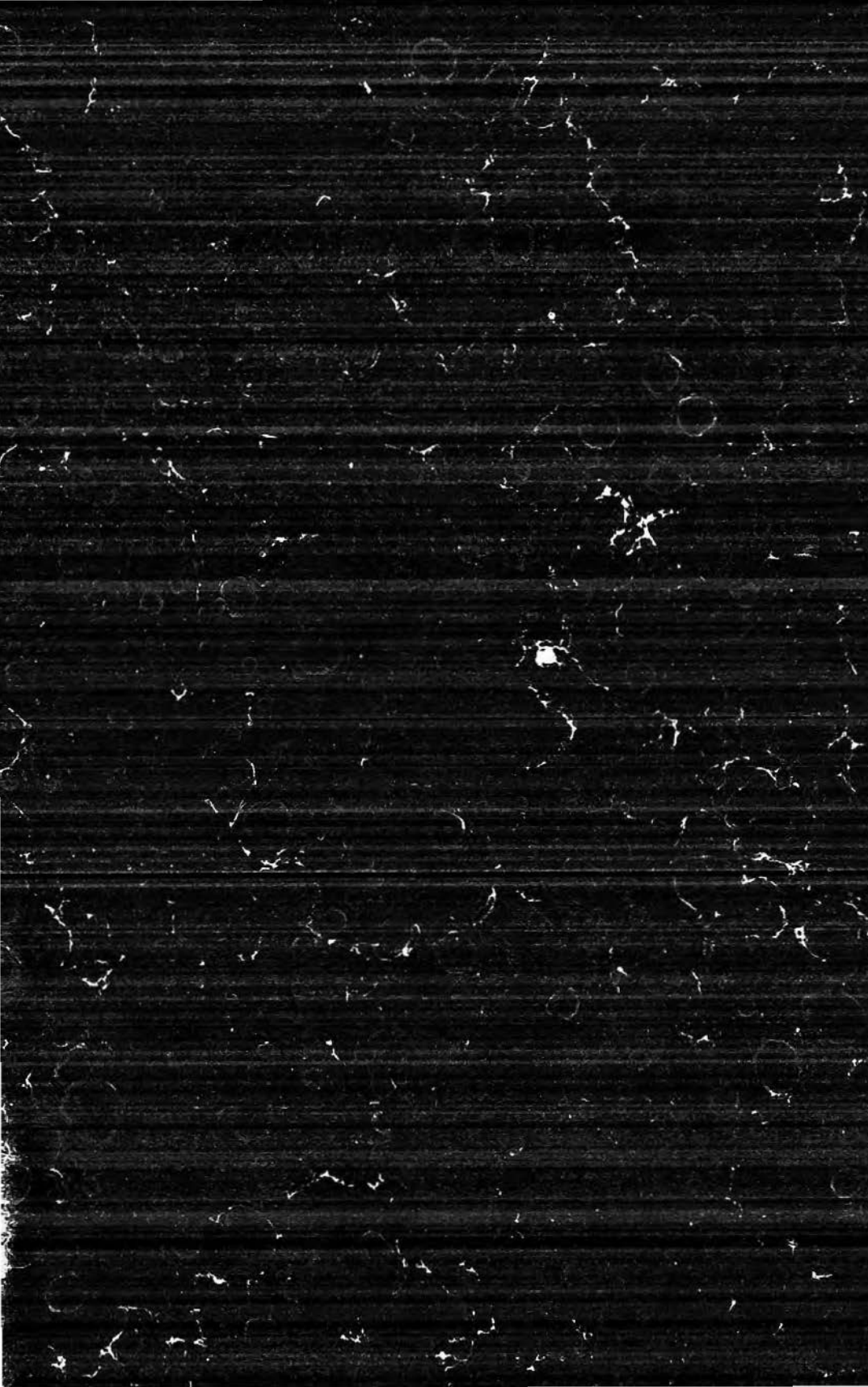


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A WORD WITH YOU.

THIS little sheet has not come as a triumph of philatelic journalism, nor to fill a "long felt want," or anything of the kind. It is merely an enlargement or improvement of my periodical stamp circular, combining business with a little interesting matter and newsy notes. All I require of those who should receive this, is that it is kept as a reference, and the stamp bargains will, no doubt, prove welcome. Should time permit, the *S. C. & C.*, will be issued regularly, anyway we shall not be lost sight of, and will probably enlarge. Publishers of stamp journals will please send exchange copies. Correspondence invited from abroad.

SOLD AGAIN.

IT was stated recently, in a popular weekly, that Lord Brassey of "Sunbeam" fame, was the possessor of a postage stamp of Thibet, described as the only known specimen. The result was, that crowds of cur-

ious philatelists flocked to see this "rarity," and only then was it discovered that the story was a fabrication. "Only that and nothing more!"

STAMP COLLECTING IN CHINA.

THE Chinese prize cancelled postage stamps very highly, using them for decorative purposes in their houses. Missionaries out there collect all they can, and actually barter them for native children, whom they bring up to Christianity.

19th. Century.—IGNORANCE I

AN influential periodical, not long ago, stated that stamp collecting was fast deteriorating; never had been anything great, and was now merely a passing schoolboys' hobby! If the intelligent writer who penned this, had known a little more about his subject, he would never have showed the depth of his ignorance by such a fantastic statement. Philately has never been so progressive

and popular as at the present day. The already huge army of philatelists is increasing yearly, yes daily, and there are far more, and better journals devoted to this eminently instructive and fascinating *science*, than all the other "hobbies" put together.

ENTERPRISING POSTMASTERS.

THE postmasters in some parts of South and Central America, evidently have an eye to the advantages of the existence of these creatures known as "Stamp Collectors." Stamps of their own particular town or province can be, and are, turned out; and though some of these enterprising gentlemen are "sat upon," there is no knowing where this very doubtful business will end, so all that can be done, is to avoid "local" stamps from this part of the world. Governments themselves, however, are aware that new issues and surcharges are eagerly bought up, and consequently, they are issued with charming regularity, whether required or not, and the knowing officials add a goodly sum to the exchequer.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Forgeries, etc.—We cannot be too careful now-a-days in dealing with stamps, when it is possible to take out, or substitute the very

watermarks! The forgers have been at work on the stamps of Saxony,—10 groschen blue in particular, and collectors offered these, or first issue Tuscany at bargain prices, had better beware. The watermarks in the latter are too thick, but they are both superb imitations. 1860 U. S. A. "grills" are in some cases counterfeits. The originals are very faintly impressed, whilst on the others, the "grill" is heavy and distinct.

A Tip.—According to an American paper, Newfoundland will soon be federated to Canada, therefore stamps of that Colony will in time, become scarce. United States 50c. stamp have also but a short time to live; the same of the British letter cards.

A Non-Sunday Delivery Fad.—The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs in Belgium, wishes to introduce what is termed a "Dominical" stamp. Specimens have been prepared of the current 10 and 25 centimes, with a tablet at the foot, inscribed in Flemish and French, "Not to deliver on Sunday." We fail to see any object or benefit in this.

French Colonies "Surcharges" are still arriving. This state of affairs can be only looked at one way, and ought to be put a stop to. By the bye, the new stamps of these Colonies are definitely announced to consist of a issue of 13 stamps, and there are seventeen different dependencies.



NEW ISSUES AND NOVELTIES.

Argentine Republic. All under the value of 10 centavos bear the portrait of Rivadavia, the others bear that of General Belgrano. Watermark sun. The envelopes, wrappers, post and letter cards bear the head of Rivadavia, same type as adhesives. Values are :— $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo, blue; 1c. brown; 2c. dark green; 5c. dark carmine; 10c. carmine; 12c. dark blue; 16c. slate; 24c. black brown, and 50c. blue green. ENVELOPE, 5c. carmine. WRAPPERS, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. blue on buff; 1c. brown; 2c. green, and 4c. grey. POSTCARDS, 2c. green on light buff; 4c. green grey on buff; 6c. lake on buff, and reply card same. LETTER CARDS, 2c. green on buff; 4c. green grey on buff.

Colombia. 5 pesos, red on lilac, and 10 pesos blue on white.

Congo (French). The unpaid letter stamp of 1 franc black, has been converted into a postage stamp of 10c.

Great Britain. Half-penny vermilion. ENVELOPE, embossed.

Timor. The 20, 40 and 80 reis macau are being used for this colony.

Belgium. POSTCARDS, 10c. carmine on pale blue. Reply card same.

Bermuda. Half-penny green, wmk. crown C. A. perf. 14.

Bolivia. A series of newspaper stamps have been issued to commemorate the first opening of a railway here. Design, train crossing

stamp diagonally, from left lower to right upper corner. On the left of this is "Correos de Bolivia," on the right, "IMPRESOS" with the value in words underneath, also in two lines parallel, to the values of $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo to 10 Bolivianos.

British North Borneo. 4 cents rose, surcharged "1 cent" in red.

Bulgaria. 25 stotinki pale blue.

Ceylon. 4 cents rose, surcharged "3 cents" in black.

Cook Islands. 1d. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. 2d. and 10d. stamps, likewise a postcard have been issued here as far back as June last! Very plain design.

Diego Suarez. All the French current issue, except 40c. have been called into requisition for this colony, and overprinted in black.

Labuan. A new issue, same type as last, on plain paper.

New Zealand. 1d. rose, 2d. violet, and 6d. brown, overprinted O. P. S. O.

Salvador. 1 centon, 5 cent. grey; black surcharge.

Uruguay. A fine set of post and letter cards have been issued here.

Oil Rivers Protectorate. The current letter card and adhesives have been overprinted in black for use here.

Portugal. 5 reis black, and 20 reis rose, lilac overprinted "PROVISORIO."



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