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## Colonial Coins.

In 1652 the General Court of Massachusetts issued at Boston, silver pieces of the value of six and twelve English pennies each.

These coins were merely pieces of silver with "N. E." on the side and the value XII or VI on the other. The authorities wasted no money on engraving, not even announcing the year of issue. This coinage was so distasteful because of the absence of any design that another series was issued on some of which is an oak tree enclosed in a circle of dots, outside of which are the words "Ma sa thy sets in," while around the edge on the other side is the rest of the legend "New England, An Dom.," on this side the date 1652 is in the center with the numerals of value below it.

On others of this issue the design is a pine tree, and while of both of these designs issue took place occasionally during a period of 30 years, the date on all of them remained unchanged.

In 1685 the Boston mint was closed by royal command and remained so for nearly a century.

After the Revolution Massachusetts issued, for local use, copper cents and half-cent pieces.

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## The Shanghai Stamps.

BY CAPT. EVANS.

The Government consists of a Municipal Council elected by the settlers who make their own laws and see to the lighting, police, etc. The local post-office is under the control of the council and its issues are not Chinese, nor anything else but Shanghaiian (if anyone may coin such a word) pure and simple.

At the same time these stamps are not solely for local use because they also frank letters conveyed by sea from Shanghai to any other treaty port in China, though they cannot be used on letters to other countries, some of which have post-offices of their own there. For instance, there is a British post-office, which is a branch of that at Hong Kong, and at which Hong Kong stamps are employed; an American, where United States stamps can be bought, and letters posted to America and Europe, via Japan and San Francisco; a Japanese, through which Japanese stamps will convey letters also to America and Europe by the same route; and a French office where French stamps are current. In short,

Shanghai would seem a sort of paradise for stamp collectors, where the stamps of all nations can be purchased at face value in the same street.

Doubtless many collectors have noticed the fact that used specimens of the Shanghai stamps are not so common as might be expected or wished. There is an especial reason for this, which is that any one who chooses to subscribe a certain amount per annum to the local post office can have all his correspondence conveyed by it free, without the trouble of using stamps at all. No doubt most of the residents, or those, at least, who have much correspondence, are subscribers; and the stamps are principally employed by persons passing through the place, or others residing there who do not send a sufficient number of letters to make it worth their while to subscribe.

The subscription arrangement gives rise to a peculiar species of post card, which, I think, has no parallel among the issues of any other country. This is the subscriber's card. It is an unstamped card and bears no indication of any value; but it does not belong to the same class as ordinary unstamped cards, inasmuch as it does not require the addition of an adhesive stamp to frank it through the post. Again, it is different to an official card or a war card; for they denote a freedom from liability to the payment of postage, while this denotes to some extent postage paid.—PHILATELIC RECORD.

## British Columbia and Vancouver's Island.

BY NEMO.

British Columbia was the first Canadian province organized on the Pacific coast. Vancouver is embraced under British Columbia and with this it has about 235,000 square miles of bold sea-coast, mountain ranges as well as rich, fertile valleys.

It owes its rise to the emigration of gold diggers in 1856 and in 1874 it produced \$1,072,500 of gold.

As the population increased the wants of civilized people increased so in 1861 its first papers appeared, they were the British Colonist and New Westminster Times.

This year only one stamp was issued: it was a 2 1-2 pence pink. The design was a profile of Queen to left on lined ground, "British Columbia" above, "Vancouver's Island" below, to left "Postage," at the right "Two Pence Half-Penny," and was a colored impression and rectangular in shape. There are two varieties of this stamp, one being perforated, the other unperforated.

The next issue was in 1865 when one more stamp was issued, namely, a three pence blue. The design of this stamp was a V surmounted by a crown with rose, shaft and thistle in oval, with the inscription "British Columbia Postage Three Pence" this was perforated 14, water-marked cc and crown.

The stamp is forged (like all others) the best test for the stamps is the number of pearls in each crown. In the genuine there are six pearls on each side arch and on the centre arch only four. In the forged stamp on the side arches there are five pearls and in the center three.

The next stamps issued were in 1868, when six more stamps made their appearance. They were of exactly the same type as the '65 issue, except different values were surcharged on the three pence of the '65 issue. Each value was surcharged on a different color, as follows:

- 2 cents, black on brown,
- 8 " black on red,
- 10 " blue on rose,
- 25 " violet on yellow,
- 50 " red on violet.
- \$1 green on green.

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## PROVISIONAL STAMPS.

In the early days of stamp collecting, a provisional stamp was an exception, but now-a-days the seem to be the rule, especially among the Spanish American and the British Colonies. These stamps are produced for a variety of causes, sometimes a certain value of an issue is exhausted, and awaiting the arrival of a new supply a substitute is made by putting the value of the required denomination across the face of another value, or by a change in the postal law, stamps of a value not before in use are needed and the surcharging process is resorted to, till the die for the new stamp can be obtained. These stamps are sometimes used for only a few days, and are consequently very rare.

As soon as they are withdrawn from circulation they become scarce, and for this reason the collector procures them as soon as possible. Sometimes a provisional stamp that on its first appearance is said to be very rare because only a few of them were issued can, after a month or two, be bought for one-fifth of the price paid for it in the first place. Take for example, the surcharged Cyprus 30 paras, or 1 piaster, on its first appearance the report was circulated that only 150 of them had been sold and consequently they brought fancy prices, fetching as high as \$10.00. Now this rare stamp can be bought from \$3 to \$4. All properly marked and apparently genuine.

Most collectors prefer a used specimen of a provisional and it usually brings a higher price than one that is unused.

Another form of the provisional is the half stamp.

These stamps are stamps cut in two, and generally both parts are surcharged, though sometimes they are used without being surcharged.

There was a postmaster on the island of Dominica who made himself obnoxious to collectors and dealers, and to him we believe may be laid the half stamps which came from the West Indies a few years ago. This same person is the author of those varieties of surcharged Dominica 1-2 d stamp.

The surcharged Dominica stamps are now plenty, though a little over two years ago on their first appearance they brought fancy prices.

The collector should, under no circumstances, buy a half stamp issued since 1881, unless it is on the original envelope showing that no additional postage was paid. Parts of envelopes showing the half stamp and post mark only are good for nothing as anything can be put by the side of a two cent stamp, in this country and post marked.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.

(Continued from Dec. No.)

These were perforated 14 and water-marked cc. and crown.

The tests about the forged stamps of this issue are the same as the 1865 issue. The \$1 of the counterfeit is spelled "doller."

Simultaneously with the 1865 issue of British Columbia three stamps appeared from Vancouver's Island as follows: Design, profile of queen to left on a circular lined disk and ornamented angles; "Vancouver Island" above, value below.

The inscription and frame were different in each value. They were watermarked cc and crown. The values were:

- 5 cents, rose, perforated.
- 10 cents, blue, perforated.
- 10 cents, blue, unperforated.

These stamps have been obsolete since the colony was incorporated in the Dominion of Canada in 1868, but it has full rights of self-government and representative institutions, both in its local parliament and that of the Dominion, and has its own lieutenant-governor.—GRANITE STATE PHILATELIST.

## HISTORICAL NOTES.

—The wars of the Roses lasted from 1455 to 1485.

—The Shakers are the oldest communist society in the United States.

—Logarithms were invented by Napier in 1614.

—Hamburg was founded Charlemagne in 809.



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On the other side is an eagle, with arrows in its left talon and an olive branch in its right and its breast is covered by a shield on which is the word "Cent" while the legend on this side is "Massachusetts," and the coins bear the date of 1787 or 1788, the former piece being the rarest. In 1788 the Mint at Boston was closed for a second time the Federal government having prohibited all coinage by the local states. While Massachusetts was the only state to issue silver coins, other states surpassed her in the issue of copper coins.

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Gossip.

The 2c stamp of Ceylon has been changed in color to a dull green.

The Canadian Philatelist, a neat four-paged monthly, published by C. F. Barker, Whitby, Ont., has been received.

Mr. John M. Hubbard, the publisher of the Granite State Philatelist has sold out his interest in that paper to Mr. T. C. Watkins, who will publish the paper under the name of the Empire State Philatelist.

L. W. Durbin's price catalogue for 1885 has just been issued and is greatly superior to any former edition.

There are more counterfeit stamps in England than in America.

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the collection; in America they do not exceed 10 per cent.

There are about 175,000 stamp collectors in the United States.

It costs 25 cents to send a letter to any part of Mexico but it only costs 6 cents to send one to a foreign country.

We have heard from Berlin that Dr. Stephen is going to issue new stamps for the Africa colonies, after the Congo Congress is over. These will be the first colonial stamps of Germany.

The first meeting of the Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union was held on Saturday evening Dec. 20th, 1884. Mr. J. H. Raymond was elected president and Mr. R. R. Shuman vice-president.

We have received from Lyman H. Low the catalogue of a collection of coins and medals which are to be sold at auction by Messrs. Bangs & Co., on Feb. 3d and 4th.

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**Bermuda.**—The 2 1-2d, blue, has at last come into use.

**Brazil.**—A double 50 reis card has been issued with the stamp of the new type,

**British Honduras.**—The color of the penny has been changed to rose.

**Bulgaria.**—Unpaid letter stamps have lately been issued, of which three values have been brought into use, viz:

3 stonki, orange,  
25 " red,  
50 " blue.

**Cundinamarca.**—A new type 5 centavo has been issued.

**Labuan.** The 16 cts., blue, has been surcharged one dollar and the initials of the postmaster. The surcharging is done by hand, with a pen in red ink.

**Mexico.**—A 3 centavos card of the new type, a pero adhesive stamp, and a 10 centavos letter card, have recently been issued.

Nevis. The 6 pence green of the new type is now in use.

Norway. The color of the 12 ore has been changed to red.

Paraguay. Cards of the value of 2 and 3 centavos with stamps of the new type are now in use.

Russia. The 1 Kopeck yellow of the new series is now in use.

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No. 3.

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Your heavenly eyes in color vie,  
With the one-cent's well-known blue;  
And the shades that play upon your cheeks,  
Are the red and white of the two.

The five cent stamp, its dark brown tint  
Was borrowed from your hair;  
The six was touched to your rosy lips  
And has stolen its color there.

Your robes were dyed the shade of the twelve,  
And trimmed with the twenty four;  
While your brooch reflects the fifteen cents,  
Of the purest golden ore.

Had I a full sheet of new made tens,  
I'd register all my hopes,  
Though you blushed as deep as the ninety cents,  
And hid in your envelopes.

Oh! share the stock of your Valentine,  
Nor cancel your love for me,  
Lest my life goe dark as the thirty cents  
And I—seem green as the three.

— STAMP WORLD.

**FIJII: and its Stamps.**

By L. MORTON.

The Fijii Islands are a group of islands of volcanic origin about 225 in number situated in the South Pacific. They were discovered in 1643 by a Dutch navigator named Tasman.

About eighty of these islands are said to be inhabited. The principal ones are Viti Leone, or Great Fijii and Vanua Leva, or Great Land, the first having an area of about 90 miles by 50, with an estimated population of about 50,000, and the latter extending over 100 miles in length with a breadth of 20 miles, and has a population of 30,000. The total population is estimated from 150,000 to 300,000.

The natives are middle size strong limbed and short necked. Their complexion is between a copper color and a black, and their hair is dark and curly. They were terrible cannibals and ship wrecked sailors frequently fell victims to their appetite for human flesh, but owing to the great efforts that have been made by missionaries to convert them they have become partly civilized.

In 1861, in order to escape from the exactions and tyrannies of the Tonguese (the most ambitious of all the Polynesians) who planted hostile colonies in Great Fiji, the king and chiefs of these islands formerly offered to cede it to Great Britain. Mr.

Pitchard, her majesty's consul at once hastened to England with the news and on his return he intimated to the Fijians that the English government had taken the cession into favorable consideration. The king and chiefs thereupon ratified their offer, but the offer was formally declined by the British government on the 11 of July, 1862. Postage stamps were first introduced in 1871. They were five in number: 1 p., 3 p., 6 p., 9 p., and 1 sh. The color was black on pink. In 1872 a stamp of a new design was issued. They were painted on white paper with the water mark "Fijii Postage." The issue contained one penny, blue; three penny, green; six pence, carmine. A little while after the appearance of these stamps the currency was changed to "cents" and the stamps were surcharged as follows; two cents on one penny; six cents on the three pence twelve cents on the sixpence. The offer to cede these islands to Great Britain was again renewed, and they became a British Colony in 1874, and the stamps were changed again. This change was made by printing the initials "V. R." over the first initials "C. R." the value remaining the same.

The currency being changed back to pence in 1876 a new set was issued. In 1878 a new value was issued by putting four pence over the three pence stamp. To dies were reengraved in 1879 and "V. R." substituted for "C. R." The issue for this year were as follows; one penny blue, two pence green; four pence, mauve; six pence carmine.

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Your robes were dyed the-shade of the twelve,  
And trimmed with the twenty four;  
While your brooch reflects the fifteen cents,  
Of the purest golden ore.

Had I a full sheet of new made tens,  
I'd register all my hopes,  
Though you blushed as deep as the ninety cents,  
And hid in your envelopes.

Oh! share the stock of your Valentine,  
Nor cancel your love for me,  
Lest my life goe'w dark as the thirty cents  
And I—seem green as the three.

— STAMP WORLD.

## FIJII: and its Stamps.

By L. MORTON.

The Fijii Islands are a group of islands of volcanic origin about 225 in number situated in the South Pacific. They were discovered in 1643 by a Dutch navigator named Tasman.

About eighty of these islands are said to be inhabited. The principal ones are Viti Leone, or Great Fijii and Vanua Leva, or Great Land, the first having an area of about 90 miles by 50, with an estimated population of about 50,000, and the latter extending over 100 miles in length with a breadth of 20 miles, and has a population of 30,000. The total population is estimated from 150,000 to 300,000.

The natives are middle size strong limbed and short necked. Their complexion is between a copper color and a black, and their hair is dark and curly. They were terrible cannibals and ship wrecked sailors frequently fell victims to their appetite for human flesh, but owing to the great efforts that have been made by missionaries to avert them they have become partly civilized.

In 1861, in order to escape from the exactions and tyrannies of the Tonguese (the most ambitious of all the Polynesians) who had planted hostile colonies in Great Fiji, the king and chiefs of these islands formerly agreed to cede it to Great Britain. Mr.

Pitchard, her majesty's consul at once hastened to England with the news and on his return he intimated to the Fijians that the English government had taken the cession into favorable consideration. The king and chiefs thereupon ratified their offer, but the offer was formally declined by the British government on the 11 of July, 1862. Postage stamps were first introduced in 1871. They were five in number: 1 p., 3 p., 6 p., 9 p., and 1 sh. The color was black on pink. In 1872 a stamp of a new design was issued. They were painted on white paper with the water mark "Fijii Postage." The issue contained one penny, blue; three penny, green; six pence, carmine. A little while after the appearance of these stamps the currency was changed to "cents" and the stamps were surcharged as follows; two cents on one penny; six cents on the three pence twelve cents on the sixpence. The offer to cede these islands to Great Britain was again renewed, and they became a British Colony in 1874, and the stamps were changed again. This change was made by printing the initials "V. R." over the first initials "C. R." the value remaining the same.

The currency being changed back to pence in 1876 a new set was issued. In 1878 a new value was issued by putting four pence over the three pence stamp. To dies were reengraved in 1879 and "V. R." substituted for "C. R." The issue for this year were as follows; one penny blue, two pence green; four pence, mauve; six pence carmine.

## New Issues.

**AZORES**—The 25 reis envelope now bears a stamp with the small surcharge

**BELGIUM**—The color of the 5 centimes has been changed to green.

**CASHMERE**—The 1 anna has been changed to bright green, and a 1-4 anna blue has been issued.

**EGYPT**—The colors of several of the stamps of the current issue are to be changed as follows:

10 paras, green; 20 paras, rose;



1 piastre, blue; 5 piastres, grey.

**INDIA.**—The 1-4 anna is on laid paper.

**FRANCE.**—The 20 centime stamps have appeared in red on green paper.

**NEW ZEALAND.**—It is reported that a provisional half penny stamp has been made by surcharging the current 1 d. "1-2" in black.

**PATIALA.**—This is a new stamp issuing province in India. It has a set of stamps, a postal card, and an envelope stamp.

**STRAIN SETTLEMENTS.**—We have seen the 5c. printed in blue and surcharged "4 cents" in black as well as red.

**TAHITI.**—Three more surcharges are said to have been in use, viz. 25 on 35 c.; 25 on 40 c.; 25 on 75 c.

**TURKS ISLAND.**—The color of the 1 d. has been changed to lake, and that of the 4th d. to gray.

**TRINIDAD.**—The 1-2 d. and 4 d. exit with watermark C. A. and crown.

**U. S. COLUMBIA.**—A 50 centavos, claret has been added the current ret.

upon are large plate of soft steel, this plate was hardened and another impression was taken from this one, upon another plate this in its turn was hardened and used to print from. (PHILATELIC MONTHLY.

We add a cover to this and all future numbers, which besides being a protection to the paper in the mails, and greatly improves the appearance, gives us about two more pages for reading matter.

With this issue we intended to have opened an exchange department, devoting a column or more to the use of all whether subscribers or not. But owing to the small number received, we have decided to omit it till next month.

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## Fitchburg Philatelic Society.

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## How New South Wales Stamps are Made.

The die of the stamp is first obtained from the London Mint. It is cut very deep in the very hardest of steel. Upon arriving at the Gov. Printing Office, in Sydney, a number of impressions of it are taken on a plate of lead, and from this plate are taken several copper electrotypes. These electrotypes are used to print the stamps from. Before the introduction of the electrotype process, impressions were taken from the original die.

## Communication.

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The seven cent United States stamp was issued to prepay postage to Germany.

## Stamps of Ceylon.

BY J. J. CASEY.



In 1857, the first postage stamp was issued in Ceylon. The design was the head of Victoria, to the left, in a circular medallion, printed in lilac, and was of the value of one halfpenny. This solitary stamp was soon after followed by a more extensive series, consisting of the following values and colors: 1d., blue; 2d., green; 4d., red; 5d., red-brown; 6d., brown-violet; 8d., maroon; 9d., brown-violet; 10d., vermilion; 1s., lilac-blue; 1s. 9d., green; 2s., blue. The general design was the head of Victoria, to the left, on an oval disk, the framework varying in some of the values.

These stamps were all unperforated, that is, not separated by little round holes, and except the 1-2 d., were printed on paper having a star as a watermark in the paper, a star being on each stamp in the sheet.

In 1861, perforation of the sheets was introduced, and we find all the values named above, except the 1-2 d. and the 1s. 9d., perforated, with no change in the color. In 1863, the 1-2d., 6d., 9d., and 1s., printed without watermark were perforated. In 1864, all the values thus far enumerated, excepting the 1s. 9d., were printed on paper with watermark C. and crown—Crown Colony. In 1867, the 2d. was printed in yellow, the 5d. in green and the 10d. in orange, and a 3d. of a new design, printed in rose was introduced. In 1869, the 1d. stamp appeared in a new dress.

In 1872, the rupee became the sole standard of value, with decimal subdivisions. The rupee was divided into 100 cents, the cent of Ceylon being nearly equal to one-half cent of our money. In conformity with this change of currency, an entirely new issue of stamps took place. The general design was as formerly, the frame-work of each stamp differing in details. The values and colors are: 2c. bistre, 4c., gray-blue; 8c. yellow; 16c., lilac; 24c., green; 36c., blue; 48c., rose; 96c., gray-green. Later, the series was supplemented by three additional values 34c., 64., and 2r. 50c.

For official purposes some of the values had the word "Service" printed upon them. The values so utilized were 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d. 8d., 1s., and 2s.

In 1861, a series of stamped envelopes of exquisite design was put in circulation. The colors corresponded to the colors of the adhesives, and were of the following values: 1d., 2d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 1s., 1. 9d., 2s. These envelopes were afterward suppressed, and a single value, four cents, issued. Another change was made in the design of this value, which now corresponds to the 5d.

Postal cards were introduced in 1872, value 2c., in lilac, and lately Postal Union cards of the value of 6c. and 8c. were placed in use. There have also been several series of fiscal stamps ranging in value as high as 1000 rupees.

Ceylon is an island in the Indian Ocean, separated on the northwest from continental India by the Gulf of Manaar. It is 271 miles long from north to south, and in its greatest width 137 miles. In 1505, the Portuguese adventurer Almeida landed at Colombo, the present capital, and found the island divided into several kingdoms. In 1517, the first Portuguese settlement was effected, and gradually the whole western coast was in possession of Portugal. The fanatical zeal and remorseless cruelty of the Portuguese led to their downfall, when, after several attempts, the Dutch finally succeeded in driving the Portuguese from the country.

The first intercourse of the English with Ceylon took place in 1763. On the breaking out of the war between Great Britain and Holland, an English force was sent to Ceylon, and in 1796 succeeded in gaining possession of the coasts. The interior was still ruled over by the native Kings, but in 1815 the last of them, a tyrant of the worst type, was captured, and subsequently died in exile, ending with him a long line of sovereigns, whose pedigree can be traced through upward of two thousand years. About the same time, by treaty, the whole island came into possession of the English.

The language of about seventy per-cent of the people, is Cingalese, and of the remaining people, save the Europeans, the language is Tamil. The stamp collector, who has the two cent postal card, will find the English inscriptions on the card in both these languages.

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## Something about the Hamburg Postage Stamp.

By T. COKE.

The postage stamps of Hamburg, though they cannot lay claim to any remarkable delicacy of execution, are distinguished by a pleasing quaintness of design, and when grouped together their varied colors show off to great advantage, rendering the page to which they are attached one of the most striking of those devoted to European countries. Another thing, which from a beginner's point of view, is very much in their favor, is that there are, properly speaking, no rarities among them. A beginner, commencing his collection to-day, may, with a very small outlay of patience and cash, obtain the whole series, and no great exertions are required to obtain an acquaintance with their peculiarities. The first emission took place on the 1st of January, 1859, and consisted of the following values and colors: 1-2 shilling, black; 1 shilling, brown, 2 shillings, red; 3 shillings, blue; 4 shillings, green; 7 shillings, orange; 9 shillings, yellow. The design is described as follows: large numeral over arms (a castle with two turrets flanking a central and cross-crowned dome.) "Hamburg" above; "Postmarke" below on scrolls; value at sides.

The exceeding similarity between the stamps might lead one to suppose that all the values were produced from one original design, the numerals being cut over the arms. Such, however, is not the case. On comparing any two values together slight variations will become perceptible. Attention may be specially directed to the stamps over the tower, they are all shapes and sizes. As all these stamps were engraved on metal the time employed in producing them must have been considerable. Possibly the expense of the initial series had something to do with the decision to employ lithography for the production of two new values which appeared in April 1864. They were the 1-2 shil lilac and 2 1-2 shil green. The latter differs from the former in having the name "Hamburg" in a horizontal instead of an archaic oil and a so having a maltese cross in each corner. In every other respect, it will be seen the design of both is the same. Of the 1-2 shil numerous colors varieties exist, which are, in fact, the natural results of the choice of a color so extremely susceptible to change as lilac. A slight alteration in the proportions of the various ingredients used in its composition may frequently produce marked differences in tint. It is worthy of note that in two successive editions of a lilac, mauve or violet stamp are of precisely the same shade and the chances are that the second shows great divergence from the first. Such being the case no great attention can be claimed for the variations, which are unintentionally yet unavoidably, produced. It is to be said that the stamp was first issued in lilac and that it exists in violet, in gray and in green. All the foregoing stamps are watermarked with a curved line, easily perceptible when they are held to the light. The 2 1-2 shil, it is said, exists unwatermarked. I have, however, never met with this variety. In October 1864, the 1-2 shil; 2 shil; 3 shil; 4 shil; 7 shil; and 9 shil were issued perforated. No change in color then occurred, but most of the values were printed in rather light shades. In 1865 the color of the 7 shil was altered to mauve, and the 3 shil, blue appeared. At about the same time the 1-4 and 2 1-2 shil. were perforated. The latter was issued in two tolerably distinct shades—dark green and yellow green. Since the suppression of the Hamburg office unperforated copies of the 7 shil, mauve have appeared, and though no postmarked speci-

mens have been met with, the authenticity of this variety is generally admitted. In 1866 together with the omission of a series of envelopes, two new stamps, embossed like those on the envelopes, were issued. They were the 1-1-1 shil. purple, and a new blue, the 1-1-2 shil. rose; both very effective impressions. The former is briefly described thus: Embossed large numerals over bars in octagonal frame; inscribed "Hamburg" above; "postmarke" below; value at delineated corners. The latter is of the same design minus the outer rectangle and corner ornaments. In fact the type of the 1-1-2 shil. is precisely that of the envelope stamps and perforations alone give it the appearance of a rectangle. In the spring of 1867, the 2-1-2 shil. green, issued in 1864, was rather unaccountably superseded by a stamp of the first type, of the same value. The second 2-1-2 shil. is but a poor relation of the earlier values of the same type; it is watermarked, however, like them perforated and has two distinct shades—yellow-green and blue-green, of which the former has now become relatively rare. Had there been an embossed 2-1-3 shil. envelope, no doubt there would have been used when in 1867 a new adhesive of that value was called for but to have cut one specially to meet a temporary demand would have been inexpedient and hence, so we may argue, the recourse to the 1859 design. Notwithstanding this reversion to the original type, however, it is permissible to suppose that had the Hamburg post office continued in existence, a complete series of embossed adhesives would have been issued. —GRANITE STATE PHIL.

## Protection Against Fraud.

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The only safe guard 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 his addressee or was lost in transit. This fact undoubtedly tends to keep some men honest who perhaps would not be so otherwise.

Many collectors who do not realize 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 civilized semi-civilized world, or of the large amount of capital that is locked up in stamps, etc., in some cases for years before it can be realized 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 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.

## Numismatics.

COLONIAL COINS.

(Continued from January No.)

The earliest of these is called the "small head cent" owing to the size of the first of Washington, the legend is Washington and Independence with the date 1783. On the reverse is the figure of Liberty seated on a throne with the legend "United States." Another type of this series is called the

"Double headed Washington cent" because the obverse and the reverse are alike the design being like the obverse of the coin just described, the word "Washington" alone appearing.

A third type has an entirely different head, and from the error in the legend on the reverse is known as the "Unity cent". There was no local mint in New York so that coins called "New York cents" are all imported. On some of these there is a head of Washington, with the boastful legend "Non Vi sed virtuti vici" with a reverse of Liberty seated, the legend being "Neo Eboracensis" (New York) and the date 1786.

We will not close our brief description of the colonial coins without describing the currency used in the French Colonies of Louisiana. In the beginning of the last century Louis XIV issued a copper piece having two Ls crossed beneath a crown, with the usual French legend "Sit nomen Domini Benedictum" (Blessed be the name of the Lord), while on the reverse there is simply in three lines across the field, "Colonies Françoises 1721 or 1722". There was another issue of copper coins in 1767, but with a different device. On the obverse there is a wreath enclosing the French arms with the legend and date. On the reverse are two scepters crossed with L. XV in the two angles the letter A denoting the Paris mint, while the words "Colonies Françoises" are in two curved lines.

We have been favored with a copy of the "Stamp Collectors Dictionary" published by Dunn & Hawkes Atlantic, Iowa, but cannot see why it should be called a dictionary. It contains the names of many dealers & collectors.

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They get quit—soon a pile.  
The "boss" sits in the anctum,  
And count the m-agre gains,  
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The printer, horrid printers,  
Do strike for higher price,  
And the treasury is depleted,  
You know this isn't nice.  
Sing a song of Philately,  
Pockets full of air,  
Where has all the money gone?  
Echo answers "where?"  
Then they say Our Paper,  
For a while suspends,  
And thus the average stamp she t  
In this manner ends.

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## Siam and its Stamps.

T. COKE.

called by the natives Muang Thai, chief state of Indo China, and although having but about 6,000,000 inhabitants, large extent, covering an area of more than 300,000 square miles. If you will look at your atlas, you will see mountains cover the northern and eastern districts of this country. These, which form natural barriers to other countries, are branches of the great system of the Himalaya. Though the northern dependencies are mountainous, the plain proper is a vast plain which only rises hilly on its northern frontier. There are numerous rivers throughout the country, the largest being the Nile of Siam, called by the natives "Meinam," but the Siamese, strange as it may seem, call the rivers by the same name, and distinguish the river by adding "Meinam" to the name of the chief town on its banks. The vegetation is luxurious, fruitful and beautiful beyond description. Rice, sugar and cotton are the staple products. In the abundance, variety and excellence of fruits and vegetables Siam is said to be unsurpassed. In the forests are found a great variety of woods, numerous to mention here. The animal kingdom is no less varied and interesting. The most celebrated is the white elephant. By the way, is not really white, but of a light mahogany color. This animal is held in the highest esteem by all, the cause

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 Do strike for higher price,  
 And the treasury is depleted,  
 You know this isn't nice.  
 Sing a song of Philately,  
 Pockets full of air,  
 Where has all the money gone?  
 Echo answers "where?"  
 Then they say Our Paper,  
 For a while suspends,  
 And thus the average stamp she t  
 In this manner ends.

—S. AM' WORLD.

## Siam and its Stamps.

T. COKE.

Siam called by the natives Muang Thai, the chief state of Indo China, and although containing but about 6,000,000 inhabitants, of large extent, covering an area of more than 300,000 square miles. If you will look over your atlas, you will see mountains cover the northern and eastern districts of this country. These, which form natural barriers in other countries, are branches of the great system of the Himalaya. Though the northern dependencies are mountainous, the kingdom proper is a vast plain which only becomes hilly on its northern frontier. There are numerous rivers throughout the country, the largest being the Nile of Siam, called by foreigners "Meinam," but the Siamese, strange as it may seem, call the rivers by the same name, and distinguish the river by adding "Meinam" to the name of the chief town on its banks. The vegetation is luxurious, fruitful and beautiful beyond description." Rice, sugar and cotton are the staple products. In the abundance, variety and excellence of fruits and vegetables Siam is said to be unsurpassed. In the forests are found a great variety of woods, too numerous to mention here. The animal kingdom is no less varied and interesting. The most celebrated is the white elephant. Rich by the way, is not really white, but of a light mahogany color. This animal is held in the highest esteem by all, the cause

of which is that he is "supposed to be the incarnation of some future Buddha and will therefore bring blessings on the country which possesses so great a treasure." Siam, unlike other nations, is ruled by two kings, one of which is the actual reigning sovereign and the other the nominal head of the army. The annals of the Siamese begin about five centuries B. C., but nothing authentic is known of the history of the country until 1350. The national emblem is a white elephant on crimson ground and the royal seal, medal and money bear the same device. Indeed, so devoted are the Siamese to the white elephant, we think it rather strange they did not have it appear on the newly issued stamps. However they show much more taste by having the portrait in profile of the reigning sovereign in military uniform, figure on the series, which we shall now attempt to describe.

The stamps of Siam are five in number, and consist of the following values and colors: 1 solot, blue; 1 ratl, carmine; 1 siao, vermilion; 1 sik, yellow, 1 salung, orange. The first three values are equivalent to 1-2 ct. 1 ct. and 2 cts., in U. S. currency and are of the same type, the design consisting of a portrait of King Chulalon-Korn in an upright oval in rectangular frame, while the remaining two are of different types, the values being equivalent to 4 and 16 cts. respectively. The design of the 1 sik is described as follows: the king's head in an upright oval, in frame bounded by ornamental scrollwork; below in scroll in value. The design on the 1 salung presents the king's head in a rectangular oval-arched frame; above value in Siamese. These stamps were engraved and printed in Paris and they are a set the collector may well be proud of, for we seldom see a more beautiful or finely executed series in any album. They were printed on plain white paper in perforated sheets.—OUR AMERICAN YOUTH.

## Nova Scotia and Its Stamps.

Nova Scotia is a peninsular situated on the Atlantic coast, and forms the southeastern extremity of Canada. It belongs to Great Britain, and was first permanently settled by the English in 1749. Its stamps are ten in number. The first issue was in



1857, and consisted of four stamps, viz: 1d, 3d, 6d and 1s. The 1d is a square stamp, with the portrait of the Queen in the centre, and is of a red-brown color. It is, I think, the prettiest stamp of the set. The 3d is diamond shaped with a crown and heraldic flowers in the centre, color, blue. It is the commonest of the set. The 6d is similar to the 3d but of a green color. The 1s is violet color, and by far the rarest of the set, and, in fact, of all the stamps of Nova Scotia. It is rarely seen in a collection, and is catalogued by very few dealers. The next issue was in 1860, and consisted of six stamps, viz: 1, 2, 5, 8 1-2, 10 and 12 1-2c. They are all rectangular. The 1c. black, 2c. mauve, and 5c. blue, have the head of the Queen to the left in a circle. The 5c. is the commonest of this set. The 8 1-2c. green, 10c. red, and 12 1-2c. black have the portrait of the Queen in a circle. The 8 1-2c. is the rarest of this set, and is found in few collections. In 1867, Nova Scotia, together with New Brunswick and Prince Edwards Island, whose stamps are equally rare, entered the Dominion of Canada, and consequently has since used the stamps of that country. I have heard of the 3d, being surcharged 5c. but have not seen it catalogued. It is, however, likely to have been the case. It is said that there are forgeries of the 3d, 2c. and 8 1-2c. floating round. Collectors will therefore do well to examine them before purchasing. On the whole the stamps of Nova Scotia are a great addition to a collection and collectors would do well to purchase before they become any scarcer.—F. S. C. N.

### The Youthful Collector.

It is not the object of a philatelist to collect everything in the shape of stamps; but only those which belong to the class in which he is most interested, whether United States, foreign, revenue or local. Must I include telegraph stamps? No! Above all things do not collect those belonging to this class.

When a philatelist glances at the pages of a young collector, worthless are on almost every page; Some being counterfeit, some torn or soiled, some envelope stamps cut round, or the perforations cut off of the adhesive stamps. My young reader, it does not show that you have two varieties of the same stamp by cutting off the perforations on one of them; but it shows that you have

ruined, perhaps, a rare stamp, and ought to have your head "souzed" in a bucket of cold water for doing so.

On the pages of an album belonging to "The Youthful Collector," can be seen often a set of stamps with the letters "N. C." on them. These stamps belong to the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. and were used between Lima and Callao and other Peruvian seaports on the Pacific, in 1851. They cannot be obtained for less than \$100 a genuine set of eight. Counterfeit sets can be bought for forty cents. How is it that these stamps can be bought for forty cents? How is it, that these stamps can be seen in the collection of "Ye Boy?" A northern dealer made a lot of these forgeries and presented them to the philatelic public several years ago. These and specimens of other character are invariably found in almost every collection.

Two years ago experienced collectors would not buy any of the outlandish looking Bhopal Bhoore, Rajpeepla, Firmoor, N. anugger, and a host of others, until they had found out something about them; for they might pay enormous prices, and find that they had been swindled by some enterprising dealer in counterfeits.

If you wish to guard against buying counterfeits, you must study your specimens. Do not buy a single stamp off of a stranger until you have examined it carefully. Buy from reliable dealers only. Do not paste your specimens in your albums with common mucilage; but get prepared hinges which are fully as cheap and much better for the purpose. If you should have a blank book for an album, insert your stamps on one side of the paper only. When purchasing, if you have a doubt as to the genuineness of a stamp, take the advice of some advanced collector, who will take pleasure in advising you.

If you carry out the above directions, you will have a collection to be proud of; and will always be a pleasure both to you and to the advanced collector who may examine your stamps. For philatelists enjoy looking at the collection of those younger than themselves, and aiding the uninstructed whenever they can. J. C. G.

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## NEW ISSUES.

**ALESUND.**—New locals were issued on Dec. 15. In the centre the monogram P. H. S. O. (Postmaster Hans Sev. Oyne,) above in curve "Aalesund Bypost Firmaerke," and below a fish, with value in star. Values 3 ore, red; 5 ore, blue; 7 ore, black. Post Card 5 ore blue on white. (Ph. W.)

**ANTIOQUIA.**—The color of the 1 centavo has been changed to violet.

**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**—Three new provisional stamps have appeared. 1-2c. on 15c. blue and red, 1c. on 15c. blue and red, 4c. on 5c. vermilion and black. A new wrapper has appeared 1 centavo red.

**BARBADO.**—New registration envelopes, value 1d. and 2d. may be looked for.

**BELGIUM.**—The 5 c. is now printed in green. A new type of the 25 centimes has made its appearance, printed blue on pink paper.

**BELGARIA.**—The Ph. M. states that unpaid letter stamps have lately been issued, of which three values have been brought to our notice, 15 st. orange, 25 st. red, 50 st. blue. There is a new postal card, green on white, also red on white. The surcharge 15 on the 25 st. is in larger figures than formerly.

**CASHMERE.**—The 1-4 anna has appeared in blue instead of white.

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**ENGLAND.**—The color of some of the current stamps has been changed, and three new stamps added as follows: 5 pen green, 10 pen red, 10 pen yellow, 25 pen blue 1 mark grey and red, 5 marks green and red, 10 marks brown and red.

**FRANCE.**—There is a new reply-paid Pneumatic Letter Card, 1 franc, black on red thin paper.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—The Ph. R. chronicals a curious resuscitation of the Registration Envelope; it has the doublet, lined inscriptions and stamp space of the permanent issue, but the stamp on the flap is that of the provisional issue dated 12, 2 78.

**GERMANY.**—The 2 mark is now printed in blue-violet.

**HUNGARY.**—There are new official cards without stamps, both single and reply paid, printed in black on buff.

**MEXICO.**—A new card-letter is issued on white paper, 114x92, perforated, 10 centavos, green on white paper.

**PERAK.**—The 8 cents yellow of Straits Settlements has been surcharged in black for use in Perak.

**PERU.**—There are new surcharges out, with and without triangle.

**PORTO RICO.**—A postal card of the value of three cts. de peso, brown on white, is in use.

**SHANGHAI.**—The 20 cash is now green, the 60 cash mauve.

**SIERRE LEONE.**—The 4 d. comes to hand in bistre, water-mark Crown C. A.

**TURKS ISLANDS.**—The 4 d. is changed to pearl grey.

**UNITED STATES.**—The unpaid letter stamps are now printed in a slight different shade from the first issued. The "Ph. Monthly" states the following: The latest find in U. S. Envelopes is Die D. Jackson head, printed on No. 2 size white paper, star water mark. Of these interesting rarities only 10 were found.

## NOTICES OF EXCHANGE.

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M. D. Batchelder, formerly engaged in the stamp business, and publisher of "Our American Youth," has removed to 2700 N. Ninth street, St. Louis, Mo.

Be sure and read M. D. Batchelder's adv. on 2nd page of cover.

The Chicago Stamp Collector's Union held their 5th meeting on the 18th of February. One new member was enrolled and it was decided that every member who pays his initiation fee and dues regularly shall receive the Collector's Companion free as long as he is a member. The names of the officers are J. H. Raymond, Pres., Fred Connett, Sec.

Dealers desiring advertising space during the coming season should write for terms now, as in all probability our advertising rates will be increased in a few months. After this number no half inch advertisements will be taken as the copy for them generally overruns the space paid for.

We have received the following papers since our last issue, publishers please accept thanks. The Collectors Companion, Empire State Philatelist, Stamp World, Hermit, Keystone Philatelic Gazette, Canadian Philatelist, The Exchanger's Aid, The Philatelic Advertiser, Philatelic Herald, Foreign Stamp Collector's News, Stamp Collector's Journal, The Gem, Tidings from Nature.

Mr. A. N. Ridgley will retire from the trade as soon as he has disposed of his stock.

We have received from Lyman H. Low the catalogue of a collection of Confederate issues to be sold at auction by Messrs. Bangs & Co., Thursday March 26th.

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## Results of Lyman H. Low Auction Sale.

The collection of Canadian coins, medals and tokens, catalogued by Mr. Lyman H. Low, 838 Broadway, New York, and sold at auction by Messrs. Bangs & Co., February 3rd and 4th is by far the most extensive series that has ever been brought under the hammer in America. The catalogue which was very generally distributed a month before the sale, embodied a good arrangement, and the fullest description of the pieces, both as to type and preservation. The leading and well-known rarities were nearly all represented. We quote as follows

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## The Suez Canal Stamps Again.

BY "AUBURN."

Some recent philatelic writers have de-  
clared that these stamps are certainly gen-  
uine—no doubt of it at all. However none  
of them have given any satisfactory proof of  
this except to repeat the statement again.  
The simple facts in the case are as follows:  
In the latter part of 1868 the philatelic  
magazines of the day illustrated their pages  
with representations of an issue stated to  
have been emitted for the use of the em-  
ployees of Suez Canal Co. They were some-  
what showy-looking lithographs, oblong in  
shape and were, in fact, a rather coarse  
imitation of the beautifully engraved 12 1-2  
cent stamp of New Brunswick. Values—1,  
2, 4, 10, 40 centimes. It is difficult to see  
why any special stamps were needed for the  
employees of the company for the Egyptian Post-  
office was at that time under the good ad-  
ministration of Ismail Pasha and had am-  
ple provisions of its own in regard to postage  
stamps. Again, the employees on the canal  
were all, save one or two hundred Euro-  
peans, Egyptian fellahs who could under-  
stand no language but Arabic and who  
therefore would not have any use for stamps  
with inscriptions in ROMAN LETTERS ONLY.  
In the face of all this the stamps came out  
and met with a large sale. In the course of  
a couple of years, in 1870, the Stamp Col-  
lector's Magazine of England informed its  
readers that the Suez Canal stamps were, it  
was believed, never in use. They were au-  
thoritatively prepared for circulation but the  
company officials decided to dispense with  
them. In another place we are told that  
their use was forbidden by Ismail Pasha.  
Taking it all in all it is certain that no such  
stamps were ever postally used in Egypt,  
either on the banks of the "raging canal"  
elsewhere. The things can now be ob-  
tained in quantities from one to one thou-  
sand sets at Paris where their headquarters  
are. We don't say they are counterfeits but  
think they have no place in a stamp

album or catalogue. We would advise col-  
lectors to steer clear of all canal stamps,  
whether purporting to be from Suez or  
Panama.

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BY TOPAZ.

As a general thing, a country's stamps of  
high facial value are scarce in a used con-  
dition because they are not often called for.  
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country like the United States, where an  
immense number of packages is sent through  
the mails every day, this would not be the  
case. Our current 90-cent stamp is by no  
means uncommon though it is kept on sale  
only in the larger postoffices. But in sparsely  
settled regions and in countries like Mexico  
where only the great firms in a few cities  
ever need them, the higher denominations  
are rare, especially when sets of stamps  
follow each other in rapid succession.

In treating of a subject like this, the most  
natural way is to begin with one's own  
country and this is the order we will adopt.  
Our first 90-cent stamp was issued Aug. 13,  
1860, bearing the portrait of Washington.  
The whole series being withdrawn after a  
year's circulation, this stamp is very rare  
used, and unused specimens are quite costly.  
The one taking its place bore the same por-  
trait and was also of the same color, blue.  
Next comes the 90-cent of 1869, a beautiful  
stamp in two colors, black and carmine, and  
adorned with a fine picture of Lincoln, the  
Martyr President. It was proposed at first  
to put Lincoln on the 10 cents and Wash-  
ington on the ninety as before, but it was  
finally settled that Washington should be  
assigned to the six cents and Lincoln to the  
ninety. This stamp, like the first, was in  
use but a year and cancelled specimens are  
scarce. The present 90-cent stamp is so  
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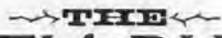
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Written for the  
"C. C. P."

## The Suez Canal Stamps Again.

BY "AUBURN."

Some recent philatelic writers have de-  
 clared that these stamps are certainly gen-  
 uine—no doubt of it at all. However none  
 of them have given any satisfactory proof of  
 this except to repeat the statement again.  
 The simple facts in the case are as follows:  
 In the latter part of 1868 the philatelic  
 magazines of the day illustrated their pages  
 with representations of an issue stated to  
 have been emitted for the use of the em-  
 ployees of Suez Canal Co. They were some-  
 what showy-looking lithographs, oblong in  
 shape and were, in fact, a rather coarse  
 imitation of the beautifully engraved 12 1-2  
 cent stamp of New Brunswick. Values—1,  
 2, 4, 10, 40 centimes. It is difficult to see  
 why any special stamps were needed for the  
 use of the company for the Egyptian Post-  
 office was at that time under the good ad-  
 ministration of Ismail Pasha and had am-  
 ple provisions of its own in regard to postage  
 stamps. Again, the employees on the canal  
 were all, save one or two hundred Euro-  
 peans, Egyptian fellaheen who could under-  
 stand no language but Arabic and who  
 therefore would not have any use for stamps  
 with inscriptions in ROMAN LETTERS ONLY.  
 In the face of all this the stamps came out  
 and met with a large sale. In the course of  
 a couple of years, in 1870, the Stamp Col-  
 lector's Magazine of England informed its  
 readers that the Suez Canal stamps were, it  
 was believed, never in use. They were au-  
 thentically prepared for circulation but the  
 company officials decided to dispense with  
 them. In another place we are told that  
 their use was forbidden by Ismail Pasha.  
 Putting it all in all it is certain that no such  
 stamps were ever postally used in Egypt,  
 either on the banks of the "raging canal"  
 or elsewhere. The things can now be  
 bought in quantities from one to one thou-  
 sand sets at Paris where their headquarters  
 are. We don't say they are counterfeits but  
 think they have no place in a stamp

album or catalogue. We would advise col-  
 lectors to steer clear of all canal stamps,  
 whether purporting to be from Suez or  
 Panama.

Written for the  
"C. C. P."

## The Higher Values of North American Postage Stamps.

BY TOPAZ.

As a general thing, a country's stamps of  
 high facial value are scarce in a used con-  
 dition because they are not often called for.  
 Of course in the large cities of a populous  
 country like the United States, where an  
 immense number of packages is sent through  
 the mails every day, this would not be the  
 case. Our current 90-cent stamp is by no  
 means uncommon though it is kept on sale  
 only in the larger postoffices. But in sparse-  
 ly settled regions and in countries like Mexico  
 where only the great firms in a few cities  
 ever need them, the higher denominations  
 are rare, especially when sets of stamps  
 follow each other in rapid succession.

In treating of a subject like this, the most  
 natural way is to begin with one's own  
 country and this is the order we will adopt.  
 Our first 90-cent stamp was issued Aug. 13,  
 1860, bearing the portrait of Washington.  
 The whole series being withdrawn after a  
 year's circulation, this stamp is very rare  
 used, and unused specimens are quite costly.  
 The one taking its place bore the same por-  
 trait and was also of the same color, blue.  
 Next comes the 50-cent of 1869, a beautiful  
 stamp in two colors, black and carmine, and  
 adorned with a fine picture of Lincoln, the  
 Martyr President. It was proposed at first  
 to put Lincoln on the 10 cents and Wash-  
 ington on the ninety as before, but it was  
 finally settled that Washington should be  
 assigned to the six cents and Lincoln to the  
 ninety. This stamp, like the first, was in  
 use but a year and cancelled specimens are  
 scarce. The present 90-cent stamp is so  
 familiar to all that I will only say that it  
 shows a fine profile of Commodore Perry,



the hero of Lake Erie. No 90-cent envelope was issued till 1870 when a supply was printed in carmine on white, cream and amber paper. The die was made by Mr. Reay. When in 1874 the Plimpton Company were entrusted with the manufacture of the U. S. envelopes, a new die slightly differing from that of Mr. Reay was engraved and is still in use.

Among the official stamps of the U. S. there is a 90-cent stamp of each of the nine departments except the agricultural and executive. As all the official stamps are like the corresponding values of the last general issue, it will be unnecessary to say more about them for they are known to every one.

Having now enumerated the stamps of this denomination, while we are yet on the subject of official stamps, we will look at the four large stamps of the State Department which are attractive for their rarity as well as for their unusual size and appearance. They are the two, five, ten and twenty dollars printed in black and green. Each has a portrait of William H. Seward, who was Secretary of State during the war. The use to which these high-valued stamps were put is not very well known but I have been told that the two and five dollars were used to prepay packages of books, sent by the department, which are always sealed and therefore chargeable at letter rates. As the four-pound limit for mail matter is not observed by the U. S. departments, it is probable that the ten and twenty dollars were used similarly on larger packages.

The division of United States high-valued stamps that presents itself next is the newspaper and periodical stamps. All philatelists must be well acquainted with the manner of employment of these labels as it has often been described. They never pass the post and are cancelled by the punching of a round hole through them. As there are so many values we will deal with them as briefly as possible. Every denomination from 12 to 96 cents inclusive has for a design the figure of Astræa, the Goddess of Justice. The next above which is the \$1.92 brown shows Ceres, the Goddess of Agriculture, and on the \$3 vermilion appears Nike, the Greek Goddess of Victory. The remaining figures are as follows: \$6 blue, Clio—the Muse of History; \$9 orange, Minerva—Goddess of Wisdom; \$12 green, Vesta—

Goddess of Home; \$24 purple, allegorical—Figure of Peace; \$36 red, Mercury—God of Commerce; \$48 brown, Hebe—Goddess of Youth; \$60 lilac, Minnehaha—the bride of the Indian hero, Hiawatha. These stamps may safely be pronounced the most beautiful set ever made for any country. They are indeed trophies of the engraver's skill and the Continental Bank Note Co., are second to none in this line. Unused copies of these stamps were formerly sold at Washington at face value but this practice has been discontinued. A \$48, used, was recently sold at an auction sale for \$1; 50 while a \$60 was knocked off at \$ 5.20. Their rarity is increasing every day and persons having any of them will do well to keep them and hand them down to their grandchildren, for the stamps that sell for \$ 5 to day may bring \$ 50 in time.

Turning reluctantly from the high values of U. S. stamps, in which there is so much to interest, we pause for a moment to glance at the locals of Wells Fargo & Co. Among the numerous postage labels issued by this great firm are two of the value of one dollar, two of two dollars and two of four dollars. These were issued to prepay letters to the West in the times when the passage across the country was so dangerous as to make the rates very high. Unused one left on hand can be obtained for a very reasonable sum.

(To be continued.)

## Philately, as a Science.

BY T. OEE.

Postage stamp collecting is a pursuit that has exercised its charm over persons of both sexes and in every class of life, ever since the mania, as it was then called, commenced about 1863. No doubt stamp collecting, as a mania, has to a great extent died out, but the collecting of stamps as a science has probably taken a firmer hold than ever among that class of persons most suited for its propagation. Now that the time has come when gentlemen are willing to travel miles to attend an auction sale or to inspect a choice assortment of stamps and who are eager to give from fifty to a hundred dollars or more for some great rarity, one has no right to complain of the decline of Philately, at least considered as a science and not as

merely the frivolous pastime of schoolboys. Philately, as I understand it, does not mean merely the accumulation of a number of pieces of paper of different colors and designs, and issued by various countries and towns, sticking them into an album and then gazing over the large number you possess, but it implies a careful and accurate study of the postage stamps of all nations, in all their phases and varieties,—you will probably be led to this conclusion in some such way as the following:

You will come across (let us take for example) a two pence stamp of New Zealand, printed on very thin paper and perforated in an irregular manner; turning to your album to affix its proper place you will come to a knowledge of your own ignorance of the art of collecting; you will find that it is interesting, because the science, of the pursuit is yet before you and that what you have already accomplished is but the first steps, as it were, to the science of Philately; you have the foundation, in your collection, of a knowledge of the art, but it is merely as the basis of your future efforts that it will be of service to you. I write this, of course, with the supposition that you intend to study your hobby thoroughly. To show the vast importance of complete investigation and classification, let us just consider what would be thought of a numismatist who absolutely refused to look at the reverse and designs of his coins and persisted in regarding merely the obverse and taking that portion only into consideration:—every one would say that he did not know what he was about, but that he was not a numismatist in any sense of the word, but merely an accumulator of old pieces of metal,—but where is the difference between the case of such a man as we have supposed and that of a collector who only looks at the design on the face of the stamps? None; the sciences of numismatics and philately are sisters, both coins and stamps have backs and edges as well as fronts and all parts of both require, and will not repay, the study of their votaries. Now, let us look at the inconsistency of those who advocate the design and color—of the design and color only—of stamps: when they take into their collections, you will find, the first issue of New Zealand, on blue paper; but they take no notice of the difference in the two subsequent issues, one on black paper and the other on pelure. How

can they explain this? The variety in either case is only in the paper, but one they accept and the other they reject! They also frequently put into their albums two copies of a stamp printed in different shades of color, say a light and a dark blue, though the cause of the discrepancy in color may be merely the result of accident, while if the stamp was first unwatermarked, and after the lapse of years, with a watermark, the distinction, and consequently one issue, is totally ignored. In conclusion let me say that to study the science as recommended above, it will be absolutely necessary to procure a blank book for the specimen; containing no trammels of squares. Spaces and ornament will then be laid upon the collector; but he will be at liberty to accept what he likes; this means, of course what he can get or afford, for he will want everything and here consists one of the great charms of philately, as a science; such a thing as completeness is unattainable, consequently there is always something to do, something to look forward to, and something to seek.

### Natal Provisionals and Surcharged Stamps.

The various South African Colonies have always been noted for the prolific way in which they produced extra or provisional issues, and Natal is not behind her sisters in this respect. Various reasons have been named as causing this remarkable state of affairs, but none of them are in themselves sufficient to satisfactorily account for the numerous vagaries observable. That the supply required of certain stamps may be under-estimated by the authorities, when ordering will reasonably account for the stock running out, but that the estimates should be repeatedly, persistently and uniformly below the natural needs of a community is a matter that experience should certainly rectify. Still in the case of Natal this did not happen, and all sorts of expedients were adopted to meet the deficiency. Fiscals were surcharged and used as postals while postage stamps of different denominations were surcharged with various styles of type in other values. These variations are almost innumerable, and it is difficult to describe all their differences intelligibly. For

the benefit and instruction of our readers we submit the following, which is a tolerably full and accurate catalogue of these stamps:

In 1869 the 1d. carmine, 3d. blue, large and small perf., and 6d. mauve and grey-lilac stamps of the types of 1860 to 1864 were surcharged horizontally all in black with the word "Postage," in four different kinds of type. The first had the word all in ordinary Roman capitals 2 mm. long, and followed by a full-stop (.). In the second the initial letter only was a capital, (2 mm long) and there was also a period (.) at the end. The third was almost the same except that the capital "P" was 2 1-2 mm. long. In the fourth kind the surcharge was in Roman capitals 2 1-2 mm. long, and was not followed by a period. In the same year (1869) the 1 shilling green, type of 1864 was also surcharged in black in all the four different styles above mentioned. Of the first style the surcharge on some of the 1d stamps was reversed as was that also of some of the 3d. stamps of the second type.

In 1870 to '73 the 1d., 3d., and 6l. of the type of 1860 to '64 were surcharged vertically on each side of the stamps with the word "Postage" (without a period) in block letters, 2 mm. long. This surcharge was in red on the 3d. stamps and in black on the two other values.

In the same years the 1 shilling, green, of the type of 1864 was surcharged with the word "POSTAGE" in small block capitals, 1 mm. long in a curve following the inner lower line of the oval, and without a period following. These were surcharged in three different colors—green, black and carmine.

In July, 1873, the 1 shilling red-brown fiscal was surcharged in black vertically in its centre with "POSTAGE" in Roman capitals, 2 mm. long (without period.) The same fiscal was also used in 1873 for postal purposes without any surcharge.

On the 1d. carmine, type of 1860, was in 1873 surcharged in black horizontally, the word "POSTAGE" (without period) in block capital letters 1 1-2 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 1-2 HALF in black Roman capitals. The same stamp is also found with the word "HALF" horizontally surcharged in Roman capitals 2 1-2 mm. long. The numeral 1-2 is found in various positions in different specimens—above the word "HALF," below it, in the 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 obliterated by three black lines. In some cases the surcharge is reversed.

In 1878 and '79 we find the postal 6d. mauve and lilac, type of 1862, and the fiscal 6d. rose, type of 1870, surcharged in black in two lines—"POSTAGE" in Roman capital and "One Penny," capital "O" and "P"—and the original value in both cases obliterated by three black lines. Of this 6d. rose fiscal, there are four varieties—the ordinary surcharge, reversed surcharge, double surcharge (ordinary and reversed) and surcharged with "One Penny" the word "Postage" being omitted.

Besides the above there exist the following which are indisputably genuine as well as old though we have not been able to obtain information as to their use:—3d. blue surcharged obliquely, "10d." in black and 1d. carmine with similar surcharge.

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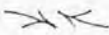
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Now let us away to the south to the land of the Montezumas, officially known as the United States of Mexico. This country, located as is famous, is reproducing stamps especially celebrated for its numerous variations and changes of government. A little under many presidents and various constitutions, and twice an empire, it is not so wonderful at that Mexico has issued between full sets of postage stamps besides several single ones. The first series of Mexican stamps appeared July 15, 1856, although some authorities give the date a year later. There were four values, printed on white paper, but the individual which draws our attention is the eight reales. In U. S. currency eight reales are about equal to one dollar. The stamp we are now describing is printed in violet though the color fades considerably. On its face is the figure of one of Mexico's revolutionary heroes. It has across the bottom the inscription "OCHO (8) REALES." In 1861 new stamps took the place of the 1856 issue,

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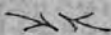
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## The Higher Values of North American Postage Stamps.

BY TOPAZ.

(Continued from April No.)

Having now mentioned all the high-valued stamps of our own republic, continuing this interesting topic, let us proceed a little farther north—to the colony of British Columbia. Here, in 1869, was issued a set of six stamps, all printed in different colors on the plate of an obsolete three-pence and recharged with new value. The highest of the series is the one dollar. It is printed in green, and, strangely enough, is surcharged in green also. British Columbia joined the Dominion of Canada in 1871 and has had no stamps of its own since. Therefore as it only had a circulation of about two years and that in a thinly settled country, the one dollar stamp is quite scarce. Owing to this it has been counterfeited but not very successfully as the proper delicacy of detail altogether wanting in the imitations.

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tated and surcharged "Mexico" in gothic type for use provisionally in the capital. With the year 1868 just mentioned, the currency of reales was discontinued and centavos made their appearance. The 100 centavos black on brown is the successor of the last Guadalajara peso. It is a puzzle why this peculiar form of expression was chosen to indicate the value when the term peso had already been employed. But perhaps the Mexicans are fond of "periphrastic diction" as a learned divine has put it. The 100 centavos was struck in brown as well as black and was used both in a perforated and unperforated state, the former being the more common. These gave way in 1872 to another one, lilac in color, which has likewise a representation of the same miserable looking hero. On this latter stamp the value is expressed only in Spanish—thus, "Cien Centavos." Both perforated and unperforated specimens were emitted. To the credit of the Mexican postal authorities this wretched thing was removed in 1874 to make room for a handsome successor of a beautiful carmine tint which remained in circulation five years after which a new design was adopted. The portrait of Gen. Porfirio Diaz was engraved for the new stamps. Diaz is the most popular man in the republic and was recently re-elected president. Black was the color allotted to the 100 centavos of 1879 and this sombre shade was retained until 1882 when three new values were added to the set and the colors of two more were changed. The latter fortune befell our friend the 100 centavos and yellow was the color assigned to it. Last year, however, appeared among others from Mexico, stamps of the denominations of 1, 2, 5 and 10 pesos all blue and slightly larger in size than preceding issues. From the inscription on the face, it was at first supposed that they were for official use but time has proved that they are intended for ordinary postal service. The 10 pesos is the highest in value of any Mexican postage stamp and deserves to be much sought after.

We must now turn our attention to those queer, coarse-looking labels which go by the name of "Porte de Mar stamps." Porte de Mar means marine postage and the stamps bearing this legend were used to prepay the charges on foreign letters carried from Mexico by English steamers. They were bought from the S. S. Co. officials and placed beside the regular national stamps.

They were first adopted in 1875 and a series of 12 values was made. They are large and the design is merely a figure of value within an oval, the whole being cheap in appearance. All are unperforated. Those above the fifty are the 60, 75, 85 and 100 centavos all black. These stamps have been regarded with suspicion on all sides and hundreds of collectors have refused them entirely, but they are undoubtedly genuine and collectible. A second and far prettier set came out in 1879 which included a 100 centavos, violet a very neat stamp though the design was similar to the previous ones but it was smaller and more convenient. This finishes the high-valued stamps of Mexico and allows us to advance to those of Guatemala.

In the republic of Guatemala only three stamps were issued that come within our theme. The first was a revenue use postally, was employed in 1872. In the center is a shield and around it the words "Timbre de Guatemala." The value was one peso and its color green. There is another, peros, pink, of the same design but it has never to my knowledge been used for postage. The postal use of the provisional peso was discontinued on the arrival later in the year of a new orange peso stamp for the mail service. This was made in New York and consequently the execution is very fine. It was superseded in 1878 by another one, yellow, bearing the head of an American Indian within an oval. It is said that the stamps of 1878 which are coarse, poorly engraved things were ordered because the stamps heretofore furnished were too expensive.

The neighboring state of Honduras has contributed to the list of high-valued stamps a solitary one. The label referred to was issued in 1878 and is a one peso, yellow with a portrait of General Morazan. It is a beautiful stamp and is as yet quite scarce.

I have now finished my task of describing the higher values of North American postage stamps and hope that the result may be of some service to collectors and that the amount of labor expended may atone for any errors.

## The Virgin Islands.

BY F. H. SWARTZ.

Virgin Islands were discovered by Columbus in 1493, and consist of a cluster

rocks. Only a portion of them belong to Great Britain, the Danes possessing St. Thomas, St. John, and Sainte Croix, and the Spaniards claiming those nearest to Puerto Rico. The largest island in the group belonging to England is Tortola, which is situated in 18 deg. 27 min N. lat. and 64 deg. 39 min. W. long.

The Government consists of an Executive and Legislative Council. Sugar is grown in small quantities, and many of the landed proprietors have recently planted cotton with success. On the 19th of October, 1867, the islands were visited by a terrible hurricane, which caused great destruction to life and property. Sir Arthur Kumbold, administrator of St. Kitts, thus describes the calamity, which I extract as a specimen of the visitations to which these islands are frequently subjected:

"The storm lasted from eleven A. M. to three P. M., but the greatest force was from twelve to two; in that brief space of time two thirds of the miserable tenements of the town were blown down. The goal is destroyed; the church, the hospital, pier, school-house, Wesleyan chapel and poor-house are also destroyed. and my own dwelling unroofed and rendered uninhabitable. The loss of life cannot as yet be correctly ascertained. I have, however, been officially informed of about twelve deaths in the town, two at Peter's Island, two at West End, while I hear that a quantity of people are killed in other parts of the country, and scarcely a hut or habitation is left standing. All was bright and verdant; the withering blast has passed over it, and not a fruit or other tree remains. The works of the few remaining estates are all totally destroyed."

Another hurricane, in 1871, inflicted nearly equal damage.

The islands now belonging to Great Britain were first colonized by a party of Dutch buccaneers, who, about 1668, established themselves on Tortola, but were soon afterwards driven out by English adventurers of the same class, when, ere long, they were attached to the government of the Leeward Islands. It is to be feared that terrible cruelty was practiced towards the slaves in Tortola. In 1811 a planter named Hodge was hung for murdering his negroes by slow tortures—a measure that called forth such indignation amongst the whites that

the Governor was obliged to proceed in person to Tortola and proclaim martial law before the sentence could be executed. This hideous ruffian was a member of the Council!

The area of the Virgin Islands—so called after St. Ursula and the eleven thousand maidens—is 57 square miles, with a population of 6,551 souls.

The first stamps issued by this country was in 1875, which consisted of 1 penny, green, with the figure of Virgin in the center, with name at the top and denomination at the bottom; 4 pence, red brown, with same cut, only about one-third larger; 6 pence, rose, with figure of Virgin; 1 shilling, crimson, with cut the same as the 6 pence; and shilling crimson with scarlet edge, the same as the other. The next issue was in 1880, which consisted of 1 penny green, and 2 1/2 pence green. The design was as follows: In the center the bust of the Queen, with Virgin Islands at the top and denomination at the bottom.—OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

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varieties are being made each year in such large quantities, and new centuries are also beginning to adopt them so readily, that twenty years hence we shall possibly have one general system extending throughout the whole world, and the varieties probably running up into the hundred thousands.

Again, turn the clock back forty years, continue the government as it is, and stop the postal system for a week. A stoppage of twenty-four hours would bring disaster untold, and an interruption of a week would perhaps clog the wheels of government so badly that they could not revolve smoothly again for a very long time. The little stamp has become a power in the nation. The study of it has overtaken the greatest men in our land; and it is just as much a commodity worthy of barter and sale as any other object of art that lacks neither venders nor purchasers. People may argue that the intrinsic value of the stamp is nothing. Now who sets the price of diamonds? What is it that places a value on metal, whether it be gold, silver or lead? The thousand dealers and million collectors in the United States certainly find pleasure and profit in studying the subject, and there are plenty of dealers and collectors on the other side of the water to attend to the business properly over there. We'll keep our end up.

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## Chronicle.

**Angola**—The Philatelic World mentions a postal card, 10 reis, blue on buff. Stamp same as on the Guinea card, and inscribed "Provincia de Angola."

**Argentine**—The 1c. carmine of the new type is surcharged "Official" in black.

**Bahamas**—Besides the 1d. and 4d. values there are 5s. and £1 to be chronicled.

**Barbados**—Two new stamps, 3d. violet and 4d. brown, have been issued.

**Belgium**—We received the 25c. "Telegraphes," green, unperforated and 25c. green and 1 fr. rose perforated, used for postage.

**Brazil**—We are much obliged to Mr. Luiz Levy, S. Paulo, for sending us the 10 reis, color changed to orange, issued March 10th. The head on the 50 reis blue has been enlarged.

**Cape Verde**—The same postal card as Angola, 10 reis, blue on buff.

**Canada**—We received the 5c. stamp used for registration, the 1c. bill stamp used for postage.

**Chili**—The 2c. card, blue on yellow, has been issued.

**Cyprus**—4 piastre has watermark "Crown C. A." The "R" on the Recommendation Envelopes, 2d. blue, is now in an oval in the left corner.

**Denmark**. There are two different types of the 5 and 10 ore stamps.

**Fernando Po.** The 2 centavos is surcharged: Habilitado para correos 50 cents peseta, rose and blue.

**Finland.** A reply postal card appeared 10 plus 10 penni, violet on buff. The 25 penni envelope changed color to blue. The 20 penni envelope is mentioned in orange.

**France.** We received the new set of telegr. stamp, cards and envelope. 50 centimes stamp, rose, 30c. black on buff, card (for Paris only) 30 and 30 reply card; 50c. black on blue, letter card (for Paris only), 75c. rose on lilac, envelope, 2 franc lilac stamp, 1869, came to hand, used for postage.

**Great Britain.** We have the 1 shilling foreign bill stamp used for postage.

**Italy.** So the 5c. and 15f. (surcharged 5.00) used for postage. The Ph. O. writes: Italy will shortly have four new stamps for parcel postage, 50c. lake, 75c. sea green, 1 fr. 25c. dull orange, 1 fr. 75c. deep blue.

Guinea. Mr. Wm. P. Brown has the green.  
 Gambia. The same as Angola, card 10 reis, blue on buff.  
 Portugal. 20 reis has changed the color mine.  
 Siam. The surcharge "Selanger" on cent stamp is larger now, the same on Siam-Ujong stamp.  
 Siam. Mr. Warner sent us a new newspaper stamp, slate and red, on white paper.  
 United States. The Baltimore & Ohio Co. issued 4 stamps. 1c. red, 5c. 10c. orange. These are beautiful in design. A new 10c. stamp is to be issued July 1st, also a 1c. periodical

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### The Postage Stamp.

J. M. T. PARTELLE.

The collecting of postage stamps has long ceased to be a mania. It has become a time that has no equal, and numbers of its votaries to-day some of the best lights of the world. The late Mr. Sumner, a finished classical scholar, and the author of several Latin text books, was a collector for years but he steadily denied it, because he did not want to be considered a philatelist. In my opinion he was a fool for not acknowledging it. No man need be ashamed of the study, for it is one that tends to raise one's intellectual standard rather than retard it. Mr. L. E. Chittenden, for-

merly Treasurer of the United States, spent a good many dollars for a collection merely to gratify the whim or mania, whichever you are pleased to call it. For a long time he considered it money wasted, but when he needed a little ready cash a philatelic friend advised him to put his collection up at auction, which he did, and no man was more surprised than Mr. Chittenden to receive a good many more hundred dollars for the little bits of paper than he paid for them. In short, he realized 25 per cent. on money invested, which was a very good profit after all.

Other great men of our country are or have been collectors of stamps. The late Charles Sumner, one of America's greatest statesmen, was a collector, and although few were aware of the fact, yet this grand American Senator had his little private album stowed away in his senatorial desk, in which he kept some very rare varieties of postage vignettes clipped from letters coming from all quarters of the globe. The Hon. James G. Blaine, H. V. Zevilly, Senator Sherman, Gen. E. D. Townsend and Gen. Grant must be numbered among America's philatelist, and if you cross the ocean and search for collectors there, be sure and ramble awhile among the nobility, where you will be more than astonished to see the number of titled gentlemen belonging to England, France, Germany and Italy, who have spent good parts of their fortune in completing their albums.

I forgot to mention that General Spilner, Treasurer of the United States under Lincoln, Johnson and Grant, and whose autograph adorns so many of our precious Treasury notes, is also a collector of postage stamps, but it is not generally known that he was led into becoming a "crazy stamp collector" by force of circumstances in a most remarkable manner. We all remember the fractional currency that flooded the country during the war; well, these "shin-plasters," as they were then called, were nothing more than so many postage stamps stuck on brown paper to give the latter a current value. If the reader has any on hand, just take a glance at one and see for yourself. The smallest paper money issued by the government at that time were one dollar notes. Change of a smaller amount was made by silver or postage stamps. When silver became scarce, Gen. Spinner,

who did the thinking for the government on such matters, was at a loss what to do. Small change had vanished. Purchasers in open market were actually compelled to take their change in beets, cabbage, potatoes, etc., or else buy an even dollar's worth of stuff whether they wanted it or not. After buying fifty cent's worth of apples or some other commodity two or three times and being offered a lot of turnips or other produce to make up the change, General Spinner got tired of the thing, and would take nothing but stamps for change. Pretty soon he had enough profiles of Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Jackson on hand to set up a post office, and for aught we know, might have contemplated going into the stamp business during those stirring times that "tried men's souls." At any rate, taking stamps for change and paying them out again suggested the idea of making them a legal tender for a certain amount, and from that idea sprang the grand idea of our fractional currency system which General Spinner so successfully inaugurated and carried into effect.

There were made three, five, ten, fifteen, twenty-five and fifty cent notes, all of the same paper as bank notes, and on each was printed fac similes of the postage stamps to the value required. It was, in fact, a "postal currency," and by that name was it known until abolished by law.

General Spinner ought to have received a vote of thanks from Congress for the "happy idea," as his novel scheme saved the government many thousands of dollars (by notes worn out or never sent in when recalled), and must have diminished the national debt a large amount. The above will serve to show what a good turn the postage stamp did the government as a substitute for coin.

The little three cent silver piece, first coined in 1851, was intended to fulfill a special purpose? It was authorized by an act of Congress dated March 3, 1851, entitled "An act to reduce and modify the rates of postage, etc." and especially intended for the purchasing of the three cent postage stamp.

These bits of silver were not designed for general trade purposes, from the fact that the act authorizing this coinage made them a limited tender in payment in sums of thirty cents and under. After the diminutive silver three cent piece died, the large

nickel three cent piece was born, and played second fiddle to the green three cent stamp until the latter was abolished when the coin expired with it. No three cent stamps are issued, neither more coins of that value made.

Our government began the manner or rather issue of stamps in 1847, and that date have issued nearly five hundred distinct varieties and values of adhesive envelopes and wrappers, with faces running all the way from one cent to ten dollars.

A man may walk into the post office every city or town in the Union, place a cent stamp on a letter, drop it into the box, and can feel almost absolutely safe in its travelling to Maine, Oregon or any part of the country without giving a thought to the matter. For five cents he can send it out into the world, and his letter will travel over oceans and seas, deserts and plains, and finally reach its owner somewhere in the antipodes fifty-two thousand miles from where it started. The world in its present enlightenment could not get along without the wonderful postal system. Our government could not get along without it. The Postmaster General's Department is the greatest portfolio of the President's gift of cabinet positions. 49,000 postmasters paid to handle stamps gives employment to so many people every four years these people actually to be considered as factors in political matters. When an election comes off, the 400,000 faithful fellows are expected to do their duty by voting "early and often," and when the spoils come to be divided, the stamp selling windows go to those wise seeing fellows who had the good sense to vote the right way.

The postal system may not be one of the wonders of the world, but it is certainly one of the wonders of the nineteenth century. There will be too, before long, a combination of the simple postage stamp with electric telegraph. If the shade of Benjamin Franklin only look down on such a consummation, the sooner the better, for there is no post too high that this little paper wonder should not rest on.

I have sometimes tried to think what will be the future of the postage stamp.

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## Stamp Collecting in the Future.

W. C. G.

Considering the great number of stamps which are issued every month and year by different countries at present, the thought suggests itself: What a magnitude stamp collecting will have attained in a hundred years from now! Up to the present time there have been issued throughout the world not less than 8000 varieties since the beginning in 1840, and over half of these in the last 12 years. At this rate what an immense number there would be a century hence. No man can ever expect to gather together a hundredth part of them and if he could what an immense album or series of albums it would require to hold them, to say nothing of the cost and expense. But on the other hand, stamps are issued those which have done their duty in the past will gradually become extinct and then extinct to live awhile in philatelic history till finally their very existence will be unknown to the collector of a future period. So although myriads are springing into existence others are disappearing so that only a small part of those which have been issued will be collected at one time. It is evidence that this will be the case take for example C. S. A. and U. S. Government and State seals, Mulready envelopes, etc. and many others are now to be found only in a few collections and in a little time they will be omitted from catalogues and albums because there will be none to collect. It seems impossible to us to think that in a few decades the 2c. U. S. present issue will be extinct but such must inevitably be the case for stamps even if carefully preserved will in time fall to pieces and disappear. From this it must not be understood that 8000 will be the greatest number collected at one time for at the present the new issues are appearing much faster than old ones are becoming rare. Out of this number there are probably 1500 or 1600 which can be obtained for \$100. or under, although the average number of stamps to each collector in the U. S. is probably not over 400. Even if there are 2500 stamps obtainable in each generation only about 4000 or 5000 at the present rate will be within the reach of the average collector and about

1000 the average to a collection. Philatelic literature also has made great progress of late and a large number of papers have appeared. As yet, however, the average collector fails to see the benefit to be derived from these papers and in consequence many fail for want of support. But they are fast becoming more valuable to the collector and no doubt in a few years the leading stamp papers will occupy a prominent place in American journalism. A few years ago stamp collectors were sneered at for entertaining a foolish hobby but this is fast giving way before the immense increase in numbers of these "cranks." In a few years we will see "stamps" on the premium lists of fairs and expositions and the many splendid collections will receive their well merited praise. Collecting, like a great many other things which have overcome opposition and sneers by the persistence of its devotees, will soon occupy a high position among those arts or amusements which combine pleasure, knowledge and even profit. Even at the present there are a number of rich and noble stamp collectors and their number will be greatly increased as it always finds favor with persons who have money to spare.

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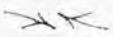
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The first issue of French stamps was authorized by the decree of 1843, which fixed uniform postal rates at 20 centimes and franc, and ordained the issue of stamps of these values on the 1st of January, 1849. The type, of which the printing was superintended by M. Hulot, was actually engraved by M. Barre. The 20c. made its appearance in black, and the 1 franc in vermillion. This latter stamp is one of the very rarest, and was in circulation only a few days. The post-office circular of December 1st, 1849, ordered the return to the general post office in Paris, of all the 1 franc vermillion. Probably in prevision of the issue of 40 centime stamps, for which orders were given in April, the 1 franc, as early as August, 1849, was printed in carmine. The 20c. was issued in June, 1850. The law of July, 1850, fixed the rate for single-weight stamps at 25 centimes, which necessitated the issue of the 25c. blue, which took place in August. When, after the passage of the law, M. Hulot was requested to prepare a new plate, he was unable to assure the Minister of Finance that it would be ready in time, and it was agreed that he should obtain a supply in blue from the 20c. dies, and surcharge them with the figures 25 in carmine. This was done, but M. Hulot was unable to get ready the plate of the new 25c., within the given time, and all but a very few specimens of the provisionals were destroyed. The sheets of the 20c. blue, without the surcharge, got mixed with the supplies of the 25c. and were used in that condition. On the 12th of July, 1850, the 15c. green was issued, followed in September by the 10c. All the values, except the 1 franc vermillion, but including the 20c. blue, were reprinted in 1862. The following list will be found handy for reference.

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| Issue of 1849-50; profile of Liberty in circle, unperforated. |                        |
| 1 cent bi-tre.  | 10 cent yellow bistre. |
| 5 " green.  | 15 " blue green.       |
| 10 " olive green.   | 20 " black.            |
| 20 " black on yellowish.                                      |                        |
| 25 " blue (error).  | 25 " blue.             |

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| 25 " bright blue.       | 40 " vermillion.         |
| 40 " orange-vermillion. |                          |
| 1 Franc vermillion.     | 1 Franc dark vermillion. |
| 1 " light vermillion    |                          |

The coup d'etat occurred in December, 1851, and the profile of Liberty on the stamp; was no longer appropriate. The profile of Louis Napoleon, therefore, was substituted, but the title "REPUB. FRANC," remained. The 25c. was issued on the 12th of August, and the 10c. in Sept., 1852. Beneath the neck of the portrait appears a small "B"—the initial of Barre the engraver.

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| Issue of 1852. Profile of Napoleon, unperforated. |                 |
| 10 cent yellow bistre.                            | 10 cent bistre. |
| 25 " light blue.                                  | 25 " dark blue. |

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| Issue of 1853-60. Profile of Napoleon, unperforated. |                      |
| 1 cent olive green.                                  | 1 cent dark olive.   |
| 5 " green.   | 5 " light green.     |
| 10 " citron.   | 10 " ochre.          |
| 10 " bi-tre.   | 20 " blue.           |
| 20 " dark blue.                                      | 20 " milk blue.      |
| 20 " light blue.                                     | 20 " blue on bluish. |
| 20 " blue on greenish.                               |                      |
| 25 " blue.   | 40 " orange.         |
| 40 " orange vermillion.                              |                      |
| 80 " carmine.  | 80 " pale carmine.   |
| 80 " rose.   | 1 Franc carmine.     |

Up to this time no attempt had been made to perforate the French stamps. In 1861 the Messrs Susse freres pointedly indicated to the government the course to be taken, by setting up a perforating machine to perforate the stamps which they sold over their own counter. The 1, 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80 centimes were sold with this large and coarse perforation. The machine used by Susse freres is still extant, and use was made of it in 1869, to perforate a number of old used stamps. Shortly after Susse's machine had commenced working a number of sheets of the six current values were issued with line perforations. All the values were officially perforated in 1862.

Issue of 1862.	Profile of Napoleon, perforated
1 cent olive green.	1 cent very dark olive.
5 " green.	5 " dark green.
10 " bistre.	10 " citron.
20 " light blue.	20 " dark blue.
40 " orange.	40 cent orange-vermilion.
80 " rose.	80 " rose-carmine.

A new issue with laureated profile of the emperor began to appear in 1863. The 2c. appeared Jan. 4th, and the 4c. on the 12th of Sept. The 10, 20, 40 and 80c. laureated were issued in 1867, and a new value, the 30c. was added. In November, 1869 the 5 franc stamp was issued, and the 1c. laureated did not appear until May, 1870. A 5c. green (laureated) was prepared but never issued. The seven values, 2, 4, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 80c., were issued unperforated in 1869, but are now very scarce.

Issue of 1863-70, laureated head perforated.	
1 cent olive green.	1 cent bronze-green.
2 " red brown.	4 " grey.
4 " pearl.	10 " bistre.
10 " dark bistre.	20 " pale blue.
20 " dark blue.	30 " brown.
30 " dark brown.	40 " orange.
80 " carmine.	5 francs mauve.

The 10c. bistre was issued surcharged with the figures 10 in blue in 1871. The last imperial stamp—the 1 centime—appeared in the month of May, 1870. On the 15th of July following, war was declared between France and Germany, and on the 19th of September, Paris was completely invested. A month later the engraved Republican stamps (perforated reprints of the 1849 series) made their appearance in the besieged capital. In the month of December, M. Gambetta and his co-delegates established themselves in Bordeaux, where was issued the lithographed series. Let us examine the Bordeaux series first. The dies of the original stamps of the Republic of 1849 having been left in Paris, it was necessary to create an entirely new series, and to print a supply with the least delay possible, as the stock of stamps in the provincial post-offices was nearly exhausted. Le Timbre Post for December, 1870, mentions that the 1, 2, and 4 centimes, and the 10, 20 and 80 centimes were issued in November, 1870, and that they were soon followed by the 5, 30 and 40 centimes. The design of all these stamps was a close imitation of the corresponding values in the series for the Empire, the head of Liberty being substituted for the bust of the Emperor, and the inscriptions altered in harmony with this substitution. Of all the values, with the exception of the 20 centimes, there appears to have been but one type; while of the

70 centimes we find three types distinctly defined, and of the third type there appears to be one sub type, if not more. The principal points of difference between the first type, and the second and third types are in the pearl border being very imperfect in the first type, and about one sixteenth of an inch distance from the framing at the top while in the other types it nearly touches the top framing. The lettering and figures are small and indistinct. The second type is the most common. The lettering etc. is larger. The third type is very similar to the second. The most ready mode of distinguishing this type from the second, is to observe the border of the left upper side, in the two preceding types there are distinct uscan frets and the commencement of a fifth, while in the third type the commencement of a fifth is wanting. The different shades of color in all the stamps of this series offer considerable food for the philatelist who is anxious to collect shades. Amongst all the shades, the ultramarine blue in the second and third types is the rarest. Some of the 2 centimes have been printed on paper with the same preparatory coating of color as that used for the 10 centimes and are worth collecting. The Bordeaux series is composed of the following values—

Issue of 1870, large figures in angles, unperforated	
1 cent olive green.	1 cent dark olive green.
2 " red brown.	2 " brown.
4 " grey.	
Small figures of value.	
5 cent green.	10 cent bistre.
10 " yellow bistre.	10 " dark bistre.
20 " blue.	20 " ultramarine.
30 " bistre brown.	30 " brown.
40 " red.	40 " orange.
40 " ochre.	80 " rose.
80 " carmine.	

The Bordeaux series was officially issued unperforated, but we have seen specimens of all the values perforated and rouletted. We now turn to the Parisian re-issue of the 1849 type; the three values emitted during the siege were the 10c. bistre, 20c. blue and 40c. orange, which appeared in the latter months of 1870. The 15c. and 25c. appeared on the 1st of September, 1871, and subsequently other values, completing the set. The design of the Parisian issue, although identical with the originals of the 1849 type, is easily recognisable from the fact that they were issued perforated, while the 1849 were not. We append the following list:—

Issue of 1870-72, type of olive green.	1849 perforated. 2 cent red brown.
grey.	5 " green.
yellow bistre.	15 " bistre.
pale blue.	20 " bright blue.
blue.	40 " vermilion.
orange.	30 " yellow brown.
dark brown.	80 " rose.
carmine.	

We have in our collection a copy of the laureated head of Emperor type, changed to in blue, said to have been used in 1871, but we do not know the history of it. In 1871, the 10c. bistre (1849) was surcharged with the value in cents, DIX CENTES, printed in black across the face, but they were never issued. In 1873 the 10c. of the 1849 type appeared in brown on rose. This stamp was no other than the old 10c. bistre, dipped in the bath of color used to tint the sheets of the 80c. stamps, were issued for use on the Paris local (card). In 1874 the 15c. bistre was changed with larger numerals of value in blue and was followed in 1875 by the 10c. on rose showing the same change. The sheets of the 15c. seem to have got mixed with the 10c. and were, with that exception, treated to the bath spoken of above.

Issue of 1873-75, perforated.

10 cent bistre on rose.

Larger numerals of value.

10 cent bistre on rose. 15 cent bistre.  
10 cent bistre on rose (error).

In 1876 an entire new series began to see the light. The 5, 15, 25 and 50 centimes were the earliest to appear, and were followed by the 2 and 10c. The 1 franc came out in the middle of September, and the 4c. and 15c. in November. The 1c. did not appear until February, 1877. The design of this issue is unique, representing the goddess of peace and the god of commerce, clasping hands over the globe, which is partially obscured by large numerals of value.

Issue of 1876-77. Allegorical representation, perforated.	
1 cent green.	2 cent green.
" green.	5 " green.
" green.	15 " grey.
" red brown.	25 " ultramarine.
" brown.	75 " carmine.

1 franc water green.

The postal authorities soon discovered the inconvenience of having the same color for several values and it was determined to change the colors of all and to issue several values. The design remained the same.

Issue of 1877-80, design same as 1876, perforated.	
1 cent black on blue.	2 cent brown.
5c. yellow.	4 " violet.

10 " black on lilac.	10 " black on mauve.
10 " black on greenish grey	15 " blue.
25 " blue.	25 " black on red.
35 " black on yellow.	40 " vermilion.
	5 francs lilac.

Error.—1 cent black on indigo.

The colors of the 3 and 25c. were changed in 1880-82 as follows:—

3 cent grey. 25 cent yellow.

Quite recently we have seen the current 20c. printed in red on green, and we understand that the colors of all the values are to be changed.

UNPAID LETTER STAMPS.

These stamps are similar to our "due" stamps and are used for a similar purpose. In 1859 two stamps of the value of 10 centimes were issued, the first was lithographed and the second typographed. The lithograph was in use but a short time and is now very scarce; the typograph remained in use until 1863, when it was replaced by the 5c. The 25c. black, 40c. blue and 60c. ochre made their appearance in 1871. In 1878 the 30c. black appeared, and the color of the 60c. was changed to blue. All these stamps are of one and the same type, POSTES on each side, CHIFFRE above, and TAXE below, numerals of value and centimes a percevoir in central frame. The following list embraces all the varieties known to the writer.

Issue of 1859-78, unperforated.

10 centimes black (lithographed).
10 " " (typographed).
15 " " "

Issue of 1867, line perforated.

15 centimes, black.

Issue of 1870, perforated (non-official).

15 centimes black.

Issue of 1871, unperforated

25 centimes black.	40 centimes blue.
60 " ochre.	
25 " black (line perfo. non-official).	

Issue of 1878, unperforated.

30 centimes black. 60 centimes blue.

In the early part of 1881 a new type of chiffre-taxe stamps appeared with value, &c., upon a banderole. Only one value, however, was issued (30c.) which was followed in 1882 by a dozen other values of like design. They are all printed in black on white glaze paper, perforated.

	Issue of 1881-82, perforated.	
1 centime black.	2 centimes black.	
3 " "	4 " "	
5 " "	10 " "	
15 " "	20 " "	

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A wholesale manufactory of Swiss stamps in Zurich. The forgers have gone about their work very thoroughly. They have collected scraps of old letters bearing post marks with various dates from 143 to 86 and in order to deceive the collector they stick the stamps on to these pieces of envelopes.

Mr. Harry M. Craft, formerly editor of the Bayonne Philatelist, died at his home at Lakefield, N. J., May 4.

This paper, together with a copy of Hubbard's Premium Coin List will be sent on three month's trial for only 13 cents.

Our thanks are due to Lyman H. Low, 838 Broadway N. Y. for a catalogue of the Athole Collection of coins and medals, which are to be sold at auction June 15.

The Coin Review is the name of a new paper devoted to coins published by W. C. Hunt.

All dealers desiring advertising shares in the July number, should send in their advertisements before July 15.

## New Issues.

**ANGOLA.**—A postal card, 10 reis, blue on buff. Has been issued.

**CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.**—A 10 reis postal card, similar to that of Angola, is in use.

**CEYLON.**—Several more surcharges are announced, viz: "Postage and Revenue, 5 cents" on 4 cents, claret; 30 cents on 30 cents; 20 cents on 24 cents. Postal cards: 2 1-2 cents on 2 cents; 5 cents on 6 cents and 10 cents on 8 cents. Envelopes: 5 cents on 4 cents and 15 cents on 12 cents.

**CHILI.**—The color of the 10 centavos has been changed to yellow.

CHINA.—Among a lot of used China stamps lately received from Shanghai were several specimens of the 5 candareen, printed on blue faced paper.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The shilling stamp has been surcharged "R. Official."

GINEA.—There is said to be a complete set of these stamps with the surcharge in this type.

GERMANY.—The 1-2, 1 and 2 penny stamps had their colors changed to green, carmine and gray respectively.

HAWAII.—Another provisional is announced 10 reis on 20 reis. There is also a 10 cent post card, blue on buff.

MOZAMBIQUE.—In common with the other Portuguese Colonies, Mozambique has also a 10 cent card, blue on buff.

PERSIA.—A new series of stamps is announced. They are smaller in size than the old issue. The three lower values bear the effigy of a lion; the others the portrait of the Shah. They are as follows:

1 shahi, green; 2 shahis, red  
5 shahis, violet; 10 shahis, bistre;  
15 shahis, gray.

ROMANIA.—A new 3 bani, with head of King Charles has been issued. The color is blue.

RUSSIA.—A 4 pence, bistre, is said to have been issued.

ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON.—This French possession in the West Indies is using stamps from the French Colonies, surcharged "S.P.M." The new values are as follows:

5 on 2 centimes, brown;  
25 on 1 franc, bronze-green.

THOMAS AND PRINCE.—The 50 reis, which has made its appearance and also a 10 cent card, blue on buff.

TUNISIA.—We are again indebted to Mr. J. H. ... for specimens of the new Tunisian stamps. They are smaller in size than the other issues of the Republic—having the effigy in the centre, "Postzegel Z. Afr. Tunis" above, value below. The numerical values are in each corner. The complete set will probably be as follows:

1-2 penny, gray, 1 penny, red;  
3 pence, violet; 4 pence, green;  
6 pence, blue; 1 shilling, green.

TURKEY.—A newspaper stamp of the value 10 paras, red and blue, has been issued. It has a striking resemblance to the revenue stamps of Turkey.

VICTORIA.—The newspaper bands now bear stamps of the new type. All the shilling stamps, blue on blue, have been surcharged "Stamp Duty." When the stock is exhausted a new stamp will probably be issued.

## The Old U. S. Posts.

The first account of establishing a post-office in this country was on the 5th of September 1639. The following was given under General Court Records on that date:

"For preventing the miscarriage of letters, It is ordered that notice bee given that Richard Fairbanks—his house in Boston is the place appointed for all letters which are brought from beyond the seas, or are to sent thither,—are to bee brought unto him, and he is to take care that they bee delivered, or sent according to their directions; and hee is to bee allowed for every such letter, 1 d.; and must answere all miscarriages through his owne neglect; provided that no man bee compelled to brynge his letters thither except hee please.

In an old number of the "National Philatelist," it is stated that the first mention of a post-office in Boston was under date of 1677, and put under the charge of John Haywood. This statement is correct as to the post-master at that time, but it seems from the General Court Records of September 5th, 1639, that Richard Fairbanks has the honor of being the first post-master of that place.

If any letters or "pacquets" remaining in the post office uncalled for after the space of forty-eight hours, the post master was allowed 10 cents to carry them to their respective destinations and charge the delivery fee of one penny extra for each letter or packet. The Governor and Assembly of New York settled £50 per annum upon Thomas Neale as pay for his services as post-master at that place under Col. Andrew Hamilton as Postmaster General.

The postal system improved little by little, until after the Revolutionary War, at the close of which a new basis was formed; ever since it has improved steadily up to the present time; and from the prospect before us, there is no cause to doubt that it will continue to improve with our country.—I. C. G.

## THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF FRANCE.

(Concluded from 49 page.)

40 " " 1 franc "  
2 francs " 5 " "

It was foreseen that the similarity between the chiffré-taxe stamps of the franc and those of the low value would lead to trouble, and in 1884 the color of the 1, 2 and 5 francs was changed to brown.

Issue of 1884, perforated.

1 franc brown. 2 francs brown.

5 francs brown.

## JOURNAL STAMPS.

These large stamps with TIMBRE IMPERIAL above and JOURNAUX below; eagle on central shield, were issued in 1868, and represented a tax on journals plus the postage. Unused copies are difficult to obtain.

Issue of 1868, arms, unperforated.

2 centimes violet 2 centimes blue.

2 centimes rose

Same type, perforated.

2 centimes violet 2 centimes rose.

## STAMPED ENVELOPES AND WRAPPERS.

The issue of stamped envelopes and wrappers was authorized by the law of April 20, 1882, and they were issued in September of that year, the design of the stamp being that of the current adhesives.

Envelopes—1882.

5 centimes green on green paper.

10 " " " white "

10 " " " blue "

Wrappers—1882.

1 centime lilac on buff manilla.

2 " " brown on buff manilla.

2 " " red "

The issue of letter cards was long since authorized by law, but up to this time none have been issued.

## POSTAL CARDS.

To give a description and list of all the French postal cards would require more space than could be allotted to us. There are numerous types and varieties and we must refer the reader to the various catalogues for a list of them.—STAMP WORLD.

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## The Origin and Progress of the Postal Service.

BY J. F. SWOPE.

According to the most authentic information obtainable by the most careful and accurate research in history, the first postal service was invented by Cyrus, King of Persia, on his Scythian expedition; he establishing one hundred and eleven posts from the shore of the Aegean Sea to the capital; each a day's journey from the preceding. Though generally conceded by historians that posts were well known among the Romans, it has been too difficult to trace with any degree of certainty the exact period of their introduction, it is a well-known fact, however, that Augustus instituted them along all the large roads of the empire, and hired young men to deliver his dispatches from post to post until the place of destination was reached. Shortly afterward the same emperor changed the method of delivery to that of sending all his messages and dispatches by means of charioteers, in regular chariots, with relays of horses at each post. This was kept up by his successors for a number of years, although slight information can be obtained concerning them up to about the year 800 A. D., when the Emperor Charlemagne established three public posts—one each in Italy, Germany and Spain—in order to facilitate his communication with those three countries, which he had placed in a state of subjection to his dominion. With his death, however, these were soon dropped and no further traces of them can be discovered up to about 1470, when Louis XI, King of France, owing to his suspicious and restless nature, and also to his eagerness for a quick and certain knowledge of what was transpiring within his kingdom, established them throughout the whole civilized portion of France.

From France, his method gradually spread to other portions of Europe; Count Taxis settling them at his own expense in Germany, for which the Emperor Matthias in 1616, gave the position of postmaster to him and his descendants. In England, the earliest accounts indicate that Edward III. set up some species of posts, but nothing

finite has ever been ascertained concerning  
 in 1548, during the reign of Ed-  
 VI., an Act of Parliament was passed,  
 making the rate of post horses at one penny  
 per mile.

The first chief postmaster of England was  
 Thomas Kandolph, appointed by Queen  
 Elizabeth in 1581. James I. appointed  
 Matthew De L. requester, postmaster for the  
 control of correspondence to and from  
 foreign parts, about the time of his accession  
 to the throne in 1603. This office was  
 afterward claimed by Lord Stanhope, but  
 Charles I. continued it to William Frizel  
 and Thomas Witherings in 1632. Wither-  
 ings, for abuses in the control of his office,  
 was, in 1640, superseded by Philip Burla-  
 chy, under the direct supervision of the  
 King's principal Secretary of State. In 1656  
 a new and general postoffice was established  
 under the authority of the Parliament, and  
 nearly upon the same model as has  
 since adopted. Ralph Allen, about  
 1710, instituted a series of cross-posts,  
 which were found to be of great convenience  
 to the public, as also to the government:  
 in 1782, a plan was suggested by John  
 Galt, by which the mails were to be  
 carried in stage-coaches under guard. This  
 project met with a great deal of opposition at  
 first, but gradually overcame it, until  
 1784, when it came into very general  
 use.

The penny post was first started in  
 London by Mr. Robert Murray, an ap-  
 prentice, about the year 1681, who assigned  
 an interest in it to Mr. Dockwra in 1683.

This causing a confliction with the  
 common law, it was, on a trial at the King's  
 Bench Bar, adjudged to belong to the Duke  
 of York as a branch of the general service,  
 and was, therefore, annexed to the Crown in  
 1689.

This was made a two-penny post in 1794.  
 Letters were first carried on railroad trains in  
 1825 by the overland route to India, which  
 was found to be a much cheaper  
 method of transporting them.

In 1837, Sir Rowland Hill offered his  
 plan of penny postage, which was adopted  
 in 1839 by the House of Commons after a  
 thorough investigation.

In December, 1839, the four penny, uni-  
 versal rate per letter, came into operation as  
 an experiment; and in January, 1840, the  
 uniform rate of one penny per letter of half

ounce weight was adopted; and finally, in  
 May, 1840, the widely celebrated stamped  
 envelopes, designed by Mr. W. Mulready,  
 first came into existence. From this time  
 on the postal service made rapid strides  
 toward perfection. To show with what  
 rapidity it progressed, a few figures will not  
 be amiss.

The number of letters delivered in 1839  
 was 82,470,596; in 1840, 168,768,344; in  
 1851, 360,651,187; in 1856, 478,000,000;  
 in 1859, 545,000,000; in 1860, 564,000,-  
 000; in 1861, 563,000,000; in 1862, 605,-  
 000,000, and in 1864, 679,000,000.

In 1855, the English Treasury issued a  
 warrant, providing for the carriage of books  
 pamphlets, etc., by post under certain  
 restrictions—four ounces for one penny,  
 eight ounces for two pence, etc.; and in the  
 same year street letter-boxes were instituted,  
 the first one being placed at the corner of  
 Fleet and Farringdon streets, London.

The postal guide first appeared in 1856,  
 and during the same year London and  
 vicinity was divided into districts for the  
 convenience of the postal department, viz.:  
 east, west, etc. The money order service  
 was originally started in 1792, but was com-  
 paratively little used until 1839 when 188,291  
 money orders were issued, amounting to  
 £313,124.

In 1861 this branch of the service alone  
 issued 7,504,455 orders, amounting to £14,-  
 616,348.

The above facts show with what great  
 rapidity the postal service has progressed,  
 and it has, at the present time, reached  
 about as high a degree of perfection as can  
 possibly be attained. We now have simply  
 to stamp our letter, drop it into some street  
 corner letter-box, and after that our great  
 postal system takes control of it, and it is  
 forwarded with the quickest possible dis-  
 patch until it is finally delivered either into  
 the hands of or to the house of the party  
 to whom it is directed. It is truly wonder-  
 ful to note what a great system our postal  
 service is, and how accurately and correct-  
 ly all letters are delivered. Time certainly  
 works wonders, and we may yet see many  
 more astonishing improvements made in  
 this already great system.

However, let us watch and wait, who  
 knows what the future may bring forth.—  
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The first post office in the colonies was established in 1710, and continued until the revolutionary war. The postoffice department was organized in 1790. At this time there was one grand mail route extending from Wiscasset, Me., to Savannah, Ga., via cross roads, as Hartford to New London, Philadelphia to Pittsburg, New York to Albany. At this time (1790) there were 75 post offices in the country and 1875 miles of routes, costing 32,000. In 1792 the combined yearly wages of all the United States postmasters was \$9,336.64. At that time the postmaster at New York had two clerks at \$400 each, and was allowed \$200 for rent and \$50 for lights and fuel. The postmaster at Philadelphia had two clerks at \$500 each, a room in a dwelling house, rent \$300, with \$50 for fuel and candles. The Boston postoffice at this time was a room in the postmaster's house. At this time the mail between New York and Philadelphia was carried on horseback. It was thought a wonderful rate of speed when, by starting the mails at 2 A. M., they were carried from New York to Philadelphia in a single day. Timothy Pickering was appointed postmaster-general in 1792. Pickering writes to Hamilton, then secretary of the treasury, that the business of the postoffice department, though greatly extended, may be accomplished with the same help used in Osgood's time—an assistant and a clerk; these, with their belongings, to occupy one room; Pickering to occupy another room himself, and a cellar was required for fuel; The janitor's work would be performed by one of Pickering's servants; For these rooms and the servant's wages Pickering claimed an allowance of \$300 a year, which Hamilton agreed to. From such an humble beginning has grown a mail system of about 300,000 miles of route, which costs \$40,000,000 to maintain annually.

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general postoffice department at Washington, going back for 40 years, for instance, it appears that the gross receipts of the Boston office in 1841 were some \$100,000 per annum, or about one third that of New York. The Boston Postoffice, as our elderly citizens specially, remember, was located in the Merchants' Exchange at the time we have mentioned. In this connection it will be remembered that when the proposition to remove the postoffice from the Old State House to the Merchants' Exchange was first agitated there was much opposition expressed to the change. At that time several spirited articles on this subject, pro and con, appeared in the city papers, giving a description of the office in its new location.

#### THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE OFFICE.

The office was approached from State street, Lindall street and "through a spacious avenue" leading from Congress street. "These passages," we are told, "during the evening are lighted with gas, and are not, like the entrance to the old postoffice, crowded with peddlers. The archway inside, where the letters are deposited and delivered, is spacious, well-lighted and affords ample protection from the inclemency of the weather. It runs north and south parallel with Congress street. The post office commences on the left hand side near the great staircase of the exchange, when the aisle is turned toward the south and extends that direction about 100 feet. The merchants' letter boxes are placed in windows along the northern corner and along the sides, where they can ascertain at a glance the contents of their boxes. There are 1700 of these boxes. The central parts of the office, as they should be, are devoted to the delivery and receipt of the letters and newspapers of the public generally, and ladies who wish to receive letters may enter the office and receive them without being subjected to jostle and delay which was one of the many inconveniences of the old post office. The interior of the new post office could not have been better adapted had it been built expressly for the purpose." This was a lucid description of a large post office in those days. It is necessary to remark that the business of the post office here outgrew the accommodations afforded,

and the post office was finally removed to its present location, December, 1874. Compared with the early days of the mail service, the speed with which the mails are carried to-day is wonderful. In looking over a file of the list of letters advertised by the postmaster at Boston in 1786, from this advertisement it appears that people living in towns within 50 miles of Boston had to submit to great inconvenience on account of the absence of a regular mail communication between the interior and the city. There were then no regular mails made up for the country towns, and the Boston post office was the only distributing office of any account in Massachusetts. The mail ran through to Portland once a week, stopping at Salem and Portsmouth. It was several days on the road. Now the distance is accomplished in four hours.

#### AN ELECTION INCIDENT.

In this connection, one of the expresses of the enterprising editors of the Boston Atlas, in 1844, most triumphantly overcame the disadvantages of the slow mail service of that day. In fact, in its way, it was one of the greatest feats ever performed in this or any other country. I refer to that paper's receiving the gubernatorial vote of the whole state of Massachusetts at their office on the night of the election. The voting in the towns closed at about 5 o'clock P. M. Returns were received from 300 of the 306 towns in the commonwealth, including the most distant and inaccessible points—Williamstown, the northwest corner of Berkshire; Provincetown, the extremity of Cape Cod; and Nantucket, 30 miles out in the ocean. At a little after 7 the next morning, the returns were all arranged and set up, and the sheets struck off and sent upon their flight to every quarter of the State. Ginery Twichell of Worcester managed this express for the five western counties, and so perfect were his arrangements that 147 of the 152 towns in those counties were received in Worcester by 12 o'clock, though some of them were brought more than 90 miles on horseback. The night was a very dark one and the riding dangerous. Arriving at Worcester and receiving the returns from his agents, he took an extra car on the Boston & Worcester railroad and delivered

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Trinidad.—The penny news, bands have been surcharged "Half Penny" and used for the lower value.

### Stamp Collecting One Hundred Years Hence.

Stamp collecting a hundred years hence—what will it be? This is a question when considered makes us tremble for the future philatelists. The new issues that appear almost daily, either from countries at present in our vanguard, or new states and places almost unheard of, till they establish a post office of their own, last year alone produced with new issues, surcharges, varieties of old, &c. nearly a thousand more to be added to our ready large collections, then what will it be a hundred years hence when the present sovereigns, their successors, and successors of the fourth or fifth generation, have passed away, and each left behind in some cases hundreds, and even thousands of different stamps bearing their effigy. Take, for instance the British Empire, what hundreds would suddenly change the head that may then adorn their postal labels when a sovereign dies. How many new countries or states may be formed before then, and how many of the semi-barbaric nations of the present will then be issuing stamps of their own. If the rate of progress remains as compared with last year (which is very improbable as every year the number of new issues is sure to increase) it will then amount to say at least a hundred thousand, and then who could hope to collect such a vast number for those which are moderately scarce now will be almost, and the present rare specimens will then be totally unattainable, for instance what will a rare Ke-Union be worth, a V. R. English, or a native Mauritius? Why such stamps will be out of the reach of even advanced collectors unless provided with a very long purse, and even then, will only be met with on rare occasions, our puny collections of a few thousands will be nowhere when compared to Mr. So-and-So's collection of a hundred thousand or so, what a work future collectors have before them. The mounting of my three thousand in a new book, on hinges took a long time, what then will a giant of a century hence require, what books of reference, what arranging, and above all what volumes will be required, if post cards are included,

the number of volumes will alone fill the shelves of a small library, and when one of these gigantic collections of the future come into the market for sale, where and to whom will it be disposed of? Will it be at Christie's, and will it be advertised, as their present sales, &c, or will it be broken up and sold in lots like the different volumes of a library sale, certain countries being put up as special features? A collection in those days will be nowhere if it is not counted by its tens of thousands. And the trade, what will it then be for it will require large capital to work a business, if the present rage for collecting continues at the same rate as during the last twenty years. What will a catalogue of the year 1985 be like? How many volumes will it require if every issue or stamp is properly described? Will different perforations be discarded owing to the vast number of specimens or will something new be discovered in our present stamps to increase the present number? At present we have different papers, different watermarks, different perforations, &c. I think in my early days of collecting three sorts only were counted, viz: gut, rouletted, and perforated stamps, all regardless of metre. One step lately towards the increase I hear, is that some collectors go in for the plate letters on their specimens, if all the present accepted differences and future fads be considered, how many different editions will then be collected of each stamp. I said above a hundred thousand, now that I have written so far I begin to think a quarter of a million will be nearer the mark, a number that even the greatest enthusiast of times to come, could never hope to both collect and properly arrange. My small amount amuses me.

The future collector will require philatelic clerks to superintend his hobby, if he intends to carry it out fully, it will not be an amusement for spare time, it will be a daily labour for many a year. The future schoolboy's pocket money will be nowhere, except for the then common sorts, and red Germans which are preserved in millions, already, and sent over here for sale. Even now, when I look at my stamps, I recognize many therein that were bought at a heavy expense in my school days, which now would fetch from twenty to thirty times the price I then paid for them.

—F. S. C. M.

Be sure and read the advertisement of L. D. & J. K. Ferguson & Co. They are a reliable firm, and the packets of stamps are alone worth the price asked, besides the chance of getting a premium.

Publishers who intend to discontinue the publication of their papers will do well to write to us in regard to the transfer of their subscription lists.

## Design for the New 10 Cent Stamp.

The Post master General has approved a design for the new 10 cent special delivery stamp, authorized by Congress at its last session. The stamp will be about twice the size of the ordinary postage stamp, and the shape of a dollar note. On the left of the stamp there is a pretty vignette of a messenger boy in uniform; across the top the words "United States Special Postal Delivery," and along the bottom the price of the stamp—ten (10) cents—is expressed in figures and letters. Conspicuous on the body of the stamp are the words—"Secures immediate delivery at special delivery office." The whole design is very pretty and effective. The Postmaster General has given it into the hands of the American Bank Note Company of New York.

## THE POST OFFICE.

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them at the Atlas office before 2 o'clock. Remaining there until the papers were struck off, he took the 8 o'clock train on his return with packages for the principal western towns of the State, and arrived there at 9:30 o'clock.

### OUR MAIL SERVICE TO-DAY.

Our mail service to-day is deserving the thoughtful consideration and attention of our merchants, for on its efficiency depends much of the success of the business of our country. With a good and efficient service great help is given to all the business interests; if the service is inefficient, then all suffer. The majority of the people have but a faint idea of the amount of service done on the railway and in the local post-offices of the country.

The difference between years ago and now is seen in the expenditures for the year ending June 30, 1881, which were, in round numbers, \$40,000,000. The revenue derived in three leading states was as follows:—

New York.....	5,710,000
Illinois.....	2,732,000
Massachusetts.....	2,857,000

### WONDERFUL GROWTH OF THE SERVICE.

When we look back even 10 years, we find that since that time the business of the post-office department has more than doubled, and that the amount of matter transported across the country is now calculated in weight by thousands of tons, and not by the number of pieces, as formerly. This shows the wonderful growth of the service. Then the fact of the rapid transportation of the mail over the country, shortening the time between the different points, shows that the service is progressing and will in time still further lessen the hours taken to communicate between the principal cities.

### GREAT INCREASE OF BOSTON BUSINESS.

At the Boston office during the last 10 years the business has more than doubled. As a comparison, we will state that the amount of mail handled at the Boston office in bulk for the year 1875 was as follows: Sent from Boston, 9,886,336 pounds; received at Boston, 6,650,615 pounds. The amount handled in 1884: Sent from Boston, 21,900,380 pounds; received at Boston, 14,223,236 pounds. In 1875 there were employed at the Boston post-office 58 letter carriers, the pay-roll of which amounted to \$4,491.85 per month. At the present time there are 278 carriers (central offices and stations), with a pay roll amounting to \$22,473.23 per month.

The number of clerks employed in 1875 was 157, the pay roll of which amounted to \$11,343 per month. At the present time the number of clerks employed is 342, with a pay roll amounting to \$23,054.16 per month. Whole number of employes, 670.

### THE BOX DEPARTMENT

employs 28 clerks, and they handle all the Boston mail, assorting it, delivering to the carriers and stations their portion, and boxing the rest. The box sorters are required

be men of more than ordinary ability. They must retain in their minds some 5000 names, besides the dividing lines of the divisions and the streets. The work they perform has more than doubled in the past few years. In round numbers 13,000,000 pieces were handled in 1875, while in 1880 had increased to 27,000,000, and in 1884 29,000,000. The efficiency of the free delivery service is largely due to the carriers; they handled daily on an average during the month of December, 1884, 125,351 pieces. The money order business is steadily increasing. The value of orders and postal notes issued at the Boston office during 1884, was \$820,764.20; amount of orders and notes paid, \$2,893,526.87; total amount of the business transacted, \$3,714,291.07.

A BIG DAY'S WORK.

The average number of pieces of mail deposited and handled daily at the Boston office:

Number of letters.....	145,187
Number of postal cards.....	33,727
Number of circulars.....	51,281
Number of other third class matter.....	180,600
Number of fourth class matter.....	10,739
Number of second class matter.....	112,215

There are also received and handled daily 120,668 pieces from the adjacent offices that are in transit and for distribution making a total of 492,785 pieces handled. Ordinary gross receipts of the Boston office for the year ending Dec. 31, 1884, were \$1,326,217. Included in this amount was \$32,000 received for box rents. There was also included \$84,273 paid by publishers for mailing newspapers, magazines and other publications. The business of the office has been constantly on the increase. The gross receipts of the office for the last fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, amounted to \$1,465,113.35. Net receipts, \$935,186.58. Boston comes fourth in the list as to business and number of carriers (278) employed, and third as regards net revenue.

The time allowed for the transportation of mail to Boston from the principal cities north and west is as follows:

From San Francisco.....	6 3/4 days
From Jacksonville, Fla.....	2 1/2 days
From New Orleans.....	3 days
From St. Louis.....	43 hours
From Chicago.....	36 hours
From Cincinnati.....	33 hours
From Washington, D. C.....	18 hours
From New York.....	7 hours

SPECIMENS OF DIRECTIONS.

The following are a few of the specimens of directions with which the "blind reader" at the post office is daily annoyed or amused:

- Augusta—Aagosta, Eghost, Ouigustia.
- Annisquam—Annie Squam, Hannisquam Hannasquam.
- Boston—Bos. Town, Bawston, Blostion, Bosting.
- Billerica—Billurikee, Biluke, Belleri Ka.
- Brighton—Bryngton, Brithon, Britint.
- Cambridge—Hambreach, Keim Bridge, Kambrels, Campriche.
- Connecticut—Connetuequette, Canatikette, Kenickticut.
- Dorchester—Dodchester, Dart Schester, Dester, Docther.
- Gloucester—Goschester, Glue Cester, Glouceerst, Klashyastor.
- Holyoke—Hole Yoke, Holoack, Holyho Yoke, Houlock, Holiout.
- Ipswich—Eapetchuich, Ab Suitch, I. P. Suich, Whipstuch.
- Jamaica Plain—Jimmy Capilane.
- Newburyport—New Beary Pourte.
- Quincy—Guenza.
- San Francisco—Can Fran Syska.
- United States—New Night Seats.
- Woonsocket—Wind Saw Kett.

THE INQUIRY DIVISION.

Among the curiosities of the inquiry division of the post office is one showing how careless or stupid people may be in mailing their matter. For instance, there were in 1884 of letters misdirected, correct addresses furnished and forwarded, 41,566; valuable letters received from and returned to the dead letter office, no owners being found, 241; the same, but delivered to owners, 1337.

There were also 6151 letters forwarded by request, and 28,461 newspapers short paid, besides 2094 packages of merchandise which never reached their destination for lack of sufficient postage. Something like 21,873 letters were also held for postage, and 191 had no addresses, while 4918 were misdirected. Mr. Field, having brought his address to a close, here resumed his seat amidst loud applause, and several members thereupon proceeded to offer their own views on the subject dealt with.



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Justice, "	10	2.50
" " "	6	1.10
Navy, "	11	2.00
Post Office, "	10	.45
Treasury, "	11	.80
War, "	11	.50
Unpaid, "	7	.20
*Ionian Isles, "	3	.60
France, unpaid,	7	.15
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C. C. P.

## The Rawal Pindi Stamps,

AND

### THE SO-CALLED BRAZILIAN PROVISIONALS.

By TOPAZ.

During the past few years philatelists have become more and more particular as to what they shall collect, for the constantly increasing number of stamps, renders it extremely difficult for the stamp collector to keep up with the times, unless he confines himself to some one branch of the science. However those who do not wish to become specialists have been repudiating the more abstruse developments of Philately such as the collection of varieties, the distinctions of watermark and perforation and all foreign locals not absolutely known to be genuine and issued for use as stamps.

Of these latter, some on close scrutiny have been proved worthless, and more are destined soon to be banished from the philatelic fold. The Rawal Pindi locals are of the former class and we will now proceed to tell what is known of their history. The American stamp journals a few years since, published an account (obtained from British sources) of two local stamps issued by the Rawal Pindi and Murree Pony Dawk.

Rawal Pindi (occasionally spelt Pinjee) is a trading place of about 15,000 inhabitants, situated in India near the northern frontier. It is the capital of a district and has recently been brought to notice by the meeting there of the Governor General of India and the Ameer of Afghanistan in connection with Russian troubles. Murree is another town about 40 miles from Pindi. Between these two stations the Rawal Pindi and Murree Pony Dawk used to run. Dawk means post, and the word is found also on the rare local stamp of Scinde.

It was stated that this post issued in 1877 for the prepayment of letters on their route, two envelopes stamps, 8 annas black on white and black on blue. The stamp was a large circular impression of very rude ap-

pearance, and was entirely composed of native characters. In the course of a year or so a letter appeared in Le Timbre Poste affirming that a tax of 8 annas was collectible from travelers on any highway in India and that the supposed Pony Dawk stamps were only receipts for the tax on travelers between Murree and Rawal Pindi. The defenders of the locals then appeared in print contradicting the assertion that any such tax was collectible anywhere in India and said that it was very curious if only in one particular district a receipt was given and that stamped on a letter envelope. These friendly ones also said that the post was a great accommodation to the residents of the two towns. For it would cost at least a rupee (16 annas) to hire a man to take a letter to the opposite station and as the Pony Dawk would carry it for 8 annas, there was a saving of one half. At this, the unbelieving philatelist came to the front and declared it was ridiculous that people should pay a servant 16 annas or a private post 8 annas when the regular government mail would carry the letter for 1-2 anna. Then they produced a letter from the governmental postmaster at Rawal Pindi saying that he knew of no stamp like the impression enclosed but thought that a similar design might have been used as an official seal by the company, which by the way had failed after an existence of a few months. The question as to the character of the supposed stamps was finally settled by a letter published in the Philatelic Record from the former proprietor of the Rawal Pindi and Murree Pony Dawks. He wrote that the company never issued any stamped envelopes for the prepayment of letters.

"A piece of paper bearing the office seal of the Pony Dawk was issued to all travelers engaging our dawks, in order to obviate the necessity for payment by them, of the government toll on the Murree road. This piece of paper was handed over to the contractor for the collection of the said toll, and thus some inconvenience relative to cash payments was avoided."

Thus it appears that a toll was levied on one highway at least and that the theory

advanced by the correspondent of *Le Timbre Poste*, was not so very far out of the way. The seal was impressed on pieces of paper without regard to color and if any body saw entire envelopes with it on they must have been victimized by some employee of the company. This disposes of the Rawal Pindi and Murree Pony Dawk locals.

There are in existence certain labels which have been supposed to be provisional postage stamps of Brazil, used in the southern provinces during its war with Paraguay. The war with President Lopez of Paraguay began in 1865 and continued till his death in 1870. In 1869 certain stamps were discovered bearing the inscription: "EXERCITO EM OPERACOES CONTRA O PARAGUAY" which signifies "Army in operation against Paraguay." The stamp was oblong and was struck in black on orange, blue, green and rose glazed paper. Investigation revealed the fact that these were merely labels which came on the letters of the Brazilian soldiers, and as these were sent free the strikers had no postal value, but served to show where the letters came from and why they were post free. But it is not so much the ones mentioned as another class that the collector should guard against. Several enterprising Brazilians are advertising among other things, rare provisionals of the Paraguayan war different from those just described (which I believe have not been utilized for speculative purposes.) The author, being desirous of learning particulars concerning these alleged rarities, wrote to the person who announced them for sale. The description of the article in question is as follows: Two ovals having between them the legend "E Squadra Bloqueadora;" value in center, color blue. The value in the illustration shown your correspondent, was 150 reis. The backer of these stamps gave the information that there were six values in the set, and that they were quite scarce, being valued at a dollar apiece. They were in use, he stated, in all the southern part of Brazil for about 15 years. Now as the Paraguayan war only lasted five years this statement is manifestly false. The true character of the labels is now made known and we are glad to be able to warn our

readers against them, as they are entirely worthless. The design is a postmark which was stamped on all letters sent from the Brazilian fleet while on the expedition against the enemy. Some money-loving tropical stamp dealer has cut out the postmarks, printed values in the center, and having cancelled them, hopes to victimize collectors with them.

## Early Foreign Posts.

BY REV. A. RHEER, D. D.

We find mention of post-horses in the Theodosian Code, *De Cursu Publico*; but these were very different from the posts that were afterwards established. The post-horses were first appointed by Trajan; till whose time, the messengers seized any horses that came in their way.

Lewis Hornigk wrote an express treatise on posts, of which he makes four kinds; viz., on horse back, in chariots, in boats, and on foot; which last kind was in use in Italy, Turkey, and Peru\*; but in 1740, the Turks began to establish regular posts like those of Christianized countries.

Herodotus ascribes the origin of posts to Cyrus or Xerxes; but the posts instituted by those princes were no more than couriers.

In effect, posts on the present footing, are but a modern invention; though some go back as far as to the reign of Charlemagne.

On the 19th of June, 1464, Louis XI of France established a post between his kingdom and the neighboring states; but they were only for the particular use of the court. For the author of the *Life of the Duke of Espernon*, says that the packet or letter office was not set up in France until the year 1619.

From France the institution propagated itself by degrees through the several other parts of Europe. In Germany, Hornigk observes, "Posts were first established by Roger I, Count de Taxis, at his own expense; in acknowledgement of which, the Emperor Matthias, in 1616, gave him in chief the charge of post-master under him and his successors.

In England, posts were first established the year 1660, by an act of parliament, which enabled the King to settle a post-office and appoint a governor, though there had been post couriers in England from the time of Charles I, and probably somewhat earlier. In 1648, Edward VI fixed the rate of post-horses at 1d per mile; and in the 26th year of the reign Elizabeth, 1581, we find mention of the office of the chief postmaster of England; and in 1631, of the office of postmaster for foreign parts, which office we also learn had been first created by King James. In earlier times, the business of posts was confined to the furnishing of post-horses to persons for the dispatching of extraordinary packets upon special occasions. The post office erected by James I and placed under the control of one Matthew de Quester, (or de l' Equester), served for the conveyance of letters to and from foreign parts, which office was afterwards claimed by Lord Stanhope, but it was confirmed to William Prizell and Thomas Witherings by Charles I in 1632, for the better accomodation of the English merchants. In 1635, the same prince erected a letter-office for England and Scotland, under the direction of Thos. Witherings, and established certain rules of postage, but this extended only to a few of the principal roads. The times of carriage were uncertain, and the post masters on each road were required to furnish the mail with horses at the rate of two and one half pence per mile. Witherings was suspended for abuses in the execution of both his offices, in 1640, and they were sequestered into the hands of Philip Barlamachy, to be exercised under the care and oversight of the King's principal Secretary of State.

On the breaking out of the Civil War, great confusion and interruption were necessarily occasioned by the conduct of the letter office. About that time the outline of a more extended and regular plan seems to have been conceived by Edmund Prideaux who was appointed Attorney-general to the Commonwealth after the murder of King Charles. He was chairman of a committee, in 1642, for establishing rates; was appointed post-master by both houses; established a

weekly conveyance of letters to all parts of the nation, thereby saving the public the charge of maintaining post-masters to the amount of £7000 per annum.

This office was afterwards re-established by one Munday, in 1654. In 1657, a regular post-office was erected by the authority of the Protector and his parliament, with the same rates of postage as continued till the reign of Queen Anne. —J. C. G.

### Society Notes.

The last meeting of the R. I. P. S. was held on June 8, when four honorary members were elected. After the regular business was transacted the evening was spent in examining a very large and valuable collection of envelopes and newsbands; and the question was brought up as to why the present issue is called the Kellogg die, when they do not make any stamped envelopes; they print none but official envelopes. Plimpton & Morgan are the parties who make the stamps. A letter from the P. O. Dept. of Printed Envelopes was read on the subject. We do not meet again until September, but since the meeting Mr. E. B. Hanes presented for inspection a brown stamp of the October issue which had been sent him to examine. The party owning this stamp will not sell at any price, and I suppose, without doubt, it is the rarest U. S. envelope in existence at the present time. —A. Dawson.

Everything seems to be done in spurts. All the Societies, except one in this country, sprang up simultaneously; there has been a regular storm of resignations of various officers throughout the land, and even the Q. C. Society did not escape. During its four months' existence four resignations have been given, three of whom were officers only one member leaving for good. One of the largest dealers in stamps and curiosities, Mr. Hazeltine, lately left the city and his creditars, who sold out his stock, etc., by the sheriff, but it is doubtful if they got 25 per cent.

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## The Centennial State Philatelic Society.

Thursday, July 23, the stamp collectors of Denver organized a society to be known as the Centennial State Philatelic Society. The officers elected are J. C. Feldwish President, D. W. Osgood Jr. Treasurer, F. W. Feldwish Secretary. Western collectors wishing to join will please address Box 2922 Fred. W. Feldwish, Denver, Col., Secretary.

No. 1 vol. 1 of the "Silent Nation" has been received. It is published in Toronto and is devoted to the interests of the deaf and dumb. It contains a few articles on philately.

"The Naturalists Companion" is the name of a new paper published by C. P. Guelf. Brockton, N. Y.

Read the advertisement of Whitfield King

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We shall issue an extra large edition for September, and dealers desiring advertising space will do well to send in their advertisements as early as possible as the space is limited.

There are several dealers who are owing us for advertising and if they do not remit promptly the amount due us we shall be compelled to publish their names in the next issue of this journal.

Notice to collectors.—All collectors who sell \$1.50 worth of stamps from our sheets we will give one year's subscription to the Capital City Philatelist. C. E. Swope & Co. Louisville, Ky.

C. E. Swope & Co. complain of J. A. Harris of Boxtou Mass. who refuses to return stamps sent him on approval.

Next month we shall publish the names of those collectors who have been requested to make a settlement with us several times and have not done so.

For \$1.30 we will send this paper one year post free and the International Stamp Album latest edition. The regular price of the album is \$1.50 and we make this offer only to reduce our stock of them.

W. S. Skinner & Co., publishers of the Agassiz Association Journal have purchased the Young Oologist and the Naturalists Advertiser.

We understand that the American Youth has suspended for want of support.

## The Confederate States Provisional Stamps.

BY ALBERT M. CROUTER.

It will surprise and perhaps shock many of my readers to learn that the first stamps sold for collecting purposes in America, of which there is any independent historical account, were the fac similes of the Confederate States provisional or local stamps. Yet this deplorable and startling circumstance is a substantial fact of history, and as the same sort of stamps are, or were very lately, sold by an eastern dealer (at least so the philatelic press charges), it is self evident that philatelic ideas have not altered much in over twenty years, and that the world is pretty much the same as it was then. These Confederate fac-simile stamps were manufactured in Philadelphia, first appearing in the summer of 1861, and were the idea of an individual called S. C. Upham, a person who, we believe, is still alive, and who doubtless realized a considerable sum from the sale of the things, sold as they were by the newsboys in the streets, and by numerous toy dealers and stationers, not only in Philadelphia, but in New York, Boston and doubtless in all the other large cities. They were engraved on wood and printed in sheets of six, and bore the manufacture's name and address on the margin in the same manner as printed on the sheets of postage stamps in daily use. Besides these stamps, Upham made fac-similes of Confederate States bonds, notes and shinplasters. They were so good an imitation of the genuine that the union soldiers are said to have purchased large quantities of them and when in Confederate districts to have passed them off on unsuspecting southerners. Enticing advertisements in the newspapers and circulars helped the sale of these fac-similes. One of the circulars taken from a northern soldier while in a southern prison is, or was, in the possession of a Mr. Watson of Richmond. It is as follows:

### \$20 CONFEDERATE BOND!

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S. C. UPHAM,

403 Chestnut St., Philad'a.

N. B.—I shall have a \$100 Rebel Note out this week

The sale of these stamps was open and undisguised, and as genuine stamps were unattainable as mementoes, the people were ready and willing to buy fac-similes.

The manner in which the philatelic papers treat the subject has a tendency to make collectors believe that it is only recently that Confederate stamps have been counterfeited, and it is either owing to their not knowing anything about the stamps or that they do not care to know. The stamps Upham issued were as follows:

1st issue.	5c.	head of Davis.	in blue.
"	"	"	green.
"	"	"	red.
"	10c	Jefferson,	blue.
"	2c.	"	"
Memphis,	5c.,	red,	
"	2c.,	blue,	
Baton Rouge,	5c.,	red on green.	
Mobile,	5c.,	blue.	
Nashville,	5c.	red and 5c.	gray.
New Orleans,	2c.	red and 2c.	blue.
"	5c.	brown on white.	
"	5c.	brown on blue.	

These fifteen stamps augmented later by the addition of the fac-similes of the regular issue on their appearance, constituted the "set of Confederate fac-simile stamps." The price obtained was 25, 15 and 10 cents, depending on circumstances. Considering the wholesale destruction by the northern troops of southern bonds, notes and stamps, it is easily seen that but few genuine Confederate stamps remain, and the collector should in buying, (no matter from whom), be careful to see that he gets the right equivalent for his money.

—KEYSTONE STAMP & COIN GAZETTE.

## The Facts of the Case.

BY FRANCES H.

There seems to be a general opinion among philatelists that the albums at present before the public are not what they should be. The majority of American collectors keep their stamps in an International Album, but few, if any, are really satisfied with this album. Its blemishes have been so often described that we need not rehearse them here. This is practically the only American album, although there are several small albums for young collectors of more or less merit.

In foreign albums, we have the Imperial and Zschiesche's, which are very good in many respects, but for several reasons they have not had a large sale in this country, that is, in comparison with the International.

Now, in our opinion a collector can more readily attain the ends for which he collects stamps by using for an album simply a blank book. The first advantage which a blank book has over a regular album is that it can be obtained at any price. The size, quality of binding, decorations, etc., can all be determined according to the individual taste of the collector and the state of his finances. Next point in its favor is that it requires more thought and study to arrange the stamps in a blank book, and hence affords more satisfaction to the collector, not only in arranging after his own ideas, but also in the thought when the stamps are inserted in their places, that the result has been brought about by his own care and research. There is an immense amount of satisfaction in feeling that a person has accomplished anything by his own efforts. With the aid of a good catalogue the collector need have no fear of difficulty in arranging his stamps.

Then, again, when a person has a blank book for an album, if it is large enough, it will be permanent, and the album need not be disfigured by new issues on the margin; neither need the collection be divided, as so many are, by having the novelties and late emissions in a separate book.

Another, and perhaps the greatest point, is that the possessor of a blank book album can collect whatever he likes. He will not be continually regretting the fact that his album is an old issue, and hence has no space for this or that stamp. His album is the only one that has space for every stamp ever issued, or for that matter, if large enough, for every stamp that ever will be issued. He can collect fiscals, provisionals, surcharges, minute varieties of perforation, shades, grilles, etc., etc., and what is more, he can either place them side by side for the purpose of comparison, or under different headings, to suit his fancy. And again, he need never blush to know that his album contains spaces for stamps, the originals of which never existed.

The above are a few of the principal arguments in favor of blank books for albums, although to fully realize their superiority over the printed advertisements which we pay high prices for, called "stamp albums" a collector must make a trial of them, and if he does this we can assure him that he will never go back to the old way of following the guidance of some one who is interested in stamps only from a financial point of view.

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The Q. C. P. Society, while anxious to encourage home manufacturers in the way of stamp albums, draws the line at "Home-bug Locals," and consequently got a blank album instead of an International, for its collection.

There was a project on foot, about two months ago, to start an incorporated company to deal in stamps, 200 shares at \$10 a share being the capital, but as only a few shares were taken the idea was abandoned.

Mr. George A. Lowe, of Toronto, was here on a visit last week and paid the Society a visit at its last meeting, joining as a corresponding member. He favored the party with some interesting remarks on Philately in Canada, and was very much pleased.

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Stamp Word.

## The Stamps of Trinidad.

BY CORRE. S.

Little has been written about the stamps of Trinidad, which are the most difficult to obtain and classify of all the West Indian issues. The following list contains the best and most marked varieties. The collection of all these varieties must be left to the collector's own taste, but as such varieties exist we have thought best to include them.

The first stamp used for postal purposes was issued by the owners of the island, J. McLeod, and franked letters from Spain and San Fernando, two towns on the island. It is finely engraved and represents a steamer sailing to the right, beneath which is the monogram J. McL. The only known specimen is still attached to the original letter, which is dated July 1817.

— vermilion. No value indicated; white paper; unperforated.

1817.  
— dark blue

The first official issue of Trinidad stamps appeared on April 4th, 1851, and were engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London. The stamps were named Trinidad below; small, eight-rayed star in each angle; unperforated.

1851.  
on paper blued by the gum.

Vermilion.	Light brick red.
Dull red.	Reddish purple.
Deep blue.	Bright blue.
Brace brown.	Dark olive.
Greenish slate.	Neutral.

The best lot of these stamps sent out from London must have been very small, for the supply ran short in 1852, and recourse was taken to a French engraver on the island to supply the want.

Native work similar to II, on ground of eyes and four-rayed star in each angle; unperforated.

1852.  
Engraved on copper.

Dark blue.	Light blue.
Bright blue.	Pale grey blue.

Blue (on stout pale blue paper.)  
Dark blue (on yellowish paper.)  
Light blue (on yellowish paper.)

These stamps are more and less distinct, owing to wearing away of the plate.

Dark indigo blue. Dark sea-green blue.

The second batch of stamps was sent out by Perkins, Bacon & Co. and the use of the blue stamps seems to have ceased in

1853. All of No. III. are now scarce. The supply of English printed stamps ran short in 1856, and native lithographic transfers from III were made and printed to supply the want.

IV. Native lithographic transfers from III; very indistinct impressions; unperforated.

Pale slate blue.	Greenish blue.
Pale vermilion.	Bright vermilion.
Pale blue grey.	Grey.
Dark grey.	Greenish grey.

It was undoubtedly the intention of the postal authorities to represent different values by distinct colors but all the early Trinidad stamps without expressed value, whatever their color, seem to have been used for one and the same value. In 1859 the name appeared at the top and the value at the bottom of all the values except the one penny.

V. White paper; unperforated.  
1859.

— carmine red.	— dark carmine.
4 pence, grey blue.	4 pence, violet.
6 pence, dark green.	6 pence, yellow green.
1 shilling, blue black.	1 sh., purple black.

VI. Same as V; perforated.

— dull carmine.	— dark carmine.
— brick red.	— rose red.

1 pence, dull grey blue.

4 " purple violet.

4 " violet mauve.

6 " yellow green.

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VII. Same as VI; watermarked and perforated.

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1 " dull purple.	1 " pale mauve.

VIII. Same as VII; unperforated.

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IX. Portrait of Victoria; crown and C.C.; perforated.	
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## The Stamps of Trinidad.

BY CORRECS.

Very little has been written about the stamps of Trinidad, which are the most difficult to obtain and classify of all the West Indian issues. The following list contains the chief and most marked varieties. The selection of all these varieties must be left to the collector's own taste, but as such varieties exist we have thought best to include them. The first stamp used for postal purposes was issued by the owners of the island, L. McLeod, and franked letters from Madrid of Spain and San Fernando, two towns on the island. It is finely engraved and represents a steamer sailing to the right, beneath which is the monogram L. McLeod. The only known specimen is still attached to the original letter, which is dated July 14, 1847.

Local. No value indicated; white paper; unperforated.  
1847.

— Dark blue

The first official issue of Trinidad stamps appeared on April 4th, 1851 and were engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London.

Britannia seated; named Trinidad below; small, eight-rayed star in each angle; unperforated.  
1851.

on paper blued by the gun.  
Vermillion. Light brick red.  
Dull red. Reddish purple.  
Deep blue. Bright blue.  
Olive brown. Dark olive.  
Greenish slate. Neutral.

The first lot of these stamps sent out from England must have been very small, for the supply ran short in 1852, and recourse was had to a French engraver on the island to supply the want.

Native work similar to II, on ground of crossed lines; four rayed star in each angle; unperforated.  
1852.

Engraved on copper.  
Dark blue. Light blue.  
Bright blue. Pale grey blue.  
Blue (on stout pale blue paper.)  
Dark blue (on yellowish paper.)  
Light blue (on yellowish paper.)  
Impressions smeary and less distinct, owing to wearing away of the plate.  
Dark indigo blue. Dark sea-green blue.

A second batch of stamps was sent out by Perkins, Bacon & Co. and the use of the above blue stamps seems to have ceased in

1853. All of No. III. are now scarce. The supply of English printed stamps ran short in 1856, and native lithographic transfers from III were made and printed to supply the want.

Pale slate blue. Greenish blue.  
IV. Native lithographic transfers from III; very indistinct impressions; unperforated.  
1856.

Pale vermilion. Bright vermilion.  
Pale blue grey. Grey.  
Dark grey. Greenish grey.

It was undoubtedly the intention of the postal authorities to represent different values by distinct colors but all the early Trinidad stamps without expressed value, whatever their color, seem to have been used for one and the same value. In 1859 the name appeared at the top and the value at the bottom of all the values except the one penny.

V. White paper; unperforated.  
1859.

— carmine red. — dark carmine.  
4 pence, grey lilac. 4 pence, violet.  
6 pence, dark green. 6 pence, yellow green.  
1 shilling, blue black. 1 sh., purple black.

VI. Same as V; perforated.

— dull carmine. — dark carmine.  
— brick red. — rose red.  
4 pence, dull grey lilac.  
4 " purple violet.  
4 " violet mauve.  
6 " yellow green.  
6 " dark green.  
6 " light green.  
1 shilling, blue black.  
1 " purple black.  
1 " slate blue.  
1 " dark slate blue.

On thick glass paper; perforated.  
— bright rose carmine.

— red carmine. — brown red.  
4 pence, violet. 4 pence, lilac.  
6 " deep green. 6 " emerald.  
1 shilling, blue slate.

The 1865 the plates engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co., were delivered to De La Rue, of London, who printed off a supply on paper watermarked with a crown over c. c.

VII. Same as VI: watermarked and perforated.  
1865.

— brown carmine. — crimson.  
4 pence, violet lilac. 4 pence, violet.  
4 " blue violet. 6 " dark green.  
6 " light green. 6 " yellow green.  
6 " emerald. 1 sh., black purple.  
1 shilling, purple. 1 " mauve purple.  
1 " dull purple. 1 " pale mauve.

VIII. Same as VII; unperforated.  
1869.

— carmine. 4 pence, violet.  
6 pence, yellow green. 1 sh., light purple.

IX. Portrait of Victoria; crown and C.C.; perforated.  
5 shillings, deep rosy lake.  
5 " pale rose lake.

X Same design as VI; crown and C.C.; perforated.  
1870.

— vermilion. — rose carmine.

- 4 pence, grey. 4 pence, slate grey.  
1 shilling, yellow. 1 shilling, orange yellow.
- XI. Die of the (1d.) printed in lilac and surcharged  
HALF-PENNY in black. Perforated.  
1870.

HALF-PENNY lilac and black.

In the early part of 1882 appeared the provisional One Penny, made by surcharging the current Six Pence with pen and ink. The original value is ruled out and 1d. written in.

- XII. Same type as VI; surcharged with writing ink.  
1882.

1 penny surcharged in red on 6d. green.  
1 " " in black on 6d. green.

In May 1882, the ordinary carmine stamp was surcharged ONE PENNY.

- XIII. Same type as VI; surcharged; c. a. and crown  
Perf.  
1882.

ONE PENNY, carmine and black.

- XIV. Half of XIII divided vertically and used as 1-2d.  
1882.

1-2 penny, carmine and black.

Same as above cut in two obliquely and used as 1-2d.  
1-2 penny, carmine and black.

- XV. Same type as VI; watermarked c. a. and crown.  
1883.

4 pence, slate grey,

On the 1st Jan., 1883, the current set was put in circulation, having been manufactured by De La Rue & Co.

- XVI. Head of Victoria in circle, watermarked c. a.  
and crown.  
1883.

1-2 penny, green. 1 penny, carmine.  
2 1-2 penny, ultramarine. 4 " grey.  
1 shilling, brown.

We have not included the "ROO LATE" stamps in our list as we do not believe in them. This surcharge is a simple hand mark and was generally struck on the stamps, but we have seen various letters showing this same hand stamp which did not touch any part of the adhesive label.

An envelope for registered letters was issued in 1880. The face of the envelope is similar to all other English colonial registry envelopes. The flap of the envelope or sack, contains the inscription in white embossed letters on a pale green semi-circle, "FOR REGISTRATION ONLY."

White envelope with inscriptions in blue.  
1880.

In 1884 a new registry envelope appeared having a circular stamp on the flap, with a large "R" and the usual inscriptions on the address side. There are several sizes.

Registry Envelope.  
1884.

2 pence, ultramarine.

Two wrappers for newspapers appeared in 1884, viz:

1-2 penny green, on manilla paper,  
1 " " carmine, " "

Postal cards were issued in 1879. They

were simple type set affairs with chain pattern for border, and the inscription "Postal Union (Union Postale Universalle) Trinidad Foreign Post Card." &c. The value of the card was 1-2d. represented by the carmine (1d.) and the surcharge HALF-PENNY. We have another card of like pattern bearing the carmine stamp and the unused half of another.

Postal Cards. Carmine inscription on buff.  
1879.

1-2 penny, carmine and lilac.  
1-2 penny, carmine.

There is a variety of post card stamps have been issued in 1879, but we have not seen a copy. It differs from those issued in having the top line of the inscription omitted, and in being lettered "Trinidad Post Card." The impression is in black instead of carmine. In the latter part of 1879 appeared the 1-2d. card on buff. The stamp on this card the same design as the stamps of Trinidad.

1879.  
1-2 penny brown on buff.

There were two provisional cards issued in 1882: plain cards, inscribed "Union Postale Universelle" Trinidad (Trinité) Card." "For countries within 300 miles served by British Packets," &c. The impression is all in black.

1882.  
Black on pale buff, franked (1d.) carmine.  
Black on white, franked by provisional 1d. on 6d. green.

The current set of post cards appeared in the early part of 1884, viz:—

1-2 penny, brown on white.  
1 " " carmine on buff.  
1 x 1 " " carmine on buff.  
1 1-2 " " deep brown on buff.  
1 1-2 x 1 1-2 penny, deep brown on buff.  
2 penny, blue on buff.

From the Philatelic Star.

## The Postage Stamps of the Duchy of Brunswick.

At the time the first postage stamps were issued, the Duchy of Brunswick numbered 282,000 inhabitants to an area of 67 square miles.

The capital of this country is Brunswick which was founded in the year 870 by Duke Bruno under the name of Brunsewick.

The chief magistrate of the government was Duke William, whom the people paid homage April 25, 1831. The constitution of this state is that of a constitutional monarchy, and the Lutheran Religion

prevails.

On Jan 1, 1844, Brunswick joined the Prussian German Custom Society and the taxes collected between the years 1861-63 amounted to a round sum of 7,225,000 Thalers. The Duke, however, withdrew and joined the Confederation Assemblage on May 27, 1851.

The stamps of Brunswick showed particular and tasteful design; they however fulfilled their purpose, as the watermarks which the various issues contain proved in every instance a safe protection against counterfeiting.

At various times, the Pfennige, fennig-silberpfennige, Groschen, Silbergroschen, and Gutergroschen, were employed; and all in the short time of twelve years.

That the Authorities had the intention of manufacturing their own stamps is evident from the fact of the various essays that are to be found, which were however deemed unworthy and not accepted. In 1851 the Brunswick Authorities made application at Berlin for the delivery of a quantity of stamps, the same were made by the Prussian States Printing Establishment, which was already celebrated at that time for its fine work.

The first officially issued stamps were printed in book form, colored on thick white paper. The space between each two stamps on the sheets varies considerably, being between 2 to 2 3/4 Mm. The design presents a double lined square; "Braunschweig" above in waving band; in centre, coat-of-Arms: galloping horse with crown above, upon linear background: towards the right and left, small ovals, in which the figure of value appears. Below, in waving band, the value abbreviated: "Ein Silb. Gr.," "Zwei Silb. Gr.," "Drei Silb. Gr."

The various stamps of this issue appeared without a watermark, in place of which each stamp had a redish-brown gum on the back, which was prepared by the government and was a secret which they alone knew. The stamps, which were issued in January, 1852, were the following:

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|---|------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Silber Groschen, | rose.       |
| 2 | "                | light blue. |
| 3 | "                | red.        |

owing to the mistakes which frequently occurred, both with the officials and the public, by mistaking the 1 for the 3 Silber-

groschen, or vice versa (they being of about the same color), it was resolved to change the issue.

The stamps of the next issue were printed with the same die as the previous issue; but differs inasmuch as that the previous issue was printed in color on white paper, whereas this issue was printed in black on colored paper.

The back bears colourless gum, and the various stamps of this issue contain a watermark which consists of a posthorn inclosed in a square. The watermarked posthorns do not appear uniform in size. In some they are smaller, while in others larger.

The paper is of various texture: some thick and others thin, which makes the watermark appear plain and in some cases very indistinct.

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|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Issue Apr 1st, 1856. |                 |                   |
| 1                    | Silbergroschen, | orange and ochre, |
| 2                    | "               | blue.             |
| 3                    | "               | dark rose.        |

Jan. 1, 1856, the silbergroschen was changed from orange to straw-yellow.

Upon the numerous presentations of influential business houses, and for the sake of unity with the various post offices of Germany, the authorities ordered that on April 1st two new values should be issued. These new stamps were also the production of the Prussian States Printing Establishment.

These stamps, which were issued mainly for the mailing of samples, and various merchandise, differ considerably from the rest of the set. The two ovals on the right and left sides contain the fractions "1-4" and "1-3." The values, "Drei pfennig oder Vier Silbr. pf." show in reference to the print quite a difference from that of the old type.

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| Issue April 1, 1856. |                                |        |
| 3                    | Pfennig (1-4 Silbr. Gr.)       | brown. |
| 4                    | Silber Pfennig (1-3 Silb. Gr.) | white. |

The change of the monetary system at this time soon caused the authorities to step forth with a new stamp. This new stamp is divided into quarters. The following money values occur on same:--Gutegroschen (Brunswick money), also four times Drie Pfennige (Prussian money). The stamp is formed into a perfect square, the same being subdivided into four smaller squares, so that the word "Postmarke" is repeated

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No. 1 of the Carson Philatelist has been received. It is on the plan of the Philatelic Monthly, devoted to new issues, and advertisements of the Carson Stamp Co.

Through the kindness of Mr. Lyman R. Low we have been favored with a catalogue of a Collection of Revenue and postage Stamps Paper money etc. the property H. E. Wordwards which are to be sold at auction by Messrs. Bangs & Co. on September 18th.

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From the Philatelic Monthly.

## New Issues.

ANGOLA.—The 25 reis has made its appearance in lilac.

BARADOES.—A 2 pence, blue registered letter envelope has been issued.

BULGARIA.—We have the 5 stotinki card in double form.

CEYLON.—Two more surcharged cards have been received, viz.:

5 cents on 8 cents;  
10 " " 6 "

The surcharge on the 4 cent envelope comes in both red and black.

DENMARK.—The 10 ore, carmine, with gum, has been issued.

DUTCH INDIES.—The 5 cent card is reported without inscription on the back and printed in violet on white.

GREAT BRITAIN.—For use of the British post office in Constantinople we have received the following surcharges:

40 paras on 2 1-2 pence;  
80 " " on 5 " "  
12 piastres on 2 shil. 6 d.

MEXICO.—The colors of the lower values of the current set are to be altered as follows:

1 centavo, gray and green;  
2 centavos, brown; 3 centavos, carmine;  
5 " " violet; 6 " " brown;  
10 " " orange.

Of these we have thus far seen only the 6 c. brown.

We have specimens of a 2 centavos card, green and black on buff. The cards are in strips of five, perforated between.

NORWAY.—The color of the 12 ore is now brown.

QUEENSLAND.—We have the penny post card printed in carmine on buff.

TORONTO.—The 4 pence has changed color to gray.

VICTORIA.—With stamps of the latest issue we have the 1-2 and 1 penny wrappers, 2 pence envelope, and 4 pence registered envelope.

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ice on the upper and lower ends; and to the right and left the words "3 pfennige" are repeated in like manner. The inner squares contain each a crown below which a small oval in which the fraction "1-4"

appears, and beneath oval is inscribed "Gutegr." The stamps on the entire sheets are divided very irregularly, so that the space intervening the stamps varies from 1 3-4 to 2 1-2 Mm. This stamp, the same as its predecessors, is printed in black type print on colored paper. The watermark as before is a posthorn in square, though the posthorns come in various sizes, owing to the changes that have been made. The paper used is both thick and thin, and the gum is the same as used on the stamps of previous issues. This stamp could be used in parts, 1-4, 1-2, 3 4, 1-1, etc., just as the public desired for the prepayment of postage.

Issue Feb. 1, 1857.

4-4 Gutegroschen (12 Pfennige), light and dark brown. The postal authorities in 1862 changed the color of the paper of the 3 silbergroschen stamp, owing to the fact that they were being counterfeited abroad. The design remained the same as in 1852, but the stamp was from henceforth printed in carmine-red on thin white paper.

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From the Int. Collector's Guide.

## The Confederate States: Its Stamps.

On December 20th 1860, the Palmetto State seceded from the Old Federal Union; after which, other States joined with her, Kentucky being the last. As soon as these States had withdrawn from the Union, they determined to establish a government of their own, with Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, as President; and Alex. H. Stevens, of Georgia, as Vice-president.

The government had regular departments: such as, State, Justice, Treasury, War, Navy, Post office &c. This government had its existence only four years and a few months.

About 59 provisionals were issued in 1861, by various post-masters of several Southern cities prior to the regular issue of the Confederate States. Letters that bore these stamps were delivered free of postage in the Confederacy, being recognized by the government. These stamps are very rare; and some cannot be obtained at any price.

## TYPE No. 1.

Was a purple stamp issued in Athens Ga. by the postmaster of that place. It is about the size of our present two-cent stamp. In the centre is "Paid-5", around which are twelve stars. Around this can be seen, "T. Crawford, P. M." and the name of the place where issued. Color, blue. A 5c. lilac was also issued.

## TYPE No. 2.

Baton Rouge, La. claims to have issued three of these provisionals, 2c. green 5c. green and red, 10c. green and red. In the centre can be seen "P. O. Baton Rouge 5 J. McCormick, P. M." on a very pretty background.

## TYPE No. 3.

Charleston, S. C. issued three varieties, one of which was a 5c. blue adhesive. On this stamp can be found "5cts.", surrounded by "P. O. Charleston, S. C. Postage Paid," encircled by an oval ring, from which projects a point at the top and bottom and at each side. Between each of which is a row of small dots. In each corner of the stamp is the numeral "5." Although it is not given on the stamp, Mr. Alfred Huger was postmaster at that time. Near the edge of the stamp is a dark straight border. The other two provisionals issued by this city were two envelope stamps, viz, 5c. blue and 10c. green. They bear the same description as the adhesive stamps. They are thought to have been engraved by Wm. Keenan, the only engraver on steel in the city at that time.

## TYPE No. 4.

Was issued in Columbia, S. C. Value, 5 cts. "P. O. Columbia, S. C. Paid" encloses the numeral "5" in an oval ring. Surrounding the above is a heavy circle. Wm. Keenan is supposed to have engraved the die for this stamp, also. Color, blue.

## TYPE No. 3. (Danville, Va.)

If anyone of the present day were to see one of these stamps on the left hand top corner of an envelope, he would suppose it were nothing but a very pretty "return notice." Three varieties are known to exist. It seems that Danville had two post-masters during the War. Die No. 1 consists of "Paid 5 cents. W. D. Coleman, P. M." enclosed in a peculiar kind of scroll-work, with points project-

ing from the top, bottom, and each side. Color, blue; value, 5 cents; class, adhesive. Dies No. 1 and 2, are alike in value and description, but differing in color; one being black on buff, while the other is buff on white. On the left of this stamp are to be seen three persons: one standing, another sitting, and the third stooping. On the right of this group is a vine, which branches out on the top and bottom, and uniting at the side, encloses, "Southern Confederacy, Danville, Va. Paid W. B. Payne, P. M. 5."

## TYPE No. 6.

## Fredericksburg, Va.

This city has two varieties to boast of viz, 5c. blue and 10c. red. At the top is the name of place, Fredericksburg, Va; beneath this, "R. T. Thom" (Thompson I suppose), and still lower down appears the numeral "5" denoting the value of the stamp. Thirty two stars adorn the edge. The 10c. red is of the same description.

## TYPE No. 7.

The P. M. of the then small town of Golliad, Tex. then issued two stamps; viz, 5c. and 10c. black. They are not very plain in appearance. On the four sides appear, "Golliad Postage J. A. Cianare (?) Post-master." In the centre the figure "5" is to be seen. Around the edge is a border of six pointed stars. These stamps are type set. This accounts for their indistinctness.

## TYPE No. 8.

Greenland, Ala. claims to have issued two provisional stamps; viz, 5c. blue and red. Taking it as a whole, these stamps are beautiful in appearance and design. Across the centre can be found these words, "Paid five Greenville, Ala." above and below which are two pieces of honey-suckle locked together.

## TYPE No. 9.

Two stamps for Helena, Ark. have been found of the following denominations, 5c. and 10c. Both are black.

## TYPE No. 10.

The flourishing city of Knoxville, Tenn. was not behindhand in postal affairs during the War. Four varieties are said to exist, two being adhesive, and two, envelope stamps. The former are as follows; In the centre is "5", above and below which, is the word

"Paid". Around this are eleven stars, representing the different states in the Confederacy. In a larger is C. H. Charlton, P. M. Knoxville, Tenn. The envelope stamps are alike in design and value, but differ very much in color, one being 5 cents black and the other dark green. The latter exists on various colors of paper. In the interior part of the stamp is an eagle with outspread wings; while around this 'bird of freedom', the name "Knoxville" and the state "Tennessee" appear. At the top in a curve, "C. S. Postage" presents itself in a different kind of type. Below are to be found the words, "Five-cents". A double ring encloses the whole. Reprints of the 5c red adhesive are in existence.

## TYPE No. 11.

Livingston, Ala. certainly issued a very fine stamp in the 5c blue. A shield with a large "5" adorns the centre, while a bright star above, and two sprigs of evergreen below add very much to its appearance. "Paid, Post-office Cents Livingston" near the edge, and a face in each corner complete the description of this stamp.

## TYPE No. 12.

Lynchburg, Va. brought to the front a provisional issue in the shape of a 5c blue. Centre, "5"; above, "Paid"; below, "R. H. Glass, P. M." A fancy figure adorns each corner.

## TYPE No. 13.

Macon, Ga. issued two plain though very pretty stamps; viz, 5c blue and 5c green. Above, "Post-office"; below, "Macon Ga. centre, "Five cents". All enclosed in two neat borders.

## TYPE No. 14.

The "3 cents" of Madison is one of the prettiest of Confederate stamps, the color being gold on blue. In the value there was a mistake in engraving, "e" and "n" having been transposed. A very thick border surrounds the above inscription.

## TYPE No. 15.

Marion, Va. next comes in the "role" with six black stamps; viz, 2c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c. Near the lower portion of the stamp is the value; while above is this inscription, "Check Paid". On left side, "P. Office,; on right, "Marion, Va".

## TYPE No. 16.

Memphis, Tenn. brought before the pub-

lic three stamps, two being adhesive, and one, envelope stamp. The two-cent blue has the value in a circle, while the 5c red has not. Above, numeral and "Paid"; below, "Memphis, Tenn." The whole enclosed in a scalloped oval ring. The envelope stamp is the same as the adhesive, with the exception that the former is printed on yellow paper.

## TYPE No. 17.

Mobile, Ala. claims that she also has a share to the provisional issues. Two varieties exist: viz, 2c black and 5c blue. A large star encloses the value, behind which star can be seen four men. Above, "Mobile"; below, "Post-office"; left-hand side, "Paid" right hand side, "Cents". A cross adorns each corner.

## TYPE No. 18.

W. D. McNish, the then post-master at Nashville, Tenn. issued three varieties; viz, 3c red, 5c carmine and 10c green. The first has the following description: In a half circle at the top the name of P. M. below, "Nashville" centre, "3 cents". (Numeral very large) The other two varieties differ only in color. The design is like that of the stamp issued in Knoxville (TYPE No. 10).

## TYPE No. 19.

New Orleans issued five varieties, as follows: 2c blue, 2c red, 5c brown, 5c red and 5c brown on blue. At the top and bottom the name of P. M. "J. L. Riddell"; in centre, "Paid (value) cents"; in circle, "New Orleans Post office". Ornament in each corner.

## TYPE No. 20.

Petersburg, Va. issued one stamp only; viz, 5c red. Near the top; "Petersburg, Virginia", centre, "Post-office" and "5"; bottom "W. E. Bass, P. M."

## TYPE No. 21.

Pleasant Shade, Va. issued a stamp exactly like that of Petersburg. The only difference is in the ornamentation and name of P. M. and place. Value, five cents; P. M. R. E. Davis.

## Type No. 22.

The P. M. of Pittsylvania presented to the public one stamp, 5c blue. (Description same as type No. 5.)

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In 1830, in this island, the British government, in 1830, surcharged the following stamps of Great Britain with the word Cyprus.

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|---------------------|
| 1830-1880.          |
| 1-2 penny red.      |
| 1 " " red.          |
| 2 1-2 pence, chart. |
| 1 " " green.        |
| 6 " " slate.        |
| 1 shilling, green.  |

In the following year, the last mentioned stamps were superseded by the one penny red, and the "half penny" across the lower part,

it was thought expedient to change the values of the postage stamps into the current money of the country, which is the same as in Turkey and Egypt. The scale is:

3 a-pers = 1 para,  
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Therefore the one penny red was surcharged "30 paras." Soon an entire new set was issued. The design is the same as all the recent British Colonial issues.

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| 1881 issue.         |
| 1-2 piaster, green. |
| 1 " " 10 c.         |
| 2 piasters, blue.   |
| 1 " " 6 c.          |
| 6 " " brown.        |

In 1882, the one piaster rose was 30 paras and used provisionally in place of the one issued in 1881. A permanent stamp of this denomination appeared after a little, and is still in use. The half piaster of 1881 is quite common surcharged "1-2" in black. Cyprus has three newspaper bands and two registered letter envelopes. The first of these issued in 1830, is the second British one of 1830, surcharged "Cyprus." The other registered envelope was issued in 1881 and was especially designed for this colony. So much for the stamps of Cyprus.

This interesting island is of importance to the numismatist as well as the philatelist. Some Greek and many Roman imperial coins are found in Cyprus. Coins of Alexander the Great and of the Syrian monarchs also occur. There is a set of coins of the independent kingdom of Cyprus, many of which are still obtainable.

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### ISSUE OF 1861.

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### ISSUE OF 1862.

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### ISSUE OF 1863.

Seven stamps were issued in this year, 1c orange, portrait of John C. Calhoun, 1c red, portrait of Andrew Jackson, 5c blue, Davis, 10c blue, Davis, 10c blue, (with around,) Davis, "TEN CENTS," blue, Davis, and 10c green, Washington. This set of stamps is a little smaller than that of either 1861 or 1862.

NOTE. Catalogues state that in 1864, a set of four perforated stamps appeared, as follows; 1c orange, 5c, 10c and 20c green; but from the following, it is clear that they are mistaken. "None of the Confederate stamps were perforated and all such offered for sale are spurious. Mr. Ogden, the chief contractor of the Confederate office is our authority for this statement."

### CONCLUSION.

In glancing over a collection of Confederate stamps, we notice, that the number of stamps printed in blue are 20, black, 18, 14, green, 13, red on blue, and orange, 12 each, and purple, lilac, gold on blue, 11 each, mine, brown, brown on blue, and rose, 1 each. This makes a total of 75, 59 of these are provisionals issued by the postmaster in 28 cities and towns. (How is it that certain dealers offer 100 varieties for sale when only 75 were issued?) We also notice that 18 stamps were issued in Virginia, 11 in Tennessee, Alabama and Louisiana, 7 each, Georgia and South Carolina, 4 each, Texas, 2, Arkansas, 1, North Carolina and Florida, 1 each. The remaining 16 were the regular issue of the Confederate Government, which stamps were superseded in 1865, by those of the United States.

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Mr. Emory has sold out his interest in the New England Philatelist to Chas. P. Henry, who will continue to publish it with the assistance of W. K. Jewett as editor.

Mr. Wm. v. d. Wettern's new wholesale list has been received and contains many bargains for the coming season.

Mr. J. M. Hubbard will publish about Dec. 1. "The Stamp Dealers of the World." The book will contain the address of every dealer in the world, about one thousand in all.

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The December issue of the Capital City Philatelist will be an extra large edition. A great number of sample copies will be mailed and all dealers desiring advertising space in this number should send in their advertisements before November 30th.

From the Philatelic Monthly.

## New Issues.

**ANGOLA.**—The 20 reis, has been issued in red.

**AZORES.**—The 2 reis of Portugal has been surcharged for Azores.

**CAPE VERDE.**—The colors of the 20 and 25 reis have been changed to red and violet respectively.

**FRANCE.**—We have received letter cards of the value of 15 centimes, printed in blue or white, pink, fawn, light blue and lavender.

**GWALIOR.**—This is another of the semi-independent states of India which is making use of India stamps surcharged "Gwalior."

**JAPAN.**—Mr. Esdale favors us with an extract from a Japanese paper of August 4th in which it is stated that stamped wrappers are being prepared for sending papers, magazines, etc., through the mails. Proof of the 5 rins have already been submitted to the government by the postal authorities.

**JHIND.**—This Indian state is now issuing stamps, cards and envelopes of India, surcharged "Jhind State."

LABUAN.—A provisional 2 cents is announced, made by surcharging that value on 16 cents.

MACAO.—Four more provisionals are announced, viz.

The colors of the 20 and 25 reis have also been changed to red and violet respectively.

MOZAMBIQUE.—The 20 and 25 reis have been changed colors to accord with the other Portuguese colonies.

NABHA.—This state is also using the stamps of India surcharged "Nabha State."

ROUMANIA.—The 11-2 bani, black, and 15 bani, brown, of the new type have been issued.

SIAM.—Siam has entered the postal union. It is not clear what change this will necessitate in the stamps, but the postal cards have been changed "Union Postal Universal. Postcard," and the value "4atts" over the stamp.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE.—The same change has been made in the colors of the 20 and 25 reis as in those of the other Portuguese colonies.

SURINAM.—We have at last received the 2-cent stamp printed in blue-green.

TRANSVAAL.—We are indebted to Mr. Walker for a specimen of the 3 pence, orange surcharged "Halve Penny" in black.

plainly showed that they owed their existence to a too good natured postmaster, acting under the inspiration of a too enthusiastic collector.

Mr. Tamsen being anxious to obtain some information as to the dates of issue of various Transvaal stamps and envelopes, addressed a letter, containing a series of questions upon the subject, to Mr. Frederick Jeppe, the late Postmaster-General of the South African Republic. Mr. Tamsen was not aware that Mr. Jeppe had anything to do, directly, with the manufacture and issue of the doubtful envelopes (a point which was well known at the time to collectors in Europe) and he tells me that, in enquiring about these envelopes, he expressed his opinion pretty plainly that they were of a speculative nature, to say the least of it, and the reply of Mr. Jeppe, which seems to be quite candid and straightforward so far, shows that his opinion was by no means without foundation.

The answers to Mr Tamsen's queries may be summed up as follows: Mr. Jeppe was Postmaster-General of the South African Republic and, at the same time, Postmaster of Potchefstroom in 1869, and for some years later. The envelopes with a circular hand-stamp were made at the request of a collector in England, and were privately sent to him they were never issued or used in the Transvaal, they never had any official value, and would not at any time have franked a letter through the post. The only officially-issued envelopes were the 6d., blue. The rate of postage for single letters in the interior of the country in those days was 6d., which is the reason for so high a value having been indicated on the envelopes.

Mr. Jeppe gives a further account of these curiosities, in a letter to Mr. Tamsen, in which he states:

"I will give you the history of the 1869 hand-stamped envelopes in a few words.

"In 1869 a gentleman with the name with the name of Dudley Atlee, then living in London and afterward in Birmingham, wrote to me and asked me to send him twenty-five envelopes, of various colours and sizes, stamped with the date-stamp of Potchefstroom, which was then the only date-stamp of the Republic, and to write in the postage (6d.) within

in the Philatelic Record.

## CERTAIN ISSUES OF THE TRANSVAAL.

Paper read before the Philatelic Society, (London.)

BY MAJOR E. B. EVANS, R. A.

Through the kindness of a collector residing in the Transvaal—Mr. Tamsen, of Tweestein—I have received some information as to certain of the issues of that Republic, and more especially the so-called first issue envelopes, which I think is not without interest for philatelists.

I suppose that most of us have regarded these envelopes I allude to with a certain amount of suspicion. I confess that I always supposed them to be more philatelic than postal: but at the same time I imagined that they had really been issued, although their history, so far as we are acquainted with it.

the space of the date to be left out. He said he wanted these envelopes for his collection, as they would represent the first issue of stamps made by this State.

"I did not think anything of the matter at the time, and sent him, on the 29th Sept. 1869, twenty-five such envelopes.

"He wrote to me again, and asked me to send him some more, and on 30th March, 1870, I forwarded to him another two dozen. These forty-nine envelopes are, as far as I can remember, the only ones forwarded by me to England. I know I had many applications for them from various persons and stamp dealers: but I refused to send any, as Atlee had asked me not to send any of these envelopes to anybody else.\*

"I found out afterwards that Atlee had sold these envelopes in England, and I wrote to him on the subject, but received no reply.

"Thus this affair was as you say, a private 'spec.' but of Atlee's; for I charged or received nothing for these envelopes."

Mr. Jeppe also sent Mr. Tamsen a list, giving the dates of several of the Transvaal issues, and other information regarding them, some of which I think will be found to be new to collectors.

\*With reference to this statement of Mr. Jeppe's and also to one further on, as to his having never received anything for these envelopes, I think it only right to say, that there were present at the meeting at which this paper was read members of the Society who had received various lots of these envelopes from Mr. Jeppe, and had paid him for them at their nominal value. I do not say this in order to prejudice Mr. Jeppe in any way; he may have forgotten these little transactions. But inasmuch as these envelopes have been sold in perfect good faith by the most respectable dealers, it is only fair to them to state that a very much larger number than forty-nine were imported from the Transvaal, and were therefore presumably genuine.

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June 30, 1871. 3d., violet; printed in Germany, with improved eagle.

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Sept. 1, 1874. 1d., red } printed in Natal  
6d., blue }  
Sept. 30, 1874. 6d., blue, with improved eagle made in Germany.

#### GOVERNOR SHEPSTONE.

April & May, 1877. Issue surcharged "V Transvaal," in black and red.

Sept. 1, 1878. 1d., red; Queen's head, 4., green "

Dec. 3, 1878. 3l., red-brown "

6l., black "

1s., green "

2s., blue "

#### GOVERNOR LANYON.

\*June 10 (?), 1879. 6l., black, Queen's head, surcharged 1d. in black and red.

\* This date is not quite correct (it is marked "2" by Mr. Jeppe). I saw some of these stamps as early as June of 1879, in the possession of soldiers, who had bought them in Utrecht, and who had left that place some two or three weeks previously. These provisionals must have been issued some time in May, 1879.

Oct. 12, 1882. 1-2d., brick red, Queen's head.

#### PRESIDENT KRUGER.

Aug. 14, 1882. 4d., Queen's head, surcharged 1d.

March 1, 1883. 3d., black on red, first new issue from old plates.

April 16 1883. 1d., black.

Aug. 1, 1883. 1s., green.

Sept. 25, 1883. 3d., light red on white

It will be observed that Mr. Jeppe makes no mention of any German impressions of the 1d., 6., and 1s., of uniform type, having ever been issued at all; and this agrees with the statement made by Mr. Atlee in 1879 to the effect that all the sheets that accompanied the plates were sent back to Europe to collectors and dealers.

Personally (as a mere matter of opinion) I have always felt doubtful whether the division into German and local impressions was a strictly accurate one, partly on account of this statement of Mr. Atlee's, which is now confirmed to some extent by Mr. Jeppe's and partly because the earliest local impressions were described, at the time, as very distinct, whereas comparatively clear ones have undoubtedly been produced locally since.

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From the American Youth.

## THE ST. LOUIS AND CINCINNATI LOCALS.

### ST. LOUIS.

In the latter part of November, 1882, a company organized in St. Louis, Mo., for the purpose of conveying letters and packages in the business or central part of the city, under the title of the St. Louis City Delivery.

At first the scheme was regarded as a humbug by the merchants. But the business of the company increased so rapidly, that at the time of their dissolution, (three weeks later) they enjoyed the patronage of the people in the vicinity, and were making money fast. As their business caused a large decrease in the city receipts the government stepped in, in the form of a United States Marshal and denounced the business as an infringement on the U. S. privilege—or rather monopoly—of carrying mails on a postal route. The streets of a city being considered as such, and ordered a discontinuance of the same, which order was of necessity promptly complied with. Many merchants were left from 25 cents to \$5.00 or more out at the discontinuance of the local post, as the members of the firm hastily left St. Louis, leaving no trace behind—and the many merchants who had purchased the stamps, were so much out at that time. But as only a limited supply was left in the hands of the company, which were all bought by a St. Louis dealer, the merchants are now realizing upon them, as many have disposed of their stamps at prices paid, and we have met some that thought us fools if we offered them 50 cents a 100 for them—not seeing what good they were to us.

We give a good representation of the St. Louis local, the design of which is very simple.

There was 25,000 printed for this company, 20,000 of which, we are given to understand, were sold to the company's patrons.

The color is pink, some of which are much darker than others, They are all printed on white paper in sheets of 25.

To those collectors who have not purchased these stamps, we should advise them to do so immediately, as the supply is limited, and there is no doubt that in a short time they will be very scarce, and eagerly looked for by collectors. We will here mention that no reprints have ever been issued, all the specimens on the market being genuine, which we are sorry to say, can not be said of all our locals.

### CINCINNATI.

A short time after the St. Louis company was established, a member of the company was sent to Cincinnati to establish a branch office, to be known as the Cincinnati City Delivery Co. But they had only fairly started, when they were compelled to quit. In Cincinnati about the same number of stamps were issued, only about 3,000 being used. By order of the government, all the remaining stamps of the St. Louis and Cincinnati, were cancelled by a circular cancelling mark. The unused are considered to be worth more than those cancelled—and those on the original envelope command a premium as high as 50 cents or more.

We also have information from a St. Louis letter carrier, that the same company had stamps printed for New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and Baltimore. The letter carrier having a specimen of the Philadelphia stamp.

## A Clever Swindle.

William C. Glenn, a young man about twenty years of age, was lodged in the county jail to await a hearing before the U. S. Commissioners, on the charge of using the U. S. mail to carry on swindling operations.

Glenn lives at Rochelle, Ill., and has been employed by his brother, who is Postmaster of that place. A short time

ago, he began negotiations with Eastern dealers in foreign stamps and curiosities of that description, under a half dozen different names. The Second National Bank of Rochelle was given as reference as to the reliability of each of these mythical persons. This bank existed only on Glenn's fancy letter heads, which gave the names of the officers and the amount of its supposed capital. Glenn received all the letters addressed to the bank, and gave the fictitious persons first-class financial standing. On the strength of these references, the imaginary persons ordered large quantities of merchandise.

Glenn is said to have received from \$100. to \$500. worth of goods from T. Semmes, Alexandria, Va., Wm. Wettern, Baltimore, and E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J.

Mr. Semmes made a complaint to the P. O. Department, and an inspector was put on his track. After weeks of watching and investigating, Glenn was arrested, Oct. 17th. A search of his room revealed \$1200. worth of stamps and other articles shipped by Eastern firms.

From the Philatelic Record.

### ON CERTAIN ISSUES OF THE TRANSVAAL.

(A paper read before the Philatelic Society, London.)

BY MAJOR E. B. EVANS, R. A.

(Continued from October Number.)

used, except of the types with the improved eagle.

The difference in the clearness of the impressions may be accounted for by the fact that they were printed by different persons at different times; and the inferiority of the earliest local productions was probably due to want of practice or of skill on the part of the printers first employed.

The first issue, 1d., 6d., and 1s., according to Mr. Jeppe, was printed at Pretoria; the next, the 1d., black, at Potchefstroom. We are not told where subsequent editions of these values were printed, neither is there any mention of the 3d. stamps of local manufacture, because none of these formed distinct issues

or varieties that would be noticed by a postmaster.

The 2,000 6d. envelopes printed in February, 1872, were no doubt those with the stamp of the ordinary 6d. type; the 5,000 of December, 1873, being those printed from a 3d. die with the value altered.

The 1d, red, and 6d; blue, printed in Natal in September, 1874, are given as a distinct issue. They do not differ in colour from their predecessors, and therefore they must, I presume, have been the machine-perforated stamps, and from the fact that none of the later varieties were thus perforated until 1883, it seems probable that no further supplies were obtained from Natal.

It is curious that Mr. Jeppe, who recognized the perforated stamps as distinct varieties, says nothing about the various coloured papers on which the surcharged stamps were printed. I believe that his connection with the Post office had ceased before 1877; but he seems nevertheless to have known the dates of some of the issues under British governors.

Finally, I think the thanks of Philatelists are due to Mr. Tamsen, as a local collector, for having done what so many collectors living in rather out-of-the-way places seem to neglect doing, namely, attempted, and not without success, to clear up some of the doubts connected with the stamps of his own country. We has, at all events, relieved us from the necessity of retaining, except in our curiosity albums, those exceedingly unartistic hand-stamped envelopes; and he has also I think, accounted for the existence of the machine-perforated stamps whose appearance in the midst of the issues, imperforate and variously rouletted has always been rather a mystery.

### The Atlanta Philatelic Society

At a meeting held for that purpose, the Atlanta Philatelic Society was formed Oct. 2d. The following officers were elected: President, W. G. Whilden, Jr.; Vice President, Sam'l Meyer, Jr.; Recording Secretary, J. B. Campbell, Jr.; Cor-

responding Sec'y: D. McD. Parkhurst,

From Philatelic Monthly.

## New Issues.

**BRAZIL** — The 300 reis, green and orange, is reported rouletted instead of perforated.

**CEYLON**, — The surcharge on the 12 c. envelope is now "15 cents" instead of "Fifteen Cents."

**CHINA**, — A correspondent in Shanghai informs us that the plates for the new issues are ready, so that we may look for the new stamps before a great while,

**CONGO** — The Congo Free State is to be admitted to the postal union the 1st of January next. This means, we take it a new set of stamps.

**JAPAN**. — The colors of the 1 and 2 sen cards have been change to carmine.

**MONACO**. — Several more values have made their appearance, viz.:

1 centime, bistre; 2 centimes, lilac;  
10 centimes, red-br.; 40 " slate.  
75 " black; 1 franc, black:  
5 francs, carmine.

**NICARAGUA**. — The 2 c. carb brown, on buff, has been issued in double form.

**REUNION**. — French Colony stamps surcharged "La Reunion" and new value, have been issued for the colony of Reunion. They are as follows: 5 centimes on 2 centimes 25 centimes on 20 centimes.

**RIO DE ORO**. — This Spanish Colony in Africa is using stamps of the mother country surcharged "Africa—Rio De Oro—España," the surcharge being in three lines, thus far three values have been seen, viz.: 5 centimes, green, 10 c., carmine; 15 c., purple.

**ROUMANIA**. — A new set of unpaid letter stamps is to appear the 1st of January.

**SHANGHAI**. — A provisional card has been issued, printed in blue on white. The colors of the 80 and 100 cash are shortly to be altered.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**. — The 1-2 penny stamp is said to have been issued in green.

**ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON**. — Two more values are announced for this colony: 10 and 15 centimes on 40 centimos, unperforated.

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS**. — We have received the 5 cents, blue, surcharged "3 cents" in black.

**ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE**. — The 10 reis has appeared in green,

**SWEDEN**. — The remaining stock of the 6 ore cards has been utilized by surcharging them 5 ore.

**TRANSVAAL**. — By favor of Mr. Walker we have the 1 shilling of 1883 surcharged "Halve Penny" and the 6 pence of 1879 surcharged "Twee Pence. Z. A."

## Philatelic Press Association.

About the first of October a "Press Association" was formed by the below named publishers, for the reasons stated in the following agreement:

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(Signed.) Jerome H. Raymond.

Thomas C. Watkins,

Frank L. Mills.

Mann & Kendig,

W. K. Jennett.

L. M. Hamlen.

Mr. Raymond publisher of the Collector's Companion has been elected "Director" and the association expects to be in working order by the first of November.

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Written for P. J. of A.

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Playing Card: 2, 4, 5 and 10 cents.

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Playing Card: Black, blue, brown, green and orange.

United State private proprietary stamps are almost as eagerly collected in Europe as in America. The constantly increasing demand for these interesting obsolete fiscals greatly exceeds the supply, many being extremely scarce. The rarity of many private stamps was augmented by the altering of designs necessitated by corporations changing titles, partnerships forming and dissolving, and owing to the comparatively small number taken by certain firms, who discontinued their use after a short trial, preferring those of the regular proprietary issue.

Why this branch of philately has attained such popularity may be thus explained: by act of Congress, June 30, 1864, a stamp tax was levied on all packages of matches, playing cards and patented medicinal preparations (including bitters, cordials, cosmetics, liverpads, magnesias, medicated oils, pellets, perfumeries, pills, plasters, salves, syrups, and troches) for sale in the United States.

Parties vending such articles without proper adhesive stamps or wrapper denoting said tax having been previously attached thereto, incurred a penalty of fifty dollars for every omission to affix such stamp. Though strictly a war excise, the act was not repealed until July 1, 1883, eighteen years after the close of the civil war.

Canned meats, sauces, etc. were subjected to proprietary tax October 1, 1866. Each can with its contents, not exceeding two pounds in weight, paid one cent. Only one packing-house in the country—Thos. Kensett & Co., Baltimore—paid this tax with a private stamp, though one was prepared for "Winslow's Green Corn," but never issued to them, as the last act was not long in force. The design of the Winslow stamp was adopted by Boutell & Maynard, match manufacturers of Minneapolis, the representation of a can of corn being changed to a box of matches.

Playing-card stamps exist only perforated. Oval, round and lozenge-shaped medicine stamps were furnished by the government unperforated to the proprietors, who cut them out around the impression in order to fit over the bottles. Most of the rectangular medicine stamps are perforated, others unperforated, but one rouletted. Most match stamps are perforated, several rouletted, but two unperforated.

Portraits of many of America's most prominent merchants are handed down to future posterity by these stamps others bear their signatures. The states of Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and represented by their coats-of-arms. This series appeared consecutively on four varieties of paper known as Old (thin, wove) Silk (containing minute particles of silk

thread) Pink (used only a short time in 1878) and watermarked (U. S. I. R.). 148 patent-medicine proprietors, 126 match firms, and 11 playing-card manufacturers doing business in 82 cities throughout 26 states of the Union adopted this class of stamps and bore the expense of engraving the private dies. The shortest private revenue measures 21 millimetres, the largest 190. These beautifully executed official mementoes of the American civil strife forcibly illustrate a one powerful channel of revenue to the nation and a substantial aid in the reduction of the debt. They excel the fiscal issues of all other countries in diversity of design, while each specimen is a master-piece of the engraver's art.

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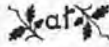
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This bogus resuscitation is hardly worth noticing but I mention it as an instance of what some persons in the stamp business will do. The next rumor of provisional stamps for Canada was quite recent but was soon disproved. The German stamp periodicals chronicled the current issue of Canadian stamps surcharged "Official" in black. The editor of the Canadian Philatelist wrote to the postal authorities about the matter and was assured that no such stamps had ever been prepared by them. And now before this attempt has been forgotten the Collector's Companion states that the one and three cent envelopes are impressed with the word "Service" It is needless to remark that we think these will turn out to be false. The stamps emitted by Nova Scotia before its junction with the Dominion have also been used as the basis of fictitious provisionals. A philatelist of the province claims that the 3d. blue and 6d. green issued in 1861 surcharged "5 CENTS" in red and in black with varieties of type. These were supposed to have been issued in a small country office and are very scarce. It is reasonable to infer that these are mere inventions though we cannot learn any absolute facts of them.

One concocted surcharge we will observe that turned out to be really a joke. A few specimens of the common 2d. South Australia of 1869 were sent to philatelic papers with a large figure 3 printed over the word "two" for provisional use as 3d. stamps. But as it is very seldom that the value of a stamp is raised by a surcharge, somebody investigated and learned that the production originated with a joking philatelist in Adelaide. While speaking of South Australia I will say that the O. S. series have all been counterfeited. The letters O. S. are altogether too large and are sometimes distinctly over the cancellation.

At this point let us pass to the consideration of forgeries of other genuine and authentic surcharges. Stamps for Cyprus have very often been manufactured in England by printing the name on common British stamps. I believe the type used by the counterfeiters is smaller than that employed by the pos-

tal officials. In some cases, careless dealers have made a blunder and printed "Cyprus" on the English 1d. stamp of 1841 which was never used for this purpose at all. Of course this fraud will readily be detected. The history of the V. R. Transvaal series is quite similar. Impressions from the dies of the first issue of this country printed in various colors were in 1877 and 1878 surcharged "V. R. Transvaal" in capital letters and in 1880 three of them were made with surcharge in small letters. Large remainders of the first issue were in the hands of German dealers and some of these gents printed imitation surcharges in their stock. Experienced observers have found that on these doctored ones the letters V. R. are much farther apart than on the genuine. The stamps officially overstruck with small letters were the 1d. printed in orange on buff paper, 3d. in purple on green paper and the 3d. in purple on blue. On these three, there is no period after the word Transvaal in the genuine type while the forged have the period. The German dealers have printed "V. R. Transvaal" (small letters) on the 3d. mauve on white of 1869 and 6d. blue of 1875 which stamps were never surcharged by the government except in capitals. The Azores and Madeira are familiar examples of forgeries to all collectors. Printing over Portuguese stamp for these colonies was the first dodge in this line I ever heard of. Imitations of the Cape Verde surcharge have been made to a less degree. I might go on and name many more countries beside the latter but lack of time forbids. On closing I will say that fine counterfeit of the 1d. on 2d. Western Australia, issued in 1877, are made in Germany, stamp, surcharge and all being bogus.

Written for the C. C. P.

### STAMP DEALING.

BY NEMO.

To the young philatelist this is his one great desire namely to be a stamp dealer. He lobs upon it from the time he is old enough to have his own way at all, but to be in the least successful he must possess certainly three things: first capital, second certain business qualities

and thirdly time, because without money he cannot purchase a proper stock. Here many make a great mistake for there is no earthly use, nor business qualities, in buying fifty cents worth at a time and then advertising "One of the largest stock of sheet stamps in the world."

He must have (if he wishes to make a success, as well as money.) business qualities. I have known a young fellow to start in business and in a month's time he did not have one-half what he had when he started. He lost in this way, he did not know how to mark his stamps so that after his agent had taken out his commission he would make something.

As to time, of course that is according to the size of your business. the more business you do the more time it will take. But you should give all the time you could to it. When you get a letter answer it, don't let it lay for a week or more on your desk before you answer it, then perhaps (if it were an offer) you have lost something of importance. But aside from this you have a reputation to make and if you are prompt and business like people will like to trade with you better. Answer your letters promptly and I warrant you will gain half as much more than otherwise. Now for your Stock. This is a very essential part of the trade to learn. You must have some taste, as it were, in selecting your stock, not all unused or all used, but you want a choice selection. Then you want to know from the start whether you are going to run approval sheets or not.

Here many differ in their opinions as to whether more money is made from approval sheets or from simply packets and prize lists. Of course the approval sheets are a little dangerous on account of a certain class of gentlemen (?) who invariably sell your stamps and—well keep the money.

As for packets that line of goods is about played out, and they are of more bother than they are worth.

If you do decide to carry on the sheet business you must use stringent means so as not to be swindled by these sneak thieves. Require of every one who applies to you for sheets to give a good ref-

erence and after you receive such write to the reference given and find if the party is responsible or not.

You should also have some slips, in a kind of cheap book form, with a place for the agents name, number of sheet, price of same, commission allowed and when to return the sheet. When you send out a sheet, send a slip and keep the stuff yourself. This you will find is a very handy, as well as neat way of keeping track of your sheets.

One thing more if you are a small dealer, do not buy Continentals. Many small dealers make a mistake here in buying them for they are of no use whatever but for packets, and poor ones at that.

As for advertising it is a good thing, but don't over do it. From 2 inches to 1-2 column or a column is about the right size. Advertise in good papers and there are several fine philatelic papers\* at present in the United States. Always remember this when you advertise. "Say what you mean and mean what you say" this may save you a good deal of trouble.

There has been a great amount said and written on this subject, but I hope that a person just starting in business may find something in this article of advantage to him.

\*The Capital City Philatelist for instance. Try it, dealers.

(From Genius of Youth.)

## SYSTEM OF COLLECTING.

BY H. O. WARD.

With our younger collectors the task of discriminating between the various modes of stamp collecting is one of some moment, and the sooner a collector decides upon a plan, the better it is for him. A great many collect upon the so-called French plan, which advises the collector to place in his album every variety of shade, color, paper and perforation which exist. This plan has its advantages and its disadvantages. A collection arranged on the French system presents a source of never failing delight and instruction to the true philatelist, and for a dealer or an editor of a philatelic publication, it is of great advantage as a reference; still it has some defects, being very ex-



tensive, and requiring a large amount of time and labor to be properly arranged and then, again, a collection can never be made as complete, as some of the varieties are now unobtainable, and other so extremely scarce that only a few are to be met with, and those being held at such a figure that only the wealthy collector can hope to give them a place in his album.

Then there is the English system of collecting, which is only a slight modification of the French plan, and as it is on the same principle, the same remarks will hold good for it also. Perhaps the plan which has the greatest number of adherents on this continent is the American school, which advises the collection of only one variety in a stamp and denounces the collection of every slight variety, which the French plan advocates. This system is perhaps the best for young collectors, being more simple, and requiring a smaller expenditure of money.

Then a collection arranged on this plan has more of interest to the casual observer, who can not see why a distinction should be made between two stamps because one has perforated edges and the other not; or one may be darker in shade than another, when in all respects they are identical.

Another thing in its favor is, that a collection can more easily be made complete. A collector can very easily obtain one variety of almost every stamp, when if he attempts the feat of accumulating one of every slight variety it will only be accomplished after years of time and labor, and at great expense.

In conclusion, we would advise the beginner to commence collecting on the American system, for the reasons above stated. After a time, as his collection increases in numbers, and he becomes more familiar with the various details of stamp collecting, he may venture to include varieties of shade, perforation and watermark in his album, providing he is well supplied with the necessary cash, and has the qualities of patience and perseverance well developed.

## THE STAMPS OF COREA.

BY T. COKE.

Corea occupies a peninsula in the northeast of China, and has been a bone of contention between the two celestial empires, China and Japan. Both these countries, I believe, now claim a loose standi with regard to the internal arrangements and government of the good Coreans, but which power is paramount just at present is not clearly defined. To a certain extent the Coreans claim an independence, and it is alleged to be a native idea that the peninsula should be supplied with a separate set of stamps for its own particular use. To this end two values of stamps were issued; they are:

5 Moun, carmine.

10 Moun, blue.

The design represents the Corean national arms, which is a plate with white rim and the inside composed of semi-circular bands of white and color, so placed that the white are opposed to the colored ones, in a word, it very much resembles a target. The 5 moun (2 1-2 cts.) has this design in the centre, enclosed in a rectangular frame composed of eight alternate panels and circles, there is a circle in each corner of the stamp. The inscriptions in the top right and left panels are in Chinese characters, those on the side showing the value; while that in the upper reads: "Postage Stamps of the Great Kingdom of Corea." The same inscription appears in the lower panel, but is in the Corean dialect. The value is given in the circles in Corean. In the 10 moun (5 cts.) the central design is enclosed by a band bearing inscriptions similar to those on the upper and lower tablets of the 5 moun. Four octagons form the angles. The word "Corea" is shown in white letters between the upper and "10 moun." between the lower octagons, while the word "Postage" is given on both sides of the stamp. They are printed on white paper. A correspondent, not long since, wrote me from Nagasaki, Japan, and enclosed several sheets of both values. He tells me that the stamps were in use but a

brief time, and owing to the trouble between China and Japan the idea of a postal service has been given up entirely—at least for the present—and that the officials who went there from Japan to organize the service, have returned to their country. This gentleman is paymaster in the U. S. Navy, so we may consider this information authentic. The Korean postage stamps may thus be desirable from their rarity, and also exceedingly interesting from a historical standpoint.—EMPIRE STATE PHIL.

Written for the Capital City Philatelist.

## A Philatelic Review.

BY TOPAZ.

It is a never failing source of amusement to the philatelist to read chance articles on stamps in the newspapers. The articles in this way contain more than one mistake and frequently give utterance to statements that appear quite absurd, unless to one familiar with the subject.

The New York Sunday Tribune of Sept. 6 contains a column on the stamps of the U. S. prefaced by a few remarks on Philately in general. We are astonished to learn from this interesting discourse that William Mulready, the designer of the famous Mulready envelopes, was "a person who devised a system of deliveries in England but had to suspend because he got into trouble with the government." However it contains some good information as for instance the history of the 5 cent stamp (with portrait of Taylor not S. Allan). This unsightly specimen was made by utilizing an old die of a revenue snuff stamp.

Embodied in one of the September issues of the Golden Days is a short story dealing somewhat with postage stamps, under the signature "Sidney Dayre." The title given is "How the Help Came" and the substance of it is as follows. A poor family is ordered by the town authorities to provide a pavement in front of their house but the necessary funds are lacking and no means of acquiring the same is apparent. While matters stand thus the children, rummaging among family relics bring to light a letter over thirty years old, the last one written

by an uncle who was lost at sea. A young philatelic friend examines the find and pronounces the stamps on it, oblong in shape and two in number, to be rare specimens from South America. He corresponds with a city stamp dealer about buying them and the story closes with the announcement that the dealer will pay \$450 for the two if they are genuine. Then joy prevails in the family and no thoughts of the pavement distress their minds.

This is a beautiful fiction but for the benefit of any philatelist who may expect \$225 for a South American stamp, let us dissect it. In the first place the letter was written over thirty years ago and as no South American states but Brazil, British Guiana and Chili were at that time using postage stamps, the ones referred to were presumably from one of these three countries. None of the early emissions of Brazil or Chili are excessively rare, so these are barred out. No stamps of British Guiana, previous to 1855, are oblong in shape so where indeed is the rare oblong South American stamp issued over thirty years ago? Again the Peruvian 1-2 pes. (rose emitted March 1858) is conceded to be the rarest of all South American stamps and this is called worth \$100. What one then can be worth \$225. But one need not ask questions when reading stories. How ever let us be glad to see any philatelic bits in the newspapers as perfect ones are so scarce.

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Talking about handwriting, we have often examined specimens from the pens of the different philatelic publishers and we notice that Mr. Raymond and Mr. Mills write the hands of business hands. Mr. W. K. Jewett has the roughest looking penmanship of the whole number. The publisher of the Capital City Philatelist will not pass any opinion on his own but any philatelist who wants to see it can have a specimen suitable for framing by sending 25c. and he will also receive this paper for one year.

The subject of counterfeit stamps is occupying considerable space in the papers nowadays.

We have seen a copy of Stanton's Catalogue of U. S. Revenue Stamps and it is a very neat little work.

Allen's locals of the yellow variety are so plenty in Chicago that they frequently are used instead of gummed paper.

It is said that Our American Youth is having trouble about getting second-class rates. In that case Bro. Fuelscher has our sincere sympathy for we know what result it means.

In order to make the next number of the Capital City Philatelist one of interest to all our readers we have decided to ask philatelists to send in for publication their opinions of the St. Pierre & Miquelon stamps. All communications must bear the real name of the writer and will appear in the January number. A regular treat in the way of information may be expected. An article on the philatelic papers of 1885 will also be included. No one can afford to miss it.

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and a hundred stamps, and he will begin collecting as naturally as the chicken raised by means of the incubator, will pick up grains of corn a few minutes after it has been born. There is nothing forced or unnatural about it, he takes to it at once without so much as waiting to be versed in the ins and outs. No duck takes to the water more naturally than does this school-boy attach himself to a stamp album, 100 stamps, a trading book and a pot of gum arabic. Give him these and you will see a happy youth, perfectly content to let his arithmetic go, not troubling himself to read even those high literary productions known as "Dime Novels," giving the history of the brilliant "Dick—the Indian Killer or the Terror of the Western Plains."

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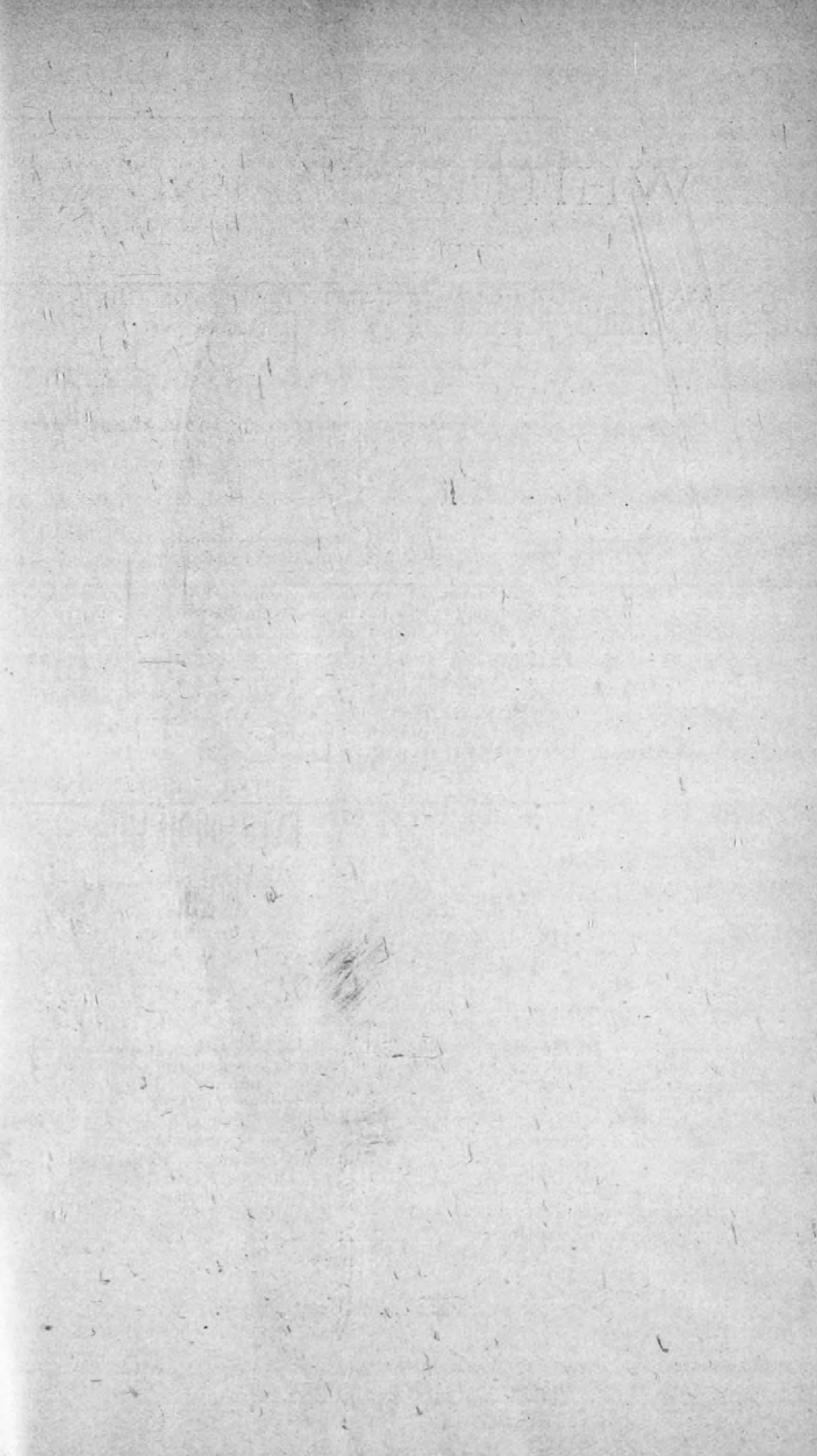
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
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[CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER NUMBER.]

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This stamp varies somewhat from the rest. It is slightly larger in size. The word "Braunschweig" in upper band, and the band itself is larger, as it very nearly touches the upper edge. The two ovals at the sides are black, while the figure of value (1-2 gr.) appears on a slight background. The crown above the horse is in this instance a duke's crown, and touches the upper line. The gum, watermark and print are the same as used in the preceding issues. The color of the paper is green.

ISSUE OF JANUARY 1, 1863.

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ISSUE OF 1864 (perforated).

4 Silberpfennig, 1-3 Silber Gr., white (4th issue.)

5 Pfennig, 1-2 Groschen, green (7th issue.)

1 Silbergroschen, black on yellow (3d issue.)

2 Silbergroschen, black on blue (2d issue.)

3 Silbergroschen, red on white (6th issue.)

In the same year the postal authorities ordered that the 1 silberge stamps should be printed on white paper.

We consequently now see this stamp printed in golden yellow on white. The

design, the print, and the gum remain the same as in the 1 silberge stamp of the third issue. It is also perforated.

ISSUE OF 1864.

1 Silbergroschen, golden-yellow.

The perforated stamps were not in use for a long time, as in the year 1865 the perforating machine got out of order, and the authorities were now obliged to issue them with the Prussian rouletting.

ISSUE OF 1865.

3 Pfennig, 1-4 Silberge, brown (4th issue).

5 Pfennig, 1-2 Groschen, green (7th issue).

1 Silbergroschen, black on yellow (3d issue).

(?) 2 Silbergroschen, black on blue (2d issue).

2 Silbergroschen, carmine on white (6th issue.)

1 Silbergroschen, yellow on white (9th issue).

N. B.—The interrogation point opposite the 2 Sg. signifies that no proof exists that the stamp was ever issued. In the year 1865 a large firm had a quantity of 5 pfennig (1-2 gr.) sharply perforated for its own use; this is the only unofficial perforation. All of the other varieties are experiments which have no philatelic importance.

ISSUE OF 1865.

5 Pfennig, green (perforated)

In the year 1865 an entire change in design took place. From thenceforth all the small German States printed stamps in uniform colors. The stamps were printed from wood cuts, the design and execution of which could hardly be called good. They were either made in a hurry or the authorities wanted to be economical, which both deserves censure.

The design is as follows: Standing engine turned oval, frame-work in which appears above the word "Braunschweig" beneath "Groschen," on both sides of the figure of value in small oval. Within the ovals the coat of arms on smooth background; colored wood block on white paper. Every sheet contains 120 stamps. Each two stamps are separated by a space of 3 mm.; no watermark.

ISSUE OF OCTOBER 1, 1865.

1-3 Groschen, black. 2 Groschen, brown.

1-2 " carmine. 3 " blue.

Shortly before the breaking out of the war these stamps (in the confusion) were sold un-

perforated at the various post-offices. This is proved by the numerous stamps which are still found on old envelopes, being unperforated.

In closing, I would state that the 44 Gutesroschen noted in so many albums as being on white paper, printed in yellow-brown, is nothing more than an essay, and of no philatelic importance whatever.

### NEW PHILATELIC PAPERS.

BY TOPAZ.

I have prepared this list of the recent American stamp journals, intending to include all those whose first number has appeared or been announced to appear since the first of last summer. The list is, I hope, complete, and if so will doubtless prove of value to the philatelists of the future and perhaps to those of the present. Without any further apology, I will take up the first in order of publication, *The Queen City Philatelist*. This was started at Buffalo, N. Y., conducted by "Edward Samuels" and published by E. S. A. McLeod & Co. Only one number, August, 1885, was issued, and this consisted of eight pages and cover. The same month the initial number of the *Yankee Philatelist* appeared. This was a four-page sheet, published by I. C. Greene of Fitchburg, Mass. After the second edition it was sold to the *New England Philatelist* of the same city. September gave us five new papers, the *Carson Philatelist* of St. Louis being the first to reach us. This paper was started by C. H. Mekeel of the Carson Stamp Co., with four pages, intended only to advertise his business. He has since enlarged it to eight pages, and it is now run on the plan of the other papers. The next in order is the *Philatelic Tribune*, published by F. J. Stanton of Smyrna, N. Y. No. 1 had ten pages and cover, but the size has now been increased to twenty pages.

The three other journals entering the field last September are the *Michigan Philatelist*, *New York Collector*, and *Our American Youth*. The first-named was the title of a periodical once printed at Detroit, but the new venture, located at Manchester, is, I am told, superior to its namesake. H. G.

Spaulding is the proprietor, and has enlarged it from eight pages to twelve and cover. The *New York Collector* has been started by E. A. Hernandez at Brooklyn, N. Y., and has increased in size from four pages to eight and cover. The fifth September paper is *Our American Youth* of St. Louis. This was a large story paper, started over a year ago, but after an interval has appeared devoted entirely to Philately, uniform in size with other philatelic periodicals, and under a new ownership. Chas. J. Fuelscher & Co. are the editors and publishers. With their second number they annexed the subtitle "Philatelic Chronicle." In October one new paper was added to the list—the *Philatelic Magazine*. The proprietor is W. F. Bishop of La Grange, Ill., who formerly edited the *Union Exchange List*. His subscription price is half a dollar, double that of any above mentioned. In November, also, a single new journal was started. Messrs. French & Roser of Wellington, Ohio, printed the initial number of the *Philatelic Record* in that month, and up to date of writing it is the only one. Unlike its famous British namesake, their paper is an inferior amateur production. December, the closing month of 1885, saw the birth of two United States philatelic papers. One is a revival by a new publisher of a defunct journal. The *Memphis Philatelist* was established in the Tennessee city of that name in 1882, and continued about two years. E. W. Francisco of Memphis has now taken the name, and begins with "Vol. III., No. 4," consisting of four pages and cover. December has produced a stamp paper in the far southwest, in a region hitherto destitute of this important sign of philatelic civilization. The *Arizona Pride of Philately* hails from the office of Eugene A. Browne, Tucson, A. T., and is one of the very best new papers. These I have enumerated are all the philatelic papers that have begun publication during 1885, since July. A few more are announced for this month, but at the time of writing only the *Quaker City Philatelist* is out. This magazine is published under the auspices of the Quaker City Philatelic Society by the "Quaker City Philatelist Publishing Co.," Geo. Henderson, manager; H. McAllister,

editor. The remaining ventures which have been announced but have not yet been issued are the Philatelic American (first advertised as "Our Science"), by D. M. Parkhurst, Atlanta, Georgia; the Collector's Aid, a private advertiser, by George H. Richmond, Brooklyn, N. Y.; the National Capital Philatelist (first named by mistake "Capital City Philatelist") by J. B. K. Lee, Washington, D. C.; the Frisco Philatelist, by C. E. Rankin, San Francisco, Cal.; the Minnesota Philatelist, by F. Stahl & Co., St. Paul; the Bay State Advertiser, devoted entirely to advertisements, by G. H. Bishop, Lynn, Mass., and one new paper from the Dominion, and the Canadian Philatelic Advertiser, published by A. L. Hamilton, of Montreal, and, like the Bay State Advertiser, to be devoted only to advertising. This completes the list which may be summed up thus: New papers announced—19; already appeared—12; still to appear—7. Two have already died and many of the rest will, in all probability, soon follow.

### PHILATELIC NOTES.

Compiled from Private Note Books.

BY WILL M. CLEMENS.

The portrait on the thirty cent United States stamp is that of Hamilton, copied from the famous bust by the artist Cerrachi.

Some years ago a manufacturer of bogus stamps in Brussels, Belgium, issued a fraudulent stamp for Moresnet.

The penny mulreadies were issued both as covers and envelopes, *i.e.* in single sheets of paper, and diamond shaped for folding into what we call envelopes.

The current French stamps represent commerce with the caduceus, and peace with the olive branch, joining hands over a terrestrial globe, upon which is placed a number indicating the value of the stamps.

The finest catalogue of stamps ever published was that of Dr. Gray, of the British Museum. It was finely illustrated and sold at \$1.50 per copy.

A complete set of New Brunswick stamps is worth about \$15.

The ten Kopee Poland Envelope stamp is very scarce.

The large \$2, \$3 and \$10 Hong Kong stamps are revenues.

Heligoland belongs to England, but is largely populated by Germans, hence the monetary values of both countries are used.

La Guaira and Puerto Cabello are the two seaport towns of Venezuela, through one or other of which all letters to or from the interior must pass.

Collectors can gain but little by sending to Europe for stamps. American dealers are as enterprising as those abroad.

There are nine varieties of the Wells, Fargo Express local stamps, *viz.*: 10 cent brown, 25 cent blue, 25 cent rose, \$1 red, \$2 green, \$2 red, \$4 black, \$4 green, \$1 1-2 ounce blue. There are also many varieties of newspaper or frank stamps.

The rarest Tuscan stamp is the 3 lire yellow, being worth about \$10.

The Cashmere stamps rub because they are printed in water colors.

Romagna and Roumaina are two distinct States, the stamps of the former appearing in 1859, and the latter in 1865.

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We made a bad start on Vol. II. by coming out late the very first month, but, like most other papers in a similar condition, we lay it to the printers. The December issue was promised us on the 18th of the month, but through no fault of ours the printer could not come up to his word, so that we were considerably behind time. Rest assured, however, that we shall guard against this in the future. We have changed printers, and present THE CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIST to you with a much neater appearance than ever before.

It is said that the Post Office Department has adopted and will soon issue a stamped letter sheet. This is a letter sheet and envelope combined, with a perforated line running around the sheet, and so contrived that the sheet may be folded and securely fastened, while the recipient can easily tear it open along the perforated line, leaving the letter intact.

The *Carson Philatelist* picks us up on inserting the advertisement of a dealer in counterfeit stamps who, we suppose, must be E. L. Scott of Boston, whose advertisement appeared in the October and November numbers of our journal. We regret very much that his advertisement ever crept into our columns, as the stamps he offers are plainly bogus. THE CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIST is diametrically opposed to frauds of all kinds, and no advertisement from E. L. Scott will ever be permitted to enter this paper again. We have learned that W. E. Skinner of Lynn, who formerly advertised with us, is also a dealer in counterfeits, and therefore we caution our readers against having anything to do with him. He is also a libeller, having charged W. K. Jewett of Fitchburg with selling counterfeits. Skinner publishes in his sheet, the *Agassiz Journal*, two letters of which we spoke last month. These purport to be written by W. K. Jewett to W. E. Skinner, and offer to divide the proceeds of the sale of counterfeits with Skinner. We saw at once that they were bogus letters, and gladly publish the following affidavit. The letters were presumably concocted by Skinner himself, who then proceeded to forge the signature:

#### [AFFIDAVIT.]

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WALTER K. JEWETT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, }  
Worcester, ss. }

December 26, 1885.

There personally appeared before me the above-named Walter K. Jewett and made oath that the above statement by him subscribed in my presence was true.

EDWARD P. PIERCE,

Justice of the Peace.

A good many persons who are not subscribers will receive a copy of the paper this month, and we urge each and every one to send us 25 cents, *at once*, before the price is raised to half a dollar. We promise to give every subscriber his money's worth.

"Say, do you keep stamps to sell," queried our reporter, as he sauntered into a delapidated old shop with grass growing on the doorstep. "Yes, I have kept 'em for ten years," said the proprietor. Well, then, you ought to advertise in THE CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIST and you wouldn't keep 'em so long."

The English stamp dealers dearly love to paralyze the collector by posing as great firms. We have in our office a copy of a Canadian stamp journal, twenty years old last month, in which appears a modest notice from Mr. E. S. Gibbons. Now that individual has developed into "Stanley, Gibbons & Co.," his full name being Edmund Stanley Gibbons. Mr. Whitfield King passes as "Whitfield, King & Co.," and Henry Stafford used to call himself "Stafford, Smith & Co." The English wholesalers also have each a specialty in counterfeit stamps which they sell as genuine. Mr. Gibbons' set of bogus Argentine, 1862, are well known; Mr. King sells imitation Alsace and Lorraine, and Edwin England deals extensively in counterfeit Suez Canal.

Mr. W. K. Jewett, 408 Main St., Fitchburg, Mass., wants Nos. 3 and 5 of Vol. I of the *Keystone Philatelic Gazette* to complete his file, and will give rare stamps or cash for the same. Any collector having copies of these numbers in good condition, had better send them to the above address at once.

Mr. I. C. Greene, late publisher of the *Yankee Philatelist*, says that W. E. Skinner tried to blackmail him, and that he paid the money rather than have any trouble about so small a sum (less than \$1.00).

THE P. J. of A. has begun a department called "Our Sketch Book," in which portraits are given each month. This adds a great deal to the interest of a paper.

We have an excellent article on "The Cheever & Towle Locals," which gives many new facts about these obscure stamps, and will prove a valuable addition to the literature on local stamps. It was our intention to print it this month, but we have not space enough, so it will appear in the February number. Be on the watch for it. So little time intervenes between the mailing of the December number and the going to press of this issue, that the letters received from subscribers about the St. Pierre and Miquelon stamps are held over to February, when the entire lot will be published. They will be of surpassing interest and well worth waiting for.

The *Collector's Companion* has a larger circulation than any other U. S. philatelic periodical.

The *New England Philatelist* has been sold to Mr. F. J. Stanton, who will consolidate it with the *Philatelic Tribune*.

### Among Our Contemporaries.

Jesse Lee, a young gentleman residing in the "City of Magnificent Distances," is to start a paper. He first decided to call it the *Capital City Philatelist*, not knowing that this magazine had been published a year. However, he has now changed the designation of the proposed journal to "National Capital Philatelist."

No. 2 of the *Philatelic Magazine* contains not a single original article.

The *Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette* is now a veteran publication, and as praiseworthy as always. It is honest to the backbone, and death on counterfeit and their makers.

The *Philatelic Tribune* in its first number infringed the law in publishing a cut of the 1869 U. S. 1 cent Stamp. The *Michigan Philatelist* infringes also in representing the centennial envelope stamp in its new heading.

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### New Issues.

AZORES.—The 50 reis envelope stamp has been issued with small surcharge.

BELGIUM.—The printed line "*ce cote, etc.*" is omitted on the later issue of the 10 centime card.

CONGO FREE STATES.—A postal card of the value of 15 centimes, brown on buff, has been emitted.

COSTA RICA.—We have the 1 and 2 centavo stamps surcharged "Guanacasto," but are not advised as yet of the signification of the surcharge.

ECUADOR.—Cards have been prepared by the American Bank Note Co., which are very much superior to those made in Ecuador They are

3 centavos black on white;  
3 " " " pink.

FRENCH COLONIES.—A card similar to that employed in France, but with a 10 centime stamp of the current issue of French Colonies, is now in use. The impression is black on lilac.

GWALIOR.—The 4 anna and 6 pies envelope of India has been surcharged for Gwalior.

JHIND.—All the 1882-84 issue of this state exist perforated. Jhind we have been cataloguing as Rampour, but erroneously.

LABUAN.—We have the 8 cent red surcharged "2 cents" in large letters printed diagonally across.

LUXEMBURG.—The 10 centime card is now rose on white, so it is said.

MAITA.—A very handsome 5 shilling stamp has been issued. The head of Victoria appears in a circle within a maltese cross. The color is rose.

MACAU.—This colony appears to have gone into the surcharge business to stay. Two more varieties have come to hand, made by striking out the original value and printing a numeral representing the new value in the centre. They are

"5" on 25 reis, red;  
"10" on 50 "green."

NEW SOUTH WALES.—This colony has just issued a 1d. Official Post Card; also, stamps of the value of 10 shil. and £1.

NORFOLK ISLAND.—Stamps for this colony are already printed at the Government Printing Office, Sydney, and will be issued in a short time.

PERSIA.—Three more values of new design are in use, viz.: 1 kran, slate; 5 krans, lilac; 10 krans, bistre

ROUMANIA.—We have the 50 bani, bistre of the new type and a double 5 banicard, with "*Respuns*" on the reply half.

SHANGHAI.—The new 80 and 100 cash stamps have come to hand. The colors are salmon and yellow respectively. A new variety of the 20 cash post card has also been received. It is similar to the old 20 cash, but a trifle larger and the engraving is finer. The color is yellow-brown on white.

TRANSVAAL.—There is said to be a post card, 1 penny, carmine on buff, but we have not seen it yet. The 3 pence of

the 1885 issue has been surcharged "Half Penny" in black.

VICTORIA.—The double penny card is chronicled by one of our contemporaries with the stamp surcharged "Stamp Duty."

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Heligoland, 1 pf.	10	50
" " 2 pf.	10	85
" " 3 pf.	15	1 15
Hamburg, assorted.	10	60
" " 1 1-4 sch., perf. & unperf.		55
" " 2 1-2 " " "		80
Iceland, 3 1-2 aur., 2 var.	15	
" " 5 aur.	20	
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" " 2d.	25	
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Spain, Don Carlos, 1r., blue.	38	
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### THE CHEEVER AND TOWLE LOCALS.

BY TOPAZ.

Of late, public interest in U. S. local stamps has increased quite a little and numerous articles concerning these ever mysterious and baffling stamps have been inserted in American philatelic periodicals, but most of the attention has been bestowed on western locals, those of Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati. The private stamps of this section, those from Boston, New York, and Philadelphia and other cities, have received no notice. I will take it upon myself therefore to give the history, so far as I can, of the stamp used by Cheever & Towle of Boston, Mass.

The firm of Cheever & Towle started a delivery post in the city of Boston some dozen years or so before the war and carried on business after the usual manner of such concerns, doing city business only. They used postage stamps of one design, circular with a number of letters arranged in the center, and one of these showing on the envelope the name and address of the firm. The address was 7 State street. This stamp was issued in or near 1850, as I am informed by Mr. Henry Collin. The post was sold out to George H. Barker in 1851 or thereabouts, according to Mr. C. H. Coster, and at any rate, the stamps were not in use for any extended period. Mr. Barker continued the delivery business as 1863 at Court Square but used no stamps except that all letters were postmarked with a handstamp. Mr. Barker quit the business after a time and one of the early stamp dealers bought from him the plate of the Cheever & Towle stamps and his own handstamp. The plate was a wood engraving and printed twenty stamps. The design, as is well

known, is similar to that employed by Hale & Co., another letter post firm having their office in Boston about 1842. The circumstance is accounted for by the fact that Mr. Towle was once a clerk with Hale & Co. The face value of the locals was two cents or, bought in quantity, 60 for \$1. What colors were used in printing the originals has long been a subject of doubt. It has been stated that copies were issued in red and in blue but only the blue can be found. An early list of the United States locals published in the *American Journal of Philately* for 1868 or '69 gives both red and blue as authentic. A friend of mine was told by the dealer who bought the plate from Barker that he had an idea of genuine originals printed in red but was unable to confirm his conjecture. All catalogues now mention only the blue as there is not sufficient ground for belief in the red variety. The possessor of the original plate cut it lengthwise into halves of ten dies each, and in 1870 sold one of the halves to Scott & Co., of New York, who still hold it. They have reprinted from it in the original color, and the other dealer has done the same and also made reprints in red. The original stamps were unperforated and impressed on yellowish white paper while the blue reprints of the Boston dealer and of the New York firm are all on pure white paper. However the red reprints from Boston are on yellowish paper like the blue originals. The New York print is much the clearer and more carefully done. All reprints made since 1870 are of course in sheets of ten. The red ones have never been mentioned by the press until recently when the *Keystone S. & C. Gazette* announced that one had been seen on an approval sheet. I have myself seen many of them on sheets. The Cheever & Towle local has been several times counterfeited. The first imitation was made at Albany, New York, in 1865 and may be detected by the size of the lettering and the color as it is of a real indigo, much darker than the genuine. I cannot say what a genuine original Cheever & Towle local stamp would be worth. Several years ago it was quoted at one dollar but none could now be got at that figure. The reprints are for sale at a very low price.

### The Stamps of St. Pierre and Miquelon.



In the first number of the present volume our readers will remember that we asked them to send in for publication their opinions of the above stamps. Very few have responded to our invitation but we print such letters as we have received.

WABASH, Ind., Jan. 20, 1886.

L. M. HAMLEN, Esq.

Dear Sir: Your valuable paper of December received. I see an editorial wishing all philatelists to state their views on the issue of the St. P. and M. stamps. I think they were issued, as many others of the French provinces were, to save the expense of engraving new stamps. There is a spirit of economy among the French, and I am of the opinion that these stamps were surcharged as a matter of such.

Fraternally yours,

CHAS. T. McCLUNG.

ITCHBURG, Mass., Feb. 2, 1886.

Editor of C. C. P.

I do not think the St. P. and M. stamps, so-called, are worthy of philatelic notice. I am certain that they were the invention of a dealer residing at the islands. Letters from there are prepaid by ordinary French colonial stamps without any surcharge, though if the dealer there wants to get a customer he puts on a surcharged specimen which the P. M. allows to pass. A correspondent on the islands writes that only a very few of each issue were prepared and these were *immediately bought up by dealers*, none being issued for postage. There are said to be three "issues" but it should make no difference to philatelists whether there have been three or thirty-three. A big price is asked for the rarities but they are worthless at any price.

W. L. EMORY.

We print an extract from a letter by Mr. Wetztern to the editor sometime since.

"I know the stamps to be good as I have

received them direct on letters without any other stamps on the envelope. I hereby declare the 5 cent on 40 cent, 10 cent on 40 cent and 15 cent on 40 cent to be genuine.

WM. V. D. WETTERN.

Our own opinion, like that expressed by the *New England Philatelist* and *Stamp News*, is that the evidence against the stamps is strong. They are almost certainly of a speculative origin.

THE EDITOR.

### New Issues.

ANTIOQUIA.—A new type of 20 centavos has made its appearance. The color is blue.

BANGKOK.—The 3 cent card of Straits Settlements, has been surcharged "B" for Bangkok.

BELGIUM.—Three new stamps have been issued, viz:

20 centimes, grey;  
50 " violet;  
2 francs, violet.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The 3 cent cards are said to have been surcharged for use as 1 cent cards.

CEYLON.—The provisional 3 and 10 cent cards have given place to a 3 cents, lilac and 10 cents, brown on buff. The cards are without border.

CHILE.—The color of the 20 centavos has been changed to gray.

GUANACASTO.—In addition to the 1 and 2 centavos, mentioned last month, the 5, 10 and 40 centavos also come surcharged in like manner.

LIBERIA.—A new set of stamps has made its appearance, of about as commonplace a design as could well be imagined. The 32 cents is a fair looking stamp, but all the others could scarcely be plainer for postage stamps. The higher value bears the arms with "Thirty Two" above, and "Cents" below, "Liberia" on a plow in the arms. The other values have the numerals in the centre, "Postage" above; value below;

"Republic" on the left; "Liberia" on the right. The set is as follows:

1 cent, red,	2 cents, pale-green,
3 cents, violet,	4 " brown,
6 " gray,	8 " lilac,
16 " yellow,	32 " blue.

PERU.—A couple of hideous looking stamps have made their appearance lately, viz: 5 centavos, blue and 10 centavos, olive. The 5 centavos has the bust of the late Admiral Grau and the 10 centavos that of General Bologneci.

SIAM.—The 1-2 att has been surcharged "1 tical."

SWEDEN.—The official 6 ore cards have been surcharged for use as 5 ore.

TAHITI.—Two more varieties of these stamps have lately turned up.

4 centimes on 35 centimes;
5 " " 35 "

TRANSVAAL.—Mr. Walker favors us with a specimen of a new 2 pence, brown, of the same design as the others of the current set.

—*Philatelic Monthly.*

### Notices of Exchange.

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I wish to exchange bundles of old stamp papers for others. Correspondence with all on this subject is solicited. I want No. 3, Vol. 1 of the Keystone Philatelic Gazette, Nos. 4 and 6 of the Chair City Collector, Nos. 1 and 2, Vol. 1 of Collector's Companion for which I will give rare stamps, *cash* or other papers. W. K. Jewett, 408 Main St., Fitchburg, Mass.

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### PHILATELIC NOTES.

Compiled from Private Note Books.

BY WILL M. CLEMENS.

The first Canadian stamps were issued in 1851.

The stamps of Victoria, with half length portrait of the Queen, were issued in 1852.

The rarest Western Australian stamp is the two pence chocolate of 1855.

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## VALUE OF U. S. STAMPS.

BY E. B. STERLING.

If you are willing to accept these hurriedly written lines, I will try to point out the value, of which to me has been a great pleasure and profitable investment:—the issues of U. S. stamps and their rapid increase in value.

“What makes U. S. stamps so dear, and every time you issue a new catalogue your prices are increased over those of the last catalogue?” “Your prices are double what they were a few years ago. And why can't you sell me stamps from your old catalogue at the prices given in them?” Such questions as those are constantly put to me by correspondents who have not watched the market until too late, and they have paid little attention to the steady increase in the value of the issues of United States stamps; simply from the fact that they have been seeking from abroad, foreign stamps that are offered in exchange for old issues of U. S. that once out of the country seldom find their way back, unless imported by those whose business it is to be on the look-out for what cannot be obtained at home.

United States stamps have for several years past been in great demand by the English dealers, as well as those of France and Germany, who demand used stamps, and lately, dealers in the foreign countries have been seeking for our treasures in exchange, and offering inducements of cheap stamps that can only be sold to school boys at so much per hundred or thousand. To the young collectors who do not consult the latest catalogues for the value of what they collect, such as used U. S. stamps that appear to have little or no demand in

their immediate vicinity, because all the rest of the school boys and their friends want foreign stamps that have big names of unpronounceable stamp issuing countries, and desire only those that have traveled over the ocean and abroad, in preference to what they think is common and can be had every day; for the truth will awake some day and see the golden opportunity that slipped from their grasp. With their duplicates all gone of old issues of U. S., that once out of their hands never can be replaced at the same cost, for the increase is sure to follow, as I have not known the reverse in U. S. line. “What value has that small piece of paper? I would not give 50c. for all the stamps you have in your collection, as I can't see what earthly use they can be put to.” Such a question was asked me a short time ago, by a gentleman who is without a hobby and well advanced in years. My reply was and is to all such: “I care not what your opinion is, those little pieces of paper are worth far more than their weight in gold, and if you do not care to investigate, a single statement of what that stamp would bring if placed at auction and reported next morning in your daily paper, would open your eyes with astonishment.” “\$100 for a stamp not an inch square; well, the fools are not all dead yet.” No and they are not likely to die when a market for such things can always be found, and at an increased price. A stamp to have a market value must be clean, bright and perfect if used, lightly cancelled, if unused, original gum is the attraction. A stamp that is torn, greasy, dirty and all gummed up and glued down to a book or sheet, has no value except at a discount, and for one to expect to dispose of a stamp in this condition, will find that

they have come to a poor market, and have been collecting worthless trash. No torn or dirty stamp (except it be a great rarity) should be placed in a collection, and if so discard it soon as possible for a better, but never throw away your chance to secure a better as old issues never grow less in price.

Fine U. S. stamps are looked upon by advanced collectors as a real business investment, and men of business experience who have been collectors for years, can be seen at any of the auction sales in New York, eagerly bidding for stamps they already possess, as safe investment for their cash. I have noted this fact for years during my attendance at sales, and know by my own experience that no better investment can be made than in old issues of U. S. stamps, and as collectors increase and the supply diminishes the value is sure to follow, and the demand far greater than the supply. Stamps of a few years ago that could be bought for a few cents, now demand dollars. The 1851, 1861, 1869 issues of adhesives, and the 1855, 1860 and 1866 issue of envelopes, are regular gold producers, while the later issues are fast increasing in value; in fact it is not the age that gives the value entirely. The issues of the 2c. series of Oct. and Nov. 1883-4 envelopes, are demanding prices from 10c. to \$5.00 each. U. S. stamps have a fixed value and this should be held in mind that they are always marketable when in good condition. I have carefully noted the fact for the past 12 years, and my investments in their line cover over \$10,000. I have reaped the benefit. My stamps have paid for themselves long ago, and I still have the investment bringing me in a good sum every year.—*Philatelic Journal of America.*

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. D. C. William, of Plainfield, N. J. died January 13, 1886, aged thirty-three years. She was an ardent philatelist and possessed a great store of philatelic knowledge which the public can ill afford to lose. There is none too much reliable information now and it is the more a pity on this account to lose one who is so valuable. The deceased was particularly interested in the collection of U. S. stamps of all kinds and had a magnificent assortment of priceless locals including many early handstamped wrappers and envelopes and other varieties which have never yet been catalogued. Her youth was spent in the Sandwich Islands with which country she was thoroughly acquainted. Mrs. William was compiling a list of U. S. locals for Dr. Mitchell of the *Independent Philatelist*, to whom we are indebted for the above details, when her health failed and she was obliged to seek a milder climate. With this intent she went to San Jose, Cal., but the change was of no avail as she finally succumbed to her enemy, consumption.

Among the towns in Norway that issued local stamps are Drontheim, Bergens, Drammens and Byndkonter.

Antioquia, Polivar, Cundinamarca, Tolina and Magdalena are independent states of New Grenada or Colombia.

Registration stamps are used in the United States, Canada, Prussia, Columbia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

The design on the Nevis stamp is a *fac simile* of the great seal of that colony, and is symbolical of the healing virtues of the island mineral springs.

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There are not a few instances of stamps being counterfeited by the party who originally issued them. We are ashamed to admit that our own country made counterfeit plates of the 5 and 10 cent stamps of 1847 and sold the impressions from them as reprints. In the southern states, Mr. McCormick, the rebel postmaster at Baton Rouge, La., issued stamps in 1861 for provisional use and afterwards supplied imitations of them to collectors. In the Cape of Good Hope the postal authorities had imitations of the one and four penny stamps made for temporary use as postage stamps until a supply of the genuine could arrive from England. But as this was for a legitimate purpose and the imitations were actually used, they cannot be called counterfeits. In Jassy, Roumania, the officials, being unable to furnish genuine specimens of the old Moldavian issues, made counterfeit of the four circular and the three square stamps of 1858 and sold them to dealers as good. The latest instance of this

variety of fraud is the manufacture of imitation Alsace and Lorraine stamps by the German officials which some of the papers have spoken of. It has been stated that the two provisional locals for Providence, R. I. were counterfeited by the man who engraved the originals, but this cannot be called a case of forgery by the issuing party, though it comes under that connection. Quite a number of U. S. locals have been imitated by the proprietors of the posts for the sake of gain.

It is said that the post-office department will soon recall the 10 cent delivery stamp and replace it with another of the value of 12 cents so as to include the postage.

Last month we spoke of two papers that infringed the law in publishing cuts of U. S. stamps. It is our opinion that the *Stamp and Coin Gazette* also does this in its January issue. On the cover of that paper is a representation of the 5 cent stamp used at New York in 1845. This stamp was issued by order of the government and recognized by it, and therefore should be considered a government stamp, not permissible to be imitated. Mr. Durbin sells electrotypes of stamps for illustrating purposes but will under no circumstances sell a cut of *any* United States stamp. We should advise the *Gazette* also to be on the safe side.

This paper will always do its best to warn the public against dealers in counterfeit stamps, and if any of our subscribers have been swindled by one of these sharks, we shall be grateful for the name of the counterfeiter. We intend to expose every such, and this month we denounce Charles Lewis, alias Globe Stamp Co., 3715 1-2 North 25th Street, St. Louis, Mo. as a fraud and vender of bogus stamps.

The *Chemung Review*, published by the Chemung Publishing Co., Elmira, N. Y. is a new monthly devoted to Philately, Numis—matics and curiosity collecting. We are much pleased with number one which is bright and interesting.

Mr. Isenstein of New York has removed to Hamburg, Germany, taking *The Heroics* with him, and we are informed that he will continue publication at Hamburg.

Our nearest neighbor, the *Philatelic Herald*

has improved considerably of late and is worthy of the best support.

The *P. J. of A.* proves that the set of Samoan stamps are of no philatelic worth as they never had a postal value any more than a car ticket. The Chicago return letter label belongs to the same class and is only a dealer's speculation. We presume this latter is the "new Chicago local" hinted at by some of our contemporaries.

Number one of the *National Capital Philatelist* issued by Mr. Lee, has reached us. It consists of six pages. Another new paper also enters the field with the year 1886. We refer to the *Garden City Philatelist*, of which Mr. A. J. Monat, Chicago, Ill., is proprietor. One issue of eight pages and cover has appeared.

The *Philatelic Magazine* for January contains a large amount of very valuable matter.

The sheet published by Skinner, the Lynn fraud, is running down hill fast, as few if any respectable advertisers patronize it. No paper can long endure unless it has a good advertising patronage. We call the attention of all honest dealers in stamps, coins or curiosities to the fact that this paper is a representative philatelic magazine thoroughly straightforward and reliable. On this account therefore an advertisement inserted in the CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIST will bring you more desirable custom than half a dozen in flash papers and slander sheets.

We advise collectors of locals to read carefully the article in this number by "Topaz" on the Cheever and Towle locals. Philatelists receiving this number who are acquainted with collectors of locals, should ask all such to order a copy at once, as they cannot afford to miss the information. Price for a single copy of this issue, five cents.

Next month we shall publish a complete list of all philatelic publications which appeared in the United States and Canada from Jan. 1885 to Jan. 1886. It has been revised by the best authority on stamp papers in the world and is entirely correct. This is only one of the many features which will prove the C. C. P. the most enterprising stamp paper.

H. G. Spaulding has removed to Battle Creek, Mich. and with a partner will publish

a large paper "The Collector's Science Monthly." We deeply regret the loss of the *Michigan Philatelist*, which was a fine paper.

We have received the fourth edition of E. B. Sterling's descriptive catalogue of U. S. adhesive envelope stamps etc. It describes over 750 varieties and should be in the hands of every collector of U. S. Stamps. It can be obtained for the low sum of 25 cents, of the publisher, E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J. We have received from the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., limited, a catalogue of a collection of stamps to be sold at auction on Feb. 15th, 1885, by T. L. Bucken & Co., Broadway, N. Y.

Our thanks are also due to E. B. Sterling for a catalogue of postage stamps to be sold at auction on the same day as the one above mentioned by Geo. A. Leavitt & Co., 787 Broadway, N. Y.

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BY PENDRAGON.

What the philatelists on this side of the water are doing will, I have no doubt, be interesting to many of your readers. It may be known to some, perhaps not many, that the stamps of Great Britain are rapidly undergoing a great change. The present penny stamp, though not a repulsive looking design, has no particular attractions, but considering this country to have been the first to issue postage stamps, it certainly does not do them much credit. I understand from an official here that those about to be issued will be of a peculiarly pretty design and will embrace all values from one half penny to £5. They will not be issued at once but will be supplied to post-masters as soon as present supplies are exhausted. Whilst on the subject of our stamps it may be interesting to note a few facts in connection with their first introduction. It is said that the late Rowland Hill was not the real inventor of prepayment of postage by gummed labels, but that it was suggested by Mr. James Chalmers of Dundee as early as 1834. It is contended that the stamp by which Sir Rowland Hill intended to carry out his scheme of Penny Postage was not adhesive but was an impressed stamp such as are now used on documents, and which were impressed upon covers or upon letter paper on the part which was used for the address. A great deal has been written in the Dundee papers and a pamphlet published by the son of Mr. Jas. Chalmers in which he puts forward the claims of his father as the inventor.

I hope the *Capital City Philatelist* does not run so short of matter as to be obliged to resort to the plan pursued by the edi-

tor of the *Philatelic Magazine*. In the November number Mr. Bishop publishes under the head of French Correspondence an old article cooked up, for the original appeared in an English stamp paper some years ago.

I have read with some surprise the accounts of the meetings of the various philatelic societies in America. It is really an abortive movement, unless thoroughly and earnestly supported by the mass of collectors. Were a really good international society to be formed I have not the slightest doubt but that it would fail for the very reason that collectors would look upon it as a new venture and would keep in the background as it were till they saw how it got on.

I cannot conclude without saying a word or two upon the approval sheet system. I am sorry to see one or two American stamp journal speak rather bitterly against it. As an old dealer let me say a word in its favor. I never sent a good sheet out without first requiring and inquiring into a reference. A respectable collector will not object to give one and a respectable dealer will invariably demand one.

I see a great deal about this "Skinner" who, I understand from several American papers, has "skinned" a few. After being denounced by the "leading" American paper, the *P. J. of A.*, I am surprised to see the editor of the *Philatelic Magazine* apologizing for having black-listed him.

We are, like the Americans, treated to a large addition to the present stamp literature of Great Britain. They puff like the proverbial frog who tried to excel the bull in size and like the frog, they burst.

In concluding my remarks this month I beg to notify that I intend (with the permission of the editor) to favor the readers with an article on "Mounting Stamps in the Album," with illustrations.

LIVERPOOL, Eng., Jan., 1886.

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It is a sad thing that so many American boys can consent to be the agents of such men, who knowingly and willingly sell their stamps as genuine, if they get a chance.

As in all things which should be avoided, this trade offers many temptations. One of these men will sell a stamp for one cent, that is catalogued genuine, for 29 cents, and so well are they made that I have been duped myself for a short time.

The enormous percentage which agents obtain by selling these vile labels as genuine makes the trade popular, but nevertheless it is pure cheating and nothing less. As a final review of the dealers I will say, that in making a rough estimate I find about 1-100 as many dealers, using the term broadly, as there are collectors, or, about 8000 dealers.

WM. ALLEN.

(To be continued.)

### CHRONICLE.

**AZORES.**—The 25 reis, lilac, and 300 reis, green, have the surcharge in small letters.

**CEYLON.**—Two cards for the Postal Union have been issued, 5 cents blue, and 10 cents, brown.

**CUNDINAMARCA.**—A new series has been issued. The usual arms are enclosed in oval band inscribed „Estado Soberano de Cundinamarca-Correo,” above this is “E. E. U. U. de Colombia” and in the lower corners the numerals of value with denomination between. The values are 5c. blue, 10 vermilion, 20c. green, 50c. violet, 1 peso, red-brown.

**GIBRALTA.**—In addition to the three stamps noted last month, we hear of the 2c. lilac brown 2½d. blue, 4d. vermilion 6d. violet and 1sh. pale brown, all of Bermuda and the ½d. card and ¼d. band of Natal and 1d. card of St. Vincent. These are surcharged “Gibraltar” in black.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—*Der Philatelist* notes the £1—stamp, brown violet with watermark, three crowns.

**JOHORE.**—A new variety of surcharge

has come to hand, “JOHOR” in capital letters, size of word 9x2½ mm. No period.

**LIBERIA.**—The stamps mentioned last month are of three types; the first resembles the 8c. of 1882, with value in hexagon 1c. carmine, 2c. green, 3c. lilac 4c. brown, 6c. gray. The second type has figure of value in oval, with “Republic—Postage—Liberia” on a scroll extending around the top and sides and value on scroll at bottom; 8c. blue, 16c. orange. The third type has a view of a ship and rising sun, with palm tree and plough in the foreground “Thirty two” above and “cents” below on scrolls, color dark blue.

**MOZAMBIQUE.**—A new series has been issued resembling the stamps of Portugal 1870; the embossed head of the King is surrounded by an oval band inscribed “Provincia de Mocambique” 5 reis, black 10r. green, 20r. carmine; 25r. lilac, 40r. brown, 50 r. blue, 100r. red brown 200r. violet, 300r. orange.

**NATAL.**—Mr. Walker sends us the 3d. printed in grey and surcharged in black “TWO PENCE” with the original value cancelled. They were issued Jan. 7th.

**PARAGUAY.**—*Der Philatelist* notes a provisional said to have been issued in 1885; the 3 reales black surcharged in violet with figure “2” 12 mm. high.

**PERSIA.**—From *Le Timbre Poste*, we learn of the following. The 5 sh. green of 1882 and the 10c. carmine are surcharged [*Official 6*] and [*Official 12*] respectively in black, not for official purposes but for international correspondence.

It is stated that the 50c. printed in grayish black was in use for a few days; and was then surcharged to do duty as 1 toman; the 5 and 10cts. have been withdrawn. Furthermore there is a band and two envelopes with stamp of the type of 8 shahi 1876, with corners containing figures of value followed by “Ch.” The band is 1 shahi, carmine on manilla, 318x56 mm; the envelope, 6 shahi, carmine on white, 145x112 mm; and 12 shahi violet, 150x120 mm.

PERU.—*Der Philatelist* states that the stamps dated at sides 1883-1884, 10c. blue and 25c. violet have been surcharged in black with triangle inscribed "Habilitado—Arequipa."

PHILIPPINE I.—We have the 12 4-8 (Derecho Judicial) pale blue with surcharged in red "Habilitado—Correos—6 2-8 cens."

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—There is a new series similar to that noted for Mozambique inscribed "India Portuguesa" 1½ reis, black, 4½ reis, brown, 6 reis green, 1 tanga, carmine, 2 tanga blue, 4 tanga lilac, 8 tanga orange.

PUTTIALA.—The 4a. has been seen with surcharge in black and red.

REUNION I.—In December were issued 200,000 surcharged stamps as follows: 1c. on 40c. (eagle). 40c. (Liberty) 40c. 10c. (Figures of commerce, &c.) 30c. (Napoleon, laureated). 10c. on 40c. (Figures of Commerce, &c.) 25c. on 10c. (eagle). The surcharges are all in black and consist of the figure of value followed by "C." and with a Roman Capital "R" below.

SANTANDER.—The *Ill. Br. Journal* illustrates the new series; the stamps somewhat resemble the 1 centavo stamp of Ecuador; the values and colors are the same as those of the first series.

Servia.—There is a new 10x10 p. card (Form I.) brown on yellow. 13x95 mm. Inscribed Serbie—Union Postale—Universelle—Carte Postale—Réponse payée (sic) and translations in Servian.

St. DOMINGO.—In addition to the envelopes we noted in April 1885, *Le Timbre Poste* has seen the following: 1c. on amber laid paper 153x86 mm. and 30c. on white wove paper 210x93 mm.

St. PIERRE ET MIQUELON.—Mr. Alford sends us four new surcharges; 05-PM on the 35, 75 and 1 fr. of 1877 and 10c. of 1877 and the 20c. of 1881.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The 32c. is surcharged "Three cents" in black and there is a reply card 3x3 c. blue on buff.

SUNGEI UJONG.—We have the surcharged now in Italic Capitals in two lines.

TASMANIA.—Mr. Ridpath has discovered an error in the post card, which is printed in mauve on white.

TOBAGO.—Mr. Wettern informs us that the 6d. is now surcharged ½d. but gives no particulars.

TOLIMA.—The 5c. of 1879 is reported in orange and the 10. in vermilion.

VICTORIA.—*Der Philatelist* reports the 3d. orange of 1870 and 4d. carmine of 1871, with black surcharge "Stamp Duty."—*Philatelic World*.

### SOME CORRESPONDENCE.

One of our philatelic friends has kindly cut out and sent to us the following letters which have appeared from time to time in the People's Column of the Boston *Daily Globe*. We reprint them, as they show that the *Globe*, by publishing them, takes some interest in stamp collector's affairs.

#### I

##### A Question of Law.

To the Editor of The Globe:

Will some one please tell me whether a person could be prosecuted for selling counterfeit foreign postage stamps to collectors, the said stamps being marked with an imitation of a cancel to prevent using them for any postal fraud? I believe the law forbids the manufacture and sale of counterfeits to defraud foreign governments only, but could not the seller be taken for getting money on false pretences from the stamp collector? c. H. M.  
November 15.

#### II

##### Small-Pox and Postage Stamps.

To the Editor of The Globe:

In reply to "C. H. M." in *Globe* of the 27th in regard to old obliterated postage stamps being counterfeited, it is a maxim of law that an article must have some perceptible value to the community before its theft can be regarded as a criminal act. An old obliterated stamp-

is utterly worthless except in the eyes of persons who have a mania for collecting them, and whose peculiar fancies the law courts do not recognize. Old stamps are often the mediums of infectious disease, as persons who collect and handle them often realize, Canadian ones at the present time, on account of small-pox, being especially offensive.

November 30. w. w. w.

### III

#### Counterfeit Stamps.

To the Editor of The Globe:

I note the remarks of "W. W. W." in yesterday's globe about counterfeit stamps, and he doges the question. I did not ask whether it was a crime to counterfeit cancelled stamps, but whether a person who sold such counterfeits to a stamp-collector could not be prosecuted for getting money on false pretences. if the collector buys what he believes to be a genuine stamp, when it is only an imitation, the fact remains that he has been cheated, whether the genuine article is of any legal value or not. For if he had known that the article was an imitation, he would not have paid out his money for it. Under these circumstances could not the seller be punished by law?

C. H. M.

December 4.

### IV

#### What a Detective Says.

To the Editor of The Globe:

Let me say to "W. W. W." and "C. H. M." that I was talking to a government private detective, who said that the counterfeiting of any government stamp, whether money or postage, whether used or unused, cancelled or not, was a crime, as it went against a particular clause in the United States statutes.

LINK.

December 14.

### FORGERIES.

#### And How to Detect Them.

Forgeries are now so cleverly executed, that the greatest caution and care must be exercised when purchasing of other

than well known and reliable Dealers. There are several things by which a forgery can be detected, viz.:—The paper on which it is printed, how it is printed, the watermark, Postmark, Perforation, Gum, Color, etc. Take, for instance, the paper on which the stamp is printed; they are generally done on 2 kinds, viz.: wove and laid, the difference between each is easily seen by holding the stamp up to the light. The wove paper will appear to be of uniform texture throughout, while the laid is full of straight lines running the whole length of the paper.

Next we have the watermark. This is a design seen apparently to be woven into the paper, when held up to the light, and is caused by the paper being thinner in those parts, some forgers have tried the experiment of scratching the back of the stamp, but this does not answer, being easily detected.

POST MARKS are very good tests, and should be studied more than they are by all classes of Collectors. The ink now used is generally Black and of a greasy nature, but Green and Red are occasionally used. The best advice, however, we can give Collectors is to study minutely the particulars of each stamp, by doing so they will soon be able to distinguish between a genuine and forged specimen. Comparison with genuine Stamps will generally determine whether it is a bona-fide stamp or not.

W. H. D.

#### OCEAN CURIOSITIES.

Red Sea Beans, 6 for 10 cents.

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4. Collector . . . . .	11	Chiles . . . . .	Philadelphia.
5. " . . . . .	1	Smith . . . . .	Scranton, Pa.
6. Collector's Companion . . . . .	12	Raymond . . . . .	Chicago.
7. Eastern Collector . . . . .	1	Walls & Herman . . . . .	Brooklyn.
8. Empire State Philatelist . . . . .	10	Watkins . . . . .	New York.
9. Exchange . . . . .	12	Burr, Stebbins & Tripp . . . . .	Adrian, Mich.
10. Hermes . . . . .	8	Isenstein . . . . .	New York.
11. Long Island Collector . . . . .	3	Thomas . . . . .	Brooklyn.
12. Michigan Philatelist . . . . .	4	Spaulding . . . . .	Manchester.
13. Memphis Philatelist . . . . .	1	Francisco . . . . .	Memphis, Tenn.
14. New York Collector . . . . .	4	Hernandez . . . . .	Brooklyn.
15. Onr American Youth . . . . .	3	Fuelscher . . . . .	St. Louis.
16. Philatelic Advertiser . . . . .	5	Jeanes . . . . .	Philadelphia.
17. " American . . . . .	1	Richardson . . . . .	Atlanta, Ga.
18. " Journal of America . . . . .	10	Hackett . . . . .	St. Louis.
19. " Magazine . . . . .	2	Bishop . . . . .	La. Grange, Ga.
20. " Record . . . . .	2	French & Roser . . . . .	Wellington, O.
21. " Squel . . . . .	1	Randall . . . . .	Boston.
22. " Tribune . . . . .	4	Stanton . . . . .	Smyrna, N. Y.
23. Philatelist . . . . .	4	Abbott . . . . .	Philadelphia.
24. Quarterly Interchange . . . . .	2	Barrie . . . . .	"
25. Queen City Philatelist . . . . .	1	McLeod . . . . .	Buffalo.
26. Spindle City " . . . . .	1	Hall . . . . .	Lowell, Mass.
27. Toronto Philatelic Journal . . . . .	10	Lowe & Morell . . . . .	Toronto.
28. Wolverine Collector's Journal . . . . .	1	Smith . . . . .	Manchester, Mich.
29. Yankee Philatelist . . . . .	2	Greene . . . . .	Fitchburg, Mass.

A total of 29 papers started (130 numbers issued) during 1885.

## List No. 2.

This includes all papers started previous to January 1, 1885, which issued any numbers during that year. Only the number of issues published in 1885 is given.

NAME.	Issues.	Publisher.	Location.
1. Advertiser . . . . .	1	Jordan . . . . .	Philadelphia.
2. American Journal of Philately . . . . .	2	Scott & Co. . . . .	New York.
3. California Philatelist . . . . .	1	Gamb . . . . .	San Francisco.
4. Capital City Philatelist . . . . .	12	Hamlen . . . . .	Augusta, Me.
5. Chair City Collector . . . . .	5	Smith . . . . .	W. Gardner, Mass.
6. Collector's Library Table . . . . .	1	Smith & Hanford . . . . .	New York.
7. Independent Philatelist . . . . .	9	Mitchell . . . . .	Bergen Pt., N. J.
8. Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette . . . . .	12	Mann & Kendig . . . . .	Altoona, Pa.
9. New England Philatelist . . . . .	8	W. L. Emory . . . . .	Fitchburg.
10. " " . . . . .	1	Dr. C. P. Henry . . . . .	"
11. Philatelic Courier . . . . .	1	Hechler . . . . .	Halifax.
12. " Herald . . . . .	12	Jewett . . . . .	Portland, Me.
13. " Monthly . . . . .	12	Darbin . . . . .	Philadelylia.
14. " World . . . . .	12	Bogert . . . . .	New York.
15. Southern Collector . . . . .	2	McHenry . . . . .	Nashville, Tenn.
16. Stamp World . . . . .	11	Mills . . . . .	Cincinnati.

A total of 15 papers previously started which issued 102 numbers during 1885. A total of 44 papers in publication some time during the year, and 232 numbers issued.

## List No. 3.

This includes all philatelic books and pamphlets published in 1885.

	NAME.	Issue.	Publisher.	Location.
1.	Constitution . . . . .		Fitchburg Philatelic Soc.	Fitchburg.
2.	" . . . . .		Quaker City " "	Philadelphia.
3.	" . . . . .		Rhode Island " "	Providence.
4.	How to Deal in Foreign Stamps . . .		Batchelder . . . . .	St. Louis.
5.	International Collector's Directory . .		Beers . . . . .	Elmira, N. Y.
6.	" " Guide . . . . .		Whilden . . . . .	Atlanta, Ga.
7.	Standard Catalogue, 5th edition . . .		Collin . . . . .	New York.
8.	" " 14th " . . . . .		Durbin . . . . .	Philadelphia.
9.	" " 47th " . . . . .		Scott & Co. . . . .	New York.
10.	" " 16th " . . . . .		Trifet . . . . .	Boston.

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The article on "Systems of Collecting," by H. O. Ward, which appeared in our December number, should have been credited not to the *Genius of Youth*, but to the *Old Curiosity Shop*, in which paper it originally appeared.

Mr. I. C. Greene of Fitchburg announces his intention of publishing next month No. 1, Vol. II of the *Philatelic News*, formerly published by W. L. Emory of that city. Vol. I of the *News* ended April, 1884, since when no numbers have been issued. The *News* used to be one of the leading papers, in its day.

Whitfield King & Co.'s latest wholesale list does not include the bogus Sucz Canal sets offered by Edwin England, and the latter's list makes no mention of the counterfeit Alsace and Lorraine stamps, such as are for sale by the former. Evidently our British brethren do not believe in each other's wares.

No. 2 of the *National Capital Philatelist* is to hand, got up as an imitation of the defunct *Hermes*. Its editor remarks that he had intended at first to name his paper "Capital City Philatelist," because he had a better right to that title than ourselves. No paper has any right at all to a name already appropriated by another journal.

The C. C. P. is already feared and respected by the swindlers who deal in bogus stamps, on account of its firm course in exposing them. In addition to those we have previously mentioned, we warn our readers against a party advertising as Frank W. Kurbin, Box 1333 Haverhill, Mass. He deals only in worthless imitations.

It may be new to some of the American philatelists that the late Edward L. Pemberton, the great English authority on Philately was born in America, but such is the fact.

We regret to hear that Mr. Durbin has lately been afflicted with a severe illness of three weeks' duration and earnestly hope that his recovery may be rapid and permanent.

We learn with sorrow from a recent letter from Dr. W. H. Mitchell that Mr. George F. Hagemeyer, formerly editor of the *New Jersey Philatelist*, died on the 12th of February last. The firm of Taussig and Hagemeyer with the latter as editor published that magazine at Jersey City, several years ago. Mr. Hagemeyer was assistant cashier of the Fifth Avenue Bank of New York at the time of his death which occurred from brain fever after an illness of eight days. He was a valued member of the National Philatelic Society by which organization he will be sadly missed as by his many other friends.

Mr. Hubbard's book "The Stamp Dealers of the World" is out but we notice among the names of the regular dealers, five who have frequently been exposed as vendors of counterfeits. In the new edition of Mr. Hawks' book "The Stamp Collector's Directory," we find on the lists of dealers the names of four parties who have long been known as counterfeiters. When preparing works of this kind copies of which are intended to reach young collectors, a publisher should, above all things, take pains to weed out the addresses of swindlers.

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others was the Diamond Match Co. of Connecticut who used a blue one-cent stamp. The United States has just sued the Diamond Match Co. for \$4397.37, the cost of printing for them private revenue stamps to the face value of \$42,988,736. which stamps the company had refused to take because the law requiring their use had been repealed. The government has won the suit. Pretty rough on the D. M. Co., isn't it?

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Brother Stanton's *Philatelic Tribune* is a little late for the first time. This paper has just joined the Philatelic Press Association. By the way, our advice to the G. C. P. would not come in amiss here.

The *Stamp and Coin Gazette* had a misfortune with its February number but is interesting throughout. Wonder what opinion a certain St. Louis editor has of it now.

The *Philatelic Herald* has commenced Vol. III enlarged in size of page and much improved in contents. The last issue contains an interesting article on "The Dresden Locals."

The *Arizona Pride of Philately* is indeed a publication for Arizona or any other part of the Union to be proud of. In our opinion it is the spiciest philatelic paper in the country. It will don a cover with number 4.



The *Bay State Advertiser* is a new four page paper published at Lynn, Mass. by G. W. Bishop. It might without detriment heed our advice to neighbors one and two.

The *Collector's Companion* maintains its position at the head of the American philatelic press. *Vive le roi!*

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The *Exchange* of Adrian, Mich., has finished its first volume and starts off well on the second. A specimen of the Chicago return letter label is given away with each copy of the last issue.

The *Canadian Philatelist and Curio Advertiser* is the name of a new journal which has issued two numbers but has the clumsy sprawling form usually affected by the papers of the Dominion.

The *Chemung Review* has been obliged to skip a month but has not retired yet by a good deal. It is bristling all over with pleasantry.

The *Quaker City Philatelist* will be the best paper Philadelphia has seen for a good while. The February number shows that the Q. C. P. is not afraid to tackle frauds.

The former publisher and the late editor of the *New England Philatelist* have together issued a special number of that paper in order to complete the volume. This final number lies before us and contains an index of the entire volume which it completes. The principal feature is that it contains a portrait and biographical sketch of Messrs. W. L. Emory, W. K. Jewett, C. H. Mekeel and E. A. Holton. Also there are several important letters in it relating to the Lynn frauds. On the whole the special edition is quite a success.

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the fact that there are thousands and thousands who collect, and thousands who deal in stamps, and you may talk yourself hoarse, and for a reward get the reply, "I did not think there were so many fools in the world." There are just such men. But after all has failed show him a good paper, edited by a man whom you know has received a good education, and who knows what he is about, and then, ten chances to one, he will begin to weaken, and you have conquered.

The "Empire State Philatelist" was mentioned in the Critic, a paper renowned all over the United States. It criticises all literary papers, and is an organ for all American authors, and it noticed the "Empire State Philatelist."

The criticism, it is true, was not an excellent one, for the paper was young at the time, but nevertheless, it considered it a paper worthy of notice. Now I mention this, not in praise of the "E. S. P." especially, but to illustrate my point. The "E. S. P." is equalled by other journals, but it happened to get the criticism. This shows that Philatelic literature is literature, and not the literature one meets with in amateur papers, which come out "for the fun of the thing."

In making an observation of the different papers about the size of the average Philatelic journal, I find that the leading papers of the latter class are far in advance of many of these sheets, which claim much more than any paper devoted to stamps ever did. These are not amateur papers I refer to, but professional ones. I have before me a sample of this kind of literature. It is printed on large, coarse paper, in comparison to the tinted paper one can see in many stamp journals. It is badly edited, opening its editorial with a pun or joke of some kind. Yet should you tell the editor that you have seen many papers devoted to stamps, far in advance of his sheet in regard to literary excellence, he would not believe you, and look upon you as a new sort of a "crank."

To go back to the editor again, I will give an instance of the infallibility of the rule, that a boy cannot make a successful editor, unless he is unusually bright and has assistance from older heads.

A stamp paper (I shall not mention names),

appeared in August, 1885. At first sight it looked to be on a par with the average "Vol. 1, No. 1." It was composed of twelve pages, fairly well filled, but in the editorials I saw two mistakes in grammar, and one or two unmistakable violations of all rules of phraseology. I saw at once that the paper did not have the right kind of an editor, and I prophesied its fall, and it did fall." Philatelist never was able to announce Vol. 1, No. 2, for it went to pieces on the presentation of the printer's bills.

I should not have to look far to find many other similar cases, for should all the papers ever started have kept up to the mark and come up to this date, the land would not hold them. Even now, such a conglomeration of papers, has had its effect upon the pockets of the editors, for they lose, as it may be said, every subscription that a smaller paper in their neighborhood gains. Whatever shortcomings may be found in Philatelic journalism, in its present state, one is always consoled with the knowledge of the vast gains it is making. Instead of dying out, as so many enterprises that have started up so suddenly do, it has kept its place and made steady gains. It started at the bottom of the hill, and climbing over rocks, brooks, and surmounting all opposition, it has reached a point of safety, on the hillside; standing upon a ledge or level spot, it turns about and surveys its path upwards. Below, these successful mountaineers can see their brethren, dash at the side, and covering a short distance with all speed, either fall back at once, or slowly lose their ground, getting further and further from the top at every fresh attempt.

Truly Philatelic journalism has reached a point, on the ascent to the pinnacle of literary fame, where they need no longer watch their every step, lest they should fall to the bottom; they now with mere ordinary caution, have only the ascent to think about, while the descent can be put in the far future.

I had contemplated annexing a complete list of the stamp papers in the United States, but upon second thoughts I have decided that it is not necessary, since upon consulting the list of exchanges in any large paper

like the "C. C. P." a collector can obtain a list of at least the most important journals. However the following are the ten papers which, to all outward appearances, have reached the safe ledge upon the hillside. I have arranged them in alphabetical order, since I would not commit myself by placing them in the order of their respective merits, even if I could draw such fine distinction: "Collector's Companion," "Capital City Philatelist," "Empire State Philatelist," "Philatelic Herald," "Philatelic Magazine," "Philatelic Journal of America," "Quaker City Philatelist," "Stamp and Coin Gazette," "Stamp World," "The Philatelist."

With this I close, urging all collectors to support journalism, as it is most worthy of support. You can pay attention or devote yourselves to no branch of Philately more worthy of study and speculation than the branch of Philatic journalism.

### CHRONICLE.



Belgium has lately brought out three new values, the design of the latest value may be seen in the illustration, 20 centimes, olive; 50c. fister, and 2 francs, violet.

BERMUDA.—*Der Philatelist* reports the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green, 2d. violet, 1sh. brown. We hear also the 3d. grey, and a post card  $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. carmine on buff.

CEYLON.—A 5c. stamp without surcharge has been issued, with head of Victoria to left in oval. "Ceylon" above. "Postage" at left, "Revenue" at right and "Five Cents" below, color lilac; Also a 1R. 12c. rose lilac.



Congo.—On January, 1st. the following values were issued for use in this new African States:—5 centimes green, 10 c. rose (see cut) 25c., blue, 50c. green, and postal card, 15c. red brown.

FARIDKOT.—A new stamp is issued 2 anna. black.

GIBRALTAR.—The registered envelopes of Barbados have received the surcharge "Gibraltar" size 131x83; 152x97 253x175; 290x152 mm. Also the cards of Malta.

GUATEMALA.—A decree dated Feb. 12th, authorizes a provisional issue of stamps of 25c, 50c, 75c, 100c, 150c. These consist of the stock of stamps used for the payment of the Northern Railway tax, with new value surcharge. They have the portrait of General Barrios in oval band inscribed "Republica de Guatemala." Above on scroll "Ferrocarril al Norte" and below on straight label "Vale un peso." They are large stamps measuring about 24x30 mm. and printed in red. Perforated 12. The surcharge is as follows: at top "Correos Nacionales" in the middle "Guatemala" and at the foot the value. The value is also repeated four times at the sides, and there are besides various type set ornaments, in the three lower values links of chains and in the 100 and 150 somewhat like those on the Cuba 1883, but smaller.

HAYTI.—We have the 7c. perforated in two shades of blue.

HUNGARY.—There is a new 5 kr. card, 161x78mm. inscribed "Posta—takaréklap".

MEXICO.—Mr. Abad sends a letter card with the new 4c. stamp impressed in upper right hand corner.

Also a news paper wrapper without stamp, printed on brown paper. At the left is the usual eagle etc., and inscription "Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos."

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The *Ph. Record* mentions a 1d. official envelopes with O. S. in red on a white ground.

The stock of 5sh. stamps having run out the green "Stamp duty," of same value has been surcharged in black "Postage."

PHILIPPINE I.—We have received a stamp of the low value of  $\frac{1}{2}$  de centavo: it is of the current type but has at the top "Filip as Impresos." Color green.



Peru has lately given birth to two more horrid looking stamps, unperforated, and of the values of 5c. blue, and 10c. brown (see cut), the former bearing the likeness of Admiral Grau, the latter of General Bologneci.

**POUNTCU.**—*Le Timbre Poste.*—notes the 4s. red on white laid and  $\frac{1}{2}$  1s. red on yellow laid paper.

**ROMANIA.**—The 25 bani blue of the new type has been issued.

**STRAIT'S SETTLEMENTS.**—An official post card is noted, with arms of Great Britain at the right and "Official Post Card—Straits Settlements—The address only to be written on this side" at the left. On the back of the card, "This card must only be used for official correspondence and by officers authorized to be frank."

**TOBAGO.**—A post card 1d. carmine on buff has been issued 122x87mm

**TOLIMA.**—We have seen a 20c. stamp black. The usual arms are in the center with "Correos Del Eo. So. del Tolima" in two lines in a curved label above, supported by pillars at the sides. At the bottom is "Centavos" and the figures "20" in circles in lower corners.

**TURKEY.**—Mr. Warner writes that the 2 piastres we mentioned in February is orange, not carmine, on blue, and the reason for the change in color is an Imperial decree, which requires a change of color every two years and design every six years.

**UNITED STATES.**—To the same gentleman we are indebted for a description of the stamps of the Postal Telegraph Co. They were issued in February, 1885, the values and colors being as follows: 10c. green, 25c. blue, 50c. brown. The 10c. has large figures of value in a double oval with "Postal Telegraph" above, "Company" below and "Ten Cents" at bottom in straight line. The 25c. has value on shield with "Postal Telegraph Company" above and "Twenty-five cents" below. The 50c. has value

in irregular upright oval, with "Postal Telegraph Company" above and "Fifty cents" below.

We are informed that all these stamps have been destroyed except one book containing 120 stamps, 10 at 10 cents, 100 at 25 cents and 10 at 50 cents.

Mr. Holton has called our attention to the fact that while all of the *unperforated* 3c. stamps of 1851, have a fine outer line around the stamp, the *perforated* ones of 1857 have this line almost invariably at the sides only. Out of a large quantity of perforated stamps we have found only three or four with the line at the top and bottom also.

**URUGUAY.**—There is a 3x3c. post card green on violet 130x80mm. Form 4.

**VENEZUELA.**—The 5c. blue, and 50c. green, prepared several years ago have just been issued. The 10c. has not yet appeared.

**VICTORIA.**—The 1d.x1d. card noted in January, is surcharged in violet, and the 3d and 4d. stamps noted last month, in blue, not black. The *Ph. Record* notes the 3sh. 1881, in blue, on green with surcharge in black, the 1s. 6d. rose, "duty" stamp, typographed instead of lithographed, the 3s. "duty" stamp changed from scarlet lake on blue paper to light brown on white paper, and the 10s. from dark brown on pink paper to bluish green on white. Mr. Hill sends us the following envelopes with stamp inscribed "Stamp Duty." 1d. green on white and blue, 137x78 mm. 2d. violet on white, 120x67, 137x78, 141x89, 223x96 mm. 4d. registration rose on white, 133x78, 145x90 mm. Also the ½d. wrappers watermarked N S W. This paper was used to print the early large size New South Wales duty stamps on, and was some years ago sent by the Sydney Post Office to supply a temporary scarcity at the Melbourne Post Office. The paper being found unsuitable was not then used, but was brought into use last September for ½d. wrappers. As the Victoria wrappers are printed four to the sheet, and the New South Wales paper was wide enough to

print five, one end of each sheet was cut off and impressed separately, in order to obviate setting up a new form. These single wrappers are not rouletted, while those printed in groups of four are rouletted.—*Philatelic World*.

### SOME LETTERS.

FITCHBURG, Mass., Apr. 1, 1886.

I wish to make a few corrections in my list of philatelic publications of 1885, which appeared in the last number of the C. C. P. I gave the name of the publisher of the *Philatelic American* as Richardson which is a mistake as the paper was issued by Mr. Parkhurst who lives on Richardson St., Atlanta Ga. which accounts for the confusion of the two names in my mind. In list number 3 I omitted through carelessness Mr. Stanton's (Smyrna, N. Y.) Catalogue of U. S. Revenue Stamps. There were also a couple of typographical errors.

The location of the *Philatelic Magazine* was printed La Grange, Ga. instead of La Grange, Ill. The publisher of the *Canadian Philatelist* was named Barker not Baker as given.

W. K. JEWETT.

[We print herewith a letter lately written to the *New England Philatelist*, but as that paper has suspended and the communication is of interest, the editor has handed it over to us.]

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 18, 1886.

Editor N. E. *Philatelist*, Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear Sir.—On page 90 of the *Philatelist* in the sketch of Mr. E. A. Holton's career as a philatelic dealer I find: "in 1867 began dealing in them, his advertisements appearing in the Boston daily paper about that time." Now far be it from my intention to rob anyone of his laurels, but I have been a dealer in Boston since 1866 and well remember the time when, in 1877, I sold Mr. Holton the first stamps he ever bought to sell again—and that I know, not only from his statements made to me then but from my showing him the rudiments of dealing during that and the following year. These being the facts, I am led to

suppose that you have either committed an error or have been misled, and as in all professional courtesy I am entitled to a hearing, claiming as I do to be a dealer of longer standing than Mr. Holton, I respectfully ask you to investigate the matter and correct whichever one of us is in the wrong. To prove my sincerity in the matter I hereby offer five dollars to any one who will show me a Boston daily paper of about 1860 containing an advertisement of Mr. Holton as a stamp dealer.

Respy's yours, F. TRIPLET.

### ANOTHER ON THE LIST.

During the past two months an advertisement has appeared in some of the leading *Philatelic Papers* offering great bargains in both used and unused Department Stamps. The concern, which went under the name of Horace C. Jones, Box 376, Minneapolis, has turned out a fraudulent one, as those persons who have sent money to him have not had any return for their money. The case has been put in the hands of the P. O. Inspector and an arrest will probably be made in a short time.

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LINCOLN RAPPLEYE.

Trumansburg, N. Y.

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RUBBER STAMP with your name, only 1¢ etc.; marks linen, prints cards, etc., 200 styles. Agents wanted; circulars free. Model Rubber Stamp Co., Baltimore, Md.

### STAMP COLLECTORS!

Send for one of my fine approval sheets of Postage or Revenue stamps. Agents wanted at 25 per cent, complete Reference required. Price list for stamps. J. M. GRAY, JR., 113 South 3rd St., Nashville, Tenn. Please mention this paper.

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AUGUSTA, MAINE.

AGENTS.—PH. HEINSBERGER, 151 Franklin and 89 Delaney streets, New York City.  
W. G. WHILDEN, Atlanta, Ga.  
PEARLESS NOVELTY Co., Worcester, Mass.

F. L. Mills seems to have gone over to the frauds. We notice that he patronizes the *Agassiz Journal* quite liberally.

Mr. W. L. Emory writes that he has just secured a specimen of the rare Memphis Confederate local, 5 cents red, in a used condition.

Mr. George Birtwhistle, the English philatelic publisher, writes the editor that he expects soon to be married. Good luck to him and to the future Mrs. B.

We have now two stamp papers of the same name, the *Philatelic News*, published by I. C. Greene of Fitchburg, Mass., and another one by H. J. Berry of Chicago. It remains to be seen which will be the first to scamper up the golden stair.

A new stamp paper is advertised to appear from Newburgh, N. Y., this month, to be called the *Philatelic Guardian*. Also we

have heard that a single number of a sheet called the "*Eagle Philatelist*" has been issued somewhere, but we have not yet been able to obtain a copy.

One of our contemporaries says that Messrs. Durbin, Bacheider, Bogert, Collins, Gambs, and Taylor are the only persons in the U. S. who devote their time entirely to stamps. We must scale down this list 50 per cent. Mr. Bacheider is a book keeper, Mr. Gambs' trade is largely with coins, and Mr Taylor, as is well known, does not deal in stamps at all.

One of the pleasant things we have noted lately is that reliable dealers very seldom offer packets of fac simile locals now, and these undesirable goods are advertised far less often than formerly. A while ago nearly every dealer kept the Hamburg, United States, and Confederate locals on hand as "reprints" or "fac similes." We rejoice to see them disappearing from the market.

The definition of philately, together with its Greek derivation, is given once more, this time by the *Philatelic Journal of America*, which prints the two component parts of the word in the original Greek. We note only three errors in the characters, namely, the omission of the smooth breathing over the vowel *a*, which occurs five times. (However this is not a serious mistake). Secondly the use of the wrong form for the final letter sigma in the word for friend; thirdly the word for friend is accented as an oxytone, whereas it should be a paroxytone.

With this number, as you see, we have commenced to illustrate the new issues of stamps, and would remark that this is only one of the many features we are introducing in order to give collectors the best paper at the lowest price. It is with some pride therefore that we announce that the C. C. P. is the only stamp paper in the United States which illustrates the new issues, and it gives its readers more pages of reading matter for 25 cents than any other stamp paper in the world. These are solid facts; let everyone who receives a sample copy act accordingly.

The first stamp paper ever published was the *Monthly Advertiser*, afterwards the *Stamp Collector's Review*, started by Edw. Moore & Co., Liverpool, England, in December, 1862. The first one published in America was the *Stamp Collector's Record*, issued Feb. 2, 1864, by S. Allan Taylor, of Montreal, Canada. The oldest stamp paper now published is *Le Timbre-Post*, which has appeared every month since Feb. 5, 1863, and is edited by J. B. Moens of Brussels, Belgium. The oldest of the really philatelic journals still in existence in America is the *Stamp World*, (F. L. Mills), established 1880.

We wish to remind certain dealers that a very good way to celebrate the first of May is to send in an advertisement to this paper and thus make one of the best cash investments you ever made. This is the largest and best twenty-five cent stamp paper published anywhere in the world, and besides that, we can truthfully say that we have a larger circulation than any other such paper in the United States which charges 60 cents an inch for advertisements. There is only one philatelic paper in America that ever circulates more copies than the CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIST, though there are several that charge from 20 to 40 cents more per inch for advertising space than we do. Dealers' just keep these facts in mind when placing your advertisements. We have spoken.

### A REVIEW.

Last month the energetic publishers of the *Collector's Companion* made a grand effort and brought out the best issue of a stamp paper that we remember seeing since our editorial career began. The copy on our desk consists of thirty-two large pages and a cover. First comes one of Mr. Swope's bits of poetry, which are always bright and pleasing. Then follows eight philatelic articles with notes, editorials, correspondence and exchanges. The contributed articles include only one which may be classed with those dreary productions compiled entirely from the catalogue, namely, "The Stamps of Turkey." "Pencilings by A. Faber's, No. 2," is about the wittiest portion of the con-

tents. Next Christmas we hope to see a fifty page number of the *Companion*.

Under the name of *Collector's Science Monthly*, a fine magazine devoted to Natural History, Mineralogy, Philately, Numismatics, and in fact all branches of collecting, appears from Battle Creek, Mich. The publishers are Messrs. Howes and Spaulding, the former a dealer in naturalist's supplies, the latter the genial publisher of the *Michigan Philatelist*. One of the specialties of the new publication will be illustrations, number one containing six, including a magnificent frontispiece, which represents the American Osprey with its young in the nest. Five articles, all bearing evidence of careful study and successful application, fill the pages of the first issue and more, especially some in relation to philately, are promised for next month. Subscription price 75 cents a year. Number one consists of eighteen pages and cover.

*Our American Youth* is somewhat behind, but we trust it will catch up soon. This paper has caught the bad habit of plagiarism, we are sorry to say. In its September number appeared an article entitled "Something about the Hamburg Postage Stamps," by T. Cooke. This is copied without any credit from the *Granite State Philatelist* for October, 1884. The January number of *Our American Youth* contains two cribbed articles. The first is on the "Postage Stamps of Guatemala," and is pirated without acknowledgment from the *New England Philatelist*, it having originally appeared in that paper's issue for September, 1885. The other stolen essay is on "The Twelve-Pence Canada," and originally appeared in the *Stamp World*, though our brother editor has forgotten to say so. But this not all. Mr. Fuelscher's February number contains a piece entitled "Black Mountain," which is cribbed from the *Granite State Philatelist* for March, 1884. We understand that *Our American Youth* will change its name soon to "*American Stamp Collector's Guide*." This name will not be new to philatelists, as a book by that title was published April 20, 1871, by Tolles Brothers of Middletown, Conn. Let us have more originality when the paper makes its new start.

*The Stamp* is a new eight page paper just

started. It is published by members of the Centennial State Philatelic Society.

With its March number the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* enters upon its second volume. The former inconvenient shape has been abandoned, and the size of the pages reduced to the ordinary. Four more have been added as well as a cover, and much better paper is used in the printing. We are glad to chronicle so much improvement, but this is not the whole. The March number contains three illustrations and a "Postage Stamp Story." Mr. Morell is succeeding finely in furnishing the collectors of the Dominion with a smart paper, and we hope they realize what he is doing for them.

Philatelic affairs are becoming livelier in Washington. There is some hope of a society being organized, and the *National Capital Philatelist* will double its size next month. The N. C. P. is a success, and we hope to see it quadruple before long.

#### Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted, free of cost (to subscribers), notices of exchange for Stamps, Coins, Minerals, Relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the last of the month to insure insertion in the next number. The right to exclude any notice is reserved.

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We regret to state that in the last number of the *Philatelist* (No. 12) a gross injustice was done by us to three gentlemen whose names appeared in a letter published in that issue, purporting to come from one Theo. H. Wise, of Colorado. This letter was inserted by us, not by reason of any knowledge of this Wise or his character. Wise took occasion to allude in the communication to Messrs. Lyman H. Low, and M. F. Savage of New York, and Mr. R. W. Mercer of Cincinnati, in the most disgraceful terms, characterizing them as the "vilest of blackmailers," and of using improper methods of extorting money, also (in the case of Mercer) of palming off bogus relics, etc. This allusion to the gentlemen in question, as well as an added threat to punish them, was allowed to creep into the page by inadvertence and perhaps negligence on our part, for which we desire to make reparation by this announcement. So far from the charges against these gentlemen being justified we take pleasure in bearing testimony to the high standing of all three as dealers and business men. To all who know them they are above reproach. The unwarranted attack upon them came from a person who, we have since learned, bears a very doubtful reputation, and whose methods of dealing have been, to say the least, questionable.

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6. Collector's Companion . . . . .	12	Raymond . . . . .	Chicago.
7. Eastern Collector . . . . .	1	Walls & Herman . . . . .	Brooklyn.
8. Empire State Philatelist . . . . .	10	Watkins . . . . .	New York.
9. Exchange . . . . .	12	Burr, Stebbins & Tripp . . . . .	Adrian, Mich.
10. Hermes . . . . .	8	Isenstein . . . . .	New York.
11. Long Island Collector . . . . .	3	Thomas . . . . .	Brooklyn.
12. Michigan Philatelist . . . . .	4	Spaulding . . . . .	Manchester.
13. Memphis Philatelist . . . . .	1	Francisco . . . . .	Memphis, Tenn.
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15. Our American Youth . . . . .	3	Fuelscher . . . . .	St. Louis.
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29. Yankee Philatelist . . . . .	2	Greene . . . . .	Fitchburg, Mass.

A total of 29 papers started (130 numbers issued) during 1885.

**List No. 2.**

This includes all papers started previous to January 1, 1885, which issued any numbers during that year. Only the number of issues published in 1885 is given.

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2. American Journal of Philately . . . . .	2	Scott & Co. . . . .	New York.
3. California Philatelist . . . . .	1	Gambis . . . . .	San Francisco.
4. Capital City Philatelist . . . . .	12	Hamlen . . . . .	Augusta, Me.
5. Chair City Collector . . . . .	5	Smith . . . . .	W. Gardner, Mass.
6. Collector's Library Table . . . . .	1	Smith & Hanford . . . . .	New York.
7. Independent Philatelist . . . . .	9	Mitchell . . . . .	Bergen Pt., N. J.
8. Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette . . . . .	12	Mann & Kendig . . . . .	Altoona, Pa.
9. New England Philatelist . . . . .	8	W. L. Emory . . . . .	Fitchburg.
10. " " . . . . .	1	Dr. C. P. Henry . . . . .	"
11. Philatelic Courier . . . . .	1	Hechler . . . . .	Halifax.
12. " Herald . . . . .	12	Jewett . . . . .	Portland, Me.
13. " Monthly . . . . .	12	Durbin . . . . .	Philadelphia.
14. " World . . . . .	12	Bogert . . . . .	New York.
15. Southern Collector . . . . .	2	McHenry . . . . .	Nashville, Tenn.
13. Stamp World . . . . .	11	Mills . . . . .	Cincinnati.

A total of 15 papers previously started which issued 102 numbers during 1885. A total of 44 papers in publication some time during the year, and 232 numbers issued.

**List No. 3.**

This includes all philatelic books and pamphlets published in 1885.

	NAME.	Issue.	Publisher.	Location.
1.	Constitution . . . . .		Fitchburg Philatelic Soc.	Fitchburg.
2.	" . . . . .		Quaker City " "	Philadelphia.
3.	" . . . . .		Rhode Island " "	Providence.
4.	How to Deal in Foreign Stamps . . . . .		Batchelder . . . . .	St. Louis.
5.	International Collector's Directory . . . . .		Beers . . . . .	Elmira, N. Y.
6.	" " Guide . . . . .		Whilden . . . . .	Atlanta, Ga.
7.	Standard Catalogue, 5th edition . . . . .		Collin . . . . .	New York.
8.	" " 14th " . . . . .		Durbin . . . . .	Philadelphia.
9.	" " 4th " . . . . .		Scott & Co. . . . .	New York.
10.	" " 16th " . . . . .		Trifet . . . . .	Boston.

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Henry handed them to his mother and hurried away to his white mice, who were anxious for their breakfast.

"Why John, these are for you."

"Oh no, I guess they are for father, I don't know anybody who would write to me."

"No—here's the "Jr." they're certainly for you dear, what can they be?"

So saying Mrs. Toak handed them to John and curbing her curiosity turned to her husband's letter.

Tearing off the wrapper, John opened the book and saw the beautiful pages, his eyes fairly glistened, even if he was almost a man, and his mother looking up saw her boy intent on his examinations, oblivious of his surroundings.

"What is it John?"

"Why just look! from Uncle Philip—how kind it is of him to remember me, I don't know of a better present."

"What does he say in his letter? Let me have it; if you have read it."

"Oh its only a short one, he says he just happened to run across them."

John handed his letter to his mother and went off to get his collection.

[To be continued.]

### NEW YORK NOTES.

BY OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

The "V. R." Stellalands have been succeeded by Cape stamps surcharged "British"—"Bechuanaland." It appears on the 1-2d. black, 1d. rose, 2d. brown, 6d. violet, 1h black.

The new International series of albums having spaces for the revenues of the U. S. many are starting revenue collections that never paid attention to it before.

It has a depressing effect on the enthusiast to see fine collections that have cost hundreds and it may be thousands of dollars and that

have been the accumulation of years broken up and scattered, but it is an ill wind that blows no good. Four of the largest collections in this country are now on sale in New York and collectors will have the opportunity to pick up some choice bargains during the next few months.

The \$5000 U. S. Revenue that was prepared by the government was never issued or used. A specimen proof on card-board or this still-born stamp was recently sold for \$41 in New York.

The "National" committee is pushing the "List and History of the U. S. Envelopes" a long rapidly and a fine work it will be when completed. It will be illustrated profusely and will be a necessary adjunct to the collector's library.

Speaking of periodical stamps and how they are obtained we would state that in 1875 we could have procured as many at the New York post office as we wanted at face values and in fact did purchase as far as our means at the time would allow.

The Turkish KATCHAP surcharge has been placed on the 5 para violet of Feb., 1886.

These provisionals are used to mail seized letters that are brought into the country in any other manner than by the International Posts.

Sir Albert Telltale, the Hubite, has issued a set of habuan for the use of his friends the difference between them and those issued by her majesty's government being as follows: they are all three larger being 21x26 mm.; the genuine are 19x23 mm.

The 2-cent green is a good imitation, it is slightly lighter in color than the genuine. In the 6 and 8 cent the numerals are larger than the letters in the word "cents" and in both touch the frame. The 6-cent is reddish; should be brown. The 8-cent is red-carmine, and is darker than the genuine. The forged cancellation contains what is meant to be taken for native characters, and was never used then. The head is splendidly imitated, and it will deceive many.

One of the prettiest gems of philatelic poetry is that adapted from Longfellow, by Miss Alice M. Chase of Rahway, N. J.,

whose clever mind makes even that great bard give tribute to philately.

"PHILATELIC."

FROM LONGFELLOW.

Becalmed upon the Sea of Thought,  
Still unattained the land it sought,  
My mind with loosely hanging sails,  
Lies waiting the auspicious gales.

Till on some unknown currents flow,  
By a resistless undertow,  
Drawn on and on until we feel  
The grating sound beneath the keel.

And then before our wond'ring eyes,  
An unknown land in beauty lies  
With all its subtle mystery—  
ULTIMA THULE—PHILATELIE.

—Alice M. Chase.

Our exchange, the *N. Y. World*, will, on one Sunday in each month, furnish its readers with the latest philatelic news in the line of new issues. In the weekly edition of May 5, a capital story entitled "An Old Hair Trunk," appeared. This all goes to show that the general public are taking an interest in our hobby.

Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted, free of cost (to subscribers), notices of exchange for Stamps, Coins, Minerals, Relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the last of the month to insure insertion in the next number. The right to exclude any notice is reserved.

Seven varieties foreign stamps for every match, medicine, or playing card stamp. Set of three varieties Baden Land Post for eight varieties match and medicine stamps. ALLEN CHASE, Bucksport, Maine.

One volume of the Youth's Companion (a few numbers missing), a pair of nickle plated ice skates, all clamps, No. 10 1-2, and rare U. S. postage and revenue stamps for U. S. stamps not in my collection. C. B. SMELTYER, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

35 copies of coin sale catalogues and 50 philatelic papers to exchange for stamps; lists of above on application. Will give 100 foreign stamps for every state, executive, justice, agricultural (except 3 cent) or navy, (except 3 and 6) sent me. All answered. F. L. LORING, Dallas Center, Iowa.

I will give three tin tags for every different revenue stamp sent me; not less than three

or more than eight taken at one time. Will give three post marks for same. 200 tin tags, twenty-five to fifty varieties, for the 24 cent or 30 cent 1869, or 500 for the 90 cent 1869. All stamps must be genuine and in good condition. Write first. REG. PATTERSON, 289 Scribner street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Wanted—Agriculture, 2 cent, 6 cent to 30 cent; executive, any; justice, all but 3 cent; state, 24 cent, 30 cent, 90 cent; navy, 1 cent, 7 cent, 10 cent, 24 cent, 90 cent; post-office, 10 cent, 24 cent, 90 cent. Many varieties of U. S. and foreign stamps for exchange. Stamps must be in good condition. EARL B. CORNWELL, Rubicon, Dodge Co., Wis.

Durbin's "Excelsior Stamp Album, brand new, and 220 stamps for stamps not in my collection. Good exchanges given. Correspondence desired. H. A. MALIN, Fort Scott, Kansas.

12 different stamps for every good labeled mineral or arrow head. H. B. SHARPLES, box 1968, West Chester, Pa.

I will give three foreign stamps for every tobacco stamp sent me, or will exchange tin tags for paper ones. L. G. MILLER, 82 So. 7th street, Columbus, O.

Stamps and stamp and curio papers for stamp paper. Anybody having any please write, giving name, volume and number. All correspondence answered. E. R. ALBUCH, 322 North Wells street, Chicago, Ill.

25 different stamp, coin and curiosity papers for 25 different match and medicine stamps. ALLEN CHASE.

I have four V nickels, without the word cents, each of which I would like to exchange for one hundred two cent red or three cent green, United States stamps. CARL DUNCKER, 800 Carr street, St. Louis, Mo.

Postmarks for stamps. Write before sending. AUSTIN SPOTTS, 116 South 3rd street, Richmond, Va.

Tobacco tags to exchange for U. S. Department stamps, those out of issue, except 3 and 2, and those of high denomination. Ecuador, Peru, Great Britain and Mexico. A. P. FLOWER, No. Abington, Mass.

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AUGUSTA, MAINE.

AGENTS.—PH. HEINSBERGER, 151 Franklin and 89 Delancy streets, New York City.  
W. G. WHILDEN, Atlanta, Ga.  
PEARLESS NOVELTY CO., Worcester, Mass.

The question of forming a national organization of philatelists in the United States is now being agitated by the press and leading members of societies. Mr. S. B. Bradt, the accomplished author who writes under the *nom de plume* of "Philo," is one of the prime movers in the affair as well as others in St. Louis and Chicago. We have received a circular from the Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union desiring a response from every philatelist who would be willing to join such an association and we can not do better than to advise everyone interested to send his promise of hearty co-operation to Mr. Bradt, the chairman of the committee chosen by the Union to see what can be done. His address is Grand Crossing, Ill.

If only a great national union of collectors could be formed, it would be a grand thing and beneficial would be the results of it. An annual convention of philatelists at some central point would call together some of the best and smartest young men in the

country. Let no one try to discourage the project but rather give all possible aid to such a worthy plan.

Mr. Geo. A. Lowe, formerly of the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* has entered into partnership with Mr. N. V. Lewis of Toronto and beginning with June they will publish a monthly paper entitled *The British American Philatelist*. We have received the initial number of *Le Collectionneur*, a paper for collectors of stamps, coins, medals, etc., which is printed partly in English and partly in French. Dr. Leroux of Montreal is the editor. It contains a French article on the registered letter stamps of Canada which is so well written as to be easily intelligible to us, even with our slight knowledge of the language. One more new paper is announced from Chicago which already has three. *The Stamp Collector* advertises to appear from No. 293, Dearborn St., next month and will contain 32 pages.

*The Philatelic Magazine* was a "high-class monthly" but as we have not seen it since last February we are afraid it has gone up so very high that it will not come down again. *The Philatelic News*, of Chicago, has also issued its last number and succumbed to the inevitable.

The name of Horace C. Jones and how he has swindled every one with whom he has had any dealings, is doubtless familiar to you all. We shall not forget him soon as we sucked in ourselves to the tune of \$12. However there has been a new and startling fact lately developed in connection with this case. The post office inspector who has been making investigations writes us that he has identified the culprit and arrested him for swindling through the mails. "*Horace C. Jones*," turns out to be *Fred Stahl* the publisher of the *Minnesota Philatelist*. To say that we were surprised would be to put it very mildly. We are sorry to see this young man in trouble but nevertheless it will be better for all concerned that he should not escape punishment since it seems that the fate of W. C. Glenn was not enough to deter him from wrong doing.

A bill is now before Congress to place a revenue tax on oleomargarine as on beer, tobacco and snuff, the proposed tax to be ten

cents a pound. If this becomes a law, in all probability a set of oleomargarine stamps similar to those for beer, will be issued and the collectors of U. S. revenues will have an enlarged field for their efforts. If the new stamps are as hard to obtain as the other revenues now in use, they will be worth quite a sum. Scarcely anyone but a grocer's boy has a chance to obtain these. Meanwhile, until their issue, we can be speculating on their probable size, shape, color, values and mode of cancellation.

Bro. Stebbins, of Adrian, Mich., informs us that *The Exchange* ceases publication with the fourth number of its second volume. Sorry to miss it.

Catalogues of two auction sales have reached this office. The first sale is to take place at St. Louis, May 15. The stamps are catalogued by C. H. McKeel and the St. Louis Postage Stamp Co. We do not notice any of particular rarity and the sale seems to be merely a way of getting rid of surplus stock. The other auction will take place at New York, May 20, 21, 22. Ed. Frossard is the cataloguer. The collection to be sold is that of an English gentleman and is a fine one indeed.

*The New York World* is taking considerable interest in philatelic affairs and recently published a postage stamp love story by Mr. T. E. Wilson, one of the editorial staff. It is interesting in spite of its statement that a Brattleboro stamp lately sold for \$545 and that a lucky lover found a used V. R. Great Britain on a letter when the V. R. was only an essay.

### DR. FREDERICK N. PALMER.

On Monday evening, May 10th, an elderly gentleman, with a little boy, came on board at Boston of the steamer "John Brooks" which was about to sail for Portland, Me. Near ten o'clock, after the steamer had started, off Thacher Island Lights, the captain saw the man jump overboard. The boy had also disappeared and it is supposed that the gentleman must have held him in his arms when he leaped into the sea. No trace of either of them could be found by the crew though a search was made. It was learned

that the unfortunate man was Dr. Frederick N. Palmer, a Boston physician of the Homeopathic school and that the little boy was a grandson of his. It is supposed that the doctor was temporarily insane.

The fate of Dr. Palmer is worthy of especial notice on the part of philatelists because he was the author of that most famous of all postage stamps, the "Brattleboro." Philately owes him much as it was through the efforts and example of the postmasters of Brattleboro, New York, Providence and other cities that the use of postage stamps was brought into the United States and extended so that a system of prepayment was made practicable. For other reasons also his memory ought to be cherished by every thoughtful stamp collector. The strange history of the Brattleboro stamp and the wonderful amount of newspaper mention it has received have been the means of attracting crowds of young people to the pursuit of Philately who would perhaps have otherwise remained ignorant of its advantages.

Dr. Palmer was born at Boston in 1813, was educated in Maine and graduated as a physician at Philadelphia. Afterwards he lived at Brattleboro, Vt., and during President Polk's administration was the Postmaster of the place. In 1846 he issued the far-famed stamp bearing his initials and which has commanded a higher price, considering the number of specimens in existence, than any other philatelic rarity. Its issue was purely a private matter and was intended for the accommodation of himself and the business men to avoid the keeping of monthly or quarterly postage accounts with them. Five hundred sheets of ten stamps each were printed from a copperplate engraving, the execution of which plate cost \$7,510. We have seen it stated that there were twelve stamps in a sheet and more frequently that there were only eight but ten is the usually accepted figure. When the U. S. Government introduced its own stamps, the plate and the stock of stamps remaining on hand were destroyed, only about 500 stamps ever going outside the post-office. The stamp was first discovered by philatelists in 1865 and some unused

specimens were secured from the engraver who had kept them as samples of his work. We will not attempt to give the prices at which these were sold, as accounts vary so much, but immense sums were obtained for every one. The only specimen known in a used condition on the original letter was discovered last year by a dealer in waste paper, and sold to Henry Collin of New York for \$30, not \$300 as the newspapers said. Mr. Collin sold it to Mr. Harris Sanford for \$225, and this gentleman now has six Brattleboro stamps which cost him in the neighborhood of \$2000. The one referred to in the following clipping is new to us, and we are inclined to doubt the story.

Dr. Palmer practiced several years in Newton, Mass., but for the past few years had lived in Boston, until his death. We reprint this clipping cut from the daily press:

#### DR. PALMER'S POSTAGE STAMP.

Dr. F. N. Palmer, the Boston physician, who jumped from the Portland steamer, Monday night, and was drowned with his four-years-old grandson, was Brattleboro's postmaster during President Polk's administration, and it was during his term of office that the Brattleboro postage stamp, over which the stamp cranks rave every now and then when the fever is on, was designed, engraved and printed by Thomas Chubbuck of Springfield. This episode has been made more of than the facts warrant. It was not the first American postage stamp, for it did not appear till 1846, and the New York postmaster issued stamps for special uses as early as 1842, while St. Louis had stamps of three denominations, and several other cities stamps of the single letter-rate, five cents, at least a year before the Brattleboro stamp appeared. The Vermont postage label is rare because it was issued just before the government took up the privilege of issuing stamps, and because the several thousand stamps printed by Mr. Chubbuck were destroyed almost before they had come into use.

The Brattleboro people laughed at Postmaster Palmer; one young man wrote under date of August 28, 1848, to a friend who now lives in Springfield: "I pay this just to show you the stamp. It is against my principles you know." This letter, with stamp annexed, was sold in New York in 1884 for \$350. Dr. Palmer, whose initials were engraved on the stamp, will live among

the "philatelists" as long as the late E. A. Mitchell, who signed with ink all the stamps issued by him at the New Haven (Ct.) post-office in 1845 and 1846. Dr. Palmer had other ties in Brattleboro, his first wife being the youngest daughter of the late Judge Asa Keys of that place.

### ODDITIES IN STAMPS.

By WILL M. CLEMENS.

The smallest stamp ever issued was the one half penny of Victoria, issue of 1874. In remarkable contrast is the largest stamp, the registered letter stamp of the United States of Columbia of 1866, which is five by two and one half inches. The stamps of Russia are printed in water colors, the only ones in the world so printed. Wet them and the colors easily rub off. There are no Russian Colonial stamps. Russia possessed but one colony, Alaska and that she sold to the United States.

During the war between Chili and Peru in 1883, the Chilian forces took charge of the Post Office at Lima, and gained possession of all the Peruvian stamps which they surcharged with the arms of Chili. In addition to her postage stamps the old mother country, the only original Egypt, has over 200 varieties of official stamps. They are round and look like pill box labels, and are used for official business by town dignitaries. Russian locals are ugly and very rare, and some of them resemble tombstones. The native government of India issue some of the queerest stamps. Those of Cashmere, Alwur, Bhopal, Cabul and Rajpeepla are horrible nightmares in appearance. The odd and ugly stamps of the Roman States are reminders of the departed glory of the Paparchy, which was swallowed up by free Italy. They all have the Papal tiara and keys. Some of the early issues of the Nevis stamps are embellished with a figure of the Goddess of Health, "Hyglia," offering a glass of water from a mineral spring on the island to an invalid. The peculiar signature of the sultan is found on nearly every stamp issued by the Turkish government.

## CHRONICLE.



## BRITISH BECHUANALAND.

—This is a little region lately annexed to her majesty's dominions and Cape stamps have been surcharged for use here as was done in Griqualand. The 1-2d., 1, 2, 3 and 6d. have been thus prepared, our illustration showing the size and style of surcharge.

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.—A set of a new design, with portrait of king, has appeared. So far we have heard of the 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50, 100, 200, 300 reis.

CYPRUS.—One new stamp, 12 piastres, red.



GIBRALTAR.—Somebody is evidently catering to stamp dealers by surcharging stamps or cards for this lone rock from five different colonies. We show the 2d. mentioned in April.

HOLKAR.—This is one of the native Indian states which has issued a stamp of its own, different from the usual surcharged type employed by its neighbors. Like the new Sirmoor series it shows the head of the rajah: color mauve, value 1-2 anna.

MACAO.—In addition to the many postage stamps of this port, three new ones have been emitted: 10r. green, 20r. carmine and 40r. yellow.

MONACO.—Something new for this thumb nail state i. e. news bands. The values are 1c. olive and 1c. lilac. There are also two envelopes, 5c. blue and 15c. (color not known).

PERSIA.—A whole set of unpaid letter labels is out, copied directly, I am sorry to say, from the familiar French ones, with "A Percevoir" running obliquely across. The values are 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15 shahi, 1, 2, 5 krans and 1 torman, all printed in blue. In addition to the surcharged official mentioned in this department for March we hear of three more, 12 shahi on 50 centimes black,

18s. on 10s. orange and 1t. on 5f. red. The 12s. on 10c. given at first does not exist.



REUNION ISLAND.—We illustrate the 25 on 40c., supposed to have been issued last December, and which we mentioned in March. We must, however take the liberty to doubt that the French republic would employ for postal purposes any stamps of the empire so long gone by. There is "something rotten in Denmark" or rather in Reunion.

ROUMANIA.—A new 5 bani green, like the 25 chronicled last month is out.



SANTANDER.—We illustrate the 5c. of the new set and are informed that it is printed in violet as well as red.

UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA.—A new 10c. stamp for this republic has been emitted which bears a totally different design from any other ever issued by this government. It has a portrait of Dr. Nunez, the president and instead of the usual "E. U. DE" bears the sensible inscription "Republica de Columbia." For the state of Tolima a 5 peso yellow has just been put into circulation.

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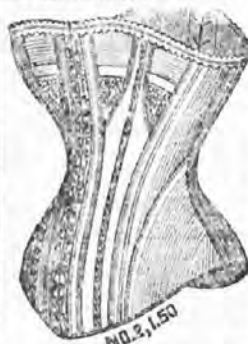
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The rent was due on the twentieth, all the boys' spring clothes to buy, and her household expenses to pay for, and not a quarter enough to do it with. Mrs. Toak was worried, and she had good cause to be. She denied herself everything, the boys gave up their long-wished for trip to the farm, and not a cent was unaccounted for.

News came that there would be an attempt to take the trains out at St. Louis, and that the strikers would resist. Now came the struggle to see which was the stronger, the labor association or the millionaire and his henchmen. Now was to be proven whether the laborers could hold their own against military power and money. Now came the deciding point; in these struggles to run the trains out, should they as a rule prove successful the power of the strikers would diminish; if they failed it would practically give the railroad company into the hands of the strikers. Thus everywhere, this coming event was talked of, and not a jot less at the Toak cottage. It meant more to them, it meant the probable injury of their sole protection; it meant probable ruin to all their hopes and ambitions. Thus the evening before the crisis was spent at John Toak's home.

[To be continued.]

### The Registered Letter Stamps of Canada.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH.

I do not know why, in Canada, they keep a separate account of registered letters; to simplify the book-keeping, the Parliament of Canada in the session of 1875, decided that in the future there should be special stamps for registered letters. In order to keep an exact account of these letters, it was decided that a stamp called *registered* should be placed on every registered letter; according to the rules, these stamps could not be used to pay other postal matter, and no other could be employed for registered letters.

Nov. 15, 1875, the government circulated an oblong stamp, (*Registered*), value 2 cents, color orange. This stamp was to be used for every registered letter, having its destination in any part of Canada ruled by the Confederation. It is still in use at the present time; red and brown specimens are sometimes found. The 5 cent green or yellowish green was issued to register every package with its destination in Canada, the United States, Europe, and also for every registered letter going to the United States, Europe, etc.

The 8 cent blue was issued to register all letters, packages, etc., going to China, Japan, Hindustan, Australia. In the beginning of 1879, Canada entered the Postal Union, and the tax of 5 cents became uniform to register all letters to any foreign country, this made the 8 cent stamp useless. The postmaster general called to Ottawa all the 8 cent stamps not sold at this time. The postmasters made their return and at the end of April 1880, all the 8 cent stamps remaining were burned.

Mr. Chas. Sangster of the Postal Department wrote to me some time after; "I did not know I was burning a fortune; there was enough of them to make you rich and happy."

As there are negligent persons everywhere, there were some postmasters who did not make their returns in time. Readers, I advise you to make the acquaintance of one of these negligent postmasters. I have known one of them who has sold me several fine things in point of 8 cent registered stamps.

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### CHRONICLE.

**ANGOLA.**—A whole new set with the inscription "Provincia de Angola" and similar in design to the new Cape Verde stamps just recorded, heads the list for June.

**DUTCH EAST INDIES.**—A new envelope or news wrapper is just out, value, 10 cents, design like our cut, color not yet known.

**GREECE.**—This is a name not often seen in this column. Come again. News reaches us of three stamps of an altered design. They are 20 lepta blue, 50 lepta green, and 1 orachma gray.

**GUATEMELA.**—We wish we had been able to show this engraving of the provisional issue at the time we first recorded the stamps but it was not to be so. However we take pleasure this month in giving our readers a representation of a first class surcharge. It is a champion heavy-weight surcharge as is plainly evident and we sincerely hope that it may sicken the people of Guate-

mala to such a degree that they will not tolerate any more such abominable disfigurements on their stamps. Look at the portrait of the late President Barrios and see if you think it is improved by the plaster over his left eye or the padlocks stud on his breast.



**HOLKER.**—Not at all a bad looking stamp and said to be the forerunner of a series. We can only add to our previous description of it that it is perforated.

**MONACO.**—The color of the 15 cents stamped envelope of which we spoke in May Chronicle is now known to us; it is rose. It was a mistake in our last to say that two 1 cent news bands had been prepared for Monaco as the band is of the 2 cents denomination.

**PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.**—It is reported that another surcharge (16 cents on 2 4-8 cents) has taken place here. We don't think it worthy of any notice but nevertheless we give it a mention because new issues are so scarce this month.

**PORTUGAL.**—The color of the 25 reis has been changed to brown lately.

**UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA.**—This cut shows the Nunez stamp just out. This is the first stamp issued by the central Colombian government which bears a portrait (save a few with an allegorical head of Liberty.)

The state of Antioquia at one time used a stamp with a likeness of Dr. Berrio on it, and the state of Bolivar has employed several sets portraying the great Liberator but it is reserved for President Nunez to be honored by being the first to have his features depicted on the general postage stamps of the republic.



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It is with pleasure that we inform the readers of the C. C. P. that the plan of organizing a Philatelic society is progressing quite smoothly, thanks to the efforts of Mr. S. B. Bradt of Grand Crossing, Ill., and Mr. C. H. Mekeel of St. Louis, together with other collectors and dealers of note who have readily taken up the idea. A strong and firm union can be formed by the conjunction of a great many small societies all over the country. There are quite a number of these already in existence and enough more constantly being started to fill the places of those which disband from time to time. But these only serve to keep the number about the same. More activity among collectors in small places is needed. Let the organization of societies be brisker even than it was a year ago this spring. If there are only eight or ten wide-awake live stamp collectors in your region never mind but get together and institute a society, chapter, lodge or whatever you please to call it. Then have your secretary drop us a line notifying us of the event and we shall

be most happy to record the same in our next issue. The other societies will then communicate with you and sufficient number of clubs are in working order the arrangements of consolidation will be perfected without delay.

Bear in mind the maxim "Never put off till tomorrow what you can do to day" and by observing the spirit of it in the matter of organizing philatelic societies you will accomplish much. Those who are most active in the works will be selected as officers every time so they will amply repaid for their trouble and time. The latest chapters of which we have learned are the Altoona Philatelic Society, Sec'y E. C. Mann, Altoona, Pa.; the Philatelic Association, address Box 284, Mt Gilead, O.; also one in St. Louis, acting sec'y, Geo. D. Mekeel, 2908 Morgan St. We hope to add many more to the list next month.

Just at present the philatelic public seems to be pretty well rid of the worst and most conspicuous frauds which is indeed an encouraging fact. All the most outrageous individuals have been squelched and we hope it will be some time before their successors appear. Edward M. Pierce of Manchester, Mich., the champion approval sheet thief has given full value for stamps stolen and quit the field. William C. Glenn of Rochelle, Ill., has gone to the penitentiary for two years. William E. Skinner of Lynn, Mass., has suspended his swindling publication and his advertisements no longer disgrace the columns of the press. Fred S. Stahl is now held for trial in the jail at St. Paul, Minn. Thus the four leading swindlers of the past year have retired into merited oblivion and it is only a question of time when like Messrs. Pierce, Glenn, Skinner and Stahl, the other transgressors such as Charles Lewis, Alias Globe Stamp Co., shall fold their tents like the Arabs and silently steal away.

Mr. Mitchell announces that the *Independent Philatelist* is not dead but sleepeth. Both monthly and quarterly editions will appear before long.

No. one (May) of the *Philatelic Guardian* has made its appearance. L. M. Thayer of Newburgh, N. Y., is the publisher and

has succeeded in issuing a pretty fair paper though whether any more numbers will follow is a question. Mr. Greene of Fitchburg has begun the publication of Vol. 2 of the *Philatelic News* and we recognize the old cover design used by the former publishers of that magazine in 1883-84. A very sensible and instructive series of hints for young collectors is being given by the *News*. Mr. Greene has bought out the Chicago philatelist who recently started a paper with the same name as his own and is now the sole proprietor of the title.

All the philatelists both in this country and abroad will regret exceedingly the death of the *Collector's Companion* which, during the fifteen months of its existence, was the leader of all American stamp journals. Mr. Raymond who conducted it through its prosperity was obliged to devote his time to other matters and disposed of his interest to Mr. W. E. Cowles, who has not been able to continue it. Among other papers, the *Bay State Advertiser*, *Minnesota Philatelist* and *Our American Youth* have evaporated.

The 5 cent violet of Santander which is reported to be in the possession of Parisian collector is supposed to be an error. The proper color of the stamp is red and as the 10 cents is violet, Mr. Bogert surmises that a single die of the 5 cent got into a plate of the 10 cent denomination and was unobserved until after the stamps were printed.

W. F. Bishop of La Grange, Ill., has lately been married. This explains the non-appearance of the *Philatelic Magazine*, for Mr. B. has had his mind absorbed by other things than stamps.

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There was a misprint in our article on Dr. F. N. Palmer last month which we cannot let pass without correction. A sentence read that the engraving of the plate of the Brattleboro stamp cost \$7,510 when the true sum was \$7.50. It is hard to see how the former

sum could be reasonable unless each die of the plate was engraved on a diamond.

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Let every collector take action, and if our plan is at fault, help us to correct it, as the time has come to *act*.

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We especially request every one of our readers who are willing to join the National Philatelic Association, and pay a fee of 10 cents per month, receiving in return all the benefits as described in recent numbers of *The Philatelic Journal of America*, to send to this office a postal card as follows:

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**NATIONAL PHILATELICAL SOCIETY.**

[REPORTED EXPRESSLY FOR THE CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIST.]

The meeting of the 14th of June was one of the largest held for some time, and was unusually interesting. Among their other business was the matter of the "List of U. S. Envelopes," the Society hesitating to assume the risk, and the said committee, Messrs. Bogert and Rechart, were given authority to publish the same as a private enterprise and the work endorsed as a standard by the Society. The Committee on the Extension of Usefulness, Messrs. Cuno and Rosenheim, reported that they were in correspondence with prominent collectors in the West, and that their work would soon be made public.

The annual election, thirteenth season,

1886-7, then took place, resulting in the following ticket:

President, Rudolphus R. Bogert; Vice-President, Joseph Rechart; Secretary, W. Alfred Warner; Treasurer, Henry L. Colman; Librarian, Max Isenstein; Executive Committee, W. A. Warner, Chairman, H. N. Terrette and T. C. Watkins.

**Notices of Exchange.**

Under this head will be inserted, free of cost (to subscribers), notices of exchange for Stamps, Coins, Minerals, Relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the last of the month to insure insertion in the next number. The right to exclude any notice is reserved.

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I have 3000 U. S. Stamps comprising about 50 varieties, which I wish to exchange for entire foreign postal cards. I wish any one who should have such to write me for particulars. Yours truly, FRANCIS JACKSON, Delacoe, Wis.

Wanted—All stamp collectors to send me either their lists or duplicates in exchange for good foreign coins. Also, fine 4-ounce silver watch for U. S. silver coins. C. J. VERCOUTER, 80 E. Superior St., Chicago, Ill.

I have 200 odd numbers of the *Scientific American* from 1860 to 1881, and 50 odd numbers of the *Forest and Stream* from 1876 to 1881, to exchange for the best offer of coins or Indian relics. Express extra. W. J. LAWSON, Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn.

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An Apache Campaign, by Maj. John G. Bourke, for complete set of Interior or War Department, used or unused; The Moonstone, by Wilkie Collins; The Favorite Illustrated Dictionary, over 300 pages, and the Wanderings of Ulysses, for offers for South America, Central America, Asia, and other stamps. All of the above books are new. A large variety of other novels and books for stamps. All correspondence answered. WM. D. FORREST, 90 Windsor street, Hartford, Conn.

### New Issues.

**ANTIQUA.**—Three new stamps have been issued. The arms are in the center, surrounded by an oval band, inscribed at the top "Centavos," and beneath, "Correos de Antioquia." The values are: 1c., green on pale rose; 2 1-2c., black on orange; 5c., blue on bluff. They are unperforated.

**BELGIUM.**—The 10 and 25 cent letter cards now have the stamps of the latest values impressed on them.

**CYLON.**—Three more values of the new set are out, viz.: 15c., olive green; 25c., bistre, and 28c., gray green.

**FRANCE.**—Letter cards of the value of 15 and 25 cent were issued June 15th.

**FRENCH COLONIES.**—Unpaid letter stamps of the values of 1, 2, 3 and 4c. have been issued.

**HAWAII.**—The color of the 12c. stamp has been changed to red.

**MADAGASCAR.**—The British Vice-Consul at Madagascar has issued a set of primitive postage stamps of the following values: 1, 2, 3 and 4 pence violet and 6 p. red. They are type set and inscribed "B. C. M." and values. The seal of the British Vice Consul is impressed.

**PERU.**—The 1 centavo stamp has appeared in steel-blue.

**ST. DOMINGO.**—The following envelopes are announced: 10c. on amber; 20c. on white; 40c. on blue; 45c. on white; 90c. on blue.

**TOBAGO.**—The 2 1-2 pence stamp has been surcharged 1-2 pence.

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PEERLESS NOVELTY CO., Worcester, Mass.

When this notice is marked it signifies that your subscription has expired, and you are invited to renew the same.

*Morrill's Philatelic Directory* has been received. It contains the addresses of 626 stamp collectors and dealers from all parts of the world.

We regret that we are unable to illustrate the new issues this month owing to the non-arrival of the cuts, but we hope it will not happen again.

The third part of "A Great Strike" was omitted to make room for more valuable matter, but we shall publish it either in the August or September number.

The September number will consist of 24 or more pages and will contain numerous interesting articles on philately, and will have an extra large circulation. About 5,000 copies will be issued.

For the best philatelic article that consists of at least 300 words I will give a prize of an International Album; for the second best, an Imperial Album; the third, 50 cts. worth of stamps. All articles are liable to publication.

*Objects of Interest from the Plains and Rocky Mountains* is the name of a neat little book published by H. T. Tammen, of Denver, Colorado, to advertise his business, which is supplying to collectors all over the country specimens of natural history, Indian relics and the minerals of the Great West.

*The New England Philatelic Union.*—On Saturday, the 28th day of August, there will be a meeting of the Philatelists of New England, at "The the Point of Pines," for the purpose of forming a Philatelic Union. Any information on the subject will cheerfully furnished by L. H. Patterson, Danvers, Mass.

We have received from Mr. E. B. Sterling the fourth edition of his "Revenue Catalogue," which describes and gives the price of over 1,600 varieties of revenue stamps, and is the most complete list ever issued. It can be obtained for the low sum of twenty-five cents of its publisher, Mr. E. B. Sterling, Trenton, N. J.

*The Standard Collector's Directory* is the name of a book to be issued in October. It will have a circulation of 2,000 copies and consist of over 100 pages. We will insert the name of any collector and give one year's subscription to this paper for only 35 cts., or will insert the name alone for 20 cts. Those who send in their names first will receive best position.

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—WASHINGTON, June 1, 1886.—Senator Wilson, of Iowa, to-day introduced in the Senate a bill to authorize the Postmaster General to adopt and furnish double or return postal cards.

Many of your readers no doubt have wondered why the United States has not had a reply card before this. Once before a reply card has been ordered, and one was prepared, but before it could be put in circulation an enterprising individual stepped out of private life and informed the Post Office De-

partment that he held patent right on a card of that description, and demanded a royalty, but the Postmaster General could not grant him one as no appropriation is granted to him for such purposes, therefore the matter dropped. Two of these, however, passed the post office, one of which is in the collection of Mr. C. Geo. Crowley, of New York, and another one that was addressed to Miss Maggie Garrett, No. 110-11-21, between K and L, where it is not known, but found its way to the dead letter office and got out that way. We hope a better fate is in store for the proposed one.

—Mr. M. Isenstein has disposed of the "Hermes" since he returned from Europe, and is now in business in Cleveland, O.

—The Scott Co.'s 74th sale came off on June 1. It was the third night's sale out of the Sanford collection and still there were many more yet unsold, notwithstanding many sold privately. Mr. Sanford possessed what was probably the finest collection of United States private and local stamps in the world.

—Mr. C. George Crowley, of New York, has completed his work, "Dental Bibliography," which we are pleased to state is meeting with an extended sale. Mr. C. has now more time for philately and will soon have an instructive article ready for press.

—Mr. Clinton Collins, of Ohio, will graduate for Harvard this month.

—Mr. R. R. Bogert takes into business on the 1st his brother-in-law, Mr. Philip Comstock.

—New York abounds in auctions this season, there being four different series of sales now where Scott used to be alone. The Proskey, Cassey's 5th is to come off on the 25th, the Woodward on the 22d and the Scott Co.'s some time next month.

—There is, we understand, a flourishing Philatelic Society on Staten Island, numbering some twenty-five members.

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We take it for granted that one important part of the work of the society will be the preparation of papers on such philatelic subjects as may be from time to time presented for consideration and investigation. These subjects of enquiry should be assigned to suitable committees who should be fairly compensated for any necessary loss of time or outlay of money in preparing their reports. These should be printed for the use of the members, and if of sufficient importance, copyrighted and sold to such philatelic publishers as choose to buy them. All the necessary printing should be done outside and not by and within the society. There will be no occasion for an "official organ," nor for an editor. The secretary, under the direction of the executive board, can do all the required "editing."

In the matter of buying stamps and selling them at cost to the members, we think it would be a mistake for the society to engage in it. Even if there were no partiality shown in making the purchases some of the dealers who were not patronized would feel that they had been slighted, and would express their dissatisfaction in a manner which would not increase the harmony of the society. Even those for whose especial benefit the purchases were made would, in many instances, find real or imaginary cause for complaint which those in charge of the business would have much difficulty in explaining away.

So far as affording facilities for the exchange of stamps is concerned, there can hardly be a doubt that in this respect the society can be made of great interest and benefit to a very large portion of its mem-

bers, provided the exchanging is done on a well understood basis which is strictly adhered to, but we fear there will be some trouble in finding the "self-sacrificing" individual to superintend the business without compensation. No competent person should be asked to do this work without reasonable pay.

We have no sympathy with the proposition to organize within the society a bureau for the purpose of detecting, exposing and prosecuting frauds. If the society undertakes this work it will have no time nor money to do anything else, and its energies will be diverted from what we conceive to be its true object. As well might it be made an agency for the collection of bad debts due dealers and publishers. The sale of stamps and the prosecution of frauds should be left in the hands of the dealers where they properly belong.

As we regard it, the society should have no official connection with the local philatelic societies. Let it be made up of individual philatelists whether they belong to other societies or not, and no other officer of these societies should, on that account, be entitled to any special recognition. The meetings of the national society should be open to every member in good standing, and not simply to the representatives of the local societies. Those who attend in the latter capacity should have one vote and no more. Each local society will want to manage its own affairs in its own way, and the national society should be free to act in the same manner.

It is possible that we may be harboring a misconception of the purposes of the national society as entertained by its originators and promoters, and we may have been criticising above what they and the majority of philatelists consider its best features, and if that is the kind of a society wanted we have nothing more to say. Perhaps every one who has given the matter any thought has a plan of his own which he thinks better than all the others, and it is quite natural that we should have our notion of the best methods of obtaining the following results, namely: the advantages arising from acquaintance and intercourse with the leading philatelists and

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#### Notes for Philatelists.

The 1-2 schilling violet and 3 schilling rose of Bergedorf were in use only eleven days and are very rare.

Of the 1852 issue of Modena the 1 lire was watermarked *A*, the initial of the maker of the paper. Errors are frequent in the whole sets, such as *cetn*, *cnet* and *cen* for cent.

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Among the very rarest stamps we may mention are: The first issue of Natal; the V. R., Great Britain; Mexico, 1868, 50 cent blue on pink; the 2 rls. blue Spain, 1851; the 3 lire Tuscany; the original yellow and red Austrian Mercury; the 5 cent lilac and 50 cent blue eagles of Bolivia.

The local post office of Shanghai is entirely in the hands of and managed by the English residents there. It is in reality a private post, with a circulation limited to its own district, owing its origin to the wants of Europeans in that city. Its deliveries and duties seem to commence where those of other posts cease.

The stamps of Romagna, of which there is only one issue, were in use about four months. Used specimens are very rare. The original dies came into possession of an employe of the post, who added a border of seven lines to each value to hide indentations, and he had many sheets printed with all the values on them. He called them proofs or essays.

The stamps of Alsace and Lorraine were not only used in that country but were used by the Prussian army in their advance upon French territory, and were used as far west as Le Mans and as far north as Amiens. They were superseded by the stamps of the German Empire in 1871. The different values can be found with the net-work pointing right and left, and also with the points reversed, on account of the stamps being printed by two impressions.

The common 15 cent stamp of Italy, surcharged 20c. in the corners, had many adventures in its day. It was originally of a pale sky blue tint. The government wanted a darker shade and gave orders to that purpose. An accident occurred to the matrix and the flaw was concealed by four small white dots on the sides of the oval frame. So we have four varieties—pale blue, dark blue, dark blue with two white dots at each side, and the provisional 20c.

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F. E. Thorp, of Norwich, N. Y., has begun the publication of a little periodical called *Philatelic Notes*, a very appropriate name.

Through the *Garden City Philatelist* we learn that Frank K. Rising, of Lena, Ill., died recently, at the age of nineteen. He was an earnest collector, and over the signature "Phranque" wrote many articles on stamps, which, although of an inferior quality, doubtless did some good.

The *Boston Journal*, to show how large the number stamp collectors is, says that one firm in Nuremberg, Germany, sold twenty-three million cancelled stamps in a year. We presume these were mostly common continentals such as are snapped up by the small

boy. While we were in Boston the other day a gentleman told us that the swarm of boys asking for old stamps was so great at the Tremont Temple missionary rooms that on Saturdays it was necessary to hang out signs, "NO STAMPS," in order to be able to transact any business.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. T. Pollock regarding the Philatelic Association of Mount Giload, Ohio, which we are glad to learn is in a prosperous condition and has all prospects of success. Five active collectors compose the organization and each does his full share in supporting it. They divide their duties among themselves as follows: Mr. H. McMillin, President; Mr. Cohn, Secretary; Mr. Pollock, Treasurer; Mr. Eagleson, Stamp Agent; Mr. F. McMillin, Chairman of all committees. The agent procures stamps at wholesale and retails them to the rest at low rates, the profits going to the treasury.

Last month saw the birth of the best philatelic periodical this country has seen for a long time; at least we should call it so from the first number. The name of this addition to our literature is *The Stamp Collector*, and its home is in Chicago. It starts off with 32 pages, exclusive of cover and advertisements. Under the able editorial management of "Philo," the new magazine bids fair to take the lead of the philatelic press in the United States. We doubt the ability of the publisher to make the venture pay, as hitherto no attempt to establish a high class magazine for philatelists has succeeded on this side of the Atlantic, as witness the failure of the *The Empire City Philatelist* and *National Philatelist*. The *Philatelic Journal of America*, to be sure, remains, but in size is only a shadow of its former self. If Mr. F. J. Abbott can carry the *S. C.* through at its present size for one year he will have furnished stamp collectors with a volume worth preserving. The *S. C.* will be a strong supporter of the National Philatelic Association. Among its interesting articles is one on the stamps of the Sandwich Isles by James M. Chute, well known as "Correos."

Very many collectors have signified their willingness to become members of the National Philatelic Association, and although there are half a dozen conflicting plans put forward, yet we hope soon to see a decision reached and a start made. Mr. Theo. F. Cuno, who is acting on behalf of the New York Society, has been in Chicago consulting with Mr. Bradt, and together with Mr. W. G. Whilden, President of the Atlanta Philatelic Society, these gentlemen have issued a call for an election of temporary officers who shall perfect the organization and then give way to others regularly chosen. Now, we cannot see why a national committee could not organize the association as well, if not better, than a board of temporary officers. The work of selecting such a committee would also be less than that of electing officers. Let the three gentlemen already named increase their number by receiving a representative from every philatelic society which will designate one, and then let this committee draw up the constitution, fix the dues, and, in short, complete the organization. Then it will be time to talk about electing officers.

The last two numbers of the *Philatelic Journal of America* include a rather long and tedious essay (to use a philatelic word) with the startling title, "The True Character of the Brattleboro' and Similar Stamps," by Joseph J. Casey, of New York. This production of Mr. Casey's pen reveals to us what has been stated time and again in philatelic papers, that the Brattleboro' and similar stamps were not issued by the United States government but by individual postmasters. After this the writer proceeds to make a prolonged attack on all the aforesaid stamps, asserting that they have no official character, were mere private labels and possessed of no more importance than the hosts of ordinary locals. Such talk is absurd coming from any one, and the more so coming from Casey, whose connection with philately has never done it any good. These stamps were issued by officials of the United States government, were received in payment of postage at United States post offices, and letters bearing them were recognized as prepaid,

all over the country. They do, therefore, have an official character despite all assertions to the contrary. Inasmuch as each stamp was good only at one particular office they are locals, and their correct title is "official locals." They deserve a place by themselves, and certainly should not be ranked with the ordinary private post stamps.

#### AN EDITORIAL VISIT.

Having occasion to visit the city of Boston recently we thought to improve the time philatelicly as well as otherwise, and therefore kept our eyes open for anything in our line that might come along. First, we decided to visit the veteran collector and writer, Mr. James M. Chute, whose full and accurate account of different stamps which he occasionally finds time to prepare for lucky publishers, are worth more than volumes of the rubbish found in some papers. We found him on Shawmut avenue, the proprietor of a flourishing grocery, and for the space of an hour or so we discussed with him the subjects uppermost in our mind. We went away with the impression that one hour at least had not been wasted. Shortly after leaving there we saw a sight which ought to arouse the ire of the P. O. Department. The object referred to was a perfect imitation of the current U. S. postal card printed on the side of a canvas-topped wagon. The details of the portrait and design were reproduced in a skillful manner in the correct color. The whole side of the wagon was covered by the bogus card which was addressed to the Cambridge Laundry Co. The next day we called on Mr. George L. Gilmore, 212 Bunker Hill street, who is, we believe, the only dealer in Charlestown. We found him a very polite young gentleman, with a fine collection particularly rich in United States stamps. Among the latter were cardboard proofs of all the U. S. departments and periodicals. A full set of surcharged South Bulgaria also met our notice. We shall remember with pleasure the afternoon spent in Mr. Gilmore's company, and the editorial sanctum shall always be open to him and his. We next bent our steps toward the headquarters



of Mr. Ferdinand Trifet on Washington street, but found that gentleman not in. However, we examined a portion of his stock, including a complete set of genuine uncanceled U. S. periodical stamps of both issues, from one cent to sixty dollars inclusive. Mr. Trifet intends to publish a new edition of his catalogue the coming fall. On the morning of our departure from the city we visited the Public Library, which contains quite an assortment of philatelic literature, including Dexter's *Catalogue* (1863), Seltz's *Handbook* (1867), many editions of Trifet's *Catalogue*, all the volumes obtainable of the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* and Mason's *Coin and Stamp Journal*, and two works by Mr. Tiffany, as well as others.

#### ATTENTION PHILATELISTS.

Office of the ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, }  
*New England Philatelic Union,* }  
 BOSTON, July 14, 1886. }

#### Philatelists:

A meeting is to be held at the Pine Hotel, Point of Pines, Revere, Mass., on Saturday, August 28, 1886, at 11 A. M., to form a New England Philatelic Union, and *your* presence is desired.

For private and excellent reasons admission to the convention will be by ticket, which are free to all desiring to attend, but all must send to the Secretary at least three days before the convention for one. Remember this is *final*. *No admission without ticket.*

A cordial invitation is extended to representatives of the philatelic press and a general invitation to the local press. Representatives of Philatelic Unions or members thereof will take this notification as personal to them and attend.

Let every philatelist within the jurisdiction of the association try and attend. If you are unable to do so a letter to the Secretary will be gladly received. Those desiring to join, also, may do so by notifying him and remitting the initiation fee of 50 cents within three days of the convention.

In order to more fully facilitate matters we have this day appointed Mr. L. H. Patterson of Danvers, Mass., Secretary *pro tem* of the proposed association until the day of

convention, and all letters of inquiry, applications, and *all* correspondence must be sent direct to him. We have also authorized him to have this notice inserted in the CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIST of Augusta, Maine, and hope that the philatelic press in general will copy the same.

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#### Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted, free of cost (to subscribers), notices of exchange for Stamps, Coins, Minerals, Relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the last of the month to insure insertion in the next number. The right to exclude any notice is reserved.

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Egypt, 1885.....	4	10
Surinam.....	8	50
Bulgaria.....	7	20
Peru Lima.....	3	12
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" *3, 6c.....	05
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About the first of April, 1883, the Bayonne City Dispatch Co. was organized with the intention of remedying this evil, and by giving the people of Bayonne a quick delivery for the local matter to make the business a profitable one to themselves.

The circular of the company about this time will be of interest here:

[Copy.]

#### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

The Bayonne City Dispatch Co. would give the following notice to the People of Bayonne City:

That their Messengers will call at the residences and places of business to receive and deliver any Local Mail and Packages that may be intrusted to them.

Mail Matter collected for outgoing U. S. Mails.

Matter addressed "Care B. C. D. Co." will be promptly delivered on arrival of U. S. Mails at all offices.

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R. EDWARD SMITH, Supt.

Form 3-2,000-2 Ed.-4-10-83.

The business met with was considerable, and especially from societies, fire companies and the business men, to send out their accounts, and we here give a copy of the

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These stamps were type set and printed in sheets of ten, unperforated, 22 1-2 by 28 1-2 millimetres.

Some time during May, to meet a call for a stamped envelope, a rubber stamp was made of the same design as the adhesive and imprinted in red on yellow envelopes. Only one size, we have been told, was issued, 84 x 142 millimetres.

Just here it is well to note an item that appeared June 12, 1883, in the *Evening Journal of Jersey City*: "A few days ago a local postage stamp made its appearance in this city, the delivery being made by a private company, who claim that so long as the United States government has no authorized carrier in this city, they can receive all local and general packages intrusted to their care without violating the postal laws and without fear of prosecution." The company

were building up quite a business and intended to connect with the wires of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Co., which were about to be introduced, and thus furnish a messenger service not unlike to the District Telegraph in other and larger cities."

The company had receiving boxes at various places throughout the city in hotels and railroad depots. The messengers employed varied from three to ten, and for packages Sweeney's Bayonne City Express and Bayonne City Central Express were employed.

The badge of the company worn by messengers read as follows:

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During the month of June, 1883, however, the United States government began to wage a very vigorous war on the delivery companies in several of our large cities, and even compelled those in New York, which had been established forty years, to suspend for the time and to give up using stamps.

The B. C. D. Co. arrived at the conclusion that it were better to stop before they got in hot water, knowing that in all probability they would be compelled to do so, and redeemed all stamps in the hands of customers.

Various inquiries having appeared in the press recently concerning the above organization, we have been at pains to ascertain the above facts in reference to the above company, which, although in active service but three short years ago, seems to have been forgotten even by those who used it most.

We have seen one of the company's badges, and a receiving box, which are now the property of a Bergeu Point antiquarian. The rest, we learn, have been scattered, and it is not known where they are.

No business has been done since July 1, 1883, and the Bayonne City Dispatch Post is one of the things of the past.—*Bayonne Times*.

## NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

[REPORTED EXPRESSLY FOR THE CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIST.]

The philatelists composing the National Philatelic Society of New York assembled at the usual hour July 12, President Bogert presiding.

Mr. V. Gurdji of Galveston, Texas, was proposed for membership.

A valuable work on the stamps of Greece was received. It was compiled by A. E. Griswold.

The society then suggested the following ticket for the proposed "National" Association:

President, R. R. Bogert, New York; Secretary, S. B. Bradt, Chicago; International Secretary, Jos. Rechart, Hoboken; Treasurer, L. W. Durbin, Philadelphia; Librarian, J. K. Tiffany, St. Louis; Counterfeit Detector, J. M. Chute, Boston; Superintendent of Exchange, Dr. W. H. Mitchell, Bergen Point.

The meeting of August 9 was unusually interesting, although the attendance was small. Vice-President Joseph Rechart in the chair.

Mr. Chas. H. Meckel of St. Louis was proposed as a corresponding member.

Mr. T. F. Cuno reported on behalf of the organization committee that already 225 names had been subscribed and a convention would be held in New York in the near future.

Mr. Rechart exhibited a Baltimore of 1845, valued at \$500, a Paris Balloon Letter, 1871, one-half of a 10 centavo Uruguay used as a five; also a photograph of a letter to him from Italy that was on the ill-fated Oregon and was not recovered until July 1-4, having been under water since March 7.

Dr. Mitchell exhibited the stamps and cards of the "Hansa Berliner Verkehr Anstalt" of Berlin.

Mr. Warner exhibited the new provisionals of Mt. Athos.

Addenda—Another: The "New Republic," South Africa. This county is situated in South Africa on San Lucia Bay. Two stamps have appeared, a 1 d. and 2d., value in cents. Neuver Republike Zind Africa.

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We publish below the latest circular in regard to organizing the "N. P. A." It has been decided to elect permanent officers at once, and for that purpose a meeting was held Sept. 13 and 14 at New York. Mr. Durbin, we understand, who was one of the most popular candidates, has refused the nomination for the presidency :

NEW YORK, Aug. 28, 1886.

Dear Sir :

Having declared your intention to join the Philatelic Society of America, the undersigned committee herewith submit to you the nominations, made so far, for officers of the proposed society. You may select therefrom your choice, and, using the enclosed envelope, send your ballot, accompanied by a postal note to the amount of 25 cents to defray our expenses, to the chairman of this committee on or before September 13, 1886. Ballots without the amount mentioned will not be counted.

The opening of the envelopes containing the ballots will take place on Sept. 13th, at 2 P. M., at the rooms of the New York Local Society, the Metropolitan Assembly rooms, 62 East Fourth street, New York City.

The opening of the envelopes will be followed by a convention, in which you may participate, or send somebody to represent you, or be represented by proxy. The representatives of societies will be accorded as many votes as they are representing constituents.

On September 14th, at 8 P. M., a mass-meeting of Philatelists will take place at the same rooms, for the purpose of making public the result of the election and of the deliberations of the convention.

We have now enrolled about 360 members from all parts of the United States and Canada, and our success as a great American organization of stamp collectors seems to be an accomplished fact.

Respectfully yours,

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W. G. WHILDEN, care of Continental Ins. Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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*The Committee on Organization.*

### The V. R. Stamps of Great Britain.

It is well known to English philatelists (and we presume also to foreigners of any distinction in our ranks) that the only eventual use to which these labels were ever put was to serve as subjects for a series of experiments in obliteration, made under the supervision of Sir Rowland Hill. Sir Rowland had little anxiety as to the stamps being forged, but he naturally felt that it was incumbent upon him to take every precaution against stamps which had done duty being cleaned and fraudulently re-used. In consequence of an appeal, made to practical chemists and others, a number of experiments were made both as to the best preparation which could be used for obliterating, and as to the facility with which obliterated stamps could be cleaned. Postmarked adhesives were given to individuals who undertook to clean them, and the time occupied in the operation was carefully noted; for the question was not so much whether, as a matter of curiosity, an obliterated stamp could be cleaned so as to do duty a second time, as whether it could be done so readily and quickly as to repay any one to operate upon a large scale. We have seen a number of these cleaned stamps formerly in Sir Rowland Hill's possession. In some cases the experiment has been fairly successful, in others the reverse. In many cases Sir Rowland has written beneath the specimens the length of time elapsing between the obliteration and the attempt to remove it, and the time occupied in the experiment. It was finally decided that the most difficult obliteration to remove was that of ordinary printer's ink, which, with perhaps some modifications, has been employed for the purpose from the first issue of postage stamps in England to the present day. The hand stamps used for the experiments were chiefly the old Maltese cross and a stamp formed of concentric circles, which was never used officially as any obliterating stamp. The adhesives operated upon were all those then in use, but especially the V. R.'s, which, their issues having been abandoned, were little more than waste paper.

A limited number of these obliterated V. R.'s have recently seen the light. Immaculate specimens are scarce, and the philatelic value of a stamp which has been prepared for issue, but never put in circulation, is much the same, whether it has been experimented upon in the sense we have indicated or not. In almost every case the obliterations show signs of the efforts which have been made to remove them. All this is so well known to philatelists that we should not have referred to it had it not been brought to our notice that certain German philatelists have taken upon themselves to pronounce these stamps forgeries. A certain Mr. Hermann, who we fear is not so well known outside of his own country as he deserves to be, has the assurance (we could have forgiven his ignorance) to reassert that certain copies of these stamps, referred to Mr. Philbrick, and certified by him to be genuine, are forgeries. The opinion of Mr. Hermann can have but little value outside of his immediate circle; but we are certainly surprised that Dr. Kloss should, without careful enquiry, uphold the opinion of his friend, and declare, in somewhat grotesque French, that "*vos timbres ne sont pas genuines malgre l'attest de Mr. Philbrick.*" Dr. Kloss says that English stamps were not obliterated with concentric circles so early as 1840. ("*Alors l'obliteration de cercles on le peut jamais trouver en 1840.*") Has he ever found that obliteration since? The specimens in question which have not found favor in the eyes of Messrs. Hermann and Kloss are before us as we write. They are perfectly genuine, and present the usual scrubbed appearance, with which most of us are familiar, of the stamps which have been experimented upon. We happen to know that these very stamps formerly belonged to Sir Rowland Hill himself.—*Philatelic Record.*

### The Baltimore Stamp.

The account of the discovery of a Baltimore stamp and its sale to the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., which was copied from the New York *World* in our last issue, is very interesting, inasmuch as it is a variation from the usual report of the sale of a Brattleboro', or St. Louis, or New Haven. Until recently

only one specimen of the Baltimore was known, and that was not on the original letter. Now two specimens have been discovered, one of which is the subject of the *World's* article. Mr. Thomas Semmes, of Alexandria, Va., whose specialty is United States and Confederate stamps, is the lucky dealer who found the two treasures. The most perfect specimen, on a letter postmarked Jan. 15, 1847, Mr. Semmes has retained for his own collection, and the other on a letter-cover postmarked Jan. 31, 1847, he sold as stated. The article in the *World* being written in the Scott Co.'s interest, does not mention the finding of two stamps, but says Mr. Collin's specimen is the only one known on the original letter or part of it. It may be interesting to reprint here the account given in *The Philatelist*, of Brighton, England, in February, 1875, of the first Baltimore's discovery. Our readers will observe that by mistake it was supposed to be from New Orleans.

#### To the Editor of the Philatelist:

DEAR SIR,—I have the honor to give you the following description of a stamp recently discovered in this city among the old papers in a vault of one of the oldest banking houses in the city. It was on a letter from New Orleans in 1845 or 1846. The envelope was unfortunately destroyed. The stamp is narrow oblong, inscribed James M. Buchanan; 5 cents below. A pen stroke is drawn through the name. It is impressed on thin laid white paper and is attached to the envelope by two wafers. The cancellation is blue. \* \* \* \*

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## New ork Notes.

[By our Regular Correspondent.]

—The special delivery system is to be extended on Oct. 1, 1886, to all post offices in the United States.

—A new society, consisting of collectors under 20, has been formed in Harlem. Alfred Zust, Secretary.

—Mr. Henry L. Colman informs us that the auctions promise to be of unusual interest during the coming season.

—Mr. Philip LaTourrette has disposed of his fine collection of U. S. Locals entire. The new owner has secured a fine selection of rare gems.

—The Turkish Katchak has appeared on the issue of March 15, 1886: 5 par., black on white; 2 pi., orange on blue; 5 pi., dark green on green. All in black.

—The heir apparent to the Italian throne is an enthusiastic collector, and whenever he meets with especial royal favor he receives as a token some rare coin or stamp.

—A correspondent of the New York *Evening Post* states that the Postmaster General has approved of a new postal card of much better design than the one now used.

—Miss Alice M. Chase has secured the MSS. works of the late Mrs. D. C. Williams, and will arrange them for publication. Miss Chase has also Mrs. W's fine collection by will.

—The earliest local post we have been able to find is one that ran from Jamaica, Long Island, to The Ferry in Brooklyn, N. Y., and thence to New York. It was conveyed by stage.

—Mr. Alfred B. Osgoodby has returned to Buffalo, N. Y., from Bergen Point, N. J. He will soon start a new magazine that will have a series of articles on "Philately as an Historical Adjunct."

—Mr. W. Alfred Warner, the artist collector of this city, is at work on a fine allegorical piece entitled "Our Muses," consisting of three figures—History, Research and Philately. We understand the design has been copyrighted and no reproduction will be allowed.

—A new book entitled "Philatelic Reveries," we are informed, is now being edited in this city, and will appear early in the coming season. It is a collection of poems and translations, and is not only interesting but is instructive.

—Chief Graves, of the National Bureau of Engraving and Printing, being asked what design would be placed on the Government oleomargarine stamp, said he had thought "a stuffed goat—a bogus 'butter,' as it were—would be about the right thing." This will be received by the victims of the law as the gravest joke yet developed by this Administration.

—The United States government is now furnishing penalty envelopes to post offices, with a new watermark, viz.: "P. O. D.," without the "U. S." It is a monogram, the "O" being slightly larger than the P and D, and measures 13 x 27 1-2 mm., the "O" being 20 instead of 13, like P and D. We have information that all envelopes will soon contain the watermark.

—All the Turkish stamps recently rendered obsolete have been sent, as usual, to Mount Athos. This surcharge being comparatively unknown here consists usually of a triangle in blue or black with Greek letters not unlike our "X E U." It has already appeared on the issue of March 15, 1884—1 piastre, "Piastrf"; 1 piastre, "Piastre"; 20 pafa, rose on crimson.

—Mr. Collin has procured another rare gem—a "Baltimore," James M. Buchanan, 5 cents. This reminds us of another variety of this stamp, one that was exhibited by Mr. Jos. Rechert at the National some time since, which, although the signature was the same, had a plain line border. Mr. Collin has sold his to an Englishman for \$475. The one with a border is valued at \$600.

—The editors of the "Scott Stamp and Coin Co. (limited)," are preparing two new albums which are now in press. One of them is a cheap work, but with many improvements on all albums now used. The other is an album for U. S. postage revenues, State revenues and locals. This will meet with a large sale, we believe.

—**DIMINUTIVE MAIL MATTER.**—The postal service of Liverpool, England, recently had an experience which, if often repeated, would prove the reverse of amusing. Some one, whose ingenuity or economy was searching for new fields, wrote a message of twenty-six words on the back of a postage stamp which was duly passed and delivered. This success led to a second experiment and then to a third. But on this occasion a one-cent stamp (this should be one-half penny stamp) was chosen and was accordingly held as an insufficiently prepaid letter.—*Scientific American*. How is that for Provisional British Post Cards.

—The International Philatelist-Verein of Dresden, Germany, now numbers on its rolls over 1000 members and has sections in many of the large cities of Europe—Altenburg, Baden Baden, Bremen, Brandenburg, Breslau, Diederhoffer, Dobeln, Gorlitz, Hanover, Leipzig, Magdeburg, Metz, Nurnberg, Rochlitz, i-s, Rostock, 1-m, Sharsburg i-Elz, Wiesbaden, Alexandria, Antwerp, Copenhagen, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Riga, Stade and The Hague. The recent large number of recruits from the United States, and especially from this vicinity, indicates that a section will soon be established on this side of the water, and, in fact, rumors of an early organization are current.

—Extract from Postmaster-General Vilas' Report, 85: "Other local improvements appear to be very desirable at many of the principal offices. A commission of expert officers of the services made, during the summer, a careful examination of the local service of the cities of New York and Brooklyn, and upon the facts and suggestions they presented, although they commended the administration of the former office in view of the means afforded, such steps were directed to change the system of local collections and deliveries in and between the two cities, as, with increased provision for clerks and carriers, it is believed will greatly advance the frequency and rapidity with which the mails will be collected, handled and delivered. So great is the net revenue from the cities of New York and Brooklyn that the government owes to those cities, in sheer pecuniary recompense,

a local service unsurpassed in the world." This would seem to point to a Special Postage Stamp for these cities. We have had a conversation with a postal official, who informs us that this will probably be extended to the cities of Hoboken, Jersey City and Newark, N. J., and even perhaps Long Island City, and Elizabeth, N. J.

—A correspondent writes to the London *Peacemakers' Circular*: "I recently saw some paper which had been printed on as long ago as 1453, and was surprised with its excellent quality. I imagined that papers were made at the present day in every way superior to those made so long ago; but after a particular inspection of the leaves of these books I have been a good deal staggered in my opinion. I found the paper made about four hundred years ago in the most perfect condition, strong, flexible, of a pearly white color, and on looking through it is seen a water mark, beautiful for its clearness and delicacy. The paper is as white as can be desired, and has, as already stated, a pearly surface, such as is not seen now. The question is, will a modern hand-made paper stand the test of an age of four hundred years with equal results? I think not. There is always used more or less chloride of lime for bleaching the fibre to a white color. It has been proved that the influence exercised by this agent exists after the pulp is made into paper, however thoroughly it may be supposed to have been washed out. The action of this chemical is to make the paper get hard and brittle with age." This is only one instance of the antiquity of the water mark.

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AUGUSTA, MAINE.

AGENTS.—PH. HEINSBERGER, 151 Franklin and 89 Delancy streets, New York City.  
W. G. WHILDEN, Atlanta, Ga.  
PEERLESS NOVELTY Co., Worcester, Mass.

W. L. Emory, formerly publisher of the *N. E. Philatelist*, is now a cadet at a naval academy in Maryland.

It is reported that the Postmaster-General will issue shortly stamped envelopes of a square shape, such as ladies use.

Mr. C. E. Swope has retired from the stamp business on account of poor health, and has sold his stock to Mr. Geo. H. Richmond, of Brooklyn.

We notice that persons living in Australian colonies not in the Postal Union must pay their subscriptions to the *P. J. of A.* in "unused half-dime current stamps." We sadly fear that if the Australians cannot see "Senor Don Carlos Haviland's" journal without paying for it in half-dime stamps they will be obliged to do without it for some time yet.

On the 14th of this month at the Metropolitan Assembly Rooms, New York City, was held the first convention of the American Philatelic Association. On the forenoon of the 13th the election of officers for the first year took place, and the result was made known at the convention the next day. About 400 members were enrolled by the committee, and they sent their notes in sealed envelopes (with 25 cents to defray expenses) to Mr. Cuno, who saw that they were opened and counted at the election. We regret very much that we could not attend in person this year, but sent in our note. Owing to lack of room we must defer the account of it to next month.

Beginning with the first day of October next, the special delivery system, which will have been in use just a year, is to be extended to every post office in the country instead of those with a population of 4000 or over. The proposed extension will be a great advantage to little places where there is no carrier delivery. A new stamp will probably replace the present one, changing the inscription from "Secures Immediate Delivery at Special Delivery office" to "Secures Immediate Delivery at any Post Office." The present stamps, therefore, will be worth something one of these days, and we intend to lay by a stock of them so that our grandchildren may reap the profit in time to come.

Although the revenue stamp tax on most articles was abolished three years ago, the number of stamps still required for beer, tobacco, spirits, cigars, cigarettes and snuff, is enormous, as the following will show. The contract for 500,000 pounds of paper, to be used in printing revenue stamps, was awarded last month to the Fairchild Paper Manufacturing Co. of Boston. Much of this will doubtless be used for making the new oleomargarine stamps, whose issue we published in May. There will be three kinds of these stamps, for manufacturers, for wholesale dealers and for retailers. Some of them will have as a design the appropriate and emblematic device of a bull trampling under foot a serpent. The inscription will be "U. S. Internal Revenue, Oleomargarine." The

\$600 denomination for manufacturers' use is now being engraved. Its design will be a vignette representing a farmer and a mechanic.

We are now passing through quite a stamp-issuing season for such a steady land as the United States. A new departure in our postal history has been inaugurated by the Department in the shape of a letter sheet envelope of the denomination of two cents. The fact of its being in preparation was first noticed in the January number of our present volume and the suggestion to employ the portrait of General Grant on some postage stamps was first made by the *New England Philatelist*. Concerning the latter sheet, we quote from one of the daily papers: "The new device consists of a single sheet of unruled paper, on which the space for writing measures 9 1-4 by 5 5-8 inches, with gummed sides and flap, and perforated lines to serve as guides in folding and opening. On the face is an ornamental design and the words "United States Letter Sheet Envelope," also a two-cent stamp bearing a portrait of Gen. U. S. Grant, all engraved on steel and printed in green ink. The letter sheet envelopes are of one denomination only, two cents, and they are sold at \$2.30 per hundred, or at that rate for larger or smaller quantities, and will be supplied in separate sheets or in pads of twenty-five, fifty and one hundred each. For the present they are to be furnished only to a few of the larger post offices.

The new postal card adopted about a year ago will soon be superseded by another, which has been preparing at the bureau of engraving and printing. It consists of one piece of engraving instead of two pieces, as on the present card. A head of Jefferson, a miniature portrait after the original in the State Department, occupies a central place on the upper third of the card. Over his head, in light letters, are the words "United States." In panels, supported by scroll work at the left and right, are the words "Postal Card," in distinct letters. Under the head are the words "one cent," and beneath the border line inclosing the line of designation is the line, "Nothing but the address to be

on this side." The design is graceful and light, and its advantage over the old one is that the idea of putting the stamp off at one side and the designation of the article at the article at the opposite side, is abandoned to secure an inclusive design with the strongest feature of it in the center.

The Postmaster-General may decide to print the new cards on white paper, in black ink, for the reason that white paper furnishes a better ground for written characters, helping the post-office clerks who are compelled to decipher addresses, and for the other reason that brown ink is complained of by printers who use it as more troublesome to obtain good work with than the same quality of black ink. As there is a stock of about 12,000,000 postal cards now on hand, it is probable that the new cards will not be out for a month or two.

Our friend, Mr. W. G. Whilden, is to enter the rank of philatelic publishers. He writes us that he formed a partnership with Mr. L. J. Brumby, and the firm, Whilden & Brumby, intended to publish the *Dixie Stamp Collector*, which should be the representative of the many southern collectors, and do a good work where a stamp journal was needed. However, Mr. Brumby has withdrawn to become editor of the *Southern Farmer*, and Mr. Whilden will bring out the *D. S. C.* alone. Among the troubles that beset philatelists in the South and tend to discourage would-be publishers, is the fact that a license fee of fifty dollars per year must be paid before a paper can appear, and we are also astounded to learn that any person intending to deal in stamps must have a license costing twelve dollars per year. We know of some "dealers" who would have to part with their entire stock to raise this amount. We know that some cities tax drummers, and we know that in some places it is necessary to have a license in order to keep a goat, but it was news to us that in any part of the Union a tax was levied on stamp dealers. But notwithstanding these difficulties Mr. Whilden is determined to push both the publishing and stamp dealing departments, and has entered into a partnership with Mr. J. C. Crankshaw, and the firm,

Whilden & Crankshaw, will deal in postage stamps, license or no license. The postal authorities at Atlanta have refused to allow a stamp paper to be entered as second class mail matter, which is rather inconvenient, but our energetic friend hopes to overcome this difficulty in time. We wish him all possible success.

### The Meeting at Point of Pines.

A meeting was held at the Point of Pines Hotel, Revere Beach, Mass., on Saturday, August 28, 1886, to organize a New England Philatelic Union. E. M. Holton, of Boston, Mass., the well known dealer, was chosen permanent chairman, and L. H. Patterson, of the Eastern Stamp Company, was chosen Secretary. The reports of the July 10 meeting were read and accepted. A committee of three, consisting of John M. Hubbard, of Lake Village, N. H.; W. P. Young, of Portsmouth, N. H., and W. K. Jewett, of Fitchburg, Mass., was appointed to retire and draft a constitution. A very admirable and satisfactory constitution was accepted. A motion was next made to elect officers, which resulted as follows: President, E. A. Holton, 8 Summer street, Boston, Mass.; Vice-President, F. P. Richardson, of Salem, Mass.; Secretary, Editor L. H. Patterson, of Danvers, Mass.; Treasurer, W. P. Young, of Portsmouth, N. H.; Librarian, Geo. L. Gilmore, 212 Bunker Hill street, Boston, Mass.; Counterfeit Detector, E. A. Holton, 8 Summer street, Boston, Mass., and Official Organ, THE CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIST, for one year, the full term. An executive board of six members is to be appointed by the President.

The next meeting will be held at Boston, Mass., on Dec. 4, 6 or 8, 1886, and already over 100 have signified their intention to be present. A membership in the Union at the present time is worth a good deal, and this, we are glad to state, is becoming to be known. Everybody not now a member should send 65 cents to the Secretary-Editor, and be enrolled before the next meeting. The present membership is now eighty-six, and rapidly increases.

Any information in regard to the Union can be had by enclosing stamp to the Secretary-Editor, L. H. Patterson, Danvers, Mass.

### New Issues.

**Bhopal.**—The 1-4 anna of the last issue has been changed to green and the 1-2 anna to red. Both are unperforated.

**British Bechuanaland.**—The post card, penny wrapper and registered envelopes of Cape of Good Hope have been surcharged for use in Bechuanaland.

**British Guiana.**—A 1 cent card, gray on buff, is announced.

**Ceylon.**—Another of the new issue has made its appearance: 15 cents, olive.

**Curacao.**—Rumor has it that 12 1-2 cent stamps and 5 cent postal cards are in preparation.

**Dominica.**—The color of the 1-2 penny has been changed to green and that of the 4d. to gray. The 6d. green comes surcharged "One Penny" as well as "Half Penny."

**French Colonies.**—The 25 centimes is now printed black on flesh colored paper.

**Gambia.**—Several of the current series have changed color, as follows: 3 pence, pale-green; 1 shilling, brown. There is said to be a 2 1-2 pence, blue, also in use.

**Grenada.**—The following named postal cards are said to have been issued: 1-2 pence, green; 1 d. rose; 1 1-2 d. brown, all in double as well as single form. Also, 2 d. blue, registered envelope and 1-2 d. green; 1 d. rose; 1 1-2 d. brown and 2 d. blue wrappers.

**Mexico.**—Envelopes of 5 centavos, blue and 10 centavos, lilac, have been emitted with stamps of the new design, and also 2, 5 and 10 centavo postal cards.

**Montserrat.**—A double penny card is announced.

**Nevis.**—Double 1 and 1 1-2 penny cards are now in use.

**Perak.**—The 2 cents, rose, is said to have been surcharged "one cent" and used for that value.

**Russia.**—An international 3 kopeck card has been issued. It is printed in red and black on buff.

**Sandwich Islands.**—The color of the 12 cents has been changed to red, we are informed.

**Tobago.**—The color of the half penny is now green.

### Notices of Exchange.

Under this head will be inserted, free of cost (to subscribers), notices of exchange for Stamps, Coins, Minerals, Relics, etc. All notices should reach us by the last of the month to insure insertion in the next number. The right to exclude any notice is reserved.

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I have a good collection of tags, tin and paper, which I would like to trade. New York boys preferred. JACKSON SPARROW, care of J. C. Buckles & Co., 80 West Third street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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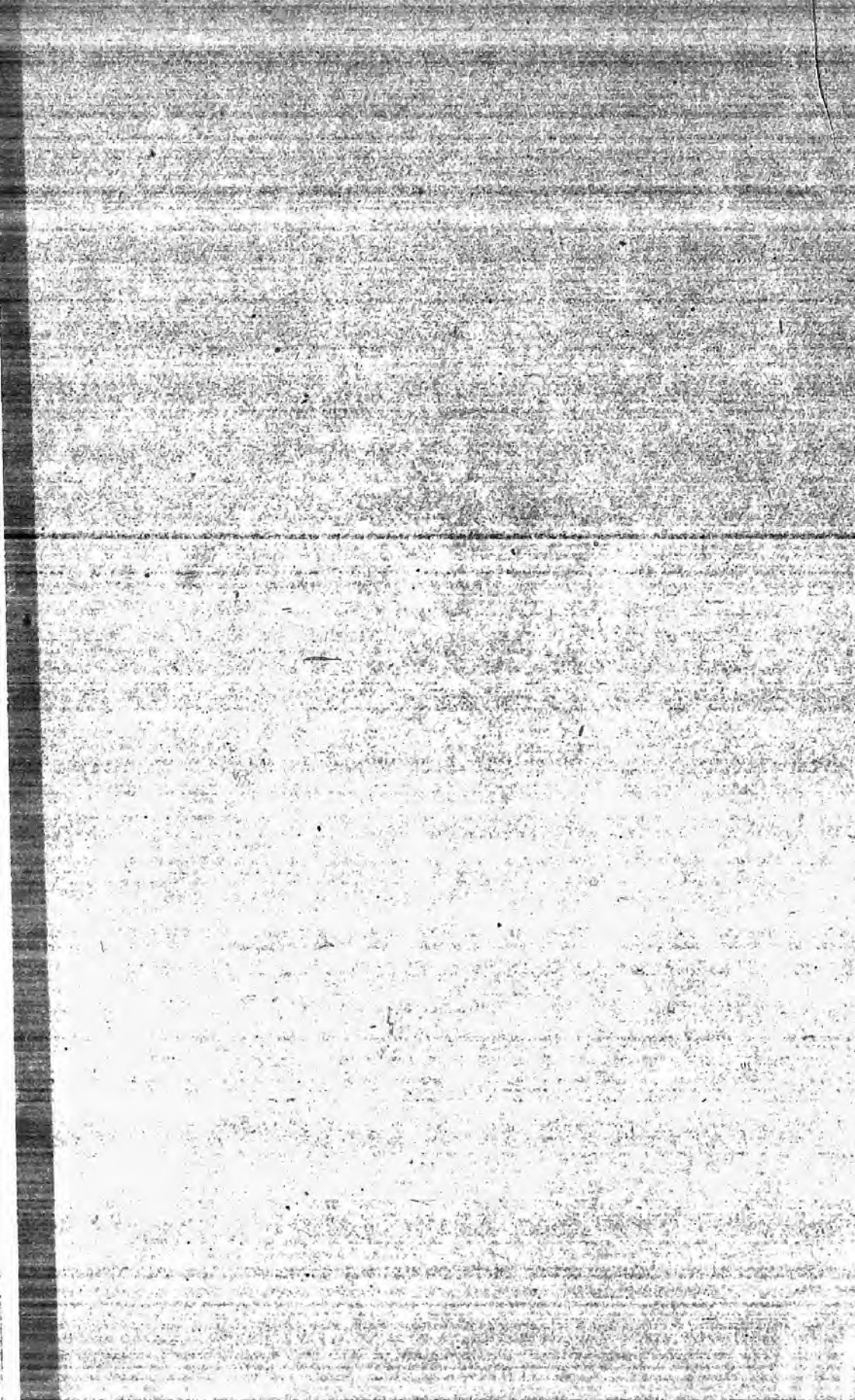
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