipa." Values: 1 centavo, lake and orange; 5, lake and blue; 20, lake and carmine.

Philippine Islands.—A 25 cent. de peso, brown, of the current type has appeared. A typographical error has occurred in the surcharge of the provisionals of the type of 1879, of 8 cent de peso on 100 mil de peso, in that the word "Correos" is spelled "Corrzos." The fiscal of 10 quartos has been surcharged 8 cents de peso, and used for postal purposes. Also the large rect. fiscal, 1 peso, green, has been used for postage without surcharge.

Portugal.—The following values of the new type have been introduced to use:—2 reis, brown; 5, grey; 500, black, and 1000, rose.

Portuguese Indies.—The following provisionals same design as the last, have been added:—6 reis on 40 reis, blue; 1 tonga on 25 reis, violet; 2 do. on 40 do., blue; 2 do. on 4 tongas, green; 8 do. on 25 reis, rose. Two new post-cards are also added to the set, viz:—¼ tonga, blue on buff and 1 do., red on dull blue.

Russia.—The following values are added to the current set:—3½ roubles, black and white; 7 do. black and yellow. Two new envelopes, designs similar to the last have appeared. They are 5 copecs, lilac, and 7 do. blue. Newspaper bands, 1 copec, orange, and 2 do., green, are in use.

Sea-Shell Islands.—Two post-cards—4 cents, black and blue, and 6 cents, green, have been announced.

Siam.—The stamps of the Strait Settlements are used in Bangkok, the capital of this country, after being surcharged with a large capital "B." The set comprises the following values:—2 cents, brown; 4 cents, rose; 5 cents, plum; 6 cents, lilac; 12 cents, blue; and 24 cents, green.

Strait Settlements.—*Sunje Ujung*. The British India half-anna adhesive is used in this country with the following surcharge:—An ellipse covering the inscription of India and inside of it a crescent and a five pointed star, with the letters S. U. beneath, all in black.

St. Vincent.—A 1d., drab, and a 4d., bright blue, of the new type have appeared.

Tasmania.—The 3d., and 1s., fiscals have been used as postals.

Transvaal.—The provisional 1d., on 4d., has been seen surcharged reversely in some instances.

United States.—The 1c., 6c., and 10c., have been re-engraved in the old type. Two new values, 2c., and 4c., have been announced to come into use October 1st.

Victoria.—The 1d. post card, lilac, now appears with a smaller coat-of-arms than formerly.

Wurtemberg.—A service stamp, 2 marks, black and yellow, is in use, as are also a post-card, of 5pf., and reply, 5 x 5 pf., both mauve.

We are indebted to our many friends in various parts of the world for furnishing us with early information of contemplated or accomplished changes, new issues and provisionals. Such information is always fully appreciated and will be noticed by us. We trust that they may all continue their kind offices.

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OUTRAGEOUS.

The St. John *Sun* of a recent date narrates the facts in an affair so extraordinary as to be almost incredible.

It appears that the Sheriff of Gloucester Co., N. B., had the audacity a few weeks since to take from the post-office at Little Shippegan, a registered letter addressed to another person, against whom he held an execution and a bailable writ, and to retain it despite the remonstrances of the postmaster. The same officer took from another post-office, two letters and a newspaper addressed to the same person.

There were other surprisingly outrageous acts performed by this sheriff in connection with this matter, but, as a philatelic journal, we have nothing to do with this.

What we have to deal with is the sanctity and security of the mails while *in transitu* and in charge of the postal authorities. The post-office is the most important adjunct to the business of any community—to say nothing of social intercommunication—and if it cannot be implicitly trusted to safely transmit correspondence secure from raids by officials or others its usefulness is gone.

Another point of importance is that the sheriff's information of the fact that the registered letter was *en route*

must have been obtained from some one connected with the post-office. We have not space in this issue to submit the proofs of this that have already been developed, but will give further details in our next. The point is that a postal official has violated his or her trust and revealed a fact that could only have come to him through his official position. This unworthy person should be ferreted out, and not only dismissed in disgrace but also punished by the laws.

The sheriff has not only tampered with, but has robbed H. M. mails. The law declares this a felony, punishable by imprisonment for a long term, and the sheriff cannot plead ignorance nor shelter himself under his official position to evade the penalty that he has earned. The majesty of the law must be vindicated and the sanctity of the mails must be fully protected.

Hon. John Carling, the Postmaster General, knows his duty and we do not hesitate to express a belief that he will perform it.

Before dismissing this subject we would remark that we are aware of instances in which registered letters sent to the West Indies have not been acknowledged by the persons to whom they were addressed, and repeated enquiries of the postal department have failed to elicit any information as to whether they ever reached their destination or not. Such a state of affairs is anything but creditable to the post-office department and should be at once altered. A radical reform appears to be urgently needed.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.—The estimated number of registered letters passing by the post in the Dominion for 1882 was 2,450,000. Of this number 113 were stated to have miscarried from various causes. In 81 cases out of the 113 the letters were stolen from the post office by burglars, lost by mail robberies while under conveyance, or accidentally destroyed by fire with the mails in which they were contained. Of the other 32 letters the loss in 24 cases was traced to officers of the post-office responsible for the negligence or other misconduct which occasioned the miscarriage and the value contained was made good them. In the remaining eight cases this could not be accomplished. The aggregate value of these eight letters was \$235. To the money order offices in operation on 30th June, 1882, were added in 1882-3, 20 new offices, making the total number in operation on the 30th June, 1883, 806 distributed as follows:—Ontario, 495; Quebec, 117; Nova Scotia, 114; New Brunswick, 87; Prince Edward Island, 6; Manitoba, 5; British Columbia, 12.

The receiver of more than one copy of this number will please give copies to stamp-collectors in his vicinity.

Les personnes qui aront recu plus d'un exemplaire de ce numero sont prices de les transmettre aux philatelistes de leur conaissance.

TWO-CENT POSTAGE.—The introduction of the two-cent postal rate in the United States has set alive the desire in Canada that a corresponding reduction should at once be made here. It is getting on for half a century since the penny system was adopted throughout the United Kingdom, and each succeeding year has more and more justified the soundness of the policy. It is argued, however, that the geographical conditions are wholly different as between the mother-country and the Dominion. But the same objection was raised on the other side of the line when the rate was reduced there by degrees till it reached three cents. Yet the results even at the latter rate fully justified the arguments of the postal reformers. So, undoubtedly, will the still further diminution to two cents, and the principle that is found good in one country will apply to all. But whether the change will "pay"—whether or not it will result in a surplus of revenue over expenditure or the reverse—is not at all the main question. In proposing additional postal facilities revenue considerations should hold quite a secondary place. If a reduced rate will make both ends meet *quoad* the Departmental treasury, so much the better. If it will not, the Government must be content to make up the deficiency in that portion of the public accounts from the general revenue. It does so in other branches. The expenditure on public works, for example, is largely in advance, and ever will be, of any revenue derived from them, and the same be said of other Departments. But none the less successive Governments continue to go on with new works as the necessities of the country require. The national treasury has in all such cases to be fallen back upon to restore the financial equilibrium. The same policy should be pursued in postal matters. No idea could be more vicious or mistaken, in these days, than to look to the Post-Office Department as a feeder of the public purse. The Post-Office is, or ought to be, primarily maintained, and even solely, for the purpose of developing the interests of trade and commerce, and the greater the reduction in rates the more thoroughly will that end be properly achieved. To propose a one-cent rate would no doubt make the hair—where there is any left—of the Departmental veterans to stand on end. But we venture to think that if any Minister were bold enough to introduce so daring an innovation, he would at the end of one short year find tens required to show the outcoming statistics where units suffice now.

This matter is of far more importance to business than may at the first blush be apparent. The day is not distant when the necessity for reducing postage—not only internal to each country, but international—will press imperiously upon the statesmen of every nation. The principle of transporting mail matter for 1 or 2 cents has been adopted in the matter of postal cards. One cent will carry a card from the Atlantic to the Pacific or from Hudson's Bay to the Gulf of Mexico on this continent, and two cents are sufficient to take a card from California to the furthestmost parts of Europe or to many places in Asia or Africa.

In the cases of postal cards, as the government furnishes the stationery, it is evident that it carries the correspondence at a less net than the nominal rate. It is a necessary conclusion that any government can afford

to transport sealed packages at the same rate for the same weight that it can open cards.

If our premise that the Post Office department is really subsidiary to the business of any country, is correct it naturally follows that it should not in any case be looked to as a source of revenue—far less as a profitable investment of government funds—and that while the utmost economy is to be commended in that department, the general revenue of the country will be benefitted by reducing the postal charges to the lowest possible minimum. That the Post Office should bear its own expense is the utmost that should be expected of it. Most of the other departments do not pretend to pay their own way, and it is unjust to require the only vehicle of popular inter-communication to return a surplus to the government.

We earnestly commend a careful consideration of this important matter to the attention of the Post-master General.

Postmaster Pierson of New York has prepared tables from which it appears that 9 tons of postage stamps, 25 tons of envelopes, 113 tons of postal cards, and 17 tons of newspaper wrappers were sold in the year ending December 31, 1882. The value of newspaper and periodical stamps sold was \$438,802.99, and the total receipts of the office were \$4,228,575.29.

REPLY POSTAL CARDS.—The English Postmaster-General appears to be giving the Department he administers the fullest development of which it is capable. It is unquestionable, too, that all the recent innovations are greatly to the benefit of the entire people, from the highest to the lowest. The latest novelty is the new postal reply cards, which will commence to circulate at the beginning of October next. The cards are to have an impressed stamp of one halfpenny (one cent) on each half. The address only is to be "written, printed, or otherwise impressed" on that side of either half which bears the stamp, and no part of the address must cross the stamp. The "return half" will be affixed to the other half in such a way as to be easily severed from it. No reply post-card or "return half" will be forwarded through the post which contains any "words, marks or designs of an indecent, obscene, libellous or grossly offensive character," and any card or "half" so posted which shall *prima facie* fall within this prohibition, shall be stopped and submitted to the inspection of an officer duly authorised in that behalf by the Postmaster-General. We understand that the Washington authorities are about immediately to adopt this excellent arrangement.

A neatly-dressed and thirsty individual entered a saloon in Virginia, City Nev., approached the bar-tender and said: "I have no money. Will you accept stamps in payment for a gin cocktail?" The bar-tender smiled answered in the affirmative, and prepared the drink which soon went sizzling down the parched throat of the customer. He smacked his lips, complimented the bar-tender on his ability, walked to the lunch table, regaled himself, and then, giving three resounding "stamps" with his foot upon the floor, smiled sweetly at the proprietor and vanished.

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NOVA SCOTIA STAMPS AND PROVISIONALS

(BY HENRY HECHLER.)

Continued.

Since I wrote the article which appeared in the July number of this journal I have received specimens of the 6d. light green, surcharged 5 cents in red to which I then alluded. These specimens are surcharged with the numeral "5" above the centre of the word "cents" which is in small pica, the initial letter only being a capital. There were two distinctly different sorts of type employed. I have only recently obtained the second variety which is now before me and of which I will give the following description:—The figure "5" is larger than in the other kind as above, and the word "cents" is printed in italic capitals. The stamp so surcharged is the 3d. blue and red ink is employed. I have not as yet succeeded in obtaining a specimen of this stamp surcharged in black, but, arguing from the fact that both the 3d. and the 6d. stamps are known to have been (and specimens exist to prove the fact) surcharged in both colors in small pica type, and also in red with the italic caps, it certainly appears reasonable to suppose that if one value was surcharged with both varieties of type and both colors, the other must also have been.

As there have therefore been surcharges, proved to be authentic, in two sorts of type as also in red and black ink on two different values—3d. blue and 6d. green—the series would comprise eight varieties. However as many of our philatelic friends recognise distinctions in shades of the colors of stamps—as of a light and dark shade of the same color—the series might be much further extended. This is, however, a matter of taste and must be left to individual collectors to decide for themselves.

An interesting circumstance in connection with these provisionals is that the very fact of their having existed was nearly forgotten and was only discovered by means of an enquiry in these columns. They were quoted in catalogues, but as no description whatever was given of them a doubt as to their existence prevailed. On mentioning these facts in the PHILATELIC COURIER, I was enabled to unearth the above facts, and thus to settle all doubts on the subject. These make a valuable and important addition to philately and will be gladly hailed by collectors as furnishing a missing link in the history of the science. They must be classified and rated as one of the rarest variety in existence.

THE requisitions upon the U. S. post office department by postmasters for the new two cent stamps are all so large that contractors are unable to supply the demand and the department consequently is reducing the amounts called for in the requisitions. Contractors at present are able to furnish one and a half million stamps daily, but this is much less than the number demanded.

AN absent-minded woman in Kentucky put a corn-plaster on a letter and stuck a postage stamp on her corn. Neither the letter nor the corn went away, she having neglected to write "in haste" on the left-hand corner of her stamped corn.

THE BRITISH POSTAL SERVICE.

From the 29th annual report of the Postmaster-General of Great Britain and Ireland we get a succinct idea of the wonderful postal business conducted in that thickly settled empire. Our readers will best appreciate this if we arrange the principal items in a table:—

Letters delivered	1,230,636,000	increase 4.2 pc.
Postal cards	144,016,000	" 6.4 pc.
Book packets and circulars	288,206,000	" 6.3 pc.
Newspapers	140,682,000	"
Registered letters	11,265,000	" 3.3 pc.
Telegraph messages	39,092,000	
Savings bank deposits	\$60,000,000	
No. postoffices	15,460	
Postal revenue	\$ 47,065,000	
Telegraph revenue	\$ 8,840,000	

In England and Wales the average number of letters per capita of the population was 40, in Scotland 30, and in Ireland 16. The permanent officers of the post offices of the United Kingdom are 44,000, including 2,561 women, of whom 455 are clerks and 216 telegraphists or counter women. A system has been adopted of giving "good conduct stripes" to letter carriers, and has been found to work well. Each stripe entitles the wearer to a special advance of one shilling a week, and the maximum number which can be earned is three.

The department has introduced reply-post-cards, and the change has resulted in a wonderful extension in that line of communication. According to a resolution passed in the last session of Parliament telegraph messages will be sent for sixpence for ten words. This will multiply to a very large extent the business of that department. Altogether the progress shown in the important matters of facilitating the transaction of business and promoting the interchange of social communication among the people has been most wonderful and satisfactory in its results. Compared with the limited and tedious methods of 25 years ago, it is simply marvellous.

POSTAL ORDERS.—The new questions of the parcels post and sixpenny telegrams have not prevented Mr. Fawcett, the English Postmaster-General, from giving his attention to possible improvements in any of his already existing schemes. Next, perhaps, to the "thrift cards," none of Mr. Fawcett's innovations has been more appreciated than that of the postal orders. Four millions and a half of them, representing an amount of £2,000,000, were issued during the first year of their circulation, but the full development of the system is hindered by the hard-and-fast provisions of the Act which sanctioned it, somewhat reluctantly, in 1880. Mr. Fawcett has accordingly introduced a bill the object of which is to give the Postmaster-General discretion to vary the amounts of orders and the rates of poundage, always provided that no order shall exceed 20s. and no poundage shall exceed 2d.

DIO LEWIS' MONTHLY for October is the best that has issued. This magazine has as yet issued but three numbers, and each successive one has been an improvement on its predecessor. The contents of the last number are:—"Our Young Women," by Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, "Idol Worship in India," by a native, "Sandwich Island Sketches," and a large number of other articles as essays, poetry, tales, etc. We heartily commend this valuable periodical to our readers.

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THE PARCEL POST.

THE introduction of a branch for the carriage of parcels in addition to that for the transmission of letters is certainly a bold innovation, but the English Post-Office Department has, nevertheless, ventured to undertake it, and the new adjunct actually came into operation on the 1st inst. The railway companies, as we showed some months ago, when the project was first before Parliament, made a strong fight against it, but as the Government was determined, and made besides such equitable concessions to the existing parcels' carriers it succeeded in prevailing. When the telegraph system of the country was absorbed by Government all the latter had to do was to step into the offices vacated by its predecessors and continue the work as left to them. The organisation was already complete and in good working order, requiring only such changes as the new proprietary might think it advisable to introduce. But in adding this new parcels' department the Government have an entirely new system to create in the place of finding already an perfected one to succeed to, and they have all their experience to acquire instead of inheriting it. It is too early yet to arrive at any definite idea of the amount of business to be done or the extent to which the facilities offered to the public will develop new business, as the project is yet quite in the experimental stage. In London, where the pressure of business is expected to be greatest, the whole work of parcel collection and distribution is to be divided among twelve central depots, most of which will be set up in the vicinity of the railway termini. These depots will be for the parcel system what the district stations are for the letter post, namely, local centres to which all the parcels of their locality will be conveyed, where they will be assorted, and whence they will be sent to their destination. In order to avoid as far as possible the friction incidental to the initiation of the system, new hands have been practiced in making up and sorting of dummy parcels, and in fact in doing anything that will be required in actual service except the dispatching. In London parcels will be collected and delivered by means of wagons. It is expected that there will be from three to five deliveries in the metropolis during the day, three in some parts of the city and five in others. Each post town in the United Kingdom is charged with the responsibility of elaborating a delivery and collection machinery for itself. If the new system were intended to be confined to the towns and cities alone, the experiment would not only be unjust to the rest of the community, but would start with a fair certainty of failure. It will, however, like the Post-Office proper, penetrate throughout every nook and corner of the United Kingdom, and will thus, we imagine, soon be recognised as a universal benefit. It is said, nevertheless, that country shop-keepers and small traders everywhere are already contemplating the possible effects of its working with no little alarm, as it is feared it will largely still more centralize trade within the great seats of population. The railways, however, have for years past fostered that tendency, and if the present scheme should still further develop it there will be no course but to submit and accept it as one of the inevitable tendencies of the times and of the widened facilities of communication. Intro-

duced into Canada it would at once go far to break down the extortionate monopolies of the existing Express Companies, and transfer from their hands enormous profits to fall into the national treasury. Matters, indeed, seem now to be so arranging themselves that the Government will shortly be compelled into taking into its own hands the whole of the existing methods of inter-communication—postals, parcels and telegraphic. The sooner the better.

THE U. S. MONEY ORDER SYSTEM.—A postal bill was passed by the late Congress, modifying the postal money order system so as to authorize Postmasters of money order offices, under authority of the Postmaster-General, to issue postal notes in denominations of \$5 and under. This is an important bill, and will greatly facilitate the transmission of small sums through the mails. It authorizes the issue of money orders without corresponding advices of \$5 and less, to be on engraved paper, and known as postal notes, payable to bearer, such notes to be invalid after three months, but the holder can after that time get the par value of the note by applying to the Post Office Department at Washington. For issuing a postal note a fee of three cents shall be charged. This bill authorizes the issue of money orders in denominations of \$100 or less, but none for more than \$100 can be issued. The following fees are fixed to be charged for money orders:—For orders not exceeding \$10, 8 cents; from \$10 to \$15, 10 cents; \$15 to \$30, 15 cents; \$30 to \$40, 20 cents; \$40 to \$50, 25 cents; \$50 to \$60, 30 cents; \$60 to \$70, 35 cents; \$70 to \$80, 40 cents; \$80 to \$100, 45 cents.

A POST-OFFICE STORY.—The post office at Iron Rod, Montana, has been discontinued, and the explanation is thus given by an officer of the department:—"A post office agent, while officially visiting various offices in Montana Territory for the purpose of correcting any irregularities of postmasters, stopped at Iron Rod. Going into the post office he found the room divided into three sections—first a saloon, next the post office, and last a faro bank. The mail bag was brought in, a rough-looking customer opened it, and emptied the contents on the floor. The entire crowd at once got down on their hands and commenced overhauling the letters, among which several were registered, and selected such as they wanted. After they were through, the remaining letters were shovelled into a candle-box and placed on the bar. The special agent, thinking the office needed a little regulating, asked the bar-keeper, who had received and distributed the mail, if he was the postmaster. He answered, 'No.' 'Are you the assistant postmaster?' 'No.' 'Where is the postmaster?' 'Out mining.' 'Where is the assistant postmaster?' 'Gone to Hell's Canon, and by thunder! Bill Jones has got to run this office next week; it's his turn.' The Government official then stated who he was, and demanded the keys of the office. The bar-tender coolly took the candle-box from the bar, placed it on the floor and gave it a kick, sending it out of the door, saying 'There's your post office, and now get.' The agent says: 'Knowing the custom of the country, I lost no time in following this advice, and got.' This is why the post office at Iron Rod was discontinued."

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Of Adhesives, Post Cards, and Envelopes.

Bahamas—The 6d., current stamps, have been surcharged, 4d. in black.

Barbadoes—A 3d. reply card, (1½d. x 1½d.), has been added to the set—color, mauve on buff.

Bavaria—A 3pf. post-card has appeared. Color green. Also a 3 x 3pf. reply card, violet.

Belgium—A new letter card, ultra-marine on pink, value 25c., design the same as the 10c., described in our last, has issued for foreign postage to countries that are in the Postal Union. Also a provisional 5c. card, green, is in use.

Brazil—A 10 reis black adhesive, a 50 reis blue and a 100 reis lilac, of the new design have been introduced. Also the following postcards: 20 reis, brown, 50 reis, blue, 80 reis, orange. The design is similar to that of the last series, except that the border is wavy.

Chile—A new 1c. post card, similar in design to that described in our last, has been adopted.

Costa Rica has issued, for the first time, a set of postcards the design of which is very handsome. They are 2 centavos, black on drab, and reply, 2 x 2 centavos black on yellow. The obsolete set of stamps, viz:—½, 2 and 4 reales and 1 peso have been surcharged, "Oficial" in red ink. These have been in turn superseded by the new set similarly surcharged of the values of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 40 centavos.

Cuba has added to its set a variety of the 5 and 10 cent de peso in five different types. The design consists of a fancy scroll with the values in the centre. The reason for this change is that the Post Office was robbed of a large quantity of stamps not long since and it was necessary to make the stolen stamps obsolete.

Cyprus—The 1 piastre fiscal stamp, lilac, is used for postal purposes.

Denmark—Four new reply cards are in use in this kingdom. The colors and values are as follows:—

- 4 x 4 ore blue on white.
- 6 x 6 " brown on buff.
- 8 x 8 " rose on white.
- 10 x 10 " rose on buff.

Dominica—This little island has introduced a set of four provisional, ½d. stamps. Some of them were, however, only used for one mail. The designs, colors and surcharges were as follows: The current 1d. is halved perpendicularly and surcharged in black with a small ½. Two other varieties are made by taking half of a 1d. stamp and surcharging it diagonally with the words "Half-penny," in some cases reading from the top to the bottom and in others reversely. The fourth variety is formed in the same way, except that the surcharge is a large ½ in red ink. There was also in use for a short time a provisional 1d. post card. It was of the ordinary size red on white board, and bore the usual inscription with an additional notice, limiting its use to within 300 miles of the Island. It had the current 1d. adhesive affixed to the upper right hand corner. They have been superseded by the regular 1d. buff card.

Dominican Republic—The following provisionals are in use:—

The 1880 issue is surcharged in black with the new values, viz:—

- 5 centimos on 1 centavo green.
- 10 " 2 centavos orange.
- 25 " 5 " blue.
- 50 " 10 " rose.
- 1 franco 20 " bistre.
- 1 peso, 50c. 25 " mauve.

There are two distinct sets of these, the above are on plain ground. The issue of 1882, which has a ground of net work, has also been surcharged as above. It is worthy of note by our philatelic friends that a curious typographical error has occurred in the surcharges running through both the sets from the 5 to the 50 centimos, both inclusive, and the letter "i" in the letter word is accentuated instead of being dotted.

Dutch Indies—A new unpaid-letter stamp 10 cts., black on carmine, is in use.

Ecuador—The 50 centavos, green, is surcharged in black "Diez centavos" in capitals.

Finland—A new reply card, 10 x 10 penni, is in use.

Grenada Confederation—The 2 centavos, lake, is in type slightly altered in that the figures "2" in the corners, and also the letters "C" are placed diagonally instead of upright as formerly. The 5 centavos blue is surcharged in black with "Quarto Centavo." An entire new set has been issued. The design is similar to the last except that it is slightly larger, and the figures of value are no longer in the corners but are put at the bottom of the oval that surrounds the arms of the confederation. Values and colors are as follows:—

- 1 centavo green.
- 2 centavos red.
- 5 " blue.
- 10 " orange.
- 20 " violet.
- 1 peso claret.

Great Britain—Two new adhesives have been added to the set of this country—a 9d. dull green and a 2s. 6d. mauve. The latter is larger than the rest of the current set.

Greece has added the following post-cards for interior use to her set:—

- 5 lepta black on buff.
 - 5 x 5 do. (reply) " "
- Also for the Postal Union Service:—
- 10 lepta blue.
 - 10 x 10 (reply) " "

Grenada—An entire set of a new type has been produced, viz:—

- ½d. green.
- 1d. rose.
- 4d. slate.
- 8d. gray.
- 1s. mauve.

India—A service card, green on white, value not indicated, has appeared.

Jamaica—The provisional 1½d post-card has been supplanted by a card of a new design gray on buff.

Montevideo—The following stamps of a new design are now in use:

- 1 centesimo green.
- 2 centesimos carmine.
- 5 " blue.
- 10 " brown.

A letter card of rather neat design has appeared. The color is carmine on white. The stamp is a rather large one, is affixed to the upper right-hand corner and bears a Grecian head. The card has the usual inscriptions. Three post-cards have also issued. Their appearance is striking. They bear the picture of a public building on the left, the coat-of-arms having the value on the right, and between the two on an elaborate scroll the inscription, "Tarjeta Postal." Values are:—

- 2c. black on white.
- 2c. " " blue.
- 3c. ultra-marine.

Also reply cards as follows:—

- 2 x 2 dark brown.
- 2 x 2 do on blue.

- 2 x 2 do " yellow.
- 2 x 2 do " pink.
- 2 x 2 do " salmon.
- 3 x 3 green.

New Caledonia—The French Colonial stamps are surcharged in black, with a bar across the top and one across the bottom, also in heavy black letters N C E and 05 below them on 40 centimes, red; also 25 on 75 centimes, carmine.

New South Wales—The entire set is newly engraved. It bears a water mark of N S W with a crown above them, and is coarsely perforated. The general design is the same as the last.

Nova Scotia—Provisionals used in 1861 surcharged on the issue of 1858, were as follows:—

- 5 cents black on 3d, blue.
- 5 " red on 3d, " "
- 5 " black on 6d, green
- 5 " red on 6d, " "

Of the above there were two varieties of type—one in small pica and the other in italic. For further particulars, see editorials in the July No. and in this.

North Borneo—Collectors will be pleased to learn that this island has contributed a small set of three stamps to the world. They are, viz:—

- 2c. brown.
- 4c. red.
- 8c. blue.

The design of all is as follows:—The centre is occupied by a shield having a lion at the top and a ship at sea below. Each corner is occupied by a square with a rosette. Over the top is an arched band with the inscription "Postage" on the keystone and "North" on one, and "Borneo" on the other side. A straight band across the bottom bears the value figures and the word cents in capitals. On either side is an inscription in Chinese characters.

Norway—A new post-card, 10 ore, rose, on white has made its appearance. Also two reply post cards—6 x 6 ore, green on white, and 10 x 10 rose on white.

Orange Free State—The ½d. provisional surcharged on 5s. has become obsolete by the issuing of the new ½d. stamp of the ordinary design. Two fiscal stamps, 6d. grey and 10d. brown, are being used for postal purposes.

Peru—The following values have been surcharged with the arms only in the centre:—

- 1 centavo yellow and red.
- 2 centavos violet and yellow.
- 5 " magenta and blue.

Philippine Islands—The following provisionals have lately been in use:—

The current 5 cent de peso stamp is surcharged in green with a circular inscription, the upper half of which is "Habilitado" and the lower "De un reale" and across the centre, the words "Pa Correos"—all in capitals. The 8 cent de peso, brown, and the 10 quatos (fiscal), bistre, are also surcharged similarly. The first mentioned also has, in some instances, the surcharge reversed. The following values are also surcharged in the same way, except that carmine ink is used instead of green:—

- The red 2 cent de peso.
- The blue 5 " "
- The " (fiscal, 12 4-8 de peso).
- The " (telegraph) 250 mils de peso.

The red 2 cent de peso has also been surcharged (green) in the same manner with the words "Habilitado," "8 C de P," and "Pa. U. Postal." The 12 4-8c. de p. blue, (fiscal) has surcharged with a large capital "T" in black. The 250 mils de peso, telegraph, (blue), and the 200 mils de p. fiscal (green) have been used for postal purposes without surcharge as has also the 1 peso (green) fiscal. The 2 4-8 cent de

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Portuguese Indies.—The following provisionals have been uttered:—

- 4½ reis on 40 reis, blue.
4½ " 100 reis, green.

Queensland.—Two new stamps have appeared, 4d. yellow and 1s purple.

Roumania.—Two cards have just issued;—10 bani, red on buff and 10 x 10 (reply) do.

Samoa.—A 2d. stamp rose has been added to the set of this colony.

Salvador.—Two new post-cards are in circulation:—

- 2 centavos.....red on light brown
3 "blue

Servia.—Four new cards have been added to this country's list. Those for interior use bear arms with a double-headed eagle, value 5 paras, brown on rose and 5 x 5 (reply) same colors. Those for foreign use are similar to the last, but with the arms somewhat larger. Values 10 paras, violet on buff, and 10 x 10 paras, brown on buff.

South Australia. has issued a reply card of the same design as the 1d., (1 x 1d.) rose on buff.

St Vincent.—The 1d., lake, has been surcharged, 2½d., in black.

St. Lucia.—The 4d., yellow, and the 6d., mauve, have been surcharged in black with their respective values. To comply with the arrangements of the Postal Union they have issued three new stamps, viz:—

- ½d.,.....green.
1d.,.....carmine.
2½d.,.....blue.

Straits Settlements.—The following provisionals have been in use, the surcharges being perpendicular, and reading from the bottom to the top:—

- 2 cents in black on 4 cents rose.
2 " " " " 8 cents orange.
2 " " " " 32 cents vermilion.

The latter is also surcharged with a capital "B," for use in Bangkok, Siam.

The 3 and 10 cts. Revenue stamps have been used for postal purposes.

The new series has issued. Some of the stamps retain the old type but are changed in color. In others the type has been entirely changed. The colors and values are as follows:—

- 2 cents.....rose.
5 "brown.
5 "blue.
10 "slate.
12 "brown.

Surinam.—A reply card 5x5 cts., violet on green, has been issued.

Switzerland.—A new set of unpaid-letter stamps, the colors of the entire lot being green and red, has been introduced. Values are 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 500 centimes.

Tasmania.—A 2d. envelope oval, (green) has been added to the set, also a registered envelope, 4d. circular, blue, and of various sizes. The following fiscals have also been employed to pay postage:—

- 2 shillings.....pink.
5 do.....green.
40 do.....salmon.

Tobago.—The 6d. brown has been surcharged as a provisional with 2½d. in black.

Transvaal Republic.—Since this country regained its independence it has re-adopted the same design of stamps that it previously used. They are—

- Ein (1d) penny.....black on white.
Drie (3d) pence.....black on rose.
Both are largely perforated.

Victoria.—A reply card 1x 1d. of similar design to the current 1d. card has been adopted.

Virgin Islands.—A ½d. stamp, orange, has been struck for local use.

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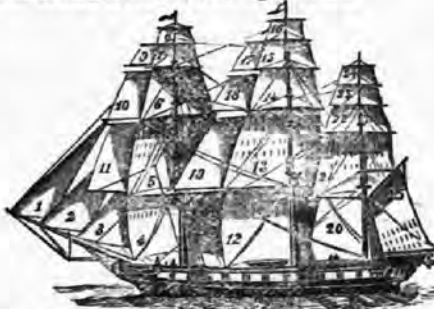
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POSTAL TELEGRAPHY IN THE U. S.

Two bills are before the U. S. Congress looking to the establishment of a Government telegraph system in connection with the Post Office Department of that country. One authorises the P. M. General to negotiate for the purchase of all existing lines at a fair valuation, as was done in Great Britain, while the other provides for the building by the Government of new and independent lines to all principal points to which the mails are now carried and for their gradual extension as the demands of the business of the country may require. There are acknowledged difficulties in the way of carrying out either plan, but that something of the kind must ere long be done becomes more evident each day.

THE U. S. Post-Master General has recommended to Congress that the single weight of letters be made one ounce instead of one-half an ounce as at present. The suggestion will probably be adopted. The tendency of the age is decidedly in favor of reducing postal rates and there is a strong probability that this will eventually do away with post cards. It is self-evident that if a government can furnish the stationery and carry a missive for 1 cent it can better afford to do the latter,

only when the writer supplies his own material. The Canadian Post Master-General has informed the House of Commons that the Government has under consideration the proposition to reduce the postage rate in the Dominion to two cents. If, as appears probable, this is done it will necessitate the preparation and issue of new 2 and 4 cent stamps and envelopes.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN POST OFFICES.

In most European countries a rule has been adopted that the chief registration clerks, at least of all large or general post-offices must be acquainted with modern languages sufficiently to be able to write letters of enquiry or to reply to such correctly. We think that this rule should be applied also in America.

Suppose a registered letter addressed, say to a French or Spanish Colony, should go astray, a letter of enquiry written in the language of the country of its destination would be far more likely to receive prompt attention than if in English. If in the latter tongue the post-master or his clerks are quite likely not to be able to read it, and therefore have to lay it aside till they get an interpreter to translate it for them. Thus they are apt to forget it, and perhaps it is never answered. In this way the main object of registration is defeated as the effort to trace missing letters fails.

We have ourselves had sufficient instances where repeated letters of enquiry have been unanswered, and we believe that the reason of this apparent neglect is that noted above.

Our postal clerks, like civil servants in other departments, are required to pass examinations as to their qualifications, and we certainly think that modern languages should be considered as important a subject in which they should pass as history, geography, or mathematics.

THE FIRST COLLECTORS.

It will never be known who was the first philatelic collector or where he lived but it appears to be pretty well established that the first known collections were made in Germany. Gossip among philatelists of older standards report collections as early as 1854, and these must have been begun at some anterior period, possibly ten years earlier. As long ago as 1861-2 the literature of philately began to appear in the shape of catalogues, hand-books and journals, showing that even then the science had achieved a firm footing and a recognized position among intelligent people.

Les personnes qui aront recu plus d'un exemplaire de ce numero sont pries de les transmettre aux philatelistes de leur connaissance.

WHAT GIVES VALUE TO STAMPS.

We have often been surprised to observe how little some collectors use their judgment in adding to their collections. Some unprincipled dealers offer them large batches of stamps that, if genuine, would be very valuable, for a mere trifle, and the offer is eagerly caught. They thus fill their albums with the veriest trash. If such people would stop and think a moment, they would see that not only are they paying for what is worthless but are encouraging roguery.

The approximate value of any stamps or class of stamps is well known to connoisseurs, and it is almost impossible for anyone who has made a study of the science to be deceived in them.

This value—we speak now only of genuine stamps—depends on their rarity. Thus the current stamps of any country are worth but little more than their face value, the slight advance being a small percentage to pay the dealer for handling them.

Provisional or surcharged stamps acquire an additional value, because they are only issued temporarily and but few of them, as compared with regular issues, are used. Some are in existence that were employed for a single mail only. Provisionals are of various sorts. Some consist of the ordinary current stamps of the time halved or quartered, so as to make the required postage when the smaller denominations were not obtainable at the time. Others have been and are made by surcharging stamps of one denomination on the face with another value. It is customary to surcharge larger stamps with lower than their original face value. The variations in these surcharges are numerous. Different kinds of type and different colors of ink are sometimes used in surcharging the same sort of originals. So also typographical errors in some cases in one or more stamps in a sheet, or in some the surcharges may be erect, upside-down, diagonal, sideways, or doubly imprinted. This shows that, even in a case where a provisional is used but the shortest time, a great variety may exist. There is not, nor can there be, any inflexible rule to govern the price of provisionals, as several conditions affect it. The principal conditions are the length of time in which they were used, and the period which has elapsed since they were employed. One thing is certain, that as their epoch recedes from us their value must advance in proportion. It is evident that in classifying a collection some provisionals must take rank among the rarest and most valuable of stamps.

Old issues are also valuable, according to their age. It was several years after postage-stamps were first issued before anyone thought of collecting them, and to obtain first issues old correspondence has been raked up from everywhere, and all sorts of places where there is the slightest probability or possibility of old stamps being found are carefully searched for them.

There are several other variations in some stamps of which collectors take note and which affect the values such as differences in the shade of colors, in water-marks, in perforations, in color and quality of the paper on which they are printed and, in some cases, in the post-office obliterations—particularly in halved and quartered stamps.

As to envelopes, post-cards and news-bands, we may remark that careful collectors take cognizance of difference in size, color, etc., even going so far as to note the folding and gumming of the same in some instances.

All these kinds are constantly increasing in value and for excellent reasons. The out-of-the-way places where a search may be rewarded by finding them, are growing less in number, and the larger portion of such as have been preserved, have gradually found their way into the hands of private individuals who have imbibed the idea of collecting stamps and who would not think of parting with them. As this process goes on, of course the decreasing few in dealers' hands must necessarily be enhanced in value.

In this connection we may properly remark that a collection is not valuable for the number, nor even for the variety of stamps that it contains but for their genuineness and rarity. Instances might be cited where even three extremely rare stamps have made a comparatively small collection almost priceless.

Philately has been reduced to an actual science which study, research, and writings on the subject have made nearly perfect. Therefore it is that every one who aspires to become a good philatelist should subscribe to one or more good philatelic journals. The price of doing so is small and the protection they give their readers may, not infrequently prevent a collector from losing far more than that in a single transaction.

To sum up in a few words we offer this advice—to junior collectors especially:—

1st.—Buy no rare stamps unless their character for genuineness is guaranteed to your entire satisfaction.

2nd.—Buy only from dealers whom you have reason to know are honest and reliable.

3rd.—Subscribe for and read regularly at least one philatelic paper. It will post you on all matters relating to the science and information gained from its pages will amply repay you for the cost in money and in time.

EDITOR PHILATELIC COURIER.

PHILATELIC AUTHORITIES.

We are, from time to time, surprised to see articles on postal matters in the ordinary papers. They are usually written by persons who know nothing of the science of philately, but whose ignorance of the subject does not prevent their pretending to speak *ex cathedra*. The result is that most of their utterances are erroneous and misleading. This would be amusing if it was not calculated to do harm. The daily, weekly and monthly papers and magazines obtain large circulations and their readers are accustomed to believe what they see in them. Young philatelists are thus apt to imbibe false impressions as to rare stamps and their values and are liable to be imposed upon by unscrupulous dealers. The only way to get correct information on these matters is from the columns of a respectable philatelic journal. The editor of such a paper, it is to be presumed, is thoroughly posted on such matters and will always be happy to answer any questions or to solve any doubts that may arise if he is asked to do so.

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VALUES OF RARE STAMPS.

Few people realise to what an enormous extent the business of dealing in postage stamps is carried on in all the great trade centres of America, of Europe and of Australia. In London, Paris, Luxemburg, Vienna, Frankfort, Berlin, New York, Sydney, etc., thousands of persons make it their regular business to deal in stamps. They have regular offices where their customers attend to make purchases and many of them have a full staff of clerks to carry on their extensive correspondence with all parts of the civilised world.

Hundreds of papers devoted to the science of philately are published and thousands of catalogues are printed periodically and sent abroad. In most of these cities, they have regular bourses or exchanges where dealers and collectors meet to trade. These are attended by people of every class, all professions and all nationalities. The scenes there are always stirring and sometimes very exciting as, for instance, where some prize in the shape of a rare stamp or set is desired by several and they bid for them as at an auction. So also discussions frequently arise on various points concerning certain stamps such as the exact color that they should be, their size, obliteration, when first issued, how long they were in use, marks of genuineness, etc. Sometimes these discussions wax warm and angry as is natural.

To give an idea of the extent of the business we may remark that in Paris alone there are over 150 dealers many of whom turn over more than two millions of stamps each year and sell over thirty thousand albums.

People who have never thought much or any on the subject and tyros or amateur collectors have no idea of the large amounts that have been, and are daily being paid for certain of the rarer stamps either where a man wants one or more to complete his collection in a particular line or is roused by opposition or competition. Under such circumstances some men of ample means will not stick at a price to secure what they covet and consequently figures are reached that to most persons would be regarded as ridiculously out of proportion for a little bit of paper scarcely larger than a wafer and that has already served the legitimate purpose for which it was made, and has been cancelled by the government.

Below we give a partial list of stamps that are rare and much sought after with the prices that are known to have been paid for specimens:—

Mexico-Guadalupe.—From \$75 to \$125.

British Guiana.—First issue—Some of these have brought 275 francs.

Spain.—Some of the earliest dates—250 francs.

Bavaria.—Telegraph stamps were first used only about thirteen years ago, yet some of these have realised as much as 120 francs.

Tuscany.—Some of the old stamps have commanded 500 francs.

Mauritius.—The issue of 1850, if on the original wrapper or letter so as to show the entire postal obliteration, thus assuring their originality, have been sold for 1,500 francs.

Reunion Islands.—Stamps of 1852, blue paper—1,000 francs.

France.—The first issue (1849) 1 franc, orange-yellow if unused—200 francs; used—60 francs.

Hawaiian Islands.—Stamps of the first issue, if, for the purpose of identification, they are on the original wrapper, have the full postal obliteration, and are in good condition, will bring 1,000 francs.

British N. A. Colonies.—The first issues of these are classed as very rare. The most valuable and difficult to obtain of these are:—The N. B. 5cts stamps bearing the profile of Hon. Mr. Collins, Postmaster General; N. S. and N. B. shillings of 1850 (if unused)—\$20 to \$45 according to shades but they are so scarce that it is next to impossible to procure them, and their value is constantly increasing; the various provisionals of the above shillings and sixpences—three-quarters, halves and quarters, showing the entire postoffice obliteration on the wrappers command various prices ranging from \$15 to \$50 and sometimes more; one of the N. S. provisionals surcharged has been known to have changed owners for \$93.50; some of the old Canada, first issued unused from—\$18 to \$36; Newfoundland first issue are so rare that almost any price would be paid for them. A gentleman living in that colony recently disposed of two specimens obtaining for them \$64. The 5cts brown of the cent series commands a very handsome figure through its rarity even though it is not an old stamp.

Argentine Republic.—Stamps of the 1864 issue without the initials of the water mark—from \$10 to \$25 according to the variations.

Dominican Republic.—Some of the earlier series are not procurable at any price. Others have realised as high as \$50.

Great Britain.—The V. R., 1 d, black, unused, of 1840 has commanded £10.

U. S. of Colombia.—Some of these stamps bring marvelously large prices.

Italy.—Piedmont post of 1819–20, original, vary in value according to denomination from 75 to 150 francs.

Montevideo.—Stamps of the first issue (1856) Dilegencia used and in good condition vary in value from \$20 to \$50.

Buenos Ayres.—Some of these command very high figures and part of the series is not procurable.

New South Wales.—Some of the first series bring readily from \$20 upwards.

Peru.—Some of the earlier series and some of later ones surcharged as provisionals command remarkably high prices.

Philippine Islands.—The earlier issues of this colony are extremely rare. They have been sold for 175 pesos, but are really worth more.

United States.—Some are very rare and we have known single specimens (3 cts.) to sell for \$100 and upwards. This country has the largest face value of postage-paying stamps in the world, in her \$60 stamps which are worth about 15 per cent. more than that figure if unused.

Switzerland.—The older issues command fair prices but nothing extravagant. This shows that there must be some considerable quantity in the market which depresses their prices.

PROTECTION AGAINST FRAUD.

One peculiarity of the philatelic business is that its success depends almost entirely upon the honesty, honor and good faith of both dealer and collector.

We regret to have to acknowledge that instances are not unknown where parties, having ordered stamps and received them from dealers, have then failed to make due remittance and have even denied receiving them.

The only safeguard against this form of fraud is in registration which should invariably be done. Though this does not absolutely assure the delivery of a valuable package still it makes it possible to trace it and to prove that it was either duly delivered to the addressee or was lost in transit. This fact undoubtedly tends to keep some men honest who perhaps would not be so otherwise.

Many collectors do not realise the labor, time and money that are expended by dealers who do business on anything like a large scale in securing and keeping up a large and varied stock to meet the demands of their numerous customers, of the risks that they must run in carrying on an extensive correspondence with all parts of the civilised or semi-civilised world, or of the large amount of capital that is locked up in stamps, etc., in some cases for years before it can be realised upon.

Another means of protecting themselves from fraud that dealers have been driven to adopt is the "Black List" in which are published the names or initials of parties who are known to have dealt fraudulently, whether as dealers or as collectors. No one is thus published unless the proof against him is complete or is believed by the publisher to be so, nor, as a rule, until after due warning has been given to the delinquent. Of course errors may occur occasionally, but they are rare and, when they happen, are errors of judgment and not of intent.

We have in previous issues given expression to the opinion that the plan which obtains in Germany and Russia of the government insuring the contents of registered letters, and packages should be universally adopted. This is important in domestic correspondence, but especially so in the case of letters going abroad where the risks of fire, wreck, missending, etc., are increased largely. We believe that the universal adoption

of this system is merely a question of time, and that when it comes into use the only matter of surprise will be how the world consented to do so long without it.

The fullest and most valuable stamp collection in the world belongs to a son of the duchess of Galliera. Though as yet incomplete, the stamps contained in it have cost \$300,000.

CANADA'S GREAT CARNIVAL.—The great Winter Carnival in Montreal, 4th to 9th February, is attracting thousands upon thousands of sight-seers from all parts of the continent. The attack, defence and capture of the Ice Palace, the great skating carnival on a scale of unprecedented grandeur, the snow-shoe torchlight procession by thousands of snow-shoers, the tobogganing fete on Mount Royal, the great sleigh-drive turn-out, embracing five thousand superb sleighing equipages, the living arch manned by the snow-shoers in club uniform, cheering their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne, as they are drawn through the triumphal arch, all these striking and startling features of the great fete, and many others, are to be splendidly illustrated in the Carnival number of the Montreal STAR, printed on superior paper, with full and double-page colored illustrations. This special Carnival number of the Montreal STAR will be of wonderful interest to all people in all lands. It is gotten up by the best artists in this country, and will take the place of the Canadian Illustrated News, suspended. Ten cents, in stamps, sent to the publishers, Graham & Co., will get a copy. Newsdealers will have them for sale.

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Austria.—This country has issued an entire new series of stamps. The values remain as before, but instead of bearing the bust of the Emperor they have the Imperial arms in the centre of which is a blank shield and beneath it a small circle. On the shield is printed in black the value and in the circle the letters "kr." In a semi-circle over the arms is the legend "Kais Konigl Oester Post." The four corners are occupied with network. The colors of the several values have been somewhat changed. The envelopes bearing the new adhesive, 5 kr. and 5 sld., rose, are of two different shades of paper. The post-cards also of the new type, 2 kr. and 2 x 2 kr., brown, have made their appearance. They are in eight varieties of dialects for the eight several languages spoken in that empire.

Bahamas.—It is announced that stamps valued at 5s. and £1 will shortly be issued. A very neat and pretty reply card, carmine on buff, of the value of 1½d. x 1½d. has appeared.

Belgium.—Some of the new stamps of this country have appeared. The designs are much like the old series, varying with the several values, the head is somewhat larger and they are not so finely executed as the last. The colors of the four that have issued are 10c. carmine, 20c. gray, 25c. blue and 50c. violet.

Bolivia.—The series of 1882 appeared near the end of last year with the figures for 1883, in place of these of the former years. It will be understood that it adds a new series to the stamps of this country.

Brazil has issued three letter cards all of a pale green color. They are respectively 50 reis for local use with stamp imprinted in the usual place, red, 100 reis for use in the empire, blue, and 200 reis for foreign service, dark green. Each has four lines for address and along the top are the words "Carta Bilhete." The two of the lower values have the word "Ill mo." at the beginning of the first address line, and the 200 reis card has the letter "M" in the same place. The lines and letters are printed in the same colors as the respective stamps. A 50 cent stamp, blue, of a new design is also in use.

British Guiana.—A new reply card, 3d x 3d, carmine on buff is in use in this colony.

Cashmere.—A post-card ½ anna, red, has been added to the series of this country. It has two lines of Hindustanee inscription, and in the upper right hand corner is roughly imprinted, apparently by hand stamp, a shield with scroll work, surmounted by the sun and guarded on either side by a native soldier, bearing each a lance and a dagger. Under the shield a scroll ribbon, and below it an inscription of the value in Hindustanee. It is of middling strong paper, blueish-white in color, and having a corrugated surface.

Chili.—The color of the 5 centavo stamp has been changed from carmine to ultra-marine.

Finland.—Two locals for Helsingfors are in circulation. One is a stamp neatly gotten up in red, green and white colors. Shield in centre green on red ground and surmounted by a crown; on either side the word "Helsingfors"; across the top "Stadsport" and across the bottom "Kaupungin Posti"; in the four corners, and in the centre of the shield is the figure 10. Also on a scroll below the shield the words "10 Pennis," and on the crown the words "10 Penni." The other is a letter card printed in green. The upper left-hand corner is occupied by a stamp bearing the figures of value in white, in an oval, on a

checkered ground. The inscriptions are much the same as those in the stamp described above. Across the top appears in large letters the word "Korrespondenskort" and across the bottom the words "Stadsposten i Helsingfors." Over the latter is a double-line. In the centre of the address side are two address lines. The upper is prefaced with the word "Till." At the right of the lower line is the inscription "gatan No—"

Dutch East Indies.—Two unpaid letter stamps have been added to the series—10 cents and 20 cents, color carmine, with white circle in centre bearing the figures of value in black.

Ecuador.—The 50 centavos, green, has been surcharged with the words "Diez Centavos" in two lines black. This makes an additional provisional.

Great Britain.—A new series of this country is announced as shortly to issue. They will, doubtless, bear the representation of H. M. the Queen. The 1d. and 4d. in oval; the 1½d. and 5d. in horse-shoe-shaped; the 2d. and 6d. in hexagonal; the 9d. in circular; and the 3d. and 1s. in square frames. The design of the ½d. stamp will be unchanged but the color will be black. The 9d. revenue and postage stamp has been withdrawn.

Germany has a newsband of a new design. It is 6½ inches in width and has two double rules, 2½ inches apart running across its width. The stamp, which is near the middle of the right-hand side, is green with the value, 3pf. in white in the centre. Design the same as the current adhesive. Between the rules are two dotted address lines. Over the upper of these lines is the word "An" and at the beginning of the other "in."

Greece.—Three new cards and three new reply cards have issued. They are as follows:—5 lepta and 5 x 5 lepta black on buff; 10 lepta and 10 x 10 lepta blue on buff; 10 lepta and 10 x 10 lepta carmine on gray.

Hawaii.—The color of the 10 and 12c stamps, which were both hitherto black, has been altered, the former into bright vermilion, and the latter into purple. This gives them a very handsome appearance.

The new series announced in our last as in preparation, has appeared. The values and designs are as follows:—Stamps 25 cents, purple, statue of Kamehameha I, in profile, facing the state building in Honolulu. On the pedestal on which the statue stands is the inscription "Hawaii, 1883." On the left side of the stamp is "Kamehameha I," and on the right "Postal Union." The figures of value, "25," in color in the lower, and white in the upper corners.

Stamp 50 cents, orange-red, portrait of King Lunailo, (born 1835, died 1874,) in oval frame. Above is the word "Hawaii" and in the lower half the value in the Hawaiian language, and in a scroll below that in English, "fifty cents." Also 50 in figures, white, in each of the upper corners.

Stamp \$1, carmine, full face portrait of dowager Queen Emma, (widow of Kamehameha IV, born January 2nd, 1836,) in oval frame. In the upper centre is "Hawaii," in a scroll below "Akahi dala," and in slanting panels in each of the upper corners, 100.

Reply cards, 1c x 1c, same design as the single 1c cards, but the color is purple on buff; 2c x 2c same design as the current 2c card—color ultra-marine on white.

Stamped envelopes, 2c and 5c, each bearing a view of the city of Honolulu as taken from the sea, are in use.

Iceland.—Reply cards of 5 x 5, 8 x 8 and 10 x 10 are, in existence. They fold in the middle and are printed with the same design as the single cards on the first and third pages.

India.—A half-anna stamp has been added to the new series. It bears the profile of Queen

Victoria in an oval frame with "India Postage" above and "Half-anna" below. The color is dark green and it has a watermark a star.

A service post-card, color white, is in use. The stamp in the upper right-hand corner is blue. It has in the centre a profile of the Queen's head surrounded by two circles, between which are the words "On her Majesty's Service." The two upper corners of the stamp have respectively "I" and "E," and across the bottom is the value, "quarter-anna." The rest of the upper third of the card is occupied by the inscriptions in blue "East India Service Post Card" and "The address only to be written on this side; the signature and official designation of the sender must be written on the reverse."

Jamaica has a new reply post card, 1d. x 1d. blue on buff. A new U. P. U. card, 1½d., has superseded the provisional recently in use.

Mauritius.—A 6c. x 6c. reply post card, violet on buff has issued. The provisional 16 on 17 cts. has been surcharged with a smaller type—long primer condensed. The 2d. blue is also surcharged 8cts.

New Zealand.—Stamp-duty stamps of 5s., and of £1, have been used for postal purposes.

Norway. The colors of the 5 ore and the 20 ore have been changed to green and blue respectively, and they are water-marked "Post Horn."

Orange Free State.—A new 2d. stamps and post cards of the values of 1d. and 2d. are promised shortly.

Peru.—The Chilians having left Peru of course the stamps surcharged with their arms are no longer in use. In place of them the stamps of this country are surcharged with a triangle containing the sun and the word "Peru." The new current series is as follows:—

1	centavo, green, with horseshoe surcharge.
2	" vermilion, " "
5	" blue, " "
10	" green, without, " "
50	" with "Plata" and "Lima."
1	sol, pink, " "

The 1c. and 2c. are also used with horseshoe surcharge, but without the triangular surcharge above described.

We note for the benefit of our philatelic friends that the 10 centavo green was surcharged with the Chilian arms in four different colors—red, yellow, blue and black. The same varieties also exist with the surcharge inverted.

Philippine Islands.—The 10 quartros, bistro, fiscal, and the 12 four-eighths de peso, blue, are both used as postals and surcharged in black as follows:—"Habilitado" in a segment of a circle above, "De un real" in the same below and "Pa. Correos" in a straight line across the centre. The 8 cent de peso, brown, postal, has been surcharged the same as the above, except that "20 cmos" is substituted for "De un real." In some instances the surcharge is put on in reverse.

Portuguese Indies.—The ancient series (star) of this colony has been resuscitated with the following surcharges:—

1½	reis black.
4½	" olive-green.
6	" green.

Salvador.—Reply post-cards folded in the middle and printed on the first and third pages, are in circulation. They are 2 x 2 centavos, rose on buff, and 3 x 3 centavos, blue on white.

St. Domingo, or Dominican Republic.—There are two distinct varieties of type in the surcharges of the 50 centimos on the ten centavos. The minor variations in the surcharges of this Island, together with the fact that stamps of the same values are found with and without net work, make a full set quite a large one.

Siam.—The Straits Settlements stamps of the values of 2, 4, and 12 cents, have been printed

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in new colors,—carmine, yellow, brown, and brown-violet, and those of 5 and 10 cents with new dies. They have been surcharged with a large capital "B" in black, for use in the foreign correspondence of Bangkok, the capital of Siam. The long looked for stamps of this country have at last appeared, and they are indeed very handsome. Their fine execution and rich colors make them a desirable and welcome addition to a collection. The series consists of five, each bearing the profile portrait of the reigning sovereign, King Chu-la-long Corn, (born 1853,) in an oval frame, and the inscriptions are in Siamese characters. The three first of the set have the values in the four corners, surrounded by circles. In an ellipse in the centre of the top is the name of the coin represented. The fourth has the value in a scroll at the bottom, and the fifth in an arched scroll at the top. Their colors and values are as follows.—

- 1 Pei, blue.
- 1 Sol-ot, carmine.
- 1 At, salmon.
- 1 Song-pei, orange-gold.
- 1 Salung, dark orange.

The post-card is printed in red on a medium stout yellow board. In the upper right-hand corner is the imprint of the 1 At of the current adhesive. In the upper portion of the card is an inscription of two lines of Siamese characters with the arms of the kingdom in the centre. The engraving is in steel, by Messrs. Winslow & Co., is an extremely creditable piece of workmanship, and artistically perfect.

Sorra Leone.—Two reply cards of the same design as the ordinary cards except that they are double have issued. Values are 1 x 1d. carmine, and 1½d., x 1½d., grey.

Straits Settlements.—The following values have changed their colors and are now:—

- 2c. carmine.
- 4c. brown.
- 12c. lake.

The following new values of a new type have been added:—

- 5c. blue-also in lake.
- 10c. dark slate.

Surinam.—The series of this country has received an addition in a lilac stamp of the value of 1 cent.

Switzerland.—The entire series of unpaid letter stamps has changed its color. The new series is green with figures of value in carmine. Two newsbands—2 and 5 rappen, the former in black and the latter in red—have issued.

St. Lucia.—The provisionals have been withdrawn, and their supplied with a new series similar to the ordinary type of the British Colonies. The values and colors are ½d. green, 1d. carmine, and 2½d. blue.

Tasmania.—A 2d. envelope, green, bearing the bust of the queen in oval in centre, "Tasmania Postage" above and "Two Pence" below is in use. Also a registration envelope after the regular style of the British Colonial register envelopes, value 4d. with embossed stamp on the flap.

Transvaal.—An entire new series is about to issue. Of these only one, the 3d., red on white, instead of black on rose, has as yet appeared. This series is to supplant the provisionals hitherto in use.

Uruguay.—A set of new stamps for this republic is being engraved in New York. Collectors will look eagerly for their appearance. The current 5c. and 10c. stamps (head series) have been surcharged "Official"—the former in red and the latter in green. The supply of the 5c. stamps of the head series having run short they were obliged to fall back upon the remaining stock of the 1877 issue of that value and to surcharge it to take the place of the others with

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Victoria.—This Australian colony has a new set of newsbands, cards and envelopes. The envelope is of two varieties—1d. green on white and on blue. The card is buff with adhesive 1d. rose and has a frame of four straight lines overlapping at the corners. The wrappers are of three varieties—½d. rose on white, 1d. green on white and 1d. green on blue.

Virgin Islands.—The colors of the stamps of these islands have again been changed and the ½d. is green and the 1d. rose. The ½d. yellow was in use but a very short time and will doubtless soon rank as a rarity.

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TO EDITORS OF PHILATELIC PAPERS, PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF PHILATELIC SOCIETIES AND PRIVATE, PRACTICAL PHILATELISTS.

The name of this paper in itself explains the objects for the furtherance of which it is published. We would be obliged to the above to notify us, with their full address, of the appearance of anything new respecting the art—as new issues, sur-charges, types, provisionals, etc., etc., as soon as may be possible. Their names and addresses will be recorded with us and we will notify each of any information received from any one of them. Our aim is to make our office a central Philatelic bureau of information with a view to bringing about a corresponding Union of correspondence throughout the world. In this manner we are convinced that much benefit both to individual Philatelists and to the art may be brought about. If this suggestion is favorably received as we believe it must be, we would recommend the name of the "Universal Philatelic Union" for the proposed General Society. Not only would correspondence result but, also, probably, conferences more or less frequent on the interests of the science.

OUR POSTAGE STAMPS.

We are rather surprised that the postal authorities of Canada have not followed the example set them by Spain and its colonies and by other countries of issuing a different series of stamps annually or at some other limited period.

The present series has now been current for about fifteen years and we fail to find another instance in the history of postal matters where one die has been employed for so long a period. It is quite time that we had a change. The portrait of Her Majesty, though it might have well represented her as she appeared long years ago, does not do so now. Besides this the engraver's art has much progressed in the interim since this die was first made, and the stamps of a country should illustrate the progress that that country has made in civilisation as shown in the fine arts. Many weaker, poorer and less enlightened countries have far handsomer stamps than has Canada and we would like to see her come to the front in this matter. Another argument that should bear much weight is that the old die has become so much worn from repeated use that it no longer gives a clear impression so that the later issues are very indistinct and, therefore, discreditable to the department.

We have seen some excellent work turned out by the British American Bank Note Company, and do not doubt that if the task of designing and producing a new die for our stamps was intrusted to it the result would be equally creditable to Canada and to the Company.

More than this the issuance of new series from time to time would cause them to be enquired for and talked about by thousands of philatelists in every land and would create a desire to know more of the country that they represented. Thus they would become in some sense valuable immigration agents, costing the country nothing for the great good that they would do it in inducing people to learn more of Canada, her history, resources and the inducements that she offers to settlers within her borders.

If this was done hundreds of dealers in stamps would purchase large numbers of each new series not for use in the mails, but for philatelic purposes, thus materially increasing the revenues of the postal department, and largely aiding in solving the problem of cheap postage benefitting both the government and the public.

We commend the idea to the consideration of the Postmaster General who is understood to be now wrestling with the question of reducing the postage to two cents without creating thereby a deficit.—[BY THE EDITOR.

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Les personnes qui auront reçu plus d'un exemplaire de ce numero sont pries de les transmettre aux philatelistes de leur connaissance.

THE ORIGIN OF THE POST-OFFICE.

The Post-Office is an example of the mode in which things change while names remain. It was originally the office which arranged the posts or places at which, on the great roads, relays of horses and men could be obtained for the rapid forwarding of Government dispatches. There was a Chief Postmaster of England many years before any system of conveyance of private letters by the Crown was established. Such letters were conveyed either by carriers, who used the same horses throughout their whole journey, or by relays of horses maintained by private individuals, that is, by private post. The scheme of carrying the correspondence of the public by means of the Crown messengers originated in connection with foreign trade. A post-office for letters to foreign parts was established "for the benefit of the English merchants" in the reign of James I., but the extension of the system to inland letters was left to the succeeding reign. Charles I., by a Proclamation commanded "his Postmaster of England for foreign parts to settle a running post or two, to run night and day between Edinburgh and London, to go thither and come back again in six days, and to take all such letters as shall be directed to any post-town on or near the road." Neighboring towns such as Lincoln and Hull were to be linked on to this main route, and posts on similar principles were directed to be established on other great high roads, such as those to Chester and Holyhood, to Exeter and Plymouth. So far no monopoly was claimed, but two years afterwards a second Proclamation forbade the carriage of any letters by messengers except those of the King's Postmaster-General, and thus the present system was inaugurated. The monopoly thus claimed, though no doubt devised by the King to enhance the royal power and to bring money into the Exchequer, was adopted by Cromwell and his parliament, one main advantage in their eyes being that the carriage of correspondence by the Government would afford the best means "to discover and prevent any wicked designs against the Commonwealth." The opportunity of an extensive violation of letters, especially if they proceeded from suspected royalists, was, no doubt, an attractive bait; and it is rather amusing to notice how the tables were thus turned on the monarchical party by means of one of the sovereign's own acts of aggression. However, from one motive or another, royalists and parliamentarians agreed in the establishment of a State Post, and the institution has come down without a break from the days of Charles I. to our own.

It is rumored that the various English West Indian colonies will soon be grouped philatelically under one head, and that one series of stamps common to all of them will be issued.

U. S. POSTAL NOTES.—The postal notes in the United States are proving much more popular than was at first promised. During the second week in December 20,000 were paid at the New York Post Office. Despite the issue of these notes, however the decrease in money orders is only about 12 per cent. which shows that the notes are chiefly used for the small sums previously sent in postage stamps.

THE POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS.

Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune, recently made an argument before the U. S. Senate Committee on post offices and post roads in favor of the reduction of the present pound rates of postage on newspapers issued from the offices of publication. The present law was, he said, the occasion of the laying of an oppressive tax upon publishers. It fixed the rate of postage issued from the office of publication at two cents per pound, which rate it made prepayable at the office of publication. Before the enactment of this law the postage on this class of small matter was collected from the news agent, or whoever received the papers, the tax falling upon the purchaser, as it ought. But it was said that a good many papers were not taken out of the post-office, and in order to stop this loss of revenue, the law requiring prepayment was enacted. The result has been that the publishers of the United States have been compelled to pay this tax amounting to about \$1,500,000 per annum during the past ten years. In the case of hundreds of newspapers, daily newspapers and some weeklies, that do not make any profits, the publishers have, as a matter of fact, to borrow the money to pay the postage. The postage at the present rates amounts on a single newspaper of the size of the New York Herald, Times, or Tribune, or the Chicago Tribune, to \$1 to \$1.60 per year, according to the number of supplements that may be issued. It is taken out of the pocket of the publisher, and in a majority of cases represents all the profit a paper makes. It is also a severe tax on the agricultural and religious newspapers.

It is proper to remark in this connection that Canada, some two or three years since, abolished the postage on papers and magazines published monthly or oftner when mailed from the office of publication to regular subscribers and advertisers.

It is thus that the improved facilities effected in one country react upon other countries, and the march of progress goes on and the public reaps the benefit.

THE "Philatelic Referee" states that large quantities of Costa Rica stamps with spurious surcharges have been put upon the English markets. We have not seen any but would advise collectors to exercise great caution in, buying from England.

A movement has been inaugurated in one of the leading cities of the Dominion to form a philatelic society. We are pleased to note signs of consolidation of interests among philatelists everywhere—especially in Canada—and think that the proposed society, if properly organized and managed, will be beneficial to the science generally.

It is estimated that the U. S. Government is annually defrauded to the extent of a million of dollars by postage stamps being washed and used a second time.

IN England the mails are used for the transmission of nearly every species of merchandise. Fish, game, meat, butter, eggs, fruit, cream, and all other farm products are transmitted through the English parcels post at very cheap rates. In a word, the British post office really does the express business of the country.

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THIRD Assistant Postmaster-General Hazen of the United States says that the two-cent postage is a success. The demand for stamps has been enormous, the receipts from the sale of stamps in the last quarter of 1883 nearly equalling those of a year ago. The deficit on account of the reduction will not exceed 10 per cent.

A QUESTION that has often occurred to many but has never been satisfactorily answered is why the governments of Great Britain and Canada should charge more than the face value for newsbands and stamped envelopes. No other countries do so and they sell post-cards at their face though they are quite as expensive as the other kinds of stationery mentioned. The practical result is that these articles are rarely purchased, thus proving that their alleged object—a convenience to the public—is defeated. If the postal authorities would make themselves consistent in this matter the result in increased sales would soon demonstrate the wisdom of the course suggested.

ELEVEN thousand dollars worth of ink was used by the post-office department last year in stamping and cancelling letters. An economically-disposed person thinks that if the government would permit cancelled stamps to be re-issued, much of this expense might be saved. Sure enough; but the government never did go very strong on economy.

ARMY TELEGRAPH CLERKS.—A corps of fifty telegraph clerks is to be forthwith formed from the English Post-office volunteers for service with the regular army. They are to enlist for six years as first-class Army Reserve men. They already possess as volunteers a fair military training, and some knowledge of camp duties; and as they will continue to be employed at the Post Office until actually called out for service, they will be always fully acquainted with the latest improvements in telegraphy. The plan of incorporating specialists who are already good soldiers with the regular forces for the discharge of special duties is one that seems capable of considerable extension.

POST OFFICE CROOKEDNESS.

That there is crookedness somewhere in the postal arrangements of this country or Canada is proven by the unfortunate experience of Daniel Baine, of this city. In May, two years ago, he sent a registered letter containing \$50 to his wife, who was then in West Branch, River John, N. S. The letter was never delivered by the post office at its destination to Mrs. Baine, nor has the husband been able to trace the same. He is a poor man and not able to lose the money, yet he can get no redress. He wishes to warn others against trusting to registered letters, as he sees no safety in them. We have taken some trouble to make enquiry at the post office here, and find that our postmaster holds the receipt for the letter from the exchange office at Boston, so it is more than likely that the letter was lost or stolen after crossing the line. If greater fees must be exacted for transmitting letters through the means of registration, then the government should be responsible for their safe delivery, and when lost should reimburse the sender, but the U. S. law is not that way. You pay for registering the letter, but take your own risk all the same.—[Wisconsin paper.]

THERE is a great deal of discontent in Mexico over some new legislation regarding stamps, and some fears are entertained that it may result in a revolution.

THE "F. S. C. News," one of our liveliest and most enterprising exchanges, says:—

"The sum paid for printing included in the current estimates for the public service for the Post Office department for the past year amounts to the following:— For postal cards, £51,000; adhesive stamps, £35,000; envelopes, £6,500; newspaper wrappers, £34,000; postal orders, £7,350; registered envelopes, £3,500. Total, £137,850.

NOT HIGH-TONED.—"My dear, I am shocked that you should invite those young ladies to your party."

"Why, mamma, how you talk! They have always been in society. Their father is the post-master."

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"What change, mamma?"

"Why, the rates of postage have been reduced to two cents. Post-offices are not high-toned any more."

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NEW ISSUES

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ANTIOQUIA.—A new stamp, 10 cents, green, has been introduced to use. It bears the head of Liberty on lined ground in the centre, surrounded by the word "Correo" and has "De Antioquia" below it. Also "Diez Cs." at the sides and figures of value in the upper corners. Also a five centavos, brown, rectangular, unperforated, of much the same design as the above. Two curved colored labels adorn the upper part of the stamp, bearing in white block type "Cinco" and "Cents" respectively, and the numeral 5 is between them. Small blocks occupy the lower corners, that on the left bearing "C," and that on the right "V". The general style of these stamps is very inartistic, and the result is not calculated to please anyone. Two adhesives have been resuscitated:—the 2½ centavos, pale green, of 1878, and the 10 centavos, bright violet, of 1875. We are informed that there are also a 2½c. green and a 10c. violet with portrait of Perrio on laid paper but, not having seen specimens of them, cannot vouch for the accuracy of the report.

AFGHANISTAN.—The 1 abosy stamp of this country is printed on differently colored paper—white blue, green and yellow-green. It is also announced that envelopes have issued, some with one and others with two stamps.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—Two provisionals are used, viz:—Two centavos, green, type of June, 1877, with oblique surcharge; 8 centavos, red, type of September, 1880, with horizontal surcharge.

BAVARIA.—The 3x3 pf. reply card has an additional inscription differing from those of the late issue, to which we would direct the attention of our philatelic friends.

BRAZIL.—A new 20 reis stamp is in use. The value, 20 R. on a lined ground, is encircled by a band bearing "Brazil" on the top and "Correio" below. The whole is of a bronze-green color and is surrounded by an ornamental border.

CAPE OF GOLD HOPE.—This colony uses its fiscal stamps for postal purposes. We have already seen of these 2s. 6d. green, 4s. lilac, and 8s. ultra-marine thus employed, and may expect others.

CHILE.—The 10c. fiscal stamp is now used for postal purposes.

CUBA.—The "most loyal" colony has provided us with a new stamp, 20c. de peso, stone color, and a provisional—a diagonally—halved 5c. ultra-marine, used for 2½c., which have run short.

CUNDINAMARCA.—Three new provisionals have been introduced, viz:—50c. black on rose paper, 1 peso black on brown paper, and a cubierta 20c. black on green paper.

COSTA RICA.—This republic uses two fiscals—1 centavo red, and 2 centavos blue,—as postals.

DUTCH INDIES.—We are informed that a new set of envelopes will soon issue for these colonies. The stamp will have the head of the King in a circle in the centre, with the words "Ned. Indie" above and the value below.

ECUADOR.—A provisional post-card has issued. It has at the top in large letters with flourishes the words "Tarjeta Postal." Also four dotted lines, the first preceded by "Sor." In two lines in the lower left corner is the inscription "En estado debe escribirse-unicamente la direccion." Each of the upper corners has a stamp. That on the right is circular and contains a large 3, inscribed "Tres Centavos, 3," and that on the left is oval and bears the Arms of Ecuador, 14 stars and the words "Republica del Ecuador." All are enclosed in a frame like a wavy ribbon. In the lower right corner and outside of the frame is the inscription "Quito. Imp. de la Novedad." The card is white and the inscriptions are all black, while the stamps are lilac.

FINLAND.—A white envelope with green stamp, 20p., has issued.

GUADALOUPE.—A new variety of post cards, 20 c., black on grey-brown, has been issued for this colony.

ITALY.—Additions have been made to the series of unpaid letter stamps in those of 50 and 100 liras.

LUXEMBURG.—The old series from 1 centime to 1 franc have been surcharged with the letters "S. P." in italic capitals.

MEXICO.—This republic has issued a complete and entirely new set. They 1c., 2c., 4c., 5c., 6c., 10c., 12c., 20c., and 50c., green. Also 1 peso and 2 pesos, blue, of the same type. These stamps are unusually large. As the cent series are all of one color, they must cause much unnecessary trouble to the postal officials in sorting their mails to distinguish them and be certain whether or not letters are sufficiently prepaid. We are, therefore, inclined to think that a change in the way of variety of color must soon be made.

NEW CALEDONIA.—A provisional stamp—5c. on 75c. carmine—has been issued.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The 1d. and 2d. envelopes are surcharged "O. S." for official service.

NEW ZEALAND.—The following duty stamps are employed for postal purposes:

1d., blue,.....unperforated.
2d., green.....perforated.
4d., red-brown.....
9s., lilac and carmine.....unperforated.

NORWAY.—The following post cards have issued:
5 ore,.....green.
6 ".....brown,
10 ".....red,
6 x 6 ".....brown.

All on white cardboard.

The town of Drammens has issued a new 5 ore, blue on straw, envelope.

PERU.—The 50 centavo unpaid letter stamp, brown, is surcharged "Plata Lima" in a triangle. A 24c. stamp, blue, is announced. The color of the 1 sol has been changed to purple. The following post cards are in circulation:—a 5c. and 4x4c.

PORTO RICO.—The set from ¼ to 8 mills has changed in colors. The first two of the set have entirely changed and the rest to a darker shade.

PORTUGAL has issued a new 10 reis card. It has the inscription "Bilhete Postal" above, the coat of arms and flags next, and below "Portugal e Hespanha." Color of card, buff. Stamp on upper left hand corner and circle on right in pale brown.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—Two provisionals have been issued—4½ reis in black on 40 blue and on 10 green. The former of the issue of 1876 and the latter of 1881.

RAJPEEPLA.—A vermilion stamp, value 8 annas, has been added to the set of this State.

RUSSIA.—New adhesives have been furnished for the following districts respectively:—

Borovich, (Novogorod,) 3 Kopecs, bronze and white.

Bovgourouslan, (Samara,) 2 Kopecs, black on rose.

Bovgourouslan, (Samara,) 2 Kopecs, black on rose, tete beche.

Griazovetz, (Wologda,) 4 Kopecs, carmine.

Peneslaw-Zaleski, (Vladimir,) 3 Kopecs, blue-green.

Schatzk, (Tamboff,) 3 Kopecs, black.

This empire has also added to its current series a stamp of the value of 2 kopecs, deep green, an envelope of 7 kopecs, pale blue, and a post card of 3 kopecs, carmine. Numerous additions to its locals have appeared, of which we have received the following:—

For Bogodorsk, 3 values in 15 different colors.

" Charkoff, 1 value, no surcharge.

" Gaiarozvetz, 1 value.

" Malnyche, 1 value.

" Morschansk, 1 value.

" Schatzk, 1 value.

" Wolkchansk, 1 value.

How many more may be in use we are unable to state at the present writing. Collectors will not be likely to care to give them a place in their albums.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The stamp on the ¼d. newsband has been slightly changed.

SERVIA.—Three new cards have appeared—5 paras and 5x5 paras, brown on rose, and 10 paras, brown on buff—designs the same as the last issue.

SAINT VINCENT.—The 3d. and 1d. lilac, surcharged "revenue," have been used for postal purposes. The 2¼d. on 1d. is in circulation. The

5s. stamp, if not surcharged "revenue," will serve for postage. Otherwise fiscally.

TASMANIA.—For the supposed "benefit" of collectors the following stamps have been reprinted.

1853.—1d, blue, thin paper, impression blurred, and showing three horizontal cuts that were made in the plate when it was destroyed.

1853.—4d. yellow, thin paper, design indistinct. Has two vertical cuts as above.

1856.—1d.....red.
2d.....green.
4d.....blue.
1s.....vermillion.
6d.....red lilac, thick paper.

1871.—1d.....pink.
2d.....green.
3d.....red-brown.
4d.....blue.
9d.....blue.
10d.....black.
5s.....mauve.

1876.—4d. yellow, thin paper.

1879. 8d. gray lilac, on thin white paper. Also the following fiscals have been reprinted:

2s. 6d., bright rose.
5s., brown.
10s., yellow.

All the above are without water marks.

TURKEY.—The "unspeakable Turk" shows his intelligence, contrasting finely with Canada's love of "running in the old cuts" in postal matters by deciding that "in future stamps of one type only, which is to be changed every two years, will be employed for internal and foreign postage."

The ten paras adhesive, has been changed in color from black and rose to black and green.

The 2 piastres, blue and rose, the 5 piastres, green and bistre, and the 25 piastres, black and grey, though long promised have not as yet made their appearance.

U. S. OF COLOMBIA.—The 2 centavo card printed in black on light brown is in circulation.

URUGUAY.—A provisional stamp of 1 centavo, surcharged on the 10c. "P. ovisorio, 1884," has been used. A 2c. stamp of 1882 issue has been similarly surcharged. A 5c. stamp of a new die is in circulation. The new set of stamps promised for Uruguay early in the year have not as yet been issued.

VENEZUELA.—Of the interior stamps only the 5, green, 25, orange, 50, blue, and the 1 bolivar, vermilion, have as yet come in circulation, and of the exterior only the 25, brown.

VICTORIA.—The 2d. stamps are printed now in lilac instead of brown. The 6d. fiscal is used for postage.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—A provisional stamp has been created for this Colony by surcharging the 1d. with ¼d., in red.

WURTEMBERG.—A newsband resembling those of the German Empire and of the value of 3pf., color green, has appeared.

Thanking our philatelic correspondents abroad for past favors in giving us early information of new issues, provisionals, etc., of their own and adjacent countries we request that they will continue to maintain in the future the courtesy they have displayed in the past. Their attention in this respect will always be fully appreciated and noted in these columns.

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*Argentine Confederation, 1861	3 1 00	Cuba, 1868	4 50
* do. Republic, 1862	3 15	Cuba, 1880	4 24
do. do. 1867-78	12 1 00	Cuba, 1881	4 18
Austria, 1850	5 15	Cuba, 1882	5 25
do. 1858	6 30	Curacao, 1872-8	6 30
do. 1861	7 12	*Danube Steam Nav. Co.	4 25
do. 1863	5 15	Danish West Indies	7 35
do. 1867	6 15	Deccan	5 25
do. 1883	6 25	Denmark	20 50
do. 1873-8, Telegraph	8 36	*Dominica	4 30
Austro-Italy, 1850	6 30	† do. provl. 1/2, 1893	4 2 50
*Baden, 1864-8	5 30	Dutch East Indies	9 40
* do. (Land Post)	3 15	†Ecuador, 1865-83	5 30
do. 1851-7	6 12	†Egypt, 1872-5	6 18
* do. 1, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 30 kr.	6 60	do. 1879, complete	8 25
Bahamas	3 20	do. do. assorted	6 15
†Barbados, 1862-82	4 16	* do. prov'l, assorted	2 20
do., 1882	4 15	*Faridkot, 1882	2 20
Belgium, 1849	2 10	*Fernando Po, 1880	3 50
do. 1850, unperforated	4 15	* do. 1882	2 15
do. 1863, perforated	4 10	Fiji Islands	3 40
do. 1866-7, he d.	5 10	† do. inc. prov'ls	4 75
do. 1870-8	10 20	French Colonies, 1873-8	14 75
*Bavaria, 1870-4	6 20	do. do. 1881	8 50
* do. 1871, unpaid	2 10	French Republic, Lutho, 1870	9 36
* do. Telegraph	8 60	*Gambia	3 20
*Bergedorf	5 18	German Empire, 1874-7	6 12
*Bermuda	6 25	* do. official	9 30
do prov'ls	4 1 50	* do. 1872, large shield	6 25
*Bremen, perforated	6 50	Granada, Conf'n, 1881, 1,2,5,10 and 20	5 30
* do. 1855, unperforated	4 35	Granada, Conf'n, 1883	4 25
British Guiana, 1876	5 15	Great Britain, 1840-84	20 30
* do. official	2 25	Greece, 1861-81	7 20
do. 1882, prov'l, 1 and 2c,	2 2 25	Grenada, inc. provls, 1860-81	6 90
do. 1882, "ship"	2 2 25	Griqualand, ital. "G" black	5 36
do. 1882, prov'l, 1 and 2c,	2 2 00	do. do. assorted	9 60
do. 1882, "brig"	2 2 00	*Guatemala, 1871	3 30
† do. 1882, prov'l, 1 on 48c,	3 2 50	* do. 1875	4 40
do. prov'l on 96, 2 on 96c	4 14	* do. 1877	4 50
do. 1882, w.m., "C. A."	3 3 25	* do. 1879	2 30
Brazil, 1843, large	4 50	† do. 1881, provls	4 1 65
do. 1844	4 20	† do. 1881	5 36
do. 1850	4 25	*Gold Coast, 1875-80	5 56
do. 1866, perforated	7 65	*Hamburg	10 35
do. do. rouletted	7 65	do. 1864, 1 1/2 perf. and not,	4 14
do. 1878	10 85	do. 2 1/2 do. and do.	4 14
*Brunswick	5 15	Hanover, head	4 25
Bulgaria, 1879-82	10 60	*Hayti, 1881, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 20	6 1 00
Canada, 1868	8 40	do. 1881-2	4 25
do. 1869-75	9 10	*Heligoland, 1867	8 25
† do. Register, 1875	3 40	Holland, 1852	3 10
* do. do. 1877	2 10	do. 1864	3 08
Cape of Good Hope, triangular	2 20	do. 1868	5 10
do. do. 1864-82	6 12	do. unpaid	4 12
*Cashmere	5 50	*Honduras Republic, 1865	2 40
Ceylon, 1872-80	5 10	do. head, 1878	5 50
Chile, 1877	5 20	Heng Kong, 1862-84	6 20
do. 1878-83	4 12	*Iceland	4 20
*China	3 30	India, service	6 25
*Confederate States	4 15	do	6 15
*Corrientes, 1860-80	4 3 50	*Ionian Islands	3 85
*Costa Rica, 1863	4 1 50	*Italy, 1851	3 3 25
do.	4 75	Italy, 1863-77	12 35
† do. 1863 to 1852	4 25	Italy, unpaid	12 75
* do. 1881, prov'l and official	3 36	*Italy, official, 1875	8 1 00
Cuba, 1855	3 35	Italy, do do.	8 20
Cuba, 1856	3 40	Italy, do., 1878, surch 2c	8 25
Cuba, 1857	4 18	Jamaica	7 25
*Cuba, 1864	4 70	Japan	7 25
		*Jheend	2 12
		*La Guira, 1864-9	11 2 50
		Levant, 1868-9, Russian	4 16
		* do. 1884, German	5 75
		*Liberia, 1880, 1, 2, 6, 12, 24	5 1 00
		*Liberia, 1882, 3, 8, 16	3 50
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		Luxemburg, inc. official	5 25
		†Mail Packet, Royal	2 40
		*Mauritius, inc. prov'ls	8 40
		*Mecklenburgh-Strelitz	4 15
		Mexico, 1856, 1/2, 1, 2, r.; 1861, 1, 2 r.	5 1 00
		* do. 1864, eagle, finely engraved	4 5 00
		* do. 1866, Max. engraved	4 1 50
		* do. 1868	5 3 50
		do. do.	5 60
		do. 1874	6 45
		do. 1879-82	10 1 00
		do. 1882, unpaid	3 25
		do. 1884	7 45
		*Modena, 1852	7 1 25
		*Montenegro	2 15
		*Montevideo, 1856, thick figure	4 1 25
		do. 1859, thin figure	4 3 00
		* do. 1859, block letters	2 4 00
		* do. 1866, prov'l	4 1 25
		do. 1877	6 36
		* do. 1881-2	3 30
		* do. 1883	4 45
		*Montserrat	3 18
		Macau	4 35
		Natal, 1868-74, surcharged	8 35
		*Nevis, 1867-83	4 36
		New Brunswick, 1850	2 2 75
		* do. 1860	6 1 00
		*New Caledonia, prov'l, rare	3 2 00
		*Newfoundland, 1857-8	10 4 75
		* do. 1865-7, perforated	10 1 85
		* do. 1876-9, rouletted	4 36
		do. 1880	4 15
		do. assorted	11 60
		Nicaragua, 1861-70	5 40
		Norway	12 25
		*NOVA SCOTIA, 1860, 1, 2, 5, 8 1/2, 10,	6 1 65
		12 1/2, rare	6 1 65
		*Norvanugger	2 10
		*Oldenburg	5 20
		Orange Free State, inc. prov'ls	10 75
		*Paraguay, 1870	3 1 56
		* do. 1879-81	6 1 00
		Parma	2 18
		Persia, 1875, 1 and 4 kr., lion and fig.	2 75
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		do. do., 1 and 5 kran	2 25
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		* do. do., do., lith.	3 40
		do. 1882, 5, 10s., and 50c. and 1fr.	4 80
		* do. 1882, service	4 40
		Peru, 1867	3 25
		† do., 1874-9	5 30
		* do. 1880-83 surch. "Peru," "Lima,"	7 75
		Chilian Arms, etc.	5 2 00
		* do 1882, do. Arms of Chile	5 6 00
		* do. do., do. do., inverted	5 75
		do. 1874, unpaid letter	10 1 50
		Philippine Islands, 1874-81, inc. prov'l	9 1 20
		do. 1880-2, complete	7 50
		do. do. assorted	5 35
		Porto Rico, 1873-6, surch	6 75
		* do. 1880, 1/2m. to 4m.	6 45
		do. 1880, 5 to 50c.	6 35
		* do. 1881, 1/2m. to 8m.	6 75
		* do. 1881, 1 to 10c.	5 30
		* do. 1882, 1 to 8c.	6 15
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*Prince Edward Island, original	12	1 00
*Prussia, 1850	5	25
Queensland, 1861-82, assorted	8	25
*Romagna, 1859	8	1 35
*Roman States, 1867	6	25
*Roumania, 1865	3	25
* do. 1866	3	25
do. 1871-80	12	20
Roumelia, 1881	4	14
Russia, 1857-79	7	15
do. 1884	6	25
* do. 1869-72, locals of Bogordsk	3	20
* do. 1870-83, do. Wessiegousk	7	55
*Sandwich Islands, 1864-83	19	5 25
*San Marino, 1877	5	50
San Salvador, 1867	4	1 50
do. 1874	4	85
† do. 1879	4	20
*Samoa	6	3 00
*Sarawak	2	14
Saxony, 1854, head	4	12
* do. 1863	6	15
Schleswig-Holstein	5	30
Servia, 1869	9	35
* do. 1869	7	15
* do. 1880	6	85
*Shanghai	3	16
*Siam, 1883, head	5	60
do. 1883, prov'l surch'd "B"	6	1 50
Sicily, 1858	7	1 50
*Sierra Leone, 1861-77	3	18
* do. do. complete	8	2 00
*Sirmoor	2	12
South Australia, 1855-83, inc. prov'ls	7	25
Spain, 1850 5	8	30
do. 1850-77	43	1 00
do. 1870-78, 4 and 10 poseta	2	75
* do. 1854-5, official	8	20
* do. Don Carlos	7	85
do. 1873-7, war tax	7	16
Strait Settlements, 1868-83	10	75
do. 1879-84, prov'l	4	75
St. Christopher	4	25
†St. Helena	3	25
St. Domingo, 1879	4	60
do. 1880, without network	4	35
do. 1882, with do.	4	36
do. 1882, prov'l, with do.	4	50
do. do. without do.	4	4
*St. Lucia, 1864-83, inc. prov'ls	5	25
*St. Vincent, 1860-84	5	30
*Suez Canal Co.	4	50
Surinam, 1872	5	25
Sweden, 1872	7	15
do. 1874, unpaid, complete	10	30
do. 1874, official, do.	10	20
Switzerland, 1850-2, reyon	2	10
do. 1854	4	15
do. 1862-78	8	18
do. 1878, unpaid, complete	9	50
do. 1882	9	25
* do. private stamps	7	30
Tasmania, 1858-80	7	20
*Tobago, 1879-83	4	30
*Transvaal Republic, 1st issue	5	75
do. surch'd "V.R.," rare	7	2 00
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* do. Rep. 1883, perforated	5	1 00
†Trinidad, 1857-83, inc. prov'ls	6	30
Turkey, inc. surch'd	8	20
* do. Constantinople	3	15
†Turk's Island, inc. prov'ls	4	25
Tuscany	5	30

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†U. S. of America, 1847	2	\$ 50
* do. 1851	2	12
do. unpaid letter	5	15
* do. 1 of each department	8	40
do. Interior do	10	30
* do. Periodical, large	7	85
* do. Register and official-ly sealed, each 1	2	50
* do. Newspaper, 1865, very large	3	1 00
*Venezuela, 1859	3	25
do. do.	4	60
† do. 1863	3	75
* do. 1866	3	1 00
do. 1875	4	50
do. 1875, surch'd reverse	2	36
† do. 1871, interior	7	2 00
do. 1879 do.	6	85
do. 1880 do.	5	60
* do. do. do.	5	1 00
† do. 1882 do.	4	50
* do. 1880, exterior	5	1 00
do. do. do.	5	60
† do. 1882, do.	5	1 00
Victoria, 1872 8	6	15
*Virgin Islands, 1866-82	5	50
Western Australia, 1865-72	4	12
Wurtemberg, 1851	4	20
do. 1861-4, perf. and not	10	35
do. 1875-81	6	15
do. 1875-83, service	5	25

ENVELOPES.

	Set of	Price
Argentine Republic, 1878, 8c, 24c;		
do. 1882, 12c	3	\$1 20
Bavaria, 1869-76	2	15
Brazil, 1866, 200, 300 Reis	2	75
Bremen	2	10
Canada, 1860, 5c, 10c, on white paper	2	5 00
do. 1877, 1c, 3c do.	2	10
Chile, 1872	3	70
Cyprus, 1880, register	2	25
France, 1883	2	12
†German Empire	3	18
Great Britain, 1878-81, register	2	60
Guatemala, 1878, cut square	3	50
Hamburg, cut square	6	36
Heligoland	2	18
†India	2	10
Mauritius, 1862-78	3	1 00
Mexico, 1884	2	65
Montevideo, 1879-81	3	56
Peru, 1874	3	50
†Russia, 1882-4	3	36
St. Thomas, 1879, inc. regist.	3	30
Wurtemberg	2	12

NEWS-BANDS.

	Set of	Price
Argentine Repb, 1878-82	3	18
Brit. Guiana, 1884, 1c, 2c	2	15
Canada, 1875-83	4	25
Cape of Good Hope, 1882	2	10
Cyprus	2	10
France, 1883	3	08
Great Britain, 1870-78	3	12
Heligoland	3	15
Russia, 1884	2	08

POST CARDS.

	Set of	Price
Argentine Rep., 1878-9, 4c, 4x4	2	25
do. 6c, 6x6	2	36
do. 1881, 2c, 2x2	2	20
†Austria, 1873-83	4	18
Bahamas, 1880, incl., reply	2	20
Belgium, letter cards, 10c, 25c	2	16

	Set of	Prices
†Belgium, 1870, assorted	5	\$ 30
†Bavaria, 1876-83	5	24
Bermuda, 1880, 1/2d, 1 1/2d	2	15
Brazil, 1880, 20, 50, 80 reis	3	25
do. 1880, reply, 20x20, 50x50 reis	2	30
do. 1881, head, 20, 20, 50, 80 reis	4	36
do. 1881, reply, 50x50, 80x80 reis	2	40
do. 1883, lit'rcards, 50, 100, 200 reis	3	69
do. 1884 do. do.	3	50
British Guiana, 3c, 3x3	2	25
Canada, 1877, complete	5	35
Cape of Good Hope, 1878-82	2	15
Chile, 1883, 1c, 2c, 2x2c	3	25
Cuba, 1882-4	3	30
Curacao, inc. prov., 1876-83	5	65
Cyprus, 1880, prov.	3	12
Cyprus, 1881	3	25
Dominican Repbl	4	25
French Colonies, prov.	2	36
do. 1881	2	25
†German Empire, 1872-80	4	15
†Great Britain, 1870-82	5	25
Grenada, 1882	2	15
Heligoland	2	12
Honduras Repb, 1881, 2c 3c	2	18
do. 2x2, 3x3	2	30
Hong Kong, 1880	2	12
Jamaica, 1877, prov.	2	2 50
Jamaica, 1879, inc. prov.	3	25
Jamaica, 1883, 1 1/2d, 1x1d, 1 1/2x1 1/2d	3	50
Japan	3	20
Mauritius, inc. prov.	3	20
Mexico, 1882, compound, RARE	2	60
Montevideo, 1878-1880	2	10
do. 1880	3	36
do. Letter card, 3c	1	10
Newfoundland, 1873-9	2	30
do. 1880	2	12
Paraguay	2	18
Roumelia, 1881, 5, 10, 20p	3	25
do. reply	3	36
†Russia, 1880-83	3	20
St. Christopher	2	15
St. Lucia	2	16
St. Thomas, 1877-9	2	18
St. Vincent	2	16
Sandwich Islands, 1882	3	25
do. 1883, reply	2	25
Servia, 1880	2	12
Servia, reply	2	18
Sierra Leone	2	12
Surinam, inc. prov.	3	50
†Switzerland, 1871-9	5	30
Turkey, 1877-81, 20, 20x20 paras	2	30
United States, 1879	2	10
Venezuela, 1880, exterior	2	36
do. 1880-82, interior	5	75
Wurtemberg	2	10

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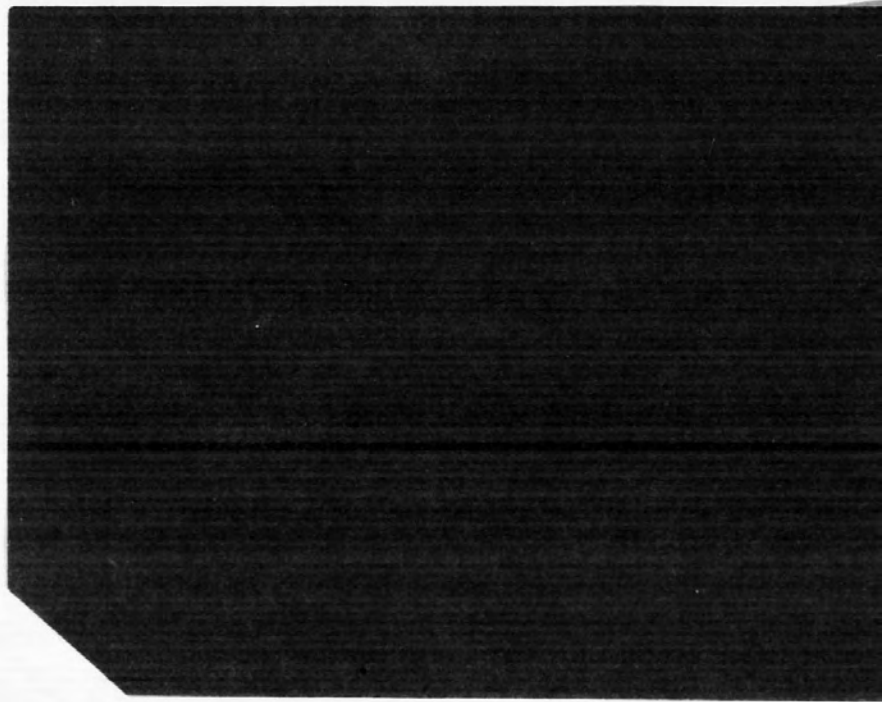
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One centesimo; green. In the centre is a figure "1," surrounded by a ray halo something like a ten-pointed star. Outside of this are two arcs of a circle, the upper one having "Republica Oriental," and the lower "Centesimo." Below in two lines are "Del" and "Uruguay."

Two centesimos; vermillion. The centre is occupied by a figure "2" in a dotted and a plain circle. In an arc at the top is the word "Republica," and below it is a straight band bearing the word "Oriental." Below the circle above mentioned is a straight band containing the word "Centesimos," underneath this "Del," and further down an arc inscribed "Uruguay." All the inscriptions are in small white, broad-faced letters. The rest of the face is occupied by scroll, lined and other ornamental work.

Five centesimos; blue. This stamp has a representation of the sun in the centre, surrounded by a diamond-shaped frame, which bears the usual inscription. This

is more roughly gotten up than any of the others, and, being lithographed instead of engraved, as are the rest, is evidently only a provisional and will probably be soon supplanted by the regular stamp of this value.

Seven centesimos; brown. A bust of one of the prominent men in the country's history occupies the centre surrounded by an oval frame carrying the usual inscriptions, and the oval is broken near each lower corner by a shield bearing the figure of value, "7."

Ten centesimos; bistre-brown. This is one of the neatest of the series. The centre is occupied by a three-quarter face bust of a leading general looking to the left. Outside of the portrait is a horse-shoe frame, with the words "Republica Oriental Del Uruguay" surrounded by a Gothic shield. At the bottom of the horse-shoe, and between the heels, is a small shield with the figures of value, "10," and across the foot of the stamp the word "Centesimos."

Twenty centesimos; purple. This stamp is very artistic. The usual inscription is borne in a scroll-band, disposed so as to resemble the letter "Z," and large rustic figures of value are intertwined with the scroll, running diagonally from near the lower left to near the upper right-hand corners.

Twenty-five centesimos; slate. This stamp is also very beautifully designed and perfectly executed. In the centre are the Uruguayan arms—an oval shield, with four quarterings, containing, respectively, a pair of scales, a mountain surmounted by a tower, a horse and a cow. On either side of this shield are representations of native plants, and over it is one of the sun. Outside is a black triple circle, which bears on the left the word "Republica," on the right "Oriental," and in the lower third "Centesimos." The circle is broken at the top by a shield with the figures of value, "25," and below by bands running diagonally from either lower corner, also having the same figures. The space between these bands and below the circle has in two straight lines the words "Del" and "Uruguay."

The entire set is rouletted. The American Bank Note Company of New York, which designed and manufactured this series, deserve unstinted praise for the manner in which it has performed the contract.—EDITOR.

A STRANGER.—We note that a curious error occurs in the sheets of 3c. de p. of Porto Rico, orange, issue of 1882, and those of the same value, light brown, of 1884, in that each has one stamp bearing the figure of value "8" instead of "3." This fact is worthy of note by collectors and should be catalogued by dealers, and publishers as forming a distinct variety and an addition to its series.

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A DETECTIVE CARD.

(BY HENRY HECHLER.)

An improvement on the present registration system would be the issuance of a card bearing the same register number as the letter to be addressed and mailed to the party to whom the letter is sent, thus notifying him that a registered letter is on its way. The letter would, of course, go in the bag for registered matter and the card in the ordinary mail bag. This would give additional security, and in the event of a registered letter going astray, the fact would be known at once, and enquiries could immediately be set on foot, thus saving valuable time and increasing the probabilities of its recovery. A charge should be made for such an advice card equal to that of an ordinary postal card, and it doubtless would be cheerfully paid by all sending valuable letters.

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We think also that it would be as well to have register stamps in Canada issued in series, as are bank notes, or as the same kind of stamps are in every other country, so far as we have observed. If this was done, each number would represent a certain letter and no other. Register stamps also should be sold only at the registration office and as wanted, and not as are ordinary stamps. By this method the books of each office would necessarily tally with the stamps issued.

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Postal orders, which cost in France twenty-five cents for the smallest sum, are in Germany only one-fifth as much, and in the latter country an extra payment of one cent entitles the sender to have the money carried by the postman to the house of the person addressed, and there paid to him. In the same way the postmen are obliged to receive money from any one who wishes to send a postal order, and give a receipt for it, entering at the same time in a book the name of the person to whom the order is to be sent; and the postmaster then makes out and forwards the order required. A species of missive used in Germany, but nowhere else, so far as we know, is the express letter, which, for an extra postage of six cents, is forwarded to the person addressed without passing through the post office of the town in which he lives; a messenger, who travels on every mail train, taking the letter immediately on the arrival of the train, either by day or night, to the one it is intended to reach. As the boxes in the stations are open to receive letters until one minute before the departure of the train, an express letter of this kind can be transmitted very quickly.

ODDITIES IN PERUVIAN STAMPS.

(BY THE EDITOR.)

To illustrate the vast field for varieties opened by the Chilian occupation of Peru, we note that in one denomination alone—the 10 centavos green, surcharged with the arms of Chili—no less than 18 variations occur. These surcharges are in five colors—black, blue, vermilion, yellow and magenta. Besides, many of the surcharges are in reverse and here and there in a sheet is found a stamp unsurcharged. It behoves collectors to give attention to all these differences, and also to remember that those mentioned above as having no surcharges should not be detached from those next to them that bear it, as, if they are separated, the proof of their character as provisionals is destroyed.

The variations noted above, are as follows:—

1st.—The surcharge placed plain and upright.

2nd.—The same in reverse.

3rd.—The upright and reverse combined.

As there are five different colors, and the above variations appear in each, this gives a total of 15.

In addition the sheets surcharged in blue show instances of unsurcharged next to each of the above, thus adding three to the list, and making the total as stated (18.)

Though some "plodders" in the fields of philately may be so little imbued with the spirit of the science as not to appreciate these technical points, we are sure that all who take a real interest in observing these variations, on which depends a proper knowledge of the art, will thank us for pointing out the facts in this matter.

DISHONEST POSTAL CLERKS.

Every few months some clerk in the Post offices in this country is detected in purloining and appropriating valuable letters passing through his hands, but usually the family or political influence of the offender, through which his appointment was gained, avails to secure him from any punishment other than dismissal. This is not as it should be, for all over the world the fear of punishment is a more powerful deterrent to wrong-doing than is principle, and the more certain and severe the punishment the greater is its force. Of course the large majority of postal clerks are strictly honest and reliable men, but in every flock there will be some black sheep, and these when discovered should be treated as the law prescribes.

This is a matter the importance of which cannot be over-rated. The position of a postal clerk is probably the most responsible as regards his relations to the public that exists in the whole range of governmental offices. Even if a dishonest clerk is detected, and if he or his bondsmen are forced to make restitution, the delay and interruption of business and the injury, and sometimes ruin, inflicted on innocent persons cannot be measured by money alone, to say nothing of shaking public confidence in the post office as a safe medium of communication and transmission.

A HISTORIC TOKEN.

As we are aware that many philatelists are also interested in the kindred science of numismatics we would direct their attention to a local coin of this province—the "Broke Token." This was of the value of a half-penny and circulated for a time as such. It was of copper, and was struck to commemorate the celebrated victory of Capt. Broke, commanding H. M. frigate "Shannon," over Capt. Lawrence, commanding the U. S. warship "Chesapeake." The face bears the bust of Captain Broke, with his name over the bust forming a portion of a circle around the outer edge of the coin, and the legend, "Halifax, Nova Scotia." The obverse of the coin has the figure of Britannia, bearing a laurel branch in her right hand, her shield behind her, the two ships occupying the sea view, on which she is supposed to be looking, the word "Britannia" in a segment of a circle overhead and "1814" below. This coin is unique, and but few are known to be in existence. It will be remembered that in the war of 1812-14 between the United States and Great Britain a challenge passed between the commanders of the two vessels—which were of about the same size and carried nearly equal armament and force of guns and men—to fight a sort of duel. The battle was "short, sharp and decisive." In fifteen minutes after their meeting all but about five of the Americans were killed or wounded, and the Englishman had lost two-thirds of his men. All the American officers being put *hors de combat*, one of the survivors hauled down the flag of the "Chesapeake" in token of surrender. The "Shannon" was so much injured by the rapid and accurate fire of her enemy that Capt. Broke at first almost decided to abandon her and take to his prize with his crew for safety. With the help, however, of his prisoners he kept both the vessels afloat and brought them into Halifax harbor. Commander Lawrence was killed in the action, and was buried in Halifax, though his remains were subsequently taken home to Boston. Capt. Broke was also mortally wounded, died shortly afterwards, and was interred in the old cemetery on the corner of Pleasant street and Spring Garden Road in this city where his body still rests, with many of those of the crews of both ships. The prisoners were exchanged shortly after the battle.—BY THE EDITOR.

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Parties are compelled to lick their own postage stamps and envelopes; the postmaster cannot be compelled to do this.

It is unsafe to mail apple or fruit trees with the fruit on them, as some of the postmasters have a weakness for such things. Ducks cannot be sent through the mails when alive. Their quacking would disturb the slumbers of the clerks on the postal cars.

It is earnestly requested that lovers writing to their girls will please confine their gushing rhapsodies to the inside of the envelope.

Garlic, onions, asafoetida, gum camphor, Switzer, Limburger and Sapsago sent through the mails should be left open at the ends.

When watches are sent through the mails, if the sender will put a notice on the outside, the postmaster will wind up and keep running.

Eggs are not mailable unless they are fresh; and should they become chickens on transit they become the property of the post office department.

Butter and lard are mailable in the summer months. Wrap them in a fold of tissue paper open at both ends. The butter must have all the hair combed out of it.

When candy is sent through the mails it is earnestly requested that both ends of the package be left open, so that the employes of the post office may test its quality.

Nitro-glycerine and dynamite must be forwarded at risk of sender. If they should blow up in the postmaster's hands he cannot be held responsible.

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Foreign correspondence solicited.

NEW ISSUES Of Adhesives, Post Cards, and Envelopes.

ANTIGUA.—A 1d., carmine of the new type, has made its appearance—water mark C. A. above the crown. A 1d. post card is also announced.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The surcharge "Official," in black, has been put upon the current series of 1c., 4c., 8c. and 12c. stamps.

AUSTRIA.—Two different sizes and colors exist of the new 5 kr. envelopes; viz:—white, 132 x 107, mm. and buff, 152 x 128, mm.

BAHAMAS.—We are informed that a 1d. stamp for these islands will shortly issue. A 5s. £1 stamp are in use.

BRAZIL.—As anticipated in our January number, the three letter-cards have been changed in color to a very dark brown. The stamp, however, remains as before, except in the 50 reis, which has the "Ill mo" in larger letters. A reply-card 80 x 80 reis, yellow on white, is also used. It is of the same die as the first issue of 80 reis cards.

BERMUDA.—The 1d. stamp bears a watermark of a crown, with "C. A." below it.

BHOFAUL.—The sheets of the 1/2 anna, green, of this country are curious, in that they contain 32 stamps and afford no less than 20 varieties each.

BRITISH GUIANA has issued two newbonds on buff paper. Values 1c., green, and 2c. carmine. They bear the usual inscription and the stamps are similar to those of the current adhesives.

BULGARIA.—This country has a new reply-card 10 x 10 stotinka, carmine on white.

CHILE.—The long-promised cards have at last been issued, viz: blue on buff, 2c., rose on lilac, 3c., lilac on rose, 3 x 3c. The first two named have the words "Union Postale Universel" in a curve, with "Chile" below at the head. The reply card has the legend "Tarjeta Postal" below the word "Chile." The stamps are similar to the current adhesives.

CUBA.—The 5c. and the 10c. adhesives have changed colors.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—We inform our philatelic friends that the variety of surcharges in the stamps of this country makes a full collection a large and widely differing one. Besides the variation of the surcharges the stamps themselves differ, as we remarked in our January number, in that some have and others are without a network ground. The 10 centesimos on 2 centavos are surcharged in two distinct sets of type. The 50 centesimos on 10 centavos vary in the same way. The 1 franco on 20 centavos varies in three distinct styles of type. One has a capital "F"; the others have lower case "f," but while one of the latter is in a small, condensed type, the other has a broader face, without a period at the end of the word. A new stamp has been added to this series: a 50 centavos, yellow, surcharged "2 francos 50 centesimos." Philatelists have doubtless noticed that in these surcharges in part of the series the "i" is sometimes accented and sometimes not, thus adding a variety to the lot.

EGYPT.—The current 5 piastre stamp has been provisionally surcharged 20 paras in large type, and in some instances the surcharge is inverted.

ECUADOR.—A 2c. card of a design similar to that described in our April number is in circulation.

FIJI.—A provisional has been added to the series of this colony. It is a 4d. surcharged in black on the 2d. mauve.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new series announced in our January number, comprising a set of 15, has appeared. Also, some compound envelopes, viz:—2 1/2d. x 1d., 4d. x 1d., 6d. x 1d., and 1s. x 1d. This is an adaptation of the Mexican style of compound envelopes. The whole series is, to say the least, no improvement on past issues.

GUADALOUPE.—We have received specimens of two provisionals of this colony. They are the old unperforated type of stamps of 30 and 35 centimes, respectively surcharged 20 and 25 immediately over the old values. The new figures are surmounted by a line, and above that are the letters

"G. P. E." and the whole is enclosed in a rectangular frame.

GERMAN LEVANT.—The current stamps of the German Empire have been surcharged for service in Turkey, as follows:—

5 pfennig with 10 paras.
10 " " 20 "
20 " " 1 piastre.
25 " " 1 1/2 "
50 " " 2 1/2 "

HONG KONG.—The color of the current 10c. stamp has been changed to green.

INDIA has issued two new reply cards: 1/2 x 1/2 anna brown, and 1 1/2 x 1/2 anna blue, both on buff paper.

MACAU.—The long spoken of series, of the appearance of which some authorities have doubted, have been put in circulation at last. They are of the usual type of the Portuguese colonies. A crown in the centre, surrounded by a double circle of Grecian design, with the name of the colony in the upper portion, the word "Correio" above and the value below in straight lines. The values are as follows:

5 reis..... black.
10 "yellow.
20 "brown.
25 "rose.
40 "blue.
50 "green.
100 "mauve.

The post office obliteration is a double circle with a crown, "Macau" below it, and those before us bear the date of mailing "March 14th, 1884."

MEXICO has issued a post card for interior services only. The inscription is printed in a scroll band, red on buff, and in the usual place is impressed a green 5 cent stamp of the same type as the current adhesive. As the entire stock of cards for exterior service is exhausted, a plain white card with a 5c. adhesive put upon it has been used, and we have one now before us, bearing the mailing date of "May 13th." Seeing that some of our philatelic exchanges are in doubt whether the series mentioned in our last issue are official or not, we have made enquiries into the matter, and have ascertained that the green stamps are not official. The official stamps, of which we have received specimens, are vermilion, on a white ground. They bear the portrait of the President in the centre, encircled by an oval band outside of which is a scroll work, oval, with the words around the upper half, "Service Postal Mexicano," preceded and followed by a star. The lower half of the oval has the words, "Correspondencia Oficial." The whole stamp is rectangular, and is roughly perforated. It is quite a neat affair. A registration stamp, much resembling those of the U. S. of Columbia, blue on white, octagonal in shape, has been issued. In the centre is a large "R" surrounded by a wide oval band, bearing the inscription, "U. P. U." in the upper section and "Republique Mexicaine" in the lower. Across the upper field is "Mexico—D. F." and below is a label for the number.

MONTERRAT.—A 1/2d. stamp of the usual die and bearing the watermark C. A. and a crown has issued.

NEVIS.—The current 1d. green, has been changed to carmine.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The provisional 5c. on 75c. carmine, noted in our last, has the surcharge inverted. There are three varieties of this.

ORANGE FREE STATE has a very neat 1d. post card—orange on stout, white card board. It bears the coat of arms of the State in the centre, with the ordinary inscription and the adhesive in the usual place, and the whole is surrounded by a fancy border. A 2d., mauve, stamp of the current design has also issued.

PERU.—There has been a change in the surcharge of the cards of this nation. They now bear at the top a representation of the sun with "Peru" above and "Correo" below. The surcharges are in different colors for the various values: blue for the 4 x 4c., violet for the 5c., red for the 4c., and green for the 3c.

The 10c. green is now issued without a surcharge. The following new surcharges have been made, the surcharged word being in a black triangle:—

5c., blue-red oval, "Lima."
50c., green, "Peru."

Isol., rose, "Peru,"

1c., unpaid, blue oval, "Lima."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The color of the current 10c. de peso, has been changed to a very light mauve. The 2c. de p. carmine has been surcharged in green, "Habilitado Pa Correos 8 cmos" in a circle. We have the same twice impressed, and also in reverse. The 2-4-8 has been surcharged in like manner in black, "Dos Rles." We have before us the 5c. de p. blue, surcharged in green, in the same way, "Un Real." This surcharge occurs both upright and inverted. The current 8c. de p. appears in very dark brown.

PORTO RICO.—The 3c. de p. has changed from yellow to bistre, and the 80c. de p. to blue.

SPAIN.—This kingdom has six new cards. They are:

5 cents.....green.
10 "carmine.
15 "bistre.
5 x 5 "green (reply).
10 x 10 "carmine (reply).
15 x 15 "bistre (reply).

They all have the current adhesive on the upper right-hand corner with the alteration at the top of "Comunicaciones."

SANT LUCIA.—The one shilling stamp has been surcharged "One Shilling" in black on orange.

SANT VINCENT.—Two cards for this colony have appeared: 1d. carmine and 2 1/2d. brown. The cards are large, and the stamps on the upper right corner very much resemble those of Gambia.

SANDWICH ISLANDS. This kingdom issued about the 10th of June, a new series of envelopes on white paper, viz: 1c. green, 2c. pink, 4c. vermilion, 5c. blue and 10c. black. The design of the adhesive is a view of Honolulu, in a frame measuring 52x28 mm, and surmounted by a crown. The 1 cent envelope bears the legend "I keneta, 1884. 1 cent," at the top, "Honolu u, Hawaii" at the bottom and at each side a large figure of value. The others are similar, only varying in the figures of the different values. There are two sizes—the 1c., 2c. and 5c., measure 136x76 mm, and the 4c., 5c. and 10c. are 150x85 mm. The 2c. have three dotted pink lines for address.

STELLALAND.—A new stamp has been issued by this republic. It may be described as follows:—A shield surmounted by a five-pointed star and having a scroll below is enclosed in a rectangular frame. This frame bears the inscription "Republic," on the left, "Stellaland," on the right, "Een Penny" above and "Post Zege" below. The color is vermilion on white paper, and it is unperforated.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The obsolete 12ct. stamp, blue, is being utilized by surcharging it with the figure 8, and the words "cents" in small roman capitals below.

SURINAM.—One of our philatelic exchanges notes the appearance of a 2c. orange, and a 12 1/2c. blue. We cannot vouch for them as we have not seen them.

TOLIMA.—The 5c. and 10c. appear on blue paper.

TRINIDAD.—This island enjoys the possession of a series of six cards. The values and colors are:—

1/2d.....brown on white.
1d.....carmine on buff.
1 1/2d.....brown on "
2d.....blue on "
1 x 1d.....carmine on " [reply].
1 1/2 x 1 1/2d.....brown on "

The 1 shilling stamp, brown, has issued.

U. S. OF COLOMBIA.—An entire new set is in preparation for this country.

URUGUAY.—For a full and accurate description of the new stamps of this country, which have, at last, been put in use, see reading matter on another page.

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*Argentine Confederation, 1861	3 1 00	Cuba, 1868	4 50
* do. Republic, 1862	3 15	Cuba, 1880	4 24
do. do. 1867-78	12 1 00	Cuba, 1881	4 18
Austria, 1850	5 15	Cuba, 1882	5 25
do. 1858	6 30	Curacao, 1872-8	6 30
do. 1861	7 12	*Cyprus, 1880, prov'ls	6 36
do. 1863	5 15	* " 1881-2	6 75
do. 1867	6 15	*Danube Steam Nav. Co.	4 25
do. 1883	6 25	Danish West Indies	7 35
do. 1873-8, Telegraph	8 36	Decan	5 25
Anstro-Italy, 1850	6 30	Denmark	20 50
*Baden, 1864-8	5 30	*Dominica	4 30
* do. (Land Post)	3 15	† do. provl. ½d., 1883	4 2 50
do. 1851-7	6 12	Dutch East Indies	9 40
* do. 1, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 30 kr.	6 60	†Ecuador, 1865-83	5 30
Bahamas	3 20	†Egypt, 1872 5	6 18
†Barbados, 1862-82	4 16	do. 1879, complete	8 25
do., 1882	4 15	do. assorted	6 15
Belgium, 1849	2 10	* do. prov'ls, assorted	2 20
do. 1850, unperforated	4 15	*Faridkot, 1882	2 20
do. 1863, perforated	4 10	*Fernando Po, 1880	3 50
do. 1866-7, he d.	5 10	* do. 1882	2 15
do. 1870-8	10 20	Fiji Islands	3 40
*Bavaria, 1870-4	6 20	† do. inc. prov'ls	4 75
* do. 1871, unpaid	2 10	French Colonies, 1873-8	14 75
* do. Telegraph	8 60	* do. 1881	8 50
*Bergedorf	5 18	French Republic, Litho, 1870	9 36
Bermuda	6 25	*Gambia	3 20
do prov'ls	4 1 50	German Empire, 1874-7	6 12
*Bremen, perforated	6 50	* do. official	9 30
* do. 1855, unperforated	4 35	* do. 1872, large shield	6 25
British Guiana, 1876	5 15	Granada, Conf'n, 1881, 1,2,5,10 and 20	5 30
do. official	2 25	Granada, Conf'n, 1883	4 25
do. 1882, prov'l, 1 and 2c,	2 2 25	Great Britain, 1840-84	20 30
"ship"	2 2 25	Greece, 1861-81	7 20
do. 1882, prov'l, 1 and 2c,	2 2 00	Grenada, inc. provls, 1860-81	6 90
"brig"	2 2 00	Griqualand, ital. "G" black	5 36
† do. 1882, prov'l, 1 on 48c,	3 2 50	do. assorted	9 60
prov. 1 on 96, 2 on 96c	4 14	*Guatemala, 1871	3 30
do. 1882, w.m., "C. A."	3 3 25	* do. 1875	4 40
Brazil, 1843, large	4 50	* do. 1877	4 50
do. 1844	4 20	* do. 1879	2 30
do. 1850	7 25	† do. 1881, provls	4 1 65
do. 1866, perforated	7 65	† do. 1881	5 36
do. do. rouletted	7 85	*Gold Coast, 1875-80	5 56
do. 1878	10 35	*Hamburg	10 35
*Brunswick	5 15	* do. 1864, 1½ perf. and not,	4 14
Bulgaria, 1879-82	10 60	do. 2½ do. and do.	4 25
Canada, 1868	8 40	Hanover, head	4 25
do. 1869-75	9 10	*Hayti, 1881, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 20	6 1 00
† do. Register, 1875	3 40	do. 1881-2	4 25
* do. do. 1877	2 10	*Heligoland, 1867	8 25
Cape of Good Hope, triangular	2 20	Holland, 1852	3 10
do. 1864-82	6 12	do. 1864	3 08
*Cashmere	5 50	do. 1868	5 10
Ceylon, 1872-80	5 10	do. unpaid	4 12
Chile, 1877	5 20	*Honduras Republic, 1865	2 40
do. 1878-83	4 12	do. head, 1878	5 50
*China	3 30	Hong Kong, 1862-84	6 20
*Confederate States	4 15	*Iceland	4 20
*Corrientes, 1860-80	4 3 50	India, service	6 25
*Costa Rica, 1863	4 1 50	do do	6 15
do.	4 75	*Ionian Islands	3 85
† do. 1863 to 1882	4 25	*Italy, 1851	3 3 25
* do. 1881, prov'l and official	3 36	Italy, 1863-77	12 35
Cuba, 1855	3 35	Italy, unpaid	12 75
Cuba, 1856	3 40	*Italy, official, 1875	8 1 00
Cuba, 1857	4 18	Italy, do do	8 20
*Cuba, 1864	4 70	Italy, do., 1878, surch 2c	8 25
		Jamaica	7 25
		Japan	7 25
		*Jheend	2 12
		*La Guira, 1864-9	11 2 50
		Levant, 1868-9, Russian	4 16
		*Levant, 1884, German	5 \$ 75
		*Liberia, 1880, 1, 2, 6, 12, 24	5 1 00
		*Liberia, 1882, 3, 8, 16	3 50
		*Lubeck, 1859	5 50
		Luxemburg, inc. official	5 25
		†Mail Packet, Royal	2 40
		*Mauritius, inc. prov'ls	8 40
		*Mecktenburg Strelitz	4 15
		Mexico, 1856, ½, 1, 2, r.; 1861, 1, 2 r.	5 1 00
		* do. 1864, head, finely engraved	4 5 00
		* do. 1864, eagle	5 1 20
		* do. 1866, Max. engraved	4 1 50
		* do. 1868	5 3 50
		do. do.	5 60
		do. 1874	6 45
		do. 1879-82	10 1 00
		do. 1882, unpaid	3 25
		do. 1884	7 45
		*Modena, 1852	7 1 25
		*Montenegro	2 15
		*Montevideo, 1856, thick figure	4 1 25
		* do. 1859, thin figure	4 3 00
		* do. 1859, block letters	2 4 00
		* do. 1866, prov'l	4 1 25
		do. 1877	6 36
		* do. 1881-2	3 30
		do. 1883	4 45
		*Montserrat	3 18
		Macau	4 35
		Natal, 1868-74, surcharged	8 35
		*Nevis, 1867-83	4 36
		New Brunswick, 1850	2 2 75
		* do. 1860	6 1 00
		*New Caledonia, prov'l, rare	3 2 00
		*Newfoundland, 1857-8	10 4 75
		* do. 1865-7, perforated	10 1 85
		* do. 1876-9, rouletted	4 36
		do. 1880	4 15
		do. assorted	11 60
		Nicaragua, 1861-70	5 40
		Norway	12 25
		*NOVA SCOTIA, 1860, 1, 2, 5, 8½, 10,	6 1 65
		12½, rare	6 1 65
		*Nowanugger	2 10
		*Oldenburg	5 20
		Orange Free State, inc. prov'ls	10 75
		*Paraguay, 1870	3 1 56
		* do. 1879-81	6 1 00
		Parma	2 18
		Persia, 1875, 1 and 4 kr., lion and fig.	2 75
		do. 1876, head	4 30
		do. 1878, lion and fig., 4, 5, 5 kr.	3 4 50
		* do. 1879, do.	4 75
		do. do., 1 and 5 kran	2 25
		* do. 1881, sun, engraved	3 30
		* do. do., do., lith.	3 40
		do. 1882, 5, 10s., and 50c. and 1fr.	4 80
		* do. 1882, service	4 40
		Peru, 1867	3 25
		† do., 1874-9	5 30
		* do. 1880-83 surch. "Peru," "Lima,"	7 75
		Chilian Arms, etc.	7 75
		* do 1882, do. Arms of Chile	5 2 00
		* do. do., do. do., inverted	5 6 00
		do. 1874, unpaid letter	5 75
		Philippine Islands, 1874-81, inc. prov'l	10 1 50
		do. 1880-2, complete	9 1 20
		do. do. assorted	7 50
		Porto Rico, 1873-6, surch	5 35
		* do. 1880, ½m. to 4m.	6 75
		do. 1880, 5 to 50c.	6 45
		* do. 1881, ½m. to 3m.	6 35
		* do. 1881, 1 to 10c.	6 75
		do. 1881, 1 to 8c	5 30
		* do. 1882, ½ to 8m.	6 15

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	Set of Price
Porto Rico, 1882, 1 to 20c.	8 \$ 55
* do. 1884, 1/2 to 8m.	6 25
Portugal, 1853-66	11 36
do. 1862	5 30
do. 1866-80	14 30
do. 1880-2	4 10
*Portuguese Indies, inc. prov's	6 36
*Prince Edward Island, original	12 1 00
*Prussia, 1850	5 25
Queensland, 1861-82, assorted	8 25
*Romagna, 1859	8 1 35
*Roman States, 1867	6 25
*Roumania, 1865	3 25
* do. 1866	3 25
do. 1871-80	12 20
Roumelia, 1881	4 14
Russia, 1857-79	7 15
do. 1884	6 25
* do. 1869-72, locals of Bogorsk	3 20
* do. 1870-83, do. Wessiegousk	7 55
*Sandwich Islands, 1864-83	19 5 25
*San Marino, 1877	5 50
San Salvador, 1867	4 1 50
do. 1874	4 85
+ do. 1879	4 20
*Samoa	6 3 00
*Sarawak	2 14
Sax ny, 1854, head	4 12
* do. 1863	6 15
Schleswig-Holstein	5 30
Servia, 1869	9 35
* do. 1869	7 15
* do. 1880	6 85
*Shanghai	3 16
*Siam, 1883, head	5 60
do. 1883, prov'l surch'd "B"	6 1 50
Sicily, 1858	7 1 50
*Sierra Leone, 1861-77	3 18
* do. do. complete	8 2 00
*Sirmoor	2 1
South Australia, 1855-83, inc. prov'ls	7 25
Spain, 1850-5	8 30
do. 1850-77	43 1 00
do. 1870-78, 4 and 10 poseta	2 75
* do. 1851-5, official	8 20
* do. Don Carlos	7 85
do. 1873-7, war tax	7 16
Strait Settlements, 1868-83	10 75
do. 1879-84, prov'l	4 75
St. Christopher	4 25
+St. Helena	3 25
St. Domingo, 1879	4 60
do. 1880, without network	4 35
do. 1882, with do.	4 36
do. 1882, prov'l, with do.	4 50
do. do. without do.	4 50
*St. Lucia, 1864-83, inc. prov'ls	5 25
*St. Vincent, 1860-84	5 30
*Suez Canal Co.	4 50
Surinam, 1872	5 25
do. 1874, unpaid, complete	7 15
do. 1874, official, do.	10 30
Switzerland, 1850-2, reyon	2 10
do. 1854	4 15
do. 1862-78	8 18
do. 1878, unpaid, complete	9 50
do. 1882	9 25
* do. private stamps	7 30
Tasmania, 1858-80	7 20
*Tobago, 1879-83	4 30
*Transvaal Republic, 1st issue	5 75
do. surch'd "V.R.," rare	7 2 00
do. 1879-80, head, inc. pv'l	7 60
* do. Rep. 1883, perforated	5 1 00
+Trinidad, 1857-83, inc. prov'ls	6 30
Turkey, inc. surch'd	8 20
* do. Constantinople	3 15

	Set of Prices
+Turk's Island, inc. prov'ls	4 \$ 25
Tuscany	5 30
+U. S. of America, 1847	2 50
* do. 1851	2 12
do. unpaid letter	5 15
* do. 1 of each department	8 40
do. Interior do	10 50
* do. Periodical, large	7 85
* do. Register and official-ly sealed, each 1..	2 50
* do. Newspaper, 1865, very large	3 1 00
*Venezuela, 1859	3 25
do. do.	4 60
+ do. 1863	3 75
* do. 1866	3 1 00
do. 1875	4 50
do. 1875, surch'd reverse	2 36
+ do. 1871, interior	7 2 00
do. 1879 do.	6 85
do. 1880 do.	5 60
* do. do. do.	5 1 00
+ do. 1882 do.	4 50
* do. 1880, exterior	5 1 00
do. do. do.	5 60
+ do. 1882, do.	5 1 00
Victoria, 1872-8	6 15
*Virgin Islands, 1866-82	5 50
Western Australia, 1865-72	4 12
Wurtemberg, 1851	4 20
do. 1861-4, perf. and not	10 35
do. 1875-81	6 15
do. 1875-83, service	5 25

ENVELOPES.

	Set of Price
Argentine Republic, 1878, 8c., 24c.;	3 \$1 20
1882, 12c.	3 20
Bavaria, 1869-76	2 15
Brazil, 1866, 200, 300 Reiss	2 75
Bremen	2 10
Canada, 1860, 5c, 10c, on white paper	2 5 00
do. 1877, 1c, 3c do.	2 10
Chile, 1872	3 70
Cyprus, 1880, register	2 25
France, 1883	2 12
+German Empire	3 18
Great Britain, 1878-81, register	2 60
Guatemala, 1878, cut square	3 50
Hamburg, cut square	6 36
Heligoland	2 18
+India	2 10
Mauritius, 1862-78	3 1 00
Mexico, 1884	2 65
Montevideo, 1879-81	3 56
Peru, 1874	3 50
+Russia, 1882-4	3 36
Sandwich Islands	5 60
St. Thomas, 1879, inc. regist.	3 30
Wurtemberg	2 12

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	Set of Price
Argentine Repb, 1878-82	3 18
Brit. Guiana, 1884, 1c, 2c.	2 15
Canada, 1875-83	4 25
Cape of Good Hope, 1882	2 10
Cyprus	2 10
France, 1883	3 08
Great Britain, 1870-78	3 12
Heligoland	3 15
Russia, 1884	2 08

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	Set of Price
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do. 6c, 6x6	2 36
do. 1881, 2c, 2x2	2 20

	Set of Prices
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Belgium, letter cards, 10c, 25c.	2 16
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+Bavaria, 1876-83	5 24
Bermuda, 1880, 1/2d, 1 1/2d.	2 15
Brazil, 1880, 20, 50, 80 reis	3 25
do. 1880, reply, 20x20, 50x50 reis	2 30
do. 1881, head, 20, 20, 50, 80 reis	4 36
do. 1881, reply, 50x50, 80x80 reis	2 40
do. 1883, lt'rcards, 50, 100, 200 reis	3 60
do. 1884 do. do.	3 50
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Canada, 1877, complete	5 35
Cape of Good Hope, 1878-82	2 15
Chile, 1883, 1c, 2c, 2x2c.	3 25
Cuba, 1882-4	3 30
Curacao, inc. prov., 1876-83	5 65
Cyprus, 1880, prov.	3 12
Cyprus, 1881	3 25
Dominican Repl	4 25
French Colonies, prov.	2 36
do. 1881	2 25
+German Empire, 1872-80	4 15
+Great Britain, 1870-82	5 25
Grenada, 1882	2 15
Heligoland	2 12
Honduras Repl, 1881, 2c 3c	2 18
do. 2x2, 3x3	2 30
Hong Kong, 1880	2 12
Jamaica, 1877, prov	2 50
Jamaica, 1879, inc. prov.	3 25
Jamaica, 1883, 1 1/2d, 1x1d, 1 1/2x1 1/2d.	3 50
Japan	3 20
Mauritius, inc. prov	3 20
Mexico, 1882, compound, RARE	2 60
Montevideo, 1878-1880	2 10
do. 1880	3 36
do. Letter card, 3c	1 10
Newfoundland, 1873-9	2 30
do. 1880	2 12
Paraguay	2 18
Roumelia, 1881, 5, 10, 20p.	3 25
do. reply	3 36
+Russia, 1880-83	3 20
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St. Lucia	2 16
St. Thomas, 1877-9	2 18
St. Vincent	2 16
Sandwich Islands, 1882	3 25
do. 1883, reply	2 25
Servia, 1880	2 12
Servia, reply	2 18
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Venezuela, 1880, exterior	2 36
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GUADALOUPE PROVISIONALS AND THEIR MINOR VARIATIONS.

(BY HENRY HECHLER.)

The old issue of the stamps of this French Colony—that bearing the figures of Mercury with winged ankles and of Liberty—of the values of 30c. and 35c., unperforated, were surcharged to serve provisionally, in black, as follows:—

A rectangle a little smaller than the stamp was divided horizontally by a line into two sections, the upper of which bore the letters "G. P. E." in thin Roman capitals, and the lower, the new values, in large figures. The 30c. was thus altered to 20c., and the 35c. to 25c. Besides these two general types the figures used varied, being larger and broader-faced in some than in others. Thus in the 20c. on 30c. the figure "2" is much larger than the "0" standing beside it and than the "20" on other stamps even on the same sheet and line (example 20-20). The same differences appear respecting the "0" in some of the stamps of the same surcharge—viz.: 20, 20 and 20. All the same sorts of variations also occur in the 2s. and 5s. in the surcharges of "25" on the 35c. stamps. We have thus this surcharge as follows:—"25," "25," "25." Other variations are to be noted in the lines composing

the rectangular frame of the above surcharges. These is the 20 on 30c. with the large "2," as above noted, the top and bottom lines are pieced in the middle, the right half of the top and the left half of the bottom line being double the thickness of the other halves respectively. The same difference is observable also in those of 25 on 30c. where the "2" is larger. The 20 on 30c. with the large "0," and the 25 on 35c. with the large "5" have the left side lines heavier than the others. In all the other varieties of these surcharges the lines composing the rectangular frame are equal and light.

We have pointed out these distinctions for the information of our philatelic friends, and we hope that they will observe these variations carefully in arranging their albums as dealers note them in their catalogues, and each variation is a clear difference.

DEFECTS OF OUR POSTAL ADMINISTRATION.

There are several matters in connection with the administration of postal affairs in this Dominion which are serious drawbacks to the efficiency of the department and inconvenient to the public.

One is that the largest value of single stamps is only 15 cents. It frequently occurs that a much larger amount is required to prepay postage on a single package. A regulation of the department makes it imperative that all stamps shall be on the front or direction side of a letter or package. It is manifestly impossible to do this in cases where the direction alone—especially to foreign countries—occupies several lines, or nearly the whole face, as it often does. Other countries—even the small West India and other colonies—have stamps of a much higher value, some of them as high as £5. Canada should provide stamps at least up to \$1. A 25c., a 50c. and \$1 stamp are much needed, and at once.

In this connection we call attention to another evil. That is that the sale of stamps in large cities, instead of being conducted by salaried officials, is put into the hands of private persons, who are allowed a commission of 3% on their sales. As these persons have their own private business to attend to they generally keep only a few stamps on hand at a time, and those of the smaller denominations. We may instance a case—one of many—that recently occurred in this city. A person had a small package to mail the postage on which was over \$1 besides the 5c. registration stamp. Strange as it may seem it is nevertheless true that at the place for buying stamps in the central post-office nothing larger than a 5c. stamp could be obtained! The required stamps to send that package covered every part of its surface, and

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some had to be so put on as to overlap each other. The chief agent for the dispensing of stamps in Halifax is a stationer whose business is at some distance from the post-office, and if a purchaser desires more than one dollar's worth of stamps of any denomination he is generally invited to go to Mr. —'s place, because the central office has them not in stock. A more thoroughly unbusiness-like way of accommodating the public can scarcely be imagined.

Again, Canada enjoys the unenviable distinction of being the only country, so far as we are aware, that charges more than the face value for stamped envelopes. The post-office notices announce that 25c. per hundred over the face value will be charged for envelopes. In reality the agent charges 30 cents per hundred if one takes that number or multiples thereof; and if a portion of one-hundred (more than ten) are purchased the charge is at the rate of 40 cents per hundred. If less than ten a premium of half-a-cent each. It will be readily recognized that the agent makes a good thing by this arrangement, but the public are imposed upon in the coolest manner. Other countries only make a charge more than the face value for registration envelopes, *which are cloth-lined.*

The cost to the government of post-cards is fully as great as that of stamped envelopes, and no one can point out any reason, good or bad, why a premium should be charged on the one more than on the other. The practical result is that stamped envelopes are very little used in Canada. We are within the mark in affirming that in proportion to business and population one thousand stamped envelopes are used in the United States to every one that is used in Canada. In fact the stamped envelope rarely appears except in elections, when it is chiefly employed to cover the cards of *the government candidate.* We abstain from comment on this "co-incidence."

Another grievance that is much felt is the rate of domestic postage. The neighboring republic to our south only charges two cents for a single letter rate, and promises soon to increase the limit of a single rate from one-half to one ounce. The Empire of Japan charges for letters to any part of its domain only about three-tenths of one cent, and this despite the fact that in many parts the roads are simply foot-paths over precipitous mountains where the mails have to be carried on the backs of carriers. In Canada the authorities adhere to the antiquated three-cent rate for each half-ounce or less. A deputation recently waited on the Postmaster-General to urge a reduction, and showed that it was the practice of many Canadian houses who send out letters by the thousands to customers and others within the Dominion to express them to some convenient place in the United States and thence to mail them back to Canada, thus saving one cent postage (less the small express charges) on each. Hon. Mr. Carling—speaking on behalf of the government of which he is a member—replied that the petition of the delegation could not be entertained, because it would not pay the department to carry the mails at lower rates than at present. No one can understand how it pays to carry such letters for *nothing* (the United States receiving the postage in the cases above mentioned) better than to reduce the rate

and receive something for doing the work. Most people will imagine that two-thirds of a loaf is better than no bread. But governments can be singularly obtuse when they like! Our government, it seems, cannot comprehend that the idea of having national post-offices, railways, etc., is not to *make money* but to serve the public and to facilitate its trade.

We alluded in a previous issue to the necessity of providing a new set of dies for our postage stamps, as the one that we now have has been in use over sixteen years, and is not creditable to the country as compared with those of others which we are accustomed to regard as far behind us in civilization and refinement, such as China, Japan, Siam, Hawaii, etc.

It is not necessary here to dwell on the want of security afforded by the mails, and to the robberies that are being continually perpetrated, and generally with impunity, which might and should be obviated by the department *insuring the contents* of valuable packages, as is done in Germany, Russia, Belgium, France, and elsewhere.

We have sufficiently proved that the postal department in Canada is wretchedly and disgracefully administered, and that it requires a thorough renovation to bring it up to the necessities of the public and to the example set by other nations. Any other people than Canadians would not submit for a week to such miserable mismanagement of so important a department of the public service, but Canadians appear to enjoy being maltreated by their servants.

ECCENTRICITIES OF TRANSVAAL PROVISIONALS.

For the convenience in reference of our readers we have collated the facts concerning the several variations in the stamps of the Land of the Boers, and now submit them.

In the spring of 1879, the country being then under the British Crown, the stock of the "one penny" stamps was exhausted and, pending the receipt of a fresh supply, recourse was had to the expedient of surcharging the "six-pence" stamp, black, "one-penny." The sheets comprised six lines of ten stamps each—in all sixty. It would appear that the postal authorities did not then command enough type of one font to print the surcharge on each stamp of the sheet alike at the same impression, and so three different sorts of type were employed. Commencing from the top of the sheet, the first three lines were surcharged in small upright letters with a capital letter "P" in the word "Penny." In the first half (5) of the fourth row beginning from the right small-sized, thick, italic figure and letters were employed with a capital "P" as in the first variety. The rest of the sheet, two lines-and-a-half, or 25 stamps were surcharged in upright block letters—all capitals—and figure. These were the three leading varieties, but five varieties occurred in the figures of the first four rows. In the first four stamps from the upper right-hand corner the figure has a short top-stroke sloping slightly downwards, and has no bottom-stroke. The rest of this line and the first seven of the next row bear a figure with a thin bottom-stroke, and a longer top-stroke than their

predecessors, the latter decidedly inclined downwards. In the two of these, occupying the centre of the second line the "y" in "Penny" is without a tail. The remaining three of this row have the figure with a short top-stroke—nearly horizontal—and a thick bottom stroke.

The ten stamps composing the third row have a figure similar to that of the preceding three stamps, and the first letter of "Penny" has also a thick bottom stroke and is a heavier letter than in any of the other varieties. These make thus seven distinct varieties; but the number was doubled by some being printed in red and others in black—making fourteen. There was also a carelessness in placing the sheets while printing the surcharges, so that in some instances the figure was "run off" from the edge of some sheets which, consequently, appear without it, adding in this way two more varieties. The whole number is thus sixteen on a single sheet of sixty stamps.

In 1882 the supply of the one penny stamps again ran short, and the four-pence stamp, light-green, was surcharged "EEN PENNY" in black upright capitals, the initial letter "E" and "P" being larger than the rest of the words. Of these provisionals there were two kinds, some having the surcharge inverted.

We would strongly urge all collectors to spare no effort to secure the whole of the above twenty provisionals if possible. As they were but a short time in use their value must constantly increase and they will always form an interesting and important feature in every collection of any pretensions.

SYSTEMATIC MAIL ROBBING.

A paper published in this province relates the following story, the facts of which we are assured are correct:

"There seems to be a good deal of systematic thieving going on in the post office department—somewhere between Boston and points in Nova Scotia. A Nova Scotian working at Taunton, Mass., during the past few months addressed five letters to his wife, living in Halifax County. Not one of them ever reached its destination. Three of them contained money. The first of the three was unregistered. The next letter contained \$30 in greenbacks was registered. Yet that fared no better than the money in the unregistered letter. But the waiting wife wanted money. And the husband wondered why his wife never wrote him. Next he sent her

a post office order for \$25. Now a money order is considered to be absolutely safe. But that letter too met the fate of all the others, and never arrived at Lawrencetown. But unlike previous letters containing greenbacks the money order was useless to the thief. He did not attempt to get it cashed, and the owner of the money will get that amount returned when a duplicate order is obtained from Washington or Ottawa. How does it happen that four or five letters, one after another, sent by the same person in a small town in Massachusetts to the same person in a small settlement in Halifax County, should be stolen?"

POSTMASTERS in the United States have received orders not to pass matter through the mail prepaid with official postage stamps, and all government officers have been notified to use the "penalty" envelopes exclusively in future. The Treasury, and perhaps other departments, have been using official stamps to pay the fee on registered letters, but they can do so no more, and the official stamps have come to their end at last.—*Ex.*

COREA.

Our attentive correspondents both in China and in Japan—to whom we desire to express our obligations—have notified us that the *quasi* kingdom of Corea has decided to issue a series of postage stamps of its own and has ordered the plates for printing them from Europe. The designs have been submitted and approved but no description of them has been made public. It is expected that the new stamps will be ready for issue about the end of the current year. Philatelists will eagerly look for them as they will bring another nation into line, postally, with the civilized world.

Corea occupies a peninsula in the north-east of China and, though it is nominally independent, both China and Japan claim a titular sovereignty over it and, we believe, both have exacted tribute from its kings. About two years ago the two empires nearly came to war over the dispute as to which had the best right to Corea. The question has not as yet been definitely settled but is in the mazes of diplomacy. Though but little is known of the interior of this country, it is asserted to contain many valuable mines of silver, lead copper, coal, etc., and to be richly wooded.



INVITATION TO PHILATELISTS ABROAD.—We shall always be pleased to receive consignments of used stamps, etc., from any of our readers in Central and South America, the West Indian Islands, Africa, all parts of Asia, and any of the islands of the Pacific. Stamps must be in perfect condition, i.e.: neither soiled or torn. Parties living in any of the above-mentioned countries who have quantities of such stamps and desire to enlarge their collections will do well to communicate with us. Any consignment that they may see fit to make will be treated with the greatest consideration, and valued at the highest market rates as per our exchange circulars which we will forward with returns. In order that our exchange correspondence may be conducted to mutual satisfaction, we will send approval sheets from which the consignee may select to his

entire satisfaction such as he wants to the value credited for remittance. We thank our world-wide correspondents for past favors and hope that our relations with them and all new ones may always be agreeable and mutually beneficial.

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NEW ISSUES Of Adhesives, Post Cards, and Envelopes.

Angola.—The following new stamps are announced:—

20 reis, red.
25 " magenta.

Also two post cards:

10 reis, blue.
30 " green.

Argentine Republic.—The current 10c., 16c., 20c., 25c. and 90c. are surcharged "oficial." The following have been added to its already large list of provisionals:

1884. black on 5c. 1867.

"1884." red on 15c. of 1867.

1884. black on 15c. of 1867.

"1 c." red on 15c. of 1867.

[We have also a specimen of the latter with the surcharge inverted.]

Also, "Cuarto Centavos, 1884" on 5c. of 1867.

These provisionals have been superseded by a ½ centavo, brown, and a 1 centavo, vermilion, of new die. The design is similar to that of 1882 but the engraving is much more artistic and the colors brighter.

Austria.—Newsbands complying with the type of the new adhesives are in use. Also, a 2 x 2 kr reply card.

Azores.—The 150 reis, yellow, have appeared with a small surcharge. The color of the 20 reis is to be changed to red. Three new post cards have been issued—a 10 reis, a 30 reis and a 10x10 (reply) reis.

Bahamas.—New 1d carmine and 4d. orange stamps of an entirely new design, are in use.

Belgium has made sudden changes in some of its stamps, as follows:—The 1c. is now grey; the 2c. and the 5c. will shortly appear in new colors. The 10 centime is of a new die which is the second change within twelve months. The 1 franc and 2 francs also appear in a new die. A new 5c. post card, green, is announced soon to appear.

Bhopal.—This principality has recently issued several new styles of stamps. The first to appear was a ½ anna, green; on wove paper, but each sheet had four errors. Then appeared stamps of ½ anna, green, with "B. L., C. I." in each corner and a ½ anna, black, of similar design. In all these the perforation is very large and coarse.

Brazil.—The 100 reis, lilac, of the new die and the 200 reis, red-brown, are in use. Other values of this design will doubtless follow.

Bulgaria has come to the front by adding to its already large series the following provisionals:

3 on 10 stotinki.
5 " 30 "
15 " 25 "

Cabul has issued a 5 annas, circular, red, of the old die.

Canada.—A provisional 1c. has been created by cutting the 2c. green in halves perpendicularly to meet the needs of certain offices. None are regarded as genuine unless with ample envelope margin so as to show full obliteration. Some of the fiscals have been employed to prepay postage.

Cape Verde.—The announcement has been made that the following new stamps and cards will appear shortly:

Stamps 20 reis, red.
25 " magenta.
Cards—10 " blue.
30 " green.

Cundinamarca.—A new 5 centavos, blue, stamp has appeared.

Ceylon.—The following changes in the color of stamps are noted. The 2c. is now green and the 24 cts. lilac-brown.

Denmark.—A local stamp for Copenhagen 10 ore, blue and rose, a letter card of 10 ore, red, and a 3 ore post card, blue are in circulation.

Dominica.—The 1 shilling carmine fiscal is surcharged in black and used for postal purposes.

It is expected that the 6d. and 1s. stamps will be soon surcharged ½d. as the supply of the latter is exhausted and the department has on hand a larger quantity of the higher values than are likely to be needed for many years.

Ecuador.—The postal cards of this republic have been changed. The new ones are of a poorer and coarser quality than their predecessors, and the 2 centavos cards are brown, in pink and in white. The ornamental work of the frame is different from those preceding them. The first address line is prefaced "Sr" instead of "Ser." The colors are not materially changed, though some philatelists find a difference of shade which we think is not sufficient to make a distinction. The current 1c. stamp has been surcharged with a larger figure "3," and made to serve for the latter value.

Egypt.—The stamps of this Pashalic have changed and are now:

10 paras, green.
20 " red.
1 piastre, blue,
5 " grey.

A reply card has also issued.

Falkland Islands.—This colony has issued its first post card—1½d. brown on buff.

Faridkot.—A ½ anna red of one of the most ancient issues has been unearthed recently.

Fernando Po.—The 2 cent de peso stamp has been surcharged as were those of the Philippine Islands with "Habilitado Para Correos 50 cent Pta."

Fiji Islands.—Fiscals of 1d. and 3d. have been employed to pay postage.

France.—The 2 franc stamp is now brown. A new envelope, 115 x 75 mm, green on white, 5c. is in use. A 60c. unpaid-letter stamp has been lately issued.

French Colonies (West Africa).—A card has been issued, 125 mm. x 90 mm., black on green, and bearing the inscription at the head of "Senegal et dependances." The card is green and the inscriptions are printed in black. The upper right-hand corner is divided off by lines creating a space in which is to be placed the adhesive. The 10 centime stamp of the current issue is used for this purpose.

Gambia.—A reply card 1½ x 1½ d. is used in this colony.

Gold Coast.—The following stamps have changed colors and are now:

½d. green.
1d. rose.
2d. gray.

Granada Confederation.—A new post card, 2 centavos, black on deep buff, has appeared.

Greece.—The 25 and 50 lepta will soon be introduced, thus adding two to the current series.

Grenada has added a new value to its series, an 8d. stamp, bistre.

Guadeloupe.—This French Colony has adopted a new series of unpaid letter stamps in which the value numeral is in a square frame with "Guadeloupe" above, and "A Pervevoir" below. The values and colors are:

5 centimes, white.
10 " blue.
15 " violet.
20 " rose.
30 " yellow.
35 " grey.
50 " green.

Guinea (Portuguese).—A new series has been introduced. The design is uniform throughout the set. It bears a profile bust of the king with the face turned to the right, enclosed in an oval with the inscription, "Guine Portugeza" above, and the value below. All are enclosed by a rectangular frame. The values and colors are:

5 reis, black,
10 " green,
20 " red,
25 " violet,
40 " yellow,
50 " blue,
100 " lilac,
200 " orange,
300 " brown.

The new post cards, 10 reis, blue, and 30 reis, green, are announced.

Hong Kong.—The 25c. green, 30c. brown, and 50c. purple, revenue stamps have been used for postal purposes as is evidenced by their bearing the post-office obliterations.

Hungary.—An official reply card of the value of 2 kr. has been issued for the convenience of tax collectors.

Italy.—This nation has presented a new series of unpaid letter stamps, which are upright rectangles 25 x 30 mm. The values in figures occupy the centre of the stamps which bear in large letters the inscription "Segnatasse-da-Lire," with the addition of "Cinquanta" for the 50 l. green and of "Cento" for 100 l. brown.

Levant.—The 7 kopeck stamps appear both in pale and in dark blue. A fiscal, 5 centesimo lilac, is reported to have been used to pay postage but the report wants confirmation.

Jamaica.—The following new post-cards have been introduced:—

½ x ½d brown on buff, (reply.)
1 x 1d blue " "
1½ d grey on buff.
1½ x 1½ d grey on buff, (reply.)

The last two are of a new design.

Japan has issued a newsband, 1 sen, deep blue, of a rather neat design. The frame of the adhesive is a long oval twelve-pointed star. Inside of this is an oval band, the upper half of which is occupied by Japanese characters and the Imperial arms. The lower half bears the inscription "Imperial Japanese Post," and across the centre horizontally is a band with a Japanese inscription. Above the latter band is the value in the Japanese language, and below "1 Sn."

Jhind.—This state has produced a diminutive square stamp, brown, of the value of ½ anna and a post card of the same value, green.

Labuan has issued provisional ½ stamps, red and blue.

Macao.—Since our last announcement a provisional of 80 reis, black, on 100 reis, lilac, has appeared. Two post cards, 10 reis, blue, and 30 reis, green, are also in use.

Martinique (F. W. Indies) has issued a black on green card without adhesive.

Mexico.—This country has added to its series a 3c. and a 25c., green, and a 5 peso and a 10 peso, blue stamps. Also, a white envelope, 145 x 90 mm. with a large circular water mark [65 mm. in diameter] in the centre bearing the eagle and the usual inscription and having an adhesive of 10c., green, in the usual corner. Two new post cards are also in use. Both are buff and are impressed with a 5c. green adhesive. One has the eagle bearing a serpent in its beak on the upper left-hand corner, and in the centre "E. U. M." traversed by a ribbon carrying the inscription "Tarjeta Postal Service Interior." The word "Senor" at the left and three dotted lines for address are printed in pink. The other card bears "Servicio Postal Mexicano" in the arc of a circle and "Tarjeta Postal" in a straight line below. The words "Servicio Interior" are at each side and as well as the inscriptions, etc., are printed in black.

Montserrat.—The ½d. stamp of the De La Rue type is in use, as is also a 1½d. card.

Mozambique.—The new stamps of this country that have been announced thus far are 20 reis, red, and 25 reis, magenta. It has also two post cards, 10 reis, blue, and 30 reis, green.

Nevis.—The 1d. has changed its color to carmine and the 2½d. to blue.

New Caledonia.—The 75c. has been again surcharged in the same way as formerly noted, but the letters are further apart.

New South Wales.—The 2d. fiscal, brown, has been employed for postage.

New Zealand.—The following fiscal stamps have served as postals:

1d., lilac and green.
1d., red and green.
1d., red.
2s. 6d. rose and blue.
9s., violet and red.

Nicaragua.—A reply paid card, 3 x 3 c, blue on yellow, has been issued. The arms of the State are in a triangle surrounded by a circular band bearing the inscription "Union Postal Universal." Below

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the triangle are the words "Republica de Nicaragua" and "3 centavos." Cards for 2c. and 3c. and 2 x 2c. reply of the same design are in use.

Norway.—A post card for army use has appeared. It is 140 x 93 mm., and is blue on yellowish ground headed "Militaert Tjenestebrekort." The 12 ore stamp has changed its color from green to brown, and the new 25 ore stamp has appeared. The following locals are also in use: For Drammens, 10 ore, blue on black and 10 ore blue on gray. For Drontheim 4 ore brown.

Orange Free State.—A new 2d mauve of the same type as the rest of the current series has made its appearance.

Paraguay.—The 1 real stamp was surcharged with a large figure "1" in black, and is used for 1 centavo provisionally. The new 1c., green, 2c. red and 5c. blue stamps have just been issued. In them the arms occupy the center surrounded by a circular band inscribed "Republica del Paraguay." Above this is the word "Centavo," and below in two lines "Union Postal" and "Universal." The four corners are occupied by the figures of value in circles. They are printed in blue-green on thin paper, without water marks. The following post cards were also provisionally used:—A three centavo card was made by attaching a new 1c. stamp to the old 2c. card and the 6 x 6 reply card, bearing the surcharge "3" on each card, has been made to do duty as a 5 x 5c. reply, by surcharging also "2 centavo" on one and "5" over the "3" on the other card.

Peru. The largely varied series of the stamps of this country has received the addition of three provisionals, viz:—

The 10 shahi is halved and each half surcharged "5 shahi" in blue.

The 10c. is similarly treated in the same way, and surcharged.

The 1fr. is also halved, and each half surcharged "10 shahi" in red.

Peru. This republic is noted among philatelists for the immense field occupied by its almost innumeral varieties of provisionals, and we now have to add the following to the list as the newest of the sisterhood which have appeared:—

The unpaid letter stamps of 1, 5, 10 and 20 centavos have received the triangular surcharge in black.

The 1 and the 50 centavos have also received a red circular surcharge in addition to the above.

The 5c. adhesive is surcharged in black with a circle bearing in the upper half "Correos," and in the lower, "Lima," and in the centre a figure of the sun. The same stamps in some instances bear "Cuzco," in others, "Paseo," and again in others "Puno."

The 10c. red envelopes are surcharged "Puno,"

Porto Rico.—The 20 and the 80 cent de peso have changed color. It is announced that a post card will shortly be issued.

Portugal.—The following stamps, new in die and design have appeared:

- 2 reis, black.
- 10 " green.
- 20 " red.
- 500 " black.
- 1000 " "

The first-named has the numeral in an oval and has also "Correos E. Telegraphos" above and the value below the oval. Those of all other values have the portrait of the King in the centre, surrounded by the word "Portugal," at the top "Telegraphos" on the right, "Cotreos" on the left, and the value at the bottom. A reply card, 10 x 10 r of this new die is in use.

Roumania.—The color of the 5 bani has been changed to dark green.

Santander [U. S. of Columbia] has issued the following stamps:

- 1 centavo, blue.
- 5 " red.
- 10 " lilac.

These are all the values yet received by us through the entire series will doubtless be completed before long.

Sandwich Islands [Hawaii].—For a detailed description of the new envelopes, alluded to in our last, please see editorial description in the appropriate columns of this issue.

Sierra Leone.—The color of the new 1/2d. stamps is green. The 2d. is blue and the 4d. brown.

Stellaland. Since describing the new 1d. in our last issue the following additional values of the same series and type have appeared:

- 3d., orange,
- 4d., blue.
- 6d., lilac.
- 1s., green.

St. Christopher.—A new 1d., red and a 2 1/2d., blue, are in use. The 6d. green, black and blue and the 1s. rose, black and blue [fiscals] have served for postals.

St. Lucia.—The fiscals 1/2d. black and green, and 4d., black and yellow, have been used on letters for postage.

Straits Settlements [Bankok].—The 5c., blue, is surcharged with a large capital "B." Also, the 2c., rose, is surcharged in black Roman capitals "Perak."

St. Thomas and Princes' Islands.—The following new stamps are announced:

- 10 reis, green.
- 20 " red.
- 25 " magenta.
- 40 " yellow.

Also two post cards, 10 reis, blue, and 30 reis, green.

Sweden. A new series to bear the King's profile is announced to shortly appear.

Tahiti.—The current perforated 20c. stamp of this French Colony has been surcharged "TAHITI 5c."

in several different positions.

Transvaal.—The following new stamps of the usual die have issued for this republic:

- 1/2d., grey.
- 1d., carmine.
- 2d., violet.
- 3d., orange.
- 4d., grey-green.
- 6d., blue.
- 1s., green.
- 2s. 6d., yellow.
- 5s., blue-green.
- 10s., brown.

Trinidad.—Two newshands have issued, viz.: 1/2d., green, and 1d., carmine. They resemble those of Barbados. Also a 2d., blue, registration envelope.

United States of Colombia. A 50c., brown, of the current type is in use.

United States.—A new die for the 2c. envelope which somewhat resembles those introduced in November 1883, has appeared. This makes the third die that has been used within a year. The second die was used sometimes with brown ink and sometimes with red. The first always in red and the third altogether with brown, thus making four varieties. Each of these varieties was impressed on four different colors of paper: white, buff brown and blue. We have thus sixteen distinct varieties of 2c. stamped envelopes. We observe that some of our philatelic exchanges, by following closer deviations count up many as eighty-one varieties, but we are satisfied with leaving others to consult their own tastes on minor points.

Uruguay. A new 5c. stamp is in preparation, and will shortly be introduced. This will complete a very handsome series of stamps of this republic now current.

Virgin Islands. The new 2 1/2d. stamps are printed in blue.

We are indebted to our many friends in various parts of the world for furnishing us with early information of contemplated or accomplished changes, new issues and provisionals. Such information is always fully appreciated and will be noticed by us. We hope that they all continue their kind offices.

OUR EXCHANGES.

We are always glad to exchange with all publishers of philatelic papers who will send theirs regularly. Publishers will confer a favor, which will be reciprocated, if desired, by sending two copies—one for editorial purposes and the other for filing.

The following are those most recently received: The Philatelic Referee, General Anzeiger fur Philatelie, Stamp World, Philatelic Globe, Clebes Courant, West African Reporter, L'Ami Timbres, Union Tribune (late Moon), Philatelistische Berichte, Philatelic Monthly, New England Philatelist, Stamp News, The Philatelist, California Philatelist, Universum, Independent Philatelist, Guia Collectionista, Health and Home, Philatelic World, Our Own Fireside, Mittheilungen of the W. Philatelic Club, Shorthand Writer, Welt-Post, Moniteur des Timbrophiles, Canadian Philatelist, Collector's Companion, Capital City Philatelist, Our American Youth, Philatelic Gazette, Chair City Collector, Philatelic Herald, L'Union Timbrophiles, Southern Collector. The Collector, The Hermes, The Stamp Collector, Der Bucharester Philatelist.

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We warn our philatelic friends against the following parties whom our experience has, we are sorry to say, proved to be swindlers. We will spare no effort to make their true characters known in the philatelic world, and request other publishers to aid us in this good work.

The Postmaster at St. Vincent, W. I., has not accounted for money sent to him by Henry Hechler over three years since, though it has been proved that the registered letters containing remittances reached their destination in safety. The Home Department will be applied to, and a demand for thorough investigation made, unless immediate settlement, for which we have written, is made.

If the following do not at once settle their indebtedness to us we shall publish full particulars of each case in our next issue:

H. R., Russia.....	\$3 10
R. B. L., Porto Rico.....	5 42
F. R. V., ".....	5 85
P. A., Peru.....	13 20
M. G. Z., Turkey.....	5 90
F. D. S., Brazil (balance).....	3 00
J. B. J., Belgium.....	6 50
M. D., France.....	0 50

Mr. L. L., of Brazil, requests us to place F. D. S., of the same country, on our Black List, as he has been indebted to him for \$7.50 in cash sent, for which he has never accounted or remitted. Mr. A. D'O British Guiana, requests us to place Mr. J. R., of St. Th., W. I., in this list, requesting immediate settlement.

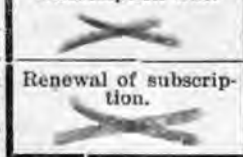
If any of the above wish to avoid further publicity and unenviable notoriety they will consult their interests by prompt settlement. We shall not spare them if they do not do so after this warning.

We withhold allusion to several others who appear to be trying to swindle us or our correspondents, but we assure them that if the delinquencies are not speedily explained or made good we shall give details in our next which will prove more interesting and valuable reading to others than to them.

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On the 1d. carmine, type of 1860, was in 1873 surcharged in black horizontally, the word "POSTAGE" (without period) in block capital letters 1½ mm. long.

In the following year (1874) the same stamp was vertically surcharged on each side with "POSTAGE" (no period) in Roman capitals, 2 mm. long.

In 1875 the 1d. orange and 6d. rose fiscals of the 1870 issue were used as postals without any surcharge.

From 1875 to '79 the word "POSTAGE" (without period) in Roman capitals, 2 mm. long was surcharged horizontally in black on the 1d. carmine, 6d. mauve and lilac, and the 1d. green of the types of 1860 to '64. In some of the 1d. stamps the surcharge was reversed. In 1877 the 1d. orange fiscal was used provisionally as postage with the same surcharge in black. In 1875 the 1d. rose, issue of 1874, was surcharged HALF ½ HALF in

black Roman capitals. The same stamp is also found with the word "HALF" horizontally surcharged in Roman capitals 2½ mm. long. The numeral ½ is found in various positions in different specimens—above the word "HALF," below it, in its centre and on all parts of the stamp.

In 1877 we find the 1d. orange fiscal of 1870 used for postal purposes, and surcharged in black in two lines—"POSTAGE" in Roman capitals and "Half-penny" with capital "H"—and the original value is obliterated by three black lines. In some cases the surcharge is reversed.

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The practice hitherto has been to have this work performed by hand, and the most expert operators could not get through with more than forty letters per minute, and the average would not probably exceed about fifteen. A day's work is eight-and-a-half-hours. In this time at forty a minute a man would cancel and mark 20,400 while at the average of fifteen he would only reach 8,550. This machine however sends letters flying through it at a rate of 150 to 200 a minute, and its inventor, Mr. M. V. B. Etheridge of Massachusetts, claims that it can manage 300 letters per minute, a quantity greater than the hand-work of six of the best stampers.

The method of its working is extremely simple, and is thus described in the "Herald" of Boston, Mass., in which city the first machine was put up:—

The machine takes but very little space, and stands up to one of the large tables on which the letters are picked up for facing. The operator, as fast as he can pick up the letters, drops them separately into a V-shaped hopper, through which they are carried, and automatically adjusted, stamped, counted and registered, uniformly packed, and propelled to the sorting table ready for distribution to outgoing mails, all by one continuous and mechanical operation. The machine is operated by steam, and can be run at almost unlimited speed. The lower side of the hopper is an inclined table, with hands moving over it in a horizontal direction, their surface at an angle with the facing table where the letters are dropped in. Upon the lowest edge of these hands is a shoulder or projection, forming a moving bottom to the hopper—the upper side of the hopper being a part of the frame-work of the machine. The object of this device is to instantly adjust letters that are hastily deposited in it, and convey them without friction into the stamping rolls. In order to locate the cancelling impression with uniform accuracy upon each letter, regardless of various thickness and size, and also to prevent a deposit of ink when there is no letter in the stamping rolls, there is a simple mechanism, strong and effective, and yet so extremely sensitive as not to injure the most delicate envelope. The peculiarity of this mechanism is that it is controlled by the letter itself while passing through. After passing through the stamping rolls, the letters, by cams with pressure fingers, are packed uniformly in piles. Packages of various thickness, from half an inch and up to a foot long, went through the same as a letter, the self-adjustable stamping rolls affording no more obstruction than if the parcels were ordinary letters. Newspapers in wrappers, postal cards, letters, went through in endless variety. Even a newspaper without a wrapper and simply folded, went through. Mr. Etheridge claims four principles upon which he depends for the success of the machine. First, the method of facing letters directly into the machine, instead of punching them in the hand; second, the shape, position and construction of the hopper to properly act upon the letters placed in it; third, the mechanism operated and controlled by the letter that is passing through the machine, and in turn operating and controlling the printing roll, all of which is inoperative without the letter; and fourth, the calm movement that packs and conveys the letters from the stamping rolls to the sorting tables."

IMPORTANCE OF DISTINCTIONS.

It is to be much regretted that many collectors, especially the younger ones, do not appear to appreciate the importance of the distinctions that scientific philatelists make in such matters as perforations, marked changes in color, water-marks, etc. A little consideration of the subject will convince anyone that upon these depends almost entirely the value of any collection.

For instance, many British colonies used for their first issues, paper bearing the water-mark of C. C. and a crown. For this was afterwards substituted a paper with the

water-mark C. A. and a crown. In these instances, the water-mark proves what issue a particular stamp belongs to, and in most cases determines its genuineness. So also in the Cuban stamps of 1855, 1856 and 1857, unless particular attention is given to the water-marks it is impossible to distinguish them from each other.

We might continue to give innumerable illustrations on this subject, but we think we have said enough to prove that our point is well taken, and that this is a matter of prime importance to every one desiring to have a collection worthy of the name.

Our own opinion, founded on long observation and much experience, is that all stamps should be water-marked, and that these water-marks should be periodically changed. We would strongly commend a consideration of this matter to the Postmasters-General of all countries. The expense that would be involved would be little or nothing.

EDITOR.

WEST INDIAN CONFEDERATION.

A scheme was lately proposed with a great flourish of trumpets for the admission of the British West Indian Colonies—especially Jamaica—into the "happy family" composing the Dominion of Canada—as if there were not already enough discordant elements in this "embryo nation" without introducing more—but it seems that the project has been suffered to die a natural death from inanition. Philatelically speaking the only interest that the proposal could arise from the fact the colonies that might be so admitted would, of course, lose their distinctive stamps and a hope would arise that, in such a case, the re-formed Dominion might possibly be favored with a new series of stamps.

POSTAL CORRESPONDENCE EXCHANGE.

We are happy to be able to say that our proposition in the April number of this journal, to make our office a central bureau for the interchange of philatelic information and views has met with a gratifying degree of appreciation on the part of our many correspondents in every quarter of the globe, and that some of our exchanges, notably "The Philatelic Referee," have cordially endorsed the scheme.

As the "Referee" very practically remarks: "a scheme of this description, the success of which depends upon its main features being universally known, cannot develop into a giant among its brethren in a few months, or even years." We are, therefore, much encouraged by the prompt responses already made to our suggestion.

The practical usefulness of the idea has been demonstrated in that we have been enabled to receive and to communicate information to enquirers at the earliest possible moment. The importance of this will be appreciated by all philatelists. Instead of waiting for the comparatively slow process of the mails, and the trouble and expense of writing to different countries, it will be easy—if our plan becomes fully successful—by applying

Foreign Correspondence solicited.

directly to the central bureau to obtain reliable information at once on any point of interest.

We are willing to exercise to the full the patience that we know will be required for the perfection of the system, but would, meanwhile, urge upon our friends and correspondents everywhere to assist us as far as they can, for they may be certain that they will reap, in the long-run, the benefit of all that they may do in this regard.

THE FIRST COLLECTION.

The question as to who was the first philatelist to make a collection has been frequently mooted, but it will probably never be settled. Dr. Viner a well-known authority on all philatelic matters, says that the first he ever saw was in 1854, and other authorities refer to about the same date. The one cited by Dr. Viner would be a curiosity in the present day when the science has so much advanced. We are sorry that there is no means of ascertaining whether this "first collection" is now in existence or not. If it is and its authenticity could be credibly established the fact that it was the first or at least one of the first on record, would make it priceless. Its arrangement was at once original and in keeping with the infancy of the study which has grown to such vast proportions in our day. It was in the shape of a large chart in which the names of the countries stood in a column on the left and the stamps of each were placed in horizontal lines opposite the names. This collection is reported to have comprised only about one hundred stamps.

It is really astonishing to reflect that from such a feeble beginning has been developed the noble science in which we all delight. Though many thoughtlessly deride it as a "childrens' craze," and fancy—they do not think on the subject—that it will soon pass away, still the incontrovertible FACTS remain that it occupies the time and engages the talents of thousands of able, thoughtful MEN, that it publishes hundreds of papers throughout the world that pay for their publication and are read with eager interest by millions of people. It is growing daily in strength and in the numbers of its varieties. It has evidently a splendid future before it.

It is indisputable that to the patient, earnest efforts of philatelists the world to-day enjoys the benefits of the system known as "The Universal Postal Union," whereby its correspondence is conveyed to regions the most remote at rates the cheapness would have surprised the men of even twenty years ago.

We are happy to note that in some countries the postal authorities labor hand in hand with philatelists and ask for and accept their suggestions as to the best methods of serving the public interests. This advice is necessarily perfectly disinterested and, being the result of careful study and deep thought, is, its nature, valuable. We note that those countries who most rely upon such advice have the most efficient postal system. Philatelic Exhibitions recur more frequently as time advances and they are projected, organised and carried out under the open, direct auspices and encouragement of the postal authorities of the countries in which they are held.

Grave Ministers of State and Royal Princes lend the influence of their names and give their own labors and presence to ensure the success of these exhibitions.

With all these facts to encourage philatelists and with all the aids now at the hand of students in the science he must be a "doubting Thomas" indeed who hesitates as to the permanence and usefulness of PHILATELY.

A POST OFFICE THIEF SENTENCED.

We took occasion in our July number to allude to the frequency with which the Canadian mails have been robbed by the clerks who are entrusted with the duty and responsibility of handling them. We then strongly urged that the law as provided for such cases should be rigidly administered without favor or affection, and a detected thief in the Post Office should be punished for his crime besides being dismissed from the service.

We are glad now to report that our advice has been followed in a case that recently came up in Montreal. Of course we regret that the young man in question should have yielded to temptation and by his action have blighted his young life and disgraced his friends. But the interests of the public demanded that an example should be made, which we trust may be a warning to others in similar positions who may feel an inclination to tamper with the mails.

A Montreal paper gives the following account of the trial scene, which occurred on the 10th of December last:

The Post Office clerk, J. O. Avila Chartier, appeared in the dock to answer a charge of having stolen a letter and its contents, the property of the Post Office. The prisoner was a young and respectable looking man, with a slight moustache and apparently twenty-two years of age. He wore spectacles and was neatly dressed. He appeared to feel his position very acutely, and he never once raised his head during the passing of sentence. Chartier pleaded guilty to the charge, and, when asked if he had anything to say, he said that he threw himself on the mercy of the court. Judge Desnoyers said that in this case he could extend very little mercy to the prisoner. The offence was so grave that the law provided that the minimum penalty was five years penal servitude. Prisoner was a young man of good education and with excellent recommendations which obtained for him the position in the post office. It was unfortunate to see a young fellow in his position beginning his career in such a way, but it was especially unfortunate in this case because the evidence showed that from the first time the prisoner entered the Post Office he had commenced to steal letters. The sentence of the court was that prisoner should be imprisoned in the Penitentiary of St. Vincent de Paul for five years. The prisoner was then removed.

Since writing the above another case is reported from Manitoba, in which the amount of the peculations is stated to be several thousands of dollars. The robber in this case fled to Chicago, whence he was taken back to Winnipeg. As he has not yet been tried we cannot give the result.

ONE of our English exchanges notes that the remaining stock of the pence issue of Mauritius, having been bought up by private parties, has been fraudulently surcharged with a post office obliteration and is now offered for sale as genuine used stamps of that colony. We would caution our readers to be on their guard against these.

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NEW ISSUES

Of Adhesives, Post Cards,
and Envelopes.

Antioquia.—The 1 centavo of 1876, printed in lilac, and the 5 centavos of 1884, printed in yellow—both on white laid paper—and the 10 centavos of 1884, printed in blue, on bluish paper, have been received.

Antigua.—The 1d., carmine, is now of the new die.

Bermuda.—A 2½d., blue, of a new design, has appeared, being a new value in the current series.

Brazil. We inform our philatelic friends that since our last number we have received six new letter cards of this empire. They are all light green externally and white inside. The colors of imprints and denominations of the first three are as follows:

- 50, carmine.
- 100, blue.
- 200, green.

They each bear the single inscription "Carta Bilhete," and the adhesive has a nearly full-faced portrait of the Emperor, Dom Pedro. There are four lines of direction, the first of which has at the left hand "Ill^{mo}" in italics. The second three are of the same values and colors. The differences are that artistic scrolls appear extending from the left side and from the bottom of the adhesives, nearly to the margins of the cards. At the bottom of the adhesive on the 200 reis and at the side of it on the 100 reis is a dragon between the scroll work and the stamp of value. The 200 reis has in addition to the other inscriptions on this side, under the line "Carta Bilhete," a line "Carte Lettre." The obverse side of these latter three are also inscribed centrally as follows:

All have "Carta Bilhete" in an arc of a circle above. The 50 reis has beneath this a crown over "50 reis," and both are surrounded by fancy scroll-work, and have "Brazil" in a curved line below. The 100 reis has the Imperial coat of arms with scroll-work in the center and "100 reis" below. In the 200 reis card the center of the obverse is occupied by an irregular ellipse of net work bearing "200" in the ground color of the card, and below it is the word "REIS" in block capitals. Beneath this again is the word "Brazil" in thin italic capitals. The imprint on the 50 reis is in very light carmine. On the other two it is in green, a shade darker than the ground work of the surface.

Bulgaria.—Three unpaid letter stamps have been added to the series of this principality. Their values and colors are as follows:

- 5 statinka, orange.
- 25 " blue.
- 50 " carmine.

CANADA.—There has been a recent change in the position of the imprinted stamp in the reply cards. It now appears on the upper left-hand corner instead of the upper right as usual. Otherwise the card is the same as the ordinary ones.

Cashmere.—The color of the 1 anna stamp has been changed to green. A new post card, rose on blue, ½ anna has appeared.

Chile.—A post card, 3c., grey on red, is in use.

Corea.—This kingdom has just come into line with other nations by adopting a series of stamps. Our attentive correspondent, E. O., has sent us specimens of two of these—a 5mn., rose, for interior, and a 10mn., blue, for exterior use. Both are of very similar designs, the center being occupied by four circles within each other. The space between the two outer circles is white. That between the second and third and between the third and fourth are one-half white and the other the color of the stamp, but the halves are transversed. In the stamp of 5mn, elliptical frames occupy each of the four sides except the corners, in which are circles. The four frames and the two upper circles bear Corean characters. The left-hand lower circle has a large figure 5, while that on the right-hand bears the letters Mx. In the 10mn. stamp a larger circle, outside the four above mentioned, leaves a light-blue space which is occupied by a Corean inscription in dark-blue letters. The four corners are occupied each by an octagon bearing Corean characters. Across the top is the word "Corean,"

at either side "Post," and across the bottom the legend "10 Mn."

- 5 mandarins, rose [interior use.]
- 10 " blue [exterior use.]

We are just informed that immediately after these stamps had been issued the recent riots occurred, when the rioters destroyed the post office with the stock of stamps and the plates for printing them so that the government has been obliged to order new plates, which will undoubtedly be of new designs. It is self-evident therefore that the few stamps that were saved of the first emission must become very valuable.

Eastern Roumelia.—We are informed that the current series is to be shortly changed and will be as follows:

- 5 paras, violet.
- 10 " green.
- 20 " rose.
- 1 piastre, blue.
- 5 " brown.

Egypt.—A new series is announced to appear this month.

Fiji Islands.—The 1d. stamp is now printed on ultra marine.

Finland (Helsingfors.)—A 10 pennia stamp, green and brown, on white paper, is in use.

French Colonies.—Some of these colonies are using the current unperforated unpaid letter stamps. The values are: 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 and 60 centimes, black, and 1 and 2 fr.

Gambia.—A reply card, 1½ x 1½d. is in use.

Germany. A new set of army service stamps was announced to appear on the beginning of the year. We will give full details in our next issue.

Greece.—The 20 and 50 lepta stamps have been introduced to use. Our attentive correspondent in Athens informs us that a new series of a very beautiful design is being prepared in Belgium for this country, and will soon be put in circulation. This series will bear the effigy of Mercury and promises to be executed in the highest style of art.

Guadeloupe.—The following are the colors and values of the new series of unpaid letter stamps:

- 5c., black on white.
- 10c., " blue.
- 15c., " violet.
- 20c., " rose.
- 30c., " yellow.
- 35c., " grey.
- 50c., " green.

Haiti.—The 70c. fiscal is used for postage.

Hungary.—A 2 kr. post card, lilac, on buff, measuring 144 x 88 mm, is in use.

Italy.—The following stamps have been issued for parcel post service:

- 50c., dark green.
- 70c., green.
- 1 lire 25c., yellow.
- 1 lire 75c., brown.

Also two unpaid letter stamps, 50 lire, green, and 100 lire, red.

Iceland. Three reply cards are used in this colony.

- 5x5 ore, blue.
- 8x8 " mauve.
- 10x10 " carmine.

Japan has issued two reply cards similar in design to the single cards. They are:

- 1x1 sen, for interior use.
- 1x1 sen, for exterior use.

The inscriptions on the former are entirely in Japanese characters. The latter has in the upper left-hand corner "Carte Postale" in a straight line with "Union Postal" above and "Universelle" below in arcs of a circle.

Johore.—The 2c. Straits Settlements stamp has been surcharged in black with the name of this state for use there. An error occurs in some of these surcharges in that the final "e" is omitted.

Labuan.—The 16c., blue is surcharged with \$1, and the initials of the post master in red.

Levant.—A new series of stamps has been put in use. Values and colors are:

- 1k., orange.
- 2k., green.
- 3k., carmine.
- 5k., violet.
- 7k., blue.

Madeira.—The 2½ reis, drab, bears the name of the colony as a surcharge, but inverted.

Mexico. This republic has come to the front with a letter card. It is of a large size with the usual perforation on three sides. The inscription is in black, and the upper right-hand corner is occupied by the green 10c stamp of the current series.

Since our announcement in the July number this country has introduced several new styles of registration stamps.

The letter registration stamps are rectangular frames, with the two upper corners cut off. The upper two-thirds of the field thus made contains a circular white band. The legend "Servicio Postal Mexicano" is around the upper half and "Certificado" on the lower. A large "C" in white occupies the center of the circle formed by the band, the rest of the circle being traversed by fine wave lines. Beneath this is space resembling that on a bank check, with "No. and a field to be filled in. At the base of the stamp on white ground "(Mexico D. F.)" These are in two colors, bright vermilion and rose. The packet registration stamp is also in two colors the same as the above but is an oblong octagonal. The left-hand third of the stamp is parted off from the right-hand portion by a triple perpendicular line, and the portion thus separated is occupied by a large "C," shaded. The right hand of the stamp contains "PAQUETTE" "DE CERTIFICADOS." "No." [with field to place the number upon] and "Mexico" each in different lines. Veracruz has a packet and letter registration stamp of the same style as the packet stamp of the republic, except that it is printed in blue and is somewhat larger. The position occupied by the letter "C" in the above is filled by a shaded "R." The right-hand two-thirds of the stamp bears the lines "BUREAU D'EXCHANGE DE," "VERACRUZ," "Paquet de lettres recommandees," and, below these three lines, "No." with a field to place the number upon.

Monaco.—A new series of stamps for this principality has been prepared in France, and was to be issued on the advent of the present year. They are to bear the effigy of His Serene Highness.

Montserrat.—A reply card, 1½x1½d., has appeared. The ½d. stamp, green, and the 4d. mauve, both of the new die, are in use.

Nevis.—A reply card 1½x1½d. is issued. The color of the current 4d. stamps has been changed to grey and the 6d. of the new die is in use.

New Zealand.—The current 1d. has been used provisionally as a ½d. stamp by surcharging it "HALF"

Registration envelopes of three different sizes are in use. They are:
217x126 mm.
151x 98 "
133x 82 "

Nicaragua has a reply card 3x3c., blue on yellow.

Norway. The following locals for Tronsberg are in use:

- 1 ore, blue on rose.
- 3 ore, green on green.
- 5 ore, rose on blue.
- 10 ore, carmine on white.

Ottoman Empire.—A new series of stamps has been introduced of the same die as the last, but the colors differ, and are as follows:

- 10 paras, green on pale green.
- 20 " rose on pink.
- 1 piastre, blue on pale blue.
- 2 " yellow on pale yellow.
- 5 " rose on light green.

The same stamps have also been surcharged in black Turkish characters with the equivalent of "Katcha," i. e. "contraband." Two new post cards, 20 paras, rose, and 20 x 20 paras, rose, have been issued.

Paraguay.—Two post cards have been issued bearing the new adhesives, 2c. red and 3c. blue.

Perak.—The 4c., rose, stamp of the Straits Settlements has been surcharged for use in this place, with two lines, "2 cents" and "Perak."

Peru.—We take pleasure in notifying our readers

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that since our last issue this republic has issued six new post cards, viz.:

- 3c. black on white.
- 4c. "
- 5c. "
- 3x3c., blue on buff.
- 4x4c. "
- 5x5c. "

Porto Rico.—A three-cent post card, white, with brown impression, has been issued. The design of the adhesive is the same as that of the current stamp of that value, and occupies the usual position.

Russia.—The 1k., orange, stamp has come into use and makes a very fine appearance.

South Australia has adopted a new newsband. It differs from the last issue in that the legend "South Australa" is larger and the arms are smaller. A new service band, 1d., black on violet, is in use.

St. Christopher.—The color of the 4d. stamp has been changed from blue to grey.

St. Domingo is soon to indulge in a new series, now preparing in New York, that will supersede, and suppress the large field of provisionals.

St. Helena.—A 1/2d. stamp, surcharged on the 6d., green, in the usual manner, has appeared.

Straits Settlements.—The following provisionals have appeared:

Two CENTS, black, perpendicularly on the 5c. blue.

4 CENTS, in red, horizontally on the 5 cents, blue.

8 CENTS, in black, horizontally on 12c., purple.

In the case of the latter it was found that the figure "8" was not sufficiently prominent to be readily distinguished and the stamp was, after a short time, re-surcharged with a larger figure "8" in bright vermilion. We are glad to acknowledge our indebtedness to our attentive correspondent, C. P. S., of China, for this information.

Sungei Ujong.—The current 2c. stamp of the Straits settlements has been surcharged with the name of this place in black.

Tahiti.—We have to add to the provisionals of this colony noted in our last issue that the following have also been used surcharged in the same manner as then described:

- 1c. on the current 20c.
- 25c. on the 1fr. of a former issue.

Tasmania (Van Dieman's Land.) A new 1d. card, prepared in this colony, has been issued.

Tolimar.—An attentive correspondent in Bogota has kindly favored us with specimens of the following set, unperfected:

- 1c., grey.
- 2c., lilac.
- 2 1/2c., rose.
- 5c., brown.
- 10c., blue.
- 20c., yellow-green.
- 25c., black.
- 50c., green.
- 1 peso, red.
- 1 " purple.
- 5 " yellow-brown.
- 10 " orange.

Trinidad.—Two new registration envelopes are out. They are of the following sizes: 132x82 mm. and 152x98 mm.

Turks Island.—The color of the current 4d. stamp of this colony has been changed from blue to grey.

Uruguay.—The new series as well as the 5c. blue, of the first issue, the second types have been surcharged.

Victoria.—The 1d., brown, fiscal is used for postal purposes. The new stamp of this value is emerald-green.

Venezuela.—Quite a variety (as regards color and tone) of post cards of this republic has appeared.

We are indebted to our many friends in various parts of the world for furnishing us with early information of contemplated or accomplished changes, new issues and provisionals. Such information is always fully appreciated and will be noticed by us. We hope that they all continue their kind offices.

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THE HIGHEST BIDDERS can secure FOR CASH ONLY—no exchange will under any circumstances be accepted—the following stamps, all warranted genuine and in the best state of preservation:—

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- " " 1831, prov'l, 1c. red on 15c. blue (surch. reversed).
- *BERMUDA.—Prov'l, 1d. on 2d. blue, 1d. on 3d. buff, 3d. on 2d. blue.
- BRITISH GUIANA—1853, 4c. blue.
- " 1860, 1c. rose.
- " 1882, prov'l (12c. light mauve, type of 1860), surcharged "1c. official."
- " (24c. green, type of 1863), surcharged "2c. official."
- " 1863, 45c. red.
- *CANADA.—1877, "Service" envelopes, entire, 1c. blue and 3c. red.
- " " "Official" envelopes, entire, 1c. blue and 3c. red.
- " 1881, prov'l, 1c. green (halved 2c.).
- *CAPE OF GOOD HOPE—1860, wood-block, 1d. vermilion and 4d. blue.
- *COSTA RICA.—1881, prov'l, 2c. brick-red (in reverse) on 1 real blue.
- *CURACAO.—1880, prov'l, post card 7 1/2c. on 12 1/2c. (surch. in reverse).
- *DOMINICA.—1882, prov'l, post card, 1d. carmine on white.
- " (stamp) 4d. surch. reversed.
- *DOMINICAN REP.—1883, prov'l, 1 franco 25 centimos, surch. in black on 25c. mauve (with network).
- " prov'l, 2 francos 50 centimos, surch. in black on 50c. yellow (without network).
- *GRANADA CONF.—1861, 1 peso, light rose.
- *GRENADA.—1881, prov'l, 1d. purple (error "Ostage" instead of "Postage" in surch.).
- *GUADALOUPE.—1881, prov'l, 20c. on 30c. brown.
- " " 25c. " 35c. yellow.
- " " 20c. " 30c. brown.
- " " 20c. " 30c. "
- " " 25c. " 35c. yellow.
- " " 25c. " 35c. "
- *GUATEMALA.—1873, " 1 peso, yellow.
- JAMAICA—1877, prov'l, postcards, blue and red on white.
- " " 1d., 1d. and 3d.
- " " 1d., 1d. and 3d. (interlaced frame).
- *MAIL PACKET (R. M. S. P. C.)—10c. rose.
- *MEXICO—1856, 4 rls. red, 8 rls. claret, 8 rls. green on brown.
- 1861, 4 rls. brown, 4 rls. red on yellow, 8 rls. green on brown.
- 1864, eagle, 3c. brown.
- 1865 (Maximilian), lith., 7c., 13c., 25c. and 50c.
- 1867, prov'l, 1 r. blue, 2 rls. green on blue (Guadalajara) 1867, prov'l, an real, white, rose, lilac, yellow-green, light blue.
- 1867, prov'l, 2 reales, white, rose, lilac, yellow-green, light blue.
- 1868, prov'l, an real, white, rose, lilac, yellow-green, light blue.
- 1868, prov'l, 2 reales white, rose, lilac, yellow-green, light blue.
- Registration Stamps (R), blue.
- " (C), "Paquette."
- " "De Certificado," vermilion.
- " (C), "Paquette," "De Certificado," rose.
- " (C), "Service Postal Certificado," vermilion.
- " (C), "Service Postal Certificado," rose.
- " (R), "Bureau D'Exchange De Veracruz," blue.
- *MONTEVIDEO—1856 (Diligencia), 60c. blue and 1 real red.
- " (thick figures) 60c., 80c., 100c., 120c. and 180c.
- 1850 (thin figures), 60c., 80c., 100c., 120c. and 180c.
- " (block letters) 180c. and 240c.
- 1883, prov'l, 5c. green, surch. reversed.
- 1884, " 1c. black on 10c. red, surch. reversed.
- NATAL—1877, prov'l, 1/2d. surch. black double and triple on 1d. rose.

- NEW BRUNSWICK—1857, 3d. (unused), 6d. and 1s. (used).
- NEWFOUNDLAND—1857, 4d. (used) and 8d. (unused), both orange red 1865, 5c. brown.
- NOVA SCOTIA—1850, 1d. red-brown, 3d. blue (on blue and on white paper).
- " 6d. dark and light green, 1s. violet.
- " 1860, 8 1/2c. green.
- ORANGE FREE STATE—Prov'l, 4d. black on 6d. rose—two different types reversed.
- " " 5s. green.
- PERU—1882, 10c. green, surch. with Chilean arms in red in reverse.
- " 10c. green, surch. with Chilean arms in black reverse.
- " 10c. green, surch. with Chilean arms in blue reverse.
- " 10c. green, surch. with Chilean arms in purple reverse.
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- " green " 10 " " "
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“ “ “ ½c. black “ 15 “	75	*Persia, 1882, 5fr.....	25
“ “ “ 1c. carmine “ 15 “	12	* “ “ 10fr.....	36
* “ “ “ 4c. black “ 5 red.....	8	* “ “ 1884, prov'l, 6sh on 5sh.....	18
Bahamas, 1882, 1d. scarlet, perf. w.m. C. A. and crown... 36		* “ “ “ 12sh. on 50c. black.....	48
“ “ “ 4d. rose “ “ “	50	* “ “ “ 18sh. on 50c. orange.....	36
*Bermuda, 1873-5, prov'l. 3d. on 1sh. (Roman).....	75	* “ “ “ 18sh. on 10sh.....	25
* “ “ “ 3d. “ 2d. (do.)	2 50	* “ “ “ 1 Toman on 5frs	75
Bolivar, 1863, 1 peso red... ..	60	Peru, 1883-4, 5c. olive green (arms) surcharged Arequipa	85
Bolivia, 1866, 5c. yellow green.....	50	“ “ “ 10c. dull blue “ “	85
“ “ “ 50c. yellow	50	“ “ “ 5c. blue (head) “ “	75
*Brazil, 1843, 30 reis (large Roman).....	75	“ “ “ 10c. olive green (head) “ “	75
* “ “ “ 60 “ “	50	“ “ “ 5 olive green (arms) “ Cuzco	75
“ “ “ 1878, 700 “ red-brown	75	“ “ “ 10c. dull blue “ “	1 00
*British Guiana, 1882, prov'l 1c. on 48c. vermilion of 1863 1 25		* “ “ 1885, 10c. grey “ “ Arequipa..	60
* “ “ “ 2c. “ 96c. drab of 1876.....	36	Philippine Islands, 1859-61, 5c. orange red.....	1 25
* “ “ “ 1c. “ black on red (type, ship)	75	“ “ “ 1863-64, 5c. vermilion	1 30
“ “ “ 1c. “ “ “ (“ brig)	75	“ “ “ 1887, 1c. red on 2½ blue	30
British Honduras, 1882-5, 1d. blue, w.m. C. A. and crown	24	* “ “ “ 1882, 20c. black on 8c. brown, reverse	3 50
*Buenos Ayres, 1860, 1 peso blue (head).....	24	Porto Rico, 1880, ½ c.d.p. green	25
*Bulgaria, 1884-5, prov'l, 3st. blk. on 10st. carmine.....	36	“ “ “ 1884, 8c. brown “ error ”	1 25
* “ “ “ 5st. red “ 30st. blue	36	Prince Ed. Island, 1872, 3c. rose, period (.) after “Prince”	2 00
* “ “ “ 15st. “ “ 25st. “	36	St. Christopher, prov'l, 1887, 1d. on ½d	36
* “ “ “ 50st. black on 1 fr. red.....	40	St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1885, 5 on 20 double surcharge... ..	2 50
Canada, 1868, 15c., rose.....	36	St. Thomas, 1887, prov'l, 1c. on 7c.....	35
* “ “ “ 12½c., blue.....	15	Sandwich Islands, 1853, 5c. blue	30
*Cape of Good Hope, 1857, 1d. carmine (triangular).....	50	“ “ “ 13c. red	60
* “ “ “ 4d. blue	15	“ “ “ 1870, 18c. pink.....	36
* “ “ “ 6d. grey	75	“ “ “ 1875, 12c. black	35
* “ “ “ 1/s. “ “	1 00	“ “ “ 12c. lilac	25
“ “ “ 1882, prov'l, ½d. on 3d. claret	20	“ “ “ 1882, 10c. black	30
Confederate States, 1863, 10c. blue (with outer line).....	2 00	“ “ “ 15c. brown.....	30
“ “ “ 2c. rose.....	25	“ “ “ 1883, 10c. vermilion.....	35
“ “ “ 1864, 1c. orange.....	15	“ “ “ 10c. brown	25
Chili, 1852, 1 centavo yellow	25	“ “ “ 25c. purple	45
Corea, 5 mon rose	25	“ “ “ 50c. red.....	90
“ 10 “ blue	18	*Saxony, 1854, head 10 Neu: gr.....	50
*Cuba, 1855, ½ real, blue.....	8	Shanghai, 1865, 1ca. blue	35
* “ “ “ 1 “ green	15	“ “ “ 2ca. black.....	60
* “ “ “ 1856, ½ “ blue.....	6	“ “ “ 3ca. brown.....	75
* “ “ “ 1 “ green.....	35	“ “ “ 6ca. vermilion “ error ”	2 50
“ “ “ 1862, ¼ “ black.....	24	“ “ “ 8ca. green.....	1 00
*Dutch Indies, 1864, 10c. crimson, imperf	36	“ “ “ 12ca. red	1 00
Eastern Roumelia, 5 paras (on 1884 issue) surch in black	25	“ “ “ 16ca. red brown	1 50
“ “ “ 10 “ “ “ “	36	“ “ “ prov'l, 1885, 40 on 80 reverse.....	1 50
“ “ “ 20 “ “ “ “	60	“ “ “ “ 60 on 100 “	2 00
Gambia, 1887, 2½d. blue, w.m. C. A. and crown sideways	50	St. Settlements, prov'l, 1887, 3c. on 32c	18
Grenada, 1881, prov'l, ½d. black and purple, error, “ostage”	75	Tobago, prov'l, 1886, ½d on 6d.....	18
*Hong Kong, 1876, prov'l, 5c. black on 8c. yellow.....	24	“ “ “ ½d. on 2½d.....	15
* “ “ “ “ 5c. “ “ 18c. purple.....	24	“ “ “ 2½d. on 6d.....	25
* “ “ “ “ 10c. “ “ 12c. blue	36	Transvaal Republic, 1887, 2d. on 3d.....	48
* “ “ “ “ 10c. “ “ 24c. green	36	Trinidad, 1882, prov'l, 1d. red on 6d. green.....	25
* “ “ “ “ 1885, “ 20c. “ “ 30c. vermilion ...	20	*Turkey, 1876, surch in black “ Katchak,” 10p. violet ..	50
* “ “ “ “ 50c. “ “ 48c. brown.....	36	* “ “ “ “ “ “ 20p. green.....	60
* “ “ “ “ \$1 “ “ 96c. dark slate ...	60	* “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 Piastre yellow.	75
Macao, 1887, prov'l, 5r. on 80r	50	* “ “ “ “ “ “ in blue “ Chier ” 10p. violet.....	12
* “ “ “ “ 5r. on 100.....	60	* “ “ “ “ “ “ 20p. green	12
* “ “ “ “ 10r. “ 80r	30	* “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 Piastre yellow.	12
* “ “ “ “ 20r. “ 200r	75	* “ “ “ “ “ “ in red “ 10p. violet.....	50
* “ “ “ “ 40r. “ 100r	30	* “ “ “ “ “ “ 20p. green	50
“ “ “ “ large 5r. in red, on fiscal (Imposto do Sello)	1 00	* “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 Piastre yellow.	50
“ “ “ “ “ 10 “ “ “ “	75	* “ “ “ “ “ “ 1880 (Exterior) surch in black “ Katchak ” 5p..	50
“ “ “ “ “ 40 “ “ “ “	1 00	* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 10p.	50
R. M. S. P. Co., 10c. rose	75	* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 20p.	36
Martinique, 1887, prov'l, 15c. M. Q. E. (small) on 20c....	1 00	* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 Piastre	50
Mauritius, “ “ 2c. red on 13c. grey.....	1 25	* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 10p.....	36
*Nevis, 1883, “ “ 1d. (halved) surchg'd ½d. black. 50		* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 20p.....	36
* “ “ “ “ 1d. “ “ “ ½d. lilac. 1 00		* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 Piastre	50
		* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 2 “	50

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" " 1872, Register green.....	25	" 1883,	6	60
" " 1879, Officially sealed brown.....	20	*China, 1886,	3	25
" " 1867, 5c. blue (Newspaper).....	50	Cochin-China, 1886-7,	3	75
" " 1875, 2c. black ".....	10	Corea,	2	36
" " " 3c. " ".....	20	" ".....	5	75
" " " 4c. " ".....	20	*Dominica, prov'l., 1886, rare,	2	60
" " " 6c. " ".....	20	*Denmark (locals) Aalborg, 1886,	8	50
" " " 8c. " ".....	25	* " " " 1887,	8	50
" " " 9c. " ".....	50	" " " " prov'l., 1885-6, rare	10	1 50
" " " 10c. " ".....	25	*Dominican Repbl., 1885,	5	50
" " 1873, Dept. Agriculture, 1c. straw.....	35	*Ecuador, 1881,	5	36
" " " " 2c. straw.....	30	* " 1887,	3	12
" " " " Executive, 1c. carmine.....	1 25	Faridkot, 1882-5,	4	60
" " " " " 2c. carmine.....	1 50	Gambia, 1887,	4	30
" " " " Interior, 1c. vermilion.....	10	Guadeloupe, 1884, prov'l.,	2	60
" " " " " 2c. ".....	10	" unpaid letter stamps,	6	1 00
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" " " " " 2c. ".....	25	* " 1886-7,	6	50
" " " " Navy, 1c. blue.....	20	*Hanover Arms,	5	25
" " " " " 2c. blue.....	25	Honduras Rep., 1877, prov'l.,	3	2 00
* " " " " Post Office, 1c. black.....	10	*Hungary Arms, 1874-81,	6	16
" " " " " 2c. green.....	35	*Iceland, 1876-82,	6	36
" " " " Treasury, 1c. brown.....	10	* " " Official,	4	20
" " " " " 2c. ".....	10	*Italy, 1855,	3	1 00
" " " " War, 1c. red-brown.....	3	*Japan, 1876-82,	12	60
" " " " " 2c. ".....	3	Labuan, 1882-5,	5	85
*Uruguay, 1856, 60c. lilac, Thick figures.....	16	*Luxemburg, 1882,	8	35
* " " 60c. brown ".....	25	*Macao, 1884 5,	6	45
* " " 80c. yellow ".....	50	" 1885, prov'l., (crown)	5	1 00
" " 1859, 60c. lilac, Thin figures.....	85	" 1887, " ".....	5	2 00
" " 80c. yellow ".....	1 50	Martinique, prov'l., 1887,	4	1 00
" " 1866, prov'l., 5 on 12 blue.....	40	*Mexico, 1884,	11	85
" " " 10 on 8 green.....	40	* " 1885,	8	50
" " " 15 on 10 yellow ..	40	* " 1886,	6	48
" " " 20 on 06 rose.....	40	" 1875, Porte de Mar,	10	2 00
* " 1883, prov'l., 5c. black on green.....	20	" 1879, ".....	6	1 25
* " 1884, " 1c. black on red.....	12	" 1884, ".....	8	3 00
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" " " " 2c. blue, "error".	1 50	Monaco, 1885,	5	18
" " " " 3 yellow ..	50	New Caledonia, 1884-7,	7	2 25
" " " " 4 green, "error".	1 50	*Newfoundland, 1880-87,	7	30
" " " " perf. 1/2 real, blue.	15	Nicaragua, 1861, perf.,	5	70
" " " " " 1/2 " rose.	12	* " 1877, rouletted,	5	60
" " " " " 2 " green.	36	" 1882,	6	85
" " " " " 2 " yellow	25	* " ".....	4	30
" " " " 1869, " 1/2 " green.	10	*Orange Free State, 1868-78,	6	25
" " " " " 2 " rose..	12	Paraguay, 1881,	5	1 00
*Victoria, 1852, 3d. dark blue.....	25	* " 1884,	3	25
* " 1857, 6d. ".....	50	*Puttialla Service,	3	30
Virgin Isles, 1880, 1/2d. orange.....	25	* ".....	5	1 00
" " 1d. green.....	12	*Persia, 1884,	5	36
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		* " " ".....	8	3 50
		Sandwich Islands, 1853,	2	75
		Samoa,	8	60
		Santander, 1885,	3	48
		Shanghai, 1865,	6	3 50
		" 1877,	6	80
		" 1879, prov'l.,	3	2 50
		" 1885,	4	60
		" 1886, prov'l.,	2	1 00
		Sirmoor (India), 1885,	4	36
		Siam, 1887,	6	1 10
		Transvaal Repbl., 1883,	5	50
		* " 1885,	6	30
		" Express,	4	36
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* " 1884-5,	5	16	
*Bermuda, 1884-6, w.m. C. A.,	4	18	
Bhopal, 1884,	5	60	
Bhor (India), 1879,	2	40	
*Bolivar, 1882,	4	85	
* " 1883,	4	85	
Bolivia, 1871,	4	2 50	
*Bosnia, 1879,	7	36	
*British Guiana, 1882, prov'l. rare,	3	1 35	
* " " " official rare,	3	5 50	
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 3 of 6c. " " "
 3 of 2c. " " "
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 1 of 10c. " " "
 2 of 12½c. " " "
 4 of 5c. " " "
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Antigua, 1862, perf. w.m. star 1d. dull rose.....	\$ 24
“ “ “ “ 1d. vermilion	12
Argentine Conf., 1858, 5 centavos, red (large figure)	1 50
“ “ 1882, prov'l, ½c. on 5 perf. through centre	12
“ “ “ “ ½c. in reverse on 5c	1 00
“ “ 1884, “ ½c. black on 5 red.....	8
“ “ “ “ ½c. carmine on 15 blue.....	18
“ “ “ “ ½c. black “ 15 “	75
“ “ “ “ 1c. carmine “ 15 “	12
* “ “ “ “ 4c. black “ 5 red.....	8
Bahamas, 1882, 1d. scarlet, perf. w.m. C. A. and crown...	36
“ “ 4d. rose “ “ “	50
*Bermuda, 1873-5, prov'l. 3d. on 1sh. (Roman).....	75
* “ “ “ “ 3d. “ 2d. (do.)	2 50
Bolivar, 1863, 1 peso red.....	60
Bolivia, 1866, 5c. yellow green.....	50
“ “ 50c. yellow	50
*Brazil, 1843, 30 reis (large Roman).....	75
* “ “ 60 “ “	50
“ “ 1878, 700 “ red-brown	75
*British Guiana, 1882, prov'l 1c. on 48c. vermilion of 1863	1 25
* “ “ “ “ 2c. “ 96c. drab of 1876.....	36
* “ “ “ “ 1c. “ black on red (type,ship)	75
“ “ “ “ 1c. “ “ “ “ (“ brig)	75
British Honduras, 1882-5, 1d. blue, w.m. C. A. and crown.	24
*Buenos Ayres, 1860, 1 peso blue (head)	24
*Bulgaria, 1884-5, prov'l, 3st. blk. on 10st. carmine.....	36
* “ “ “ “ 5st. red “ 30st. blue	36
* “ “ “ “ 15st. “ “ 25st. “	36
* “ “ “ “ 50st. black on 1 fr. red.....	40
Canada, 1868, 15c., rose.....	36
* “ “ 12½c., blue.....	15
*Cape of Good Hope, 1857, 1d. carmine (triangular).....	50
* “ “ “ “ 4d. blue	15
* “ “ “ “ 6d. grey	75
* “ “ “ “ 1/s. “ “	1 00
“ “ “ “ 1882, prov'l, ½d. on 3d. claret	20
Confederate States, 1863, 10c. blue (with outer line).....	2 00
“ “ “ “ 2c. rose.....	25
“ “ “ “ 1864, 1c. orange.....	15
Chili, 1852, 1 centavo yellow	25
Corea, 5 mon rose	25
“ “ 10 “ blue	18
*Cuba, 1855, ½ real, blue.....	8
* “ “ “ “ 1 “ green	15
* “ “ “ “ 1856, ½ “ blue.....	6
* “ “ “ “ 1 “ green.....	35
* “ “ “ “ 1862, ¼ “ black.....	24
*Dutch Indies, 1864, 10c. crimson, imperf	36
Eastern Roumelia, 5 paras (on 1884 issue) surch in black	25
“ “ “ “ 10 “ “ “ “	36
“ “ “ “ 20 “ “ “ “	60
Gambia, 1887, 2½d. blue, w.m. C. A. and crown sideways	50
Grenada, 1881, prov'l, ½d. black and purple, error, “ostage”	75
*Hong Kong, 1876, prov'l, 5c. black on 8c. yellow.....	24
* “ “ “ “ 5c. “ “ 18c. purple.....	24
* “ “ “ “ 10c. “ “ 12c. blue	36
* “ “ “ “ 10c. “ “ 24c. green	36
* “ “ “ “ 1885, “ 20c. “ “ 30c. vermilion ...	20
* “ “ “ “ 50c. “ “ 48c. brown.....	36
* “ “ “ “ \$1 “ “ 96c. dark slate ...	60
Macao, 1887, prov'l, 5r. on 80r	50
* “ “ “ “ 5r. on 100	60
* “ “ “ “ 10r. “ 80r	30
* “ “ “ “ 10r. “ 200r	75
* “ “ “ “ 20r. “ 80r	30
“ “ “ “ 40r. “ 100r	1 00
“ “ “ “ large 5r. in red, on fiscal (Imposto do Sello)	60
“ “ “ “ 10 “ “ “ “	75
“ “ “ “ 40 “ “ “ “	1 00
R. M. S. P. Co., 10c. rose	75
Martinique, 1887, prov'l, 15c. M. Q. E. (small) on 20c....	1 00
Mauritius, “ “ 2c. red on 13c. grey.....	1 25
*Nevis, 1883, “ “ 1d. (halved) surchg'd ½d. black.	50
* “ “ “ “ 1d. “ “ ½d. lilac. 1 00	1 00

Newfoundland, 1887, ½c. vermilion.....	2
“ “ “ “ 1c. green.....	4
*North Borneo, 50c. lilac.....	50
* “ “ \$1 pink	1 00
*Nova Scotia, 1850, 3d. blue on blue paper.....	50
*Orange Free State, 1882, prov'l, 3d. on 4d. blue	36
* “ “ “ “ 1877. “ 4d. on 6d. rose.....	24
*Persia, 1882, 5fr.....	25
* “ “ “ “ 10fr.....	36
* “ “ 1884, prov'l, 6sh on 5sh.....	18
* “ “ “ “ 12sh. on 50c. black....	48
* “ “ “ “ 18sh. on 50c. orange.....	36
* “ “ “ “ 18sh. on 10sh.....	25
* “ “ “ “ 1 Toman on 5frs	75
Peru, 1883-4, 5c. olive green (arms) surcharged Arequipa	85
“ “ “ “ 10c. dull blue “ “ “	85
“ “ “ “ 5c. blue (head) “ “ “	75
“ “ “ “ 10c. olive green (head) “ “ “	75
“ “ “ “ 5 olive green (arms) “ Cuzco	75
“ “ “ “ 10c. dull blue “ “ “	1 00
* “ “ 1885, 10c. grey “ “ Arequipa..	60
Philippine Islands, 1859-61, 5c. orange red.....	1 25
“ “ “ “ 1863-64, 5c. vermilion.....	1 30
“ “ “ “ 1887, 1c. red on 2½ blue	30
* “ “ “ “ 1882, 20c. black on 8c. brown, reverse	3 50
Porto Rico, 1880, ¼ c.d.p. green	25
“ “ “ “ 1884, 8c. brown “error”	1 25
Prince Ed. Island, 1872, 3c. rose, period (.) after “Prince”	2 00
St. Christopher, prov'l, 1887, 1d. on ½d	36
St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1885, 5 on 20 double surcharge...	2 50
St. Thomas, 1887, prov'l, 1c. on 7c.....	35
Sandwich Islands, 1853, 5c. blue	30
“ “ “ “ 13c. red	60
“ “ “ “ 1870, 18c. pink.....	36
“ “ “ “ 1875, 12c. black	35
“ “ “ “ 12c. lilac	25
“ “ “ “ 1882, 10c. black	30
“ “ “ “ 15c. brown.....	30
“ “ “ “ 1883, 10c. vermilion.....	35
“ “ “ “ 10c. brown	25
“ “ “ “ 25c. purple	45
“ “ “ “ 50c. red.....	90
*Saxony, 1854, head 10 Neu: gr.....	50
Shanghai, 1865, 1ca. blue	35
“ “ “ “ 2ca. black.....	60
“ “ “ “ 3ca. brown.....	75
“ “ “ “ 6ca. vermilion “error”	2 50
“ “ “ “ 8ca. green.....	1 00
“ “ “ “ 12ca. red	1 00
“ “ “ “ 16ca. red brown	1 50
“ “ “ “ prov'l, 1885, 40 on 80 reverse.....	1 50
“ “ “ “ 60 on 100 “	2 00
St. Settlements, prov'l, 1887, 3c. on 32c	18
Tobago, prov'l, 1886, ½d on 6d.....	18
“ “ “ “ ½d. on 2½d.....	15
“ “ “ “ 2½d. on 6d.....	25
Transvaal Republic, 1887, 2d. on 3d.....	48
Trinidad, 1882, prov'l, 1d. red on 6d. green.....	25
*Turkey, 1876, surch in black “Katchak,” 10p. violet ..	50
* “ “ “ “ “ “ 20p. green.....	60
* “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 Piastre yellow.	75
* “ “ “ “ “ “ in blue “Chier” 10p. violet.....	12
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 20p. green	12
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 Piastre yellow.	12
* “ “ “ “ “ “ in red “ “ 10p. violet.....	50
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 20p. green	50
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 Piastre yellow.	50
* “ “ “ “ “ “ 1880 (Exterior) surch in black “Katchak” 5p..	50
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 10p.	50
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 20p.	36
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 Piastre	50
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 10p.....	36
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 20p.....	36
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 Piastre	50
* “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ 2 “	50

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" " 1872, Register green.	25	" 1883,	6	60
" " 1879, Officially sealed brown.....	20	*China, 1886,	3	25
" " 1867, 5c. blue (Newspaper)	50	Cochin-China, 1886-7,	3	75
" " 1875, 2c. black "	10	Corea,	2	36
" " " 3c. " "	20	"	5	75
" " " 4c. " "	20	*Dominica, prov'l. 1886, rare,	2	60
" " " 6c. " "	20	*Denmark (locals) Aalborg, 1886,	8	50
" " " 8c. " "	25	* " " " 1887,	8	50
" " " 9c. " "	50	prov'l., 1885-6, rare	10	1 50
" " " 10c. " "	25	*Dominican Repbl., 1885,	5	50
" " 1873, Dept. Agriculture, 1c straw	35	*Equador, 1881,	5	36
" " " " 2c. straw	30	* " 1887,	3	12
" " " " Executive, 1c. carmine	1 25	Faridkot, 1882-5,	4	60
" " " " " 2c. carmine.....	1 50	Gambia, 1887,	4	30
" " " " Interior, 1c. vermilion.....	10	Guadeloupe, 1884, prov'l,	2	60
" " " " " 2c. "	10	" unpaid letter stamps,	6	1 00
" " " " Justice, 1c. purple.....	25	Guatemala, 1886, prov'l.,	5	1 50
" " " " " 2c. "	25	* " 1886-7,	6	50
" " " " Navy, 1c. blue	20	*Hanover Arms,	5	25
" " " " " 2c. blue.....	25	Honduras Rep , 1877, prov'l.,	3	2 00
* " " " " Post Office, 1c. black.....	10	*Hungary Arms, 1874-81,	6	16
" " " " " State, 1c. green	25	*Iceland. 1876-82,	6	36
" " " " " 2c. green	35	* " " Official,	4	20
" " " " " Treasury, 1c. brown.....	10	*Italy, 1855,	3	1 00
" " " " " 2c. "	10	*Japan, 1876-82,	12	60
" " " " " War, 1c. red-brown.....	3	Labuan, 1882-5,	5	85
" " " " " 2c. "	3	*Luxemburg, 1882,	8	35
*Uruguay, 1856, 60c. lilac, Thick figures.....	16	*Macao, 1884 5,	6	45
* " " 60c. brown "	25	" 1885, prov'l., (crown)	5	1 00
* " " 80c. yellow "	50	" 1887, " "	5	2 00
" " 1859, 60c. lilac, Thin figures	85	Martinique, prov'l., 1887,	4	1 00
" " 80c. yellow "	1 50	*Mexico, 1884,	11	85
" " 1866, prov'l, 5 on 12 blue	40	* " 1885,	8	50
" " " 10 on 8 green.....	40	* " 1886,	6	48
" " " 15 on 10 yellow ..	40	" 1875, Porte de Mar,	10	2 00
" " " 20 on 06 rose.....	40	" 1879, " "	6	1 25
* " 1883, prov'l, 5c. black on green	20	" 1884, " "	8	3 00
* " 1884, " 1c. black on red ..	12	Montenegro, 1873,	7	70
St. Thomas, La Guaira, Pto Cabello, 1864, 1c. rose.....	50	Monaco, 1885,	5	18
" " " " 2c. blue, "error".	1 50	New Caledonia, 1884-7,	7	2 25
" " " " 3 yellow .	50	*Newfoundland, 1880-87,	7	30
" " " " 4 green, "error".	1 50	Nicaragua, 1861, perf.,	5	70
" " " " perf. $\frac{1}{2}$ real, blue.	15	* " 1877, rouletted,	5	60
" " " " " $\frac{1}{2}$ " rose.	12	* " 1882,	6	85
" " " " " 2 " green.	36	* " " "	4	30
" " " " " 2 " yellow	25	*Orange Free State, 1868-78,	6	25
" " " " 1869, " $\frac{1}{2}$ " green.	10	Paraguay, 1881,	5	1 00
" " " " " 2 " rose..	12	* " 1884,	3	25
*Victoria, 1852, 3d. dark blue.....	25	*Puttialla Service,	3	30
* " 1857, 6d. "	50	* " "	5	1 00
Virgin Isles, 1880, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange	25	*Persia, 1884,	5	36
" " " 1d. green.....	12	* " 1886, prov'l. official,	4	75
*Western Australia, 1861, 1d. black.....	36	*The Phillippine Islands, 1880-82,	10	60
*Wurttemberg, 1881, 5 Mk., black and blue.....	75	*Peru, unpaid., 1883, surcharged, triangle,	4	1 75
* " 1851, 1 Kr.....	10	* " 1882, " Arequipa,	2	2 00
		* " 1886,	5	30
		" 1881, surcharged Cuzco,	2	1 75
		Poonch (India),	3	85
		Reunion, 1885, prov'l.,	6	1 75
		Roumania, 1862 (Moldo Wall.)	4	75
		St. Christopher, 1886-7, prov'l.,	3	75
		*St. Pierre et Miquelon, 1885-6,	4	1 00
		* " " " "	8	3 50
		Sandwich Islands, 1853,	2	75
		Samoa,	8	60
		Santander, 1885,	3	48
		Shanghai, 1865,	6	3 50
		" 1877,	6	80
		" 1879, prov'l.,	3	2 50
		" 1885,	4	60
		" 1886, prov'l.,	2	1 00
		Sirmoor (India), 1885,	4	36
		Siam, 1887,	6	1 10
		Transvaal Repbl., 1883,	5	50
		* " 1885,	6	30
		" Express,	4	36
		" 1885, prov'l.,	4	1 25
		*Uruguay, 1884-87,	7	36

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	Set of	
Alsace,	7	50
Alwur,	2	30
*Austria, Levant, 1867,	5	15
* " " 1883,	5	20
Argentine Republic, official,	14	6 50
*Belgium, 1883,	5	25
* " 1884-5,	5	16
*Bermuda, 1884-6, w.m. C. A.,	4	18
Bhopal, 1884,	5	60
Bhor (India), 1879,	2	40
*Bolivar, 1882,	4	85
* " 1883,	4	85
Bolivia, 1871,	4	2 50
*Bosnia, 1879,	7	36
*British Guiana, 1882, prov'l. rare,	3	1 35
* " " " official rare,	3	5 50
*Bulgaria, 1881,	6	48
* " 1882 5,	9	35
* " 1884-5, prov'l. rare,	4	2 00

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9.	"	50
7.	1 cent, 1865	15

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17.	1d. "	40
20.	1/2d. " (currency), 1854	50
19.	1d. "	50
16.	5c. silver, 1862	1 25
15.	10c. "	1 00
14.	20c. "	75
21.	1c. 1861-4	15
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25.	Self Gov't. and Free Trade, 1855	20
26.	"	25
27.	1 cent, 1871	12
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30.	1c. Speed the Plough	15

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33.	1d. " (Vic. and thistle), 1840-3	50
35.	1/2d. "	60
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37.	1/2d. "	35
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	1c. " 1862	1 00
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39.	1/2c. " 1861	50
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43.	1/2d. John Alex. Barry, Hx. " "	60
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42.	1/2d. Success to Nav. & Trade, " "	50
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	1/2d. " " "	75

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55.	1/2d. J. B. Brown, " " "	35
56.	1/2d. N. S. & N. B., success (fair)	3 50
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80.	1/2d. " Agr. and Trade, 1833	75
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196.	1/2d " Eagle and Britania, 1814	1 25
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